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MARCH, 1944, INSTALLMENT
UNIT HISTORY
357th FIGHTER GROUP

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HEADQ UARTERS 352ND FIGHTER GROUP
Office of the Intelligence Officer
APO 637 AAF F-141
U. S. Army

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SUBJECT: History of Headquarters, 352nd Fighter Group.

TO: Wing Historian, 67th Fighter Wing, APO 637, U. S. Army.

1. In compliance with VIII Fighter Command Memorandum 125-1, dated 2 March, 1943, with amendments, the following information is submitted:
 - a. Special Orders, Memorandums, Bulletins forwarded herewith.
 - b. Assignment and transfer of all officers and enlisted personnel covered by the remarks in the Unit History of the 486th Fighter Squadron.
 - c. Operational Diaries as set forth by Unit Histories of the 328th, 486th and 487th Fighter Squadrons.
 - d. None.
 - e. Strength of detachment covered by 486th Fighter Squadron's Unit History.
 - f. Flying awards covered by the 328th, 486th and 487th Fighter Squadrons' Unit Histories.
 - g. Stories of personnel of this base inclosed, submitted by Public Relations Office.

WILLIAM KAPELMAN,
Capt, Air Corps,
Station Historian.

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MARCH INSTALLMENT
Unit History, 357th Fighter Group
AAF Station F-373
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1. Promotions were made by two enlisted men of Hq, 357th Fighter Group, on Special Orders #60, paragraphs 12 and 15. (Attached orders are supporting document #1.)
2. Good Conduct Medals were awarded to enlisted men by General Orders # 10 of this station. (Supporting document #2 is a copy of the orders.)
3. A new Table of Organization was received and personnel changes necessary for compliance were begun immediately. Nine medical personnel from the component squadrons were transferred to Group Headquarters by paragraph 8 of Special Orders #62. (Supporting document #3).
4. New station assignments of Officers to comply with the new T/O were announced per SO #61. (The attached orders are supporting document #4.)
5. The Group suffered two severe blows this month in losing a Commanding Officer and a Deputy Commander.

The Commanding Officer was lost on a mission to Bordeaux March 5 when the plane of Colonel Henry R. Spicer was hit by flak and he was forced to bail out into the English Channel about 20 miles SW of LeHavre, France. His wingman, Lt. Pugh, saw him parachute down, inflate and climb aboard his dinghy. After calling "Mayday" repeatedly Lt. Pugh flew back to England because of lack of fuel. Allied Air/Sea Rescue units found no trace of him a short time later and it is believed that he was picked up by the Germans and is now an Axis prisoner. An International distress call was broadcast when he was not found.

Colonel Spicer, a native of Hollywood, California, was born in 1909, attended school in Los Angeles and at the University of Arizona, graduating from the latter with a Reserve Cavalry Commission. While at the university he excelled in polo and was a member of the team that travelled through the eastern United States amassing a creditable string of victories on ponies borrowed from their opponents.

He was graduated from Kelly Field, Texas, in February of 1934, and was assigned to a bombardment group at March Field. Something that was not in accordance with his ambitions to be a fighter pilot. A transfer to the 95th Pursuit Squadron was effected, but it didn't last; a transfer to Hawaii put him back into a bombardment unit and finally another transfer request placed him back in his real love, fighter planes.

After completion of his tour he was returned to America and assigned as an instructor at Randolph and Moore Fields near San Antonio, Texas. Colonel Spicer's rank was comparatively new, as late as March of 1942 he was still a Lieutenant. At time promotions started to come rapidly; he was a Major by June, a Lt. Colonel in March of 1943, and a full Colonel in December.

Colonel Spicer came overseas in October of '43 and was appointed Executive Officer of the 66th Fighter Wing, serving in that capacity until he came to the 357th Fighter Group as Commander. A job that was "right down his alley", as he would put it.

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As Commander of the Group, he was superb. His slow western drawl and perfect ease of manner gained the confidence and admiration of everyone.

His loss is deeply felt by all members of this Group. His bravery and dash set an example that will long serve as inspiration to every individual of this organization. Colonel Spicer checked out the P-51 one afternoon, went on his first long mission the following day, 20 February 1944, to Leipzig, and led the Group on his second trip out, to Brunswick. On his third trip out, to Oescherleben 22 February 1944, he destroyed an ME 109. His next trip resulted in the destruction of two enemy aircraft, an ME 110 and a JU 88.

At 35 years of age Colonel Spicer made a lie of the statement that fighter pilots must be men at least ten years younger.

Mrs. Spicer and two sons, Henry Anthony, 4, and Leonard Russell, 1½, reside in San Antonio, Texas, and his mother still lives in Hollywood, California.

Lt. Colonel Hubert I. Egenes, Deputy Group Commander since 10 March 1944, and the original Commanding Officer of the 362nd Squadron, was last seen strafing an enemy airdrome approximately 10 miles south of Paris 28 March.

Iowa was home to him. He was born there and lived there through his graduation from Iowa State College with a B.S. Degree in Engineering.

Cadet training was at Cal-Aero Flying School, Kelly and Randolph Fields, being completed October 4, 1940, the date of his commission. His army career carried him to the South Pacific where he advanced to Squadron Commander and when he came home it was with the Silver Star for Gallantry in Action against the Japanese and with a wealth of knowledge and ability to be used against the Germans.

Everyone respected Colonel Egenes for the man he was, not because of the rank he carried. His administrative ability is readily apparent in the squadron that he brought from a fledgling unit in training to a first rate nemesis of the Luftwaffe.

Charlotte Ann Egenes, his wife, resides in Upper Darby, Pennsylvania, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Iver A. Egenes, still live in Story City, Iowa.

6. Lt. Colonel Donald W. Graham, former Deputy Group and Station Commander, assumed command upon the loss of Colonel Spicer. Lt. Colonel Egenes became Deputy Commander. (Supporting documents #5 and #6 are their orders.) Upon the loss of Lt. Colonel Egenes Major Thomas L. Hayes, Jr., former commander of the 364th Squadron, became Deputy Commander. (Special Orders #86 is the supporting document, #7.)

7. With the completion of the new gymnasium athletics are taking a spurt in popularity. A boxing tournament March 20th was loudly approved and the future will undoubtedly see more good cards. Station bulletin #80 is supporting document #8.) All candidates for the baseball team held a meeting March 29th and, weather permitting will start practice soon.

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8. A Dance was held by the Officers at the Officer's Club on March 25th. It was the first social affair since the Group moved to Leiston and was a very enjoyable event. (Supporting document #9 is one of the invitations that was sent.)

9. Two pictures of Colonel Henry R. Spicer, Station Commander until MIA, are supporting documents # 10 and # 11.

A picture of four 357th Group pilots who wrote in 8 of a 20-0 debit in Hitler's Berlin Diary is supporting document #12.)

10. For the very successful conduct of missions the Group was commended by General Arnold (supporting document #13), General Spaatz (supporting document #14), Air Chief Marshal Harris and Major General Kepner (supporting document #15); Lt. Colonel Graham rated a personal commendation from General Kepner with a 1st Indorsement by Brigadier General Woodbury (supporting document #16).

11. The Group continued operational with missions deep into Germany and France, To Berlin, Frankfurt, Bordeaux, Dijon, and to other places once beyond the range of fighter planes. Several of them well beyond 500 miles from this station. Four records are claimed to be broken by the Group; the longest flight into occupied territory ever made by fighter planes (to Frankfurt, east of Berlin), largest score of E/A during first month of operation; largest score of E/A in a single mission without loss, and first fighter planes on escort over Berlin. Mission reports are supporting documents from #17 to #31. Encounter reports of Headquarters pilots are supporting documents from #32 to #37.

12. Col. SPICER, MIA, was awarded the DFC for his fine service to the Air Forces and his country, "his devotion to duty and courage under all conditions serve as an inspiration to his fellow flyers". Extract of General Order No. 23, Hq., VIII FC, dated 23 March 1944, is attached. (Supporting document No. 38).

13. The 357th Group as a whole, including the three Squadrons, has made an extraordinary record during the short time it has been operational. Total claims made by the pilots include 79 enemy planes destroyed (about 90 per cent of which have already been confirmed), 25 enemy aircraft damaged, and five enemy aircraft probably destroyed. The Group opened up a new avenue of warfare, when led by Major Hayes in the second successful mission to Berlin it went down to the deck, shot up airfields and destroyed several locomotives, strafed personnel, flak towers, and returned without loss. The weather has been the worst enemy. Of a total of 28 pilots reported MIA, six have definitely been attributed to weather conditions.

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14. The Group has implicit/in the superiority of the P-51B over any other aircraft, although a healthy respect has been built up for German gunners and flak.

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SPECIAL ORDERS
NO 60HEADQUARTERS AAF STATION F-33
APO 637
1 March 1944

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1. Under the provisions of Par 2, AR 600-80, & upon the recommendation of the Orga Comdr the following named EM, 364th Fi Sq, 357th Fi Gp, VIII Fi Cmd, are awarded the AAF Technician Badge w/appropriate clasps as indicated:

NAME	RANK	ASN	SSN	DUTY
George V. St Onge	T Sgt	31078951	754	Radio Mechanic
James G. Curran	S Sgt	12096206	759	" "
Russell L. Hudson	S Sgt	35311706	862	" "
John E. Minor	S Sgt	34255148	862	" "
Chester C. Parish	S Sgt	38193392	862	" "
Jess T. Butler	Sgt	38219725	754	" "
Thomas E. Cronin	Sgt	36429829	862	" "
Richard L. Goldstein	Sgt	13152505	862	" "
John (NMI) Gurik	Sgt	35410657	754	" "
Kenneth W. Magoon	Sgt	37317537	754	" "
Leonard E. Stiglitz	Sgt	12193200	759	" "
David M. Weatherly	Sgt	14162089	759	" "
William H. Wilkins, Jr.	Sgt	33222954	754	" "
Benjamin F. Wright, Jr.	Sgt	14188293	759	" "
Salvador (NMI) Cornejo	Cpl	39571037	754	" "
Edwin B. Fanning	Cpl	36282342	754	" "
William E. Gerl	Cpl	36817265	754	" "
Rudolph T. Rouchka	Cpl	17128258	754	" "
William C. Staples, Jr.	Cpl	13062835	759	" "
Frank S. Taylor	Cpl	12209339	729	" "
Earl H. Walker	Cpl	36277305	754	" "
Harry (NMI) Weinstein	Cpl	13079736	759	" "
Eugene C. West	Cpl	11084754	759	" "
Maynard S. Young	Cpl	13120600	759	" "
Edward J. Zindel	Cpl	32590551	759	" "
William W. Shepard	T Sgt	17012569	756	Operator & Mechanic
Frederick P. Sieb	S Sgt	12124414	756	" " "
Curt W. Perdelwitz	S Sgt	11052860	756	" " "
William D. Kubisiak	Sgt	13170764	756	" " "
William A. Clogston	Pfc	31128697	756	" " "
Charlie (NMI) Campbell	M Sgt	35255517	663	Ap Armorer
William E. Lucas	T Sgt	35364939	663	"
Stanley H. Simonson	T Sgt	36256218	911	"
Eugene E. Liston	S Sgt	14083091	911	"
Joseph L. Sneed	S Sgt	37108750	911	"
Charles J. Spoal, Jr.	S Sgt	33206152	911	"
William J. Stana	S Sgt	32496744	911	"
Harry G. Anderson	Sgt	37176662	911	"
Kenneth R. Arveson	Sgt	39188872	911	"
Loyal J. Austin	Sgt	38224775	911	"
Melvin E. Plack	Sgt	17065123	911	"
Willie A. Durlason	Sgt	38003665	911	"
Leon A. Dewey	Sgt	36531431	911	"
Eugene F. Garrett	Sgt	35419463	911	"
Herbert J. Hoge	Sgt	37225721	911	"
Frederick Keiper, Jr.	Sgt	32361436	911	"
Daniel E. O'Connor	Sgt	11114123	911	"
Gustave F. Steffen	Sgt	37219951	911	"
Mancel F. Vineyard	Sgt	38108378	911	"
Willard M. Bierly	Cpl	19038214	911	"
William W. Branton	Cpl	34258047	911	"
John G. Butler	Cpl	34446850	911	"
John L. Conti	Cpl	31243069	911	"
Gordon E. Cross	Cpl	32270965	911	"
Joseph R. Dodge, Jr.	Cpl	13094775	911	"
John M. Falos	Cpl	17068945	911	"
Alex (NMI) Fiegelman	Cpl	12151888	911	"
Morton A. Hyman	Cpl	13125519	911	"
William H. Jackson	Cpl	33382861	911	"
Donald R. Johnson	Cpl	15338403	911	"
James P. Lane Jr.	Cpl	37386934	911	"
Clinton H. Maag	Cpl	35420516	911	"

