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357TH FIGHTER GROUP

363RD FIGHTER SQUADRON

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GENERAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

- 2 October The Squadron escorted bombers to KASSEL. In so far as action with enemy fighters is concerned this mission was just another milk-run. No E/A were seen or encountered.
- 3 October The P-51s of the Squadron escort bombers on their mission to ROERMOND, AND ENCOUNTERED NO ENEMY FIGHTERS. Lt. CANNON was at first believed to be M.I.A. on this mission, but a later report found that he had crash landed on a friendly field in BELGIUM and he returned safely home.
- 5 October A bomber escort mission to LUNSTEDT again gave our fighters only a ride and the satisfaction of knowing that they had safely escorted their assigned bombers to the target and return. No enemy aircraft were encountered.
- 6 October It used to be that a bomber escort mission to "Big B" - BERLIN - was the dream of every fighter pilot. Now, these missions like so many others have become mere milk-runs. Today's mission was the usual mission in which our fighters escort bombers to more completely destroy the capital city of the Reich without opposition from the G.A.F.
- 7 October Finally the German fighters do come up to do battle as AAF bombers, escorted by the P-51s of the Squadron, attack LEIPZIG. Our Squadron was escorting the second box of bombers when the third box was attacked by E/A. The Squadron immediately went to the assistance of the third box of bombers and drove the fighters off - with Lt. GAILER shooting down a FW 190. Is it possible that the Luftwaffe is going to resume battle. All of the fighter pilots of the Squadron are hoping that that is so.
- 9 October But, the next mission - bomber escort to SCHEWELINFUST - was another milk run. No E/A seen, encountered, or even heard about.
- 12 October This was "YEAGER DAY". The day that Lt. CHARLES E. YEAGER shot down five enemy aircraft. The mission was bomber escort to BREMEN. The Group was lead by Lt. YEAGER and at STEINBUCHER LAKE our Squadron engaged 22 Me. 109s. And Lt. YEAGER shot down five Me. 109s. Other pilots of the Squadron shared in the glory of the days victories as Lt. ROPER shot down 2 Me. 109s and Lt. GAILER shot down 1 Me. 109. On this mission Captain HERSCHEL T. PASCOE was missing in action. Captain PASCOE had received his captaincy only the previous day. Long a member of the Squadron, and well liked by all of the personnel, Captain PASCOE will be missed by the Squadron very sorely.
- 14 October And again, the day that the luftwaffe does come up to do battle is followed by milk-runs, evidently as he retires to lick his wounds. Today's mission, a bomber escort to KOLN, was such a milk-run.

17 October The Squadron goes on a bomber escort mission to COLOGNE. And again it is a milk run for our fighter pilots - with no enemy aircraft seen or heard from on the entire mission.

18 October The Squadron escorts bombers to KASSEL but have no chance to engage enemy fighters who are still staying very close to the ground and to their bases. On this mission 2nd Lt. HORACE M. ROYCROFT fails to return to our base and is reported M. I. A.

19 October A purely milk run mission escorting bombers to their target at LUDWIGSHAVEN. It was an uneventful mission in so far as our P-51s were concerned and our pilots returned with nothing to report.

22 October Another uneventful mission as our fighter pilots escort bombers to BRAUNSCHWEIG. No hits - No runs - No errors.

24 October At last something to relieve the monotony of the uneventful bomber escort missions - for the fighter pilots of the squadron have a strafing mission to BRAUNSCHWEIG. Low clouds over assigned area prevented strafing there and squadron went for targets of opportunity and attacked railroad trains destroying five locomotives, eight freight cars ten box cars and one flak position. All of our pilots returned from this mission which proved to be a welcome change from the milk runs of the past several days.

25 October And again the Squadron is on a milk run - escorting bombers to HAMBURG. There was no enemy opposition to the bombers and our pilots feel that they went along just for the ride.

26 October The Squadron escorts bombers to HANOVER - finding the mission to be only a milk run again. The pilots of the 363rd are really getting browned off at the making of one mission after another to find that again and again the luftwaffe fails to come up to do battle. But they do know that if they were not escorting these bombers there would be many attacks on these bombers - so they do know that their services are valuable. But they want to fight the enemy fighters.

28 October Another bomber escort mission - this time the heavies are escorted to HAMM. One Jet-Propelled Aircraft was seen - but barely seen - on this mission which was otherwise devoid of enemy opposition.

30 October A recalled bomber escort mission to MERSEBURG. And the month ended with another milk run mission for the P-51 pilots of the 363rd.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY

I A/C ABORTIVE ANALYSIS (EARLY RETURNS)

Engine*	3
Coolant System	2
Instrument	-
Flight Control Surface	-
Propeller	-
Oxygen	-
Electrical	4
Fuel Induction	-
Drop Tanks	1

Total Aborts (Mechanical)	10
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Escort	8
Pilot Trouble	3
Navigation**	4
Radio	-
Others***	-

Total Aborts (Non-Mechanical)	15
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Aggregate Total - Aborts & E/A	25
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II FLIGHT RECORD

No. of A/C Airborne	318
" " " " (Prev. No.)	366

Percentage Airborne A/C Abortive	7.9
" " " " " "	

(Prev. No.)	5.2
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*Engine includes power setting, roughness, engine fuel leaks, engine control, oil leaks, fumes in cockpit, etc.

**Weather

***Includes late T/O, couldn't find formation.

III OPERATIONAL DATA

Average number of A/C on Hand	23.7
" " " " " " (Operational)	21.1
Percentage A/C on Hand Operational	89.5
Percentage of Operational A/C airborne	48.7

IV ARMAMENT STOPPAGE ANALYSIS

Rounds of Ammunition Fired	29,614
Stoppages	9
Rounds Fired per Stoppage	3291
Link Jams	-
Failure to Extract From Belt	2
Failure to Extract from Chamber	-
Failure to Eject	-
Dented Primer	-
Solenoid	-
Failure to Chamber Round	3
Miscellaneous	<u>4</u>
Total	9

PERSONNELPROMOTIONS

27 September 1st Lt to Captain - HERSCHEL T. PASCOE, O-745190
 13 October 2nd Lt to 1st Lt - CARROLL W. GUSTON, O-700316
 14 October 2nd Lt to 1st Lt - EDWARD J. CARR, O-820220
 JAMES T. CRUMP, O-711959
 16 October 2nd Lt to 1st Lt - WARNER F. ROBERTS, O-617703
 24 October 1st Lt to Captain - CHARLES E. YRAGER, O-887005

TRANSFERRED to SQUADRON

4 October JOHNNIE LEE CARTER, F/O - O-886664
 23 September PETER (MI) PILLICH, 2nd Lt - O-762521
 GEORGE J. RICE, JR, 2nd Lt - O-756702
 NORACE M. ROYCROFT, 2nd Lt, - O-754205
 28 October HENRY L. HARE, 2nd Lt - O-829855
 DANIEL N. MYERS, 2nd Lt - O-721140
 SAUL SITZER, F/O T-63064
 20 September ROGER E. PAGELS, 1st Lt, AC, O-682952 temp duty

TRANSFERRED from SQUADRON

30 September ROGER E. PAGELS, 1st Lt, AC, O-682952
 1 October David A. Winsor, Cpl 16055788
 14 October FLOYD J. MAYNARD, 1st Lt, AG, O-692697
 DONALD J. PASAKA, 1st Lt, A, O-702833
 26 October PAUL K. DE VRIES, Capt, AC, O-728607
 27 October RICHARD C. ROPER, 1st Lt, AC, O-678821

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TRAINING PROGRAM

During the month of October the Squadron personnel attended regular discussion programs on the subject of current problems and current questions to the personnel of the army as well as to the Men and Officers of the unit as citizens of the United States.

The interest shown in these discussions is indicative of the ability and the desire of the American soldier to work out his own problems with the aid of his fellows. The opinions of the personnel as expressed in these sessions were many and were as varied as they were many. And all of them were freely expressed and freely discussed.

These discussion periods, attended by all of the personnel of the Squadron, by all Officers and by all Enlisted Men of the Squadron, are certain to make of all better soldiers during this war period and better citizens at the time that the 'Discharges' are handed out, in that they have brought to the attention of all, not only a mention of the problems that are to be faced, but more than that, a knowledge of how one's fellows may feel about these problems and their solution.

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

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APO 559,
2 Oct 1944.

SUBJECT: S-2, S-3 Mission Report No. 179

TO : S-2 Officer, 357th Fighter Group, Army Air Forces, USAAF Station F-373,
APO 559.

- A. 363rd Fighter Squadron. LEADING: Major G. I. CARLISLE
B. 15 UP. TAKE-OFF: 0855 DOWN: 1410
C. EARLY RETURNS: One ESCORT: Nil
D. Penetration - Target Support - Withdrawal Field Order #593
E. Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil
I. (1) L/F in WALSHEWEN ISLAND at 0935 hrs at 23,000 ft. Made R/V with designated bombers furnishing escort to 7th and 8th boxes around target breaking escort BRUSSELS at 1325 hrs at 23,000 ft. L/F out OSTENDE at 1345 hrs at 12,000 ft. 1015 hrs -26,000'
- (2) Nil
(3) Nil
(4) Nil
(5) Nil - Bandits reported by oilskin at target, Point S and Point P not intercepted of seen. ~~xxxx xxxxx~~
- (6) a. Ground observation not possible because of clouds and altitude
b. Pilots report group operating over BELGIUM, call sign ARMSTRONG on same frequency as our "A" channel.
c. Pilots report a distance of 5 to 6 miles between 6th and 7th bomber wings.
d. In the 7th bomber wing the low squadron was trailing approx. 2 miles behind the rest of the formation as it turned north from the target.
e. The high squadron in the 8th bomber wing was trailing $\frac{1}{2}$ mile as it rounded ~~xxx~~ north around the target.
f. Both these trailing squadrons made no apparent effort to return to their ~~place~~ place in the bomber formations.
g. Bomb wings were observed turning north and south of the target ~~and~~ in bomb load.
h. B-17 with ball turret missing and 2 engines feathered escorted to 25 miles E. of LILLE where he took a heading of 180°. Escort broken because of fuel.
- (7) KASSEL - heavy moderate inaccurate 28,000 ft. Squadron was $\frac{1}{2}$ to 2 miles right side of bombers and observed flak bursting between fighters and bombers.

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

APO 559,
3 Oct 44.

SUBJECT: S-2, S-3 Mission Report. No # 180

TO : S-2 Officer, 357th Fighter Group, Army Air Forces, USAAF Station F-373,
APO 559.

