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368TH FIGHTER GROUP

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368TH FIGHTER GROUP HISTORICAL REPORT  
MONTH OF APRIL, 1st to 30, 1944.

Information contained herein, is written in compliance with Ninth Fighter Command Memorandum Number 20-4, date 22nd December 1943. It is a resume of the activities of the 368th Fighter Group, for 1st of April 1944, to the 30th of April 1944.

1. ORGANIZATION.

No change.

2. Strength as of 30 April 1944.

Figures shown below are total strength for Group Headquarters and assigned Squadrons.

<u>Assigned Personnel</u>		<u>Authorized personnel</u>	
Officers -----	158	Officers -----	181
Enlisted Men ----	816	Enlisted Men ----	826
TOTAL	969	TOTAL	1007

3. DATE OF ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE FROM EACH STATION IN ETO:

No Change.

4. LOSSES IN ACTION:

Goodwin, James W. Capt., 0437614, 395th Fighter Squadron. (Pilot)

5. AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Award of Air Medal: 396th Squadron.	397th Squadron
Capt. Joseph J. McLachlan	Major John D. W. Haesler
Capt. Leon D. Meyers	Capt. Joseph Marini
1st Lt. Meredith W. Henry	Capt. Eugene M. Potter
1st Lt. Charles W. Romine	Lt. George L. Sutcliffe

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April 1.

Pvt. Garza, absent sick (First General Hosp. London) returned to duty.  
Promotion of Enlisted Men in Group Headquarters Per Special Order 29, Par 4, dated April 1, 1944. (Supporting Document #1)

Intelligence Training Report (Supporting Document #2)

April 2.

Assignment of Enlisted Men to Group Headquarters Per Special Order 30, par 1, dated 2 April 1944. (Supporting Document #3.)

April 3.

Nothing to report.

April 4.

Lt. Richard S. Hibbets appointed Group Cryptographic Security Officer Per Special Order 31, par #2. (Supporting Document #4)

Promotion of Enlisted Men in Group Headquarters per Special Order 31, par #3. (Supporting Document #4)

Promotion of Lt. Bergman to Capt. was announced by Headquarters ETOUSA, par 11, Special Order 92, 1 April 1944. Capt. Bergman is our S-4 officer.

April 5.

Operations Order #119—to attack targets in France and destroy enemy aircraft was scrubbed.

Ground school lectures were given to group personnel by Lt. Nichley on Chemical Warfare, and Sex Morality by Major Davis, Group Surgeon.

April 6.

Lt. Federith W. Henry appointed Ass't Operations Officer of the Group per special order 32, par 2, dated 6 April 1944. (Supporting Document #5)

Ground school lectures were given to Group Personnel in the afternoon on stripping the carbine by Lt. Nichley and Military Law by Lt. Powell.

Movie: Navy Comes Thru.

April 7.

Capt. Baer former Ass't Group Operations Officer transferred to 396th Fighter Squadron, authority VCCO.

Capt. Lazur, Ass't Group Operations Officer transferred to 395th Fighter Squadron, authority VCCO.

S/Cgt. Karp absent sick in hospital (London) returned to duty.

Movie: Andy Hardy's Double Life.

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April 8.

After having had weather and dive bombing practice for over a week the boys were really ready to go again when Operational Order 126 came in directing a combined job of escorting and dive bombing. This mission turned out to be a long one, taking 48 of our P-47s to the important marshalling yards at Hasselt, Belgium, T/O to be 1207 with Col. Meyers leading. We were to meet two boxes of Marauders off the French coast, give them top cover in and out, and dive bomb the target in back of the Marauders. 108 gallon belly tanks and two 250 pound G.P. bombs, along with the usual eight machine guns were carried.

Interrogation of the pilots showed an excellent job of bombing accomplished with no air opposition encountered with AA fairly intense at certain points along the route in and out. To quote Major Quimby (commanding our 395th Squadron) describing the target after the bombing "Amass of flame and smoke!!" All the planes were back at 1520, only one plane suffering battle damage (small flak holes in wing.)

During this mission, an amendment to O.O. 126 came in which would have sent the boys right back over the same route to bomb the same target a second time. Planes were reloaded and refueled, but this mission was scrubbed ten minutes before take off time.

Great relief was expressed over this scrubbing, as a mission at this time would have materially interfered with the evening's social activities. Our officers dance had been long anticipated for this particular night and all final arrangements had been completed by the Group Special Service Officers, Lt. Fegan and Lt. Quilan, so plenty of English Service girls (mainly from Winchester and vicinity) and a very good Ninth Air Force band were brought over in "GI" trucks. Even though the beer was generally conceded to be quite weak and the whiskey averaged only one drink per person, it is believed that everyone had a pleasant evening. "We want more parties--we want to meet more girls." That was the gist of the talk when lights went out that night of April 8th.

Note: It will be noted in this narrative that Field Orders will hereafter be called Operational Orders of O.O.s.

April 9.

The Red Cross Aero Club opened officially tonite, with free drinks (soft doughnuts, and sandwiches. Judging from the good attendance tonite the Club will be a popular meeting place in the future and a good place to spend leisure hours. It is interesting to note that the management is the same as we had at Greenham Commons. Our old friend Miss Florence Reed is to be in charge of the Aero Club.

Operational Order 129--to conduct a low level sweep in the Rouen area was scrubbed.

A surprise lay in store for us this afternoon when, unescorted and unannounced, Brigadier General Cuesada, Commanding General of the IX Tactical Air Command, made an informal visit to our Group Headquarters. The purpose of the visit was to be present at the briefing of our pilots preparatory to the flight's mission covering O.O. 129. This mission, one of bombing rail freight communications in the Rouen area, being cancelled before the General's arrival. The pilots were reassembled in the Headquarters briefing room and introduced to their guest. It is believed that all of us, pilots included, who were fortunate enough to see General Cuesada were impressed by the importance and

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informality of the entire occasion. It is hoped the General will visit us again in the near future.

