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363rd Fighter Squadron

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EVENTS

Month of July 1944

FOREWORD: With the month of JULY, there came a month in which the tenseness of the early weeks of the Invasion gave place to a calm assurance that success would come to the arms of the Allied Expeditionary Forces and with the assurance of this fact the Squadron settled down to its part in making for this success - to do the work that had to be done with certainty of purpose and a calmness of action. During this month the squadron carried on with its part as a member of the Strategic Air Forces and its principal missions were in the escorting of the "Big Friends" as they wrecked the communications lines of the enemy, as they again and again destroyed his factories and his means of providing the means for making war. Interspersed amongst these missions were Fighter Sweeps and Protection for Air/Sea Rescue. It was a month for the Squadron in which the tenseness, the anxiety, the strain that came with the first few weeks of the Invasion effort were replaced with the usual calm deliberate purposeful activities of the veteran fighter unit.

1 July Announcement is made of the award of the Distinguished Flying Cross to the following pilots of the squadron:
CHARLES S. PEARSON, 1st Lt, AC, O-866199 ERNEST C. TIEDE, 1st Lt, AC, O868174
And the Air Medal to the following pilots:
WILLIAM S. DAVIS, 1st Lt, AC, O-813125 FRANK (NMI) KOKA, F/O, AC, T-61493
(See Document (1) appended)

Announcement is made of the promotion from 1st Lt. to Captain of ROBERT N. MOORE, O745466 (See Document (2) appended)

The Distinguished Flying Cross is announced as awarded to the following pilots:
GEORGE G. GEORGE, 1st Lt, AC, O-682631 RAYMOND W. STAUDTE, 1st Lt, AC, O-745533
and an Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal previously awarded to these pilots:
ROBERT C. GANGWISH, 1st Lt, AC, O-810497 ROBERT E. SMITH, 1st Lt, AC, O-807634
HAROLD M. KENNEY, 1st Lt, AC, O-810514 (See Document (3) appended)

Announcement is made of the promotions of Enlisted Men of the Squadron to higher Non-Commissioned Ratings as follows: To be Staff Sergeant (Temp) Leonard N. Classens (32345715), Charles F. Leonard (7033011) Thomas A Van Tine (32571747) Henry J. Geysel (32585860); to be Sergeant (Temp) Thomas J. Quinn (32405343); To be Corporal (Temp) George (NMI) Weeks (36564737), William C. Hyde (34586705), Howard G. Pfeifer (31221697); to be Private First Class (Temp) Calvin C. Moody (34355794), Vassar M. Bradley (38398469), James C. Winfield (38317754), Louis (NMI) Ungerleider (12203951), Horace A. Vaden (34605293) (See Document (4) appended)

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- 1 July (Con.) The first mission of the month of July was a fighter sweep mission over the CALAIS-PARIS area. No enemy aircraft were seen, no claims were made and all of the ships of the squadron returned safely. (See Document (5) appended)
- 4 July INDEPENDENCE DAY in the E T O was quite like all other days. Everyone was working too hard to preserve the safety and the liberty of our country to celebrate jovially the inception of that independence. We celebrated that day and with hard work - but the realization of the meaning of the "Glorious Fourth" was in every soldier's mind as the Squadron was prepared for a bomber escort mission to BEAUMONT. This was the day that the Squadron would have liked to have piled up an impressive show of victories over the fighter pilots of the G.A.F. But, again, no enemy aircraft were encountered or seen. So the squadron had to be content with the knowledge that in the successful escort of the bombers to their target, a duty had been well done, though there were no colorful battles with the fighter ships of the enemy. (See Document (6) appended)
- 5 July For the first time in July the Luftwaffe comes up to meet the fighter and bomber planes to do battle with the pilots of the 363rd in a bomber escort mission. On this date our squadron escorted bombers to targets at BRILLERS. They were engaged by enemy ships southeast of TOULON (See Document (7) appended) and our pilots accounted for two of the enemy. A FW 190 was destroyed by Captain BOCHKAY (See Document (8) appended) who also destroyed one Me. 109 (See Document (9) appended). On this mission, the value to fighter pilots operating over EUROPE of the airfields established on the newly established beachheads in FRANCE was shown when Lt. KOKA landed on such a field for refueling. This was the first such instance by pilots of this squadron.
- 6 July The Squadron engaged in three missions on this date. The first, a bomber escort mission over targets at KIEL, the great German Naval Base, were without any but routine event as no enemy aircraft were seen (See Document (10) appended). The second mission was a patrol in protection of Air/Sea Rescue northwest of BORKUM ISLAND. (See Document (11) appended) On this, that was thought to be a routine mission, Lt. SIMPSON shot down Ju. 88. (See Document (13) appended). The third mission of the day was bomber escort to BEAUMONT. This mission was also uneventful in so far as any except routine business was concerned. Fifteen plus enemy aircraft were seen, momentarily but they ran away through the undercast before the squadron could engage them. (See Document (12) appended)
- Announcement is made of the following awards to Pilots of the Squadron:
Distinguished Flying Cross to ROBERT C. GANGWISH, 1st Lt, AC 0-810497 (See Document (14) appen.) PAUL K. DE VRIES, Capt, AC, 0-728687
Air Medal to MARION E. BURNETT, 1st Lt, AC, 0-7 2763
 NORBERT G. FISHER, 2nd Lt, AC, 0-886954
 FLOYD J. MAYNARD, 2nd Lt, AC, 0-692697 (See Document (14) appen.)
Oak Leaf Cluster to Air Medal to WILLIAM S. DAVIS, 1st Lt, AC, 0-813125
 FRANK KOKA, 2nd Lt, AC, 0-886918
 ROBERT E. SMITH, 1st Lt, AC, 0-807634 (See Document (14) appended)
- 7 July There were two missions again on 7 July. The first was Air/Sea Rescue Patrol upon which no enemy aircraft were sighted (See Document (15) appended) and the second was a bomber escort to the so often bombed city of LEIPZIG. On this mission there was plenty doing (See Document (16) appended). Lt. KOKA failed to return from this mission - it is hoped that he bailed out southwest of BERNBERG. (See Document (17) appended). Three enemy aircraft were destroyed by the fighter pilots of the 363rd on this mission---a Me. 109 by Captain ANDERSON (See Document (18) appended); an Me. 109 by Lt. FENNELL (See Document (19) appended) and a Me. 109 by Lt. SIMPSON (See Document (20) appended)

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- 8 July This date the squadron went on a bomber escort mission to REIMS. The mission was a 'milk run' for the fighter escort in every respect. (See Document (21) appended)
- 10 July Announcement is made of the promotion of the following officers:
- 2nd Lt. to 1st Lt.
- HENRY B. FRANKLIN, 0683434 DONALD J. PASAKA, 0702833
HAROLD O. HAND, 0706384 RICHARD C. ROPER, 0678821
FRANCIS L. SULLIVAN, 0818042
(See Document (22) appended)
- 11 July Another bomber escort mission to MUNICH. There were no enemy aircraft seen on this mission to MUNICH and all of our pilots returned safely. (See Document (23) appended)
- 12 July And again the Luftwaffe fails to send up even one plane to challenge the bombers of the Eight Air Force as our fighter escort them on an attack on MUNICH. The pilots of the Squadron are getting very tired of the failure of the fighter pilots of the German Air Force to even put up a show for them. Our pilots want to engage in combat with the enemy, but in missions like that of this date (See Document (24) appended) there is no chance for them to do so, for there are no enemy aircraft in evidence.
- 13 July DONALD J. FERRON, 2nd Lt, AC, 0704672; KEEN LANDIS, 2nd Lt, AC, 0706594; and WILLIAM F. DUNLOP, 2nd Lt, AC, 0695159, are assigned to the Squadron as Combat Pilots. (See document (25) appended)
- And a great day indeed this was for Captain CLARENCE E. ANDERSON. For on this day Captain ANDERSON received his orders transferring him to temporary duty in the Zone of the Interior. Captain ANDERSON had completed his tour of duty (300 hours of Combat Time) and goes back to the States for a rest. "e was the first of the pilots of the Squadron to complete a tour of duty with all time in the tour being with the Squadron. An added feature is that all of these 300 hours were completed without a single abortion - Captain ANDERSON successfully completed every mission upon which he started. During these 300 hours of combat flying Captain ANDERSON destroyed fourteen enemy aircraft --twelve of these victories have been confirmed as of this date-- and damaged two others--both confirmed. Our congratulations - those of all of the men of the Squadron went with Captain ANDERSON as he started his trip to the States - and we look forward to the day when he will be back with the Squadron again for his second tour of duty. Captain ANDERSON lead the Squadron and the Group in enemy planes destroyed when he started his vacation in the States. (See Document (26) appended)
- 14 July On this date the Squadron engaged in two bomber escort missions. The first mission was to VALENCE (See Document (27) appended) and the second to MONTDIDIER (See Document (28) appended). No enemy aircraft were encountered on either of these missions. Again and again our fighter pilots go out looking for a scrap with the luftwaffe, and again and again the luftwaffe fails to meet the challenge. It makes the pilots of the squadron - all of whom are itching for another tangle with the fighters of the G.A.F. whether that day will ever come when the enemy will again try to protect his factories, his lines of communications and his airfields or whether the luftwaffe is done for good.
- 16 July Another bomber escort mission to MUNICH--and another day in which no enemy aircraft are seen--another 'milk run' for the pilots of the 363rd. (See Document (29) appended)
- 18 July Announcement is made to the members of the squadron of the award of the BRONZE STAR to OTTO HEINO, Staff Sergeant of this Squadron for meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding Services from 11 February 1944 to 11 June 1944. (See document (30) appended) Staff Sergeant HEINO is the first of the enlisted men of the Squadron to be so honored.

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- 18 July cont Today's mission - support of bombers attacking ANKLAH - was another 'milk run' for the pilots of this Squadron. Only two enemy aircraft were even seen and those were lost in the overcast north of the target. So there were 'No hits, no runs, no errors' on this mission. (See Document (31) appended)
- 19 July Our fighters escorted bombers to STRASSBURG. And again the Luftwaffe failed to come out of hiding - and again a 'milk run'. (See Document (32) appended)
- 20 July Our fighters on another escort mission - this time to EISENACH. Our pilots are really getting tired of these 'milk runs' in which they see no enemy fighters. It has become monotonous to them to escort the 'big friends' on trips in which all the fighters get out of the trip is a tired seat. (See Document (33) appended)

ROBERT D. KIRBY, 1st Lt, AC, Squadron Supply Officer, is transferred to 357th Fighter Group. (See Document (34) appended)

- 21 July The 357th Fighter Group goes on an escort mission to MUNICH with the group acting as a 'triple group'. Our Squadron was a part of two of these 'groups'. On the first of the missions involved Enemy aircraft were seen but the score in-so-far as the 363rd is concerned was 0-0. We were not able to engage the Jerry. (See Document (35) appended). On the second mission there were no enemy aircraft seen (See Document (36) appended)

- 24 July After a three day rest the Squadron went out on what was to be a bomber escort mission to EVREUX. However at target Squadron was informed that bombers had aborted and that it could do whatever it wanted. The leader decided to Patrol and was vectored to the PARIS area. No enemy aircraft were seen. (See Document (37) appended)

Announcement is made of the following awards to Officers of the Unit:

Air Medal to:

WILLIAM S. FENNEL, 1st Lt, AC HENRY B. FRANKLIN, 2nd Lt, AC
WILLIAM H. FRICKER, 1st Lt, AC RICHARD C. ROPLER, 2nd Lt, AC
ROBERT J. TITUS, 1st Lt, AC

Oak Leaf Cluster to Air Medal to:

JOHN R. SHKRA, 1st Lt, AC

(See Document (38) appended)

A second mission on this day was patrol from the Beachhead to PARIS. The enemy did come out to meet our fighters on this mission and our pilots gave a good account of themselves. (See Document (39) appended) Captain DONALD H. BOCHKAY destroyed a Me. 109 (See Document (40) appended); Captain ROBERT W. FOY destroyed a FW 190 (See Document (41) appended); and Captain BOCHKAY damaged a Me. 109 (See Document (40) appended). All of our pilots returned safely. It was a much better day for the entire Squadron than have been those days when no enemy aircraft were seen or when the few that were seen ran for the clouds before our pilots could engage them in battle.

- 27 July Three new pilots are assigned to the Squadron:-
ROBERT S FIFIELD, 2nd Lt, AC; KENNETH F. GRAEFF, 2nd Lt, AC; JOHNNIE L CARTER, F/O, AC. (See Document (42) appended)
- 28 July Another mission to escort bombers to MERSEBURG - and another 'milk run' The only enemy aircraft ran for the clouds - This lone Me-109 was the only E/A seen. (See Document (43) appended)
- 30 July The mission for today was a Fighter Sweep over the PARIS area. Eight Me. 109s were spotted and attacked by the Squadron. One Me. 109 was destroyed by Captain EDWIN W. HIRO. (See Document (45) appended) (See Doc. (46) app.
- 29 July The mission for 29 July was bomber escort to MERSEBURG. On this mission the pilots found that some of the enemy did come up to do battle, and those that did not come up were attacked on the ground. (See Document (44) appended). Captain DONALD H. BOCHKAY destroyed one FW 190 in the air, (See Document (47) appended) and Lt. OVERSTREET destroyed one Me. 109 in the air and a FW 190 on the ground; Damaged a FW 190 and a Do 217 on the ground (See Document (48) appended)

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The last mission of the month was bomber escort to that well known target MUNICH. And so the Squadron finished the month of July with another 'milk run' - in so far as any chance to engage the enemy was concerned. (See Document (49) appended)

On this date the Squadron lost one of the best liked of Squadron pets in the death - by natural causes - of "TIGER". Tiger was one of two Norwich Terriers that had been with the Squadron since its earliest days in the E T O. The other of the two terriers, "LUCKY" is still with us, but seems very lost at the absence of his 'buddy'. These two dogs were very peculiar in their "rank consciousness". They would have nothing to do with any woman or with any civilian, nor with any Enlisted Man of the Squadron. On the other hand they became very excited at the presence of any Officer - seeming to be very fond of all 'brass'. This was very amusing to both Officers and to the Enlisted Men of the unit. The dogs were somewhat faceiously used by the Enlisted Men to determine their chances at OCS and at Aviation Cadet Schools - it was thought that if they could make friends with Lucky and Tiger that they were 'Officer Material'. Tiger will be missed by all of the personnel of the Squadron and will be especially missed by his friend Lucky.