- A. 363rd Fighter Squadron. HERSCHEL S. PASCOE, leading
- B. 15 up Take off 0900 down 1425
- C. one
- D. Penetration - target support - withdrawal Field Order 596
- E. One NYR JOE W CANNON 2nd Lt AC O-826621 - Flying No 4 in red flight last
- F. Nil seen by No 1 in red flight 1st
- G. 2nd Lt Joe W Cannon AC., O-826621 - Missing. Lt HERSCHEL T PASCOE at Breskens
- H. Nil at 0942 at 20000 ft when he flew
- I. 1. L/F in Walcheren Island at 0940 hrs at 20000 ft. Made R/V with designated bomb- ing he was aborting, made a 180° turn and headed toward base. He did not contact Lt Pascoe on the RT.
ers furnishing escort to 5th and 6th
CW's around target from SW Koblenz to
S Mezieres at 1246 hrs at 20000 ft.
L/F out at Ostend at 1338 hrs at 9500 ft.
- 2/ Nil
- 3 Nil
- 4 Nil
- 5 Nil
- 6
 - a. Ground observations not possible because of clouds and altitude.
 - b. Pilots report 5th & 6th wings and squadrons within wings in close formation from R/V until they made bomb run. After bomb run all wings and squadrons spread out and squadrons began to straggle making it difficult to cover designated wings at this point. Formations improved on withdrawal.
 - c. Four puffs of red flax observed at 25000 ft over target.
 - d. Pilots report a rocket vapor trail seen between 45000 to 50000 feet in vicinity of Kassel when the Squadron was at 22000 ft and West of Liege.
 - e.
- 7 Wurzburg - heavy intense accurate at 25000 ft.

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

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

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APO 559,
5 Oct 1944

308401: 1-2, 1-3 Mission Report No. 181

TO : 1-2 Officer, 357th Fighter Group, Army Air Forces, HSAF Station F-373
APO 559.

- A. 363rd Fighter Squadron 1st Lt. Captain CLARENCE E. GARDNER, JR.
- B. 17 SP. T-62-FF: 1015 HRS: 1344
- C. EARLY RETURNS: Nil. ESCORT: Nil
- D. Penetration - Target Support - Withdrawal Field Order #598
- E. Nil
- F. Nil
- G. Nil
- H. Nil
- I. (1) 1/2 in north of REMOND at 1114 hrs at 25,000 ft. P/V north of REMOND at 1114 hrs at 27,000 ft. 1/2 at REMOND at 1215 hrs at 25,000 ft. combat 1/2 at REMOND at 1215 hrs at 25,000 ft. 1/2 at REMOND at 1215 hrs at 25,000 ft. 1/2 at REMOND at 1215 hrs at 25,000 ft.
- (2) 1/2 at REMOND at 1215 hrs at 25,000 ft.
- (3) Nil
- (4) Nil
- (5) Nil
- (6) A. Good bombing results observed on airfield at HUNTER and at MUNSTER.
B. One B-17 seen to go down over MUNSTER - no chutes observed
C. One Rocket contrail observed at 1135 from 25,000 ft. contrail rising from 10,000 to 5,000 ft. at an 80° angle was fired toward HUNTER from southwest of GONIMON.
D. Approximately one dozen white flak bursts observed over MUNSTER bursting at 22,000 feet.
E. Squadron afforded escort locating itself between the 6th and 7th combat wings and reported the wings approximately 5 miles apart all the way to target. After bomb run these wings closed up and formation on withdrawal was easier to cover.
- (7) MUNSTER - heavy, light inaccurate at 25,000 ft.

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

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

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APO 559
6 Oct 44.

SUBJECT: S-2, S-3 Mission Report No. 182

TO : S-2 Officer, 357th Fighter Group, Army Air Forces, USAF Station F-373,
APO 559.

- A. 363rd Fighter Squadron. LEADING: Captain CLARENCE E. ANDERSON, JR.
- B. 20 UP. TAKE-OFF: 0905 DOWN: 1425
- C. EARLY RETURNS: Four ESCORT: Two
- D. Penetration - Target Support - Withdrawal Field Order No. 599
- E. Nil
- F. Nil
- G. Nil
- H. Nil
- I. (1) L/F in and R/V south of CUMHAGEN at 1045 hrs at 27,000 ft. with 7th Combat wing, which squadron escorted around target breaking escort south of HOLLIGOLAND at 1327 hrs at 27,000 ft. L/F out south of CUMHAGEN at 1320 hrs at 27,000 ft.
- (2) Nil
- (3) Nil
- (4) Nil
- (5) Nil
- (6) A. Squadron escorted 7th Combat Wing and reports formation of Squadrons excellent as well as the 8th Combat Wing - the latter having positioned itself approx. 4 miles to the rear.
B. Observed F-51s - believed to be the 55th Group - at 1200 hrs just east of BERLIN breakin up formation of E/A
C. One B-17 seen to go down west of BERLIN - 5 'chutes
D. 15 plus small ships observed at DAN HILDER - not moving
E. One large cargo vessel - at least 10,000 ton - anchored at mouth of ELBE off shore from CUMHAGEN with numerous small ships in the vicinity - appeared to be loading.
F. Four cargo ships loading in mouth of WESER off shore from WESER MOUTH
- (7) BERLIN - heavy moderate inaccurate -- 29,000 ft.

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

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

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APC 559
7 Oct 44.

SUBJECT: S-2, S-3 Mission Report No. 183

TO : S-2 Officer, 357th Fighter Group, Army Air Forces, USAAP Station F-373,
APC 559.

A. 363rd Fighter Squadron. LEADING: Lt. Charles E. Yeager

B. 18 UP. TAKE-OFF: 0930 DOWN: 1420

C. EARLY RETURN: Nil REPORT: Nil

D. Penetration - Target Support - Withdrawal Field Order #600

E. Nil

F. Nil

G. Nil

H. Destroyed: One Pw 190 Lt. FRANK L. GALLER, Jr, O-688813

I. (1) 1/F in north of HAMME at 1030 hrs at 24,000 ft. 1/V with assigned bombers at south of HAMME at 1119 hrs at 27,000 ft. Squadron escorted second box around target leaving bombers NORDHAUSEN at 1224 hrs at 29,000 ft. 1/T out in flights IMHOLSEN at 1215 hrs to 1345 hrs from 17,000 to 27,000 ft. Southwest of SMITH at 1405 hrs Squadron went to assistance of 3rd box of bombers immediately as and as they were under attack from a prox. 60 to 75 Me. 109s and Pw 190s, with above result. The 1/A attacked bomber formation from the right rear from 4 o'clock high in waves of 15 to 20 1/A flying line abreast. After the attack the 1/A split 3-ed and went to the deck. The Squadron arrived when the attack was over.

(2) Nil

(3) Nil

(4) Straffed unidentified 1/D east of HAMM by one pilot. Seven dummy 1/C on field 1/A not fired as long as pilot centered attack on dummy 1/C. As he made to straf two Me. 109s 1/A fire started and became intense forcing him to pull up.

(5) 60 to 75 Me. 109s and Pw 190s southwest of SMITH attacking bombers as explained in para I (1).

(6) a. At least ten bombers in flames, spinning down and burning vicinity SMITH resulting from the attack by 1/A. 20 chutes

b. Boxes of bombers not in numerical order. Vinegrove 28 3-3 which this squadron escorted was the second box in the task force formation.

c. Bombers reported in good close formation with two miles between boxes.

d. Two Jet-Propelled 1/A over LAIPIC at 35,000 ft. - did not attack bombers.

e. Ball on barrage - 18 - REPORT 12,000 to 15,000 ft. northeast part of city.

f. Bombing reported good - flame and smoke over target.

g. B-24 down 10 miles west of HAMM-four chutes.

(7) LAIPIC - heavy inaccurate moderate 26,000 ft.

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

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APD 559,
9 Oct 44.

SUBJECT S-2, S-3 Mission Report No. 184

TO S-2 Officer, 357th Fighter Group, Army Air Forces, USAAF Station F-373, APO 559.

- A. 363rd Fighter Squadron. LEADING: Major G. I. CASHLEY
- B. 20 UP TAK-OFF: 1215 DOWN:
- C. EARLY RETURNS: 4 ESCORT: Nil
- D. Penetration - Target Support - Withdrawal Field Order #603
- E. Nil
- F. Nil
- G. Nil
- H. Nil
- I. (1) I F in at WAICHEPEN ISLAND at 1302 hrs at 18,000 ft. I/V with 9th Combat wing at 1345 hrs west of KOUKONZ at 25,000 ft. and afford ed top co er around the target, break ing escort at 1613 hrs north of LILL at 18,000 ft. I/F out at 1620 hrs north of COLEB at 18,000 ft.
 - (2) Nil
 - (3) Nil
 - (4) Nil
 - (5) Nil
 - (6) a. No observations due to altitude and solid undercast
b. 9th Combat wing a prox. 1 mile behind 8th combat wing. Last three combat wings in good formation, however the last low squadron and last high squadron in 9th combat wing were straggling.
 - (7) SIGHTING * Light, heavy inaccurate at 25,000 ft.

JOHN B MEYER, JR,
1st Lt, AC,
S-2 G.

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REPORT: FRANK L. GALLER, JR, 1st Lt, AG, O-688813

- A. COMBAT
- B. 7 October 1964, F4U order 50.0
- C. 105th Fighter Squadron, 357th Fighter Group
- D. 1965
- E. Weather: 1 ITT
- F. Sky - Cloudy
- G. F-100
- H. One F-100 destroyed
- I. I was flying second element in the flight at 12,000 ft. The enemy fighters were spotted and we circled down to 12,000 ft. going in a circle to the left. I was about 200 yds behind the 1st element. A F-100 was coming in at Capt in the 1st element about 2:00 PM. I saw it hit the deck and as the 1st element in front of me I gave him one very short squirt. I think I hit his wing as burning flames came by. As I turned to follow him he left his canopy and bailed out before I could fire again. I couldn't have fired more than 20 rounds before he was down. I then rejoined my element leader and executed a 1-4 until it crashed. I was using a 1-4 sight and feel that it is the best thing yet as far as sights go.

I claim one F-100 destroyed.

J. Ammunition expended: 618 rounds .50 cal AG.

Frank L. Galler, Jr.
1st Lt, AG.