April 10.

Capt. Talbott, assigned to the 397th Fighter Squadron for duty as Ass't Operations Office, authority VCCO.

Cpl. Spahn assigned to the 368th Group Headquarters for duty as a cook, authority VCCO.

All Squadrons of this Group participated in a practice mission at Kingston Bag-prize and Pepper Box Hill. The proper procedure for landing and reserving were practiced, at this advanced landing strip. We were to practice this part of the mission in both the morning and the afternoon, and after this was accomplished our planes were to proceed to Pepper Box Hill for a practice bombing mission, however the skies were too cloudy for dive bombing in both the morning and the afternoon so no bombing was carried out.

Movie: Adventures of Tartu.

Our mission for today consisted of the same thing as of the 10th, but we could not bomb again due to the inclement weather. General Quesada was here to see this show today, so we were all duly disappointed not to be able to show our stuff, however we think we will have another chance to show our stuff on some later date.

Major Fred J. Kroencke of the First Army reported to the 368th Fighter Group as Army Liaison Officer. His duties are to keep the Group Commanding Officer informed of the ground picture, to maintain a ground situation map, and other routine liaison duties. He will work in close cooperation with the intelligence officers of this group.

The following officers of the 368th Fighter Group were awarded the Air Medal as per General Order 96, Headquarters Ninth Air Force, 11 April 1944.

396th Fighter Squadron: Capt. Joseph J. McLachlan of Stuebenville, Ohio.  
Capt. Leon D. Meyers of Cincinnati, Ohio.  
1st Lt. Meredith W. Henry of Philadelphia, Pa.  
Lt. Charles W. Romine of Waco, Texas.

397th Fighter Squadron: Major John E. W. Haesler of Loup City, Nebr.  
Capt. Joseph Marini of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.  
Capt. Eugene M. Potter of Chicago, Illinois.  
Lt. George L. Sutcliffe of Centerdale, R. I.

TCG Keith, (driver) attached to 368th Fighter Group as per Letter Hq. 1st. U.S. Army dated 7 April 1944.

A talk on Postal Regulations by Lt. Reinthal, of the S-2 section, in the afternoon was attended by all Enlisted Men and Officers of this Group.

In the evening a Mobile Intelligence Unit gave a show in the Mess Hall on how to distinguish uniforms, rank, insignia, and weapons of the German Army.

Intelligence Training Report. (Supporting Document #6)

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Major Leo Domijan was assigned 368th Fighter Group Headquarters per Special Order 34 par 2, dated 22 April 1944. (Supporting Document #7)

Major Frank S. Perego appointed investigating officer for the purpose of investigating abortive aircraft as per Special Order 34, par #3. (Supporting Document #7)

Another Ramrod mission today, giving penetration support to the Eighth Air Force "heavies". Target was Schwienfurt, in the heart of Central Germany. Our job was to escort five boxes of B-17s and B-24s to the limit of our endurance which today would have taken us into Germany for the first time, and also our first mission flown with wing tanks.

At the Group briefing which took place at 0730, the boys were very eager to get under way and all felt a disappointment when take off time was postponed due to inclement weather. Take off was 1140, but again the weather intervened when our Group was recalled by Col. Meyers when the bombers flew into an overcast requiring instrument flying. We turned back just south of Leige making landfall out near Knocke at 1330. All the planes landed at the home base at 1430. No enemy aircraft were encountered and flak was light except near Ostend where Anti-Aircraft was heavy and fairly accurate.

Movie; Talk Of the Town.

April 13:

The pilots were given a very thorough briefing this morning at 0800 on a hard to find secret rocket gun installation in the Pas de Calais area. Ops order 144 sent 54 P-47s with Col. Meyers leading to dive bomb this area. Two squadrons were bombed up and one gave them top cover. Landfall at the enemy coast was made a little south of the planned course but the target was located and our planes gave it a thorough going over. Diving from an altitude of eight thousand feet they released the bombs at about 2500 feet.

We were to undertake a second mission today but our old "friend" the weather interferred again. We were to land at Kingston-Bagnuize, refuel, rearm, and return and bomb yet another target. Our planes took off from there and returned to their home base at 1356. Anti-Aircraft defense was light-moderate and accurate in several places. Our planes suffered no battle damage and there were no claims.

The 66th Airdrome Squadron was assigned to the 368th Fighter Group effective 15 April 1944, by General Orders #17 IX ASC, by teletype.

Assignment of Sgt. Lonien to Headquarters 368th Fighter Group per Special Order 35, par 2 dated 13 April 1944. (Supporting Document #8.)

Behind the "superb" twirling of PFC Martinez of Group Headquarters the softball team won another victory tonite over the 396th Fighter Squadron by a score of 5 to 1.

April 14.

Our Group had been released until 1200 today, but at about 0900 despite the release, we were alerted for a sweep of France to strafe airdromes and military trains. At 0920 we read the Operational Order 149 over the phone from Wing.

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Take off was set for 1030. Group briefing was scratched and information called in to the Squadron C-2s for quick pre-take off briefings by Squadrons. The route was Beachy Head-Le Treport-Gournay-Amiens-Cambrai-Armentiers-Le Toquet Dungeness-Base. All planes landed at 1315 though six had suffered battle damage from flak and small arms. The boys were full of stories, they had strafed some airdromes but found few planes on the ground. This was the first real opportunity to fire our guns at ground targets so the boys had a regular field day. To quote Major Haesler, Commanding Officer of the 397th Tcdn. "They were really out to get us today, the flak was terrific, but we blew those Nazi locomotives and trains sky high"

Major Perego who became this Groups Flying Executive Officer and Deputy C.O. on March 29th led this mission.

