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Month of August 1944

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VIII FIGHTER COMMAND
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357th Fighter Group
363rd Fighter Squadron

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363rd Fighter Squadron

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Month of August 1944

FOREWORD: August for the 363rd Fighter Squadron was a month typified by milk run escort missions - escort missions over the heart of Germany and over the cities and industrial sections of the Reich in which the report was almost always "No enemy aircraft seen or encountered". It was a month in which the fighter pilots of the organization went on strafing missions in which they were able to shoot up countless enemy ground installations, enemy transport facilities and enemy vehicles. And it was a month highlighted by the inauguration of shuttle runs to Russia, from Russia to Italy, and from Italy to England again. For all of the personnel of the unit it was a month of grinding work - work which has done its part in the overall job of the allied arms in the subjugation of Germany which through August was so gloriously done.

1 August

Came commendation upon commendation from General DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER, Supreme Commander of the Allied Forces in Europe; Lt. General CARL SPAATZ, Commanding General, USSTAF; from Lt. General J.H. DOOLITTLE, Commanding General, EIGHTH AIR FORCE; Major General W. S. KEPNER, Commanding General, VIII Fighter Command; General B. L. MONTGOMERY, Commander-in-Chief, Allied Armies in France; Air Chief Marshall T. LEIGH-MALLORY, Air Commander in Chief, Allied Expeditionary Air Force; and Brigadier General M.C. WOODBURY, Commanding General, 66th Fighter Wing. (See Document (1) appended)

Award of an Oak Leaf Cluster to the Distinguished Flying Cross made to:
WILLIAM R. O'BRIEN, Capt, AC CLARENCE E. ANDERSON, JR, Capt, AC
CHARLES K. PETERS, Capt, AC

Award of Oak Leaf Cluster to Air Medal to:
MARION E. BURNETT, 1st Lt, AC HERSCHEL T. PASCOM, 1st Lt, AC
WILLIAM S. FENWELL, 1st Lt, AC

(See Document (2) appended)

Four Enlisted Men of the Squadron are awarded the Bronze Star:

Percy E. Blount, Staff Sergeant AAF	Earl D. Martin, Staff Sergeant AAF
Charles L. Price, Staff Sergeant A F	Melvin H. Schueneman, S/Sgt AAF

(See Document (3) appended)

Promotions of Enlisted Men of the Squadron are announced as follows:
Sgt. Roy C. Berridge to be Staff Sergeant; Pvt Ralph E. Bell to be Corporal; Pfc Calvin C. Moody to be Corporal; Pfc James G. Minfield to be Corporal. (See Document (4) appended)

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- 1 August (con) The first mission of the month was Bomber Escort with the target OPLENB. After leaving the Bombers the Squadron was vectored to the vicinity of M. ROUX where enemy aircraft were reported, but only friendly Spitfires and P-38s were found there. No enemy aircraft were seen on this mission, which was the first of a long month of milk run escort missions. More and more it seems that the German Air Force has really been forced from the skies. (See Document (5) appended)
- 2 August 2nd Lt, JOHN R. STERN is assigned to the Squadron. (See Document (6) appended)
- The mission was a fighter sweep and strafing mission in the vicinity of MEUVY and ANCI. No enemy aircraft were seen (See Document (7) appended)
- 3 August Bomber Escort mission to area S.W. PARIS. Another milk run with no enemy aircraft seen. Our pilots are really getting browned-off at these milk-run missions. They are 'Bager' but evidently the Jerries can do nothing but stay on the ground. (See Document (8) appended)
- 4 August Two missions on this date - and both without any evidence of enemy aircraft in the skies. The first mission was bomber escort to SCHERIN (See Document (9) appended) and the second was a sweep to the locality of BEAUVIS under Type 16 control (See Document (10) appended)
- ROBERT D. TITUS, 1st Lt, AC, is ~~TRANSFERRED FROM~~ the Squadron. (See Document (11) appended)
- 5 August DONALD H. BOCHKAY, Capt, AC, having completed his tour of duty, goes back to the states for rest and recuperation. (See Document (12) appended)
- 6 August This date was one of the highlights of the month, and will probably prove to be one of the highlights of the history of the 363rd. On this date the Squadron joined in the 'shuttle bombing' of Germany. During the week of these operations bomber escort missions were made ENGLAND to RUSSIA, RUSSIA to RUSSIA, RUSSIA to ITALY, ITALY to ITALY, and ITALY to ENGLAND. The following pilots of the unit were engaged in these operations:
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| DONALD W. G. AHAM, Colonel, AC, Commanding the 357th Fighter Group | ERNEST T. TIEDE, JR, 1st Lt, AC |
| WILLIAM S. DAVIS, 1st Lt, AC | CHARLES K. PETERS, Capt, AC |
| DONALD J. PASARA, 1st Lt, AC | ROBERT E. SMITH, 1st Lt, AC |
| HERSCHEL T. PASCOE, 1st Lt, AC | WILLIAM H. FRICKER, 1st Lt, AC |
| EDWIN W. HERO, Major, AC | FLOYD J. MAYNARD, 1st Lt, AC |
| JOHN R. SKRHA, 1st Lt, AC | CHARLES S. P. ARSON, 1st Lt, AC |
| WILLIAM B. OVERSTREET, JR, 1st Lt, AC | JACK M. CLELAND, F/Lt (RAF) |
| WILLIAM S. FENNEL, 1st Lt, AC | LAWRENCE D. WOOD, 1st Lt, AC |
| ROBERT N. MOORE, Capt, AC | RAYMOND W. STAUDTE, 1st Lt, AC |
| HAROLD M. KENNEY, 1st Lt, AC | Lt SIRCMAN of the 339th Fgr Gp |
| ROBERT C. GANGWISH, 1st Lt, AC | (Interpreter) |
- Thirteen Enlisted Men of the Squadron also made this mission:
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| <u>Samuel W. Miller</u> , M/Sgt | <u>Frank P. Waseka</u> , M/Sgt |
| <u>Robert F. Staes</u> , S/Sgt | <u>John D. Vandenberg</u> , S/Sgt |
| <u>Ralph A. Mills</u> , S/Sgt | <u>Earl D. Martin</u> , S/Sgt |
| <u>George R. Kelly</u> , S/Sgt | <u>Roy C. Berridge</u> , S/Sgt |
| <u>William F. Keith</u> , S/Sgt | <u>Otto C. Heino</u> , S/Sgt |
| <u>George Roark</u> , S/Sgt | <u>Joseph L. Pisani</u> , S/Sgt |
| | <u>Idolo D. Augugliaro</u> , S/Sgt |

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6 August (con) The first part of the shuttle run from England to Russia was a bomber escort mission with the target RAHMEL, POLAND. There were no claims by the fighter pilots of the Squadron on this mission and all of our ships landed safely at their assigned Russian Bases.

7 August The Russian Bases aircraft of the Squadron were off on a mission to escort bombers to destroy the oil refineries west of CHAKOW, POLAND. No enemy aircraft were shot down on this mission and back safely to the Russian Bases went the P-51 fighters of the 363rd.

While the Russian based ships of the Squadron were thus engaged the eight ships of the Squadron remaining in the home station went on a strafing mission in the locality of MELUN-DIJON. No enemy aircraft were seen by our strafers, and all returned safely home. (See Document (13) appended)

Announcement was made of the award of the Distinguished Flying Cross to ROBERT E. SMITH, 1st Lt, AC.

An Oak Leaf Cluster to the Distinguished Flying Cross was awarded to the following pilots of the Squadron:

JAMES W. BROWNING, Capt, AC

ROBERT N. MOORE, Capt, AC

ROBERT W. FOY, Capt, AC

EDWARD K. SIMPSON, JR, 1st Lt, AC

The Air Medal is awarded to the following pilots of the Squadron:

HAROLD O. HAND, 1st Lt, AC

DONALD J. PASAKA, 1st Lt, AC

FRANCIS L. SULLIVAN, 1st Lt, AC

The Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal is awarded to the following pilots:

NORBERT G. FISHER, 2nd Lt, AC

HENRY B. FRANKLIN, 1st Lt, AC

WILLIAM H. FRICKER, 1st Lt, AC

RICHARD C. ROPER, 1st Lt, AC

(See Document (14) appended)

WILLIAM R. O'BRIEN, Capt, AC is transferred, having completed his tour of duty, to the 496th Ftr Tng Gp. (See Document (15) appended)

ROBERT W. FOY, Capt, AC, having completed his tour of duty, is blessed with a trip back home - to the Zone of the Interior for thirty days rest and recuperation. (See Document (16) appended)

8 August

Our Russian based fighter are on a bomber escort mission with the target for the bombers being airfields near BUZAU, ROUMANIA. On this mission Lt. WILLIAM S. DAVIS was forced to abort and returned to the Russian base. As the rest of the Squadron completed this mission as a shuttle run between Russian Bases and Italian Bases - Lt. DAVIS was due to a long wait in Russia - until he could find escort back to the Squadron. And on this mission Capt. ROBERT N. MOORE shot down a Me. 109 over CROCIL, ROUMANIA. This was to be the only enemy aircraft to be shot down by the fighters of the 363rd during all of the month of August (See Document (17) appended)

9 August

The ships of the Squadron based in Italy were idle this date, but the ships based in England were out on a mission to escort bombers to NUMBERG. This was another milk run for the squadron - in fact the escort was broken only because there were too many friendly aircraft in the vicinity. (See Document (18) appended)

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- 10 August Our Italian based fighters went on this date on a quite unusual escort mission - to escort C-47s which were to pick up Army Air Force pilots in Yugo-Slavia and return them to their bases. There were no claims on this mission and all of the fighter ships of the 363rd returned safely to their bases in Italy.
- While the ships of the Squadron based in Italy were engaged on this mission, the fighter ships still based in England were on a bomber escort mission to the SENS area. This mission was typical of the escort missions that the Squadron has engaged in since the evident utter defeat of the Luftwaffe - No enemy aircraft seen, No bombers seen in distress - and this time even No Flak. But on this mission the Squadron lost two of its able pilots due to a Mid-Air Collision. (See Document (19) appended). Ships piloted by Lt. EDWARD K. SIMPSON and Lt. DONALD J. FERRON collided in the vicinity of SENS. (See Documents (20) and (21) appended)
- 11 August A bomber escort mission by the Squadron's ships based in the United Kingdom - the target STRASBURG. No enemy aircraft seen - and so no claims. All of the ships of the Squadron returned safely to the base. (See Document (22) appended)
- The following new pilots were assigned to the Squadron:
EDWARD J. CARR, 2nd Lt, AC WARREN J. DORANSKI, 2nd Lt, AC
FRANK L. GAILOR, 2nd Lt, AC CHARLES O. CAMPBELL, F/O, AC
(See Document (23) appended)
- 12 August The ships of the Squadron that were engaged in escorting bombers on shuttle runs return to their home base. During return trip bombers were escorted to targets near TOULOUSE, FRANCE. There were no fighter ships of the enemy encountered and all of the pilots of the Squadron came back to the base in England safely, except Lt. DAVIS, who was still at a Russian base. (See Document (24) appended)
- On the same day, the fighter ships that were still based in the United Kingdom were on an area support mission (Type 16) in the vicinity of DREUX. No enemy aircraft were seen - all of the planes returned safely (See Document (25) appended)
- The Squadron is very highly commended by higher headquarters for the fine job done their Russian and Italian trips. (See Document (26) appended)
- 14 August Our fighter pilots again escort bombers, this trip to MANNHEIM. And again a milk run - no enemy aircraft seen. (See Document (27) appen.)
- CHARLES S. PEARSON, 1st Lt, AC is transferred to 496th Ftr Tng Gp having completed his tour of duty on operational missions. (See Document (28) appended)
- Captain THOMAS E. HUGHES is assigned to duty with the 363rd Fighter Squadron. (See Document (29) appended)
- 15 August The squadron goes on a mission of bomber escort and strafing. This mission, again, was purely a milk-run in so far as the ships of the 363rd were concerned. (See Document (30) appended)