During the
Month----

A remarkable job of installation of a K 14 Gyro Gunsight in a P-51D airplane was performed by S/Sgt Idolo E. Augugliaro. It was the desire of Colonel DONALD W. GRAHAM, Group Commander, to have the K 14 Gyro Gunsight installed in his ship, a P-51D, but there was no installation available for this model of a P-51. Since this ship was assigned to this Squadron, it fell to S/Sgt Augugliaro of the Squadron Armament Section to make this installation. Aided by suggestions from Colonel GRAHAM and J. DAVID MURLEY, 2nd Lt, AC, Station Engineering and Technical Inspecting Officer, S/Sgt Augugliaro designed a mount and installed the gunsight in the ship. The mount was so well constructed that it afforded full vision of all the instruments on the panel and also allowed a good forward visibility. Because of this mount it has been possible to put all K 14 gunsights in P-51Ds only. It is believed by the Squadron Armament Officer, Lt. JOHN E. SWAN, that this mount will be used to install all K 14 Gyro Gunsights in all P-51Ds in this Theater.

During the month the Engineering, Line, Communications and Armament Sections have shown remarkable ability and remarkable results in the maintenance of the airplanes of the Squadron in operational order. Immediately after the return from a mission the status of the ships of the Squadron, as shown by the 'Big Board' in the Engineering and Operations Offices looks as though there could be no mission again for days and days to come. And by morning the board is all but clear again - evidence that the ships are again ready for operational missions. Much of the credit for the success of the Squadron in its victories over the enemy must be given to the crews that kept the ships and their guns and their communications systems in excellent order.

CONCLUSION

So the month of July has been a month of calm, business-like procedure in the Squadron - a month in which the Squadron accomplished its purposes and its missions calmly and with a definitely purposeful manner that is typical of the 'veteran fighting unit'.

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Special Order

Headquarters, United States Army

The Adjutant General's Office

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17 June, 1944

1. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-43, 25 September, 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in section I, Circular 35, G.O., 1943, 20 March, 1944, and letter G.O., Eighth Air Force, Subject: "Awards and Decorations", 2 April, 1944, the Chief of Staff is ordered to award the following named officers:

1. For extraordinary achievement in aerial flight over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and unselfish 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 pilots. Their actions in all these respects reflect the highest credit upon themselves and the armed forces of the United States:

Colonel G. G. G.	G-602631	1st Lt. Harvey, Illinois
Major G. G. G.	G-7-553	1st Lt. St. Louis, Missouri

2. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-43, 25 September, 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in section I, Circular 35, G.O., 1943, 20 March, 1944, and letter G.O., Eighth Air Force, Subject: "Awards and Decorations", 2 April, 1944, the Chief of Staff is ordered to award the following named officers in addition to the Air Medal previously awarded:

1. For exceptionally meritorious service in aerial flight over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by these officers reflect the highest credit upon themselves and the armed forces of the United States:

Major G. G. G.	G-30497	1st Lt. Townsend, New York
Major G. G. G.	G-10514	1st Lt. Manchester, New Hampshire
Major G. G. G.	G-307634	1st Lt. San Mateo, California

By command of Major General H. H. H.:

PROVIDE H. H. H.,
Major General, U.S.A.,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

/s/John J. Ballou
Colonel,
Adjutant General.

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Edward H. H.
Major General, U.S.A.,
Adjutant.

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SPECIAL ORDERS
NO 179

HEADQUARTERS AAF STATION F-373
APO 637
1 July 1944

1. Sgt (862) Richard L. Goldstein, 13152585, 364th Ftr Sq, WP #1 Radio Sch, Cranwell, Ills, o/a 2 July 44 on approx two (2) weeks temp dy purpose attending course in WHF Maine reporting before 1700 hrs, 5 July 44. Gns & rat turn by sch during tag. PX O will issue adv PX rat to cover period of temp dy. EM must carry round-trip travel warrant, gas mask, helmet, notebook & pencils. GTRC. REINT. TDM. 60-136 P 432-C2 A 212/50425. AUTH: TWX SAS 5626E, 30 June 44; Ltr, Hq ETOUSA, 24 May 44.

2. Par 9, SO #175, this Sta, es, (reclassification of EM) is amended to include: "Sgt Julie C. Whilden, 11008748, fr MOS 566 to MOS 550".

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

TO BE MASTER SERGEANT (TEMP)

T Sgt (925) Leon J. Januszki, 12011045

TO BE CORPORAL (TEMP)

Pfc (747) Eugene M. Orstan, 32419639 Pfc (555) Maurice G. Reed, 35498779

Pvt (855) David (NMI) Brenner, 36434614

TO BE PRIVATE FIRST CLASS (TEMP)

Pvt (747) Walter H. Norris, 34637128 Pvt (747) Thurl D. Igney, 35557794

4. Under the provisions of AR 615-5 & upon the recommendation of his Orgn Comdr Tec 4 (014) Casimer J. Nowakowski, 35341203, 1600th Ord S & M Co (Avn), is promoted to gr of Technician Third Grade (temp).

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

TO BE CORPORAL (TEMP)

Pfc (677) Charles J. Wilson, Jr., 32832649

TO BE PRIVATE FIRST CLASS (TEMP)

Pvt (677) Walter A. Oberle, 32799111

6. Under the provisions of AR 615-5 & upon the recommendation of his Orgn Comdr Sgt (667) Richard V. Sutton, 39255648, Hq 357th Ftr Gp, is promoted to gr of Staff Sergeant (temp).

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

TO BE STAFF SERGEANT (TEMP)

Sgt (070) Raymond S. Andrysiak, 35541612

TO BE SERGEANT (TEMP)

Cpl (631) Melvin G. Applebaum, 36382135

TO BE CORPORAL (TEMP)

Pfc (405) Charles E. Ayers, 34539287 Pvt (932) Gordon F. Gollum, 39276171

Pvt (747) Glenn E. White, 38089063 Pvt (747) Jim T. Showlake, 18125558

Pvt (747) William J. Stoakley, 32076429

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

TO BE STAFF SERGEANT (TEMP)

Sgt (747) Leonard N. Classons, 32345715 Sgt (747) Charles F. Leonard, 7033011

Sgt (747) Thomas A. Van Tine, 32571747 Sgt (941) Henry J. Gysel, Jr., 32585860

TO BE SERGEANT (TEMP)

Cpl (747) Thomas J. Quinn, 32405343

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TO BE CORPORAL (TEMP)
Pfc (650) George (NMI) Weeks, 34567737 Pfc (325) William C. Hyde, 34586705
Pfc (322) Howard G. Pfeiffer, 31221697
Pvt (060) Calvin C. Moody, 34567737 Pfc (650) Lewis (NMI) Ungerleider, 12203951
Pvt (321) Vassar W. Bradley, 38398439 Pvt (405) James C. Winfield, 38317754
Pvt (901) Horace A. Vaden, 34605293

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

TO BE TECHNICAL SERGEANT (TEMP)
S Sgt (838) John H. Minor, 34235148 S Sgt (756) Curt W. Perdelwitz, 11052860
Sgt (754) John (NMI) Gurik, 35410657 Sgt (759) Eugene C. West, 11084754
Cpl (747) Leonard M. Gordon, 32357406 Cpl (114) Charles J. Harris, 39552502

10. Following EM, orgns indicated, WP AAF Sta F-159 c/a 2 July 44 on approx one (1) week temp dy on matters pertaining to this cond. CTRS. MEMT. TDN. 60-136 P 432-02 A 24/50425. AUTH: Ltr. Hq ETOWSA, 24 May 44.

NAME	RANK	ASN	SSN	ORGN
William W. Shepard (In Chgo)	M Sgt	17012569	542	364th Ftr Sq
Devince J. Bienvenu	T Sgt	14046652	747	363rd Ftr Sq
Max (NMI) Eldredge	T Sgt	6554640	663	363rd Ftr Sq
Leo J. Kisielewski	T Sgt	11041131	750	362nd Ftr Sq
Ray A. Collier	S Sgt	38134655	747	364th Ftr Sq

By order of Colonel GRAHAM:

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

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Robert T. Romine
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Major, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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

APG 637,
1 JULY 44.

SUBJECT: S-2, S-3 MISSION REP RT. NO. 113.

TO : S-2 OFFICER, 357TH FIGHTER GROUP, ARMY AIR FORCES, USAAF
STATION F-373, APO 637.

- A. 363RD FIGHTER SQUADRON - COL DONALD W. GARNER, LEADING
- B. 18--1.47--2130
- C. 2
- D. FIGHTER SWEEP. F.O. 1425
- E. NIL
- F. NIL
- G. NIL
- H. NIL
- I. L/F IN DUNKIRK AT 1930 AT 21,000 FT. L/F OUT N OSTEEND 2110 HRS
AT 22,000 FT. NO E/A SEEN. HEAVY FLAK OVER DUNKIRK-MODERATE AND
ACCURATE. MANY BARGES SEEN AT L VO 9505. CIRULUS CLOUDS IN LAYERS
TO 18,000 FT AND HAZE ABOVE--SAME FOR CONTINENT. R/T GOOD.

ERNEST F. DE NIGHTS
CAPT. AC
S-2 OFFICER

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303rd FIGHTER SQUADRON
357th Fighter Group, Army Air Forces
USAF Station F-373

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AFV 637
4 Jul 44

303rd F-373, 3-3 Mission Report No. 111.

TO: 1-3-2 Office F, 357th Fighter Group, Army Air Forces, USAF Station F-373, APO 9.

- A. 303rd Fighter Squadron - Captain CLARENCE E. SHAW, JR., leading.
- B. 18 - 0013 -- 1051
- C. Five
- D. Bomber escort F.O. 1007
- E. Nil
- F. Nil
- G. Nil
- H. Nil
- I. L/F in at CAPCONE at 29,000 ft. L/V over Canal N. of CAE at 0912 at 29,000 ft. ex L/F out VALLEY at 1612 at 27,000 ft. L/S at 1016 N. of VALLEY at 27,000 ft. Over Channel cumulus beginning N. of SANITON increasing in density over continental continent to 10/10 at 5,000 to 10,000 ft. with a few breaks. Cirrus 2,000 ft. light haze immediately below. Fe slight contrails at 25,000 ft. made by 5 others. Bombing results not observed due to 10/10 clouds. No A/A encountered or seen. L/V good.

JOHN B. SHAW, JR.,
1st Lt, MC,
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363rd FIGHTER SQUADRON
357th Fighter Group, Army Air Forces
USAAF Station F-373

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APD 637,
5 July 44.

SUBJECT: S-2, S-3 Mission Report. No 115.

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

- A. 363rd Fighter Squadron. Captain WILLIAM B. O'BRIEN, leading.
- B. 18--1045--1701
- C. 3
- D. Bomber Escort
- E. Nil
- F. 2 Emergency landings due to fuel--1 at Allied beachhead in Normandy and 1 Hanston
- G. Nil
- H. Destroyed: One Pw 190 and One Me 109 by Capt. Hoshway
- I. 1/F in at Le Treport at 1145 Hrs at 19,000 ft. 1/V at Beziere at 1340 Hrs at 25,000 ft. 1/W at ME Tours at 1515 Hrs at 18,000 ft and 1/F out at Le Touquet at 1630 Hrs at 14,000 ft. No A/A. 25 plus 2/A. 2/A SE Touchen engaged with above results. A/A were flying in flights of four in line abreast, reported aggressive. Clear over channel with slight haze to 10,000 ft and thin cirrus above. Over continent low broken cumulus 5 to 7/10ths to 8-10,000 ft-target area CAVU. Tremendous explosion in target area. Lt. Koka reported landing at beachhead to re-fuel and Lt. Ganguish reported landing to refuel at Hanston. One flight of four F-51's around target area with no invasion markings. 1/V good.

PO # 431.

USAAF F. 35 HIG-10
Capt. AC
S-2 Officer.

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PILOT: DONALD H. BOCHKAY, Capt, AG, 0742834

- A. Combat
- B. 5 July 1944 - Field Order #431
- C. 363rd Fighter Squadron, 357th Fighter Group
- D. 1015
- E. Southeast of BREST, FRANCE
- F. Good with broken overcast at 4,000 ft.
- G. No. 109
- H. One No. 109 destroyed
- I. I had climbed back up, just under the overcast after shooting a 190 down. I still had my full flight of cement white when I saw two P-190s on the deck, going 180° to me. I did a wing over and was closing in fast a bit. I was all set to pull the trigger when a No. 109 jumped me from my left. I pulled a feigning break into him and he broke very hard to the right and up. I immediately latched on to the 109 who tried to turn me to the right. I gave him a long burst and saw hits all over him. He broke hard to the left, but I held a lead on him, pouring lead into him. He began to smoke badly. He then dumped his canopy, so I poured another long burst into him. He flipped over and went straight down. The pilot finally got out, but in doing so he hit the tail surfaces. His chute opened but he never got up when he hit the ground. I claim one No. 109 destroyed.
- J. Ammunition expended; 1100 rounds .50 Cal MG.

