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3RD BOMB DIVISION

66TH FIGHTER WING

357TH FIGHTER GROUP

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UNIT HISTORY
357 Fighter Group
September, 1944

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OPERATIONAL SUMMARY

Operations for the month of September became more intense than they had been since D-Day. A total of 25 missions were flown by the group in spite of the bad weather. On those 25 missions a score of 60-1-3 built the group total score to 390-20-88.

The good combat record of the unit was marred to some extent by an unusually large number of accidents at home. The first coming at the end of the first mission when a pilot landed long on the runway and couldn't stop before running into a tree at the end of the strip. The others were scattered throughout the month of operations and training.

September's first mission was an escort job that was finally recalled because of the weather. In spite of not completing the mission the score for the day showed one locomotive damaged on the return trip.

Major Hiro led 15 Mustangs on the second mission. Practically nothing happened. Escorted the bombers through the briefed course, no enemy aircraft and no flak.

This was the period of the month when it appeared as if the war had been won. Captain Howell led a mission on escort of heavy bombers which made repeated runs at 8,000 feet over the target with perfect impunity. No flak and no enemy aircraft were around to harass the operations.

Again no enemy planes were seen when Colonel Graham led 56 planes on support of bombing operations to the vicinity of Karlsruhe. Flak was present but all of the group planes came home.

The next show was led by Major Gates. It was also an escort and still no Nazis came up. One whole flight from 363 squadron did not return until late. After everyone was sufficiently perturbed, they came in. One of the planes was having trouble so they all landed in Normandy and came home together after it was repaired.

Captain Beal led one half of a mission the next day. Only two enemy aircraft were seen. Two 109s made one pass at the bombers and then got out of the area before the group could get to them. Major Hiro led the other half as support for a different attack. His section saw nothing at which to shoot.

Colonel Graham took the group on another escort the following day. Very uneventful mission.

After a long string of close escort assignments where you wait for the enemy to come to you the group finally got the chance to go after them. Upon leaving the bombers, the group, Captain England leading, got down on the deck on the way home. Two locomotives, 4 box cars, 1 truck, and two German Officers were claimed as destroyed, plus damage to a railway station and other railroad equipment.

The Luftwaffe still has at least 150 single engine fighters. The mission that Col. Dregne led saw them. However, they didn't come within ten miles of the bombers and 357 group couldn't leave the bombers to chase them. Captain Hughes and Lt. Ofsthun returned late after escorting an injured bomber to France. They became the first Group pilots to land at Brussels, refuel and come home.

Major Storch led a mission on support September 14 that was different. There were a lot of enemy planes around. The group claimed 15 destroyed and 1 damaged. After getting 8 out of twenty 109s that attacked the bombers the group went on with

the bombers and later saw a gaggle of 50 to 60 more. One squadron from the 357th attacked and dispersed them, getting 5. A few more stray Jerries were knocked from the sky as the task force followed its course and the fighters ranged out some. Total claims for the day were 15-0-1. This score was not for "free". Five planes and three pilots were lost. Lt. Goldsworthy was picked out of the channel by Air/Sea rescue. Lt. Johnston returned from Brussels after bailing. Lt. Burnett, Valkitch, and Brown all bailed out deep in Germany. They were on the ground safe.

The next mission was in support of the airborne landings in Holland. Capt. Williams led. The most fun was apparently had by Lt. Dunlop, a spare on the mission. He got lost in the clouds and came out over Christiansand, Norway. While there he strafed three seaplanes in the harbor and then headed for Scotland, arriving at 1630 hours. Two other pilots did not return. Lt. Nowlin and Lt. Graeff, 363 squadron, were apparently lost due to very difficult flying weather.

Captain England took "A" section and Lt. Yeager "B" section of the group the following day. Again in support of the airborne troops landing in Holland. No e/a were seen but they reported intense small arms fire bringing down several C-47s and heavy 40 mm flak in the drop made flying a bit hazardous. All of the group planes returned.

Things looked up on the next mission, September 18th. Twenty-six enemy planes were destroyed for the loss of two of the group's P-51s. Major Gates was leading on the support of the airborne troops landing in the operations. Captain Seitzinger and Lt. Fandray did not return. They are believed to have bailed NE of Maastricht. Three other planes returned to the base with damage that some of the 60 Nazis encountered inflicted upon them before the Luftwaffe was driven out of the area.

Major Hiro led the group the following day when they went out in support of the landings again. Nineteen Jerries were shot out of the sky around Arnhem. In getting them, however, the group lost five. Major Hiro, Capt. McIntyre, Lt. Jacobs, Lt. Moebius and Lt. Blanchard were all last seen in the patrol area. Major Hiro was later heard over the R/T but was not seen again. A Spitfire squadron made several passes at the flight led by Captain McIntyre, separating them from the rest of their squadron. It is believed that this is responsible for them not coming back.

After three days of intense activity in the Arnhem area the missions for the group slowed to more uneventful escort of heavy bombers. Captain England led the next mission. No e/a, so, no claims.

Major Gates leading, the unit flew another escort the following day. No e/a seen. Lt. McGuire was hit by flak and landed at Brussels. From there he caught a ride in a C-47 to Paris, another to Orleans in a Grasshopper, and finally a third back to England. He was uninjured and ready to fly the following day.

On the next day Captain Beal led on support of the area in Holland. Thirty to forty aircraft were seen in the distance but the group didn't get close enough to identify them positively, let alone get a shot at them.

The following mission was made eventful by our own pilots. Three of them cracked up at home. One on take-off and two on landing. Smashed two of the planes bad enough to be Cat E damage and one of them Cat AC.

The Luftwaffe has once more left the skies over Europe to the Allies. The last of the month's operations netted exactly nothing for this fighter group. On one occasion another group called for help - they were being attacked by 100 plus enemy fighters. One of the group's squadrons were dispatched from their own escort job to the area but upon arriving saw only Mustangs.

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TO: OIAJX, OISAS.

OILES S _____ D PD

- A. 357TH GP. MAJOR GATES LEADING.
- B. 52 P-51S. 16-362, 18-363, 18-364. UP 0847, DOWN 1230.
- C. 2.
- D. PENETRATION, TARGET AND WITHDRAWAL SUPPORT. F.O. 543, VIII F.C.
- E. NIL.
- F. 1 CAT. AC DAMAGED (HIT TREE ON LANDING.)
- G. NIL.
- H. NIL.
- I. L/F NIEUPORT 0923 AT 20,000 FT. R/V SW PARIS 1012 AT 22,000 FT. L/B TROUVILLE 1115 AT 23,000 FT. L/F OUT 1115/1140 AT 10/23,000 FT. MISSION RECALLED DUE TO WEATHER. 1 LOCOMOTIVE DAMAGED 4VG8472. NO E/A SEEN.

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OILES 2 _____ D PD

- A. 357TH FIGHTER GROUP. MAJOR HIRO LEADING.
- B. 15 P-51S. (15-363). UP WINFARTHING 1525, DOWN BASE 1839.
- C. NIL.
- D. APHRODITE OPERATION F.O. 65, 66TH FIGHTER WING.
- E. - H. NIL.
- I. R/V TERSCHELLING ISLAND, 1615 AT 2,000 FT. ESCORTED THRU BRIEFED ROUTE. L/B 10 MILES EAST OF GREAT YARMOUTH 1815 AT 2,000 FT. OBSERVED HUGE BLAST IN VICINITY OF BRIEFED TARGET FROM TWO MILES. NO E/A SEEN. NO FLAK.

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- A. 357TH FIGHTER GROUP. CAPT. HOWELL LEADING.
- B. 16 P-51S. 4-362, 3-363, 9-364. UP 0656, DOWN 1230.
- C. ONE.
- D. PENETRATION, TARGET AND WITHDRAWAL SUPPORT. F.O. 547, VIII F.C.
- E. - H. NIL.
- I. L/F LANNION 0837 AT 15,000 FT. R/V SOUTH OF MORLAIX 0850 AT 15,000 FT. L/F OUT PLOUGUERNEAU 1102 AT 8/11,000 FT. BOMBING RESULTS BELIEVED EXCELLENT. REPEATED BOMBING RUNS AT 8,000 FT. UNDER OVERCAST AFTER GROUP HAD ADVISED BOMBERS OF ABSENCE OF FLAK. NO E/A SEEN.

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- A. 357 FIGHTER GROUP. COL. GRAHAM LEADING.
- B. 56 P-51S (362 - 18, 363 - 18, 364 - 20) UP 0914. DOWN 1445.
- C. 1.
- D. AREA AND WITHDRAWAL SUPPORT. F.O. 550, VIII F.C.
- E. - H. NIL.
- I. L/F KNOCKE 0955 AT 19,000 FT ARRIVED TARGET AREA 1050. R/V STUTTGART 1105 AT 23,000 FT. L/B SO. OF DIEPPE 1355 AT 12,000 FT. L/F OUT SO. OF DIEPPE-DUNKIRK 1355/1420 AT 12/20,000 FT. BOMBING RESULTS BELIEVED EXCELLENT. CONCENTRATION OF HITS WITH HEAVY SMOKE UP TO 7500 FT. NO E/A SEEN.

OBSERVATIONS:

- A. LARGE NUMBER OF BARGES ON RHINE CANAL IN VICINITY OF STRASBOURG MOVING IN BOTH DIRECTIONS 1145.
- B. TWO NEW FACTORIES AND OIL TANKS AT 4WV5473.
- C. A/F AT 4WS4314 WITH 25 A/C ME 109S, JU 88S & JU 52S.
- D. 3 A/C ON FIELD 4WR8721.
- E. B-17 DOWN WEST OF STRASBOURG 8 CHUTES.
- F. B-17 DOWN 4WV5438. 6 CHUTES.

FLAK: HEILBRONN TO STUTTGART - MOD. ACC. HEAVY AT 23,000 FT.
KARLSRUHE - MEAGER, INACC. HEAVY AT 24,000 FT.

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FROM OILES _____ B. [REDACTED]
 TO: OISAS
 OIAJX
 OIPNT
 IAH (ATTN: D.I.O. ARAF BATTLE ROOM)
 OIGAG

BT
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- A. 357TH FIGHTER GROUP. MAJOR GATES LEADING.
- B. 54 P-51S. (17-362, 17-363, 20-364) UP 0923, DOWN 1340.
- C. 9. (2 ESCORT).
- D. F.O. 556, VIII FIGHTER COMMAND. PENETRATION - TARGET - WITHDRAWAL SUPPORT.
- E. 4 NYR. BELIEVED TO HAVE LANDED NORMANDY.
- F. NIL.
- G. 4 NYR. LT. YEAGER, LT. HAND, LT. BURNETT & LT. GAILER BELIEVED TO HAVE LANDED IN NORMANDY.
- H. NIL.
- I. L/F S.W. OSTEND 0955 AT 18,000 FT. R/V E. ST. QUENTIN 1026 AT 24,000 FT. L/B E. AMIENS 1253 AT 16,000. L/F OUT DUNKIRK 1300/1315 AT 9/18,000. NO E/A SEEN. OBSERVED 30/40 BARGES NEAR MAINZ. MEAGER INACCURATE HEAVY FLAK AT TARGET AT 28,000.

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- A. 357 "A" FIGHTER GROUP. CAPT. BEAL LEADING.
- B. 29 P-51S. (20-362, 9-364). UP 0900, DOWN 1250.
- C. 2.
- D. F.O. 559, VIII FIGHTER COMMAND. PENETRATION - TARGET - WITHDRAWAL SUPPORT.
- E. - H. NIL.
- I. L/F KNOCKE 0937 AT 17,500. R/V BRUSSELS 0945 AT 19,500. L/B & L/F OUT KNOCKE 1230 AT 19,000. 2 ME 109S MADE PASS AT BOMBERS OVER TARGET AT 24,000, EVADING INTO CLOUDS. NUMEROUS LARGE FIRES IN TARGET AREA. ONE B-24 WENT DOWN ON FIRE OVER TARGET DUE TO FLAK, NO CHUTES OBSERVED. 20 BARGES ON RHINE 20 MILES S. OF COBLENZ.
 FLAK: INTENSE HEAVY FLAK AT 23,000 OVER TARGET - ACCURATE AS TO BOMBERS, INACCURATE AS TO FIGHTERS.

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- A. 357 FIGHTER GP. "B" GROUP. MAJOR HIRO LEADING.
- B. 32 P-51S. (21-363, 11-364). UP 0820, DOWN 1343.
- C. 2.
- D. F.O. 558, VIII FIGHTER COMMAND. SUPPORT FOR PLAN GRASSY.
- E.-H. NIL.
- I. L/F DUNKIRK 0855 AT 17,000. R/V NORTH REIMS 0935 AT 15,000. L/B NORTH AMIENS 1245 AT 15,000. L/F OUT WEST CALAIS 1305 AT 15,000. NO E/A, NO FLAK.

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- A. 357TH FTR. GP. COLONEL GRAHAM LEADING.
- B. 52 P-51S. (18-362, 18-363, 16-364) UP 0900. DOWN 1401.
- C. 7 (1 ESCORT)
- D. F.O. 561, VIII FTR. COMMAND. PENETRATION - TARGET - WITHDRAWAL SUPPORT.
- E. - H. NIL.
- I. L/F KNOCKE 0936 AT 19,500. R/V SE. BRUSSELS 0958 AT 24,000. L/B SO. BRUSSELS 1306 AT 20,000. L/F OUT W. KNOCKE 1319/1340 AT 19/20,000. BOMBING RESULTS BELIEVED EXCELLENT, SMOKE FROM NUMEROUS FIRES IN TARGET AREA RISING TO 15,000 FT. NO E/A SEEN. 2 BOMBERS DOWN IN TARGET AREA, 2 CHUTES SEEN. P-51 HIT BY FLAK OVER TARGET WENT DOWN IN FLAMES 1110. NO CHUTES. 12/15 BARGES STATIONARY IN RHINE 5 MILES SOUTH OF WORMS. 15 TRUCK CONVOY ON ROAD FROM MAINZ TO WORMS MOVING SOUTH 1145. P-47S SET HANGARS AFIRE ON A/D 15 MILES NO. MANNHEIM & EAST OF RHINE. FLAK: NURNBERG - INTENSE, ACCURATE, HEAVY AT 20/29,000. MANNHEIM - MEAGER, INACCURATE, HEAVY, AT 28,000 FT.

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- A. 357TH FTR. GP. CAPT. ENGLAND LEADING.
B. 61 P-51S. (18-362, 22-363, 21-364) UP 0956. DOWN 1520.
C. 6.
D. F.O. 563, VIII F.C. PENETRATION - TARGET - WITHDRAWAL SUPPORT.
E. - G. NIL.

H. GROUND	DESTROYED:	DAMAGED:
	2 LOCOMOTIVES.	6 FLAT CARS.
	4 BOX CARS.	1 RR STATION.
	2 GERMAN OFFICERS.	1 OPEN CAR.
	1 MILITARY TRUCK.	

- I. 1. L/F IN WALCHEREN 1032 HOURS AT 18,000 FT. R/V S. OF KOBLENZ 1118 HOURS AT 25,000 FT. LEFT FRANTIC BOMBERS WHEN 20TH GP. RENDEZVOUSED 1230 HOURS S. OF DRESDEN AT 25,000 FT. 20TH GP. STILL CARRIED WING TANKS. R/V WITH REMAINDER OF 1ST FORCE S. OF ANNABERG 1240, 24,000 FT. L/B KOBLENZ AREA 1345 HOURS 23,000 FT. L/F OUT WALCHEREN 1440 HOURS 14,000 FT.

2. NIL.

3. NIL.

4. (a) WHITE FLIGHT OF 363RD SQ. STRAFFED AT MAYEN (4WL6393) WITH ABOVE RESULTS. ALL TARGETS POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED AS GERMAN.

(b) ONE FLIGHT OF 364TH SQ. ATTEMPTED TO STRAFE A/D BELIEVED TO BE DARMSTADT (4WM6843) BUT WERE DRIVEN OFF BY INTENSE FLAK AT 10,000 FT. OBSERVED APPROX. 12 E/A NOT CAMOUFLAGED, SOME BELIEVED DUMMIES.

5. 1 JET OR ROCKET A/C SEEN AT A DISTANCE NEAR REICHENBACH. E/A AT 30,000 FT. CLIMBING 40 DEG. TO 50 DEG. AT VERY HIGH RATE OF SPEED.

6. (a) HEAVY SHIPPING OBSERVED ON RHINE RIVER AT WEISBADEN.

(b) ONE BOMBER DOWN 1215 HOURS N. OF PLAUEIN DUE TO E/A. 5 CHUTES. BOMBER PREVIOUSLY SHOT DOWN TWO ENEMY FIGHTERS AND 3RD SPLIT "S" TO DECK BEFORE OUR GROUP COULD ATTACK.

(c) 2 BOMBERS DOWN AT NEUSTADT, NO CHUTES, 1 DOWN TARGET AREA, 4 CHUTES.

(d) BOMBING BELIEVED EXCELLENT, CONCENTRATED HITS OBSERVED ON SOUTHERN SECTION OF TARGET.

7. (a) ENCOUNTERED FLAK FROM MANY SMALL TOWNS ON ROUTE IN.

(b) MASSTRICHT - HEAVY, INACCURATE, MODERATE.

KOBLENZ - HEAVY ACCURATE INTENSE. ALL FLAK ENCOUNTERED WAS OF USUAL TYPE.

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TO: OISAS
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BT
CONFIDENTIAL OILES S _____ D.

- A. 357TH FTR. GP. LT. COL. DREGNE LEADING.
- B. 53 P-51S. (17-362, 18-363, 18-364) UP 0908. DOWN 1355.
- C. 9. (1 ESCORT)
- D. F.O. 565, HQ. VIII FTR. COMMAND. PENETRATION - TARGET - WITHDRAWAL SUPPORT.
- E. 2 NYR.
- F. NIL.
- G. CAPT. HUGHES AND LT. OFSTHUN NYR. LAST SEEN AT LEIPZIG 1130 HOURS AT 28,000 ESCORTING B-17S IN DISTRESS TOWARD FRANCE. NOW REPORTED RETURNING TO BASE.
- H. NIL.
- I. L/F IJNIDEN 0952 AT 20,000. R/V SALZWEDEL 1050 AT 28,000. L/B KOBLENZ 1300 AT 20,000. L/F OUT WALCHEREN 1335 10/24,000. 150 PLUS S/E E/A OBSERVED AT APPROX. 1040 HOURS APPROACHING BOMBERS FROM N.E. AT SALZWEDEL. WHEN 10 MILES OFF E/A MADE 180 DEGREE TURN AND WERE NOT SEEN AGAIN. AN ME 163 WAS SEEN OVER TARGET AT APPROX. 30,000. IT DOVE AWAY WITH JET ON.

OBSERVATIONS:

- a. BOMBER DOWN MAGDEBURG AREA 1100 HOURS, NO CHUTES.
- b. PILOT OF 4TH GP. P-51, VF-J, BAILED OUT VICINITY METZ AND WAS SEEN WALKING AWAY.
- c. B-17 WITH G WITHIN SQUARE AND L BELOW, CRASH LANDED AREA 50 DEGREES 20 MIN. N., 11 DEGREES 20 MIN. E.
- d. 8/10 NEW A/F ON EITHER SIDE LEDA CANAL APPROX. 4RW0899 - 2099.

FLAK: TARGET - INTENSE ACCURATE HEAVY AT 25/28,000. LARGE NUMBERS OF GUNS S.E. LEIPZIG FIRING BOX BARRAGE.

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AMENDMENT TO MISSION SUMMARY REPORT 357TH FTR. GP. F.O. 565.

- E. NIL.
- G. NIL.
CAPT. HUGHES AND LT. OFSTHUN RETURNED TO BASE AFTER ESCORTING B-17 TO BRUSSELS AND REFUELING.

OISAS V OILES NR 1/13 "OP"

T: OIAJX, OIPNT, IAH
FROM OILES 1745B
TO OISAS
OIAJX
OIPNT
IAH (ATTN: D.I.O. ARMY BATTLE ROOM).

BT.
CONFIDENTIAL OILES S _____ D.

- A. 357TH FIGHTER GP. MAJOR STORCH LEADING.
- B. 54 P-51S. (18-362, 18-363, 18-364). UP 0853. DOWN 1420. ¹³
- C. 6 EARLY RETURNS (2 ESCORT).
- D. PENETRATION, TARGET, WITHDRAWAL SUPPORT. F.O. 566, VIII F.O.
- E. 5 NYR. 1 SMOKING, WENT DOWN IN CHANNEL.
1 PILOT REPORTED ENGINE FAILURE AND BAILED OVER BRUSSELS.
1 PILOT REPORTED ROUGH ENGINE OVER HALLE, GERMANY.
2 UNKNOWN.
- F. 1 C/T AC.
- G. 5 NYR.
LT. GOLDSWORTHY, 364TH SQ. BAILED OUT IN CHANNEL 0953, PICKED UP BY ASR.
LT. JOHNSON, 362ND SQ., REPORTED ENGINE FAILURE OVER R/T, BAILED SAFELY AT GEMBLoux NEAR BRUSSELS 1050.
LT. BURNETT, 363RD SQ., LAST SEEN 15 MILES E. KASSEL 1225.
LT. VALKITCH, 362ND SQ., REPORTED ROUGH ENGINE, LAST SEEN OVER HALLE 1110.
LT. BROWN, 364TH SQ., LAST SEEN VICINITY BAD FRANKENHAUSEN, 1215.
- H. S/E 15-0-1 (AIR)
- I. L/F FLUSHING 0936, 17,000 FT. R/V S. AACHEN 1000, 25,000 FT. L/F OUT AND L/B FLUSHING 1335, 16,000 FT. 15-20 ME 109S ENCOUNTERED ON REAR OF BOMBERS 20 MILES S. NORDHAUSEN (4RC1200) AT 1145 AT 8,000 FT. FOR CLAIMS OF 8-0-1. COMBAT TO DECK. ESCORTED LAST BOX OF BOMBERS THROUGH TARGET THEN ON WITHDRAWAL INTERCEPTED 50-60 ME 109S WITH TWO FLIGHTS FOR TOP COVER 10 MILES E. BAD FRANKENHAUSEN (4RD5012) 1215 AT 24,000 FT. ONE SQUADRON ATTACKED THIS GAGGLE, DESTROYING 5 AND DISPERSING FORMATION. COMBAT FROM 24,000 FT. TO DECK. 8 ME 109S AT 35,000 FT. INTERCEPTED 15 MILES E. KASSEL (4RC5003), ATTACKED BY ONE FLIGHT, DESTROYING ONE. 1 DONE ME 109 INTERCEPTED 8 MILES S.W. HALLE (RD3419) AT 1245 BY SAME FLIGHT AND DESTROYED. THE GAGGLE OF PLUS 50 ME 109S WERE FLYING SOUTH AT RIGHT ANGLES TO BOMBERS COURSE WHEN ATTACKED.

OBSERVATIONS:

- A. FLAK: WHITE BURSTS IN GROUPS OF FOUR WITH GREATER EXPLOSIVE AREA AND MORE SMOKE REPORTED BURSTING 1500 FT. HIGHER THAN BLACK BURSTS AT TARGET, HEAVY, INTENSE INACCURATE AT TARGET.

