

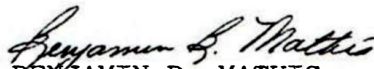
SECOND EMERGENCY RESCUE SQUADRON  
APO 920, c/o Postmaster  
San Francisco, Cal.

27 August 1944

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Squadron History

TO : Commanding General, Fifth Air Force, APO 710  
(Historical Data)

1. Transmitted herewith, the history of the Second  
Emergency Rescue Squadron and supporting documents for the  
period, 1 July 1944 to 31 July 1944.

  
BENJAMIN B. MATHIS,  
Capt., Air Corps,  
Commanding

3 Inclosures

Incl #1 - Squadron History, 1 July 1944 to 31 July 1944.

Incl #2 - Flight Rosters

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"B" Flight

"C" Flight

"D" Flight

"HQ" Flight

Incl #3 - Roster of advance echelon APO 920

2ND EMERGENCY RESCUE SQUADRON

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SQUADRON HISTORY

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1 July 1944 to 31 July 1944 (Inclusive)

8 July 1944, Lt. Regan, commanding officer of the ground echelon, returned from temporary duty at APO #710 and immediately preparations were made for the movement of the squadron. The ground echelon was to break up into flights and report to their proper stations and prepare for the arrival of the Flight Echelon.

As authorized by the T.O., the squadron was separated into Five (5) flights; Headquarters Flight, "A" Flight, "B" Flight, "C" Flight and "D" Flight. Hq.s "A" and "C" Flights were to report to APO 920, "B" Flight report to APO 565 and "D" Flight report to APO 522. An advance echelon, formed from Hq.s, "A" and "C" Flight's was organized and they were to report immediately to APO 920 and begin to build camp. This group consisted of thirty-five (35) enlisted men and six (6) officers.

After one or two false starts the advance echelon departed, by air, on the 17 July 1944. Assigned to an area southwest of Sorido strip, upon arrival, preparations were begun for setting up camp. The camp site was cleared and after making a slight impression on the hard Coral base, with intentions of leveling the area, tent sites were laid out and frames built for the tents. Flanked on the southwest by the sea, approximately one hundred and fifty (150) yards from the camp site, the location soon proved ideal. Located on Biak Island, of the coast of Dutch New Guinea, we were one degree and five minutes from the Equator, and the almost continual breeze from the sea relieved to some extent, the excessive heat of the Sun.

**SECURITY INFORMATION**

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On the 23 July 1944, the Flight Echelon, enroute from the United States, began arriving for duty at APO 503. Upon receiving their assignment, they departed for their proper station. A change in the disposition of flight's occurred at this time and "C" Flight was to proceed to APO 522 and "D" Flight was assigned to APO 920. During this latter part of July, the Japanese Air Force succeeded in completing several Bombing Missions over APO 920.

Operating from Mokmer Strip, at APO 920, the first three (3) missions were flown on the 27 July 1944, and on this first flight, a rescue of five (5) men was accomplished. With this as an incentive, the Squadron began, in earnest, the job of Air-Sea rescue work.

30 July 1944, "B" Flight departed, by air, from APO 503 and reported to APO 565 leaving "C" Flight at 503 awaiting orders as to their disposition. A roster of Flights with duty status included and a roster of the advance echelon are attached,

