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EIGHTH AIR FORCE
VIII FIGHTER COMMAND
66TH FIGHTER WING
357TH FIGHTER GROUP
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APRIL INSTALLMENT
Unit History, 357th Fighter Group
AAF Station F-373
APO 637, U S Army

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: AUTH: VIII F.C. MEMO 125-1: :
: DATE: 13 NOV 1943 : :
: UNIT: *ZAB* : :
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1. The new I/O for Fighter Groups opened the way for a number of promotions for Enlisted Men. Special Orders #89, paragraph 4 (supporting document #1), lists those for Group Headquarters.
2. Apparently the Group is no longer regarded as "newcomers" to combat warfare. Paragraph 6, Special Orders #92 (supporting document #2) sends three of our pilots on temporary duty as pilot instructors.
3. During the third month of operational activity the Group received congratulations on four separate occasions. The messages came from Air Marshal Saunders, Lieutenant General Spuatz, Major Generals Doolittle and Kepner, and Brigadier General Woodbury. Station Daily Bulletins on April 2 (supporting document #3), April 11 (supporting document #4), April 13 (supporting document #5), and April 27 (supporting document #6), carry the text of the messages.
4. Five new Officers reported to the Group and were assigned to the three component squadrons by Special Orders #106, paragraph 1. (Supporting document #7)
5. The men that repair the guns that kill the Huns are being shuffled about a bit on paper to conform with a new regulation. They are doing the same job in the same place but Special Orders #110, paragraph 10 (supporting document #8), changes their branch of service from Ordnance to the Air Corps.
6. Air Medals, Distinguished Flying Crosses, and Oak Leaf Clusters were awarded pilots of this Group (Headquarters and Squadrons) by General Orders #17, 18, 22, 24, & 28 of the VIII Fighter Command.
- Brigadier General Woodbury, Commanding General 66th Fighter Wing, presented medals to pilots in a ceremony on 17 April at this station, these medals having previously been awarded on General Orders mentioned above. (Supporting documents #9, 10, 11, 12, and 13).
7. Three pictures, two of the Group Commander, Lt. Colonel Donald W. Graham, in the cockpit (supporting document #14), in front of his plane (supporting document #15), and one picture of the Group's leading Ace, Captain Glendon V. Davis (supporting document #16), are made a part of this installment of the unit's history.
8. The third calendar month of operation for the Group was filled with a lot of action against the enemy. A total of 21 escort, strafing and dive-bombing missions were completed, 13 of them in 13 consecutive days. We lost men, the majority of them parachuting down into enemy territory, but "Jerry" paid dearly for each of them. The total number of enemy aircraft destroyed during the first 21 months of operation was 152, 9 probably destroyed, and 45 damaged. Quite a record, believed to have been the best compiled by any group during a similar period. One very successful mission in April resulted in the destruction of 22 enemy aircraft. (Mission reports are supporting documents #17 through 37).

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SPECIAL ORDERS
NO 89

HEADQUARTERS AAF STATION F-373
APO 637
1 April 1944

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1. Following O, 362nd Fi Sq, are granted a five (5) day lv of absence effective o/a 3 Apr 44. (Auth: AR 605-115.)

NAME	RANK	ASN
FLETCHER E. ADAMS	1ST LT	0740224 AC
THOMAS E. NORRIS	2D LT	0745480 AC
GILBERT M. O'BRIEN	2D LT	0745482 AC
JOHN F. PUCH	2D LT	0745502 AC

2. Following EM, 1260th HP Co (Avn), are promoted to gr indicated under the provisions of AR 615-5 & upon the recommendation of their Orgn Comdr:

TO BE CORPORAL (TEMP)

Pfc (677) Michael J. Walsh, 32874793

TO BE PRIVATE FIRST CLASS (TEMP)

Pvt (677) Bozo (NMI) Posmoga, 33677047 Pvt (378) Thomas J. Sweeney, Jr., 312618- / 78

3. Following EM, 1600th Ord S & M Co (Avn) are promoted to gr indicated under the provisions of AR 615-5 & upon the recommendation of their Orgn Comdr:

TO BE TECHNICIAN 5TH GRADE (TEMP)

Pfc (014) Louis P. Langen, 32917919 Pfc (414) Edward H. Wolff, 36727246

4. Following EM, Hq 357th Fi Gp, are promoted to gr indicated under the provisions of AR 615-5 & upon the recommendation of their Orgn Comdr:

TO BE STAFF SERGEANT (TEMP)

Sgt (275) Albert (NMI) Bisignano, 32483278 Sgt (502) Morgan W. Davidson, 39270120

Sgt (826) Elmer W. Hasenyer, 39529233 Sgt (755) Paul (NMI) Fankiewicz, 32392004

TO BE SERGEANT (TEMP)

Cpl (502) Bernard S. Clorety, 39555102 Cpl (502) Eskel T. Holcombe, 14139333

Cpl (055) Frank (NMI) Hurbis, 36253678 Cpl (405) Frederick J. Patrie, 32491228

Cpl (807) Claude H. Williams, 18132780

TO BE CORPORAL (TEMP)

Pfc (345) Herbert W. Eflaw, 35740939 Pfc (060) Tony C. Garcia, 32350334

Pfc (060) Russell G. Mohr, 33678534

TO BE PRIVATE FIRST CLASS (TEMP)

Pvt (521) Edward F. Sullivan, 31311181

5. Following EM, 362nd Fi Sq, are promoted to gr indicated under the provisions of AR 615-5 & upon the recommendation of their Orgn Comdr:

TO BE TECHNICAL SERGEANT (TEMP)

S Sgt (911) Mike (NMI) Churmage, 39611345 S Sgt Joe L. Fleming, 38269188, (826)

S Sgt (754) Phillip (NMI) Lukashevitz, 32399059 S Sgt (911) Alfred A. Tobin, 32494978

TO BE STAFF SERGEANT (TEMP)

Sgt (756) Clyde V. Moyers, 14178139 Sgt (911) George I. Pressgrove, 38288771

Sgt (754) John (NMI) Rado, 35318880

TO BE SERGEANT (TEMP)

Cpl (945) George H. Bitner, 39253336 Cpl (754) Edward M. Eischeid, 37451078

Cpl (945) Max L. Franz, 32745487 Cpl (405) John J. O'Keefe, 32695395

Cpl (911) Alvin (NMI) Raffety, 15334826 Cpl (747) Arthur C. Wilson, 32574371

Tec 5 (861) Peter (NMI) Grahovac, 36277519

6. Following EM, 363rd Fi Sq, are promoted to gr indicated under the provisions of AR 615-5 & upon the recommendation of their Orgn Comdr:

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TO BE TECHNICAL SERGEANT (TEMP)

S Sgt (511) Emil H. Prange, 37383761 S Sgt (911) Arthur P. Schalick, Jr., / 3207567

TO BE STAFF SERGEANT (TEMP)

Sgt (747) James R. LaMont, 37370099 Sgt (911) Elmer W. Peterson, 37280436
Sgt (652) Leo J. Schrader, 37012906

TO BE SERGEANT (TEMP)

Cpl (941) Henry J. Gysel, Jr., 32585660 Cpl (747) Agostino (NMI) Laterza 32495032
Cpl (747) Phillip (NMI) Mikalunas, 26618225 Cpl (687) Noble D. Spradling, 18102484

TO BE PRIVATE FIRST CLASS (TEMP)

Pvt (929) William C. Hyde, 36580701 Pvt (747) Joe C. Ruhl, 35463906
Pvt (245) Richard C. Smith, 15338476 Pvt (911) Richard E. Smith, 35418727
Pvt (747) David (NMI) Tobin, 32404333

7. Following EM, 364th Fi Sq, are promoted to gr indicated under the provisions of AR 615-5 & upon the recommendation of their Orgn Comdr:

TO BE MASTER SERGEANT (TEMP)

T Sgt (747) Henry C. D'Esti, 32288218 T Sgt (542) William W. Shepard, 17012569

TO BE TECHNICAL SERGEANT (TEMP)

S Sgt (759) James G. Curran, 12096206 S Sgt (911) William J. Stana, 32496744

TO BE STAFF SERGEANT (TEMP)

Sgt (911) Melvin B. Black, 17053123 Sgt (911) Eugene F. Garrett, 35419463
Sgt (759) David M. Weatherly, 14162089

TO BE SERGEANT (TEMP)

Cpl (014) Joseph C. Zaleski, 13026149

8. Following EM, 469th Sv Sq, reclassified to MOS indicated, AUTH: Memo 5-4, Hq Eighth AF, 7 Mar 44:

NAME	RANK	ASN	From -- MOS -- To
Arthur M. Helms	T Sgt	12132366	925 753
Joseph C. Swartz	Sgt	35366497	747 925

9. 1ST LT NOLAN A. GROSHONG, 0571873, AC, Hq 357th Fi Gp, WP London o/a 1 Apr 44 on temp dy purpose carrying out instr of CO. Reimbursement not to exceed \$4.00 per day is atzd if govt qrs or billets are not available at temp dy sta & an alws of \$1.25 per day is atzd if govt messing fac are not available. CTRS. MEMT. TDN. 91-5 P 432-02 A 212/40425. AUTH: TWX SAS R558D; Ltr, Hq ETOUSA, 3 Nov 43.

10. Pfc (521) George W. Griffin, 36641002, 1260th MP Co (Avn) placed on SD w/ EM Mess this Sta & will report daily to EM Mess O for dy.

11. Par 1, SO #64, this Sta, cs, (placing CAPT JAMES A. COXE, 0306489, AC, on temp dy AAF sta F-341), as amended, is amended to include: "91-5 P 432-02 A 212/40425."

12. Par 3, SO #88, this Sta, cs, (sending EM to London & Dagenham for laundry & dry cleaning), is amended to include: "1ST LT VIC F. LODNER, 01583957, OMC."

13. CAPT DAVID I. KRAMER, 0649507, AC, Hq 357th Fi Gp, aptd Sta Classification O (add dy).

14. M Sgt (502) William H. Shives, 18044803, Hq & Hq Sq, 50th Sv Gp, trfd in gr & WP 70th Sta Complement Sq. No travel involved.

15. Following EM, orgns indicated, WP RAF Sup Depot, IU #7, o/a 1 Apr 44 for approx three (3) days temp dy purpose carrying out instr of CO. Reimbursement not to exceed \$2.00 per day is atzd if govt qrs or billets are not available at temp dy sta & reimbursement not to exceed \$2.00 per day for subs is atzd if govt messing fac

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SO # 89, Hq AAF Sta F-373, APO 637, U S Army, 1 April 1944. Par 15 contd.

are not available. CTRS. MEMT. TDN. 91-5 P 432-02 A 212/40425. AUTH: Ltr, Hq ETOUSA, 3 Nov 43.

NAME	RANK	ASN	SSN	ORGN
John T. Fardy	S Sgt	31295437	502	469th Sv Sq
Efren C. Velez	Pfc	39541874	345	Hq 357th Fi Gp

16. Following EM, 1177th QM Co (Avn), reld fr SD w/1260th MP Co (Avn) this sta & will report to their CO for dy:

NAME	RANK	ASN	SSN
Jay (NMI) Jarnagin	Tec 5	38154574	323
Manuel (NMI) Lopez	Pfc	32709906	055

17. CAPT DONALD P. POST, 01576515, Ord, 1600th Ord S & M Co (Avn), aptd Sta T O (add dy) vice CAPT ALDEN L. KASCHUE, 01035296, CWS, reld.

18. CAPT ALDEN L. KASCHUB, 01035296, CWS, Hq & Hq Sq, 50th Sv Gp, aptd Sta Chem O (add dy) vice 1ST LT JOHN R. O'LAUGHLIN, 01037891, CWS, reld.

19. Sgt (928) Wilbur J. Whitman, 38259152, Hq 357th Fi Gp, reld fr SD w/Sta Tech Insp Sec this Sta & will report to his CO for dy.

20. Cpl (345) LaVerne (NMI) Hollar, 35344813, Hq 357th Fi Gp, placed on SD w/Sta Tech Insp Sec this Sta & will report daily for dy.

21. LT COL DONALD W. GRAHAM, 025247, AC, Hq 357th Fi Gp, WP AAF Sta 101 o/a 4 Apr 44 on temp dy purpose meeting w/Awards & Decorations Bd. Upon arrival O will report to LT COL AVERY. CTRS. MEMT. TDN. 91-5 P 432-02 A 212/40425. AUTH: TWX SAS R 5600; Ltr, Hq ETOUSA, 3 Nov 43.

22. Having reported this Sta in compliance w/Par 2, SO #65, Hq AAF Sta F-375, 31 Mar 44, following EM are atchd 469th Sv Sq for grs & rat:

NAME	RANK	ASN
Oswell E. Lowe,	S Sgt	37196804
Roland A. Fisher	Sgt	31075218
Tomie M. Lafon	Sgt	37158682
Allen M. Stone	Cpl	34316309

23. Having reported this Sta in compliance w/par 1, Sec I, SO #87, Hq Eighth AF RD, APO 635, 27 Mar 44, following EM are further asgd 70th Sta Complement Sq. No travel involved.

NAME	RANK	ASN	SSN
John H. Theone	Sgt	37038336	137
Roy (NMI) Hovcroft, Jr.	Pfc	36546872	521
James E. Marchbanks	Pvt	35918308	521

24. Having reported this Sta in compliance w/Par 1, Sec I, SO #87, Hq Eighth AF RD, APO 635, 27 Mar 44, following EM are further asgd Hq & Hq Sq, 50th Sv Gp. No travel involved.

NAME	RANK	ASN	SSN
Frank (NMI) Caudill	Pfc	35406516	521
James M. Davis	Pvt	34807264	521
Clifford A. Hoffman	Pvt	35216699	521
Thurl D. Igney	Pvt	35557794	521
James B. Marino	Pvt	33765214	521
Walter H. Norris	Pvt	34537128	521

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SO #89, Hq AAF Sta F-373, APO 637, U S Army, 1 Apr 44.

By order of Lieutenant Colonel G. H. H. H.

ROBERT T. ROMINE,
Major, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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Major, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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APO 637
4 April 1944

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2. Following EM, orgns indicated, reld atchmt w/469th Sv Sq for crs. rat & dy.

NAME	RANK	ASN	ORGN
Charles P. Hutchison	Sgt	37115992	16th Mobile R & R Sq
Paul M. McBride	Sgt	18108675	do
Joseph C. Perlitz	Sgt	35013255	do
Jacob J. Gertie	Pfc	36709384	21st Depot Rep Sq, 21st ADG
Bert A. Wood	Pfc	17068593	16th Mobile R & R Sq
George S. Dillon	Pvt	39097088	56th Sta Complement Sq (Sp), T Div

3. Cpl (405) Harry D. Hightower, 36739169, 70th Sta Complement Sq, trfd in gr & WP Civil Affairs Sec, Hq, 1st U S Army, APO 230. Reimbursement not to exceed \$2.00 per day is atzd if govt qrs or billets are not available while en route & reimbursement not to exceed \$2.00 per day for subs is atzd if govt messing fac are not available. MENT. TDN. 91-5 P 431-02 A 212/40425. AUTH: 3d Ind, file:201-Hightower, Harry D.(Enl),Hq Eighth AF, APO 634, dated 28 Mar 44; Ltr, Hq ETOUSA, 3 Nov 43.

4. Par 4, SO #90, this Sta, es, (placing O & EM on temp dy AAF Sta 357), as amended, is further amended to include: "Cpl (283) Thomas (NMJ) Carbonaro 12090622, 70th Sta Complement Sq."

5. Under the provisions of AR 615-5 & upon the recommendation of his Orgn Comdr, S Sgt (888) Ben T. Cooper, 35495847, 363rd Fi Sq, is promoted to gr of Technical Sergeant (temp).

6. Following O, orgns indicated, WP Sta 345 o/a 5 Apr 44 on approx ninety (90) days temp dy as pilot instructors. CTRS. MENT. TDN. 91-5 P 432-02 A 212/40425. AUTH: TWX SAS P49C; Ltr, Hq ETOUSA, 3 Nov 43.

NAME	RANK	ASN	ORGN
GLENN A. HUBEARD	1ST LT	0748656 AC	364th Fi Sq
HERSCHEL T. PASCOE	1ST LT	0745490 AC	363rd Fi Sq
HARVEY F. MACE	1ST LT	0805087 AC	362nd Fi Sq

7. Pfc (055) Donald J. Dillie, 37354895, Hq & Hq Sq, 50th Sv Gp, reld fr SD w/Fire Fighting Sec this Sta & will report to his CO for dy.

8. Pvt (521) James M. Davis, 34807264, Hq & Hq Sq, 50th Sv Gp, placed on SD w/Fire Fighting Sec this Sta & will report daily for dy.