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NAME	RANK	ASN	SSN	DUTY
Franklyn E. Masters, Jr.	Cpl	19077493	911	Ap Armorer
Max W. Meharg	Cpl	36538137	911	"
Ronald E. Nelson	Cpl	19160893	911	"
Robert D. Pickett	Cpl	37218892	911	"
Robert L. Prante, Jr.	Cpl	15331258	911	"
Louis J. Romano	Cpl	32517458	911	"
Frank L. Ropposch	Cpl	16110884	911	"
Herbert J. Ryan	Cpl	32535304	911	"
Arthur E. Swanson	Cpl	36376007	911	"
John E. Roche, Jr.	Cpl	31287775	911	"
Arthur W. Skillman	Cpl	32627830	911	"
Harvey E. Wright	Pfc	32673690	911	"
Anthony V. Duffy	Sgt	19081455	941	Photo Lab Techn
Kenneth E. Thompson	Cpl	33568726	941	" " "
Emery L. Gaal	M Sgt	15059577	752	Ap Mechanic
George L. Metcalf	M Sgt	6668655	752	"
Charles E. Espey	T Sgt	37199606	747	"
Henry C. D'Esti	T Sgt	32288218	747	"
Joseph E. DeShay	T Sgt	32288380	747	"
Harry (NMI) Mann	T Sgt	12006174	750	"
Paul E. Transue	T Sgt	15014749	750	"
Joseph L. Strong	T Sgt	15056900	750	"
Willard W. Anderson	S Sgt	35452163	747	"
Thomas J. Aurio	S Sgt	11072109	747	"
Stanley W. Bernotas	S Sgt	31126336	747	"
Cyril P. Brech	S Sgt	37127508	747	"
Roy A. Collier	S Sgt	38134655	747	"
Randall M. Crawford	S Sgt	18074165	747	"
William J. Davis	S Sgt	17127718	747	"
Robert W. Dietz	S Sgt	17040138	747	"
Donald C. Donohue	S Sgt	31077346	747	"
Richard H. Eagan	S Sgt	31132252	747	"
Ardell E. Fiedler	S Sgt	16072169	747	"
Sidney (NMI) Gansky	S Sgt	33314718	747	"
Leonard M. Gordon	S Sgt	32357406	747	"
Dennis P. Greene	S Sgt	17109440	747	"
Robert J. Gruppiso	S Sgt	31132491	747	"
William M. Hood	S Sgt	34307500	747	"
John P. Hopson	S Sgt	18136256	747	"
Lee E. Henley, Jr.	S Sgt	17067723	747	"
Cornwell D. Hughes	S Sgt	38122152	747	"
Arthur M. Koval	S Sgt	19011820	747	"
Arthur E. Krantz	S Sgt	35545200	747	"
Gilbert H. Krueger	S Sgt	36241619	747	"
Robert L. Krull	S Sgt	16084474	747	"
Earl L. Lloyd	S Sgt	37208262	747	"
Amos C. Langdon	S Sgt	38165204	747	"
Donald F. Lumley	S Sgt	16064768	747	"
Russel A. MacNeill	S Sgt	36500841	747	"
Vincent H. Maher	S Sgt	12079791	747	"
John J. Mathiasen	S Sgt	32393629	747	"
Joseph L. Mohs	S Sgt	37283107	747	"
Lyle R. Olson	S Sgt	37286095	747	"
Morris A. Ottomeyer	S Sgt	39245501	747	"
Wilbur F. Reich	S Sgt	36243959	747	"
John D. Roberts	S Sgt	14107715	747	"
Maurice J. Sabesewitz	S Sgt	17036187	747	"
Henry L. Schmidt	S Sgt	16064809	747	"
Paul E. Slentz	S Sgt	16084433	747	"
John D. Shults	S Sgt	14108237	747	"
Alkiviadis (NMI) Alkides	Sgt	11052905	747	"
Harry F. Bandringa	Sgt	36344055	747	"
Gene J. Parsalou	Sgt	12146888	747	"
Edward A. Kriscziokaitis	Sgt	39246700	747	"
Kenneth B. McGord	Sgt	34353530	747	"
Clayton T. Mouring	Sgt	34353076	747	"
Paul S. Palko	Sgt	33347530	747	"
Richard L. Spicer	Sgt	15374884	747	"
Talmadge L. Whitaker	Sgt	35672796	747	"
Bernard J. McKenna	Sgt	32405330	747	"
Frank B. LoPresti	Sgt	32572513	747	"

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NAME	RANK	ASN	SSN	DUTY
Irving (NMI) Bazer	Cpl	12159743	747	Ap Electrician
George J. Conaughty	Cpl	32547209	747	"
James E. Enright	Cpl	12171868	747	"
Joseph P. Kutarek	Cpl	32547136	747	"
Joseph L. Minervini	Cpl	11101890	747	"
Donald J. Stevenson	Cpl	39090130	747	"
John E. Kelly	T Sgt	35267027	685	Ap Electrical Specialist
Herbert J. Lirchman	S Sgt	39176364	685	" " "
Joseph F. Feith	S Sgt	37456499	685	" " "
James C. Finney	S Sgt	34391134	686	Ap Instrument
Donald M. Olson	S Sgt	36334681	686	" " "
Edward E. Bachmann	Sgt	37310249	686	" " "
Martin V. Johnson	S Sgt	18042551	620	Parachute Rigger
Carl (NMI) Drechsler	T Sgt	6034744	555	Ap Metal Worker
William B. Stevenson, Jr.	S Sgt	16111845	555	" " "
Harvey L. Sigurdson	Sgt	37292080	555	" " "
Gerald L. Edwards	Cpl	16087231	555	" " "
Einer L. Troxell	S Sgt	38154177	687	Ap Prop Specialist
Francis J. Madigan	Sgt	32337701	687	" " "
Howard D. Tate	Sgt	38154270	687	" " "
Vingle (NMI) Hedgecoth	S Sgt	18091574	114	Ap Mechanist
Michael (NMI) Vaseil	Cpl	39040767	239	TXW Mechanic
Frank R. Schutzman	Sgt	33396615	237	" " "
Thomas E. Barry	Cpl	37251989	237	" " "

2. Cancelled.

3. So much of par 1, SO #59, this Hq, as, (placing EM on temp dy at British Oxygen Co, Angel Rd, Edmonton, London, N 13) as reads: "Cpl Livingston (NMI) 12171868, (114)", is amended to read: "S Sgt (616) Louis E. Phillips, 39090130".

4. Under the provisions of AR 615-5 & upon the recommendation of his Orgn Comdr Tvt Joseph R. Farrell, Jr., 12131247, (765), 78th Sta Complement Sq, is promoted to gr of Corporal (temp).

5. Following named EM, 363d FI Sq, 357th FI Gp, are promoted to gr indicated under the provisions of AR 615-5 & upon the recommendation of their Orgn Comdr:

TO LE STAFF SERGEANT (TEMP)

Sgt (880) Clifford S. Clements, 36423386

TO LE CORPORAL (TEMP)

Pfc (754) Anton O. Palaszczuk, 32752824 Pfc (911) Art E. Slaughter, 16134554

Pvt (911) Paul (NMI) Copeo, 3433911

6. Following named EM, 364th FI Sq, 357th FI Gp, are promoted to gr indicated under the provisions of AR 615-5 & upon the recommendation of their Orgn Comdr:

TO LE STAFF SERGEANT (TEMP)

Sgt (824) Thomas L. Reinert, 36513479

TO LE SERGEANT (TEMP)

Cpl (759) William C. Staples, Jr., 13062135 Cpl (759) Eugene C. West, 11084754

TO LE CORPORAL (TEMP)

Pfc (756) William L. Clogston, 31123697

7. Following named EM, 469th Sv Sq, 40th Sv Gp, are promoted to gr indicated under the provisions of AR 615-5 & upon the recommendation of their Orgn Comdr:

TO LE TECHNICAL SERGEANT (TEMP)

S Sgt (720) William F. Beech, 14078303 S Sgt (225) Arthur M. Pelms, 12132366

TO LE STAFF SERGEANT (TEMP)

Sgt (502) Herbert L. Chapin, 32782441 Sgt ((502) John T. Faray, 31295437

Sgt (747) Marvin E. Pennig, 36246297 Sgt (501) George A. Sparks, 32612327

TO LE SERGEANT (TEMP)

Cpl (826) Vondell H. DeLange, 39675805 Cpl (826) David (NMI) Goldstein, 32785293

Cpl (686) Charles A. James, 16142750 Cpl (747) Thomas J. McGrath, 31189663

Cpl (502) William R. Newton, 18194563 Cpl (687) Henry S. Zaloski, 32432239

TO LE CORPORAL (TEMP)

Pfc (501) Donald E. Burkett, 39854114 Pfc (501) Lloyd E. Clark, 38428214

Pfc (114) Clifford R. Hamel, 11105090 Pfc (555) Knowlton L. Hawkins, 36345365

Pfc (501) Thomas D. MacNeil, 31298528

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TO BE PRIVATE FIRST CLASS (TEMP)
Pvt (747) Eugene M. Orstan, 32419639 Pvt (932) William R. Stewart, 13126622

8. Following named EM, 1076th Sig Co, 50th Sv Gp, are promoted to gr indicated under the provisions of AR 615-5 & upon the recommendation of their Orgn Comdr:

TO BE TECHNICIAN 3D GRADE (TEMP)
Tec 4 (955) Nelson A. Alquist, 15372752 Tec 4 (785) Milan (NMI) Rafajko, 15319300
TO BE TECHNICIAN 4TH GRADE (TEMP)
Tec 5 (060) John W. Bouldin, 34594121 Tec 5 (239) William J.J. Cunningham, 32800001
Tec 5 (650) Chesley (NMI) Watkins, Jr., 34016366
TO BE TECHNICIAN 5TH GRADE (TEMP)
Pfc (647) James L. Dickel, 16097936 Pfc (650) Arnold E. Cojka, 36560276
Pfc (238) Morris L. Benefiel, 35372442 Pvt (954) Dudley (NMI) Lesser, 32980705
TO BE PRIVATE FIRST CLASS (TEMP)
Pvt (650) Ruel S. Jilos, 38385694 Pvt (667) Celest N. Parins, 36262697
Pvt (675) George W. Twitchell, 39900642

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

TO BE TECHNICIAN 4TH GRADE (TEMP)
Tec 5 (014) Frank T. Bowman, 33393632
TO BE TECHNICIAN 5TH GRADE (TEMP)
Pfc (014) Harry (NMI) Smith, 32468869
TO BE PRIVATE FIRST CLASS (TEMP)
Pvt (014) Louis P. Langen, 32917919
TO BE SERGEANT (TEMP)
Tec 4 (405) Donald J. Mills, 35341203

10. Under the provisions of AR 615-5 & upon the recommendation of his Orgn Comdr Pfc (014) Lawrence H. McCants, Jr., 13153094, 1600th Ord S & M Co (Avn), is rd to gr of Private for cause.

11. Following named EM, 362d Fi Sq, 357th Fi Gp, are promoted to gr indicated under the provisions of AR 615-5 & upon the recommendation of their Orgn Comdr:

TO BE STAFF SERGEANT (TEMP)
Sgt (911) Herbert (NMI) Adolphson, 39186108 Sgt (747) Norbert F. Gallery, 36353353
Sgt (759) Roy H. Johnson, 14100810 Sgt (759) Paul (NMI) Kapusta, 33404206
TO BE SERGEANT (TEMP)
Cpl David R. Nash, 34570314, (759)
TO BE CORPORAL (TEMP)
Pvt (945) George H. Litner, 39253330

✓ 12. Under the provisions of AR 615-5 & upon the recommendation of his Orgn Comdr Cpl Morris L. Spruill, 34663386, (502), Hq , 357th Fi Gp, is promoted to gr of Sergeant (temp).

✓ 13. Following named EM, Hq 357th Fi Gp, placed on temp dy WP w/o delay o/a 1 Mar 44 AAF Sta F-366, purpose of carrying out instr of GO. Upon completion of temp dy EM will ret proper orgn & sta. TON by MT, mil airt or rail atzd. 91-5 P 432-02 A 212/40425. (Auth: Ltr, Hq ETOUSA, 3 Nov 43.)

NAME	RANK	ASN	SSN
Renaldo C. Freda	T Sgt	36006386	542
Herbert W. Bfaw	Pfc	35740939	929

14. CAPT FRED C. SMITH, 0885282, AC, having been asgd 357th Fi Gp & having reported this orgn, in compliance w/Par 1, SO #46, Hq 66th Fi Wg, dated 26 Feb 44, is further asgd, WP 362d Fi Sq, 357th Fi Gp. No travel involved.

✓ 15. Under the provisions of AR 615-5 & upon the recommendation of his Orgn Comdr Pfc Dominic J. Cudazzo, 32893180, (405), Hq , 357th Fi Gp, is promoted to gr of Corporal (temp).

