

## 3rd PROVISIONAL STATION GAS DEFENSE DETACHMENT

303rd BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)

MOLESWORTH, ENGLAND

Assigned 30 June 1942

by James Kintner

The 123rd Chemical Squadron left Fort Dix, New Jersey on 3 June 1942 for Grimsby, England. In July we were broke up into four men detachments and sent to other air bases in England. My detachment was sent to RAF Molesworth and called the 3rd Provisional Station Gas Defense Detachment. The 15th Bombardment Squadron - Light (A-20 Aircraft) was stationed at Molesworth at that time. They were sent to North Africa and the 3rd PGD was then attached to the 359th Bomb Squadron for payroll purposes.

Our job was to prepare the station in case of a chemical attack and to train personnel in the protection and decontamination of aircraft and themselves along with other base equipment.



*Floyd Williams, Chemical Warfare*

We had our office in a building at the end of the road across from the Number 4 hanger, also across from the Quartermaster. In the building was a warehouse for decontaminating clothing. In back of the office building was the gas chamber to test gas masks. Up the road was our warehouse for chloride of lime and my living quarters. Down across from the Enlisted Men's mess hall was our Decontamination Center for men to go in case of a chemical attack. There we had a shower with hot water and a change of uniforms. We had 300 complete uniforms stored there. This location was also the quarters for the other three men of the unit. We had three 1,000 gallon decontamination trucks. Each 303rd BG(H) Squadron assigned two of their men to help me with their Squadrons.

Major David E. Grobe, Jr., of the 863rd Chemical Company was assigned as Gas Defense Officer. He and I had meetings with the English Civil Defense people in our area. Sometime in 1944, the 3rd Station Complement Squadron came to Molesworth and the 3rd PGD personnel were transferred to them.

Original four members of the 3rd Provisional Station Gas Defense Detachment:

S/Sgt	Kintner, James W. 15087548	Chemical Technician NCO (870)
	Payne, Wilford	Chemical Equipment Operator (786)
	Price, Char	Chemical Equipment Operator (786)
	Williams, Floyd	Decontaminating Equipment Operator (809)
	Floyd Williams left for Officers Candidate School and was replaced by:	
Cpl.	Richman, Sidney R. 32180292	Decontaminating Equipment Operator (809)

Replacement and/or new personnel included:

T/5	Di Gregario, Antonio	38084836	Chemical Equipment Operator (786)
T/5	Garlow, Duane M.	37341078	Chemical Equipment Operator (786)
S/Sgt	Grant, Leland E.	34261525	Decontaminating Equipment Operator (809)
PFC	Sinuk, Peter	32197855	Chemical Equipment Operator (786)
PFC	Yards, Frank	6668568	Chemical Equipment Operator (786)