SUPPORTING STATEMENT

I was flying second element of the flight when we saw a large jet to the left. My leader was going down toward them and I was looking towards him when my wingman, Lt. BRIDGES, said "Go to the deck". I headed down and looked around and saw pieces of something floating down as I was headed down.

Thomas O'Hughen
THOMAS O. HUGHEN
Capt, AG.

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

AFG 559,
12 Oct 44.

SUBJECT: S-2, S-3 Mission Report. No 185

TO : S-2 Officer, 357th Fighter Group, Army Air Forces, USAF Station
F-373, APO 559.

- A. 303rd Fighter Squadron, Lt CHARLES E. YACOB, Leading
- B. 18 - 0950 - 1950
- C. Nil
- D. Penetration--target support--withdrawal.
- E. 3 NW--Results unknown.
- F. Nil
- G. Missing--

PG # 1235A

Capt. THOMAS E. BROWN, O-421102
Capt. RICHARD E. BROWN, O-745470
Lt. COL. J. J. BROWN, O-745472

- H. Destroyed:
 - Lt. CHARLES E. YACOB--4 ME 109's
 - Lt. RICHARD E. BROWN--2 ME 109's
 - Lt. FRANK L. GAILER--1 ME 109

probably destroyed:

Lt. CHARLES E. YACOB--1 ME 109

- I. (1). 1/P in 1/2 hour at 1031 hrs at 18000 ft. R/V with 1st CW of B 17's
North of Dover at 1051 hrs at 15000 ft. Reported bombers to Steinhuder
Lake at 1125 hrs when Squadron engaged 22 ME 109's. 1/P lost in Hague at
1245 hrs at 21000 ft. Engagement with B/A from Steinhuder Lake to Hannover
with above results. Engagement prevented attack upon bombers. Captain
Pascoe was last seen by his wingman at Steinhuder Lake at 1125 hrs at 25000
ft as Squadron made 180 degree turn to engage B/A.
- (2) Nil
- (3) Nil
- (4) Nil
- (5) 22 ME 109's at 25000 ft. proceeding South from Steinhuder Lake engaged
by Squadron and pilots report no evasive action taken by B/A to avoid
engagement. 12 FW 190's going West of Hannover at 26000 ft at 1140 hrs
hit the deck when one element turned to attack. Pilots report one
Squadron of F 47's directly beneath at 5000 ft.
- (6) Nil
- (7) Nil

Flying control reports Capt Hughes and Lt Rice over England at
1410 hrs escorting B 24 in distress towards base.

ERNEST F DE NIGRIS
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Capt. AC.

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

AFPO 559,
14 Oct 44.

SUBJECT: S-2, S-3 Mission Report. No # 186

TO : S-2 Officer, 357th Fighter Group, Army Air Forces, USAAF Station
F-373, APO 559.

- A. 363rd Fighter Squadron - Col JOHN D. LAMBERS, leading.
B. 18 - 1020 -1425
C. Nil
D. Penetration--Target support-- withdrawal
E. 1 NYR--Oil Pressure--Landed safely in air-field N Of Mons. FO # 1239A
F. Nil
G. Lt. WARREN J. BORANSKI- O-812393--landed safely in France
H. Nil
I. (1). 1/F in Knocke at 1105 hrs at 16,000 ft. R/V with assigned bombers No Mamur
at 1135 hrs at 28,000 ft and 1st combat wing of the ATF. Carried bombers
around the target and left them Charleroi at 1325 hrs at 25,000 ft. 1/F
out Ostend at 1335 hrs at 9,000 ft. Reported that Lt. Boranski landed
on air-field N of Mons due to oil pressure trouble.
(2). Nil
(3). Nil
(4). Nil
(5). Nil
(6). Nil--due to over-cast. Bombers in good formation--no interval between ATF.
(7). Target--accurate--heavy--moderate--27,000-28,000 ft.

*Some cannonation in "C" channel, but not
cluttered up.*

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

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357th Fighter Group, Royal Air Forces
Station F-373

17 Oct 44.

Subject: F-373 Mission Report to HQ

1. Pilot: F-373 Officer, 357th Fighter Group, Royal Air Forces, Station F-373, 17 Oct 44.

2. 357th Fighter Group - Captain [Name] - 17 Oct 44, leading
3. 21 up at 0745-- 1st
4. 6 Army returns--2 escort. 1 coolant leak and 1 coolant shutter inoperative.
5. Penetration--great support-- 1st [Name].
6. 1st
7. 1st
8. 1st
9. 1st
10. 1st
11. 1st
12. 1st
13. 1st
14. 1st
15. 1st
16. 1st
17. 1st
18. 1st
19. 1st
20. 1st
21. 1st
22. 1st
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Capt. [Name]
Officer.

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357th Fighter Group, Army Air Forces
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TO: -2, -3 Mission Report. No. 10

TO: -2 Officer, 357th Fighter Group, Army Air Forces, 357th Fighter Group, 357th Fighter Group.

- A. 357th Fighter Squadron - Col James L. HARRIS - Leading
- B. 18 - 0915 - 1410
- C. One
- D. Penetration - target - 1000 - 1000 - 1000
- E. 2 N1 - See G
- F. Nil
- G. 1. 2nd Lt Harold W. Boycroft, O-754205 - landed safely at Brussels, Belgium
 as his internal tank would not drain.
 2nd Lt Harold W. Boycroft, O-754205 - Missing.
- H. Nil
- I. (1) 1/F in at 1000 hrs at 20000 ft. 1/F with 1st Lt of 17's
 1/F of 17's at 1005 hrs at 20000 ft and escorted bombers around target
 breaking escort 17's of Brussels at 1307 hrs at 17000 ft. 1/F out of
 17's at 1345 hrs at 20000 ft. 1/F Boycroft as a spare was flying 17's
 17's in blue flight and when 2 miles N. of Ghent Belgium at 1320 hrs seen
 into the overcast and was last seen by 1st Lt. in a spin at 16000 ft.
 (2) Nil
 (3) Nil
 (4) Nil
 (5) Nil
 (6) a. Observations difficult due to overcast to 20000 ft and altitude.
 b. 2nd Lt. approximately 1/2 mile behind 1st Lt. and both wings in very
 good formation.
 c. 50 plus barges observed on Rhine 1 mile S of Koblenz direction
 of travel undetermined due to overcast and altitude.
 d. Three rocket contrails observed from 25000 ft to 50000 ft at
 approximately an 80 degree angle of climb headed toward England.
 One at 1012 hrs near Aachen and two at 1150 hrs near Koblenz.
 e. Koblenz - heavy moderate inaccurate at 20000 ft.

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1st Lt. AC

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1. -2, -3 Mission report. No. 189

(10) . Kill one to oversize b. Hunters in good formation with 3 remaining one mile between all 3's.

(7) Target Area - Heavy moderate incoarsate at 100 ft.

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

159,
12 Oct 4.

SUBJECT: 1-2, 1-3 Mission Report. No 1170

TO : 1-2 Officer, 357th Fighter Group, Army Air Forces, Station P-373, APO 559.

1. 357th Fighter Squadron - Captain [Name] 1. 1255, leading
2. 18 [Name] 1155 [Name]
3. 1-2 coolant and 1 prop. 1-2 escort.
4. Formation--Target support--ithareml
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10. 11. 1/2 in undertrained me to over-cast. 1/2 1255 with assigned bombers and escorted 1st [Name] around target breaching escort 100 miles from base at 1500 hrs at 11,000 ft. 11.01s report mission as uneventful.
11. 11.
12. 11.
13. 11.
14. 11.
15. 11.
16. 11. 11.01s formation reported as excellent with all flights in proper position and only approx. 1 miles separating elements of combat wings. No other observations due to over-cast.
17. 11. 11.01s at target--not--heavy--11,000 ft--inaccurate.

FC 11-541

Capt. G. [Name]
-2 Officer.

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

AFPO 559,
24 Oct 44.

SUBJECT: S-2, S-3 Mission Report. No # 191

TO : S-2 Officer, 357th Fighter Group, Army Air Forces, USAAF Station
F-373, AFPO 559.

- A. 363rd Fighter Squadron - Col JOHN R. LANDERS, leading
- B. 17 Up 1255 Down 1657
- C. 1 Spare
- D. Strafing
- E. Nil
- F. ~~Nil~~ 1 CAT A. 50 cal thru wingtip.
- G. Nil
- H. Ground targets.

FO # 1261

- I. (1). L/F S of Egmund at 1347 hrs at 15,000 ft. Arrived over assigned area but not possible to do any strafing because of extremely low clouds. So. then searched for targets of opportunity and attacked railroad trains just north of strafing line between 4 W 1550 and 4 W 2010. At 4 W 1550 So strafed and destroyed 5 loco's, 8 freight cars, 10 box cars. Strafing began at 1530 hrs and ended at 1550 hrs on deck. L/F out Ijmuiden at 1615 hrs at 9,000 ft.
- (2). Nil (3). Nil
- (4). (a). 4 W 1550—5 loco's, 8 freight cars, 10 box cars, 1 flak position.
- (5). Nil
- (6). At 4W 1640 well camouflaged site containing 30 buildings and 8 mounds which appeared to be an ammo dump. Also saw great stores of materials and boxes.
- (7). Osnabruck and Hannover light, inaccurate meagre between 5000 and 10000 ft.

ERNEST F DENIGRIS
Capt AC.,
S-2 O

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

AF 559,
25 Oct 44.

SUBJECT: S-2, S-3 Mission Report. No # 192

TO : S-2 Officer, 357th Fighter Group, Army Air Forces, USAF Station
F-373, APO 559.

- A. 363rd Fighter Squadron - Major GUYERNEY J. CARLISLE, leading
- B. 18 up 1105 down
- C. One rough engine
- D. Penetration, target support withdrawal

PG # 11632

E. Nil

F. Nil

G Nil

H Nil

I 1 L/P in undetermined because of overcast. P/V with assigned bombers east of esemunde at 1225 hrs at 25000 ft escorting bombers around target and leaving bombers N of Terscheling Island 1405 hrs at 22000 ft. L/P out undetermined because of overcast.

2 Nil

3 Nil

4 Nil

5 Nil

6 a. two columns of black smoke billowing over clouds over target

b. Observations impossible because of overcast.

7 Hamburg - heavy inaccurate moderate 25-28000 ft.

JAMES F. BERKOWITZ
Capt. AC
S-2 O

Reached at GPO phone 19 R 3

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

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26 Oct 1944.

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

TO : 1st Officer, 357th Fighter Group, Army Air Forces, Station F-373,
0 519.