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## "A" Flight

<u>GRADE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>MOS</u>	<u>ASN</u>
Capt.	Wientjes, Gerard F	2161 Opr & Intell O Flight Commander	0-374107
Capt.	McKenzie, Robert D	3160 Avn Med Ex	0-333534
1 Lt.	Beyer, Michael J	4823 Aircraft Eng O	0-312727
1 Lt.	Eddins, Kenneth O	4000 Supply O	0-576988
1 Lt.	Reeves, John M.	1034 Navigator	0-426355
1 Lt.	Baum, John M.	1022 Bomb Plt-2 Eng	0-813833
1 Lt.	Boorman, Larry E	1022 Bomb Plt-2Eng	0-753187
2 Lt.	Hunter, Kenneth M	1022 Bomb Plt-2 Eng	0-739790
2 Lt.	Lakes, Eric A	1022 Bomb Plt-2 Eng	0-813396
2 Lt.	Larsen, Axel V	1022 Bomb Plt 2 Eng	0-812614
2 Lt.	Lester, MacPherson A	1034 Navigator	0-736874
2 Lt.	Naylor, Peter F	1034 Navigator	0-682361
2 Lt.	Yagla, Jarvis T	1022 Bomb Plt-2Eng	0-739881
M Sgt	Howe, Albert W	750 Crew Chief-Flt Ldr	20739940
T Sgt	Cunningham, John Y Jr	750 Aer Eng	18034975
T Sgt	Kerwin, Joh J Jr	685 Elec Spec	19028834
T Sgt	Brown, Donald W	750 Aer Eng	36039987
S Sgt	Mikosh, Theodore	750 Aer Eng	15041231
S Sgt	Gray Bear, Peter	821 Supp NCO	19018860
S Sgt	Riley, Harold V	750 Crew Chief	18016550
S Sgt	Stewart, Durward B	686 Inst Spec	18187669
S Sgt	White, Donald R	528 Hyd Spec	33118028
S Sgt	Yates, John M	861 Surg Tech	16045988
Sgt	Allbright, Gy H Jr	055 Opr Clk	13064006
Sgt	Beamer, Harry C	687 Prop Spec	35351421
Sgt	Besse, Franklin C	861 Surg Tech	31057039
Sgt	Bloch, Fay L	502 Opr NCO	36175805
Sgt	Bock, George E	866 Rad Obs SS	35322962
Sgt	Cockran, Richard G	754 Radio Mech	33393264
Sgt	D'Ambrosio, Alfred E	747 AM	37296874
Sgt	Dolan, James J	854 Radar Obs SS	31187920
Sgt	Genserkeski, Arnold E	060 Cook	39304331
Sgt	Gibson, Ronald C	854 Radar Mech SS	32372903
Sgt	Sadonis, Anthony J	866 Radar Obs SS	33318939
Sgt	Smith, John T Jr	866 Radar Obs SS	35451710
Sgt	Sowinski, John	620 Par. Rig & Rep	16004041
Sgt	Wimsett, James M Jr	345 Auto Equip Op	35109594
Cpl	Alexander, Avlin E	256 Welder	17123752
Cpl	Bean, Raymond B	756 Radio Op & Mech	18114723
Cpl	Binkley, Chauncey C	345 Auto Equip Op	35676285
Cpl	Bunfield, Joseph A	747 AM	32867207
Cpl	Carroll, Thomas M	756 Radio Op & Mech	12084170
Cpl	Fritz, Fredrick M	756 Radio Op & Mech	36816456
Cpl	Jones, Robert M	055 Supp Clk	14154870
Cpl	McBride, Harry A	747 AM	35607010

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Cpl	Quickel, Charles R.	747 AM	36595891
Cpl	Ramm, Willis A Jr	854 Radar Mech SS	18176062
Cpl	Rosochacki, Thaddeus J	555 Sheet Metal W	16149409
Cpl	Stalpinski, Francis J	055 Med Clk	11066434
Pfc	Chica, Alfred	747 AM	32874227
Pfc	Culver, Dan L	747 AM	32851871
Pfc	Forney, William B	747 AM	33717980
Pfc	Johnson, Edward A	747 AM	32778054
Pfc	Kennelly, John J	747 AM	12148674
Pfc	Rowe, John H Jr	747 AM	33830703
Pfc	Souter, William A	747 AM	32873758
Pfc	Stalley, Russell S	590 Laborer	35801567
Pvt	Gordon, Harold S	862 Radar Mech IFF	32691069
Pvt	Georg, Kronn	747 AM	32686661

