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PROMOTIONS

Paragraph 13, Special Orders #150, VIII Fighter Group, dated 1 June 1944 promoted four enlisted men of Group Headquarters.

GEORGE H. POSSUM, Assistant Intelligence Officer, was promoted from 1st Lt. to Captain by 2700US Special Orders #150, dated 1 June 1944.

IRVIN H. BRIDGMAN, Operations Officer, is now a Lt. Colonel instead of a Major. He was promoted by 2700US Special Orders #150, dated 1 June 1944.

AWARDS AND COMMENDATIONS

Members of this Group are well on the way toward being one of the most decorated units in the world. There is hardly an VIII Fighter Command General Order that does not award at least one of our pilots a medal or a cluster. Members of the Group now hold the Silver Star, Purple Heart, Distinguished Flying Cross, and the Air Medal along with appropriate clusters.

The Group can now list a battle participation credit for the "Air Offensive, Europe". A basic communication from European Theater of Operations with endorsement from VIII Fighter Command informs us and also that an attempt is being made to permit members given credit to wear the Bronze Star on the ribbon of this theatre.

P/O CHARLES E. YEAGER, the first pilot of this group to successfully evade capture and return to England after being shot down over Continental Europe, is listed on US TAF General Orders #32 as awarded the Purple Heart for wounds suffered by enemy action.

The Silver Star, for gallantry in action, was awarded to 1st Lt. RAY SPARKS, Jr., for his conduct in protecting and escorting his wingman out of enemy territory. On 30 April 1944, Lt. SPARKS drew the fire of shore batteries while the Air/Sea Rescue picked up Lt. CHARLES J. SCHRIEBER, enabling him to fly again instead of being a prisoner. General Orders #453, Eighth Air Force, lists the award and the citation.

VIII Fighter Command General Order #35 awards the Distinguished Flying Cross to

Lt. Colonel HUBERT T. ROENES, former Deputy Commander. (MIA)

Captain DAVID T. PERROW, (MIA) and Captain JACK R. PARKER (MIA)

VIII Fighter Command General Order #41, 44, and 46 awards the clusters to the Air Medal to a number of our pilots.

The Distinguished Flying Cross was awarded to a number of Group Pilots by General Orders #45, VIII Fighter Command. Those awarded were:

1st Lt. LEONARD K. CARSON	1st Lt. HARRY R. ANZONY, JR.
1st Lt. TOM M. MCKINNEY	1st Lt. ROGER E. PAGELS
1st Lt. JOHN F. PUGH	1st Lt. ARVAL J. ROBERTSON
1st Lt. ROBERT C. SMITH	1st Lt. MARK K. STEPHENSON
1st Lt. CHARLES D. SUMNER, Jr.	

More Distinguished Flying Crosses were awarded by VIII Fighter Command General Orders #47 to:

Captain JAMES D. BROOKING	1st Lt. HERSCHEL B. HILL
1st Lt. ROBERT H. MOORE	1st Lt. THOMAS E. KOKLES
1st Lt. JAMES E. BOUGHARDEN	1st Lt. JOHN C. COON
1st Lt. HOMER H. NORLIN	1st Lt. ROBERT H. SHA...
1st Lt. ALDEN E. SMITH	1st Lt. RICHARD C. SMITH

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1st Lt. ROBERT D. WALKER

Clusters to the DFC were awarded by the same orders to:

1st. Colonel THOMAS J. HAYES, JR.

Captain DONALD H. BOCKLEY

Captain RICHARD A. PETERSON

VIII Fighter Command General Orders #49 awards the DFC to:

Captain ROBERT D. BROWN

Captain ARTHUR M. LINGG

General Orders #50, VIII Fighter Command, lists some more of the Group pilots that now have the DFC. They are:

Captain ROBERT M. POY

Captain EDWIN W. HIRC

1st Lt. LLOYD V. MITCHELL

1st Lt. EDWARD E. SIMPSON, JR.

1st Lt. LAWRENCE F. WOOD

1st Lt. PAUL D. FAIRFATHER

1st Lt. GILBERT M. O'BRIEN

1st Lt. WILLIAM B. OVERSTREET

Those receiving clusters to the DFC are:

Captain CLARENCE E. ANDERSON, JR.

Major JOSEPH E. BROADHEAD

Six times during the month of June the Group was commended. Directly as a unit and indirectly as part of an organization. The messages came from Admiral Kirk, ACM Leigh-Mallory, Generals Spaatz, Coolidge, Kenner, and Woodbury. The text of the messages are printed on the Station Daily Bulletins and without doubt are something of which to be proud.

The text of a message from General Kenner for a successful escort mission to Leipzig, led by Lt. Colonel Hayes follows:

"I wish to commend all Groups and particularly 357 and 361 Groups for the most outstanding escort job ever performed on 29 June 1944. No bombers were lost due to enemy aircraft. In providing protection you destroyed 28 Huns and damaged others. You made the enemy pay dearly for his attempt to intercept our bombers. We strive for perfection and on yesterday's mission you made the closest approach to it under difficult conditions ever recorded. I am proud to be "The Old Man" of you who carry the fight to the Hun wherever you find him.

KENNER"

GROUP AND STATION ACTIVITIES

A very busy month on AAF Station F-373. The first six days were uneventful, but then the war came close. The invasion of Continental Europe started with its additional duties. The night of June 7 a strafing Nazi plane, tentatively identified as a ME 410, made a pass at the field. He was not a very good shot. Approximately five rounds went into the top of the enlisted men's mess, a few into a hangar on the line and all of the others that he fired went into and open field. Ground fire from the station defenses drove him away by inflicting some damage. One of the robot planes released by the Germans came to the station on the night of June 15th. It passed close by the station and exploded approximately 6 miles NW of here. The air raid warning was given nearly every night from the 7th of the month until the 28th, some nights as many as three alerts kept everyone tensed. However, the field was not attacked again. The order to carry weapons was rescinded along the last of the month, but with the instructions to keep them readily available.

The Medical Department, under Major John D. Parker, station Flight Surgeon, was a little busy the first few days of the month. On 1 June a B-24 returning from operations over Europe, crash-landed at this station. Four wounded men were aboard. Two had been wounded by flak and two wounded in the crash-landing. After treatment they were transferred to a General Hospital. A few days later, on June 4th, another B-24 returning from operations across the way crashed and burned near the coast. The Medics removed the bodies of the crew members. AAF Station Special Orders #151, sent an Emergency

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Medical team of one Officer and four enlisted men to Manston for approximately two weeks. 39 #177 sent another of one Officer and 5 enlisted men to Tangmere. These are the stations closest to the European battlefield where most crippled aircraft land and this station along with others, removed a bit from the action, furnished the Medical units to care for the wounded. Major Barker himself went to a combat crew rest home to assist their medical department per 30 #159.

The Station Fire Department, commanded by Lt. Jesse Weise, had a slightly busy month also. They attended the crash of the P-24 on June 4th. On June 7th a P-51 over-shot the field and crashed but did not burn. On the same day another P-51 exploded in mid-air near Blackball; the fire department made the run there. A small crew chief's shack of the 363rd Squadron caught fire and was destroyed on the 21st of the month. The loss was infinitesimal since it had been built of salvaged packing boxes from wing-tanks and furthermore, the crew chief didn't live the design too well. The fire on the 22nd of the month came to the Fire Department. A British truck and trailer with a load of pressed paper wing tanks drove too close to a trash fire and caught fire. The blaze was discovered when the transport unit was right in front of the fire station. It was quickly extinguished with little damage in spite of the highly inflammable load.

The station personnel were restricted on the morning of 5 ^{June} July. No one was allowed to leave until further notice. Off-the-station phone calls were banned. Several days ~~earlier~~ as a precautionary measure, Col. Graham had ordered all personnel on the station ~~to~~ carry arms at all times. Excitement spread throughout the base at the thought that the invasion was at last at hand. A number of civilians employed on the station were restricted also and it was a bit of a problem finding billets for them for the night.

^{June} At 2000 on the night of 5 July Col. Graham called a meeting of all Squadron Commanders, Group Operations Officers, and Intelligence Officers to tell them of the invasion plan and to set the wheels in motion for the 357th Group's part in it. Everyone immediately started work on the details of the plan ~~and~~ divulged to them by Col. Graham. Detailed maps were prepared by S-2 and studied thoroughly. All pilots were called into the Briefing Room at 1000 hours and given a complete and thorough briefing by the Colonel. Strict security precautions were taken throughout the planning.

⁶¹⁶ The first mission took off at 0215 on the morning of June 6th, led by Colonel Graham. The mission took off and climbed through an overcast in darkness in order to reach the assigned patrol area. Never was there exhibited such eagerness on the part of all personnel to help insure the success of this gigantic operation. The Group had fewer ~~hours~~ ^{hours} of continuous patrol in protection of the landings. ~~hours~~ ^{hours} of continuous patrol in protection of the landings.

All personnel, for the next two weeks, worked night and day---Armament, Engineering, Ordnance, all maintenance units, Operations, Intelligence, pilots. Missions went out all hours of the day and night and even the personnel of the Officer's mess began to wonder how long they would be able to stand the long and uncertain hours.

Most of the missions were uneventful as far as shooting down enemy aircraft was concerned---but the Group took a tactical role in bombing and strafing. An outstanding mission of this type was led by Lt. Col. Hayes, the story of which is told in his own words in this issue.

On the station, the restriction of military personnel continued for over a week and the station defenses were alert night and day. Civilian personnel were released as soon as the news of the landings were made public. Pilots were catching sleep where and when they could as were the rest of the personnel. Briefings, formerly at respectable business men's hours, now often were as early as 0330 and as late as 2000 in the evening. It was something new for the 357th, but a responsibility which all its members shared---one hard-working, hard-fighting team. Details of the Operations are contained in this issue of the Historical report.

One morning, 21 June 1944, the Group Operations and Intelligence personnel prepared and assisted in briefing two groups, our own and the 50th Fighter Group, a Thunderbolt

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unit, which came to this station from Southern England to take part in the days escort to Berlin. The Group came to this station the night before, was billeted here overnight, their planes gassed and pre-flighted that night by Group and Station personnel. On different parts of the operations, the two Groups took off within a few moments of each other and had to be briefed before 0430 in the morning. It was the first long mission for the 50th (they being a part of the IX Tactical Air Force) and the 357th Operations and Intelligence Officers worked like mad to assist them in working out their problem and getting out a successful mission. The 50th's first escort, of B-17's beyond Hamburg, and the 357th's to Berlin were successful.

The Engineering Section, CWO J. David Hurley, handled the invasion without a hitch. The afternoon of June 5th black and white paint and a paint brush was given to each crew chief. They painted striping around the wings and fuselage on their planes that day. That was the start of a valiant and successful effort to "keep 'em flying". The following morning at 0200 hours the first mission took-off for the Invasion Coast landing back at the base at 1015. For the next two weeks the men on the line had no regular hours but a lot of them. In their behalf it can be recorded that a larger percentage of ships were operational than at any other time of group operations. When planes were needed to fly, the crew chiefs and armorers and gasoline men and all others on the line saw to it that they were ready to fly. With 67 or 68 planes in the group 65 or 66 or 67 would be operational day or night.

Captain Richard D. Willard's Station Armament section performed as ably. No plane was grounded for longer than the time it takes to change a gun or load a bomb. And a large number of bombs were handled, too. Statistics show that from the 6th to the 15th of June 469 bombs, ranging in size from 100 pounders to 500 pounders, were loaded at this station and dropped by our pilots on the enemy. A good record for a bomber escort fighter unit. In fact a tip-off to the invasion might have been caught from AAF Station F-373, SO #153, paragraph 5. The Ordnance and Armament Officers went to London for a conference.

Captain John D. Anderson's communications section was prepared, also. Everything was handled just exactly the same as all regular operations except the phrase was not "when the mission returns". Another mission would be out before the other would return, so Communications went the same as the pilots, as Operations, as Engineering, as Armament, as Intelligence, and all of the others-----"round-the-clock". The only thing different from routine was on 21 June when a special channel had to be set up for the 50th Group, a P-47 unit that made a mission from this field.

Twenty-one new pilots reported to the Group and were assigned to the component squadrons by AAF Station F-373 Special Orders #152, 157, 161, and 170. Three 1st Lts. The remainder 2nd Lts.

2nd Lt. Morris C. Laine, Public Relations Officer, is now assigned to the 357th Fighter Group by paragraph 2, Special Orders #155, AAF Station F-373.

The Daily Bulletin of 6 June calls the attention of all Unit Commanders to certain deficiencies that the Inspector General from VIII Fighter Command noted. In preparation for a possible move towards closer contact with the enemy, individual identification must be made easier and unit identification made harder.

Being stationed in the country instead of the city it is quite easy for personnel to let down on the regulations regarding proper uniform. The station Daily Bulletin of 9 June calls the attention of all personnel to existing regulations.

The Air Forces are still carrying on with the technical training program even though the Second Front has been launched. Special Orders #165, 169, and 175 of this station are some of the several orders that sent personnel to school.

Air Forces rest homes for combat crews in the UTO are being utilized by pilots of this Group now. Station Special Orders #165 and 171 send some of our pilots there.

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The Special Services Department of this station is working in close accord with the Red Cross in making this country a better place for the Americans to live in. A dance was held for the enlisted men at the Aero Club on 14 June and again on 28 June. The Officers held a dance at their club on 24 June.

The sports program is just waiting on the weather, a track meet is to be held in Ipswich, all soft-ball and volley-ball schedules are ready. Just like home. A Special Services Bulletin of 24 June 1944 is attached.

Not everyone in the Air Forces is perfect so there comes a time when a Court's Martial Board must meet and mete out discipline. A typical one of this station is appointed by paragraph 3 of Special Orders 173.

Temporarily, at least, the war is over on this Station. According to the Daily Bulletin of 26 June 1944 all Officers must wear a blouse to the evening meal and to the Officer's club afterwards.

An item on the Daily Bulletin of 27 June calls the attention of all personnel to their conduct and also the prevalence of certain diseases in the United Kingdom.

Colonel Donald W. Graham is authorized to go to a pilot's rest home for about one week from 2 July, according to Special Orders 178, dated 30 June.

OPERATIONS

The 357th Group has made an enviable record since becoming operational in this theater on 9 February 1944 and flying the first combat mission on 11 February. A total of 120 missions have been flown (50 during June), 26 pilots have shot down five or more enemy planes and are rated as "aces", a total of 283 Nazi Aircraft have been destroyed, 12 probably destroyed and 65 damaged, plus a large number of locomotives, railway cars, airfield installations, warehouses, military transports, and numerous other ground targets. All of this by a Group, the majority of whose missions have been escort for heavy bombardment attacks, make the record even more enviable.

Inflicting the above damage on the enemy can not have been without loss. During the month of June, however, only 9 pilots did not return from missions. The smallest loss we have ever had during a like period. The Group lists the loss of 72 airplanes due to enemy action. Of those 72, five went into the Channel and the pilots were saved by Air/Sea Rescue units, one of the pilots for the second time. Two of the pilots successfully evaded the enemy after parachuting into Continental Europe, one is interned in a neutral country. Only two are listed as being killed in action, twenty two are definitely known to be prisoners of war, and high hopes are held for nearly all of the others being alive, either prisoners or evaders, because of the circumstances pertaining to their not returning as reported by other pilots.

The month of June started quite normally in the operations room. Five uneventful escort missions of heavy bombers were flown. No enemy fighters and very little flak on any of them. Only 139 operational teletypes were received during the first five days, and most of them on the 4th and 5th day of the month.

Then came the Invasion! The operational teletype messages increased to over 50 per day----439 during the period from 6 June to 15 June when things slowed down a bit. The telephone was used more than the teletype during the period, too.

Colonel Graham led the first D-Day mission, a patrol sweep of 8 hours in which no enemy aircraft were seen but two of our pilots failed to return. Lt. Pagels was last seen at take-off and Capt. Ruder crash-landed five miles SE Cherbourg. He reported over the R/T that he was down safe.

Major Broadhead led an uneventful second mission, a patrol sweep on which no enemy targets were seen.

The third mission on D-Day was led by Capt. DeVries. German tanks and ground transport units were glide-bombed. Lt. Irving Smith did not return.

Major Storch led the 364th squadron on the fourth D-Day mission, bombing a number of vehicles and military installations.

The fifth D-Day mission was 362nd squadron led by Capt. Williams. A highway bridge and railway tracks in France were bombed.

Captain DeVries led the 363rd squadron again on another bombing attack on German transport in France for the seventh mission on D-Day.

The eighth D-Day mission was a sweep by the 362 squadron, led by Captain Baker, a long grind with no enemy targets sighted.

Major Dregne led the 364th Squadron in a strafing attack on a troop train moving up to reinforce the beach the Allies were attacking.

On D-Day plus 1 the 362 squadron was briefed at 0300, took off about 0500 and with Captain Williams leading bombed and strafed the trains and a bridge beyond the beachhead. Nine of our planes landed at Exeter to refuel before returning to base.

Bad weather caused the second mission on D-plus 1 to return without being able to find their target.

The next mission was led by Colonel Graham---a patrol sweep. No enemy planes were seen but Lt. Penesha failed to return. His loss is believed to have been flak.

D-plus 1's 4th mission destroyed a locomotive, the only target found.

The 1st mission on June 8th played hob with railways, warehouses, trucks, staff cars and electric lines. The whole Group was out, led by Major Bregne.

The second mission on 8 June, another to disrupt German transportation systems beyond the beachhead, was very successful. One flight was bounced by 20 plus F-100's, another flight was bounced by 20 plus F-100's and 100's but none were shot down. Lt. Ollie Harris bailed in the channel on the way home and was rescued.

The whole Group again flew the next mission on June 9. It was uneventful until landing at the home base when one plane overshot the field.

A mission was flown on June 9th in spite of the bad weather. It was forced to return because of overcast.

June 10th was lousy flying weather but the Group took off, led by Lt. Colonel Hayes. Seventeen were forced to return because of the weather but the others reached the target area, located and bombed trains and ships in the Lorient-Vannes area of France.

Colonel Graham led another full Group mission on the 10th. Escorted bombers, returned them to the coast and then controlled areas in France. Nothing in the way of targets sighted.

Major Broadhead led the 362 squadron, Captain O'Brien led 363 squadron, Captain Richard Smith led 364 squadron in a very successful attack on German transportation. Lt. Childs did not return. His ship was accidentally shot by Lt. George. A statement of the circumstances is attached.

The first mission on June 11 was by squadron. Major Bregne led 364th, Major Gates 362nd, and Captain DeVries 363rd. Railway installations and cars were destroyed, along with medium and heavy German tanks. A success.

Colonel Graham led another mission on 11 June but no targets were found.

June 12th missions started with Lt. Colonel Hayes leading the Group on a patrol. Nothing happened until after 1600 hours when a large gas truck and a large caliber gun were destroyed.

Major Storch led the next mission. The bombardment of a bridge. Results are not known definitely but the unofficial opinion is "Mission Completed".

No enemy aircraft were sighted on an escort mission on June 13. Colonel Graham led.

The mission on June 14 was again by squadron assignment. Major Broadhead leading 362, Captain DeVries leading 363rd, and Lt. Sterelton leading 364th. The first enemy aircraft seen in several days attacked two straggling planes. They were driven off and two of them shot down. More would probably have been destroyed if this Group had not been attacked by white-nosed F-51's and were a bit busy dodging them. Lt. Colburn was last seen during this combat.

Another escort mission on June 15. No enemy aircraft sighted, meagre flak.

On June 16 Lt. Colonel Hayes led the Group on a strafing mission into France. Wing tanks were dropped on freight trains and fired with tracers, troop trains were attacked with good results. Fire and smoke was seen for 20 miles. Colonel Hayes' report of the attack is attached.

The first mission on 17 June was led by Captain Peterson. An escort mission of heavy bombers to the area behind the beachhead. No enemy aircraft were seen. Captain Hagan landed in the battle area with engine trouble. It is assumed he was taken prisoner.

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A visit from the Red Cross to the 1st
Group in Vietnam and the military group

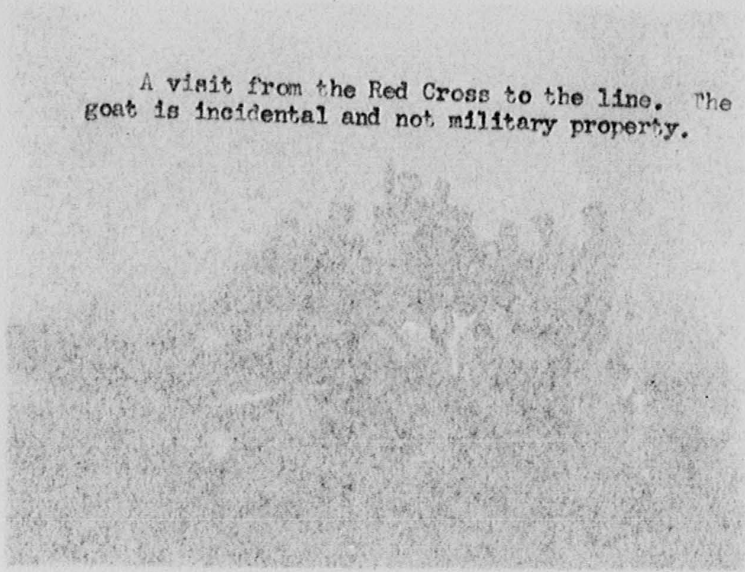


Five of the 1st Group officers taking a break
from their duties. From left to right:
Colonel, Major, Captain, Lieutenant, and

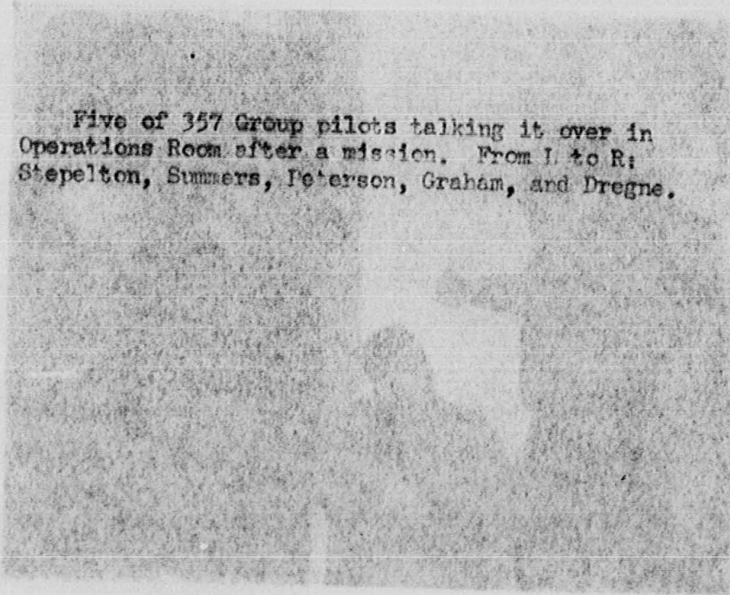


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A visit from the Red Cross to the line. The goat is incidental and not military property.



Five of 357 Group pilots talking it over in Operations Room after a mission. From L to R: Stepelton, Summers, Peterson, Graham, and Dregne.



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PRESS RELEASES

SECRET

AN EIGHTH AAF FIGHTER STATION, ENGLAND, June 6_____ Tired fighter pilots, snatching a cup of coffee and forty winks between wave after wave of sweeps and sorties which have been roaring away from this P-51 Mustang station since before dawn, told sketchy and brief accounts of how the air umbrella is smothering the invasion forces. A few minutes rest and they are gone again.

Capt. Donald M. Bochkay, 6406 Bakman St., North Hollywood, Calif., a truck private in the Infantry before he enlisted in the AAF, said he got in a blow for his former ground buddies when he led his flight down onto a convoy of German gasoline trucks rushing to the battle area, bombed and riddled it.

Capt. Bochkay said: "I bombed a Tiger tank with a convoy of gasoline trucks entering a small town. I dropped my bombs and blew the tank all to pieces."

Capt. Bochkay's wingman, Lt. William S. Davis, Sanilla, Cal., also dropped his bombs into the convoy, which he said was left a mile long flaming string.

The Mustangmen bombed and strafed. Sortie after sortie has flown from here to battle the Luftwaffe as the invasion opened but found no opposition.

One flight of Mustangs swooped to the deck and riddled a staff car load of German Officers with a motorcycle escort.

AN EIGHTH AAF FIGHTER STATION, ENGLAND, June 6_____ There is no glamour but ground crews of this P-51 Mustang station have been working like heavy men since 2:30 of a cold English morning to keep their planes flying to France and back as the invasion, they were ready for, opened.

Unsung guys like Pfc. Anton P. Kreselich, Dickinson, N. Dak., driver of a gasoline truck, have worked 12 hours on a stretch and are still working. Kreselich said: "I'm a busy man."

S/Sgt. Wilbur Reich, of Michigan, a crew chief, hit a note describing the whole tune of activity on the ground of an airbase, when he said: "Our pilots will fly 'em and we'll work just as long as they do, keeping 'em flying."

"Ditto", said S/Sgt Thomas J. Aurio, Waterbury, Conn., an assistant crew chief.

From the boy on the teletype taking the intelligence data to the best pilot in the outfit, the men who man the Mustangs are giving their best.

AN EIGHTH AAF FIGHTER STATION, ENGLAND, June 6_____ The birdman's eyeriew of the invasion was obscured with overcast in the earlier stages as the fighter pilots zoomed high over the channel to do business with Hitler over or past the beachheads, but in spite of the lack of interceptors the P-51 Mustangmen of Col. Donald W. Graham's group had a busy day.

Pilots did say debris in the channel looked like a gutter full of rainwater and trash. They peeked at it as they flew home for more gasoline and a bite to eat.

Major Storch led a squadron in blasting with bombs a German train loaded with gasoline tanks hurrying to the battle zone. It didn't get there.

The Major with Lt. Bryant Y. Anderson, Peoria, Illinois; Capt. Tom McKinney, Simpsonville, S.C. and others, skip-bombed the train with devastating effect.

Earlier another shift of the P-51 Mustangs had left a motor convoy of gasoline trucks a burning string for three miles, as described by Capt. Donald Bochkay, North Hollywood, Calif., whose flight destroyed tanks and trucks and were low enough down on the deck to get small arms bullet holes in their fighters.

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AN EIGHTH AAF FIGHTER STATION, ENGLAND, June 7____ Flying in the late afternoon of D-Day after 14 hours in the cockpit for some of them, P-51 Mustang fighter pilots were still punching away at Hitler's men and supplies rushing to the battle area.

Major Irwin M. Dregne, Viroqua, Wisc., describes destruction of a troop train, which he and 10 Mustangmen sprayed:

"We came on the train at a town and made four swipes at it. It would not burn but occupants, German soldiers, scattered in every which direction. We continued on flying but could not ferret any traffic on the highways and rail tracks."

Captain Richard A. Peterson, Alexandria, Minn., who was also in on the destruction of the troop train, said, "the locomotive of it was trying to hide in a tunnel but smoke coming out gave it away and the Mustangs closed in for the kill".

AN EIGHTH AAF FIGHTER STATION, ENGLAND, June 7____ Many stories will be told of sacrifice and untiring effort in the first day of the invasion and one of these is about the fighter pilots, who formed the air umbrella.

An example is a P-51 Mustang pilot, 1st Lt. Mark M. Stepelton, Chicago, Ill., who was in his cockpit 14 hours, going out in the cold English pre-dawn and ending up in the grey rainy twilight.

Lt. Stepelton was just one of many such fliers, who flew mission after mission by the hours. They ate when they could and slept in snatches of the cat-nap variety. Gallons of coffee was poured through the spigots of the urns in the pilot's room, which for the day became a combination sleeping dormitory and mess hall.

Back of the pilots were their ground crews and all other personnel, the pencil pushers and the typewriter pounders. Their hours were the same as pilots, day and night.

The first man up the second day of the invasion was a fighter pilot, 1st Lt. Charles D. Sumner, Jr., Bat Cave, N.C., who said the only reason Lt. Stepelton had more hours in the cockpit than he was because Stepelton took off first on the first mission.

AN EIGHTH AAF FIGHTER STATION, ENGLAND, June 8____ Day and night the fighter ships of the USAAF are sweeping, dive-bombing and strafing Hitler's men and supplies moving up to the beachheads.

The stories these P-51 Mustangmen tell between sorties are brief and descriptive of what is being done to prepare the way for the advancing ground troops into France.

Contrasting accounts of the reaction of the French people to the sight of American fighter ships blasting the German convoys and trains are told.

Captain Clarence E. Anderson, Jr., Newcastle, Calif., and his flight of Mustangs destroyed a locomotive to the enthusiastic waves of some Frenchmen. While others just stood and looked, he said.

Lining up like soldiers in a drow line, Mustangs led by Capt. Maurice F. Baker, Parker, S.Dak. blasted a motor truck convoy.

One member of the flight, 1st Lt. Rodney M. Starkey, Yermo, Calif., said: "I saw a Frenchman standing in the center of a highway, jumping up and down and waving. When I wiggled my wings at him he danced in frenzy."

Capt. Donald M. Bochkay, N. Hollywood, Calif., a former buck private in the infantry, is getting a thrill out of his help in paving the way for the ground boys. Latest report of the Captain, who has already destroyed just about everything that moves on wheels for Hitler, is: "a train we bombed buckled high in the air and shot flames a thousand feet in the air. It must have been high octane gasoline intended for the Luftwaffe."

The Germans cannot get away from the insistent American fighters. They try to hide by every method their precious convoys and supplies, explained 1st Lt. John Hugh, Brogan, Oregon, who said he and other Mustangs fired a convoy of 15 trucks much to the delight of bystanding French.

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SECRET

Capt. James Browning, Syracuse, Kans., reported a railroad junction that lighted up like a Christmas tree with toylike trains and tracks strewn about.

AN EIGHTH AAF FIGHTER STATION, ENGLAND, June 10. 1st Lt. Ollie Harris, P-51 Mustang pilot from Jenkins, Ky., would like to know the names of the four German officers who were heading for the Allied beachhead until he turned his guns on their staff car.

"They must have been important," the fighter pilot from Col. Donald W. Graham's Eighth AAF Fighter Group said. "They had an escort of Brown-uniformed troops in a truck ahead of them. I strafed the staff car and the truck."

"No sooner had I climbed away from the wreckage than six FW 190's bounced me, charging headon. They scored several hits and crippled my ship but I managed to elude them and stagger to the coast."

Lt. Harris bailed out approximately 20 miles Northwest of an Allied beachhead and floated in his dinghy for nearly two hours before being rescued by a British Air/Sea Rescue flying boat.

"I could see several barges heading to and away from the beachhead," he said. "By the time the flying boat reached me, I was numb with cold and soaked from the heavy seas."

Fully recovered two days later, the young fighter pilot asked to be placed on flying duty immediately to continue the round the clock attacks on German defenses facing the Allied advance in France.

AN EIGHTH AAF FIGHTER STATION, ENGLAND, June 10. Capt. Richard A. Peterson, Alexandria, Minn., is a typical fighter pilot. He has't slept in his Messen hut bed for 72 hours and his principal diet has been snacks of coffee and sandwiches. He's not shaved and he has't had time to open his mail. He is flying 14 hours a day.

Capt. Peterson and many more fighter pilots like him are flying the air umbrella to the Allied ground forces forging into France.

It was June 5 at the Officers' mess when Col. Donald W. Graham, Group leader, called Peterson aside and whispered to the tall pilot with 10 German planes to his credit to drop by the briefing room after supper.

Peterson sensed something was up as he hopped a jeep to the Intelligence briefing room. When he walked in there he knew it. For the usual horseplay and acrobatics before the sessions start was missing.

Peterson found his group leaders huddled around maps and bales of intelligence data. An armed guard stalked around the building.

He sat with other flight leaders and it came straight: they would take off at 0230 the next morning to France. This was it because these fighter pilots flew by day before.

Capt. Peterson didn't sleep much that night and has't since. Capt. Peterson is tired but this is how he puts it: "I'll keep flying. Look at those crew chiefs and the boys on the line, working night and day, eating and sleeping when they can. Look at the boys in the tower handling all this air traffic, I know they have't stopped a minute. Look at the cooks in the mess halls and the clerks in a thousand offices. Nobody is letting up. And I won't either."

The P-51 Mustang pilot has seen a change in flying schedules. The new one is constant. It requires the pilot to stay in the pilot room and be ready for instant call to the cockpit. As many as three or four missions are flown in 14 hours. Sortie after sortie is waved from this Eighth AAF Fighter station just clearing before another group of fliers return. They gas up, smoke a cigarette, and are gone again.

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Virtually unchallenged by the Luftwaffe, Capt. Peterson and the fighter pilots are munching away at Hitler's men and supplies moving up to the battle zones. They have strafed and bombed any and all military personnel and installations.

Their invasion role is to pave the way for the ground men surging from the beaches. They fire the rail and motor convoys of the Germans. They knock out bridges. They swoop down from the now prevailing overcast and blaze away or bomb away, rush to homebase in England and are back again promptly with more bullets and bombs to empty on the defending Germans.

Their once primary mission to escort bombers is now sandwiched in between bomber missions in their own right.

Multiply Capt. Peterson by hundreds and you have the early fighter story of the invasion.

AN EIGHTH AAF FIGHTER STATION, ENGLAND, June 12____Lt. Col. Thomas L. Hayes, Jr., 3765 S.E. Division St. Portland, Oregon, who has seen American aircraft dish out destruction to the enemy in two theaters, South Pacific and European, waited until today to witness his strangest target display.

Col. Hayes led a flight of eight Mustangs down on German vehicles moving to the battle areas and when he opened up with his wing guns the strangest target he has ever seen disintegrated before he could fly over it.

His target was a German van moving along a large caliber gun.

"I must have hit tons of ammunition with the big bertha," Col. Hayes said, "because flame and debris belched every where. Pieces tumbled down like torn bits of a newspaper. Everything was burning."

"The cagy Germans had attempted to camouflage the big gun. It was only a lucky hunch we had that gave and got us such a prize."

1st Lt. Mark M. Stepolton, 6442 S. Union Ave., Chicago, Ill., was leader of a flight assisting Col. Hayes.

AN EIGHTH AAF FIGHTER STATION, ENGLAND, June 14____At odds of 16 to 2 against them, American fighter pilots found and fought the Luftwaffe today on a bomber escort mission. The action took place in the Paris area.

1st Lt. Robert M. Shaw, 177 Corlis St. Pittsburgh, Pa., shot down a FW 190 and damaged another that was shooting up a squadron mate. Lt. Shaw notched his fifth Nazi victory.

Lt. Shaw said: "north of Paris we ran into two batches of FW 190's. In combat with one bunch, I attacked a FW at 8,000 feet and shot him down. I bounced another that was on the tail of my fellow flight member, who in turn was after a Jerry."

Eager for battle with Hitler's airmen, the Mustangmen of Col. Donald W. Graham's group found playing hide and seek in the clouds near Paris. They engaged two waves of 190's one above, and another just below 23,000 feet. Fighting took place from that height to the deck.

AN EIGHTH AAF FIGHTER STATION, ENGLAND, June 20____Probing the skies for the long absent Luftwaffe, Col. Donald W. Graham's long-range Mustang Group found seven Me 109's North of Berlin on a bomber escort mission today, destroyed four and damaged two of them.

Major John A. Storch, 4225 Myrtle Ave., Long Beach, Calif., a squadron leader of Col. Graham's Group, said the Mustangs pried three Messerschmitts 109's off a crippled bomber. The Major shared in the destruction of one with 2nd Lt. Louis A. Pecher III, 252 Armstrong Ave., Jersey City, N.J.

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Lt. Fecher described the action: "Major Storch and I chased an Me 109 away from the crippled bomber and drove it down to about 11,000 feet. First the Major got in his licks and then I fired into the dropping German. The Major finished him off and the pilot bailed out."

Flying "Maizie R", a gift Mustang from GI's of an airforce depot, 1st Lt. John J. Salaman, Galesville, Wisc., polished off a 109. He said: "I chased one to the deck and let him have it until he tried to straighten out. Then he belted in and crashed."

Captain Richard C. Smith, Swink, Colo., ended a chase of 100 miles when he forced the German 109 into a belly-crash landing. Then he finished the job.

1st Lt. Nicholas J. Frederick, 14 S. 6th Ave., Coatesville, Pa., tabbed a 109 at 17,000 feet North of Berlin.

"I hit him and he broke. I got him again and he crashed." Lt. Frederick shared in destruction of a Fiesler Storch 156 German trainer with 2nd Lt. Merle Allen 805 E. Cleveland St., Guthrie, Oklahoma.

Lt. Frederick said the little slow Nazi plane was a persistent little devil but the drop wash of the warring Mustangs practically bowled over the trainer. It crashed in a field.

AN EIGHTH AAF FIGHTER STATION, ENGLAND, June 23____ Capt. Robert H. Becker, high-scoring flight commander in Col. Donald W. Graham's Eighth AAF Fighter Group has just learned about a hobby-sock fan club in his honor.

The 22 year old Mustang pilot's mother, Mrs. C.H. Fuller, 5751 Roosevelt Ave., Hollydale, Calif., forwarded six letters from Southern California girls who, after reading about the freckle-faced flyer's exploits against the Luftwaffe, had written to his mother for his address. "This is only the beginning. There are more letters on the way", his mother wrote.

Starting their fan letters with "I am 19, blonde, blue-eyed...." the girls wanted to know about the fighter pilot's favorite bands, movie stars, foods, and "please send us an autographed photo."

Capt. Becker, who has bagged seven Nazi planes in the air, doesn't mind the idea at all. After declaring he had no "certain one" back home, the former Douglas Aircraft electrician said: "I promise to answer each girl's letter - providing she encloses a pin-up picture of herself."

AN EIGHTH AAF FIGHTER STATION, ENGLAND, June 23____ A German motorcycle rider found out today that his Nazi-made sub-machine gun is no match against 16 bullet snorting P-51 Mustangs.

But he won't tell anyone about it.

Col. Donald W. Graham's fighter pilots, returning from a bomber escort and strafing mission to France, reported that they had destroyed the motorcycle and rider who was escorting a German truck and trailer. The sharp-shooting Mustangmen also hit passenger and freight trains, oil tank cars, army trucks, two locomotives, and a staff car.

Major JOSEPH B. BRADBLED, Rupert, Idaho.

"A German trailer-truck with one motorcyclist was loaded for the front when I brought my entire squadron diving down on them. The cyclist threw his bike into a ditch, crouched behind it, and opened fire on us with a "tommy-gun". It was a matter of seconds until pieces of German equipment and German gunner were floating and flying through the air.

Enroute home we found and fired 10 parked passenger coaches. While strafing them, with my plane almost touching the ground, I flew between two coach trees.... reminded me of a Hollywood trick."

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Captain HENRY E. BIAL, Jr. Richfield, Utah.

"All over France I saw craters in farms and ex-German airfields. When I think what the Nazis have done to the people of those beautiful French villages I saw today, I enjoy pumping lead into Nazi equipment---and Nazis."

1st Lt. AURANT D. HOOD, Donna, Texas.

"We were speeding northward, enroute home when we found a string of 10 box-cars and an oil car, parked on a siding. Leaving them smoking after two passes, we swooped over a little town and a river whose bombed bridge was sagging in the water. A mile further north we found 10 parked passenger cars which we fired."

Lt. Colonel IRWIN M. DREMB, Wiroqua, Wisc.
Mission Leader

"On primary mission of escorting bombers accomplished, we swooped and strafed. Victims include staff cars of German officers and tank cars, which we found on a siding. Two locomotives were damaged."

Captain CHARLES D. SUGER, Jr. Bat Cave, N.C.

"Taking passes at tank cars on a siding we watched the enemy flames they threw up when hit. Blue, red, and green flames shot high into the air."

Lt. Nicholas J. Frederick, Coatesville, Pa. had lunch at his P-51 Mustang station in England, the same place he had catch breakfast, but he stopped off for tea in France this morning.

"Emergency landing strips on the beachheads of France help the fighter pilots from English bases maintain a good time schedule as well as proving his salvation in case of forced landings like mine," the flier said.

On a bomber escort mission into France, Lt. Frederick's engine gave trouble and headed for the beachhead. He made it to a RCAP dirt strip and set down for engine repairs and refueling.

"I got down in the nick of time too," the airman said. "Two FW 190s were shot down over the emergency strip I landed on. If they had caught me with my bad engine I would have missed my lunch at 'home' this noon."

"There was plenty of activity over there. Emergency strips like the one I landed on spring up over a night and a day", the Mustang pilot said.