Donald H. Bochkay
DONALD H. BOCHKAY,
Capt, AG.

SHOOTING STATEMENT

On July 5th, 1944 in the vicinity S.W. of BREST, FRANCE, at approximately 1600 I was leading the second element for Captain Bochkay's White Flight. We chased two 190s down to the deck and Captain Bochkay got numerous hits on the S/A around the cockpit. He went into a spin and spun on in - the pilot didn't get out. After climbing back up to the overcast we saw two more 190s and started after them. A 109 tried to bounce us, but we outfigured him and Captain Bochkay got on his tail and clobbered him good. The pilot finally managed to bail out, but after he landed he didn't move, so I believe he was injured.

Charles K. Peters
CHARLES K. PETERS,
Capt, AG.

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357th Fighter Group, Army Air Forces
USAAF Station F-373

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SUMMARY: D-2, D-3 mission report #116

TO: 1. D-2 Officer, 357th Fighter Group, Army Air Forces, USAAF Station F-373, APG 637

A. 363rd Fighter Squadron - Captain JAMES W. BIRD - LEADING

B. 1 - 0742 - 1143

C. Five

D. Penetration - Target Support - Withdrawal

Field Order #434

E. Nil

F. Nil

G. Nil

H. Nil

I. R/V NW of HOLLAND 0840 hours at 25,000 ft. L/F in N. of CUXHAVEN at 0919 hours at 25,000 ft. L/F out N. of HOLLAND ISLAND at 0945 hours at 25,000 ft. L/S at 1025 hours at 25,000 ft. No S/A seen. Heavy, inaccurate, intense flak along route from HOLLAND ISLAND to target area. No activity observed on roads or in NORTH SEA. Over Channel hazy below 12,000 ft - clear above. 10/10 over continent low thin stratus clouds with heavy haze at 12,000 ft and cirrus observed at 25,000 ft. and above. 5/10 to 6/10 cloud coverage around target area. R/T good.

SEYMOUR F. DE WICKIS,
Capt, AG,
S-2 C.

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

APC 637,
6 July 44.

SUBJECT: S-2, S-3 Mission Report.

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

- A. 363rd Fighter Squadron, 1st Lt EDWARD K. SIMPSON, leading.
- B. 4 - 1205 - 1609
- C. Nil
- D. Air Sea Rescue Patrol 66th Ptr Wing Opns Order #73
- E. Nil
- F. Nil
- G. Nil
- H. One JU-88 Destroyed - 1st Lt SIMPSON
- I. Reached patrol area North West of BORKUM Island at approximately 1305 hours, Patrolled area fifty miles off enemy coast North East to NORDERNEY Island, then back to AMELAND Island where COLGATE vectored flight to 45° for sixty miles. On arrival sighted empty dingy and lone WELLINGTON Bomber circling area. Left Area at approximately 1600 hours for home. Did not L/F in. R/T good. Weather very hazy.

ERNEST F. DE NIGRIS,
Captain, AC.,
S-2 Section

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Report of Lt. J. L. Simpson, 1st Lt., AC., 0-745529

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1. Subject: JMWB, 1st Lt., AC., 0-745529
2. Date: 10 July 44.
3. Place: North of Wake Island (one mile)
4. Altitude: 75 feet
5. Aircraft: JMWB
6. One JMWB destroyed
7. Description of incident: I was flying #2 position in a flight of four at 3,000 ft. when I saw a large aircraft at about 10:00 o'clock and approximately 2,000 yds away and at 100 ft altitude. I rolled to the left and intercepted it. I fell in behind and high at a range of about 300 yds. He was climbing the top of the clouds. I took a two round lead and fired a five second burst. I observed strikes on the right wing. He disappeared under the clouds and I pulled up. The #1 flew a straight course and I could get glimpses of him. He broke out again and I sprayed him again from about three hundred yards. Pieces of his tail flew off and there were strikes all over his fuselage. The #1 crashed into the water at a speed of 300 mph and flew to pieces.
8. I claim: One JMWB destroyed
9. Ammunition expended: 240 rounds

Edward R. Simpson
1st Lt., AC.,
Pilot.

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I was flying #2 on an Air Gen Rescue Patrol when we saw a JMWB flying at about 150 ft. altitude and 180 to our line of flight. It was flying #1, peered down and closed behind the #1 which turned in toward the enemy coast "falls out". The #1 went into a thin layer of clouds at about 100 ft altitude. I observed strikes on the fuselage. The #1 kept trying to hide in the clouds but they were too low to the water. The second time Lt SIMPSON fired the #1 hit the water at high speed and broke up into pieces.

Herbert T. Pascoe
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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APC, 637,
6 July 44.

SUBJECT: S-2, S-3 Mission Report. No 117.

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

- A. 363rd Fighter Squadron - Captain PAUL K. DE VRIES, leading.
- B. 18 - 1835 - 2126
- C. 2
- D. Nil Bomber Escort. FO # 435
- E. Nil
- F. Nil
- G. Nil
- H. Nil
- I. E/V # of Le Harve at 1940 Hrs at 22,000 ft. L/F in W of Caen at 1950 Hrs at 22,000 ft. L/B and L/F out St Valery at 2050 Hrs at 19,000 ft. 15 plus S/E A/C seen on deck vicinity of 4 VR 0261--Squadron lost them in undercast as 36. was in turn to descend in attack. Heavy-inaccurate-moderate flak in target area. Haze over channel to 8,000 ft. Heavy front moving over target area from southwest. T/T good.

WINEST F. DE NIGRIS
Capt. AC
S-2 Officer.

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II. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in Section I, Circular 32, Hq., STOUSSA, 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:

ROBERT C. GANGLISH	O-810497	1st Lt.	Tonawanda, N. Y.
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PAUL K. DEVRIES, O-728607, 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 Devries 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.

VIII. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in Section I, Circular 32, Hq., STOUSSA, 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 skill displayed, courage and coolness and skill displayed by these Officers reflect great credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States:

MARION E. BURNETT	O-702763	1st Lt.	Homer, La.
NORBERT G. FISHER	O-886954	2nd Lt.	Chicago, Illinois
FLOYD J. MAYNARD	O-692697	2nd Lt.	Kansas City, Mo.

IX. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September, 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in Section I, Circular 32, Hq., STOUSSA, 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:

WILLIAM S. DAVIS	O-813125	1st Lt.	Camilla, Ga.
FRANK KOMA	O-886918	2nd Lt.	Cleveland, Ohio

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JOHN R. SKHRA

0-759099

1st Lt. Chicago, Illinois

By command of Major General KEMPNER:

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

OFFICIAL:

/s/John J. Sailors
/t/JOHN J. SAILORS,
Colonel, A.C.B.,
Adjutant General.

A TRUE EXTRACT:

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

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IX. Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45, 22 September 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in Section I, Circular 32, Hq., STCUSA, 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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ROBERT E. SMITH,	O-807634	1st Lt. San Mateo, California.
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By command of Major General KEPNER:

FRANCIS H. BRISWOLD,
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. KILLETT,
Capt., Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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

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AFPO 637,
7 Jul 44.

SUBJECT: C-2, C-3 Mission Report #118

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

- A. 357th Fighter Group, Captain ROY, leading
- B. 4 - 0455 - 0954 (2 A/C 363 Ftr Sq, 1 A/C 362 Ftr Sq, 1 A/C 364 Ftr Sq)
- C. Nil
- D. Air-Sea Rescue Patrol 66th Ftr Wing Ops Order #74
- E. Nil
- F. Nil
- G. Nil
- H. Nil
- I. E/V 0115 over CHINA at 1,000 ft. Arrived a signed area at a prox. 0600 and patrolled for two and one half hours. Dinghy sighted in extreme southeast section of assigned area. Captain ROY descended to altitude of 100 ft. and circled it twice at 150 miles per hour and reports the dinghy empty and no sign of life in area. Approx 15 miles north of assigned area a two-masted sail boat - about 60 miles west of area a tanker is reported. WARRICKS some reported and Captain ROY dispatched two of his flight as escort for each tanker. Extremely heavy haze in channel to 5,000 ft. with visibility very poor. W/T good.

WARRICKS F. 118-119,
Capt, AG,
C-2 C.

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NO. 109, 109

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FILE: 109, 109, Captain, P., 3-730324

1. 109, 109
2. 7 July 44. PG # 436
3. 357th Fighter Squadron, 357th Fighter Group
4. CWO
5. North of 109, 109
6. CWO
7. 109, 109
8. One 109 destroyed

1. ACCOUNT OF 109: I was leading 357th Squadron on an escort mission to 109, 109. We had been "wing" slowly in front of the bombers at about 20,000 ft. for about a half an hour when I saw three 109's at 0200 o'clock low to the bombers. I crossed over in front, dropped my wing tanks and rolled down on them after looking carefully around. They were at about 22,000 ft flying a tight "V" formation. I picked the leader and dove in from behind. I had a perfect closing speed as I waited until I was about 250 yds and fired until less than 100 yds getting very good hits. Pieces flew off and his cockpit sprayed out coating my windshield and part of my canopy so I pulled up very sharply as I could not see very well. The last I saw of the 109 he was spinning down smoking badly. Captain 109, Green leader diving top cover saw him crash.

I claim: 109 destroyed

3. Ammunition expended: 198 rounds

Donald W. Doughty
Donald W. Doughty,
Captain, AC.,
Pilot.

NO. 109, 109

I was leading 357th Green Flight following Captain 109, 109, escorting B-17's just north of 109, 109, when Captain 109, 109 called in three 109's under the box of bombers. We all dropped our tanks as Captain 109, 109 did a diving 270° and came out smack behind all three of them, flying a tight "V" formation. I stayed up above for top cover and saw Captain 109, 109 shoot the lead Jerry down. I saw many hits about the canopy and wings. The 109 was smoking badly, the pilot never got out, and I saw the 109 crash.

Donald W. Doughty
DONALD W. DOUGHTY,
Captain, AC.,
Pilot.

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

ENCOUNTER REPORT

PILOT: WILLIAM S. FENNELL, 1st Lt, AC, O-726353

- A. Combat
- B. 7 July 1944 FO #436
- C. 363rd Fighter Squadron, 357th Fighter Group
- D. 0945
- E. North of LEIPZIG
- F. C A V U
- G. Me 109
- H. One Me. 109 destroyed
- I. We were flying at 22,000 ft. North of LEIPZIG when we saw three Me. 109s flying formation. Captain ANDERSON shot one down. The left wingman made a head-on pass at me and fired over my head. I got on his tail and started firing at 400 yards range, 15° deflection. I closed in to 75 yards and observed strikes on the fuselage and black smoke coming out of the engine. Lt. ROPER saw the pilot bail out. I claim one Me. 109 destroyed
- J. Ammunition Expended: 738 rds

WILLIAM S. FENNELL,
1st Lt, AC,
Pilot

SUPPORTING STATEMENT

On 7 July 1944, near LEIPZIG, GERMANY, at about 0950 o'clock I was flying #4 in Cement White Flight on Lt FENNELL'S wing. Our flight broke into three Me. 109s. My element leader, Lt FENNELL, got on the tail of one, fired a long burst. I saw hits and pieces fly off. The canopy came off and the pilot bailed out.

RICHARD C. ROPER,
2nd Lt, AC,
Pilot.

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

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ENCOUNTER REPORT

PILOT: EDWARD K. SIMPSON, JR, 1st Lt, AC, 0-745529

- A. Combat
- B. 8 July 1944 FO #436
- C. 363rd Fighter Squadron, 357th Fighter Group
- D. 0950
- E. North of LEIPZIG
- F. C A V U
- G. Me. 109
- H. One Me. 109 destroyed
- I. I was flying Cement Red #3, led by Captain C.E.ANDERSON. Red Flight bounced a flight of three Me. 109s. Captain ANDERSON shot the lead E/A down. The other E/A broke right and left. The right E/A came around sharply and was firing at two ships in back of me, head on. I broke on his tail and fired at a large angle and missed him. He saw me then, did a half snap and bailed.

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

SUPPORTING STATEMENT

On 7 July 1944, near LEIPZIG, at 0945, I went down to take a picture of a pilot in his chute who had bailed out of a Me. 109 I had made a pass on, I observed another chute which came out of the Me. 109 Lt. SIMPSON fired on.

WILLIAM S. FENNELL,
1st Lt, AC,
Pilot

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367th Fighter Group, Army Air Forces
USAF Station #373

AFM 637,
11 Jul 44.

SUBJECT: Narrative Report re Personnel KIA - FRANK (221) 2004, and Lt. W.

TO : Officer, 367th Fighter Group, Army Air Forces, USAF Station #373,
AFM 637.

1. Following is a narrative report of circumstances relative to the shooting
down of FRANK (221) 2004, and Lt. W., 367th Fighter Group, on 7 July 1944, while on a combat
mission - Field Order 100.