9. Pfc (097) William A. Ager, 32677332, 70th Sta Complement Sq, reld fr SD w/Sta Utilities this Sta & will report to his CO for dy.

10. Following O, orgns indicated, aptd Sector Gas O (add dy):

NAME	RANK	ASN	ORGN
JAMES C. ALDRICH	1ST LT	0857562 AC	362nd Fi Sq
HARVEY C. AMSTERDAH	1ST LT	01038389 CWS	70th Station Complement Sq
LESTER (NMJ) DOWEN	1ST LT	01641247 Sig C	1076th Sig Co (Avn)
JACOB M. FRANKEL	1ST LT	0857403 AC	Hq 357th Fi Gp
GAIL A. JONES	1ST LT	0575131 AC	469th Sv Sq

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SO #92, Hq AAF Sta F-373, APO 637, U S Army, 4 Apr 44. Par 10 contd.

NAME	RANK	ASN	ORGN
ROBERT D. KIRBY	1ST LT	0568920 AC	363rd FI Sq
HERBERT F. ORR	1ST LT	01589418 QMC	1177th QM Co (Avn)
JAMES R. SWEENEY	1ST LT	0856835 AC	364th FI Sq
JOHN B. MAIN	2D LT	0575520 AC	Hq & Hq Sq, 50th Sv Gp

11. 2D LT JOHN B. MAIN, 0575520, AC, Hq & Hq Sq, 50th Sv Gp, aptd Sta Courts & Bds O (add dy) vice 1ST LT IRVING D. ROSS, 01553898, Ord, reld.

12. 2D LT JOHN B. MAIN, 0575520, AC, Hq & Hq Sq, 50th Sv Gp, aptd Summary Court C (add dy) vice 1ST LT IRVING D. ROSS, 01553898, Ord, reld.

13. Under the provisions of Par 7c, AR 25-20, 15 Mar 43, 2D LT JOHN B. MAIN, 0575520, AC, Hq & Hq Sq, 50th Sv Gp, in addition to his other duties is designated Sta Claims O vice 1ST LT IRVING D. ROSS, 01553898, Ord, reld. & is atzd to act as a bd of one (1) O in any case within provisions of AR 105; will constitute the investigating C, bd of O, surveying O, unless a bd of more than one (1) O is required by statute or regulation, required for the investigation of any accident involving death, personal injury, or property loss or damage, including claims for & against the Govt, LOD status of personnel, & determination whether the circumstances properly call for disciplinary action.

14. Following EM, 469th Sv Sq, AF Sta F-341 o/a 5 Apr 44 on temp dy for approx one (1) day on matters pertaining O Club, CTBS, HENT, TDM, 01-5 P 432-02 A 432, 40425. AUTH: Ltr, Hq ETOUSA, 3 Nov 43.

NAME	RANK	ASN	SSN
Patrick E. Durbin	T Sgt	19021003	824
Shellic (NLI) Thomas, Jr.	Pfc	35678798	931

By order of Lieutenant Colonel GRIMM:

ROBERT T. ROMINE,
Major, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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LIEUT COLONEL DONALD W. GRAHAM, Station Commander
MAJOR THOMAS L. HAYES, JR., Deputy Station Commander
MAJOR CARLYLE D. HOFFMAN, Executive1. OFFICERS ON DUTY TODAY:

ADJ.

2d Lt Herschel L. Hill, Officer of the Day - Tel - 32
Capt Fred J. Wertz, Medical Officer of the Day - Tel - 54
1st Lt Cecil F. Humphreys, Headquarters Duty Officer - Tel - 7OFFICIAL RT R2. OFFICERS ON DUTY TOMORROW:

ADJ.

Officer of the Day-----Capt Max L. Hill
Medical Officer of the Day-----Capt Joseph F. Carlucci
Headquarters Duty Officer-----1st Lt Robert M. SittonOFFICIAL RT R3. LOUSE CONTROL PERSONNEL

ADJ.

Unit Louse Control Officers and Enlisted Men will report to Station Sick Quarters at 1330 hours on Monday, 3 April 1944, for demonstration.

OFFICIAL RT R4. ATTENTION ALL PERSONNEL

ADJ.

The following TWX, received from the Commanding General, 66th Fighter Wing, is reproduced for the information of all personnel of this station:

"THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM VIII FIGHTER COMMAND IS QUOTED FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND DISSEMINATION TO ALL UNDER YOUR COMMAND

" "I ADD MY PERSONAL APPRECIATION FOR THE EFFECTIVE AND AGGRESSIVE MANNER IN WHICH PILOTS OF THIS COMMAND OPERATED DURING THE PERIOD COVERED BY THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM LIEUTENANT GENERAL SPAATZ, WHICH I DESIRE BE BROUGHT TO THE PERSONAL ATTENTION OF ALL CREW MEMBERS. SIGNED KEPNER."

" "A NEW AND HIGHLY DEMORALIZING TYPE OF ATTACK ON THE HOMELAND OF THE HUN HAS BEEN ADDED BY THE PILOTS OF THE EIGHTH FIGHTER COMMAND IN THEIR SUCCESSFUL STRAFING OF VARIED TARGETS ON TWENTY NINE AND THIRTY MARCH. FOR YOUR INITIATIVE AND EXECUTION OF THE FIRST PHASE OF THIS EFFECTIVE OFFENSIVE, I COMMEND BOTH YOU AND YOUR PILOTS. SIGNED SPAATZ."

" "TO THIS MESSAGE FROM GENERAL SPAATZ, I ADD MY OWN CONGRATULATIONS FOR THE EXCELLENT MANNER IN WHICH THESE OPERATIONS WERE CONCEIVED AND EXECUTED. SIGNED DOOLITTLE."

SIGNED WOODBURY."

OFFICIAL RT R5. ATTENTION ALL PERSONNEL

PRO.

Any person of this Station who has become a father since arriving in England and who has not seen his baby, is requested to contact Major ARCHIE GRAHAM, telephone 4, or Public Relations, telephone 66.

6. AT THE STATION THEATER--2 April 1944.

SP SV O.

There will be a continuous showing from 1300 hours on. There will be a double feature shown....."Heavenly Body" with Hedy Lamarr & William Powell; and, "Behind the Rising Sun" with Margo.

All items marked "OFFICIAL" will be complied with by all concerned.

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Daily Bulletin #93, Hq AMF Sta F-373, APO 637, U S Army, 2 April 1944.

By order of Lieutenant Colonel GRHAM:

ROBERT T. ROMINE,
Major, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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LIEUT COLONEL DONALD W. GRAHAM, Station Commander
 MAJOR THOMAS L. HAYES, JR., Deputy Station Commander
 MAJOR CAPTAIN D. HOFFMAN, Executive

1. OFFICERS ON DUTY TODAY:

1st Lt Robert D. Klop, Officer of the Day - Tel - 32
 Capt Paul E. Trump, Medical Officer of the Day - Tel - 54
 1st Lt Gail A. Jones, Headquarters Duty Officer - Tel - 7

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OFFICIAL *PR*2. OFFICERS ON DUTY TOMORROW:

Officer of the Day - Capt David L. Keaner
 Medical Officer of the Day - Maj John D. Barker
 Headquarters Duty Officer - 1st Lt Leonard Shuefstein

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OFFICIAL *PR*3. LIBERTY RUN OFFICER TODAY:

Capt Richard D. Willard

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OFFICIAL *PR*4. ATTENTION ALL PERSONNEL

The following teletypes are quoted hereon for the information of all personnel of this Station:

a. "MY SINCERE CONGRATULATIONS ON TODAY'S OPERATION. FOR THE FIRST TIME THE 8TH FIGHTER COMMAND DESTROYED OVER 100 ENEMY AIRCRAFT. YOUR DESTROYING THIS NUMBER OF ENEMY AIRCRAFT FULFILLS ALL THE OBJECTIVES OF A SPLENDID GROUP OF FIGHTERS. FOR EACH AND EVERY PILOT AND OTHER MEMBERS OF EACH UNIT MY MOST SINCERE APPRECIATION FOR A JOB WELL DONE. WE FIGHT TO WIN. WE WILL WIN. SIGNED KEPNER."

b. "THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM AIR MARSHAL SAUNDERS AOC ELEVEN GROUP WILL BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF ALL MEMBERS OF YOUR COMMAND: "EVERY PILOT MY STAFF AND ALL RANKS OF NUMBER ELEVEN GROUP JOIN WITH ME IN SENDING TO YOU OUR VERY SINCERE CONGRATULATIONS AND ADMIRATION ON THE MAGNIFICENT ACHIEVEMENTS OF YOUR FIGHTER PILOTS IN DESTROYING WELL OVER ONE HUNDRED ENEMY AIRCRAFT YESTERDAY. WELL DONE INDEED" SIGNED KEPNER."

c. "I AM PROUD OF THE OUTSTANDING OPERATIONS CONDUCTED BY UNITS OF THIS COMMAND WHICH RESULTED IN THE FOLLOWING COMENDATION FROM LIEUTENANT GENERAL SPAATZ: "I DESIRE THAT YOU EXPRESS TO ALL RESPONSIBLE AND PARTICIPATING PERSONNEL MY SINCEREST ADMIRATION FOR THE OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE AGAINST THE ENEMY IN OPERATIONS CONDUCTED BY EIGHTH AIR FORCE ON FIVE APRIL. THE TYPE OFFENSIVE SPIRIT AND THE EFFICIENCY DISPLAYED HAS GAINED THE ADMIRATION OF ALL ARMY AIR FORCE PERSONNEL IN THIS THEATER." I DESIRE TO ADD MY CONGRATULATIONS TO THE ABOVE. I ONLY REGRET THAT WEATHER DID NOT PERMIT THE FULL FORCE THAT WAS AIRBORNE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ATTACK. SIGNED DOOLITTLE."

OFFICIAL *PR*5. FOUND!!!

a. A pair of brown leather AC gloves has been found outside the Chaplain's Office. Owner please call Extension 7.

b. Parker fountain pen--Owner may identify and claim pen in Sta Adj Office.

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6. AT THE THEATER TONIGHT--1800 & 2000 hours, 11 April 44.

SF SV D.

"Colt Comrades" with William (Hop-A-Long Cassidy) Boyd & his horse.

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7. CARE OF TYPEWRITERS & OTHER OFFICE MACHINES

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a. Every effort will be made to conserve by careful and proper care, typewriters and other office machines now in use, since their manufacture has almost ceased and in most cases, replacement will not be possible.

b. All typewriters and other machines will be kept clean and covered when not in use.

OFFICIAL *[Signature]*8. MAINTENANCE OF CHAPEL BUILDING

ADJ.

All organizations this Station will be responsible for the police and proper maintenance of the Chapel Theater in the NAFI Building. A roster of organizations will be maintained at Station Headquarters whereby one unit will be detailed to furnish adequate personnel to perform this function for the duration of one week at a time (from Saturday at 1200 to the following Saturday at 1200 hours). Special attention will be paid to the police of the building after Saturday evening movies and the building of fires in preparation of Chapel Services starting at 0800 hours Sunday.

ORGANIZATION
362nd Fighter Squadron
363rd Fighter Squadron
364th Fighter Squadron

DATE
15 Apr to 22 Apr 1944
22 Apr to 29 Apr 1944
29 Apr to 6 May 1944

OFFICIAL *[Signature]*

All items marked "OFFICIAL" will be complied with by all concerned.

By order of Lieutenant Colonel GRAHAM:

ROBERT T. ROMINE,
Major, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

OFFICIAL:

[Signature: Robert T. Romine]
ROBERT T. ROMINE,
Major, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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LIEUT COLONEL DONALD W. GRAHAM, Station Commander
MAJOR THOMAS L. HAYES, JR., Deputy Station Commander
MAJOR CARLYLE D. HOFFMAN, Executive

1. OFFICERS ON DUTY TODAY:

1st Lt Mark H. Stepelton, Officer of the Day - Tel - 32
Capt Joseph F. Carlucci, Medical Officer of the Day - Tel - 54
1st Lt John E. Swan, Headquarters Duty Officer - Tel - 7

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2. OFFICERS ON DUTY TOMORROW:

Officer of the Day-----1st Lt Alan R. Lyon
Medical Officer of the Day-----Maj Meyer W. Lynn
Headquarters Duty Officer-----Capt Washington G. Balph

ADJ.

OFFICIAL RTR

3. ATTENTION ALL UNITS

CHEM O.

Each unit will make an inspection of all gas protective clothing now in its possession and report to the Chemical Office before Saturday, 22 April 1944, the following:

- a. Whether the clothing is held in unit storage as required by Adm Cir #54, ETOUSA, 19 August 1943.
- b. The number of Officers and Enlisted Men who do not have a complete suit of this clothing, and whether a requisition has been placed with Base QM for these shortages.

OFFICIAL RTR

4. ATTENTION ALL PERSONNEL

ADJ.

The following teletypes are quoted hereon for the information of all personnel of this Station:

a. "MY MOST SINCERE CONGRATULATIONS ON THE SPLENDID RESULTS OF YOUR MISSION YESTERDAY. IT IS MY DESIRE THAT EACH PILOT AND CREW MEMBER BE TOLD OF THIS MESSAGE. WITHOUT FULL COOPERATION BETWEEN ALL BRANCHES OF EACH UNIT, SUCCESSFUL DESTRUCTION OF THE ENEMY WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE. (SIGNED WOODBURY). "

b. "TO LT COL GRAHAM AND 357TH FIGHTER GROUP.
IT IS WITH PLEASURE THAT I EXTEND MY PERSONAL CONGRATULATIONS AND APPRECIATION, AS WELL AS THAT OF THE 8TH FIGHTER COMMAND, TO YOU, YOUR PILOTS AND GROUND CREWS. YOUR SPLENDID WORK OF APRIL 11TH, 1944, REFLECTS THE HIGHEST CREDIT UPON YOURSELVES AND THIS COMMAND.KEPNER..... "

OFFICIAL RTR

5. QUARTERING AND MESSING OF OFFICER PERSONNEL

ADJ.

The following is quoted from Letter, Hq VIII Fighter Command, file: 220.45 subject: as above, dated 7 April 1944:

"1. It has come to the attention of this Headquarters that stations of this Command are not complying with regulations of Headquarters ETOUSA with regard to quartering and messing of officer personnel.

"2. Officer personnel travelling from permanent stations will apply to station adjutants or billeting officers of the temporary duty station for billets during period of temporary duty. Attention is directed to letter Hq ETOUSA, 1 March 1944, subject: "Temporary Duty Travel Orders", in preparation of travel orders.

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"3. Officers Messes are to be operated in accordance with provisions of Sec IV, Circular 11, Hq ETOUSA, dated 3 February 1944 and particularly to paragraph 2. The cost of the ration is not to be collected from visiting officers at type "A" Messes as this amount will be deducted on their pay vouchers."

OFFICIAL *R. T. Romine*

6. AT THE THEATER TONIGHT--1930 hours, 13 April 1944.

SP SV O.

A variety show has been booked, thru the Red Cross, for tonight. It will be presented in the Base Theater for one show only--at 1930 hours.

All items marked "OFFICIAL" will be complied with by all concerned.

By order of Lieutenant Colonel GRAHAM:

ROBERT T. ROMINE,
Major, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

OFFICIAL:

Robert T. Romine

ROBERT T. ROMINE,
Major, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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LIEUT COLONEL DONALD W. GRAHAM, Station Commander
MAJOR THOMAS L. HAYES, JR., Deputy Station Commander
MAJOR CARLYLE D. HOFFMAN, Executive

1. OFFICERS ON DUTY TODAY: ADJ.
2d Lt Stanley M. Omernik, Officer of the Day - Tel - 32
Capt Fred J. Wertz, Medical Officer of the Day - Tel - 54
Capt Richard D. Willard, Headquarters Duty Officer - Tel - 7 OFFICIAL PCR
2. OFFICERS ON DUTY TOMORROW: ADJ.
2d Lt William B. Overstreet, Officer of the Day
Capt Joseph F. Carlucci-----Medical Officer of the Day
1st Lt Eugene D. Rhoads-----Headquarters Duty Officer OFFICIAL PCR
3. LIBERTY RUN OFFICER TODAY: ADJ.
WOJG James V. Cerra. OFFICIAL PCR
4. ATTENTION ALL PERSONNEL. ADJ.
The following teletype message was received from the Commanding General, 66th Fighter Wing, and is quoted hereon for the information of all personnel of this Station:

"RESTRICTED SAS P 450 C
THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM VIII FIGHTER COMMAND IS QUOTED FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND DISSEMINATION TO ALL PERSONNEL UNDER YOUR COMMAND: "THE COMMANDING GENERAL, EIGHTH FIGHTER COMMAND, ADDS HIS PERSONAL CONDEMNATION AND CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM LIEUTENANT GENERAL DOOLITTLE: "ON 24 APRIL OUR UNITS DEFEATED THE GERMAN AIR FORCE IN A MAJOR AIR BATTLE. NOT ONLY WAS THE BOMBING MOST EFFECTIVE BUT THE NUMBER OF ENEMY AIRCRAFT DESTROYED IN THE AIR AND ON THE GROUND WAS GRATIFYINGLY HIGH. THE WORK OF YOUR FIGHTERS IN ENGAGING THE ENEMY WHEREVER HE COULD BE FOUND REFLECTS THE HIGHEST CREDIT ON ALL PERSONNEL INVOLVED AND I WISH YOU WOULD CONVEY MY CONGRATULATIONS TO THE PARTICIPATING UNITS. SIGNED DOOLITTLE." SIGNED KEPNER." THE UNDERSIGNED WISHES FURTHER TO EXPRESS HIS HEARTIEST CONGRATULATIONS AND COMMENDATIONS FOR THE FINE SHOWING DISPLAYED BY OUR FIGHTERS IN THE ULTIMATE AND INEVITABLE DESTRUCTION OF THE GERMAN AIR FORCE. SIGNED WOODBURY."
OFFICIAL PCR
5. AT THE THEATER TONIGHT--1800 & 2000 hours, 27 April 1944. SP SV O.
"Flesh & Fantasy" with Charles Boyer, Barbara Stanwyck, Edward G. Robison & Thomas Mitchell.

