

# WE WENT TO WAR

## *Part X: Why We Were There*

*The Background of Our Service,  
Why We Were in the Southwest Pacific Area:  
A Review*

*380<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group - World War II*



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## *APPENDICES*

## *APPENDIX VII*

Arrival in Australia of Flight Crews

Lieutenant Colonel Miller.

SECRET

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PRIORITY

x

23 April, 1943.

RSB/imf

COMBATRON FIVE (REPEAT) COMBOMCOM FIVE

INITIAL INCREMENT OF THREE EIGHT ZERO BOMCR PAREN PREVIOUSLY REFERRED TO AS  
THREE ONE EIGHT GROUP PAREN ARRIVED BRISBANE TWENTYTWO APRIL PD REFERENCE  
ENTIRE SUBJECT THREE ONE EIGHT BOMCR NINE APRIL ADDRESSED TO ADVON AND  
BOMCOM CONCERNING DISTRIBUTION OF THIS GROUP PAREN IA PAREN  
INSTRUCTIONS FOR ASSIGNMENT CONTAINED THEREIN WILL BE ADHERED TO PD  
ALL COMBAT AIRCRAFT AND CREWS WILL BE PROCESSED THROUGH BOMBLR REPLACEMENT  
CENTER CHARTERS TOWERS PD FIRST TWELVE AIRCRAFT WILL BE ASSIGNED FENTON  
PD THE GROUP COMMANDER LIEUTENANT COLONEL MILLER WILL PROCEED FENTON  
FOR INITIAL ESTABLISHMENT THEN REPORT TO BOMCOM AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE PD  
IN ~~FROM~~ COMBAT AIRCRAFT IS THIRTYFIVE PLANES BETWEEN TWENTYSECOND APRIL  
AND FOURTH MAY PD IN ADDITION THREE EXTRA AIRPLANES ASSIGNED THIS GROUP  
FOR TOTAL OF THIRTYEIGHT PD GROUND ECHELON AT PORT OF EMBARKATION  
DATE OF ARRIVAL UNKNOWN PD HEADQUARTERS THREE EIGHT ZERO BOMCR BEING  
ASSIGNED THIS DATE TO BOMCOM WITH PERMANENT STATION FENTON UNDER OPERATIONAL  
PD  
CONTROL RAAFCAAF IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBJECT LETTER SQUADRON ORGANIZATIONS  
WILL NOT BE ASSIGNED UNTIL ARRIVAL OF GROUND ECHELON PD REQUEST NECESSARY

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23 April, 1943.

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INSTRUCTIONS FROM BOMCOM TO BOMBER REPLACEMENT CENTER PD COLONEL  
MILLER PROCEEDING TO CHARTERS TOWERS WITH COPIES OF THESE INSTRUCTIONS  
TWENTYFOUR APRIL

COMAAF

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