2. Lt. W. was flying Number 2 post in Cement White Flight, wing man to
Captain JAMES E. BARTING, leader of Cement White Flight as the mission started out.
Captain BARTING was leading the formation. Later Captain BARTING
started and Lt. W. became wing man to Lt. BARTING. Cement White
Flight was following Cement Red Flight, led by Captain BARTING, as Captain BARTING
shot down a B-24. As the B-24 broke into Lt. BARTING and Lt. W. and they broke
into the B-24. Lt. BARTING fired and then the B-24 fired, hitting Lt. W.
who was off to Lt. BARTING's right. Lt. W. called over the P/T that he was hit
and Lt. BARTING started for home, escorted by Lt. BARTING. After about ten minutes
flight, with Lt. W.'s ship streaming coolant, Lt. W. called to Lt. BARTING
that he was going to bail out. They were then about two miles southwest of the B-24
and were being shot at by light flak. Lt. BARTING saw Lt. W.'s ship crash, but
did not see any chute. The time was about 0930 hours on 7 July 1944.

Robert F. McNeilis
ROBERT F. MCNEILIS,
Capt, AF,
G-2 O.

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353rd FIGHTER SQUADRON
357th Fighter Group, Army Air Forces
USAAF Station F-373

WFO 637
8 July 44.

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

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

- A. 353rd Fighter Squadron - Captain CLAYTON J. ANDERSON Jr. leading.
- B. 18 - 0610-1744.
- C. Nil
- D. Bomber Escort FCW/437
- E. Nil
- F. Nil
- G. Nil
- H. Nil
- I. R/V and I/F in Schouwen at 0650 hrs at 25000 feet. Recall given immediately thereafter. Thick layers of cumulus with haze between over channel and E/C to 30,000 feet. R/T good.

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

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Office of the Commanding General

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WATSON.....1841

10 July 1944.

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5. The following O, AG, are B, temporarily promoted to the pr indicated in AG's w/rank fr date of this order. (Auth: Ltr Hq. STOUSSA, AG 120.2, 1st AG, Sub "Combat Promotions", 27 June, 1944.)

2nd Lt to 1st Lt

HENRY W. FRANKLIN, 0683434
NANCY O. HANE, 0706384

DANIEL J. PASAR, 0702833
RICHARD C. ROYER, 0678821

FRANCIS L. SULLIVAN, 0815042

By command of Lieutenant General DOOLITTLE:

JOHN S. ALLEN,
Colonel, USA,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

/s/Lindsey L. Braxton
/s/LINDSEY L. BRAXTON,
Lt Col, AGC,
Adjutant General.

A TRUE EXTRACT:

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

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357th Air Sq	28 14	0704472 42	357th Air Sq
357th Air Sq	28 14	0706594 42	do
11 14 1944, J.	28 14	0679159 42	do

By order of Colonel [Name]:

[Signature]
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

OFFICIAL:

/s/ [Signature]
/s/ [Signature]
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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

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13 July 1944

SUBJECT: Temporary Duty to the S.I.

TO : Officer Concerned.

1. PAC per 52, Memo 35-1, Hq Eighth Air Force, 6 July 1944, the following officer is to be removed from his present station 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 his proper station. Officer will have in his possession Form 81 (Immunization Register), Form 77 (Officers' Pay Date Card), individual mess gear, gas mask, and canteen. Class A uniform will be worn and hand luggage only will be taken. TDR. MT. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/50425. PAC ltr Hq ETOUSA, dtd 24 May 1944.

NAME	ORGANIZATION
CAPT CLARENCE E. ANDERSON, JR, 0730324, AC	363rd Ftr Sq, 357th Ftr Gp

By command of Major General KENNEDY:

/s/ T Durkop
T. DURKOP,
Major, AGC,
Asst Adj Gen.

A TRUE COPY:

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

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33rd Fighter Group, Army Air Forces
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AFD 637,
 14 Jul 63

SUBJECT: 3-2, 3-3 Mission Report No. 1-3.

TO : 3-2 Officer, 33rd Fighter Group, Army Air Forces, 33rd Fighter Group, AFD 637

1. 33rd Fighter Squadron - Major W. W. Wink, Leading.

2. 1st - 1st - 1st

3. Nil

4. Secret

Field Order 1466

5. Nil

6. Nil

7. Nil

8. Nil

9. Nil

1. 1/7 in 33rd at 0700 hours at 10,000 ft. 1/7 SE of VICTY 0810 at 10,000 ft. 1/4 SE of VICTY at 1000 hours at 10,000 ft. 1/7 not observed because of antiaircraft. 1/7 - No flak. Bombers observed dropped on target area and paratroopers on ground seem to recover supplies as soon as they hit the ground. Over channel broken 0/10 to 0,000 ft. Clear above. Solid over continent to target area and over target area broken 0/10 to 0,000 ft. 1/7 end.

Frank F. De Rivecourt
 Capt, 33rd
 3-2 Officer.

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

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APR 637,
16 July 44.

363rd FIGHTER SQUADRON - 3-2, 3-3 Mission Report. No. 125

TO : 3-2 Officer, 357th Fighter Group, Army Air Forces, USAF Station F-373,
APO 637.

- A. 363rd Fighter Squadron - Major GEORGE W. KIRBY, leading.
- B. 17-0713-1.16
- C. 1
- D. Penetration--Target Support-- internal. F.O. 1.16
- E. Nil
- F. Nil
- G. Nil
- H. Nil
- I. 1/2 in St. Mihiel at 0600 hrs at 17,000 ft. 1/2 of Brussels at 0615 hrs at 22,000 ft. 1/2 of Reims at 0645 hrs at 23,000 ft. 1/2 out at Orléans at 1200 hrs at 20,000 ft. No 1/2 seen Heavy--inaccurate--intense flak over Brussels and Stuttgart. Many barges reported at Trier at 1100 hrs proceeding in direction of Trier. Secondary target bombed--results not observed due to overcast. CAVs in Channel over primary target 10/10ths--over secondary target and rest of continent, 5-7/10ths in layers from 6,000 ft to 29,000 ft where high clouds began. R/T good.

WILLIAM F. DE WISSE
Capt. 46
3-2 Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS VIII FIGHTER COMMAND
APO 637 AAF STATION F-341
18 July 1944

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BRONZE STAR — Awards.....SECTION V
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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. 20, Section I, Circular 56, Hq., ETOUSA, 27 May 1944, and letter Hq., Eighth Air Force, Subject: Awards and Decorations", 4 July 1944, a BRONZE STAR is awarded to the following named Officer and Enlisted Men:

*
OTTO MEINO, 31109402, Staff Sergeant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding Services from 11 February 1944 to 11 June 1944. Entered military service from New Hampshire.
*

By command of Major General KERNER:

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

OFFICIAL:

/s/ W T Durkop,
/t/ W. T. DURKOP,
Major, AGO,
Ass t Adj General.

A TRUE EXTRACT:

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

AFPO 637,
19 July 44.

SUBJECT: S-2, S-3 Mission Report. No 127

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

- A. 363rd Fighter Squadron, Colonel DONALD W. GRAHAM, leading.
- B. 18 - 0718 - 1231
- C. Five (including two escorts)
- D. Penetration - Target Support - Withdrawal. PO # 456
- E. Nil
- F. Nil
- G. Nil
- H. Nil
- I. 1/P in Walcheren Is. at 0801 hrs at 20,000 ft. Bombers carried around target and left vicinity of 1/C. 1/P out at Schouen Is at 1150 hrs at 20,000 ft. No W/A seen. Flak all along the route and heavy--inaccurate--intense around Frankfurt. 5 big barges and 10 small ships observed moving out into channel from between Schouen and Tholen Islands at 1145 hrs. Channel haze to 10,000 ft and clear above with broken cumulus at 3,000 ft, over base. Over target 3/10ths low broken cumulus to 4,000 ft. with thin haze above. West of Rhur Valley to 2/C CAVU. W/T good.

ROBERT F. DE WIGGIE
Capt. AC
S-2 Officer.

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363rd Fighter Squadron
35th Fighter Group, Army Air Forces
USAF Station F-373

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AFG 637,
20 Jul 44.

SUBJECT: S-2, S-3 Mission Report No. 128

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TO : S-2 Officer, 35th Fighter Group, Army Air Forces, USAF Station F-373, AFG 637.

- A. 363rd Fighter Squadron - Captain WILLIAM F. O'BRIEN, leading
- B. 18 -- 0905 -- 1408
- C. Nil
- D. Penetration - Target support - withdrawal Field Order No. 457
- E. Nil
- F. Nil
- G. Nil
- H. Nil
- I. 1/7 in at Walcheren Is at 0949 hrs at 11,300 ft. 1/7 of Koblenz at 1025 hrs at 25,000 ft. 1/8 and 1/9 out Schouen Is at 1342 hrs at 17,000 ft. No 1/8 seen. Moderate, inaccurate heavy flak all along route. Many bombers seen in distress and flights of squadron escorted 3 1/8-17's in distress to aim at 1/8 where escort had to be broken because of lack of fuel. 1-47 in distress escorted from deep in enemy territory to friendly 1/8. Over channel 5/10ths with base to 8,000 ft and clear above. Over continent 8/10ths diminishing to 5/10ths around target area to 11,000 ft with base. No contrails. 1/7 good.

WILLIAM F. O'BRIEN
Capt. AC
S-2 Officer.

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20 July 1944

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7. 1ST LT ROBERT D. KIRBY, 0568920, AC, is reld fr asgmt w/363rd Ftr Sq &
asgd & WP to Hq 357th Ftr Gp. No c of Sta.

By order of Colonel GRAHAM:

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

OFFICIAL:

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

A TRUE EXTRACT:

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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APG 637,
21 Jul 44.

SUBJECT: S-2, S-3 Mission Report No. 129

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

- A. 363rd Fighter Squadron - Colonel DONALD W. GRAHAM, leading
- B. 18 -- 0730 -- 1248
- C. 4 (One Escort).
- D. Penetration--target support-- withdrawal. F.O. # 458 "A".
- E. Nil
- F. Nil
- G. Nil
- H. Nil
- I. 1/V with S-2's vicinity of Neunkirchen at 0925 hrs at 25,000 ft. 1/B M. Wachen at 1207 hrs at 25,000 ft. 16 ME 109's observed at 29,000 ft in target flying in a formation of 4 ships in line abreast with 3 flights following in trail. 4 other ME 109's acting as top cover. 5 bombers in distress due to feathered engines escorted by our early returns to larger returning bomber formations. 3 other S-2's were just plainly lost in 1/T and were vectored and escorted to Walcheren Is by our pilots. 5 Miles N of Munich a 3/4 A/C seen to spin down and still spinning at 5,000 ft. Over channel 6/10ths cumulus from 1,000 ft to 6,000 ft. Over continent 10/10ths northern part of Germany and CAVU south of Stuttgart. Clear over target. W/T good.

W44637 P. D. NIMBLE
Capt AC
S-2 officer/

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

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APO 637,
21 July 44.

SUBJECT: S-2, -3 Mission Report. No 130

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

- A. 363rd Fighter Squadron - Lt EDWARD K. SIMPSON, leading.
- B. 7 - 1005 - 1332
- C. 1 escort for ship of Greenhouse.
- D. Withdrawal F.O. # 458 "C"
- E. Nil
- F. Nil
- G. Nil
- H. Nil
- I. /N Mannheim at 1159 hrs at 19,000 ft. 1/3 H2 Intwerp at 1:42 hrs at 19,000 ft. No 4/A seen. Accurate--moderate--heavy flak 3 of 1000. S-2's straggling along bomber route in singles and in small groups of 3 and 4's. 4/T good.

FRANK F. DE NICH
Capt. M
-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
24 JULY 44.

SUBJECT: S-2, S-3 MISSION REPORT. NO # 131

TO : S-2 OFFICER, 357TH FIGHTER GROUP, ARMY AIR FORCES, USAAF
STATION F-373, APG 637.

- A. 363RD FIGHTER SQUADRON - MAJOR EDWIN W. HIRO, LEADING
- B. 18 - 1120 - 1536
- C. ONE
- D. TYPE 16 CONTROL
- E. NIL
- F. NIL
- G. NIL
- H. NIL

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- I. ARRIVED E OF EVEREUX AT 1249 HRS AT 22,000 FT. AT 1245 HRS DRYDEN TOLD BY SNACKBAR THAT BOMBERS HAD ABORTED AND TO DO WHATEVER GP WANTED. DRYDEN REPLIED GP WOULD DO PATROL AND WAS VECTORED BY SNACKBAR WITHIN AREA VICINITY OF PARIS UNTIL 1415 WHEN GP MADE FOR HOME BASE. NO E/A SEEN--NO FLAK. NO OBSERVATIONS DUE TO UNDERCAST. AT 4 VH 2577 ONE PILOT REPORTS 2 LARGE RED CROSSES WITH WHITE BACKGROUND OBSERVED FROM 15,000 FT. R/T GOOD.

ERNEST F. DE NIGRIS
CAPT. AC
S-2 OFFICER.

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GENERAL ORDER }
NUMBER.....59 }

HEADQUARTERS VIII FIGHTER COMMAND
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I. General Order No. 58, dated 11 July, 1944 is classified "SECRET" and distribution of same was limited.

II. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in Section 1, Circular 32, Hq., AFMPC, 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:

EDWARD C. ANDREWS	O-606712	2nd Lt.	Glendale, California
JAMES B. BUDEN	O-806772	1st Lt.	Hastings, Florida
WILSON D. DODD	O-750525	1st Lt.	Modesto, California
CARL W. CLOUGH	O-754470	1st Lt.	Lebanon, N. H.
JAMES W. FERG	O-753635	1st Lt.	Norton, Kansas
LUKE GILES	O-815714	2nd Lt.	Syracuse, New York
DOUGLAS W. GILBERT	O-753648	1st Lt.	Fredborn, Minn.
DAVID R. HAINES, JR.	O-754500	1st Lt.	Cartersville, Tenn.
CARLOS H. HUNTER	O-811901	2nd Lt.	Gainesville, Fla.
HOWARD F. HENRICKS	O-754505	1st Lt.	San Francisco, Calif.
FRANK J. HORNBECKER	O-750591	1st Lt.	Marine on St. Croix, Minn.
JOHN C. HOWELL	O-743019	Captain	Milwaukee, Oregon.
LESTER R. KEMP	O-753611	1st Lt.	Denver, Colorado
WALTER F. KULBERGER	O-754519	1st Lt.	Cologne, N.J.
GEORGE W. KESSELMAN, JR.	O-750654	1st Lt.	Beaver Falls, Pa.
JOHN W. REED	O-754543	1st Lt.	Jersey City, N.J.
GERRARD W. ROONEY	O-750694	1st Lt.	Findlay, Ohio
JAMES D. STALLINGS	O-815410	1st Lt.	Koultic, Georgia
RONALD H. STENKOWSKI	O-815421	1st Lt.	Toledo, Ohio
MARGEN V. VAN DYK	O-815432	2nd Lt.	Saddle River, N.J.
CY WILSON	O-21538	Lt.Col.	West Point, Texas

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HENRY E. DEHL, O-740344, Captain, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of one enemy airplane over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Captain Dehl 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.

JOSEPH C. ENGELBREIT, O-694232, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of one and one half enemy airplanes over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Engelbreit has sought out the enemy and destroyed him, his devotion to duty and courage under all conditions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Michigan.

DWIGHT B. HERRICK, O-814723, 2nd Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of one enemy airplane over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Herrick has sought out the enemy and destroyed him, his devotion to duty and courage under all conditions serve as an inspiration to his fellow flyers. His actions on all these occasions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Georgia.

JOEL I. POPPLEWELL, O-816641, 2nd Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement in aerial flight over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Popplewell has sought out the enemy and engaged him, his devotion to duty and courage under all conditions serve as an inspiration to his fellow flyers. His actions on all these occasions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Kentucky.

JOHN A. STORCH, O-362181, Major, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of one enemy airplane over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Major Storch 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.

III. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September, 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in Section I, Circular 32, Hq., AFCEM, 20 March 1944, and Letter Hq., Eighth Air Force, Subject: "Awards and Decorations", 2 April 1944, the ONE HUNDRED CREST is awarded to the following named Officers for wear with the Distinguished Flying Cross previously awarded:

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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:

WILLIAM R. AGGERS	O-2045164	2nd Lt.	Hubbard, Ohio
ELIPHEUS S. BUSZIO	O-688237	1st Lt.	New York, N.Y.
THOMAS J. J. CHRISTIAN, JR.	O-21782	Colonel	Sulphur Springs, Texas
ORVILLE E. GOODWIN	O-740171	Captain	Alhambra, Calif.
JOSEPH L. KNOBLE	O-694076	1st Lt.	Ashurst, Ohio
HOMER D. KNUDSEN	O-529002	Captain	Cincinnati, Ohio
HOWARD S. LANE	O-677062	1st Lt.	Lockport, Ill.
JAMES M. MONTFORT	O-792361	1st Lt.	Glen Cove, N. Y.
GARSON H. RANDOLPH	O-675872	1st Lt.	Asheville, N. C.
RICHARD C. STANTON	O-743528	Captain	Vancouver, Washington

JAMES B. AUSTIN, O-795380, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of one enemy airplane over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Austin has sought out the enemy and destroyed him, his devotion to duty and courage under all conditions serve as an inspiration to his fellow flyers. His actions on all these occasions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Louisiana.

JOHN H. LOWELL, O-431232, Major, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of two enemy airplanes over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Major Lowell has sought out the enemy and destroyed him, his devotion to duty and courage under all conditions serve as an inspiration to his fellow flyers. His actions on all these occasions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Colorado.

LESLIE D. MINCHEW, O-793654, 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 Minchew has sought out the enemy and destroyed him, his devotion to duty and courage under all conditions serve as an inspiration to his fellow flyers. His actions on all these occasions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Florida.

ROY W. OSBORN, O-21522, Colonel, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of one enemy airplane over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Colonel Osborn has sought out the enemy and destroyed him, his devotion to duty and courage under all conditions serve as an inspiration to his fellow flyers. His actions on all these occasions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Texas.

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JEROME C. SERRAS, O-660628, Captain, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of one enemy airplane over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Captain Serras has sought out the enemy and destroyed him, his devotion to duty and courage under all conditions serve as an inspiration to his fellow flyers. His actions on all these occasions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Florida.

IV. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September, 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in Section I, Circular 32, Hq., ETUSA, 20 March 1944, and letter Hq., Eighth Air Force, Subject: "Awards and Decorations", 2 April 1944, an OUTSTANDING OFFICER is awarded to the following named Officers for year with the Distinguished Flying Cross and one Oak Leaf Cluster previously awarded:

CLIFFORD F. ARMSTRONG, O-793481, Captain, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement in aerial flight over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Captain Armstrong has sought out the enemy and engaged him, his devotion to duty and courage under all conditions serve as an inspiration to his fellow flyers. His actions on all these occasions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

EARL L. ABBOTT, O-660068, Major, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of two enemy airplanes over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Major Abbott has sought out the enemy and destroyed him, his devotion to duty and courage under all conditions serve as an inspiration to his fellow flyers. His actions on all these occasions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

CLAYTON E. DAVIS, O-666837, 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 Davis 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 Vermont.

FRANCIS W. HORNE, O-799133, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of three enemy airplanes over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Horne has sought out the enemy and destroyed him, his devotion to duty and courage under all conditions serve as an inspiration to his fellow flyers. His actions on all these occasions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Florida.

JAMES J. MEKOLIC, O-732304, Captain, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the

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destruction of one enemy airplane over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Captain Moholic has sought out the enemy and destroyed him, his devotion to duty and courage under all conditions serve as an inspiration to his fellow flyers. His actions on all these occasions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Michigan.

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

GEORGE E. FREDDY, O-430946, Major, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of one enemy airplane over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Major Freddy has sought out the enemy and destroyed him, his devotion to duty and courage under all conditions serve as an inspiration to his fellow flyers. His actions on all these occasions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from North Carolina.

JOHN F. THORNELL, JR., O-797743, 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 Thornell has sought out the enemy and destroyed him, his devotion to duty and courage under all conditions serve as an inspiration to his fellow flyers. His actions on all these occasions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

JOHN W. VOGT, JR., O-659342, Major, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of two enemy airplanes over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Major Vogt 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.

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

JOHN C. MEYER, O-396294, Lt. Col., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in the destruction of five enemy airplanes in aerial combat over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Col. Meyer has sought out the enemy and destroyed him, his devotion to duty and courage under all conditions serve as an inspiration to his fellow flyers. His actions on all these occasions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

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

MICHAEL J. BOLAN, O-902164, Captain, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 15 December 1943 to 20 June 1944. Entered military service from New York.

MARION W. MEACHAM, 18015119, T/Sgt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 1 November 1943 to 2 June 1944. Entered military service from Texas.

HENSON WOLZ, JR., 32357205, S/Sgt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 15 October 1943 to 4 June 1944. Entered military service from New York.

ROBERT E. WALLACE, 12092351, S/Capt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 15 October 1943 to 30 May 1944. Entered military service from New York.

MIRSON B. WELLS, 34306108, S/Sgt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 15 October 1943 to 30 May 1944. Entered military service from North Carolina.

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

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

LOUIS G. ALPHONSE	O-737694	1st Lt.	Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
CLIFFORD ANDERSON	O-667767	2nd Lt.	Ft. Meyers, Florida
NIEL T. BAUER	O-760227	2nd Lt.	Bremerton, Washington
RICHARD L. BARON	O-702744	2nd Lt.	Han, N. Dakota.
JOHN W. BISHOP	O-663448	1st Lt.	Austin, Texas
ROY C. BLAHA	O-756456	2nd Lt.	Grand Forks, N. D.
ROBERT R. BOSWORTH	O-702755	2nd Lt.	Oskaloosa, Iowa
ROBERT E. BRAGGINS	O-760238	2nd Lt.	Dallas, Texas
KIRBY M. BROWN	O-700830	2nd Lt.	Baton Rouge, La.
FREDERICK W. BRUNER	O-442980	1st Lt.	Phoenix, Arizona.
CHARLES E. BURNIER	O-695152	2nd Lt.	Lobanov, Indiana.
RAYMOND S. CARTER	O-725264	Captain	San Angelo, Texas
MELVIN L. CERNICKY	O-562699	2nd Lt.	Arnold, Pa.
JOHN F. CLARK	O-565176	1st Lt.	Shreveport, La.
DICK D. CONNELLY	O-692362	2nd Lt.	Daunsel, Fla.
RICHARD E. CONNER	O-428003	Captain	Vicksburg, Miss.
MIRLEN M. COONS	O-737733	1st Lt.	Gresham, Oregon
RICHARD J. CORSELT	O-761727	2nd Lt.	Madison, Wisconsin

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LUTHER L. CORBIN	O-758775	2nd Lt.	Dalton, Georgia
RICHARD H. COURSEY, JR.	O-25911	1st Lt.	Washington, D.C.
JOHN J. COUNTRY, JR.	O-25534	Capt.	Davenport, Iowa
GROVER C. DEEN	O-692664	2nd Lt.	Austin, Texas
HERNIE V. DETLEFSEN	O-757961	2nd Lt.	Manning, Iowa
RECLARD H. DILLON	O-796104	1st Lt.	Lynchburg, Va.
GORDON L. DOOLITTLE	O-757963	2nd Lt.	Portland, Oregon
ROBERT C. DRAFTZ	O-700238	2nd Lt.	Chicago, Ill.
WILFORD D. DEARKE	O-702778	2nd Lt.	Rushville, Indiana
HENRY E. DUGAN	O-700239	2nd Lt.	Denver, Colorado
DONALD A. DURN	O-757966	2nd Lt.	Bellingham, Washington
WILLIAM H. EAGHEST	O-758781	2nd Lt.	Chicago, Ill.
ALFRED F. EATON	O-429379	Captain	Holly Bluff, Miss.
ALEXANDER IWANENKO	O-757970	2nd Lt.	Sellersville, Pa.
WILLIAM E. FEINWELL	O-726353	1st Lt.	Flagstaff, Arizona
JOHN A. FERGUSON	O-795383	1st Lt.	Lynchburg, Va.
EDWIN J. PHILLIPSON	O-757971	2nd Lt.	Long Beach, California
EVERETT P. FORD	O-757973	2nd Lt.	San Francisco, California
HENRY B. FRANKLIN	O-683434	2nd Lt.	Tulsa, Oklahoma
WILLIAM H. FRICKER	O-440416	1st Lt.	Stamford, Conn.
JAMES E. FROCKING	O-757975	2nd Lt.	Cleveland Hts., Ohio
WILLIAM H. GATES	O-496205	Capt.	Pontiac, Michigan
RICHARD B. GILLETTE	O-1030979	2nd Lt.	Norfolk, Nebraska
CHESTER R. GILMORE, JR.	O-692674	2nd Lt.	Midway, Mass.
JOHN C. GLOVER	O-427496	Major	Fargo, N. D.
PAUL J. GOLDBERG	O-756543	2nd Lt.	Bronx, New York
MARTIN G. GORLIN	O-760454	2nd Lt.	Minneapolis, Minn.
PHILIP D. GOSSARD	O-760288	2nd Lt.	Cincinnati, Ohio
CHESTER W. GANVILLE	O-760289	2nd Lt.	Austin, Texas
CYRUS H. GREER	O-696693	2nd Lt.	Oxford, Nebraska
WALTER B. GRIFFITH	O-694345	2nd Lt.	Bridgeport, Pa.
WILLIAM B. GUIN	O-757981	2nd Lt.	Atlanta, Ga.
JACK J. HEEK	O-437427	1st Lt.	Eugene, Oregon
HARRIET B. HELL, JR.	O-618376	2nd Lt.	Malden, Mass.
LEOYD G. HALLY	O-387493	Captain	Huxley, Iowa
ALLEN P. HANING	O-702797	2nd Lt.	Farragut, Iowa
WILLIAM H. HASTINGS, JR.	O-692678	2nd Lt.	Texarkana, Texas
CLIVE HATFIELD, JR.	O-756564	2nd Lt.	Sherman, Texas
GEORGE D. HENDRIX	O-760305	2nd Lt.	Tarzana, California
EUGENE H. HENDERSON	O-725611	1st Lt.	Santa Ana, California
WESLEY E. HOLMES	O-760311	2nd Lt.	Los Angeles, California
VIGOR E. HOOKER	O-760464	2nd Lt.	Great Falls, Montana
CHARLES M. HUNTER	O-737115	1st Lt.	Boston, Texas
CLARENCE L. JAMISON	O-657704	2nd Lt.	Olympia, Washington
NELSON R. JESUP	O-617036	2nd Lt.	Greenwich, Conn.
FRANCIS R. JOHNSON	O-534450	1st Lt.	North Lewisburg, Ohio
JAMES L. KILMER	O-759024	2nd Lt.	Spokane, Washington
GEORGE J. KOSC	O-617046	2nd Lt.	Long Island, N.Y.
HENRY F. LE MOYNE	O-725623	1st Lt.	Phoenix, Arizona
WILLIAM J. LEONARD	T-1047	P/O	Detroit, Michigan
EDWARD C. LEVIN	O-758822	2nd Lt.	Cheboygan, Michigan
WILBUR H. LEWIS, JR.	O-1045812	1st Lt.	West Hartford, Conn.
WILLIAM F. MAIER	O-758204	2nd Lt.	Hollywood, California
THOMAS W. MARTINEK	O-615732	2nd Lt.	Chicago, Illinois