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15 August
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The following awards were made to personnel of the Squadron:
A second Oak Leaf Cluster to Distinguished Flying Cross to
DONALD H. BOCHKAY, Capt, AC
A third Oak Leaf Cluster to the Distinguished Flying Cross to
CLARENCE E. ANDERSON, JR, Capt, AC
The Bronze Star to William H. Bodsworth, S/Sgt, AAF.
An Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal to:
WILLIAM S. DAVIS, 1st Lt, AC WILLIAM S. FENNELL, 1st Lt, AC
NORBERT G. FISHER, 2nd Lt, AC FLOYD J. MANNARD, 1st Lt, AC
HERSCHEL T. PASCOE, 1st Lt, AC JOHN S. SERHA, 1st Lt, AC
(See Document (31) appended)

16 August

The Squadron on a bomber escort mission to ALTENBURG - a mission upon which as usual there were no fighters of the German Air Force to contest our pilots - and so there were no claims of enemy planes destroyed or damaged. And all of the pilots of the 363rd returned home safely. (See document (32) appended)

17 August

The lack of enemy opposition to the bombers of the AAF had had our pilots very much disgusted with the milk run after milk run that was coming about on our bomber escort missions, so they took great advantage of the dive bombing and strafing mission that came their way on this date. Great ground destruction was thrown at the enemy on this mission. (See document (33) appended). Also there was much sorrow in the Squadron that Lt. HAROLD M. KENNEY failed to return from this mission. Lt. KENNEY had bailed out over CHARLEROI, BELGIUM, after calling on the R/T that his coolant had been hit. (See Document (34) appended)

Also on this date, CHARLES O. CAMPBELL, F/O, AC, but recently assigned to this Squadron (on 11 August), was killed when his ship exploded and burned in the vicinity of the base. All of the pilots of the Squadron were beginning to like this young pilot very much, and it was so greatly regretted that he was killed before he had his chance at combat duty.

The following pilots are assigned to the unit:
RALPH E. BANKS, 2nd Lt, AC JAMES T. CRUMP, 2nd Lt, AC
 LOUIS E. NOWLIN, 2nd Lt, AC
(See Document (35) appended)

Promotions of Officers in the Squadron are announced as follows:
EDWARD K. SIMPSON, JR, from 1st Lt. to Captain
NORBERT G. FISHER, from 2nd Lt to 1st Lt.
(See Document (36) appended)

18 August

The Squadron went on two missions. The first of these was bomber escort with the Squadron later breaking off escort for strafing. (See Document (37) appended) Much ground destruction was done on this mission and later the Squadron got a chance to do a more thorough job of ground destruction when they went on a Fighter bomber mission. Ground targets really were destroyed on this mission. (See Document (38) appended). The first of the days missions was to the PARIS area, the second to LAON-PARIS area.

19 August

Captain ROBERT N. MOOPE is assigned casual pool to await transportation to the States, having completed his tour of duty in the ETO. (See Document (39) appended)

1st Lt RAYMOND W. STAUDTE is assigned to casual pool to await transportation to the States, having completed his tour of duty in the ETO. (See Document (40) appended)

Announcement is made of the award of an Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal to Floyd Maynard, 1st Lt, AC (See Document (41) appended)

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- 24 August The Squadron was out on a "Double-Group" Mission today. Group "B", Blue and Green Flights were on bomber escort with the target BRUX. The mission of these flights was purely a milk run with all of the fighter planes of the Flights returning safely to the base. (See Document (42) appended). Group "A", Red and White Flights were on bomber escort to FREITAL. And for these flights also, the mission was another milk-run. (See Document (43) appended)
- 25 August Another bomber escort mission - which has begun to spell to the pilots of the 363rd - another milk-run. And such was the mission today with the target for the bombers being RECHLIN. All of the fighter pilots of the Squadron are beginning to want more strafing of more bombing by fighters' missions. The missions like those today, when as it has been for so long a time, the Luftwaffe is entirely absent from the skies are getting really tiresome. (See Document (44) appended)
- S/Sgt Sammy O. Scales is transferred to the Detachment of Patients, ⁴²⁰⁹ Army Hosp Plant. (See Document (45) appended. S/Sgt Scales has been suffering from an ailment of his bronchial tubes which it is believed cannot be relieved in the ETO and it may be that he will be sent back to the States.
- 26 August A bomber escort mission to LUDWIGSHAVEN. This mission was a milk run until the escort was broken and the fighter ships of the Squadron went strafing. Then the destruction to the enemy ground installations and equipment really was something. It looks as though the fighter pilots are trying out a system of demonstrating what a good outfit they are at strafing in order that they may get more strafing missions. (See Document (46) appended)
- 27 August A bomber escort mission to BERLIN that was recalled. (See Document (47) appended)
- Two more pilots of the Squadron are transferred to pools to await transportation to the States, having completed their tour of duty in the ETO - Capt CHARLES K. PETERS and 1st Lt ERNEST C. TIEDE. (See Document (48) appended)
- 28 August It looks as though the pilots of the Squadron did prove their ability as strafers, for today they were sent out on a purely strafing mission in the locality of TRIER and METZ. And they really did wreck things for the Germans. (See Document (49) appended)
- And another of our pilots has completed his tour and is on his way to the States - Capt JAMES W. BROWNING. (See Document (50) appen.)
- 30 August And the last mission of the month - a bomber escort mission to BREMEN - was a milk run again. No Enemy Aircraft Seen. Well, maybe the picking will be better next month. (See Document (51) appended)

CONCLUSION: So passed the month of August 1944 for the 363rd Fighter Squadron - a month of many, many milk-runs as bomber escort because the Luftwaffe would not combat the bombing of the cities and the industries of Germany. But with the runs necessary for if the fighters of the AAF had not been escorting these bombers, it is certain that the German Air Force would again be attacking our bombers. A month in which our fighter pilots got some very much desired action in the strafing of ground targets - and what effective strafers they did prove themselves to be. A month highlighted by the missions in which the fighter squadrons escorted bombers on shuttle runs to targets - runs in which Russian and Italian bases were used. Highlighted by the fact that a number of enlisted men of the ground crews were able to get in some flying experience - and combat flying at that.

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HEADQUARTERS 66TH FIGHTER WING, APO 637, U S Army, 25 July 1944.

To; Commanding Officer, AAF Station F-373, APO 637, U S Army. SECRET

1. It is with pride and pleasure that I forward this correspondence and to personally commend the Officers and Men of your command for the magnificent work they are doing.

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

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

APC 633, U. S. Army

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14 July 1944

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Letter from General Eisenhower.

TO : Commanding General, Eighth Air Force, APC 634, U S Army.

I am very much pleased to transmit to you and your Command the inclosed letter from General Eisenhower and wish to add my appreciation and congratulations.

/s/ CARL SPAATZ
Lieutenant General, US Army

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HEADQUARTERS EIGHTH AIR FORCE, APC 634, 18 July 1944.

TO: Commanding General, 1st Bomb Division, APC 557, U S Army.
" " 2d Bomb Division, APC 558, U S Army.
" " 3d Bomb Division, APC 559, U S Army.
" " VIII Fighter Command, APC 637, U S Army.
" " VIII Air Force Composite Command, APC 639
" " VIII Air Force Service Command, APC 636
Commanding Officer, 8th Reconnaissance Wing (Prov) APC 634.

It gives me pleasure to transmit to you and your command the attached letters of commendation from General Eisenhower, General Montgomery, Air Chief Marshal Leigh-Mallory, and General Spaatz, and I desire to add my personal appreciation and congratulations thereto.

/s/ J. H. DOOLITTLE
Lieutenant General U. S. Army
Commanding.

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HEADQUARTERS VIII FIGHTER COMMAND, AAF Station F-341, U S Army, 23 July 1944.

TO: Commanding General, 65th Fighter Wing, AAF Station F-370
Commanding General, 66th Fighter Wing, AAF Station F-371
Commanding General, 67th Fighter Wing, AAF Station F-372

I am proud to forward this correspondence and to personally commend all personnel of the VIII Fighter Command.

/s/ W. E. KEPNER
/t/ W. E. KEPNER
Major, General, U S Army
Commanding.

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SUPREME HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE
Office of the Supreme Commander

12 July 1944

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Dear General Spaatz:

In recent reports I have noted that the 8th Fighter Command established last month something of a record in number of flying hours, both by airplane and by crew.

This brings to my mind, with renewed emphasis, some of the accomplishments of the 8th Air Force over the past many months, not only in carrying out its long range missions against vital targets in Germany and in beating down the hostile air force, but in close and active support of the ground forces now invading the Continent. In preparation for and in supporting the invasion the services of the 8th Air Force have been indispensable.

I hope that you and all serving under you will never for an instant fail to realize that I am truly appreciative of their magnificent efforts and that this whole Command daily applauds their performances.

Good luck!

Very sincerely,

DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER

Lt General Carl Spaatz
Commanding General
USSTAF
APO 633, U.S. Army

HEADQUARTERS
UNITED STATES STRATEGIC AIR FORCES IN EUROPE
Office of the Commanding General
APO 633

12 July 1944

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SUBJECT: Congratulatory Messages.

TO : Commanding General, Eighth Air Force.

1. Attached are copies of letters this day received from Air Chief Marshal Leigh-Mallory and from General B. L. Montgomery.

2. I wish to add my own appreciation of the splendid work of the Eighth Air Force to that contained in the two letters attached and desire that you pass these expressions of appreciation on to all concerned.

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/s/ CARL SPAATZ
Lieutenant General, USA
Commanding.

Air C-in-C
A.E.A.F.

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TAC HEADQUARTERS
21 Army Group

No. 1, AFDC
London, W.I.

8 July 1944.

1. On behalf of the Allied armies now fighting in France, I would like to express to you the great appreciation of all of us for the splendid work that has been done before, during and since D Day by the Allied air forces.
2. We soldiers know very well that if the Allied air forces had not been able to dominate the Luftwaffe, then the Armies would have achieved little.
3. We know that much of your effort is best applied far afield; but we also know that in our hour of need you are always very ready to apply the whole might of your power to help us in the tactical battle of Normandy.

For this we are most grateful.

4. We would like to express our great admiration for the brave and brilliant work of the pilots, and I would be grateful if you will thank them from me, and from every Allied soldier in Normandy.

/s/ B. L. MONTGOMERY

General
Commander-in-Chief
Allied Armies in France

Ref: - TIL/30
Subject: - Congratulatory Messages
To : - Commanding General, USSTAE

1. I attach a letter of congratulation to the Allied Air Forces I have received from General Montgomery. I am forwarding also a copy of my reply to him.

2. I would like also to add my appreciation of the magnificent work carried out in support of the operations by the U.S. Strategical Air Forces during the past month. I am most grateful to them for the ready way in which they have responded to every call, and have nothing but admiration for the magnificent work they have done.