Mission report, Cps Order 149. (Supporting Document #14.)

Movie: Sweet Rosie O'Grady.

April 15.

Nothing to report.

April 16.

A lecture was given today by Major Fred J. Kroencke, Army Liaison Officer, to the pilots and Intelligence Officers of the Group, covering duties of a Liaison officer, Air-Ground cooperation and the T.C. of the Army Liaison.

April 17.

Operational Order 152--attacking targets in France and destroying E/A scrubbed.

Movie: Arsenic and Old Lace

April 18.

Assignment of WFC Bryant to 368th Fighter Group Headquarters per Special Order 38, par 2. (Supporting Document #9.)

Another escort mission today this time to the medium bombers of the Ninth Air Force. The Group took off on an escort and dive bombing mission at 1725. We were to escort the second box of B-26s to the target and to give them top cover while they bombed then to dive bomb the target ourselves. We carried two 250 pound bombs. Diving from a height of 14,000 feet the boys released their bombs at 3000 feet. Outside of the excitement of the bombing the mission the boys had nothing else to contend with except flak which was light-moderate and accurate. No enemy aircraft were encountered, but the pilots spotted 5 large boats in the channel. They heard German speech over the R/T on channel A.

The promotion of Lt. Marks and Lt. Pendleton to the rank of Captain was announced today by Special Order 106 Headquarters ETCUSA, dated 14 April 1944.

Announcement was made today by the Victory Credits Board that the two planes shot down by Capt. Montag were confirmed.

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April 19.

Lt. Quinlan appointed Group Special Service Officer per Special Order 39, par #1. (Supporting Document #10)

Lt. Regan appointed Ass't Group Special Service Officer per Special Order 39, par #2. (Supporting Document #10)

Transfer of Sgt. Davis to 73th Station Complement, per Special Order 39, par #3. (Supporting Document #10)

Assignment of Sgt. Sherman to Headquarters 368th Fighter Group per Special Order 39, par #4. (Supporting Document #10)

Mission number 20 and Operational Order number 158 took 50 P-47s with Col. Meyers leading to escort the 2nd ATF of the Eighth Air Force. Take off was 1009. Our job was to render withdrawal support from the R/V point to the limit of our endurance. The mission was flown with out incident, no enemy aircraft were seen and there was no flak damage to any of our planes. Our pilots have much acclaim for the way the bombers flew their formations.

Movie: Johnny Come Lately.

April 20.

This group was pleasantly surprised this afternoon by an informal visit from Brig. General Schramm, Commanding General of the 71st Fighter Wing. Arriving without an escort or warning of any kind the General proceeded to look over the Headquarters building and after having a chat with Lt. Col. Meyers he left just as quietly as he came, promising to visit us again in the near future.

Major Gorrel--DS, London for one day, per Special Order 40, par #1 (Supporting Document #13)

April 21.

Intelligence Training Report (Supporting Document #11)

Col. Meyers led the gang back to the Hasselt Marshalling Yards again today for another dive bombing of this much beat up target. O.O. 165 came in at 0400 to rouse up for a briefing at 0730. (Note: S-2 and S-3 officers are called three hours before briefing, and all others including pilots are called an hour and a half before briefing.) By take off time, which was 0858, the skys were clear and blue. Two squadrons carried two 250 pound bombs, the 396th acting as top cover. Results of the bombing were excellent. Again Jerry did not come up but flak was reported as heavy, intense and accurate along the route at Douai Louvain, Nivelles and not so intense at Le Culot. Down time was 1159.

We were alerted for a second mission today for which a long operational order came in which called for escorting the Eighth Air Force heavies back from Germany. The mission would have kept the boys out until after 2100, which incidently would have interferred materially with the dance being given for officers at the club. The mission was scrubbed, but not until all were gathered together for the briefing at 1600. Major Perego who would have led the mission got a great kick out of telling the pilots that they wouldn't be back until almost too late for the party, then watched their expressions change when they were told the show was off.

The boys went tearing out of the briefing room like a bunch of school kids

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just let out for a recess, off to their quarters to get spruced up for a big evening. Came eight o'clock and the party was on, but this time girls were few, and rather ragged looking, so if it hadn't been for that very good Ninth Air Force band again, it would have been a total flop. Music hath charms and most of us had a good time looking and listening.

Mission report for the 21st Mission. (Supporting Document #12)

Movie: Mr. Lucky.

April 22.

Someone at higher headquarters must have known we had a party last night, because though the weather was perfect they let us sleep until 0700. O.O. 171 came through for another dive bombing mission with take off at 1111. Our target this time was the Marshalling yards at St. Ghislain in Belgium. We had been expecting to use 1000 pounders, but here was our first chance and the order called for two 1000 pound G.P. bombs for each plane, together with 108 gallon belly tanks, the total the heaviest load we have yet carried. Many of us went up in the tower to see the take off, which looked no different from any of the others, except altitude was picked up very slowly. The 397th was top cover for this one, and reported observing fair bombing results with 6 hits on the primary target and most of the others in the target area. Col. Meyers leading was somehow seperated from Major Perego when coming out of the dive from 10000 feet to 3000 feet. Nothing eventful again, except one flight went down on some locomotives and trains. Major Quimby and Lt. Marini both claiming destroyed locomotives. Time down was 1348.