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## "B" FLIGHT

<u>GRADE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>MOS</u>	<u>ASN</u>
1 Lt.	Humphreys, Lloyd R	2161 Opr & Intell O Flight Commander	0-521470
Capt.	Fields, James O	3160 Avn Med Ex	0-1696631
1 Lt.	Abele, Frank W	1034 Navigator	0-791543
2 Lt.	Carver, Charles E Jr	1034 Navigator	0-814247
2 Lt.	Deane, Richard W	1034 Navigator	0-814260
2 Lt.	Dickinson, John R	1022 B Plt 2 Eng	0-753199
2 Lt.	Dixon, Donald J	1022 B Plt 2 Eng	0-753201
2 Lt.	Forsell, Samuel	4000 Sipply O	0-568174
2 Lt.	Rauschkolb, Frank	1022 B Plt 2 Eng	0-753244
2 Lt.	Remington, Harry C Jr	1022 B Plt 2 Eng	0-753245
2 Lt.	Scott, James F	1022 B Plt 2 Eg	0-753250
2 Lt.	Silverstein, Robert	4823 Acft Eng O	0-739871
2 Lt.	Tully, Charles F Jr	1022 B Plt 2 Eng	0-739871
M Sgt	Bendladge, Charles B Jr	750 Crew Chief-Plt Chf	17029027
T Sgt	Brimer, Travis O	750 Aer Eng	18007898
T Sgt	Rutherford, Claud	620 Par Rig & Rep	17014672
S Sgt	Crawford, John W	866 Rad Obs SS	33323706
S Sgt	Lawson, Oral M	750 Aer Eng	17128972
S Sgt	Nocheck, Arthur F	528 Hyd Spec	35451982
S Sgt	Spisak, Michael J	750 Aer Eng	15017552
Sgt	Abbott, Robert L	502 Opr NCO	15335627
Sgt	Butler, Robert F	821 Supp NCO	14151221
Sgt	Hagstrom, Eric G	687 Prop Spec	32215240
Sgt	Crawford, James F	747 AM	19066602
Sgt	Goldenbaum, Arthur E	866 Rads Obs SS	33077310
Sgt	Lobdell, Franklin C	861 Surg Tech	16047406
Sgt	Myers, William M	750 Crew Chief	34189871
Sgt	Ortman, Walter M	854 Rad Mech SS	37286839
Sgt	Scholl, John H	754 Radio Mech	33117923
Cpl	Allman, William A	756 Radio Op & Mech	15140689
Cpl	Craighead, William D	756 Radio Op & Mech	17120106
Cpl	Haferkamp, Clyde L	756 Radio Op & Mech	17045140
Cpl	Hagman, James A	854 Rad Mech SS	37544942
Cpl	Gutmann, Joseph A	861 Surg Tech	36073409
Cpl	Fournier, Fernand	060 Cook	11115241
Cpl	Phelan, Frank X	345 Auto Equip Op	32315426
Cpl	Plumber, Douglas C	256 Welder	18166623
Cpl	Rosenberg, Richard S	854 Rad Mech SS	11091447
Cpl	Quentine, Emile	555 Sheet Metal W	11011882
Cpl	Szyjka, George R	747 AM	32872992
Cpl	Vandervalk, William J	747 AM	36581564
Cpl	Weaver, Warren D	862 Rad Mech IFF	15328340
Pfc	Berensci, Louis C	685 Elec Spec	35321720
Pfc	Butera, Sam S	686 Inst Spec	39119237
Pfc	Close, William W	747 AM	32853287
Pfc	Hughes, David L	747 AM	31325962
Pfc	Russell, James L	747 AM	35656263
Pfc	Ivie, Lloyd R	405 Supply Clk	19123951