OISAS V OILES NR 2/13 OP

FROM OILES 131755B.
TO OISAS

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J. ADDITION TO 357TH FTR. GP. MISSION SUMMARY REPORT, F.O. 500, VIII F.O.

S/E 15-0-1 (AIR)

362ND SQ.

1 ME 109 DESTROYED, LT. TAYLOR.
1 ME 109 DESTROYED, LT. JENKINS.
2 ME 109S DESTROYED, CAPT. ENGLAND.
1 ME 109 DESTROYED, CAPT. ENGLAND AND LT. FULLER. (SHARED).
1 ME 109 DESTROYED, LT. JENKINS AND LT. KIPLA. (SHARED).
1 ME 109 DESTROYED, LT. KIPLA.
1 ME 109 DESTROYED, LT. TEMPLIN.
1 ME 109 DAMAGED, LT. KENNY.

363RD SQ.

1 ME 109 DESTROYED, LT. HAND.
1 ME 109 DESTROYED, LT. GAILER AND LT. YEAGER (SHARED).

364TH SQ.

1 ME 109 DESTROYED, MAJOR STORCH.
1 ME 109 DESTROYED, MAJOR STORCH AND LT. SCHIMANSKI. (SHARED)
2 ME 109S DESTROYED, LT. H.P. HOWELL.
1 ME 109 DESTROYED, LT. ALLEN.

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OISAS V OILES NR 1/15 "OP"

T: OIAJX OIPNT IAH

FROM OILES 1310B

OISAS

OIAJX

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IAH (ATTN: D.I.O. AEAF BATTLE ROOM).

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CONFIDENTIAL OILES S. _____ D.

A. 357TH FTR. GP. CAPT. WILLIAMS LEADING.

B. 52 P-51S. (17-362, 18-363, 17-364). UP 0928. DOWN 1155.

C. NIL.

D. F.O. 571, VIII F.C. 15 SEPT. 1944. ESCORT.

E. 3 NYR.

F. NIL.

G. 3 NYR.

LT. NOWLIN, 363RD SQ.

LT. GRAEFF, 363RD SQ.

LT. DUNLOP, 363RD SQ.

H. NIL.

I. GROUP RECALLED NORTH OF EAST FRISIAN ISLANDS AT ABOUT 1030.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO MISSION SUMMARY F.O. 571, AS FOLLOWS:

PARAGRAPH E. AND G. WHICH READ 3 NYR TO READ 2 NYR.

CHANGE PARAGRAPH H. FROM NIL TO T/E O-0-1.

ADD PARAGRAPH I. LT. W.R.F. DUNLOP, SPARE ON THE MISSION, SEPARATED FROM GROUP ON WEST FRISIAN ISLANDS. WITH HIS GYRO OUT, LT. DUNLOP GOT LOST IN THE CLOUDS AND WHEN HE FINALLY FOUND HIS BEARINGS HE WAS OVER CHRISTIANSAND HARBOR IN NORWAY. HE STRAFED THREE SEAPLANES AT 1405 ANCHORED IN HARBOR DAMAGING A DO-24. HE THEN TOOK HEADING FOR NEAREST FRIENDLY LAND AND LANDED AT CRAIL, SCOTLAND, AT 1630 HOURS.

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Captain, Air Corps.

OISAS V OILES NR _____ "OP"

T: OIAJX, OINPT, IAH

FROM OILES _____ A.

TO: OISAS

OIAJX

OINPT

IAH (ATTN: D.I.O. ARAF BATTLE ROOM)

BT

CONFIDENTIAL OILES S _____ D.

- A. 357TH "A" GROUP. CAPT. ENGLAND LEADING.
- B. 27 P-51S. 19-362, 8-364. UP 1124, DOWN 1535.
- C. 1 E.R.
- D. AREA SUPPORT. F.O. 576, VIII F.C.
- E. - H. NIL.
- I. L/F WALCHEREN 1157, 15,000 FT. ARRIVED AREA 1155 AND PATROLLED 1,000 TO 2,500 FT. UNTIL 1440 AFTER LAST FORCE HAD WITHDRAWN. L/F OUT WALCHEREN 1500 AT 10,000 FT. NO E/A SEEN.

OBSERVATIONS:

- A. 3 C-47S SEEN TO BELLY IN AND 6 TO CRASH AS RESULT OF INTENSE SMALL ARMS FIRE AND INTENSE, ACCURATE LIGHT FLAK AT 49E1501. 6 OTHER C-47S REPORTED CRASHED IN SAME AREA. ONLY THREE CHUTES OBSERVED. 1 C-47 TOWING GLIDER CRASHED AFTER RELEASING GLIDER. NO CHUTES OBSERVED.
- B. ROCKET CONTRAIL OBSERVED 1200 10 MILES S. OF ROTTERDAM STARTING AT 14,000 FT. AND GOING UP TO APPROX. 50,000 FT. AT 70 DEGREE ANGLE 10 MILES N. OF ROTTERDAM HEADED FOR ENGLISH COAST.
- C. INTENSE LIGHT ACCURATE FLAK BETWEEN EINDHOVEN AND HELMOND. HEAVY 40 MM FLAK REPORTED IN DROP AREA, ACCURATE INTENSE TO 2,000 FT.
- D. 15-20 HEAVY TRUCKS MOVING AT HIGH SPEED S/E ON ROAD NEAR LIESEL (42E6920).

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IAH (ATTN: D.I.O. AEAF BATTLE ROOM).

BT
CONFIDENTIAL OILES S _____ D.

- A. 357TH "B" GROUP. LT. YEAGER LEADING.
- B. 28 P-51S. 18-363, 10-364. UP 1118, DOWN 1530.
- C. 1 E.R.
- D. AREA SUPPORT. F.O. 576, VIII F.C.
- E. NIL.
- F. 1 CAT. E. CRASHED ON TAKE-OFF.
- G. - H. NIL.
- I. L/F WALCHEREN 1155 AT 16,000 FT. PATROLLED AREA FROM 2,500 TO 5,000 FT. 1200 TO 1440. L/F OUT AFTER ALL FORCES HAD WITHDRAWN, WALCHEREN 1500 AT 1,000 FT. NOTHING FURTHER TO ADD TO 357TH "A" REPORT.

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GEORGE H. BOSWELL,
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OISAS V OILES NR 1/18 "OP"
T: OIAJX, OINPT, OIGAG, IAH

FROM OILES 18/1825A.
TO: OISAS
OIAJX
OINPT
OIGAG
IAH (ATTN: D.I.O. ARAF BATTLE ROOM)

BT
CONFIDENTIAL OILES S 32 D.

- A. 357TH GP. MAJOR GATES LEADING.
- B. 52 P-51S. 18-362, 16-363, 18-364. UP 1224, DOWN 1635.
- C. 2.
- D. M.E.W. CONTROL, F.O. 578, VIII F.C.
- E. NYR 2. (REASONS UNKNOWN)
- F. 3 CAT A. (BATTLE DAMAGE DUE TO E/A)
- G. NYR 2. CAPT SEITZINGER, 364TH SQDN. BELIEVED TO HAVE BAILED 10 MI. N.E. MASTRICHT, 1510 HRS.
LT. FANDRAY, 364TH SQDN., LAST SEEN SAME AREA, SAME TIME.
- H. S/E 26-0-1. (AIR)
- I. 1. L/F IN WESTHOOFED 1300 HRS. 13,000FT. VECTORED BY TACKLINE A-ROUND EINDHOVEN, CONTROL EXCELLENT. L/F OUT WESTHOOFED 1530 HRS. 12,000 FT.
2. NIE.
3. NIL.
4. NIL.
5. COMBAT WITH APPROX. 60 ME-109'S AND FW-190'S N. OF MASTRICHT AT 1505 HRS.
16,000 FT. TO DECK. E/A DISPERSED BEFORE REACHING ASSAULT FORCE.
6. (A) ME-109'S MARKED WITH RED STRIPES AROUND FUSELAGE BEHIND COCKPIT.
(B) WHITE SMOKE RICKET VICINITY OF HASSELT FROM 8,000 FT. TO 30,000 FT. CLIMBING VERY FAST AT 70 DEGREE. GROUP LEADER AND PILOTS BELIEVE THIS A ROCKY MARKER FOR E/A.
(C) SAW PILOT BAIL OUT OF P-51 AT 1512 AT 3,000 FT. 10 MILES N.E. OF MASTRICHT WHEN HIT BY LIGHT FLAK.
7. INTENSE LIGHT AND HEAVY FLAK VICINITY OF ARNHEIM.

BT

CC-- UNDER I. 6. (B) WHITE SMOKE ROCKET ETC.
TOD.....18/1850A /MV/ AR
OISAS R.....18/1855A ECM AR

OISAS V NR _____ "OP"

FROM OILES _____ A.

TO: OISAS

BT

CONFIDENTIAL OILES S _____ D.

J. ADDITION TO 357TH GP. F.O. NO. 578 GROUP MISSION SUMMARY REPORT.
S/E 26-0-1 (AIR)

362ND FTR SQDN

- 1 ME-109 DESTROYED, LT. PERRY
- 1 ME-109 DESTROYED, MAJOR GATES
- 1 ME-109 DESTROYED, CAPT. F.C. SMITH
- 1 ME-109 DESTROYED, LT. MACE
- 1 ME-109 DESTROYED, LT. EGBLAND
- 1 ME-109 DESTROYED, LT. TEMPLIN
- 1 ME-109 DESTROYED, LT. BLANCHARD

363RD FTR SQDN

- 1 ME-109 DESTROYED, LT. LANDIS
- 1 ME-109 DESTROYED, LT. PASCOE
- 1 ME-109 DESTROYED, LT. FIFIELD AND LT. FENNEL (SHARED)
- 1 ME-109 DESTROYED, LT. DUNLOP
- 1 FW-190 DESTROYED, LT. GAILER AND CAPT. HUGHS (SHARED)

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J. ADDITION TO 357TH GP. F.O. NO. 578 GROUP MISSION SUMMARY REPORT.

364TH FTR. SQDN.

1 ME-109 DESTROYED, LT. SHAW
 1 ME-109 DESTROYED, LT. JACOBS
 2 ME-109'S DESTROYED, LT. R.L. SMITH
 2 ME-109'S DESTROYED, LT. TYLER
 1 ME-109 DESTROYED, CAPT. SEITZINGER
 1 FW-190 DESTROYED, LT. MCGUIRE
 1 FW-190 DESTROYED, LT. MORRIS
 1 FW-190 DESTROYED, LT. BRALEY
 1 FW-190 DESTROYED, LT. MOOREHOUSE
 1 FW-190 DESTROYED, LT. MOEBIUS
 1 FW-190 DESTROYED, LT. JACOBS
 1 ME-109 DAMAGED, CAPT. ZETTERQUIST
 1 FW-190 DESTROYED, LT. TYLER

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 Capt. A. B. B. B.
 Capt. A. B. B. B.*

OISAS V OILES NR 3/19 "OP"
T: OIAJX, OIPNT, IAH

FROM OILES 192030A
TO: OISAS
OIAJX
OIPNT
IAH (ATTN: D.I.O. ARAF BATTLE ROOM)

BT
CONFIDENTIAL OILES S _____ D.

- A. 357TH FTR. GP. MAJOR HIRO LEADING.
- B. 54 P-51S. 18-362, 18-363, 18-364. UP 1450, DOWN 1815. 8 BOXED, 2 SUDBURY.
- C. 1.
- D. AREA SUPPORT-LANDING OF AIRBORNE TROOPS. F.O. NO. 579, VIII F.C.
- E. 5 NYR (REASON UNKNOWN)
- F. NIL.
- G. 5 NYR. LT. BLANCHARD, 362ND FTR. SQ. LAST SEEN VICINITY IJSSSELSTEIN 4QE1585.
MAJOR HIRO, 363RD FTR. SQ. LAST SEEN VICINITY ARNHEIM, HEARD LATER.
CAPT. MCINTYRE, 364TH SQ., LAST SEEN 10 MILES SE ARNHEM.
LT. JACOBS, 364TH FTR. SQ., LAST SEEN 10 MILES SE ARNHEM.
LT. MOEBIUS, 364TH FTR. SQ., LAST SEEN 10 MILES SE ARNHEM.
- H. S/E 19-1-1 (AIR)
- I. L/F UNDETERMINED DUE TO OVERCAST. ARRIVED AREA 1605 AT 18,000 FT. L/F OUT THE HAGUE/IJMUUDEN 1725/1750, 11,000 FT. /DECK. ENCOUNTERED 25 ME 109S AT 13,000 FT., 10 MILES NE ARNHEM, 1610, DESTROYING 4; 30 PLUS FW 190S AT 15,000 FT. 15 MILES SW ARNHEM, 1620, DESTROYING 1; 20/30 S/E E/A VICINITY IJSSSELSTEIN 4QE1585 AT 8,000 FT. 1705, DESTROYING 1 FW 190 AND 6 ME 109S; 15 PLUS ME 109S WEST ARNHEM AT 7,000 FT. 1720, DESTROYING 6.

OBSERVATIONS: A. SOME 109S HAD R.A.F. RONDELS ON UPPER PART OF WING.

B. REPEATED PASSES BY SPITFIRES SEPARATED CAPT. MCINTYRE'S FLIGHT FROM HIS SQUADRON.

- J. ADDITION TO 357TH GROUP, MISSION SUMMARY REPORT, F.O. 579, VIII F.C.

S/E 19-1-1 (AIR)

362ND FTR. SQ.

- 1 FW 190 DESTROYED, F/O JENKINS.
- 1 ME 109 DESTROYED, F/O JENKINS.
- 2 ME 109S DESTROYED, LT. ROBERSON.
- 1 ME 109 DESTROYED, LT. KIRIA.
- 1 ME 109 DESTROYED, LT. PERRY.
- 1 ME 109 DESTROYED, LT. SEHL.
- 1 ME 109 PROBABLY DESTROYED, CAPT. WILLIAMS.
- 1 ME 109 DAMAGED, CAPT. BEAL.

363RD FTR. SQ.

- 2 ME 109S DESTROYED, LT. PASAKA.
- 2 ME 109S DESTROYED, LT. ROPER.
- 1 ME 109 DESTROYED, LT. DUNLOP.
- 1 ME 109 DESTROYED, LT. GAILER AND LT. HAND (SHARED)
- 1 ME 109 DESTROYED, MAJOR HIRO.

364TH FTR. SQ.

- 1 FW 190 DESTROYED, LT. MAXWELL.
- 1 ME 109 DESTROYED, LT. MAXWELL.
- 1 ME 109 DESTROYED, LT. BRALEY.
- 1 ME 109 DESTROYED, LT. SANDBORN.
- 1 ME 109 DESTROYED, LT. TYLER.

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Captain, Air Corps.

OISAS V OILES NR _____ "OP"

TO: OIAJX, OIPNT, OIGAG, IAH.

FROM OILES _____ A.

TO: OISAS
OIAJX
OIPNT
IAH (ATTN: D.I.O. ARAF BATTLE ROOM)
OIGAG.

BT
CONFIDENTIAL OILES S _____ D.

A. 357TH FTR. GP. MAJOR STORCH LEADING.

B. 47 P-51S. 16-362, 15-363, 16-364. UP 1251. DOWN 1800.

C. 2.

D. F.O. #580, VIII FTR. COMMAND. 20 SEPT. 1944. AREA SUPPORT. M.E.W. CONTROL.

E. - H. NIL.

I. L/F IN WALCHEREN 1335 HRS. 15,000 FT. PATROLLED ASSIGNED AREA FROM 1400 TO 1700 HOURS AT 10,000 TO 15,000 FT. NO E/A SEEN. L/F OUT THE HAGUE 1715 HOURS AT 12,000 FT. HEAVY HAZE MADE AIR TO GROUND VISIBILITY ALMOST NIL. ONE STIRLING SEEN HEADED INTO CLOUD 10 MILES S. OF ARNHEM. 3 CHUTES SEEN. HEAVY, MEAGER, INACCURATE FLAK AT VENLO.

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TO: OISAS

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IAH (ATTN: D.I.O. AEAF BATTLE ROOM).

BT

CONFIDENTIAL S _____ D.

A. 357TH FTR. GP. CAPT. ENGLAND LEADING.

B. 46 P-51S. 362-16, 363-16, 364-14. UP 1159. DOWN 1620.

C. 2.

D. F.O. #581, VIII FTR. COMMAND, 21 SEPT. 1944. PENETRATION, TARGET, AND WITHDRAWAL SUPPORT.

E. - H. NIL.

I. BOMBERS 20 MINUTES LATE R/V MID-CHANNEL 1237 15,000 FT. L/F IN KNOCKE 1245 HOURS, 20,000 FT. ESCORTED BOMBERS THRU TARGET AND BACK OVER FRIENDLY TERRITORY. L/B VICINITY LIEGE 1445, 20,000 FT. WHEN VECTORED BY OILSKIN TO ARNHEIM AREA WHERE PATROLLED AT 10,000 FT. FOR 30 MINUTES. L/F OUT EGMOND 1550 AT 12,000 FT. NO E/A SEEN.

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OISAS V OILES NR 1/22 "OP"
T: OIAJX, OIPNT, IAH

FROM OILES 1805A.
TO: OISAS
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IAH (ATTN: D.I.O. ARAF BATTLE ROOM).

BT
CONFIDENTIAL OILES S_____D.

- A. 357TH FTR. GP. MAJOR GATES LEADING.
- B. 45 P-51S. 16-362, 16-363, 13-364. UP 1205. DOWN 1636.
- C. NIL.
- D. F.O. 583, VIII F.C. PENETRATION, TARGET AND WITHDRAWAL SUPPORT.
- E. 1 NYR. (HIT BY FLAK, BELIEVED LANDED IN FRANCE).
- F. 1 CAT B. (RA N OFF RUNWAY ON LANDING).
- G. 1 NYR. LT. MCGUIRE, 364TH FTR. SQ. (HIT BY FLAK 1355, 21,000 FT. AT MAINZ. TOOK HEADING OF 240 DEGREES FOR FRIENDLY TERRITORY AND AT 1450 HEARD TO REPORT ON R/T WAS LETTING DOWN).
- H. NIL.
- I. L/F WALCHEREN 1245, 22,000 FT. R/V BOMBERS LEIGE 1306, 23,000 FT. L/B LEIGE 1535, 24,000 FT. ESCORTED B-24S THRU TARGET UNEVENTFULLY. ESCORTED STRAGGLING B-17 FROM N. KOBLENZ TO MID-CHANNEL. L/F OUT WALCHEREN 1553, 18,000 FT.

OBSERVATIONS:

- A. BOMBERS MADE 2 RUNS ON TARGET, RESULTS UNOBSERVED DUE TO HAZE. 21 BOMBERS DROPPED BOMBS ON VACANT FIELD NEAR CITY.
- B. ROCKET, BELIEVED TO BE MARKER, SEEN UP TO 30,000 FT. 1300 N. MAASTRICHT. CLIMBED AT HIGH RATE OF SPEED AT 70 DEGREE ANGLE TOWARD BOMBER STREAM.
- C. ROCKET FROM EAST OF DUTCH ISLANDS SEEN AT 1445 CLIMBING AT ANGLE GREATER THAN 70 DEGREES UP TO 30,000 FT. BEGAN WITH TWO CONVERGING CONTRAILS FORMING CONE FROM LAUNCHING BASE, BECOMING ONE CONTRAIL AS IT REACHED ALTITUDE. THEN LEVELED OFF AND HEADED TOWARD ENGLAND AT 30,000 FT. OVER DUTCH ISLANDS. UNABLE TO PINPOINT ORIGIN BECAUSE OF DISTANCE.
- D. ROCKET TYPE FLAK GIVING OFF WHITE SMOKE AT 27,000 FT., APPEARED TO ARC OVER AT THAT ALTITUDE AND FALL IN LITTLE BALLS OF FLAME. ABOUT 15 BURSTS NOTED OVER TARGET. HEAVY, INTENSE, ACCURATE FLAK AT MAINZ AND TARGET UP TO 27,000 FT. HEAVY, INACCURATE, MODERATE AT KOBLENZ.

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BT
CONFIDENTIAL OILES S _____ D.

- A. 357TH FTR. GP. CAPT. BEAL LEADING.
- B. 49 P-51S. 17-362, 16-363, 16-364. UP 1429, DOWN 1900.
- C. 5. (2 ESCORT).
- D. AREA SUPPORT MARKET OPERATION, F.O. #585, VIII F.C.
- E. - H. NIL.
- I. L/F SCHOUWEN 1502 HOURS 15,000 FT. ARRIVED ROERMOND 1530 HOURS, 15,000 FT. AND PATROLLED AREA AT 12,000 FT. UNTIL 1800 HOURS. L/F OUT ZEEBRUGGE/SCHOUWEN 1820 TO 1853 AT 13,000 FT. OBSERVED 30/40 BOGIES BELIEVED TO BE ME 109S SOUTH OF HASSELT FLYING WEST AT 20,000 ABOUT 1720. A/C EVADED INTO SUN AS GP. CLIMBED.
FLAK: VENLO-MEAGRE ACCURATE HEAVY AT 12,000 FT.
MESEYCK - MEAGRE ACCURATE HEAVY AT 12,000 FT.

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 TO: OISAS
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BT
 CONFIDENTIAL OILES S _____ D.

- A. 357TH FTR. GP. MAJOR STORCH LEADING.
 - B. 50 P-51S. (18-362, 16-363, 16-364). UP 0855, DOWN 1335. 4 MADE EMERGENCY LANDING IN FRANCE.
 - C. 3. (1 ESCORT).
 - D. F.O. 586, VIII F.C. TARGET AND WITHDRAWAL SUPPORT.
 - E. - H. NIL.
 - I. L/F WALCHEREN 0929 AT 17,000. R/V WEST OF TARGET 1017 AT 30,000. SWEEP AHEAD OF BOMBERS TO TARGET REMAINING IN AREA UNTIL CLEAR OF BOMBERS. L/B AND L/F OUT SOUTH OF OSTEND 1316, 10/15,000. OVERCAST PREVENTED OBSERVATION OF BOMBING RESULTS. MARKER ROCKET SEEN NW OF LUDWIGSHAVEN CLIMBING AT 70 DEGREES ANGLE TO 25,000 WHERE LEVELLED OFF.
- FLAK: LUDWIGSHAVEN - MODERATE, INACCURATE, HEAVY AT 25,000.
 KAISERLAUTEN - INTENSE, ACCURATE HEAVY AT 25,000.

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OISAS V OILES NR 1/25 "OP"
T: OIAJX, OIPNT, IAH

FROM OILES 251448A
OISAS
OIAJX
OIPNT
IAH (ATTN: D.I.O. ARAF BATTLE ROOM.)

BT
CONFIDENTIAL OILES S _____ D

- A. 357TH FTR. GP. MAJOR GATES LEADING.
- B. 46 P-51S. 16-362, 15-363, 15-364. UP 1348. DOWN 1755.
- C. 3.
- D. F.O. #588 VIII F.C. PENETRATION, TARGET AND WITHDRAWAL SUPPORT.
- E. NIL.
- F. 2 CAT E. (1 CRASHED ON TAKE-OFF AND 1 DAMAGED ON LANDING).
1 CAT AC. (GROUND LOOPED ON LANDING.)
- G. - H. NIL.
- I. R/V N. AMELAND 1438 AT 28,000. L/F IN N. GRONINGEN 1515 AT 28,000. L/F OUT
WESERMUNDE/CUXHAVEN 1600 AT 28,000. L/B N. AMELAND 1625 AT 28,000. NO E/A SEEN.