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I A/C ABORTIVE ANALYSIS

	<u>June 1 '44 to June 30 '44 Incl.</u>		<u>364th</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>362nd</u>	<u>363rd</u>		
Pilot Trouble	5	3	4	12
Escort	7	9	10	26
Drop, Wing, Belly Tank	5	14	11	30
Engine **	17	14	16	47
Radio	1	1	-	2
Instrument	1	1	4	6
Flight Control Surface	-	-	3	3
Propeller	-	1	-	1
Oxygen	1	1	5	7
Electrical	6	4	4	14
Fuel Induction	3	2	2	7
Landing Gear	-	3	1	4
Navigation	4	6	5	15
Others	-	5	4	9
TOTAL	50	64	69	183

**Engine includes power setting, roughness, engine fuel leaks, engine control, oil leaks, fumes in cockpit, coolant leak, faulty coolant shutter, etc.

<u>Flight Record</u>	<u>362nd</u>	<u>363rd</u>	<u>364th</u>	<u>Total for Entire Group</u>
Total A/C Dispatched	658	648	638	1944
" " " (Previous Mo)	403	396	353	1152 - 1152
Percentage Abortive	7.6	9.9	10.7	9.4
" " " (Previous Mo)	8.7	11.1	17.6	12.3

II MAINTENANCE EFFICIENCY

BASIS: Planes reported as Operational relative to the number of A/C reported On Hand for the period
1 June '44 to 30 June '44 Incl.

<u>362nd Fighter Squadron</u>	Average number of A/C On Hand	23.3		
" " "	" " Operational	18.8	Maintenance Efficiency	80.6%
<u>363rd Fighter Squadron</u>	Average Number of A/C On Hand	23.9		
" " "	" " Operational	21.3	Maintenance Efficiency	89.1%
<u>364th Fighter Squadron</u>	Average number of A/C On Hand	22.7		
" " "	" " Operational	19.6	Maintenance Efficiency	85.1%

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III ARMAMENT STOPPAGE ANALYSIS

1 June 1944 to 30 June 1944 Incl.

	<u>ROUNDS OF AMMO FIRED</u>	<u>STOPPAGES</u>	<u>ROUNDS FIRED PER STOPPAGE</u>
362nd Fighter Squadron	52,269	49	1067
363rd Fighter Squadron	46,973	27	1737
364th Fighter Squadron	58,374	39	1497
AVERAGE FOR THE GROUP	52,515	38	1434

	<u>362nd</u>	<u>363rd</u>	<u>364th</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Link Jams	7	2	7	16
Failure to extract fr belt	30	1	19	50
Failure to extract from chamber	4	2	-	6
Failure to eject	1	1	-	2
Dented primer	2	5	1	8
Solenoid	2	-	-	2
Failure to chamber round	-	3	5	8
Miscellaneous	3	13	7	23
	<u>49</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>115</u>

DAVID I. KRAMER,
Captain, Air Corps,
Group Statistical O.

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REPORT OF STRAFFING ATTACK OF LT. COL. T. L. FAZES, JR.

On 16 June 1944, the 357th Fighter Group together with the 352nd Fighter Group was ordered to locate and strafe two trains between Poitiers and Angoulême, southern France. There was no information available as to position, direction, type, and contents of these trains. I called the 352nd Fighter Group and it was decided that I would arrive ten minutes before the 352nd at Poitiers with each of us sweeping the area south.

When the courses were drawn it was found not easy to carry auxiliary tanks although the 108 gallon tanks were far in excess, but still the only available tanks. I decided to fill the tanks and then briefed the pilots on using them as fire bombs. This all depended on our targets. On our way to the area we flew only 30 minutes on each of the tanks leaving them about 2/3 full or about 75 gallons in each tank.

As far south as the Loire River there was a solid undercast around 2,000 - 5,000'. I found myself 5 minutes early and was unable to establish radio contact with the 352nd Group. The only break in this cloud was the area from Poitiers to Angoulême so I proceeded to search for trains. At the Marshalling Yard of Poitiers rail transportation was seen. My top cover squadron, the 363rd, heard this conversation over the R/T; and when I started to let down thru a haze condition, they became separated and thought I was going down to attack. I was now leading the 364th and 362nd Squadrons at 9,000' covering the railroad and main roads. Nothing was observed except a marshalling yard at St. Pierre or 30 miles south of Poitiers with 3 lines of goods cars with other stray cars totalling about 100 cars in all. About one mile north a train of 30 goods cars was rather neatly camouflaged by being parked between a cut of trees on a sharp bend. We flew south of Angoulême and observed congested traffic also at Angoulême, but I returned to St. Pierre as it looked like it was safe from flak.

The attack was carried out as briefed: Having two squadrons now seemed to work smoothly and not too congested. As I mentioned before, the 3rd squadron was raising hell at Poitiers at this time. Flying north on the sun side I left the 362nd at 9,000' as top cover. I made a diving turn slipping thru some cloud at 3,000' and ended up on the dock approaching the yard from the west or 90° to it. My flight of four was slightly staggered abreast and coming in at 400 MPH all firing ahead. As each one reached the cars he released his tanks which sprayed gasoline around. The second flight not far behind fired into the bursted tanks setting many of the cars afire; and then in turn released their tanks as they passed over.

My second section of 8 planes at this time splashed their tanks on the 30 cars one mile north. After setting them afire the cars began to blow up. We all made one pass straffing to increase damage and fire. Then we pulled up to cover the 362nd while they got in on the fun. This second squadron picked out sections of cars and buildings still not burning. There was no use in straffing any more as the fires spread quickly. It was now that the Germans could see what was happening and started two flak cars to fire, one on each side of the middle train. One element gave him two tanks while the wing man set the mess on fire.

From above I observed several huge explosions in the yard. About every building, warehouse, and wooden goods cars were burning fiercely. Even some of the civilian houses immediately adjacent to the tracks were burning. The ammunition train to the north was still blowing up when we left. These cars when they exploded burst over 1,000' into the area. It was nice they parked this way from the yard so we could continue on our fun. Some of the cars looked like they were loaded with phosphorous bombs as they exploded. There was a great deal of small calibre and M1 stuff going off for a distance of 100 yards next to the train.

The 362nd using the same tactics outside of Poitiers attacking a troop train and the marshalling yard. It was a much larger yard but when they left 4 huge fires were out of control and of the 100 odd cars many were strafed and small fires smouldering.

Still don't know about the trains we were supposed to locate but we all had a hell of a lot of fun on what we found. The idea is certainly not new. We did it often against the Japs in New Guinea to root them out of their fox holes and pill boxes. Only there we attached thermite sticks making the tanks incendiary bombs and filled the tanks half with oil to make them burn longer. The increased flak over here makes it more dangerous in this theatre. I've always wanted to try it over here and this seemed like a good area and target to try it.

A TRUE COPY:

Thomas L. Fazes, Jr.
Capt., Air Corps,
Ass't. S-2.

THOMAS L. FAZES, JR.,
Lt. Col., Air Corps,
Pilot.

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Lt. Col. HAYES' own story of one of the outstanding tactical missions of the month of June:

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Statistical Analysis:

1. Abortives.
2. Maintenance Efficiency.
3. Gun Stoppages.

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357TH FIGHTER GROUP
OPERATIONS SUMMARY
P-51 MUSTANGS
COLONEL DONALD W. GRAHAM, COMDG.

DATE	TARGET	CLAIMS	LEADER
Feb. 11	Rouen Sweep	0-0-0	Maj. Howard
Feb. 12	St. Pol. B.E.	0-0-0	Col. Blakeslee
Feb. 13	Dieppe Sweep	0-0-0	" "
Feb. 20	Leipzig, B.E.	2-0-2	" "
Feb. 21	Brunswick	2-0-0	Col. Spicer
Feb. 22	Bernberg	7-0-3	Col. Spicer
Feb. 24	Gotha	5-1-1	" "
Feb. 25	Regensburg	5-0-0	" "
Feb. 29	Brunswick	0-0-0	" "
Mar. 2	Frankfurt	2-0-0	" "
Mar. 3	Hamburg	0-0-0	" "
Mar. 4	Berlin	2-1-1	" "
Mar. 5	Bordeaux	7-0-4	" "
Mar. 6	Berlin	20-1-7	Col. Hayes
Mar. 8	Berlin	7-0-3	Col. Graham
Mar. 9	Hanover	0-0-0	Maj. Broadhead
FIRST MONTH TOTALS		50-3-21	
Mar. 16	Munich	12-1-4	Col. Egenes
Mar. 18	Augsburg	2-0-0	Col. Hayes
Mar. 20	Frankfurt	0-0-0	Col. Egenes
Mar. 22	Berlin	0-0-0	" "
Mar. 23	Brunswick	0-1-0	Maj. Throop
Mar. 27	Mt. de Marson A/F	0-0-0	Capt. Davis
Mar. 28	Dijon	5-0-0 (ground)	Col. Egenes
Mar. 29	Brunswick	1-0-0	Maj. Throop
Mar. 31	Ludwigshaven sweep	0-0-0	Col. Hayes
Apr. 8	Brunswick	5-0-3	Col. Hayes
Apr. 9	Warnemunden	0-0-0	Maj. Throop
SECOND MONTH TOTALS		25-2-7	
Apr. 10	Bourges	0-0-0	Col. Graham
Apr. 11	Sorau	25-0-10	Maj. Dregne
Apr. 12	Zwickau	0-0-0	Col. Graham
Apr. 12	(PRU escort)	0-0-0	Lt. Carson
Apr. 13	Lucheld	7-1-0	Maj. Throop
Apr. 15	Rodeo	0-0-0	Maj. Dregne
Apr. 18	Brandenburg	0-0-0	Col. Hayes
Apr. 19	Eschwage	5-0-0	Col. Graham
Apr. 20	Cambrai	0-0-0	Col. Graham
Apr. 22	Bremen	2-0-0	Maj. Broadhead
Apr. 23	(dive-bomb France)	0-0-0	Maj. Hiro
Apr. 24	Erding	22-2-7	Maj. Dregne
Apr. 25	Dijon	0-0-0	Col. Graham
Apr. 26	Koblentz	0-0-0	Col. Hayes
Apr. 27	Reims	0-0-0	Maj. Throop
Apr. 28	Alford	0-0-0	Maj. Dregne
Apr. 29	Berlin	0-0-1	Maj. Broadhead
Apr. 30	Claremont	9-0-0	Col. Graham
May 1	Cambrai	0-0-0	Maj. Dregne
May 1	Frankfurt	0-0-0	Col. Graham
May 4	Steinhuder	0-0-0	Maj. Throop
May 7	Berlin	0-0-0	Col. Graham
May 8	Berlin	2-0-2	Maj. Dregne
May 9	Florennes	1-0-0	Col. Hayes
THIRD MONTH TOTALS		73-3-21	

2. Colonel Graham's Group, 357th.

DATE	TARGET	CLAIMS	LEADER
May 10	Ostend	0-0-0	Col. Graham.
May 11	Belfort	0-0-0	Maj. Broadhead.
May 12	Brux (Czech)	14-0-2 (Air)	
		2-0-0 (Ground)	Maj. Throop.
May 13	Posen (Poland)	6-0-1	Col. Graham.
May 15	Marcouise	0-0-0	Maj. Broadhead.
May 19	Berlin	10-0-3	Col. Hayes.
May 20	Paris	0-0-0	Col. Graham.
May 21	Chattanooga	18-0-1 (Ground)	Maj. Dregne.
May 22	Kiel	0-0-0	Col. Graham.
May 23	Troyes	0-0-0	Maj. Broadhead.
May 24	Berlin	1-1-0	Col. Hayes.
May 27	(Bomb and strafe France)	1-0-0 (Ground)	Capt. DeVries.
May 25	Nancy	0-0-0	Col. Graham.
May 27	Ludwigshaven	20-0-3	Maj. Dregne.
May 28	Magdeburg	8-0-2	Col. Hayes.
May 29	Posen (Poland)	0-0-0	Col. Graham.
May 30	Bernburg	18-0-0 (Air)	
		1-0-0 (Ground)	Maj. Dregne.
May 31	Luxell	0-0-0	Col. Hayes.
	WORTH MONTH TOTALS	99-1-12	
June 2	Beauvoir	0-0-0	Col. Graham.
June 2	Escort.	0-0-0	Capt. DeVries.
June 3	Escort (Brussels)	0-0-0	Maj. Gates.
June 4	Avord MR Bourges.	0-0-0	Col. Hayes.
June 5	Abbeville.	0-0-0	Maj. Broadhead.
June 6	Fullhouse (Sweep France)	0-0-0	Col. Graham.
June 6	Fullhouse (Sweep France)	0-0-0	Maj. Broadhead.
June 6	Stud (Sweep France)	0-0-0	Capt. DeVries.
June 6	Stud (Sweep France)	0-0-0	Maj. Storch.
June 6	Stud (Sweep France)	0-0-0	Capt. Williams.
June 6	Stud (Sweep France)	0-0-0	Capt. DeVries.
June 6	Royal Flush (Sweep France)	0-0-0	Capt. Baker.
June 6	La Suze (Strafe)	0-0-0	Maj. Dregne.
June 7	Rennes & Guel A/D	0-0-0	Capt. Williams.
June 7	(Sweep France)	0-0-0	Capt. DeVries.
June 7	Morlaix.	0-0-0	Col. Graham.
June 7	Tours.	0-0-0	Col. Hayes.
June 8	Laval.	0-0-0	Maj. Dregne.
June 8	Laval.	0-0-0	Capt. Williams.
June 8	Vannes.	0-0-0	Col. Hayes.
June 9	Escort PRU.	0-0-0	Maj. Broadhead.
June 10	Vannes A/D.	0-0-0	Col. Hayes.
June 10	Chartres.	0-0-0	Col. Graham.
June 10	Coutances - Argetan.	0-0-0	Maj. Broadhead, 362 Sq.
			Capt. O'Brien, 363 Sq.
			Capt. Smith, 364 Sq.
June 11	Dieppe - Paris.	0-0-0	Maj. Gates, 362 Sq.
			Capt. DeVries, 363 Sq.
			Major Dregne, 364 Sq.
June 11	Nantes-Bordeaux	0-0-0	Col. Graham.
June 12	Noyon	0-0-0	Col. Hayes.
June 12	Dreux	0-0-0	Maj. Storch.
June 13	Beaumont & Beauvais.	0-0-0	Col. Graham.
June 14	Chartres.	2-0-1	Maj. Broadhead, 362 Sq.
			Capt. DeVries, 363 Sq.
			Lt. Stepelton, 364 Sq.
June 15	Hanover	0-0-0	Col. Graham.
June 16	Poitiers - Mansle.	0-0-0	Col. Hayes.
June 17	La Fleche.	0-0-0	Capt. Peterson.
June 17	Laval	0-0-0	Maj. Gates.
June 18	Hamburg.	0-0-0	Col. Hayes.
June 19	Bordeaux.	0-0-0	Col. Hayes.

3. Colonel Graham's Group, 357th.

DATE	TARGET	CLAIMS	LEADER
June 19	Doullers	0-0-0	Col. Graham.
June 20	Ostermoore	5-0-2 (Air)	
		0-0-1 (Grd)	Col. Graham.
June 20	Soissons-Paris.	0-0-0	Maj. Gates.
June 21	Basdorf-Berlin	0-0-0	Col. Hayes.
June 22	Paris	0-0-0	Col. Graham.
June 23	Paris	0-0-0	Col. Dregne.
June 24	Tours	0-0-0	Col. Hayes.
June 24	Beauvais	0-0-0	Col. Graham.
June 25	Toulouse	0-0-0	Col. Dregne.
June 25	E. Paris.	0-0-0	Col. Hayes.
June 27	Rheims.	0-0-0	Col. Graham.
June 28	N. Paris.	0-0-0	Col. Dregne.
June 29	Leipzig.	21-0-4	Col. Hayes.
June 30	Conches A/D.	0-0-0	Col. Graham.
FIFTH MONTH TOTALS		28-0-8	

GRAND TOTAL TO June 30. 283 $\frac{1}{2}$ -12-65, only 27 on ground.

In the month of May alone: 102 $\frac{1}{2}$ E/A destroyed. 22 on ground.

This Group has averaged over 50 German planes destroyed a month.

The Group has been to Berlin ten times. They have flown to Poland and Czechoslovakia and Austria.

On 10 different missions the Group has destroyed 10 or more E/A and on 6 of those missions more than 20 with no losses or a minimum of losses.

Group has developed 26 Aces with the victories well spread out among the pilots.

Aces are: Col. Hayes, Lt. Pierce, Lt. Reese, Capt. Stanley, Maj. Broadhead, Lt. Roberson, Capt. Ruder, Capt. Anderson, Capt. Beckley, Capt. Adams, Capt. Davis, Capt. Warren, Capt. Carder, Capt. O'Brien, Capt. England, Lt. O'Brien, Capt. Peterson, Capt. Becker, Maj. Storch, Lt. Robert C. Smith, Capt. Foy, Capt. Stepelton, Capt. Sumner, Capt. Browning, Cat. Carson, Lt. Shaw.

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AGES OF THE 35TH FIGHTER GROUP
AS OF 29 JUNE 1944.

	AIR		GROUND		TOTAL
	Pend.	Conf.	Pend.	Conf.	
Capt. R. A. Peterson	1	0	1	0	10½
Capt. C. E. Anderson, Jr.	8	4	1	0	13
Capt. P. E. Adams (MIA)	4½	4½	0	0	9
Capt. G. V. Davis	0	9	0	0	9
Capt. John B. England	4½	4	0	0	8½
*Lt. Col. Thomas L. Hayes, Jr.	2½	5	0	0	7½
Capt. R. H. Becker	3	4	0	0	7
Capt. D. M. Bockley	1	6	0	0	7
Capt. J. B. Carder (MIA)	0	7	0	0	7
Lt. J. F. Pierce (MIA)	1	6	0	0	7
Capt. M. A. Stanley	2	3	1½	0	6½
1st Lt. G. M. O'Brien	3½	3	0	0	6½
Major J. E. Broadhead	1	5	0	0	6
Capt. R. W. Foy	5	1	0	0	6
Major J. A. Storch	3	1½	1½	0	6
Capt. W. R. O'Brien	4	2	0	0	6
Capt. L. A. Ruder (MIA)	3½	2½	0	0	6
Capt. Robert C. Smith (Transferred from Group).	0	2½	3	0	5½
Capt. J. W. Browning	4½	1	0	0	5½
1st Lt. A. J. Roberson	2	3	0	½	5½
1st Lt. R. M. Shaw	2½	2½	0	0	5
Capt. D. D. Sumner	2	3	0	0	5
Capt. M. M. Stepelton	4	1	0	0	5
1st Lt. W. C. Reese (MIA)	0	5	0	0	5
Capt. L. K. Carson	2	3	0	0	5
Capt. J. R. Warren (MIA)	0	5	0	0	5

*(Col. Hayes destroyed two in air in South Pacific war theater, exclusive of above figures.)

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SPECIAL ORDERS
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APO 637
1 June 1944

CONSOLIDATED

1. 1ST LT ROBERT W. FOY, 0745340, AC, 363rd Ftr Sq, WP AAF Sta 556 o/a 1 June 44 on approx seven (7) days temp dy on matters pertaining this comd. CTRS. MEMT. TDN. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/40425. AUTH: Ltr, file: 354.7, subj: Use of Rest Homes by Combat Crews, Hq Eighth AF, 24 Feb 44; Ltr, file: 620.1, subj: Establishment of AF Rest Homes, Hq Air Sv Comd, USSTAF, 7 Mar 44; Ltr, Hq ETOUSA, 3 Nov 43.

2. Under the provisions of AR 615-5 & upon the recommendation of his Orgn Comdr S Sgt (835) David (NMI) Brenner, 36434614, 469th Sv Sq, is rd to gr of Private for cause.

3. 1ST LT FREDERICK M. GILBERT, 0859607, AC, 362nd Ftr Sq, WP #21 Sch Tech Tng Gt Sankey, Warrington, Lancs, o/a 3 June 44 on approx one (1) weeks temp dy purpose attending course in Merlin Engine reporting not later than 1600 hrs, 4 June 44, to AAF Orderly Room at sch. Qrs & rat furn at sch during period of tng. O must carry round-trip travel warrant, gas mask, messing equip & PX rat card. CTRS. MEMT. TDN. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/40425. AUTH: TWX SAS M657E, 31 May 44; Ltr, Hq ETOUSA, 3 Nov 43.

4. Following EM, orgns indicated, WP RAF #17 Air Practice Course, RAF Sta Southend-on-Sea, Essex, o/a 2 June 44 on approx four (4) days temp dy purpose attending course in Maint of K-14 Gun Sight reporting not later than 1600 hrs, 2 June 44, to Adj. EM must carry gas masks, mess equip, notebooks & pencils. Qrs & rat furn at sch during period of tng. T by LMS or LNER to Southend-on-Sea RR Sta. CTRS. MEMT. TDN. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/40425. AUTH: TWX SAS M662E, 31 May 44; Ltr, Hq ETOUSA, 2 Nov 43.

NAME	RANK	ASN	SSN	ORGN
John P. Coniff, Jr. (In Chge)	S Sgt	32143964	911	363rd Ftr Sq
Harry G. Anderson	Sgt	37176662	911	364th Ftr Sq
Ernest J. Seeley	Sgt	33351398	911	362nd Ftr Sq

5. Following EM, Hq & Hq Sq, 50th Sv Gp, are promoted to gr indicated under the provisions of AR 615-5 & upon the recommendation of their Orgn Comdr:

TO BE PRIVATE FIRST CLASS (TEMP)

Pvt (521) William J. Ahrenberg, 36724420 Pvt (345) Ralph J. Christ, 37429083
Pvt (521) James M. Davis, 34807264 Pvt (405) Clifford A. Hoffman, 35216699
Pvt (345) Raymond G. Springer, 33551836 Pvt (405) James H. Smith, Jr., 32317520
Pvt (521) John A. Trabucco, 11033004

6. Following EM, 469th Sv Sq, 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 (925) Joseph O. Swartz, 35366497

TO BE SERGEANT (TEMP)

Cpl (555) Harry E. Craig, 34121162 Cpl (932) John E. McNabb, 39035627
Cpl (405) Charles J. O'Connor, 32783284

TO BE CORPORAL (TEMP)

Pfc (747) Leonard J. Dye, 38188573 Pfc (256) Albert A. Moore, 11122572
Pfc (687) Sidney J. Pavlas, 38213466

TO BE PRIVATE FIRST CLASS (TEMP)

Pvt (835) Charles E. Givens, 38507441 Pvt (747) Daniel J. McFarlin, Jr., 13107917

7. Under the provisions of AR 615-5 & upon the recommendation of his Orgn Comdr Pfc (275) John (NMI) Howland, 39542245, 1076th Sig Co (Avn), is promoted to gr of Technician Fifth Grade (temp).

8. Following EM, 2121st Engr Avn FF Plat, are promoted to gr indicated under the provisions of AR 615-5 & upon the recommendation of their Orgn Comdr:

TO BE TECHNICIAN FIFTH GRADE (TEMP)

Pfc (383) Ralph (NMI) Martin, 38437249 Pfc (345) John E. Potts, 34732999

TO BE PRIVATE FIRST CLASS (TEMP)

Pvt (383) Russel (NMI) Rudolph, 38380280 Pvt (345) Jackie (NMI) Shanahan, 33551143

9. 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 CORPORAL (TEMP)

Tec 5 (405) William B. Etter, 37504955

TO BE TECHNICIAN FIFTH GRADE (TEMP)

Pfc (256) Joe R. Johns, 14160640 Pfc (014) Bernard P. O'Neill, 32500137

TO BE PRIVATE FIRST CLASS (TEMP)

Pvt (931) Clyde H. Taylor, 35442500

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

TO BE SERGEANT (TEMP)

Cpl (932) Stanley A. Barbeau, 31253304 Cpl (747) Leonard P. Bronoske, 16009523
Cpl (747) Thomas S. Newby, 39327114 Cpl (747) Jack D. O'Quinn, 34359987
Cpl (759) Robert E. Shearer, 16151951 Cpl (566) Jerome J. Stadler, 36260346

11. Following EM, 363rd Ftr 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 (513) Milburn E. Kuykendall, 35477294 T Sgt (542) John J. Smuda, 36348987

TO BE TECHNICAL SERGEANT (TEMP)

S Sgt (862) Leo L. Owoc, 35383486

TO BE STAFF SERGEANT (TEMP)

Sgt (756) Warren R. Adams, 33185168 Sgt (631) Reginald K. Barratt, 37231606
Sgt (747) Chester A. Beery, 35589259 Sgt (747) Francis B. Clarke, 32287011
Sgt (014) Charles H. Hammel, 32159310 Sgt (747) Phillip S. Hammond, 18121072
Sgt (747) Raymond L. McKain, 35716139 Sgt (747) Paul K. Reichel, 32378117

Sgt (747) Robert D. Stoddard, 37457026

TO BE SERGEANT (TEMP)

Cpl (911) Leon F. Zimmerman, 38249924

TO BE CORPORAL (TEMP)

Pfc (345) Roy R. Fairman, 33415990

TO BE PRIVATE FIRST CLASS (TEMP)

Pvt (504) Cesare (NMI) Calvano, 33582834 Pvt (504) Eli H. Clampitt, 35090605

Pvt (521) Leo (NMI) Guillory, 38486506

12. Following EM, 364th Ftr Sq, 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 (673) Edward H. Urban, 36161132

TO BE CORPORAL (TEMP)

Pvt (747) Leonard H. Gordon, 32357406

13. Following EM Hq 357th Ftr Gp, 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 (502) Albert D. Dunn, 31103879

TO BE STAFF SERGEANT (TEMP)

Sgt (911) Robert S. Skinner, 17120980

TO BE SERGEANT (TEMP)

Cpl (264) Joseph J. Lonero, 36618956

TO BE CORPORAL (TEMP)

Pfc (857) Howard H. Clark, 32546443

14. MAJ CARLYLE D. HOFFMAN, 0262838, AC, Hq & Hq Sq, 50th Sv Gp, WP AAF Sta F-371 o/a 2 June 44 on temp dy on matters pertaining this comd. CTRS. MEMT. TDN. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/40425. AUTH: Ltr, Hq ETOUSA, 3 Nov 43.

15. Under the provisions of AR 615-5 & upon the recommendation of his Orgn Comdr Sgt (405) Cyril L. Nelson, 36368845, 363rd Ftr Sq, is rd to gr of Private for cause.

By order of Colonel GRAHAM:

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

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Robert T. Romine

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

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6. Announcement is made of the temp promotion of the following O,
Eighth AF, to the gr indicated in AUS w/rank fr date of this order:

* * *
1st Lt. to Capt.

GEORGE H. BOSWELL, 0571044, AC

* * *
By command of General EISENHOWER:

R. B. LORD,
Brigadier General, GSC,
Deputy Chief of Staff.

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R. B. LOVETT,
Brigadier General, USA, Adjutant General.

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Lawrence B. Lee
LAWRENCE B. LEE,
Captain, AC.

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13. O, AG, Eighth AF, listed below, are temporarily promoted to the gr
indicated in AUS w/rank fr date of this order:

Major to Lt Col

IRWIN H. DREGNE, 0431399

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By command of General EISENHOWER:

R. B. LORD,
Brigadier General, GSC,
Deputy Chief of Staff

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R. B. LORD,
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GEORGE H. ROSWELL,
Captain, Air Corps.

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HEADQUARTERS
EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY

RBL/RFB/sb
APO 887
1 June 1944

AG 200.6 OpGA

SUBJECT: Battle Participation Award.

TO : Commanding General, US Strategic Air Forces in Europe.

In accordance with the provisions of paragraph 12b (2), AR 260-10, C 13, 1 November 1943, announcement is made that the organizations of your command, listed below, are entitled to battle credit for participation in the "Air Offensive, Europe", as set forth in paragraph 21, War Department General Order No. 75, 29 October 1943:

Headquarters, VIII Fighter Command, Eighth Air Force
Headquarters, 65th Fighter Wing, Eighth Air Force
Headquarters, 66th Fighter Wing, Eighth Air Force
Headquarters, 67th Fighter Wing, Eighth Air Force
339th Fighter Group, Eighth Air Force
357th Fighter Group, Eighth Air Force
364th Fighter Group, Eighth Air Force

By command of General EISENHOWER:

/s/ R. B. Lovett
/t/ R. B. LOVETT,
Brigadier General, USA,
Adjutant General.

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HEADQUARTERS VIII FIGHTER COMMAND, AAF Station F-341, APO 637, 12 June 1944

TO: Commanding Generals, 65th, 66th, 67th Fighter Wings.
Commanding Officer, AAF Station F-341.

1. Upon receipt of basic communication, interpretation was requested as to effect in authorizing Bronze Stars to be worn on ETO ribbon by non-combatant personnel.

2. The following information has been received from Hq. Eighth Air Force:

"Non-combatant personnel are not authorized to wear bronze stars merely by virtue of membership in a unit awarded a battle streamer; but such personnel must also enter a combat area in order to be entitled to wear bronze stars on the Theater service ribbon. In this respect the land areas of the United Kingdom are not considered to be part of the combat area.

"For your information this Hq is submitting a request to the CG, ETOUSA, proposing that General Order No. 75, War Department, 29 October 1943, be amended to exclude Eighth Air Force personnel from the requirement that personnel must serve in a combat zone 'exclusive of the land areas of the United Kingdom and Iceland' in order to be eligible to wear the bronze star on the Theater ribbon. When this request has been dispatched, a copy of the letter will be sent you."

By command of Major General KEPNER:

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

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HEADQUARTERS
UNITED STATES STRATEGIC AIR FORCES
IN EUROPE
Office of the Commanding General

GENERAL ORDER

26 May 1944

NO. 32

AWARDS OF PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 27 September 1943, and Circular 32, HQ DAUSA, 20 March 1944, the PURPLE HEART is awarded to the following named Officers and Enlisted Men:

FRANCIS J. WITT JR., 0-665740, First Lieutenant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For wounds received as a result of enemy action, 4 March 1944. Entered military service from Ohio.

✓ CHARLES E. YEAGER, 1-970, Flight Officer, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For wounds received as a result of enemy action, 5 March 1944. Entered military service from W. Virginia.

DONALD C. SMITH, 13090021, Technical Sergeant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For wounds received as a result of enemy action, 19 March 1944. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Robert G. HAUSER, 33290105, Staff Sergeant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For wounds received as a result of enemy action, 7 January 1944. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

HOBART C. BRIGG, 16073581, Staff Sergeant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For wounds received as a result of enemy action, 15 September 1943. Entered military service from Illinois.

LEE E. PRITCH, 35680305, Sergeant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For wounds received as a result of enemy action, 8 February 1944. Entered military service from Kentucky.

ARTHUR E. JONES, 37465268, Sergeant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For wounds received as a result of enemy action, 8 February 1944. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

WALTER L. HATCH, 12163457, Private, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For wounds received as a result of enemy action, 8 February 1944. Entered military service from Mississippi.

By command of Lieutenant General SPANGLER: E. P. CURTIS,
Brigadier General, U. S. A.,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:
/s/ Harris F. Scherer
/s/ HARRIS F. SCHERER
Colonel, AGD.,
Adjutant General

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GEORGE H. ROSELLE,
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F/O CHARLES E. YEAGER, T-970, of the 363rd Fighter Squadron, 357th Group, missing in action on 5 March 1944, when his plane was shot up by a couple of Focke-Wulfes, became the first P-51 pilot to successfully evade. Ordered to return to the States, F/O Yeager secured an audience with General EISENHOWER to plead for a return to his squadron. His request was granted and today he is again flying with the squadron which he joined when he completed flying training over a year and one-half ago. He has two vic' es to his credit.

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Office of the Commanding General
APO 634, U.S. Army

12 June 1944.

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AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR

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II. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943 as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Letter, Hq., USSTAF, AG 200.6, 2 April 1944, Subject: "Awards and Decorations", the SILVER STAR is awarded to the following - named Officer:

RAY SPARKS, JR., O-538879, First Lieutenant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. (Missing in Action). For gallantry in action, while flying a P-51 fighter aircraft on a bomber escort mission over enemy occupied Europe, 30 April 1944. When the aircraft of his wingman developed a malfunction and began to lose altitude, Lieutenant Sparks escorted him out of enemy territory. Just after crossing the enemy coast the crippled aircraft burst into flames. At the same time shore batteries opened up on the aircraft as the pilot was attempting to bail out. With utter disregard for his own safety, Lieutenant Sparks flew over the shore batteries, drawing their fire and thus enabled his wingman to abandon the flaming aircraft. Lieutenant Sparks then circled the dingy, all the while being subjected to intense and accurate fire, in order that the Air-Sea Rescue could obtain an accurate fix on the position. It was not until after a rescue plane arrived and picked up his comrade that he headed for his base in England. Lieutenant Sparks' gallantry and disregard for his own safety in the face of heavy enemy fire were undoubtedly responsible for the safe return of a fellow flyer. Entered military service from Indiana.

By command of Lieutenant General DOOLITTLE:

JOHN A. SALTORD,
Brigadier General, U.S.A.,
Chief of Staff.

EDWARD E. TORO,
Colonel, A.G.D.,
Adjutant General.

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RAY H. RUSSELL,
Capt., Air Corps,
Asst Intelligence Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS VIII FIGHTER COMMAND
APO 637 AAF Station F-341
29 May, 1944

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I. 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 aerial flight over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which these Officers have sought out the enemy and engaged him, 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:

JOHN A. ARANYOS	0-810456	2nd Lt.	Duquesne, Pennsylvania
LEE S. LYOUN	0-750512	1st Lt.	El Paso, Texas
LEONARD K. CARSON	0-742962	1st Lt.	Ayreshire, Iowa
HUGH D. CHAPMAN	0-693106	2nd Lt.	Sharpsburg, Maryland
ROBERT O. COMSTOCK	0-693110	2nd Lt.	Arlington, Virginia
MARVIN W. GLASGOW	0-746091	1st Lt.	Birmingham, Alabama
SHIRLEY J. GREEN	0-2045110	2nd Lt.	Aransas Pass, Texas
WILLIAM W. HARGUS	0-2045226	2nd Lt.	Marathon, Texas
ARMAND A. LAFLAM	0-810523	2nd Lt.	Belmont, New Hampshire
WALTER E. MACFARLANE	0-686647	1st Lt.	Santa Ana, California
DONALD W. MARSHALL	0-693145	2nd Lt.	San Antonio, Texas
JOSEPH B. MCMAHUS	0-431466	Major	Drexel, Pennsylvania
CLAIRE D. PORTER	0-743369	1st Lt.	Spokane, Washington
ROBERT A. ROSENBURGH	0-749068	1st Lt.	Rome, New York
RALPH S. SEELY	0-754557	1st Lt.	Los Angeles, California
STEVE SZABLEWSKI	0-678974	1st Lt.	Linden, New Jersey
CECIL R. WATTS	0-754567	2nd Lt.	Council Grove, Kansas

KENNETH C. ALLSTAEDT, 0-812728, 2nd Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of one enemy airplane over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Allstaedt 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

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credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Michigan.

HARRY R. ANKENY, JR., O-465058, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of one enemy airplane over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Ankeny 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. Entered military service from Nebraska.

JOSEPH L. LANG, O-686643, 2nd Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of one enemy airplane over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Lang 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. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

JAMES N. MCELROY, O-812844, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of two enemy airplanes over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. McElroy 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. Entered military service from Florida.

TOM M. MCKINNEY, O-2045111, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of one enemy airplane over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. McKinney 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. Entered military service from South Carolina.

THOMAS O. METEYER, O-811950, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of one enemy airplane over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Meteyer 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. Entered military service from New York.

ROGER E. PAGEIS, O-682952, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of one enemy airplane over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Pagels 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. Entered military service from Indiana.

✓ JOHN F. PUGH, O-745502, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of one enemy airplane over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Pugh 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. Entered military service from Oregon.

✓ ARVAL J. ROBERSON, O-745510, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of two enemy airplanes over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Roberson 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. Entered military service from California.

✓ ROBERT C. SMITH, O-739355, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of one enemy airplane over enemy occupied Continental Europe. 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. Entered military service from Michigan.

✓ MARK H. STEPELTON, O-681733, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of one enemy airplane over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Stepelton 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. Entered military service from Illinois.

✓ CHARLES D. SUMNER, JR., O-681738, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of one enemy airplane over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Sumner 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. Entered military service from North Carolina.

II. 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 is awarded to the following named Officer for wear with the Distinguished Flying Cross and four Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters previously awarded:

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JAMES A. GOODSON, O-885241, Major, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in the destruction of five enemy airplanes in aerial combat over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Major Goodson 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. Entered military service from Canada.

III. 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 and three Oak Leaf Clusters previously awarded:

DONALD J. M. BLAKESLEE, O-885264, Colonel, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of two enemy airplanes over enemy occupied Continental Europe. 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. Entered military service from Ohio.

JAMES A. CLARK, JR., O-885106, Lt. Col., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in the destruction of five enemy airplanes in aerial combat over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Col. Clark 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. Entered military service from New York.

HUBERT ZEMKE, O-22353, Colonel, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of three enemy airplanes over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Colonel Zemke 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. Entered military service from Montana.

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, an OAK LEAF CLUSTER is awarded to the following named Officers for wear with the Distinguished Flying Cross and two Oak Leaf Clusters previously awarded:

HENRY W. BROWN, O-2044989, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in the destruction of five enemy airplanes in aerial combat over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful

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and zealous manner in which Lt. Brown 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. Entered military service from Washington, D.C.

JACK J. OBERHANSLY, O-431152, Major, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of two enemy airplanes over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Major Oberhansly 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. Entered military service from Utah.

EVERETT W. STEWART, O-22859, Lt. Col., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of four enemy airplanes over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Col. 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. Entered military service from Kansas.

RAY S. WETMORE, O-675960, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of two enemy airplanes over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Wetmore 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. Entered military service from California.

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, 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:

J. E. BRASHER, O-2045012, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of four enemy airplanes over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Brasher 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. Entered military service from New Mexico.

HENRY W. BROWN, O-2044989, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in the destruction of five enemy airplanes in aerial combat over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful

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and zealous manner in which Lt. Brown 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. Entered military service from Washington, D.C.

JAMES F. CASEY, O-792959, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of one enemy airplane over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Casey 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. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

LAWRENCE M. DUDLEY, JR., O-2045169, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in the destruction of five enemy airplanes in aerial combat over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Dudley 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. Entered military service from Mississippi.

RAYMOND H. GANSBERG, O-2044887, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of four enemy airplanes over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Gansberg 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. Entered military service from Illinois.

WALTER V. GRESHAM, Jr., O-795944, Captain, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in the destruction of five enemy airplanes in aerial combat over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Captain Gresham 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. Entered military service from Virginia.

JAMES R. HAPPEL, O-885203, Captain, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in the destruction of five enemy airplanes in aerial combat over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Captain Happel 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. Entered military service from New Jersey.

RALPH K. HOFER, O-2945177, 2nd Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of four enemy airplanes over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful

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and zealous manner in which Lt. Hofer 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. Entered military service from Missouri.

ERNEST S. LANG, O-736256, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of three enemy airplanes over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Lang 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. Entered military service from Illinois.

CHARLES W. LENFEST, O-25478, Captain, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in the destruction of five enemy airplanes in aerial combat over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Captain Lenfest 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. Entered military service from Idaho.

LEE G. MENDENHALL, O-672651, Captain, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of four enemy airplanes over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Captain Mendenhall 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. Entered military service from Texas.

NORMAN D. MUNSON, O-885465, Major, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in the destruction of five enemy airplanes in aerial combat over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Major Munson 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. Entered military service from New York.

RAYMOND B. MYERS, O-437037, Lt. Col., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in the destruction of five enemy airplanes in aerial combat over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Col. Myers 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. Entered military service from Mississippi.

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LOUIS H. NORLEY, O-2044420, Captain, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of four enemy airplanes over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Captain 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. Entered military service from Montana.

ALBERT L. SCHLEGEL, O-2044921, Captain, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of three enemy airplanes over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Captain Schlegel 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. Entered military service from Ohio.

WILLIAM B. SMITH, O-2044874, Captain, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of three enemy airplanes over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Captain 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. Entered military service from Virginia.

AVELIN P. TACON, JR., O-21598, Colonel, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement in aerial flight over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Colonel Tacon has sought out the enemy and engaged 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. Entered military service from Alabama.

ROBERT E. WOODY, O-411901, Captain, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of four enemy airplanes over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Captain Woody 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. Entered military service from Virginia.