All items marked "OFFICIAL" will be complied with by all concerned.

By order of Lieutenant Colonel GRAHAM:

OFFICIAL:

ROBERT T. ROMINE,
Major, Air Corps,
Adjutant.ROBERT T. ROMINE,
Major, Air Corps,
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SPECIAL ORDERS
NO 106HEADQUARTERS AAF STATION F-373
APO 637
18 April 1944~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

1. Having been asgd 357th Fi Gp & having reported this Sta in compliance w/par 1, SO #102, Hq CCRC #8, AAF Sta F-345, 16 Apr 44, following O are further asgd & WF orgns indicated. No travel involved.

NAME	RANK	ASN	AC	ORGN
RALPH H. DONNELL	1ST LT	0479422	AC	363rd Fi Sq
ROGER A. HILSTAD	2D LT	0694153	AC	362nd Fi Sq
PAUL E. HOLMBERG	2D LT	0694155	AC	362nd Fi Sq
AURNEY O. HOOD	2D LT	0694157	AC	362nd Fi Sq
JOSEPH F. STAGER	2D LT	0694196	AC	364th Fi Sq

2. Following EM, orgns indicated, WP AAF Sta F-341 o/a 19 Apr 44 on approx one (1) day temp dy on matters pertaining O Club. CTRS. MEMT. TDN. 91-5 P 432-02 A 212/40425. AUTH: Ltr. Hq ETOUSA, 3 Nov 43.

NAME	RANK	ASN	SSN	ORGN
Patrick E. Durbin	T Sgt	19021003	824	469th Sv Sq
Louie (NMI) Martinez	Cpl	18101618	521	363rd Fi Sq

3. Following O, orgns indicated, WP London o/a 20 Apr 44 on approx one (1) day temp dy on matters pertaining this comd. O will report Billeting O, 5 N Audley St, London, for billets & arrangements for messing fac. CTRS. MEMT. TDN. 91-5 P 432-02 A 212/40425. AUTH: Ltr. Hq ETOUSA, 3 Nov 43.

NAME	RANK	ASN	AC	ORGN
PAUL S. BROWN	1ST LT	0571119	AC	362nd Fi Sq
JOHN B. MYERS, JR.	1ST LT	0575737	AC	363rd Fi Sq

4. Pfc (555) Maurice O. Reed, 35498779, 469th Sv Sq, reld fr SD w/Sta Utilities this Sta & will report to his CO for dy.

5. Cpl (911) Jimmie G. Robison, 17032611, Hq 357th Fi Gp, is trfd in gr & WP to 364th Fi Sq. No travel involved.

By order of Lieutenant Colonel GRAHAM:

LAWRENCE B. LEE,
Captain, Air Corps,
Asst Adjutant.

OFFICIAL:

Lawrence B. Lee
LAWRENCE B. LEE,
Captain, Air Corps,
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SPECIAL ORDERS
NO 110HEADQUARTERS AAF STATION F-373
APO 637
22 April 1944

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1. In the case of Private James H. Smith, 32317620, Headquarters & Headquarters Squadron, 50th Service Group, tried on 13 April 1944 by summary court-martial of this command for wilful disobedience of his superior officer in violation of AW 64, the findings and sentence approved and ordered executed by the appointing authority on 13 April 1944 are vacated because they are illegal and without legal effect inasmuch as the court was without jurisdiction of the offense of which the soldier was convicted. All records will be changed to conform to this order, and Private Smith will be released from confinement and will be reimbursed for all amounts of pay so illegally withheld.

2. Following EM, orgns indicated, WP #1 Radio Sch, Cranwell, o/a 24 Apr 44 on approx two (2) weeks temp dy purpose attending course in VHF Maint reporting at sch not later than 1700 hrs, 26 Apr 44. Billets & messing fac will be furn by sch. PX O will issue adv PX rat to cover period of temp dy. CTRS. MEMT. TDN. 91-5 P 432-02 A 212/40425. AUTH: TWX SAS P383E; Ltr. Hq. ETOUSA, 3 Nov 43.

NAME	RANK	ASN	SSN	ORGN
Fred (NMI) Altenbach	S Sgt	6763007	954	1076th Sig Co (Avn)
Jess T. Butler	Sgt	38219725	754	364th Fi Sq
Robert H. Keller	Sgt	33323918	754	363rd Fi Sq

3. Following O, 362nd Fi Sq, are granted a five (5) day lv of absence effective o/a 24 Apr 44. (Auth: AR 605-115.)

NAME	RANK	ASN	AC
DON W. VOGEL	1ST LT	0886206	AC
JAMES B. BADGER	2D LT	0806772	AC

4. Par 10, SO #35, this Sta, cs, (appointing Bd of Prop Adj for this Sta) is Rescinded.

5. Under the provisions of WD Cir #170/43, following O are aptd as a Bd of Prop Adj:

MAJ ARCHIE C. GRAHAM, 0357486, AC
CAPT WASHINGTON G. BALPH, 0474029, AC
1ST LT ALEXANDER (NMI) GRAMBACKA, 0233030, AC
1ST LT JOHN B. MAIN, 0575520, AC

6. Sgt (784) Stephen J. Lynch, 32686551, having reported this Sta in compliance w/par 1, Sec 1, SO #109, Hq Eighth AFRD, APO 635, 18 Apr 44, on temp dy, is atchd 70th Sta Complement Sq for qrs, rat, adm & dy.

7. Par 13, SO #108, this Sta, cs, (placing EM on temp dy AAF Sta F-357) is amended to include: "Cpl (405) Alvin E. Hicks, 34109653, Hq & Hq Sq, 50th Sv Gp"; & is further amended to include: "Reimbursement for actual cost not to exceed \$.2.00 per day for subs is atzd if govt messing fac are not available."

8. So much of par 4, SO #109, this Sta, cs, (appointing Reclassification Bd for this Sta) as reads: "Par 7. AF Reg 15-127" is amended to read: "Par 3. AAF Memo 35-16, dated 6 Nov 43."

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9. Following EM, orgns indicated, are trfd^{in gr/}fr CWS to the AC. (Auth: Ltr, Hq VIII Fd Comd, file: 210.4 x 220.3, subj: Fd Gp & Sq Arm & Ord Sec, dated 17 Apr 44.)

NAME	RANK	ASN	SSN	ORGN
Carl A. Stuewer	Sgt	36187518	809	362nd Fd Sq
Robert N. Smith, Jr.	Cpl	34364916	809	362nd Fd Sq
Charles J. Glasson	Sgt	37295223	809	363rd Fd Sq
James R. Hunt	Cpl	32741709	809	363rd Fd Sq
William H. Wilkes	Sgt	34358034	809	364th Fd Sq
Harry A. Davison	Cpl	37458094	809	364th Fd Sq

10. Following EM, orgns indicated, are trfd in gr fr Ord to the AC. No change of sta or orgn. (Auth: Ltr, Hq VIII Fd Comd, file: 210.4 x 220.3, subj: Fd Gp & Sq Arm & Ord Sec, dated 17 Apr 44.)

NAME	RANK	ASN	SSN	ORGN
Lyle (NMI) Godfrey	Sgt	39196505	511	362nd Fd Sq
Edward (NMI) Pickup	Sgt	6138115	511	do
Ernest J. Seely	Sgt	33351398	511	do
William E. Martin	Cpl	37384743	511	do
Leslie M. Holland	Pfc	17077632	901	do
Johnnie V. Calhoun	Pvt	38370553	901	do
Robert (NMI) Curry	Pvt	34665871	901	do
Henry (NMI) Gomez	Pvt	33582614	901	do
Hubert H. Moreland	Pvt	38473644	901	do
David L. Wise	Pvt	35649865	901	do
Donald I. Young	T Sgt	33048397	505	do
Molas (NMI) Wilder	S Sgt	38193331	505	do
Earl T. Field	Sgt	36282540	505	do
Wilbur M. Butts	Cpl	33411227	505	do
Vernon D. Denny	Pfc	37417925	505	do
Emil H. Prange	T Sgt	37383761	505	363rd Fd Sq
Sumner W. Tanner	T Sgt	16024472	505	do
Lee B. Punshon	Sgt	36701098	505	do
Jay (NMI) Bingaman	Cpl	13153012	505	do
Oren C. Bolin	Cpl	35090588	505	do
Maurice S. Beaumont	Sgt	39252706	511	do
Elmer J. Ritchie	Sgt	11094854	511	do
Harry M. Smith	Sgt	13153558	511	do
Ralph (NMI) Allen	Cpl	35612124	511	do
James R. Caison	Pfc	34665881	901	do
Arthur L. Hillis	Pfc	37503661	901	do
Cesare (NMI) Calvano	Pvt	33582834	901	do
Eli H. Clappitt	Pvt	35090605	901	do
Elmer F. Holzinger	Pvt	35545678	901	do
Horace A. Vaden	Pvt	34605293	901	do
Richard (NMI) Karnicke	T Sgt	19078874	505	364th Fd Sq
Raymond A. Wittmass	S Sgt	36150652	505	do
James L. Long	Sgt	38288442	505	do
Warren D. Fuller	Cpl	38192115	505	do
Steve (NMI) Grana	Cpl	36606101	505	do
Arthur L. Cottrill	Pfc	35627151	901	do
Fred (NMI) Ford	Pfc	35696596	901	do
Junior L. Melson	Pfc	37503671	901	do
Kenneth E. Thoen	Pfc	37303745	901	do
Ottis R. Colleher	Pvt	38370559	901	do
Herbert J. Mace	Pvt	34604113	901	do
Richard J. Roth	Sgt	33207789	511	do

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NAME	RANK	ASN	SSN	ORGN
Eugene E. Shook	Sgt	35518827	511	364th Fi Sq
Garland R. Sunday	Sgt	38206378	511	do
Earl C. Schafer	Cpl	37439740	511	do

11. Following EM, orgns indicated, are reclassified to MOS indicated.

NAME	RANK	ASN	FR -- MOS -- TO	ORGN
Godfrey R. Hutchinson	Pvt	38189089	765	677 70th Sta Comp Sq
John (NMI) Howlind	Pfc	39542245	405	275 1076th Sig Co (Avn
Robert S. Skinner	Sgt	17120980	911	511 Hq 357th Fi Gp
Sumner W. Tanner	T Sgt	16024472	505	911 363rd Fi Sq
Maurice S. Beaumont	Sgt	39252706	511	911 do
Harry M. Smith, Jr.	Sgt	13153558	511	911 do
Earl C. Jensen	S Sgt	19139086	826	502 do
Emil H. Prange	T Sgt	37383761	505	511 do
Carl J. Langer	Pvt	32438342	822	667 do
Rachard (NMI) Karnicke	T Sgt	19078874	505	511 364th Fi Sq
Earl R. Gochenour	S Sgt	35372406	826	502 do
James F. Ackley	Sgt	39540928	502	405 do
Anton P. Froehlich	Pfc	37311258	345	932 do
Glynn D. Thames	Pfc	38054100	932	345 do
Robert L. Bushyhead	Pvt	38322311	822	521 do

By order of Lieutenant Colonel GRHAM:

LAWRENCE B. LEE,
Captain, Air Corps,
Asst Adjutant.

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AWARDS OF THE AIR MEDAL.....SECTION VI
AWARDS OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE AIR MEDAL.....SECTION VII

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VI. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September, 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in Section I, Circular 36, Hq. ETOUSA, 5 April, 1943, and letter Hq. Eighth Air Force, Subject: "Awards and Decorations", 16 April, 1943, an AIR MEDAL is awarded to the following named Officers:

✓ CITATION: For meritorious service in aerial flight in the completion of ten (10) operational sorties, or the equivalent thereof, over enemy occupied Continental Europe:

HUBERT I. EGENES, O-398687, Lt. Colonel, Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home Address: 7198 Midway Avenue, Upper Darby, Pennsylvania.

DONALD W. GRAHAM, O-25247, Lt. Colonel, Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home Address: 1642 - 51st Avenue, Oakland, California.

THOMAS L. HAYES, JR., O-403857, Major, Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home Address: 216 Villa Terrace, San Mateo, California.

JOHN A. STORCH, O-362181, Captain, Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home Address: 4225 Myrtle Avenue, Long Beach, California.

VII. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September, 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in Section I, Circular 36, Hq. ETOUSA, 5 April, 1943, and letter, Hq. Eighth Air Force, Subject: "Awards and Decorations", 16 April, 1943, and OAK LEAF CLUSTER is awarded to the following named Officers in addition to the AIR MEDAL previously awarded:

✓ CITATION: For meritorious service in aerial flight in the completion of ten (10) operational sorties, or the equivalent thereof, over enemy occupied Continental Europe.

FRED C. SMITH, O-885282, Captain, Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home Address: 329 Hayes Street, Jackson, Mississippi.

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By Command of Major General KEPNER:

FRANCIS H. GRISWOLD,
Colonel, Air Corps,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

/s/ William A. Sherwin
/s/ WILLIAM A. SHERWIN,
Major, AGD,
Asst Adj Gen.

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A TRUE EXTRACT:

George H. Boswell
GEORGE H. BOSWELL,
1st Lt., Air Corps.

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APO 637 AAF Station F-341
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VI. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September, 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in Section I, Circular 36, Hq. ETOUSA, 5 April, 1943, and letter Hq. Eighth Air Force, Subject: "Awards and Decorations", 16 April 1943, and AIR MEDAL is awarded to the following named Officers.

CITATION: For meritorious service in aerial flight in the completion of ten (10) operational sorties, or the equivalent thereof, over enemy occupied Continental Europe.

CLARENCE E. ANDERSON, JR., O-730324, Captain, Army Air Forces, United States Army, Home Address: Box #176, Newcastle, California.

JOSEPH E. BROADHEAD, O-728563, Captain, Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home Address: 814 E. Street, Ruppert, Idaho.

GEORGE D. CURRIE, O-730394, Captain, Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home Address: 29 Pearl Street, Newark, Ohio.

GLENDON V. DAVIS, O-730396, Captain, Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home Address: Box 204, Parma, Idaho.

EDWIN W. HIRO, O-728661, Captain, Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home Address: 400 Third St., SW, Chisholm, Minnesota.

ARTHUR M. LINGO, O-728686, Captain, Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home Address: Box #626, Fellows, California.

JACK R. WARREN, O-732418, Captain, Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home Address: Box 88, San Jacinto, California.

CAIVERT L. WILLIAMS, O-732424, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home Address, Route #1, Box #133, Escondido, California.

VII. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September, 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in Section I, Circular 36, Hq., ETOUSA, 5 April, 1943, and letter, Hq., Eighth Air Force, Subject: "Awards and Decorations", 16 April, 1943, and OAK LEAF CLUSTER is awarded to the following named Officers in addition to the AIR MEDAL previously awarded:

CITATION: For meritorious service in aerial flight in the completion of ten (10) operational sorties, or the equivalent thereof, over enemy occupied Continental Europe.

WILLIAM K. CONN, O-733831, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home address: 1414 North Willow Street, Compton, California.

By command of Major General KEPNER:

OFFICIAL:

/s/ John J. Sailors

/+/ JOHN J. SAILORS,

Colonel, A.D.D. Adjutant General

FRANCIS H. GRISWOLD,
Brig. General, U.S.A.
Chief of Staff.

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A TRUE EXTRACT:

George H. Boswell
GEORGE H. BOSWELL,
1st Lt., Air Corps.