/s/T. Leigh-Mallory
/t/T. LEIGH-MALLORY
Air Chief Marshal
Air Commander-in-Chief
Allied Expeditionary Air Force

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HEADQUARTERS VIII FIGHTER COMMAND

APO 637

AAF Station F-341

27 July, 1944.

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

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

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WILLIAM R. O'BRIEN, O-730583, Captain, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of two enemy airplanes over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Captain O'Brien has sought out the enemy and destroyed him, his devotion to duty and courage under all conditions serve as an inspiration to his fellow flyers. His actions on all these occasions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Kansas.

CHARLES K. PETERS, O-745495, Captain, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of two enemy airplanes over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Captain Peters has sought out the enemy and destroyed him, his devotion to duty and courage under all conditions serve as an inspiration to his fellow flyers. His actions on all these occasions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Mississippi.

CLARENCE E. ANDERSON, JR., O-730324, Captain, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of three enemy airplanes over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Captain Anderson has sought out the enemy and destroyed him, his devotion to duty and courage under all conditions serve as an inspiration to his fellow flyers. His actions on all these occasions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from California.

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

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

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MARION E. BURNETT

O-702763

1st Lt.

Homer, Louisiana

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WILLIAM S. FENNELL	O-726353	1st Lt.	Flagstaff, Arizona	
HERSCHEL T. PASCOE	O-745490	1st Lt.	Hayden, Arizona	
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By command of Major General KEPNER:

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

OFFICIAL:

/s/John J Sailors
/t/JOHN J. SAILORS,
Colonel, AGD,
Adjutant General.

A TRUE EXTRACT:

Dave C. Willett
DAVE C. WILLETT,
Capt., Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS VIII FIGHTER COMMAND
APO 637 AAF Station F-341
1 August, 1944

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V. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September, 1943, as changed, and pursuant to authority contained in par. 2E, Section I, Circular 56, Hq., ETOUSA, 27 May, 1944 and letter Hq., Eighth Air Force, Subject: "Awards and Decorations", 4 July, 1944 an BRONZE STAR is awarded to the following named Officers and Enlisted Men:

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PERCY E. BLOUNT, 36320414, Staff Sergeant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 20 March, 1944 to 25 June 1944,. Entered military service from Illinois.

EARL D. MARTIN, 38115154, Staff Sergeant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 11 February, 1944 to 6 July, 1944. Entered military service from Texas.

CHARLES L. PRICE, 39607322, Staff Sergeant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 4 May, 1944 to 1 July, 1944. Entered military service from ~~XXXXXX~~ Montana.

MELVIN H. SCHUENEMAN, 36150530, Staff Sergeant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 19 April, 1944 to 15 June, 1944. Entered military service from Michigan.

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By command of Brigadier General WOODBURY:

BENJAMIN J. WEBSTER,
Colonel, Air Corps,
Acting Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

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

A TRUE EXTRACT:

Dave C. Willett
DAVE C. WILLETT,
Capt., Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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1. Sgt (014) Roy D. Clark, Jr., 37519861, 70th Sta Com Sq, WP #8 Sch Tech Tng o/a 1 Aug 44 on approx one (1) week temp dy purpose of tng in Waterproofing Mtr Vehicles. EM will rpt Casual Center, CES, 44 Cadogan Place, London, for billet & messsing fac. EM will comply w/sp ltr of instr. CTRS. TDN. MENT. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/50425.

AUTH: TWX SAS Y594E, 31 Jul 44; Ltr, Hq ETOUSA, 24 May 44.

2. Foll EM, 1600th Ord S&M Co Avn, WP AAF Sta 572 o/a 6 Aug 44 on approx six (6) days temp dy purpose of tng in Drivers' Maint rptg before 1600 hrs, 7 Aug 44, to RTO at Bedford & must carry Cl A uniforms, fatigues, two (2) blankets ea. overshoes, mess equip, gas masks, notebooks & pencils. CTRS. TDN. MENT. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/50425.

NAME	GRADE	ASN	NOB
George J. Blank (In Chge)	Tec 4	13152542	111
J.T. (IO) Pool	Tec 5	27410386	201

AUTH: TWX SAS Y593E, 31 Jul 44; Ltr, Hq ETOUSA, 24 May 44.

3. 1ST LT LESTER (NMI) DOWEN, 01641247, Sig C, 1076th Sig Co Avn, WP AAF Sta F-157 o/a 2 Aug 44 on temp dy on matters this comd. CTRS. TDN. MENT. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/50425.

AUTH: TWX SAS A2C, 1 Aug 44; Ltr, Hq ETOUSA, 24 May 44.

4. 1ST LT ARTHUR S. WEINBERGER, 0564587, AC, having rptd this Sta per competent auth, atchd Hq 357th Ftr Gp for dy.

5. Foll EM, orgns indicated, promoted to gr indicated upon recommendation of their Orgn Comdr:

469TH SV SQ

TO BE CORPORAL (TEMP)

Pfc (620) Wilbur O. Perry, 35711847	Pfc (747) Emerson S. Cairns, 36183498
Pfc (835) Charles E. Givens, 38507441	Pfc (687) Harry C. Hood, 37204189
Pfc (550) Ted (NMI) Law, 38087603	Pfc (747) Daniel J. McFarlin, Jr., 12107917
Pfc (747) Walter H. Norris, 34637128	Pfc (590) Edward R. Williams, 38244623

TO BE PRIVATE FIRST CLASS (TEMP)

Pvt (573) Charles A. Rodgers, 13135518 Pvt (590) Anthony (NMI) Saccone, 32714347

1076TH SIG CO AVN

TO BE TECHNICAL SERGEANT (TEMP)

S Sgt (954) Fred (NMI) Altenbach, 6763007

TO BE TECHNICIAN 3D GRADE (TEMP)

Tec 4 (647) William G. Friedman, 33318489

TO BE TECHNICIAN 4TH GRADE (TEMP)

Tec 5 (647) Walter J. Russell, 12095703

TO BE TECHNICIAN 5TH GRADE (TEMP)

Pfc (667) George W. Twitchell, 39900642 Pvt (060) James G. Crook, 33391343

TO BE PRIVATE FIRST CLASS (TEMP)

Pvt (667) Sidney H. Becker, 16099653

1260TH MP CO AVN

TO BE PRIVATE FIRST CLASS (TEMP)

Pvt (677) Dominick E. Iaboni, 32405630

362ND FTR SQ

TO BE SERGEANT (TEMP)

Cpl (747) Glenn E. White, 38089063

TO BE CORPORAL (TEMP)

Pfc (555) Edward F. Sullivan, 31311181 Pvt (901) Hubert H. Moreland, 38473644

363RD FTR SQ

TO BE STAFF SERGEANT (TEMP)

Sgt (747) Roy C. Berridge, 19039595

TO BE CORPORAL (TEMP)

Pvt (060) Ralph E. Bell, 18109633 Pfc (060) Calvin C. Moody, 34355794
Pfc (405) James C. Winfield, 38317754

364TH FTR SQ

TO BE TECHNICAL SERGEANT (TEMP)

S Sgt (750) Robert J. Gruposso, 31132491 S Sgt (750) Robert W. Dietz, 17040138

TO BE STAFF SERGEANT (TEMP)

Sgt (747) Leonard H. Gordon, 32357406

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SO #210, Hq AAF Sta F-373, APO 637, U S Army, 1 Aug 44. Par 5 contd.

TO BE SERGEANT (TEMP)

Cpl (750) George J. Conaughty, 32547209 Cpl (060) George E. Shell, 34689519
HQ 357TH FTR GP

TO BE TECHNICAL SERGEANT (TEMP)

S Sgt (502) Vincent E. Buening, 37211124 S Sgt (631) Newton A. Stiles, 31235669

TO BE STAFF SERGEANT (TEMP)

Sgt (070) Joe C. Gunn, 38319151

TO BE SERGEANT (TEMP)

Cpl (505) Frederick (NMI) Bierschwale, Jr., 38250048 Cpl (060) Roy C. Grantham, 38294315

TO BE CORPORAL (TEMP)

Pfc (283) George E. Nelson, 36826040

TO BE PRIVATE FIRST CLASS (TEMP)

Pvt (409) James R. Grant, 34255099

AUTH: AR 615-5.

6. 1ST LT GLENN E. PELTON, 0318302, CMP, 1260th MP Co Avn, aptd Sta PM (add dy)
& member of PX Council this Sta (aptd per par 13, SO #35, this Sta, cs) (add dy) vice
CAPT AUGUST (NMI) RUNGE, 0505445, CMP, trfd.

By order of Colonel GRAHAM:

ROBERT T. ROMINE,
Lt Colonel, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

OFFICIAL:



ROBERT T. ROMINE,
Lt Colonel, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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363rd FIGHTER SQUADRON
357th Fighter Group, Army Air Forces
USAAF Station F-373

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PILOT: ROBERT H. MOORE, Captain, AC., # O-745466

- A. COMBAT
- B. 8 Aug 44.
- C. 363rd Fighter Squadron, 357th Fighter Group
- D. CROCIL, ROMANIA
- E. CAVU
- F. ME-109
- G. One ME-109 destroyed

I. ACCOUNT OF COMBAT: I was leading Silas Blue flight on 8 Aug 44, about 1105 hours, on a shuttle mission from RUSSIA TO ITALY, when a large number of E/A were sighted above us at three o'clock. Combat Squadron broke into the first wave. I made a climbing turn of 270° and was in position to break up the E/A's top cover of ME-109's. The E/A's then broke down and I followed the last E/A in their string. I observed strikes after my second burst and saw his coolant pour out. I chased the E/A down to about 13,000 ft when I got another good burst into him. The E/A was now pouring coolant and the coal was on fire. When last seen it was rolling down pouring out black smoke and coolant.

My flight of three other planes witnessed the action. The bombers also witnessed the action and reported it.

I claim: One ME-109 destroyed

- J. Ammunition Expended: 1200 rounds

Robert H. Moore
ROBERT H. MOORE,
Captain, AC.,
Pilot.

SUPPORTING STATEMENT

I was flying Silas Blue # 3. I followed Captain MOORE as he chased the ME-109 down to about 13,000 ft firing several bursts and getting good hits. As Captain MOORE broke off the attack, the ME-109 went down streaming coolant and black smoke.

Raymond W. Staudts
RAYMOND W. STAUDTS,
1st Lt., AC.,
Pilot.

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363rd FIGHTER SQUADRON
357th Fighter Group, Army Air Forces
USAAF Station F-373

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APG 637,
1 Aug 1944

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SUBJECT: S-2, S-3 Mission Report No. 137

TO : S-2 Officer, 357th Fighter Group, Army Air Forces, USAAF Station F-373, APG 637

- A. 363rd Fighter Squadron - Captain ROBERT W. POY, leading.
- B. 18 -- 1236 -- 1810
- C. Four (including one escort)
- D. Penetration - target support - withdrawal Field Order No. 473
- E. Nil
- F. Nil
- G. Nil
- H.