- A. 363rd Fighter Squadron. 2ndLt: Captain [illegible] 1stLt: [illegible] 2ndLt: [illegible]
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FRANK F. DE KROMB,
Capt, AC,
F-373.

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HEADQUARTERS VIII FIGHTER COMMAND
AFC 637 AAF Station F-341
14 September 1944

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II. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September, 1943, as changed, and pursuant to authority contained in Section I, Circular 56, Hq., European T. of Ops., 27 May 1944 and letter, Hq., Eighth Air Force, Subject: "Awards and Decorations", 4 August 1944, the DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS is awarded to the following named officers:

SITUATION: 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.

* HERSCHTEL T. PASCH	* O-745490	* 1st Lt.	* Hayden, Ariz.
* JOHN R. SMITH	* O-759099	* 1st Lt.	* Chicago, Illinois
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VIII. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September, 1943, as changed, and pursuant to authority contained in Section I, Circular 56, Hq., European T. of Ops., 27 May 1944 and letter, Hq., Eighth Air Force, Subject: "Awards and Decorations", 4 August, 1944, the AIR MEDAL is awarded to the following named officers:

SITUATION: 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 R. F. DUNN, JR.	* O-695159	* 2nd Lt.	* Detroit, Mich.
* KEVIN LADDIN	* O-706594	* 2nd Lt.	* Chicago, Illinois
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IX. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September, 1943, as changed, and pursuant to authority contained in Section I, Circular 56, Hq., European T. of Ops., 27 May 1944 and letter, Hq., Eighth Air Force, Subject: "Awards and Decorations", 4 August 1944, an DAK LEAF LUSTER is awarded to the following named Officers in addition to the Air Medal previously awarded:

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

* WILLIAM R. PRIMER	* O-440416	* 1st Lt.	* Stamford, Conn.
* FLOYD J. MAXNARD	* O-692677	* 1st Lt.	* Kansas City, Mo.
* DONALD J. PASAKA	* O-702833	* 1st Lt.	* Sikeston, Mo.
* ROBERT J. TITUS	* O-692627	* 1st Lt.	* Philadelphia, Pa.
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By command of Brigadier General GRISWOLD:

OFFICIAL:

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

A TRUE EXTRACT:

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

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

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HEADQUARTERS VIII FIGHTER COMMAND

AFPO 637

AAF Station F-341

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15 September 1944

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

WILLIAM B. OVERSTREET, JR., O-745467, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism in aerial combat and the destruction of one enemy airplane over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Overstreet has sought out the enemy and destroyed him, his devotion to duty and courage under all conditions serve as an inspiration to his fellow flyers. His actions on all these occasions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Virginia.

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

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

VIII. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September, 1943, as changed, and pursuant to authority contained in par 2b, Section I, Circular 56, Hq., European T of Opns, 27 May, 1944 a BRONZE STAR is awarded to the following named Enlisted Men:

RUEBEN C. HOLT, 34307500, S/Sgt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 24 June 1944 to 18 August 1944. Entered military service from Arkansas.

X. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September, 1943, as changed, and pursuant to authority contained in Section I, Circular 56, Hq., European T. of Opns, 27 May, 1944 and letter Hq., Eighth Air Force, Subject: "Awards and Decorations", 4 August 1944, an AIR MEDAL is awarded to the following named officers:

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

*	*	*	*
ROBERT S. FIFIELD	O-701087	2nd Lt.	Hastings, Michigan.
JOHN R. STERN	O-802360	2nd Lt.	Noblesville, Ind.
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XI. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September, 1943, as changed, and pursuant to authority contained in Section I, Circular 56, Hq., European T. of Opns,

27 May, 1944 and letter Hq., Eighth Air Force, Subject: "Awards and Decorations", 4 August 1944 an ONE 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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HAROLD C. HAND	O-706384	1st Lt.	Chicago, Illinois.
THOMAS E. HUGHES	O-421101	Capt.	Carbondale, Pa.
DONALD J. PASAKA	O-702833	1st Lt.	Sikeston, Mo.
RICHARD C. ROPER	O-678821	1st Lt.	Indianapolis, Ind.
FRANCIS L. SULLIVAN	O-818042	1st Lt.	W. Springfield, Mass.
CHARLES E. YEAGER	O-887005-	2nd Lt.	Hamlin, W. Va.
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By command of Brigadier General GRISHOLD:

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

OFFICIAL:

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

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

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HEADQUARTERS, 3d AIRBORNE DIVISION (H)
Office of the Commanding General
APO 519

25 September 1944.

TO: (1) (1)

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FROM: (1) (1)

1. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in let or 204.6, Headquarters Eighth Air Force, dated 4 August 1944, Subject: "Awards and Decorations," the Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to wear with the Air Medal previously awarded to the following named officers, organization as indicated, Army Air Forces, United States Army.

Citation: For meritorious achievement in destroying an enemy aircraft while on a fighter combat operation over enemy occupied continental Europe. The aggressiveness, courage and devotion to duty displayed by these officers reflect great credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

357th FIGHTER GROUP

(363rd Fighter Squadron)

LEONARD E. BROWN, (4th OLC)	O-745559	Captain
LEONARD E. BROWN, (5th OLC)	O-745559	Captain
LEONARD E. BROWN, (6th OLC)	O-745559	Captain
WILLIAM E. BROWN, (4th OLC)	O-810497	1st Lt.
WILLIAM E. BROWN, (5th OLC)	O-810497	1st Lt.
WILLIAM E. BROWN, (6th OLC)	O-810497	1st Lt.

By command of Major General PARSONS:

N. H. BROWN
Brigadier General, USA
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

W. L. BROWN, Jr.,
Captain, Air Corps
Acting Asst. Adjutant General.

DISTRIBUTION: As directed.

1. THIS ORDER IS:

W. L. BROWN, Jr.
W. L. BROWN, Jr.,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

Air Medal
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Hq 3d Bombardment Division
APO 559
25 September 1944.

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Under the provisions of Army Regulations 660-45, 22 September 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in letter 200.6, Hq Eighth Air Force, 4 August 1944, Subject: "Awards and Decorations," the AIR MEDAL is awarded to the following-named Officer, organization as indicated, Army Air Forces, United States Army.

Citation: For meritorious achievement as fighter pilot during an extended period of aerial combat over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The courageous devotion to duty and outstanding flying ability displayed by this Officer reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States.

* * *
JOHNNIE L. CARTER, T-124324, Flt. O., 363rd Fighter Squadron, 357th Fighter Group
* * *

By command of Major General PARTRIDGE,

N. B. HARKOLD,
Brigadier General, U.S.A.,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL: /SEAL/

F. E. FITZPATRICK,
Captain, Air Corps,
Acting Asst. Adjutant General.

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John C. Willett
DAVE C. WILLETT,
Captain, Air Corps,
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Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45, 22 September 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in letter, 200.6, Hq Eighth Air Force, 4 August 1944, Subject: "Awards and Decorations", an ONE LEAF CLUSTER is awarded, for wear with the Air Medal previously awarded, to the following named Officer, organization as indicated, Army Air Forces, United States Army.

Citation: For meritorious achievement as fighter pilot during an extended period of aerial combat over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The courageous devotion to duty and outstanding flying ability displayed by this Officer reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States.

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THOMAS E. HUGHES, O-421101. Captain, 363rd Fighter Squadron, 357th Fighter Group
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By command of Major General PARTRIDGE:

N. S. HAROLD,
Brigadier General, U.S.A.,
Chief of Staff.

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F. E. FITZPATRICK,
Captain, Air Corps,
Acting Asst. Adjutant General.

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David C. Willett
DAVE C. WILLETT,
Captain, Air Corps,
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Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September, 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in letter 200.6, Hq Eighth Air Force, 4 August 1944, Subject: "Awards and Decorations", the DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS is awarded to the following named Officer for extraordinary achievement, as set forth in citation.

* * *
FLOYD J. MAYNARD, O-692697, 1st Lieutenant, 357th Fighter Group, Army Air Force, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement as fighter pilot in aerial combat over Germany and the German occupied countries of Europe. Lieutenant Maynard aided materially in the success of bombing attacks by assisting heavy bomber formations to reach their targets in spite of determined defense by strong groups of enemy fighters. In addition, he contributed to the advances made by ground troops by disabling or destroying vital enemy ground installations in strafing attacks. On all these occasions, Lieutenant Maynard displayed exceptional flying skill and disregard for personal safety, in keeping with the finest traditions of Army Air Forces.
* * *

By command of Major General PARTRIDGE:

N. B. HAROLD,
Brigadier General, U.S.A.,
Chief of Staff.

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F. E. FITZPATRICK,
Captain, Air Corps,
Acting Asst. Adjutant General.

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DAVE C. WILLETT,
Captain, Air Corps,
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UNITED STATES STRATEGIC AIR FORCES
IN EUROPE
Office of the Commanding General

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Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September, 1943 and Circular #32, Hq European T of Ops, US Army, 20 March 1944, the PURPLE HEART is awarded to the following named Officers and Enlisted Men.

ROGER E. BACHLE, 0582952, First Lieutenant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For wounds received as a result of enemy action, 15 August 1944. Entered military service from Illinois.

HAROLD M. KENNEY, 0810514, First Lieutenant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For wounds received as a result of enemy action, 16 August 1944. Entered military service from New Hampshire.

By command of Lieutenant General SPART :

E. P. CURTIS,
Brigadier General, U. S. A.,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

s/t/HARRIS F. SCHERER,
Colonel, AGO.,
~~Adjutant~~ Adjutant General.

A TRUE EXTRACT:

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DAVE C. WILLITT,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1941, and pursuant to authority contained in letter 200.6, Hq Eighth Air Force, 4 August 1944, subject: "Awards and Decorations," an Air Medal is awarded, for wear with the Air Medal previously awarded, to the following named officers, organization as indicated, Army Air Forces, United States Army.

Citation: For meritorious achievement as fighter pilot during an extended period of aerial combat over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The courageous devotion to duty and outstanding flying ability displayed by these Officers reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States.