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IX. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September, 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in Section I, Circular 36, Hq. ETOUSA, 5 April, 1943, and letter Hq. Eighth Air Force, Subject: "Awards and Decorations", 16 April, 1943, and AIR MEDAL, is awarded to the following named Officers.

CITATION: For meritorious service in aerial flight in the completion of ten (10) operational sorties, or the equivalent thereof, over enemy occupied Continental Europe.

MAURICE F. BAKER, O-730333, Captain, Army Air Forces, United States Army.
Home Address: Parker, South Dakota.

ROBERT W. BECKER, O-739239, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army.
Home Address: 5751 Roosevelt Ave., Hollywood, Calif.

IRWIN W. DREGNE, O-431399, Major, Army Air Forces, United States Army.
Home Address: Route #5, Box #93, Viroqua, Wisconsin.

DAVIS T. PERRON, O-728720, Captain, Army Air Forces, United States Army.
Home Address: 1010 Berkeley Ave., Claremont, California.

RICHARD A. PETERSON, O-739334, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army.
Home Address: 1110 Douglas St., Alexandria, Minn.

WILLIAM C. REESE, O-743090, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army.
Home Address: Bear River, Utah.

ELLIS A. ROGERS, O-739330, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army.
Home Address: Box 1034, El Centro, California.

LEROY A. RUDER, O-745418, 2nd Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army.
Home Address: 216 Point Basse Ave., Nekossa, Wisconsin.

RICHARD C. SMITH, O-742909, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army.
Home Address: P.O. Box 330, Swink, Colorado.

MARK H. STEPHENSON, O-681733, 2nd Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army.
Home Address: 7119 Lafayette Ave., Chicago, Illinois.

CHARLES D. SUMNER, JR., O-681732, 2nd Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army.
Home Address: Box 3, Bat Cave, North Carolina.

X. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September, 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in Section I, Circular 36, Hq., ETOUSA, 5 April, 1943, and letter, Hq., Eighth Air Force, Subject: "Awards and Decorations", 16 April, 1943, and OAK LEAF CLUSTER is awarded to the following named Officers in addition to the AIR MEDAL previously awarded:

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CITATION: For meritorious service in aerial flight in the completion of ten (10) operational sorties, or the equivalent thereof, over enemy occupied Continental Europe.

✓ HUBERT I. EGENES, O-398687, Lt. Col., Army Air Forces, United States Army, Home Address: Story City, Iowa.

DONALD W. GRAHAM, O-25247, Lt. Col., Army Air Forces, United States Army, Home Address: 1632 51st Avenue, Oakland, California.

XI. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September, 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in Section I, Circular 36, Hq. ETOUSA, 5 April, 1943, and letter, Hq. Eighth Air Force, Subject: "Awards and Decorations", 16 April, 1943, two OAKLEAF CLUSTERS are awarded to the following named Officers in addition to the AIR MEDAL previously awarded.

✓ CITATION: For meritorious service in aerial flight in the completion of twenty (20) operational sorties, or the equivalent thereof, over enemy occupied Continental Europe.

THOMAS L. HAYES, JR., O-403857, Major, Army Air Forces, United States Army, Home Address: Route #1, Box 3176, Brooks, Oregon.

By command of Major General KERNER:

FRANCIS H. CRISFOLD,
Brig. General, U.S.A.,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

/s/ John J. Sailors
/s/ JOHN. J. SAILORS,
Colonel, A.G.D.,
Adjutant General.

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George H. Postell,
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28 March, 1944.

CLASSIFICATION OF GENERAL ORDER NO. 23, DATED 23 MARCH 1944.....SECTION I
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I. General Order No. 23 dated 23 March 1944, is classified "CONFIDENTIAL", and distribution of same was limited.

II. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September, 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in Section I, Circular 36, Hq., ETOUSA, 5 April, 1943, and letter No. Eighth Air Force, Subject: "Awards and Decorations", 20 September, 1943, the DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS is awarded to the following named Officers:

CITATION: For extraordinary achievement in accomplishing fifty (50) fighter combat missions, or the equivalent thereof, over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which these Officers have sought out the enemy and engaged him in aerial combat, their devotion to duty and courage under all conditions, serve as an inspiration to their fellow flyers. Their actions on all these occasions reflect the highest credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

JAMES P. AUSTIN, O-795830, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army.
Home Address: Mangham, Louisiana.

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ROBERT E. SEDMAN, O-732379, Captain, Army Air Forces, United States Army.
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CLINTON H. SPERRY, O-793543, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army.
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LESTER G. TAYLOR, JR., O-25618, Captain, Army Air Forces, United States Army.
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DAVID A. VAN EPPS, O-886021, Captain, Army Air Forces, United States Army.
Home Address: 44 Elm St., Williams Bay, Wisconsin.

WILLIAM R. AGGERS, T-972, F/O, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement. F/O Aggers has accomplished forty fighter combat missions, or the equivalent thereof, over enemy occupied Continental Europe and has destroyed one enemy airplane in aerial combat. The skillful and zealous manner in which F/O Aggers has sought out the enemy and destroyed him, his devotion to duty and courage under all conditions serve as an inspiration to his fellow flyers. His actions on all these occasions reflect the highest credit.

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upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home Address: 268 Christian Ave., Hubbard, Ohio.

VAL W. BOLLWERK, O-398721, Captain, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement. Captain Bollwerk has accomplished forty fighter combat missions, or the equivalent thereof, over enemy occupied Continental Europe and has destroyed one enemy airplane in aerial combat. The skillful and zealous manner in which Captain Bollwerk has sought out the enemy and destroyed him, his devotion to duty and courage under all conditions serve as an inspiration to his fellow flyers. His actions on all these occasions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home Address: 3415 Utah Street, St. Louis, Missouri.

EVAN D. MCHINN, T-223052, F/O, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement. F/O McInn has accomplished thirty fighter combat missions, or the equivalent thereof, over enemy occupied Continental Europe and has destroyed two enemy airplanes in aerial combat. The skillful and zealous manner in which F/O McInn has sought out the enemy and destroyed him, his devotion to duty and courage under all conditions serve as an inspiration to his fellow flyers. His actions on all these occasions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home Address: 932 Mirror St., Pittsburg, Pa.

GLENNON T. MORAN, O-799229, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement. Lt. Moran has accomplished forty fighter combat missions, or the equivalent thereof, over enemy occupied Continental Europe and has destroyed one enemy airplane in aerial combat. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Moran has sought out the enemy and destroyed him, his devotion to duty and courage under all conditions serve as an inspiration to his fellow flyers. His actions on all these occasions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home Address: 2643 Iowa Ave., Granite City, Illinois.

FRAEGER NEYLAND, O-686864, 2nd Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement. Lt. Neyland has accomplished thirty fighter combat missions, or the equivalent thereof, over enemy occupied Continental Europe, and destroyed one enemy airplane in aerial combat, and has been awarded the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal for meritorious achievement in aerial flight. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Neyland has sought out the enemy and destroyed him, his devotion to duty and courage under all conditions serve as an inspiration to his fellow flyers. His actions on all these occasions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home Address: Kenedy, Texas.

ROY W. OSBORN, O-21522, Lt. Col., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement. Lt. Col. Osborn has accomplished thirty fighter combat missions, or the equivalent thereof, over enemy occupied Continental Europe and has destroyed two enemy airplanes in aerial combat. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Col. Osborn has sought out the enemy and destroyed him, his devotion to duty and courage under all conditions serve as an inspiration to his fellow flyers. His actions on all these occasions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home Address: 218 Broadbent, San Antonio, Texas.

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III. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September, 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in Section I, Circular 36, Hq. ETOUSA, 5 April, 1943, and letter Hq. Eighth Air Force, Subject: "Awards and Decorations", 20 September, 1943, an OAK LEAF CLUSTER is awarded to the following named Officer for wear with the Distinguished Flying Cross and two Oak Leaf Clusters previously awarded:

DONALD J. M. BLAKESLEE, O-885264, Colonel, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement. Colonel Blakeslee has accomplished thirty fighter combat missions, or the equivalent thereof, over enemy occupied Continental Europe and has destroyed two enemy airplanes in aerial combat. The skillful and zealous manner in which Colonel Blakeslee has sought out the enemy and destroyed him, his devotion to duty and courage under all conditions serve as an inspiration to his fellow flyers. His actions on all these occasions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home Address: 529 Seventh St., Fairport Harbor, Ohio.

IV. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September, 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in Section I, Circular 36, Hq. ETOUSA, 5 April, 1943, and letter Hq. Eighth Air Force, Subject: "Awards and Decorations", 20 September, 1943, an OAK LEAF CLUSTER is awarded to the following named Officers for wear with the Distinguished Flying Cross and one Oak Leaf Cluster previously awarded:

JOSEPH L. EGAN, JR., O-790815, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement. Lt. Egan has accomplished twenty fighter combat missions, or the equivalent thereof, over enemy occupied Continental Europe and has destroyed three enemy airplanes in aerial combat. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Egan has sought out the enemy and destroyed him, his devotion to duty and courage under all conditions serve as an inspiration to his fellow flyers. His actions on all these occasions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home Address: 693 Myrtle Avenue, Bridgeport, Conn.

GEORGE F. HALL, O-790660, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement. Lt. Hall has accomplished twenty fighter combat missions, or the equivalent thereof, over enemy occupied Continental Europe and has destroyed three enemy airplanes in aerial combat. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Hall has sought out the enemy and destroyed him, his devotion to duty and courage under all conditions serve as an inspiration to his fellow flyers. His actions on all these occasions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home Address: 908 Andrews Road, West Palm Beach, Florida.

STANLEY B. MORRILL, O-429468, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement. Lt. Morrill has accomplished thirty fighter combat missions, or the equivalent thereof, over enemy occupied Continental Europe and has destroyed two enemy airplanes in aerial combat. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Morrill has sought out the enemy and destroyed him, his devotion to duty and courage under all conditions serve as an inspiration to his fellow flyers. His actions on all these occasions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home Address: 3 Lincoln Heights, Willimantic, Conn.

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NORMAN E. OLSON, O-660186, Captain, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement. Captain Olson has accomplished thirty fighter combat missions, or the equivalent thereof, over enemy occupied Continental Europe and has destroyed two enemy airplanes in aerial combat. The skillful and zealous manner in which Captain Olson has sought out the enemy and destroyed him, his devotion to duty and courage under all conditions serve as an inspiration to his fellow flyers. His actions on all these occasions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home Address: 1526 - 4th Ave. North, Fargo, N. D.

JAMES C. STEWART, O-397528, Major, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement. Major Stewart has accomplished twenty fighter combat missions, or the equivalent thereof, over enemy occupied Continental Europe and has destroyed three enemy airplanes in aerial combat. The skillful and zealous manner in which Major Stewart has sought out the enemy and destroyed him, his devotion to duty and courage under all conditions serve as an inspiration to his fellow flyers. His actions on all these occasions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home Address: 122 Francis St., Corona, California.

JOHN H. TRULUCK, O-382640, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement. Lt. Truluck has accomplished forty fighter combat missions, or the equivalent thereof, over enemy occupied Continental Europe and has destroyed one enemy airplane in aerial combat. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Truluck has sought out the enemy and destroyed him, his devotion to duty and courage under all conditions serve as an inspiration to his fellow flyers. His actions on all these occasions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home Address: Lynchburg, South Carolina.

V. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September, 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in Section I, Circular 36, Hq. ETOUSA, 5 April, 1943, and letter Hq. Eighth Air Force, Subject: "Awards and Decorations", 20 September, 1943, an OAK LEAF CLUSTER is awarded to the following named Officers for wear with the Distinguished Flying Cross previously awarded:

JOSEPH H. BENNETT, O-431841, Captain, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement. Captain Bennett has accomplished thirty fighter combat missions, or the equivalent thereof, over enemy occupied Continental Europe, and has destroyed two enemy airplanes in aerial combat. The skillful and zealous manner in which Captain Bennett has sought out the enemy and destroyed him, his devotion to duty and courage under all conditions serve as an inspiration to his fellow flyers. His actions on all these occasions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home Address: Horton, Texas.

CHARLES J. HOBY, O-390359, Captain, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement. Captain Hoby has accomplished fifty fighter combat missions, or the equivalent thereof, over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Captain Hoby has sought out the enemy and engaged him in aerial combat, his devotion to duty and courage under all conditions serve as an inspiration to his fellow flyers. His actions on all these occasions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home Address: 874 Devon Street, Arlington, N. J.

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FRANK W. KLIPPE, O-2045005, 2nd Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement. Lt. Klippe has accomplished thirty fighter combat missions, or the equivalent thereof, over enemy occupied Continental Europe and has destroyed two enemy airplanes in aerial combat. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Klippe has sought out the enemy and destroyed him, his devotion to duty and courage under all conditions serve as an inspiration to his fellow flyers. His actions on all these occasions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home Address: 2025 Broadway, Anderson, Indiana.

WILLIAM J. MAGUIRE, O-790281, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement. Lt. Maguire has accomplished fifty fighter combat missions, or the equivalent thereof, over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Maguire has sought out the enemy and engaged him in aerial combat, his devotion to duty and courage under all conditions serve as an inspiration to his fellow flyers. His actions on all these occasions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home Address: 95 LaGrange Street, W. Roxbury, Boston, Massachusetts.

GERALD E. MONTGOMERY, O-2044920, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement. Lt. Montgomery has accomplished thirty fighter combat missions, or the equivalent thereof, over enemy occupied Continental Europe and has destroyed two enemy airplanes in aerial combat. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Montgomery has sought out the enemy and destroyed him, his devotion to duty and courage under all conditions serve as an inspiration to his fellow flyers. His actions on all these occasions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home Address: Star Route #2, Littlefield, Texas.

LOUIS W. NORLEY, O-2044420, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement. Lt. Norley has accomplished forty fighter combat missions, or the equivalent thereof, over enemy occupied Continental Europe and has destroyed one enemy airplane in aerial combat. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Norley has sought out the enemy and destroyed him, his devotion to duty and courage under all conditions serve as an inspiration to his fellow flyers. His actions on all these occasions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home Address: Conrad, Montana.

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JAMES N. POINDEXTER, O-665608, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement. Lt. Poindexter has accomplished fifty fighter combat missions, or the equivalent thereof, over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Poindexter has sought out the enemy and engaged him in aerial combat, his devotion to duty and courage under all conditions serve as an inspiration to his fellow flyers. His actions on all these occasions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home Address: 221 Club Drive, San Antonio, Texas.

WILLIAM J. PRICE, O-793532, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement. Lt. Price has accomplished fifty fighter combat missions, or the equivalent thereof, over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Price has sought out the enemy and engaged him in aerial combat, his devotion to duty and courage under all conditions serve as an inspiration to his fellow flyers. His actions on all these occasions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home Address: 3638 Parviss St., N. S., Pittsburg, Pa.

QUENTIN L. QUINN, O-732360, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement. Lt. Quinn has accomplished thirty fighter combat missions, or the equivalent thereof, over enemy occupied Continental Europe and has destroyed two enemy airplanes in aerial combat. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Quinn has sought out the enemy and destroyed him, his devotion to duty and courage under all conditions serve as an inspiration to his fellow flyers. His actions on all these occasions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home Address: 733 Elm St., Indianapolis, Indiana.

RAYMOND E. ROBERTSON, O-431980, Captain, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement. Captain Robertson has accomplished forty fighter combat missions, or the equivalent thereof, over enemy occupied Continental Europe and has destroyed one enemy airplane in aerial combat. The skillful and zealous manner in which Captain Robertson has sought out the enemy and destroyed him, his devotion to duty and courage under all conditions serve as an inspiration to his fellow flyers. His actions on all these occasions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home Address: Rural Route 12, Ellisville, Mississippi.

RICHARD A. STEARNS, JR., O-800066, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement. Lt. Stearns has accomplished thirty fighter combat missions, or the equivalent thereof, over enemy occupied Continental Europe and has destroyed two enemy airplanes in aerial combat. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Stearns has sought out the enemy and destroyed him, his devotion to duty and courage under all conditions serve as an inspiration to his fellow flyers. His actions on all these occasions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home Address: 102 Forest Hill Apt., Augusta, Georgia.

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...DAN J. WISNIEWSKI, O-736447, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement. Lt. Wisniewski has accomplished fifty fighter combat missions, or the equivalent thereof, over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Wisniewski has sought out the enemy and engaged him in aerial combat, his devotion to duty and courage under all conditions serve as an inspiration to his fellow flyers. His actions on all these occasions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home address: 333 Longhill Avenue, Somersett Centre, Mass.