1. I/V with bombers made over friendly territory at 20,000 ft. at 1315 hours. I/P in
LE HAVRE at 1350 hours at 25,000 ft. Escorted around target airfields. I/B at
LE HAVRE at 1610 t 25,000 ft. Vectored by OILSKIN at 1620 hours who reported bandits
vicinity of EVREUX. Squadron circled EVREUX A/D - Saw no bandits but good many
Spitfires and P-38s. I/P out again LE HAVRE at 1650 hours at 15,000 ft. No A/A seen
High light heavy flak inaccurate nearer LE HAVRE. OILSKIN and CRATEHOUSE A/D seen
bombed with good concentrations of hits on runways and dispersal areas. A/I good.

ROBERT W. DE KIRIS,
Capt, AC,
S-2 C.

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APO 637
2 August 1944

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1. Foll G, asgd 357th Ftr Gp per par 3, SO #208, AAF Sta F-345, 31 Jul 44, are further asgd & AF orgs indicated. No c of sta.

NAME	RANK	ASN	ORGN
JOHN R. STERN	2D LT	0802360 AC	363rd Ftr Sq

By order of Colonel GRAHAM:

FLOYD G. RIDDLE,
MCJG, USA
Asst Adjutant.

OFFICIAL:

/s/Floyd G. Riddle
/t/FLOYD G. RIDDLE,
MCJG, USA,
Asst Adjutant.

A TRUE EXTRACT:

DAVE C. HILST,
Capt., Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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363rd FIGHTER SQUADRON
357th Fighter Group, Army Air Forces
USAAF Station F-373

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WFO 637.
2 Aug 44.

SUBJECT: S-2, S-3 Mission Report #138

TO : S-2 Officer, 357th Fighter Group, Army Air Forces, USAAF Station F-373
WFO 637.

- A. 363rd Fighter Squadron - Captain DONALD H. BOCHKAY, Leading
- B. 17 -- 1745 -- 2131
- C. Nil
- D. Fighter Sweep & Strafing PG 475
- E. Nil
- F. Nil
- G. Nil
- H. Nil
- I. L/F in at COXYDE at 1830 hours at 22,000 ft. Arrived over assigned area at 1850 hours at 27,000 ft. and patrolled until 2030 hours at 29,000 ft. L/F out BURKIN at 2045 hours at 27,000 ft. No activity observed on ground in area patrolled. No E/A seen and only negligible flak. Mission uneventful. Solid 10/10 over channel and base with tops 3,500 and base 300 ft. Over continent base and low scattered cumulus, 3/10 coverage. R/T good. Capt. POY, Lt. HAND, Lt. SKRNA AND Lt. Fricker landed at Halesworth due to weather conditions at base.

ROBERT F. DE NIGRIS,
Capt, AC,
S-2 C.

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363rd FIGHTER SQUADRON
357th Fighter Group, Army Air Forces
USAAF Station F-37

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APD 637,
3 AUG 44.

SUBJECT: S-2, S-3 Mission Report No. 139

TO : S-2 Officer, 357th Fighter Group, Army Air Forces, USAAF Station F-373, APO 637.

- A. 363rd Fighter Squadron - Major EDWIN W. HIPO, leading
- B. 17 -- 1830 -- 1835
- C. One (Spare Not Needed)
- D. Bomber Escort
- E. Nil
- F. Nil
- G. Nil
- H. Nil
- I. R/V at CABOURG at 1440 hours at 20,000 ft. L/F in at CABOURG at 1447 hours at 23,000 ft. L/B at SCHOUWEN ISLAND at 1810 hours at 17,000 ft. L/F out at SCHOUWEN ISLAND at 1810 hours at 17,000 ft. 1st and 2nd Combat Wings bombed same targets. No E/A seen. Channel to enemy coast clear - with stratus cumulus at enemy coast from 6,000 to 17,000 ft. with cirrus beginning at 23,000 ft. light heavy inaccurate flak at bomber level over REIMS. R/T good.

FO #476

JOHN B. MYERS,
1st Lt, AC,
S-2 O.

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363rd FIGHTER SQUADRON
357th Fighter Group, Army Air Forces
USAF Station F-373

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4 AUG 44

SUBJECT: S-2, S-3 Mission Report #139

TO S-2 Of ficer, 357th Fighter Group, Army Air Forces, USAF Station F-373, APO 637.

- A. 363rd Fighter Squadron - Colonel DONALD W. GRAHAM, leading
- B. 18 -- 1208 -- 1717
- C. Two (one escort)
- D. Penetration - Target Support - Withdrawal PO #478
- E. Nil
- F. Nil
- G. Nil
- H. Nil

I. L/F in W. of SIEL at 1356 hours at 25,000 ft. H/V N. of ~~5500000~~ ^{YEHMAEN ISLAND} at 1422 hours at 25,000 ft. escorted B-24s around target on briefed course and withdrew with B-24s and B-17s. L/B W. of SIEL at 1545 hours at 25,000 ft. L/T out W. of SIEL at 1545 hours at 25,000 ft. Unidentified oil slick observed south of HELIGOLAND at 1545 hours. Airfields at LORCA and BASTOCK have been extended to twice the former length. Scattered low cumulus to 6,000 ft. with light cirrus beginning at 30,000 ft. over channel. 4/10 scattered cumulus to 13,000 ft. over target area with thin cirrus beginning at 27,000 ft. No E/a seen. H/T good.

JOHN W. MYERS, JR.,
1st Lt, AC,
S-2 O.

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357th Fighter Group, Army Air Forces
USAF Station P-373

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APO 637,
4 AUG 44,

SUBJECT: S-2, S-3 Mission Report No. 140

TO : S-2 Officer, 357th Fighter Group, Army Air Forces, USAF Station P-373,
APO 637.

- A. 363rd Fighter Squadron - Captain ROBERT W. POY, leading
- B. 5 -- 1430 -- 1802
- C. Nil
- D. Type 13 Control Field Order #480
- E. Nil
- F. Nil
- G. Nil
- H. Nil
- I. L/F in at NINUPORT at 1525 hours at 23,000 ft. L/F out at NINUPORT AT 1735
at 20,000. Arrived in area at 1550 hours. Retained until 1720 hours at 27,000 ft.
Low cumulus tops 4,000 ft. over channel. 3/10 cumulus tops at 15,000 ft. with light haze
over channel. no S/A seen. R/T good.

JOHN B. MYERS, JR.,
1st Lt, AC,
S-2 C.

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APO 637, U. S. ARMY
4 AUGUST 1944

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4. The following c in asgmt and dy are directed: O WP Govt owned motor
T. Perm C of Sta.

NAME, RANK, ASN	RELD FR	ASGD TO
* 1ST LT ROBERT D. TITUS, 0692726, AC	* 363rd Ftr Sq	* 503rd Ftr Sq
* *	* *	* *

By command of Brigadier General WOODBURY:

H. B. KERR,
2d Lt., Air Corps,
Asst Adjutant

OFFICIAL:

s/t/ H. B. KERR,
2d Lt., Air Corps,
Asst Adjutant.

A TRUE EXTRACT:

Dave C. Willett
DAVE C. WILLETT,
Capt., Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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

5 August 1944

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SUBJECT: Temporary Duty to the Z. I.

TO : Officers Concerned.

1. PAC par 5c, Memo 35-1, Hq Eighth Air Force, 6 July 1944, the following officers WP MEMT o/a 5 August 1944 from their present stations to the Casual Pool, 12th Replacement Control Depot, AAF Station 591, to await transportation to the Z.I. for 21 to 30 days rest and recuperation (exclusive of travel time), subject to final decision by CG AAF, and upon completion of this TD will return to their proper stations. Officers will have in their possession Form 81 (Immunization Register). Form 77 (Officers' Pay Data Card), individual mess gear, gas mask, and canteen. Class A uniform will be worn and hand luggage only will be taken. TDN. CMT. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/50425. PAC Ltr Hq European T of Opns. U.S. Army, dtd 24 May 1944.

NAME	ORGANIZATION
CAPT DONALD H. BOCHKAY, 0742834, AC	357th Ftr Gp

By command of Brigadier General GRISWOLD:

/s/W T Durkop,
/t/W. T. DURKOP,
Major, ACD,
AsstAdj Gen.

A TRUE EXTRACT COPY:

DAVE C. WILLETT,
Capt., Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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363rd FIGHTER SQUADRON
357th Fighter Group, Army Air Forces
USAAF Station F-373

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APC 637,
7 Aug 44.

SUBJECT: S-2, S-3 Mission Report No. 141

TO : S-2 Officer, 357th Fighter Group, Army Air Forces, USAAF Station F-373, APC 637.

- A. 363rd Fighter Squadron, Lt. EDWARD K. LIMPON, JR, leading.
- B. 8 -- 1510 -- 1904
- C. Nil
- D. Strafing Field Order No. 492
- E. Nil
- F. Nil
- G. Nil
- H. Nil
- I. L/F in at 1548 hours at OSTERDE at 18,000 feet. Arrived in area at 1630 hours - patrolled until 1730 hours from 20,000 ft to deck. L/F out at DUNKIRKE at 1834 hours at 20,000 ft. No moving traffic observed on road or railroad from MELUN to DIJON. Green and Blue flights dropped tanks and strafed about 100 coal cars at siding at CHATILLON but could not set them on fire. No E/A seen. Channel - low stratus at 4,000 ft. with haze above building up to heavy cumulus on enemy coast. 4/10 broken cumulus from ground to 24,000 ft. over target area. R/T good.

JOHN B. MYERS, JR,
1st Lt, AC,
S-2 O.

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HEADQUARTERS VIII FIGHTER COMMAND
APO 637 AAF Station F-341
6 August 1944

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

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

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ROBERT E. SMITH	O-807634	1st Lt.	San Mateo, California
*	*	*	*

III. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September, 1943, as changed, and pursuant to authority contained in Section I, Circular 32, Hq., ETOUSA, 20 March, 1944 and letter Hq., Eighth Air Force, Subject: "Awards and Decorations", 2X April, 1944 an AWARD OF THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS is awarded to the following named Officers for wear the Distinguished Flying Cross previously awarded:

JAMES W. BROWNING, O-740361, Captain, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of three enemy airplanes over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Captain Browning has sought out the enemy and destroyed him, his devotion to duty and courage under all conditions serve as an inspiration to his fellow flyers. His actions on all these occasions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Kansas.

ROBERT W. FOY, O-745340, Captain, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of three enemy airplanes over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Captain Foy has sought out the enemy and destroyed him, his devotion to duty and courage under all conditions serve as an inspiration to his fellow flyers. His actions on all these occasions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military Service from New York.

ROBERT N. MOORE, O-745466, Captain, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial flight and the destruction of two enemy airplanes over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Captain Moore has sought out the enemy and destroyed him, his devotion to duty and courage under all conditions serve as an inspiration to his fellow flyers. His actions on all these occasions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from New Jersey.

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EDWARD K. SIMPSON, JR., O-745529, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. Extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of three enemy airplanes over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Simpson has sought out the enemy and destroyed him, his devotion to duty and courage under all conditions serve as an inspiration to his fellow flyers. His actions on all these occasions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from California.

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

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

*	*	*	*
HAROLD C. HAND	O-706384	1st Lt.	Chicago, Illinois
DONALD J. PASAK	O-702833	1st Lt.	Sikeston, Missouri
FRANCIS L. SULLIVAN	O-818042	1st Lt.	West Springfield, Mass.
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VIII. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September, 1943, as changed, and pursuant to authority contained in Section I, Circular 32, Hq., ETOUSA, 20 March, 1944, and letter Hq., Eighth Air Force, Subject: "Awards and Decorations", 2 April, 1944, an AIR MEDAL is awarded to the following named Officers in addition to the Air Medal previously awarded.