OBSERVATIONS:

- 1. B-17 ON FIRE SPUN IN AT WESERMUNDE - 2 CHUTES.
- 2. ROCKET OR JET PLANE SIGHTED AT 32/35,000 FT. EAST OF NORDEN TRAVELLING AT 70
DEGREE ANGLE.
- 3. AT 53° 45' N - 7° E. FLIGHT OBSERVED CONTRAIL OF ROCKET FIRED FROM POINT SW OF
THEM. ROCKET ROSE TO 45,000 FT.
- 4. TWELVE SHIPS IN WESERMUNDE HARBOR AT 1617 MOVING TOWARD SEA.
- 5. FIFTEEN PLUS CARGO SHIPS AT DOCKS SOUTH SIDE BORKUM ISLAND.

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OISAS V OILES NR 2/27 "OP" [REDACTED]

T: OIAJX OIPNT, IAH.

FROM OILES 1325A.

TO OISAS

OIAJX

OIPNT

IAH (ATTN: D.I.O. ARAF BATTLE ROOM).

BT

CONFIDENTIAL OILES S _____ D.

- A. 357TH FTR. GP. CAPT. WILLIAMS LEADING.
- B. 44 P-51S. (362-18), (363-15), (364-11), UP 0800, DOWN 1215.
- C. 3.
- D. F.O. 590, VIII FIGHTER COMMAND. PENETRATION, TARGET AND WITHDRAWAL SUPPORT.
- E. THRU H. NIL.
- I. L/F IN KNOCKE 0832, 18,000 FT. R/V S. BRUSSELS 0850, 25,000 FT. L/B AND L/F OUT S. OF OSTEND 1140, 12,000 FT. NO E/A SEEN. VINEGROVE 3-3 HEARD TO CALL AT 1030 THAT THEY WERE BEING ENGAGED BY 100 PLUS E/A NORTH OF TARGET. ONE SQUADRON WAS DISPATCHED TO AID THE B-24S, HOWEVER, E/A HAD LEFT AREA. OUR SQUADRON SAW ONLY YELLOW NOSE P-51S. 6 B-24S SEEN IN FLAMES OR SPINNING IN.

OBSERVATIONS:

- 1. ONE U/I JET A/C SEEN IN STEEP CLIMB OVER WALCHEREN AT 30,000 FT.
- 2. 4 LARGE BURSTS OF WHITE FLAK AT 32,000 FT. DIRECTLY OVER FRANKFORT.

TRUE COPY:

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 Captain, Air Corps.

OISAS V OILES NR 1/28 "OP"
T: OIAJX, OIPNT, OIAWW, IAH

FROM OILES 28/1630A

TO: OISAS
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OIPNT
OIAWW
IAH (ATTN: D.I.O. ARAF BATTLE ROOM.)

BT
CONFIDENTIAL OILES S _____ D.

- A. 357TH FTR. GP. LT. YEAGER LEADING.
- B. 47 P-51S. (18-362, 15-363, 14-364). UP 0940. DOWN 1445.
- C. 11. (3 ESCORT).
- D. F.O. 591, VIII F.C. PENETRATION, TARGET AND WITHDRAWAL SUPPORT.
- E. 1 NYR. ENGINE FAILURE.
- F. NIL.
- G. 1 MIA. LT. TEMPLIN, 362ND SQ. BAILED OUT SW BAD-FRANKENHAUSEN 4RD2606 AT 1210.
- H. NIL.
- I. L/F WALCHEREN 1014 AT 15,000. R/V SW KOBLENZ 1104 AT 25,000. L/B SE AACHEN 1358 AT 15,000. L/F OUT WALCHEREN 1405/1430, 12/15,000.

OBSERVATIONS:

- 1. 2 JET PLANES IN TARGET AREA AT 31,000 CLIMBING AT 65/70 DEGREES.
- 2. 1 BOMBER EXPLODED IN TARGET AREA - NO CHUTES.
- 3. BURNING B-17 IN SPIN AT 7,000 NORTH OF MAASTRICHT AT 1330 HOURS - 7 CHUTES SEEN.

FLAK:

NAUMBURG - MODERATE - ACCURATE - HEAVY.
SE KOBLENZ - MODERATE - ACCURATE - HEAVY.
TARGET - MODERATE - ACCURATE - HEAVY.

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OISAS V OILES NR 1/30 "OP"
 T: OIAJX, OIPNT, OIAWW, IAH.
 FROM OILES 30/1630A.
 OISAS
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 CONFIDENTIAL OILES S _____ D.

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- B. 52 P-51S. (18-362, 16-363, 18-364.) UP 1124, DOWN 1505.
- C. 3.
- D. F.O. 592, VIII F.C. PENETRATION, TARGET AND WITHDRAWAL SUPPORT.
- E. - H. NIL.
- I. L/F WALCHEREN 1200 AT 18,000. CIRCLED R/V AREA MAKING R/V ASSIGNED BOMBERS E. ANTWERP 1225 AT 25,000. L/B AND L/F OUT EGMOND 1425 AT 17,000. ONE ME 109 SEEN IN DIVE AT TARGET WITH P-51 ON TAIL.

OBSERVATIONS:

- 1. 2 B-17S DOWN OVER TARGET ABOUT 1300 BELIEVED DUE TO COLLISION. 1 CHUTE.
- 2. ROCKET TRAVELLING WEST AT 1208 HOURS AT 70/80 DEGREE ANGLE FROM POINT SOUTH OF ROTTERDAM, LEVELLED OUT AT 40,000 FT.
- 3. ROCKET CONTRAIL AT 1230 HOURS VICINITY TILBURG UP TO 20,000 RISING AT 70/80 DEGREE ANGLE IN WESTERLY DIRECTION.
- 4. 20 PLUS BARGES IN INLET NORTH OF ZWOLLE.
- 5. 30 PLUS BARGES AMSTERDAM.
- 6. 15 PLUS BARGES SOUTH OF HOORN.
- 7. MANY BARGES AND 2 LARGE VESSELS IN IJMUIDEN HARBOR.

FLAK:

BIELEFELD - MODERATE, INACCURATE, HEAVY AT 26,000.
 IJMUIDEN - MEAGER, INACCURATE, HEAVY AT 24,000.

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 GEORGE H. BOSWELL,
 Captain, Air Corps.

TOTAL GROUND TARGETS
THROUGH
SEPTEMBER, 44

	DESTROYED	DAMAGED
LOCOMOTIVES	98	29
BOX CARS	255	171
FREIGHT CARS	39	135
TANK CARS	37	49
PASSENGER CARS	33	39
FLAT CARS	42	47
AMMUNITION CARS	25	
SWITCH HOUSES		1
REPAIR SHOPS		2
RR BRIDGE AND TRACKS		1
RR SHED	1	
MARSHALLING YARD, COMPLETE	1	
GASOLINE TRAIN	1	
RR STATION BUILDINGS	3	3
RR MOBILE CRANE		2
FLAT CARS LOADED WITH TRUCKS		25
ROUNDHOUSES	1	1
TURNABLES	1	1
OVERPASS TRACKS		1
R R PERSONNEL	30 Casualties	
TOOLS SHEDS	3	
TRAINS	4	
RR TOWERS		1
OIL TRACTOR	1	
MILITARY TRUCKS	144	60
MOTORCYCLES	1	1
TRAILERS	35	34
STAFF CARS	24	1
HEAVY TANKS	3	5
ARMORED CARS	1	1
PERSONNEL LORRIES	3	1
MEDIUM TANKS	7	7
TRUCK & GUN	1	
GAS TRUCKS		3
HALF TRACKS	1	14
MILITARY VEHICLES	6	
CIVILIAN MOTOR CARS	6	
STATION WAGON	1	
PERSONNEL CARRIER	1	
HIGH TENSION TOWERS		2
TELEGRAPH LINES		2
RADIO STATIONS		2
CONTROL TOWER		1
RADIO TOWERS	3	1
CANAL CONTROL STATION		1
TUGBOATS		4
BARGES		7
ROAD BRIDGES	2	2
OIL STORAGE TANKS	5	
WAREHOUSES	4	3
FACTORIES	1	1
FACTORY PERSONNEL	200 CASUALTIES	
HANGARS	4	3
REVENEMENTS	3	3
ADMINISTRATION BUILDINGS	2	
RUNWAYS		1
PERIMETER TRACK		1
WATER TOWERS		3
FLAK TOWERS		11
BARRACKS	2	
RR TUNNEL FILLED WITH CARS		1
STRAPPED UNLOADING TROOP TRAIN	375 CASUALTIES	
OTHER KNOWN GERMAN OFFICERS	2	

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357TH FIGHTER GROUP
AMMUNITION AND BOMBS EXPENDED
NOV. 30, 1943, TO AUG. 1, 1944

COMBAT AMMUNITION

CALIBER 50 716,838 ROUNDS
(Ammunition carried by A/C MIA Incl)

NON-COMBAT (PRACTICE AMMUNITION)

CALIBER 50 135,781 ROUNDS

GRAND TOTAL COMBAT AND NON-COMBAT
AMMUNITION EXPENDED

852,619 ROUNDS

BOMBS EXPENDED

TYPE	WEIGHT	NO. ON TARGET	NO. JETTISONED	NO. RETD	TOTAL WT. EXPENDED APPROX.
M-30	100	151	0	11	15,100
AN-M57	250	316	18	14	82,500
AN-M64	500	339	4	13	171,500

PRACTICE BOMBS EXPENDEDTYPEEXPENDED

M38-A2

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357TH FIGHTER GROUP
P-51 STATUS - FLYING TIME - GASOLINE CONSUMPTION
NOV. 30, 1943 TO AUG. 1, 1944

P-51 AIRCRAFT ASSIGNED DURING ENTIRE PERIOD	<u>218</u>
TOTAL P-51 AIRCRAFT MISSING IN ACTION	<u>74</u>
P-51 CRASHES (TOTAL LOSS)	<u>13</u>
P-51 AIRCRAFT TRANSFERRED	<u>52</u> *
* (Total includes A/C Trfd for Battle Damage)	
P-51 AIRCRAFT ASSIGNED 31 JULY 1944	<u>79</u>

TOTAL OPERATIONAL HOURS	<u>23,630</u>
TOTAL NON-OPERATIONAL HOURS	<u>4,300</u>
TOTAL HOURS FLYING TIME	<u>27,930</u>

TOTAL GASOLINE CONSUMED, BOTH OPERATIONAL AND NON-OPERATIONAL

IMPERIAL GALLONS	<u>2,168.444</u>
U.S. GALLONS	<u>2,602.132.8</u>

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357TH FIGHTER GROUP
P-51 COMBAT OPERATIONAL MISSION STATISTICS
NOV. 30, 1943 TO AUG. 1, 1944

FIGHTER SWEEPS OVER ENEMY TERRITORY	<u>17</u>
BOMBER ESCORT MISSIONS	<u>93</u>
GROUND STRAFING MISSIONS	<u>3</u>
DIVE BOMBING MISSIONS	<u>15</u>
BOMBING AND STRAFING MISSIONS	<u>2</u>
AREA PATROL MISSIONS (Invasion Fleet, June 5 - June 10)	<u>9</u>
AREA SUPPORT MISSIONS	<u>3</u>
GRAND TOTAL	<u>142</u>

357TH SCORE BOARD
(Confirmed Claims)

TOTAL ENEMY AIRCRAFT DESTROYED	<u>279½</u>
ENEMY AIRCRAFT PROBABLY DESTROYED	<u>20</u>
ENEMY AIRCRAFT DAMAGED	<u>63</u>
357TH GROUP LOSSES, AIRCRAFT	<u>74</u>
357TH GROUP LOSSES, PILOTS (Includes two assigned pilots lost with 354th Gp. prior to our becoming operational)	<u>71</u>

LOSS RATIO: 1 - P-51/5 E/A (Includes probably destroyed.)

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357TH FIGHTER GROUP
P-51 COMBAT OPERATIONAL MISSION STATISTICS
NOV. 30, 1943 TO AUG. 1, 1944

	<u>FEB.</u>	<u>MAR.</u>	<u>APR.</u>	<u>MAY</u>	<u>JUN.</u>	<u>JUL.</u>	<u>TOT.</u>
NO. A/C AIRBORNE	361	748	1027	1152	1944	1201	6433
PERCENTAGE OF ABORTS AIRBORNE AIRCRAFT	14.	18.	9.	12.	9.4	12.8	12.
A/C ON HAND	1382	2375	1804	2257	2097	2319	12,228
A/C OPERATIONAL	837	1503	1593	1590	1791	2034	9,348
% A/C ON HAND, OPERATIONAL	60.56	65.12	88.3	71.07	83.93	86.86	76.
% OPERATIONAL A/C AIRBORNE	43.12	53.09	64.46	72.45	108.54	59.04	68.82

SORTIES:

AIRCRAFT	<u>6009</u>
ABORTING AIRCRAFT	<u>343</u>
PILOT	<u>10,447</u>

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I A/C ABORTIVE ANALYSIS (EARLY RETURNS)

1 September 44 to 30 September Inc'l.

	<u>362nd</u>	<u>363rd</u>	<u>364th</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE ABORTIVE</u>
Engine*	10	-	6	16	19.75
Coolant System	5	3	4	12	14.82
Instrument	-	1	1	2	2.47
Flight Control Surface	-	-	-	-	0.00
Propeller	1	-	-	1	1.23
Oxygen	-	1	-	1	1.23
Electrical	4	4	1	9	11.11
Fuel Induction	2	-	1	3	3.70
Drop Tanks	1	1	2	4	4.94
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Total Aborts (Mechanical)	23	10	15	48	59.26%
Escort	8	5	5	18	22.22
Pilot Trouble	2	4	3	9	11.11
Navigation**	1	-	-	1	1.23
Radio	-	-	1	1	1.23
Others***	1	1	2	4	4.94
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Total Aborts (Non-Mechanical)	12	10	11	33	40.74%
Aggregate Total of Aborts & E/R	35	20	26	81	

Flight Record	<u>362nd</u>	<u>363rd</u>	<u>364th</u>	<u>Total for the Group</u>	
Number of A/C Airborne	374	386	367	1127	
" " " " (Rev. Mo.)	431	438	432	1301	
Percentage Airborne A/C Abortive	9.4	5.2	7.1	7.2	
" " " " (Prev Mo.)	10.7	6.2	9.5	8.3	

*Engine included power setting, roughness, engine fuel leaks, engine control, oil leaks, fumes in cockpit, etc.

**Weather

***Includes late T/O, Couldn't find Formation.

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II OPERATIONAL DATA

1 September 44 to 30 September 44 Incl

	<u>362nd</u>	<u>363rd</u>	<u>364th</u>
Average number of A/C on hand	22.9	22.2	22.6
Average number of A/C Operational	20.6	22.0	18.7
Percentage A/C On Hand, Operational	89.8	91.1	83.6
Percentage Operational A/C, Airborne	60.6	63.7	64.8

III ARMAMENT STOPPAGE ANALYSIS

1 September 44 to 30 September 44 Incl

	ROUNDS OF AMMO FIRED	STOPPAGES	ROUNDS FIRED PER STOPPAGE
362nd Fighter Squadron	9,196	8	1150
363rd Fighter Squadron	12,996	8	1625
364th Fighter Squadron	12,412	5	2482
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AVERAGE FOR THE GROUP	11,535	7	1648

	<u>362nd</u>	<u>363rd</u>	<u>364th</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Link Jams	-	-	2	2
Failure to Extract fr Belt	8	2	-	10
Failure to Extract fr. Chamber	-	2	-	2
Failure to Eject	-	-	-	-
Dented Primer	-	-	-	-
Solenoid	-	1	-	1
Failure to Chamber Round	-	1	3	4
Miscellaneous	-	2	-	2
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TOTAL	8	8	5	21

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 /t/ LEWIS ANSARA,
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357TH FIGHTER GROUP
P-51 COMBAT OPERATIONAL MISSION STATISTICS
NOV. 30, 1943 TO AUG. 1, 1944

ABORTIVE ANALYSIS (EARLY RETURNS)

<u>MECHANICAL</u>	FEB.	MAR.	APR.	MAY	JUN	JUL	TOT	% ABORTS
ENGINES	21	50	36	50	47	46	250	3.886
INSTRUMENT	0	3	8	3	6	5	25	.389
FLT CONTROL SURF	1	2	1	2	3	0	9	.140
AIR INDUCTION	1	3	1	7	1	6	19	.295
PROPELLER	1	5	1	9	7	3	26	.404
OXYGEN	3	9	8	12	14	10	56	.870
ELECTRICAL	3	3	6	4	7	0	23	.358
FUEL INDUCTION	0	7	2	1	4	0	14	.218
FUEL DROP TANKS	4	22	6	14	30	20	96	1.492
TOT MECH % OF ABORTS								6.560
ESCORT	14	21	10	28	26	32	131	2.036
PILOT TROUBLE	3	1	5	6	12	15	42	.653
NAVIGATION	0	14	5	4	15	3	41	.638 *
RADIO	1	4	1	1	2	2	11	.171
OTHERS	0	0	3	0	9	12	24	.373*
TOTAL	52	144	93	141	183	154	767	11.923

* Included seventeen (17) returning spares not needed.
* Weather an entering factor.

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PILOT EXPERIENCE
1 TO 80 MISSIONS357TH GROUP MIA CAUSES BY EXPERIENCE
(1 TO 80 MISSIONS EXP)PILOT EXPERIENCE
1 TO 15 MISSIONSCAUSES WERE OBTAINED FROM:
ENCOUNTER REPORTS S-2 REPORTS (MISSION)
PERIOD: MISSION NO. 1 TO 175.

LINE NO.	DATE	TOTAL MIA'S	CAUSES							SQDN				OTHER	PER MONTH	%
			FLAK	WEATHER	COOLANT	ENGINE	OTHER AIR	COLLISION	ENEMY ENCOUNTER	REASONS UNKNOWN	362	363	364	HQ		
1	JAN	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1				1	1.3	1
2	FEB	9	4	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	4	3	2		11.8	2
3	MAR	13	1	4	0	0	10	0	6	2	3	4	5	1	17.1	3
4	APR	15	1	1	3	3		3	6	1	2	5	8		19.7	4
5	MAY	17	7	0	1	1	0	12	0	0	4	5	8		22.4	5
6	JUN	9	2	3	0	1	0	2	1	1	1	3	5		11.8	6
7	JUL	5	0	0	3	1	1	3	0	2	1	2			6.5	7
8	AUG	7	2	0	2	1	2	1	0	0	0	4	3		9.4	8
9																9
10	TOTAL	76	17	8	9	7	6	37	5	16	25	33	1	1	100.	10
	PERCENTAGE OF CAUSES		17.1	10.5	11.8	9.2	8.0	36.9	6.5							
LINE NO.	DATE	MIA'S	CAUSES							SQDN				OTHER	PER MONTH	%
			FLAK	WEATHER	COOLANT	ENGINE	OTHER AIR	COLLISION	ENEMY ENCOUNTER	REASONS UNKNOWN	362	363	364	HQ		
1	JAN	1	0	0	0				1	1				1	1.3	1
2	FEB	9	4	0	0				6	0	4	3	2		11.8	2
3	MAR	11	0	4	0	10	0	6	1	3	3	5			14.5	3
4	APR	10	1	1	3			3	3	0	2	3	5		13.1	4
5	MAY	6	2	0	0			0	4	0	1	3	2		8.0	5
6	JUN	3	2	1	0			1	0	0	0	1	2		3.9	6
7	JUL	1	0	0	1			0	0	0	1	0	0		1.3	7
8	AUG	2	1	0	1			1	1	0	0	1	1		2.6	8
9																9
10	TOTAL	43	10	6	5			5	21	2	11	14	17	1	56.5	10
	PERCENTAGE OF CAUSES		23.3	13.9	11.6			11.6	48.8	4.7						

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MIA's vs EXPERIENCE

MISSION 1 THRU 175

MISSIONS	HQ	362	363	364	TOTAL MIA	PERCENTAGE MIA	OPNL HOURS	HQ	362	363	364	TOTAL MIA	PERCENTAGE MIA
1 - 5		7	6	8	21	27.7	0 - 25		7	8	9	24	31.4
6 - 10		1	6	4	11	14.4	26 - 50		2	6	4	12	15.7
11 - 15		2	5	3	10	13.1	51 - 75	1	3	4	6	14	18.4
16 - 20	1	2	-	1	4	5.2	76 - 100		1	1	2	4	5.2
21 - 25		1	2	7	10	13.1	101 - 125		1	2	4	7	9.2
26 - 30		1	-	1	2	2.7	126 - 150		1	1	5	7	9.2
31 - 35		-	2	5	7	9.2	151 - 175		-	2	1	3	4.0
36 - 40		1	2	2	5	6.6	176 - 200		2	-	-	2	2.7
41 - 45		-	1	-	1	1.3	201 - 225		1	-	1	2	2.7
46 - 50		1	-	-	1	1.3	226 - 250		-	-	-	-	-
51 - 55		1	-	1	2	2.7	251 - 275		-	-	-	-	-
56 - 80		1	1	-	2	2.7	276 - 300		-	1	-	1	1.3
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	1	18	25	32	76	100.		1	18	25	32	76	100.

CRITICAL PERIOD

1 - 15	10	17	15	42	55.2%	0 - 75	1	12	18	19	50	65.5%
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Total No. missions of MIA Pilots 1405
 Total No. Operational Hrs. MIA Pilots 5185.30

Average No. Missions flown per MIA Pilot 18.48
 Average No. Operational Hrs per MIA Pilot 68.13

AFTERTHOUGHT: Reason for relatively large percentage MIA's
 in lower bracket of experience?

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PILOT EXPERIENCE
1 TO 80 MISSIONS

Percentage of Total MIA's

17.1

10.5

11.8

9.2

8.0

36.9

6.5

100.0 %

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MIA CAUSES

FLAK

WEATHER

COOLANT

ENGINE

AIR COLLISION

ENEMY ENCOUNTER

REASONS UNKNOWN

PILOT EXPERIENCE
1 TO 15 MISSIONS

Percentage of Total MIA's

9.2

8.0

6.5

0.0

6.5

24.0

2.3

56.5 %

PILOT EXPERIENCE
1 TO 80 MISSIONS

MIA LOSSES BY MONTH

PILOT EXPERIENCE
1 TO 15 MISSIONS

ENEMY
ENCOUNTER

1.3

1

11.8

6

17.1

6

19.7

6

22.4

12

11.8

2

6.5

3

9.4

1

100.0 %

37

ENEMY
ENCOUNTER

1

1.3

6

11.8

6

14.5

3

13.1

4

8.0

0

3.9

0

1.3

1

2.6

21

56.5

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PILOT EXPERIENCE
1 TO 80 MISSIONS

14 ***

8

9

7

6

28 ****

5

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MIA CAUSES

FLAK

WEATHER

COOLANT

ENGINE

AIR COLLISION

ENEMY

REASONS UNKNOWN

PILOT EXPERIENCE
1 TO 15 MISSIONS

7 *

6

5

0

5

18 **

2

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FOOTNOTE:

* 3 FLAK NOT CONSIDERED AS CAUSES FOR MIA NOT INCLUDED.

