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Part X: Why We Were There

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

380th Bomb Group - World War II



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APPENDICES

APPENDIX VIII

380th Movement Orders to Australia, Ground Staff

IMMEDIATE ACTION

HEADQUARTERS SECOND AIR FORCE
Office of the Commanding General
Fort George Wright, Washington

IN REPLY
REFER TO

WAR DEPARTMENT

370.5 (E-3)

April 10, 1943.

SUBJECT: Movement Orders, Shipments 2960-K, L, M, N, and O.

TO : Commanding Officer, Army Air Base, Lowry Field, Denver, Colorado.

1. Pursuant to the authority contained in Confidential War Department letter, file WD 370.5 (4-7-43) OB-S-E-M, subject: "Movement Orders, Shipment 2960", dated April 7, 1943, it is requested that you take the necessary action and/or issue the necessary orders to prepare for foreign service and to move the below listed organization and equipment accompanying it to the SAN FRANCISCO PORT OF EMBARKATION (for further movement by water transportation), so as to arrive at the time, date and place designated by the Commanding General, San Francisco Port of Embarkation. The Commanding General, San Francisco Port of Embarkation has already called for this shipment and the pertinent information reference this call has been relayed to you.

UNIT	CODE DESIGNATION (SHIP. NO.)	PRESENT STATION	STRENGTH			T/O
			OFF	WO	EM	
*380th Bomb Gp (H) **(Less Flt Ech)		AAB, Lowry Fld, Denver, Colo. (Last Perm Sta: AAB, Davis-Monthan Fld, Tucson, Ariz.)	56 (172)	1	1140 (208)	
Hq	2960-K	"	1348 229 <hr/> 1577			1-112 (7-1-42) C-1 (8-15-42) C-2 (9-21-42) C-3 (1-25-43)
528th Bomb Sq (H)	2960-L	"				1-117 (7-1-42) C-1 (8-8-42) C-2 (1-25-43)
529th Bomb Sq (H)	2960-M	"				"
530th Bomb Sq (H)	2960-N	"			1150	"
5531st Bomb Sq (H)	2960-O	"				"

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* This unit was previously assigned Shipment Nos. 2618-AA, BB, CC, DD and EE, which have been rescinded and will not be further used in connection with the movement of this unit.

** This Flight Echelon will be dispatched by separate orders as Shipments 2960-P, R, S, T, and V.

2. In issuing instructions and disseminating information to subordinate echelons in connection with this order, the greatest care will be exercised to divulge only pertinent portions.

3. This is a PERMANENT change of station.

4. The movement to the Port will be made by rail. See W.D. Circular No. 193, June 16, 1942, as amended.

5. Direct communication, consistent with the classification of this order, is authorized and enjoined.

6. a. Detailed instructions concerning the preparation and movement of units are contained in the below listed publications, copies of which have been furnished you. It is highly essential that the provisions of these pamphlets be THOROUGHLY UNDERSTOOD AND IMPLICITLY FOLLOWED by all concerned.

(1) AG 370.5 (1-16-43), February 1, 1943, Subject: "Preparation for Overseas Movement" (POM).

(2) AG 370.5 (2-6-43), February 1, 1943, Subject: "Additional Preparation for Overseas Movement for AAF Units" (AIR-POM).

b. Exceptions to or modifications of POM applicable to this particular movement are as follows:

(1) Add to paragraph 5 b (4):

"Shoulder patches removed from uniforms prior to embarkation will be turned in to the unit supply officer for safe keeping."

(2) Paragraphs 6 b (1) (a) and (b) may be deviated from at the discretion of the Commanding Generals, Army Ground Forces, Army Air Forces, Army Service Forces and Defense Commands, or other commanders designated by the War Department, under the provisions of Section II, Circular No. 79, War Department, March 19, 1943, which states that, not more than 90 days in advance of contemplated "readiness date", such commanders may direct the discontinuance of detachment or transfer from units of any personnel, regardless of status with respect to any school, and, further, that these commanders may authorize discontinuance of acceptance and processing of all school applications within commands under their control.

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(3) In paragraph 6 b (1) (d) 3 insert "Enlisted" before personnel and delete "general service".