By order of Colonel SPICER:

OFFICIAL:

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

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

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GENERAL ORDERS)
NUMBER 10)HEADQUARTERS AAF STATION F-373
APO 637
2 March 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	NAME	RANK	ASN
Lewis A. Parker	Sgt	20905272	Frederick J. Patrie	Cpl	32491228
Edward H. Stokes	Pfc	31183212	Efren C. Velez	Pfc	39541808

1260TH MILITARY POLICE COMPANY (AVN)

NAME	RANK	ASN	NAME	RANK	ASN
Lester B. Abel	1st Sgt	16006011	Nicholas T. Agneta	S Sgt	34238198
Robert D. Leigh	S Sgt	6832585	Sidney (NMI) Weiss	S Sgt	32718992
George R. Kuipers	Sgt	36453513	John A. Lasorda	Sgt	33411334
Stanley S. Sherman	Sgt	33579285	William L. Spence	Sgt	34279982
David P. Thomas	Sgt	37507940	Thomas J. Vaughan	Sgt	31312537
Wilbur E. Tucker	Sgt	34624649	Roland C. Warner	Sgt	32734654
Eugene P. Haggerty	Tec 4	39327273	Otto (NMI) Ruf	Tec 4	33614661
Frederick E. Jiske	Cpl	32833160	James H. Staton	Cpl	35694604
Ivan J. Summers	Cpl	35582993	Constant J. Szabat	Cpl	32835034
George R. Taylor	Cpl	34705614	Gordon D. Walker	Cpl	34584224
Albert (NMI) Albertina	Tec 5	7030772	George D. Newton	Tec 5	36115979
Robert R. Pike	Tec 5	36642285	Alvin C. Tews	Tec 5	34654910
Warren P. Thaggard	Tec 5	39276302	John R. True	Tec 5	35656304
Conrad (NMI) Viening	Tec 5	36453645	Frederick G. Vogler, Jr.	Tec 5	37679023
Wilbur M. Warner	Tec 5	35533689	Lester A. Whitmore	Tec 5	37416548
Eugene W. Bradham	Pfc	34123485	Vito V. D'Ambrosia	Pfc	36644222
George W. Griffin	Pfc	36641002	Arthur (NMI) Koschny	Pfc	31239708
Argelo A. Lombardi	Pfc	35050062	Luke T. McAllister	Pfc	35461584
Richard J. McClung	Pfc	35629167	Russell R. Miller	Pfc	37654405
Harold A. Schuttrow	Pfc	35542943	Carl W. Shorer, Jr.	Pfc	33580982
Samuel J. Sicoli	Pfc	33580827	Melvin T. Simmons	Pfc	39200762
Alfred W. Smith	Pfc	32723920	Darius E. Smith	Pfc	31213156
John A. Sparrey	Pfc	36637614	Arnold W. Steffen	Pfc	36802019
Raul L. Valadez	Pfc	38256567	Harrison J. Wakely	Pfc	31220057
Tromin K. Waldron	Pfc	35544381	Charles J. Wilson, Jr.	Pfc	32832649
Robert C. Zunker	Pfc	36801980	Robert N. Davis	Pvt	36571309
Graydon T. Howe	Pvt	32737677	Dominick D. Iaboni	Pvt	32405630
James L. Kinley	Pvt	14249402	Raymond A. Nowak	Pvt	32832944
Alvin J. Tarolli	Pvt	32338150	David A. Ullrich	Pvt	36801781
Michael G. Wegrzyn	Pvt	32333015			

By order of Colonel SPICER:

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

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SPECIAL ORDERS
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APO 637
3 March 1944

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1. Par 2, SO #50, this Sta, cs, (pertaining to S Sgt Harold (NMI) Fitzpatrick, 8015340, 469th Sv Sq, and Cpl John L. Griffin, 34600695, 70th Sta Comp Sq) is amended to include: "Where govt qrs & subs are not available, nor furn, reimbursement for actual cost of qrs & subs for two (2) days, not to exceed \$2.00 per day for qrs & \$2.00 per day for subs, while in a travel status only, atzd in accordance w/existing law & regulations & w/Sec III, Par 8a, Policy No. 30-1, Hq USAAF UK, 9 Nov 43".

2. The following named EM, Hq & Hq Sq, 50th Sv Gp, placed on temp dy WP w/o delay o/a 3 March 1944 to Sta F-373, reporting upon arrival to CWS Sec, thence to Depot G-25 for delivery of equip, thence to Wolverhampton near Birmingham reporting upon arrival to Davis Bros Ltd for purpose of picking up supplies, thence to Belliss Marcon Co Ltd, Birmingham for purpose of picking up supplies, and upon completion of this temp dy EM will ret to proper orgn and sta. TDN by GMT atzd.

Where govt qrs & subs are not available, nor furn, reimbursement for actual cost of qrs & subs for four (4) days, not to exceed \$2.00 per day for qrs & \$2.00 per day for subs, while in a travel status only, atzd in accordance w/existing law & regulations & w/Sec III, Par 8a, Policy No. 30-1, Hq USAAF UK, 9 Nov 43. 91-5 P 432-02 A 212/40425. (Auth: Ltr, Hq ETOUSA, 3 Nov 43.)

Cpl Alvin E. Hicks, 34109635

Pfc Vito F. Ferranti, 32199670

3. The following named EM, orgns indicated, placed on temp dy WP w/o delay o/a 6 March 1944 Dagenham for period of two (2) days, purpose receiving laundry. Upon completion of temp dy EM will ret proper orgn & sta. TDN by GMT atzd.

Where govt qrs & subs are not available, nor furn, reimbursement for actual cost of qrs & subs, not to exceed \$2.00 per day for qrs & \$2.00 per day for subs, while in travel status only, atzd in accordance w/existing law & regulations & w/Sec III, Par 8a, Policy No. 30-1, Hq USAAF UK, 9 Nov 43. 91-5 P 432-02 A 212/40425. (Auth: Ltr, Hq ETOUSA, 3 Nov 43.)

NAME	RANK	ASN	ORGN
Paul L. Grove	Cpl	33498301	Hq & Hq Sq, 50th Sv Gp
Ralph H. Madsen	Pfc	37469462	469th Sv Sq
Earl J. Betz	Pvt	12097863	469th Sv Sq
Raymond E. Patten	Pvt	34765632	1177th QM Co

4. The following named EM, orgns indicated, placed on temp dy WP w/o delay o/a 6 March 1944 Dagenham & London, in turn, for period of two (2) days, purpose receiving laundry & dry cleaning, reporting to Casual Center, CES, 44 Cadogan Place, London, for billet & messing fac. Upon completion of temp dy EM will ret proper orgn & sta. TDN by GMT atzd.

Where govt subs are not available, nor furn, reimbursement for actual cost of subs, not to exceed \$2.00 per day, while in travel status only, atzd in accordance w/existing law & regulations & w/Sec III, Par 8a, Policy No. 30-1, Hq USAAF UK, 9 Nov 43. 91-5 P 432-02 A 212/40425. (Auth: Ltr, Hq ETOUSA, 3 Nov 43.)

NAME	RANK	ASN	ORGN
Mervyn C. Taylor	Sgt	32732352	1177th QM Co
Merrill (NMI) Herman	Pvt	35402248	Hq & Hq Sq, 50th Sv Gp

5. The following named O & EM, 1177th QM Co (Avn), placed on temp dy WP w/o delay o/a 4 March 1944 AAF Sta F-357 for a period of two (2) days, purpose of attending QM Packing Crating Sch on 6th and 7th March 1944, reporting not later than 5 March 1944. Upon completion of temp dy O & EM will ret proper orgn & sta. Quarters and messing fac will be furn at Sta F-357. TDN by MT, rail a/cft or rail atzd. 91-5 P 432-02 A 212/40425. Auth: TWX SAS-R-40-E, 66th Fi Wg, dtd 3 March 1944. (Auth: Ltr, Hq ETO USA, 3 Nov 43.)

NAME	RANK	ASN	SSN
CHARLES H. THOMASSON	1ST LT	01592107 QMC	
Hilbert G. Copeland	S Sgt	38200540	824
Raymond E. Stell	Tec 5	35691563	374

6. So much of Par 13, SO #39, this Sta, cs, (pertaining to 1260th MP Co (Avn)), as reads: "are reld from DS, and further placed on DS at AAF Sta F-366", is amended to read: "are reld from DS, and further trfd in gr to Det "A", 1260th MP Co (Avn) AAF Sta F-366".

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V7. MAJOR ROBERT T. ROMINE, 0298745, AC, asst CO, Hq Troops, 357th Fi Gp (add dy), vice 1ST LT JOHN D. ANDERSON, 0856648, AC, reld.

V8. Following named EM, orgns indicated, are trfd in grade to Hq 357th Fi Gp, for duty w/Med Sec. No travel involved.

NAME	RANK	ASN	SSN	ORGN
Bernard L. Doan	Sgt	17079082	196	362nd Fi Sq
Alfred L. Peterson	Pfc	32553473	861	362nd Fi Sq
Gordon F. Gollum	Pvt	39276171	409	362nd Fi Sq
Russell H. Stains	Tec 5	33173741	861	363rd Fi Sq
Joseph J. Lonero	Tec 5	36618956	861	363rd Fi Sq
Charles L. Barnes	Pfc	12200165	409	363rd Fi Sq
James R. Grant	Pvt	34255099	409	363rd Fi Sq
Tom (NMI) Carroll	Pvt	38221139	345	363rd Fi Sq
William B. Newton	Cpl	39680912	409	364th Fi Sq

9. So much of Par 7, SO #61, this Sta, cs, (pertaining to change in asgt & dy of 2D LT ROLLAND J. ROBERTSON, 0856301, AC) as reads: "Reid fr 363rd Fi Sq", is amended to read: "Reid fr 364th Fi Sq".

By order of Colonel SPICER:

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Adjutant.

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APO 637
2 March 1944

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1. So much of par 7, SO #55, this Hq, cs, (placing EM on SD this sta w/1260th MF Co), as reads: "Doyle V. Karnes, Sgt, 13100128, 114, 469th Sv Sq", is amended to read: "Henry M. Goff, Pfc, 14081987, 747, 469th Sv Sq".

2. Following named O & EM, Hq 357th Fi Gp, placed on temp dy WP w/o delay o/a 2 Mar 44 AAF Sta F-341 for period of two (2) days, purpose of carrying out instr of CO. Upon completion of temp dy O & EM will ret proper orgn & sta. TDN by MF, mil acct or rail ated. 91-5 P 432-02 A 212/40425. (Auth: Ltr, Hq ETOUSA, 3 Nov 43.)

NAME	RANK	ASN	SSN
JOHN P. ANDERSON	1ST LT	0856648	
Horace W. Fraw	Pfc	32740239	282

3. 2D LT WILLIAM (NMI) MCINTYRE, 01322252, Inf, 70th Sta Complement Sq, placed on temp dy WP w/o delay o/a 5 Mar 44 Battle Sch, Morton Hall, Attlebridge, Norfolk for period of four (4) weeks, purpose of attending Battle Thg Sch, reporting not later than 1630 hrs, 7 Mar 44 to the CSM at the car park & then to the reception room. C must carry fatigue clothes, binoculars, compass, notebooks & pencils, in addition to necessary personal belongings & fld equip. Upon completion of temp dy O will ret proper orgn & sta. TDN by MF, mil acct or rail ated. 91-5 P 432-02 A 212/40425.

Where govt qrs & subs are not available, nor furn, reimbursement for actual cost of qrs & subs, not to exceed \$4.00 per day for qrs & per diem of \$1.25 in lieu of subs, while in travel status only, ated in accordance w/existing law & regulations & w/Sec II, Par 7, Policy No. 30-1, Hq USAF UK, 9 Nov 43. AUTH: Ltr, file: 352, subj: Battle Thg Sch, Hq 66th Fi Wg, dated 29 Feb 44. (Auth: Ltr, Hq ETOUSA, 3 Nov 43.)

4. LT COL DONALD W. GRAHAM, 025247, AC, Hq 357th Fi Gp, aptd Deputy Gp Comd (prin dy).

5. MAJ ROBERT T. ROMINE, 0298745, AC, Hq 357th Fi Gp, aptd Gp Exec O (prin dy) vice LT COL DONALD W. GRAHAM, 025247, AC, reld.

6. CAPT DAVID I. KRAMER, 0649507, AC, Hq 357th Fi Gp, aptd Gp Adj (prin dy) vice MAJ ROBERT T. ROMINE, 0298745, AC, reld.

7. Following change in asgmt & dy is directed. No travel involved.

NAME	RELD FR	ASGD TO
1ST LT HENRY E. BEAL, JR., 0740244, AC	Hq 357th Fi Gp	362d Fi Sq
2D LT ROBERT W. FOY, 0745340, AC	Hq 357th Fi Gp	363d Fi Sq
2D LT ROBERT P. HUMPHREY, 0805583, AC	Hq 357th Fi Gp	364th Fi Sq
2D LT CLIFFORD F. PETERS, 0857667, AC	362d Fi Sq	Hq 357th Fi Gp
2D LT ROLLAND J. ROBERTSON, 0856801, AC	362d Fi Sq	Hq 357th Fi Gp

8. 2D LT ROLLAND J. ROBERTSON, 0856801, AC, Hq 357th Fi Gp, aptd Gp Crypt Sec O (prin dy) vice 1ST LT JOHN D. ANDERSON, 0356648, AC, reld.