Lunch only, inbetween missions today. We had been alerted for an escort mission, but at the very last minute it turned out to be a long Rodeo using wing tanks and taking us from base to Beachy Head-Ault-Puren-Bonn-Koblenz-Triers-Ault and back to base. This was our first time in Germany. We had been scheduled for trips into Germany before, but it seemed somehow something always happened. This time however we really got there, and how!!! In the vicinity of Bonn, at 1830 our 395th Squadron was attacked by 12 FW 190s. The Jerries used smart tactics when four came down out of the sun to attack one flight. When the other flights got mixed up in the fight, the other eight came out of the sun a complete surprise to our boys. The accompanying mission report form tells the combat story. We won another battle alright, but we lost a fine boy. Capt. James T. Goodwin, Operations Officer of the 395th who hails from Austin, Texas, has been with the Group since activation. As noted in the mission report, there is some questions as to Goodwins fate.

We are full of hope!!

Missions reports 1 and 2. (Supporting Documents # 15 & 16)

April 22nd was also the day of the long awaited Varsity show our Group was to hold in the Aero Club. All talent was from the Group itself, and judging from the applause and shouting the boys enjoyed the show very much. The house was crowded to capacity, and many more were waiting outside to get in. Some of the acts were as follows: "Four Piece Band, Singer of Classical Songs, Crooner, A Guitar player, and a piano player". After the show doughnuts and cokes were served. All in all it was a very pleasant evening, and everyone enjoyed them selves.

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April 23.

The Group Headquarters continued merrily on their way in the Group League, last nite to extend their victory string by one win and one tie. PFC Martinez pitched both games and did a very good job of twirling. The last was a dead-lock up to the 7th inning when Cpl. Joe O'Dowd of Headquarters belted out a lone smash over 2nd base for a three bagger, to tie the score 3 to 3. The game had to come to a finish at this time to allow the men to return to the line to greet the pilots who were returning from their 25th mission over enemy territory. Score of the first game was Hq. 5 396th 1, and of course the last game ended in a tie of 3 to 3.

Another dive bombing mission today. Operational Order 174, with Col. Meyers leading took 48 P-47s to bomb the Railway Marshalling Yards at Monceau sur-Sambre. Take off was 1147, and all the planes were back at the home base at 1435. Nothing eventful had occurred. Results of the bombing were good with many hits in the target area. Diving from a height of about 12,000 feet the boys released their bombs at 3,000 feet. This is the second time 1000 pound bombs were used. The boys find that this weight of two 1000 pound bombs and 108 gallon belly tank makes gaining altitude a tough job indeed. Heavy flak was reported at several points on the mission.

On our second mission we were ordered on another Rodeo. With Major Frank S. Perego leading 48 P-47s took off at 1630. Remembering the show of the night before the boys were a little more wary of German fighters today. There was some excitement when a flight of four unidentified planes made a pass cut of the sun, but when they broke off, no combat ensued.

Tho' no enemy aircraft were seen the boys saw contrails following them in and out over the enemy territory at a height of 35,000 feet. Heavy intense flak was seen over most of the route.

Assignment of Lt. John P. Hoffman to Group Headquarters and appointment as Ass't Group S-2 officer per Special Order 41 par #1. (Supporting Document #19)

Appointment of Lt. D. F. Reinthal as Group Historical Officer and Group censor, vice Capt. Donald D. Webster per Special Order 41, par #2. (Supporting document #19)

Assignment of Sgt. Filson to Group Hq. per Special Order 41, par #3. Supporting Document #19)

Mission Reports 24th & 25th missions. (Supporting Documents #17 & #18)

April 24.

With a clear dawn of the morning of April 24, came a long Operational Order giving us the job of providing penetration support to the heavies of the Eighth Air Force. A briefing was set for 0830, and after working hard on research to give the boys all the last information received on flak and enemy fighters in this area the Group Officers briefed the pilots. We were just getting our time check when word came that the whole thing had been changed and we were to stand by for a new order. Later we found out that we were to take the place of a different Group. At the briefing of this new mission we found out we were to provide withdrawal support to the heavies.

At 1341, 48 P-47s with Lt. Col. G. L. Meyers leading, took off on this mission to R/V with the bombers over German territory at 1510. The mission itself proved

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to be quite uneventful, no enemy aircraft were seen and flak wasn't a ny different than usual. In spite of the smooth trip, which has been the case several times before, our pilots are always eager to go "into the blue with the Eighth", and when returning they fill the air with their comments on the way the mission was flown that day. All our planes were back at the home base at 1732.

Movie: Song of Bernadette.

April 25

Our luck on the subject of weather finally took a break yesterday. After having clear skies here and with a promise of clear skies over the continent the boys were duly surprised to see a cloud coverage of about 9/10s. We were to dive bomb the Railway Marshalling Yards at Malines, but with the danger of collisions diving thru clouds, Major Perego, who was leading the Group, decided that it would be better to make a try for targets of opportunity, along the route back from the target to the home base. Two of our Sqdns were bombed up and one was providing top cover, so the boys went looking for trouble and things to shoot up. Most of the boys unloaded their bombs on coastal airdromes and they had a very busy time dodging flak bursts around the airdrome at Ostend. No enemy fighters were seen and flak was heavy-moderate-accurate.

April 26.

For our fifth mission in three days O.C. 183 ordered us on another dive bombing and escort mission. We were to meet and escort the A-20s to the Louvain Railway Marshalling Yards in Belgium.

After our planes had taken off and we were well on our way to R/V point when we learned the mission was cancelled. The controller said that he would notify the boys, but no word was heard from him. They didn't meet the bombers at R/V point so they continued on to the target, however they couldn't locate it so they turned back. With the exception of two bombs dropped on an airfield near Coxyde, all the bombs were jettisoned in the channel.

Movie: Rationing.

April 27.