(4) Add paragraph 6 b (2) (c):

"Officers in attendance at general service, special service or civilian schools, if time permits, will complete courses and rejoin their unit prior to its departure for a staging area or port of embarkation. In cases where this procedure cannot be followed, *the agency issuing the movement order" is responsible that the necessary orders are issued returning officers to their unit at such time as will enable them to complete a maximum amount of the course of instruction and still depart overseas with their unit."

* In this case, the Second Air Force.

7. Cost of transportation of troops and individuals, including the shipment of things, will be governed by the provisions of Section II, Circular 206, W.D., 1942.

8. Instructions on Clothing, Equipment, Supplies & Ammunition.

a. Clothing (summer and winter) and individual equipment as prescribed in Table of Basic Allowances No. 21, January 7, 1943, except that the following items are authorized as indicated:

- ✓ Canteens will be plastic, stainless steel or aluminum
- ✓ Blankets, wool, OD (2 only per individual)
- ✓ Tents, shelter, half, w/rope and pole (1 per EM; 2 per O & WO)
- ✓ Tent pins (5 per EM; 10 per O & WO)

b. Organizational equipment is authorized for all units as prescribed in Table of Basic Allowances No. 1, July 1, 1942, with three (3) changes.

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c. No other weapon will be substituted for carbines, caliber .30, M1, where the latter is prescribed in T/BA No. 1, July 1, 1942, with Changes thereto.

d. The following additional items are also authorized:

(1) To be Obtained at Present Station:

- ✓ Covers, mattress (2 per individual)

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(2) To be Obtained at the Port:

- ✓ Headnets (1 per individual)
- ✓ Bars, mosquito (1 per individual)
- ✓ Glasses, sun (1 pair per individual; plus 50% maintenance)
- ✓ T/A heavy tentage
- ✓ Cots, canvas (1 per individual)
- ✓ Protective clothing (see paragraph 10 a (1) below)

e. The following items are not authorized for this movement:

X — Tent stoves

f. To Accompany the Units from Present Station:

(1) Clothing and equipment as prescribed in paragraph 8 above except that the following items will not accompany the units:

Items authorized in paragraph 8 d (2) above
General purpose motor vehicles (as listed in POM)
Heavy tentage as prescribed in T/BA

NOTE: Any organizational equipment shipped by the 380th Bomb Group to the New York or Boston Ports of Embarkation as directed in Movement Orders, Shipment 2618, will not accompany the unit. This equipment is being remarked and shipped to the San Francisco Port of Embarkation under instructions issued separately to the Commanding Generals, New York and Boston Ports of Embarkation.

9. Instructions Reference Shipments to the Port:

a. To be Shipped to the San Francisco Port of Embarkation:

NOTE: Any organizational supplies and equipment shipped by the Chiefs of Supply Services for the 380th Bomb Group as directed in Movement Orders, Shipment 2618, respectively, to the New York and Boston Ports of Embarkation are being remarked and shipped to the San Francisco Port of Embarkation. Letter, WD 370.5 (4-2-43) OB-S-E-SPOPT-M, April 5, 1943, Subject: Amendment No. 1 to Movement Orders, Shipment 2618, deleted the 380th Bomb Group from that Movement Order.

(1) The Chiefs of Supply Services will ship the following:

(Based on 90 days' Theater of Operations Maintenance, and 30 days' Zone of Interior Maintenance).

- 120 days' Class I supplies
- 120 days' Class II supplies
- 120 days' medical and motor maintenance supplies and spare parts

Rations & Parts

Note: Shipments of rations and maintenance supplies will be limited by memorandum SPDDQ 400 dated December 3, 1942, and letter SPX 400 (2-19-43) OB-S-SPDDL-M dated February 20, 1943, subject: T/BA Equipment and Maintenance Supplies for Troops in .
Rations will be divided into two lots of sixty (60) days each, Marked: 2960-QM-1 and 2, respectively. Maintenance supplies will be divided into two lots of sixty (60) days each, Marked: 2960-(abbreviation)-1 and 2, respectively.