9. 2D LT CLIFFORD F. PETERS, 0857667, AC, Hq 357th Fi Gp, aptd Gp Radar O (prin dy).

By order of Colonel SPICER:

ROBERT T. ROMINE,
Major, Air Corps,
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HEADQUARTERS 357TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 637
7 March 1944

ASSUMPTION OF COMMAND

Under the provisions of AR 600-20, the undersigned hereby assumes command of
the 357th Fighter Group, effective 0001 hours, 7 March 1944.

Donald W. Graham
DONALD W. GRAHAM,
Lieutenant Colonel, Air Corps,
Commanding.

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SPECIAL ORDERS
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APO 637
10 March 1944

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1. VOCO 20 Feb 44, placing following named EM, 363rd F1 Sq, on temp dy Cambridge purpose of securing cement, are hereby confirmed & made a matter of record. TDN by GML

Where govt qrs & subs are not available, nor furn, reimbursement for actual cost of qrs & subs, not to exceed \$2.00 per day for qrs & \$2.00 per day for subs, while in travel status only, atd in accordance w/existing law & regulations & w/Sec III, Par 8a, Policy No. 30-1, Hq USAF UK, 9 Nov 43. 91-5 P 432-02 A 212/40425. (Auth: Ltr, Hq ETOUSA, 3 Nov 43.) Exigencies of sv precluded the issuance of orders in advance.

Sgt (888) Michael L. Llanceo, 12158989	Sgt (747) Leonard H. Classons, 32345715
Sgt (747) Phillip S. Hammond, 18121072	Sgt (754) Robert H. Keller, 33323918
Cpl (911) Claude L. Allon, 35715534	Cpl (911) Joseph W. Chassar, 32460787
Cpl (809) James R. Hunt, 32741709	Cpl (114) Agostino (MII) Laterca, 32495032
Cpl (911) Henry E. Redfield, 32460249	Cpl (687) Karl L. Vogt, 39847819
Pfc (309) George (MII) Weeks, 36564737	Pvt (747) Joe C. Buhl, 35483906
Pvt David (MII) Tobin (747), 32404333	Pvt (C62) Louis (MII) Ungorloider, 12203951

2. Par 14, SO #35, this Sta, es, (appointing Aftt Accident Committee), is Revised.

3. Under the provisions of AAF Reg 62-14, the following named O aptd an Aftt Accident Committee for this sta:

LT COL HULBERT I. EGEMES, 0398687, AC

MAJ THOMAS L. HAYES, 0403857, AC

*MAJ LEWIS H. DREGNE, 0431399, AC

Ex-Officio Members:

MAJ JOHN D. LARKER, 0414213, AC

MAJ ALFRED W. GRAHAM, JR., 0902496, AC

*Accident Investigating O.

4. CAPT ARTHUR H. LINGO, 0728686, AC, rold fr asgmt w/Hq 357th F1 Gp, & asgd, WP to 362nd F1 Sq. No travel involved.

5. 1ST LT HENRY E. DEAL, JR., 0740344, AC, rold fr asgmt w/362nd F1 Sq, & asgd, WP to Hq 357th F1 Gp. No travel involved.

6. 1ST LT HENRY E. DEAL, JR., 0740344, AC, aptd Asst Gp Operations O (prin dy).

7. 1ST LT HENRY E. DEAL, JR., 0740344, AC, aptd Asst Sta Operations O (add dy).
/Hq 357th F1 Gp,

8. 2D LT JOHN F. STALEY, 0576362, AC, Hq 357th F1 Gp, aptd Sta Sp Sv O (add dy) vice MAJ JAMES A. COXE, 0306489, AC, rold.

9. 2D LT MORRIS C. LAINE, 0569008, AC, Hq & Hq Sq, 50th Sv Gp, rold of dy as Asst Sta Sp Sv O.

10. Following named O & EM, 1177th QM Co, placed on temp dy WP w/o delay o/a 12 Mar 44 AAF Sta 125, purpose of attending course in Louse Infestation & Typhus Fever Control, reporting not later than 1400 hrs, 13 Mar 44. Upon completion of temp dy O & EM will ret proper orgn & sta. TDN by LT, mil aeft or rail atd.

Where govt qrs & subs are not available, nor furn, reimbursement for actual cost of qrs & subs, for O, not to exceed \$4.00 per day for qrs & per diem of \$1.25 in lieu of subs, & for EM, not to exceed \$2.00 per day for qrs & \$2.00 per day for subs, while in travel status only, atd in accordance w/existing law & regulations & w/Sec II, Par 7, & Sec III, Par 8a, Policy No. 30-1, Hq USAF UK, 9 Nov 43. 91-5 P 432-02 A 212/40425. AUTH: Ltr, subj: Louse Control, Hq VIII District HES SCS DTC, 27 Feb 44. (Auth: Ltr, Hq ETOUSA, 3 Nov 43.)

NAME	RANK	ASN	SSN
HENRIET E. ORR	1ST LT	01589418	QIE
Daniel E. Morrissey	Pfc	32931369	186

11. LT COL HULBERT I. EGEMES, 0398687, AC, rold fr asgmt w/362nd F1 Sq & asgd, WP to Hq 357th F1 Gp. No travel involved.

12. LT COL HULBERT I. EGEMES, 0398687, AC, Hq 357th F1 Gp, aptd Deputy Gp Condr (prin dy), vice LT COL DONALD E. GRAHAM, 025247, AC, rold.

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13. LT COL HUBERT T. BOONES, C390687, AC, Hq 357th FI Gp, aptd Deputy Sta Condr (add dy), vice LT COL DONALD L. GRAHAM, C25247, AC, reld.

14. So much of par 3, SO #62, this Sta, as, (transferring III in gr to Hq 357th FI Gp), as reads: "Sgt Bernard L. Doan, 17079082, 196, 362nd FI Sq", is amended to read: "Sgt Bernard L. Doan, 17079082, 673, 362nd FI Sq".

By order of Lieutenant Colonel GRAHAM

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

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APO 637
29 March 1944

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1. Following EM, 1600th Ord S & M Co (Avn), WP AAF Sta 572 o/a 29 Mar 44 on temp dy for approx two (2) days purpose of picking up Bomb St Trucks. Reimbursement for actual cost not to exceed \$2.00 per day for subs is atzd if govt messing fac are not available, CTRS. MEMT. TDN. 91-5 P 432-02 A 212/40425. AUTH: Ltr, Hq ETOUSA, 3 Nov 43.

NAME	RANK	ASN	SSH
Frank J. Capan	S Sgt	32552360	014
Edmund A. Kantorowski	Tec 4	35530361	414

2. Cpl (911) Frank W. Williams, Jr., 37330216, having been asgd 357th Fi Gp & having reported this orgn, in compliance w/par 3, SO #82, Hq 12th Repl Control Depot (Avn), APO 635, 25 Mar 44, is further asgd WP 364th Fi Sq. No travel involved.

3. Sgt (928) Wilbur J. Whitman, 38359152, Hq 357th Fi Gp, placed on SD w/Sta Tech Insp Sec this Sta & will report daily for dy.

4. Pvt (932) Claude B. Nunley, 38183135, 362nd Fi Sq, general prisoner, is trfd in gr WP DTC #2912 accompanied by Sgt (677) John S. Lasorda, 33491334, 1260th MP Co (Avn), as guard. Upon arrival DTC #2912, guard will deliver prisoner into custody of CO thereof. Rat in kind will be provided two (2) EM for two (2) meals. CO DTC #2912 will provide rat in kind for one (1) EM for two (2) meals on ret journey. CTRS. MEMT. TDN. 91-5 P 432-02 A 212/40425. AUTH: GCMO #15, VIII Fi Comd, 23 Mar 44; Ltr, Hq ETOUSA, 3 Nov 43.

5. Following EM, 36th Sta Complement Sq, are promoted to gr of Corporal (temp) under the provisions of AR 615-5 & upon the recommendation of their Orgn Comdr:

NAME	RANK	ASN	SSH
Alfred J. Guccinardi	Pfc	12038616	237
Leo P. Rank	Pfc	32374499	521

✓ 6. MAJ THOMAS L. HAYES, JR., 0403857, AC, reld fr asgmt w/364th Fi Sq & asgd WP to Hq 357th Fi Gp. No travel involved.

✓ 7. MAJ THOMAS L. HAYES, JR., 0403857, AC, Hq 357th Fi Gp, aptd Deputy Gp Comdr (prin dy) vice LT COL HUBERT I. EGENES, 0398687, AC, reld.

✓ 8. MAJ THOMAS L. HAYES, JR., 0403857, AC, Hq 357th Fi Gp, aptd Deputy Sta Comdr (add dy) vice LT COL HUBERT I. EGENES, 0398687, AC, reld.

✓ 9. MAJ THOMAS L. HAYES, JR., 0403857, AC, Hq 357th Fi Gp, aptd Gp Air Insp (add dy) vice LT COL HUBERT I. EGENES, 0398687, AC, reld.

✓ 10. MAJ THOMAS L. HAYES, JR., 0403857, AC, Hq 357th Fi Gp, aptd Sta Air Insp (add dy) vice LT COL HUBERT I. EGENES, 0398687, AC, reld.

11. Par 3, SO #69, this Sta, cs, (appointing Acft Accident Committee), is Rescinded.

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Special Order #86, Hq AAF Sta F-373, APO 637, U S Army, 29 Mar 44.

12. Under the provisions of AAF Reg 62-14, the following O aptd an Acft Accident Committee for this sta:

MAJ THOMAS L. HAYES, JR., 0403857, AC
 * MAJ IRWIN H. DREGNE, 0431399, AC
 CAPT MONTGOMERY H. THROOP, JR., 0433426, AC
 Ex-Officio Members:

MAJ JOHN D. BARKER, 0414213, MC
 MAJ ALFRED W. CRAVEN, JR., 0902496, AC

*Accident Investigating O,

13. Following EM, orgns indicated, WP #21 Sch Tech Tng, Burtonwood Rep Depot, Warrington, Lancashire, o/a 1 Apr 44 on temp dy for approx two (2) weeks purpose attending course in P-51 Airframe. EM will report Sgt E.C. Stevens not later than 1600 hrs, 2 Apr 44, & must carry round-trip travel warrants, mess equip, notebooks & pencils. PX O will issue adv PX rat to cover period of temp dy. Billets & messing fac will be furn at RAF Sch during period of temp dy. CTRS. MEMT. TDN. 91-5 P 432-02 A 212/40425. AUTH: TWX SAS R481E; Ltr. Hq ETOUSA, 3 Nov 43.

NAME	RANK	ASN	SSN	ORGN
Pasquala (NMI) Buzzco	S Sgt	32405994	750	362nd F1 Sq
Philip S. Hammond,	Sgt	18121072	747	363rd F1 Sq

14. Following EM, orgns indicated, WP #21 Sch Tech Tng, Burtonwood Rep Depot, Warrington, Lancashire, o/a 1 Apr 44 on temp dy for approx one (1) week purpose attending course in P-51 Electrics. EM will report Sgt E.C. Stevens not later than 1600 hrs, 2 Apr 44, & must carry round-trip travel warrants, mess equip, notebooks & pencils. PX O will issue adv PX rat to cover period of temp dy. Billets & messing fac will be furn at RAF Sch during period of temp dy. CTRS. MEMT. TDN. 91-5 P 432-02 A 212/40425. AUTH: TWX SAS R481E; Ltr. Hq ETOUSA, 3 Nov 43.

NAME	RANK	ASN	SSN	ORGN
Benedict M. Boraczek	Sgt	32570271	747	363rd F1 Sq
Alex (NMI) Weitz	Sgt	32441445	685	469th Sv Sq

15. Following EM, orgns indicated, WP #10 Sch Tech Tng, RAF Sta, Kirkham, Nr Preston, Lancashire, o/a 1 Apr 44 on temp dy for approx one (1) week purpose attending course in P-51 Arm. EM will report Adj not later than 1600 hrs, 2 Apr 44, & must carry round-trip travel warrants, mess equip, notebooks & pencils. PX O will issue adv PX rat to cover period of temp dy. Billets & messing fac will be furn at RAF Sch during period of temp dy. CTRS. MEMT. TDN. 91-5 P 432-02 A 212/40425. AUTH: TWX SAS R481E; Ltr. Hq ETOUSA, 3 Nov 43.

NAME	RANK	ASN	SSN	ORGN
Daniel E. O'Connor	Sgt	11114123	911	364th F1 Sq
Jay (NMI) Bingaman	Cpl	13153012	505	363rd F1 Sq
Sebastian (NMI) Camillo	Cpl	32614810	911	362nd F1 Sq
Earl C. Schafer	Cpl	37439740	911	364th F1 Sq

16. Pvt (501) Jimmie G. Robison, 17032611, Hq 357th F1 Gp, WP #10 Sch Tech Tng, RAF Sta, Kirkham, Nr Preston, Lancashire, o/a 1 Apr 44 on temp dy for approx one (1) week purpose attending course in Browning MG. EM will report Adj not later than 1600 hrs, 2 Apr 44, & must carry round-trip travel warrant, mess equip, notebooks & pencils. PX O will issue adv PX rat to cover period of temp dy. Billets & messing fac will be furn at RAF Sch during period of temp dy. CTRS. MEMT. TDN. 91-5 P 432-02 A 212/40425. AUTH: TWX SAS R481E; Ltr. Hq ETOUSA, 3 Nov 43.