Thru the diligent efforts of our Special Service Officers, S/Sgt Joe Louis world heavyweight boxing champion appeared in our Red Cross Club this afternoon for about a half an hour. Our Executive Officer, Major Gorrel, introduced Sgt. Louis and his troupe. Sgt. Louis entertained us by telling us about his fighting experiences. Accompanying Louis were his First Sgt., George Nickelson, and Pvt. Jim Wilson, who fought Henry Armstrong for the welterweight championship of the world.

Starting today for three days our Group has been chasen to carry out practice exercises as top area cover for amphibous landing on the West English Coast. We are to use one squadron at a time on patrol while another squadron will relieve them at a certain set time. At no time is the area to be free of planes providing cover for the troops on the shores... Our Squadron S-2s are to phone in only hot news concerning real enemy action, and at the end of the day they will phone in a report to be consolidated by the Group S-2 to be phoned to the Wing.

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Today was the long awaited day for a softball game between the officers and enlisted men of Group Headquarters. It was a beautiful evening for a game, the skies were clear and the sun was shining brightly. At 1900 our first game started with the enlisted men taking the field. In the first inning the officers put over three runs before the enlisted men could catch their breath. After that they settled down and nothing much but an occasional hit marred the excellent play on both sides. In about the fifth inning the enlisted men got to the officers twirler, Capt. Fendleton, and pushed across 3 runs to tie the score. In the sixth inning they ran away with him and pushed across 12 more. After the officers took their last licks the game was called and a new one started. The enlisted won the first game by a score of 15 to 3.

The first two innings of the second game went along quietly without anyone making a bid. The enlisted men got a little over-confident and in the third inning we were touched for 3 hits, 2 walks, and 3 runs. The enlisted men came to bat vowing to get them back, but went down in 1,2,3, order just as fast as they stepped up to the plate. The officers again managed to put three more runs in the next inning and the score stood at 6 to 0 in favor of the officers. It had begun to look bad for the EM when in the sixth<sup>th</sup>2<sup>nd</sup> inning they got to Lt. Regan who had taken over the pitching reins, and belted the ball all over the lot bringing in 4 hard earned runs. The officers went down swinging in their half of the inning and when the EM came up they tied the score at 6 all, forcing the game to go another inning. In the climax of the game the officers put across 4 runs in their half of the eighth to win 10 to 6. It was a hard fought game and everyone enjoyed it. It is hoped that there will be more games in the near future.

Some of the stars for the Enlisted men are Pfc "Marty" Martinez, Cpl. Joe O'Dowd, Sgt. Neiman, Sgt. Mullens. These men fielded and batted with great success during the whole game.

Some of the stars for the Officers were Major Gorrell, Lt. Powell, Lt. Quinlan, Chaplain, Cleary, Capt. Fendleton, and Lt. Regan. The umpire was Major Rice and it is thought that he did a good job under the circumstances.

April 28.

The squadrons flew patrols all day in connection with the "Tiger Exercise". They followed the same procedure today as noted in yesterday's entry. This exercise is to take place for a three day period.

April 29.

Same report as of the 27th and 28th.

April 30.

Group released for training and maintenance today.

The EM softball team of Group Headquarters rolled onward last night by defeating the EM of the 66th Airdrome Squadron by a score of 5 to 3 in a bitterly fought contest. After getting off to a slow start the Group team started rolling in the 6th inning by tying the score and winning it their half of the 7th, with a single over third base to bring the winning run in. The winning pitcher was Pvt. Martinez of Group Hq. and the losing pitcher was Sgt. Harness of the 66th Airdrome Squadron.

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SPECIAL ORDERS )

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1. Under the provisions of AR 615-5, 30 Jun 1943, and upon the recommendation of their Orgn Comdr, the following named EM, 395th Fitr Sq, are promoted to grades as indicated:

TO BE STAFF SERGEANT (TEMP)

Sgt (862)	Richard W. Weaver	35421892
Sgt (759)	John H. Houlahan	31226462
Sgt (747)	Jack E. Feinberg	14156319
Sgt (747)	James E. Matthews	13072929
Sgt (747)	William (NMI) Demchuk	32533271
Sgt (747)	Robert C. Griffith	33373026
Sgt (747)	Joseph J. Hanson	32424763
Sgt (747)	Allan M. Olson	37266802

TO BE SERGEANT (TEMP)

Cpl (941)	Andrew A. Vanta	15019222
Cpl (911)	Frank C. Darling	32192850
Cpl (239)	William H. Anger	31135789
Cpl (685)	Philip Marchese	33414990
Cpl (747)	Joseph L. DiPierro	12042818
Cpl (747)	Clifford F. Dolan	32434647
Cpl (747)	Herbert N. Carr	12145495

TO BE CORPORAL (TEMP)

Pfc (809)	John T. Connolly	31230431
Pfc (911)	Howard (NMI) Gutman	12093865
Pfc (809)	George B. Bauder	36181045
Pfc (014)	David M. Palma	39297507
Pfc (056)	Gilbert E. Stehlin	35800525
Pfc (405)	Edward G. Fountain	12190244
Pfc (505)	Charles A. Hotetz	32725549
Pfc (405)	John (NMI) Furman	12083258
Pfc (332)	Albert D. Hobbs	35360395
Pfc (747)	Theodore D. Ruggiero	32781699

TO BE PRIVATE FIRST-CLASS (TEMP)

Pvt (610)	Wilfred L. Milroe	32728874
Pvt (345)	Chester H. Uris	36194366
Pvt (060)	Stewart D. Farr	12207805

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S O No 29, Hq 368th Fitr Gp, 1 April 1944 (Cont'd)

TO BE PRIVATE FIRST-CLASS (SERV) (CONT'D)

Pvt (245)	Frederick A. Gaston	37478522
Pvt (521)	Wallace G. Nelson	31176970
Pvt (747)	Floyd T. Nelson	39835675
Pvt (747)	Wilbur L. Faith	15069487
Pvt (405)	Marvin V. Milan	16018013
Pvt (747)	Francis (MII) Reading	7026375
Pvt (747)	Robert B. Olson	16018123
Pvt (747)	Delos E. McNutt	37303109