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Pfc	Maassel, Lester W	747 AM	35550850
Pfc	Maddock, Albert J	747 AM	36559465
Pfc	Milam, Wallace E	521 Cooks Hlpr	13151481
Pfc	O'Steen, Joe Jr	747 AM	34767060
Pfc	Quinn, Joseph M	747 AM	32911045
Pfc	Stuart, Needham B Jr	747 AM	34670084
Pfc	Waite, Samuel A	345 Auto Equip Op	31113944
Pvt	Adrian, Daniel F	055 Opr Clk	20156423
Pvt	Fusco, Louis A	055 Med Clk	32805270
Pvt	Jennings, Robert J	866 Rad Obs SS	13170853

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"C" FLIGHT

<u>GRADE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>MOS</u>	<u>ASN</u>
1 Lt.	Wiley, Newton, E	2161 Opr & Intell O Flight Commander	0-725014
Capt.	Jones, Samuel A	3160 Avn Med Exam	0-445260
2 Lt.	Barnes, George A	1022 B Plt 2 Eng	0-739704
2 Lt.	Boggs, Walter H	1034 Navigator	0-678572
2 Lt.	Hoss, Frederick F Jr	1022 B Plt 2 Eng	0-739785
2 Lt.	Luhrs, John	4000 Supply O	0-578385
2 Lt.	Millen, Howard R	4823 Acft Eng O	0-869567
2 Lt.	Knowlton, Richard E	1022 B Plt 2 Eng	0-812611
2 Lt.	Pennington, Harry H	1022 B Plt 2 Eng	0-753300
2 Lt.	Rohlfing, Robert L	1022 B Plt 2 Eng	0-753246
2 Lt.	Schulman, Harry I	1034 Navigator	0-793294
2 Lt.	Taylor, Peter Y	1034 Navigator	0-674254
2 Lt.	Weisbruch, William F	1022 B Plt 2 Eng	0-812342
M Sgt	Bernier, Clarence G	750 Crew & Flt Chief	36120503
T Sgt	Jones, Robert S	750 Aer Eng	17014707
T Sgt	Manske, Carl E	555 Sheet Set W	16027579
T Sgt	Stellman, Frank J	686 Inst Spec	20312076
T Sgt	Wilkowski, Henry A	256 Welder Comb	36214606
T Sgt	Logan, Henry K Jr	687 Prop Spec	34231313
S Sgt	Neason, William J Jr	750 Aer Eng	13031451
S Sgt	Register, Prescott D	750 Crew Chief	7087214
Sgt	Coleman, William O	854 Radar Mech SS	33350412
Sgt	Krebs, John P	345 Auto Equip Op	20314247
Sgt	Myers, Leo M	405 Clk Typ	19113263
Sgt	Paulus, James C	055 Opr Clk	16077113
Sgt	Napolitano, Anthony C	866 Radar Obs SS	32418101
Sgt	Pavone, Christopher A	866 Radar Obs SS	12216308
Sgt	Pilot, Robert A	750 Crew Chief-Aer Eng	36229792
Sgt	Renaud, Raymond P	862 Radar Mech IFF	37404717
Sgt	Roxnovsky, August V	861 Surg Tech	6289095
Sgt	Snovan, Steve	405 Supply Clk	36054999
Sgt	Smith, Charles A	821 Supply NCO	33378094
Sgt	Standridge, James B Jr	866 Radar Obs SS	17127316
Cpl	Blake, Edward W	345 Auto Equip Op	32331629
Cpl	Brooks, Ned M	756 Radio Op & Mech	35729887
Cpl	Friestad, William D	756 Radio Op & Mech	19143373
Cpl	Greenfogle, Maurice	747 AM	32874753
Cpl	Hayes, Woodrow H	861 Surg Tech	18189563
Cpl	Pianta, Arthur L	747 AM	31313047
Cpl	Pope, Robert J	685 Ap Elec Spec	18187710
Cpl	Reichert, Norman T	854 Radar Mech SS	32673268
Cpl	Riggs, Clarence W	854 Radar Mech SS	15494480
Cpl	Serra, Albert F	060 Cook	11105602
Cpl	Triolo, Vito F	528 Hyd Spec	32703596
Pfc	Alloway, Samuel R Jr	747 AM	33595454
Pfc	Boehme, Herman L	747 AM	32878244
Pfc	Carlson, Marvin	747 AM	32847429
Pfc	DeKlavon, James M	747 AM	33678438