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, the OAK LEAF CLUSTER is awarded to the following named Officers for wear with the Distinguished Flying Cross previously awarded:

CITATION: For extraordinary achievement in aerial flight over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which these

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Officers have sought out the enemy and engaged him, 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:

FRED M. ALLISON, JR.	O-732110	1st Lt.	Atchinson, Kansas
WILLIAM H. BURNS	O-740141	Capt.	Colfax, Washington
PETER A. CAULFIELD	O-688241	1st Lt.	Woburn, Mass.
WILLIAM K. DACCI	O-808234	2nd Lt.	Lexington, Kentucky
JOHN R. FEE	O-2045056	1st Lt.	Beverly Hills, Calif.
CHESTER V. HARKER	O-793924	1st Lt.	Trenton, N. J.
EVERT KORHORN	O-737140	1st Lt.	Grand Rapids, Michigan
DORIAN LEDINGTON	O-886164	1st Lt.	Wichita, Kansas
HENRY J. MIKLAJCYK	O-793521	Capt.	Syracuse, N. Y.
EUGENE E. RYAN	O-659489	Capt.	Darien, Conn.
JOSEPH A. SCHILLINGER	O-800054	1st Lt.	Windsor, Conn.

LUTHER J. ABEL, O-686799, 2nd Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of two enemy airplanes over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Abel 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. Entered military service from Texas.

VINCENT W. AMBROSE, O-675739, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of one enemy airplane over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Ambrose 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. Entered military service from Maryland.

THOMAS E. BEAIRD, JR., O-427117, Major, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of one enemy airplane over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Major Beard 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. Entered military service from Louisiana.

RICHARD C. BROWN, O-671730, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of three enemy airplanes over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Brown 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. Entered military service from Kentucky.

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WILL D. BURGSTEINER, O-674277, 2nd Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of four enemy airplanes over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Burgsteiner 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. Entered military service from Georgia.

REED B. BUTLER, O-671498, Captain, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of three enemy airplanes over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Captain Butler 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. Entered military service from West Virginia.

CHARLES W. DOWITT, O-2045209, 2nd Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of four enemy airplanes over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Dowitt 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. Entered military service from Florida.

LAWRENCE J. DISSETTE, O-793905, Captain, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of two enemy airplanes over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Captain Dissette 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. Entered military service from New York.

GERALD J. DIX, O-427476, Lt. Col., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of one enemy airplane over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Col. Dix 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. Entered military service from Indiana.

LAWRENCE M. DUDLEY, JR., O-2045169, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of one enemy airplane over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Dudley 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. Entered military service from Mississippi.

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NORMAN J. FORTIER, O-796119, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of three enemy airplanes over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Fortier 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. Entered military service from New Hampshire.

ROSCOE J. FUSSELL, O-665780, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in the destruction of five enemy airplanes in aerial combat over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Fussell 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. Entered military service from Georgia.

HAROLD D. HOLLIS, O-675773, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of one enemy airplane over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Hollis 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. Entered military service from Kansas.

BYRON G. HOUSTON, JR., O-673379, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of two enemy airplanes over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Houston 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. Entered military service from Illinois.

HENRY H. KIRBY, JR., O-25735, Captain, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of two enemy airplanes over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Captain Kirby 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. Entered military service from Arkansas.

HENRY B. KUCHEMAN, Jr., O-437025, Captain, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of three enemy airplanes over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Captain Kucheman 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. Entered military service from Virginia.

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RAY S. MORRIS, O-600577, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in the destruction of five enemy airplanes in aerial combat over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Morris 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. Entered military service from Alabama.

MERLE B. NICHOLS, O-730579, Captain, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of one enemy airplane over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Captain Nichols 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. Entered military service from Washington.

DONALD V. PETERS, O-687261, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of two enemy airplanes over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Peters 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. Entered military service from West Virginia.

REUBEN SIMON, O-885474, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of one enemy airplane over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Simon 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. Entered military service from California.

SAMUEL R. SMITH, O-406487, Captain, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of two enemy airplanes over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Captain 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. Entered military service from Texas.

DAVID F. THWAITES, O-752253, 2nd Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of one enemy airplane over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Thwaites 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. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

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MYRON K. WOLLER, O-811917, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of three enemy airplanes over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Woller 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. Entered military service from New Jersey.

ROBERT E. WOODY, O-411901, Captain, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in the destruction of five enemy airplanes over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Captain Woody 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. Entered military service from Virginia.

VII. 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 SOLDIER'S MEDAL is awarded to the following named Officer:

CLIFFORD T. ROGERS, O-294768, Major, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For heroism displayed in the vicinity of Foxhall, England, 23 April, 1944. Home Address: 949 East 19th Street, Brooklyn, New York.

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 AIR MEDAL is awarded to the following named Officers:

CITATION: For exceptionally meritorious service in aerial flight over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by these Officers reflect great credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States:

FREDERICK H. ALEXANDER	O-756432	2nd Lt.	Seattle, Washington
ADOLF (NMI) BIELOK	O-693099	2nd Lt.	Kenosha, Wisconsin
MADISON L. BRYANT, JR.	O-816630	2nd Lt.	Shreveport, Louisiana
JACKIE L. CARWELL	O-697544	2nd Lt.	Louisville, Kentucky
PAUL K. CECIL	O-756485	2nd Lt.	Wichita, Kansas
O. B. CLIFTON	O-756493	2nd Lt.	Miller Grove, Texas
VERN W. COVAULT	O-694222	2nd Lt.	Adair, Iowa
ALBERT H. DEBACKER	O-695016	2nd Lt.	Topeka, Kansas
CHARLES H. DOOLEY	O-810485	1st Lt.	Ben Avon, Pennsylvania
ALFRED D. EVANS, JR.	O-816081	2nd Lt.	Lancaster, Pennsylvania
WALTER L. FLAGG	O-811878	2nd Lt.	Conimicut, Rhode Island
JAMES M. FOWLE	O-756533	2nd Lt.	San Francisco, California
LEONARD B. FULLER	O-694235	2nd Lt.	East Bethany, New York
EDGAR B. GRAVETTE	O-432130	Major	Red Bluff, California
IRA E. GROUNDS	O-756551	2nd Lt.	Talpa, Texas
ROBERT L. HALL	O-812808	2nd Lt.	Zion, Illinois
PRESTON B. HARDY	O-436941	2nd Lt.	Dillon, South Carolina

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HAROLD E. HARTNEY	O-696696	2nd Lt.	Greatneck, New York
WILLIAM M. HEATON	O-814686	2nd Lt.	Hendersonville, N. C.
JOHN B. HENRY, JR.	O-24107	Lt. Col.	Charlotte, Texas
JOSEPH W. HIGGINS	O-756575	2nd Lt.	Philadelphia, Pa.
DEAN J. HILL	O-756576	2nd Lt.	Los Angeles, California
OSCE R. JONES	O-771468	2nd Lt.	Baton Rouge, Louisiana
DAVID F. KLING	O-814702	2nd Lt.	Erie, Pennsylvania
FOY E. HIGGINBOTTOM	O-697200	2nd Lt.	Formdale, Michigan
LYNN H. HOSFORD, JR.	O-815340	2nd Lt.	Chardon, Ohio
WILLIAM R. HUDSON	O-814692	2nd Lt.	Atlanta, Georgia
JAMES R. KORECKY	O-756619	2nd Lt.	Berwyn, Illinois
DONALD A. LARSON	O-431891	Capt.	Yakima, Washington
STEVEN T. MURRAY	O-816640	2nd Lt.	Oakland, California
CONRAD J. NETTING	O-694174	2nd Lt.	San Antonio, Texas
JOEL T. POPPLEWELL	O-816641	2nd Lt.	Liberty, Kentucky
DONALD D. PERKINS	O-459549	2nd Lt.	Palos Park, Chicago, Ill.
JACK W. PIERCE	O-495556	2nd Lt.	Melbourne, Australia
HAROLD L. ROSS, JR.	O-694264	2nd Lt.	Greensboro, N. C.
HAROLD W. SCRUGGS	O-412976	Major	Hollis, Oklahoma
ZACK S. SENSIBAUGH	O-694190	2nd Lt.	Decatur, Texas
ELMER L. SMITH	O-694269	2nd Lt.	Hominy, Oklahoma
FRANK E. SPEER	O-694194	2nd Lt.	Alburtis, Pennsylvania
ROACH S. STEWART, JR.	O-816176	2nd Lt.	Lancaster, S. C.
DANIEL R. TUCHSCHERER	O-815430	2nd Lt.	Monasha, Wisconsin
SAM H. YOUNG, JR.	O-466036	2nd Lt.	Dallas, Texas

IX. 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 in addition to the Air Medal previously awarded:

CITATION: For exceptionally meritorious service in aerial flight over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by these Officers reflect great credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States:

KENNETH C. ALLSTAEDT	O-812728	2nd Lt.	Lincoln Park, Michigan
HARRY R. ANKENY, JR.	O-465058	1st Lt.	Lincoln, Nebraska
JAMES B. BADGER	O-806772	2nd Lt.	Hastings, Florida
JAMES H. BALDWIN	O-748516	1st Lt.	Los Angeles, California
HARRY H. BARNES	O-812731	1st Lt.	Williamsville, N. Y.
RUSSELL W. BEBOUT	O-750517	2nd Lt.	Oakland, California
NORMAN F. BETTIN	O-752097	1st Lt.	Montello, Wisconsin
WILLIAM R. BEYER	O-816628	2nd Lt.	Danville, Pennsylvania
RICHARD D. BISHOP	O-756455	2nd Lt.	Tuscola, Illinois
GEORGE C. BOTTLER	O-815273	2nd Lt.	Washington, D.C.
RICHARD C. BROOKINS	O-422898	1st Lt.	Los Angeles, California
WILLIAM W. BURNS	O-812373	2nd Lt.	Selma, Alabama
WILLIAM A. CAMERON	O-756480	2nd Lt.	Redondo Beach, California
HUGH D. CHAPMAN	O-693106	2nd Lt.	Sharpsburg, Maryland
JOHN S. COON	O-810477	1st Lt.	Oak Park, Illinois
DAVID E. CRUICKSHANK	O-754477	1st Lt.	Makaweli, Kauai, Hawaii
EDWARD L. FAISON	O-814674	2nd Lt.	Petersburg, Virginia

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GLENN L. FIELDING	0-812403	2nd Lt.	Lincoln, Illinois
JOSEPH S. FORD	0-752112	1st Lt.	Linden, Alabama
WILLIAM E. FOWLER	0-811882	1st Lt.	Monmouth, Illinois
ROBERT W. FOY	0-745340	1st Lt.	Owego, New York
RAY W. FREEMAN	0-753643	2nd Lt.	Minneapolis, Minnesota
JOHN W. GALIGA	0-693126	2nd Lt.	Hillsboro, Texas
LAKE GILES	0-815314	2nd Lt.	Syracuse, New York
KARL J. GOETHEL	0-750573	1st Lt.	West Newton, Mass.
OLLIE E. HARRIS, JR.	0-810505	2nd Lt.	Detroit, Michigan
RICHARD M. HEYMAN	0-750590	1st Lt.	Earlottesville, Oklahoma
REX P. HJELM	0-740423	1st Lt.	Firth, Idaho
RICHARD M. HOLLY	0-431222	1st Lt.	Glendale, Arizona
PAUL C. HOLTER, JR.	0-807563	2nd Lt.	White Plains, N. Y.
WILLIAM J. INGRAM	0-681675	2nd Lt.	Kansas City, Missouri
FRANK C. JONES, JR.	0-659133	1st Lt.	Montclair, New Jersey
VICTOR L. KERCHER	0-750613	1st Lt.	Lafayette, Indiana
QUINTUS KLATT	0-753681	2nd Lt.	Corpus Christi, Texas
WALTER J. KOZICKI	0-693143	2nd Lt.	Chester, Pennsylvania
JAMES C. LANE	0-694255	2nd Lt.	Medford, Massachusetts
WAYNE E. LEATHERS	0-695185	2nd Lt.	Columbus, Ohio
CARL H. LEO	0-750631	1st Lt.	Kansas City, Missouri
WILLARD H. LEWIS, JR.	0-754523	2nd Lt.	Grand Junction, Colorado
ROBERT P. LUBBERS	0-697215	2nd Lt.	Springfield, Ohio
DONALD M. MALMSTEN	0-814186	2nd Lt.	Burwell, Nebraska
WILLIAM D. MARTIN	0-694258	2nd Lt.	Fort Smith, Arkansas
WILLIAM E. MARTIN	0-805089	2nd Lt.	Springfield, Illinois
FRED C. McCLANAHAN	0-659833	1st Lt.	Shreveport, Louisiana
TOM M. McKINNEY	0-2045111	1st Lt.	Simpsonville, S. C.
DURWARD B. MERCER	0-814723	2nd Lt.	Macon, Georgia
WILLIAM R. MONTY	0-444571	2nd Lt.	Albany, New York
JOSEPH OBOSLA	0-814744	2nd Lt.	Chicago, Ill.
DUANE W. OWENS	0-745564	2nd Lt.	Cortland, New York
ADRIAN D. PARSLEY, JR.	0-750674	1st Lt.	Hot Springs, Arkansas
JOHN F. PUGH	0-745502	1st Lt.	Brogan, Oregon
ALLEN T. ROBINSON	0-810570	1st Lt.	Tacoma, Washington
GERARD W. ROONEY	0-750694	1st Lt.	Findlay, Ohio
CHARLES J. SALINSKY	0-693164	2nd Lt.	Yonkers, New York
HENRY E. SAYLER, JR.	0-25796	Capt.	Washington, D.C.
CHARLES J. SCHREIBER, JR.	0-682593	1st Lt.	Kenmore, New York
TED A. SEELY	0-752146	1st Lt.	Shreveport, Illinois
HAROLD O. SKINNER	0-693168	2nd Lt.	Fultonville, New York
HARRY B. SLATER	0-815405	2nd Lt.	Erlanger, Kentucky
ROBERT C. SMITH	0-739355	1st Lt.	Davison, Michigan
ROBERT W. SMITH	0-429215	Capt.	Lorain Avon Lake, Ohio
DONALD H. SNELL	0-753749	2nd Lt.	Winona Lake, Indiana
NICHOLAS M. STARANICK	0-754224	2nd Lt.	Humboldt, Arizona
RODNEY M. STARKEY	0-751478	2nd Lt.	Yermo, California
JOHN F. STARR, JR.	0-693173	2nd Lt.	Pueblo, Colorado
MARK H. STEPELTON	0-681733	1st Lt.	Chicago, Illinois
HERMAN H. STUBBLEFIELD	0-750718	1st Lt.	Morrison, Tennessee
DONALD H. SWANKOWSKI	0-815421	2nd Lt.	Toledo, Ohio
WARREN V. VAN DYK	0-815432	2nd Lt.	Saddle River, New Jersey

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RODNEY P. WATSON	O-748856	2nd Lt.	Modesto, California
FREDERICK WHITE	O-811880	2nd Lt.	Plainville, Mass.
CY WILSON	O-21538	Lt. Col.	West Point, Texas
LAWRENCE D. WOOD	O-745559	1st Lt.	Hoxie, Kansas

CHARLES W. ADAMS, O-798226, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For exceptionally meritorious achievement in aerial flight in the vicinity of Kiel, Germany, 13 May, 1944. Lt. Adams, flying penetration support to the bombers as one of a section of eight P-47 aircraft which was bounced by ten FW 190's, was attacked by two of the Hun during which encounter his airplane was hit a great number of times in the right wing and fuselage, destroying most of his instruments, gunsight and canopy and wounding Lt. Adams in the right leg, arm and chest. Though outnumbered and severely handicapped by a thoroughly crippled plane, he turned into one FW 190 and fired, observing hits on the fuselage. The other enemy aircraft broke away. Lt. Adams then headed for England and upon arriving had to crash-land his airplane at a strange base. The coolness and skill displayed by this officer in bringing back an airplane so badly shot up, his will to destroy the enemy and courage under all conditions reflect the greatest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

GEORGE T. CROWELL, O-398631, Lt. Colonel, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For exceptionally meritorious achievement in aerial flight on returning from an escort mission of bombers to Gotha, 24 February, 1944. Lt. Col. Crowell was flying over the Ruhr Valley, near Cologne, which is one of the areas most heavily defended by anti-aircraft in enemy territory, when his plane was struck by flak damaging his left engine so badly that it was necessary for him to feather that engine. Due to reduced speed and maneuverability, Lt. Col. Crowell was vulnerable to both air and ground attack. Although alone and severely damaged he was able to force an attacking ME 109 to break off combat and withdraw. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by Lt. Col. Crowell in returning his badly damaged aircraft to home base under the most adverse circumstances reflect the greatest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Illinois.

PAUL E. HOEFER, O-659468, Captain, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For exceptionally meritorious achievement in aerial flight while returning from a bomber escort mission to Berlin, 7 May, 1944. Capt. Hooper's ship was hit by flak; one burst exploded off the leading edge of the right wing close to the root, while another burst which hit the gondola put the electrical system out of commission, severed a coolant and a gas vacuum line and wounded him in the lower right leg. The cockpit filled with gas and hydraulic fluid and their fumes necessitated the use of pure oxygen. Capt. Hooper applied a tourniquet to his leg wound and flew back to his home base. While over the field pumping his wheels down, his oxygen ran out and the fumes which filled the cockpit made it very difficult for him to operate his aircraft; however, Capt. Hooper made a safe landing despite the fact that the rudder trim tab cable had been shot out and one of the pulleys on the rudder control system had jammed. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by this officer in returning his badly damaged aircraft under these difficult conditions reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

FRANK J. LEONE, O-750632, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For exceptionally meritorious achievement in aerial flight on a bomber escort

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mission to Werl, Germany, 21 February, 1944. Being attacked by two ME 109's at approximately 30,000 feet, Lt. Leone's right engine and hydraulic system were shot out upon which he fell out of a turn and spun down to 20,000 feet before he could square off with engine feathered. His nose wheel door had fallen open and the nose wheel extended half way out. Due to reduced speed and maneuverability, Lt. Leone was in grave danger from both air and ground attack. While flying in the vicinity of the Ruhr Valley he was struck many more times by flak. On reaching home base, he found it impossible to get his landing gear down and was forced to crash-land his ship. The coolness and skill displayed by this Officer in bringing back his badly damaged aircraft, his devotion to duty and courage under all conditions reflect the greatest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from California.

DONALD M. MALMSTEN, O-814186, 2nd Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the destruction of one enemy airplane while on a fighter combat mission over enemy occupied Continental Europe, 18 April, 1944. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by Lt. Malmsten reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Nebraska.

JAMES N. McELROY, O812844, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the destruction of one enemy airplane while on a fighter combat mission over enemy occupied Continental Europe, 5 April, 1944. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by Lt. McElroy reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Florida.

HOLLIS R. NOWLIN, O-686659, 2nd Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the destruction of one enemy airplane while on a fighter combat mission over enemy occupied Continental Europe, 11 April, 1944. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by Lt. Nowlin reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Texas.

NOBLE E. PETERSON, O-813219, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the destruction of one enemy airplane while on a fighter combat mission over enemy occupied Continental Europe, 5 April, 1944. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by Lt. Peterson reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from North Dakota.

DEAN E. SCHOENFELDT, O-810575, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the destruction of one enemy airplane while on a fighter combat mission over enemy occupied Continental Europe, 11 April, 1944. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by Lt. Schoenfeldt reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from California.

RALPH C. SCHUTT, JR., O-812494, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the destruction of one enemy airplane while on a fighter combat mission over enemy occupied Continental Europe, 11 April, 1944. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by Lt. Schutt reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

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✓ ROBERT M. SHAW, O-745528, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the destruction of one enemy airplane while on a fighter combat mission over enemy occupied Continental Europe, 11 April, 1944. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by Lt. Shaw reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

GEORGE I. STANFORD, JR., O-659198, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the destruction of one enemy airplane while on a fighter combat mission over enemy occupied Continental Europe, 8 April, 1944. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by Lt. Stanford reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Connecticut.

X. 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, two OAK LEAF CLUSTERS are awarded to the following named Officer in addition to the Air Medal previously awarded:

STEVE SZABLEWSKI, O-678974, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For exceptionally meritorious service in participating in numerous and frequent aerial flights over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by Lt. Szablewski reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from New Jersey.

XI. So much of Section I, G.O. #43, this Headquarters, 20 May, 1944, which awards the DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS to JOSEPH E. SHUPE, O-811969, 2nd Lt., is revoked.

By command of Major General KEPNER:

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

OFFICIAL:

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

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I. General Order No. 44 dated 27 May 1944 is classified "CONFIDENTIAL", and distribution of same was limited.

II. General Order No. 46 dated 3 June 1944 is classified "CONFIDENTIAL", and distribution of same was limited.

III. 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 aerial flight over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which these Officers have sought out the enemy and engaged him, 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:

DELYNN E. ANDERSON	O-431370	Major	Stearns, Kentucky
CHARLES C. ARTHUR	O-753590	1st Lt.	Chillicothe, Missouri
CHESTER A. BARNES	O-750515	1st Lt.	Steele, Missouri
WESLEY R. BRENDLER	O-750526	1st Lt.	Modesto, California
JAMES W. BROWNING	O-740361	Capt.	Syracuse, Kansas
CLIN P. DRAKE	O-686726	2nd Lt.	Palisades Park, N. J.
HERSHEL L. HILL	O-687373	1st Lt.	Long Beach, California
CLAUDE G. HORNE	O-1286837	1st Lt.	Miami, Florida
EDGAR G. MALCHOW	O-754532	1st Lt.	Pasadena, California
JOHN T. McDONNELL	O-811941	2nd Lt.	Pittston, Pennsylvania
EDWARD P. McNEFF	O-810545	1st Lt.	Runnemedo, New York
ROBERT N. MOORE	O-745466	1st Lt.	Matawan, N. J.
KENNETH F. NICHOLSON	O-746157	1st Lt.	Los Angeles, Calif.
THOMAS E. NORRIS	O-745480	1st Lt.	Salt Lake City, Utah.
RUSSELL G. QUINN	O-740557	1st Lt.	Harrisburg, Oregon
FRANK H. ROARK, JR.	O-753739	1st Lt.	New Orleans, Louisiana
JAMES E. ROUGHGARDEN	O-751451	1st Lt.	Haledon, N. J.
ROBERT C. STROBEIL	O-810592	2nd Lt.	Washington, D. C.
RUPERT M. TUMLIN	O-2045214	2nd Lt.	Lafayette, Indiana

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THALDEUS ANDERSZ, P-0394, F/Lt. Polish Air Force. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of one enemy airplane over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Andersz 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.

RICHARD C. BROOKINS, O-422098, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of one enemy airplane over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Brookins 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. Entered military service from California.

JOHN S. COON, O-810477, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of one enemy airplane over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Coon 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. Entered military service from Illinois.

FRANK B. JAMES, O-22529, Colonel, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement in aerial flight while leading his Group of P-38 fighter aircraft during the period from 15 October 1943 to 3 February 1944, over enemy occupied Continental Europe. As the result of the untiring effort in training and skillful leadership of Colonel James, the highest type of combat efficiency was maintained in the Group at all times. He led his Group on thirteen missions in the escort of heavy bombers to targets far into enemy occupied Europe and pioneered fighter escort for bombers all the way to Bremen and Kiel. So skillful was his airmanship and outstanding his leadership that his Group was able to destroy 36 Huns, probably destroy 14 and damage 25. The personal aggressiveness and fighting spirit displayed by Colonel James while engaged in aerial combat with the enemy was a constant inspiration to all members of his command. His actions reflect highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from California.

WARREN E. KERR, JR., O-694075, 2nd Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of one enemy airplane over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Kerr 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. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

HOLLIS R. NOWLIN, O-686659, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of one enemy airplane over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Nowlin 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.

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and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Texas.

NOBLE E. PETERSON, O-813219, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of one enemy airplane over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Peterson 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. Entered military service from North Dakota.

DEAN E. SCHOENFELDT, O-810575, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of one enemy airplane over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Schoenfeldt 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. Entered military service from California.

ROBERT M. SHAW, O-745528, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of two enemy airplanes over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Shaw 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. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

ALDEN E. SMITH, O-800059, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of two enemy airplanes over enemy occupied Continental Europe. 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. Entered military service from Connecticut.

RICHARD C. SMITH, O-742909, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of one enemy airplane over enemy occupied Continental Europe. 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. Entered military service from Colorado.

ROBERT D. WALLEN, O-533036, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of one enemy airplane over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Wallen 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. Entered military service from Michigan.

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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, an OAK LEAF CLUSTER is awarded to the following named Officer for wear with the Distinguished Flying Cross and six Oak Leaf Clusters previously awarded:

FRANCIS S. GABRESKI, O-406131, Lt. Col., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of two enemy airplanes over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Col. 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. Entered military service from 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, an OAK LEAF CLUSTER is awarded to the following named Officer for wear with the Distinguished Flying Cross and three Oak Leaf Clusters previously awarded:

CLEEN E. DUNCAN, O-398671, Col., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of three enemy airplanes over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Col. Duncan 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. Entered military service from Texas.

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 Officers for wear with the Distinguished Flying Cross and two Oak Leaf Clusters previously awarded:

SYLVESTER V. BURKE, O-432179, Major, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For heroism and extraordinary achievement in aerial flight while leading his squadron, consisting of 12 aircraft, on bomber escort, 11 January 1944. On this date Major Burke observed 25 ME 109's positioning themselves to attack the bombers. Disregarding the numerical superiority of the enemy, he immediately led his squadron to the attack. So swiftly and viciously did he attack that the entire enemy formation was dispersed and prevented from doing damage to the bombers. Major Burke selected a target and closed in firing. After a few short bursts from his guns the Hun blew up, scattering smoke and debris into Major Burke's cockpit. Despite obscured visibility he continued to press home his attack and damaged another ME 109 before the enemy turned tail and headed for the deck. The aggressive leadership, determination and heroism displayed by Major Burke reflected great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Minnesota.

JOHN C. MEYER, O-396294, Lt. Col., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in the destruction of five enemy airplanes in aerial combat over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Col. Meyer has sought out the enemy and destroyed him, his devotion to duty and courage under all conditions serve as an inspiration to his fellow

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flyers. His actions on all these occasions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

CHARLES M. PEAL, O-792868, Captain, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of three enemy airplanes over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Captain 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. Entered military service from Tennessee.

LESLIE C. SMITH, O-661245, Major, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of two enemy airplanes over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Major 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. Entered military service from California.

VII. 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 and one Oak Leaf Cluster previously awarded:

STEPHEN W. ANDREW, O-429340, Major, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of two enemy airplanes over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Major Andrews 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. Entered military service from Texas.

JOHN L. ELDER, JR., O-660123, Major, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of four enemy airplanes over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Major 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. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

RALPH W. HAMILTON, O-667070, Captain, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement in aerial flight. While on a ground strafing mission in the Pas de Calais area on 11 March 1944, Captain Hamilton was hit by intense enemy ground fire. Although wounded in the neck and despite two large flak holes in his right wing, one of which tore off nearly the entire right wing tip and a portion of the leading edge, making control difficult, he elected to

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continue with his low level attack. Through intense ground fire, wounded and with a badly damaged aircraft, he attacked at tree-top level, strafing machine gun nests and emplacements and inflicting casualties on enemy troops. Breaking off the attack only when ordered by his Group Leader, Captain Hamilton skillfully brought his damaged aircraft safely to his home base. The exceptional courage and skill displayed by Captain Hamilton reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Iowa.

SAMUEL D. HAMILTON, JR., O-794943, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 29 April 1944. Lt. Hamilton was leading a flight of P-47 aircraft in a sweep of the Hanover, Germany area when several pieces of flak struck his aircraft, tearing large holes in the right wing and cockpit. Two of the fragments wounded him, one passing through his right forearm, while the other entered his left arm near the elbow, causing him great pain and serious loss of blood. The fingers of his right hand were paralyzed owing to contusion of the median nerve, and he was only able to control the plane on the 350 mile trip home at the cost of great suffering. He brought his aircraft to a perfect landing at his home field. Lt. Hamilton was so weak from loss of blood that he was given a transfusion immediately. Lt. Hamilton's courage and unselfish devotion to duty under the most adverse circumstances reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Louisiana.

RICHARD A. HEWITT, O-799180, Captain, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of three enemy airplanes over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Captain Hewitt has sought out the enemy and destroyed 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. Entered military service from New York.

FREMONT W. MILLER, O-737198, Captain, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement in aerial flight. Leading a flight of P-47's in a strafing attack on an airdrome at Diepholz, Germany, Captain Miller attacked an ammunition dump which exploded. Flying debris struck his plane damaging it severely. His canopy was covered with oil obscuring his vision completely. Although 300 miles from home, he elected to attempt the return trip in an almost uncontrollable plane, solely by instrument, rather than bail out over enemy territory. While at 10,000 feet his plane went into a spin from which he recovered at 200 feet. His Group Commander advised him to turn back and bail out over the Continent but he chose to rely on Air Sea Rescue rather than lose a plane to the enemy. Over the sea his engine failed and he was forced to bail out. Bad weather forced him to remain in his dinghy for 72 hours before a rescue could be effected. The unusual bravery of Captain Miller reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Wyoming.

PAULL W. SAFFOLD, JR., O-793549, Captain, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement in aerial flight over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Captain Saffold has sought out the enemy and engaged 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. Entered military service from Alabama.

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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, the OAK LEAF CLUSTER is awarded to the following named Officers for wear with the Distinguished Flying Cross previously awarded:

CITATION: For extraordinary achievement in aerial flight over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which these Officers have sought out the enemy and engaged him, 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:

THOMAS F. BAILEY	O-793886	Captain	Nitro, W. Virginia
ROBERT M. BORG	O-673982	1st Lt.	Chicago, Ill.
NIVEN K. GRANFILL	O-431124	Major	Temple, Texas
WESTWOOD H. FLETCHER, JR.	O-797662	1st Lt.	Manatee, Florida
OLIN E. GILBERT	O-402313	Major	Collinsville, Ill.
CHARLES W. HIPSHER	O-675772	1st Lt.	Allendale, Ill.
DANIEL D. McKEE	O-428628	Captain	Greenville, Miss.
HARRY L. MILLIGAN	O-8000020	1st Lt.	Painted Post, N. Y.
ALBERT V. NIEMI	O-798340	1st Lt.	W. Yarmouth, Mass.
EDWIN F. PEZDA	O-24724	Captain	Hantrameck, Michigan

DONALD H. BOCHKAY, O-742834, Captain, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of two enemy airplanes over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Captain Bochkay 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. Entered military service from California.

WAYNE N. BOLEFAHR, O-24907, Captain, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of one enemy airplane over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Captain Bolefahr 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. Entered military service from Michigan.

THOMAS W. COLBY, O-732168, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of one enemy airplane over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Colby 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. Entered military service from Washington.

MARTIN E. CORCORAN, O-667042, Captain, Army Air Forces, United States Army.

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For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of three enemy airplanes over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Captain Corcoran 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. Entered military service from Iowa.

MURDOCH R. CUNNINGHAM, O-793901, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of one enemy airplane over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Cunningham 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. Entered military service from New York.

GENE R. FAIR, O-2044805, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement in aerial flight. Escorting bombers on 22 April 1944 his flight was bounced by 15 ME 109's. In the melee his plane went into a spin from which it seemed impossible to recover. He released the canopy but could not release his safety belt. Discovering he could not bail out, Lt. Fair fought for control finally righting his plane. His right wing had buckled and the right engine raised four to five inches. His left engine was damaged by enemy fire. After recovering, he and his wing man were bounced by 2 ME 109's, one of which Lt. Fair shot off his wing man's tail. Despite the serious condition of his plane, the vibration and discomfort occasioned by the loss of the canopy and his vulnerability to enemy aircraft and ground fire, Lt. Fair courageously and skillfully brought his crippled ship safely home. The courage and skill of Lt. Fair reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Arkansas.

WALTER R. FREDERICK, O-2045114, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of one enemy airplane over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Frederick 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. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

THOMAS L. HAYES, JR., O-403857, Lt. Col., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of two enemy airplanes over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Col. 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. Entered military service from Oregon.

STANLEY G. MILES, O-793522, Captain, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of one enemy airplane over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and

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zealous manner in which Lt. Miles 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. Entered military service from South Dakota.

CLARENCE J. PALMER, O-732334, Captain, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of one enemy airplane over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Captain Palmer 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. Entered military service from Wyoming.

RICHARD A. PETERSON, O-739334, Captain, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of three enemy airplanes over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Captain Peterson 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. Entered military service from Minnesota.

ISADORE T. POROŃSKI, O-2044978, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of one enemy airplane over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Porowski 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. Entered military service from New Jersey.

CHESTER H. RUBNER, JR., O-797719, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of one enemy airplane over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Rubner 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. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

ALTON J. WALLACE, O-793567, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of two enemy airplanes over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Wallace 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. Entered military service from Connecticut.

EDMOND ZELLNER, O-799704, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of one

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enemy airplane over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Zellner 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. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

IX. 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 AIR MEDAL is awarded to the following named Officers:

CITATION: For exceptionally meritorious service in aerial flight over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by these Officers reflect great credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States:

EDWIN C. BALL	O-815325	1st Lt.	Weippe, Idaho
LAWRENCE J. BERRY	O-776453	2nd Lt.	Toledo, Ohio
HARDY L. BIDDY	O-686625	2nd Lt.	Hobart, Oklahoma
DONALD C. BLAYLOCK	O-758922	2nd Lt.	Santa Paula, California
CLEVELAND J. BRIEN, JR.	O-758930	2nd Lt.	New Orleans, Louisiana
WILLIAM (NMI) BRISTOW	O-756464	2nd Lt.	Richmond, Virginia
HORACE B. BYNUM	O-756476	2nd Lt.	Amarillo, Texas
WALTER T. CARTER	O-789301	Captain	Prescott, Arizona
JOSEPH C. ENGELBREIT	O-694232	2nd Lt.	Benton Harbor, Michigan
OWEN P. FARMER, JR.	O-679846	2nd Lt.	Aberdeen, South Dakota
JOHN M. FOLGER	O-758787	2nd Lt.	South Milwaukee, Wisconsin
WILLIAM J. FRANK, JR.	O-697264	2nd Lt.	Brooklyn, New York
CLIFFORD P. GARNEY	O-694237	2nd Lt.	Waco, Texas
MCDONALD (NMI) GODFREY	O-694238	2nd Lt.	Albany, New York
CHRIS J. HANSEMAN	O-815325	2nd Lt.	Mondovi, Wisconsin
JAMES R. HANSON	O-798122	2nd Lt.	Norfolk, Virginia
JOHN G. HOLLOWAY	O-671544	2nd Lt.	South Bend, Indiana
GEORGE J. HRICO	O-797678	2nd Lt.	Duquesne, Pennsylvania
WAYNE W. JAMES	O-694164	2nd Lt.	Crockett, California
EVAN M. JOHNSON, 5th	O-805058	1st Lt.	Carlisle, Pennsylvania
WILLIAM A. JONES	O-736236	1st Lt.	Phoenix, Arizona
GEORGE (NMI) KNIGHT	O-803404	2nd Lt.	Lakewood, Rhode Island
ARTHUR C. MAUL	O-814782	2nd Lt.	Greeley, Colorado
PETER J. McMAHON	O-822456	2nd Lt.	Eldersville, Pennsylvania
WILLIAM F. MUDGE, JR.	O-812468	2nd Lt.	Fall River, Massachusetts
RICHARD A. OGLE	O-756571	2nd Lt.	Seattle, Washington
RICHARD B. OLANDER	O-665223	1st Lt.	Racine, Wisconsin
HARRY W. PARDEE, JR.	O-812861	2nd Lt.	Arlington Heights, Mass.
MICHAEL D. PETROSKY	O-361833	Captain	Groton, Connecticut
LANGHORNE (NMI) REID, JR.	O-423584	Captain	San Antonio, Texas
RICHARD A. ROHM	O-727475	2nd Lt.	Los Angeles, California
BILL C. ROUNT	O-432133	Captain	Nacogdoches, Texas
ANDREW (NMI) SIROCHMAN	O-815404	1st Lt.	Cleveland, Ohio
JAMES R. STARNES	O-815411	2nd Lt.	Wilmington, North Carolina
HERVEY S. STOCKMAN	O-691195	2nd Lt.	Bergen, New Jersey

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JOSEPH L. THURY	O-435811	Captain	Clearwater, Florida
ARCHIE A. TOWER	O-798180	1st Lt.	Winthrop, New York
ROBERT S. TUTTLE	O-810604	2nd Lt.	Farmington, New Hampshire
WILLIAM WINN, JR.	O-810613	2nd Lt.	Burlington, Massachusetts.

X. 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 in addition to the Air Medal previously awarded:

CITATION: For exceptionally meritorious service in aerial flight over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by these Officers reflect great credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States:

LOUIS W. ADAMS, JR.	O-756431	2nd Lt.	Kingsville, Texas
HARRY M. ANDERSON,	O-756634	2nd Lt.	Tacoma, Washington
JOHN L. ARMSTRONG	O-756141	2nd Lt.	Los Angeles, California
HENRY E. BEAL	O-740344	1st Lt.	Pasadena, California
LAWRENCE R. CASEY	O-695154	2nd Lt.	Marengo, Iowa
RALPH L. COLEMAN	O-694221	2nd Lt.	Tampa, Florida
RICHARD G. CROSS, JR.	O-694224	2nd Lt.	Overland, Missouri
JACK D. DALE	O-401140	Lt. Col.	Willoughby, Ohio
GERALD P. DEVINE	O-816069	2nd Lt.	Ludinton, Michigan
PAUL K. DEVRIES	O-728607	Captain	Orange, California
DAVID A. DONOVAN	O-796106	1st Lt.	Bayonne, New Jersey
RAYMOND W. ENGLE	O-754085	2nd Lt.	Newton, Kansas
ERNEST C. FIEBELKORN	O-753639	2nd Lt.	Los Angeles, California
LEONARD B. FULLER	O-694235	2nd Lt.	Bethany, New York
ROBERT C. GANGWISH	O-810497	1st Lt.	Tonawanda, New York
GEORGE G. GEORGE	O-682631	1st Lt.	Harvey, Illinois
WILLIAM A. GUILFOYLE	O-421077	Captain	New Castle, Wyoming
DAVID R. HAILEY, JR.	O-754500	2nd Lt.	Carghage, Tennessee
ROBERT L. HARNESS	O-812416	1st Lt.	Kokomo, Indiana
HOWARD F. HENDRICKS	O-754505	1st Lt.	San Francisco, California
EDWIN M. HENRICKSON	O-813155	2nd Lt.	Frederick, Maryland
HARRY H. HERMANSEN	O-688989	1st Lt.	El Campo, Texas
OWAN S. HILL	O-746111	1st Lt.	Britton, Oklahoma
PAUL E. HOLMBERG	O-694155	2nd Lt.	Wayne, Kansas
AUBREY O. HOOD	O-694157	2nd Lt.	Richmond, California
MAX. B. HUNGATE	O-693137	2nd Lt.	Flint, Michigan
LOUIS A. JOHNSON	O-756600	2nd Lt.	Los Angeles, California
ARTHUR R. KEMP	O-750611	1st Lt.	Denver, Colorado
MYLES A. KING	O-2045227	2nd Lt.	Cambridge, Massachusetts
LESTER H. KNAPP	O-811924	2nd Lt.	Wilber, Nebraska
DANIEL A. KOWALSKI	O-694077	1st Lt.	Buffalo, New York
DONALD A. LARSON	O-431891	Captain	Yakima, Washington
DOUGLAS A. LAWHEAD	O-421823	Captain	Seal Beach, California
CHARLES M. LEE	O-812448	1st Lt.	Richland Center, Wisconsin
GEORGE E. LEVKULICH	O-814709	2nd Lt.	Craig, Colorado
WILLIAM L. MARTIN	O-694258	2nd Lt.	Fort Smith, Arkansas

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GORDON A. MCCOY	O-756644	2nd Lt.	Salem, Oregon
RUSSELL I. McNALLY	O-812843	2nd Lt.	Putnam, Connecticut
LLOYD W. MITCHELL	O-680094	1st Lt.	Los Angeles, California
✓ GOFFRED F. MONETTO	O-834731	2nd Lt.	Union City, New Jersey
✓ WILLIAM B. OVERSTREET, JR.	O-745487	1st Lt.	Clifton Forge, Virginia
RICHARD W. OXLEY	T-223120	E/O	Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
HAROLD P. PASLAY	O-311958	2nd Lt.	Faragould, Arkansas
DOUGLAS J. PICK	O-755678	1st Lt.	St. Cloud, Minnesota
JAMES W. ROBERTS	O-752737	2nd Lt.	Tallahassee, Florida
ERNEST E. RUSSELL	O-799528	1st Lt.	Bay St. Louis, Mississippi
ALBERT R. SANTOS	O-796206	1st Lt.	Palo Alto, California
RALPH C. SCHUTT, JR.	O-312494	1st Lt.	Point Pleasant, New York
✓ ALLEN E. SMITH	O-300059	1st Lt.	Hartford, Connecticut
✓ ROBERT E. SMITH	O-807624	1st Lt.	San Mateo, California
✓ RAYMOND W. STAELTE	O-745533	1st Lt.	St. Louis, Missouri
✓ JOHN A. STORCH	O-362181	Captain	Long Beach, California
PAUL J. TRUDEAU	O-810599	2nd Lt.	Pittsfield, Massachusetts
RUFERT M. TUNLIN	O-3045214	2nd Lt.	Lafayette, Indiana
✓ DON W. VOGEL	O-826206	1st Lt.	Nutley, New Jersey
HERMAN A. WAGGENER	O-750733	1st Lt.	Jackson, Mississippi

THADDEUS S. BUSZKO, O-688237, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight on 8 May 1944. While engaged in battle with enemy aircraft near Brunswick, Germany, Lt. Buszko's aircraft was raked by enemy fire which destroyed the hydraulic system, control cables, tail-wheel, made 30 holes in the fuselage and wings and set the rear portion of his aircraft on fire. Two of the exploding 20 mm shells burst in the cockpit, wounding him. Although he was 350 miles from home base, wounded and with a burning, damaged airplane, Lt. Buszko with great presence of mind and superb flying brought his aircraft back safely to home base. Lt. Buszko's airmanship, fortitude and endurance reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

ROBERT E. ERICKSON, O-743324, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in aerial flight on 6 February 1944. Flying escort to heavy bombers over the target, a connecting rod in Lt. Erickson's left engine broke away and burst open the engine. Despite the danger of fire from escaping gas and oil, he cut the engine and elected to stay with his plane rather than bail out. His trim tabs were frozen necessitating the use of rudder pressure alone to right the plane. To operate the fuel boost pumps it was necessary to utilize all the power from the battery thus rendering the plane's radio electric system useless. With a plane difficult to control, with no radio contact and through heavy flak, Lt. Erickson piloted his plane to a safe landing in England. The courage and skill of Lt. Erickson reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Utah.