2. Under the provisions of AR 615-5, 30 Jun 1943, and upon the recommendation of their Orgn Comdr, the following named EM, 396th Fitr Sq, are promoted to grades as indicated:

TO BE STAFF SERGEANT (TELE)

Sgt (911)	Clarence N. Fowler	14133889
Sgt (747)	Richard G. Gergel	35397743
Sgt (747)	Charles E. Metzler	32474038
Sgt (747)	Burford (MII) Potter	13035202
Sgt (747)	Raymond J. Rodgers	33307965
Sgt (747)	Elno R. Schmid	37456172
Sgt (637)	Stephen J. Zidek	36348455

TO BE SERGEANT (TELE)

Cpl (941)	Ellis N. Bassler	32449388
Cpl (060)	Henry R. Bettin	36232792
Cpl (405)	Robert F. Fitzgerald	32221162
Cpl (405)	William G. Hunter	31105652
Cpl (932)	Jack L. Mercer	38089240
Cpl (932)	Oswald C. Thompson	32436203

TO BE CORPORAL (TELE)

Pfc (144)	Clyde H. Bour Sr	36610133
Pfc (650)	Sam (MII) Curcio	32809231
Pfc (345)	Joseph L. Duffy	31096872
Pfc (405)	Edward G. Fritz	35055285
Pfc (014)	Curtis E. Fuller	33533413
Pfc (932)	James W. Howard	35693805
Pfc (237)	Carlton J. McCarter	31310179
Pfc (900)	Robert T. Lead	18219936

TO BE PRIVATE FIRST-CLASS (SERV)

Pvt (405)	Fred W. Bennett	36590181
Pvt (405)	Jerome H. Chojnacki	36555484
Pvt (911)	Arthur M. Klum	15354253
Pvt (900)	Frank E. Kobliński	15376623
Pvt (060)	George O. Lyons	15381984
Pvt (405)	John C. Wepfer	38332740

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S O No 29, Hq 368th Fitr Gp, 1 April 1944 (Cont'd)

3. Under the provisions of AR 615-5, 30 Jun 1943, and upon the recommendation of their Orgn Comdr, the following named EM, 397th Fitr Sq, are promoted to grades as indicated:

TO BE TECHNICAL SERGEANT (TEML)

S/Sgt (911) Werner (NMI) Lehman 38062051

TO BE STAFF SERGEANT (TEML)

Sgt (747) Norbert P. Billinger 33187905  
 Sgt (747) Charles G. Miller 33493960  
 Sgt (673) Paul F. Potocznek 12016843  
 Sgt (635) Joseph E. Koch 37131457

TO BE SERGEANT (TEML)

Cpl (911) Walter B. Groder 31237551  
 Cpl (667) John J. Jones, Jr 39106800  
 Cpl (405) Francis T. Dehahn 32533948  
 Cpl (747) John (NMI) Myers 35393967

TO BE CORPORAL (TEML)

Pfc (861) Charles E. Check 31329091  
 Pfc (405) Berlin J. Dickcuss 36817894  
 Pfc (405) Harry W. Heath 35577230  
 Pfc (932) Macl (NMI) Guerra 38455756  
 Pfc (911) Michael T. Gaydos 33666537  
 Pfc (911) Harrison L. Kwi 14175043  
 Pfc (056) Archie (NMI) McNeil 32285946  
 Pfc (945) Thomas H. Kusker 31090880

TO BE PRIVATE FIRST-CLASS (TEML)

Pvt (014) Mervin I. Adams 33242324  
 Pvt (911) Edward N. Conkner 33666676  
 Pvt (345) Ralph R. May 34624963  
 Pvt (759) Clarence D. Lorrish 39827477

4. Under the provisions of AR 615-5, 30 Jun 1943, and upon the recommendation of their Orgn Comdr, the following named EM, Hq 363th Fitr Gp, are promoted to grades, as indicated:

TO BE STAFF SERGEANT (TEML)

Sgt (502) Raymond (NMI) Mazzaro 31072498  
 Sgt (775) Kenneth W. Oliver 11062216  
 Sgt (275) Gerald H. Trudel 31125933

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S O No 29, Hq 368th Fitr Gp, 1 April 1944 (Cont'd)

TO BE SERGEANT (TEMP)

Cpl (755) Henry S. Kornatoski	13055898
Cpl (502) Charles L. Plante	31007368
Cpl (056) Sidney C. Richards	31160763
Cpl (405) Charles A. Stevens	35670183

TO BE CORPORAL (TEMP)

Pfc (405) Carl E. Newsome 34539185

TO BE PRIVATE FIRST-CL. SS (TEMP)

Pvt (060) Cloghn (NMI) Heffner 34432639

5. Under provisions of Par 1 c (4) (c), AR 345-415, Major JAMES S. HARRIS, AC, 0250856, is appointed Investigating Officer to investigate and report upon all the circumstances connected with the incurrence of injuries of Sgt Kick T. McMurray, 14156319, incurred o/a 21 Mar 1944, and to determine whether injuries were incurred in line of duty or as a result of his own misconduct. Complete Report of Investigation on WD AGO Form 51 will be submitted in quintuplicate.