** 2 ENEMY ENCOUNTERS NOT CONSIDERED AS CAUSES FOR MIA NOT INCLUDED.

*** 4 FLAK NOT CONSIDERED AS CAUSES FOR MIA NOT INCLUDED.

**** 9 ENEMY ENCOUNTERS NOT CONSIDERED AS CAUSES FOR MIA NOT INCLUDED.

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PERSONNEL STATUS
357TH FIGHTER GROUP

1. Total number of Personnel gained for the period 1 Dec 43 to 1 Aug 44:

OFFICERS 120 ENLISTED MEN 44

Total number of Personnel lost or transferred 1 Dec 43 to 1 Aug 44:

OFFICERS 89 ENLISTED MEN 54

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2. Status of Personnel upon arrival in UK:

OFFICERS 1 1055 Shortage ENL MEN 1 620 Short
1 754 Over

Status of Personnel - 1 August 1944:

OFFICERS	Shortages	OVERAGES
4	1042	2 1055
1	2120	1 2161
3	3150	2 3139
2	4113	1 5401
2	4532	1 8540
2	4822	1 9301
3	4823	1 3153
1	6402	
2	8503	
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20		9
ENLISTED MEN		
2	060	1 014
1	196	3 055
5	237	1 067
5	345	1 144
13	405	1 409
1	555	1 502
1	590	9 505
1	631	2 511
3	650	2 548
1	657	2 687
1	667	7 750
1	685	6 754
6	747	7 826
1	805	2 861
2	862	1 945
9	901	---
2	911	
2	932	
4	941	

TOTAL	61	46

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PERSONNEL STATUS
357TH FIGHTER GROUP

3. Allocation of grades and ratings:

	<u>1 December 1943</u>		<u>1 August 1944</u>	
	<u>AUTH</u>	<u>ASGD</u>	<u>AUTH</u>	<u>ASGD</u>
COLONEL	1		1	1
LT COL	4	1	6	3
MAJOR	12	5	12	5
CAPTAIN	28	22	44	45
1ST LT	58	42	63	89
2ND LT	36	61	54	24
FLT O		3		1
CWO		?		
WOJG	1	1	1	2
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TOTALS	140	139	181	170
M/S	16	15	22	23
T/S	47	44	57	50
S/S	211	172	210	207
SGT	193	195	198	198
CPL	237	250	211	211
PFC	51	65	55	63
PVT	51	65	58	44
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TOTALS	806	806	811	796

4. Number of enlisted personnel reclassified since arrival in UK: 1275. Number reclassified as a result of on-the-job training: 32

6. Number of O's and EM who have attended Training Schools in UK:

Officers	15
Enlisted Men	233

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357TH FIGHTER GROUP
FLYING OFFICER PERSONNEL - STATISTICS
NOV. 30, 1943 TO AUG. 1, 1944

TOTAL FLYING OFFICERS ASSIGNED	<u>199</u>
TOTAL PILOTS COMPLETING TOUR OF DUTY	<u>3</u>
PILOTS TRANSFERRED AFTER CTD	<u>0</u>
PILOTS TRANSFERRED TO HOSPITAL	<u>1</u>
PILOTS TRANSFERRED (OTHER)	<u>3</u>
PILOTS ASSIGNED (RETURNED) FROM HOSPITAL	<u>0</u>
PILOTS PERMANENTLY GROUNDED	<u>0</u>

PILOTS MISSING IN ACTION (Includes two pilots lost with 354th Ftr. Gp. prior to our becoming operational)	<u>71</u>
PILOTS KILLED IN ACTION	<u>3</u>
PILOTS KILLED ON NON-COMBAT FLIGHTS	<u>0</u>
PILOTS EVADING	<u>4</u>

GROUP COMMANDERS	<u>3</u>
DEPUTY GROUP COMMANDERS	<u>3</u>
SQUADRON COMMANDERS:	
362ND FIGHTER SQUADRON	<u>2</u>
363RD FIGHTER SQUADRON	<u>3</u>
364TH FIGHTER SQUADRON	<u>2</u>

True Copy Statistical Sheet 357th Fighter Group
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STATION ACTIVITIES

SEPTEMBER, 1944. Just another month. Outwardly nothing on the station has changed from the preceding month. The field orders still come in, the planes still fly, and the reports still go out. Only this time the flow is from and towards a different headquarters.

General Orders #494, Headquarters Eighth Air Force, dated 15 September 1944, relieved this station and organizations hereon from assignment to the VIII Fighter Command and assigned them to the 3D Bombardment Division, to be effective 15 September 1944. General Orders #702, Headquarters 3D Bombardment Division, dated 25 September 1944, assigned the units on this station to the 66th Fighter Wing. The same higher unit to which this unit was attached under the VIII Fighter Command.

To the personnel on the station it matters very little to which higher headquarters they are assigned. Their jobs continue and they continue to fulfill them. The last one-half of the month was no different than the first half as far as activity on the station was concerned. The weather in this particular part of England was very much like September in most parts of America during the evenings. Crisp, clear, just a bit of chill in the breeze, with a full moon shining. A touch of nostalgia was noticed in most when the football season, or something similar, was mentioned. The days have remained typically English. Cloudy most of the day. The sun breaking through the haze occasionally and a few minutes later a complete cloud covering again. Occasional coastal showers, too.

The slowing of the Allied Ground Forces drive in Europe has changed the outlook of individuals from "We won't be here long" to one of sober thought that the war might conceivably last through the winter and this unit might stay at Leiston Airdrome a long while, yet.

Morale for the whole station is exceptionally good. Brought about probably by the fact that good beds in warm buildings are provided. The food is very much better than anyone expected when they started overseas. A good bed and good food, plus the fact that only a small percentage of the base personnel are ever in a position to be shot at directly by the enemy, keeps the general spirits at a high level.

The war has come a bit closer to the stay-at-home ground personnel of this fighter base. During the month the Nazis have started launching their robot bombs from some spot that causes them, on their way to London, to fly either directly over this base or on either side within easy view. Being situated only three miles from the coast where British batteries shoot at them, the possibility of one of the things being crippled by anti-aircraft fire and dropping on the station, causes some concern. So far that has not happened but most of the personnel get outside when an alert is announced over the Tannoy. More out of curiosity and the desire to watch the fireworks of ack-ack fire than of fear. That statement is made in viewing the actions of the men when they are comfortably in bed or interested in something inside. Very few of them ever run outside for a look under those circumstances. An average of probably two "buzz-bombs" every 24 hours pass directly over the station at considerably less than 1,000 feet. So far they have all passed.

Entertainment on the station is falling into a set pattern for most of the personnel. A movie is shown every night. Always a full house and with an exceptional movie showing, a crowded house. The Aero Club snack bar is open every night and on alternate Wednesdays a dance for the Enlisted Men is held there with the station orchestra playing. Girls come from all of the surrounding villages and Service bases. If nothing else comes from the flying bombs they did bring in a lot of new girls. Most of the anti-aircraft batteries are manned by men and ATS girls, new faces at the dances.

In addition there is always other entertainment at the Aero Club----ranging from classes in foreign languages and art, through interesting speakers, down to classes in square dancing.

For drinks the Officers go to their club, operated in conjunction with the mess. The first three grades of non-commissioned officers have their club, the Zebra Club. The post exchange beer parlor is open every night for all of the others.

Athletics are always present. During the summer baseball always had a lot of players and spectators. Now a basketball league is forming from the various stations organizations. Play and practice is held in the gymnasium every night along with boxing. Football is coming, too. A field is laid out in the communal area and through most of the day a group can be found there.

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P-51
Formation Combat Tactics
by
Lt. Colonel Irwin H. Dregne
Deputy Commander
357th Fighter Group

The Group flies as three sixteen ship squadrons with the down-sun squadron 1000 feet above the lead squadron and the up-sun squadron from 3000 to 5000 feet above the lead squadron. Climbing out to the enemy coast, the flights are flown abreast in a compact formation with the three squadrons stepped up line abreast. Upon reaching the enemy coast the individual flights loosen up.

Enroute to rendezvous we fly to get mutual protection rather than maneuverability. The flights within the squadron give cross cover rather than individual in the flights. Keeping the Group in a compact unit makes it easier to avoid heavy flak positions. It also makes it simple to spot bandits and prevents mixing with friendly units.

The disposition of the squadrons after contact with the bombers depends on how big a force of bombers we must cover, the type of formation the bombers are flying and the size of enemy force that we can expect to encounter. On a mission deep into Germany where heavy enemy resistance is expected the squadrons will stay intact and the three squadrons will remain in the same area in contact by radio.

If there is two or three boxes of bombers to cover, the Group leader will place his squadron about 1000 feet above and in front of the lead box. The two eight-ship sections will cross-weave in front of the bombers giving them close escort. The middle squadron will be above the second box from 1500 to 3000 feet above the bombers. The increase in altitude gives them a chance to dive to the front if they are needed. The top squadron will stay about 5000 feet above the bomber force, taking care of any top cover the enemy fighters might send in or catching any enemy aircraft coming in high. At this altitude the high squadron can dive to any place along the bomber force that might need help.

If there are more than three boxes to cover, the squadrons will be placed in the same position on the bomber force, depending on fighter-bomber inter-communication to warn them of trouble on the rear of the force. One can get from the front to the rear of the force in a very short time, but if you are in the rear and the front gets hit by enemy aircraft it is very hard to get up there in time to break up the attack.

To give good escort, it is very essential that the bombers fly a good compact formation. During the escort the flights fly a finger formation, loose enough so each pilot can look around. The two flights in each section fly in trail with the blue section giving top cover to the red section. With this type of escort formation we have a strong enough force to meet anything the enemy has put up to date and we are able to make a good killing when the Germans hit in large numbers at our bomber force.

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P-51
Formation Combat Tac.
Lt. Col. Irwin Dregne

All bandits or bogies are called in to the squadron, section or flight leader. If the squadron leader fails to spot the "called-in" aircraft immediately, the supporting flight leader or the pilot calling in the aircraft will lead the flight down for the bounce.

After combat the squadrons will reform at a point designated by R/T in relation to the bomber force. Any flights or individual ships getting separated in combat will immediately climb back to the bombers where they can find friendly fighters to join. When the enemy aircraft are sighted, the squadron having the most advantageous position goes in for the bounce. The other squadrons will join the fight if they are needed. If the enemy force is large enough the whole group will engage it. The Germans have been hitting one box of bombers in a large concentrated force and if the escorting group can engage this force and destroy a large number of them, it has done a good day's work.

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HEADQUARTERS
AAF Station F-373Unit History
List of Awards

AWARD	NO.	HDQRS.	GO #	DATE
Distinguished Flying Cross	1	3d B.D.	697	25 Sept 44
Air Medal	7	"	"	"
Oak Leaf Cluster for AM	23	"	"	"
Distinguished Flying Cross	1	VIII FC	78	26 Aug 44
Oak leaf Cluster for DFC	5	"	"	"
Air Medal	33	"	"	"
Oak Leaf Cluster for AM	15	"	"	"
Soldier's Medal	1	"	"	"
Distinguished Flying Cross	3	VIII FC	79	5 Sept 44
Oak Leaf Cluster for DFC	3	"	"	"
Air Medal	1	"	"	"
Oak Leaf Cluster for AM	4	"	"	"
Distinguished Flying Cross	2	VIII FC	84	15 Sept 44
Oak Leaf Cluster for DFC	5	"	"	"
Bronze Star	4	"	"	"
Air Medal	8	"	"	"
Oak Leaf Cluster for AM	14	"	"	"
Purple Heart	3	USSAAF	70	29 Sept 44
Good Conduct	7	AAF Station F-373	19	4 Sept 44
Distinguished Flying Cross	7	VIII FC	83	14 Sept 44
Oak Leaf Cluster for DFC	3	"	"	"
Air Medal	7	"	"	"
Oak Leaf Cluster for AM	16	"	"	"

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357TH FIGHTER GROUP
INDIVIDUAL AWARDS - P-51 PILOTS
NOV. 30, 1943 TO AUG. 1, 1944

SILVER STAR	<u>1</u>
DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS	<u>77</u>
FIRST OAK LEAF CLUSTER	<u>28</u>
SECOND OAK LEAF CLUSTER	<u>3</u>
THIRD OAK LEAF CLUSTER	<u>1</u>
FOURTH OAK LEAF CLUSTER	<u>0</u>
TOTAL DFC AND OAK LEAF CLUSTERS	<u>109</u>
 AIR MEDAL	 <u>153</u>
FIRST OAK LEAF CLUSTER	<u>132</u>
SECOND OAK LEAF CLUSTER	<u>93</u>
THIRD OAK LEAF CLUSTER	<u>82</u>
FOURTH OAK LEAF CLUSTER	<u>0</u>
FIFTH OAK LEAF CLUSTER	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AIR MEDALS AND OAK LEAF CLUSTERS	<u>460</u>
 PURPLE HEART	 <u>4</u>
 GRAND TOTAL	 <u>573</u>

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Gary H. Brumell,
Capt. AC*

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HEADQUARTERS
VIII FIGHTER COMMAND
Office Of The Commanding General
APO 637 AAF Station F-341

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14 September 1944

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SUBJECT: COMMENDATION.

TO : Lt. Morris C. Laine, O-569008, AC, 357 Fighter Group
Through: Commanding General, 66 Fighter Wing, AAF Station F-341

1. It has come to my attention that during the six month period ending 1 September your section has turned out 5706 stories for newspapers and other periodicals, the third highest number turned out by any Public Relations Section in this command during that period. In addition the coverage of operations has been excellent.

2. Since the nature of the work is such that the results are almost entirely dependent upon the initiative and ability of the personnel it is felt that great credit is due you and the men in your section.

3. It is my pleasure to commend you for your accomplishments.

FRANCIS H. GRISWOLD
Brigadier General, United States Army
Commanding

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HQ 66TH FIGHTER WING, APO 55, U. S. Army, 30 September 1944.

To: Lt. Morris C. Laine, O-569008, AC, 357 Fighter Group.
Through: Commanding Officer, AAF Station F-373, APO 559, U.S. Army.

It is my pleasure to forward this correspondence and to add my personal commendation for the professional skill, thoughtfulness and attention to duty which have been displayed by yourself and the men of your section.

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

A TRUE COPY:

George H. Boswell
GEORGE H. BOSWELL,
Captain, Air Corps.

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

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In reply
refer to: 201.32

9 September 1944

SUBJECT: Commendation.

TO : Captain Pasquale R. Caracciolo, O-499085, DC, 357th Fighter Group.

THROUGH: Commanding General, 66th Fighter Wing, AAF Station F-371.

It has come to my attention that you have rendered marked service to the Army and have demonstrated unexcelled initiative and resourcefulness in designing and constructing numerous ingenious pieces of dental equipment from salvaged materials. These devices have resulted in marked improvement in, and additions to, field dental equipment, and will in all probability be standardized and made items of issue by Medical Department equipment authorities.

It is my pleasure to commend you for your outstanding efforts to provide the personnel of your station with a far better type of dental service than they would ordinarily receive under normal field conditions. Your meritorious accomplishments reflect credit upon yourself and the Armed Forces of the United States and are worthy of emulation.

/s/ Francis H. Griswold
/t/ FRANCIS H. GRISWOLD,
Brigadier General, U. S. A.,
Commanding.

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GEORGE H. BOSWELL,
Captain, Air Corps.

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PRESS RELEASES

AN EIGHTH FIGHTER STATION---2nd Lt. Frank L. Gailer, a member of the P-51 group commanded by Col. Donald W. Graham, zoomed in for a new kind of kill the other day.

After shooting up a Nazi fighter, Gailer tipped the enemy ship with one of his wings as it attempted a belly landing. The German plane crashed into the ground, exploding at the same time.

AN EIGHTH FIGHTER STATION--- A former B-17 aerial engineer, 2nd Lt. John S. Templin, Pottsville, Pa., shot down his first German plane the afternoon his Eighth Fighter Command squadron destroyed seven out of 15 ME 109s destroyed by Colonel Donald W. Graham's Mustang pilots on a recent bomber escort mission to Leipzig, Germany.

Lt. Templin describes the action:

"A slate-colored, yellow-striped plane dove at me when we contacted 12 German aircraft at 11,000 feet. I climbed and got on his tail. We dove and I raked his cockpit with my wing guns. His plane went out of control, crashed and burned in a woods."

AN EIGHTH FIGHTER STATION---Major John A. Storch, Long Beach, California, P-51 Mustang pilot and a squadron leader, shot down his eighth German airplane and shared destruction of another one on a bomber escort mission to Leipzig, Germany.

The airman describes the action of his victory:

"We caught a big bunch of Kraut flyers coming down from over us. We waited until they got below us and then took them. Fights were torrid. I shot one down myself and he bellied in to a crash landing. The plane exploded. Just about the same thing happened when my wingman and I shot up another 109".

AN EIGHTH FIGHTER STATION---Captain John B. England, Caruthersville, Mo., P-51 Mustang fighter pilot and a squadron leader, chalked up his eleventh air victory in the European air war kyoing two Messerschmitt 109s and sharing in the destruction of another one on a bomber escort mission to Leipzig, Germany.

Captain England says, "We waited for a gang of prowling Nazi fighters and latched on to them in short order. One of them I really clobbered and he flopped over crashing into a river. Another one was a clever pidgeon and mixed it with us. After some violent air-to-air maneuvers I got him. Then I joined my wingman in polishing off another.

AN EIGHTH AIR FORCE FIGHTER STATION---1st Lt. Horace P. Howell, Wayne, Penn., Mustang fighter pilot, shot down two Nazi Messerschmitts in rapid order the afternoon his group kyoed 15 German airplanes in torrid dogfights with the "last-stand" Luftwaffe in the area of Leipzig.

"We let a gang of Nazis come down from over us and when they neared the deck we sailed into them. The first one I hit and started him smoking. He went into a vertical dive and crashed into the ground at the end of it.

The second one I spun with three quick bursts from my wing guns. He caught fire from this and went down, smoking and burning."

AN EIGHTH FIGHTER STATION--- A bluff bigger than any he ever tried in a poker game netted 1st Lt. Robert L. Smith, P-51 pilot from Spencer, N.Y., two ME 109s on the second day of the airborne assault in Holland.

Out of ammo in the dogfights with more than 50 enemy aircraft, Smith forced the two Jerries down to "dyke-level" and chased them until the pursued Germans plowed into the ground. Both Messerschmitts blew up.

AN EIGHTH AIR FORCE FIGHTER STATION----Flight Officer Otto D. Jenkins, Houston, Texas, Mustang fighter pilot, is on a Nazi plane-killing spree in the European air war.

The flyer, a new replacement pilot in Col. Donald W. Graham's group, shot down two Messerschmitts in one afternoon to help bring his group's score to 45 German planes destroyed in two days in support of airborne invasion forces in Holland.

F/O Jenkins, who has bagged three Germans and shared in destruction of another during his short combat career, describes the action of his latest air victories:

"We flushed a big batch of Jerries, about 60 plus in two formations, and I got one of the Messerschmitts, which broke away to run from the fight. I poured lead into him.

"Soon after that I got another one. I could see dogfights all over the sky as our boys tied into the Krauts."

AN EIGHTH AIR FORCE FIGHTER STATION----A wild chase across the Dutch dyke country in pursuit of a Messerschmitt 109 was described by 1st Lt. Harold O. Hand, 22, of Chicago, Illinois, upon his return from a combat mission to Holland in support of the huge airborne landings.

The Mustang pilot started the chase in the middle of a dogfight when Col. Donald W. Graham's group intercepted approximately 50 enemy aircraft looking for the airborne landings.

"My wingman and I picked up the 109 at 12,000 feet and forced him to ground level," he said. "The German pilot whistled across the country, hugging the grass tops for 70 miles before we poured enough lead into him to stop the wild trip. The pilot lifted his ship for altitude and bailed out. His chute opened miraculously fast. Before he hit the ground."

Colonel Graham's flyers bagged 19 that day, added to 26 the day before on the second day of the air-borne operations in Holland.

AN EIGHTH FIGHTER STATION----Six diving silver-colored, red-crossed ME 109s never reached the troop carrier aircraft on the second day of the airborne invasion of Holland.

The cannon-carrying interceptors were attacked by a P-51 Mustang flight led by Lt. Howard B. Egeland, Chicago, Ill., who blasted one of the sextet out of the skies to aid his group to destroy 26 German planes in one afternoon.

Lt. Egeland describes his first kill: "The Jerries dived at us and it was a real Hollywood-type fight until we ran out of Germans. I jumped the tail of a ME 109 flight leader who turned left. I sprayed his fuselage and cockpit with lead and he half-rolled and started down. The pilot bailed out and the plane dove into the earth from 5,000 feet".

AN EIGHTH FIGHTER STATION----Diving at well over 600 miles per hour struggling to regain control of his P-51 Mustang "Baby-Jo", 2nd Lt. Hugh J. Moorehouse, Phoenix, Ariz., suddenly saw an amazing sight.

Directly below him, diving at the same rate of speed was a FW 190, one of approximately 60 Nazis Col. Donald W. Graham's group encountered that day.

"The Jerry looked around at me, thinking I was chasing him", said the pilot. "I was just trying to pull out of the dive and save my own skin."

"Apparently the German didn't know how fast the ground was coming up. I had started the dive at 12,000 feet trying to follow my flight leader when my ship went out of control. I finally levelled off at 800 feet. It was too late for the Jerry. He went right into the dirt and exploded. I never fired a shot."

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AN EIGHTH FIGHTER STATION---The FW 190 which had tried to stab at the troop-carrier planes and gliders on the second day of the air-borne invasion of Holland crashed into the soft black soil of the Ruhr Valley and exploded.

Claiming destruction of the Nazi plane was 1st Lt. George W. Morris, Columbia, Ky. He didn't get his first victory the easy way. His description of the action follows: "I must have chased that Kraut for 15 minutes right on the deck. We were scorching the grass blades right across the Ruhr Valley. I finally scored hits on his tail and fuselage, his ship wavered out of control and crashed.

Lt. Morris' "kill" brought the score for Colonel Donald W. Graham's fighter group to 26 enemy aircraft destroyed on the one mission. Not one of approximately 50 Nazi planes seen got through to the troop-carrying planes.

AN EIGHTH FIGHTER STATION---It took exactly four minutes of furious action for 1st Lt. Gerald E. Tyler, Kalamazoo, Mich., to join the select circle of fighter pilots who have scored "triples" against the Nazi Luftwaffe.

The Mustang pilot in Colonel Donald W. Graham's fighter group destroyed two ME 109s and one FW 190 which were trying to knock down transport planes and gliders on the second day of the gigantic invasion by air of the Netherlands.

"The Jerry planes were about 2,000 feet above us at 15,000 feet", said Lt. Tyler who now has destroyed a total of six German planes. "I headed straight up after one and fired at him. We passed each other like elevators going in opposite directions. The Nazi never pulled out of it. He crashed below. The other two went just as quickly, after a few bursts at their tail. The entire action took about four minutes".

AN EIGHTH FIGHTER STATION----Robert M. Shaw, Pittsburgh, Pa., Mustang fighter pilot, celebrated his promotion to rank of captain and the finishing of 300 combat flying hours in the European air war, by leading a sharp-shooting group of flyers to battle with Nazi airmen over Holland resulting in 26 German airplanes destroyed in the skies.