OWEN G. WILSON, O-682631, 1st Lt, 363rd Fighter Squadron, 357th Fighter Group (4th GLC)
OWEN G. WILSON, O-682631, 1st Lt, 363rd Fighter Squadron, 357th Fighter Group (5th GLC)
OWEN G. WILSON, O-682631, 1st Lt, 363rd Fighter Squadron, 357th Fighter Group (6th GLC)
CHARLES E. FLETCHER, O-666199, 1st Lt, 363rd Fighter Sq., 357th Fighter Gr., (4th GLC)
CHARLES E. FLETCHER, O-666199, 1st Lt, 363rd Fighter Sq., 357th Fighter Gr., (5th GLC)
CHARLES E. FLETCHER, O-666199, 1st Lt, 363rd Fighter Sq., 357th Fighter Gr., (6th GLC)
ROBERT E. TINDLE, Jr., O-681743, 1st Lt, 363rd Fighter Sq., 357th Fighter Gr., (4th GLC)
ROBERT E. TINDLE, Jr., O-681743, 1st Lt, 363rd Fighter Sq., 357th Fighter Gr., (5th GLC)
ROBERT E. TINDLE, Jr., O-681743, 1st Lt, 363rd Fighter Sq., 357th Fighter Gr., (6th GLC)
RAYMOND W. STUBBS, O-745533, 1st Lt, 363rd Fighter Sq., 357th Fighter Gr., (4th GLC)
RAYMOND W. STUBBS, O-745533, 1st Lt, 363rd Fighter Sq., 357th Fighter Gr., (5th GLC)
RAYMOND W. STUBBS, O-745533, 1st Lt, 363rd Fighter Sq., 357th Fighter Gr., (6th GLC)
ROBERT E. SMITH, O-607634, 1st Lt, 363rd Fighter Sq., 357th Fighter Gr., (4th GLC)
ROBERT E. SMITH, O-607634, 1st Lt, 363rd Fighter Sq., 357th Fighter Gr., (5th GLC)
CHARLES E. PETERSON, O-745495, Captain, 363rd Fighter Sq., 357th Fighter Gr., (4th GLC)
CHARLES E. PETERSON, O-745495, Captain, 363rd Fighter Sq., 357th Fighter Gr., (5th GLC)
ROBERT W. MOORE, O-745466, Captain, 363rd Fighter Sq., 357th Fighter Gr., (4th GLC)

By command of Major General FORTNIDGE:

H. B. HARRIS,
Brigadier General, U.S.A.,
Chief of Staff.

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F. E. FORTNIDGE,
Captain, Air Corps,
Acting Asst. Adjutant General.

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DAVE C. WILLET,
Captain, Air Corps,
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Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in letter, 200.6, Hq Eighth Air Force, 4 August 1944, Subject: "Awards and Decorations," an OLC is awarded, for wear with the Air Medal previously awarded, to the following-named Officers, organization as indicated, Army Air Forces, United States Army.

CITATION: For meritorious achievement in destroying an enemy aircraft while on a fighter combat operation over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The aggressiveness, courage and devotion to duty displayed by this Officer reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States.

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CHARLES E. PETERS, O-745495, Captain, 363rd Fighter Squadron, 357th Fighter Group (6th OLC)
 LAWRENCE D. MOORE, O-745559, Captain, 363rd Fighter Squadron, 357th Fighter Group (7th OLC)
 RAYMOND E. STAUNTON, O-745533, 1st Lt, 363rd Fighter Squadron, 357th Fighter Group (7th OLC)
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By command of Major General FARRINGTON:

H. F. HARRIS,
 Brigadier General, U.S.A.,
 Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL: /SGL/

F. E. FITZPATRICK,
 Captain, Air Corps,
 Acting Asst. Adjutant General.

A TRUE EXTRACT:

David C. Willet
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 Captain, Air Corps,
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IV. Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45, 22 September, 1943 and pursuant to authority contained in letter 200.6, Headquarters, Eighth Air Force, dated 4 August 1944, Subject: "Awards and Decorations", the AIR MEDAL is awarded to the following named Officers, organization as indicated, Army Air Forces, United States Army.
Citation: For meritorious achievement while serving as fighter pilot during an extended period of aerial combat over Germany and German occupied Continental Europe. The courageous devotion to duty and flying ability displayed by these Officers reflect great credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

357TH FIGHTER GROUP

WARREN J. DORANSKI
 EDWARD J. CARR
 KENNETH P. GRAEFF
 FRANK L. GALLER

(363rd Fighter Squadron)
 O-812393
 O-820220
 O-706483
 O-688813

2nd Lt.
 2nd Lt.
 2nd Lt.
 2nd Lt.

V. Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45, 22 September 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in letter 200.6 Headquarters, Eighth Air Force, dated 4 August 1944, Subject: "Awards and Decorations," the OAK LEAF CLUSTER is awarded herewith the Air Medal previously awarded to the following named Officers, organization as indicated, Army Air Forces, United States Army.

Citation: For meritorious achievement in destroying one enemy aircraft while on a fighter pilot combat operation while over Germany and German occupied Continental Europe. The aggressiveness, courage and devotion to duty displayed by these Officers reflect great credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

357TH FIGHTER GROUP

WILLIAM B. OVERSTREET, JR.,

(363rd Fighter Squadron)
 O-745487

Captain

Citation: For meritorious achievement while serving as fighter pilot during an extended period of aerial combat over Germany and German occupied Continental Europe. The courageous devotion to duty and outstanding flying ability displayed by these Officers reflect great credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

357TH FIGHTER GROUP

WILLIAM S. PENNELL (4th OLC)
 WILLIAM S. PENNELL (5th OLC)
 WILLIAM S. PENNELL (6th OLC)
 BEN R. SMITH
 ARTHUR L. SULLIVAN
 ARTHUR E. YEAGER
 ROBERT O. HAND
 ROY B. FRANKLIN
 BEN R. STERN
 ROBERT S. FIELD

(363rd Fighter Squadron)
 O-726353
 O-726353
 O-726353
 O-759099
 O-818042
 O-887005
 O-706384
 O-683434
 O-802360
 O-701087

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WILLIAM R. F. DUNLOP

O-695159

1st Lt.

By command of Major General PARKERIDGE:

H. B. HARBOLD,
 Brigadier General, USA,
 Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

s/t/P. M. FITZPATRICK,
 Captain, Air Corps,
 Acting Asst. Adjutant General.

ATTN: EXTRACT:

Handwritten Signature
 DAVE C. WILLET,
 Captain, Air Corps,
 Adjutant.

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12 October 1944

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NUMBER 812)

EXTRACT

II. Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45, 22 September, 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in letter, 200.6, Headquarters, Eighth Air Force, dated 4 August 1944, Subject: Awards and Decorations, the AIR MEDAL is awarded to the following-named Officers, organizations as indicated, Army Air Forces, United States Army.

Citation: For meritorious achievement while serving as fighter pilot during an extended period of aerial combat over Germany and German occupied Continental Europe. The courageous devotion to duty and outstanding flying ability displayed by these Officers reflect great credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

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357TH FIGHTER GROUP

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(363rd Fighter Squadron)

WARNER, ROBERTS
JAMES T. CRUMP
CARROLL W. OFSTHUN

O-817103

2nd Lt.

O-711959

2nd Lt.

O-700316

2nd Lt.

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III. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in letter, 200.6 Headquarters Eighth Air Force, dated 4 August 1944, Subject: "Awards and Decorations," the OAK LEAF CLUSTER is awarded, for wear with the Air Medal previously awarded to the following Officers, organization as indicated, Army Air Forces, United States Army.

Citation: For meritorious achievement while serving as fighter pilot during an extended period of aerial combat over Germany and German occupied Continental Europe. The courageous devotion to duty and outstanding flying ability displayed by these Officers reflect great credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

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357TH FIGHTER GROUP

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(363rd Fighter Squadron)

THOMAS E. HUGHES
FRANK L. GAILER, JR.
KEHN (NMI) LANDIS (1st OLC)
KEHN (NMI) LANDIS
HAROLD M. KENNEY
JOHNIE L. CARTER

O-421101

Captain

O-688813

1st Lt.

O-706594

1st Lt.

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1st Lt.

O-810514

1st Lt.

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By command of Major General PARTRIDGE:

R. B. HAROBOLD,
Brigadier General, USA,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

s/t/F. E. FITZPATRICK,
Captain, Air Corps,
Acting Asst Adjutant General.

A TRUE EXTRACT:

DAVE C. WILLETT,
Captain, Air Corps.

GENERAL ORDERS)

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Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45, 22 September 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in letter 200.6, Hq Eighth Air Force, 4 August 1944, Subject: "Awards and Decorations," the DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS is awarded to the following-named Officer for extraordinary achievement, as set forth in citation.

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WILLIAM H. FRICKER, O-440416, 1st Lieutenant, 357th Fighter Group, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievements as fighter pilot in aerial combat over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skilled, determined manner in which Lieutenant Fricker has sought out and engaged the enemy, and his unwavering devotion to duty in the face of many hazards while protecting heavy bombers has served as a source of constant inspiration to his fellow flyers. His actions on all these occasions are in keeping with the finest traditions of the Army Air Forces.

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By command of Major General FORT-EDGE:

W. B. HARBOLD,
Brigadier General, U.S.A.,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL: /seal/

F. E. FITZPATRICK,
Captain, Air Corps,
Acting Asst. Adjutant General.

A TRUE EXTRACT:

DAVE C. WILSON
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Captain, Air Corps,
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NO. 824)

HQ 3d Bombardment Division

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Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45, 22 September, 1943 and pursuant to authority contained in letter 200.6, Hq Eighth Air Force, 4 August 1944, Subject: "Awards and Decorations," the DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS is awarded to the following-named Officer for extraordinary achievement, as set forth in citation.

*
 ROBERT G. FISHER, O-886954, 1st Lieutenant, 357th Fighter Group, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement as fighter pilot in aerial combat over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skilled, determined manner in which Lieutenant Fisher sought out the enemy and engaged him, his unwavering devotion to duty in the face of many hazards while protecting heavy bombers has served as a source of constant inspiration to his fellow flyers. His actions on all these occasions are in keeping with the finest traditions of the Army Air Forces.
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By command of Major General PATTERIDGE:

N. B. HARBOID,
 Brigadier General, U.S.A.,
 Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL: /SEAL/

F. E. FITZGERICK,
 Captain, Air Corps,
 Acting Asst. Adjutant General

A TRUE EXTRACT:

DAVE C. WILLET,
 Captain, Air Corps
 Adjutant.

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1. Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45, 22 September 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in letter 600.0, Headquarters Fifth Air Force, dated 6 August 1944, Subject: "Honors and Decorations", the following officers are recommended to the following: Honors and Decorations, for extraordinary achievement or service in action.