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JAMES L. MATTHEW, JR.	0-817060	2nd Lt.	Phillipsburg, Pa.
CIVIL E. MATTHEW	0-758033	2nd Lt.	Los Angeles, California
DONALD L. MAULE	0-758208	2nd Lt.	Paterson, N. J.
DEANONE J. MAXWELL	0-694171	2nd Lt.	Chicago, Ill.
JOHN P. MC CANN	0-758024	2nd Lt.	Jacksonville, Fla.
WILLIAM B. MC KAY	0-758202	2nd Lt.	Shelbyville, Tenn.
ELIAS S. MINNEMTON	0-790698	Captain	Stanford, Conn.
GEORGE A. MIDDLETON	0-701941	2nd Lt.	Pasadena, California
SANFORD K. MOATS	0-698996	2nd Lt.	Mission, Kansas
HAZEL MORETZ	0-667745	1st Lt.	Hickory, N. C.
DAVID R. MORGAN	0-798556	2nd Lt.	Westbrook, Maine
GEORGE W. MORRIS	0-798312	2nd Lt.	Columbia, Kentucky
WILBERT MULLER	0-758232	2nd Lt.	Paterson, N. J.
MARTIN N. MY	0-816919	2nd Lt.	Brooklyn, N. Y.
EDWARD M. NEBINGER	0-818410	2nd Lt.	Bethlehem, Pa.
ELROY E. NEELY	0-670418	2nd Lt.	Houston, Texas.
THOMAS C. OLSON	0-1033075	2nd Lt.	Vancouver, Washington
NELSON T. OTT	0-665605	1st Lt.	Ocala, Miss.
TOWNSEND S. PARSONS	0-796020	1st Lt.	Richmond, Va.
QUENTIN S. PAVLOCK	0-758218	2nd Lt.	Barnesboro, Philadelphia, Pa.
GEORGE S. PELLETIER	0-631960	1st Lt.	Maysville, N. C.
DONALD E. PERRY	0-737229	1st Lt.	Columbus, Ohio
CARL L. PETERSON	0-758050	2nd Lt.	Standwood, Washington
LEWIS P. PETERSON	0-758051	2nd Lt.	Montebello, Calif.
WILLIAM H. PICKERING	0-758053	2nd Lt.	Tulare, California
ROBERT H. PIGG	0-758054	2nd Lt.	Nashville, Tenn.
EDWARD W. PLEASANT	0-818422	2nd Lt.	Turner Falls, Mass.
VERNON G. RAFFERTY	0-732262	1st Lt.	Menomonie, Wis.
CARLTON F. RHOADES	0-426786	Captain	Mt. Vernon, Washington
HARRY F. RIDEOUT	0-818490	2nd Lt.	Montgomery, Alabama
PAUL J. ROBERTS, JR.	0-1283139	1st Lt.	Santa Barbara, Calif.
JACK T. ROMING	0-818494	2nd Lt.	Florence, Alabama
RICHARD C. ROPER	0-678821	2nd Lt.	Indianapolis, Ind.
DAVID A. SANDBORN	0-815770	2nd Lt.	Portland, Michigan
WILBUR R. SCHIEBLE	0-789950	Captain	Akron, Ohio
ROBERT F. SCHLACK	0-818437	2nd Lt.	Cranford, N. J.
JOHN B. SCHLOSSBERG	0-701810	2nd Lt.	Chicago, Ill.
WILLIAM A. SHADE	0-732078	1st Lt.	Burlingame, Calif.
FRED I. SHARP, JR.	0-818445	2nd Lt.	Buffalo, N. Y.
TONEY SHELTON	0-737874	1st Lt.	San Jose, California
CLIFFORD C. SHERMAN	0-24963	1st Lt.	Mansfield, Mass.
FREDERICK F. SHRINER	0-753087	2nd Lt.	Huntington, W. Va.
ROBERT L. SMITH	0-701813	2nd Lt.	Spencer, N. Y.
WILLIAM O. SMITH	0-433742	Captain	Blanchard, Okla.
HOWARD A. SMULLING	0-701817	2nd Lt.	Monticello, N. Y.
GEORGE K. SYMES	0-25437	Capt.	Lansdowne, Pa.
LESLIE A. TAYLOR	0-675085	1st Lt.	Moultrie, Ga.
THOMAS D. TEEL	0-818459	2nd Lt.	Opa, Alabama
JOHN T. TIERS	0-756423	2nd Lt.	Wilson, Oklahoma
ROBERT J. TITUS	0-692725	1st Lt.	Bethlehem, Pa.
DICK F. TUCKER	0-735040	1st Lt.	Danville, Va.
CHARLES S. WALLER	0-26008	1st Lt.	Miami, Fla.
EDMUND J. WHITING	0-665432	1st Lt.	Detroit, Mich.
WILEY A. WILLIAMS	0-746004	1st Lt.	Los Angeles, California
JAMES H. WILLIAMS	0-613474	2nd Lt.	Decatur, Ga.

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JAMES H. MOON, JR.	O-617143	2nd Lt.	Richmond, Va.
DAVID P. YOST	O-750145	2nd Lt.	Rockville, Conn.
STEPHEN H. ZUCHOWSKI	O-753264	2nd Lt.	Newburgh, N. Y.

IX. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September, 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in Section I, Circular 32, Hq., LTODS, 20 Mar 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:

ROY W. ANDERSON	O-692630	2nd Lt.	Brooklyn, N. Y.
HENRY H. ANDERSON	O-756434	1st Lt.	Tacoma, Washington
ROBERT H. ANDERSON	O-692631	2nd Lt.	Sinking Springs, Pa.
SMITHSON ANDERSON	O-314628	2nd Lt.	Baltimore, Md.
JOHN L. ANDERSON	O-756441	1st Lt.	Los Angeles, California
JOSE H. H. ASHESLUGH	O-311832	2nd Lt.	Hartford, Wis.
ROBERT E. BLOCH	O-316027	2nd Lt.	Chicago, Illinois
WILSON K. BAKER	O-697525	2nd Lt.	Atlanta, Ga.
EDWIN C. BAIL	O-798233	1st Lt.	Idaho, Idaho
ALBERT W. BELL, JR.	O-756914	2nd Lt.	Portland, Oregon
EDWARD C. BEAUMONT	O-756931	2nd Lt.	Los Angeles, California
HEROLD F. BLOK	O-316031	1st Lt.	Bedford, Pa.
SWIFT T. BENJAMIN	O-313115	2nd Lt.	Philadelphia, Pa.
ALFRED E. BENJAMIN	O-316982	1st Lt.	Brigham City, Utah
RICHARD B. BISHOP	O-756455	1st Lt.	Tuscola, Ill.
RONALD C. BLYTHOCK	O-758922	1st Lt.	Santa Paula, California
VICTOR E. BOQUIN	O-314639	2nd Lt.	Reading, Kansas
GEORGE E. BOSSWICK	O-24278	1st Lt.	Warsaw, Wisconsin
ROBERT T. BRADLEY	O-756929	2nd Lt.	South Groveland, Mass
JOE B. BROOKS	O-745284	2nd Lt.	Galveston, Texas
HEROLD C. DROWN	O-695032	2nd Lt.	New York, N. Y.
GEORGE H. DRAKES	O-756469	1st Lt.	New Braunfels, Texas
WILLIAM D. ELLIN	O-736974	Captain	Flint, Michigan
HARISON L. ELLIN, JR.	O-616630	2nd Lt.	Shreveport, La.
JERRY P. BUSH	O-689199	1st Lt.	Hulet, Wyoming
GEORGE H. BUTLER	O-314647	2nd Lt.	Los Angeles, California
ROBERT M. CAUDRON	O-441823	1st Lt.	Providence, R. I.
HEROLD F. CALDWELL	O-802903	1st Lt.	Greenville, Pa.
JOHN F. CALLAHAN	O-1634506	1st Lt.	Inkerman, Pa.
WILLIAM A. CHETON	O-756480	1st Lt.	Redondo Beach, California
JESSE E. CARRINGTON, JR.	O-744685	2nd Lt.	Lumberton, N. C.
EVERETT L. CAVILL	O-442353	1st Lt.	Paradise, California
CLAUDE B. CHESBROUGH	O-756484	2nd Lt.	Yakima, Washington
GLENN R. CLARK	O-753771	1st Lt.	Severn, Maryland
FORREST B. CLAYTON, JR.	O-362599	Captain	Birmingham, Alabama
CARL E. CLOUD	O-669369	1st Lt.	Kansas, Oklahoma
RANDOLPH T. COLEMAN	O-686933	2nd Lt.	Oakland, Michigan
JOHN A. COTLER	O-694126	1st Lt.	North Kansas City, Mo.
WILLIAM A. COX	O-694127	1st Lt.	Independence, Mo.

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KENNETH I. GRAYFORD	0-760257	2nd Lt.	Fresno, California
REXCEL E. GRATES	0-755336	1st Lt.	Charleston, W. Va.
LOUIS A. DICKS	0-614664	1st Lt.	Cincinnati, Ohio
CHARLES H. DOOLLEY	0-610435	1st Lt.	Ben Avon, Pa.
CLARENCE A. P. DUFFLE	0-24334	Captain	York, Pa.
JOHN D. DUTER	0-317906	2nd Lt.	Philadelphia, Pa.
BILLY C. EMMES	0-316013	2nd Lt.	Tyronza, Ark.
HOMER B. EMMERSON	0-750966	2nd Lt.	Chicago, Ill.
ICE D. EISENHART	0-799547	Captain	Hellertown, Pa.
PAUL E. ERICKSON	0-750963	2nd Lt.	Hannibal, Mo.
FRANCIS L. ESHELMAN	0-750969	1st Lt.	Tucson, Arizona
FRANK T. EVANS	0-750269	1st Lt.	Indianapolis, Ind.
OWEN F. FANBER, JR.	0-679346	2nd Lt.	Aberdeen, S. D.
LEONARD J. FIORITO	0-676617	1st Lt.	Leray, N. Y.
DEWEY G. FISH	0-750785	2nd Lt.	Oakland, California
JESSE M. FOULKE	0-756533	2nd Lt.	San Francisco, Calif.
WILLIAM J. FRANK, JR.	0-697264	2nd Lt.	Brooklyn, N. Y.
NICHOLAS J. FREDERICK	0-695043	1st Lt.	Coatesville, Pa.
EARL R. FRYER	0-305025	2nd Lt.	Boyetown, Pa.
JOHN W. FURBERAUX	0-636812	2nd Lt.	Denver, Colo.
THOMAS L. GATES	0-298445	Major	Archibald, La.
JOHN J. GILLMORE, JR.	0-693203	2nd Lt.	Shaker Heights, Ohio
MC DONALD GORMLEY	0-694238	1st Lt.	Albany, N. Y.
CLARENCE H. GRAHAM	0-693206	2nd Lt.	Charleston, W. Va.
ETHELBERT H. GRAHAM, JR.	0-639762	1st Lt.	Los Angeles, Calif.
TRAVIS H. GREENWOOD	0-760136	2nd Lt.	Fort Worth, Texas
THOMAS H. HALL	0-756101	2nd Lt.	Miami, Fla.
TRISTON E. HARDY	0-436241	2nd Lt.	Dillon, S. C.
ROBERT L. HARRISS	0-312436	1st Lt.	Kokomo, Ind.
CARLOS E. HARTER	0-611931	2nd Lt.	Gainesville, Fla.
FURMAN S. HARRIS	0-756559	2nd Lt.	Houston, Texas.
ALLAN S. HARVEY, JR.	0-798152	1st Lt.	Chestertown, Md.
ALEXANDER S. HARTLEY	0-696695	2nd Lt.	Santa Monica, Calif.
ROBERT E. HATTEH	0-315330	2nd Lt.	Ottawa, Ill.
JOHN J. HATCH	0-306676	2nd Lt.	Horriestown, Pa.
WILLIAM H. HENATON	0-614636	2nd Lt.	Hendersonville, N. C.
JOHN B. HENRY, JR.	0-24107	Colonel	Charlotte, Texas
JAMES H. HERBERT, JR.	0-379262	Major	Shiland, Ala.
EARL HERTTEL	0-313157	2nd Lt.	Omaha, Nebraska
FOY E. HIGGINBOTHAM	0-697200	1st Lt.	Ferndale, Mich.
GARYN O. HOFFMAN	0-692679	2nd Lt.	Tulsa, Texas
ROBERT D. HOFFMAN	0-750172	2nd Lt.	Baltimore, Md.
JOHN C. HOLADWAY	0-671544	2nd Lt.	South Bend, Indiana
EARL R. HOLMBERG	0-694155	1st Lt.	Wayne, Kansas
LENN H. HOSFORD, JR.	0-615340	1st Lt.	Chardon, Ohio
DONALD H. HOWLAND	0-724942	Captain	Hollister, California
GEORGE J. HICO	0-797678	1st Lt.	Duquesne, Pa.
WILLIAM R. HUDSON	0-614692	2nd Lt.	Atlanta, Ga.
ROBERT E. HULSTMAN	0-700267	2nd Lt.	Cleveland, Ohio
GILBERT W. HURT	0-306265	1st Lt.	Hays, Kansas
LUCIUS A. HURDUT	0-661099	Captain	Missoula, Montana
WALTER W. JAMES	0-694164	1st Lt.	Crockett, California
ARTHUR F. JEFFREY	0-659131	Captain	San Francisco, Calif.
CLARENCE O. JOHNSON	0-735904	Captain	Ada, Minn.
ALMA R. JONES	0-759018	2nd Lt.	Ogden, Utah.