✓ PAUL K. DEVRIES, O-728607, Captain, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the destruction of one enemy airplane while on a fighter combat mission over enemy occupied Continental Europe, 11 April 1944. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by Captain Devries reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from California.

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✓ PAUL D. FAIRWEATHER, O-742855, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the destruction of one enemy airplane while on a fighter combat mission over enemy occupied Continental Europe, 13 April, 1944. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by Lt. Fairweather reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from California.

✓ HENRY R. KAYSER, O-682652, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the destruction of one enemy airplane while on a fighter combat mission over enemy occupied Continental Europe, 11 April, 1944. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by Lt. Kayser, reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from South Dakota.

✓ HAROLD M. KENNEY, O-810514, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the destruction of one enemy airplane while on a fighter combat mission over enemy occupied Continental Europe, 11 April, 1944. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by Lt. Kenney reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from New Hampshire.

✓ ALDEN E. SMITH, O-800059, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the destruction of one enemy airplane while on a fighter combat mission over enemy occupied Continental Europe, 28 March, 1944. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by Lt. Smith reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Connecticut.

XI. 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, two OAK LEAF CLUSTERS are awarded to the following named Officer in addition to the Air Medal previously awarded:

ANDREW M. BARBA, O-792792, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For exceptionally meritorious service in participating in numerous and frequent aerial flights over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by Lt. Barba reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Connecticut.

XII. So much of Section II, G.O. #45, this Headquarters, 29 May, 1944, as reads: "a SILVER OAK LEAF CLUSTER is awarded to the following named officer for wear with the Distinguished Flying Cross and four Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters previously awarded": is amended to read "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."

By command of Major General KEPNER:

OFFICIAL:

JOHN J. SAILORS,
Colonel, A.G.L.,
Adjutant General.

FRANCIS H. GRISWOLD,
Brig. General, USA,
Chief of Staff.

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GENERAL ORDER)
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HEADQUARTERS VIII FIGHTER COMMAND
APO 637 AAF Station F-341
15 June, 1944.

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I. 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:

MISSING IN ACTION

D. H. LAING, O-811931, 2nd Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement in aerial flight over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Laing has sought out the enemy and engaged 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. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

ROBERT D. BROWN, O-740360, Captain, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of one enemy airplane over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Captain Brown 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. Entered military service from Illinois.

WILLIAM W. FURR, O-811884, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of one enemy airplane over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Furr 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. Entered military service from North Carolina.

ARTHUR M. LINGO, O-728686, Captain, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of one enemy airplane over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Capt. Lingo 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. Entered military service from California.

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SCOTT L. NAEDELE, O-677112, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of one enemy airplane over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Naedele 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. Entered military service from New Jersey.

JACK J. YELTON, O-746242, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of one enemy airplane over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Yelton 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. Entered military service from Texas.

II. 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 and one Oak Leaf Cluster previously awarded:

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FRANK A. CUTLER, O-732178, Captain, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of four enemy aircraft over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Capt. Cutler 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. Entered military service from Ohio.

CARL J. LUKSIC, O-732289, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of five enemy aircraft over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Luksic 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. Entered military service from Illinois.

III. 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 OAK LEAF CLUSTER is awarded to the following named Officers for wear with the Distinguished Flying Cross previously awarded:

CITATION: For extraordinary achievement in aerial flight over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which these Officers have sought out the enemy and engaged him, 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

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LOWELL W. BRUNDAGE	O-673986	1st Lt.	Spokane, Washington.
HERBERT K. FIELD	O-665395	1st Lt.	Kankakee, Illinois.

JAMES L. LAING, O-737146, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of one enemy airplane over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Laing 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. Entered military service from Michigan.

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, an AIR MEDAL is awarded to the following named Officers:

CITATION: For exceptionally meritorious service in aerial flight over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by these Officers reflect great credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States:

MISSING IN ACTION

MARVIN H. BROWN	O-756466	2nd Lt.	San Jose, California.
BENJAMIN R. CARBAJAL	T-1040	F/O	Hollywood, California.
JAMES R. CROCKETT	O-800479	1st Lt.	Chattanooga, Tennessee.
WALTER A. DOUGLASS	O-758964	2nd Lt.	Fort Worth, Texas.
DONALD L. DURAND	O-748931	2nd Lt.	Stockton, California.
HAROLD M. EVERETT	O-798270	2nd Lt.	San Francisco, California.
THOMAS J. FOSTER	O-758789	2nd Lt.	Jackson, Mississippi.
JOHN R. FRAZIER	O-746077	2nd Lt.	Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.
FLOYD P. HENEGHAN	O-810368	2nd Lt.	Jerseyville, Illinois.
WILLIAM M. HARPER	T-1373	F/O	Williamsport, Pennsylvania.
MYRON C. MORRILL, JR.	O-815367	2nd Lt.	South Plainfield, N.J.
ROBERT B. MOSS	O-746153	2nd Lt.	Payette, Idaho.
WALTER R. O'SULLIVAN, JR.	O-805104	2nd Lt.	Narberth, Pennsylvania.
GORDON F. PERRY	O-812478	2nd Lt.	Sidney, New York.
JOSEPH G. SULLIVAN	O-751484	1st Lt.	Forest Hills, L.I., N.Y.
ALBERT L. WYER	O-802169	2nd Lt.	Wilshire, Ohio.

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 an Air Medal is posthumously awarded to the following named Officer:

FRED H. HARTIG, O-750585, 2nd Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For exceptionally meritorious service in aerial flight over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by this Officer reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Minnesota.

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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 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 in addition to the Air Medal previously awarded.

CITATION: For exceptionally meritorious service in aerial flight over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by these Officers reflect great credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States:

MISSING IN ACTION

ROBERT A. BROWNING	O-811850	1st Lt.	Norwood, Massachusetts.
MARKREL L. BYRD	T-1370	F/O	Jacksonville, Florida.
MACK D. FALL	O-730428	1st Lt.	Riverside, California.
EDWIN F. GAINES	O-750566	1st Lt.	Quincy, Illinois.
ROGER A. HILSTAD	O-694153	2nd Lt.	Kenyon, Minnesota.
RAYMOND E. HUARTE	O-752122	2nd Lt.	Manteca, California.
JOSEPH M. JENKINS	O-805055	1st Lt.	Savannah, Georgia.
EDWARD J. MASLOW	O-659155	1st Lt.	Plymouth, Pennsylvania.
WILLIAM D. MICHAELY	O-745456	1st Lt.	Butte, Montana.
JOSEPH O. MINTON	O-746145	2nd Lt.	Lufkin, Texas.
CLARENCE F. SCRIVNER	O-746195	1st Lt.	Lindsay, California.
JOSEPH G. SULLIVAN	O-751484	1st Lt.	Forest Hills, L.I., N.Y.
JAMES H. WEISEL	O-753767	1st Lt.	Bakersfield, California.

HARVEY L. EAKES, O-886250, 2nd Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the destruction of one enemy airplane while on a fighter combat mission over enemy occupied Continental Europe, 1 April, 1944. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by Lt. Eakes reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from North Carolina.

DALE E. STREAM, O-811973, 2nd Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the destruction of one enemy airplane while on a fighter combat mission over enemy occupied Continental Europe, 20 March, 1944. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by Lt. Stream reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Michigan.

VII. 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, TWO OAK LEAF CLUSTERS are awarded to the following named Officers in addition to the Air Medal previously awarded:

MISSING IN ACTION

RICHARD L. OTT, O-416336, Major, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the destruction of two enemy airplanes while on a fighter combat mission over enemy occupied Continental Europe, 29 January, 1944. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by Major Ott reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from New York, N.Y.

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MAURICE A. POSTLE, O-807604, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the destruction of two enemy airplanes while on fighter combat missions over enemy occupied Continental Europe, 11 April, 1944 and 13 April, 1944, respectively. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by Lt. Postle reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Brookton, Massachusetts.

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 posthumously awarded to the following named Officer in addition to the Air Medal previously awarded.

ANDREW L. CHILTON, O-421044, Major, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For exceptionally meritorious service in aerial flight over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by this Officer reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Ft. Worth, Texas.

By command of Major General KEFNER:

OFFICIAL:

William A. Sherwin
WILLIAM A. SHERWIN,
Major, AGD,
Asst Adjutant General.

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

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GENERAL ORDER) HEADQUARTERS VIII FIGHTER COMMAND
: AFO 637 AAF Station F-341
NUMBER.....50) 17 June, 1944.

CLASSIFICATION OF GENERAL ORDER NO. 48, DATED 15 JUNE 1944 SECTION I
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I. General Order No. 48, dated 15 June 1944 is classified "SECRET" and distribution of same was limited.

II. General Order No. 49, dated 15 June 1944 is classified "CONFIDENTIAL" and distribution of same was limited.

III. 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 latter 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 aerial flight over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which these Officers have sought out the enemy and engaged him, 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 H. BALDWIN	0-748516	1st Lt.	Los Angeles, California
ERNEST E. BANKEY	0-752095	1st Lt.	Toledo, Ohio.
HARRY H. BARNES	0-812731	1st Lt.	Williamsville, New York
SAM B. DALE, JR.	T-61259	F/O	Columbia, Mississippi
WILLIAM E. FOWLER	0-811882	1st Lt.	Monmouth, Illinois
ROBERT W. FOY	0-745340	Capt.	Owego, New York
✓ EDWIN W. HIRO	0-728661	Capt.	Chisholm, Minnesota
PAUL C. HOLTER, JR.	0-807563	2nd Lt.	White Plains, New York
MAX B. HUNGATE	0-693137	1st Lt.	Flint (3), Michigan
JOSEPH B. JIORLE	0-2045084	2nd Lt.	Phillipsburg, New Jersey
VICTOR L. KERCHER	0-750613	1st Lt.	Lafayette, Indiana
JOHN E. KLINK	0-753682	1st Lt.	Syracuse, New York
✓ LLOYD W. MITCHELL	0-680054	1st Lt.	Los Angeles, California
DANIEL A. KOWALSKI	0-694077	1st Lt.	Buffalo, New York
WAYNE J. LANHAM	0-677009	2nd Lt.	Midland, Texas

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✓ REX E. MONCRIEFF	0-753710	1st Lt.	Enid, Oklahoma
RICHARD D. NEECE, JR.	0-431149	Major	Corsicana, Texas
✓ ABE P. ROSENBERGER	0-678942	1st Lt.	Souderton, Pennsylvania
VIRGAL E. SANSING	0-686773	2nd Lt.	Bay City, Texas
✓ EDWARD K. SIMPSON, JR.	0-745529	1st Lt.	LaVerne, California
ROBERT W. SMITH	0-429215	Capt.	Lorain Avon Lake, Ohio
HERMAN H. STUBBLEFIELD	0-750718	1st Lt.	Morrison, Tennessee
HORACE Q. WAGGONER	0-694102	1st Lt.	Waggoner, Illinois
✓ FREDERICK WHITE	0-811880	2nd Lt.	Plainville, Massachusetts
✓ LAWRENCE D. WOOD	0-745559	1st Lt.	Hoxie, Kansas

✓ DONALD R. EMERSON, 0-813134, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of one enemy airplane over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Emerson 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. Entered military service from North Dakota.

✓ PAUL D. FAIRWEATHER, 0-742855, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of one enemy airplane over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Fairweather 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. Entered military service from California.

FRANK S. FONG, 0-812792, 2nd Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of one enemy airplane over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Fong 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. Entered military service from Florida.

FRANK C. JONES, JR., 0-659133, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of one enemy airplane over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Jones 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. Entered military service from New Jersey.

✓ GILBERT M. O'BRIEN, 0-745482, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of two enemy airplanes over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. O'Brien has sought out the enemy and destroyed him, his devotion to duty and courage under all conditions serve as an inspiration to

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his fellow flyers. His actions on all these occasions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from South Carolina.

WILLIAM B. OVERSTREET, JR., O-745487, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of one enemy airplane over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Overstreet 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. Entered military service from Virginia.

GEORGE I. STANFORD, O-659198, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of two enemy airplanes over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Stanford 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. Entered military service from Connecticut.

JAMES A WYATT, O-811925, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of one enemy airplane over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Wyatt 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. Entered military service from Alabama.

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 OAK LEAF CLUSTER is awarded to the following named Officers for wear with the Distinguished Flying Cross previously awarded:

CITATION: For extraordinary achievement in aerial flight over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which these Officers have sought out the enemy and engaged him, 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:

RICHARD G. BRALEY	O-885214	Captain	Lemoore, California
PETER DEMPSEY	O-743319	Captain	South Tacoma, Washington
JOHN C. EDWARDS	O-22131	Lt. Col.	Champaign, Illinois
JOHN T. LAMB, JR.	O-811932	1st Lt.	Euclid, Ohio
JOE L. LATIMER	O-520631	Captain	Mount Calm, Texas
HARRY L. MATTHEW	O-675795	1st Lt.	Park, West Virginia
DAVID W. MCENTIRE	O-732296	1st Lt.	Preston, Idaho
EARL J. MEYER	O-796718	1st Lt.	Line Springs, Iowa
LEO W. NORTHROP	O-732323	1st Lt.	Clay Center, Kansas

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EUGENE R. ORWIG	O-732330	1st Lt.	Los Angeles, California
JOHN E. ROSS	O-2045115	1st Lt.	Perry, Michigan
ALMA R. SMITH	O-674016	1st Lt.	Salt Lake City, Utah
ROY A. WEBB, JR.	O-329593	Major	Pampa, Texas
RUSSELL B. WESTFALL	O-666597	1st Lt.	Olds, Iowa

✓ CLARENCE E. ANDERSON, JR., O-730324, Captain, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of three enemy airplanes over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Captain Anderson 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. Entered military service from California.

CHARLES J. BERNETTE, O-2045126, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of two enemy airplanes over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Bernette 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. Entered military service from Maine.

✓ JOSEPH E. BROADHEAD, O-728563, Major, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of two enemy airplanes over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Major Broadhead 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. Entered military service from Idaho.

ROBERT M. CALLAHAN, O-675743, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of one enemy airplane over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Callahan 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. Entered military service from Ohio.

DONALD R. EMERSON, O-813134, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of four enemy airplanes over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Emerson 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. Entered military service from North Dakota.

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JAMES C. HARRINGTON, O-885179, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of three enemy airplanes over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Harrington 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. Entered military service from New York.

ROBERT L. HILLS, O-2044975, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of three enemy airplanes over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Hills 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. Entered military service from Connecticut.

PAUL C. HOLDEN, O-886233, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of two enemy airplanes over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Holden 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. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

JOSEPH J. KRUZEL, O-401183, Lt. Col., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of two enemy airplanes over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Col. Kruzal 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. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

MAURICE R. McLARY, O-441851, Captain, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of two enemy airplanes over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Captain McLary 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. Entered military service from Indiana.

SHELTON W. MONROE, O-810551, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in the destruction of five enemy airplanes in aerial combat over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Monroe 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. Entered military service from Georgia.

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GLENNON T. MORAN, O-799229, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of two enemy airplanes over enemy occupied Continental Europe. 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. Entered military service from Illinois.

HAROLD A. OGDEN, O-24705, Captain, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of one enemy airplane over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Captain Ogden 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. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

LEIGHTON M. READ, O-885470, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of one enemy airplane over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Read 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. Entered military service from Texas.

ALTON B. SNYDER, JR., O-803481, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of two enemy airplanes over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Snyder 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. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

SAMUEL O. STAMPS, O-807637, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of one enemy airplane over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Stamps 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. Entered military service from Alabama.

WILLIS B. TAYLOR, O-791351, Captain, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of one enemy airplane over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Captain Taylor 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. Entered military service from Florida.

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HERBERT WEBER, O-797753, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of the enemy airplane over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Weber 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. Entered military service from Connecticut.

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, 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:

HOWARD D. HIVELEY, O-885143, Captain, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of two enemy airplanes over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Captain Hiveley 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. Entered military service from Ohio.

HERBERT E. JOHNSON, JR., O-421109, Lt. Col., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of two enemy airplanes over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Col. Johnson 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. Entered military service from California.

JAMES N. POINDEXTER, O-665608, Captain, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of two enemy airplanes over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Captain Poindexter 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. Entered military service from Texas.

WILLIAM F. TANNER, O-793966, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement in aerial flight over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Tanner has sought out the enemy and engaged 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. Entered military service from New York.

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JOHN F. THORNELL, O-797743, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of two enemy airplanes over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Thornell 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. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

WILLIAM T. WHISNER, O-798190, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of two enemy airplanes over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Whisner 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. Entered military service from Louisiana.

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 Officers for wear with the Distinguished Flying Cross and two Oak Leaf Clusters previously awarded:

JOHN T. GODFREY, O-885950, Captain, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of three enemy airplanes over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Captain Godfrey 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. Entered military service from Rhode Island.

JAMES R. HAPPEL, O-885203, Captain, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement in aerial flight over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Captain Happel has sought out the enemy and engaged 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. Entered military service from New Jersey.

RALPH K. HOFER, O-2945177, 2nd Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of four enemy airplanes over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Hofer 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. Entered military service from Missouri.

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CHARLES N. KEPPLER, O-428505, Captain, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of one enemy airplane over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Captain Keppler 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. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

GERALD E. MONTGOMERY, O-2044920, Captain, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in the destruction of five enemy airplanes in aerial combat over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Captain 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. Entered military service from Texas.

LOUIS H. NORLEY, O-2044420, Captain, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of three enemy airplanes over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Captain 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. Entered military service from Montana.

ALBERT T. SCHLEGEL, O-2044921, Captain, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of three enemy airplanes over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Captain Schlegel 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. Entered military service from Ohio.

FELIX D. WILLIAMSON, O-667894, Captain, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of three enemy airplanes over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Captain Williamson 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. Entered military service from Georgia.

VII. 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 and three Oak Leaf Clusters previously awarded:

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FRED J. CHRISTENSEN, JR., O-794920, Captain, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of three enemy airplanes over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Captain 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. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

JOHN T. GODFREY, O-885950, Captain, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in the destruction of five enemy airplanes in aerial combat over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Captain Godfrey 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. Entered military service from Rhode Island.

ALBERT L. SCHLEGEL, O-2044921, Captain, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in the destruction of five enemy airplanes in aerial combat over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Captain Schlegel 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. Entered military service from Ohio.

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, a SILVER OAK LEAF CLUSTER, in lieu of the fifth Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster, is awarded to the following named Officers for wear with the Distinguished Flying Cross previously awarded:

DONALD J. M. BLAKESLEE, O-885264, Colonel, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in the destruction of five enemy airplanes in aerial combat over enemy occupied Continental Europe. 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. Entered military service from Ohio.

JOHN T. GODFREY, O-885950, Captain, Army Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in the destruction of five enemy airplanes in aerial combat over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Captain Godfrey 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. Entered military service from Rhode Island.

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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 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 the Silver Oak Leaf Cluster previously awarded.

JAMES A. GOODSON, O-885241, Major, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in the destruction of five enemy airplanes in aerial combat over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Major Goodson 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. Entered military service from Canada.

X. 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 six Oak Leaf Clusters previously awarded:

ROBERT S. JOHNSON, O-661217, Major, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of three enemy airplanes over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Major Johnson 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. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

XI. 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 AIR MEDAL is awarded to the following named Officers:

CITATION: For exceptionally meritorious service in aerial flight over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by these Officers reflect great credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States:

ROBERT H. ADLEMAN	O-742922	2nd Lt.	South Bend, Indiana
RAYARD C. AUCHINCLOSS	O-696678	2nd Lt.	New York, New York
ROBERT E. MACHAND	O-816027	2nd Lt.	Chicago, Illinois.
MELVILLE R. BALL	O-798081	Capt.	Norwalk, Connecticut
GEORGE E. BOSTWICK	O-24278	1st Lt.	Warsaw, Wisconsin
HOUSTON L. BRALY, JR.	O-756462	2nd Lt.	Brady, Texas
JOE B. BROOKS	O-745284	2nd Lt.	Galveston, Texas.
HAROLD C. BROWN	O-695032	2nd Lt.	New York, New York
ROBERT B. BROWN	O-802103	1st Lt.	Salt Lake City, Utah
WILLIAM E. BRYAN	O-756974	Capt.	Flint, Michigan
JAMES A. BURR	O-758764	2nd Lt.	Detroit, Michigan
JERRY P. BUSH	O-689199	1st Lt.	Hulett, Wyoming
GEORGE H. BUTLER	O-814647	2nd Lt.	Los Angeles, California
ROBERT M. CALDARONE	O-443828	1st Lt.	Providence, Rhode Island
MERLE F. CALDWELL	O-802903	1st Lt.	Greenville, Pennsylvania
MERLE R. CAPP	O-812750	2nd Lt.	Arlington, Virginia

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GLENN R. CLARK	0-758771	2nd Lt.	Severn, Maryland
JAMES J. CLARK	0-816050	2nd Lt.	Philadelphia, Penn.
JOHN H. CLINE	0-815283	2nd Lt.	New York, New York
CARL E. CLOUD	0-669869	1st Lt.	Konawa, Oklahoma
WILLIAM G. COBB	0-758773	2nd Lt.	Birmingham, Michigan
RAYMOND T. CONLIN	T-1887	F/O	Oakland, Michigan
WILLIAM A. COX	0-694127	2nd Lt.	Independence, Missouri
CECIL E. CRAIGO, JR.,	0-797794	1st Lt.	Widen, West Virginia
JACK S. CRANDELL	0-814656	2nd Lt.	Westminster, Maryland
WILLIAM J. DAVENPORT, JR.	0-814658	2nd Lt.	Greenville, N. Carolina
JOHN L. DEMILLE	0-756510	2nd Lt.	Pomona, California
HOWARD D. EGELAND	0-758966	2nd Lt.	Chicago, Illinois
LEE D. EISENHART	0-799547	1st Lt.	Hellertown, Pennsylvania
MILES D. ELLIOT	0-758783	2nd Lt.	Shelton, Washington
FRANCIS L. ESHELMAN	0-758969	2nd Lt.	Tucson, Arizona
FRANK T. EVANS	0-798269	1st Lt.	Indianapolis, Indiana
ALEXANDER B. FERBER	0-805600	2nd Lt.	New York, New York
LEONARD J. FIORITO	0-676617	1st Lt.	Leroy, New York
NATHAN T. FOLWELL	0-412579	Capt.	Allentown, Pennsylvania
BIGELOW FOWLER	0-758976	2nd Lt.	Norwood, Massachusetts
GEORGE W. FRANKLIN	0-816088	2nd Lt.	Rockmart, Georgia
CARLETON L. FUHRMAN	0-697554	2nd Lt.	Washington, Michigan
WILLARD G. GILLETTE	0-758981	2nd Lt.	Homewood, Kansas
KENNETH M. GLASER	0-753649	2nd Lt.	San Francisco, Calif.
LESTER B. GODWIN	T-122841	F/O	Tyler, Texas
LEONARD A. GREMAUX	0-694144	2nd Lt.	Danvers, Montana
CHARLES E. GRIFFITHS, JR.	0-694146	2nd Lt.	Groton, South Dakota
FERRIS S. HARRIS	0-756559	2nd Lt.	Houston, Texas
ALLAN S. HARTN, JR.	0-798132	1st Lt.	Chestertown, Maryland
ALEXANDER S. HARTLEY	0-696695	2nd Lt.	Santa Monica, Calif.
ROBERT P. HATTER	0-815330	2nd Lt.	Ottawa, Illinois
EARL HERTZEL	0-813157	2nd Lt.	Omaha, Nebraska
LESTER L. HOWELL	0-694159	2nd Lt.	Morton, Texas
GILBERT W. HUNT	0-886265	1st Lt.	Hays, Kansas
DALLAS J. HUSTEAD	0-756595	2nd Lt.	Clarksburg, W. Virginia
WILLIAM JAASKELAINEN	0-744713	1st Lt.	Base Line, Michigan
GRANT L. JONES	0-759019	2nd Lt.	Salt Lake City, Utah
THOMAS E. JOYCE	0-414037	Captain	Ulysses, Kansas
JAMES M. JURE	0-695064	2nd Lt.	Dallas, Texas
DAYNE KAHLE	0-815713	2nd Lt.	Sigol, Pennsylvania
GEORGE P. KELLY, III	0-804176	1st Lt.	Houston, Texas
JAMES E. KINSOLVING	0-815352	2nd Lt.	Ensley, Alabama
KARL H. KIRK	0-1699176	Captain	Warren, Ohio
HAROLD W. KRAMER	T-122653	F/O	Las Vegas, Nevada
DALE L. LARRABEE	0-759029	2nd Lt.	Redding, California
DURNE S. LARSON	0-803406	1st Lt.	Regent, North Dakota
ROBERT M. LEIDY	0-812451	2nd Lt.	Van Buren, Maine
ROBERT M. LITTLEFIELD	0-758017	2nd Lt.	Monterey, California
WILLIAM J. LUCKEY, JR.	0-689870	2nd Lt.	Wyncote, Pennsylvania
PAUL J. MCCULLY	0-758026	2nd Lt.	Los Angeles, California
PHILIP M.N. MCHUGH	0-812108	2nd Lt.	Trenton, New Jersey
JAMES M. MC IURE	0-669895	1st Lt.	Alexandria, Louisiana
HAROLD O. MILLER	0-805654	2nd Lt.	Santa Rosa, California
ROBERT E. MULLINS	0-689804	2nd Lt.	Aberdeen, Washington
WILLIAM R. PEREZ, JR.	0-758221	2nd Lt.	Washington, D.C.

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LEWIS S. PETER, JR.	0-432114	Captain	San Antonio, Texas
JOHN B. PUTNAM, JR.	0-812871	2nd Lt.	Cleveland, Ohio.
GILBERT E. RALSTON, JR.	0-815388	2nd Lt.	Buechel, Kentucky
GARLAND RAYBORN	0-694263	2nd Lt.	Dallas, Texas
JULIAN S. REENS	0-689823	2nd Lt.	Seattle, Washington
WILLIAM J. REILLY	0-758230	2nd Lt.	San Francisco, Calif.
FRANCIS M. RUSSELL	0-816894	2nd Lt.	Petaskala, Ohio.
FREDERICK S. RUTAN, JR.	0-676656	1st Lt.	Wollaston, Massachusetts
ALBERT SAELEM	0-805125	1st Lt.	Georgetown, Connecticut
THOMAS D. SCHANK	0-756036	2nd Lt.	Greely, Colorado
CARL H. SCHNEIDER	0-691591	2nd Lt.	New York, New York
JAMES H. SEHL	0-759088	2nd Lt.	Dover, Ohio
THOMAS S. SHARP	0-759091	2nd Lt.	McArthur, Ohio
FRED S. SHOOKER	0-801784	1st Lt.	Riegelfield, New Jersey
ROBERT W. SILTAMAKI	0-816722	2nd Lt.	Hanna, Wyoming
JOHN R. SKRHA	0-759099	2nd Lt.	Chicago, Illinois
KENNETH C. SMELTZ	0-758244	2nd Lt.	Lancaster, Pennsylvania
ENOCH D. STEPHENSON, JR.	0-727575	Capt.	Columbia, Tennessee
DIAMOND V. STEVENS	0-666461	Capt.	Hood River, Oregon
JOHN W. STOTT	0-694197	2nd Lt.	Grents Pass, Oregon
GUY P. TAYLOR	0-671801	2nd Lt.	Akron, Ohio
EDWARD K. TAZZIA	0-750723	2nd Lt.	Detroit, Michigan
HENRY G. THIBERT	0-803491	1st Lt.	Detroit, Michigan
EDWARD L. THOMPSON	0-691461	2nd Lt.	San Antonio, Texas
RALPH P. THOMPSON	0-546616	2nd Lt.	Tonales, California
CLEON C. THOMTON	0-815428	2nd Lt.	Montevideo, Minnesota
EUGENE J. TIMONY	0-815787	2nd Lt.	Lakewood, Ohio
JOHN E. WALKER	0-758116	2nd Lt.	Shaker Heights, Ohio
RICHARD T. WARBOYS	0-814800	2nd Lt.	Rochester, New York
BRUCE C. WARD	0-758119	2nd Lt.	Strathmore, California
EDWIN E. WASIL	0-758120	2nd Lt.	Chicago, Illinois
FRANK T. WATERS	0-676689	1st Lt.	Orange, Massachusetts
HARVEY R. WAYMIRE	0-676691	1st Lt.	Denver, Colorado
GORDON V. WECNER	0-758122	2nd Lt.	Fairfield, Washington.
RODNEY C. WEST	0-800622	1st Lt.	Pomfret, Vermont
RICHARD S. WHITELAW	0-666486	Capt.	Santa Paula, California
RICHARD H. WILCOX	0-691199	2nd Lt.	Skaneateles, New York
CLIFFORD O. WILLIAMS	0-756133	2nd Lt.	Silsbee, Texas
WILLIAM H. WILLIS	0-758261	2nd Lt.	Laguna Beach, California
WILLIAM F. WILSON	0-758140	2nd Lt.	Strong City, Kansas
DONALD A. ZEINE	0-812528	2nd Lt.	Glasford, Illinois

BLAYNE A. SWIFT, 0-816834, 2nd Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the destruction of one enemy airplane while on a fighter combat mission over enemy occupied Continental Europe, 13 May, 1944. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by Lt. Swift reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Iowa.

XII. 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 in addition to the Air Medal previously awarded:

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CITATION: For exceptionally meritorious service in aerial flight over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by these Officers reflect great credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

EDWARD C. ANDREWS	0-686712	2nd Lt.	Glendale, California
SHE MAN ARMSTRONG	0-814628	2nd Lt.	Baltimore, Maryland
JAMES D. BADGER	0-806772	1st Lt.	Hastings, Florida
HAROLD F. BECK	0-816031	2nd Lt.	Berwick, Pennsylvania
HEDDY L. BIDDY	0-686625	2nd Lt.	Hobart, Oklahoma
GEORGE C. BOTELEH	0-815273	2nd Lt.	Washington, D.C.
ELMER O. BOWERS	0-754584	2nd Lt.	Bristol, Pennsylvania
WARREN D. BOYD	0-750525	1st Lt.	Modesto, California
JAMES E. BURFORD	0-756472	2nd Lt.	Webster, Wisconsin
EDWARD C. BURTON	0-659798	1st Lt.	Crawfordsville, Indiana
ROBERT K. BUTLER	0-694045	1st Lt.	Chappaqua, N.Y.
MADISON L. DRYANT, JR.	0-816630	2nd Lt.	Shreveport, Louisiana
JACKIE L. CARWELL	0-677544	2nd Lt.	Louisville, Kentucky
MANUEL L. CASAGRANDE	0-752103	1st Lt.	San Mateo, California
NORMAN L. CASTLE	0-756453	2nd Lt.	Glendale, California
PETER CHUBIN	0-752104	1st Lt.	Yonkers, N.Y.
CARL W. CLOUGH	0-754470	1st Lt.	Lebanon, New Hampshire
CLIFFORD L. COCHRAN	0-750542	1st Lt.	Ontario, California
JOHN A. COTTER	0-694126	1st Lt.	North Kansas City, Mo.
VERN W. COVAULT	0-694222	1st Lt.	Adair, Iowa
DIXIE E. CRITES	0-755886	2nd Lt.	Charleston, West Va.
LUCIAN A. DADE, JR.	0-432184	Major	Hopkinsville, Kentucky
ALBERT H. DEBACKER	0-695016	1st Lt.	Topeka, Kansas
LOUIS A. DICKS	0-814664	2nd Lt.	Cincinnati, Ohio
CHARLES H. DOOLEY	0-810485	1st Lt.	Ben Avon, Pennsylvania
EDWARD J. DVORAK	0-2045170	2nd Lt.	Cicero, Illinois
JOSEPH C. ENGLEBREIT	0-694232	2nd Lt.	Denton Harbor, Michigan
RUSSEL W. END	0-756521	2nd Lt.	Philadelphia, Pa.
EDWARD L. FAISON	0-814674	2nd Lt.	Petersburg, Virginia
THOMAS P. FAIRBELL	0-886186	1st Lt.	Syracuse, N.Y.
FRANK S. FONG	0-812792	2nd Lt.	Miami, Florida
JOSEPH S. FORD	0-752112	1st Lt.	Linden, Alabama
GEORGE W. FOKER, JR.	0-694139	1st Lt.	Ozone Park, L.I., N.Y.
JOHN W. GALIGA	0-693126	1st Lt.	Hillboro, Texas
KENNETH W. GALLUP	0-398694	Major	Glenn, Texas
JOSEPH K. GANNETT	0-754490	2nd Lt.	Elizabeth, New Jersey
RICHARD J. GATES	0-666922	1st Lt.	Montclair, New Jersey
JOHN J. GAWIENOWSKI	0-746084	1st Lt.	Irvington, New Jersey
LAKE GILES	0-815314	2nd Lt.	Syracuse, N.Y.
DONALD I. GILMORE	0-753648	2nd Lt.	Freeborn, Minnesota
HAROLD A. GJOIME	0-756539	2nd Lt.	Langley, Washington
ELGAR B. GRAVETTE	0-432130	Major	Red Bluff, California
IVA E. GROUNDS	0-756551	2nd Lt.	Talpa, Texas
SAMUEL E. HANSEAD	0-754619	2nd Lt.	Phillips, Texas
PRESTON B. HARDY	0-436941	2nd Lt.	Dillon, S. Carolina
FERRIS S. HANUIS	0-756559	2nd Lt.	Houston, Texas
OLLIE E. HARRIS, JR.	0-810505	1st Lt.	Detroit, Michigan
WILLIAM M. HEATON	0-814686	2nd Lt.	Hendersonville, N. Carolina
JOHN D. HENRY, JR.	0-24107	Col.	Charlotte, Texas

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JOSEPH W. HIGGINS	O-756575	2nd Lt.	Philadelphia, Pa.
DEAN J. HILL	O-756576	1st Lt.	Los Angeles, California
RICHARD M. HOLLY	O-431222	1st Lt.	Glendale, Arizona
✓ ANDREW C. HOOD	O-694157	1st Lt.	Richmond, California
LYNN H. HOSFORD, JR.	O-815340	2nd Lt.	Chardon, Ohio
WILLIAM H. HUDSON	O-814692	2nd Lt.	Atlanta, Georgia
GILBERT W. HUNT	O-886265	1st Lt.	Hays, Kansas
LUCIUS A. HURLBUT	O-661099	Capt.	Miles City, Montana
EDWARD F. IZOR	O-756106	2nd Lt.	Farmeraville, Ohio
THEODORE S. JONOSKI	O-752127	2nd Lt.	Weedsport, N.Y.
ROBERT P. KENYON	O-813174	1st Lt.	Detroit, Michigan
JOHN A. KETIG, JR.	O-25551	Capt.	Lynn, Massachusetts
HERMAN E. KING	O-530757	2nd Lt.	Bradley, Maine
DAVID P. KLING	O-814702	2nd Lt.	Eric, Pennsylvania
GLENN H. KOONTZ	O-2044774	1st Lt.	Racine, West Virginia
WAYNE E. LEATHERS	O-695185	2nd Lt.	Columbus, Ohio
CHARLES M. LEE	O-812448	1st Lt.	Richland Center, Wis.
THE E. LINES	O-1168336	1st Lt.	Mesa, Arizona
ROBERT P. LUDBE S	O-697215	2nd Lt.	Springfield, Ohio
MACIE V. MARLOWE	O-736272	1st Lt.	Norfolk, Virginia
DEN I. MAYO, JR.	O-23735	Capt.	Fort Smith, Arkansas
RUSSELL I. MC NALLY	O-812848	1st Lt.	Putnam, Connecticut
EDWARD D. MEICER	O-814723	2nd Lt.	Macon, Georgia
GEORGE W. MERRIMAN, JR.	O-750654	1st Lt.	Beaver Falls, Pa.
STEVEN T. MURRAY	O-815640	2nd Lt.	Oakland, California
✓ GILBERT M. O'DRIEN	O-745482	1st Lt.	Charleston, South Ca.
HARRY W. PARDEE, JR.	O-812861	2nd Lt.	Arlington Heights, Ill.
HAROLD P. PASLEY	O-811958	2nd Lt.	Paragould, Arkansas
✓ CHARLES S. PEARSON	O-886199	1st Lt.	Lansing, Michigan
DONALD D. PERKINS	O-469549	1st Lt.	Chicago, Illinois
SAMUEL C. PHILLIPS	O-25413	1st Lt.	Cheyenne, Wyoming
MALCOLM C. PICKERING	O-694179	2nd Lt.	Detroit, Michigan
JACK W. PIERCE	O-495556	2nd Lt.	Gen Post Office, Melbourne, Australia.
JOEL I. POPPLEWELL	O-816641	2nd Lt.	Liberty, Kentucky.
JAMES W. PURVIS	O-750686	1st Lt.	Pine Bluff, Arkansas
JAMES W. ROBERTS	O-754537	2nd Lt.	Tallahassee, Florida
ALAN T. ROBINSON	O-810570	1st Lt.	Tacoma, Washington
BILL C. ROUTH	O-432133	Capt.	Nacogdoches, Texas
JAMES W. RUSSELL, JR.	O-694186	2nd Lt.	Bonham, Texas
CHARLES J. SALINSKY	O-693164	1st Lt.	Yonkers, N.Y.
ALBERT R. SANTOS	O-796206	1st Lt.	Palo Alto, California
CARL H. SCHNEIDER	O-691591	2nd Lt.	New York, N.Y.
ROY C. SCOTT, JR.	O-750700	1st Lt.	Madera, California
HAROLD W. SCRUGGS	O-412976	1st Col.	Hollis, Oklahoma
CHARLES H. SHILKE	O-694192	2nd Lt.	Somerset, Pennsylvania
GROVER C. SIEMS, JR.	O-694266	2nd Lt.	Woodside, N.Y.
VAN HALEN SOULE	O-753750	2nd Lt.	Superior, Arizona
JAMES B. STALLINGS	O-815410	2nd Lt.	Moultrie, Georgia
✓ RODNEY M. STARKY	O-751478	1st Lt.	Yermo, California
JOHN T. STARR, JR.	O-693173	2nd Lt.	Pueblo, Colorado.
JOHN C. E. STEINWEDDEL	O-815414	2nd Lt.	Legansport, Indiana
KENT H. STEVENS	O-750715	2nd Lt.	Rusk, Texas
RONCH S. STEWART, JR.	O-816176	2nd Lt.	Lancaster, S. Carolina

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HERVEY S. STOCKMAN	O-691195	2nd Lt.	Bergen, N.J.
JOHN M. STUCKRATH	O-752151	1st Lt.	Pittsburg, Pennsylvania
WYLYNE A. SWIFT	O-816834	2nd Lt.	Des Moines, Iowa.
ELEMER A. TAYLOR	O-752466	1st Lt.	Green Forest, Arkansas
ROBERT G. TAYLOR	O-462042	1st Lt.	North Hills, Pa.
JOSEPH L. THURY	O-435811	Captain	Clearwater, Florida
ROBERT T. TIBOR	O-753759	1st Lt.	Los Angeles, California
WINSTON C. TIEDE, JR.	O-681743	1st Lt.	Buffalo, N. Y.
ALFRED J. TRYBUSZEWSKI	O-750727	1st Lt.	Buffalo, N. Y.
DANIEL R. TUCHSCHERER	O-815430	2nd Lt.	Menasha, Wisconsin
ROBERT S. TUTTLE	O-810604	2nd Lt.	Farmington, N. H.
JAMES F. VANN	O-745551	2nd Lt.	Anniston, Alabama
JOHN R. VICKERS	O-752467	1st Lt.	Datona Beach, Florida
ROMILDO VISCONTE	O-756733	2nd Lt.	Redwood City, California
HORACE Q. WAGGONER	O-694102	1st Lt.	Waggoner, Illinois
STEPHEN J. WELSH	O-750742	1st Lt.	Abbeville, S. Carolina
RICHARD H. WILCOX	O-691199	2nd Lt.	Skaneateles, N. Y.
REUDEN E. WILKINSON	O-815440	2nd Lt.	Leary, Georgia
WOODROW W. WILLIAMS	O-750749	2nd Lt.	Houston, Texas
BRUCE D. WILSON	O-746239	1st Lt.	Birmingham, Alabama
CY WILSON	O-21538	Lt. Col.	West Point, Texas

ROBERT J. COLLINS, O-795912, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the destruction of one enemy airplane while on a fighter combat mission over enemy occupied Continental Europe, 27 March, 1944. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by Lt. Collins reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

HENRY R. KAYSER, O-682652, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the destruction of one enemy airplane while on a fighter combat mission over enemy occupied Continental Europe, 11 April, 1944. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by Lt. Kayser reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pierre, South Dakota.