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SPECIAL ORDER #86, Hq AAF Sta F-373, APO 637, U S Army, 29 Mar 44.

17. Following EM, 363rd F1 Sq, WP Rolls Royce Ltd. Victory Rd. Derby, Derbyshire, o/a 1 Apr 44 on temp dy for approx two (2) weeks purpose attending course in Rolls Royce Merlin Engine. EM will report PTO, Derby Sta, not later than 1600 hrs, 2 Apr 44, for asgmt to billets & on 3 Apr 44 to Mr. C.L. Hinings at 0830 hrs. EM must carry round-trip travel warrants, notebooks & pencils. PTO will issue adv PX rat to cover period of temp dy. The PD will pay in adv an allowance of \$2.00 per day for qrs for fourteen (14) days & \$2.00 per day for rat for fifteen (15) days to each EM (round-trip), under the provisions of AR 35-4320 & in accordance w/Policy 30-1. Hq USAAF BK 9 Nov 43, as amended by Policy 30-1, same Hq, 27 Dec 43. HMT. CTRS. FOR. 11-1-43-02 172/40/23, AUTH: TUX SAS 2412, Hq BTOMEA, 3 Nov 43.

NAME	GRADE	NO.	SSN
Donald W. Slitt	T Sgt	6915877	750
Frank (NLI) Grosso	S Sgt	36339500	747

Settlement will be affected on a reimbursement basis not to exceed these rates.
 18. 1ST LT LEONARD (NLI) SHLEFSTEIN, 01586176, QMC, Hq & Hq Sq, 50th Sv Sp, aptd CE Property O (add dy) vice 1ST LT GAIL A. JONES, 0575131, AC, reld.

By order of Lieutenant Colonel GRAHAM:

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

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Robert T. Romine
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 Major, Air Corps,
 Adjutant.

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LIEUT COLONEL DONALD W. GRAHAM, Station Commander
 LIEUT COLONEL HUBERT I. EGENSE, Deputy Station Commander
 MAJOR CARLYLE D. HOFFMAN, Executive

1. OFFICERS ON DUTY TODAY:

1st Lt Jacob H. Frankel, Officer of the Day - Tel - 32
 Major Meyer W. Lynn, Medical Officer of the Day - Tel - 54
 2d Lt Kenneth C. Crumb, Headquarters Duty Officer - Tel - 7

ADJ.

OFFICIAL *RIR*

2. OFFICERS ON DUTY TOMORROW:

Officer of the Day-----1st Lt Lawrence D. Wood
 Medical Officer of the Day-----Capt Harold D. Snedden
 Headquarters Duty Officer-----1st Lt Harvey C. Amsterdam

ADJ.

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3. PASS FORMS

In view of the limited supplies of WD AGO Form #7 in this the the, a pass form prepared by this headquarters has been placed in distribution for all units. It is suggested that WD AGO Form #7 be reserved for London passes and this Station's form be used for other purposes. The place of lodging is to be shown on either pass form when used for overnight passes.

ADJ.

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4. GAS ALERT LAY

The attention of all personnel this station is directed to par 2, Daily Bulletin #45, dated 14 February 1944.

b. Tuesday morning, of each week, all personnel will carry the Gas Masks or have them immediately available. The Gas Mask will be worn adjusted to the face from 0900 hours to 0930 hours, upon the announcement of Gas Alert over the Tanney System. The Gas Mask will not be removed from the face until the announcement of the All Clear over the Tanney.

c. All personnel are directed to strictly comply with this directive.

EXEC.

OFFICIAL *RIR*

5. BOXING TOURNAMENT

Boxing tonight at the Aero-Club at 2000 hours!! There will be five bouts full of fast action. Everyone is urged to attend. The winners of the fights tonight will go to the 66th Fighter Wing for Station eliminations.

SP SV O.

6. AT THE THEATER TONIGHT AND TOMORROW NIGHT--1800 & 2000 hours. SP SV O.

"Somewhere I'll Find You" with Lana Turner & Clark Gable.

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

By order of Lieutenant Colonel EGENSE:

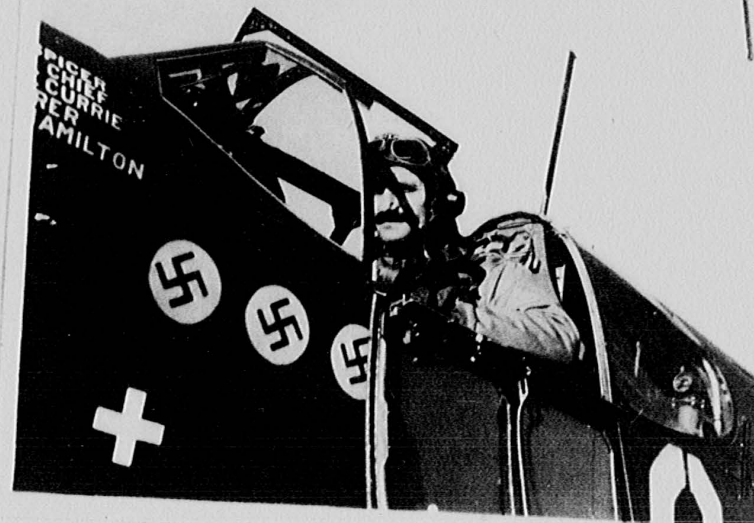
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 Major, Air Corps,
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357th F Gp Commanding Officer

Colonel Henry R. Spicer
with his Crew Chief and
Armorer. (March '44,
AAF Station F-373, Leiston,
Suffolk, England.

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Colonel Henry R. Spicer
in England, March 1944

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Left to right: Capt. Davis T. Perron, who got 3 E/A
Major Thomas L. Hayes, Jr, who led the Group and
got a single, Capt. G. V. Davis scored a double,
Lt. Donald H. Bochkay, also a double. All on the
afternoon of March 6, 1944. A busy afternoon over
Berlin by the 357th F Gp.

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*The Commanding Officer
and the Officers of
The United States Army Air Forces Station
Leiston, Suffolk,*

request the pleasure of the company of

*To attend a Dance at the Officers' Mess
on Saturday, 25 March at 2000 o'clock*

RSVP, THE SECRETARY,
OFFICERS' MESS,
LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

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MSG DUE 07L DTH LMS V HAZ NR 21/29 R

FROM: COMVIO SIXTY SIX 29/2150 A

TO : COMAF HUTHAMPTON, DUNFORD, METFIELD, NOTTINGHAM, LEISTON.

BT

RESTRICTED SASF5410

THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDING GENERAL, ARMY AIR FORCES, WILL BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF ALL MEMBERS OF YOUR COMMAND QUOTE WITH A RELENTLESS DETERMINATION DEMANDING THE RESPECT OF EVERYONE IN THE AAF CMA YOU ARE BRIVING HOME AN ATTACK WHICH IS DESTROYING GERMANES VENT VITALS TO THE STRONGEST DEFENSES A DESPERATE EFFORT CAN BEVINE AND NOT STOPPING YOU PD YOU HAVE HAD HEAVY LOSSES BUT YOU ARE INFLECTING HEAVIER OMS ON THE ENEMY PD YOUR ATTACKS ON REGENSBURG CMA REIMS CMA REIMS CMA GOINA AND OTHER FIGHTER FACTORIES SO VITAL TO THE ENEMY ARE WIPING OUT GERMAN FIGHTER PRODUCTION AND YOUR AIR FIGHT IS ELIMINATING HIS OPERATIONAL FIGHTER FORCE AND LAYING THE FOUNDATION FOR DECISIVE AND FINAL OPERATIONS IN THE FUTURE PD FOR CONTINUING TO DEAL SUCH DESTRUCTIVE BLOWS AT THE HEART OF GERMAN CMA I SEND ALL OF YOU MY BEST WISHES PD FOR THE SUPPLY FOR YOU ARE DOING CMA I COMEND ALL NAMES TAKEN FROM TOP TO BOTTOM PD SIGNED ARNOLD UNQUOTE

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LMS R.....29/2150 A RM AR

A True Copy
George H. Bournell
1st Lt, AC

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FROM COFINIG SIXTY SIS 08/14/15/A

TO COAMF LEISTON, COAMF DUXFORD, COAMF METFIELD, INFO COAMF NUTHAMPSTEAD,
COAMF BOTTISHAM, COAMF FOWLMERE

QQX BT

RESTRICTED SASR138C

THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM LIEUTENANT GENERAL SPAATZ WILL BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF ALL MEMBERS OF YOUR COMMAND QUOTE OPERATIONS OF MARCH SIX WERE MOST SIGNIFICANT IN YOUR AIR OFFENSIVE AGAINST GERMANY PD IN SPITE OF THE ENEMYS MAXIMUM EFFORT TO CONCENTRATE HIS FIGHTERS AGAINST US, HE WAS UNABLE TO PREVENT YOUR ATTACKS IN GREAT FORCE AGAINST VITAL MILITARY TARGETS IN THE VICINITY OF HIS CAPITOL PD THE LOSSES HE SUSTAINED ON THE GROUND AND IN THE AIR CANNOT BE REPLACED PD THE CONTINUANCE OF THESE ATTACKS WILL CONTRIBUTE ENORMOUSLY TO THE FINAL VICTORY PD ALL BOMBER AND FIGHTER PERSONNEL SHOULD BE PROUD OF THE JOB THEY DID TODAY PD I AM PROUD OF THEM UNQUOTE THE COMMANDING GENERALS EIGHTH AIR FORCE AND THE FIGHTER COMMAND ADD THEIR PERSONAL CONGRATULATIONS FOR AN EXCELLENT JOB WELL DONE PD

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BT 08/14 15/A

*A True Copy:
George N. Bowman
1222, AC*

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THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM AIR CHIEF MARSHALL HARRIS IN RAF BOMBER
COMMAND, IS PASSED ON WITH PLEASURE QUOTE HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS ON
FIRST UNITED STATES ATTACK ON BERLIN PD IT IS MORE THAN A YEAR SINCE
THEY WERE ATTACKED IN DAYLIGHT BUT NOW THEY KNOW THAT THEY HAVE NO
SAFETY THERE BY DAY OR NIGHT PD ALL GERMANY LEARNS THE SAME LESSON

UNQUOTE (KEPNER) RESTRICTED 8FCR-109-B

RESTRICTED 8FC R132A YOUR PERFORMANCE IN TODAYS HISTORIC MISSION
CONTRIBUTED TO OUR BRILLIANT VICTORY IN ONE OF THE GREATEST AND
MOST SIGNIFICANT FIGHTER BATTLES EVER FOUGHT. MY SINCERE
CONGRATULATIONS GOES TO ALL WHO WERE ENGAGED AND TO ALL IN THE
AIR AND ON THE GROUND WHO PLAYED THEIR EQUALLY IMPORTANT PART
IN OUR PLAN OF ACTION. SIGNED KEPNER.

BT 062230A

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H. H. G. G. G.
1st Lt. AC*

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FROM COM FICOM EIGHT 062230A

TO COMMANDING OFFICER LEISTON

6 MARCH 1944.

BT

RESTRICTED 8FC R133A YOUR BRILLIANT ACHIEVEMENT WITHOUT LOSS IN
TODAYS HISTORIC FIGHTER BATTLE OVER BERLIN WAS THE KEYSTONE IN
OUR SPLENDID VICTORY. PILOTS OF YOUR GROUP ARE TO BE CONGRATULATED
FOR SUCCESSFULLY COMBINING FIGHTER VICTORIES WITH THE DESTRUCTION
OF STRATEGIC FACTORIES. CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL BOTH IN THE AIR
AND ON THE GROUND WHO PARTICIPATED. SIGNED KEPIER.

BT 062230A

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Major H. Bonnell,
1st Lt. He*

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Graham, Donald W. (O)

1st Inf.

MDW/jds

HEADQUARTERS 66TH FIGHTER WING, APO 637, U. S. Army, 13 March 1944.

TO: Commanding Officer, 357th Fighter Group, AAF Station F-373, U. S. Army.

1. It gives me a great deal of pleasure to forward this most sincere commendation to you and to add my personal congratulations for the leadership displayed and for the able support given you by the pilots of your Group.

M. C. WOODBURY,
Brigadier General, U. S. Army,
Commanding.

*A True copy:
George H. Brownell,
1st Lt, 1st*

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HEADQUARTERS
VIII FIGHTER COMMAND
APO 637, AAF STATION F-341
Office of the Commanding General

E-D-58

11 March 1944.

Commendation.