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

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NORBERT C. FISHER	O-886954	2nd Lt.	Chicago, Illinois
HEBRY B. FRANKLIN	O-683434	1st Lt.	Tulsa, Oklahoma
WILLIAM H. FRICKER	O-440416	1st Lt.	Stamford, Connecticut
RICHARD C. ROPER	O-678821	1st Lt.	Indianapolis, Indiana
*	*	*	*

By command of Brigadier General GIBBOLD:

BENJAMIN J. WEBSTER,
Colonel, Air Corps,
Actg Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

s/t/JOHN J. SAILORS,
Colonel, AGC,
Adjutant General.

A TRUE EXTRACT:

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DAVE C. GILLET,
Capt., Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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02 A 212/50425. AUTH: T. 066593, No SAF, dtd 20 July 1944.
NAME NAME TO-- A TO--
*CAPT WILLIAM A. C. SMITH, 0730583, AC 357th Ftr Gp 496th Ftr Tng Gp
*C ated seven (7) day delay enroute.

By command of Brigadier General CHIDWOLD:

BENJAMIN J. ASHLEY,
Colonel, AC,
Actg Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

/s/John J. Sailors
/t/JOHN J. SAILORS,
Colonel, AGD,
Adjutant General.

A TRUE EXTRACT:

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DAN L. EVANDER,
Capt., Air Corps,
Executive Officer.

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7 August 1944

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SUBJECT: Temporary Duty to the Z.I.

TO : Officers Concerned.

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NAME	ORGANIZATION
CAPT ROBERT W. FOY, 0745340, AC	357th Ftr Gp

By command of Brigadier General GRISWOLD:

/s/John J Sailors
/t/JOHN J. SAILORS,
Colonel, AGD,
Adjutant General.

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363rd FIGHTER SQUADRON
357th Fighter Group, Army Air Forces
USAAF Station F-373

AFC 637,
9 Aug 44.

SUBJECT: S-2, S-3 Mission Report. No-142

TO : S-2 Officer, 357th Fighter Group, Army Air Forces, USAAF Station F-373,
AFC 637.

- A. 363rd Fighter Squadron, Lt RICHARD G. ROPER, Leading.
- B. 6 - 0910 - 1318
- C. One
- D. Penetration - Target Support - Withd. FO # 469
- E. Nil
- F. Nil
- G. Nil
- H. Nil
- I. 1/F in Furness at 0943 hrs at 19,500 ft. 1/V with part of a very large formation of bombers at 1045 at 17,000 ft at an undetermined locality. 1/yed with bombers until 1105 hrs when escort was broken as there were many F/A in vicinity. 1/F out N of Ostend at 1235 hrs at 21,000 ft. No 1/A--No flak. No bombers seen in distress. Bombing results not observed as bombers had already bombed target. Over channel haze to 9,000 ft. and cumulus to 22,000 ft with high cirrus. Over continent generally hazy up to 22,000 ft. with haze light below 20,000 ft. High cirrus and contrails--persistent at 29,000 ft. N/T good.

HIGHEST F. D. HIGHS
Capt. AC
S-2 Officer.

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363rd FIGHTER SQUADRON
357th Fighter Group, Army Air Forces
USAAF Station F-373

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APG 637,
10 Aug 44.

SUBJECT: S-2, S-3 Mission Report #143

TO : S-2 Officer, 357th Fighter Group, USAAF Station F-373, APG 637

- A. 363rd Fighter Squadron - Lt. EDWARD K. SIMPSON, JR., leading
- B. 6-0820-
- C. One
- D. Penetration - Target Support - Withdrawal Field Order #498
- E. 2 Mid-air Collision
- F. Nil

G. 2 MIA--Mid-air Collision

1st Lt. EDWARD K. SIMPSON, JR. --- O-745529

2nd Lt. DONALD J. FERRON --- O-704672

H. Nil

- I. 1/F in Coburg at 0940 hrs at 20,000 ft. R/V with last box of B-24's 6 of Cien at 0945 hrs at 21,000 ft. 1/F 10 miles W of Cien at 1110 hrs at 20,000 ft. 1/F cut Cien at 1207 hrs at 19,000 ft. No R/V--No flak. No bombers in distress. At 1110 hrs at 22,000 ft. approx. 10 miles W of Cien Lt's Simpson and Ferron collided in mid-air--one ship was seen to explode and disintegrate and the other descend in a spin. Approx. 11,000 ft. slow spiral and was lost in the haze below 14,000 ft. Neither pilot was seen to bail out of his ship. R/T good.

Edward K. Simpson, Jr.

Capt. AC

S-2 Officer.

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363rd FIGHTER SQUADRON
357th Fighter Group, Army Air Forces
USAAF Station F-373

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APD 637,
13 Aug 44.

SUBJECT: Narrative Report re Personnel MIA - DONALD J. FERRON, 2nd Lt, AC

TO : S-2 Officer, 357th Fighter Group, Army Air Forces, USAF Station F-373,
APD 637.

1. Following is a narrative report of circumstances relative to the reporting MIA of DONALD J. FERRON, 2nd Lt, AC, ASN O-704672, on 10 August 1944, while on a combat mission - Field Order Number 498.

2. Lt. FERRON was flying Cement Red #2, wing man to Lt. EDWARD K. SIMPSON, JR, Flight Commander, who was leading the Squadron. The Squadron was escorting B-24s. At approximately 1110 hours, 10 August 1944, at 22,000 feet altitude ten miles west of SENS, FRANCE, Lt. SIMPSON started a medium turn to the left. Lt. FERRON immediately crossed from the left to the right side, and Lt. MARION E. BURNETT, flying Cement Red #3, began to slowly move his element in trail. Lt. BURNETT had nearly completed this move when Lt. FERRON, apparently thinking that Lt. BURNETT was not going to cross over, did a sharp turn to the left and over Lt. SIMPSON. The two ships then collided and locked themselves together and one of them caught fire. After spinning once or twice the planes separated and the fuselage tank in the burning plane exploded, practically destroying the ship. The other ship did a slow spiral seemingly under full control. Lt. BURNETT was a few miles behind and above this plane and started to follow it, but after dropping down to 14,000 feet, lost it in the haze. It is not known which of these ships caught fire or which of the two ships was seen in the slow spiral by Lt. BURNETT.

Robert F. de Kozis
ROBERT F. DE KOZIS,
Capt, AC,
S-2 O.

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363rd FIGHTER SQUADRON
357th Fighter Group, Army Air Forces
USAF Station F-373

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APO 637,
11 Aug 44.

SUBJECT: S-2, S-3 Mission report. No 144

TO : S-2 Officer, 357th Fighter Group, Army Air Forces, US AF Station
F-373, APO 637.

- A. 363rd Fighter Squadron Lt ROBERT C. GARGALAN, leading.
- B. 6 up 1300 - 1735
- C. 1
- D. Penetration-Area Support-Withdrawal FC # 503
- E. Nil
- F. Nil
- G. Nil
- H. Nil
- I. 1/P in Blankenburg at 1341 hrs at 19000 feet. 1/V N 3 Brussels including
White Rose F51's at 1350 hrs at 20000 feet. 1/N and made 1/P out at
Blankenburg at 1658 hrs at 20000 feet. Escorted bombers over briefed
course. Good bombing results observed dense black smoke rose to
12000 feet. Light heavy inaccurate flak at bomber level at Brussels
and Strasburg. Scattered cumulus over channel to 11000 feet with light
haze to same altitude. 4/10 scattered cumulus from e/c to target area
to 10000 feet. no contrails. R/T good.

JOHN B. MYERS JR
1st Lt AC
S-2 O

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363rd FIGHT SQUADRON
357th Fighter Group, Army Air Forces
USAAF Station F-373

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AFPO 637,
12 Aug 44.

SUBJECT: S-2, S-3 Mission Report. No 145.

TO : S-2 Officer, 357th Fighter Group, Army Air Forces, USAAF Station
F-373, AFPO 637.

- A. 363rd Fighter Squadron - Col DONALD W. GRAHAM, leading
- B. 19 off from Italian base at 0720--down at home base at 1521 hrs.
- C. Nil
- D. Nil Target support and withdrawal.
- E. Nil
- F. Nil
- G. Nil
- H. Nil
- I. S/V at 1100 hrs at 23,000 ft. at 10 miles SE Narbonne. 1/F in Narbonne at 1105 hrs at 23,000 ft. at 23,000 ft. 1/F vicinity La Seale at 1250 hrs at 25,000 ft. 1/F out in flights between Cherbourg and N of Garenten between 1335 and 1345 at altitudes 15,000 ft and 18,000 ft. One can landed at beach-head to re-fuel and returned to home base. Squadron over S/V at 1010 hrs and waited to 1100 hrs for bombers. One JU 88 seen to explode when it hit the ground on being shot down N of target area. No bombers in distress. Heavy--moderate--inaccurate flak over target air-field. Good concentrations of bomb hits on Toulouse A/D. CAVU over continent to Loire River with haze to 15,000 ft. N of Loire River to coast 3/10ths low cumulus tops at 3,000 ft. over channel just haze to 15,000 ft. over England 6/10ths cumulus from 3,000 ft to 5,000 ft. with light thin cirus. S/T good.

JOHN T. DE MICHEL
Capt. AG
-S Officer.

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363RD FIGHTER SQUADRON
357TH FIGHTER GROUP, ARMY AIR FORCES
USAAF STATION F-375

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APD 637
12 AUG 44.

SUBJECT: S-2, S-3 MISSION REPORT. #146

TO : S-2 OFFICER, 357TH FIGHTER GROUP, ARMY AIR FORCES,
USAAF STATION F-375, APD 637.

- A. 363RD FIGHTER SQUADRON - ROBERT C. GANGWISH, LEADING
- B. 6 JP 1019 - 2152
- C. NIL
- D. AREA SUPPORT TYPE 10
- E. NIL
- F. NIL
- G. NIL
- H. NIL
- I. L/F IN COXYDE AT 1846 HRS AT 19000 FEET. ARRIVED 1 AREA
AT 1951 HRS AT 25000 FEET AND LEFT AREA AT 2045 HRS AT
15000 ESCORTING 5 22'S FROM S OF KERNAY TO E/C MAKING
L/F OUT AT 2105 AT 16000 FEET. NO E/A SEEN.
LIGHT HEAVY (NAC) RATE FLAK AT 12000 FEET AT LISEUX. CHANNEL
2 LAYERS STRATUS 2/10 TOPS AT 18000 FEET WITH LIGHT CIRROS
AT 20000 FEET. CONTINUED 2/10 LOW SCATTERED CUMULUS TOPS
AT 12000 FEET AIR TO GROUND POOR WITH HAZE.