Summary: For extraordinary achievement and service in action, Major General [Name] has distinguished himself over many campaigns Continental Europe. He has been decorated with the Distinguished Service Cross, the Distinguished Flying Cross, and the Distinguished Air Medal. He has also been awarded the Medal of Honor. His gallantry and leadership in the face of the enemy have been a source of inspiration to all who have served under his command. His gallantry and leadership are in keeping with the highest traditions of the Army Air Forces.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Major General [Name]	(Joint Inter Agency)	1st Lt.
Major General [Name]	O-6/10001	1st Lt.
Major General [Name]	O-6/10002	1st Lt.
Major General [Name]	O-6/10003	1st Lt.
Major General [Name]	O-6/10004	1st Lt.
Major General [Name]	O-6/10005	1st Lt.

By command of Major General [Name]:

A. B. [Name],
Brigadier General, USA,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

s/t/V. A. [Name],
Captain, Air Corps,
Acting Asst. Adjutant General.

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DAVE C. WILSON,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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II. Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45, 22 September 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in letter 200.6, Headquarters Eighth Air Force, dated 4 August 1944, Subject: "Awards and Decorations," the Bar of the Medal is awarded to the following-named enlisted men, organization as indicated, Army Air Forces United States Army.

SERGEANT J. B. SMITH, 12081579, Staff Sergeant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 5 July 1944 to 1 September 1944.

SERGEANT R. E. JAMES, 36198952, Staff Sergeant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 8 July 1944 to 1 September 1944.

JOHN E. KOSLINE, 38283178, Staff Sergeant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 27 May 1944 to 23 August 1944.

PAUL E. WINDHAM, 32378117, Staff Sergeant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 16 June 1944 to 25 August 1944.

By command of Major General PATRICKSON:

W. S. HARRISON,
Brigadier General, USA,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

s/Lt. J. E. PIVOTTELLI,
Captain, Air Corps,
Acting Asst. Adjutant General.

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JAMES W. KELLY,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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I. Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45, 22 September 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in letter 300.6, Headquarters, Ninth Air Force, dated 4 August, Subject: "Awards and Decorations," the DI LINDOULERS FLYING CREST is awarded to the following named Officers, for extraordinary achievement as set forth in citations:

DOUGLAS B. FRANKLIN, O-683434, 1st Lieutenant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement as fighter pilot in aerial combat over Germany and German occupied Continental Europe. On numerous occasions, Lieutenant Franklin unselfishly exposed himself to the intense anti-aircraft fire while flying at low level to destroy or damage enemy installations on the ground, and to the fire power of enemy planes to assist heavy bombers in getting to and from important objectives. On all these occasions, he displayed skill, courage, and determination in keeping with the highest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States.

FRANKIE L. SULLIVAN, O-618042, 1st Lieutenant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement in aerial combat while serving as a fighter pilot in high-altitude bomber-support and low-level patrol missions over Germany and areas occupied Continental Europe. Lieutenant Sullivan exhibited great determination and skill while exposing himself to the hazards of anti-aircraft fire from the ground and enemy aircraft fire-power in the air in order to aid in the destruction of vital enemy objectives. The flying ability, disregard for danger, and cool courage demonstrated by Lieutenant Sullivan on all these occasions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States.

HAROLD C. HAND, O-706384, 1st Lieutenant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement as fighter pilot in aerial combat over Germany and German occupied Countries of Europe. Lieutenant Hand aided materially in the success of bombing attacks by assisting heavy bomber formations to reach their targets in spite of determined defense by strong groups of enemy fighters. In addition, he contributed to the advances made by ground troops by disabling or destroying vital enemy ground installations in strafing attacks. On all these occasions, Lieutenant Hand displayed exceptional flying skill and disregard for personal safety, in keeping with the finest traditions of the Army Air Forces.

By command of Major General PATRIDGE:

N. B. WARE, JR.,
Brigadier General, USA,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIALS:

s/t/P. E. FITZPATRICK,
Captain, Air Corps,
Acting Asst. Adjutant General.

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DAVE C. WILLETT,
Captain, Air Corps.

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ENCOUNTER REPORT

PILOT: FRANK L. GAILER, JR, 1st Lt, AC, O-688813

- A. COMBAT
- B. 12 October 1944 Field Order #1235A.
- C. 363rd Fighter Squadron, 357th Fighter Group
- D. 1125
- E. HANNOVER, GERMANY
- F. Good
- G. Me. 109
- H. One Me. 109 destroyed
- I. 1 was flying #4 in Cement Red Flight. At 25,000 feet at STEINHUDE LAKE we spotted 22 Me. 109s circling. We latched onto their tails and came into range before they apparently spotted us. My element leader, Lt. ROPER, was shooting at two Me. 109s when I told him to "break left" into an Me. 109 that was coming in from 7 O'clock high. Being about 300 yards behind I tried to pull up under the M/A--I pulled up sharply, fired one burst and snapped onto my back as I went above the M/A. I saw him do a wingover and head down from 18,000 feet. I followed him until I hit compressibility at approximately 600 M.P.H., taking pictures of the crash from about 6,000 feet after a 7 G pull out. I then climbed up and found my element leader and we came home together.
- J. I claim one Me. 109 destroyed
- K. Ammunition expended: 101 rounds .50 cal MG.

Frank L. Gailer, Jr.
FRANK L. GAILER, JR.,
1st Lt, AC.

SUPPORTING STATEMENT

Lt. GAILER warned me that a 109 was coming in from 7 O'clock, then he told me to break. The last I saw of him, Lt. GAILER was on his tail following him down in a vertical dive.

Richard C. Roper
RICHARD C. ROPER,
1st Lt, AC.

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ENCOUNTER REPORT

PILOT: RICHARD C. ROPER, 1st Lt, AC, O-678812

- A. COMBAT
- B. 12 October 1944 Field Order #1235A
- C. 363rd Fighter Squadron, 357th Fighter Group
- D. 1125
- E. HANOVER, GERMANY
- F. Good
- G. Me. 109
- H. Two Me. 109s destroyed
- I. I was flying #3 position in Cement Red Flight. We came up behind a formation of 22 Me. 109s. I lined up on a 109 from dead astern and fired a burst from about 600 yards. I saw numerous hits around cockpit and wing roots. There was another 109 on the right. He chopped his throttle and rather than go by him I pulled over and followed him down. I gave him a burst and pieces flew off and smoke came out - both white coolant and black. I was at 18,000 feet still going down when my wingman told me to break left which I did. The first 109 came spinning down past me. I followed him to the deck and saw him crash and blow up. Lt. GAILER, who was flying my wing, saw the hits and smoke on the second 109. He also saw the vertical stabilizer fall off.

I claim two Me. 109s destroyed.

J. Ammunition Expended: 447 rounds .50 cal MG.

Richard C. Roper
RICHARD C. ROPER,
1st Lt, AC.

SUPPORTING STATEMENT

I was flying #4, on Lt. ROPER'S wing. I saw him firing at one Me. 109, but did not observe results as Lt. ROPER was between E/A and myself. He then latched onto the second Me. 109 and I observed the vertical stabilizer come off, while he was firing and white coolant smoke pouring out.

Frank L. Gailer, Jr.
FRANK L. GAILER,
1st Lt, AC.

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ENCOUNTER REPORT

K. PILOT: CHARLES E. YEAGER, 1st Lt, AC, O-387005

M. A. COMBAT

B. 12 October 1944 Field Order 1235A.

C. 363rd Fighter Squadron, 357th Fighter Group

D. 1130

E. STEINBUDE LAKE to HANOVER, GERMANY

F. 5/10 cumulus from 3,000 to 5,000 ft.

G. Me. 109s

H. Five Me. 109s destroyed

I. I was leading the Group with Cement Squadron and was moving out to the right of the first box of bombers. I was over STEINBUDE LAKE when 22 Me. 109s crossed in front of my Squadron from 11:00 O'Clock to 1:00 O'Clock. I was coming out of the sun and they were about 1 1/2 miles away at the same level of 28,000 feet. I fell in behind the enemy formation and followed them for about 3 minutes, climbing to 30,000 feet. I still had my wing tanks and had closed up to around 1,000 yards, coming within firing range and positioning the Squadron behind the entire enemy formation. Two of the Me. 109s were lagging over to the right. One slowed up and before I could start firing, rolled over and bailed out. The other Me. 109, flying his wing, bailed out immediately after as I was ready to line him in my sights. I was the closest to the tail-end of the enemy formation and no one, but myself was in shooting range and no one was firing. I dropped my tanks and then closed up to the last Jerry and opened fire from 600 yards, using the K-14 sight. I observed strikes all over the ship, particularly heavy in the cockpit. He skidded off to the left and was smoking and streaming coolant and went into a slow diving turn to the left. I was closing up on another Me. 109 so I did not follow him down. Lt. STERN, flying in Blue Flight, reports that E/A on fire as it passed him and went into a spin. I closed up on the next Me. 109 to 100 yards, skidded to the right and took a deflection shot of about 10°. I gave about a 3 second burst and the whole fuselage split open and blew up after we passed. Another Me. 109 to the right had cut his throttle and was trying to get behind. I broke to the right and quickly rolled to the left on his tail. He started pulling it in and I was pulling 6" G. I got a lead from around 300 yds and gave him a short burst. There were hits on wings and tail section. He snapped to the right 3 times and bailed out when he quit snapping at around 18,000 feet. I did not blackout during this engagement due to the efficiency of the "G" suit. Even though I was skidding I hit the second Me. 109 by keeping the bead and range on the E/A. To my estimation the K-14 sight is the biggest improvement to combat equipment for Fighters up to this date. The Me. 109s appeared to have a type of bubble canopy and had purple noses and were a mousey brown all over.

I claim Five Me. 109s destroyed.

J. Ammunition Expended: 587 rounds .50 cal MG.

CHARLES E. YEAGER,
1st Lt, AC.

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SUPPORTING STATEMENTS

For Two E/A From Which Pilots Bailed Out Before Firing Commenced

I was flying #4 in Cement Red Flight. When we were closing in behind the E/A, I observed two enemy pilots bailing out, which I called out to my Flight Leader, Lt. YEAGER who was in front.

FRANK L. GAILER, JR,
1st Lt, AC.

For the First E/A Fired Upon

I was flying #3 position in Cement Blue Flight. After Lt. YEAGER positioned the Squadron behind the enemy formation, I saw Lt. YEAGER fire from dead astern at the first Me. 109 that he fired upon. A heavy concentration of strikes was observed at wing roots and fuselage fuel tank. Flame and smoke could then be seen from gas tank. The 109 then fell off on a wing to the left and snapped, then went into a spin with smoke, flame and coolant pouring out.