VI. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September, 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in Section I, Circular 36, "q.", ETOUS., 5 April, 1943 and letter Hq., Eighth Air Force, Subject "Awards and Decorations", 16 April, 1943, the PURPLE HEART is awarded to the following named Officers:

CITATION: For wounds received in action on 8 March, 1944, while engaged in an operational mission in the vicinity of Hesepe, Germany.

CLARENCE R. BARGER, T-223077, Flight Officer, Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home address: Allendale, Missouri.

CITATION: For wounds received in action on 3 March, 1944, while engaged in an operational mission in the vicinity of Dunkirk, France.

ROBERT E. FOY, O-745340, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home address: 317 Front St., Owego, N. Y.

CITATION: For wounds received in action on 11 March, 1944, while engaged in an operational mission in the vicinity of Biville, Northern France.

RALPH W. HAMILTON, O-667070, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home address: 3312 Cornell St., Des Moines, Iowa.

CITATION: For wounds received in action on 8 March, 1944, while engaged in an operational mission in the vicinity of Dummer Lake, Germany.

JOSEPH P. KIRCH, O-795975, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home address: 105 Smith St., Derby, Conn.

VII. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September, 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in Section I, Circular 36, Hq. ETOUS., 5 April, 1943, and letter Hq. Eighth Air Force, Subject: "Awards and Decorations" 16 April, 1943, an AIR MEDAL is awarded to the following named Officers:

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CITATION: For meritorious service in aerial flight in the completion of ten operational sorties, or the equivalent thereof, over enemy occupied Continental Europe.

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JOHN A. ARMYOS, O-810456, 2nd Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army.
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✓ HENRY E. BAIL, JR., O-740344, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army.
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HERVIN H. BECKMAN, O-810458, 2nd Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army.
Home Address: 1126 Hutchins, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

RICHARD L. BEDFORD, O-810459, 2nd Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army.
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ARTHUR C. BERGERON, JR., O-810462, 2nd Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army.
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✓ DONALD H. BOCKLEY, O-742834, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army.
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✓ ROBERT D. BROOK, O-740360, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army.
Home Address: 5830 N. Washington Blvd., Chicago, Ill.

✓ WILLIS W. BROWNING, O-740361, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army.
Home Address: Syracuse, Kansas.

✓ JOHN B. CARMER, O-740364, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army.
Home Address: 611 Corning St., Red Oak, Iowa.

✓ LEONARD K. CARSON, O-742962, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army.
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ANDREW L. CHILTON, O-421044, Major, Army Air Forces, United States Army.
Home Address: 2311 South Henderson, Ft. Worth, Texas.

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✓ EDWIN H. HAGAN, O-740410, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army.
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✓ HOWARD S. HINMAN, O-740422, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army.
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JACK S. MCCONKEY, T-223082, Flight Officer, Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home Address: Grant City, Missouri.

WALTER E. MCFARLANE, O-686647, 2nd Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home Address: 2115 N. Main St., Santa Ana, California.

✓ WILLIAM R. MCINLEY, O-743053, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home Address: Box 126, Orcutt, California.

JOSEPH B. MCINUS, O-431466, Major, Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home Address: 90 Pilgrim Lane, Drexel Hill, Penn.

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IX. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September, 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in Section I, Circular 36, Hq. AETOUS, 5 April, 1943, and letter, Hq. Eighth Air Force, Subject: "Awards and Decorations" 16 April, 1943, two U.S. AIR FORCE CLUSTERS are awarded to the following named Officers in addition to the AIR MEDAL previously awarded.

CITATION: For meritorious service in aerial flight in the completion of twenty operational sorties, or the equivalent thereof, over enemy occupied Continental Europe.

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WILLIAM J. CUMMINGS, JR., O-369651, Colonel, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement, Colonel Cummings has accomplished fifty fighter combat missions, or the equivalent thereof, over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Colonel Cummings has sought out the enemy and engaged him in aerial combat, his devotion to duty and courage under all conditions serve as an inspiration to his fellow flyers. His actions on all these occasions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home Address: 2225 Barker St., Lawrence, Kansas.

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II. General Order No. 26 dated 3 April, 1944 is classified "CONFIDENTIAL", and distribution of same was limited.

III. General Order No. 27 dated 5 April, 1944 is classified "SECRET", and distribution of same was limited.

IV. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September, 1943 and pursuant to authority contained in Section I, Circular 32, Hq., ETOUSA, 20 March, 1944, and letter Hq., Eighth Air Force, Subject: "Awards and Decorations", 2 April, 1944, the DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS is awarded to the following named Officers:

CITATION: For extraordinary achievement in accomplishing fifty (50) fighter combat missions, or the equivalent thereof, over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which these Officers have sought out the enemy and engaged him in aerial combat, their devotion to duty and courage under all conditions serve as an inspiration to their fellow flyers. Their actions on all these occasions reflect the highest credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States:

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STANLEY E. SACHITT, O-675725, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army.
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JAMES B. SMITH, O-674017, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army.
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SAUL R. SMITH, O-406437, Captain, Army Air Forces, United States Army.
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ROYD W. SPENCER, O-386086, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army.
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MERLE E. BLANCHARD, O-740137, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army.
For extraordinary achievement. Lt. Blanchard has accomplished forty fighter combat missions, or the equivalent thereof, over enemy occupied Continental Europe and has destroyed one enemy airplane in aerial combat. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Blanchard has sought out the enemy and destroyed him, his devotion to duty and courage under all conditions serve as an inspiration to his fellow flyers. His actions on all these occasions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home Address: 284 Seaside Avenue, Santa Cruz, California.

CLARK E. BUSKIRK, O-2045059, 2nd Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army.
For extraordinary achievement. Lt. Buskirk has accomplished forty fighter combat missions, or the equivalent thereof, over enemy occupied Continental Europe and has destroyed one enemy airplane in aerial combat. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Buskirk has sought out the enemy and destroyed him, his devotion to duty and courage under all conditions serve as an inspiration to his fellow flyers. His actions on all these occasions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home Address: 1402 13th Street, Parkersburg, West Virginia.

EDWARD H. CATER, O-675670, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement. Lt. Cater has accomplished forty fighter combat missions, or the equivalent thereof, over enemy occupied Continental Europe and has destroyed one enemy airplane in aerial combat. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Cater has sought out the enemy and destroyed him, his devotion to duty and courage under all conditions serve as an inspiration to his fellow flyers. His actions on all these occasions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home Address: 936 Claremont, Pueblo, Colorado.

MICHAEL (MI) GLADYCH, P-1382, Flight Lieutenant, Polish Air Force. For extraordinary achievement. F/Lt. Gladych has accomplished thirty fighter combat missions, or the equivalent thereof, over enemy occupied Continental Europe and has destroyed two enemy airplanes in aerial combat. The skillful and zealous manner in which F/Lt. Gladych has sought out the enemy and destroyed him, his devotion to duty and courage under all conditions serve as an inspiration to his fellow flyers. His actions on all these occasions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of His Majesty's Government.

ROBERT K. FRUH, O-748953, 2nd Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army.
For extraordinary achievement. Lt. Fruh has accomplished forty fighter combat missions, or the equivalent thereof, over enemy occupied Continental Europe and has destroyed one enemy airplane in aerial combat. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Fruh has sought out the enemy and destroyed him, his devotion to duty and courage under all conditions serve as an inspiration to his fellow flyers. His actions on all these occasions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home Address: 17 Shirley Court, Menot, North Dakota.

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THOMAS L. HAYES, JR., O-403857, Major, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement. Major Hayes has accomplished thirty fighter combat missions, or the equivalent thereof, over enemy occupied Continental Europe and has destroyed two enemy airplanes in aerial combat. The skillful and zealous manner in which Major Hayes has sought out the enemy and destroyed him, his devotion to duty and courage under all conditions serve as an inspiration to his fellow flyers. His actions on all these occasions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home Address: Route #1, Box 176, Brooks, Oregon.

HARRY E. LARSEN, O-743347, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement. Lt. Larsen has accomplished forty fighter combat missions, or the equivalent thereof, over enemy occupied Continental Europe and has destroyed one enemy airplane in aerial combat. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Larsen has sought out the enemy and destroyed him, his devotion to duty and courage under all conditions serve as an inspiration to his fellow flyers. His actions on all these occasions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home Address: 713 East 5th Street, Anaconda, Montana.

FERDINAND E. LE FEVRE, O-746131, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement. Lt. LeFevre has accomplished forty fighter combat missions, or the equivalent thereof, over enemy occupied Continental Europe and has destroyed one enemy airplane in aerial combat. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. LeFevre has sought out the enemy and destroyed him, his devotion to duty and courage under all conditions serve as an inspiration to his fellow flyers. His actions on all these occasions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home Address: % Ducastel, 9340 East Forest, Detroit, Michigan.

WILLIAM M. McDERMOTT, O-811940, 2nd Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement. Lt. McDermott has accomplished forty fighter combat missions, or the equivalent thereof, over enemy occupied Continental Europe and has destroyed one enemy airplane in aerial combat. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. McDermott has sought out the enemy and destroyed him, his devotion to duty and courage under all conditions serve as an inspiration to his fellow flyers. His actions on all these occasions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home Address: Stop 16 Lake Avenue, Elyria, Ohio.

RAYMOND G. PHILLIPS, O-736337, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement. Lt. Phillips has accomplished forty fighter combat missions, or the equivalent thereof, over enemy occupied Continental Europe and has destroyed one enemy airplane in aerial combat. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Phillips has sought out the enemy and destroyed him, his devotion to duty and courage under all conditions serve as an inspiration to his fellow flyers. His actions on all these occasions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home Address: 416 North 32nd Avenue, East Newton, Iowa.

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ANTHONY J. TINTO, O-749117, 2nd Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement. Lt. Tinto has accomplished forty fighter combat missions, or the equivalent thereof, over enemy occupied Continental Europe and has destroyed one enemy airplane in aerial combat. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Tinto has sought out the enemy and destroyed him, his devotion to duty and courage under all conditions serve as an inspiration to his fellow flyers. His actions on all these occasions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home Address: 15 Hudson Street, New Rochelle, New York.

BENJETH S. WILLIAMS, O-799697, 2nd Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement. Lt. Williams has accomplished forty fighter combat missions, or the equivalent thereof, over enemy occupied Continental Europe and has destroyed one enemy airplane in aerial combat. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Williams has sought out the enemy and destroyed him, his devotion to duty and courage under all conditions serve as an inspiration to his fellow flyers. His actions on all these occasions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home Address: 32 Walnut Street, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

V. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September, 1943 and pursuant to authority contained in Section I, Circular 32, Hq., ETOUSA, 20 March, 1944 and letter Hq., Eighth Air Force, Subject: "Awards and Decorations", 2 April, 1944, a SILVER OAK LEAF CLUSTER, in lieu of the Fifth Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster, is awarded to the following named Officer for wear with the Distinguished Flying Cross previously awarded:

FRANCIS S. GABRESKI, O-406131, Lt. Colonel, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement. Lt. Colonel Gabreski has accomplished twenty fighter combat missions, or the equivalent thereof, over enemy occupied Continental Europe, and has destroyed three enemy airplanes in aerial combat. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Colonel Gabreski has sought out the enemy and destroyed him, his devotion to duty and courage under all conditions serve as an inspiration to his fellow flyers. His actions on all these occasions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home Address: 95½ Spruce St., Oil City, Pennsylvania.

VI. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September, 1943 and pursuant to authority contained in Section I, Circular 32, Hq., ETOUSA, 20 March, 1944 and letter Hq., Eighth Air Force, Subject: "Awards and Decorations", 2 April, 1944, an OAK LEAF CLUSTER is awarded to the following named Officer for wear with the Distinguished Flying Cross and two Oak Leaf Clusters previously awarded:

JAMES W. WILKINSON, O-885574, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement. Lt. Wilkinson has accomplished twenty fighter combat missions, or the equivalent thereof, over enemy occupied Continental Europe and has destroyed three enemy airplanes in aerial combat. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Wilkinson has sought out the enemy and destroyed him, his devotion to duty and courage under all conditions serve as an inspiration to his

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fellow flyers. His actions on all these occasions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home Address: 411 Dickinson St., Swarthmore, Pennsylvania.

VII. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September, 1943 and pursuant to authority contained in Section I, Circular 32, No. 1, 20 March, 1944 and letter Hq., Eighth Air Force, Subject: "Awards and Decorations", 2 April, 1944, an OAK LEAF CLUSTER is awarded to the following named Officers for wear with the Distinguished Flying Cross and one Oak Leaf Cluster previously awarded:

FRED J. CHRISTENSEN, JR., O-794920, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement. Lt. Christensen has accomplished thirty fighter combat missions, or the equivalent thereof, over enemy occupied Continental Europe, and has destroyed two enemy airplanes in aerial combat. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Christensen has sought out the enemy and destroyed him, his devotion to duty and courage under all conditions serve as an inspiration to his fellow flyers. His actions on all these occasions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home Address: 11 Wilcott Street, Watertown, Massachusetts.

I. B. JACK DONALDSON, O-424927, Major, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement. Major Donaldson has accomplished fifty fighter combat missions, or the equivalent thereof, over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Major Donaldson has sought out the enemy and engaged him in aerial combat, his devotion to duty and courage under all conditions serve as an inspiration to his fellow flyers. His actions on all these occasions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home Address: 1304 S. Knoxville St., Tulsa, Oklahoma.

JOHN D. IRVIN, O-431224, Major, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement. Major Irvin has accomplished forty fighter combat missions, or the equivalent thereof, over enemy occupied Continental Europe, and has destroyed one enemy airplane in aerial combat. The skillful and zealous manner in which Major Irvin has sought out the enemy and destroyed him, his devotion to duty and courage under all conditions serve as an inspiration to his fellow flyers. His actions on all these occasions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home Address: 623 N. Lemon Street, Anaheim, California.

JACK J. OBERHANSKY, O-431152, Major, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement. Major Oberhansky has accomplished twenty fighter combat missions, or the equivalent thereof, over enemy occupied Continental Europe, and has destroyed three enemy airplanes in aerial combat. The skillful and zealous manner in which Major Oberhansky has sought out the enemy and destroyed him, his devotion to duty and courage under all conditions serve as an inspiration to his fellow flyers. His actions on all these occasions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home Address: 244 S. Main Street, Spanish Fork, Utah.

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CHARLES M. PEAL, O-792868, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement. Lt. Peal has accomplished forty fighter combat missions, or the equivalent thereof, over enemy occupied Continental Europe and has destroyed one enemy airplane in aerial combat. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Peal has sought out the enemy and destroyed him, his devotion to duty and courage under all conditions serve as an inspiration to his fellow flyers. His actions on all these occasions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home Address: 508 Hagan Street, Nashville, Tennessee.

HARRY C. ROFF, JR., O-793673, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement. Lt. Roff has accomplished thirty fighter combat missions, or the equivalent thereof, over enemy occupied Continental Europe and has destroyed two enemy airplanes in aerial combat. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Roff has sought out the enemy and destroyed him, his devotion to duty and courage under all conditions serve as an inspiration to his fellow flyers. His actions on all these occasions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home Address: 29 George Street, Wampanoag, Connecticut.

DONALD F. SMITH, O-665628, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement. Lt. Smith has accomplished thirty fighter combat missions, or the equivalent thereof, over enemy occupied Continental Europe and has destroyed two enemy airplanes in aerial combat. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Smith has sought out the enemy and destroyed him, his devotion to duty and courage under all conditions serve as an inspiration to his fellow flyers. His actions on all these occasions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home Address: 428 E. Lincoln Avenue, Niles, Michigan.

VIII. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September, 1943 and pursuant to authority contained in Section I, Circular 32, Hq., ETOUSA, 20 March, 1944 and letter Hq., Eighth Air Force, Subject: "Awards and Decorations", 2 April, 1944, an OAK LEAF CLUSTER is awarded to the following named Officers for wear with the Distinguished Flying Cross previously awarded:

GORDON J. BLAKE, O-794073, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement. Lt. Blake has accomplished forty fighter combat missions, or the equivalent thereof, over enemy occupied Continental Europe and has destroyed one enemy airplane in aerial combat. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Blake has sought out the enemy and destroyed him, his devotion to duty and courage under all conditions serve as an inspiration to his fellow flyers. His actions on all these occasions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home Address: R.F.D., Wyoming, New York.

JOHN L. DEVANE, O-665390, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement. Lt. Devane has accomplished fifty fighter combat missions, or the equivalent thereof, over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Devane has sought out the enemy and

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engaged him in aerial combat, his devotion to duty and courage under all conditions serve as an inspiration to his fellow flyers. His actions on all these occasions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home Address: 6639 Normal Blvd., Chicago, Illinois.