ROBERT P. KENYON, O-813174, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the destruction of one enemy airplane while on a fighter combat mission over enemy occupied Continental Europe, 19 April, 1944. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by Lt. Kenyon, reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

WAYNE E. LEATHERS, O-695185, 2nd Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the destruction of one enemy airplane while on a fighter combat mission over enemy occupied Continental Europe, 27 March, 1944. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by Lt. Leathers reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Columbus, Ohio.

GEORGE H. LOGAN, O-694166, 2nd Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the destruction of one enemy airplane while on a fighter combat mission over enemy occupied Continental Europe, 18 April, 1944. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by Lt. Logan, reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States.

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Entered military service from Upper Montclair, N.J.

BURNARD B. MERCER, O-614723, 2nd Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the destruction of one enemy airplane while on a fighter combat mission over enemy occupied Continental Europe, 27 March, 1944. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by Lt. Mercer reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Macon, Georgia.

JOEL I. POPPLEWELL, O-616641, 2nd Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight over enemy occupied territory, 22 May, 1944. In an engagement with the enemy over Hopenhofen airfield Lt. Popplewell was attacked by 6 enemy aircraft. His tail section was hit by 20mm shells, which badly damaged the left elevator and both horizontal stabilizers. Another shell went through one blade of his propeller. Although he was deep in enemy territory and realized that his aircraft was severely damaged, he nevertheless with great flying skill, brought his airplane safely back to home base, thus saving valuable government property and his own services for future operation against the enemy. His actions on this occasion reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Kentucky.

GROVER C. SIEMS, JR., O-694268, 2nd Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the destruction of one enemy airplane while on a fighter combat mission over enemy occupied Continental Europe, 10 April, 1944. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by Lt. Siems reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Woodside, New York.

XIII. 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, two GAK LEAF CLUSTERS are awarded to the following named Officers in addition to the Air Medal previously awarded:

WARREN E. JOHNSON, O-613169, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For exceptionally meritorious service in participating in numerous and frequent aerial flights over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by Lt. Johnson reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Cleveland, Ohio.

JOSEPH A. PATTEUW, O-694261, 2nd Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For exceptionally meritorious service in participating in numerous and frequent aerial flights over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by Lt. Patteuw reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

XIV. 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 GAK LEAF CLUSTER in lieu of the fifth Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following named Officer for wear with the Air Medal previously awarded.

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MACIE V. MARLOWE, O-735272, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For exceptionally meritorious service in aerial flight over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by Lt. Marlowe reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States.

By command of Major General KEFNER:

OFFICIAL:

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

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

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HEADQUARTERS AAF STATION F-373
APO 637
7 June 1944

ANNOUNCEMENT OF AWARD OF GOOD CONDUCT MEDALS

Upon recommendation of their Organization Commanders the following Enlisted Men, having displayed qualities of exemplary behavior, fidelity and efficiency, and having completed over one year continuous active Federal Military Service in the time of war are awarded the Good Conduct Medal and are authorized to wear the corresponding ribbon under the provisions of AR 600-68.

HEADQUARTERS, 357TH FIGHTER GROUP

NAME	RANK	ASN
Morgan W. Davidson	S Sgt	39270120

262ND FIGHTER SQUADRON

NAME	RANK	ASN	NAME	RANK	ASN
Guy W. Wages	S Sgt	34354123	Raymond S. Andrysiak	Sgt	35541612
Stephen A. Kowalski	Sgt	13134750	James F. Love	Sgt	19149488
Joseph C. Murphy	Sgt	11122461	Stanley A. Barbeau	Cpl	31253304
Wilber M. Butts	Cpl	33411227	Denver O. Collins	Cpl	34507270
Walter D. Davis	Cpl	33187441	Marshall H. Gilmore	Cpl	38394474
Bronislaus J. Lewandowski	Cpl	39907301	John O. Mendler	Cpl	33498196
James M. Morford	Cpl	35564217	John P. Simpson	Cpl	14083400
William E. Boldman	Pfc	35616093	Louis D. Hernandez	Pfc	39027372
Henry (NMH) Gomez	Pvt	33582614			

264TH FIGHTER SQUADRON

NAME	RANK	ASN	NAME	RANK	ASN
James G. Curran	T Sgt	12096206	Roy A. Collier	S Sgt	38134355
William J. Davis	S Sgt	17127718	James C. Finney	S Sgt	34391134
Earl R. Gochenour	S Sgt	35372406	Arthur E. Krantz	S Sgt	35515200
Curt W. Perdelwitz	S Sgt	11052860	John D. Shults	S Sgt	14104237
Harry G. Anderson	Sgt	37176662	Jess T. Butler	Sgt	38219725
Frank B. LoFresti	Sgt	32572513	Kenneth B. McCord	Sgt	34353530
Daniel E. O'Connor	Sgt	11114123	Gilman P. O'Brien	Sgt	38267248
Frank R. Schutzman	Sgt	33396615	Harvey L. Sigurdson	Sgt	37292080
William H. Wilkins	Sgt	33222954	Thomas E. Barry	Cpl	37251989
Warren D. Fuller	Cpl	38192115	Steve (NMH) Grana	Cpl	36606101
Charles J. Harris	Cpl	39552502	Morton A. Hyman	Cpl	13125519
Donald R. Johnson	Cpl	15338403	Joseph P. Kubarek	Cpl	32547138
Paul J. Robinson	Cpl	34720756	Donald J. Roepe	Cpl	37353967
Stanley A. Rygalski	Cpl	33397674	Earl C. Schafer	Cpl	37339740
Louis (NMH) Schinkel	Cpl	32489143	George E. Shell	Cpl	34689519
Frank R. Williams	Cpl	37330216	Arthur L. Cottrill	Pfc	35627151
Fred (NMH) Ford	Pfc	35696596	Ernest D. Gilman	Pfc	11127925
Junior L. Melson	Pfc	37503671	Luther S. U. Moore	Pfc	35636541
Richard S. Patterson	Pfc	34760493	Harry (NMH) Smith	Pfc	33344530
Glynn D. Thames	Pfc	38054100	Irvin C. Seift	Pvt	13093679

70TH STATION COMPLEMENT SQUADRON

NAME	RANK	ASN	NAME	RANK	ASN
William W. Shives	M Sgt	18044830	Roy D. Clark, Jr.	Sgt	37519861
Alfred R. Eken	Sgt	16004378	Stanley W. Newbury	Sgt	31321674
Thomas (NMH) Carbonaro	Cpl	12090639	Harry L. Riddle	Cpl	34764149
William E. Seyfried	Cpl	32515139	Charlie O. Begley	Pfc	33647130

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NAME	RANK	ASN	NAME	RANK	ASN
Harry O. Johnson	Pfc	37556773	Albert J. Sherman	Pfc	31330093
Warren O. Beaty	Pvt	34770596			

1177TH QUARTERMASTER COMPANY SERVICE GROUP

NAME	RANK	ASN	NAME	RANK	ASN
Thomas G. McKinin	Pfc	33670492	Joseph V. Pantone	Pfc	36658459
Richard G. Snyder	Pfc	32931304	Emil P. Jolly	Pvt	32887712
Raymond E. Patten	Pvt	34765632			

By order of Colonel GRAHAM:

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

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*Robert T. Romine*ROBERT T. ROMINE,
Major, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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COLONEL DONALD W. GRAHAM, Station Commander
LT COLONEL THOMAS L. HAYES, JR., Deputy Station Commander

1. OFFICERS ON DUTY TODAY: ADJ.
Capt Richard D. Willard, Officer of the Day - Tel - 32
Maj Meyer W. Lynn, Medical Officer of the Day - Tel - 54
Capt Alden L. Kaschub, Headquarters Duty Officer - Tel - 7 OFFICIAL RTR
2. OFFICERS ON DUTY TOMORROW: ADJ.
Officer of the Day-----Capt Dave C. Willett
Medical Officer of the Day---Capt Harold E. Snedden
Headquarters Duty Officer----2d Lt George P. Lavelle OFFICIAL RTR
3. LIBERTY RUN OFFICER TONIGHT: ADJ.
Capt Alexander Granbacka OFFICIAL RTR
4. PISTOL OVERAGES. S-4.
All organizations will turn in all overages of Pistols, Cal..45, to Station
Ordnance not later than 1200 hours, 3 June 44. When an overage exists, Station
Ordnance will be notified. OFFICIAL RTR
5. ATTENTION ALL OFFICERS. SIG O.
All officers who have made personal telephone calls from this Station will pay
their bills on or before 10 June 44, at the Station Signal Office. OFFICIAL RTR
6. COMMENDATION. ADJ.
The following teletype from the Commanding General, 66th Fighter Wing, dated
2 June 44, is quoted for the information of all personnel of this Station:
"RESTRICTED SAS U29B
FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM GENERAL SPAATZ WILL BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION
OF ALL CONCERNED: "THE WEIGHT AND EFFECTIVENESS OF YOUR ATTACKS DURING
THE PAST MONTH REPRESENT FULL EXPLOITATION TO THE POWER WITHIN YOUR
FORCE. THESE ATTACKS HAVE NOT ONLY CONTINUED THE EXCELLENT OPERATIONS
OF PREVIOUS MONTHS IN WEARING DOWN THE GERMAN AIR STRENGTH WHICH STANDS
GUARD OVER THEIR WAR MACHINE, BUT HAVE STRUCK HEAVILY AT ITS HEART.
PARTICULARLY SUCCESSFUL HAVE BEEN THE ATTACKS ON THE ENEMY'S LIMITED
OIL RESOURCES, BOTH AGAINST THE PLOESTI REFINERIES AND THE SYNTHETIC
OIL PLANTS IN GERMANY. PLEASE EXTEND MY COMMENDATIONS TO THE AIRCREWS
AND ALL OTHERS OF YOUR COMMAND RESPONSIBLE FOR THESE OPERATIONS.
SIGNED SPAATZ." KEPNER." OFFICIAL RTR
7. FOUND. ADJ.
Pistol belt with pouch, clips and first aid packet. Identification--P-5567.
Owner call Extension #28.
8. AT THE THEATER TONIGHT (Mess Hall)--1830 & 2030 hours, 3 June. SP SV O.
"The Ox Bow Incident" with Henry Fonda & Mary Beth Hughes.

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

By order of Colonel GRAHAM:

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

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Robert T. Romine
ROBERT T. ROMINE,
Major, Air Corps,
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COLONEL DONALD W. GRAHAM, Station Commander
LT COLONEL THOMAS H. HAYES, JR., Deputy Station Commander
LT COLONEL CHARLES H. MASON, Executive Officer

1. OFFICERS ON DUTY TODAY:

2d Lt John T. McDonald, Officer of the Day - Tel - 32
Capt Joseph F. Carlucci, Medical Officer of the Day - Tel - 54
1st Lt James R. Sweeney, Headquarters Duty Officer, - Tel - 7

Adj.

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2. OFFICERS ON DUTY TOMORROW:

Officer of the Day-----1st Lt Lester Doven
Medical Officer of the Day-----Major Meyer W. Lynn
Headquarters Duty Officer-----Capt Arthur F. Murphy

Adj.

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3. ATTENTION ALL PERSONNEL:

Adj.

a. The following teletypes are quoted for your information.

"Restricted SAS U 240 E, 11 June 44

PAC 8FC U157B THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL CMA UNITED STATES STRATEGIC AIR FORCES IN EUROPE CMA WILL BE BROUGHT TO THE PERSONAL ATTENTION OF EACH MEMBER OF YOUR COMMAND QUOTE I WISH TO COMEND THE EIGHTH FIGHTER COMMAND FOR THE SPENDED WORK THEY HAVE DONE IN SUPPORT OF OUR INVASION FORCES PD THEIR RECORD OF SORTIES AND OPERATIONAL HOURS FLOWN IS ONE OF WHICH I AM PROUD PD THE HAVOC WRECKED UPON THE ENEMY'S TRANSPORT CMA LINES OF COMMUNICATION AND TROOP MOVEMENTS HAS BEEN OF INESTIMABLE VALUE TO THE OVERALL EFFORT PD I WISH ALL CONCERNED CMA BOTH GROUND AND FLYING PERSONNEL CMA TO BE NOTIFIED OF MY APPRECIATION OF THEIR PART IN THIS MAJOR UNDERTAKING PD SIGNED SPARTZ UNQUOTE PARA QUOTE I ADD MY COMENDATION AND APPRECIATION FOR THE JOB YOU ARE DOING PD SIGNED DOOLITTLE UNQUOTE PARA QUOTE I CONGRATULATE YOU ALL AND AM EXTREMELY HAPPY TO BE A MEMBER OF SUCH A FINE TEAM PD SIGNED KERNER UNQUOTE PARA ENOUGH SAID WOODBURY"

b. "RESTRICTED SAS U 241 E, 11 June 44

PAC 8FC U154B THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE AIR COMMANDER IN CHIEF CMA ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY AIR FORCE CMA WILL BE BROUGHT TO THE PERSONAL ATTENTION OF ALL MEMBERS OF YOUR COMMAND QUOTE I WOULD MUCH APPRECIATE IT IF YOU WOULD CONVEY MY HEARTFELT CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FIGHTER COMMAND FOR THE MAGNIFICENT EFFORTS THEY HAVE MADE SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE BATTLE PD I AM CERTAIN THAT THEY HAVE MADE A GREAT CONTRIBUTION IN DELAYING THE GERMAN ARMY ONLY BY THEIR LOW FLYING ATTACKS IN THE STRATEGICAL AREA CMA ESPECIALLY IN THE AREA WEST OF PARIS AND THE BREAST PENINSULA PD I WISH TO THANK THEM FOR THEIR MAGNIFICENT RESPONSE AND WISH THEM THE BEST OF LUCK IN THEIR FUTURE OPERATIONS PD SIGNED LEIGH-ALLORY UNQUOTE PARA QUOTE I AM PLEASED TO RELAY THE ABOVE MESSAGE AND ADD MY OWN APPRECIATION FOR SUCH SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE PD SIGNED DOOLITTLE UNQUOTE PARA QUOTE I ADD MY PERSONAL COMENDATION AND AM EXTREMELY PROUD OF EVERY MEMBER OF THIS COMMAND FOR THEIR TREMENDOUS CONTRIBUTION TO THE INVASION EFFORTS PD SIGNED KERNER UNQUOTE PARA ENOUGH SAID WOODBURY"

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DAILY BULLETIN NO 164, 12 June 1944.

4. ATTENTION ALL PERSONNEL:

Adj.

- a. The following teletype is quoted for your information and compliance:
 "RESTRICTED SAS U 217 C, 11 JUNE 44
 THEATER COMMANDER ADVISES IN VIEW OF UNSUITABLE QUOTAS FOR OFFICER
 CANDIDATE SCHOOLS CMA IMPRACTICALITY OF RETURN OF PERSONNEL AT THIS
 TIME AND POSSIBILITY OF DIRECT APPOINTMENTS AND COMBAT APPOINTMENTS AS A
 SOURCE OF SECURING OFFICER PERSONNEL SEMICOLON ALL APPLICATIONS ON HAND
 WILL BE RETURNED WITHOUT ACTION PERIOD NO FURTHER APPLICATIONS WILL BE
 SUBMITTED UNTIL CONDITIONS ARE SUCH THAT THE PROCESSING OF APPLICATIONS
 IS AGAIN DEEMED ADVISABLE PERIOD APPLICATIONS APPROVED BY THEATER CCS
 BOARD WILL BE RETAINED TO FILL FUTURE QUOTA PERIOD" OFFICIAL RTR

5. ATTENTION ALL PERSONNEL:

Adj.

- a. The following teletype is quoted for your information and compliance:
 "RESTRICTED SAS U 244 G, 11 JUNE 44
 ATTENTION ALL PERSONNEL OFFICERS CMA CERTIFYING CMA AND DISBURSING
 OFFICERS WILL BE DIRECTED TO PROVISIONS OF SEC I CIR 296 WAR DEPT 43
 AS AMENDED BY SEC I CIR 71 WAR DEPT 44 FOR THOROUGH REVIEW AND STRICT
 COMPLIANCE THEREWITH" OFFICIAL RTR

6. ATTENTION ALL PERSONNEL:

ADJ.

- a. The following letter, file: 452.1, subj: Designation of Aircraft (WD
 Memo W 95-44), Hq USSTAF, 5 June 1944 is quoted for your information and compliance:
 "Memorandum No. W 95-44, AD, 13 May 1944, subject: "Designation of Air-
 craft", is quoted for the guidance of all concerned."
 "1. Use of the word "ship" to designate aircraft has led to serious
 confusion between personnel of the Army and personnel of the Navy, Marine
 Corps, and Coast Guard.
 "2. All Army personnel will discontinue use of the word "ship" to
 designate aircraft." OFFICIAL RTR

7. ATTENTION ALL PERSONNEL:

ADJ.

- a. The following letter, file: 705, subj: Admission to Hospital and Patients
 in Hospitals, Hq VIII Fighter Command, 8 June 1944, is quoted for your information
 and compliance:
 "1. The following TWX, Hq. ETOUSA, dated 4 June 1944, is quoted for your
 information and guidance:
 "CIRCULAR 48ETO, 2 MAY 1944, IS BEING AMENDED TO PROVIDE FOR TRANSFER
 OF PERSONNEL OF TROOP UNITS AND ORGANIZATIONS NOT IN COMBAT AREA TO
 HOSPITAL DETACHMENT OF PATIENTS ONLY AFTER 60 DAYS REPEAT 60 DAYS
 HOSPITALIZATION, EXCEPT PATIENTS EXPECTED TO REQUIRE EVACUATION TO
 ZONE OF INTERIOR. SIGNED LEE. EXISTING INSTRUCTIONS FOR TRANSFER OF
 HOSPITALIZED PERSONNEL FROM ALERTED UNITS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS CHANGE.
 MAKE NO CHANGE IN EXISTING POLICY REGARDING MEMBERS OF BASE SECTION
 DETACHMENT OF PATIENTS AT LARGE UNTIL RECEIPT OF REVISED CIRCULAR.
 HOSPITAL COMMANDERS NO LONGER AUTHORIZED TO DIRECT TRANSFER TO DET-
 ACHMENT OF PATIENTS EXCEPT AFTER 60 DAYS HOSPITALIZATION HAS BEEN
 COMPLETED OR WHERE NECESSITY FOR EVACUATION TO ZONE OF INTERIOR
 HAS BEEN DETERMINED."

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DAILY BULLETIN NO 164, 12 JUNE 1944.

8. ATTENTION ALL PERSONNEL:

ADJ.

a. The following letter, file: AG 700 x 463.7 OpAPO, subj: Prevention of Burns, Hq ETO, 27 May 1944, is quoted for your information and compliance:

"1. Burn casualties caused by the careless use of gasoline and other inflammable fluids for starting fires or cleaning, have resulted in crippling injuries and an appreciable loss in man-power. Commanding officers of all units, and particularly of base installations, will take the necessary action to prohibit the unauthorized use of gasoline and other inflammable fluids and to insure that adequate safety precautions are taken, in compliance with AR 850-20 and paragraph 1, of "Fire Regulations", this headquarters dated 15 December 1943."

"2. Gasoline is not authorized for any cleaning purposes. The Quartermaster will provide the necessary quantities of Solvent, Dry Cleaning, for most cleaning purposes, or of kerosene or Diesel fuel where use of these latter materials is permitted."

"3. Gasoline safety or blitz cans containing gasoline used in shops for filling blow torches, small engines, etc., will not remain indoors or where open flames are used, but will be placed safely out of doors except when actually in use."

OFFICIAL *RIR*9. LOST AND FOUND:

ADJ.

a. The following guns have been lost and found:

1. Gun No. 742831 found in Red Cross, contact Mr. McCarthy.

2. Gun No. 1257115 found in Mess Hall, contact Lt. Chambers.

3. Gun No. 1103261 lost in Aero Club, contact Cpl. Parkhurst at Sgt Major's Office, Ext. 28.

4. Cal .45 Automatic, No. 1058746, lost. Contact Lt. E. Y. Anderson at Ext. 38.

OFFICIAL *RIR*
SP5SV O.10. AT THE THEATER TONIGHT:

"Hello, Frisco, Hello" with Alice Faye and John Payne.
"March of Time"--added attraction.

By order of Colonel GRIMM:

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

OFFICIAL:

Robert T. Romine
ROBERT T. ROMINE, *R*
Major, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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18 June 1944

COLONEL DONALD W. GRAHAM, Station Commander
LT COLONEL THOMAS L. HAYES, JR., Deputy Station Commander
LT COLONEL CHARLES H. MASON, Executive Officer

1. OFFICERS ON DUTY TODAY:

1st Lt Cecil F. Humphreys, Officer of the Day - Tel - 32
Capt Paul E. Tramp, Medical Officer of the Day - Tel - 54
Capt Lawrence B. Lee, Headquarters Duty Officer - Tel - 7

ADJ.

OFFICIAL *LB*

2. OFFICERS ON DUTY TOMORROW:

Officer of the Day-----1st Lt William McIntyre
Medical Officer of the Day---Capt Fred J. Wertz
Headquarters Duty Officer----1st Lt Robert M. Stewart

ADJ.

OFFICIAL *YB*

3. ATTENTION ALL PERSONNEL.

Teletype, SAS U63AE, dated 17 June 44, 66th Fighter Wing, is quoted hereon for the information of all personnel of this Station.

ADJ.

"PAC 8FCU265B QUOTE THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDING CMA EIGHTH AIR FORCE CMA WILL BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF ALL MEMBERS OF YOUR COMMAND QUOTE THE CAMPAIGN "AIR OFFENSIVE EUROPE" HAS TODAY BEEN SUPERSEDED BY THE "CAMPAIGN OF WESTERN EUROPE" PD TO EACH OFFICER AND ENLISTED MAN CMA TO OFFICER AND ENLISTED WACS CMA TO RAF AND RN PERSONNEL OF THE EIGHTH AIR FORCE I EXTEND MY MOST SINCERE THANKS FOR THE SUPERB JOB YOU HAVE ALL DONE DURING THE CAMPAIGN THAT IS PAST PD THE EIGHTH IS TRULY A GREAT AIR FORCE AND I AM PROUD OF EACH OF YOU WHO CONSTITUTE IT PD I HAVE EVERY CONFIDENCE THAT THE LOYALTY AND DETERMINATION YOU HAVE EXHIBITED WILL CONTINUE THROUGHOUT THE CAMPAIGN THAT IS BEGINNING UNTIL IT CMA TOO CMA IS BROUGHT TO A CONCLUSION THROUGH DEFEAT OF THE GERMAN ENEMY SIGNED DOOLITTLE UNQUOTE KEPNER UNQUOTE"

OFFICIAL *LB*

4. LOST.

A carbine bearing the serial number, 4016003, has been picked up by mistake in the PX. It is requested that the finder please return it to Cpl Bell at the PX.

ADJ.

5. ATTENTION ALL PERSONNEL.

No Bomb Service Trucks will be driven outside the Technical Site Area. Military Police have been instructed to bring notice of violations of this order to the immediate attention of commanding officers and disciplinary action will be taken.

ADJ.

OFFICIAL *YB*6. AT THE THEATER TONIGHT--1800 & 2000 hours, 18 June 44.
"Melody Inn" with Dorothy Lamour & Dick Powell.

SP SV O.

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

By order of Colonel GRAHAM:

OFFICIAL: *Lawrence B. Lee*
LAWRENCE B. LEE,
Captain, Air Corps,
Asst Adjutant.LAWRENCE B. LEE,
Captain, Air Corps,
Asst Adjutant.

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20 June 1944

COLONEL DONALD W. GRAHAM, Station Commander
LT COLONEL THOMAS L. HAYES, JR., Deputy Station Commander
LT COLONEL CHARLES H. MASON, Executive Officer

1. OFFICERS ON DUTY TODAY:

1st Lt Charles H. Thomasson, Officer of the Day - Tel - 32
Capt Joseph F. Carlucci, Medical Officer of the Day - Tel - 54
2d Lt John F. Staley, Headquarters Duty Officer - Tel - 7

ADJ.

OFFICIAL *KTR*

2. OFFICERS ON DUTY TOMORROW:

Officer of the Day-----Capt Alden L. Kaschub
Medical Officer of the Day---Maj Meyer W. Lynn
Headquarters Duty Officer---1st Lt William McIntyre

ADJ.

OFFICIAL *KTR*

3. LIBERTY RUN OFFICER TONIGHT:

1st Lt Charles R. Morgan

ADJ.

OFFICIAL *KTR*

✓ 4. ATTENTION ALL PERSONNEL.

The following teletype is quoted for your information:

"RESTRICTED SAS U384E 18 JUNE 1944

PAC 8FCU385B THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE IS FORWARDED FOR YOUR INFORMATION
AND DISSEMINATION: "I PASS ALONG TO YOU, ADDING MY OWN APPRECIATION TO
ADMIRAL KIRK'S AND GENERAL SPAATZ'S, THE FOLLOWING EXTRACT FROM MES-
SAGE RECEIVED FROM HIM: 'THE AIR COVER HAD BEEN SO PERFECT IN DAYLIGHT
THAT ALL WE DO IS WONDER WHICH TYPE IS NOW GOING OVERHEAD--SPIT, P-51,
ETC. A GREAT TRIBUTE. I DESIRE THAT YOU NOTIFY ALL PERSONNEL INVOLVED.'
SIGNED DOOLITTLE." KEPNER." WOODBURY."

ADJ.

OFFICIAL *KTR*

5. ATTENTION ALL ORGANIZATIONS.

Any organization desiring to keep a situation map of the War in Western Europe
may secure a Military Army Air Grid Map of 1-250,000 from Station Combat Intelli-
gence.

ADJ.

6. DISCIPLINARY ACTION.

Effective immediately, all military police reports and all correspondence
dealing with disciplinary action against military personnel and required to be in-
dorsed forward to Station Headquarters will be brought to the personal attention of
the Unit Commander and signed by him personally.

ADJ.

OFFICIAL *KTR*

7. AT THE THEATER TONIGHT--1800 & 2000 hours, 20 June 44.

"Dixie" with Bing Crosby and Dorothy Lamour.

SP SV O.

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

By order of Colonel GRAHAM:

OFFICIAL:

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

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23 June 1944

COLONEL DONALD W. GRAHAM, Station Commander
LT COLONEL THOMAS L. HAYES, JR., Deputy Station Commander
LT COLONEL CHARLES H. MASON, Executive Officer1. OFFICERS ON DUTY TODAY:Capt Turner A. Graves, Officer of the Day - Tel - 32
Capt Paul E. Trapp, Medical Officer of the Day - Tel - 54
Capt Richard D. Willard, Headquarters Duty Officer - Tel - 7

ADJ.

OFFICIAL RIR2. OFFICERS ON DUTY TOMORROW:Officer of the Day-----1st Lt Robert G. Lynch
Medical Officer of the Day---Capt Fred J. Wertz
Headquarters Duty Officer----1st Lt Eugene D. Rhoads

ADJ.

OFFICIAL KLR3. ATTENTION ALL PERSONNEL.

ADJ.

Teletype, 86th Fighter Wing, is quoted for your information:

"RESTRICTED SAS U-468-E 22 JUNE 1944

PAC 8FC U382B THESE PARAPHRASED MESSAGES FROM GENERAL SPAATZ AND GENERAL DOOLITTLE ARE FORWARDED FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND NECESSARY DISSEMINATION: "PRELIMINARY REPORTS OF BOMBING OF OIL AND OTHER TARGETS IN GERMANY TODAY ARE MOST ENCOURAGING. FROM ALL INDICATIONS, THIS WILL PROBABLY BE ANOTHER OF THE FINE EXAMPLES OF COORDINATED PRECISION BOMBING FIGHTER ESCORTED ATTACKS THAT HAS GIVEN THE EIGHTH AIR FORCE ITS ENVIABLE REPUTATION. THE SIMULTANEOUS DESTRUCTION OF THIS SERIES OF PLANTS SUPPORTING THE OIL INDUSTRY WILL HAVE A SERIOUS EFFECT ON GERMANY'S WAR EFFORT AND ATTACK ON THE TANK DEPOT AND MOTOR TRANSPORT AND AIRCRAFT COMPONENT FACTORY ALSO DEPRIVES THE ENEMY OF MORE OF HIS MOST CRITICAL WEAPONS. PLEASE EXTEND MY SINCERE CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL PARTICIPATING PERSONNEL FOR THE EXCEPTIONALLY FINE EXECUTION OF AN IMPORTANT OPERATION. SIGNED SPAATZ."

"IT IS GRATIFYING TO FORWARD SUCH MESSAGE. TO IT I ADD MY OWN COMMENDATION FOR THE EXCELLENT MANNER IN WHICH THIS ATTACK WAS ACCOMPLISHED. SIGNED DOOLITTLE." SIGNED WOODBURY."

OFFICIAL RIR4. AT THE THEATER TONIGHT--1800 & 2000 hours, 23 June 44.

SP SV O.

"Sahara" with Humphrey Bogart.
Added Attraction--color cartoon.

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

By order of Colonel GRAHAM:

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

OFFICIAL:

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DAILY BULLETIN
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30 June 1944

COLONEL DONALD W. GRAHAM, Station Commander
LT COLONEL THOMAS L. HAYES, JR., Deputy Station Commander
LT COLONEL CHARLES H. MASON, Executive Officer

1. OFFICERS ON DUTY TODAY: ADJ.
Capt Arthur F. Murphy, Officer of the Day - Tel - 32
Capt Joseph F. Carlucci, Medical Officer of the Day - Tel - 54
CWO J. David Murley, Headquarters Duty Officer - Tel - 7 OFFICIAL RTR
2. OFFICERS ON DUTY TOMORROW: ADJ.
Officer of the Day-----2d Lt William P. Nelson
Medical Officer of the Day---Maj Meyer W. Lynn
Headquarters Duty Officer----1st Lt Emil Holden OFFICIAL RTR
3. ATTENTION ALL PERSONNEL. ADJ.
The following teletype, 66th Fighter Wing, is quoted for your information:
"HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR VERY SUCCESSFUL MISSION. THE AGGRESSIVE-
NESS AND FIGHTING SPIRIT YOU HAVE ALWAYS DISPLAYED ARE A CONSTANT SOURCE
OF SATISFACTION TO THE WING AND MYSELF. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.
WOODBURY. " OFFICIAL RTR
4. ATTENTION ALL UNIT COMMANDERS. ADJ.
Teletype, 66th Fighter Wing, 29 June 44, is hereby quoted for your information
and compliance:
"RESTRICTED SAS U 586 C
EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, ALL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PROMOTION OF OFFICERS
WILL BE FORWARDED TO THIS HEADQUARTERS WITH T/O ROSTER OF OFFICERS IN
DUPLICATE REPEAT DUPLICATE. " OFFICIAL RTR
5. AT THE THEATER TONIGHT--1800 & 2000 hours, 30 June 44. SP SV O.
"Hers to Hold" with Deanna Durbin & Joseph Cotton.
6. RELIGIOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS. CH.
Sunday--Catholic Services --0800 hours--Station Theater.
Protestant Worship--1030 hours--Station Theater.
7. FIFTH WAR LOAN DRIVE. ADJ.
Letter, file: 018.1, subject as above, Hq 66th Fighter Wing, 29 June 44, is re-
produced hereon for the information and compliance of all concerned:
" 1. As set forth in WD Circular 181 dated 8 May 1944 and Hq ETO In-
formative Memo #IX dated 18 June 1944, the FIFTH WAR LOAN DRIVE is now
in progress and will continue up to and including 31 July 1944.
2. It is desired that Station War Bond Officer initiate a program
which will insure that all personnel are informed of the War Loan Drive
in progress. A vigorous effort will be made to:
a. Contact each Officer personally in an effort to get officer
concerned to purchase by cash an additional bond during this period; or
increase or to initiate a Class "B" Allotment.
b. Inform all Enlisted Men of the new type, plan 12, Class "B"
Allotment now in effect (see teletype this Hq SASU3450); disseminate
information among Enlisted Men concerning the purchase by cash method

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D/B #182, Hq AAF Sta F-373, APO 637, U S Army, 30 June 44. Par 7 contd.

of buying War Bonds.

3. War Bond Officers should be present when Enlisted Men are paid to encourage cash purchases. "

OFFICIAL RTR

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

By order of Colonel GRAHAM:

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

OFFICIAL:

Robert T. Romine

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

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SPECIAL ORDERS
NO 151HEADQUARTERS AAF STATION F-373
APO 637
2 June 1944

SECRET

1. Following O & EM, orgns indicated, constituting an Emerg Med Team, WP RAF Sta Manston o/a 6 June 44 on approx two (2) weeks temp dy or until properly reld. O i/c of team will comply w/sp ltr of instr. O & EM will be provided w/adv PX rat for period of temp dy. Rat & qrs will be furn at temp dy sta. Rat in kind will be taken for four (4) EM for one (1) meal. O will be reimburse a/r 20¢ per day for cost of messing fac. CTRS. TDN by GMT. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/40425. AUTH: TWX SAS UL4M, 1 June 44; Ltr, Hq ETOUSA, 24 May 44.

NAME	RANK	ASN	SSN	ORGN
HAROLD E. SNEDDEN (In Chge)	Capt	0478467	MD	362nd Ftr Sq
Peter (NMI) Grahovac	Sgt	36277519	673	do
Edward J. Stawarz	Sgt	36169700	861	do
Howard H. Clark	Cpl	32546443	857	Hq 357th Ftr Gp
Alfred L. Peterson	Pfc	32553473	861	do

2. Following EM, 364th Ftr Sq, WP #10 Sch Tech Tng, RAF Sta, Kirkham, Nr Preston, Lancs, o/a 3 June 44 on approx one (1) week temp dy purpose attending course in P-51 Arm reporting not later than 1600 hrs, 4 June 44, to AAF Orderly Room. EM must carry round-trip travel warrants, mess equip, gas masks, WD AGO Forms #28 & PX rat cards. Qrs & rat furn at sch during period of tng. CTRS. MEMT. TDN. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/40425. AUTH: TWX SAS M627E, 30 May 44; Ltr, Hq ETOUSA, 24 May 44.

NAME	RANK	ASN	SSN
Kenneth R. Arveson (In Chge)	Sgt	39188872	911
Robert L. Frante, Jr.	Cpl	15331258	911

3. Following EM, 362nd Ftr Sq, WP #21 Sch Tech Tng, Gt Sankey, Warrington, Lancs, o/a 3 June 44 on approx one (1) week temp dy purpose attending course in P-51 Airframe reporting not later than 1600 hrs, 4 June 44, to AAF Orderly Room. EM must carry round-trip travel warrants, mess equip, gas masks, WD AGO Forms #28 & PX rat cards. Qrs & rat furn at sch during period of tng. CTRS. MEMT. TDN. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/40425. AUTH: TWX SAS M627E, 30 May 44; Ltr, Hq ETOUSA, 24 May 44.

NAME	RANK	ASN	SSN
Livingston (NMI) Blauvelt, Jr. (In Chge)	Cpl	13116713	747
Gordon F. Gollum	Pvt	39276171	345

4. Following EM, 362nd Ftr Sq, WP #21 Sch Tech Tng, Gt Sankey, Warrington, Lancs, o/a 3 June 44 on approx two (2) weeks temp dy purpose attending course in Merlin Engine reporting not later than 1600 hrs, 4 June 44, to AAF Orderly Room. EM must carry round-trip travel warrants, mess equip, gas masks, WD AGO Forms #28 & PX rat cards. Qrs & rat furn at sch during period of tng. CTRS. MEMT. TDN. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/40425. AUTH: TWX SAS M627E, 30 May 44; Ltr, Hq ETOUSA, 24 May 44.

NAME	RANK	ASN	SSN
Ray A. Smith (In Chge)	S Sgt	38175361	750
Richard M. Thacher	S Sgt	37419055	750

5. Pvt (CPI) Walter H. Norris, 34637128, 469th Sv Sq, WP #21 Sch Tech Tng, Gt Sankey, Warrington, Lancs, o/a 3 June 44 on approx one (1) week temp dy purpose attending course in P-51 Electrics reporting not later than 1600 hrs, 4 June 44, to AAF Orderly Room. EM must carry round-trip travel warrant, mess equip, gas mask, WD AGO Form #28 & PX rat card. Qrs & rat furn at sch during period of tng. CTRS. MEMT. TDN. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/40425. AUTH: TWX SAS M627E, 30 May 44; Ltr, Hq ETOUSA, 24 May 44.

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SO #151, Hq AAF Sta F-373, APO 637, U S Army, 2 June 44.

6. Sgt (765) Sidney R. Messman, 39182319, 70th Sta Com Sq, VP RAF Sta Watchfield o/a 3 June 44 on approx three (3) weeks temp dy purpose attending course at Airfield Controllers Sch reporting not later than 1600 hrs, 4 June 44. CTRS. MEMT. TDN. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/40425. AUTH: TWX SAS U18E, 1 June 44; Ltr, Hq ETOUSA, 24 May 44.

7. Following EM, orgns indicated, WP Dagenham o/a 5 June 44 on approx two (2) days temp dy purpose receiving laundry. Reimbursement for actual & nec expenses not to exceed \$2.00 for qrs & \$2.00 for subs per day is atzd where govt qrs & rat are not furn. CTRS. MEMT. TDN. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/40425. AUTH: Ltr, Hq ETOUSA, 24 May 44.

NAME	RANK	ASN	SSN	ORGN
George E. Bickett (In Chge)	Cpl	37039071	405	1177th QM Co (Avn)
Joseph E. Terry	Cpl	35575298	931	469th Sv Sq
Raymond P. Wittkop	Cpl	16133462	055	1177th QM Co (Avn)
Ralph H. Madsen	Pfc	37469462	345	469th Sv Sq

8. Following EM, orgns indicated, WP Dagenham & London in turn o/a 5 June 44 on approx two (2) days temp dy purpose receiving laundry & dry cleaning reporting to Casual Center, CBS, 44 Cadogan Place, London, for billets & messing fac. Reimbursement for actual & nec expenses not to exceed \$2.00 for subs per day is atzd where govt rat are not furn. CTRS. MEMT. TDN. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/40425. AUTH: Ltr, Hq ETOUSA, 24 May 44.

NAME	RANK	ASN	SSN	ORGN
Jacob J. Gold (In Chge)	Cpl	31242706	405	1177th QM Co (Avn)
Paul L. Grove	Cpl	33498301	345	Hq & Hq Sq, 50th Sv Gp
Vito E. Ferranti	Pfc	32199670	345	do

9. Par 3, SO #150, this Sta, es, (placing O on temp dy #21 Sch Tech Tng, Ct Sankey, Warrington, Lancs) is amended to delete: "1ST LT FREDERICK M. GILBERTH, 0859607, AC, 362nd Ftr Sq" and is further amended to include: "1ST LT NORMAN M. BADGER, 0861563, AC, 363rd Ftr Sq".