Lt. Col. Donald W. Graham, Commanding Officer 357th Fighter Group.
(Thru: Commanding Officer, 66th Fighter Wing.)

1. In leading the 357th Fighter Group in compliance with VIII Fighter Command Field Order #263 (Penetration, Target, and Withdrawal Support), March 8, 1944, you provided escort for the heavy bombers for a total of two hours and thirty-five minutes (2:35). Further, after completing your mission with the task force you had been assigned to escort, you voluntarily assumed additional escort duty upon encountering another withdrawing force of heavy bombers. During execution of this escort, you and pilots of your Group destroyed seven and damaged three enemy aircraft.

2. Your devotion to duty as demonstrated by this action is worthy of the highest commendation. Destroying the Hun and protecting our bombers assures ultimate victory. The protection provided by the 357th Fighter Group enabled excellent bombing and kept bomber losses down to the minimum.

3. The attention to duty in face of the enemy displayed by you and your pilots is in accord with the highest traditions of leadership in war and reflects credit upon you as an officer, the 357th Fighter Group, the VIII Fighter Command, and the United States Armed Forces as a whole.

4. A Copy of this commendation will be attached to your next efficiency report.

W. E. KEPNER
Major General, U. S. Army
Commanding

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TO VIII AIR FORCE (OIPNT) ATT'N A-2
 VIII FIGHTER COMMAND (OIJAX) ATT'N A-2
 66TH FIGHTER WING (OISAS) ATT'N A-2

- A. 357th Fighter Group: Col. Spicer leading.
- B. 51 P-51s. 19-362nd Sq. 17-363rd Sq. 15-364 Sq. Up 1105. Down 1450.
- C. 4. 1 Escort.
- D. Penetration, Target, and Withdrawal Support. FO 257, VIII FC.
- E. Thru G Nil.
- H. 2-0-0. 1 Me-109 Destroyed, Major Hayes, 364th Sq.
 1 Me-109 Destroyed, Lt. Carder, 364th Sq.
- I. Lf in at Flushing at 16,000 ft at 1134. RV with bombers 34 miles SW of Koblenz at 25,000 ft at 1208. Escorted bombers thru target, leaving them near AACHEN at 1400. Crossed out in vicinity of Ostend at 1427. Combat with the two enemy planes destroyed took place over Giessen from 22,000 feet down to deck. Only two other enemy A/C were seen. They were 15 miles North of Limburg and escaped by diving into the undercast. Eight chutes observed at 1427 in Koblenz area. Bomb results not observed due to solid undercast at target area.

27 Mar 44

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 George H. Bonnell,
 121 Rt, 7C

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To VIII AIR FORCE (GIMT) ATT'N A-2
 VIII FIGHTER COMMAND (OIJAY) ATT'N A-2
 66TH FIGHTER WING (OISAS) ATT'N A-2

- A. 357th Fighter Group. Col. Spicer leading.
- B. 53 P-51s. 18-362 Sq. 18-363 Sq. 17-364 Sq. Up 1005. Down 1320.
- C. 10. 1 Escort.
- D. Penetration and withdrawal support. FO 259, VIII Fighter Command.
- E. 1. Ditched in channel on account engine failure.
- F. Nil.
- G. Nil. Lt. Foy rescued from Channel 15 miles off Hantsen.
- H. Nil.
- I. Lf in south tip of Tessel at 1049 at 25,000 feet. R/V with bombers North of Hamburg at 25,000 feet at 1131. Bombers told Group leader they were returning. Escorted one box of B-17s for 30 minutes on withdrawal, leaving them at 1201. Crossed out in vicinity of Ostend at 1300. No enemy aircraft seen. Bombers not in formation at R/V. Tremendous explosion North of Hamburg at 27,000 feet with black clouds of smoke mushrooming to white at 30,000 feet. Heavy overcast in thick layers up to 27,000 feet over continent.

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 H. B. Brouell
 1st Lt, A-2

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TO OIPNT OIAJX OISAS P

FROM: OILES 04/1855

TO:	VIII AIR FORCE	OIPNT ATT. A-2
	VIII F C	OIAJX ATT. A-2
	66TH F W	OISAS ATT. A-2

- A. 357th Fighter Group. Col. Spicer Leading.
- B. 52 P 51's, 17-362, 16-363, 19-364. Up 1050, 1122. Down 1614. 1 Framingham, 1 Manston.
- C. 22. 6 Escorts.
- D. Penetration, Target, and Withdrawal Support. F.O. 260 VIII Fighter Command.
- E. 1..Flak over Madgeburg at 26000 Feet.
- F. NN11.
- G. 1. Captain Madeiros, 364 Ftr. Sqd. (Bailed Out West of Madgeburg).
- H. 2-1-1- 1 Me-109 Destroyed, F/O Yeager, 363 Ftr. Sqd.
1 Me-109 Destroyed, Lt. Wallen, 362 Ftr. Sqd.
1 Me-109 Probably Destroyed, Lt. Perron, 362 Ftr. Sqd.
1 He-111 Damaged, 363 Ftr. Sqd.
- I. The Group was divided on take-off by a snowstorm. First section led by Col Spicer made L/F in North of the Hague (estimated on account of overcast) at 25000 feet. This section made R/V with bombers probably near Northheim at 26000 feet at 1240. The second section led by Lt. Col. Graham was airborne at 1122. This section of penetration passed over a withdrawing group of P-51's Called them on C band but could not get an answer. One Me-109 was seen following them and was shot down at 1305. The bombers were joined by this section at 1310. Both sections escorted bombers thru the target and left them at 1440. Went over Ruhr to avoid a storm. Flak was intense and accurate as usual there. Various flights crossed out from Ostend North from 8000 feet to 21000 feet. Flak was intense and accurate at Ostend at a flight at 8000 feet. 15 to 20 Me-109's were seen over the target at 30000 feet. They made one pass directly through the bombers and escort at 1308. 3 Me-109's were seen near Brunswick at 1420 at 25000 feet. One He-111 was seen and damaged 40 miles South-East of Kassel at

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1415. One B-17 reported to blow up over target at 16000 feet. Other combat referred to above was in target area from 1310 to 1315 from 19000 to 27000 feet. Bombing results not seen on account of the overcast.

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1st Lt, AC

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FROM: OILES 051845A

TO: OISAS - OIAJX - OIPNT

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5 March

- A. 357th Fighter Group, Colonel Spicer leading.
- B. 46 P-51's, 17 - 362nd, 18 - 363rd, 11 - 364th, up 0911, down 1440, 1, Yeovilton; 1, Beaulieu; 1, Stanstead; 1, Tangmere; 3, Henstridge.
- C. 6.
- D. Penetration, Target, and withdrawal support. F.O. 261, VIII Fighter Command.
- E. 2. 1, Reasons unknown; 1, Flak.
- F. 1, Lt. Wood, 363rd Sq. returning early with rough engine and no radio, ran off end of runway. Cat. B.
- G. 2. Colonel Spicer, 362nd Sq. Last seen with dinghy, 20 miles W. of Lehavre about 1315. Flight Officer Yeager 363rd Sq. reported last seen 10 miles S.E. of Angouleme about 1100.
- H. 5 - 0 - 4
 1 Fw 190 destroyed, Lt. O'Brien, 362nd Sq.
 1 Fw 190 destroyed, (long nose), Lt. Peterson, 364th Sq.
 1 Fw 190 damaged, Lt. O'Brien, 362nd Sq. and Lt. A.E. Smith (shared).
 1 Fw 190 damaged, Capt. O'Brien, 363rd Sq.
 1 Fw 200 destroyed, Lt. Stanley, 364th Sq.
 1 Fw 190 (long nose) damaged, Capt. Dregne, 364th Sq.
 2 Fw 200 destroyed, Capt. Davis, 364th Sq.
 1 Fw 190 damaged, Lt. Pugh, 362nd Sq.
- I. L/F Fecamp 0958 at 25,000 feet. R/V with bombers north of Cholet at 1027 at 25,000 feet. Group escorted bombers to separate targets leaving bombers at Angers at 1240. Crossed out vicinity of Dieppe at 1350 from 11,000 feet. The 3 Fw 200's were destroyed as they were taking off from a grass airfield 30 miles S.E. of Cholet near Parthenay. The long nosed Fw 190 was damaged 40 miles S.E. of Bordeaux at tree top level at which point the enemy plane pulled away from our plane which was indicating 350 MPH. Our plane could turn inside the Fw 190 longnose. Other combat was in target area at various altitudes up to 25,000 feet. 6 to 10 S/E enemy planes were seen in this area. One B-24 spun in and exploded 60 miles N.E. of Bordeaux. 6 chutes seen. Col. Spicer and Lt. Pugh, his wingman came out from Bordeaux at 10,000 feet headed north. They let down to the deck upon crossing the Loire. Coming out near Caen on the Deck Col. Spicer's plane was hit by white bursting tracer flak. The Colonel told his wingman he was going to bail out after riding it as far as he could over the water. They climbed to about 4000 feet still headed north where the Colonel's plane caught on fire. The Colonel told his wingman to give a Mayday, then bailed out about 10 miles off the French coast. Lt. Pugh saw the Colonel's chute in the water and his dinghy inflate. Lt. Pugh climbed to 12,000 feet and gave Mayday at 1315.

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Gave more Maydays, then switched to D and told Parker he had received no acknowledgement. Then back to B and gave 5 more Maydays at 15,000 feet. Being low on gas Lt. Pugh landed Tangmere and report was given to Shoreham. Typhoons back from search report Nil and an international broadcast has been given giving position.

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George H. Burrell
1st Lt, A.C.

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- A. 357th Fighter Group. Major Hayes leading.
- B. 48 P-51's. 14 - 362nd Sq., 17 - 363rd Sq., 17 364th Sq., Up 1035. Down 1540.
- C. 15.
- D. Penetration, target and withdrawal support. FG 262, VIII Fighter Command.
- E. Thru G. Nil.
- H. 20 - 1 - 7. *6 March*

1 Me-110 Destroyed, Capt. Broadhead, 362nd Sq.
 2 Fw-190 Destroyed, Capt. Perron, 362nd Sq.
 1 Me-210 Destroyed, Capt. Perron, 362nd Sq.
 1 Me-109 Destroyed, Lt. Starkey, 362nd Sq.
 1 Me-110 Destroyed, shared by Lt. Roberson and Lt. Hagan, 362nd Sq.
 1 Me-110 Destroyed, shared by Lt. Williams and Lt. Hagan, 362nd Sq.
 1 Me-110 Destroyed, Capt. O'Brien, 363rd Sq.
 1 Me-110 Destroyed, Lt. Pierce, 363rd Sq.
 2 Me-110 Destroyed, Lt. Bochkay, 363rd Sq.
 1 Me-110 Destroyed, Lt. Pagels, 363rd Sq.
 1 Me-110 Destroyed, Lt. Stanley, 364th Sq.
 1 Me-110 Destroyed, Lt. Ruder, 364th Sq.
 1 Fw-190 Destroyed, Capt. Davis, 364th Sq.
 1 Me-110 Destroyed, Capt. Davis, 364th Sq.
 1 Me-110 Destroyed, Lt. T.L. Harris, 364th Sq.
 1 Me-109 Destroyed, Lt. Carder, 364th Sq.
 1 Me-109 Destroyed, Major Hayes, 364th Sq.
 1 Me-110 Probably Destroyed, F/O McKinney, 364th Sq.
 1 Me-110 Destroyed, Lt. Ruder, 364th Sq.
 1 Me-110 Damaged, Lt. Col. Egenes, 362nd Sq.
 1 Me-109 Damaged, Lt. Norris, 362nd Sq.
 1 Me-410 Damaged, Lt. Jones, 363rd Sq.
 1 He-111 Damaged, Major Hayes, 364th Sq.
 2 He-111 Damaged, Lt. Richard Smith, 364th Sq.
 1 Me-109 Damaged, Lt. Carder, 364th Sq.

- I. L/F in near the Hague at 23,000 feet at 1120. Major Hayes took the lead when Lt. Col. Graham was forced to return with engine trouble. R/V with bombers at 26,000 feet over Berlin. Several of our flights escorted each box of B-17's over the target as they arrived and then escorted the B-24's over the target as they arrived. At the same time, the remainder of our planes had driven a large number of enemy planes down below the bombers and were engaging them in combat. No other friendly fighters were observed in the target area at the time of arrival of the first bombers. P-38's were seen 50 miles west of Berlin on withdrawal. Escorted the last box of B-24's thru the target, leaving them about 30 miles south of Bremen. Combat with enemy planes attempting to attack the withdrawing bombers caused the Squadrons to split up, some flights leaving the enemy coast along the Frisians while other crossed out at the Hague, the latter at 1445 at 19,000 feet. Most of the combat took place over Berlin from 25,000 feet down to the deck. One Me-110 was seen to explode in a factory at Potsdam, setting it on fire. In driving enemy fighters away from the withdrawing bombers, one was destroyed at tree top level near an airfield at Ulzen. Our flight of 5 proceeded to strafe the field and claim 3 He-111's, 1 Me-109,

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as above noted. The control tower, personnel, several parked Ju-52's, and a nearby locomotive were also sprayed. Several B-17's were seen to explode over the target and chutes were observed. Ten to 12 Me-210's over the target area were firing rockets and appeared to be Radar equipped. Heavy, accurate flak over target at bomber level. Moderate, accurate flak at Munster as usual.