JOHN R. STERN,
1st Lt, AC

I was flying my position as #2 man in Cement Red Flight. I was flying Lt. YEAGER'S wing as he closed on an Me. 109, in the tail end of the Jerry formation, and began firing. I observed strikes near the cockpit of the 109 which immediately began streaming heavy white smoke.

CARROLL W. OFSTUN,
2nd Lt, AC

For the Second E/A Fired Upon

I was flying #4 in Cement Red Flight. When we closed upon the enemy formation, my element leader and myself passed ahead of Lt. YEAGER. I observed Lt. YEAGER firing at an Me. 109. I observed it blow up as he passed over it.

FRANK L. GAILER,
1st Lt, AC

Lt. YEAGER closed in on another Me. 109 and I observed numerous strikes on the fuselage and I believe that I saw smoke pour from the E/A as Lt. YEAGER gave it a short burst.

CARROLL W. OFSTUN,
2nd Lt, AC

For the Third E/A Fired Upon

We then broke to the right and then to the left and went in pursuit of another Me. 109 which was diving at us on our right. We followed this and I saw strikes as Lt. YEAGER fired. We were then in a steep dive and I saw the 109 in a violent snapping maneuver at which point I broke off from Lt. YEAGER at about 23,000 feet as I had then stalled out.

CARROLL W. OFSTUN,
2nd Lt, AC.

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

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AFG 559,
13 October 1944.

SUBJECT: Narrative Report re Personnel MIA - HERBERT T. PASCOE, Capt, AC.

TO : B-2 Officer, 357th Fighter Group, Army Air Forces, USAF Station F-373,
AFG 559.

1. Following is a narrative report of the circumstances relative to the reporting MIA of HERBERT T. PASCOE, Capt, AC, ASN 8-745490, on 12 October 1944, while on a combat mission - Field Order 1235A.

2. Captain PASCOE was flying #1 position in Cement Blue Flight - leading the flight. His wingman was 1st Lt. FIMICH, 2nd Lt, AC. At 1125 hours, 12 October 1944, over HANNOVER, GERMANY, enemy aircraft were reported and the order was given to drop wing tanks. Lt. FIMICH saw Captain PASCOE drop tanks. However, Lt. FIMICH's left tank, almost full, did not drop when he pulled the release, and he started to drop behind Captain PASCOE who was in a turn to the right. Lt. FIMICH went into a dive, firing his guns to try and release his tank. When Lt. FIMICH recovered from the dive at approximately 20,000 feet, none of his flight was in sight. Neither Lt. FIMICH, or anyone else, ever saw or heard of Captain PASCOE after that.

Herbert T. Pascoe
HERBERT T. PASCOE,
Capt, AC,
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263rd FIGHTER SQUADRON
35th Fighter Group, Army Air Forces
USAF Station F-373

APC 559,
18 Oct 44.

STATEMENT

I was flying Cement Blue Three, and when we went into the overcast at about 20,000 ft., Lt. ROYCROFT was flying Blue Five and slightly behind the formation. The overcast seemed to be thin and Lt. ROYCROFT stayed behind us while we climbed to 23,000 ft. At that time he seemed to overtake the formation and pulled up and out as if to lose speed. He continued in the turn to do something similar to a barrel roll and then went down into a loose spin or tight spiral. When I saw him last he was still going down at 18,000 ft. A few seconds later I called him on the R/T and told him to bail out if he couldn't get the ship under control. I continued calling him at ten or fifteen minute intervals for the next hour, but was not able to contact him.

HAROLD O. HAND,
1st Lt, AC,
Pilot.

STATEMENT

I was leading Cement White Flight, proceeding home at about 500 ft altitude, flying in rain when I heard someone call Cement Blue #5 and tell him to straighten out and then finally to bail out if he could not get his aircraft under control. I then looked around as the R/T sounded very close and saw a column of smoke coming up about three or four miles west of GHENT, BELGIUM. Although I could not be certain, it did look to me like a crash.

CLARENCE E. ANDERSON,
Capt, AC,
Pilot.

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CASUALTIESChanges in Status

ELLIS A. ROGERS, Capt, AC, O-739339, reported M.I.A. 8 May 1944 now reported as K.I.A.

WILLIAM W. GAMBILL, 1st Lt, AC, O-743000, reported M.I.A. 8 March 1944, later reported P.O.W. and now reported as died while a P.O.W. on 23 March 1944

HOWARD S. HINMAN, 1st Lt, AC, O-740422, reported M.I.A. 24 April 1944, now reported P.O.W.

WILLIAM P. MCGINLEY, 1st Lt, AC, O-743058, reported in mid-air collision on 29 March 1944, now reported as K.I.A.

JOSEPH F. PIERCE, 1st Lt, AC, O-742889, reported M.I.A. 21 May 1944, now reported K.I.A.

FREDERICK W. MUST, 1st Lt, AC, O-743093, reported M.I.A. 12 April 1944, now reported to be P.O.W.

SANTIAGO R. GUTIERREZ, 2nd Lt, AC, O-682944, reported as in mid-air collision 29 March 1944, now reported as K.I.A.

CARTER L. JONES, 2nd Lt, AC, O-682648, reported M.I.A. 22 March 1944, now reported as P.O.W.

WILLIAM D. MICHAELY, 1st Lt, AC, O-745456, reported as M.I.A. 21 May 1944, now reported as P.O.W.

STANLEY M. OMENICK, 2nd Lt, AC, O-807590, reported as M.I.A. 9 May 1944, now reported as P.O.W.

ROGER E. PAGELS, 1st Lt, AC, O-682952, reported M.I.A. 6 June 1944, evaded capture and now reported to be in Z of I

EDWARD K. SIMPSON, Capt, AC, O-745529, reported M.I.A. 10 Aug 1944, reported evaded capture and joining FFI. Later reported K.I.A. while serving with FFI.

CHARLES E. YEAGER, Capt, AC, O-887005, reported M.I.A. 5 March 1944, evaded capture and escaped to U.K. - later resumed operations this unit (21 Aug 1944) Still in operational status.

HAROLD M. KENNEY, 1st Lt, AC, O-810514, reported M.I.A. 17 August 1944, evaded capture and now in Z of I.

JOE H. GILTNER, Capt, AC, O-416296, reported M.I.A. 24 January 1944 while flying with 354th Fighter Group. Now reported to be P.O.W.

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ALFRED R. BOYLE, 1st Lt, AC, O-740355, reported M.I.A. 21 February 1944, later reported P.O.W. and now reported to have been repatriated to Z. OF I.

CHARLES E. MCKEE, 2nd Lt, AC, O-540379, reported M.I.A. 24 February, later reported P.O.W. now reported as repatriated to Z OF I.

RALPH H. DONNELL, 1st Lt, A^U, O-749422, reported M.I.A. 24 April 1944, later reported as P.O.W.

JOHN K. CHILDS, 2nd Lt, AC, O-798543, reported as M.I.A. 10 June 1944, later reported as K.I.A.

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SPECIAL ORDERS)
NUMBER 263)

27 September 1944

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10. The following O, AC, are DP, temporarily promoted to the gr indicated in AUS w/rank fr date of this order. (Auth Cir 90, Hq European T of Opns USA, 17 August 1944):

* * *

3RD BOMBARDMENT DIV
1st Lt to Capt

* * *

HERSCHEL T PASCOE, 0745490

* * *

By command of Lieutenant General DOOLITTLE:

JOHN S. ALLARD,
Brigadier General, USA,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

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

A TRUE EXTRACT:

Dave C Willett
DAVE C WILLETT,
Captain AC.

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13 October 1944

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NUMBER.....279)

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6. The following O, AG, are BP, temp promoted to the gr indicated in AOS w/rank fr date of this order. (Auth Cir 90, Hq European T of Ops USA, 17 August 1944):

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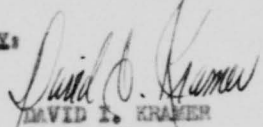
3RD DEPARTMENT DIV2nd Lt to 1st Lt

CARROLL W. OSTERN, 0700316

By command of Lieutenant General DOOLITTLE :

JOHN S. ALLARD
Brigadier General, USA,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

/s/ Lindsey L. Braxton
/t/ LINDSEY L. BRAXTON
Lt Col, AGD,
Adjutant General.DISTRIBUTION : "H" Plus 2 cys ea O-pers 8 & 9,
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NUMBER.....280)

14 October 1944

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5. The following O, AC, are DP, temp promoted to the gr indicated in AUS w/rank fr date of this order. (Auth Cir 90, Hq European T of Opns USA, 17 August 1944):

3RD BOMBARDMENT DIV

2nd Lt to 1st Lt

EDWARD J. CARR, 0820220
JAMES T. CRUMP, 0711959

By command of Lieutenant General DOOLITTLE :

JOHN S. ALLARD
Brigadier General, USA,
Chief of Staff.

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/s/ Lindsey L. Braxton
/w/ LINDSEY L. BRAXTON
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16 October 1944

SPECIAL ORDER)
SUBJECT.....202)

7. The following O, are BP, temp promoted to the gr indicated in AGS w/rank
fr date of this order. (Auth Cir 90, Bq European T of Opas USA, 17 August 1944):

"	"	"	"	"	"
		30 BOMBARDMENT DIV			
"	"	"	"	"	"
"	"	<u>2nd Lt to 1st Lt</u>	"	"	"
"	"	"	"	"	"
JAMES P. ROBERTS, 0617103 AC	"	"	"	"	"

By command of Lieutenant General BRULLETTE:

JOHN S. ALLARD
Brigadier General, USA,
Chief of Staff.

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s/t/LINDSEY L. BRUNTON
1st Col, AGS,
Adjutant General.

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JAMES C. WILLETT,
Captain, Air Corps,
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Office of the Commanding General

24 October 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS)
NUMBER.....290)

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9. The following O, AC, are DP, temp promoted to the gr indicated in AUS w/rank fr
date of this order. (Auth Cir 90, Hq European T of Opns USA, 17 August 1944):

* * *
3RD BOMBARDMENT DIV
1st Lt to Capt

* * *
CHARLES E. YEAGER, 0887005

By command of Lieutenant General DOOLITTLE:

JOHN S. ALLARD
Brigadier General, USA,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

s/t/LINDSEY L. BRAXTON,
Lt Col., AGD,
Adjutant General.