JAMES B. DICKSON, O-795918, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement. Lt. Dickson has accomplished thirty fighter combat missions, or the equivalent thereof, over enemy occupied Continental Europe and has destroyed two enemy airplanes in aerial combat. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Dickson has sought out the enemy and destroyed him, his devotion to duty and courage under all conditions serve as an inspiration to his fellow flyers. His actions on all these occasions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home Address: 205 High Street, Aberdeen, Mississippi.

I. B. JACK DONALDSON, O-424927, Major, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement. Major Donaldson has accomplished fifty fighter combat missions, or the equivalent thereof, over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Major Donaldson has sought out the enemy and engaged him in aerial combat, his devotion to duty and courage under all conditions serve as an inspiration to his fellow flyers. His actions on all these occasions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home Address: 1304 S. Knoxville St., Tulsa, Okla.

JOHN L. ELDER, JR., O-660123, Captain, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement. Captain Elder has accomplished forty fighter combat missions, or the equivalent thereof, over enemy occupied Continental Europe and has destroyed one enemy airplane in aerial combat. The skillful and zealous manner in which Captain Elder has sought out the enemy and destroyed him, his devotion to duty and courage under all conditions serve as an inspiration to his fellow flyers. His actions on all these occasions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home Address: 312 Center St., Ibensburg, Pennsylvania.

EDWARD J. GIGNAC, O-430806, Captain, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement. Captain Gignac has accomplished forty fighter combat missions, or the equivalent thereof, over enemy occupied Continental Europe and has destroyed one enemy airplane in aerial combat. The skillful and zealous manner in which Captain Gignac has sought out the enemy and destroyed him, his devotion to duty and courage under all conditions serve as an inspiration to his fellow flyers. His actions on all these occasions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home Address: Box 53, North Vassaboro, Maine.

CHARLES L. GINN, O-790652, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement. Lt. Ginn has accomplished fifty fighter combat missions, or the equivalent thereof, over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Ginn has sought out the enemy and engaged him in aerial combat, his devotion to duty and courage under all conditions serve as an inspiration to his fellow flyers. His actions on all these

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occasions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home Address: 503 North 3rd Street, Palatka, Florida.

WILLIAM T. HALTON, O-441842, Captain, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement. Captain Halton has accomplished forty fighter combat missions, or the equivalent thereof, over enemy occupied Continental Europe and has destroyed one enemy airplane in aerial combat. The skillful and zealous manner in which Captain Halton has sought out the enemy and destroyed him, his devotion to duty and courage under all conditions serve as an inspiration to his fellow flyers. His actions on all these occasions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home Address: 872 Carroll St., Brooklyn, New York.

SAUEL D. HAMILTON, JR., O-794913, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement. Lt. Hamilton has accomplished forty fighter combat missions, or the equivalent thereof, over enemy occupied Continental Europe and has destroyed one enemy airplane in aerial combat. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Hamilton has sought out the enemy and destroyed him, his devotion to duty and courage under all conditions serve as an inspiration to his fellow flyers. His actions on all these occasions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home Address: Tutwiler, Mississippi.

RICHARD A. HEWITT, O-799180, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement. Lt. Hewitt has accomplished fifty fighter combat missions, or the equivalent thereof, over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Hewitt has sought out the enemy and engaged him in aerial combat, his devotion to duty and courage under all conditions serve as an inspiration to his fellow flyers. His actions on all these occasions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home Address: Mountain Road, Lewiston, New York.

WILLIAM J. HOVDE, O-25753, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement. Lt. Hovde has accomplished forty fighter combat missions, or the equivalent thereof, over enemy occupied Continental Europe and has destroyed one enemy airplane in aerial combat. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Hovde has sought out the enemy and destroyed him, his devotion to duty and courage under all conditions serve as an inspiration to his fellow flyers. His actions on all these occasions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home Address: 417 Holly Avenue, Crookston, Minnesota.

CARL P. HURST, O-799988, 2nd Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement. Lt. Hurst has accomplished fifty fighter combat missions, or the equivalent thereof, over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Hurst has sought out the enemy and engaged him in aerial combat, his devotion to duty and courage under all conditions serve as an inspiration to his fellow flyers. His actions on all these occasions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home Address: 426 E. 163rd Street, New York, N. Y.

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ALVIN M. JUCHEIM, O-799574, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement. Lt. Juchheim has accomplished forty fighter combat missions, or the equivalent thereof, over enemy occupied Continental Europe and has destroyed one enemy airplane in aerial combat. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Juchheim has sought out the enemy and destroyed him, his devotion to duty and courage under all conditions serve as an inspiration to his fellow flyers. His actions on all these occasions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home Address: 737 College Street, Grenada, Mississippi.

MILBERT H. JUNTILA, O-415128, Captain, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement. Captain Junttila has accomplished fifty fighter combat missions, or the equivalent thereof, over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Captain Junttila has sought out the enemy and engaged him in aerial combat, his devotion to duty and courage under all conditions serve as an inspiration to his fellow flyers. His actions on all these occasions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home Address: 2208 Middle Street, Calumet, Michigan.

LESTER F. KRESS, O-795980, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement. Lt. Kress has accomplished thirty fighter combat missions, or the equivalent thereof, over enemy occupied Continental Europe and has destroyed two enemy airplanes in aerial combat. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Kress has sought out the enemy and destroyed him, his devotion to duty and courage under all conditions serve as an inspiration to his fellow flyers. His actions on all these occasions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home Address: 282 1/2 Park Avenue, Rutherford, N. J.

WALLACE G. MAXWELL, O-797688, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement. Lt. Maxwell has accomplished forty fighter combat missions, or the equivalent thereof, over enemy occupied Continental Europe and has destroyed one enemy airplane in aerial combat. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Maxwell has sought out the enemy and destroyed him, his devotion to duty and courage under all conditions serve as an inspiration to his fellow flyers. His actions on all these occasions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home Address: 723 N. Amelia St., Deland, Florida.

NICHOLAS (NMI) MEGURA, O-2044894, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement. Lt. Megura has accomplished thirty fighter combat missions, or the equivalent thereof, over enemy occupied Continental Europe and has destroyed two enemy airplanes in aerial combat. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Megura has sought out the enemy and destroyed him, his devotion to duty and courage under all conditions serve as an inspiration to his fellow flyers. His actions on all these occasions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home Address: 108 Broad Street, Ansonia, Connecticut.

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ARCHIE H. ROBEY, O-2044957, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement. Lt. Robey has accomplished forty fighter combat missions, or the equivalent thereof, over enemy occupied Continental Europe and has destroyed one enemy airplane in aerial combat. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Robey has sought out the enemy and destroyed him, his devotion to duty and courage under all conditions serve as an inspiration to his fellow flyers. His actions on all these occasions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home Address: 1217 N. Getty St., Uvalde, Texas.

BERNARD R. SMITH, O-793686, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement. Lt. Smith has accomplished forty fighter combat missions, or the equivalent thereof, over enemy occupied Continental Europe and has destroyed one enemy airplane in aerial combat. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Smith has sought out the enemy and destroyed him, his devotion to duty and courage under all conditions serve as an inspiration to his fellow flyers. His actions on all these occasions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home Address: 511 Durston Avenue, Syracuse, New York.

WILLIAM B. SMITH, O-2044874, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement. Lt. Smith has accomplished forty fighter combat missions, or the equivalent thereof, over enemy occupied Continental Europe and has destroyed one enemy airplane in aerial combat. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Smith has sought out the enemy and destroyed him, his devotion to duty and courage under all conditions serve as an inspiration to his fellow flyers. His actions on all these occasions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home Address: R.R. #1, Box #146, Bluefield, Virginia.

DONALD J. STRAIT, O-796042, Captain, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement. Captain Strait has accomplished thirty fighter combat missions, or the equivalent thereof, over enemy occupied Continental Europe and has destroyed two enemy airplanes in aerial combat. The skillful and zealous manner in which Captain Strait has sought out the enemy and destroyed him, his devotion to duty and courage under all conditions serve as an inspiration to his fellow flyers. His actions on all these occasions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home Address: 25 Derweht Avenue, Verona, New Jersey.

JOHN A. SULLIVAN, O-732397, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement. Lt. Sullivan has accomplished fifty fighter combat missions, or the equivalent thereof, over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Sullivan has sought out the enemy and engaged him in aerial combat, his devotion to duty and courage under all conditions serve as an inspiration to his fellow flyers. His actions on all these occasions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home Address: 6119 W. Addison Street, Chicago, Illinois.

WILLIAM H. WALDHEIM, O-667882, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement. Lt. Waldheim has accomplished forty fighter combat

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missions, or the equivalent thereof, over enemy occupied Continental Europe and has destroyed one enemy airplane in aerial combat. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Waldheim has sought out the enemy and destroyed him, his devotion to duty and courage under all conditions serve as an inspiration to his fellow flyers. His actions on all these occasions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home Address: 187 Midland Avenue, Arlington, New Jersey.

ERNEST J. WHITE, JR., O-24961, Captain, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement. Captain White has accomplished forty fighter combat missions, or the equivalent thereof, over enemy occupied Continental Europe and has destroyed one enemy airplane in aerial combat. The skillful and zealous manner in which Captain White has sought out the enemy and destroyed him, his devotion to duty and courage under all conditions serve as an inspiration to his fellow flyers. His actions on all these occasions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home Address: 1105 Lane St., Falls City, Nebraska.

ROBERT E. WISE, O-743148, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement. Lt. Wise has accomplished forty fighter combat missions, or the equivalent thereof, over enemy occupied Continental Europe and has destroyed one enemy airplane in aerial combat. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Wise has sought out the enemy and destroyed him, his devotion to duty and courage under all conditions serve as an inspiration to his fellow flyers. His actions on all these occasions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home Address: Rt. 4, Arcadia, Indiana.

IX. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September, 1943 and pursuant to authority contained in Section I, Circular 32, Hq., ETUSA, 20 March, 1944 and letter Hq., Eighth Air Force, Subject: "Awards and Decorations", 2 April, 1944, an AIR MEDAL is awarded to the following named Officers:

CITATION: For meritorious service in aerial flight in the completion of ten operational sorties, or the equivalent thereof, over enemy occupied Continental Europe.

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✓ JOSEPH E. BROADHEAD, O-728543, Captain, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in aerial flight while participating in an operational mission against the enemy on 25 February, 1944, when he by his skill and courage successfully destroyed one enemy aircraft. Home Address: 814 E St., Rupert, Idaho

✓ ROBERT D. BROWN, O-740360, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in aerial flight while participating in an operational mission against the enemy on 25 February, 1944, when he by his skill and courage successfully destroyed one enemy aircraft. Home Address: 5830 W. Washington Blvd., Chicago, Illinois.

✓ THOMAS L. HAYES, O-403857, Major, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in aerial flight while participating in an operational mission against the enemy on 2 March, 1944, when he by his skill and courage successfully destroyed one enemy aircraft. Home Address: Route #1, Box #176, Brooks, Oregon.

WILLIAM M. McDERMOTT, O-811940, 2nd Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in aerial flight while participating in an operational mission against the enemy on 22 February, 1944, when he by his skill and courage successfully destroyed one enemy aircraft. Home Address: Stop #16 Lake Avenue, Elvria, Ohio.

PAUL J. SABO, O-496142, Captain, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in aerial flight while participating in an operational mission against the enemy on 5 February, 1944, when he by his skill and courage successfully destroyed one enemy aircraft. Home Address: 924 Fruit Avenue, Farrell, Pennsylvania.

✓ RICHARD C. SMITH, O-742909, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in aerial flight while participating in an operational mission against the enemy on 24 February, 1944, when he by his skill and courage successfully destroyed one enemy aircraft. Home Address: P. O. Box 330, Swink, Colorado.

✓ ROBERT D. WELLEN, O-533036, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in aerial flight while participating in an operational mission against the enemy on 4 March, 1944, when he by his skill and courage successfully destroyed one enemy aircraft. Home Address: Box 263, Elk Rapids, Michigan.

✓ CALVERT L. WILLIAMS, O-732424, Captain, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in aerial flight while participating in an operational mission against the enemy on 20 February, 1944, when he by his skill and courage

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successfully destroyed one enemy aircraft. Home Address: Rt. #1, Box 133, Escondido, California.

XI. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September, 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in Section I, Circular 32, Hq., MTOUSA, 20 March, 1944 and letter Hq., Eighth Air Force, Subject: "Awards and Decorations", 2 April, 1944, two AWARD OF MERIT are awarded to the following named officers in addition to the AWARD OF MERIT previously awarded:

CITATION: For meritorious service in aerial flight in the completion of twenty (20) operational sorties, or the equivalent thereof, over enemy occupied Continental Europe.

ROBERT M. CALLAHAN, O-675743, 2nd Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home Address: 2115 Cottage Grove Dr., Cleveland Heights, Ohio.

ELMER N. DUNLAP, O-687239, 2nd Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home Address: 805 North Washington Street, Victoria, Texas.

LESLIE W. DAY, O-650928, 2nd Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home Address: 114 E. 40th Street, New York, N. Y.

ROBERT D. SCHRIER, O-678953, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home Address: 353 First Avenue, West Haven, Connecticut.

ESTEL E. ULBRICK, O-684795, 2nd Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home Address: Twelve Mile, Indiana.

JOHN B. CRIDER, O-740304, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in aerial flight while participating in two (2) operational missions against the enemy on 22 February, 1944, and 2 March, 1944, respectively, when he by his skill and courage successfully destroyed two (2) enemy aircraft. Home Address: 611 Corning Street, Red Oak, Iowa.

MICHAEL (MI) GLADYCH, P-1382, Flight Lt., Polish Air Force. For meritorious achievement in aerial flight while participating in an operational mission against the enemy on 21 February, 1944, when he by his skill and courage successfully destroyed two (2) enemy aircraft.

XII. So much of Section VII, General Order #18, this Headquarters, 14 March, 1944 as pertains to "HOMER L. ROSENHEIMER, O-399373, 1st Lt." is amended to read "HOMER L. ROSENHEIMER, O-399373, 1st Lt.".

By command of Major General KENNEDY:

FRANCIS H. CRISWOLD,
Brigadier General, U.S.A.,
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- A. 357TH FIGHTER GROUP, MAJOR HAYES LEADING.
- B. 52 P-51S. 18-362ND SQ. 15-363RD SQ. 19-364TH SQ. UP 1210. DOWN 1610.
- C. 9.
- D. PENETRATION, TARGET AND WITHDRAWAL SUPPORT. FO 291, VIII FIGHTER COMMAND.
- E, THRU G. NIL.
- H. 5-0-3. *8 Apr*
 1 ME-109 (BLACK) DESTROYED, LT. PUGH, 362ND SQ.
 1 ME-109 DESTROYED, LT. ANKENY, 362ND SQ.
 1 ME-109 DESTROYED, SHARED BY LT. CARSON AND LT. COON, 362ND SQ.
 1 ME-109 DESTROYED, CAPT. LINGO, 362ND SQ.
 1 ME-109 DESTROYED, LT. BOCHKAY, 363RD SQ.
 2 FW-190S DAMAGED, CAPT. THROOP, 363RD SQ.
 1 ME-109 DAMAGED, LT. BROWNING, 363RD SQ.
- I. L/F N OF THE HAGUE AT 22,000 FT. AT 1247. R/V GARDELGEN AT 1400 AT 22,000 FT. ESCORTED BOMBERS THROUGH TARGET, STAYING WITH THEM ONE HOUR, LEAVING THEM NEAR ZWOLLE AT 1500. CROSSED OUT AT IJMUIDEN AT 1515 AT 20,000 FT. BOMBERS WERE STRUNG OUT MAKING IT DIFFICULT TO PROTECT THEM. CLOUDS OF SMOKE AND FLAME WERE OBSERVED AT TARGET AS A RESULT OF BOMBING. FIVE B-24S SEEN TO GO DOWN NEAR TARGET, 8 CHUTES OBSERVED. THERE WERE FOUR TO SIX BLACK FW-190S; EIGHT TO TEN ME-109S, PAINTED SILVER-GRAY UNDERNEATH AND BLACK ON TOP. OBSERVED AT TARGET. ALL COMBAT WAS IN TARGET AREA FROM 20,000 FEET DOWN TO DECK. BARRAGE BALLOONS WERE REPORTED AT RHEINE, OSNABRUECK, MUNSTER, AND HANOVER. NO PLANES SEEN ON ANY ENEMY AIRDROME OBSERVED. SPARKLER TYPE OF FLAK, WITH WHITE BURSTS AT 20,000 FEET OBSERVED VER THE TARGET. R/T GOOD, ALTHOUGH GROUP LEADER WAS UNABLE TO CONTACT GOLDSMITH TO GIVE WEATHER DATA.

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A. 357TH FIGHTER GROUP. CAPT. THROOP LEADING.