6. Major FRANK S. BERGO, O24400, AC, is appointed Gp Air Inspector vice Major HUGH L. RICE JR, 0379295, AC, relieved.

7. VCOG 71st Fitr Wing, S/Sgt (813) Raymond F. McConnell, 13028819, 395th Fitr Sq, is placed on temp duty for nine (9) days for the purp of attending Ordnance Waterproofing School, IX AFSC, EM will proceed to Sternbrook House, one (1) mile north of Chippenham, so as to arrive before 1700 hours, 2 April 1944. Advance PX rations etcd. Equipment to be taken: blankets, fatigues, flashlight, batteries, full field equipment, less weapons, motor vehicle, in good condition, accompanied by a complete technical inspection form and complete first echelon tools. Upon completion of temp duty EM will ret proper orgn and sta. TDN by MP.

8. Under provisions of Par 1 c (4) (c), AR 345-415, Major JAMES S. HARRIS, AC, 0250856, is appointed Investigating Officer to investigate and report upon all the circumstances connected with the incurrence of injuries of Pvt Francis (NMI) Reading, 7026375, 395th Fitr Sq, incurred o/a 21 Mar 1944, and to determine whether injuries were incurred in line of duty or as a result of his own misconduct. Complete Report of Investigation of WD AGO Form 51 will be submitted in quintuplicate.

By O of Lt Col MEYERS:

HUGH L. RICE,  
Maj AC  
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368TH FIGHTER GROUP

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**CONFIDENTIAL** APO 595, U.S. Army  
1 April 1944

SUBJECT: Intelligence Training Report.

TO : A.C. of S., A-2, IX Air Support Command, APO 595, U.S. Army,  
Atten: Major Parkman.

1. The following Intelligence Training was given to Pilots of the  
368th Fighter Group, during the week of 26 March to 1 April inclusive:

395th Fighter Squadron

Aircraft Recognition	1 Hour
Military Grid Reading	1 Hour
Security	1 Hour
Progress of the War	1 Hour
Miscellaneous	1 Hour

396th Fighter Squadron

Aircraft Recognition	1 Hour
Military Grid Reading	1 Hour
Security	1 Hour
Evasion and Escape	1 Hour

397th Fighter Squadron

Aircraft Recognition	1 Hour
Intelligence Procedure	1 Hour

For the Group Commander:

signed  
W. B. TEN EYCK  
Major, Air Corps,  
Group S-2

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368TH FIGHTER GROUP

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APO 595, U. S. Army  
2 April 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS )  
NUMBER.....30 )

1. The following named EM, 73rd Station Complement, are transferred in grade to 368th Fitr Gp and further assigned to Sq indicated:

HEADQUARTERS DETACHMENT

Sgt (060) John H. Robertson 33093442  
Pvt (521) Rex W. Cullen 13047481

395TH FIGHTER SQUADRON

Cpl (060) Stephen (PWI) Bober 32453364  
Cpl (650) Donald W. Young 17152047  
Pvt (521) Frank (PWI) Scarebino 32803969

396TH FIGHTER SQUADRON

Pfc (650) Harold G. Burhite 36297425  
Pfc (237) Julius (PWI) Wolf 33586324

397TH FIGHTER SQUADRON

Cpl (747) Cecil F. Clancy 36507748

2. VOOG IX Air Support Comd the following named EM orgn indicated are placed on temp dy for approximately twelve (12) days for the purpose of attending RAF Anti-Gas School and will proceed o/c 4 April 1944 fr sta 404 to Rolleston Camp Salisbury. Upon completion of this temp dy they will ret proper orgn and sta, TDN by MT or rail. Where Govt rat & qrs are not available, reimbursement for actual cost of rat & qrs, not to exceed \$2.00 per man per day for rat, and \$2.00 per man per day for qrs, is atzd in accordance w/Par 8a, Policy No. 30-1, Hq USAAF UK 9 Nov 1943. 91-5 P 432-02 A 212/40425.

Cpl (809) George B. Boudier 36181045 395th Fitr Sq  
Cpl (809) John T. Connolly 31230431 395th Fitr Sq

(Paragraphs in which travel is directed are pursuant to the auth contained in Ltr Hq ETOUSA 3 Nov 1943.)

By O of Lt Col MEYERS:

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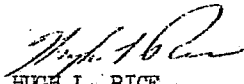
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368TH FIREFIGHTER GROUPMPO 535, U. S. Army  
4 April 1944SPECIAL ORDERS )  
NUMBER.....31 )

1. Confidential.
2. 1st Lt RICHARD S. HIBBERTS, 0857621, AC, is appointed as Cryptographic Security Officer vice 1st Lt RUSSELL H. MARKS, 0578511, AC, relieved.
3. Under the provisions of AR 615-5, 30 Jun 1943, and upon the recommendation of his Orgn Comdr, S/Sgt (502) Samuel M. Pratt, 31127821, Hq 368th Fitr Gp, is promoted to grade of Technical Sergeant (temp).
4. Having been assigned 368th Fitr Gp per par 22, SO 75, Hq IX Air Support Command, dtd 2 April 1944, Pvt (345) George H. Harris, 36451663, is further asgd 396th Fitr Sq.
5. Under the provisions of AR 615-5, and upon the recommendation of his orgn comdr, S/Sgt (813) Rene A. Doyon, 31119005, 396th Fitr Sq, is reduced to the gr of Pvt for cause.
6. Under the provisions of AR 615-5, 30 Jun 1943, and upon the recommendation of his orgn Comdr, Pvt (813) Rene A. Doyon, 31119005, 396th Fitr Sq, is promoted to grade of Corporal (temp).
7. So much of Par 1, SO 30, this Hq cs, as reads "Fvt (521) Frank (NMI) Scarabino, 32803969," is amended to read "Fvt (521) Louis (NMI) Scarabino, 32803969."

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368TH FIGHTER GROUP

APC 595, U. S. Army  
6 April 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS )

NUMBER.....32 )

1. So much of Par 5, SO 29, this Hq cs, as reads "with the incurrance of injuries of Sgt Kick T. McMurray, 14156319," is amended to read "with the incurrance of injuries of Sgt Dick T. McMurray, 14156319."