A TRUE EXTRACT:

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

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Office of the Commanding General

4 October 1944

SERIAL ORDERS)
NUMBER.....270)

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3. VOCS ordering the following 2d Lt AUS, to EAD, DF, eff date indicated and assigning them to units indicated for dy w/AC are made of record, the urgency having been such as to prevent issuance of written orders in advance. They will rank fr date indicated. (Auth: Cir No. 59, Hq ETOUSA, 1 June 1944).

NAME, GRADE & ORIGIN	EFF DATE & DATE OF RANK	ASSIGNED TO
JOHNIE LEE CARTER 0886664	3D BOMB DIV 3 Oct 1944	363d Ftr Sq, 357th Ftr Gp

By command of Lieutenant General DOOLITTLE:

JOHN S. ALLARD,
Brigadier General, USA,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

s/t/LINDSEY L. BRAYTON,
1st Col, ACD,
Adjutant General.

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DAVE C. MILLST,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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SPECIAL ORDERS
NO 261

HEADQUARTERS AAF STATION F-373
APO 559
23 September 1944

E-T-R-A-D-T

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

NAME	RANK	ASN	ORG
PETER (NMI) FIELICH	2D LT	0762521 AC	363rd Ftr Sq
GEORGE J. RICE, JR.	2D LT	0756702 AC	do
HORACE W. ROYCHOFT	2D LT	0754205 AC	do

By order of Colonel GRAHAM:

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

OFFICIAL:

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

A TRUE EXTRACT:

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

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SPECIAL ORDERS
NO 293HEADQUARTERS AAF STATION F-373
APO 559
28 October 1944

-S-E-C-R-E-T-

1. Poll O, asgd 357th Ftr Gp per par 7, SO #293, AAF Sta F-3451, 25 Oct 44, are further asgd & WP organs indicated. No c of sta.

NAME	RANK	ASN	QTY
HENRY L. HARE	2D LT	0829855 AC	363rd Ftr Sq
DANIEL M. MYERS	2D LT	0722140 AC	do
SAUL SITZER	PLT O	T-63064 AC	do

By order of Lieutenant Colonel LANDERS:

FLOYD C. RIDDLE,
MOJG, USA
Asst Adjutant.

OFFICIAL:

s/t/FLOYD C. RIDDLE,
MOJG, USA,
Asst Adjutant.

A TRUE EXTRACT:

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

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UNITED STATES
AGC 413 U. S. ARMY

HMF/36

AG 300.4 I 9-598

20 Sep 1944

Subject: Orders

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To : Officers concerned.

1. VCCG on dates indicated, assigning the officers named below, AG, to orgn indicated and placing them on temp dy with Hq, Central District, United Kingdom Base, are confirmed and made of record. Expenditures of the service having been such as to prevent issuance of orders in adv. Upon completion of this temp dy, they will report to the Commanding General, US Strategic Air Forces in Europe, for temp dy not to thirty (30) days with Director of Intelligence. Upon completion of this temp dy, they will report to proper sta.

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16 September 1944

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1ST LT. ROBERT E. PARKER, 0682952, 363 Ptr Sq 357 Ptr Gp
* * *

2. Reimbursement not to exceed \$4.00 per day is atnd each of the above named officers for qrs if govt qrs or billets are not available, and an allowance of \$1.25 per day for subsistence is atnd if govt messing facilities are not available.

3. TMT. TDM. 60-126 P 432-02 A 212/50425.

Auth: VCCG, Hq, European T of Opns, USA, 19 Sep 1944.

By command of Brigadier General VAUGHAN:

s/R. F. Askey, 1st Lt.
for t/ HENRY J. KELLY, AGC/
Major, AGC,
Asst Adj Gen.

A TRUE EXTRACT:

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DAVE C. MILLETT,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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

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: S E C R E T :
:Auth: CG USSTAF :
:Date: 30 Sep 44 :
:Initials klp :
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-E-X-T-R-A-C-T-

30 September 1944

SUBJECT: Letter Order #2

TO : All concerned.

1. PAC Ltr 383.6 (5 July 44) OB-S-A-M TAG Washington, 11 July 44, Subject: "Military Personnel Escaped from Enemy Territory", the following personnel having escaped from enemy territory are trfd in gr to Casual Pool, 70th Air Force Repl Dep and WF fr present sta in the U.K. to AAF Sta 594, reporting upon arrival to Capt SALLYARDS to await water transportation to the Zone of Interior. Upon arrival at the Port of Embarkation, reporting immediately to the AC of S., A-2, Hq First Air Force, MitchellField, New York, N. Y. for further disposition. Effective upon departure from the U.K. they are reld fr asgmt and dy in the European Theater of Operations. (PCS)

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1ST LT ROGER E. PAGELS, 0682952, AC 363rd Ftr Sq
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By command of Lieutenant General SPAATZ:

s/t/R. E. FECTEAU,
Captain, AGD.,
Asst Adj General.

A TRUE EXTRACT:

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

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HEADQUARTERS
96TH (US) GENERAL HOSPITAL (NF)
APO 121, U S ARMY

SPECIAL ORDERS)
NUMBER 241)

1 October 1944

-E-X-T-R-A-C-T-

5. PAC par 3a (1), Sect II, Cir 69, ETOUSA, Dtd 13 Jun 44, the foll named EM are
reld from asgmt to orgns indicated, and fr atchmt to DOP, this hosp, and trfd ingr to
DOP, 4174, US Army Hosp Plant, APO 121, USA, effective this date, for further obsn and
treatment, and for disposition. No travel involved.

Winsor, David A.

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Cpl

Reled from:

363 Sq, 357 Ftr Gp APO 637

By order of Lieutenant Colonel SMITH:

JOHN S. EDWARDS
Capt, MAC,
Adjutant.

OFFICIAL:

s/t/JOHN S. EDWARDS
Capt, MAC,
Adjutant.

A TRUE EXTRACT:

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

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HEADQUARTERS 3D INFANTRY DIVISION
APO 559

SPECIAL ORDERS)

14 October 1944

NUMBER 288

-S-I-T-U-A-C-I-

11. So much of par 12 SO 288 this HQ C.S. as reads: "Held fr--357th Bomb Gp" is amended to read: "Held fr--357th Fighter Gp."

By command of Major General PARTIDGE:

M. H. BAYLIS
Brigadier General, U. S. A.
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

s/c/O. T. DRACHE
Lt Col., Air Corps,
Actg Adjutant General.

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DAVE C. SMITH,
Captain, Air Corps,
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HEADQUARTERS 35 BOMBARDMENT DIVISION
APO 559

G-3-2

12 October 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS)

PULPIT 236)

EXTRACT

12. The following-named O are held ir dy in and asst to opns indicated and asst to YCth Replacement Depot (AAS), rly to the CO at AAF Sta #59a o/a 22 Oct '44 to await T to the I of I:

FIELD NO-257TH BOMB GR

1ST LT FLOYD J MAYLARD, 0692577, AC

1ST LT DONALD J FARADA, 0702833, AC

O will have clothing and equip listed in Sec IV, European T of Opns US Army Cir #85, '44 before departure. PD will pay O in accordance with European T of Opns US Army Cir #60, '44, as amended, for subs and grs while traveling on dy. All baggage will accompany O upon change of sta. O will carry canteens and canteen cups. US Strategic AF in Europe Reg #80-10, 5 Aug '44, as amended, will be complied with. Sta Commanders will notify sta concerned of the expected time of arrival of personnel. Sta or Sq Commanders will insure that each O has at least one copy of the SO immediately available upon arrival at new sta. QMNT, TUN. PD 60-136 P 431-02A 212/50425. Rail O/W or airplane. (PAC Sec V, A Cir #127, 23 May '43 and Eighth AF Memo 35-1, 22 Sept '44)

By command of Major General PATRICK:

H. B. MARBOLD
Brigadier General, U.S.A.
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

W/O. T. DRASHWELL,
Lt. Col., Air Corps,
Actg Adjutant General.

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DAVE C. WILLETT,
Captain, Air Corps,
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HEAD QUARTERS 3D BARRACMENT DIVISION
APO 559

26 October 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS

NUMBER 300

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16. The following-named O and T are trfd in gr fr orgns indicated to CP, 70th Replacement Depot (AMP). O will report to CO at AMP Sta #594 o/a 30 Oct '44 and T will report to CO at AMP Sta #569 w/o delay to await T to the Z of I:

TED FR-357TH FIGHTER GR

CAPT PAUL F DEVEREE, 0728607, AC

By command of Major General PARTRIDGE:

H. B. HARBOLD
Brigadier General, U. S. A.
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

s/t/JOHN P. THOMAS,
Major, Air Corps,
Acting Asst Adjutant General.

A TRUE EXTRACT:

Dave E. Millett
DAVE E. MILLETT,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS 30 REARMAMENT DIVISION
AFC 559

SPECIAL AGENT (S)

27 October 1944

SUBJECT: 301)

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18. The following-named O and EM are trfd in gr fr organs indicated to CP, 70th Replacement Depot AAF. O will report to CO at AAF Sta #594 o/a 1 Nov '44 and EM will report to CO at AAF Sta #569 w/c delay to await T to the E of I:

TRFD FR--357TH FLYING CP

1ST LT MICHAEL C. MOORE, GS73021, AC

O and EM will have clothing and equip listed in Sec IV, European T of Opns USA Cir #85, '44, before departure. PD will pay O and EM in accordance with European T of Opns USA Cir #63, '44, as amended, for subs and g's while traveling on dy. All baggage will accompany personnel upon change of sta. R will carry mess kits, canteens and canteen cups. O will carry canteens and canteen cups. US Strategic AF in Europe Reg #80-10, 5 Aug '44, as amended will be complied with. R/R and allied papers will accompany EM. Sta Commanders will notify sta concerned of the expected time of arrival of personnel. Sta or Sq Commanders will insure that each O and EM has at least one copy of the X immediately available upon arrival at new sta. This is a perm change of sta. (REF: T M. PD 60-130 P 431-02 : 212/50425. Rail, GHV or airplane. (Ref: Sec V, WD Cir #217, 29 May '43 and Eighth AF Memo 39-1, 22 Sept '44).

By command of Major General PATTERSON:

H. B. LUGGINS
Brigadier General, U. S. A.
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

s/t/JOHN F. THOMAS,
Major, Air Corps,
Actg Asst Adjutant General.

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DAVE C. WILLET,
Captain, Air Corps,
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