JOHN B MYERS JR
1ST LT AG
S-2 O

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FROM: Station Adjutant

TO : Group S-2

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FROM COMFING SIXTY SIX 13/1510/B
TO COAMF LEISTON
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THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM VIII FTR COMD IS QUOTED FOR YOUR
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IS TRANSMITTED WITH MY OWN COMMENDATION AND APPRECIATION FOR
A FINE JOB WELL DONE PD QUOTE I WISH TO ADD MY COMMENDATION TO
THAT RECEIVED FROM GENERAL WALSH AND KESSLER TO THE COMMANDER
AND ALL PERSONNEL CONCERNED FOR THE EXEMPLARY MANNER IN WHICH THE
TASK FORCE COMPLETED THREE LONG SUCCESSFUL SUCCESSIVE OPERATIONS
IN AS MANY DAYS PD OUR RUSSIAN ALLIES WERE IMPRESSED BY THE APPEARANCE
AND DEPORTMENT OF YOUR MEN AND THE ABILITY SHOWN IN THEIR SUPERB PERFORMANCE IN
HANDLING THE SUSTAINED OPERATIONS SIGNED DOOLITTLE UNQUOTE GRISWOLD UNQUOTE
NUFSED WOODBURY
SSE TWX (8FCA234B)
BT 13/1510/B

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363rd FIGHTER SQUADRON
357th Fighter Group, Army Air Forces
USAAF Station F-373, APO 637

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14 Aug 44.

SUBJECT: S-2, S-3 Mission Report No. 147

TO : S-2 Officer, 357th Fighter Group, Army Air Forces, USAAF Station F-373, APO 637

- A. 363rd Fighter Squadron - Captain CHARLES K. PETERS, leading.
- B. 19 -- 0945 -- 1444
- C. One
- D. Penetration - Target Support - Withdrawal Field Order #525 5/3
- E. Nil
- F. Nil
- G. Nil
- H. Nil
- I. L/F in at NEUPORT at 1017 hours at 18,000 feet. R/V west of STRASBURG at 1140 hours at 28,000 feet. Escorted bombers around target to L/F out SCHOUEN ISLAND at 1417 hours at 22,000 feet. Inaccurate, heavy, intense flak target area at bomber level - 27,000 feet. Uneventful mission with no L/A observed and no activity on canals, roads or railroads. Airdrome south of target bombed with good concentration of hits on field proper. Over channel - clear with light haze to 15,000 ft. Over continent low scattered cumulus, 3/10 coverage to 12,000 ft. and over target area 5/10 to 6/10 extending in spots to 18,000 ft. Heavy haze all over continent to 8,000 to 10,000 ft. No contrails. R/T good.

LEONARD F. DE NIGRIS,
Capt, AC,
S-2 O.

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APO 637 AAF STATION F-341
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NAME	REGT	ASSG TO
*1ST LT CHARLES S. PEARSON, 0886199, AC	357th Ptr Gp	496th Ptr Ing Gp
*AUTH: TTX D66593, Hq 8AF, dtd 30 July 1944.		

By command of Brigadier General GRISWOLD:

BENJAMIN J. BOSTON,
Colonel, AC,
Actg Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

John J. Sallera /s/
JOHN J. SALLERA, /V
Colonel, AGD,
Adjutant General.

A TRUE EXTRACT:

Benjamin J. Boston
DAVE C. KELLEY,
Capt., Air Corps.

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3. CAPT THOMAS E. HUGHES, 0421101, AC, having been asgd 357th Ftr Gp per par 2, SO #174, 66th Ftr Wg, 11 Aug 44, is further asgd & WP 363rd Ftr Sq. No c of sta.

By order of Colonel GRAHAM:

ROBERT T. ROMINE,
Lt Colonel, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

OFFICIAL:

s/t/ROBERT T. ROMINE,
Lt Colonel, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

A TRUE EXTRACT:

Don L. Evander
DAN L. EVANDER,
Capt., Air Corps,
Executive Officer.

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363rd FIGHTER SQUADRON
357th Fighter Group, Army Air Forces
USAF Station F-373

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APC 637,
15 Aug 44.

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SUBJECT: S-2, S-3 Mission Report Number 125

TO : S-2 Officer, 357th Fighter Group, Army Air Forces, USAF Station F-373,
APO 637.

- A. 363rd Fighter Squadron - Captain MYERS, J. STING, leading.
- B. 16 -- 1020 -- 1345
- C. Nil
- D. Bomber Report and Fighter Briefing Field Order No. 516
- E. Nil
- F. Nil
- G. Nil
- H. Nil
- I. L/F in at 1100 hours at 12,000 ft. L/F 20 miles east of
SUNSHINE Island at 1112 hours at 12,000 ft. escorted bomber s over target
leaving them at 1245 hours at 15,000 ft. L/F out at same. Heavy
accurate heavy flak at bomber level at 1245. Good bombing results observed
on targets at 1245. Large military barracks observed at 52° 17' N 6° E.
Large enough to hold 3,000 to 4,000 men. Channel CAVE Continent L/VU to target
area with light cirrus 25,000 ft over target. R/T good.

JOHN B. MYERS, JR.,
1st Lt, AC,
S-2 O.

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IV. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September, 1943, as changed, and pursuant to authority contained in Section I, Circular 56, Hq., ETOUSA, 27 May, 1944 and letter Hq., Eighth Air Force, Subject: "Awards and Decorations", 4 August 1944, an OAK LEAF CLUSTER is awarded to the following named Officer for wear with the Distinguished Flying Cross and one Oak Leaf Cluster previously awarded:

DONALD H. BOCHKAY, O-742834, Captain, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of four enemy airplanes over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Captain Bochkay had sought out the enemy and destroyed him, his devotion to duty and courage under all conditions serve as an inspiration to his fellow flyers. His action on all these occasions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from California.

V. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September, 1943, as changed, and pursuant to authority contained in Section I, Circular 56, Hq., ETOUSA, 27 May, 1944 and letter Hq., Eighth Air Force, Subject: "Awards and Decorations", 4 August, 1944 an OAK LEAF CLUSTER is awarded to the following named Officers for wear with the Distinguished Flying Cross and two Oak Leaf Clusters previously awarded:

CLARENCE E. ANDERSON, JR., O-730324, Captain, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in the destruction of five enemy airplanes in aerial combat over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Captain Anderson has sought out the enemy and destroyed him, his devotion to duty and courage under all conditions serve as an inspiration to his fellow flyers. His action on all these occasions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from California.

VIII. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September, 1943, as changed, and pursuant to authority contained in Section I, Circular 56, Hq., ETOUSA, 27 May, 1944 and letter Hq., Eighth Air Force, Subject: "Awards and Decorations", 4 August 1944 a BRONZE STAR is awarded to the following named Officers and Enlisted Men:

WILLIAM H. DODDAMUNT, 32286732, S/Sgt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 23 May, 1944 to 21 July, 1944. Entered military service from New York.

X. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September, 1943, as changed, and pursuant to authority contained in Section I, Circular 56, Hq., ETOUSA, 27 May, 1944 and letter Hq., Eighth Air Force, Subject: "Awards and Decorations", 4 August 1944, an OAK LEAF CLUSTER is awarded to the following named Officers in addition to the air Medal previously awarded:

R E S T R I C T E D

G. O. No. 72 (Cont'd)

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

*	*	*	*
WILLIAM S. DAVIS	O-813125	1st Lt.	Camilla, Georgia
WILLIAM S. FENNELL	O-726353	1st Lt.	Flagstaff, Arizona
NORBERT G. FISHER	O-886954	2nd Lt.	Chicago, Illinois
FLOYD J. MAYNARD	O-692697	1st Lt.	Kansas City, Missouri
HERSCHEL T. PASCOE	O-745490	1st Lt.	Hayden, Arizona
JOHN R. SKRHA	O-759099	1st Lt.	Chicago, Illinois
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WILLIAM S. FENNELL, O-726353, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the destruction of one enemy airplane while on a fighter combat mission over enemy occupied Continental Europe, 7 July, 1944. The courage, coolness and skill displayed By Lt. Fennel reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military Service from Arizona.

By command of Brigadier General GRISWOLD:

BENJAMIN J. WEBSTER,
Colonel, Air Corps,
Actg Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

s/t/JOHN J. SAILORS,
Colonel, Air Corps,
Adjutant General.

A TRUE EXTRACT:

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DAVE C. WILLETT,
Capt., Air Corps,
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357th Fighter Group, Army Air Forces
USAAF Station F-373

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AFD 637,
14 Aug 44.

SUBJECT: S-2, S-3 Mission Report. No # 149

TO : S-2 Officer, 357th Fighter Group, Army Air Forces, USAAF Station F-373,
AFD 637.

- A. 363rd Fighter Squadron - Col DONALD W. GRAHAM * leading.
- B. 17 up 0835 - 1415
- C. * One
- D. Penetration, Target Supprot, Withdrawal FO # 513
- E. Nil
- F. Nil
- G. Nil
- H. Nil
- I. 1/F in Ijmuiden at 0921 hrs at 19000 feet. R/V Lingen at 0940 hrs at 23000 feet. L/B and 1/F out at N. Ijmuiden at 1328 hrs at 21000 feet. No E/A observed. Heavy, intense accurate flak at target at 24000 feet. 1 B 17 blew up over target no chutes observed. Good bombing results with fires and thick black smoke rising to 15000 feet. Haze over channel to 10000 feet and haze over continent to 10000 feet with cirrus beginning at 20000 feet over continent. R/T good.

JOHN P MYERS JR
EXR 1st Lt AC
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363rd FIGHTER SQUADRON
357th Fighter Group, Army Air Forces
USAAF Station F-373

APO 637,
17 Aug 44.

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SUBJECT: S-2, S-3 Mission Report. R. # 150

TO : S-2 Officer, 357th Fighter Group, Army Air Forces, USAF Station
F-373, APO 637.

A. 363rd Fighter Squadron - Captain EDWIN W. HIND, leading
B. 16 - 1255 - 1537

C. Nil

D. Dive Bomb and Strafing

E. AA Fire

F. Nil

G. One NTR - 1st Lt Harold M Kenney OS10514

H. Ground - Destroyed - 1 Bridge at Guise 4VO 0552

IX. 1 military truck and trailer 4VO 0552
2 trucks 4 VO 0552

FO 519

Damaged - RR tracks at La Capelle 4VO 2661

RR tracks at Le Cateau 4VO 0175

RR tracks at La Capelle 4 VO 2661

3 military trucks 4 VO 0175

6 goods wagons 4 VO 0175

25 box cars 4 VO 0175

I. 1/F in Dunkirk at 1343 hrs at 18000 feet. Arrived at St Quintin at 1353 hrs and A group made left turn. 4 flights of squadron dropped 32 500 pound bombs A & N M 64 with A&N M 103 1/10 second delay nose fuse and A&N M 101 at .025 delay tail fuse on following targets with above results; 16 on marshalling yard at Le Cateau 4 VO 0175, 8 on marshalling yard at La Capelle 4 VO 2661, and 8 on bridge at Guise 4 VO 0552. While strafing at Guise 4 VO 2799 Lt Kenney on the deck was hit by light flak and loss of coolant compelled him to bail out at Charleroi at 1430 hrs at 7000 feet. 1/F out 1500 hrs at 19000. No enemy aircraft seen. 3/10 cumulus tops at 7500 feet over channel. 10/10 cumulus to 9000 feet over continent with one broken spot over above bombed area. R/T good.

JOHN B MYERS JR
1st Lt AC
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363rd FIGHT B SQUADRON
357th Fighter Group, Army Air Forces
USAAF Station F-373

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APO 637,
18 Aug 44.

SUBJECT: Narrative Report re Personnel MIA - HAROLD M KENNEY, 1st Lt, AC.

TO : D-2 Officer, 357th Fighter Group, Army Air Forces, USAAF Station F-373,
APO 637.