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ROBERT H. KATE	0-697562	2nd Lt.	Buffalo, N. Y.
FRANK J. KEMER	0-421113	Captain	Trenton, N. J.
GEORGE E. KELLY, III	0-391174	1st Lt.	Houston, Texas
LEONARD H. KING	0-666955	1st Lt.	Oklahoma City, Okla.
HAROLD E. KING	0-530757	1st Lt.	Bradley, Idaho
JAMES E. KINSOLVING	0-315352	1st Lt.	Ansley, Ala.
ISRAEL E. KIRCHENSTEIN	0-016757	2nd Lt.	Milwaukee, Wisc.
JAMES E. KIRCHENSTEIN	0-756619	1st Lt.	Peru, Ill.
FRANK A. KOVACS	0-763646	2nd Lt.	Pontiac, California
GEORGE H. KRECHT	0-639246	2nd Lt.	Houston, Texas
DALE J. KROEMER	0-759029	2nd Lt.	Redding, California
LEONARD E. KUTLEFFER	0-752317	2nd Lt.	Monterey, California
JOHN D. KACZMAREK	0-756022	2nd Lt.	Hollywood, California
FRANK J. KUSCHKE, JR.	0-444125	Captain	Greenville, Texas
WILLIAM H. K. MC HUGH	0-612168	1st Lt.	Trenton, N. J.
GEORGE H. MC LACHLAN	0-616934	2nd Lt.	Hampden, Pa.
JOHN W. MC NEIL, JR.	0-315365	2nd Lt.	Madison, N. C.
JOHN H. MITCHELL	0-666573	2nd Lt.	Midland, Michigan
ALAN E. MOORE	0-743700	2nd Lt.	Charlottesville, Va.
WILLIAM E. MURPHY, JR.	0-612460	1st Lt.	Pell River, Mass.
LEONARD E. MURPHY	0-357747	2nd Lt.	Proctor, Mass.
ROBERT E. OLIVER	0-665223	1st Lt.	Madison, Wisconsin
ROBERT E. OLIVE	0-616925	2nd Lt.	Sheffield, Ala.
LEONARD E. OLIVE, JR.	0-750066	2nd Lt.	Houston, Texas
DALE E. OLIVE	0-745564	1st Lt.	Cortland, N. Y.
LEONARD E. OLIVE, JR.	0-321174	Captain	San Antonio, Texas
HENRY A. ORLIEFF	0-666919	2nd Lt.	Nappanee, Indiana
ALFRED E. ORLIEFF	0-664179	1st Lt.	Detroit, Michigan
JACK E. ORLIEFF	0-455556	2nd Lt.	Melbourne, Australia
WILLIAM E. ORLIEFF	0-753057	1st Lt.	Elkhorn, Wisconsin
JOHN E. ORLIEFF	0-753057	2nd Lt.	Arnold, Kansas
CARL J. PUSCAR	0-753059	2nd Lt.	Livabik, Minn.
JOHN E. PUSCAR, JR.	0-32371	1st Lt.	Cleveland, Ohio
ROBERT E. PUSCAR	0-32372	2nd Lt.	Augusta, Ga.
GEORGE E. PUSCAR	0-694263	1st Lt.	Dallas, Texas
ROBERT E. PUSCAR	0-13366	P/O	Brunswick, Ga.
WILLIAM E. PUSCAR	0-753059	2nd Lt.	San Francisco, Calif.
WILLIAM E. PUSCAR	0-312420	2nd Lt.	Orange, N. J.
GEORGE E. PUSCAR	0-666729	2nd Lt.	Covington, Va.
ROBERT E. PUSCAR	0-413659	2nd Lt.	Bridgeport, Conn.
JOHN E. PUSCAR	0-753059	2nd Lt.	Cover, Ohio
JOHN E. PUSCAR	0-753059	2nd Lt.	Pittsburgh, Pa.
JOHN E. PUSCAR	0-753059	1st Lt.	Chicago, Ill.
ROBERT E. PUSCAR, JR.	0-753059	2nd Lt.	Greene County, Mich.
ROBERT E. PUSCAR	0-754224	1st Lt.	Harold, Arizona
JAMES E. PUSCAR	0-315411	1st Lt.	Wilmington, N. C.
LEONARD E. PUSCAR	0-666961	Captain	Hood River, Oregon
ROBERT E. PUSCAR, JR.	0-616176	2nd Lt.	Lancaster, S. C.
JOHN E. PUSCAR	0-694127	1st Lt.	Grants Pass, Oregon
ROBERT E. PUSCAR	0-744794	2nd Lt.	Franklin, Ohio
FRANKLIN D. PUSCAR	0-696720	1st Lt.	Baltimore, Maryland
WILLIAM E. PUSCAR	0-752466	1st Lt.	Green Forest, Arkansas
HENRY E. PUSCAR	0-663491	1st Lt.	Detroit, Mich.

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RALPH T. THOMPSON	O-546616	1st Lt.	Torales, California
ROBERT H. THOMPSON	O-699603	2nd Lt.	Topeka, Kansas
CEDON C. THOMTON	O-315423	2nd Lt.	Montevideo, Minn.
ARCHIE A. TOMER	O-793180	1st Lt.	Winthrop, N. Y.
ROBERT S. TUTTLE	O-310604	2nd Lt.	Farmington, N. H.
GEORGE H. VAN NOY, JR.	O-314795	2nd Lt.	Rochester, N. Y.
CLEON K. VOSS	O-756754	2nd Lt.	Woodville, Texas
JOHN H. WATKINS	O-756065	2nd Lt.	Farmersville, Ill.
BRUCE G. WARD	O-753119	2nd Lt.	Strathmore, California
WERNER M. WARD	O-753253	1st Lt.	Santa Monica, Calif.
STEPHEN J. WELSH	O-750742	1st Lt.	Abbeville, S. C.
CHARL E. WESTMAN	O-314806	2nd Lt.	Brooklyn, N. Y.
ROBERT H. WILCOX	O-691199	1st Lt.	Skenectotie, N. Y.
BIGGER C. WILLIAMS	O-701219	2nd Lt.	Kansas City, Mo.
WILLIAM H. WILLIS	O-753261	1st Lt.	Laguna Beach, Calif.
JOHN E. WILSON, JR.	O-753133	2nd Lt.	Los Angeles, Calif.
WILLIAM F. WILSON	O-753140	2nd Lt.	Strong City, Kansas
VICTOR WOLSKI	O-753142	2nd Lt.	Glendale, California
WILLIAM WRIGHT, JR.	O-753144	2nd Lt.	Winchester, Mass.
WALTER WYATT	O-666496	Captain	Vernon, Texas.
DONALD A. ZEINE	O-312523	1st Lt.	Clasford, Ill.

JOSEPH C. ENGINEER, O-694232, 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, 21 May, 1944. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by Lt. Engelbreit reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Michigan.

X. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September, 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in Section I, Circular 32, Hq., LTCUSA, 20 March, 1944, and Letter Hq., Eighth Air Force, Subject: "Awards and Decorations", 2 April, 1944, two OAK LEAF CLUSTERS are awarded to the following named Officer in addition to the Air Medal previously awarded:

WILLIAM J. DAVENPORT, O-314658, 2nd Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For exceptionally meritorious service in participating in numerous and frequent aerial flights over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by Lt. Davenport reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from North Carolina.

XI. So much of Section V, General Order No. 57, this Headquarters, 6 July 1944, as pertains to JOHN D. MURPHY, O-383144, Lt. Col., and reads "An OAK LEAF CLUSTER is awarded to the following named Officer for wear with the Distinguished Flying Cross and two Oak Leaf Clusters previously awarded:" is amended to read "an OAK LEAF CLUSTER is awarded to the following named

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Officer for wear with the Distinguished Flying Cross and one Oak Leaf Cluster previously awarded:".

By command of Major General KETTER:

OFFICIAL:

John J. Sailors
JOHN J. SAILORS,
Colonel, AGC,
Adjutant General.

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

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

APC 637,
25 July 44.

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SUBJECT: S-2, S-3 Mission Report. No # 132

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

- A. 363rd Fighter Squadron - Major JOHN W. WING, leading
- B. 18 - 0820 - 1312
- C. None
- D. Area Patrol
- E. Nil
- F. Nil
- G. Nil

FO 462

H. Destroyed:

I. Me 109 by Capt. Bockay

 Pz 190 by Capt. Foy

 Damaged

 Me 109 by Capt. Bockay

II Arrived over area at 0950 and patrolled area from 15000 to 19000 feet until 1050. Then swept area south of beachhead to Paris and encountered 20 plus 109's and 25 plus 190's with above results. Light and heavy intense inaccurate flak over Paris. R/T good. 4/10 cumulus to 5000 feet over continent with cirrus at 25000 feet.

JOHN D. WING JR.
1st Lt AC
S-2 Officer.

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ENCOUNTER REPORT

D-2

PILOT: DONALD H. BOCHKAY, Capt, AC, 0742834

- A. Combat
- B. 25 July 1944 Field Order No. 462
- C. 363rd Fighter Squadron, 357th Fighter Group
- D. 1150
- E. Over PARIS, FRANCE
- F. Fair
- G. Me. 109s
- H. One Me. 109 destroyed; one Me. 109 damaged
- I. I was leading Cement Green Flight on a return, Area Support, from FRANCE. We were flying north toward PARIS at 18,000 ft. covering some P-38s that were flying the same path, but under us. Cement ~~Blue~~ Leader called in the 20 plus 109s coming head on and slightly above us, they fired at us on the way over. I broke hard to the right as they dove down heading for PARIS balls out. I latched onto the tail-end 109 and gave him 2 short bursts and as I closed I gave him a long one hitting him hitting him hard in the wings and about the canopy. His canopy blew off along with large pieces, he was smoking badly, he then rolled over on his back at 3,000 ft. and I saw him crash in the city of PARIS. I found another 109 in front of me and fired at him from about 300 yards. I saw strikes and his coolant was streaming out. I shot past him as another 109 bounced me from the left. I attacked him and was in perfect range. I pulled the trigger, but no guns. I then pulled up sharply and lost him. I leveled off at 25,000 ft. and came home.

I claim one Me. 109 destroyed and one Me. 109 damaged.

J. Ammunition Expended: 1155 rds .50 cal MG.

Donald H. Bochkay
DONALD H. BOCHKAY,
Capt, AC.

SUPPORTING STATEMENT

I was flying wing man for Cement Green leader, Captain BOCHKAY, when 20 plus 109s made a head-on attack. Cement Green leader made a 180° turn and got on a 109's tail. We followed them down from 18,000 and Cement Green leader began firing. I noticed strikes and pieces flying from plane and it was smoking badly. We were at 3,000 ft. and I saw him roll over on his back. I had to break because of flak and failed to find Cement Green Leader because of oil on my windshield and canopy. I did not see pilot get out. I am sure that Cement Green leader destroyed this 109.

William S. Davis
WILLIAM S. DAVIS,
1st Lt, AC.

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ENCOUNTER REPORT

PILOT: ROBERT W. FOY, Capt, AC, 0745340

- A. Combat
- B. 25 July 1944 Field Order No. 462
- C. 363rd Fighter Squadron, 357th Fighter Group
- D. 1145
- E. over Southeast PARIS
- F. Very hazy
- G. FW 190
- H. One FW 190 destroyed
- I. I was flying #1 Cement Yellow Flight when we observed 20 plus enemy aircraft high and cutting left in front of our squadron. I broke to the fight and pulled up to the rear box of S/A. I tried to pick out the tail-end Charlie but couldn't distinguish which was which. I picked out what I thought was a 109 and started firing out of range closing in rapidly. He suddenly pulled into a sharp right turn and I put down 20° flaps and followed giving several bursts with about a two radii lead. Smoke started pouring out of the right side of the S/A and he continued turning to the left. I pulled up to avoid collision with a silver P-51 and then continued on the S/A tail. He was still turning at about 100 ft. from ground - he hit the ground in the middle of a small racetrack and I flew directly over top of him at about 100 ft. I started to circle to the left to come back and strafe the ship but found an airfield directly in my path. The flak was very intense and fairly accurate. I turned right and hugged the deck to avoid the flak. The FW 190 had the 109s with him and it was the only 190 I observed.

I claim one FW 190 destroyed.

- J. Ammunition Expended: 501 rds. 50 cal MG.

Robert W. Foy
ROBERT W. FOY,
Capt, AC.

SUPPORTING STATEMENT

I was flying Captain ROBERT FOY'S wing at the time. He was getting good strikes on the FW 190 and also the FW 190 was leaving a trail of black smoke from its right side. The last I saw of the S/A was when he hit the ground in the middle of a small racetrack. By the way he hit the ground, I doubt very much if the pilot is telling about his experiences. The flak was very intense, so we hit the deck and left.

Donald J. Pasaka
DONALD J. PASAKA,
1st Lt, AC.

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JOHN L. CARTER	PLT O	T124324 USA	do

By order of Colonel GRAHAM:

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

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Adjutant.

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

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AFD 637,
28 July 44.

SUBJ CT: S-2, S-3 Mission Report. No. 133.