A True copy:
George A. Bonnell
1st Lt, AC

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TO: VIII AIR FORCE (OIPNT) ATT'N A-2
 VIII F C (OIJAX) ATT'N A-2
 66TH FIGHTER WING (OISAS) ATT'N A-2

- A. 357th Fighter Group. Lt. Col. Graham leading.
- B. 49 P-51's. 18- 362nd Sq., 14-363rd sq., 17-364th Sq., Up 1126. Down 1700.
1 Framlingham.
- C. 11.
- D. Penetration, target, and withdrawal support. F.O. 263, VIII Fighter Command.
- E. 1. Reason unknown. *8 March.*
- F. 1. Cat E. Lt. Tiede crash landed on home runway.
- G. Lt. Gambill, 363rd Sq. (last seen 30 miles West of Hanover).
- H. 7 - 0 - 3.

1 Me-109, Destroyed, Lt. England, 362nd Sq.
 1 Fw-190, Destroyed, Lt. Col. Graham, 364th Sq.
 1 Me-410, Destroyed, Major Hayes, 364th Sq.
 1 Fw-190, Destroyed, Lt. Carder, 364th Sq.
 1 Fw-190, (long nosed), Destroyed, Capt. Warren, 364th Sq.
 1 Fw-190, Destroyed, Shared by Capt. Davis and Lt. T.L. Harris, 364th Sq.
 1 Fw 190, Damaged, Lt. Reust, 363rd Sq.
 1 Fw-190, Damaged, Lt. Peterson, 364th Sq.
 1 Me-109, Destroyed, Capt. Anderam, 363rd Sq.
 1 Fw-190, Damaged, Lt. Col. Graham, 364th Sq.
 2 Locomotives, Destroyed, Major Hayes, 364th Sq.
 2 Locomotives, Destroyed, Cat. Davis, 364th Sq.

- I. L/F in Schowen Island at 23,000 feet at 1208. R/V 20 miles North of Brunswick at 1315 at 25,000 feet. Escorted B-24's thru target, leaving them at Gardlegen at 1500. Picked up B-17's on withdrawal, leaving them over Zuider Zee at 1550. Crossed out South of Egmond at 11,000 feet. 8-12 enemy A/C seen in formation at 28,000 feet over the target. One enemy plane was destroyed 30 miles South of Berlin. Most of combat was over target from 25,000 feet down to deck. 3 Me-109's attacking a straggling B-17 over Dummer Lake were bounced and two were shot down. The locomotives, which blew up, were on main line 30 miles West of Brandenburg to 10 miles East of Hanover. One B-17 was seen on fire 15 miles NW of Osudruck, one chute observed. AB-24 exploded SW of Berlin at 1430 at 20,000 feet. Five chutes observed. Direct bomb hits observed in center of Berlin. Pilots report sparkler type ammunition which seemed to explode in front of leading bombers being used by enemy aircraft.

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TO: VIII AIR FORCE (OIPNT) ATT- A-2
 VIII FIGHTER COMMAND (OIJX) ATT- A-2
 66th FIGHTER WING (OISAS) ATT- A-2

- A. 357th Fighter Group. Capt. Broadhead leading.
- B. 48 P-51s. 17-362nd Sq. 15-363rd Sq. 16-364th Sq. Up 1037. Down 1500.
- C. 13. 4 Escorts.
- D. Penetration, Target, and Withdrawal Support. FO 264, VIII Fighter Command.
- E. Thru H. Nil.
- I. On account of solid overcast, estimated landfall in North of The Hague at 21,000 feet at 1121. Capt. Broadhead took the lead as Lt. Col. Graham was forced to return on account of mechanical failure. Picked up B-24s approximately one hour early at 1143 and escorted them thru estimated target position, leaving them on withdrawal in vicinity of Steinhuder Lake at 1358. Crossed out vicinity of Haarlem at 1435. No enemy a/c were seen. Bombers flew South of their course thereby going through several flak areas. Flak at Hanover was intense and accurate, on penetration and withdrawal. Observed no bombing. One B-24 seen of fire in vicinity of target. Four shutes seen. R/T was good throughout entire mission.

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TO: VIII AIR FORCE (OIPWT) ATT. A-2
 VIII FIGHTER COMMAND (OIAJX) ATT. A-2
 66th FIGHTER WING (OISAS) ATT. A-2

- A. 357th Fighter Group. Lt. Col. Egenes leading.
- B. 44 P-51s. 15-362nd, 16-363rd, 13-364th. Up 0950. Down 1225.
- C. 10. 1 Escort.
- D. Penetration, Target, and Withdrawal Support. F.O. #270, VIII Fighter Command.
- E. 2 NYR. Reasons unknown.
- F. 1 Cat. E, take off crash. 1 Cat. B, wing damaged by exploding E/A. 2 Cat. AC, battle damage.
- G. 2 NYR. Lt. Pyeatt and Lt. Meyer last seen SW of Stuttgart about 1135.
- H. 12-1-4. 2 ME-109s destroyed. Lt. Col. Egenes, 362nd Ftr. Sq.
 2 ME-110s destroyed. Capt. Warren, 364th Ftr. Sq.
 1 ME-109 destroyed. Lt. England, 362nd Ftr. Sq.
 1 ME-110 destroyed. Capt. Throop, 363rd Ftr. Sq.
 1 ME-109 destroyed. Capt. Davis, 364th Ftr. Sq.
 1 DO-217 destroyed. Lt. Reese, 364th Ftr. Sq.
 1 FW-190 destroyed. Capt. Warren, 364th Ftr. Sq.
 1 ME-109 destroyed. Major Dregme, 364th Ftr. Sq.
 1 ME-110 destroyed. Major Hayes, 364th Ftr. Sq.
 1 ME-110 destroyed. Capt. Davis and Lt. Peterson, 364th Ftr. Sq.
 (shared).
 1 FW-190 probably destroyed. Lt. Roberson, 362nd Ftr. Sq.
 1 ME-410 damaged. Capt. Broadhead, 362nd Ftr. Sq.
 1 JU-88 damaged. Lt. Hinman, 363rd Ftr. Sq.
 1 ME-110 damaged. Lt. Reese, 364th Ftr. Sq.
 1 ME-109 damaged. Lt. Hubbard, 364th Ftr. Sq.

I. L/F in S of Flushing at 18,000 feet at 1021. R/V with bombers S of Stuttgart at 25,000 feet at 1125. Escorted bombers until 1240 leaving them approximately 20 miles SW of Stuttgart. Crossed out in the vicinity of Ostend at 15,000 feet at 1400. Most of combat took place at R/V, from 25,000 feet down to deck. A total of 30 to 40 E/A were seen in R/V area comprised of S/E and T/E E/A including a few night fighters. About 10 ME-109s and FW-190s were seen in target area in flights of two to four. The ME-109s were particularly aggressive, they did not break and dive down but stayed at altitude making coordinated attacks. No bombing results observed due to almost solid undercast. No bombers were seen in distress. R/T was good.

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FROM: OILES 18/1830A

TO: OISAS OIAJX OIPNT

QQX BT

- A. 357th Fighter Group. Major Hayes leading.
- B. 54 P-51's, 18-362nd Sq., 18-363rd Sq., 18-364th Sq., Up 1151. Down 1645.
1 Manston.
- C. 18.
- D. Penetration, target and withdrawal support. F.O. 273 A, VIII Fighter Command.
- E. 2 NYR. Lt. K.J. Vogel, 362nd Sq.
Capt. J.R. Warren, 364th Sq. Reasons unknown.
- F. Nil.
- G. 2 NYR. Lt. K.J. Vogel, 362nd Sq., Capt. J.R. Warren, 364th Sq.
- H. 2 - 0 - 0
1 Me 109, Destroyed, Lt. Adams, 362nd Sq.
1 Me 109, Destroyed Lt. Peterson, 364th Sq.
2 Locomotives, Damaged, Lt. Robert C. Smith, 364th Sq.
1 Locomotive, Damaged, Capt. Currie, 364th Sq.
- I. L/F in at Ostend (estimated on account of overcast) at 20,000 feet at 1222.
R/V with bombers at Rambervillers at 26,000 feet 1316 Hours. Escorted bombers
thru target leaving them 20 miles north of Augsburg at 22,000 feet at 1426.
Crossed out near Flushing at 1600. Very few enemy planes were seen. Those were
in the area between Lake Constance and the target. Combat was near Ulm and in
the target area from 25,000 feet down to the deck. The locomotives damaged
were between Ulm and Augsburg. Half-way across the North Sea on way to E/C the
Group entered a thick haze at 12,000 feet emerging at 23,000 feet. The two
pilots missing were last seen in heavy overcast. Another layer extended above
30,000 feet. The bad flying weather caused the loss of two pilots it is believed,
broke up the group formations, and caused a detour to the Paris area making R/V
a matter of chance.

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OISAS V OILES NR 1/20 P

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FROM: OILES 201335A

TO: OISAS OIAJX OIPNT TER

QQX BT

A. 357th Fighter Group. Lt. Col. Egenes leading.

B. 53 P-51's, 18-362nd Sq., 17-363rd Sq., 18-364th Sq.

C. 1.

D. Sweep.

E. Thru H. Nil.

I. Headed up into overcast at 6,000 feet to 7,000 feet 25 miles East of Base on a heading of 90 degrees, reaching 25,000 feet at an estimated position South of Amsterdam at 1120, still in overcast. Returned to Base, breaking down out of overcast at about 6,000 feet. Inaccurate, meager flak on way in enemy coast near Scheveningen and moderate accurate near the Hague on return. One flight reported accurate flak from a flak ship S.W. of Knocke.

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TO. OIPWTER ATT'N A-2
 OIJAX ATT'N A-2
 OISAS ATT'N A-2

- A. 357th Fighter Group. Lt. Col. Egenes leading. Up 1027. Down 1505.
- B. 53 P-51's, 18-362nd Sq. 18-363rd Sq. 17-364th Sq.
- C. 10. 4 Escorts.
- D. Target, Penetration, and withdrawal support. F.O. 277, VIII Fighter Command.
- E. and F. Nil.
- G. L NYR. 2nd Lt. Carter L. Jones, 363rd Sq. Reason unknown.
- H. Nil.
- I. L/F in N of Amsterdam at 1107 at 23,000 feet. R/V vicinity of Pritzwalk at 1225 at 25,000 feet. Stayed with bombers through target, leaving them in vicinity of Dummer Lake at 1400 at 25,000 feet. L/F out IJmuiden at 1440 at 18,000 feet. Accurate and intense flak at Bremen, target area, and North Frisian Islands. No enemy A/C seen. Bombing results good. One B-17 observed in target area in vertical dive. No chutes observed. R/T good.

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- A. 357th Fighter Group, Capt. Throop leading.
- B. 52 P-51's. 17-362nd Sq., 18-363rd Sq., 17-364th Sq., Up 0914. Down 1230.
- C. Two.
- D. Target, Penetration, and withdrawal support. F.O. 278, VIII Fighter Command.
- E. 1 NYR. Reason unknown. Five Cat A damage from flak.
- F. Nil.
- G. 1 NYR. 2nd Lt. Robert P. Humphreys. Last seen West of target at 1045 while flight was engaging large formation of Me-109's.
- H. 0 - 1 - 0
 - 1 Me-109 Probably destroyed, Lt. Peterson, 364th Sq.
 - 1 Locomotive, Destroyed, Lt. Peterson, 364th Sq.
- I. L/F in 0956 at Egmond at 23,000 feet. R/V 20 miles S.E. of Hanover at 1040 at 26,000 feet. Left bombers South of Zuider Zee at 1145 at 25,000 feet. L/F out Walcheron Island at 1210 at 15,000 feet. Bombers were 42 minutes early and R/V was made after bombing run through target as a result. Two flights of our planes engaged approximately 30 Me-109's and Fw-190's in formation coming in to attack bombers South of Hanover. Enemy A/C were aggressive in attacks on these flights although attacks on our bomber were diverted and Me-109's dispersed. Four bombers seen to explode N. of Ruhr area and 15 chutes observed. One seen going down over Hook of Holland, no chutes observed. Bomber formations good, and excellent bombing results, with tremendous explosion, seen at target estimated to be Gutersloh. T/T good.