1. Following is a narrative report on the circumstances relative to the reporting MIA of HAROLD M KENNEY, 1st Lt, AC, ASN O-10514, on 17 August 1944, while on a combat mission - Field Order Number 519.

2. Lt KENNEY was flying #3 position in Cement Red Flight. The leader of Cement Red Flight was Major EDWIN W. HIRSH, who was also the Squadron leader and the Group leader. Lt. FRANKLIN B. FRANKLIN, flying #4 position in Cement Red Flight was flying as wing man for Lt. KENNEY. The flight had dropped their bombs and were flying on the deck strafing a marshalling yards when Lt. KENNEY said that his coolant was hit and then started pulling up. He bailed out over CHARLEBOI, BELGIUM at 1430 hours from an altitude of 7,000 ft. Lt. FRANKLIN saw him clear the ship and go into a cloud. He did not see the chute open. Clouds were approximately 10/10 at the time.

Ernest F. De Niglis
ERNEST F. DE NIGLIS,
Capt, AC,
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1. Foll O, asgd 357th Ftr Gp per per 1, SO #223, Hq AAF Sta F-345, 15 Aug 44, are further asgd & WP orgns indicated. No c of sta.

NAME	RANK	ASN	AC	ORGN
RALPH E. BANKS	2D LT	0801462	AC	363rd Ftr Sq
JAMES T. CRUMP	2D LT	0711959	AC	do
LOUIS E. NOWLIN	2D LT	0801895	AC	do

By order of Colonel GRAHAM:

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

OFFICIAL:

s/t/FLOYD G. RIDDLE,
WOJG, USA,
Asst Adjutant.

A TRUE EXTRACT:

Dan L. Evander
DAN L. EVANDER,
Capt., Air Corps,
Executive Officer.

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5. The following C, AC, are DP, temporarily promoted to the gr indicated in AUS w/rank fr date of this order. (Auth: Ltr Hq European T of Opns USA, AG 210.2, IMPGA, Sub, "Combat Promotions", 27 June 1944):

1st Lt to Capt
EDWARD K. SIMPSON, JR, 0745529

2nd Lt to 1st Lt
NORBERT G. FISHER, 0886954

By command of Lieutenant General DOOLITTLE :

JOHN B. ALLARD,
Colonel, GSC,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

s/t/LINDSEY I. BRANTON,
Lt Col, AGO,
Adjutant General.

A TRUE EXTRACT:

Dave C. Willett
DAVE C. WILLETT,
Capt., Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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363rd FIGHTER SQUADRON
357th Fighter Group, Army Air Forces
USAAF Station F-373

APG 637
18 Aug. 44.

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SUBJECT: S-2, S-3 Mission Report. No. 151

TO : S-2 Officer, 357th Fighter Group, Army Air Forces, USAAF Station F-373,
APG 637.

- A. 363rd Fighter Squadron- Lt. William B. Overstreet, leading
- B. 19-0925- 1230
- C. 12 1 Spare
- D. Target Support and Withdrawal. F.O. # 521.
- E. Nil
- F. Nil
- G. Nil
- H. Ground Targets - See paragraph "J"
- I. L/F in and R/V COMYDE at 1004 hours at 15,000 ft. L/F to attack ground targets NE of COMPEIGNE at 1020 hours at 14,000 ft. L/F out in flights DUNKIRK to OST ND COMTIDE at 1150 hours to 1200 hours at 12,000 to 15,000 ft. Squadron broke escort NE of COM BICNE to attack ground targets at 4VS 3871 where one locomotive was destroyed and many soldiers killed in a field to the left who seemed to be on maneuvers - Great deal of light flak from the field. Two locomotives destroyed, four goods wagons destroyed and 26 goods wagons damaged at 4VS 4581. this target was stationary pointing west toward PARIS. At 4VN 9242 one hundred plus barges seen, pilots did not attack this target as they did not know whether barges were occupied by civilians as housing facilities. Heavy inaccurate moderate flak - PARIS area. Great deal of flame from target and heavy black smoke seen to rise to 5,000 ft. Bombers attack in groups of six. No bombers in distress. R/T good.

ERNEST F. DE NIGRIS,
Capt, AC,
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357th Fighter Group, Army Air Forces
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APC 637
18 Aug. 44.

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SUBJECT: S-2, S-3 Mission Report, No. 152

TO : S-2 Officer, 357th Fighter Group, Army Air Forces, USAAF Station F-373,
APC 637.

- A. 363rd Fighter Squadron--Colonel DONALD W. GRAHAM, leading
B. 16 -- 1445 -- 1759
C. Nil
D. Fighter Bomber - Field Order 522
E. Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. See paragraph "J" for ground targets
I. L/F in OSTENDE at 1532 hours at 19,000 ft. Arrived area at 1605 hours at 19,000 ft. and bombed and strafed until 1700 hours making L/F out at BECK at 1715 hours at 18,000 ft. Four flights of Squadron dropped 32 500 lb. bombs A & N M 64 with A & N M103 1/10 second delay nose fuse and A & N M101 A1 .025 delay tail fuse on following targets: 3 on railroad shed at 4VN 9945, 8 on railroad tracks at 4VN 2244, 8 on trucks loaded on moving train at 4 VN 1601, and 8 on railroad tracks and freight cars at 4 VG 8546. Bombs dropped from 2,000 to 4,000 ft. at 50° angle of dive starting dive at 10,000 ft. Heavy light inaccurate flak at BECK No E/A seen. Channel C A V U with light haze to 120,000 Continent 7/10 cumulus - bottoms 4,500 tops 7,000 ft. R/T good.
- J. Destroyed: ~~3 military trucks, one half-track with troops, 3 military trucks, 1 railroad shed, 2 staff cars, 2 1 1/2 ton trucks, 15 trucks loaded on flat cars, 1 truck and gasoline engine, 1 staff car~~
One half-track with troops 4 VN 0645
3 military trucks 4 VN 0645
1 railroad shed 4 VN 9945
2 staff cars 4 VN 9707
2 1 1/2 ton trucks 4 VN 9707
15 trucks loaded on flat cars 4 VN 1601
1 truck and gasoline engine 4 VN 9906
1 staff car 4 VN 9906
- Damaged:
railroad tracks 4 VN 9945
railroad tracks 4 VN 2244
1 3-ton truck 4 VN 9707
10 trucks on flat cars ~~4 VN 1601~~ 4 VN 1601
1 radio station 4 VN 1603
3 freight cars 4 VG 8546
railroad tracks 4 VG 8546

JOHN B. MYERS, JR.,
1st Lt, AC,
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1. The foll C are held fr dy and asgmt with orgn indicated and are asgd to Casual Pool, 12th RCD, AAF Sta 591, to await transportation to the E of I, for further asgmt. WP MILIT. TEN. OLT. 60-136 P 431-02 A 212/50425. PAC par 52, Memo 3 5-1, Hq Eighth AF, dtd 6 Jul 44, & TWX D67992, Hq Eighth AF, dtd 14 Aug 44.

NAME	OLD F.--
CAPT ROBERT N. MOORE, 0745466, AC	357th Ftr Gp
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By command of Brigadier General GRISWOLD:

BENJAMIN J. WEBSTER,
Colonel, AC,
Actg Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

s/t/JOHN J. SAILORS,
Colonel, AGD,
Adjutant General.

A TRUE EXTRACT:

DAVE C. WILLETT,
Capt., Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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APO 637 AAF STATION F-341
19 August 1944

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2. The foll C are held fr dy and asgmt with orgn indicated and are asgd to Casual Pool, 15th HCD, AAF Sta 591, to await transportation to the E of I, for further asgmt. WP WLETT. TDN. CMT. 60-136 P 431-02 A 212/50425. PAC per 5b, Memo 35-1, Hq Eighth AF, dtd 6 Jul 44.

NAME	HELD FR--
1ST LT RAYMOND W. STAUDTE, 0745533, AC	357th Ftr Gp
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By command of Brigadier General CRISWOLD:

BENJAMIN J. WEBSTER,
Colonel, AC,
Actg Chief of Staff.

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AAF Station F-341

NUMBER 62)

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AIR MEDAL (Oak Leaf Cluster) -- Awards.....SECTION IX
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IX. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September, 1943, as changed, and pursuant to authority contained in Section I, Circular 32, Hq., ETOUSA, 20 March, 1944 and letter Hq., Eighth Air Force, Subject: "Awards and Decorations", 2 April, 1944, an OAK LEAF CLUSTER is awarded to the following named Officers in addition to the Air Medal previously awarded:

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

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FLOYD J. MAYNARD	O-692697	1st Lt.	Kansas City, Missouri
*	*	*	*

By Command of Major General KEPNER:

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

OFFICIAL:

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

A TRUE EXTRACT:

John J. Sailors
DAVE C. MILLET,
Capt., Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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363rd FIGHTER SQUADRON
357th Fighter Group, Army Air Forces
USAF Station F-373

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AFPO 637,
24 Aug 44.

SUBJECT: S-2, S-3 Mission Report No. 153 Group "B" (Blue & Green Flights)

TO : S-2 Officer, 357th Fighter Group, Army Air Forces, USAF Station F-373, AFPO 637.
1st Lt. WILLIAM S. PARKER, leading

- A. 363rd Fighter Squadron -/XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX/
- B. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ 12 -- 1000 -- 1546
- C. Four (including one escort)
- D. Penetration - Large Support - Withdrawal PO #527
- E. Nil
- F. Nil
- G. Nil
- H. Nil
- I. 1/F in south of ZANDVOORT at 1051 hours at 21,000 feet. R/V NE Magdeburg at 1209 hrs at 25000 feet. 1/B 20 mi's W of Basser Lake at 1404 at 25000 feet. 1/F out IJmuiden at 1432 hrs at 18000 feet. 2 A - 190's observed being jumped by 362nd squadron just E of Basser Lake too far away for us to participate. Moderate accurate heavy flak at 25000 feet at Chemnitz and Moderate, inaccurate heavy flak at 25000 feet over target. Fires and black smoke to 10000 feet over target. 2/10 stratus clouds tops to 15000 feet with light haze over channel. 2/10 cirrus beginning at 28000 feet over continent, clear below. R/T good.

JOHN B. MITCHELL JR
1st Lt MC
S-2 C

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363RD FIGHTER SQUADRON
357TH FIGHTER GROUP, ARMY AIR FORCES
USAAF STATION F-373

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APC 37,
24 AUG 44.

SUBJECT: S-2, S-3 MISSION REPORT NO. 153 GROUP "A" (RED & WHITE FLIGHTS)

TO : S-2 OFFICER, 357TH FIGHTER GROUP, AAF, USAAF STATION F-373,
APC 37.