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"C" Flight Roster (cont'd)

Pfc	Fialkowski, Theodore	756	Radio Op & Mech	32779159
Pfc	Lombardi, James	747	AM	32872724
Pfc	Ludwig, Ernest	747	AM	32862381
Pfc	Miller, Donadl D	060	Cook	37673815
Pfc	Miller, Walter E	620	Par Rig & Rep	32929034
Pfc	McCarson, Albert	747	AM	34772330
Pfc	Rubbo, Donald	747	AM	32328660
Pfc	Sisco, Carl J	756	Radio Op & Mech	32385769
Pfc	Wells, Delbert N	747	AM	35140788
Pfc	Wood, Norman E	747	AM	32874343

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"D" FLIGHT

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<u>GRADE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>MOS</u>	<u>ASN</u>
1 Lt.	Solander, Clarence L	2161 Opr & Intell O Flight Commander	0-793024
Capt.	Goldberg, Louie	3160 Avn Med Ex	0-345049
1 Lt.	Hotz, John L	1034 Navigator	0-375441
1 Lt.	Smith, Harold S	4823 Acft Eng O	0-1894469
1 Lt.	Booth, Robert A	1034 Navigator	0-814231
2 Lt.	Denison, John S	1022 B Plt 2 Eng	0-753197
2 Lt.	Foley, Francis X	4000 Supply O	0-577573
2 Lt.	Haas, Alvin H	1034 Navigator	0-744129
2 Lt.	Holbrook, William C	1022 B Plt 2 Eng	0-753217
2 Lt.	Kathman, Denzil L	1022 B Plt 2 Eng	0-753223
2 Lt.	Nelson, Leroy R	1022 B Plt 2 Eng	0-753296
2 Lt.	Schandelmeier, Wayne L	1022 B Plt 2 Eng	0-693953
2 Lt.	Strub, Harold W	1022 B Plt 2 Eng	0-813437
M Sgt	Andrew, Charles H	750 Flight & Crew Chf	17029014
T Sgt	Hundley, Raymond H	750 Aer Eng	17014705
S Sgt	Bledsoe, Charles M	750 Eer Eng	18051602
S Sgt	Hibbard, Louis C	861 Surg Tech	15067752
S Sgt	Irvin, Paul T	620 Par Rig & Rep	33017676
S Sgt	Kurto, Albert A	854 Radar Mech SS	31173969
S Sgt	Roberge, Alphonse O	756 Rad o Op & MEch	11015387
S Sgt	Tucker, Vernon H	821 Supply NCO	36120919
Sgt	Berry, James P	502 Supply Adm NCO	37086860
Sgt	Biancone, Salvatore E	055 Med Clk	32194091
Sgt	Drumm, Carl W	685 Elec Spec	20758963
Sgt	Garrow, Robert A	686 Inst Spec	19148169
Sgt	Kuzinar, Steve S	060 Cook	31127111
Sgt	Littlefield, Richard S	866 Radar Obs SS	31147331
Sgt	Roach, Verneil	866 Radar Obs SS	32447991
Sgt	Rose, Leroy	750 Crew Chief	18158507
Sgt	Rose, Mark S	750 Aer Eng	18158459
Sgt	Wilkinson, John H	502 Adm NCO	39171051
Cpl	Bales, Roy C	345 Auto Equip Op	15333661
Cpl	Boyd, William H Jr	555 Sheet Met Wkr	39288034
Cpl	Desgranges, Robert E	747 AM	31187920
Cpl	Frank, Victor G	756 Radio Op & Mech	15327502
Cpl	Hymowitz, Hyman	756 Radio Op & Mech	32878269
Cpl	Holley, Lawrence R	754 Radio Mech	15338371
Cpl	Kolaja, Charles	862 Radar Mech IFF	32433983
Cpl	Mayberry, Arvie O	861 Surg Tech	33128302
Cpl	Oates, Francis S	747 AM	33563377
Cpl	Nix, Richard C	854 Radar Mech SS	35539838
Cpl	Przybyla, Richard	528 Hyd Spec	36576045
Cpl	Spithaler, LaVerne L	345 Auto Equip Op	13037371
Cpl	Therrien, Louis A	854 Radar Mech SS	11107545
Pfc	Anderson, Raymond V	747 AM	31291023
Pfc	Bouche, Gerald J	747 AM	32840448
Pfc	Brockner, George	687 Prop Spec	16023089
Pfc	Clark, Lawrence E	747 AM	35791522