Captain Shaw, who kayoed his eighth Nazi plane, describes the action:

"We were supporting the airborne invasion forces in Holland by providing cover and intercepting any German planes attempting to get at the transport ships loaded with men and supplies.

"Smack over Holland I saw a large formation of mixed Focke-Wolfes and Messerschmitts, about 60 in the bunch. I called my men to battle. They were above us and instead of employing the usual tactics of getting at the tail-end Charlie, I decided to dip under and come into their formation from the belly-side. My boys followed and we sliced into them. I picked on a Messerschmitt and shot it down. I observed our boys fighting all over the sky".

AN EIGHTH FIGHTER STATION---"Minute Man - 1944 style" is exemplified by Lt. Richard C. Roper, Mustang pilot from Indianapolis, Ind., who destroyed his first two Nazi aircraft of the war in exactly two minutes.

Lt. Roper scored on the third day of the Allied air-borne invasion of Holland, bringing the two-day score of Colonel Donald W. Graham's Eighth fighter group to 45 enemy aircraft destroyed. None of the Nazi planes seen in the vicinity of the air-borne landings reached the heavily laden transports.

"We must have seen 100 Kraut planes in the two days," Lt. Roper said. "The first day, they bounced us and the second day we bounced them. Both times they scattered before doing any damage to the air-borne operations."

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AN EIGHTH FIGHTER STATION-----Neither a "hot-rock" Nazi pilot nor a "junior-birdman" escaped the blazing guns of 1st Lt. Donald J. Pasaka of Wheeler Street, Lake Geneva, Wisconsin.

The P-51 Mustang flyer in Colonel Donald W. Graham's fighter group destroyed two ME 109s on the third day of the airborne invasion of Holland. On two successive missions in support of the operations the whole group bagged 45 Nazi planes in the air and kept at least 100 enemy aircraft away from the scene of the landing. Lt. Pasaka described his first two "kills" of the war:

"The first Jerry pilot was green as grass. The fight started when we saw about 20 109s at 7,000 feet and dove on them. They climbed towards us and before I knew it, one of the Krauts was on my tail. I shook him off and ran plunk into the green pilot. After a few bursts, his ship burst into flames and crashed before the pilot could get out.

"My second victim was an expert flyer. He led me through a wild collection of rolls, turns, and spins. It seemed as if I kept shooting at him for hours but it was really only a few minutes. I finally scored hits all over his plane and the pilot bailed out."

AN EIGHTH FIGHTER STATION-----A plane crashes and before the salvage trucks arrive two dentists are poking the ruins for parts.

That is how two Hartford, Conn., dental officers, Captains P. R. Caracciolo and Sidney Sucoll earned the commendation of their commanding officer, Brig. General Francis H. Griswold of the Eighth Fighter Command.

Conversion of salvaged aircraft equipment to dental equipment by the two alert army dentists has resulted in establishment of one of the best equipped dental offices in England for this P-51 Mustang fighter station. And that is the reason the two officers scurry to a wrecked airplane.

For the conversion to dental uses of such aircraft parts as an airplane seat or chair, oxygen tank, reflector, and etc., officers from higher headquarters complimented the Hartford dentists and promised the equipment might become standard in the AAF where field conditions are necessary.

A chair-seat was converted to a "hydraulic" chair. It came from a wrecked airplane. Now it moves up and down and around with power, as the dentists work on a bad molar of some crew chief or perhaps the very pilot, who crashed the airplane. An oxygen tank from one of the planes now provides air pressure to a suction tube, which draws out the saliva and blood when the dentist is at work on a bad wisdom tooth extraction from some patient's mouth. A reflector light gives a sharp, clear beam of light, which plays directly on the shiny choppers of some private as the dentist cleans his teeth.

Even "drilling" may be painless, thanks to a convertible motor, which can be switched to foot power immediately with no agonizing delay.

The two Hartford dentists of this story lived only a few blocks apart in that city and were in practice before entering the Army Air Forces.

AN EIGHTH FIGHTER STATION-----The scared German pilot waved his arms frantically in a "me-no-want-fight" gesture before bailing out of his burning plane riddled by Lt. Chester K. Maxwell, Alva, Oklahoma. Lt. Maxwell let him bail, taking a picture with his wing cameras.

The P-51 Mustang pilot describes his two victories of the day: "I got a pair of Kraut flyers as our group added 19 kills to 26 of the day previous. Out of a batch of FW 190s, about 30 in number, I nabbed one, whose pilot waved frantically for 'no more' after I had tattooed his canopy area. His burning plane crashed after he bailed out. I nailed a ME 109 out of a bunch of 25 plus we jumped soon after. He crashed."

AN EIGHTH FIGHTER STATION----The young P-51 Mustang pilot fired a long-range burst at a Messerschmitt to scare it off the tail of a fellow flier.

"I was surprised when the German plane fell over like a wounded bird," said 1st Lt. James H. Sehl, Dover, Ohio. "He started rolling to the earth so I rolled with him, firing round after round into his cockpit and engine. In a few seconds the silver ME 109 tore into the ground and was nothing but burning, twisted Junk."

AN EIGHTH FIGHTER STATION---A hasty exit, unbecoming to one of Air Marshall Goering's Luftwaffe pilots, was described by Lt. John A. Kirla, Port Chester, N.Y., upon the P-51 Mustang pilot's return from a mission to Holland in support of the air-borne invasion.

"After I had torn the Kraut's plane apart he jumped out of his seat as if he had been sitting on a coiled spring," Lt. Kirla said. "The dogfight started when I spotted him climbing for the clouds. I stepped on the gas and followed. He changed his tactics and dove for the deck."

"I turned on the heat from my wing guns and tore his ship apart, peice by peice. That's when the pilot decided to bail out. He sure looked funny the way he bounced out of the cockpit. There was nothing graceful about that exit."

AN EIGHTH FIGHTER STATION----After flying 21 missions to various parts of Occupied Europe, 1st Lt. William R. Dunlop, Detroit Mich., shot down his first enemy plane - and followed up his victory by bagging a second Nazi aircraft on the following mission.

"I just hadn't seen a bunch of Nazi planes until we supported the air-borne troops on the Holland invasion," said Lt. Dunlop, a Mustang pilot in Colonel Donald W. Graham's group of the Eighth Fighter Command. "Mission no. 22 started out like a milkrun, too. That is, until we ran into a mess of about 60 Jerries. Plenty aggressive they were, too."

After polishing off a 109 to bring the group more victories that day, Lt. Dunlop returned to his base celebrated his victory, and retired. Up early the next day, he returned to Holland skies and this time Col. Graham's group ran into 50 enemy aircraft.

"I lost my leader in the general dogfight with about 12 109s," he said. "Looking around, I suddenly saw a 109 as big as a house sitting right in front of me. My first burst pierced his cockpit and set his ship ablaze. The whole works blew up on the way down with the crankshaft and other engine parts flying through the air. The pilot didn't get out."

AN EIGHTH FIGHTER STATION----"The Messerschmitt burst into flames....". Just a few words taken from the official encounter report of Lt. Dwaine A. Sandborn, 21 year old pilot from Portland, Michigan.

But nearly a year of flight training and months of combat flying are embedded in those words. The young P-51 Mustang pilot has destroyed his first enemy aircraft. The stage was set for the "kill" when Colonel Donald W. Graham's flyers swept the Holland skies for Nazi airplanes which threatened to interrupt the air-borne invasion operations. Only the day before the group had driven off 60 Nazis.

"The day before they attacked us," Lt. Sandborn said. "But this time, we surprised them and went to work. We saw them a few thousand feet below through a hole in the clouds.....about 50 of them."

"This was my big chance, the moment I had been waiting for. It happened in less than a minute. I dove on one Me 109 and tattooed his canopy as he tried to turn away from me. His ship burst into flames almost immediately. The plane sank like a rock to the ground and blew up with a terrific explosion."

AN EIGHTH AIR FORCE FIGHTER STATION----A P-51 Mustang named "Rubber-Check" lived up to its namesake by bouncing back until the Nazi pilot was forced to give up the chase.

Piloting "Rubber Check" was 1st Lt. Walter N. Perry, Jr., Raleigh, N.C., a 21 year old pilot in Colonel Donald W. Graham's Mustang Group. The young pilot had waded into the middle of a vicious dogfight near the scene of the airborne invasion operations in Holland.

"My wingman and I pulled into two Messerschmitt 109s trying to get away from an air battle that looked like a Hollywood movie. I took the one that broke left and dove with him for the deck."

It was then that the German pilot tried to lose his American opponent by twisting, spinning, and circling. "Rubber Check" followed close behind, bouncing back whenever the enemy aircraft managed to break away. Finally, Lt. Perry glued himself to the Nazi's tail.

"We circled round and round and I kept pouring hot lead into his fuselage," the former North Carolina State student said. "His plane burst into brilliant flame, climbed a few feet and nosed down into a woods."

An EIGHTH FIGHTER STATION----He certainly gets around - that 19 year old fighter pilot, 1st Lt. Ivan L. (Mickey) McGuire, Danville, Illinois.

The youthful flier of a P-51 Mustang with the Eighth Fighter Command in England has crammed a lot of fast moving into his combat career against the staggering Luftwaffe over Occupied Europe.

One day he was shooting down his first enemy airplane over Holland in support of the airborne invasion forces. The next day he crash-landed only 18 miles behind the battle line in France and hitch-hiked back to his base in England in 26 hours.

Lt. McGuire of Colonel Donald W. Graham's Mustang Group describes the action of his first air victory and of the crash landing:

"Don't know who was the most scared, the Nazi pilot or me, as we roared from 12,000 feet to the deck with me right after him. I closed up as close as 150 feet and was out turning and out-flying him. I shot him up a bit. He started smoking. He crash-landed in a herd of 20 cows in a field. The plane exploded. When I swooped on down to observe, I could see flaming debris everywhere and maybe a cow or two burning. Flames licked up at me from the blazing aircraft.

"Next day I had to coax my plane to get it over the American battle line in France when I was hit by two direct flak bursts on a bomber escort mission.

"The terrific flak hits conked out my engine and shredded my windshield and canopy. I jostled down near an advanced artillery unit's landing strip. In a few minutes I was in a transport plane bound for Paris. We had a strange passenger list. There were three German officer prisoners aboard.

"One of 'em must have understood English because when he learned that a British cap ain in the plane and myself had been shot down in action, he talked excitedly to the others and they all smiled and jabbered.

"After a nice few hours in Paris, I hopped a grasshopper plane for Orleans. Pilot of the small aircraft scared the daylight out of me and put chill bumps on me where I should have had real bumps from my crash-landing.

"From Orleans I hooked a ride on another transport to England and was back to homebase presto. When I looked at my watch it showed just 26 hours required for my return. I learned the Focke Wulf 190 I had shot down the day before was one of 45 German interceptors our group kayoed in two days.

"I didn't get a scratch. I am still picking glass splinters from my flying helmet."

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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.

HEADQUARTERS, 357TH FIGHTER GROUP

NAME	GRADE	ASN	NAME	GRADE	ASN
Elmer W. Hasemyer	T Sgt	39529233	Joe C. Gunn	S Sgt	38319151
Ray C. Grantham	Sgt	38294315	Morris L. Spruill	Sgt	34663386
Dominic J. Cuzzo	Cpl	32893180	Tony C. Garcia	Cpl	38350334
Ordy Mann, Jr.	Pfc	34701976			

2121ST ENGINEER AVIATION FIRE FIGHTING PLATOON

NAME	GRADE	ASN
James (NMI) Shanahan	Tec 5	33551143

1076TH SIGNAL COMPANY

NAME	GRADE	ASN	NAME	GRADE	ASN
Robert (NMI) Lesser	Tec 5	32280705	DeLois J. Anderson	Pvt	36292770

469TH SERVICE SQUADRON

NAME	GRADE	ASN	NAME	GRADE	ASN
Charles E. Givens	Cpl	38507441	Robert (NMI) Henley	Pfc	34789422
Wallis G. Martin	Pvt	34803042			

AMTH: AR 600-68.

By order of Colonel GRAHAM:

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3 September 1944

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1. Foll O, asgd 357th Ftr Gp per par 1, SO #240, AAF Sta F-345, 1 Sept 44, are further asgd & WP orgns indicated. No c of sta.

NAME	RANK	ASN	AC	ORGN
HOWARD L. JOHNSON	2D LT	0701767	AC	362nd Ftr Sq
JAMES A. VALKMITCH	2D LT	0816957	AC	do
CARROLL W. OFSTHUN	2D LT	0700316	AC	363rd Ftr Sq
LARNER P. ROBERTS	2D LT	0817103	AC	do

2. Foll O, orgns indicated, are granted a seven (7) day lv of absence:

NAME	RANK	ASN	ORGN	EFF O/A
LAWRENCE D. WOOD	1ST LT	0745559	AC 363rd Ftr Sq (Combat Crew)	4 Sept 44
JOSEPH F. CARLUCCI	CAPT	01690575	IC 469th Sv Sq	5 Sept 44
CHESTER C. HARBISON	CAPT	0387703	Sig C 1076th Sig Co Avn	6 Sept 44
JOHN B. MAIN	1ST LT	0575520	AC Hq & Hq Sq, 50th Sv Gp	6 Sept 44

AUTH: AR 605-115.

3. 2D LT HENRY L. HOEFELMEYER, 0568642, AC, 70th Sta Com Sq, aptd Sta Snow Removal O (add dy) vice 2D LT FRANCIS B. MILLS, 02044706, AC, trfd.

4. Upon recommendation of their Orgn Comdr foll EM, 364th Ftr Sq, rd to gr of Private for cause:

S Sgt (747) Sidney (M.I.) Gansky, 33314718
Sgt (747) Edward A. Kriszeziokaitis, 39246700

AUTH: AR 615-5

5. Foll O, orgns indicated, WP London o/a 4 Sept 44 on approx two (2) days temp dy on matters this cond rptg to Billeting O, 5 N Audley St, London, for billets & arrangements for messing fac. CTIS. TDM. MEMO. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/50425.

NAME	RANK	ASN	ORGN
LEONARD (NMI) SHLEFSTEIN (IC)	CAPT	01586176	QMC Hq & Hq Sq, 50th Sv Gp
CHARLES R. MORGAN	1ST LT	01585924	QMC 1177th QM Co Avn

AUTH: Ltr, Hq European T of Opns US Army, 24 May 44.

6. CAPT HERBERT M. COHEN, 01634621, Sig C, 1076th Sig Co Avn, aptd Sta Courts & Bd O (add dy) during temp abs of 1ST LT JOHN B. MAIN, 0575520, AC.

7. CAPT HERBERT M. COHEN, 01634621, Sig C, 1076th Sig Co Avn, in add to other dys designated Sta Claims O during temp abs of 1ST LT JOHN B. MAIN, 0575520, AC, & is atzd to act as a bd of one (1) O in any case within provisions of AW 105; will constitute the investigating O, bd of O, surveying O, unless a bd of more than one (1) O is required by statute or reg, required for the investigation of any accident involving death, personal injury, or property loss or damage, including claims for & against the Govt, LOD status of personnel, & determination whether the circumstances properly call for disciplinary action.

AUTH: Par 7c, AR 25-20.

8. Foll EM, having trfd in gr 357th Ftr Gp & having rptd this Sta in compliance w/par 6, SO #188, Hq 66th Ftr Wg, 29 Aug 44, are further trfd in gr & WP orgns indicated. No c of sta.

NAME	GRADE	ASN	MO	ORGN
William H. Flores	Sgt	18055914	747	362nd Ftr Sq
Harry N. Witmer	Sgt	13093424	747	363rd Ftr Sq
Donald G. Gardner	Sgt	39607282	747	364th Ftr Sq
Harry T. J. Sanderlin	Cpl	36131231	747	do
Arthur J. Murphy	Pfc	32855058	747	do

9. Foll O detailed Sta dy agents (add dy) indicated:

NAME, RANK, ASN & ORGN	DY & ASGMT	VICE
CAPT ROBERT L. SIROTEK, 01583679, Ord Dept, 1600th Ord S&M Co Avn.	Ord O Bomb Ren O Asst Def O PX Council (Member)	CAPT MARK S. GIBSON, 0384282, Ord Dept, reld.
1ST LT ANTHONY A. SWIETEK, 01553185, Ord Dept, 1600th Ord S&M Co Avn.	Ord Prop O	1ST LT CECIL F. HUMPHREYS, 01551433, Ord Dept, reld.

By order of Colonel GRAHAM:
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APO 637

5 September 1944

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1. Par 4, SO #243, this Sta, cs, is amended to delete: "Pvt (405) Charles J. Ewing, 12168458, 1260th MP Co Avn", and further amended to include: "Pvt (901) Calvin L. Hopkins, 16150022, 1260th MP Co Avn".

2. CAPT LAWRENCE B. LEE, 0561490, AC, 364th Ftr Sq, is granted a seven (7) day lv of abs eff o/a 8 Sept 44.
AUTH: AR 605-115.

3. Foll O, asgd 357th Ftr Gp per par 3, SO #193, 66th Ftr Wg, 3 Sept 44, are further asgd & WP orgns indicated. No c of sta.

NAME	RANK	ASN	ORGN
GUERNSEY I. CARLISLE	MAJ	0385550 AC	Hq 357th Ftr Gp
BERNARD K. SEITZINGER	CAPT	0401244 AC	364th Ftr Sq

4. MAJ GUERNSEY I. CARLISLE, 0385550, AC, Hq 357th Ftr Gp, aptd Asst Gp S-3 (prin dy).

5. CAPT HERBERT M. COHEN, 01634621, Sig C, is reld fr asgmt w/1076th Sig Co Avn & asgd & WP to Hq & Hq Sq, 50th Sv Gp. No c of sta.

6. Cpl (911) William H. Jackson, 33382861, 364th Ftr Sq, atchd 1260th MP Co Avn, rd to gr of Private for cause upon recommendation of his Orgn Comdr.
AUTH: AR 615-5.

7. Foll O & EM, orgns indicated, WP AAF Sta 147 o/a 7 Sept 44 on approx two (2) days temp dy purpose of interview rptg to CAPT HUMPHRIES by 1000 hrs, 8 Sept 44. CTRS. TDN. MEMT. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/50425.

NAME	GRADE OR RANK	ASN	MOS	ORGN
GEORGE P. LAVELLE (IC)	1ST LT	0565942 AC		469th Sv Sq
EDWARD R. DEVEREUX	T Sgt	31224731	502	70th Sta Com Sq

AUTH: TWX SAS S520, 3 Sept 44; Ltr, Hq European T Of Opns US Army, 24 May 44.

8. Sgt (014) Richard D. Clark, 39195098, 469th Sv Sq, WP #8 Sch Tech Tng o/a 6 Sept 44 on approx one (1) week temp dy purpose of tng in Mtr Vehicle Waterproofing. EM will comply w/sp ltr of instr. CTRS. TDN. MEMT. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/50425.
AUTH: TWX SAS S75E, 4 Sept 44; Ltr, Hq European T of Opns, US Army, 24 May 44.

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6 September 1944

1. MAJ JAMES R. COXE, 0306489, AC, 70th Sta Con Sq, WP London o/a 6 Sept 44 on approx two (2) days temp dy on matters this comd rptg to Billeting O, 5 N Audley St, London, for billet & arrangements for messing fac. CTRS. TDN. MENT. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/50425.

AUTH: Ltr, Hq European T of Opns US Army, 24 May 44.

2. Cpl (409) William B. Norton, 39681212, Hq 357th Ftr Gp, placed on temp dy Grey Friars per par 2, SO #229, this Sta, es, reld temp dy.

3. Pfc (361) Marvin (NMI) Drossner, 33471022, Hq 357th Ftr Gp, WP Grey Friars o/a 6 Sept 44 on temp dy on matters this comd until properly reld. CTRS. TDN by GMT. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/50425.

AUTH: Ltr, Hq European T of Opns US Army, 24 May 44.

4. S Sgt (747) Bernard W. McFall, 14119961, having been trfd in gr to 357th Ftr Gp per par 5, SO #211, 12th RCD, 17 Aug 44, is further trfd in gr & WP 363rd Ftr Sq. No c of sta.

5. Foll O, orgns indicated, are granted a seven (7) day lv of abs off o/a 8 Sept 44.

NAME	GRADE	ASN	ORGN
LEWIS E. HENSEL	CAPT	0565628	AC 362nd Ftr Sq
WOLFE B. OVERSTREET, JR.	1ST LT	0745487	AC 363rd Ftr Sq (Combat Crew)
HAROLD T. REYNOLDS	1ST LT	0846798	AC 363rd Ftr Sq

AUTH: AR 603-115.

6. 1ST LT GEORGE G. GEORGE, 0682631, AC, 363rd Ftr Sq, is granted a five (5) day lv of abs off o/a 11 Sept 44.

AUTH: AR 603-115.

7. Cpl (747) Harry T. J. Sanderlin, 38131231, 364th Ftr Sq, rd to gr of Private for cause upon recommendation of his Orgn Condr.

AUTH: AR 615-5.

8. Par 4, SO #243, & par 1, SO #244, this Sta, es, are Revoked.

9. Foll EM, orgns indicated, WP #21 Sch Tech Tng o/a 9 Sept 44 on temp dy for time indicated purpose of tng. EM will comply w/sp ltr of instr. CTRS. TDN. MENT. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/50425.

GRADE	MOG	NAME	ASN & ORGN	COURSE	LENGTH
Sgt (747)		Jasper B. Day	34684697	363rd Ftr Sq	P-51 Airframes
Sgt (747)		Agostino (NMI) Laterza	32495032	do	do
Sgt (747)		Kenneth R. Lane	11117265	362nd Ftr Sq	do
Cpl (747)		Edward J. Duggan	31083271	do	do
M Sgt (750)		John (NMI) Krynski	6949874 (IC)	do	Packard-Merlin Engine
S Sgt (750)		Pasquale (NMI) Buzzee	32405994	do	do
Cpl (747)		Livingston (NMI) Blauvelt, Jr.	13116713	do	do
S Sgt (750)		Harry H. Malinas	16064769	363rd Ftr Sq	do
S Sgt (747)		Francis B. Clarke	33287011	do	do
S Sgt (747)		Chester A. Beery	35589259	do	do
Sgt (747)		Marshall D. Kidd, Jr.	15324708	do	do
Cpl (747)		Milford W. Boyle	32586217	469th Sv Sq	do
Cpl (747)		Henry J. Stahl	35563677	do	do

AUTH: TWX SAs A76E, 4 Sept 44; Ltr, Hq European T of opns US Army, 24 May 44.

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10 September 1944

1. Pfc (861) Marvin (NMI) Drossner, 33471022, Hq 357th Ftr Gp, placed on temp dy Grey Friars per par 3, SO #245, this Sta, es, reld temp dy.

2. Pfc (861) Lloyd C. Sadler, 34241752, Hq 357th Ftr Gp, WP Grey Friars o/a 11 Sept 44 on temp dy on matters this cond until properly reld. CTRS. TDN by GHT. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/50425.

AUTH: Ltr, Hq European T of Opns US Army, 24 May 44.