2960-QM-1 60 days
2960-QM-2 60 days

(2) The Quartermaster General will ship the following:

(a) Marked: 2960-QM-FOR ISSUE

- Headnets (1 per individual)
- Bars, mosquito (1 per individual)
- Glasses, sun (1 pair per individual)

(b) Marked: 2960-(letter)-QM

- Cots, canvas (1 per individual)
- Glasses, sun (1 pair per 2 individuals; for maintenance)
- Heavy tentage as prescribed in T/BA

(c) Marked: 2960-QM

- Heavy tentage as prescribed in T/BA

(3) The Chief of Ordnance will ship the following:

Ordnance

(a) Marked: 2960-ORDV-TAT

- One month's supply of ammunition for all small arms carried by ground echelon troops.

(b) Marked: 2960-ORDV

- Five months' supply of ammunition for all small arms, except those in airplanes)

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Six months' supply of ammunition for mortars,
grenades and pyrotechnics
Four months' supply of ammunition for artillery
including AA weapons (less 37 MM AT guns)
Twelve months' supply of ammunition for 37 MM AT
guns

Note: Individual boxes of ammunition need
not be marked as above, except when
shipped in less than carload lots.

(c) Marked: 2960-(letter)-ORD

General purpose motor vehicles (boxed where appli-
cable) as listed in POM and as prescribed in
T/BA No. 1. Sedans will not be shipped.

(4) The Commanding General, Air Service Command, will ship:

(a) Marked: 2960-AIR

Air Force technical supplies in accordance with
instructions issued separately by the Commanding
General, Air Service Command.

b. Dates for Shipments.

(1) Personnel and organizational impedimenta to accompany the
units will be prepared by April 15, 1943 (readiness date) for movement from
present station to the San Francisco Port of Embarkation.

(2) Shipments by the Chiefs of Supply Services will be made
so as to arrive at the San Francisco Port of Embarkation by April 20, 1943
(initial arrival date).

c. Marking of Shipments.

(1) Shipments by or for a specific unit (except Signal equipment)
to the San Francisco Port of Embarkation will be marked as follows:

*TO: PORT TRANS O
OAKLAND BRANCH
SAN FRANCISCO P of E
OAKLAND, CALIF.

FOR: 2960-(enter letter as assigned in paragraph 1, above.)

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* Shipments marked "FOR ISSUE" will be addressed additionally to the proper port property officer.

(2) All organizational signal equipment, whether shipped by units or by depots, will be addressed as above, but marked as follows:

FOR: 2960-(letter)-AIRSIG.

(3) Shipments of other equipment and supplies will be addressed as above, with specific markings as prescribed in paragraph 1 a, above.

10. Additional Instructions and Information:

a. The Commanding General, San Francisco Port of Embarkation, will:

(1) Furnish from port stocks and issue to each individual prior to embarkation:

Minimum Individual Equipment, Protective, as prescribed in paragraph 4 a (1) of letter AG 420 (2-4-43) OB-S-SPOPP-M, February 8, 1943, subject: Chemical Warfare Protective Clothing. This clothing is in addition to T/BA allowances of unimpregnated clothing. Until May 1, 1943, certain substitutions as outlined in paragraph 5 a of the letter referred to above may be made. Duplicate issue of any item already prescribed in appropriate T/BA's will not be made.

(2) Issue mosquito bars, headnets, and sun glasses to each individual prior to embarkation.

(3) Load aboard transports one month's supply of ammunition for all small arms carried by troops so that it will be readily available to troops during the voyage.

(4) Furnish five days' rations, Type C, and two days' rations, Type D, for each individual in this shipment.

(5) Report to the Commanding General, Army Service Forces, (Adjutant General), the time of arrival of the units at the port of embarkation.

b. Both summer and winter clothing will be needed during the voyage.

c. Each individual in this shipment will carry two covers, protective, in his gas mask carrier.

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d. One months's supply of ammunition for small arms and the emergency rations will be prepared for issue so that issue can be effected prior to debarkation if the overseas commander so desires. If no such desire is indicated, the provisions of POM will apply for both rations and ammunition (see paragraph 15 c (POM)).

e. In addition to the items prescribed in paragraph 15 a (2) (b) (POM), each individual in this shipment will have on his person or in barrack bag "A" at time of debarkation, complete equipment necessary for immediate field service, including the following:

- Tent, shelter half, w/rope, pole, and pins
- Individual messing equipment, complete
- Two blankets, wool, OD
- One field jacket or one flying jacket.

f. The Director, American Red Cross, has been authorized to ship not to exceed 10 tons of Red Cross supplies, to the San Francisco Port of Embarkation under instructions issued separately.

g. Enlisted mechanics of combat units will carry aboard ship one kit containing mechanics' tools only sufficient for operation at destination.