B. 52 P-51'S. 18-362, 16-363, 18-364. UP 1030, DOWN 1430.
2 RATTLESSEN.

C. 6. 1 ESCORT.

D. TARGET AND WITHDRAWAL SUPPORT. F.O. 292, VIII FIGHTER COMMAND.

E.- H NIL.

I. DELAYED TAKE OFF DUE TO LATE CHANGE FROM 1ST ATF INTO 3RD ATF. L/F N
OF THE HAGUE 20,000 FT. 1112. R/V 20 MILES SW ROSTOCK 22,000 FT. 1205.
LEFT BOMBERS 1300 SE OF BREMEN 22,000 FT. CROSSED OUT NEAR EGMOND 1400 AT
20,000 FT. 4 E/A BELIEVED SPOTTERS SEEN AT 30,000 FT. IN VICINITY OF LUNEBURG
AT 1145. 4 OTHER ENEMY AIRCRAFT SEEN ON WITHDRAWAL NEAR LINGEN. THEY DOVE
INTO CLOUDS WHEN BOUNCED BY TWO OF OUR FLIGHTS. 1 B24 SEEN GOING DOWN N OF
DUMMER LAKE. 8 CHUTES WERE OBSERVED.

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A. 357TH FIGHTER GROUP. LT. COL. GRAHAM LEADING.

B. 54 P-51S. 18-362, 18-363, 18-364. UP 0810, DOWN 1220

C. 11. 3 ESCORTS.

D. PENETRATION, TARGET AND WITHDRAWAL SUPPORT. F.O. #293, VIII F.C.

E.- H. NIL

I. L/F ST VALERIE EN CAUX 0908 AT 21,000 FT. R/V 20 MILES N OF ANGERS AT 0940 AT 23,000 FT. ESCORTED BOMBERS THRU TARGET LEAVING THEM VICINITY OF CAEN AND CROSSED OUT THERE AT 1125 AT 20,000 FT. 1 ME-410 WAS SEEN NEAR TARGET AT 32,000 FT. BOMBING RESULTS GOOD WITH SMOKE AND FLAME UP TO 5,000 FT. AT A/D SW OF BOURGES.

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- A. 357TH FIGHTER GROUP. MAJOR DREGNE LEADING.
- B.. 54 P-51S. 18-362, 18-363, 18-364. UP 0925, DOWN 1325.
- C. 2 SPARES.
- D. PENETRATION SUPPORT. F.O.#295. VIII FIGHTER COMMAND.
- E. 3. 1 MISSING, 2 NYR.
- F. NIL.
- G. 3. CAPT CURRIE, 364TH F. SQ. NYR. (LAST SEEN NE BRUNSWICK)
CAPT LINGO, 362ND F. SQ. NYR. (LAST SEEN NE MADGEBURG)
LT. GRAY, 364TH F. SQ. NYR. (BAILED NORTH HANNOVER)
- H. IN AIR 25-0-10.

ON GROUND 2 LOCOMOTIVES DESTROYED.
2 LOCOMOTIVES DAMAGED.
1 FACTORY DAMAGED.
BARGES DAMAGED.

I. L/F IJMUIDEN 1002 AT 23,000 FT. R/V NORTH OF HANOVER 1052 AT 23,000 FT. LEFT BOMBERS AT WEISEWASSER AT 20,000 FT. AT 1155, AT WHICH TIME THE BOMBERS WERE BEING ESCORTED BY WHITE NOSE P-51S. CROSSED OUT IJMUIDEN AT 1305 AT 20,000 FT. COMBAT WAS IN THE VICINITY OF HANOVER, BRUNSWICK AND MADGEBURG FROM 20,000 FT. DOWN TO THE DECK WITH 50 SE E/A WHICH ATTACKED THE BOMBERS FROM BELOW WHILE SIMULTANEOUSLY 8 E/A ATTEMPTED A DIVERSION BY COMING IN FROM 28,000 FT. IN FRONT. A P-38 FIRED UPON OUR PILOT WHILE HE WAS DESTROYING A ME-109. THIS ME-109 HAD JUST FIRED UPON A BOMBER CREW IN CHUTES. P-38S ALSO FIRED UPON OTHER P-51 PILOTS WHILE THEY ENGAGED E/A. IN ADDITION P-38S BOUNCED OUR GROUP WHILE IT WAS FLYING IN FORMATION WITH BELLY TANKS. THE LOCOMOTIVES ABOVE MENTIONED WERE IN A HANOVER RAILROAD YARD. THE FACTORY WAS NE OF HANOVER AND THE BARGES WERE NORTH OF LEIPZIG. 2 E/A BELIEVED SPOTTERS SEEN AT 30,000 FT. AT ENEMY COAST ON WAY IN. 2 BOMBERS SEEN GOING DOWN NEAR MUNSTER AT 1150; 1 DOWN EAST OF BRUNSWICK WITH 10 CHUTES OBSERVED; 1 BLEW UP AT 1125 SOUTH OF BRANDENBURG, NO CHUTES OBSERVED.

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- A. 357TH FIGHTER GROUP. LT. COL. GRAHAM LEADING.
- B. 41 P-51S. 13-362 SQ. 16-363RD SQ. 12-364TH SQ. UP 1224. DOWN 1555.
- C. 10. 1 ESCORT.
- D. PENETRATION, TARGET, AND WITHDRAWAL SUPPORT. FO 296. VIII FC.
- E. 1 LOST.
- F. NIL.
- G. 1 NYR. LT. REUST, 363RD SQ., (BAILED IN FIELD SOUTH NOORDWALL).
- H. IN AIR. NIL.
ON GROUND. 2 LOCOMOTIVES DESTROYED.
- I. L/F FLUSHING 18,000 FEET AT 1258. NO R/V. P-51S AND P-38S IN TARGET AREA BUT NO BOMBERS. WHEN HALFWAY ACROSS CHANNEL ON PENETRATION GROUP LEADER HEARD GOLDSMITH 1-1 SAY HE WAS ON COURSE THREE MINUTES EARLY. ALTHOUGH REPEATED EFFORTS WERE MADE, LEADER WAS UNABLE TO CONTACT HIM AGAIN. SIX ME-109S BOUNCED GROUP NEAR SAALFIELD CONTINUING DIVE IN CLOUDS. NO OTHER E/A WERE SEEN. LOCOMOTIVES DESTROYED NEAR SAALFIELD. HAZE AND CLOUDS 15,000 FEET TO 32,000 FEET EXTENDING FROM MID-CHANNEL ACROSS THE RUHR. ABOUT 4/10THS LOW CUMULUS AT TARGET. L/F OUT THE HAGUE AT 32,000 FEET AT 1530.
- J. ADDITION TO 357TH F. GP. FO 296 REPORT.
 - 1 LOCOMOTIVE DESTROYED, LT. PETERSON, 364TH SQ.
 - 1 LOCOMOTIVE DESTROYED, LT. HERMANSEN, 364TH SQ.

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A. 357TH FIGHTER GROUP. LT. CARSON LEADING.

B. 8 P-51S. 4-362, 4-364. UP 0905, DOWN 1400.

C. NIL.

D. ESCORT PRU. F.O. #297, VIII FIGHTER COMMAND.

E. - H. NIL.

I. WENT INTO HAZE OVERCAST MIDCHANNEL AT 8,000 FT. COMING OUT AT 30,000 FT. SOUTH OF LUDWIGSHAFEN. PULLED 40 TO 45 INCHES TO STAY WITH PRU. SIX P-51S LOST CONTACT WITH PRU ON ACCOUNT OF THEIR EXCESSIVE CLIMBING SPEED AND THE HEAVY HAZE. THESE SIX AFTER R/T MESSAGES WITH PRU TURNED BACK AT LUDWIGSHAFEN LANDING AT BASE AT 1130. LT. CARSON ESCORTED ONE P-38 THRU ITS PHOTO RUNS NORTH AND EAST OF AUGSBURG, MUNICH AND THEN TO LAKE CONSTANCE. LT. HARRIS ESCORTED THE OTHER ON ITS PHOTO RUN FINISHING ALSO AT LAKE CONSTANCE AT 25,000 FT. AT 1210 THE TWO P-38S HEADED SOUTH AS PLANNED. OUR P-51S RETURNING TO BASE CROSSED OUT 15 MILES NE OF DUNKERQUE AT 1330. MEAGRE INACCURATE FLAK AT INGOLSTADT AND BRUSSELS. NO E/A SEEN.

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357TH FIGHTER GROUP MISSION SUMMARY REPORT

- A. 357TH FIGHTER GROUP. CAPT. THROOP LEADING.
- B. 47 P-51S. 16-362ND SQ. 15-363RD SQ. 16-364TH SQ. UP 1224. DOWN 1740.
- C. 6. 2 ESCORTS.
- D. PENETRATION, TARGET, AND WITHDRAWAL SUPPORT. FO 298, VIII FG.
- E. NIL.
- F. 1 CATAC. 20 MM SHELLS.
- G. NIL.
- H. IN AIR 7-1-C. SE.
- I. 1/F KNOCKE 1305 AT 20,000 FT. PICKED UP B-24S IN VICINITY OF BRUSSELS AT 1315 AND SWEEP AHEAD OF THEM TO KARLSRUHE. TURNED BACK AND JOINED THEM AT BRIEFED R/V POINT N OF HOMBURG AT 1405 AT 25,000 FEET. BOMBERS WERE 10 MINUTES LATE AT THIS POINT ALTHOUGH THEY HAD REPORTED THEMSELVES ON TIME. ESCORTED THEM THROUGH TARGETS, THE MAJORITY LEAVING THEM AT DONAUWORTH AT 1528 AT 25,000 FEET. SEVERAL SECTIONS LEFT B-24S ON WITHDRAWAL S OF LIEGE AT 1630 AT 20,000 FT. COMBAT WAS FROM 25,000 FEET DOWN TO DECK IN DONAUWORTH AND MANNHEIM AREAS. ONE FW-190 DESTROYED HAD BEEN SHOOTING AT BOMBER CREWS IN CHUTES. 2 B-24S WERE SEEN HEADED FOR SWITZERLAND. ONE B-24 SEEN TO EXPLODE OVER TARGET. ONE B-17 WENT DOWN S OF KOBLENZ AT 1645, 5 CHUTES SEEN. BOMBING HITS OBSERVED ON HANGARS, ADMINISTRATION BUILDINGS, AND FACTOIRES. NO E/A SEEN NEAR TARGETS.
- J. ADDITION TO 357F. GP. REPORT FO 298.
 - 1 FW-190 DESTROYED, LT. ENGLAND, 362ND SQ.
 - 1 FW-190 DESTROYED, LT. CARSON, 362ND SQ.
 - 1 FW-190 DESTROYED, LT. BECKER, 362ND SQ.
 - 1 ME-109 DESTROYED, CAPT. DAVIS, 364TH SQ.
 - 1 ME-109 DESTROYED, LT. SHAW, 364TH SQ.
 - 1 ME-109 DESTROYED, LT. POSTLE, 364TH SQ.
 - 1 ME-109 DESTROYED, SHARED BY LT. ROBERT SMITH AND LT. FAIRWEATHER.
 - 1 ME-109 PROBABLY DESTROYED, LT. ROBERT SMITH, 364TH SQ.

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A. 357TH FIGHTER GROUP. MAJOR DREGNE LEADING.

B. 49 P-51S. 16-362, 17-363, 16-364. UP 1154, DOWN 1530. 1 LYMINCTON

C. 7.

D. RODEO. F.O. 299, VIII FIGHTER COMMAND.

E. 1 NYR. REASON UNKNOWN.

F. NIL.

G. 1 NYR. LT. POSTLE. 364TH SQ.

H. NIL.

I. L/F S DEN HELDER 1242, AT 18,000 FT. TURNED BACK CENTER OF TARGET AREA 33,000 FT. AT 1345, ON ACCOUNT OF WEATHER. CLOSE LAYERS OF CLOUD UP TO 33,000 FT. COVERED THE AREA FROM LUNEBURG TO THE TARGETS AND EAST. CROSSED OUT DEN HELDER 12,000 FT. AT 1435. FLAK AT NIENBURG WAS MODERATE AND ACCURATE. NO E/A SEEN. LT. POSTLE, RETURNING EARLY, BELIEVED TO HAVE BAILED OUT NEAR THE HAGUE. THE INTERNATIONAL BROADCAST HAS BEEN GIVEN.

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- A. 357th Fighter Group. Major Hayes leading.
- B. 48 P-51's, 16-362, 16-363, 16-364. Up 1300 Down 1720
- C. 8. 1 escort.
- D. Penetration, target and withdrawal support. F.O. 304, VIII F.C.
- E. & H Nil.

I. L/F at Ijmuiden 23,000 ft. 1343. R/V Havelburg 25,000 ft. 1440. Escorted bombers thru targets leaving them 20 miles South of Hamburg at 1540. Crossed out Ijmuiden 20,000 ft 1640. No E/A seen. 1 P-17 seen to explode at Brandenburg and 1 P-24 exploded at Potsdam, no chutes observed. Bombers reported themselves three minutes late but were actually 15 minutes early at R/V. Consequently R/V was made with rear of the badly strung out B-24's. Blue nose P-51's were seen withdrawing at 1435 North of Brunswick.

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- A. 357TH FIGHTER GROUP. LT. COL. GRAHAM LEADING.
 - B. 50 P-51S. 16-362, 17-363, 17-364. UP 0828, DOWN 1230.
 - C. 9. 1 ESCORT.
 - D. PENETRATION, TARGET AND WITHDRAWAL SUPPORT. F.O. #305, VIII F.C.
 - E. - G. NIL.
 - H. S/E 5-0-0 (AIR)
 - I. L/F N OF HAGUE 0912 AT 20,000 FT. R/V E OF OSNABRUCK 0950 AT 22,000 FT. ESCORTED BOMBERS THRU TARGET LEAVING THEM S OF BRUSSELS 1150 AT 22,000 FT. CROSSED OUT AT NIEUPORT 1158 AT 20,000 FT. ABOUT 20 S/E E/A ATTACKED AN ISOLATED STRAGGLING BOX OF APPROX 15 B-17S E OF KASSEL. SEVERAL OF OUR FLIGHTS ENGAGED THE E/A FROM 25,000 FT. DOWN TO THE DECK WITH ABOVE RESULTS. THE E/A WERE EFFECTIVELY DIVIDED INTO A STRIKING FORCE AND TOP COVER. 4 B-17S WERE SEEN TO GO DOWN IN TARGET AREA, 12 CHUTES OBSERVED.
 - J. S/E 5-0-0 (AIR)

1 ME 109 DESTROYED. MAJOR HAYES, 364TH F. SQ.
1 ME 109 DESTROYED. LT. CARDER, 364TH F. SQ.
1FW 190 DESTROYED. CAPT. DAVIS, 364TH F. SQ.
1 FW 190 DESTROYED. LT. STANLEY, 364TH F. SQ.
1 FW 190 DESTROYED. LT. T. L. HARRIS, 364TH F. SQ.

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- A. 357TH FIGHTER GROUP. LT. COL. GRAHAM LEADING.
- B. 35 P-51S. 12-362, 11-363, 12-364. UP 1722. DOWN 1955.
- C. NIL.
- D. DIVE BOMBING. F.O. 307, VIII F.O.
- E. -H. NIL.

I. L/F DUNKIRK 1757 AT 17,000 FT. ARRIVED TARGET AT 1830 AT 23,000 FT. SOLID UNDERCAST PREVENTED BOMBING PRIMARY TARGET, SINCE OILSKIN HAD NO DIRECTIONS AS TO SECONDARY TARGET, PROCEEDED TO BOMB AIRFIELD BELIEVED TO BE CAMBRAI-EPINOY WITH 66 500 LB DEMOLITION BOMBS M-103 NOZE FUZE (INSTANTANEOUS), M-101-A1 TAIL FUZE (.025 SEC DELAY). DIVED FROM 18,000 FT AT 45 DEGREE ANGLE, RELEASING BOMBS AT 11,000 FT. BOMBING RESULTS APPEARED EXCELLENT WITH HITS IBN BARRACKS AREAS, ON PERIMETER TRACK, AND ON RUNWAYS. ONE PLANE COULD NOT RELEASE BOMBS ON TARGET AND JETTISONED THEM IN THE NORTH SEA. CROSSED OUT AT DUNKIRK AT 17,000 FT AT 1925. P-47 ESCORT DID NOT MAKE R/V. NO E/A SEEN. ONE PLANE SLIGHTLY DAMAGED BY FLAK FROM LILLE DROPPED BOMBS ON AIRFIELD BELIEVED TO BE VITRY AND RETURNED TO BASE.

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357TH FIGHTER GROUP MISSION SUMMARY REPORT FOR 22 APRIL 1944, F.O. 309.