3. Foll O & EM, orgns indicated, constituting an Emerg Med Team, WP RAF Sta Mangston via RAF Uxbridge o/a 12 Sept 44 on approx two (2) weeks temp dy or until properly reld. O i/c will comply w/sp ltr of instr. O & EM will be provided w/adv PX rat for temp dy pd. Rat in kind will be taken for six (6) EM for one (1) meal. For O, an abs of \$1.25 per day for excess cost of subs is atzd where govt rat are not furn available while in travel status in accordance w/Cir 63, Hq European T of Opns US Army, 5 Jun 44 as amended. One (1) ambulance & one (1) truck, 1-ton, 4x4, will accompany team. CTRS. TDN by GHT. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/50425.

NAME	RANK OR GRADE	ASN	MOB	ORGN
HAROLD E. SNEDDEN (IC)	CAPT	0478467	MC	362nd Ftr Sq
Robert (NMI) Grevehac	Sgt	36277519	673	do
Edward J. Stawarz	Sgt	36137900	861	do
Howard H. Clark	Cpl	32546443	657	Hq 357th Ftr Gp
Marvin (NMI) Drossner	Pfc	33471022	861	do
Joan M. Gerts	Pfc	34652024	657	do
James R. Grant	Pfc	34255099	409	do

AUTH: TWX SAS S98M, 5 Sept 44; Ltr, Hq European T of Opns US Army, 24 May 44.

4. 1ST LT CECIL F. HUMPHREYS, 01551433, Ord Dept, Hq & Hq Sq, 50th Sv Gp, aptd Asst Sta Adm Insp (add dy).

5. So much of par 2, SO #247, this Sta, es, as reads: "1ST LT JAMES H. SEHL, 0579088, AC" is amended to read: "1ST LT JAMES H. SEHL, 0759088".

6. 1ST LT ALLEN P. BAKER, 0562448, AC, 364th Ftr Sq, VP AAF Sta 520 o/a 11 Sept 44 on approx one (1) week temp dy purpose of tng in Bomb Ren. O will comply w/sp ltr of instr. CTRS. TDN. MEHT. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/50425.

AUTH: TWX SAS S173E, 9 Sept 44; Ltr, Hq European T of Opns US Army, 24 May 44.

7. Sgt (014) Joseph C. Zazanski, 13026149, 364th Ftr Sq, VP #8 Sch Tech Tng o/a 12 Sept 44 on approx one (1) week temp dy purpose of tng in Htr Vehicle Waterproofing. EM will comply w/sp ltr of instr. CTRS. TDN. MEHT. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/50425.

AUTH: TWX SAS S174E, 9 Sept 44; Ltr, Hq European T of Opns US Army, 24 May 44.

8. Foll O. orgns indicated, are granted a seven (7) day lv of abs:

NAME	RANK	ASN	ORGN	EFF O/A
PAUL B. BRANT	WOJG	W2128538	USA 469th Sv Sq	13 Sept 44
CECIL F. HUMPHREYS	1ST LT	01551433	Ord Dept Hq & Hq Sq, 50th Sv Gp	14 Sept 44
DON G. PICKRELL	CAPT	0375361	AC 362nd Ftr Sq	16 Sept 44
EUGENE D. RHOADS	1ST LT	0880792	AC Hq 357th Ftr Gp	18 Sept 44
J. DAVID MURLEY	2D LT	0886342	AC Hq 357th Ftr Gp	22 Sept 44
HARLEY H. POWELL	CAPT	01549358	AC Hq & Hq Sq, 50th Sv Gp	25 Sept 44

AUTH: AR 605-115.

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APO 637
11 September 1944

1. The fourteen (14) EM, 11th MRU, 2d SAD, Maint Div, APO 637, atchd 70th Sta Com Sq for qrs & rat per par 4, SO #227, this Sta, cs, are rold atchmt.
2. CAPT DAVID I. KRAMER, 0649507, AC, Hq 357th Ptr Gp, aptd Sta Adj (add cy) vice LT COL ROBERT T. RICHIE, 0298745, AC, rold.
3. Par 2 & 3, SO #234, this Sta, cs, are Revoked.

By order of Colonel GRAHAM:

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19 September 1944

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

1. Foll O, asgd 357th Ftr Gp per par 15, SO #253, AAF Sta F-345, 15 Sep 44, are further asgd & WP orgns indicated. No c of sta.

NAME	RANK	ASN	AC	ORGN
DONALD W. CHEEVER	FLT O	T-62013	AC	362nd Ftr Sq
RAYMOND E. WOLF	2D LT	0822316	AC	363rd Ftr Sq
WENDELL T. HELWIG	2D LT	0821876	AC	do
GLENWOOD A. ZARNKE	2D LT	0822318	AC	do
ROBERT E. WISER	2D LT	0822314	AC	364th Ftr Sq
DALE E. KARGER	2D LT	0822187	AC	do
STEPHEN (NMI) WASYLYK	2D LT	0822305	AC	do

2. MAJ THOMAS L. GATES, 0298445, AC, Hq 357th Ftr Gp, aptd Deputy Gp Comdr, Deputy Sta Comdr, Gp Air Insp, & Sta Air Insp (add dys) during temp abs of LT COL IRWIN H. DREGNE, 0431399, AC.

3. CAPT CHARLES A. HOWARD, JR., 0904430, AC, Hq 357th Ftr Gp, WP London o/a 20 Sep 44 on approx two (2) days temp dy on matters this comd rptg to Billeting O, 5 N Audley St, London, for billet & arrangements for messing fac, CTRS. TDN. MEMT. 60-136 P 422-02 A 212/50425.

AUTH: Ltr, Hq European T of Opns US Army, 24 May 44.

4. CAPT BRYCE W. McINTYRE, 0395171, AC, (now on DS Hq 357th Ftr Gp) reld fr asgmt & dy w/362nd Ftr Sq & asgd 364th Ftr Sq. No c of sta.

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SPECIAL ORDERS
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APO 559
22 September 1944

1. Foll O, orgns indicated, are granted a seven (7) day lv of abs off o/a 1 Oct

NAME	RANK	ASN	MOB	ORGN
JACOB (NLI) KAUFMAN	1ST LT	0862284	AC	302nd Ftr Sq
JAMES V. CERRA	WOJG	W2119055	USA	302nd Ftr Sq

AUTH: AR 605-115.

2. Foll EM, orgns indicated, WP Dagenham o/a 25 Sep 44 on approx two (2) days temp dy on matters this cond. FD will reimburse on EM the subs alws a/r \$1.00 per meal for four (4) meals & qrs alws a/r \$2.00 per day for one (1) day while in travel status in accordance w/Cir 62, Hq European T of Opns US Army, 5 Jun 44, as amended. CTRS. TDN. MEMT. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/50425.

NAME	RANK	ASN	MOB	ORGN
Raymond P. Wittkop (IC)	Cpl	16132462	055	1177th QM Co Avn
Ralph H. Madson	Pfc	37469462	345	469th Sv Sq
Raymond E. Patton	Pvt	34765632	374	1177th QM Co Avn

AUTH: Ltr, Hq European T of Opns US Army, 24 May 44.

3. Foll EM, orgns indicated, WP Dagenham & London o/a 25 Sep 44 on approx two (2) days temp dy on matters this cond rptg to Casual Center, CES, 44 Cadogan Place, London, for billets & messing fac. ID will reimburse on EM the subs alws a/r \$1.00 per meal for three (3) meals while in travel status in accordance w/Cir 62, Hq European T of Opns US Army, 5 Jun 44, as amended. CTRS. TDN. MEMT. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/50425.

NAME	RANK	ASN	MOB	ORGN
Paul L. Grove (IC)	Cpl	39498301	055	Hq & Hq Sq, 50th Sv Gp
Earl J. Betz	Pvt	12097863	345	469th Sv Sq

AUTH: Ltr, Hq European T of Opns US Army, 24 May 44.

4. CAPT LEM P. HENSLEE, 0565628, AC, 362nd Ftr Sq, WP MAF Sta 116 o/a 26 Sep 44 on approx one (1) day temp dy purpose attending conf rptg by 1400 hrs, 26 Sep 44, at Hq C. CTRS. TDN. MEMT. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/50425.

AUTH: TWX 3BD S784JAG, 22 Sep 44; Ltr, Hq European T of Opns US Army, 24 May 44.

5. Foll O & EM, Hq 357th Ftr Gp, WP MAF Sta 116 o/a 26 Sep 44 on approx one (1) day temp dy purpose attending conf rptg by 1300 hrs, 26 Sep 44. CTRS. TDN. MEMT. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/50425.

NAME	RANK OR GRADE	ASN	MOB
GEORGE H. BOSWELL (IC)	CAPT	0571044	AC
Joe C. Gunn	S Sgt	38319151	070

AUTH: TWX 3BD S74LAC, 21 Sep 44; Ltr, Hq European T of Opns US Army, 24 May 44.

6. Par 2, SO #258, this Sta, cs, is
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C O N S O L I D A T E D

1. Foll O, asgd 357th Ftr Gp per par 3, SO #258, AAF Sta F-345, 20 Sep 44, are further asgd & WP orgns indicated. No c of sta.

NAME	RANK	ASN	AC	ORGN
EDWARD D. HYMAN	2D LT	0762341	AC	362nd Ftr Sq
RICHARD I. POTTER	2D LT	0763337	AC	do
HARRY J. WILLIAMS	2D LT	0763439	AC	do
HAROLD A. WYATT	2D LT	0763449	AC	do
PETER (NMI) PIELICH	2D LT	0762521	AC	363rd Ftr Sq
GEORGE J. RICE, JR.	2D LT	0756702	AC	do
HORACE M. ROYCROFT	2D LT	0754205	AC	do
FREDERICK C. McCALL	1ST LT	0743053	AC	364th Ftr Sq
EARL W. JOHNSON	2D LT	0763217	AC	do
EDMUND J. JUSZCZYK	2D LT	0763220	AC	do
JAMES W. LEEK	2D LT	0763243	AC	do
JAMES J. HENRY	PLT O	T-2237	AC	do

2. Foll EM, orgns indicated, WP #21 Sch Tech Tng o/a 24 Sep 44 on temp dy for time indicated purpose of tng. EM will comply w/sp ltr of instr. CTRS. TDN. MEMT. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/50425.

GRADE, NAME & ASN	ORGN	COURSE	LENGTH
Sgt (747) Russell E. Hughes, 33372318 (IC)	469th Sv Sq	P-51 Electrics	1 wk
Pfc (637) James D. McGhee, 34726671	364th Ftr Sq	do	do
Cpl (747) Frank H. DeSantis, 32484621	469th Sv Sq	P-51 Airframes	do
Cpl (747) Abner E. White, 13115138	362nd Ftr Sq	do	do
Cpl (747) William J. Steakley, 32076429	do	Packard-Merlin Engines	2 wks
Cpl (747) Edward H. Tokasa, 32673260	469th Sv Sq	do	do

AUTH: TWX SAS S380E, 22 Sep 44; Ltr, Hq European T of Opns US Army, 24 May 44.

By order of Colonel GRAHAM:

FLOYD G. RIDDLE,
WOJG, USA,
Asst Adjutant.

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APO 559
28 September 1944

1. 1ST LT NORMAN L. BADGER, 0861568, AC, 363rd Ftr Sq, WP Rolls Royce Ltd o/a 1 Oct 44 on approx two (2) weeks temp dy purpose of tng in Rolls Royce Engr O course. O will comply w/sp ltr of instr. Reimbursement for actual & nec expenses not to exceed \$4.00 per day 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 a temp dy status in accordance w/Cir 63, Hq European T of Opns US Army, 5 Jun 44. CTRS. TDM. MEMT. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/50425. AUTH: TWX SAS S441E, 27 Sep 44; Ltr, Hq European T of Opns US Army, 24 May 44.

2. Foll EM, 363rd Ftr Sq, WP Rotax Ltd o/a 1 Oct 44 on approx two (2) weeks temp dy purpose of tng in Rotax Electrics. EM will comply w/sp ltr of instr. While on temp dy status where govt qrs & or subs are not available the FD will pay in adv an alws of \$2.00 per day for qrs for fourteen (14) days & \$2.00 per day for rat for fifteen (15) days to two (2) EM en. Settlement will be effected on a reimbursement basis not to exceed above rates in accordance w/Cir 63, Hq European T of Opns US Army, 5 Jun 44, as amended, & AR 35-4520. CTRS. TDM. MEMT. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/50425.

NAME	GRADE	ASN	MOS
Samuel W. Miller (IC)	M Sgt	6978437	750
William F. Weith	T Sgt	16096806	685

AUTH: TWX SAS S441E, 27 Sep 44; Ltr, Hq European T of Opns US Army, 24 May 44.

3. Foll EM, orgns indicated, WP #21 Sch Tech Tng o/a 1 Oct 44 on approx two (2) weeks temp dy purpose of tng in Packard-Merlin Engines. EM will comply w/sp ltr of instr. CTRS. TDM. MEMT. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/50425.

NAME	GRADE	ASN	MOS	ORGN
George R. Kelley (IC)	S Sgt	36198952	750	363rd Ftr Sq
Robert E. Finley	Sgt	38239506	256	do
Henry M. Goff	Cpl	14081987	747	469th Sv Sq

AUTH: TWX SAS S441E, 27 Sep 44; Ltr, Hq European T of Opns US Army, 24 May 44.

4. Foll EM, 469th Sv Sq, WP #10 Sch Tech Tng o/a 1 Oct 44 on approx one (1) week temp dy purpose of tng in P-51 Arm. EM will comply w/sp ltr of instr. CTRS. TDM. MEMT. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/50425.

NAME	GRADE	ASN	MOS
Roy C. Lee (IC)	Pfc	35397736	911
James E. Nichols	Pfc	37341616	911

AUTH: TWX SAS S441E, 27 Sep 44; Ltr, Hq European T of Opns US Army, 24 May 44.

5. 1ST LT GLENN E. PELTON, 0318302, OMP, designated C1 "A" Agent Fin O for DO, AAF Sta F-369, purpose making pmt to 1260th MP Co Adv of reg & sup P/R & Fur Rat Money until properly reld vice 1ST LT LEROY E. NEWMAN, 0391148, OMP, reld. AUTH: Par 3a, AR 35-320.

6. Par 4, SO #228, this Sta, cs, is Rescinded.

7. Foll O aptd a Flying Evaluation Bd for purpose of investigating & evaluating professional proficiency of pers asgd or atchd to 357th Ftr Gp who hold currently off aeronautical ratings.

Detail for bd: MAJ THOMAS L. GATES, 0298445, AC
MAJ GILBERT I. CARLISLE, 0385550, AC
MAJ JOHN D. BARKER, 0414213, MC (Flt Surg)

AUTH: AAF Reg 60-2; TWX 8FCD26EC.

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SO #266, Hq AAF Sta F-373, APO 559, US Army, 28 Sep 44.

8. Cpl John J. O'Brien, 31039210, 362nd Ftr Sq, is reclassified fr MOS 345 to MOS 932.

AUTH: 8AF Memo 5-4, 7 Mar 44.

9. Upon recommendation of their Orgn Comdr foll EM, 2121st Engr Avn FF Plat, are awarded the Vehicle Driver's Badge w/"Driver--H" bar.

NAME	GRADE	ASN	MOS
Henry (NMI) Minshaw	Cpl	34666094	932
John E. Brightwell	Pfc	37491402	932

AUTH: WD Cir #248, 1942.

10. 1ST LT ROBERT W. HAYES, 01035809, CWS, Hq & Hq Sq, 50th Sv Gp, aptd Sv Gp CWS O (prin dy) & Sta CWS O (add dy) vice 1ST LT JOHN R. D'LAUGHLIN, 01037891, CWS, reld.

11. 1ST LT JOHN R. D'LAUGHLIN, 01037891, CWS, Hq & Hq Sq, 50th Sv Gp, aptd Asst Sv Gp CWS O (prin dy) & Asst Sta CWS O (add dy).

12. Foll O, orgns indicated, aptd Inventory O (add dy) purpose of PX Audit, this 31st Oct 44:

NAME	RANK	ASN	ORGN
LEWIS (NMI) ANSARA	1ST LT	0650007	Hq 357th Ftr Gp
ROBERT W. HAYES	1ST LT	01035809	Hq & Hq Sq, 50th Sv Gp

AUTH: Par 16c, AR 210-65.

13. Foll O, orgns indicated, aptd to inventory the stock & audit the accts of the O Mess, this Sta, o/a 30 Sep 44:

NAME	RANK	ASN	ORGN
DUNCAN C. WILKETT	CAPT	0915258	363rd Ftr Sq
FERDY E. NEWMAN	1ST LT	0291148	1260th MP Co Avn

AUTH: AR 210-50.

14. Foll O, asgd 357th Ftr Gp per par 1, SO #207, 66th Ftr Wg, 24 Sep 44, are further asgd & WP orgns indicated. No c of sta.

NAME	RANK	ASN	ORGN
ATLEE G. MANTHOS	CAPT	0441026	363rd Ftr Sq
ALVA C. MURPHY	CAPT	0441009	362nd Ftr Sq

By order of Colonel GRAHAM:

DAVID I. KRAMER,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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APO 559
29 September 1944

CONSOLIDATED

1. Foll O, asgd 357th Ftr Gp per par 11, SO #264, AAF Sta F-345, 26 Sep 44, are further asgd & VP orgns indicated. No c of sta.

NAME	RANK	ASN	AC	ORGN
JOHN L. SUIETT	1ST LT	0664060	AC	362nd Ftr Sq
IRA A. SWOPE	1ST LT	0664083	AC	do
JAMES R. SLOAN	1ST LT	0664070	AC	363rd Ftr Sq
JAMES T. WINDHAM	1ST LT	0664109	AC	do
ADWERT W. FITCH	1ST LT	0664555	AC	364th Ftr Sq
EDWARD R. HAYDON	1ST LT	0666936	AC	do
GILMAN L. WEBER	1ST LT	0660217	AC	do
EDWARD R. FRY	1ST LT	0502478	AC	do
RAYMOND M. BANK	2D LT	0810457	AC	do

2. Par 2, SO #263, this Sta, cs, is Revoked.

3. 1ST LT CHARLES H. THOMASSON, 01592107, QMC, 1177th QM Co (Avn), is granted a seven (7) day lv of abs eff o/a 30 Sep 44.
AUTH: AR 605-115.

4. Foll O, 362nd Ftr Sq, WP AAF Sta 567 o/a 2 Oct 44 on approx one (1) week temp dy exclusive of travel time on matters this cmd. An alws of \$1.25 per day to cover add cost of subs is atzd irrespective of whether adequate govt messing fac are available. CTRS. TDN. MEMT. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/50425.

NAME	RANK	ASN	AC	ORGN
FRED C. SMITH (IC)	CAPT	0885282	AC	(Combat Crew)
ERNE A. TAYLOR	1ST LT	0675885	AC	(do)

AUTH: Ltr, 354.7, Use of Rest Homes by Combat Crews, 8AF, 24 Feb 44; Par 4, Reg 30-3, US Strategic AF in Europe, 29 Jan 44; TIX SAS S465H, 28 Sep 44; TIX SAS S477H, 29 Sep 44; Ltr, Hq European T of Opns US Army, 24 May 44.

5. So much of par 1, SO #266, this Sta, cs, as reads: "1ST LT NORMAN L. BADGER, 0861568, AC, 363rd Ftr Sq" is amended to read: "CAPT ROBERT T. DOTTERY, JR., 0859585, AC, 364th Ftr Sq".

6. Foll EM, orgns indicated, WP Dagenham o/a 2 Oct 44 on approx two (2) days temp dy on matters this cmd. FD will reimburse ea EM the subs alws a/r \$1.00 per meal for four (4) meals & qrs alws a/r \$2.00 per day for one (1) day while in travel status in accordance w/Cir 63, Hq European T of Opns US Army, 5 Jun 44, as amended. CTRS. TDN. MEMT. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/50425.

NAME	GRADE	ASN	LOS	ORGN
Raymond P. Wittkop (IC)	Cpl	16123462	055	1177th QM Co Avn
Eugene T. Towndrow	Cpl	18121434	931	469th Sv Sq
Raymond E. Patten	Pvt	34765632	374	1177th QM Co Avn

AUTH: Ltr, Hq European T of Opns US Army, 24 May 44.

7. Foll EM, orgns indicated, WP Dagenham & London o/a 2 Oct 44 on approx two (2) days temp dy on matters this cmd rptg to Casual Center, CES, 44 Cadogan Place, London, for billets & messing fac. FD will reimburse ea EM the subs alws a/r \$1.00 per meal for three (3) meals while in travel status in accordance w/Cir 63, Hq European T of Opns US Army, 5 Jun 44, as amended. CTRS. TDN. MEMT. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/50425.

NAME	GRADE	ASN	LOS	ORGN
Paul L. Grove (IC)	Cpl	33498301	055	Hq & Hq Sq, 50th Sv Gp
Carroll F. Van Pelt	Pfc	32485218	931	469th Sv Sq

AUTH: Ltr, Hq European T of Opns US Army, 24 May 44.

8. Cpl (014) Willard L. Pittman, 34087123, Hq & Hq Sq, 50th Sv Gp, VP #8 Sch Tech Tng o/a 4 Oct 44 on approx one (1) week temp dy purpose of instr in Mtr Vehicle Waterproofing. EM will comply w/sp ltr of instr. CTRS. TDN. MEMT. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/50425.

AUTH: TIXSAS S468E, 28 Sep 44; Ltr, Hq European T of Opns US Army, 24 May 44.

9. Foll O, orgns indicated, are aptd Asst Bomb Ren O (add dy):

NAME	RANK	ASN	AC	ORGN
ALLEN P. BAKER	1ST LT	0562448	AC	364th Ftr Sq
ROBERT W. HAYES	1ST LT	01035809	CWS	Hq & Hq Sq, 50th Sv Gp

By order of Colonel GRAHAM:

OFFICIAL: *[Signature]*
DAVID I. KRAMER,
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7 September 1944

COLONEL DONALD W. GRAHAM, Station Commander
LT COLONEL IRWIN H. DREGNE, Deputy Station Commander
LT COLONEL ROBERT T. ROMINE, Executive Officer

1. OFFICERS ON DUTY TODAY: ADJ.
2d Lt Harold D. Chandler, Officer of the Day - Tel - 32
Capt Fred J. Wertz, Medical Officer of the Day - Tel - 109-R2
1st Lt Curran P. Boyer, Headquarters Duty Officer - Tel - 7 OFFICIAL *ick*
2. OFFICERS ON DUTY TOMORROW: ADJ.
Officer of the Day - 1st Lt John J. Salsman
Medical Officer of the Day - 1st Lt John D. Barker
Headquarters Duty Officer - 1st Lt Allen P. Baker OFFICIAL *ick*
3. LIBERTY RUN OFFICER TONIGHT: ADJ.
1st Lt George P. Lavelle OFFICIAL *ick*
4. FOOTBALL AND BASKETBALL TEAMS. SP SV O.
a. Units desiring to enter men in football and basketball competition will send a football and a basketball representative to the base gymnasium for a meeting.
b. The meeting will be held Thursday, today, 7 Sept 1944, at 1830 hours.
5. AT THE THEATER TONIGHT - 1800 & 2000 hours, 7 September 1944. SP SV O.
"Northern Pursuit" with Julie Bishop and Errol Flynn.