11. Instructions concerning mail, mail address, use of W.D., A.G.O. Form No. 204, etc., are contained in Inclosure No. 3.

12. It is requested that copies of all travel orders involved be furnished without delay as follows:

- 1 - Returns Section, Miscellaneous Division, AGO
- 3 - Army Air Forces, Director of War Organization and Movement
- 2 - Army Air Forces, Director of Personnel
- 5 - Commanding General, Second Air Force
- 1 - Postal Officer, San Francisco Port of Embarkation.

13. The Machine Records Unit servicing the present station and the Machine Records Unit servicing the station of destination will both be notified of this movement.

14. It is requested that you report to the Commanding General, Army Air Forces (AFROM), Washington, D.C., the Commanding General, 18th Replacement Wing, and to this Headquarters, Attention: A-3, E-3, by confidential message, time and date of departure of this organization from its present station. In designating the unit affected, refer to shipment number only. Message sent to this Headquarters will indicate that similar messages have been dispatched to the above listed Headquarters.

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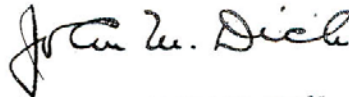
15. An advance party consisting of liaison officer, billeting personnel and supply officers is authorized to precede this movement to the Port when, if and as called for by the Commanding General of the San Francisco Port of Embarkation.

16. The Commanding General, San Francisco Port of Embarkation, has been directed by the War Department to furnish the Commanding General, Army Air Forces, (Attn: AFDOP), with a roster of personnel by organization as of date of embarkation for foreign service.

17. a. Recent War Department instructions on overseas movements require that the Commanding General of the agency issuing the movement orders will cause the commanding officer of the home station at which the Air Force units are prepared for overseas duty to submit to the Commanding General, AAF (The Air Inspector) and to the agency issuing the movement orders, at time of units' departure from such station, a report in duplicate stating that the provisions of this order, appropriate for accomplishment by that time, have been complied with, except: (Indicate specifically and give reasons for noncompliance.)"

b. Inasmuch as Army Air Base, Lowry Field, is not under the jurisdiction of the Second Air Force, it is requested that you submit the above prescribed report.

For the Commanding General:



JOHN M. DICK
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Actg. Asst. Adj. General

3 Inclosures:

- Incl #1 - Preparation for Overseas Movement (POM)
(Furnished addressee and CO, 380th Bomb Gp (H) only)
- Incl #2 - Additional Preparation for Overseas Movement
for AAF Units (AIR-POM) (Furnished addressee and
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- Incl #3 - APO Information (Furnished addressee and
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- 7-CG, Services of Supply
- 1-Troop Movement & Supply Section, Operations
Division, SOS, Washington, D.C.
- 1-Plans Division, Services of Supply (Movements Branch)
- 1-The Quartermaster General, Washington, D.C.
- 1-The Chief of Engineers, Washington, D.C.
- 1-The Chief of Chemical Warfare, Washington, D.C.
- 1-The Chief of Ordnance, Washington, D.C.
- 1-The Surgeon General, Washington, D.C.
- 1-The Chief Signal Officer, Washington, D.C.
- 1-Office of Chief of Transportation, Traffic Control,
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Lt. Col. I. S. Morris (via Air Mail, Special Delivery)
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- 2-CG, Ninth Service Command
- 2-CG, Eighth Service Command
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- 1-Off in Charge, Storage & Issue Br, OCSigO,
5000 Wissahickon Ave., Philadelphia, Pa.
- 1-Signal Off, Fld Services, ASC,
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- 1-Second AF A-4 Section
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- 1-CG, 18th Repl Wing
- 1-CG, 16th Bomb Wing
- 1-CO, 380th BB Gp (H),
Topeka, Kansas
- 1-CO, 380th BB Gp (H),
Lowry Fld, Colo. (Attn:
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