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"D" Flight, Roster (cont'd)

Pfc Gruener, Stanley J  
Pfc Linek, Glen J  
Pfc Luhn, Kenneth G  
Pfc Garvey, John T  
Pfc Marshall, Leon R  
Pfc Paris, Kenneth M  
Pfc Rainone, Philip C  
Pfc Replogle, Charles V  
Pfc Shelton, James L  
Pfc Spaulding, Gene L  
Pfc Thompson, Richard D

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747 AM 35788408  
747 AM 35607123  
747 AM 36587944  
747 AM 33716958  
055 Opr Clk 15101417  
747 AM 36809317  
747 AM 32874251  
055 Mail Orderly 34590225  
250 Welder 14151357  
866 Radar Obs SS 39610615  
747 AM 38591653

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HEADQUARTERS FLIGHT

<u>GRADE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>MOS</u>	<u>ASN</u>
Major	Lewis, Dwight F.	1022 Bomber Plt 2-Eng Commanding O	0-373823
Major	Corlett, Donald D.	3160 Avn Med Ex	0-238482
Capt.	Mathis, Benjamin B	2161 Opr & Intell O	0-412178
1 Lt.	Harves, William H.	4000 Supply O	0-574908
1 Lt.	Regan, Eugene J.	2110 Adjutant	0-576017
1 Lt.	Ritter, Fredrick D Jr	4823 Eng O	0-441214
2 Lt.	Kercher, Robert B	0141 Radar O Air-Com O	0-357184
F Sgt	Selan, Edward	585 F/Sgt	19010137
M Sgt	Binford, Paul C	752 Line Chief	6580731
M Sgt	Wallace, Henry W	542 Comm Chief	6581070
T Sgt	Doering, Carson A	502 Opr Adm NCO	20723153
T Sgt	Johnson, Allen B	824 Mess Sgt	6777910
T Sgt	MacEachern, Colin R	502 Chief Clerk	16005216
S Sgt	LaPonzino, Alfred L	932 Fuel Trk Op	32417419
S Sgt	Morrison, Lawrence M	857 Flt Surg Asst.	37379643
S Sgt	Norman, John L	821 Supply NCO	36120882
S Sgt	Scissons, Willis H	060 Cook - Asst Mess S	17004439
S Sgt	Valentino, Pat P.	826 Tech Supply NCO	36043035
Sgt	Antonacchio, Alfred J	405 Supp Clk	32002171
Sgt	Pavion, Louis	275 Class Spec	13031421
Sgt	Perlman, Alfred	405 Clk Typ	16058961
Sgt	Roult, Robert E	405 Opr Clk	35571770
Sgt	Sirman, Willie	405 Eng Clk	38101913
Cpl	Heriford, J Clifton	747 AM	36580166
Cpl	McMahan, Thomas O	747 AM	36589894
Cpl	Renner, Dean W	055 Med Clk	39383540
Cpl	Zahurak, John E	060 Cook	33018861
Pfc	Acela, Gene	590 Laborer	32447391
Pfc	Johns, Gerald F	521 Cook Hlpr	11027171

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