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TO OIPNT OIJAX OISAS

- A. 357TH FIGHTER GROUP. CAPT. DAVIS LEADING.
- B. 52 P-51'S. 16-362, 18-363, 18-364. UP 1320. - DOWN 1805.
2 DEBDEN, 1 DUXFORD, 2 SEETHING, 2 FORD.
- C. 9. 1 ESCORT.
- D. WITHDRAWAL SUPPORT. FO #282, VIII FIGHTER COMMAND.
- E. 1 NYR, REASONS UNKNOWN.
- F. NIL.
- G. 1 NYR. LT. STRODE, 364 FIGHTER SQ. LAST SEEN IN OVERCAST NEAR CLACTON ABOUT
1325, ALTITUDE 5000 FEET.
- H. NIL.
- I. SOLID OVERCAST 300 FT TO 3000 FT AND 3300 FT TO 7800 FT REPORTED BY OUR WEATHER
PLANE DELAYED GROUP TAKE OFF. L/F FECAMP 22,000 FT AT 1405. R/V WITH B-24'S AT
1519 SIXTY MILES WEST OF BORDEAUX AT 18,000 FT. LEFT BOMBERS 20 MILES SOUTH OF
CAEN AT 15,000 FT AT 1650. CROSSED OUT NORTH OF CAEN AT 1700. BALLOONS IN THAMES
ESTUARY AND AROUND HARWICH CONSTITUTED THEIR USUAL MENACE IN LOW CEILINGS UPON RETURN
TO BASE. SOLID OVERCAST ON LANDING AT BASE WITH CEILINGS AT 500 FT AND SCUD AT
100 FT. LIGHT INACCURATE FLAK AT MOUTH OF GIRONDE. 9 STEAMSHIPS SEEN HEADING
INTO LA ROCHELLE. 6 SHIPS SEEN GOING INTO LE HAVRE. AIRDROME 5 MILES SOUTH OF
LE MANS OBSERVED IN GOOD CONDITION WITH GRASS RUNWAYS AND IMPROVED HANGERS. AIR-
DROME 2 MILES SOUTH OF CAEN OBSERVED WITH MANY BOMB CRATERS. NO E/A REPORTED.

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

B. 49 P-51's, 18-362, 17-363, 14-364. UP 1249. DOWN 1700.

C. 7

D. PENETRATION, TARGET AND WITHDRAWAL SUPPORT. F.O. #283, VIII FIGHTER COMMAND.

D. 2. 1 LOST (REASON UNKNOWN)

1 NYR (REASON UNKNOWN)

F. NIL.

G. 2. LT. COL. EGENES, 362ND FTR SQ, LAST SEEN STRAFING A/D 10 MILES SOUTH OF PARIS ABOUT 1600.

LT. DROLLINGER, 362ND FTR SQ, (BAILED NORTH-EAST DIJON 1405).

H. 5-0-0. 1 JU 88 LT. ROBERSON, 362ND FTR SQ. (DESTROYED ON GROUND).

1 JU 88 LT. STARKEY, 362ND FTR SQ. (DESTROYED ON GROUND).

1 JU 88 SHARED BY LT. SMITH AND LT. CARSON, 362ND FTR SQ (DESTROYED ON GROUND).

2 JU 88'S LT SMITH, 362ND FTR SQ. (DESTROYED ON GROUND).

1 HANGAR BURNED.

1 GUN POSITION DAMAGED.

I. L/F DUNKERQUE 16,000 FT AT 1317. R/V CHATEAU THIERRY 1349 AT 25,000 FT. ESCORTED BOMBERS THRU THE TARGET AND LEFT THEM 15 MILES SW REIMS AT 20,000 FT. CROSSED OUT DUNKERQUE AT 22,000 FT AT 1625. GREAT PILLARS OF FIRE AND SMOKE OBSERVED AS RESULT OF BOMBING THE TARGET. THE ABOVE MENTIONED PLANES DESTROYED, HANGAR BURNED AND GUN POSITION SHOT UP WERE AT AN A/D 10 MILES SOUTH OF PARIS. LT. COL. EGENES, DEPUTY GROUP COMMANDER WAS LAST SEEN STRAFING THIS A/D ABOUT 1600.

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- A. 357TH FTR GP. CAPT THROOP LEADING.
- B. 49 P-51'S. 17-362, 16-363, 16-364 Sq. UP 1149. DOWN 1600.
- C. 8.
- D. PENETRATION, TARGET, AND WITHDRAWAL SUPPORT. FO 284, VIII FC.
- E. 3. TWO LOST DUE TO COLLISION IN OVERCAST OVER CHANNEL. 1 MYR (REASON UNKNOWN).
- F. NIL.
- G. 3 LT GUTIERREZ, 363RD SQ. MISSING (COLLISION).
LT MCGINLEY, 363RD SQ. MISSING (COLLISION).
LT. SUTTON, 364TH SQ. MYR (LAST SEEN 10 MILES NORTH OF BRUNSWICK).
- H. 1-0-0.
1 ME 109 DESTROYED, CAPTAIN BROADHEAD, 362ND SQ.
- I. GROUP SET COURSE OVER BASE UNDER OVERCAST AT ~~XXXX~~ 1152. CLIMBED INTO OVERCAST AT 2000 FT AND OUT AT 6000FT. AT 3500 FEET TWO FLIGHTS COLLIDED IN THE OVERCAST AS A RESULT. LT GUTIERREZ AND LT MCGINLEY CRASHED INTO CHANNEL ABOUT 15 MILES EAST OF BASE AT 1200. ASR WAS IMMEDIATELY ON HAND BUT FOUND NO SURVIVORS. L/F IJMUIDEN AT 19000 FEET AT 1228. R/V WITH BOMBERS SW OF BREMEN AT 26000 FEET AT 1340. ESCORT* ED BOMBERS THROUGH TARGET, LEAVING THEM AT QUACKENBRUCK AT 1425. CROSSED OUT IJMUIDEN AT 1507 AT 20000 FEET. BOMBERS SPREAD OUT AND DIFFICULT TO PROTECT AGAINST 3 OR 4 PACKS OF 12-15 S/E E/A IN AREA FROM HANNOVER TO TARGET, WHICH WOULD DIVE AWAY INTO CLOUDS UPON APPROACH OF OUR PLANES. COMBAT WAS IN TARGET AREA.

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ENCOUNTER REPORT

Lt. Col. DONALD W. GRAHAM, O-25247.

A. Combat.

B. 8 March 1944.

C. 364th Fighter Squadron, 357th Fighter Group.

D. 1425 BST.

E. Target Area.

F. CAVU.

G. FW-190.

H. Unknown.

I. I was leading the Group and the 364th Fighter Squadron Red Flight. The Group had taken up positions within three boxes of B-24s, which were rather spread out. In the vicinity of the I/P at 25,000 feet, 3 FW-190s were seen above and at 2 o'clock, coming down on a straggler from a preceding formation. Before we could pull up to the ship in distress, the E/S had positioned themselves and in two seconds had the right wing flaming. They then turned and dove towards us. I picked the leader and fired a one-second burst from about 30 degrees off his nose from about 300 yards as he passed under us. In the recovery, my wing man, Lt. Peterson, lost control and recovered from his dive below me. The second element followed the third FW-190, eventually destroying it. Lt. Peterson had climbed almost up again and as the two FW-190s were below us and to the right, I told him to go down as I could cover him. We made a 90 degree right diving turn, he following a 190 straight ahead. The second broke left and I followed him in a tight turning circle. He fired a burst that exploded in space with bright, sparkling white puffs. I was not yet in a firing position when he bailed out. I continued my turn and could not pick up my wing man. I continued turning and twisting at about 7,000 feet, trying to find him as he was calling for help. He eventually said he was clear and rejoined another group at bomber level.

I claim a FW-190 Destroyed.

J.

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DONALD W. GRAHAM,
 Lt. Col., Air Corps.

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SUPPORTING STATEMENT

1st Lt. RICHARD A. PETERSON, 364th Fighter Squadron

3 March 1944.

I was flying number 2 position in the lead flight of the lead squadron on Lt. Col. Graham's wing. We were escorting a box of B-24's over Berlin when we saw a B-24 under attack ahead. We started to help out, but we could not get there in time. It was on fire from the right outboard engine to the fuselage. The B-24 then exploded and we chased the FW 190 that had attacked it. In order for me to hold a position with my leader, I had to "Split-S". The FW 190 made a chandelle to the right so I was then going straight down past him and my leader. I gained so much velocity that I was unable to control my plane until I reached approximately 10,000 ft. The last time I looked at my air speed I was approaching 550 indicated. I pulled out gradually ending up at 4000 ft. and immediately started to return to the bombers and looked for my leader. I climbed past five chutes that were floating down from the B-24 that had been under attack. I located my leader, Lt. Col. Graham, and again reformed on his right wing. We started climbing toward the bombers and I saw two FW 190's low and to our right. Since I had an advantage in position, I called them to my leader and asked him to follow me. As we approached the FW 190's, they split and each one made a gradual turn to the left. I told Lt. Col. Graham to take the first one and I would take the far one. I made a gradual turn to the left following the FW 190, turning inside of him and closing. He rolled out and flew straight for a short distance. At that time I noticed Lt. Col. Graham on the tail of the other FW 190 and the pilot had just bailed out.

RICHARD A. PETERSON, O-739334,
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Pilot.

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ENCOUNTER REPORT

Lt. Col. DONALD W. GRAHAM, O-25247

A. Combat.

B. 8 March 1944.

C. 364th Fighter Squadron, 357th Fighter Group.

D. 1435 DST.

E. Target Area.

F. GAVU.

G. Me-109.

H. Unknown.

I. When withdrawing at 13,000 feet, out of oxygen, with nine aircraft, three Me-109s were sighted at 2 o'clock above at about 18,000 feet. They dove for a B-17 close in the vicinity of Steinhuder Lake. We turned right to intercept them and they broke left, straight ahead, with the leader up and right. I called for and followed the leader, the other ships calling their targets. After taking violent evasive action and failing to prevent my getting closer to firing range, the E/A dove in a slipping and skidding path towards Hannover. At about 1,000 feet, I had closed to 400 yards and fired numerous bursts, observing strikes. My engine was detonating, sending red flames past my cockpit at irregular intervals, the first of which I took for ground flak. It seemed impossible to close with him so I continued to fire until only one gun was firing and red brick buildings whizzed past under me. I broke away, calling for my wing man, who had disappeared. I took evasive action as I climbed westward to avoid the ground flak. As I reached about 3,000 feet, I saw several aircraft above me at 12 o'clock in a spiral. One was smoking and then the pilot bailed out, his ship striking the ground in a small field in front of me and burned. I called assembly over Steinhuder Lake.

I claim a Me-109 damaged.

J.

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1st Lt. [redacted]

DONALD W. GRAHAM,
Lt. Col., Air Corps.

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ENCOUNTER REPORT

PILOT: CAPTAIN IRWIN H. DREGNE, O-431399

A. COMBAT.

B. 5 MARCH 1944.

C. 357TH FIGHTER GROUP.

D. 1130 B.S.T.

E. SOUTH EAST OF BORDEAUX.

F. CLEAR WITH FEW SCATTERED CLOUDS.

G. FW-190.

H. NIL.

I. I WAS FLYING GOWDY RED THREE, WHEN GOWDY LEADER SAW THREE FW'S 190'S 5000 FT. BELOW AT 18,000 FT. COMING IN BEHIND A BOX OF B-24'S. WE DOVE ON THE ENEMY AIR-

GRAFT AND THEY BROKE AND STARTED FOR THE DECK. I FOLLOWED GOWDY LEADER DOWN TO ABOUT 5000 FT. WHEN THE THIRD FW 190 PULLED UP AND CAME IN BEHIND MY WING MAN. I STARTED TURNING WITH THE 190 AND AFTER THREE TURNS I WAS ABLE TO TURN INSIDE THE FW 190 AND GET A DEFLECTION SHOT AT HIM. HE IMMEDIATELY BROKE AND HIT THE DECK. I WAS APPROXIMATELY 400 YARDS BEHIND HIM WHEN I STARTED SHOOTING. I OBSERVED STRIKES ON THE WINGS. THE HUN WAS SO LOW HE WAS DIPPING THE TOPS OF THE TREES. WITH FULL THROTTLE I WAS UNABLE TO KEEP WITHIN FIRING RANGE OF THE FW 190. AFTER APPROXIMATELY FOUR MINUTES CHASE I PULLED UP AND JOINED GOWDY RED FLIGHT WHICH HAD BEEN FOLLOWING ME.

I CLAIM A FW 190 (LONG NOSE) DAMAGED.

J. 412 ROUNDS.

IRWIN H. DREGNE,
Operations Officer,
Captain, Air Corps.

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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 36, Hq. ETOUSA, 5 April 1943, and letter Hq. Eighth Air Force, Subject "Awards and Decorations", 20 September, 1943, the DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS is awarded to the following named Officers:

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HENRY R. SPICER, O-21439, Colonel, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement. Colonel Spicer has accomplished twenty fighter combat missions, or the equivalent thereof, over enemy occupied Continental Europe and has destroyed three enemy airplanes in aerial combat. The skillful and zealous manner in which Colonel Spicer has sought out the enemy and destroyed him, his devotion to duty and courage under all conditions serve as an inspiration to his fellow flyers. His actions on all these occasions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home Address: 527 Queen Anne Court, San Antonio, Texas.

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 1st Lt., Air Corps.

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