10. Following O & EM, Hq 357th Ftr Gp, WP Signal Supply Dep, Sudbury, Staffs, o/a 3 June 44 on approx two (2) days temp dy on matters pertaining this comd. For O, reimbursement for actual & nec expenses not to exceed \$4.00 for qrs & an alws of \$1.25 per day to cover excess cost of subs is atzd where govt qrs & rat are not furn; & for EM reimbursement for actual & nec expenses not to exceed \$2.00 for qrs & \$2.00 for subs per day is atzd where govt qrs & rat are not furn. CTRS. MEMT. TDN. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/40425. AUTH: Ltr, Hq ETOUSA, 24 May 44.

NAME	RANK	ASN	SSN
CLIFFORD F. PETERS (In Chge)	1ST LT	0857667	AO
Dean E. Jump	M Sgt	6990279	898
Dominic J. Quazzo	Cpl	32893180	405

By order of Colonel GRAHAM:

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SPECIAL ORDERS
NO 177HEADQUARTERS AAF STATION F-373
APO 637
29 June 1944

C O N S O L I D A T E D

1. Under the provisions of AR 420-5 following O are aptd a Bd of O to investigate the circumstances surrounding deadlining of seven (7) vehicles, truck, $\frac{1}{4}$ -ton, 4x4, w/following registration numbers: X-29035-S, X-21910-S, 29090, 20359428, 2044191, 20358925 & 20360278, at this Sta within period of 21 June 44 to 28 June 44. Rpt of Bd Proceedings to be submitted by 2 July 44 & to include findings & recommendations. Bd to be guided by provisions of Pam AG 451/2, Hq ETOUSA, Maint & Op of Mtr Vehicles, 24 Jan 44.

CAPT MARK S. GIBSON, 0384282, Ord (Pres)
CAPT RICHARD D. WILLARD, 0855946, AG
WOJG FLOYD G. RIDDLE, W2112307, USA

2. 1ST LT ROBERT D. TITUS, 0692726, AG, 363rd Ftr Sq, WP AAF Sta F-371 o/a 30 June 44 on temp dy. CTRS. MENT. TDN. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/40425. AUTH: TWX SAS U579 O, 28 June 44; Ltr, Hq ETOUSA, 24 May 44.

3. Under the provisions of par 5 d (1), AR 35-140, C 1, CAPT WILBERT L. BAILEY, 0507707, FD, Hq & Hq Sq, 50th Sv Gp, is atzd to procure & hold cash at risk of himself not to exceed five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) or its equivalent in foreign currency pending delivery of such cash to another accountable O or for disbursements for abzd purposes while actg as C1 "B" Agent Fin O to CAPT D. STACKHOUSE, 01280822, FD, Fin O, AAF Sta F-369.

4. Following O & EM, orgns indicated, constituting an Emerg Med Team, WP RAF Sta Tangmere via RAF Uxbridge o/a 4 July 44 on approx two (2) weeks temp dy or until properly rel'd. O i/c of team will comply w/sp ltr of instr. O & EM will be provided w/adv PX rat for period of temp dy. Qrs & rat will be furn at temp dy sta. Rat in kind will be taken for six (6) EM for one (1) meal. For O, an alws of \$1.25 per day to cover excess cost of subs is atzd where govt rat are not furn while in travel status only. One (1) ambulance & two (2) trucks $\frac{1}{4}$ -ton 4x4 will accompany team. CTRS. MENT. TDN. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/40425. AUTH: TWX SAS U532M, 26 June 44; Ltr, Hq ETOUSA, 24 May 44.

NAME	RANK	ASN	SSN	ORGN
PAUL E. TRAMP (In Chgo)	CAPT	0476825	10	363rd Ftr Sq
Les J. Schrader	S Sgt	37012906	673	do
Joseph J. Lonero	Sgt	36618956	264	Hq 357th Ftr Gp
Russell H. Stains	Sgt	33173741	861	do
Daniel E. Browne	Cpl	32546709	861	363rd Ftr Sq
Richard G. Smith	Pfc	15338476	345	do
Tom (NMI) Carrol	Pvt	38221139	345	Hq 357th Ftr Gp

5. The nine (9) EM, 89th Dep Rep Sq, having reported this Sta in compliance w/par 5, SO #160, Hq 3d SAD, AAF 505, 25 June 44, are atchd 469th Sv Sq for qrs & rat.

6. S Sgt (821) Arthur E. Kraitschman, 33553811, 1076th Sig Co (Avn), WP London o/a 30 June 44 on approx two (2) days temp dy on matters pertaining this cond reporting to Casual Center, CBS. 44 Cadogan Place, London, for billet & messing fac. CTRS. MENT. TDN. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/40425. AUTH: Ltr, Hq ETOUSA, 24 May 44.

7. Sgt (667) Richard V. Sutton, 39255648, Hq 357th Ftr Gp, WP AAF Sta F-341 o/a 29 June 44 on approx one (1) week temp dy purpose attending course in Codes & Ciphers. 418th Sig Co (Avn) will furn qrs & rat while EM is at temp dy sta. CTRS. MENT. TDN. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/40425. AUTH: TWX SAS U583E, 29 June 44; Ltr, Hq ETOUSA, 24 May 44.

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SO #177, Hq AAF Sta F-373, APO 637, U S Army, 29 June 1944.

8. Secret.

9. Under the provisions of par 16c, AR 210-65, & existing 8AF Reg the following O, orgns indicated, are aptd Inventory O (add dy) purpose of PX audit this Sta o/a 1 July 44:

NAME	RANK	ASN	AC	ORGN
GAIL A. JONES	CAPT	0575131	AC	469th Sv Sq
JAMES W. WEISE	1ST LT	0861353	AC	70th Sta Com Sq

10. Under the provisions of par 20, AR 210-50, the following O, orgns indicated, are aptd to audit the accounts of the O's Mess this Sta o/a 1 July 44:

NAME	RANK	ASN	AC	ORGN
HERBERT M. COHEN	CAPT	01634621		Sig C Hq & Hq Sq, 50th Sv Gp
ROBERT G. LYNCH	1ST LT	0575417	AC	469th Sv Sq

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SECRETSTATUS OF AIRFIELD REPORT FORMSTATION:

Name Leiston No. 373 Command 8th Fighter Fighter Wing)
) 66th
) Bomb Div.

LIGHTING:

Drem System-Type Mark II Status Good
 Contact Strip None Status None
 Sodium Lighting On R/W No. 24 Status of: Flare Path Good
 Approach Good U.S.A. Incandescent None
 Auxiliary: Goosenecks None Glms 60 (Sixty) Moneys 10 (Ten)
 U.S. Portable: B-2 None AN-S-2 None Status -----
 Floodlight 2 (Two) Landmark Beacon None Position -----
 Sandra Lighting None

RADIO FACILITIES:

VH/F: Frequencies "A" Channel (756) 136.08 Mcs., "B" (665) 119.70 Mcs.,
"C" (701) 126.18 Mcs., "D" (745) 134.10 Mcs.
 D/F Frequency Available on any above mentioned Channels. Only one
Channel at a time.
 HF : W/T Frequencies None
 R/T Frequencies 6440 Kcs. - (Darky Watch)
 D/F Frequencies None
 MF : W/T Frequencies None
 D/F Frequencies None
 SBA Frequency None QDM None QTE None

OPERATIONAL FACILITIES:

Channels for RAF fighter clearance of cross-country flights
Channel "B" (665) - RAF Gp. Guard 2

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Control - Operations Switchboard Yes

Control - D/F Hut Yes

Control - Wing Headquarters Flying Control Yes

Control - Airfield Controller Yes

Control - Landmark Beacon Site No Beacon Site

Control - S.B.A. (Main, inner, outer) Sites No Beam Approach

Control - Weather Office Yes

PHYSICAL FACILITIES:

Runways: QDM 06 - 24 Length 2000 yds. Surface Hard Paved

13 - 31 1335 yds. " "

18 - 36 1335 yds. " "

Height above M.S.L. 82 Feet

Number of dispersals 80 Suitable for multi-engine aircraft 12

Local Obstructions No Obstructions Locally

Tilly P. Botti
 TILLY P. BOTTI,
 1st Lt., Air Corps,
 Senior Flying Control Officer.

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SECRETMONTHLY REPORT FORMStation F-373 Date 1 July 19441. Progress Report:

New installations: Stand-by "C" Channel (701) Receiver on Control Desk,
Radio Installed in Checkered Jeep on Darky Frequency.

Airfield Lighting MK II Construction progress by percent:

Flare-path 100% Complete-5% Maintenance Main Funnels 100% Complete-5% Maintenance

Taxi Track 100% Complete-10% Maintenance Outer Circle 100% Complete-5% Maintenance

Sodium Lights 100% Complete-5% Maintenance

2. Personnel Report:

Flying Control Officers:

Certified 1st Lt. Tilly P. Botti, O-2044700

2nd Lt. Guyon G. Zimmer, O-2044815

2nd Lt. Henry L. Hoefelmeyer, O-568642

Under Training 1st Lt. Richard P. Bray, O-736092

Airfield Controllers:

Certified Sgt. James (NMI) Chackales, 32693702

Sgt. Sidney R. Messman, 39182319

Sgt. Frank W. Szezech, 32471507

Sgt. Henry Hutchinson, (R.A.F), 2203104

Under Training Cpl. Joseph R. Farrell, Jr., 12136247

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3. Activity Report:Number of "DARKY" calls 7 (Seven)Aircraft landed by above 2 (Two)Number of aircraft saved from "wheels-up" type landings 13 (Thirteen)

Number and method of aircraft in distress landed by Flying Control

17 (Seventeen) R/T Communication with 9 (Nine) Others by Visual Signals
from Caravan.Number of pilots briefed, routed, and dispatched on non-operational
cross-country flights during month 299 (Two Hundred and Ninety-Nine)Number of lectures given ~~Two~~ Two Collectively - 299 Cross-Country Brief-
ings.Number of aircrews present 6 to 10 (Six to Ten)Subject of lectures Roueting, Navigational Aids, Night Flying, Recognition
Signals.Lecturer Duty Control Officer.Remarks Air Ministry repairing Runways and work is progressing satisfactorily50 (Fifty) Flags available for Obstructed Areas.

Signed:

Tilly P. Bott
TILLY P. BOTT,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Senior Flying Control Officer.

ADDITIONAL NOTE: For the month of June 611 (Six hundred and ninety-one) non-operational Aircraft were cleared from this base, broke down as follows: Cross-Country Flights: 299; High Altitude test hops: 89; Local test hops (below 5000 ft.): 223. Plus: 41 operational A/C, who landed for refueling, making a total of 652 A/C.

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SPECIAL ORDERS
NO 159HEADQUARTERS AAF STATION F-373
APO 637
10 June 1944

CONSOLIDATED

1. Under the provisions of par 20, AR 210-50, the following O, orgns indicated are aptd to audit the accounts of the MCO Club this Sta:

NAME	RANK	ASN	AC	ORGN
ROBERT T. ROMINE	MAJ	0298745	AC	Hq 357th Ftr Gp
WILBERT L. BAILEY	CAPT	0507707	FD	Hq & Hq Sq, 50th Sv Gp
FLOYD G. RIDDLE	WOJG	W2112307	USA	Hq 357th Ftr Gp

2. Pvt James G. Crook, 33391343, 1076th Sig Co (Avn), is reclassified fr MOS 521 to MOS 060.

3. 1ST LT CHARLES R. MORGAN, 01585924, QMC, 1177th QM Co (Avn), aptd Sector Gas O (add dy) vice 1ST LT HERBERT F. ORR, 01589418, QMC, trfd.

4. CAPT RICHARD D. WILLARD, 0855946, AC, Hq 357th Ftr Gp, aptd Sector Gas O (add dy) vice 1ST LT JACOB M. FRANKEL, 0857405, AC, trfd.

5. Cpl (AOS) Steve (NAT) Douglas, 36554654, 362nd Ftr Sq, atchd to 1260th MP Co (Avn) this Sta for qrs, rat & adm & placed on SD w/Def O this Sta.

6. MAJ JOHN D. BARKER, 0414213, MC, Hq 357th Ftr Gp, WP AAF Sta F-556, 9/3/44. June 44 on approx one (1) week temp dy or until properly reld, 70 will rpt not later than 1200 hrs, 14 June 44. An alws of \$1.25 per day to cover excess cost of subs in add where govt rat are not furn. CTRS. MENT. TDN. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/40425. NICH: TWX SAS 0200M, 10 June 44; Ltr, Hq ETOUSA, 24 May 44.

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NO 153HEADQUARTERS AAF STATION F-373
APO 637
4 June 1944

1. Tec 4 (766) Edwin (NMI) Rosenthal, 39842293, 1076th Sig Co (Avn), WP London o/a 5 June 44 on approx two (2) days temp dy on matters pertaining this comd reporting to Casual Center, CBS, 44 Cadogan Place, London, for billet & messing fac. CTRS. MEMT. TDN. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/40425. AUTH: Ltr, Hq ETOUSA, 24 May 44.

2. Cpl (759) Frank S. Taylor, 12209339, 364th Ftr Sq, placed on SD w/Com O this Sta per par 2, SO #34, this Sta, cs, is rel'd of SD & will rpt to his CO for dy.

3. LT COL CHARLES H. MASON, 0316966, AC, Hq & Hq Sq, 50th Sv Gp, aptd Sta Exec O (add dy) vice MAJ CARLYLE D. HOFFMAN, 0262838, AC, rel'd.

4. 1ST LT LESTER (NMI) DOWEN, 01641247, Sig C, 1076th Sig Co (Avn), WP London o/a 5 June 44 on approx two (2) days temp dy on matters pertaining this comd reporting to Billeting O, 5 N Audley St, London, for billet & arrangements for messing fac. CTRS. MEMT. TDN. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/40425. AUTH: Ltr, Hq ETOUSA, 24 May 44.

5. Following O, orgns indicated, WP AAF Sta F-341 o/a 8 June 44 on temp dy purpose attending conf reporting to Billeting O, 5 N Audley St, London, for billets & arrangements for messing fac & to Sta F-341 before 1000 hrs, 9 June 44. CTRS. MEMT. TDN. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/40425. AUTH: TWX SAS M520K, 25 May 44; TWX SAS DISK, 1 June 44; Ltr, Hq ETOUSA, 24 May 44.

NAME	RANK	ASN	ORD	ORGN
MARK S. GIBSON (In Chge)	CAPT	0384282	Ord	Hq & Hq Sq, 50th Sv Gp
RICHARD D. WILLARD	CAPT	0855946	AC	Hq 357th Ftr Gp
JOHN T. McDONALD	2D LT	01552744	Ord	Hq & Hq Sq, 50th Sv Gp

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HEADQUARTERS AAF STATION F-373
APO 637
3 June 1944

1. Following EM, orgns indicated, WP #1 Radio Sch, Cranwell, Lincs, o/a 6 June 44 on approx two (2) weeks temp dy purpose attending course in VHF Maint reporting before 1700 hrs, 7 June 44. Qrs & rat furn at sch during period of tng. PX O will issue adv PX rat to cover period of temp dy. EM must carry round-trip travel warrants gas masks, helmets, notebooks & pencils. CTRS. MEMT. TDN. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/40425 AUTH: TWX SAS U3LE, 2 June 44; Ltr, Hq ETOUSA, 24 May 44.

NAME	RANK	ASN	SSN	ORGN
Richard L. Goldstein (In Chge)	Sgt	13152585	862	364th Ftr Sq
William H. Wilkins, Jr.	Sgt	33222954	754	do
Charles R. Spence	Tec 4	38239201	955	1076th Sig Co (Avn)

2. Following O, having been asgd 357th Ftr Gp & having reported this Sta in compliance w/par 4, SO #148, Hq AAF Sta AAF-345, APO 639, 1 June 44, are further asgd & WP orgns indicated. No travel involved.

NAME	RANK	ASN	ORGN
MARTINEK, THOMAS W.	2D LT	0815732 AC	362nd Ftr Sq
SCHLOSSBERG, JOHN B.	2D LT	0701810 AC	do
MORRIS, GEORGE W.	2D LT	0700312 AC	364th Ftr Sq
PUNTNER, CHARLES E.	2D LT	0695152 AC	do
REDD, HOWARD E.	2D LT	0700326 AC	do

3. Pfc (237) Russell (NMI) Scarpelli, 20302060, 362nd Ftr Sq, atchd to 1260th MP Co (Avn) for qrs, rat & adm & placed on SD w/Def O this Sta per par 2, SO #144, this Sta, cs, is reld atchmt & SD & will rpt to his CO for dy.

4. Par 3, SO #150, this Sta, cs (placing O on temp dy #21 Sch Tech Tng, Gt Sankey, Warrington, Lincs) & par 9, SO #151, this Sta, cs, are Revoked.

5. Following O, 362nd Ftr Sq, WP AAF Sta 556 o/a 4 June 44 on approx one (1) week temp dy on matters pertaining this comd. CTRS. MEMT. TDN. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/40425, AUTH: Ltr, file: 354.7, subj: Use of Rest Homes by Combat Crews, Hq Eighth AF, 24 Feb 44; Ltr, file: 620.1, subj: Establishment of AF Rest Homes, Hq Air Sv Comd, USSTAF, 7 Mar 44; Ltr, Hq ETOUSA, 24 May 44.

NAME	RANK	RANK
HARRY R. ANKENY (In Chge)	1ST LT	0265058 AC
ROBERT D. WALLEN	1ST LT	0533036 AC

6. Par 2, SO #123, this Sta, cs (apmt of Cl "A" Agent Fin O) is Rescinded.

7. Under the provisions of par 3a, AR 35-320, 2D LT KENNETH C. CRUMB, 01646490, Sig Co, is designated Cl "A" Agent Fin O for the Disbursing O at AAF Sta F-150, purpose of making payment to Det "A", 1076th Sig Co (Avn), & Hq & Hq Sq, 331st Sv Gp, of O pay vou & EM regular P/R, supplemental P/R & Fur Rat Money until properly reld.

8. Under the provisions of AR 615-5 & upon the recommendation of his Orgn Comdr Pfc (414) Victor (NMI) Champigny, 31203577, 1600th Ord S & M Co (Avn), is rd to gr of Private for cause.

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SPECIAL ORDERS
NO 157HEADQUARTERS AAF STATION F-373
APO 637
8 June 1944

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1. Following O, having been asgd 357th Ftr Gp & having reported this Sta in compliance w/par 9, SO #123, Hq 66th Ftr Wg, 6 June 44, are further asgd & WP orgns indicated. No travel involved.

NAME	RANK	ASN	AC	ORGN
WILLIAM S. FENNELL	1ST LT	0726353	AC	363rd Ftr Sq
MORACE P. HOWELL	1ST LT	0797833	AC	364th Ftr Sq
ERLE A. TAYLOR	1ST LT	0675885	AC	362nd Ftr Sq
CLIFFORD (MII) ANDERSON	2D LT	0667767	AC	362nd Ftr Sq
DANIEL L. FINLEY	2D LT	0800503	AC	364th Ftr Sq
HENRY B. FRANKLIN	2D LT	0683434	AC	363rd Ftr Sq
RICHARD C. ROOPER	2D LT	0678821	AC	363rd Ftr Sq
GERALD E. TYLER	2D LT	0678981	AC	364th Ftr Sq

2. Following O & EM, orgns indicated, WP London o/a 8 June 44 on approx two (2) days temp dy on matters pertaining this comd. O will rpt Billeting O, 5 N Audley St, London, for billet & arrangements for messing fac & EM will rpt Casual Center, CBS, 44 Cadogan Place, London, for billets & messing fac. CTRS. MENT. TDN. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/40425. AUTH: Ltr. Hq ETOUSA, 24 May 44.

NAME	RANK	RANK	SSN	ORGN
JAMES R. COXE (In Chge)	MAJ	0306489	AC	70th Sta Com Sq
William H. Shives	M Sgt	18044830	502	70th Sta Com Sq
Patrick E. Durbin	T Sgt	19021003	824	469th Sv Sq
Leslie H. Haack	Cpl	37549556	929	70th Sta Com Sq

3. 1ST LT MICHAEL G. DUMA, 01281045, FD, Hq & Hq Sq, 50th Sv Gp, (now on temp dy AAF Sta F-356) WP AAF Sta F-122 on approx one (1) week temp dy. Reimbursement for actual & nec expenses not to exceed \$4.00 for qrs & an alws of \$1.25 per day to cover excess cost of subs is atzd where govt qrs & rat are not furn while in travel status only. CTRS. MENT. TDN. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/40425. AUTH: TWX SAS UL480, 8 June 44; Ltr, Hq ETOUSA, 24 May 44.

4. Following EM, 351st Bomb Sq, having reported this Sta in compliance w/par 1, SO #154, Hq AAF Sta #139, 7 June 44, are atchd 364th Ftr Sq for qrs, rat & dv.

NAME	RANK	ASN
Boyle A. Cameron	S Sgt	34179320
Lawrence J. Stein	Sgt	33315263

5. Pvt (383) Richard P. Ferris, 33265517, 70th Sta Com Sq, placed on SD w/ 2121st Engr Avn FF Plat this Sta per par 3, SO #98, this Sta, es, is rel'd of SD & will rpt to his CO for dy.

6. Sgt (566) Lyle C. Whidden, 11008748, Hq & Hq Sq, 50th Sv Gp, is trfd in gr & WP 469th Sv Sq. No travel involved.

7. Par 1, SO #150, this Sta, es, (placing O on temp dy AAF Sta 556) is amended to include: "For O, an alws of \$1.25 per day to cover excess cost of subs is atzd where govt rat are not furn."

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SO #157, Hq AAF Sta F-373, APO 637, U S Army, 8 June 1944.

8. Par 5, SO #152, this Sta, cs, (placing O on temp dy AAF Sta 556) is amended to include: "For O, an alws of \$1.25 per day to cover excess cost of subs is atzd where govt rat are not furn."

9. Par 1, SO #156, this Sta, cs, (amendment to Par 1, SO #151) is Revoked.

10. Par 1, SO #151, this Sta, cs, (constituting an Emerg Med Team) as amended by par 1, SO #154, this Sta, cs, is further amended to include: "For O, an alws of \$1.25 per day to cover excess cost of subs is atzd where govt rat are not furn while in travel status only."

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SPECIAL ORDERS
NO. 161HEADQUARTERS AAF STATION F-373
APO 637
12 June 1944

CONSOLIDATED

1. FLT O CHARLES E. YEAGER, T-970, AUS, 363rd Ftr Sq, WP Hq USSTAF o/a 11 June 44 on temp dy on matters pertaining this comd. CTRS. MENT. TDN. 60-136 P 432-C2 A 212/40425. AUTH: Ltr, Hq ETOUSA, 24 May 44.

2. Following O, having been asgd 357th Ftr Gp & having reported this Sta in compliance w/par 6, SO #157, Hq AAF Station AAF 345, 10 June 44, are further asgd & WP orgns indicated. No travel involved.

NAME	RANK	ASN	ORGN
HAROLD O. HAND	2D LT	0706384 AC	363rd Ftr Sq
DONALD J. PASAYA	2D LT	0702833 AC	363rd Ftr Sq
FRANCIS L. SULLIVAN	2D LT	0818042 AC	363rd Ftr Sq
ROBERT G. GOLDSWORTHY	2D LT	01293940 AC	364th Ftr Sq
MERLE F. ALLEN JR.	2D LT	0445996 AC	364th Ftr Sq
DYANE W. SANDPORN	2D LT	0815770 AC	364th Ftr Sq

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HEADQUARTERS AAF STATION F-373

SPECIAL ORDERS
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APO 637

21 June 1944

C O N S O L I D A T E D

1. CAPT MARK S. GIBSON, 0384282, Ord, Hq & Hq Sq, 50th Sv Gp, WP AAF Sta F-341 o/a 21 June 44 on approx two (2) days temp dy on matters pertaining this comd. O will rpt to Billeting O, 5 N Audley St, London, for billet & arrangements for messing fac. CTRS. MEMT. TDN. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/40425. AUTH: Ltr, Hq ETOUSA, 24 May 44.

2. Following EM, orgns indicated, WP Depot G-18 o/a 22 June 44 on approx three (3) days temp dy purpose of picking up supplies reporting upon arrival to CAPT COR. EIL, CWS O. Reimbursement for actual & nec expenses not to exceed \$2.00 for qrs & \$2.00 for subs per day is atzd where govt qrs & rat are not furn while in travel status only. CTRS. MEMT. TDN. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/40425. AUTH: Ltr, Hq ETOUSA, 24 May 44.

NAME	RANK	ASN	SSN	ORGN
Bernard K. McInyre (In Chgo)	Sgt	37338449	809	Hq & Hq Sq, 50th Sv Gp
Charlie O. Begley	Pfc	33647130	809	70th Sta Com Sq

3. Par 4, SO #162, this Sta, cs, (EM trfd in gr fr Ord to AC) is amended to delete: "Sgt (911) Lytle (NMI) Godfrey, 39196505, 362nd Ftr Sq."

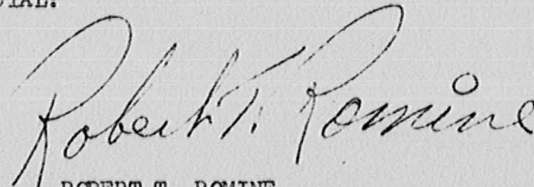
4. Following O, having been asgd 357th Ftr Gp & having reported this Sta in compliance w/par 7, SO #163, Hq 8AF, 17 June 44, are further asgd & WP orgns indicated. No travel involved.

NAME	RANK	ASN	ORGN
FRANK (NMI) KOKA	2D LT	0886918	AC 363rd Ftr Sq
HENRY A. PFEIFFER	2D LT	0886919	AC 364th Ftr Sq

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SPECIAL ORDERS
NO 155HEADQUARTERS AAF STATION F-373
APO 637
6 June 1944

1. Par 10, SO #128, this Sta, cs, (placing Pfc (256) Albert A. Moore, 11122572, 469th Sv Sq, on temp dy British Oxygen Co Ltd, N Circular Rd, Cricklewood, London, N.W. 2) is amended to include: "To extend period of temp dy for an additional three (3) weeks." AUTH: TWX SAS ULOIE, 6 June 44.
2. 2D LT MORRIS C. LAINE, 0569008, AC, having been asgd 357th Ftr Gp & having reported to same in compliance w/par 5, SO #121, Hq 66th Ftr Wg, 2 June 44, is further asgd & WP Hq 357th Ftr Gp. No travel involved.
3. 2D LT MORRIS C. LAINE, 0569008, AC, Hq 357th Ftr Gp, aptd Gp PRO (prin dy).
4. The nine (9) EM, 93rd Dep Sup Sq, having reported this Sta per competent authority are atchd 469th Sv Sq for qrs & rat.
5. Par 1, SO #152, this Sta, cs, (placing of EM on temp dy #1 Radio Sch, Cranwell, Lincs) is Rescinded.

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DAILY BULLETIN
AAF STATION F-373VOL II
NO 158Begins - 2215
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6 June 1944

COLONEL DONALD W. GRAHAM, Station Commander
LT COLONEL THOMAS L. HAYES, JR., Deputy Station Commander
LT COLONEL CHARLES H. MASON, Executive Officer1. OFFICERS ON DUTY TODAY:

ADJ.

1st Lt William L. Lee, Officer of the Day - Tel - 32
Capt Fred J. Wertz, Medical Officer of the Day - Tel - 54
Capt Turner A. Graves, Headquarters Duty Officer - Tel - 7OFFICIAL RTR2. OFFICERS ON DUTY TOMORROW:

ADJ.

Officer of the Day-----1st Lt Robert L. Sirotek
Medical Officer of the Day---Capt Joseph F. Carlucci
Headquarters Duty Officer----1st Lt Jesse W. WeiseOFFICIAL RTR3. ATTENTION ALL UNIT COMMANDERS.

ADJ.

Unit Commanders are reminded that the following deficiencies were found to be prevalent by the Inspector General, VIII Fighter Command. The correction thereof is a command function. Unit Commanders will take such action as to comply with current directives.

a. Clothing and Equipment issued to Enlisted personnel will be turned into the Unit Supply Office whenever Enlisted personnel are absent from their station due to Sick in Hospital, sick quarters, Detached Service or furlough.

b. Action will be taken to comply with TWX SAS M-326-C, 15 May 44, Headquarters, 66th Fighter Wing, which states the name of all officers, grade and organization will be completely obliterated from the WD AGO Form #28.

c. Attention is directed to ETO Circular #45, dated 21 April 44, relative to marking of clothing. All clothing listed thereon will be marked with the individual's last name, first name and middle initial and full serial number.

d. It was found that a large number of Enlisted Men are not familiar with the contents of the Gas Mask, light weight. Unit Commanders will conduct inspections to assure themselves that the gas mask in the hands of troops have the required ointments, eye shields, protective covering, sleeve protectors, et cetera, and that all personnel are acquainted with their uses.

OFFICIAL RTR4. ATTENTION ALL CONCERNED.

ADJ.

In accordance with teletype from the 66th Fighter Wing, no further applications for Flying Control training can be accepted until further notice.

OFFICIAL RTR5. AT THE THEATER TONIGHT--1800 & 2000 hours, 6 June 44.

SP SV O.

"The Immortal Sergeant" with Henry Fonda, Thomas Mitchell.

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

By order of Colonel GRAHAM:

OFFICIAL: *Robert T. Romine*
ROBERT T. ROMINE, x
Major, Air Corps,
Adjutant.ROBERT T. ROMINE,
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DAILY BULLETIN
AAF STATION F-373VOL II
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9 June 1944

COLONEL DONALD W. GRAHAM, Station Commander
LT COLONEL THOMAS L. HAYES, JR., Deputy Station Commander
LT COLONEL CHARLES H. MASON, Executive Officer

1. OFFICERS ON DUTY TODAY: ADJ.
1st Lt Charles R. Morgan, Officer of the Day - Tel - 32
Maj John D. Barker, Medical Officer of the Day - Tel - 54
Capt Leonard Shlefstain, Headquarters Duty Officer - Tel - 7 OFFICIAL RTR
2. OFFICERS ON DUTY TOMORROW: ADJ.
Officer of the Day-----1st Lt John E. Main
Medical Officer of the Day---Capt Paul E. Tramp
Headquarters Duty Officer----1st Lt John E. Swan OFFICIAL RTR
3. ATTENTION ALL PERSONNEL. EM MESS O.
All Enlisted Men will check the serial numbers of their weapons before leaving the Mess Hall. OFFICIAL RTR
4. ATTENTION ALL PERSONNEL--PRESCRIBED UNIFORM. ADJ.
Section II, GO #56, Hq ETOUSA, 29 May 44, is quoted for the compliance of all personnel of this Station:
"II--PRESCRIBED UNIFORM. 1. Section II, General Orders No 66, 25 September 1943; Section II, General Orders No 86, 20 November 1943; Section I, General Orders No 31 6 April 1944; and letter, Hq ETOUSA, 15 April 1944, file AG 421 OPGA, subject: "Prescribed Uniform", are rescinded.
2. Each major subordinate commander will prescribe the service, field and work uniform to be worn by officer and enlisted personnel under his jurisdiction in accordance with existing War Department regulations and theater directives.
3. The service uniform (when available) will be worn:
a. While participating in formal ceremonies.
b. While officially visiting prominent civilians or allied headquarters.
c. While on pass in civilian communities.
d. Outside of camp after retreat, unless in prescribed field exercise formations.
e. By officers visiting civilian communities on duty, other than with troops or under arms.
f. At such other times as major commanders may deem appropriate.
4. Prohibited Articles. The wearing of certain articles in this theater is prohibited:
a. Regimental or other lower unit distinctive insignia.
b. Branch insignia having regimental or other designations attached.
c. Cloth belts with officers' type buckle, by enlisted men.
d. Officers' cap insignia (eagle) by other than officer personnel.
e. Belt, leather, EM, by enlisted men, excepting military police when on duty.
f. Tie, black.
5. The major subordinate commanders are authorized to prescribe the cap, garrison, od, for wear by Women's Army Corps personnel at any time except formal ceremonies and special occasions designated by appropriate authority. The issue of the cap, garrison, od, to WAC personnel is authorized on the basis on one per enlisted woman. (AG 421 OPGA)". OFFICIAL RTR
5. WEAPON INSPECTION. ORD O.
Organizations will have all hand and shoulder weapons presented to Station Ordnance Tech Supply Shop for regular monthly inspection on the same date the organization presents bicycles for inspection. Ordnance Tech Supply Shop is located in the same building as the Bicycle Shop. OFFICIAL RTR
6. ATTENTION ALL OFFICERS. SIG O.
All officers who have made personal telephone calls from this Station will pay their bills on or before 10 June 44 at the Station Signal Office. OFFICIAL RTR
7. AT THE THEATER TONIGHT--1800 & 2000 hours, 9 June 44. SP SV O.
"No Time For Love" with Fred MacMurray and Claudette Colbert.

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D/E #161, Hq AAF Sta F-373, APC 637, U S Army, 9 June 1944.

8. ATTENTION UNIT COMMANDERS & PERSONNEL OFFICERS.

ADJ.

a. In order to clarify and maintain uniformity in the interpretation by higher headquarters in the use of page 13, "Remarks--Financial" of WD AGO Form #24, Service Record, the following items will be permanently entered thereon:

- (1) Monetary allowance in lieu of quarters.
- (2) Due soldier 20% increase in pay for foreign service.
- (3) Class "B" deductions.
- (4) Class "F" deductions. (Entries previously made on page 10 will not be changed.)

The following items will be entered when applicable:

- (5) Forfeitures due to courts-martial.
- (6) Collections under MLD AR 35-1440.
- (7) Charges for laundry.
- (8) GPID charges.
- (9) Money due soldier upon return from furlough.
- (10) Any other items effecting an enlisted man's pay obviously not shown elsewhere.

b. Personnel officers are reminded that upon payment of the organization payroll, the following remark will be entered each month on each enlisted man's Service Record immediately following any of the above items, (5) to (10) inclusive which were entered on that month's payroll: "PAID (date, month and year)".

OFFICIAL *PT*9. BICYCLE INSPECTION.

STA CMDR.

a. In compliance with unnumbered memorandum, this Station, dated 27 February 44, there will be an inspection of bicycles by units at the Bicycle Repair Shop on the dates indicated:

- (1) 9 June 44 -- Hq 357th Fighter Group.
- (2) 10 June 44 -- Hq & Hq Sq, 50th Service Group.
- (3) 11 June 44 -- 362nd Fighter Squadron.
- (4) 12 June 44 -- 363rd Fighter Squadron.
- (5) 13 June 44 -- 364th Fighter Squadron.
- (6) 14 June 44 -- 70th Station Complement Squadron.
- (7) 15 June 44 -- 469th Service Squadron.
- (8) 16 June 44 -- 1260th Military Police Company.
- (9) 17 June 44 -- 1076th Signal Company.
- (10) 18 June 44 -- 1177th Quartermaster Company.
- (11) 19 June 44 -- 1600th Ordnance Company.

b. Unit Commanding Officers will insure that all of the bicycles of their organizations are on hand at the Repair Shop on dates indicated for the inspection. A report on the general condition of the inspection will be furnished each organization and a list of those not inspected will be submitted to the Station Commander.

c. All bicycles not brought in for inspection will be issued to some other unit.

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SPECIAL ORDERS
NO 165HEADQUARTERS AAF STATION F-373
APO 637
16 June 1944

1. Following EM, orgns indicated, WP Dagenham o/a 19 June 44 on approx two (2) days temp dy purpose receiving laundry. Reimbursement for actual & nec expenses not to exceed \$2.00 for qrs & \$2.00 for subs per day is atzd where govt qrs & rat are not furn. CTRS. MEMT. TDN. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/40425. AUTH: Ltr, Hq ETOUSA, 24 May 44.

NAME	RANK	ASN	SSN	ORGN
George B. Bickett (In Chge)	Cpl	37039071	405	1177th QM Co (Avn)
Raymond P. Wittkop	Cpl	16133462	055	1177th QM Co (Avn)
Carroll F. Van Felt	Pfc	32485213	931	469th Sv Sq
Raymond E. Patten	Pfc	34765632	374	1177th QM Co (Avn)

2. Following EM, Hq & Hq Sq, 50th Sv Gp, WP Dagenham & London in turn o/a 19 June 44 on approx two (2) days temp dy purpose receiving laundry & dry cleaning re-
porting to Casual Center, CBS, 44 Cadogan Place, London, for billets & messing fac.
Reimbursement for actual & nec expenses not to exceed \$2.00 for subs is atzd where
govt rat are not furn. CTRS. MEMT. TDN. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/40425. AUTH: Ltr, Hq
ETOUSA, 24 May 44.

NAME	RANK	ASN	SSN	ORGN
Paul H. Grove (In Chge)	Cpl	33498301	345	
Walter P. Reardon	Pfc	32198670	345	

3. Following EM, orgns indicated, WP #21 Sch Tech Tng, Gt Sankey, Warrington,
Lancs, o/a 17 June 44 on approx one (1) week temp dy purpose attending course in P-
51 Airframe reporting before 1600 hrs, 18 June 44, to AAF Orderly Room. EM must car-
ry round-trip travel warrants, mess equip, gas masks, WD AGO Forms #28 & PX rat
cards. Qrs & rat furn at sch during period of tng. CTRS. MEMT. TDN. 60-136 P 432-02
A 212/40425. AUTH: TWX SAS U276E, 13 June 44; Ltr, Hq ETOUSA, 24 May 44.

NAME	RANK	ASN	SSN	ORGN
Joe C. Ruhl (In Chge)	Cpl	35483906	747	363rd Ftr Sq
Walter H. Norris	Pvt	34637128	521	469th Sv Sq

4. Following EM, orgns indicated, WP #21 Sch Tech Tng, Gt Sankey, Warrington,
Lancs, o/a 17 June 44 on approx two (2) weeks temp dy purpose attending course in
Main Engine reporting before 1600 hrs, 18 June 44, to AAF Orderly Room. EM must
carry round-trip travel warrants, mess equip, gas masks, WD AGO Forms #28 & PX rat
cards. Qrs & rat furn at sch during period of tng. CTRS. MEMT. TDN. 60-136 P 432-02
A 212/40425. AUTH: TWX SAS U276E, 13 June 44; Ltr, Hq ETOUSA, 24 May 44.

NAME	RANK	ASN	SSN	ORGN
Gilbert H. Hund (In Chge)	S Sgt	37230314	747	469th Sv Sq
Robert F. Staes	S Sgt	16071272	747	363rd Ftr Sq
Thomas A. Van Tine	Sgt	32571747	747	363rd Ftr Sq
Henry S. Zaleski	Sgt	32432239	687	469th Sv Sq

5. Sgt (747) William F. Murphy, 32377908, 469th Sv Sq, WP The Dowty Equip Co
Ltd, The Knapp, Charlton Kings, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, o/a 17 June 44 on ap-
prox one (1) week temp dy purpose attending course in Gen Hydraulics reporting be-
fore 1600 hrs, 18 June 44, to Mr. Hunt. EM must carry round-trip travel warrant,
notebook, pencils, gas mask & rat card. PX O will issue adv PX rat to cover period
of temp dy. The FD will pay in adv an alws of \$2.00 per day for qrs for seven (7)
days & \$2.00 per day for rat for eight (8) days to one (1) EM (round-trip). Settle-
ment will be effected on a reimbursement basis not to exceed \$2.00 per day for subs
& for the actual cost of qrs not to exceed \$2.00 per day under the provisions of AR
35-4520 & in accordance w/Policy 30-1, Hq USAAF UK, 9 Nov 43, as amended by Policy
30-1A, same Hq, 27 Dec 43. CTRS. MEMT. TDN. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/40425. AUTH: TWX

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SO #165, Hq AAF Sta F-373, APO 637, U S Army, 16 June 1944. Par 5 contd.

SAS U276E, 13 June 44; Ltr, Hq ETOUSA, 24 May 44.

6. Following O, 364th Ftr Sq, WP AAF Sta F-503 o/a 18 June 44 on approx one (1) week temp dy on matters pertaining this cord. An alws of \$1.25 per day to cover excess cost of subs is ntzd where govt rat are not furn. CTRS. MEDT. TDN. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/40425. AUTH: Ltr, file: 354.7, subj: Use of Rest Homes by Combat Crews, Hq PAF, 24 Feb 44; Ltr, file: 620.1, subj: Establishment of AF Rest Homes, Hq ASC, USAMP, 7 Mar 44; Ltr, Hq ETOUSA, 24 May 44.

NAME	RANK	ASN	SSN	ORGN
THOMAS MCKINNEY (In Chgo)	CAPT	02046111	AC	
PAUL D. FAIRWEATHER	1ST LT	0742855	AC	

7. Following EM, having been trfd in gr to 357th Ftr Gp & having reported this Sta in compliance w/par 6, SO #148, Hq 3d SAD, APO 505, 13 June 44, are further trfd Ltr & WF orgns indicated. No travel involved.