- A. 363RD FIGHTER SQUADRON - CAPTAIN CHARLES K. PETERS, LEADING
- B. 8 -- 1005 -- 1536
- C. NIL
- D. PENETRATION - TARGET SUPPORT - WITHDRAWAL FC 4527
- E. NIL
- F. NIL
- G. NIL
- H. NIL
- I. L/F IN SOUTH OF ZANDERVOORT AT 1050 HOURS AT 20,000 FT. R/V EAST OF MAGDEBURG ~~IS~~ WITH PROPER BOMBERS AT 1221 HOURS AT 27,000 FT. L/B AT 1455 HOURS IN MIDDLE OF ZUIDER ZEE AT 20,000 FT. L/F OUT IJMUUIDEN AT 1455 HOURS AT 20,000 FT. HEAVY MODERATE INACCURATE FLAK OVER DRESDEN, HANOVER AND MAGDEBURG. EXCELLENT BOMBING RESULTS ON TARGET SOUTH OF DRESDEN - TREMENDOUS FLAMES WITH SMOKE TO 6,000 FT. ONE BOMBER SEEN AFLOAT IN ZUIDER ZEE WITH SMALL BOATS PROCEEDING IN DIRECTION TOWARD IT FROM EASTERN PART OF THE ZUIDER ZEE - NO DINGHIES OR PERSONNEL OBSERVED IN VICINITY OF BOMBER. NO OBSERVATIONS TO REPORT BECAUSE OF ALTITUDE AND HAZE. 2/LO STRATUS CLOUDS - TOPS TO 15,000 FT WITH LIGHT HAZE OVER CHANNEL. 2/LO CIRRUS BEGINNING AT 28,000 FT. OVER CONTINENT. R/T GOOD.

ERNEST F. DE NIGRIS,
CAPT, AC,
S-2 O.

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363rd FIGHTER SQUADRON
357th Fighter Group, Army Air Forces
USAAF Station F-373

AFM 637,
25 Aug 44.

SUBJECT: S-2, S-3 Mission Report. No. 154

TO : S-2 Officer, 357th Fighter Group, Army Air Forces, USAAF Station
F-373, AFM 637.

- A. 363rd Fighter Squadron - Captain EDWIN W. HIRO, leading
- B. 18 - 1000 - 1625
- C. ~~Penetration, Target Support, Withdrawal~~ 4 - 1 escort.
- D. Penetration, Target Support, Withdrawal
- E. Nil
- F. Nil
- G. Nil
- H. Nil
- I. L/F in Husum at 1140 hrs at 25000 feet. R/V N Stettiner Lake at 1245 hrs
at 25000 feet as the bombers were early. Escorted bombers over target making
L/F out at Husum at 1415 hrs at 23000 feet. L/B W of Amrum at 1420 hrs at
23000 feet. No E/A seen. Light heavy inaccurate flak at Rechlin at 20000 feet.
Good concentration of hits on target including runways and buildings. Scattered
cumulus to 3000 feet over North Sea increasing in density toward Dutch Coast.
Baltic Peninsula covered with smoke and haze. Continent area of target
generally clear with light haze to 20000 feet.. R/T good. No ground observations
other than target due to altitude.

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JOHN B. MYERS JR.
1st Lt Ac
S-2 OJL

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65TH GENERAL HOSPITAL
APO 587, U S Army

25 August 1944

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1. PAC Sec II, Cir 69, Hq ETCUSA, 13 June 1944, the following named patients, this hosp, are reld fr present asgmt to their respective organizations and trf in gr, effective this date, to the Detachment of Patients, 4207, U S Army Hosp Plant, APO 587:

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Scales, Sammy C.	S/Sgt 20445974	363 Ftr Sq, 357th Ftr Gp, Sta F-373 APO 637
*****	*****	*****

By order of Colonel CLAFF:

WILLIAM L. STEPHENSON,
2d Lt., MAC,
Adjutant

OFFICIAL:

s/t/WILLIAM L. STEPHENSON,
2d Lt., M.C., Jwa
Adjutant.

A TRUE EXTRACT:

Dave C. Willett
DAVE C. WILLETT,
Capt., Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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363rd Fighter Squadron
357th Fighter Group, Army Air Forces
Hans Station 7-373

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AGO 637,
26 Aug 44.

SUBJECT: S-2, S-3 Mission Report. No. # 155

TO : S-2 Officer, 357th Fighter Group, Army Air Forces, Hans Station
7-373, AGO 637.

A. 363rd Fighter Squadron - Col. [Name] leading

B. 10-0657-1310

C. Nil

D. Withdrawal support and staffing.

E. Nil

F. 3 C-47. "A" - 1 C-47. "B".

G. Nil

H. Ground targets. See Para. J.

I. 1/P in Walcheren Is. at 0927 at 19,000 ft. Arrived over target area at 1034 hrs and covered bombers at 25,000 ft until 1055 hrs when all bombers had left area. Arrived over Nancy at 1155 hrs and strafed ground targets to 1209 hrs with results shown in Para. J. 1/P out over air at 1259 hrs at 25,000 ft. Light heavy flak--inaccurate and sparse over Walcheren Is. Heavy over target--accurate and moderate at 25,000 ft. 2 B-24's seen to go down in target area--no chutes. Home to 5,000 ft in target area. 1/T good.

J. Ground target claims:

Destroyed	Damaged	Place	
1 locomotive	14 flat cars		4 V. 8088
12 flat cars	28 trucks and small trailers		"
25 trucks and small trailers	1 railroad station		"
4 medium tanks			"
8 coach cars			"
1 civilian motor car			"
1 locomotive	7 flat cars		4 V. 7370
5 flat cars	6 medium tanks		"
3 medium tanks	12 half-tracks		"
10 military trucks			"
4 civilian motor cars			"
1 military truck			4 V. 8065
2 staff cars			"
1 personnel carrier with 6 soldiers			"
1 station wagon	3 military trucks		4 V. 9872
1 commercial truck			"
1 ammo truck			"
1 civilian motor car			"

ERNEST F. DE NICHIS
Capt. AC
S-2 Officer.

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363rd Fighter Squadron
357th Fighter Group, Army Air Forces
USAF Station F-573

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ARO 637,
27 Aug 44.

SUBJECT: S-2, S-3 Mission Report. No. # 156

TO : S-2 Officer, 357th Fighter Group, Army Air Forces, 357th Fighter Group, USAF Station F-573, APO 637

1. 363rd Fighter Squadron - Major Louis A. RAO, leading
2. 20 - 1138
3. Nil
4. Penetration, target S. port, withdrawal PO + 535
5. Nil
6. Nil
7. Nil
8. Nil
9. Nil
10. 1/F in and 1/F out undetermined because of uncertainty. Arrived vicinity of enemy coast 1310 hrs when radio contact made with our bombers and told to stand by. Circled Heligoland Night until 1400 hrs when recall was given. Report 9 boats at San Salvar just south of Bessel Island stationary at 1220 hrs. Flak Heligoland inaccurate heavy medium. One object believed parachute seen descending Heligoland. No bomber or fighter observed in its distress. N/Y good.

WHEAT F. L. FROST
Capt., AC
S-2 G

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AFC 637 AAF STATION F-341,
27 Aug 1944.B-X-T-R-A-C-T SECRET

1. The foll O, are held fr dy and asgt with orgn indicated and are asgd to Casual Pool, 12 Replacement Control Depot, AAF Sta 591, to wait T to the 2 of 1 for further reassignment. FRONT. FR. ST. The provisions of Sec IV, Cir 85, Hq European T of Opns, USA, 17 Aug 44, will be strictly complied with. 60-136, PA31-02 A 212/50425. FAC par 5h, Camp 35-1, Hq Eighth AF, 6 Jul 44.

NAME	RELD FR--
CAPT CHARLES R. PETERS, 0745495, AC	357th Ftr Gp
1ST LT ERNEST C. TIERE, JR, 0681743, AC	357th Ftr Gp
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By command of Brigadier General CRISWOLD:

BENJAMIN J. WEBSTER,
Colonel, Air Corps,
Actg Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

s/t/W. T. DUNKOP,
Major, A.G.D.,
Asst Adj Gen.

A TRUE EXTRACT:

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DAVE C. MILLETT,
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363rd FIGHTER SQUADRON
357th Fighter Group, Army Air Forces
USAAF Station F-373

APO 637
Aug. 28, 1944

SUBJECT: S-2, S-3 Mission Report No. 157

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TO : S-2 Officer, 357th Fighter Group, Army Air Forces, USAAF Station F-373, APO 637

A. 363rd Fighter Squadron- 1st. Lt. William B. Overstreet Jr., leading

B. 18 -- 0756 -- 1131

C. 2

D. Strafing

E. Nil

F. Nil

G. Nil

H. Ground targets see para J.

I L/F in E Knocke at 0835 hrs at 16000 feet. Arrived area at 0920 hrs at 15000 feet. Left target at 1005 after strafing on deck. L/F out Ostend at 1035 hrs at 15000 feet. Heavy meagre inaccurate flax at 16000 feet at Ghent. Light Meagre inaccurate flax at 10000 feet at Charleroi. No E/A seen. R/T good

J. Ground target claims:

Destroyed	Damaged	Place
6 trucks and		4VP 8502
2 staff cars with 12 soldiers		"
1 truck and trailer with 15 soldiers		"
5 locomotives	7 passenger cars	4 VP 8505
2 oil storage tanks		"
2 locomotives	30-40 box cars	4 VU 9781
	1 staff car	4 VU 9584
1 3 ton truck		4 VU 8593
2 locomotives	5 box cars	"

Observation: At 4 VP 8502 small V type slit trenches were observed.

JOHN B MYERS JR
1st Lt AC
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VIII FIGHTER COMMAND
Office of the Commanding General
APO 637 AAF STATION F-341

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28 July 1944

SUBJECT: Temporary Duty to the S.I.

TO : Officers concerned.

1. PAC per 5c, Memo 35-1, Hq Eighth AF, 6 Jul 1944, the following officers are being sent o/a 28 July 1944 from their present stations to the Casual Pool, 12th Replacement Control Depot, AAF Station 591, to await transportation to the S.I. for 21 to 30 days rest and recuperation, subject to final decision by CG AAF, and upon completion of this TD will return to their proper stations. Officers will have in their possession Form 81 (Immunization Register), Form 77 (Officers' Pay Data Card), individual mess gear, gas mask, and canteen. Class A uniform will be worn and hand luggage only will be taken. TDN. CNT. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/50425. PAC Hq ETOUSA, dtd 24 May 1944.

NAME	ORGANIZATION
CAPT JAMES W. BROWNING, 0740361, AC	303rd Ptr Sq, 357th Ptr Gp

By command of Major General KEMPER:

/s/ W. T. Durkop
/t/ W. T. DURKOP,
Major, ADC,
Asst Adj Gen.

A TRUE COPY:

James Willett
DAVE C. WILLETT,
Capt., Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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363rd FIGHTER SQUADRON
357th Fighter Group, Army Air Forces
USAAF Station F-373

APG 637
30 Aug. 44

SUBJECT: S-2, S-3 Mission Report No. 158

TO : S-2 Officer, 357th Fighter Group, Army Air Forces, USAAF Station F-373, APO 637

A. 363rd Fighter Squadron -- Col. Donald W. Graham -- leading

B. 17 -- 1405 -

C. One

D. Bomber Escort

F.O. # 542

E. Nil

F. Nil

G. Nil

H. Nil

I. I/F in S Cuxhaven at 1527 hrs at 27000 feet. R/V W of Cuxhaven at 1514 hrs at 25000 feet. L/B XL Escorted bombers around target and then furnished target support for 30 minutes. Squadron then picked up last elements of bomber formations escorted them from target area making landfall out S Cuxhaven at 1704 hrs at 20000 ft. leaving bombers north of Frisian Islands at 1715 hrs at 20000 feet. No E/A seen. Heavy inaccurate moderate flak over Bremen at 26000 feet and heavy inaccurate meagre flak at 22000 feet at Altona and Cuxhaven. No Bombers seen in distress and no bombing results observed because of undercast. E/T good.

ERNEST F DE WIGGIS
Capt. AC.,
S-2 Q

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