- A. 357TH FIGHTER GROUP, CAPT. BROADHEAD LEADING.
 B. 52 P-51S. 17-362, 18-363, 17-364. UP 1646, DOWN 2040.
 C. 2.
 D. SWEET. F.O. 309, VIII FC.
 E. NIL.
 F. 2 CAL A BOH BY E/A.
 G. NIL
 H. S/E 2-0-1 (AIR)
 (GROUND) 6 LOCOMOTIVES DESTROYED, 2 TUGBOATS AND 4 BARGES
 DAMAGED, 3 OIL TANKERS DESTROYED.

I. E/F DEN HELDER 23,000 FT. 1728. ARRIVED QUACKENBRUCK 25,000 FT. AT 1750.
 STEPT ASSIGNED AREA BY SQUADRONS UNTIL 1910. CROSSED OUT VICINITY IJMUIDEN
 23,000 FT. AT 2000. ONE SQUADRON SAW 30 PLUS FW-190S COMING FROM VICINITY OF
 HANOVER HEADED FOR TARGET AT 25,000 FT. AND OVERTOOK THEM NORTH OF OSNABRUCK.
 COMBAT DOWN TO 3,000 FT. WITH ABOVE RESULTS. THESE E/A WERE THEN ENGAGED BY P-47S.
 1 LOCOMOTIVE WAS DESTROYED NORTHEAST OF BREMEN, 1 NORTH OF DUISER LAKE, 3 SOUTH-
 EAST OF BREMEN AND ANOTHER NORTH OF NIENBURG. THE TUGBOATS, BARGES AND OIL TANKS
 WERE NORTH OF NIENBURG.

J. ADDITION OF 357TH FIGHTER GROUP F.O. 309, VIII F.C.
 S/E 2-0-1, (AIR)

- 1 FW 190 DESTROYED, CAPT. BROADHEAD, 362ND F. SQ.
 1 FW 190 DESTROYED, LT. O'BRIEN, 362ND F. SQ.
 1 FW 190 DAMAGED, CAPT. BROADHEAD, 362ND F. SQ.

(ON GROUND)

- 3 LOCOMOTIVES DESTROYED. LT. MOORE, LT. FOX, LT. WOOD, LT. OMERINK, 363RD F. SQ.
 (SHARED).
 2 LOCOMOTIVES DESTROYED. 363RD F. SQ.
 1 LOCOMOTIVE DESTROYED. LT. HOLMBERG, LT. CARSON, LT. BECKER, LT. A. E. SMITH.
 362ND F. SQ.
 1 TUGBOAT DAMAGED. CAPT. THROOP AND LT. DONNELL, 363RD F. SQ. (SHARED)
 1 BARGE DAMAGED. LT. DONNELL, 363RD F. SQ.
 3 BARGES DAMAGED. LT. HOLMBERG, LT. CARSON, LT. BECKER, LT. A. E. SMITH
 362ND F. SQ. (SHARED)
 1 TUGBOAT DAMAGED. LT. HOLMBERG, LT. CARSON, LT. BECKER, LT. A. E. SMITH
 362ND F. SQ. SHARED.
 3 OIL STORAGE TANKS DESTROYED. LT. HOLMBERG, LT. CARSON, LT. BECKER,
 LT. A. E. SMITH 362ND F. SQ. (SHARED).

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OILES P. 21 D PD

A. 357TH FIGHTER GROUP. CAPT NIRO LEADING.

B. 48 P-51S. 16-362, 15-363, 17-364. UP 1325, DOWN 1620.

C. 2.

D. DIVEBOMBING. F.O.#55 F.W., F.O.#311, VIII F. C.

E. NIL.

F. 1 CAT A. FLAK.

G. - H. NIL.

I. L/F NORTH OF IJMUUDEN 1405 AT 20,000 FT. ARRIVED TARGET 1430. DUE TO OVERCAST BOMBED A/D BELIEVED TO BE LONINGEN. DIVED FROM 17,000 FT. AT 45 DEGREES RELEASING 60 GP 500 LB BOMBS AN-M-64 NOSE M-103 INSTANT, TAIL M-101 .025 SEC, AT 10,000 FT. CROSSED OUT N OF IJMUUDEN AT 1545 AT 19,000 FT. HITS OBSERVED ON REVELMENTS WHERE 3 U/I E/A WERE PARKED, ON INTERSECTION OF RUNWAYS AND ON PERIMETER TRACK. NO OTHER E/A SEEN. MODERATE INACCURATE FLAK AT LONINGEN.

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A. 357TH FIGHTER GROUP MAJOR DREGNE LEADING.

B. 52 P-51S. 17-362, 18-363, 17-364. UP 1140, DOWN 1645. 24 Apr

C. 6.

D. PENETRATION, TARGET AND WITHDRAWAL SUPPORT. F.O. #312, VIII F.C.

E. 4 NYR. 2 REASONS UNKNOWN. 1 FLAK. 1 COLLISION WITH E/A.

F. 4 CAT A FLAK.

G. 4 NYR. LT. CONNAGHAN, 362ND F. SQ., BAILED AFTER COLLISION OVER MUNICH.
 LT. HINMAN, 363RD F. SQ., LAST SEEN 20 MILES EAST OF MUNICH.
 LT. DONNELL, 363RD F. SQ., LAST SEEN OVER MUNICH.
 LT. STAGER, 364TH F. SQ., BAILED SE STRASBOURG AFTER PLANE HIT BY
 FLAK NEAR LUDWIGSHAFEN.

1 SLIGHTLY INJURED. LT. A. E. SMITH, 362ND F. SQ., HIT BY FLAK.

H. S/E 12-1-0 (AIR)
 T/E 10-1-7 (AIR)

I. L/F WALCHEREN 17,000 FT. 1212. R/V N OF AUGSBURG 25,000 FT. 1330. GAVE
 BOMBERS CLOSE ESCORT THROUGH TARGET LEAVING THEM S OF MANNHEIM 25,000 FT. 1450.
 CROSSED OUT WALCHEREN 25,000 FT. 1555. COMBAT IN TARGET AREA FROM 23,000 FT. TO
 DECK WITH RESULTS STATED. LT. CONNAGHAN COLLIDED WITH ME-110 SHEARING OFF ENEMY'S
 WING NEXT TO FUSELAGE. APPROXIMATELY 100 T/E E/A SEEN ON A/D BELIEVED TO BE MAISACH
 BY A PILOT RETURNING HOME ON DECK. ABOUT 50 ME-109S and 25 ME-110S WERE OBSERVED
 ON A/D E OF BELIEVED TO BE NELLINGEN. FLAK WAS INTENSE AND ACCURATE AT LUDWIGSHAFEN.
 A PARTICULARLY GOOD CONCENTRATION OF BOMB HITS WAS OBSERVED AT LANDSBERG.

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J. 1/8/8 12-1-0. (AIR)
T/E 10-1-7. (AIR)

362ND F. SQ.

1 ME-109 DESTROYED, CAPT. WILLIAMS.
 1 ME-109 DESTROYED, LT. F. C. SMITH.
 3 ME-110S DESTROYED, LT. ENGLAND.
 3 ME-110S DESTROYED, LT. ADAMS.
 2 ME-110S DESTROYED, LT. BEAL.
 1 ME-110 DESTROYED, LT. CONNAGHAN.
 1 ME-110 PROBABLY DESTROYED, LT. A.E. SMITH.
 2 ME-110S DAMAGED, LT. A.E. SMITH.
 2 ME-110S DAMAGED, LT. ROUGHGARDEN.
 1 ME-110 DAMAGED, LT. BEAL.
 1 ME-110 DAMAGED, LT. COON.
 1 ME-110 DAMAGED, LT. HARRIS.

363RD F. SQ.

1 JU-88 DESTROYED, LT. PIERCE.
 1 ME-109 DESTROYED, LT. PIERCE.
 1 ME-109 DESTROYED, LT. BOCHKAY.
 1 ME-109 DESTROYED, CAPT. THROOP.
 1 ME-109 DESTROYED, CAPT. HIRO.
 1 ME-109 DESTROYED, LT. BROWNING.

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364TH F. S. Q.

1 ME-109 DESTROYED, LT. PETERSON.
 1 ME-109 DESTROYED, LT. SUMNER.
 1 ME-109 DESTROYED, LT. MCKINNEY.
 1 ME-109 DESTROYED, LT. REESE.

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364TH F. SQ.

1 ME-109 DESTROYED, LT. REFSE.

1 ME-109 DESTROYED, LT. CARDER.

1 ME-109 PROBABLY DESTROYED, LT. SHAW.

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OILES P _____ D PD

- A. 357TH FIGHTER GROUP. LTCOL. GRAHAM LEADING.
 - B. 50 P-51S. 16-362, 18-363, 16-364. UP 0807, DOWN 1245.
 - C. 3. 1 MANSTON.
 - D. PENETRATION, TARGET AND WITHDRAWAL SUPPORT. F.O.#313, VIII F.C.
 - E. THRU H. NIL.
 - I. 1/P SW OF OSTEND 18,000 FT. 0833. R/V SE DIJON 23,000 FT. 0950.
- BOMBERS WERE 20 MINUTES LATE AND STRUNG OUT. CROSSED OUT AND LEFT
BOMBERS LE TREPONT 20,000 FT. 1150. NO E/A SEEN. LARGE NUMBER OF HITS
OBSERVED ON BUILDINGS, HANGERS AND DISPERSAL AREA AT DIJON A/D.

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- A. 357TH FIGHTER GROUP. MAJOR HAYES LEADING.
- B. 51 P-51S. 15-362, 18-363, 18-364. UP 0757. DOWN 1120.
- C. 4. 1 ESCORT.
- D. SWEEP. F.O.#315, VIII F.C.
- E. - H. NIL.
- I. L/F KNOCKE 21,000 FT. AT 0830. BOMBERS AND PRU RECALLED AT 0825.
GROUP SWEEP AREA KOBLENZ, PADERBORN, OSMABRUCK, AS DIRECTED BY
CONTROLLER. CROSSED OUT WALCHEREN AT 23,000 FT. AT 1050. NO E/A SEEN.
SOLID OVERCAST AT 10,000 FT.

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OILES P _____ D PD

- A. 357TH FIGHTER GROUP. CAPT THROOP LEADING.
- B. 49 P-51S. 15-362, 18-363, 16-364. UP 0948, DOWN 1315.
- C. 1 ESCORT.
- D. PENETRATION, TARGET AND WITHDRAWAL SUPPORT. F.O.#58, 66TH F.W., F.O.#316, VIII F.C.
- E. 1 LOST. ENGINE TROUBLE.
- F. NIL.
- G. 1 MYR. LT. ELLIOTT, 364 F. SQ., BAILED OUT 5 MILES N OF COURTRAI.
- H. NIL.
- I. L/F BLANKENBURG 20,000 FT. 1019. N COURTRAI THE GROUP WAS DIRECTED TO REIMS AREA. FROM THERE THE GROUP SWEEP TO ORLEANS AREA, THEN TO DIEPPE CROSSING OUT 18,000 FT. AT 1230. 5 T/E A/C SEEN ON A/D W REIMS. NO E/A SEEN IN AIR. APPROXIMATELY 12 BARRAGE BALLOONS EVENLY SPACED IN CIRCLE OBSERVED 3 MILES SW ORLEANS AT 3,000 FT. OVER BOTH BANKS OF LOIRE RIVER.

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A. 357TH FIGHTER GROUP.

B. 47 P-51S. 16-362, 17-363, 14-364. UP 1700. DOWN 2115.

C. 7.

D. PENETRATION, TARGET AND WITHDRAWAL SUPPORT. F.O.#317, VIII F.C.

E. - H. NIL.

I. L/F N DUNKIRK AT 20,000 FT. AT 1737. R/V NE COMPIEGNE AT 23,000 FT AT 1801. ESCORTED BOMBERS THRU TARGETS, CROSSING OUT AT OSTEND AT 20,000 FT AT 2030, LEAVING BOMBERS AT ORFORDNESS AT 2110, PROVIDING CONTINUOUS ESCORT FOR MORE THAN THREE HOURS. NO E/A SEEN. MODERATE, ACCURATE HEAVY FLAK DIRECTED AT BOMBERS FROM WOODS AT ST DIZIER WOOD, NO CHUTES; ONE SOUTH BRUSSELS, AND ONE ON BEACH NEAR OSTEND, 5 CHUTES.

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- A. 357TH FIGHTER GROUP. MAJOR DREGNE LEADING.
 - B. 47-P51S. 14-362, 17-363, 16-364. UP 1002. DOWN 1405.
 - C. 2.
 - D. PENETRATION, TARGET AND WITHDRAWAL SUPPORT. F.O.#318, VIII F.C.
 - E. 1 LOST. ENGINE FAILURE.
 - F. NIL.
 - G. 1 NYR. CAPT DAVIS, 364TH F. SQ. BAILED 10 MILES W BOURGES.
 - H. NIL.
 - I. L/F LE TREPORT 18,000 FT AT 1050. R/V CHATEAUDUN 18,000 FT AT 1118.
- ESCORTED BOMBERS THRU TARGET, LEAVING THEM 50 MILES NW CHATEAUDUN AT 1250
AT 16,000 FT, AT WHICH TIME BOMBERS WERE BEING ESCORTED BY P-47S. CROSSED
OUT LE HARVE 1300 AT 16,000 FT. 10-20 S/E A/G MADE ONE HEAD-ON PASS AT FRONT
BOX OF BOMBERS SOUTH OF ORLEANS, DIVING INTO UNDERCAST AWAY FROM OUR FIGHTERS.
2 BOMBERS SEEN TO GO DOWN NEAR TARGET. 6 CHUTES SEEN. GOOD BOMBING RESULTS
OBSERVED, WITH CONCENTRATED HITS ON HANGERS AND OTHER BUILDINGS AT PRIMARY TARGET.

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OILES P_____D PD.

A. 357TH FIGHTER GROUP. CAPT BROADHEAD LEADING.

B. 45 P-51S. 16-362, 16-363, 13-364. UP 0905, DOWN 1400.

C. 3.

D. PENETRATION, TARGET AND WITHDRAWAL SUPPORT. F.O.#320, VIII F.C.

E - G. NIL.

H. S/E 0-0-1 (AIR).

I. L/F IJMUIDEN 20,000 FT. 0945. R/V STEINHUDE LAKE 26,000 FT. 1020.

ESCORTED BOMBERS THRU TARGET LEAVING THEM NORTH HANOVER 1230 AT 26,000 FT.

CROSSED OUT IJMUIDEN 19,000 FT. 1320. 2 ME-109S WERE ENGAGED AT 12,000 FT.

W OF BERLIN DAMAGING ONE. NO OTHER E/A SEEN. CONCENTRATED BOMBING HITS

OBSERVED IN SW BERLIN.

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1 ME-109 DAMAGED, LT. PIERCE, 363RD F. SQ.

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- A. 357th FIGHTER GROUP. LT. COL. GRAHAM LEADING.
 B. 47 F-51S. 15-362, 16-363, 16-364. UP 0852, DOWN 1330.
 C. 1 ESCORT.
 D. PENETRATION, TARGET, AND WITHDRAWAL SUPPORT. F.O. 321 VIII F.C.
 E. 2 LOST. 1 E/A.
 1 ENGINE FAILURE.
 F. 2 CAT. A. 1 FLAK (WHILE CIRCLING LT. SCHRIEBER DINGY).
 1 E/A.
 G. 1 NYR. LT. SUMMERS, 364 F.SQ. BELIEVED BAILED NEAR AUXERRE AFTER
 HIS PLANE WAS HIT BY E/A FIRE.
 1 SLIGHTLY INJURED LT. SCHRIEBER, 364 F.SQ. (BAILED INTO CHANNEL
 5-10 MILES OFF CALAIS. PROMPTLY RESCUED BY
 ASR IN SPITE OF ACCURATE FLAK FROM
 CALAIS).
 H. S/E 9-0-0 AIR.
 I. L/F CALAIS 18,000 FT. 0924. R/V 1051 WITH 1ST AIF VICINITY ST.
 ETIENNE. ONE SQUADRON REMAINED WITH 1ST AIF. OTHER TWO SQUADRONS
 R/V WITH 2ND AIF N OF CLERMONT-FERRAND 1105 AT 24,000 FT. 2ND
 AIF WAS ESCORTED UNEVENLY TO 50 MILES S OF PARIS. PLAIN NOSHD
 P-47S R/V WITH 2ND AIF AS PLANNED. 1ST AIF WAS ATTACKED BY 10 S/E
 E/A IN VICINITY WERE ENGAGED FROM 20,000 FT. TO THE DECK WITH ABOVE
 RESULTS. MODERATE ACCURATE, LIGHT FLAK AND HEAVY FLAK AT CALAIS.
 L/F OUT VICINITY CALAIS 18,000 FT. 1245.

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