NAME	RANK	ASN	SSN	ORGN
JOE (NMI) Kovach, Jr.	Pfc	36177284	521	363rd Ftr Sq
Vicent J. Inglese	Pvt	32273942	521	363rd Ftr Sq
Aloysius B. Pyka	Pvt	36347094	521	363rd Ftr Sq
Victor (NMI) Browneagle	Pvt	36264494	521	363rd Ftr Sq
Leola H. Hays	Pvt	38406862	521	363rd Ftr Sq
Robert B. Parker	Pfc	34723156	521	362nd Ftr Sq

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SPECIAL ORDERS
NO 169HEADQUARTERS AAF STATION F-373
APO 637
20 June 1944

1. VOCO 19 June 44 relieving CAPT WILBERT L. BAILEY, 0507707, FD, Hq & Hq Sq, 50th Sv Gp, as CL "B" Agent Fin O to 1ST LT J.H. HUBER, JR., 01280139, FD, Disbursing O at AAF Sta F-150 is hereby confirmed & made a matter of record. Exigencies of sv precluded the issuance of orders in adv.

2. Following EM, Hq 357th Ftr Gp, atchd to orgns indicated for qrs, rat & dy per par 3, SO #166, this Sta, es. are reld atchmt & will rpt to their CO for dy:

NAME	RANK	ASN	SSN	ORG
Raymond L. Baldwin	Pvt	39467759	521	469th Sv Sq
Richard J. Bollucio	Pvt	32676372	521	do
Forest H. Hewitt	Pvt	32668586	521	do
Walter F. Slatery	Pvt	16125483	521	1600th Ord S & M Co (Avn)

3. 1ST LT ROLAND J. ROBERTSON, 0856801, AC, Hq 357th Ftr Gp, WP AAF Sta F-341 o/a 21 June 44 on approx one (1) week temp dy purpose attending course in U S Codes reporting before 1700 hrs, 21 June 44. O will rpt to Billeting O, 5 N Ardley St, London, for billet & arrangements for messing fee. CTRS. MEMPH. TDN. 60-136 P 432-02 A 202/40125. AUTH: TWX SAS 0404E, 19 June 44; Ltr, Hq ETOUSA, 24 May 44.

4. Pvt (521) Anibal G. Ambert, 32721650, Hq 357th Ftr Gp, atchd to 1260th MP Co (Avn) for qrs, rat & adm & placed on SD w/Def O this Sta per par 2, SO #144, this Sta, es. is reld atchmt & SD & will rpt to his CO for dy.

5. Pvt (405) Stephen (NMI) Bonomo, 33624425, 70th Sta Com Sq, is atchd to 1260th MP Co (Avn) for qrs, rat & adm & is placed on SD w/Def O this Sta.

6. Following EM, Hq & Hq Sq, 50th Sv Gp, 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 (502) Oscar W. Thompson, 14042161
TO BE STAFF SERGEANT (TEMP)
Sgt (275) Mike (NMI) Yankofski, 11009561
TO BE SERGEANT (TEMP)
Cpl (809) Bernard K. McIntyre, 37338449
TO BE CORPORAL (TEMP)
Pfc (405) Charles E. Shellenberger, Jr., 13031486
TO BE PRIVATE FIRST CLASS (TEMP)
Pvt (409) Cecil J. Muncy, 35264073

7. Pvt (405) Charles J. Ewing, 12168458, 362nd Ftr Sq, is atchd to 1260th MP Co (Avn) for qrs, rat & adm & is placed on SD w/Def O this Sta.

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SPECIAL ORDERS
NO 171HEADQUARTERS AAF STATION F-373
APO 637
22 June 1944

C O N S O L I D A T E D

1. Tec 5 (345) John E. Potts, 34732999, 2121st Eng Avn FF Plat, WP RAF Sta Sutton-on-Hull o/a 27 June 44 on temp dy purpose attending course in Fire Fighting reporting before 1300 hrs, 28 June 44. Reimbursement for actual & nec expenses not to exceed \$2.00 for qrs & \$2.00 for subs per day is atzd where govt qrs & rat are not furn while in travel status only. CTRS. MEMT. TDN. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/40425. AUTH: TWX SAS U424E, 20 June 44; Ltr, Hq ETOUSA, 24 May 44.

2. Pfc (521) John (NMI) Moriarty, Jr., 33572765, 364th Ftr Sq, WP #21 Sch Tech Tng, Gt Sankey, Warrington, Lancs, o/a 24 June 44 on approx one (1) week temp dy purpose attending course in P-51 Airframe reporting before 1600 hrs, 25 June 44, to AAF Orderly Room. EM must carry round-trip travel warrant, mess equip, gas mask, WD AGO Form #28 & PX rat card. Qrs & rat furn at sch during period of tng. CTRS. MEMT. TDN. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/40425. AUTH: TWX SAS U405E, 19 June 44; Ltr, Hq ETOUSA, 24 May 44.

3. Following EM, orgns indicated, WP #21 Sch Tech Tng, Gt Sankey, Warrington, Lancs, o/a 24 June 44 on approx two (2) weeks temp dy purpose attending course in Merlin Engine reporting before 1600 hrs, 25 June 44, to AAF Orderly Room. EM must carry round-trip travel warrants, mess equip, gas masks, WD AGO Forms #28 & PX rat cards. Qrs & rat furn at sch during period of tng. CTRS. MEMT. TDN. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/40425. AUTH: TWX SAS U405E, 19 June 44; Ltr, Hq ETOUSA, 24 May 44.

NAME	RANK	ASN	SSN	ORGN
Lewis M. Meye (In Chgo)	T Sgt	6973680	750	362nd Ftr Sq
Zigmund J. Scepanski	T Sgt	11040955	750	do
Earl T. Brennan	Sgt	12025806	747	364th Ftr Sq
Leonard M. Gordon	Cpl	32357406	747	do
Glenn E. White	Pvt	38089063	747	362nd Ftr Sq

4. Following O & EM, orgns indicated, WP AAF Sta F-341 o/a 22 June 44 on approx one (1) day temp dy on matters pertaining O Club. CTRS. MEMT. TDN. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/40425. AUTH: Ltr, Hq ETOUSA, 24 May 44.

NAME	RANK	ASN	SSN	ORGN
ARTHUR F. MURPHY (In Chgo)	CAPT	0906492	CE	70th Sta Com Sq
Patrick E. Durbin	T Sgt	19021003	824	469th Sv Sq
Thomas B. Warburton	Sgt	32436521	566	70th Sta Com Sq
Leslie H. Haack	Cpl	37549566	929	do

5. Following O, 363rd Ftr Sq, WP AAF Sta F-503 o/a 26 June 44 on approx one (1) week temp dy on matters pertaining this comd. An alws of \$1.25 per day to cover excess cost of subs is atzd where govt rat are not furn. CTRS. MEMT. TDN. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/40425. AUTH: Ltr, file: 354.7, subj: Use of Rest Homes by Combat Crews, Hq 3 AF, 24 Feb 44; Ltr, file: 620.1, subj: Establishment of AF Rest Homes, Hq ASC, USSTAF, 7 Mar 44; Ltr, Hq ETOUSA, 24 May 44.

NAME	RANK	ASN	AC
CHARLES K. PETERS (In Chgo)	CAPT	0742495	AC
ROBERT C. GANGWISH	1ST LT	0810497	AC

6. MAJ CARLYLE D. HOFFMAN, 0262838, AC, Hq & Hq Sq, 50th Sv Gp, aptd Summary Court O (add dy)

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SO #171, Hq AAF Sta F-373, APO 637, U S Army, 22 June 1944.

7. Cpl Raymond (NMI) Clark, 34038705, 362nd Ftr Sq, is reclassified fr MOS 911 to MOS 941.

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SPECIAL SERVICE BULLETIN

KNOW YOUR PILOTS

Into Stars & Stripes invasionjam-
med additions went a paragraph that Capt.
Clarence E. "Andy" Anderson, Jr., had
completed 47 missions without an "abort".
Wonder how many paragraphs "Andy" de-
serves now that he has tucked 65 missions
without a turnback under his belt. The
Californian gives all the credit to his
two faithful sergeants who keep "Old
Crow" in running order. They are S/Sgt.
Otto Heino, the crewchief, and Sgt. Leon
Zimmermann, his assistant. Congrats to
the "Three men on a horse" (Mustang) who
are doing a magnificent job against the
Luftwaffe.

Lt. Kenny has named his ship "Boy Be
a Boy" while Lt. Shaw flies "Bernadette"
for his wife. Both pilots expect to be papas
papas soon.

Maj. Storch experienced a bit of
real squadron loyalty when two of his
pilots destroyed a Fiesler-STOICH.

SPECIAL SERVICE OFFICE
AAT STATION F - 373

Issue # 12

24 June 44

Sports

If the English weather (B-rr-r-rh)
ever shakes hands and smiles at us,
the station sports program will move
into high-gear.

Softball team managers are sched-
uled to meet Sunday at 0900 hrs. and
volleyball pilots at 0945 to iron
out schedule wrinkles and get the
leagues moving.

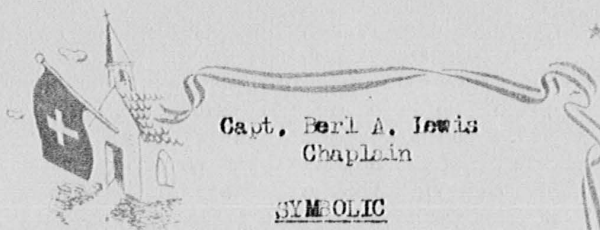
Following are results of games
already played:

1076 Sig. Co.	4	481 AA Bat.	3
469 Eng	28	Base Def.	13
469 Ser.	6	1076 Sig. Co	2

CINDERTEST

OFF THE BIKES, MEN, and shake the
kinks out of your winterized legs.
We have been invited to participate
in a track meet at Ipswich, July 22.
The winning team will receive the
Queen Victoria Trophy which would
make an interesting addition to an
American attic collection. Individ-
ual awards in each event will also
be offered. It will take training,
road work, and limbering up
exercises to whip into shape after
the long G.I. layoff, but we ought
to cash in on a few events. The
British athletes are still smarting
from the whipping we administered to
their boxers at Saxmundham in the
Salute the Soldier Week show and hope
to even the score on the cinder path.

All prospective team members and
anyone else interested in whipping
himself into shape will find the gym
equipped with punching bags, tumbling,
mats, weights, and cage equipment now.



Capt. Earl A. Lewis
Chaplain

SYMBOLIC

When God made the oyster, he guar-
anteed him absolute economic and social
security. He built the oyster a house,
a shell to protect him from other
animals and oysters. When hungry the
oyster opens up his shell and food rushes
in.

But when God made the eagle, what did
He do? He said, "The blue sky is the
limit. Get out and build your own house."
And the eagle goes out and builds his
house on the highest mountain crag where
danger and disaster threaten him every
day. For food he flies through a thous-
and miles of rain, snow, wind, and over
the mountains.

But it is the eagle, not the oyster,
which is the national emblem of our
United States.

- The Porquineers

(Church schedule on other side)

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FURLOUGH NEWS



ARC GOINGS ON!!!

MIKE MCCARTHY
JEAN MARSHALL
VIRGINIA RADO

Note the heading above, Joe. It says FURLOUGH NEWS. So your editor tore into the office of the junior adjutant (sergeant major) and demanded the lowdown. The s-m shook a few AR's out of his ears, cleared two WD-AGO's from his throat and spoke to us through channels. He said:

"There ain't no furloughs."

Discouraged at their attempt to start the ball rolling, the quickthinking Special Service Office came up with the Consoling News that even if we are confined to the station, things are going to be better. This is the SSO statement:

"Arrangements have been made with the major film distributing companies whereby we will soon start getting the latest pictures released. When we first opened with the new projection equipment, it was impossible to get these new pictures, so we tried to get the best of the old ones for you. However, in about two weeks time you can start to look for such hits as BUFFALO BILL, HAPPY LAND, HEAVENLY BODY, PURPLE HEART, A GUY NAMED JOE, AROUND THE WORLD, SEE HERE PVT. MARGROVE, and many others of the same caliber."

"OH JEANIE!"

The Fourth of July All G.I. show we talked about in the last issue has been moved up to July 2, and the talented Joes promise to give us a real evening. It will be held on the stage of the Aero Club.

An unscheduled novelty will be the appearance of Miss Jean Marshall, Aero Club boss, in a rendition of "Oh Johnnie!" As only one female is in the cast, Miss Marshall bashfully has tried to duck out but it's too late. She is an announced performer as of NOW.



The Movies



STATION CINEMA.....1900 & 2000 Hrs.

Saturday only: PITTSBURGH with Marlene Dietrich and John Wayne.

Sunday and Monday: THE IRISH IN US Featuring those two fisted, two-timing "Micks", James Cagney and Pat O'Brien.

Tuesday and Wednesday: THE CAT AND THE CANARY, Paramount's thrill chill and luff hit starring Bob Hope and Paulette Goddard.

Thursday and Friday: HERE TO HOLD with Deanna Durbin and Joseph Cotten.

NO MOVING IN THE CINEMA AT ANY TIME

MAIDEN PERFORMANCE

HIGHLIGHTED by the maiden appearance of our new station dance band at the enlisted men's jamboree Wed. night, this week's Aero Club schedule is packed with activity every night. Here's the setup:

SATURDAY: General Post 2000 hours

SUNDAY: Open house all day to guests

MONDAY: Quiz Program 2000 hrs.

TUESDAY: Bingo " "

WEDNESDAY: BM Dance " "

THURSDAY: DANCING CLASS " "

FRIDAY: "Ketching class" " "

(Language classes will continue on schedule in the building back of Aero Club.)

No name has officially been given to the station band. Don't forget the contest. If you have an idea, corny or otherwise, submit it to the SSO. You may win a prize. Sudden suggestion: "Berlin Bouncers." Go ahead. We are not allowed to enter the contest so try your own brand of branding.

That quiz program listed above will be a honey. Privates will face the cream of the first three graders on a variety of questions, ranging from Shirley Temple's age to the distance from Saipan to Tokio. And how many planes has our leading pilot bagged?

CHURCH SCHEDULE

Sunday: Catholic Mass.....0800

Prot. Worship.....1030

Tuesday: Bible Study.....1900

Wednesday: Choir rehearsal.....1900

Friday: Jewish Sabbath Ser.....1900

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SPECIAL ORDERS
NO 173HEADQUARTERS AAF STATION F-373
APO 637
24 June 1944

1. 2D LT JOHN F. STALEY, 0576362, AC, Hq 357th Ftr Gp, aptd O in Chge of NCO Club (add dy) this Sta vice MAJ SHELBY W. PHILLIPS, 0301249, AC, reld.

2. Par 3, SO #79, this Sta, es, (apmt of SCM) is Rescinded.

3. A SCM is aptd to meet at this Sta o/a 24 June 44 or as soon thereafter as practicable for the trial of such persons as may be brought before it.

DETAIL FOR THE COURT

MAJ ARCHIE C. GRAHAM, 0357486, AC
MAJ SHELBY W. PHILLIPS, 0301249, AC
MAJ JAMES C. LOWEY, 0492631, AC
CAPT WASHINGTON G. BALPH, 0474029, AC
CAPT DAN L. EVANDER, 0332194, AC
CAPT MARK S. GIBSON, 0384282, Ord
CAPT LEN P. HENSLEE, 0565628, AC
CAPT MAX L. HILL, 0264047, AC

Trial Judge Advocate--1ST LT CECIL F. HUMPHREYS, 01551433, Ord
Asst Trial Judge Advocate--- CAPT FRANCIS W. MAYER, 0569350, AC
Defense Counsel--CAPT HERBERT M. COHEN, 01634621, Sig C
Asst Defense Counsel--1ST LT JOHN B. MYERS, JR., 0575737, AC

All untried cases now in the possession of the TJA of SCM aptd by par 3, SO #79, this Sta, dated 22 Mar 44, will be referred to the TJA aptd by this order for trial.

4. Following O & EM, orgns indicated, WP #1 Radio Sch, Cranwell, Lines, o/a 27 June 44 on approx two (2) weeks temp dy purpose attending course in VHF Maint reworking before 1700 hrs, 28 June 44. Qrs & rat furn by sch during tng. PX O will issue adv PX rat to cover period of temp dy. O & EM must carry round-trip travel warrants, gas masks, helmets, notebooks & pencils. CTRS. MGMT. TDN. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/40425. AUTH: TWK SAS U482E, 23 June 44; Ltr, Hq ETOUSA, 24 May 44.

NAME	RANK	ASN	SEN	ORGN
LESTER (NMI) DOWEN (In Chgo)	1ST LT	01641247	Sig C	1076th Sig Co (Avn)
George G. Miller	Tec 4	33230400	647	do
Walter J. Russell	Tec 5	21095703	647	do
David C. Colbert	Pvt	32143254	756	364th Ftr Sq

5. So much of par 1, SO #171, this Sta, es, (placing Tec 5 (345) John E. Potts, 34732999, 2121st Eng Avn FF Plat, on temp dy RLF Sta Sutton-on-Hull) as reads: "o/a 27 June 44" is amended to read: "o/a 11 July 44".

6. Par 3, SO #168, this Sta, es, (apmt of Cl "E" Agent Fin O) is Rescinded.

7. CAPT WILBERT L. BAILEY, 0507707, FD, Hq & Hq Sq, 50th Sv Gp, this Sta, aptd Cl "E" Agent Fin O to CAPT D. STACKHOUSE, 01280323, FD, Disbursing O, at AAF Sta F-369. The maximum amt which CAPT WILBERT L. BAILEY, 0507707, FD, is to be entrusted is \$50,000.

8. Par 4, SO #4, this Sta, 26 Nov 43; par 8, SO #23, this Sta, 15 Dec 43; par 11, SO #24, this Sta, 16 Dec 43; & par 6, SO #5; par 1, SO #40; par 3, SO #56; par 3, SO #77; par 3, SO #85; par 6, SO #102; par 6, SO #115; par 7, SO #115; par 2, SO #123; & par 5, SO #131, this Sta, es, (apmt of Cl "A" Agent Fin O's) are Rescinded.

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SO #173, Hq AAF Sta F-373, APO 637, U S Army, 24 June 44.

9. Under the provisions of par 3a, AR 35-320, following O are designated Cl "A" Agent Fin O's for the Disbursing O at AAF Sta F-369 purpose making payment to orgns indicated, this Sta, of regular P/R, supplemental P/R & Fur Rat Money until properly reld:

NAME	RANK	ASN	ORGN
JOHN B. MAIN	1ST LT	0575520	AC Hq & Hq Sq, 50th Sv Gp
WILLIAM I. LEE	1ST LT	0863059	AC 469th Sv Sq
JOHN H. CHAMBERS	1ST LT	0579857	AC 70th Sta Com Sq
CHESTER C. HARBISON, JR.	CAPT	0387703	Sig C 1076th Sig Co (Avn)
CHARLES R. MORGAN	1ST LT	01585924	QMC 1177th QM Co (Avn)
ROBERT L. SIROJEK	1ST LT	01583679	Ord 1600th Ord S & M Co (Avn)
AUGUST (NMI) RUNGE	CAPT	0505445	CMP 1260th MP Co (Avn)
JOSSE W. WISE	1ST LT	0861353	AC 2121st Eng Avn FF Plat
KENNETH C. CRUMB	2D LT	01646490	Sig C Det "A", 1076th Sig Co (Avn)
JAMES NOE B. LEE	CAPT	0561490	AC Hq 357th Ftr Gp
ROBERT A. VRATNY	1ST LT	0650481	AC 362nd Ftr Sq
DAVE C. WILLETT	CAPT	0915268	AC 363rd Ftr Sq
JACK T. BLUE	1ST LT	0562762	AC 364th Ftr Sq

10. CAPT BRYCE W. McINTYRE, 0395171, AC, reld fr asgmt w/364th Ftr Sq & asgd & WP to Hq 357th Ftr Gp. No travel involved.

11. CAPT BRYCE W. McINTYRE, 0395171, AC, Hq 357th Ftr Gp, aptd Asst Gp S-3 O (prin dy).

By order of Colonel GRAHAM:

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

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COLONEL DONALD W. GRAHAM, Station Commander
LT COLONEL THOMAS L. HAYES, JR., Deputy Station Commander
LT COLONEL CHARLES H. MASON, Executive Officer

1. OFFICERS ON DUTY TODAY: ADJ.
Capt Gail A. Jones, Officer of the Day - Tel - 32
Maj Meyer W. Lynn, Medical Officer of the Day - Tel - 54
Capt John D. Anderson, Headquarters Duty Officer - Tel - 7 OFFICIAL *RKR*
2. OFFICERS ON DUTY TOMORROW: ADJ.
Officer of the Day-----Capt Leonard Shlefstein
Medical Officer of the Day-----Capt Harold E. Snedden
Headquarters Duty Officer-----2d Lt William P. Nelson OFFICIAL *RKR*
3. OFFICERS UNIFORM REGULATION: ADJ.
Effective this date all officers will wear the blouse to the evening meal and
to the Officers' Club afterwards. OFFICIAL *RKR*
4. ATTENTION ALL PERSONNEL OFFICERS: ADJ.
The following is quoted from Section I, Circular No. 163, War Department, 26
April 1944, for your information and compliance:
"I--ALLOTMENT.--1. Audits being conducted by the Office of the Fiscal Director,
Army Service Forces, have disclosed numerous instances where allotment deductions are
not being made on enlisted men's pay rolls in accordance with the requirements of
existing regulations.
2. Personnel officers and others in whose custody service records are kept
and who are charged with the responsibility of preparing and certifying pay rolls,
individual vouchers, and final statements are held pecuniarily responsible for
omissions from such pay records of any deductions that should be entered thereon,
and will be called upon to make restitution of the deductions so omitted.
3. Commanding officers will bring this matter to the personal attention of
all concerned and will take the necessary steps to insure that allotments authorized
by personnel of their respective commands are properly recorded on service records
and deducted from the allottees' pay." OFFICIAL *RKR*
5. AT THE THEATER TONIGHT--1800 & 2000 hours, 26 June 1944. SP SV O.
"The Irish In Us" with James Cagney & Pat O'Brien.

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

By order of Colonel GRAHAM:

OFFICIAL:

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

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SPECIAL ORDERS
NO 175HEADQUARTERS AAF STATION F-373
APO 637
27 June 1944

C O N S O L I D A T E D

1. CAPT WASHINGTON G. BALPH, 0474029, AC, Hq & Hq Sq, 50th Sv Cp, WP London o/a 27 June 44 on approx two (2) days temp dy on matters pertaining this comd. O will rpt Billeting O, 5 N Audley St, London, for billet & arrangements for messing fac. CTRS. MEMT. TDN. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/40425. AUTH: Ltr, Hq ETOUSA, 24 May 44.

2. Following EM, orgns indicated, WP AAF Sta F-341 o/a 27 June 44 on approx two (2) days temp dy on matters pertaining this comd reporting to Casual Center, CBS, 44 Cadogan Place, London, for billets & messing fac. CTRS. MEMT. TDN. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/40425. AUTH: Ltr, Hq ETOUSA, 24 May 44.

NAME	RANK	ASN	SSN	COMD
Patricius E. Durbin (In Chgo)	T Sgt	19021003	824	469th Sv Sq
Julius (NMF) Volpe	T Sgt	6977211	824	362nd Ftr Sq
Victor E. Schweizer	Pfc	32199670	345	Hq 2 Hq Sq, 50th Sv Cp

3. Following EM, 1600th Ord S & M Co (Ave), are reclassified to HQS indicated:

NAME	RANK	ASN	SSN	COMD
Adolph V. DiGiulio	Tec 5	32739668	913	511
Edmond A. Kantorowski	Tec 4	35530361	414	014
Edward N. Wolff	Tec 5	36727246	414	014
Victor (NMF) Champigny	Pvt	31203577	414	014

4. Cpl (747) Henry M. Goff, 14081987, 469th Sv Sq, WP #21 Sch Tech Tng, Gt Sankey, Warrington, Lancs, o/a 1 July 44 on approx one (1) week temp dy purpose attending course in P-51 Airframe reporting before 1600 hrs, 2 July 44, to AAF Orderly Room. EM must carry round-trip travel warrant, mess equip, gas mask, WD AGO Form #28 & PX rat card. Qrs & rat furn at sch during period of tng. CTRS. MEMT. TDN. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/40425. AUTH: TWX SAS U523E, 26 June 44; Ltr, Hq ETOUSA, 24 May 44.

5. Following EM, 362nd Ftr Sq, WP #21 Sch Tech Tng, Gt Sankey, Warrington, Lancs, o/a 1 July 44 on approx two (2) weeks temp dy purpose attending course in Merlin Engine reporting before 1600 hrs, 2 July 44, to AAF Orderly Room. EM must carry round-trip travel warrants, mess equip, gas masks, WD AGO Forms #28 & PX rat cards. Qrs & rat furn at sch during period of tng. CTRS. MEMT. TDN. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/40425. AUTH: TWX SAS U523E, 26 June 44; Ltr, Hq ETOUSA, 24 May 44.

NAME	RANK	ASN	SSN
Philip L. Bruce (In Chgo)	S Sgt	11052880	747
Edward L. Kaiser	S Sgt	6933837	750

6. Cpl (747) Leonard J. Dye, 38188573, 469th Sv Sq, WP The Dowty Equip Co Ltd, The Knapp, Charlton Kings, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, o/a 1 July 44 on approx one (1) week temp dy purpose attending course in Gen Hydraulics reporting before 1600 hrs, 2 July 44, to Mr. Hunt. EM must carry round-trip travel warrant, notepad, pencils, gas mask & rat card. PX O will issue adv PX rat to cover period of temp dy. EM will rpt to Casual Center, CBS, 44 Cadogan Place, London, for billet & messing fac. In accordance w/AR 35-4520 & Cir 63, Hq ETOUSA, 5 June 44, the FD will pay in adv the prescribed monetary alws in lieu of rat a/r \$1.00 per meal for four (4) meals to one (1) person while in a travel status only. While on temp dy status, the FD will pay in adv an alws of \$2.00 per day for qrs for seven (7) days & \$2.00 per day for rat for seven (7) days to one (1) EM. Settlement will be effected on a reimbursement basis not to exceed \$2.00 per day for subs & for the actual cost of qrs not to exceed \$2.00 per day under the provisions of AR 35-4520 & in accordance w/Policy 30-1, Hq

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SO #175, Hq AAF Sta F-373, APO 637, U S Army, 27 June 1944. Par 6 contd.

USAAF UK, 9 Nov 43, as amended by Policy 30-1A, same Hq, 27 Dec 43. CTRS. MEMT. TDN. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/40425. AUTH: TWX SAS U523E, 26 June 44; Ltr, Hq ETOUSA, 24 May 44.

7. Sgt (911) Robert D. Barton, 18104227, 362nd Ftr Sq, WP #10 Sch Tech Tng, RAF Sta, Kirkham, Nr Preston, Lancs, o/a 1 July 44 on approx one (1) week temp dy purpose attending course in P-51 Arm reporting before 1600 hrs, 2 July 44, to AAF Orderly Room. EM must carry round-trip travel warrant, mess equip, gas mask, WD AGO Form #28 & PX rat card. Qrs & rat furn at sch during period of tng. CTRS. MEMT. TDN. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/40425. AUTH: TWX SAS U523E, 26 June 44; Ltr, Hq ETOUSA, 24 May 44.

8. Par 10, SO #174, this Sta, cs, (placing EM on temp dy Kilkeel, NI) is Re-voled.

9. Following EM, 469th Sv Sq, are reclassified to MOS indicated:

NAME	RANK	ASN	Fr -- MOS -- To
Thur D. Igney	Pvt	35557794	521 747
Walter H. Morris	Pvt	34637128	521 747

10. 1ST LT WILLIAM W. HENDRICKS, 0574943, AC, 364th Ftr Sq, WP London o/a 27 June 44 on approx two (2) days temp dy on matters pertaining this comd. O will rpt to Billeting O, 5 N Audley St, London, for billet & arrangements for messing fac. CTRS. MEMT. TDN. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/40425. AUTH: Ltr, Hq ETOUSA, 24 May 44.

By order of Colonel GRAHAM:

ROBERT T. ROMINE,
Major, Air Corps,
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COLONEL DONALD W. GRAHAM, Station Commander
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LT COLONEL CHARLES H. MASON, Executive Officer

1. OFFICERS ON DUTY TODAY: ADJ.
Capt Leonard Shlefstein, Officer of the Day - Tel - 32
Capt Harold E. Snedden, Medical Officer of the Day - Tel - 54
2d Lt William P. Nelson, Headquarters Duty Officer - Tel - 7 OFFICIAL RTR
2. OFFICERS ON DUTY TOMORROW: ADJ.
Officer of the Day-----Capt Wilbert L. Bailey
Medical Officer of the Day---Capt Paul E. Tramp
Headquarters Duty Officer----1st Lt Glenn E. Pelton OFFICIAL RTR
3. LIBERTY RUN OFFICER TONIGHT: ADJ.
2d Lt John T. McDonald OFFICIAL RTR
4. ATTENTION ALL PERSONNEL. ADJ.
The British Mess in the WAAF Site Area is declared Off-Limits for US military personnel, effective this date. OFFICIAL RTR
5. ATTENTION ALL UNITS. S-4.
Paragraph 12 a, Daily Bulletin, dated 2 May 44, is rescinded and the following substituted therefor:
"12. a. All organizations having refueling units F-3, F-2, and, trailers A-1, A-3 and A-2-A will either erect a flat-top camouflage net over parking area of these vehicles or disperse the vehicles using natural means of concealment wherever available. OFFICIAL RTR
6. AT THE THEATER TONIGHT-1800 & 2000 hours, 27 June 44. SP SV O.
"The Cat & the Canary" with Paulette Goddard & Bob Hope.
7. LOST! ADJ.
An Elgin, yellow-gold wrist watch with gold-linked band strap has been lost in the Enlisted Men's Shower Rooms. It is requested that the finder please return this watch to S Sgt Mercer, 469th Sv Sq, or contact Extension #46 R-1.
8. ATTENTION ALL PERSONNEL. STA SURG.
Concrete evidence of utter disregard for one's personal health, and therefore, equal disregard and equal disloyalty to one's unit, is coming to our attention far too frequently. Especially is this true following parties which have been held in the past. If you cannot lose your head without also losing your health, then it's time you check up on yourself! Let's conduct ourselves like the intelligent, well-trained soldiers we are, or at least, are supposed to be. The Medical Department will continue to try and cure your venereal diseases, but we don't like it any better than you do. There is no need of contracting a venereal disease except through carelessness. OFFICIAL RTR

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Daily Bulletin #179, Hq AAF Sta F-373, APO 637, U S Army, 27 June 1944.

9. MAINTENANCE OF THE 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 each Saturday night, in preparation for Sunday morning Chapel services.

ORGANIZATIONDATE

Headquarters, 357th Fighter Group	1 July to 8 July 44
362nd Fighter Squadron	8 July to 15 July 44
363rd Fighter Squadron	15 July to 22 July 44
364th Fighter Squadron	22 July to 29 July 44

OFFICIAL PTK10. ATTENTION ALL UNITS.

ADJ.

The following letter, file: 201, subject: Discrepancies in Personnel Records, Headquarters, Eighth Air Force, 19 June 1944, is quoted for the information and compliance of all units:

1. This Headquarters has been advised that a high percentage of discrepancies continues to exist in personnel records of individuals returned to the United States from this Command. The most frequently recurring discrepancies are enumerated below:

- a. WD AGO Form 28 (Soldier's Individual Pay Record)
 - (1) In many cases Forms 28 have not been issued to EM.
 - (2) Foreign service, promotions, allotments, not entered.
 - (3) Beneficiary not stated.
 - (4) Additional pay due for awards not entered.
 - (5) Signature of witnessing officer not cut out.
- b. MD Form 81 (Immunization Register)
 - (1) Not attached to Pay Record.
 - (2) Current immunizations not entered.
 - (3) Current immunizations not initialed by Medical Officer.
 - (4) Immunizations not up to date.
- c. WD AGO Form 24 (Service Record)
 - (1) Promotions not entered.
 - (2) Flying pay due for previous months not entered.
 - (3) Awards not entered.
 - (4) Service Record does not accompany soldier at time of transfer.
- d. WD AGO Form 20 (Soldier's Qualification Card)
 - (1) Classification in Military Specialties (Item 27) not current.
 - (2) No entry of qualified air crew member in Item 27.
 - (3) Record of current service with principal duty and grade not posted up to date (Item 29)
 - (4) Fired, qualified, or unqualified with weapons not entered.
 - (5) Flying status and experience (Item 28) not complete.

2. It is desired immediate action be taken to insure that Organization Commanders and Unit Personnel Officers correct this condition without delay. Higher headquarters has indicated that future reports of discrepancies will be made the subject of a report to the Organization Commander concerned for an explanation. "OFFICIAL PTK"

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

By order of Colonel GRAHAM:

OFFICIAL:

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 ROBERT T. ROMINE,
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SPECIAL ORDERS
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APO 637
30 June 1944

1. CAPT BRYCE W. McINTYRE, 0395171, AC, reld fr asgmt w/Hq 357th Ftr Gp & asgd & WP 364th Ftr Sq. No c of sta.

2. Following O & EM, Hq 357th Ftr Gp, WP AAF Sta F-341 o/a 1 July 44 on approx two (2) days temp dy on matters pertaining this cond. O will rpt to Billetin O, 5 N Audley St, London, for billet & arrangements for messing fac & EM will rpt to Casual Center, CBS. 44 Cadogan Place, London, for billet & messing fac. CTRS. MENT. TDN. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/40425. AUTH: Ltr, Hq ETOUSA, 24 May 44.

NAME	RANK	ASN	SSN
CLIFFORD F. PETERS (In Chge)	1ST LT	0880792	AC
Dominic J. Guozzo	Cpl	32893180	405

3. S Sgt Doyle A. Cameron, 34179320, 351st Bomb Sq, atchd to 364th Ftr Sq for qrs, rat & dy per par 4, SO #157, this Sta, es, is reld atchmt.

4. Sgt Ralph L. Swinehart, 13068695, 351st Bomb Sq, having reported this Sta in compliance w/par 10, SO #175, Hq AAF Sta #139, 28 June 44, is atchd to 364th Ftr Sq for qrs, rat & dy.

5. COL DONALD W. GRAHAM, 025247, AC, Hq 357th Ftr Gp, WP AAF Sta F-503 o/a 2 July 44 on approx one (1) week temp dy on matters pertaining this cond. An alws of \$1.25 per day to cover excess cost of subs is atzd where govt rat are not furn. CTRS. MENT. TDN. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/40425. AUTH: Ltr, file: 354.7, subj: Use of Rest Homes by Combat Crews, Hq 8AF, 24 Feb 44; Ltr, file: 620.1, subj: Establishment of AF Rest Homes, Hq ASC, USSTAF, 7 Mar 44; Ltr, Hq ETOUSA, 24 May 44.

6. Following EM, orgns indicated, WP Dagenham o/a 3 July 44 on approx two (2) days temp dy purpose receiving laundry. In accordance w/AR 35-4520 & Cir 63, Hq ETOUSA 5 June 44, the FD will pay in adv the prescribed monetary alws in lieu of rat a/r \$1.00 per meal for four (4) meals to three (3) EM ea & qrs a/r \$2.00 per day for one (1) day to three (3) EM ea while in a travel status only. CTRS. MENT. TDN. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/40425. AUTH: Ltr, Hq ETOUSA, 24 May 44.

NAME	RANK	ASN	SSN	ORGN
Raymond P. Wittkop (In Chge)	Cpl	16133462	055	1177th QM Co (Avn)
Conrad F. Van Pelt	Pfc	32485218	931	469th Sv Sq
Raymond E. Patten	Pvt	34765632	374	1177th QM Co (Avn)

7. Following EM, orgns indicated, WP Dagenham & London in turn o/a 3 July 44 on approx two (2) days temp dy purpose receiving laundry & dry cleaning reporting to Casual Center, CBS. 44 Cadogan Place, London, for billets & messing fac. In accordance w/AR 35-4520 & Cir 63, Hq ETOUSA, 5 June 44, the FD will pay in adv the prescribed monetary alws in lieu of rat a/r \$1.00 per meal for three (3) meals to two (2) EM ea while in a travel status only. CTRS. MENT. TDN. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/40425. AUTH: Ltr, Hq ETOUSA, 24 May 44.

NAME	RANK	ASN	SSN	ORGN
Paul L. Grove (In Chge)	Cpl	33498501	055	Hq & Hq Sq, 50th Sv Gp
Marcos L. Torres	Pfc	39576750	931	469th Sv Sq

By order of Colonel GRAHAM:
OFFICIAL: *Robert T. Romine*
ROBERT T. ROMINE,
Major, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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TO: OIAJX, OISAS.

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A. 357 GROUP. COL. GRAMAM LEADING A. CAPT. STANLEY LEADING B.

B. 49 P-51'S. 17-362, 17-363, 15-364. UP 1206, DOWN 1430.

C. NIL.

D. ESCORT. TYPE 16 CONTROL. F.O. 358, VIII F.C.

E. - F. NIL.

I. A AND B R/V 23,000 FT. 1256 W. CAYLAUX ESTIMATED ACCOUNT SOLID UNDERCAY.
 ESCORTED 1ST 3 SQDS B-24'S THRU TARGET. B CONTINUED WITH THESE 3 SQDS
 LEAVING THEM VICINITY FURNES 22,000 FT. 1334. A TURNED BACK VICINITY TARGET
 LEAVING R/V WITH 2ND 3 SQDS OF B-24'S W. CAYLAUX 23,000 FT. 1321. A ESCORTED THESE
 BOMBERS THRU TARGET LEAVING THEM VICINITY FURNES 22,000 FT. 1359. NO E/A SEEN.

TRUE COPY:

John H. Bostell
 JOHN H. BOSTELL,
 Capt., Air Corp.,
 Asst Intelligence Officer.

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A. 357 GROUP. CAPT. DE VRIES LEADING.

B. 10 P-51'S, 363RD SQDN. UP 1930, DOWN 2214.

C. NIL.

D. ESCORT F.O. 362 VIII P.C.

E. NIL.

I. R/V POLKSTONE 15,000 FEET AT 2010. LEFT TOWERS BETWEEN ISLE OF WIGHT AND
 Bournemouth 15,000 FT. AT 2130. LAKE WHITE STATIONARY PARADE STEW AT 20,000
 FEET MID CHANNEL OFF CALAIS.

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 GEORGE D. BELL,
 Capt., Air Corps,
 Asst. Intelligence Officer.

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OMES U_____D PD.

A. 357 GROUP. MAJOR GATES LEADING.

B. 12 P-51'S. 4-362, 4-363, 4-364, UP 1335, DOWN 1530.

C. NIL.

D. ESCORT P-17 LEAD D. F.O. 364, VIII F.O.

E.-H. NIL.

I. R/V ORFORDNESS 15,000 FT. 1350. ESCORTED P-17 THRU BRIDGES 20,000 FT.
LEAVING AT ORFORDNESS 15,000 FT. 1512. NO E/A SEEN. NO FLAK.

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 Capt., Air Corps,
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- A. 357 GROUP. LT. COL. HAYES LEADING.
- B. 51 P-51'S. 17-362, 16-363, 18-364. UP 1743, DOWN 2130.
- C. 1.
- D. PENETRATION, TARGET AND WITHDRAWAL SUPPORT. F.O. 368, VIII F.O.
- E.- F. NIL.
- I. R/V IN CHIRPONG 22,000 FT. 1842. ESCORTED BOMBERS THAT TARGET LEAVING THEM
H. TARGET 22,000 FT. 2015. NO F/A SEEN. R/V MODERATE ACCURATE FIRE AT TARGET
DIRECTED AT BOMBERS. RUNWAYS ON A/D 4725 N-0043 E. AND ON A/D 4907 N-0202E
REPORTED UNHARMED.

TRUE COPY:

W. H. Russell
 W. H. RUSSELL,
 Capt., Air Corps,
 Asst. Intelligence Officer.

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TO: DIAJX, OISAS.

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CITE: U_____ D PD.

A. 357 GROUP. MAJOR BROADCAST LEADING.

B. 53 P-51'S. 17-362, 18-363, 18-364. UP 0830, DOWN 1055.

C. 1.

D. SWEPT AND TARGET SUPPORT. F.O. 369, VIII A.O.

E. - N. NIL.

I. L/F BEMCK 22,000 FT. 0912. SWEPT ASSIGNED AREA AT 19,000 FT. FOR 1 HOUR.
 2 BOMBERS DOWN AT LE TOUQUET, 7 CHUTES. CROSSED OUT 6 AT TOUQUET 19,000 FT.
 1015. NO E/A SEEN. MANY BOMB HITS ON RAILWAYS AND BUILDINGS WITH SCHOOL TO
 5000 FT. OBSERVED ON A/D BELIEVED LE CHOTAY.