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

By order of Colonel GRAHAM:

DAVID I. KRAMER,
Captain, Air Corps,
Asst Adjutant.

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1 September 1944

COLONEL DONALD W. GRAHAM, Station Commander
LT COLONEL IRWIN H. DREGNE, Deputy Station Commander
LT COLONEL ROBERT T. ROHME, Executive Officer

1. OFFICERS ON DUTY TODAY: ADJ.
WOJG Floyd G. Riddle, Officer of the Day - Tel - 32
Capt Paul E. Tramp, Medical Officer of the Day - Tel - 109-R2
Capt Lem P. Henslee, Headquarters Duty Officer - Tel - 7 OFFICIAL 791K
2. OFFICERS ON DUTY TOMORROW: ADJ.
Officer of the Day-----1st Lt Arval J. Roberson
Medical Officer of the Day---Capt Fred J. Wertz
Headquarters Duty Officer---Capt Alexander Granbacka OFFICIAL 791K
3. ATTENTION UNIT COMMANDERS. ADJ.
a. The following letter, file: 426., subject: 'Equipment for Personnel Returning to the United States', Headquarters, Eighth Air Force, dated 24 August 1944, is quoted for your information and compliance:
" 1. Numerous complaints have been received by this headquarters that the provisions of Section VI, Circular 85, Headquarters, European Theater of Operations, US Army, dated 7 August 1944, are not being complied with.
2. Officers and enlisted men continue to arrive at Replacement Control Depots to await transportation to the United States without all equipment as listed in the above mentioned circular. Particular reference is made to Officers of combat crews who fail to carry their helmets, steel, M-1, complete. Also enlisted men of combat crews who fail to carry their complete mess equipment.
3. These continued complaints from Headquarters, US Strategic Air Forces of Europe are embarrassing to this headquarters. It is desired that necessary action be taken to insure against the continuance of these irregularities."
b. Each unit commander will be held responsible for compliance with the above directive. Informal information has been received by this headquarters that the check and inventory of personal equipment of air crew returning to Z of I has been made more strict than before, and action is now being taken against the Unit Commander for non-compliance. OFFICIAL 791K
4. ATTENTION ALL CONCERNED. ADJ.
Paragraph 2, Eighth Air Force Memorandum #35-11, 'Prescribed Uniform', dated 25 August 1944, is quoted for the information and strict compliance of all concerned:
" 2. A tailored jacket, of approved material and of the type heretofore issued experimentally in this theater, may be worn in lieu of the service coat. The buttons on such jackets will be of dark colored material. Buttons of gold or gold colored metal will not be worn. Insignia, decorations, badges, etc., will be worn as prescribed in regulations for the service coat."
b. Members of this command will not wear such jackets off the post. OFFICIAL 791K
5. ATTENTION ALL OFFICERS. SIG O.
All officers who have made personal telephone calls from this station will pay their bills on or before 7 September 1944 at the Station Signal Office. OFFICIAL 791K

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6. ATTENTION ALL OFFICERS.

ADJ.

Paragraph 1, letter, file: 331.3, subject: 'Quartermaster Sales Stores, Officer's Clothing', Headquarters, Eighth Air Force, dated 25 August 1944, is quoted for your information:

- " 1. For your information and guidance, all Static Sales Stores established in the UK for the sale of Officers' and Nurses' clothing, with the exception of the London Sales Store, will be permanently closed as of 1 September 1944."

OFFICIAL 74R7. TANNOY ANNOUNCEMENTS.

SIG O.

An effort will be made to reduce the length of announcements on the Tannoy system. When it is necessary to locate an officer, request will be made to the switchboard operator to Tannoy for the officer. The name of the officer being called will be repeated twice on the Tannoy system; officer should then contact the switchboard operator who will then complete the call. Party requesting the Tannoy announcement will hold the line for a reasonable length of time pending the completion of the call.

OFFICIAL 74R8. WAR BOND LOTTERY!!!

WAR BOND O.

Our station quota in the Eighth Air Force War Bond Drive has been increased to approximately \$76,000. To help raise the extra amount, the 362nd Fighter Squadron is selling chances to win War Bonds. Why not invest your loose shillings and 'dirty old pound notes' and be given chances to win a bond ranging in value from \$25.00 to \$300.00? The 362nd is selling tickets for one shilling each and the total proceeds will be used to purchase War Bonds for the lucky persons. It is not necessary to be present at the drawing on 2 Sept 44 to win. Sales are limited to Station personnel and every bond sold will help our station to reach its quota.

OFFICIAL 74R9. DEFENSE EXERCISES.

DEF O.

a. A Station Defense Alert will be called without warning sometime this week. The Air Inspector, VIII Fighter Command, will observe the exercise. All defense personnel will keep steel helmets, weapons, and gas masks immediately available until the exercise is completed. Station Chemical, Ordnance and Fire Fighting sections will be called into the exercise.

b. When the alert is called, all transportation on the station will report to the Motor Pool, and will be dispatched from there on a shuttle service around the perimeter track.

OFFICIAL 74R10. AT THE THEATER TONIGHT--1800 & 2000 hours, 1 September 1944.

SP SV O.

"Standing Room Only" with Paulette Goddard and Fred MacMurray.

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

By order of Colonel GRAMM:

FLOYD G. RIDDLE,
WOJG, USA,
Asst Adjutant.

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2 September 1944

 COLONEL DONALD W. GRAHAM, Station Commander
 LT COLONEL ERWIN H. DREGHE, Deputy Station Commander
 LT COLONEL ROBERT T. ROHNE, Executive Officer

1. OFFICERS ON DUTY TODAY: ADJ.
 1st Lt Arval J. Robertson, Officer of the Day - Tel - 32
 Capt Fred J. Wertz, Medical Officer of the Day - Tel - 109-R2
 Capt Alexander Granbacka, Headquarters Duty Officer - Tel - 7 OFFICIAL 74R
2. OFFICERS ON DUTY TOMORROW: ADJ.
 Officer of the Day ----- 1st Lt Rolland J. Robertson
 Medical Officer of the Day --- Capt Joseph F. Carlucci
 Headquarters Duty Officer --- Capt Frederick M. Gilbreth OFFICIAL 74R
3. LIBERTY RUN OFFICER TONIGHT: ADJ.
 WOJG James V. Corra OFFICIAL 74R
4. ATTENTION ALL PERSONNEL CONCERNED. ADJ.
 a. All officers who invite female guests to Officers' dances must procure the necessary printed invitation from the assistant Mess Officer, at which time the name of the expected guest will be recorded.
 b. The Special Services Officer issuing invitations to groups of girls will deliver the exact quantity of invitations to the individuals or organizations from whom the guests were requested.
 c. The Convoy Officers will not allow anyone other than recipients of invitations to board his vehicle.
 d. All invitations must be filled out in their entirety before acceptable.
 e. The Club Officer of the Day will collect all invitations at the door. All uninvited persons will be escorted from the Station. OFFICIAL 74R
5. ATTENTION ALL PERSONNEL. ADJ.
 Bing Crosby will entertain at Hitcham this afternoon, 2 Sept 44, at 1600 hours. All personnel who can arrange their schedules are cordially invited to attend.
6. PROCESSING OF AMATEUR FILM. ADJ.
 Letter, file: AG 062 OpGA, subject as above, Headquarters, European T of Opns US Army, dated 16 August 1944, is quoted in full for the information and guidance of all concerned:
 " 1. In connection with the processing of amateur film by the Army Exchange Service, the forwarding of processed and censored film, by the Theater Exchange Officer, direct to addressees within the continental limits of the United States is authorized.
 2. Personnel desiring to have completed film so forwarded will indicate the name and address of the person to whom the processed film is to be mailed. However, in all cases name and complete return military address of the individual concerned will continue to be indicated.
 3. At the time of forwarding the processed film to the address in the United States, the Theater Exchange Officer will advise the owner

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"of the date that the film was forwarded, utilizing the military address indicated at the time the film was deposited with the unit exchange. In the event of overpayment by the individual at the time the film was deposited, a credit slip which may be cashed at any unit or local exchange will be returned direct to the individual concerned."

OFFICIAL JSN

7. AT THE THEATER TONIGHT--1800 & 2000 hours, 2 September 1944. SP SV O.
"Standing Room Only" with Paulotto Goddard & Fred MacLurray.

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

By order of Colonel GRAHAM:

FLOYD G. RIDDLE,
WOJG, USA,
Asst Adjutant.

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6 September 1944

COLONEL DONALD W. GRAHAM, Station Commander
 LT COLONEL IRVIN H. DREGNE, Deputy Station Commander
 LT COLONEL ROBERT T. ROWINE, Executive Officer

1. OFFICERS ON DUTY TODAY: ADJ.
 2d Lt Kenneth F. Graeff, Officer of the Day - Tel - 32
 Capt Paul E. Tramp, Medical Officer of the Day - Tel - 109-R2
 WOJG James V. Cerra, Headquarters Duty Officer - Tel - 7 OFFICIAL _____
2. OFFICERS ON DUTY TOMORROW: ADJ.
 Officer of the Day-----2d Lt Harold D. Chandler
 Medical Officer of the Day---Capt Fred J. Wertz
 Headquarters Duty Officer----1st Lt Curran P. Boyer OFFICIAL _____
3. FOOTBALL AND BASKETBALL TEAMS. SP SV O.
 a. Units desiring to enter men in football and basketball competition will send a football and a basketball representative to the base gymnasium for a meeting.
 b. The meeting will be held Thursday, 7 Sept 1944, at 1330 hours.
4. PLANS & TRAINING. ADJ.
 a. Effective immediately, the directions and procedure set forth herein will be strictly observed and carried out by all personnel responsible for training and instruction.
 b. A schedule of all regular training programs, classes, demonstrations and Station meetings will be maintained by the Station Plans and Training Officer. This will include any regular classes scheduled by any department or organization on a relatively regular and permanent basis, as well as station training programs and meetings.
 c. All departments and organizations will forward a report by 8 Sept 1944 to the Station Plans and Training Officer of training programs and meetings scheduled during a month by their respective departments and units for their unit or for personnel of other units or of the station. This will not include programs or meetings regularly scheduled by departments and organizations other than the one reporting.
 d. Henceforth, all departments and organizations scheduling classes, meetings, demonstrations or training programs not appearing in their regular schedules or if the time of a scheduled class, meeting, demonstration, et cetera, is changed, will render a telephone report to the Station Plans and Training Officer immediately.
 e. The Station Plans and Training Officer will coordinate all schedules and will decide priorities and determine paramount interest. It is necessary that the Plans and Training Officer be informed of all meetings, classes, et cetera, so that he may prevent any conflict with previously scheduled events. Any unauthorized scheduling of classes, meetings, et cetera, will not be permitted and will not be allowed to be held. OFFICIAL _____
5. AT THE THEATER TONIGHT--1800 & 2000 hours, 6 September 1944. SP SV O.
 Walt Disney's "Saludos Amigos" in technicolor; and
 "The Falcon in Danger" with Tom Conway and Jean Brooks.
6. ATTENTION ALL PERSONNEL. ADJ.
 Theberton Hall is declared OFF LIMITS to all personnel of this station. OFFICIAL _____

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D/E #250, Hq AMF Sta F-373, APO 637, US Army, 6 Sept 1944.

7. ATTENTION ALL PERSONNEL.

SP SV O.

CAPTAIN HARLEY H. POWELL, Station Orientation & Education Officer is now located in the Communal Site in the Officers' old shower room. He may be reached by calling Extension #112.

8. ATTENTION ALL PERSONNEL.

S-4.

a. Quoted below is an extract from AR 850-15:

"Action to be taken by driver in case of Traffic Accident. In case of injury to person or damage to property, the driver of a vehicle will stop the vehicle and render such assistance as may be needed. He will fill out, immediately at the scene of the accident, Standard Form No. 26A and turn it in to the Transportation Officer as soon after the accident as possible. This must be done in every case regardless of how trivial the accident may appear to be, or whether government property or personnel only is injured. Any civilian injured, or the driver of any civilian vehicle damaged will be given the identification card attached to Standard Form No. 26A."

b. Also quoted for the information and strict compliance of all concerned, is paragraph 8d, Memo, this headquarters, subject: 'Operation of Motor Transportation', dated 6 May 1944:

"8d. Accident Report Forms (Standard Form No. 26A) will be kept in the compartment of all vehicles. It will be the responsibility of the driver to see that this form is on hand. Accidents will be reported to the Station Transportation Officer as soon as practicable after the accident and by no means later than twelve (12) hours."

c. Particular attention is directed to the last sentence in above quoted memorandum.

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

By order of Colonel GRAHAM:

DAVID I. KRAMER,
Captain, Air Corps,
Asst Adjutant.

OFFICIAL:

DAVID I. KRAMER,
Captain, Air Corps,
Asst Adjutant.

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10 September 1944

COLONEL DONALD W. GRAHAM, Station Commander
LT COLONEL IRWIN H. DREGNE, Deputy Station Commander
LT COLONEL ROBERT T. ROMINE, Executive Officer

1. OFFICERS ON DUTY TODAY: ADJ.
1st Lt Kirby M. Brown, Officer of the Day - Tel - 32
Capt Harold E. Snedden, Medical Officer of the Day - Tel - 109-R2
1st Lt James C. Aldrich, Headquarters Duty Officer - Tel - 7 OFFICIAL 79R
2. OFFICERS ON DUTY TOMORROW: ADJ.
Officer of the Day-----1st Lt Marion E. Burnett
Medical Officer of the Day---Capt Paul E. Tramp
Headquarters Duty Officer---1st Lt William I. Lee OFFICIAL 79R
3. ATTENTION ALL PERSONNEL OFFICERS. FIN O.
In accordance with AR 35-3420, Section I, par 7 e, Item 15, on Pay and Allowance Account Voucher WD Form 336 must be completed. Copies of Leave Orders no longer need to accompany Officer's Pay Voucher. OFFICIAL 79R
4. ATTENTION ALL PERSONNEL. ADJ.
The following teletype from the 66th Fighter Wing, dated 8 September 1944, is quoted in full for the information of all personnel of this station:
"RESTRICTED SAS S145B
IT GIVES ME GREAT PLEASURE TO FORWARD THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE RECEIVED FROM GENERAL DOOLITTLE: "FOR THEIR FINE EFFORT ON TUESDAY THE FIFTH SEPTEMBER, WHEN THEY DESTROYED THIRTY ENEMY PLANES IN THE AIR AND ONE HUNDRED FORTY TWO MORE ON THE GROUND, PLEASE EXTEND MY CONGRATULATIONS TO EIGHTH FIGHTER COMMAND. SIGNED SPAATZ. IN FORWARDING THE FOREGOING MESSAGE FROM GENERAL SPAATZ I WISH TO ADD MY COMMENDATION FOR A JOB WELL DONE. SIGNED DOOLITTLE." SIGNED GRISWOLD" ENOUGH SAID. WOODBURY."
OFFICIAL 79R
5. PAY AND ALLOWANCES. ADJ.
Letter, file: 240, subject as above, Hq Eighth Air Force, dated 30 August 1944, is quoted hereon for the guidance of all concerned:
" 1. The following cablegram from Headquarters, European Theater of Operations U.S. Army, 26 August 1944, is reproduced herewith for your information and guidance:
"Numerous instances have come to the attention of this headquarters of military personnel who certify to their own pay and allowance submitting duplicate vouchers to disbursing officers for payment. Commanding Officers will bring to the attention of each Officer, Warrant Officer, Army Nurse, Womens Army Corps Officer and other persons in similar categories within their commands, the provisions of Section 4, War Department Circular 315, 1943. Attention is directed to paragraph 4 of the cited reference."
OFFICIAL 79R
6. AT THE THEATER TONIGHT--1800 & 2000 hours, 10 September 1944. SP SV O.
"Lifeboat" with Tallulah Bankhead and William Bendix. "March of Time".
All items marked "OFFICIAL" will be complied with by all concerned.
By order of Colonel GRAHAM:
OFFICIAL: Floyd G. Riddle
FLOYD G. RIDDLE,
WOJG, USA,
Asst Adjutant,
FLOYD G. RIDDLE,
WOJG, USA,
Asst Adjutant.

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11 September 1944

COLONEL DONALD W. GRAHAM, Station Commander
LT COLONEL IRWIN H. DREGHE, Deputy Station Commander
LT COLONEL ROBERT T. ROMINE, Executive Officer1. OFFICERS ON DUTY TODAY:

ADJ.

1st Lt Marion E. Burnett, Officer of the Day - Tel - 32
Capt Paul E. Trump, Medical Officer of the Day - Tel - 109-R2
1st Lt William I. Leo, Headquarters Duty Officer - Tel - 7OFFICIAL 79R2. OFFICERS ON DUTY TOMORROW:

ADJ.

Officer of the Day-----1st Lt Robert J. Fandray
Medical Officer of the Day-----Capt Fred J. Wertz
Headquarters Duty Officer-----Capt Robert L. SirotekOFFICIAL 79R3. GAS ALERT DAY:

ADJ.

- a. Personnel on this Station have become extremely lax in wearing of the gas mask on Tuesday. Each Tuesday morning all personnel will have the gas mask immediately available and will wear the mask fitted to the face from 0900 to 0930 hours.
- b. A thorough check will be made next Tuesday, 12 Sept 1944, of the wearing of the mask and all violators will be reported to Station Headquarters.

OFFICIAL 79R4. AT THE THEATER TONIGHT--1800 and 2000 hours, 11 September 1944. SP 3V 0
"Lifeboat" with Tallulah Bankhead and William Bendix. "March of Time".

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

By order of Colonel GRAHAM:

FLOYD G. RIDDLE,
WOJG, USA
Asst Adjutant.

OFFICIAL:

Floyd G. Riddle
FLOYD G. RIDDLE,
WOJG, USA
Asst Adjutant.

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14 September 1944

COLONEL DONALD W. GRIMM, Station Commander
 LT COLONEL PAUL H. DUGG, Deputy Station Commander
 LT COLONEL ROBERT T. ROBERT, Executive Officer

1. OFFICERS ON DUTY TODAY: ADJ.
 1st Lt William H. Fricker, Officer of the Day - Tel - 32
 Maj John D. Barker, Medical Officer of the Day - Tel - 109-R2
 1st Lt Harvey C. Amsterdam, Headquarters Duty Officer - Tel - 7 OFFICIAL 791R
2. OFFICERS ON DUTY TOMORROW: ADJ.
 Officer of the Day-----1st Lt Floyd J. Maynard
 Medical Officer of the Day---Capt Paul E. Trapp
 Headquarters Duty Officer----1st Lt Frank M. Lane, Jr. OFFICIAL 791R
3. LIBERTY RUN OFFICER TONIGHT: ADJ.
 1st Lt Jesse W. Weise OFFICIAL 791R
4. REDUCTION OF NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS. ADJ.
 a. Effective immediately, all unit commanders recommending reduction of non-commissioned officers for either misconduct or inefficiency will include complete information of all circumstances in the case. In cases of misconduct, a statement of the present offense and of previous offenses committed while a non-commissioned officer will be given. In cases of inefficiency a statement of the efficiency rating of the NCO and the period the NCO has performed the present duty assignment will be given.
 b. All cases recommending reduction of NCO's for inefficiency will be referred to a board of officers by this headquarters in accordance with par 15, AR 615-5. OFFICIAL 791R
5. ATTENTION ALL PAYROLL CLERKS. ADJ.
 The following TWX, VIII Ftr Comd, dated 13 Sep 44, is quoted for the information and guidance of all concerned:
 RESTRICTED: 8FC S182G THE FOLLOWING TWX FROM EIGHTH AIR FORCE IS QUOTED FOR YOUR INFO. QUOTE: JX14122P WAR DEPARTMENT CIRCULAR 290 CHANGING METHOD OF PROCESSING CLASS B ALLOTMENTS BEGINNING FIRST SEPTEMBER 1944 HAS JUST BEEN RECEIVED IN THEATER AND IS IN PROCESS OF DISTRIBUTION PARIN FROM LEE SIGNED EISENHOWER PAREN PROVISIONS OF THIS CIRCULAR WILL BE FOLLOWED ON SEPTEMBER PAYROLLS, WHICH WOULD BE PREPARED AFTER RECEIPT OF REPEAT AFTER RECEIPT OF CIRCULAR. FORM 1737 SHOULD BE REPRODUCED LOCALLY. THIS SUPERSEDES PREVIOUS INSTRUCTIONS OF THIS SUBJECT." OFFICIAL 791R
6. LOST!!! ADJ.
 A set of dog tags were lost in the EM's shower room on Sunday, 10 Sep 44. They were marked "Pfc Arthur E. Cordell, 36346997". Will the finder please return them to the 364th Orderly Room.
7. ATTENTION ALL PERSONNEL. ADJ.
 Teletype, VIII Ftr Comd, dated 14 Sep 44, is quoted for the information of all personnel of this station:
 "RESTRICTED 8FC S193G. NOTIFY ALL UNITS TO REVERT TO "A" TIME EFFECTIVE 170300E SEPT. AUTH: 3AF TWX D-69634. GRISWOLD." OFFICIAL 791R

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D/E #258, Hq AMF Station F-373, APO 637, US Army, 14 Sep 44.

8. ATTENTION ALL UNIT COMMANDERS.

In accordance with TTX SAS S247E, dated 13 Sep 44, the course scheduled to be given by Mobile Training Unit at this Station on 19 Sep 44 is cancelled until further notice.

P & T O.

OFFICIAL 79B

9. AT THE THEATER TONIGHT-1800 & 2000 hours, 14 September 1944. SP SV O.
"Four Jills and A Jeep" with Carole Landis, Martha Ray, Jimmy Dorsey and His Orchestra.

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

By order of Colonel GRAHAM:

FLOYD G. RIDDLE,
WOJG, USA,
Asst Adjutant.