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

- A. 363rd Fighter Squadron - Col DONALD W. GLENN, leading
- B. 19 - 07:00 - 1245
- C. Two
- D. Penetration - Target Support - Withdrawal PG # 469
- E. Nil
- F. Nil
- G. Nil
- H. Nil
- I. 1/F in BOMBING at 0810 hours at 22,000 ft. 1/V B. of BOMBING at 0815 hours at 2,000 ft. 1/B at SCHOON at 1215 hours at 15,000 ft. 1/F out at SCHOON at 1215 hours at 15,000 ft. One Me. 109 observed over target area going down through clouds and too low to pursue. Four high contrails - enemy - observed over target at 30,000 ft. No v; moderate inaccurate flak over target. Channel 8/10 low clouds beginning at 3,000 ft. Continent 7/10 to 8/10 low clouds to 11,000 ft. 1/T good

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

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

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APC 637,
29 Jul 44.

SUBJECT: S-2, S-3 Mission Report No. 134

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

- A. 363rd Fighter Squadron - Major EDWIN W. HIRG, leading
- B. 17 -- 0805 -- 1310
- C. One (Spare Not Needed)
- D. Penetration - Target Support - Withdrawal FO #470
- E. Nil
- F. Nil
- G. Nil
- H. DONALD H. BOCHKAY, Capt, AC, 0742834 - Destroyed: One FW 190 in Air
WILLIAM B. OVERSTREET, JR, 1st Lt, AC, 0745487 - Destroyed: ~~FW 190~~ 109 in air
Destroyed: FW 190 on ground
Probably Destroyed: Do. 217 on ground
Damaged: FW. 190 on Ground
- I. L/F in not observed because of overcast. R/V DUMMER LAKE at 0920 hours at 26,000 ft. L/B east of ZWOILE at 1145 hours at 25,000 ft. L/F out between EDGERUND and IJMUIDEN ~~at~~ in flights at ~~six~~ different times. Heavy accurate moderate flak over target and MUNSTER. 15 plus S/E E/A attacked bombers before and after target and engaged by Squadron with above results. Six bombers seen to go down over target area and six chutes observed in area. West her over channel and continent -- clouds in three layers 8/10 to 10/10 coverage from 4,000 to 14,000 ft with 1,000 ft. haze above. High thin cirrus at 28,000 ft-dense persistant contrails at 30,000 ft. R/T good.
- J. Lt. OVERSTREET attacked enemy A/D in vicinity of 5131N 1111E ~~at~~ 1140 hours destroying one FW. 190; damaging one FW 190; and probably destroying one DO 217.

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

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ENCLOSURE REPORT

PILOT: DONALD H. BOCKEY, Capt., AC., O-742834

- A. Combat
- B. 29 July 1944 Field Order No. 470
- C. 363rd Fighter Squadron, 357th Fighter Group
- D. 1030
- E. Southwest of MERSBURG, GERMANY
- F. Good Overcast at 8,000
- G. FW-190
- H. One FW-190 destroyed
- I. I was leading Cassin Green flight, escorting B-17's to the target at 29,000 feet. Just west of the target a wave of about 20 ME-109's went through our bombers. We dropped our tanks and bore in for the attack. I stayed at 20,000 ft for top cover. I then climbed back up above a box of bombers coming out of the target and was above them when I saw two FW-190's coming in on the box from the rear. I tried to cut them off before they hit the box but they had the speed over me. I then dove under the bombers, bailed out and followed the two 190's as they attacked a lone B-17. I was gaining on them rapidly. After they hit their lone bomber they turned to the right. I then cut them off sharply and came in for the kill. I fired a long burst in this tight turn without results. I overran them and washed out to the side. The lead 190 went straight up and my element leader latched on to him, the second 190 straightened out. When he did this I gave him a short burst and noticed strikes on him. The E/A then pulled some very good evasive action, but I hung with him. He thought he had lost me, he straightened out again. I was sitting right under him. We were separate from any one else. I then pulled up and fired a good burst and hit him good. That made him bail out at about 4,000 ft and I took pictures of him in his chute.

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Donald H. Bockey

DONALD H. BOCKEY,
Capt., AC.

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ENCOUNTER REPORT

PILOT: WILLIAM B. OVERSTREET, JR, 1st Lt, AC, 0745487

- A. Combat
- B. 29 July 1944 Field Order No. 470
- C. 363rd Fighter Squadron, 357th Fighter Group
- D. 1030
- E. West of HERSEBURG
- F. 8/10 at 8,000
- G. Me. 109 ; FW 190; Do. 217
- H. Destroyed: In Air - One Me. 109; On ground - One FW 190 . Damaged: On Ground - One FW 190 One Do. 217
- I. I was flying Cement Red #3 and my wingman and I were making a pass on a large field. As we did a Me. 109 dove on us slightly to our right. I turned into him as soon as I was across the field and he was fairly close. He turned right also leaving me right behind him. Using the gyro gunsight I fired about 30° deflection and got hits. I think the range was about 350 yards. I closed in still firing and hit his coolant. He dropped down right on the ground and as my wing was in the grass I had to pull up. Pieces of the 109 made holes in my canopy. The gyro gunsight (K-14) worked extremely well and I think was responsible for getting the hits at first. I claim one Me. 109 destroyed in the air
- J. Ammunition Expended: 727 rds. .50 cal MG.

W. B. Overstreet, Jr.
WILLIAM B. OVERSTREET, JR,
1st Lt, AC.

SUPPORTING STATEMENT

I was flying Cement Red #4, Lt. OVERSTREET'S wingman, when he attacked a 109. I saw numerous hits. The coolant streamed out and the plane caught on fire.

Harold O. Hand
HAROLD O. HAND,
1st Lt, AC

I was flying Cement Red #3 and my wingman and I were on the deck. I spotted a circular grass field with unidentified planes all around it. As I approached from the north I noticed a row of FW 190s to my right on a huge field apparently separate. I made a pass at it opening fire at probably 500 yards to scare gunners. After a short burst a 190 blew up in blue and white smoke. Then I put a long burst in a Do. 217, observing hits on fuselage, cockpit and engines. Most of the planes had their engines covered with canvass. I made another pass on the field from the opposite side, taking a long burst at the Do. 217 and even longer one at another FW 190. I observed many hits on both of these and as I passed the FW 190 its right landing gear collapsed. This airfield was at 5131 N; 1111 E.
I claim one FW 190 destroyed; one FW 190 damaged; one Do. 217 damaged.

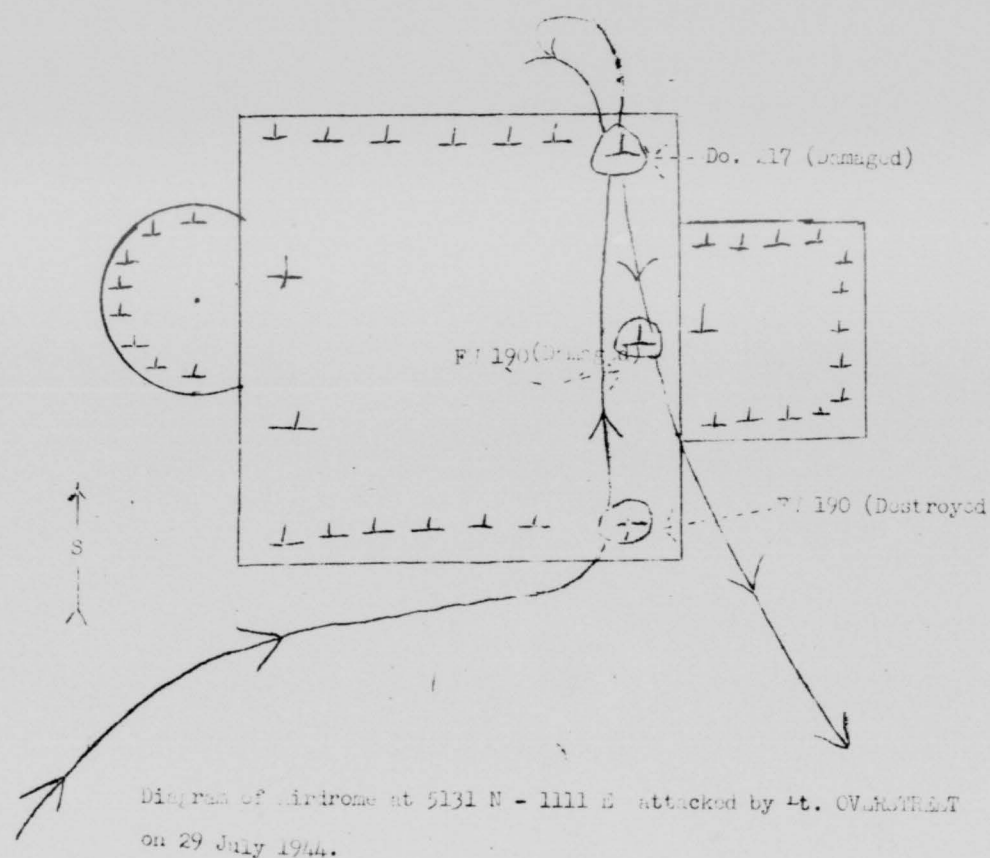
- J. Ammunition Expended: 727 rds. .50 cal MG.

William B. Overstreet, Jr.
WILLIAM B. OVERSTREET, JR,
1st Lt, AC.

I was flying Cement Red #4, Lt. OVERSTREET'S wingman, when we dove down for a pass at the airdrome. As soon as Lt. OVERSTREET opened fire I observed an explosion on the edge of the field.

Harold O. Hand
HAROLD O. HAND, 1st Lt, AC.

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

APO 637,
30 July 44.

SUBJECT: S-2, S-3 Mission Report. No # 135

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

- A. 363rd Fighter Squadron - Major EDWIN W. HIRO, leading.
- B. 17 - 1705 - 2038
- C. One
- D. Fighter Sweep Type 16 control FO # 471
- E. Nil
- F. Nil
- G. ~~ENGINEER HIRO, MAJOR AC 0728661 - Destroyed One ME 109 in Air Nil~~
- H. EDWIN W. HIRO, MAJOR AC 0728661 - Destroyed: One ME 109 in Air
- I. L/F in Coughde at 1742 hours at 22000 feet. Vectored to bogies when North of Evreux but no contact made. Then proceeded to area arriving at 1820 hours at 28000 feet until 1945 hours. Then vectored to Paris area after bogies where 8 Me 109's were spotted with above results. Icing at low altitude prevented better results. L/F out S Dunkirk at 2000 hrs at 22000 feet. Light heavy inaccurate flax over Paris area. Channel 9/10 to 5000 feet nothing above. Continent South of Beachhead high cirrus 4/10 broken cumulus to 7000 feet. 10/10 overcast over Cherbourg Peninsula. The 8 Me 109's above mentioned were flying in two flights in trail.
R/T good.

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

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PILOT: EDWIN W. HIND, Major, AC, SECURITY R. 107
073561

- A. Combat
- B. 30 July 1944 Field Order No. 471
- C. 363rd Fighter Squadron, 357th Fighter Group
- D. 1930
- E. 10 miles west of PARIS
- F. 7/18 Caudron flown at 10,000 ft.
- G. Me. 109
- H. One Me. 109 destroyed
- I. I was leading Cement Squadron flying at 20,000 feet west of PARIS when a flight of about 15 Me. 109s were called in flying south. We were going north at the time so I made a diving turn of 180° and flew toward PARIS. I saw four P-51s with a 109 on the tail of the last one. Our dive took us below the 109 so I had to pull almost straight up and closed on him. I fired while I did a roll and saw strikes and smoke come from it as I did another roll to avoid hitting it. He went up then rolled off on one wing and went straight down streaming smoke. Then the canopy came off and the pilot got out. His chute opened and the plane went straight down. I claim one Me. 109 destroyed.
- J. Ammunition expended: 474 rds. 50 cal. 20

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Edwin W. Hind
EDWIN W. HIND,
MAJ, AC.

SUPERSTANDARD

I was flying Cement Red #2 when Major HIND, Cement Red leader, went down to attack Me. 109s. After orbiting a few times the Major approached a 109 from rear and fired a burst getting strikes along the entire length of the 109's left side. Smoke immediately began pouring out, the canopy came off and the pilot parachute opened 500 ft. or so below us. The 109 was painted a gray blue and had a large cross midway between tips and roots of each wing.

William L. Amley Jr.
WILLIAM L. AMLEY JR.,
2nd Lt, AC.

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

APC 637
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SUBJECT: S-2, S-3 MISSION REPORT. NO #

TO : S-2 OFFICER, 357TH FIGHTER GROUP, ARMY AIR FORCES,
USAAF STATION F-373, APC 637.

- A. 363RD FIGHTER SQUADRON - COL DONALD W. GRAHAM, LEADING
- B. 18 UP - XX 1045 - 1605
- C. ONE
- D. PENETRATION AREA SUPPORT WITHDRAWAL FO 472
- E. NIL
- F. NIL
- G. NIL
- H. NIL
- I. L/F WALCHEREN AT 1130 HRS AT 20000 FEET. RV AT VALMEY AT 1145 HRS AT 24000 FEET L/B LANDAU AND PARALLELED TARGET AREA FROM 1500 TO 1350 UNTIL LAST BOX HAD PASSED THROUGH TARGET ESCORTED BOMBERS TO E/C LEAVING THEM AT WALCHEREN AT XX 1520 HRS AT 20000 FEET. HEAVY INTENSE INAC. RATE FLAK OVER TARGET ONE B 17 SEEN TO EXPLODE AT 20000 FEET AT 1515 HRS OVER TARGET NO CHITES OBSERVED. CHANNEL LIGHT SCATTERED LOW C HILUS TO MIDWAY CHANNEL INCREASING TO 10/10 OVER E/C. 10/10 C/M LOS LAYERS TO 26000 FEET TO TARGET WITH HIGH CIRROS ABOVE A FEW BREAKS OVER TARGET. A/T GOOD.

JOHN B MYERS JR
SST LT AC
S-2 OFFICER

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