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James H. Mull
 James H. Mull,
 Capt., Air Corps,
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TARGET: FULLHOUSE SWEEP.

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MISSION NO. 76.

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FIELD ORDER NO. 371.

6 June 1944.

NARRATIVE: COLONEL GRIMM LED A (363 & 364 SQDS.) SWEEP TO AREA W. OUTRISKY.
 NO E/A SEEN. CAPT. RUDER GRABBED 5 MILES OR OVERCAST.
 LT. PACER LAST SEEN ENGAGE-OFF. SOLID OVERCAST AT 12,000 FEET.

TRUE COPY:

GEORGE H. ROSWELL,
 Capt., Air Corps,
 Asst Intelligence Officer.

TARGET: FULLHOUSE SWEEP.

CLASS 0-0-0

MISSION NO. 77.

FIELD ORDER NO. 371.

6 June 1944.

NARRATIVE: MAJOR BROADHEAD LED B (362) SWEEPING AREA W. OUTRISKY AND PACER-LOUIS
 AREA. NO E/A. OVERCAST SOLID.

END.

CLASS 0-0-0

MISSION NO. 78.

FIELD ORDER NO. 371.

6 June 1944.

NARRATIVE: CAPT. DEWRIES LED 363 SQD. GLIDE BOMBING TIGER TANKS, GAS TRUCKS,
 STAFF CARS, LOCOMOTIVES, HEAR MOBILE AND HEAR TRUCKS. LT. IRVING A.
 SMITH LAST SEEN IN FLEECE.

*A True Copy:
 Given to Roswell,
 Capt., AC*

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CLASS 0-0-0

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MISSION NO. 79.

FIELD ORDER NO. 371.

6 June 1944.

NARRATIVE: MAJOR STORCH LED 364TH SQD. BOMBING FRT. TRAIN INCL. TANK CARS, WAREHOUSE, STATION BUILDING, RADIO STATION, LATER TOWERS NEAR VANTIS. BRIDGE NEAR EDON.

STUD.

CLASS 0-0-0

MISSION NO. 80.

FIELD ORDER NO. 371.

6 June 1944.

NARRATIVE: CAPT. WILLIAMS LED 362 SQD. BOMBED RAIL. BRIDGE N. CHATEAU COUTURE AND RAILWICKS.

STUD.

CLASS 0-0-0

MISSION NO. 81.

FIELD ORDER NO. 371.

6 June 1944.

NARRATIVE: CAPT. DEVERES LED 363 SQD. BOMBED GASOLINE TRAIN AND 2 MIL. VEHICLES, DAMAGED 2 LOCOMOTIVES BETWEEN CHATEAUDUN AND ETOY.

ROYAL FLUSH.

CLASS 0-0-0

MISSION NO. 82.

FIELD ORDER NO. 372.

6 June 1944.

NARRATIVE: CAPT. BAIGER LED 362 F. SQD. RETURNING AFTER HEAVY LOSS FROM LA TREPONT.

MISSION NO. 83.

CLASS 0-0-0

FIELD ORDER NO. 373.

6 June 1944.

NARRATIVE: MAJOR DREGNE LED 364 F. SQD. STRAFING TROOP TRAIN AT LA GUZE. 10 OR 12 CARS AND ENGINE DAMAGED. TROOPS RAN INTO DITCH.

DIVE BOMB RENNES AND GALL A/D

CLASS 0-0-0

MISSION NO. 84.

FIELD ORDER NO. 373.

7 June 1944.

NARRATIVE: CAPT. WILLIAMS LED 362 SQD. (BRIEFED 0300). BOMBED, STRAFED, DESTROYED, OR DAMAGED 3 LOCOMOTIVES, BOXCARS, BRIDGE IN AUBREIX AREA. 9 LANDED NEAR ETOYER ACFT. NO FUEL.

TRUE COPY:

Harry A. Brownell
 Harry A. Brownell,
 Capt., Air Corps.

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7 June 1944.

FIELD ORDER NO. 377.

STRATE AND BOYD LAVAL AREA.

CLAIMS 0 - 0 - 0

MISSION NO. 89.

FIELD ORDER NO. 377.

8 June 1944.

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Capt., Air Corps.

VARIABLES ESORT.

CLAIMS 0 - 0 - 0

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MISSION NO. 90

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FIELD ORDER NO. 377.

GEORGE H. BOSWELL,
CAPT., AIR CORPS.

8 June 1944.

NARRATIVE: LT. COL. HAYES LED 46 P-51'S. UP 1614. DOWN 1815. 3 E.R.
OILSKIN SAID NO R/V, GO TO AREA 3 & THEN DIRECTED BACK TO PLACE R/V
AND THEN RECALL TO BRANCH 1 CAP. W. ON LANDING.

ESORT PRU.

CLAIMS 0 - 0 - 0

MISSION NO. 91.

FIELD ORDER NO. V.O.C.C.

9 June 1944.

NARRATIVE: MAJOR BROADHEAD LED 16 P-51'S, 362 SQD. UP 1647, DOWN 1805.
ESORTING P-38'S TO 10 MILES OFF WILCOX AND RETURN ACCOUNT
BATTEN.

TARGET SUPPORT VARIOUS & BASTARD AIRBORNE.

CLAIMS 0 - 0 - 0

MISSION NO. 92.

FIELD ORDER NO. 379.

10 June 1944.

NARRATIVE: LT. COL. HAYES LED 47 P-51'S. UP 0534. DOWN 1050. 17 EARLY RETURNS
DUE TO WEATHER. IN TARGET AREA 0730 - 0900. OBSERVED BOMB RESULTS,
SHIPS, TRAINS, LOCOMOTIVE - VARIOUS AREA. 1 LOCOMOTIVE DESTROYED BY 8
PLANES INCLUDING LT. COL. HAYES, CAPT. HAGEN ET AL.

TARGET SUPPORT CHARTERS AREA.

CLAIMS 0 - 0 - 0

MISSION NO. 93.

FIELD ORDER NO. 380.

10 June 1944.

NARRATIVE: COLONEL GRAHAM LED 46 P-51'S, UP 1242, DOWN 1615. 1 WASTON. 6 E.R.
L/F UNKNOWN ACCOUNT OF OVERCAST 1325. IN AREA 1401. ESCORTED BOMBERS
OUT TO E/C 1441. RETURNED AREA AND PATROLLED 1505 - 1530 FROM 20,000
FEET TO 25,000 FEET. NO E/A SEEN. OUT CLAIMS 1605.

BOMB AND STRAFE TC/OP COUTANCES - ARGENTAN.

CLAIMS 0 - 0 - 0

MISSION NO. 94. 10 June 1944.

FIELD ORDER NO. 381 AMEND. NO. 2.

NARRATIVE: 46 P-51'S. UP 1749, DOWN 2040. NO EARLY RETURNS.
MAJOR BROADHEAD LED 362 SQD. DESTROYING 5 ARMY TRUCKS AND DAMAGING
CONCRETE RR BRIDGE AND TRUCK, HIGH TENSION TOWER AND TEL. LINES.
CAPT. O'BRIEN LED 363 SQD. CAPT. ANDERSON AND LT. STAUDTE'S FLIGHT
DESTROYED 6 MILITARY VEHICLES, 1 AMMUNITION VEHICLE CAR, 1 ARMORED
CAR, 1 DIESEL ENGINE, 1 TRUCK, RR TRUCKS. CAPT. O'BRIEN'S FLIGHT
DESTROYED RR CARRIED, BOXCARS, AND 2 LOCOMOTIVES. LT. JOHN K. ONILDS LAST
SEEN WORTHLESS AND IT IS REPORTED HE SAID HE WAS HIT AND WAS DRILLING
OUT. CAPT. RICHARD C. SMITH LED 364. HIS FLIGHT BOMBED AND STRAFED
30 FREIGHT CARS LEAVING 10 INCLUDING 4 TANK CARS BURNING. SQDN.
BOMBED RR TRUCKS TRYING TO KNOCK OUT UNDERPASS. LT. NOBLE STRAFED
2 TRUCKS.

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Kest. Boswell
Capt. de

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363rd FIGHTER SQUADRON
357th Fighter Squadron, Army Air Forces
USAAF Station F-373

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APO 637,
11 June 1944

SUBJECT: Narrative Report re Personnel MIA - JOHN K. CHILDS, 2nd Lt., AC.
TO : S-2 Officer, 357th Fighter Group, Army Air Forces, USAAF Station
F-373, APO 637.

1. Following is a narrative report of circumstances relative to the reporting MIA of JOHN K. CHILDS, 2nd Lt., AC, ASN O-798543, on 10 June 1944, while on a combat mission - Field Order Number 381, Annex 2.

2. Lt. CHILDS was flying #4 position in Cement Red Flight led by Captain WILLIAM P. O'BRIEN. Lt. CHILDS was wing man to Lt. CHARLES S. PEARSON who was leading the second element of the flight. Lt. GEORGE G. GEORGE was flying #3 position in Cement White Flight led by Captain CHARLES K. PETERS. At about 1930 hours, Captain O'BRIEN and his flight went down on the deck to attack two trucks. Lt. GEORGE, who was leading the second element in Cement White Flight, started to follow, but hearing someone on the R/T say, "White Flight stay up and furnish top cover", he pulled up and circled the area just below the cloud base at about 4,000 feet. He watched Captain O'BRIEN'S flight make three passes at the trucks and set two of them on fire. He then heard Captain O'BRIEN say, "Cement Red Flight setting a 90° course". Lt. GEORGE then circled the area once more to survey the damage and noticed another truck about 200 yards ahead of the trucks that had been hit by Captain O'BRIEN'S flight and that had not been previously noticed. He looked around and saw four ships heading away from the area and so thought that it had been cleared for attack. Lt. GEORGE peeled off and started for the truck in about a 60° dive from 4,000 feet. As soon as he had it lined in his sights he opened fire, saw strikes, and continued firing down to about 1,500 feet or less when the P-51 flown by Lt. Childs passed in front. Lt. GEORGE immediately quit firing and pulled up, glancing over his right shoulder, and saw coolant coming from Lt. CHILDS' ship in a thin stream of white vapor. WHEN Lt. GEORGE straightened his ship and levelled off he lost sight of Lt. CHILDS and couldn't find him again. Later Lt. CHILDS called Captain O'BRIEN for a course to the beachhead and was told to fly north. Still later, a voice over the radio said that Lt. CHILDS was bailing out. These events took place at 4832 N - 0032 E. (Four VO 6717)

/s/ Ernest F. Denigris,
/t/ ERNEST F. DENIGRIS,
Capt, AC,
S-2 O.

A TRUE COPY:

George F. Russell
GEORGE F. RUSSELL,
Captain, Air Corps.

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POB AND SCOTT IN DISPER - PARIS AREA.

CLAIMS 0 - 0 - 0

MISSION NO. 95.

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FIELD ORDER NO. 382 AMEND. NO. 1

11 June 1944.

GEORGE F. BOBELL,
Capt., Air Corps.

NARRATIVE: 48 P-51'S, 16 EACH SQ. UP 0815. DOWN 1035. 2 LAUGH RETURNS.
MAJOR DRYDEN LEADING 362 SQD., IN HIS FLIGHT GLIDE BOMBED 15
FREIGHT CARS DESTROYING 10 INCLUDING 2 OIL TANKERS; ALSO DESTROYED
2 TRUCKS AND 9 GRADED A MEDIUM TANK. CAPT. HICKLEY'S FLIGHT DIVE BOMBED
MARSHALLING YARD DESTROYING 15 FREIGHT CARS AND DAMAGED 10 OTHERS.
LT. ANDERSON'S FLIGHT BO B D AND TORE UP MAIN RAILS AT RR SIDING.
MAJOR BATES LED 362 SQD. DIVE BOMBED AND DESTROYED 2 CARS OF 1 TRAIN
AND A LOCOMOTIVE AND 2 CARS LOADED WITH TANKS OF ANOTHER. CAPT.
DEVRIES LED 363 SQD. DESTROYED 2 MILITARY TRUCKS, 1 MEDIUM TANK,
4 FLAT CARS AND DAMAGED 1 MEDIUM TANK AND 1 TIER TANK.

ROADS, RECONNAISSANCE, SAINTES-BOURDEAUX.

CLAIMS 0 - 0 - 0

MISSION NO. 96.

FIELD ORDER NO. V.O.C.G.

11 June 1944.

NARRATIVE: COLONEL GRAM LED 46. UP 1308, DOWN 1700. 9 B.R. 10/10 OVERCAST
IN LAYERS. ONLY BREAKS FOR SHORT DISTANCE SOUTH OF NANTES. CLOUDS
OBSERVED THREE WITH NO TRAFFIC. "A" BAND WAS RETRODIED AND ALSO
INTERMITTENTLY NOISY.

NOXON AREA PATROL.

CLAIMS 0 - 0 - 0

MISSION NO. 97.

FIELD ORDER NO. 383.

12 June 1944.

NARRATIVE: LT. COL MAYES LED 48 P-51'S, (16 EACH SQ.). UP 0655, DOWN 1120.
1 WASTON. 5 B.R. PATROLLED AREA 18,000 TO 20,000 FEET UNBENTFULLY
0754 UNTIL 1000 HOURS. LT. COL. MAYES' FLIGHT AND LT. STREPLETON'S FLIGHT
STRANDED AND BLEW UP 1 LARGE GAS TRUCK AND 1 LARGE CAL. GUN.

ESCORT B-26'S DREUX RR BRIDGE.

CLAIMS 0 - 0 - 0

MISSION NO. 98.

FIELD ORDER NO. 384 AMEND. NO. 2.

12 June 1944.

NARRATIVE: MAJOR STORCH LED 47 P-51'S. UP 1845, DOWN 2120. 4 B.R.
R/V AND L/F IN ST. VALERY 1940 CROSSED OUT AND L/F SAME PLACE AT
2037. NO E/A SEEN. GOOD BOMBING PATTERN BUT POSSIBLY NO HITS ON
TARGET BRIDGE.

ESCORT, BEAUMONT & BEAUVAIS AIRDROMES.

MISSION NO. 99.

FIELD ORDER NO. 387.

13 June 1944.

NARRATIVE: COLONEL GRAM LED 48. UP 1910, DOWN 2155. 1 B.R. L/F AND R/V
BUNKER 1930 OUT AND LEFT BOMBING 2110 ST. VALERY. NO E/A SEEN
EXCEPT 2 OR 3 SPOTTERS AT 30,000 FEET PLUS.

*A true copy:
W. H. Bonnell,
Capt. AC*

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12 June 1944.

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TO: DIRECTOR, JCS, OCSAS.

OTHER: _____ D (D).

- A. 357 GROUP. LT. COL. HAYES LEADING.
- B. 44 F-51'S. 16-362, 17-363, 14-364, UP 0712 DOWN 1100.
- C. 8. 7 ESCORTS.
- D. PENETRATION, TARGET AND SEVERAL SUPPORT. F.O. 396 VIII F.O.
- E. - E. NIL.
- F. R/V B. HUSUM 28,000 FT. 0840. ESCORTED 11TH TARGETS LEAVING BOMBERS MIDCHANNEL 20,000 FT. 1010. NO E/A OBSERVED. NO BOMBERS SEEN IN DISTRESS. FLAK HEAVY, INTENSE, INACCURATE AT TARGETS. 15 - 20 SHIP CONVOY HEADED INTO HAMBURG HARBOR 0930.

A True Copy
 James H. Howell,
 Capt., AC

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- A. 357 GROUP. COLONEL GRAMER LEADING.
- B. 50 P-51'S. 17-362, 17-363, 16-364. UP 0645. DOWN 1230.
- C. 10. 4 ESCORTS.
- D. PENETRATION, TARGET AND WITHDRAWAL SUPPORT. F.O. 402, VIII F.O.
- E. - G. NIL.
- H. S/E 5-0-2 (AIR)
T/E 0-0-1 (GROUND)
- I. R/V WITTO 26,000 FT. 0917. BOMBERS WERE WITHOUT ESCORT AT R/V AND STRUNG OUT FOR 60 MILES. ONE SQUADRON AHEAD TO ESCORT LEAD BOMBER BOXES. BOMBERS WERE ESCORTED BY TARGETS. SEVERAL BOXES LEAVING THE HORDSPRAN ISLAND 21,000 FT. 1100. COMBAT 15,000 FT. 10 DICK IN VICINITY OF PASWALK 1020 - 1035 WITH 7 B-109'S ATTACKING A B-24 IN DISTRESS. 2 OF THESE B-24'S WERE DESTROYED, TWO MORE DAMAGED. A LONE B-109 WAS DESTROYED ON DECK NEAR EBERSWALDE. A B-110 WAS DAMAGED ON HUNTER A/D WHICH WAS DESTROYED 15 - 20 ME 110'S. FLAK WAS HEAVY, INTERFERED ACCURATE AT TARGET. 1 B-24 BURN IN DISTRESS IN OF TARGET, 3 CHUTES OBSERVED. SMOKE SCREENS REPORTED OVER TARGET AND OTHER NORTH GERM. COASTAL CITIES. FOLLOWING CONVOYS WERE REPORTED TO OLSKIN: 15 - 20 SHIPS IN GULF CHANNEL AT 1145; 14 SHIPS HEADED INTO GULF 1100; 30 SHIPS HEADED NORTH INTO BORKUM ISLAND 1150. COMBAT RESULTS APPEARED GOOD WITH SMOKE AND FLAMES RISING FROM VICINITY PANDUNG, POLITZ, AND BRUNSBUHEL.
- J. ADDITION TO 357 F.O. 402 MISSION SUMMARY REPORT.
- S/E 5-0-2 (AIR)
T/E 0-0-1 (GROUND)
- (AIR) 362ND SQUADRON.
1 ME 109 DESTROYED, LT. FREDERICK.
1 ME 109 DESTROYED, LT. GALSMAN.
1 ME 109 DESTROYED, SHARED BY MAJOR STORCH AND LT. PECHER.
1 ME 109 DESTROYED, CAPT. RICHARD O. SMITH.
1 FIESELER STORCH DESTROYED, SHARED BY LT. FREDERICK AND LT. ALLEN.
1 ME 109 DAMAGED, LT. FINLEY.
1 ME 109 DAMAGED, LT. REDD.
- (GROUND) 362ND SQUADRON.
1 ME 110 DAMAGED, LT. CARSON AND LT. MARTINEK.

TRUE COPY:

[Signature]
CAPT. ROSWELL,
Capt., Air Corps.

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TO: CLARK, CLEM.

OTHERS U _____ D. PD.

- A. 357 GROUP. MAJOR BATES LEADING.
- B. 46 P-51'S. 14-362, 16-363, 16-364. UP 1713. DOWN 1950.
- C. 1.
- D. STRAF. P.O. /05, VIII F.C.
- E. 1 LST. REASON UNKNOWN.
- F. 2 CMT. AC. 1 HIT TRUCK.
1 STRIKE ART.
- G. 1 HTR. LT. STUN. 364TH SQ. BELLY LANDED BETWEEN COISSON AND PARIS.
- H. MISCELLANEOUS GROUND OBJECTS.
- I. STRAFED RR LINES AND ROADS FROM COISSON'S TO PARIS 1805 TO 1825.
- J. 362ND SQ.: DESTROYED 1 PERSONNEL CARRIER, STRAFED 10 BOX CARS, FLAT CARS, CARBON CONTROL STATION, 15 - 20 FLAT CARS WITH HEAVY TRUCKS, DAMAGED SEVERAL APLANE. STRAFED ARMORED CAR. DESTROYED 1 TRUCK WITH MILITARY EQUIPMENT. STRAFED 1 SMALL LOCOMOTIVE WITH SIX COACHES AND 10 HAWK CARS.
363RD SQ.: DESTROYED 1 MILITARY TRUCK.
364TH SQ.: STRAFED 10 STRINGGS 25 EMPTY CARS EACH 4 VS 7054. DESTROYED 2 LOCOMOTIVES, 10 FLAT CARS DAMAGED, 10 FREIGHT CARS DAMAGED, 1 LOCOMOTIVE DAMAGED, 2 TRUCKS DESTROYED, 1 FLAK TOWER DAMAGED, 10 TANK CARS DAMAGED.

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James H. Russell
JAMES H. RUSSELL,
Capt., Air Corps.

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A. 257 GROUP. MT. COL. PLATES MISSING.

B. 50 F-51'S. 16-362, 18-363, 16-364. UP 0734. DOWN 1230.

C. 12.

D. POSITIONATION, TARGET AND WEED DRAWN SUPPORT. F.O. 407.

E. - M. HIL.

I. R/V B. HAWKING 26,000 FT. 0920 WITH OUR BOMBERS PLUS 1237 FOUR BOXES OF PRECEDING FORCE. ESCORTED THEM THRU BERLIN LEAVING THEM AT 1050. NO R/A SEEN. CLIMB VERY INTENSE. INACCURATE AT TARGET. BOMBING RESULTS GOOD WITH BLACK SMOKE RISING 2,000 FT. OVER BERLIN. HAWKS REMAINED STILL BURNING FROM YESTERDAY.

TRUE COPY:

Lawrence J. Howell
D. HOWELL,
Capt., Air Corps.

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TO: COMZ, AFMAG.

INFO: U _____ D ID.

A. 357 GROUP. COLORED SIGNAL LIGHTING.

C. 48 P-51'S. 17-362, 17-363, 14-364. UP 1700, DOWN 2050.

G. 8. 1 ESCORT.

D. PENETRATION TARGETS AND AIR DRAGGAL SUPPORT F.O. 112, VIII F.O.

E. - H. UNIL.

I. R/V 8.1. WHEN 22,000 FT. 1735. ESCORTED BOMBERS WERE LIGHTED LEAVING 1700.
 H. FIGHT 18,000 FT. 2025. NO E/A SEEN. NO NO BOMB IN DISTRESS OBSERVED.
 SE WICKHAM 14-36 14'S ON A/D'S 1431779 AND 1431725.

TRUE COPY:

George D. Russell
 Capt., Air Corps.

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A. 357 GROUP. LT. COLONEL DEWINE LEADING.

B. 52 P-51'S. 18-362, 18-363, 16-364. UP 1125, DOWN 1645.

C. 10. 4 ESCORT.

D. AREA COVER AND SEARCH. P.O. 113 VIII P.C.

E. NIL.

F. 1 CAP. A. PIANK.

G. H. NIL.

I. PATROLLED ASSIGNED AREA AS DIRECTED BY CONTROLLER 1210 - 1430. SQDS THEN
STATED AS FOLLOWS: 362 SQD. DAMAGED 1 MOTORCYCLE, 1 TRUCK AND TRAILER,
1 PASSENGER TRAIN WITH 10 CARS, 1 OIL TANK TRAIN WITH 10 CARS, ALL NEAR 2VF
1754; 363 SQD DESTROYED 6 MILITARY TRUCKS AT AVR 7797, DAMAGED 6 GOOD CARS
AND 2 TANK CARS AVR 7808; 364 SQD DAMAGED 1 BAKET CAR AVR 7176, 10 TANK CARS
ON SIDING AVR 6475, 3 LEFT BURNING, 2 LOCOMOTIVES AND 8 - 12 PASSENGER CARS
AVR 2594. A BOMBY LANDED P-51 OBSERVED AT AVR 7098.

TRUE COPY:

George H. J. Smith
GEORGE H. J. SMITH,
Capt., Air Corps.

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OILES U _____ D PD.

A. 357 GROUP. LT. COL HAYES LEADING.

B. 52 P-51'S. 18-362, 18-363, 16-364. UP 0650. DOWN 1135.

C. 7. 1 ESCORT.

D. PLANEATION, TARGET, WITHDRAWAL SUPPORT AND STRIKE. F.O. 115, VIII F.C.

E.-N. NIL.

1. R/V 25,000 FT. 0751 GERM. REPORTED BOMBING FIRE TARGET LEAVING THEM ST. VAMMY 20,000 FT. 0930. SOLID OVERCAST 2,000 TO 4,000 FT. E. ZERO DEGREES CONSEQUENTLY RETURNED TO LA HAIN AREA TO STRIKE. ROAD AND RR TRAFFIC WAS HEAVY. 12 TRUCK CONVOY ESCAPED INTO FOREST A/R 1002 BEFORE FIRST PASS COULD BE MADE. 1 OIL TANK CAR DESTROYED AND NUMEROUS BOX CARS DAMAGED 4 VQ 8107. 1 BOMBER WAS DOWN IN TARGET AREA. 1 CRATE SEEN. NO E/A GERM. TARGET BRIDGE REPORTED NOT HIT. LT. FREDERICK RETURNED TO BASE AFTER EMERGENCY LANDING AT ACAP LANDING STRIP VICINITY T9080 FOR REPAIRS AND FUEL.

TRUE COPY:

James H. Russell
Capt., Air Corps.

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TO: CIAJX, OISAS.

OMES U _____ D PD.

A. 357 GROUP. COLONEL GRAMM LEADING.

B. 50 P-51'S. 17-362, 18-363, 15-364. UP 1735. DOWN 2100.

C. 1.

D. TYPE 16 CONTROL. P.O. 416, VIII P.O.

E. - H. REL.

I. PATROLLED MANUATS AREA 17,000 TO 28,000 FT. AS DIRECTED BY CONTROLLER FROM 1830 TO 2015. NO E/A AND NO PLAK OBSERVED.

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George H. Smith
Capt., Air Corps.

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TO: CHAIX, CHMRS.

CHMRS U. D. PD.

A. 357 GROUP. LT. COL. D. G. H. LEADING.

B. 53 T-51'S. 18-362, 18-363, 17-364. UP 0638. DOWN 1210.

C. 8.

D. PENETRATION, TARGET AND WEED BURNAL SUPPORT. P.O. 117, VIII F.C.

E. - H. NELL.

I. 1/V ALPH 28,000 FT. 0850. 1/B ON COAST W. BORDENIX 25,000 FT. 1010. THEN SENT
ROADS AND RR BORDENIX TO TOURS. STRANDED AND DESTROYED 2 LOCOMOTIVES, DAMAGED
6 FRT. CARS. 2VU 7176. DESTROYED 1 LOCOMOTIVE, 9 FRT. CARS 2 WQ 1582. DESTROYED
3 FLAT CARS AND 1 COACH WELL CA. OUTFITTED WITH BRANCHES AND LEAVES AT 2 UP 3898.
BUILDING AREA N. SIDE TARGET A/D COVERED WITH BOMB FIRES. THAT ON W. SIDE WAS
UNTOUCHED. GAS DUST S. SIDE A/D WAS HIT. SHIP BELIEVED TO BE CRITTER SHEN
3 AJ 6611. 5 SMALL SHIPS 3 AJ 5828. 14 SMALL SHIPS SHEN 2 VI 2873. VERY LIGHT
ROAD AND RAIL TRAFFIC SOUTH OF COMBAT ZONE WAS OBSERVED. NO E/A SEEN.

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George H. Roswell
GEORGE H. ROSWELL,
Capt., Air Corps.

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TO: OMAHA, OMBAS.

ORLES _____ U _____ D PD.

A. 357 GROUP. LT. COL. HAYES LEADING.

B. 44 F-51'S. 16-362, 13-363, 15-364. UP 1801, DOWN 2130.

C. NIL.

D. TARGET AREA AND WITHDRAWAL SUPPORT. P.O. 418, VIII A.C.

E. - F. NIL.

I. PATROLLED AS ASSIGNED AREA. 1915 - 1945. R/V 1945 R. PAGES 20,000 FT. 1/2 W.
CHARLES 20,000 FT. 2040. NO B/A SEEN.

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Robert D. Hootell
ROBERT D. HOOTELL
Capt., Air Corps.

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TO: CHIEF, C-130.

FROM: U.S. AIR FORCE.

A. 357 GROUP. COLONEL GRIFAN LEADING.

B. 49 P-51'S. 17-362, 16-363, 16-364. UP 1723, DOWN 2045.

C. 2. 1 ESCORT.

D. AREA SUPPORT, LOW LEVEL BOMBING AND STRAFING. F.O. 120, WITH F.O.

E. - R. NIL.

F. INTERVIEWED AS REPORTED AREA 1815 TO 1900 WHEN BOMBED WITH 94,000 LB. BOMBS. 11
SIC ONLY FROM LOW LEVEL AND STRAFED. THE FOLLOWING RESULTS:
DESTROYED 1 LOCOMOTIVE AND 6 TRUCKS ON FLAT CARS AND DAMAGED 5 BOX CARS
AT 4 VT 8775. ALSO NEAR THIS PLACE STRAFED 6 ARMY TRUCKS. BOMBED AND
DESTROYED 2 NEW BARRICKS ON NEW A/D 4 VT 6662. 2 NEW BARRICKS BOMBED FOUR FLAM
TOWERS AND RUNWAYS ON THIS A/D NOT DAMAGED. BOMBED AND DESTROYED 10 FREIGHT
CARS AND TO-E UP TRACKS AT 4 VT 7004. SLIGHTLY DAMAGED 4 TO 5 HEAVY BUNKER,
BOMBED AND DESTROYED 20 GASOLINE TRAILERS ON TRAIN AT 4 VO 5328. STRAFED AND
DESTROYED LOCOMOTIVE AND DAMAGED 15 FREIGHT CARS AT 4 VO 2828. NO B/A
IDENTIFIED.

A TRUE COPY

James H. Howell
James H. Howell
Captain, Air Corps.

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TO: CLACK, DISAS.

FILES U _____ D. FD.

A. 357 GROUP. LT. COL. D'AGNE LEADING.

B. 51 A-1's. 18-362, 17-363, 16-364. UP 05/6, DOWN 09/5.

C. 6. 2 B-30's.

D. PREPARATION, TARGET AND WITHDRAWAL SUPPORT. F.O. 221, VIII F.O.

E. - R. NIL.

1. L/F IN AND R/V ON. RUBIN 27,000 FT. 0715. ESCORTED BOMBERS TURN TARGET AREA. CROSSED OUT AND L/F S. SCHOUTEN 20,000 FT. 0930. TO L/R GLEN. 2 OF OUR PLANES ESCORTED LONG R-17 "ROUND TRIP TICKET III" FROM S. DOWN TO TARGET SCAPT. SEVERAL BOMBS OF BOMBERS REPORTED ABANDONING MISSION ACCOUNT OF HEAVY HAZE.

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George H. Posten
GEORGE H. POSTEN,
CAPTAIN, Air Corps.

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TO: CIAJX, CIASAS.

OILES U _____ D PD.

A. 357 GROUP. LT. COL. HAYES LEADING.

B. 50 F-51'S. 17-362, 17-363, 16-364. UP 0658, DOWN 1122.

C. 11. 2 ESCORTS.

D. PENETRATION, TARGET AND WITHDRAWAL SUPPORT. F.O. 422, VIII F.C.

E. 1 LOST. E/A.

F. 1 CAT. A. FLAK.

G. 1 NYR. CAPT. RICHARD C. SMITH, 364 SQDN. SAID HE WAS BAILING 20 MILES SW LEIPZIG.

H. S/E 17-0-3 (AIR)
 T/E ~~45~~-0-1 (AIR) TOTAL 21-0-4 (AIR)
 1 LOCOMOTIVE DESTROYED.
 1 LOCOMOTIVE DAMAGED.

I. R/V DUMMER LAKE 25,000 FT. 0809. 75 PLUS AGGRESSIVE S/E E/A WERE ATTACKED AND
 DISPENSED BY OUR PILOTS BETWEEN NAUMBERG AND LEIPZIG 0850 TO 0930 FROM 25,000 FT.
 TO DECK. SEVERAL ME 410'S AND AN HE 177 WERE ATTACKED WEST OF LEIPZIG. THE
 LOCOMOTIVES WERE DESTROYED AND DAMAGED NEAR HALLE. SEVERAL FLIGHTS AFTER COMBAT
 GAVE ESCORT TO THE BOMBERS THROUGH TARGET TO DUMMER LAKE LEAVING THEM 1000 AT
 20,000 FT. AN A/D HEAVILY DAMAGED BY FLAK WAS OBSERVED AT 51 DEGREES 45 MINUTES
 NORTH 12 DEGREES EAST WITH 15 PLUS T/D AND 20 PLUS S/E E/A PARKED IN THE OPEN.
 1 B-17 DOWN NEAR MAGDEBURG, 3 CHUTES SEEN.

J. S/E 17-0-3 (AIR)
 T/E ~~45~~-0-1 (AIR)
 LOCOMOTIVES 1-0-1

362ND SQDN.

1 ME 410 DESTROYED, LT. NORRIS AND LT. MARTINEK.
 1 ME 109 DESTROYED, LT. PUGH.
 1 FW 190 DESTROYED, CAPT. FRED C. SMITH.
 1 FW 190 DAMAGED, CAPT. FRED C. SMITH.

363RD SQDN.

1 FW 190 DESTROYED, CAPT. FOY.
 2 ME 109'S DESTROYED, CAPT. FOY.
 1 ME 109 DESTROYED, CAPT. BOCHKAY.
 1 ME 410'S DESTROYED, CAPT. BROWNING.
 1 FW 190 DESTROYED, CAPT. BROWNING AND LT. STAUDTE.
 1 ME 410 DESTROYED, LT. FENNEL. + CAPT. BROWNING
 1 FW 190 DESTROYED, LT. OVERSTREET.
 3 FW 190'S DESTROYED, CAPT. ANDERSON.

364TH SQDN.

✓ 1 FW 190 DESTROYED, CAPT. SUMNER.
 1 ME 410 DESTROYED, LT. COL. HAYES AND LT. ALLEN.
 1 ME 109 DESTROYED, LT. COL. HAYES.
 ✓ 1 ME 109 DESTROYED, LT. TYLER.
 ✓ 1 ME 109 DESTROYED, CAPT. HOWELL.
 ✓ 1 ME 109 DESTROYED, CAPT. SUMNER.
 ✓ 1 FW 190 DESTROYED, CAPT. STEPELTON.
 1 FW 190 DAMAGED, CAPT. HOWELL.
 1 FW 190 DAMAGED, LT. ALLEN.
 1 HE 177 DAMAGED, CAPT. MCINTYRE.
 1 LOCOMOTIVE DESTROYED, CAPT. PETERSON.
 1 LOCOMOTIVE DAMAGED, CAPT. PETERSON.

TRUE COPY.

George H. Boswell
 GEORGE H. BOSWELL,
 Capt., Air Corps.

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ENCOUNTER REPORT

PILOT: Lt. Col. THOMAS L. HAYES, JR.

G-403857

- A. COMBAT.
- B. 29 June 1944.
- C. 364TH FIGHTER SQUADRON, 357TH FIGHTER GROUP.
- D. 0840 B.S.T.
- E. NAUMBURG OR 30 MILES WEST OF LEIPZIG.
- F. UNDERCAST 8,000' - 11,000'.
- G. ME-109.
- H. PROBABLY PILOT.
- I. I WAS LEADING DRYDEN GROUP ESCORTING THE FIRST 3 BOXES OF B-17'S COMING INTO LEIPZIG AT 26,000'. ABOUT 20 S/E E/A WERE SPOTTED COMING INTO BOMBERS FROM 1200 O'CLOCK. ABOVE THESE WAS A TOP COVER OF MORE S/E. THE 363RD SQDN. TURNED INTO THE TOP COVER WHILE WE BOUNCED THE LOW GOCOLE. THESE WERE VERY AGGRESSIVE AND GAVE UP THEIR ATTACK ON BOMBERS AND TOOK US ON. SOME COMBATS RESULTED IN INDIVIDUAL FIGHTS. I PICKED A ME-109 WHICH WAS HANGING A LITTLE ABOVE THE MAIN GROUP. WE TURNED FOR FIVE MINUTES WITH EACH OF US LOOKING AT EACH OTHERS COCKPITS IN FULL PLAIN VIEW. I HAD THE ADVANTAGE BUT COULD NOT GET INSIDE HIM BECAUSE AT THE TIME MY FUSELAGE TANK WAS FULL - SPOILING THE CG. NEITHER OF US WOULD GIVE ANY ALTITUDE AND I FOUND WITH THIS LATER ENGINE I COULD NOT CLIMB ABOVE HIM IN THE CIRCLE. IT SEEMED TO ME THIS P-51 D DOES NOT MANUEVER QUITE AS WELL AS THE P-51 B AND IT HAS NO GUTS ABOVE 25,000' AS THE P-51 B HAD WITH THE HIGH ALTITUDE ENGINE.

WELL, I WAS GETTING NOWHERE SO PULLED THE NOSE THRU AND GAVE HIM A BURST. HE DID WHAT I WANTED HIM TO BY SPLIT "S"ING. NOW I GOT IN HIS TAIL AND GOT STRIKES ON HIM AS WE BOTH HIT THE CLOUDS AROUND 11,000' - 12,000'. I HAD NO IDEA WE WERE GOING SO FAST; PULLED BACK ON STICK, SHAPPED AND SPUN ONCE OR TWICE, AND BROKE OUT. SAW ME-109 CRASH IN FAIRLY STEEP ANGLE. THE PILOT COULD HAVE BAILED BUT I SAW NO CHUTE; HOWEVER HIS SPEED SEEMED TO GREAT TO BAIL. I LOOKED FOR MY WING MAN WHOM I HAD LOST; HE SAID HE WAS ABOVE THE CLOUD. I CLIMBED ABOVE AND SAW 3 P-51'S AND THEN A FW-190 ABOUT 2,000 YDS. BEHIND. CALLED THEM TO BREAK, THEY DID NOT HEAR ME AND THE 190 SAW ME AND DUCKED INTO CLOUDS. NOW A FW-190 WAS COMING INTO ME FROM 0900 O'CLOCK.

HE STARTED TO FIRE ABOUT 700, I SNAPPED OUT AND INTO THE CLOUDS. A FEW MINUTES
LATER CAME OUT PICKED UP A P-51 AND CLIMBED BACK TO BOMBERS.

I CLAIM ONE ME-109 DESTROYED.

J. AMMUNITION EXPENDED: 200 ROUNDS.

THOMAS L. HAYES, JR.,
LT. COL., AIR CORPS,
PILOT.

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TO: OLAJX, OIBAS, TYPE 16 BEACHY HEAD.

A. 357 GROUP. COL. GUYAN LEADING.

B. 50 F-51'S. 18-362, 16-363, 16-364. UP 1236. DOWN 1605. 10 MISTON, RETURNING TO BASE 1830.

C. 3.

D. PENETRATION, TARGET AND WITHDRAWAL SUPPORT. P.O. 424, VILL F.C.

E.- H. MIL.

I. R/V N. GRANDON 21,000 FT. 1341. ESCORTED B-24'S THRU WALL OF CLOUDS. UPON EMERGING ONE SQUADRON PICKED UP A BOX OF UNESCORTED B-17'S. PROCEEDED WITH B-17'S AND B-24'S THRU TARGET AREAS LEAVING THEM BETWEEN ST. VALERY AND LE TREPOT 23,000 FT. 1430 TO 1445. SQUADRONS THEN SEPARATELY BOICED AND STRAFED AS FOLLOWS: 8 BOMBS DROPPED ON ABBEVILLE A/D FROM 10,000 FT. WITH THIS BOMB DISBURSED AREA AND IN CENTER OF A/D; 25 BOMBS DROPPED WITH 2,000 FT. ON A/D RR PORTS A/VL 5231 SEVERING TRACKS, DESTROYING 2 BOXCARS AND DAMAGING SEVERAL OTHERS; 25 BOMBS DROPPED ON A/D BETWEEN AREAS AND SEPARATE SEVERING TRACKS AND DESTROYING SEVERAL RR CARS AND DAMAGING OTHERS, EXACT PLACE UNKNOWN DUE TO LOW OVERCAST; STRAFED AND DAMAGED 25 GOODS CARS, 2 REPAIR SHOPS AND 1 SWITCH HOUSE AT A/VL 52025; DIVE BOICED 2 TRAINS A/VL 5267 DESTROYING 3 FRT. CARS AND SEVERING 3 TRACKS; 3 LOCOMOTIVES WERE STRAFED AND DAMAGED AT THIS PLACE ALSO; 1 TRUCK WAS DESTROYED AND 1 DAMAGED AND TRANSMISSION ON LINES DAMAGED AT A/VL 5269; DESTROYED 1 LOCOMOTIVE AND DAMAGED 10 PASSENGER CARS AT A/VL 5261; DESTROYED A LOCOMOTIVE AND BOICED A WAGONHOUSE WHICH BURNED AND BLEW UP AT A/VL 5267. ALL BOMBS 100 LB. CBS AND DELAY TAIL FUZZ, INSTANTANEOUS WOOD FUZZ. NO D/A WHEN.