OFFICIAL:

Floyd G. Riddle
FLOYD G. RIDDLE,
WOJG, USA,
Asst Adjutant

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15 September 1944

COLONEL DONALD W. GRAHAM, Station Commander
LT COLONEL IRWIN H. DREGNE, Deputy Station Commander
LT COLONEL ROBERT T. ROMINE, Executive Officer

1. OFFICERS ON DUTY TODAY: ADJ.
1st Lt Floyd J. Maynard, Officer of the Day - Tel - 32
Capt Paul E. Tramp, Medical Officer of the Day- Tel - 109-R2
1st Lt Frank M. Lane, Jr., Headquarters Duty Officer - Tel - 7 OFFICIAL 74R
2. OFFICERS ON DUTY TOMORROW: ADJ.
Officer of the Day-----1st Lt Robert L. Smith
Medical Officer of the Day---Capt Joseph F. Carlucci
Headquarters Duty Officer----Capt Turner A. Graves, Jr. OFFICIAL 74R
3. TRANSPORTATION OF CIVILIANS. ADJ.
Letter, file: 537, subject as above, Hq USSTAF, dated 4 September 1944, is quoted for the guidance of all concerned:
" The following message from Hq European Theater of Operations, US Army, is quoted for the information and guidance of all concerned:
"TRANSPORTATION OF CIVILIANS IN VEHICLES IS PROHIBITED EXCEPT AS OUTLINED IN SEC VI, PAMPHLET, THIS HEADQUARTERS, DATED 24 JANUARY 1944, FILE AG 451/2, SUBJECT: MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS OF MOTOR VEHICLES, AND EXCEPT AS AUTHORIZED IN PAR 2b, SEC II, SOS CIRCULAR 55, DATED 28 SEPTEMBER ANNUM" ". OFFICIAL 74R
4. ATTENTION ALL PERSONNEL. ADJ.
Teletype, VIII Ftr Comd, dated 14 September 1944, is quoted for the information of all concerned:
RESTRICTED 8FCS197G PENDING ISSUANCE OF REVISION TO CIR 40 ETO GS LEAVES AND FURLOUGHS IN SOUTH OF ENGLAND NOW UNRESTRICTED BY BRITISH ARE PERMITTED.
AUTH: 8AF TWX D-69662. " OFFICIAL 74R
5. AT THE THEATER TONIGHT--1800 & 2000 hours, 15 September 1944. SP SV O.
"Four Jills & A Jeep" with Carole Landis and Jimmy Dorsey & His Orchestra.
6. ATTENTION ALL PERSONNEL. O MESS O.
a. Many pieces of silverware issued to the officers' mess have fallen into the hands of unauthorized personnel. To facilitate the collection of these pieces of silverware white receptacles have been provided with the word "Silverware" stenciled thereon so that personnel may deposit same therein. These containers are located in the following areas:
Communal Site--Under Bulletin Board in Theater Entrance.
Site No. 1-----Picket Post.
Site No. 2-----Picket Post.
Site No. 3-----Picket Post.
Site No. 4-----Picket Post.
Tech Site-----Outside door of Fire Station Office.
b. A check of all silverware will be made on Friday, 22 September 1944, and any personnel found in possession of above mentioned silverware will have disciplinary action taken against them. OFFICIAL 74R

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D/B #529, Hq AAF Sta F-373, APO 637, US Army, 15 Sep 44.

7. ATTENTION ALL OFFICERS.

ADJ.

The following-named Officers are designated as Convoy Officers for the Officers' Dance, 16 September 1944 and will be guided by the instructions issued them by the Officer in charge of transportation.

CWO Cecil W. Broxton
 Capt Pasquale R. Caracciolo
 Capt Richard D. Willard
 1st Lt Robert D. Kirby
 1st Lt John B. Main
 1st Lt Emil Molden
 1st Lt Leroy E. Newman

Alternates

Capt Jack T. Blue
 WOJG James V. Cerra

Club CD-----Capt Gail A. Jones OFFICIAL 7412

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

By order of Colonel GRAHAM:

FLOYD G. RIDDLE,
 WOJG, USA,
 Asst Adjutant.

OFFICIAL:

Floyd G. Riddle
 FLOYD G. RIDDLE,
 WOJG, USA,
 Asst Adjutant.

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17 September 1944

COLONEL DONALD W. GRAHAM, Station Commander
LT COLONEL IRWIN H. DREGNE, Deputy Station Commander
LT COLONEL ROBERT T. ROWLAND, Executive Officer

1. OFFICERS ON DUTY TODAY: ADJ.
1st Lt James R. Sweeney, Officer of the Day - Tel - 32
Maj Meyer W. Lynn, Medical Officer of the Day - Tel - 109-R2
1st Lt Charles R. Morgan, Headquarters Duty Officer - Tel - 7 OFFICIAL 791R
2. OFFICERS ON DUTY TOMORROW: ADJ.
Officer of the Day-----1st Lt Rodney M. Starkey
Medical Officer of the Day---Maj John D. Barker
Headquarters Duty Officer----Capt Jack T. Elue OFFICIAL 791R
3. DEFENSE. DEF O.
It was noted during the last ground defense exercise that personnel were not acquainted with the provisions of the Station Defense Plan. A copy of the plan is possessed by every organization on the field. Organizations will see that all personnel are acquainted with the pertinent facts of the plan, such as location of defended sectors, battle headquarters, et cetera. OFFICIAL 791R
4. ATTENTION ALL JEWISH PERSONNEL. CH.
Transportation to the military services for Rosh Hashanah will leave the Chaplain's Office at 1600 hours, today, Sunday, 17 September 1944.
5. K.P. DETAIL AT EM CONSOLIDATED MESS. EM MESS O.
a. Effective immediately, no EM detailed for KP at the Enlisted Men's Consolidated Mess will be permitted to leave their place of duty in the Enlisted Men's Mess for the purpose of attending meetings, orientation lectures, et cetera. The practice of excusing EM from KP for this purpose cannot be permitted any longer, as it interferes with the normal work routine and places an increased burden upon those not excused.
b. The above will not apply to those who have been scheduled for medical and dental appointments. OFFICIAL 791R
6. ATTENTION ALL UNIT COMMANDERS. ADJ.
Attention of all organizations and departments is again directed to the requirement that all reports and correspondence, unless specifically directed otherwise, must be forwarded through command channels to the 66th Fighter Wing. Direct contact, unless authorized, with echelons higher than the 66th Fighter Wing will not be permitted. OFFICIAL 791R
7. GAS ALERT DAY. ADJ.
a. Personnel on this Station have become extremely lax in wearing of the gas mask on Tuesday. Each Tuesday morning all personnel will have the gas mask immediately available and will wear the mask fitted to the face from 0900 to 0930 hours.
b. A thorough check will be made next Tuesday, 19 September 1944, of the wearing of the mask and all violators will be reported to Station Headquarters. OFFICIAL 791R

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D/B #261, Hq AAF Sta F-373, APO 637, US Army, 17 September 1944.

8. CLEANING AND PRESERVING SUPPLIES.

QM.

a. Effective 30 September 1944, the automatic issue of Cleaning and Preserving Supplies will be discontinued. Thereafter, it will be necessary for requisitions to be submitted in accordance with Circular #23, Headquarters, European Theater of Operations US Army, dated 9 March 1944.

b. Requisitions should be submitted to the Quartermaster by the 12th and 27th of each month for the first and second 15 day period of the month.

OFFICIAL 74R9. ATTENTION ALL UNIT PERSONNEL OFFICERS.

ADM INSP.

a. A representative of the VIII Fighter Command, Air Inspector's Office, will make an inspection of this station during the period 18-30 September 1944 for compliance with US Strategic AF in Europe Regulation #80-10, dated 5 August 1944, to determine the accuracy and completeness of Service Records and allied papers within each unit.

b. Unit personnel officers are responsible that these records and allied papers are current and that all omissions and deficiencies are promptly completed or corrected and where required, properly initialed.

OFFICIAL 74R10. AT THE THEATER TONIGHT & THIS AFTERNOON.

SP SV O.

a. Due to the length of the feature attraction, the show hours for today and tomorrow will be 1400 hours and 1830 hours.

b. The feature: "For Whom the Bell Tolls" with Gary Cooper and Ingrid Bergman.

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

By order of Colonel GRAHAM:

FLOYD G. RIDDLE,
WOJG, USA,
Asst Adjutant.

OFFICIAL:

Floyd G. Riddle
FLOYD G. RIDDLE,
WOJG, USA,
Asst Adjutant.

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19 September 1944

COLONEL DONALD W. GRAMAM, Station Commander
LT COLONEL IRWIN H. DREGNE, Deputy Station Commander
LT COLONEL ROBERT T. ROMINE, Executive Officer

1. OFFICERS ON DUTY TODAY: ADJ.
1st Lt Robert M. Stewart, Officer of the Day - Tel - 32
Capt Paul E. Tramp, Medical Officer of the Day - Tel - 109-R2
1st Lt John B. Main, Headquarters Duty Officer - Tel - 7
OFFICIAL 7 412
2. OFFICERS ON DUTY TOMORROW: ADJ.
Officer of the Day - 1st Lt Jean E. Dean
Medical Officer of the Day - Capt Joseph F. Carls
Headquarters Duty Officer - WOJG Paul B. Brann
OFFICIAL 7 412
2. LIBERTY BUN OFFICER TONIGHT: ADJ.
Capt Leonard Shalestein
OFFICIAL 7 412
4. ATTENTION ALL PERSONNEL OFFICERS. FIN O.
a. TD Forms 1737 and 1737a will be prepared in four copies.
b. As a guide to the preparation of above forms, your attention is invited to WD Circular #290.
c. Forms must reach the Finance Office not later than the 27th for this month.
d. In the future, said forms will accompany the Pay Roll when it is submitted.
OFFICIAL 7 412
5. ATTENTION ALL PERSONNEL. ADJ.
The following teletype, 66th Fighter Wing, dated 18 September 1944, is quoted in full for the information of all personnel of this station:
"CLEAR SAS 8321 G
THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDING GENERAL NINTH TROOP CARRIER COMMAND WILL BE BROUGHT TO THE PERSONAL ATTENTION OF ALL MEMBERS OF YOUR COMMAND:
"TROOP CARRIER FORCES RETURNING FROM OPERATION MARKET REPORT OUTSTANDING ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT BY MEMBERS OF YOUR COMMANDS. THEY WATCHED WITH ADMIRATION YOUR FIGHTER PILOTS TAKE OUT GUN POSITIONS THAT WOULD HAVE DESTROYED TROOP CARRIER AIRCRAFT AND RESULT IN LOSS OF AIRBORNE FORCES. PLEASE CONVEY TO YOUR UNITS OUR APPRECIATION FOR A SPLENDID JOB WELL DONE. FROM THIS COMBINED EFFORT A NEW FIELD OF EMPLOYMENT OF AIRBORNE FORCES WILL SURELY BE EFFECTED. SIGNED DOOLITTLE." THE FIGHTER GROUPS MADE THIS COMPLICATED AND HAZARDOUS MISSION POSSIBLE AND EVERY PILOT CONCERNED MUST REALIZE THE INESTIMABLE CONTRIBUTION HE MADE TO THE SUCCESS OF THE ALLIED CAUSE. THIS AND FOLLOWING SIMILAR OPERATIONS WILL GO DOWN IN HISTORY AND EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU WILL BE PROUD OF THE VITAL PART YOU PLAYED IN DEFEATING THE HUN.
SIGNED GRISWOLD."
OFFICIAL 7 412
6. AT THE THEATER TONIGHT--1800 & 2000 hours, 19 September 1944. SP SV O.
"Address Unknown" with Paul Lukas and Mady Christians.
7. ATTENTION ALL PERSONNEL. ADJ.
a. The cablegram code for this station is now AMORNO Platform. APO 559.

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D/B #263, Hq AAF Sta F-373, APO 559, US Army, 19 September 1944. Par 7 contd.

7. b. All units on this station have a new Army Postal Number. Return address on all personal correspondence will be as follows:

Pvt John W. Doe, 12345678
500th
APO #559, § Postmaster
N.Y.C., N.Y.

In official correspondence, all stations and headquarters formerly under the VIII Fighter Command now are under APO #559.

OFFICIAL 74n

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

By order of Colonel GRAHAM:

FLOYD G. RIDDLE,
WOSG, USA,
Asst Adjutant.

OFFICIAL:

Floyd G. Riddle
FLOYD G. RIDDLE,
WOSG, USA,
Asst Adjutant.

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20 September 1944

COLONEL DONALD W. GRAHAM, Station Commander
MAJOR THOMAS L. GATES, Deputy Station Commander
LT COLONEL ROBERT T. ROMINE, Executive Officer

1. OFFICERS ON DUTY TODAY:

ADJ.

1st Lt John E. Swan, Officer of the Day - Tel - 32
Capt Joseph F. Carlucci, Medical Officer of the Day - Tel - 109-R2
WOJG Paul B. Brant, Headquarters Duty Officer - Tel - 7OFFICIAL 79R

2. OFFICERS ON DUTY TOMORROW:

ADJ.

Officer of the Day-----1st Lt Norbert G. Fisher
Medical Officer of the Day---Maj Meyer W. Lynn
Headquarters Duty Officer---1st Lt John T. McDonaldOFFICIAL 79R

3. ATTENTION ALL PERSONNEL.

ADJ.

So much of paragraph 7b, D/B #263, as reads: "In official correspondence, all stations and headquarters formerly under the VIII Fighter Command....." is amended to read:

In official correspondence, all stations and headquarters in the 66th Fighter Wing are under APO #559.

OFFICIAL 79R

4. COMMENDATION.

ADJ.

Teletype, VIII Fighter Command, dated 19 Sep 1944, is quoted for the information of all personnel of this Station:

CLEAR 8FCS1070E

WISH TO EXTEND MY COMMENDATION TO ALL MEMBERS OF YOUR GROUP FOR THE MASTERLY DISPLAY BY YOUR PILOTS OF FIGHTER TACTICS, OPERATIONAL ABILITY, AND THE TRUE AMERICAN SUPERIORITY AGAINST THE HUN UNDER ANY AND ALL SITUATIONS. LETS KEEP HIM ON THE RUN BY DESTROYING HIM AT EVERY OPPORTUNITY. GOOD WORK 357.
SIGNED ...GRISWOLD...."OFFICIAL 79R

5. ATTENTION ALL PERSONNEL...BOXING TONIGHT.

SP SV O.

There will be a boxing show tonight at 1900 hours in the Snack Bar of the Aero Club. Several bouts have been arranged.

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

By order of Colonel GRAHAM:

FLOYD G. RIDDLE,
WOJG, USA,
Asst Adjutant.

OFFICIAL:

Floyd G. Riddle
FLOYD G. RIDDLE,
WOJG, USA,
Asst Adjutant.

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22 September 1944

COLONEL DONALD W. GRAHAM, Station Commander
MAJOR THOMAS L. GATES, Deputy Station Commander
LT COLONEL ROBERT T. ROMINE, Executive Officer

1. OFFICERS ON DUTY TODAY: ADJ.
1st Lt Robert A. Vratny, Officer of the Day - Tel - 32
Maj John D. Barker, Medical Officer of the Day - Tel - 109-R2
1st Lt Lester Downen, Headquarters Duty Officer - Tel - 7 OFFICIAL 791R
2. OFFICERS ON DUTY TOMORROW: ADJ.
Officer of the Day-----Capt Robert L. Sirotek
Medical Officer of the Day---Capt Paul E. Tramp
Headquarters Duty Officer----1st Lt John H. Chambers OFFICIAL 791R
3. ATTENTION PERSONNEL OFFICERS--USE OF TD 1737 & 1737a. FIN O.
a. In scheduling Bonds for enlisted men on TD Schedule 1737 and 1737a, no Bonds will be listed for issuance due to deductions of pay prior to 1 September 1944.
b. It is suggested that no abbreviations be used on TD Schedule 1737 and 1737a.
c. All copies of the Schedules must be initialed by certifying officer where corrections have been made.
d. Include APO No. with Bureau or Office (your Organization).
e. Prepare the Schedules in four (4) copies, retaining one for your files. OFFICIAL 791R
4. ATTENTION ALL PERSONNEL. O MESS O.
a. Many pieces of silverware issued to the Officers' Mess have fallen into the hands of unauthorized personnel. To facilitate the collection of these pieces of silverware, white receptacles have been provided with the word "Silverware" stenciled thereon so that personnel may deposit same therein. These containers are located in the following areas:
Communal Site--Under bulletin board in Theater entrance.
Site No. 1-----Picket Post.
Site No. 2-----Picket Post.
Site No. 3-----Picket Post.
Site No. 4-----Picket Post.
Tech Site-----Outside door of Fire Station Office.
b. A check of all silverware will be made on Saturday, 23 September 1944, and any personnel found in possession of above-mentioned silverware will have disciplinary action taken against them. OFFICIAL 791R
5. COURSE IN MINES AND BOOBY TRAPS. S-1.
a. In lieu of the one day course originally scheduled for 12 September 1944, there will be two short periods of instructions (lecture and training films) in the Station Photo Lab on Saturday, 23 September 1944. Morning course will start at 1000 hours; the afternoon course at 1500 hours.

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D/B #266, Hq AAF Sta F-373, APO 559, US Army, 22 September 1944. Par 5 contd.

b. One Bomb Reconnaissance Officer from each unit will attend either the morning or afternoon session and each unit will detail 50% of its original quota to attend the morning session and the remaining 50% to attend the afternoon session. Quotas as previously assigned each unit are:

Hq, 357th Ftr Gp	7 EM
362nd Ftr Sq	27 EM
363rd Ftr Sq	27 EM
364th Ftr Sq	27 EM
Hq & Hq Sq, 50th Sv Gp	7 EM
70th Sta Com Sq	10 EM
469th Sv Sq	24 EM
1600th Ord S&M Co Avn	7 EM
1260th MP Co Avn	5 EM
1177th QM Co Avn	4 EM
1076th Sig Co Avn	5 EM
2121st Eng Avn FF Platoon	2 EM

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6. DEFENSE EXERCISES.

DEF O.

A practice ground defense exercise will be held on Monday, 25 September 1944, and again on Thursday, 28 September 1944. A representative from Wing Headquarters will observe the latter exercise. All personnel will wear steel helmet and carry weapon and gas mask on day of exercise until exercise is completed.

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7. AT THE THEATER TONIGHT--1800 & 2000 hours, 22 September 1944. SP SV O.

"Tampico" with Edwin G. Robison & Lynn Bari.

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COLONEL DONALD W. GRAHAM, Station Commander
MAJOR THOMAS L. GATES, Deputy Station Commander
LT COLONEL ROBERT T. ROMINE, Executive Officer

1. OFFICERS ON DUTY TODAY: ADJ.
Capt Robert L. Sirotek, Officer of the Day - Tel - 32
Capt Paul E. Tramp, Medical Officer of the Day - Tel - 109-R2
1st Lt John H. Chambers, Headquarters Duty Officer - Tel - 7 OFFICIAL 79R
2. OFFICERS ON DUTY TOMORROW: ADJ.
Officer of the Day-----Capt Richard D. Willard
Medical Officer of the Day---Capt Fred J. Wertz
Headquarters Duty Officer----1st Lt Jacob Kaufman OFFICIAL 79R
3. LIBERTY RUN OFFICER TONIGHT: ADJ.
Capt Robert M. Sitton OFFICIAL 79R
4. ATTENTION ALL UNIT COMMANDERS: ADJ.
There will be a meeting of all unit commanders or executive officers at Station
Headquarters Monday, 25 September 1944, at 0900 hours. OFFICIAL 79R
5. REGISTRATION OF BICYCLES. STA PM.
a. All unit commanders will furnish the Station Provost Marshal a complete, up-
to-date roster of all bicycles their organizations, whether Government Issue or
Civilian, with the following information.
(1) To Whom Issued: (2) Make of Bicycle:
Name, RAF Number,
Rank, Serial Number, and
Serial Number, and Unit Number, if any.
Organization.
b. This information is to be submitted to reach the Station Provost Marshal's
Office prior to Wednesday, 27 September 1944. OFFICIAL 79R
6. NOTICE TO JEWISH PERSONNEL: CH.
Yom Kippur services will be held at Kings Hall, Bury St. Edmunds, on Tuesday Eve-
ning and Wednesday, September 26-27. If you are going please:
a. Secure pass from Orderly Room.
b. Notify Chaplain by Monday, 1200 hours.
Transportation will leave here at 1600 hours on Tuesday.
7. AT THE THEATER TONIGHT--1800 & 2000 hours, 23 September 1944. SP SV O.
"Desperado".
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 COLONEL DONALD W. GRAHAM, Station Commander
 MAJOR THOMAS L. GATES, Deputy Station Commander
 LT COLONEL ROBERT T. ROMINE, Executive Officer

1. OFFICERS ON DUTY TODAY: ADJ.
 1st Lt John E. Schlossberg, Officer of the Day - Tel - 32
 Maj John D. Barker, Medical Officer of the Day - Tel - 109-R2
 1st Lt Cecil F. Humphreys, Headquarters Duty Officer - Tel - 7 OFFICIAL 791R
2. OFFICERS ON DUTY TOMORROW: ADJ.
 Officer of the Day-----1st Lt George W. Morris
 Medical Officer of the Day---Capt Harold E. Snedden
 Headquarters Duty Officer----1st Lt Harold T. Reynolds OFFICIAL 791R
3. STATION MUD CONTROL. ADJ.
 a. With the onset of rainy weather the ground has become soft and unstable. Any vehicle leaving hard surfaces will not only destroy the sod of the air field, but track mud onto the perimeter track where it will be picked up by the wheels of the planes and create a hazard to flying.
 b. Attention is directed to memorandum, this headquarters, subject: "Vehicular Traffic on Airdrome", dated 6 February 1944, which prohibits vehicles leaving the hard surface on the air field. This will be strictly followed.
 c. Any driver leaving the perimeter track onto the mud will be given three (3) hours extra duty cleaning the perimeter track and repairing damage to sod. Any driver leaving the hard surface at any other point will be given similar punishment on the roads.
 d. Drivers of Contractors or AMB vehicles who violate this directive will be reported to the Clerk of Works for disciplinary action.
 e. We must not allow the airfield and roads to become muddy as they were last winter. OBSERVE MUD CONTROL. OFFICIAL 791R
4. DEFENSE EXERCISES. DEF O.
 a. A practice ground defense exercise will be held Wednesday, 27 Sep 1944, and Thursday, 28 Sep 1944. A representative from Wing Hq will observe the latter exercise.
 b. To supplement the Tannoy and Telephone warning system, a series of three (3) evenly-spaced shots fired with blank ammunition will be used to announce a ground alert. OFFICIAL 791R
5. ATTENTION ALL UNIT SUPPLY OFFICERS. DEEC.
 There will be a meeting of all Unit Supply Officers in the Game Room of the Officers' Club at 0900 hours, Friday, 29 Sep 1944. OFFICIAL 791R
6. AT THE THEATER TONIGHT--1800 hours, 27 September 1944. BY ST O.
 "Once Upon A Time" with Janet Blair & Cary Grant.
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COLONEL DONALD W. GRAM, Station Commander
MAJOR THOMAS L. GATES, Deputy Station Commander
LT COLONEL ROBERT T. ROBERT, Executive Officer

1. OFFICERS ON DUTY TODAY: ADJ.
1st Lt George H. Morris, Officer of the Day - Tel - 32
Capt Harold E. Snedden, Medical Officer of the Day - Tel - 109-R2
1st Lt Harold A. Reynolds, Headquarters Duty Officer - Tel - 7 OFFICIAL *JHR*
2. OFFICERS ON DUTY TOMORROW: ADJ.
Officer of the Day - Capt Dave C. Willard
Medical Officer of the Day - Capt Paul E. Trump
Headquarters Duty Officer - 1st Lt Charles H. Thompson OFFICIAL *JHR*
3. LIBERTY BELL OFFICER TONIGHT: ADJ.
1st Lt John R. O'Laughlin OFFICIAL *JHR*
4. ATTENTION ALL BASKETBALL MANAGERS: ATH O.
There will be a meeting at the Base Gymnasium on Friday, 29 September 1944, at 1300 hours of all Basketball Managers. The entry list will also be submitted at this time.
5. LOST: ADJ.
Two (2) carbines, #462146 and #410830, have been misplaced. The finders are requested to return them to Hq 50th Sv Gp Supply or call Extension #42-R2.
6. LOST: ADJ.
A carbine, serial number 410808, was lost on 25 September 1944 somewhere along the perimeter track. The finder is asked to call Extension #42-R1.
7. AT THE THEATER TONIGHT--1800 & 2000 hours, 28 September 1944. SP SV O.
There will be a USO show, "Bits & Pieces", tonight at the Aero Club. There will be two shows at the times indicated above and the Snack Bar Room is the place.

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