2. 1st Lt MEDERITH W. HENRY, 0786688, AC, is appointed Asst Gp Operations Officer.

3. Having been asgd this orgn per per 19, SO 94, Hq Eight Air Force Replacement Depot, dtd 3 April 1944, 1st Lt (2110) JAMES L. ELACKWELL, 0560642, AC, is further asgd to Hq 368th Fitr Gp, and aptd Asst Gp Adjutant.

4. Having been asgd this orgn per per 9, SO 76, Hq IX Air Support Comd, dtd 3 April 1944, the following named EM are further asgd to orgns as indicated:

Pvt (521) Alphic L. Swisher	36476516	395th Fitr Sq
Pvt (345) Anthony (RMI) Caristi	12017664	396th Fitr Sq
Pvt (521) Jess E. Spangler	36563089	396th Fitr Sq

By O of Lt Col MEYERS:

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368TH FIGHTER GROUP

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APO 595, US2Army  
11 April 1944

SUBJECT: Intelligence Training Report.

TO : A.C. of S., A-2, IX Air Support Command, APO 595, U.S. Army  
Atten: Major Parkman.

1. The following Intelligence Training was given to Pilots of the 368th Fighter Group, during the period of 1 April to 10 April inclusive:

395th Fighter Squadron

Aircraft Recognition	3 Hours
Tank Recognition	1 Hour
Current Events	1 Hour
Miscellaneous	1 Hour
Combat Orders & Public Relations	1 Hour

396th Fighter Squadron

Aircraft Recognition	.2 Hours
Evasion & Escape	1 Hour
Military Grid	1 Hour
Geography	1 Hour

397th Fighter Squadron

Aircraft Recognition	2 Hours
Military Grid	1 Hour
Experiences in Italy (given by Capt. Hendricks)	1 Hour

For the Group Commander:

signed

W.B. TEN EYCK  
Major, Air Corps,  
Group S-2

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HEADQUARTERS  
368TH FIGHTER GROUP

APD 595, U. S. Army  
12 April 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS )

NUMBER.....34 )

1. Under the provisions of Par 1 c (4) (c), AR 345-415, Capt DEAN L. WILLIAMS, 01288480, AC, is appointed Investigating Officer to investigate and report upon all the circumstances connected with the incurrence of injuries of S/Sgt Horace M. Thompson, 34241030, 397th Fitr Sq, incurred o/a 16 March 1944 and to determine whether injuries were incurred in line of duty or as a result of his own misconduct. Complete Report of Investigation on WD AGO 51 will be submitted in quintuplicate.

2. Having been asgd this orgn per par 6 SO 49, Hq 71st Fitr Wing, dtd 10 April 1944, Major (4902) LEO DOMIJAN, 0335352, AC, is further asgd Hq 368th Fitr Gp and aptd Gp Tech Supply Officer.

3. Pursuant to auth contained in IX Air Support Comd Memo No. 55-3, dtd 31 March 1944, Major FRANK S. FLEGGO, 0426422, AC, is aptd investigating officer for the purpose of investigating abortive aircraft.

By O of Lt Col MEYERS:

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HEADQUARTERS  
368th FIGHTER GROUP

AFPO 595, U. S. Army  
13 April 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS )  
:  
NUMBER.....35 )

1. Having been asgd this orgn per par 4 SO 49, Hq 71st Fitr Wing, dtd 10 April 1944, Pvt Elmor C. Wetzel, 33055028, is further asgd 395th Fitr Sq.

2. Having been asgd this orgn per par 1, SO 51, Hq 71st Fitr Wing, dtd 13 April 1944, Sgt (070) Richard H. Lonien, 17155984, is further asgd Hq 368th Fitr Gp.

3. The following named EM, Sq indicated, are relieved from atchd for duty to Hq 368th Fitr Gp:

395TH FIGHTER SQUADRON

T/Sgt Edward A. Long	35453637
Sgt Keith O. Crane	39835730
Sgt James L. Supple	35660999

396TH FIGHTER SQUADRON

S/Sgt William C. Phillips	33186426
S/Sgt Dennis W. Dolvin	35265894
Pfc Jerome J. Meyers	12183568

397TH FIGHTER SQUADRON

Cpl Bernard Bronheim	12159187
Cpl Frank Rabinowit.	12026593
S/Sgt Charles W. Wood	16054828

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365TH ENGINEER GROUP

AFO 595, U. S. Army  
18 April 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS )  
NUMBER.....38 )

1. Having been asgd this orgn per par 13, SO 87, Hq IX Air Support Comd, dtd 14 April 1944, 2d Lt (1042) JERRY R. LEWIS, 01649923, Sig C, is further asgd 395th Fitr Sq.
2. Having been asgd this orgn per par 13, SO 87, Hq IX Air Support Comd, dtd 14 April 1944, 1fc (807) Leo J. Bryant Jr, 38240427, is further asgd Hq 368th Fitr Gp.
3. Having been asgd this orgn per par 1, SO 52, Hq 71st Fitr Wing, dtd 14 April 1944, Pvt (911) William Kronuk, 33590433, is further asgd 395th Fitr Sq.
4. Under provisions of Par 1g, A&M Cir No 37, SCS, ETCUSA, dated 22 June 1943, T/Sgt (750) William T. Shires, Jr, 14070554, 395th Fitr Sq, sta 404, is trfd in gr to Detachment of Patients, 48th General Hospital, AFO 646. Service Record, allied papers, clothing and equipment (except Orgn equipment) be forwarded to 48th General Hospital. This is a permanent change of sta. No travel involved.

By C of Lt Col MEYERS:

MAURICE D. POWELL,  
1st Lt, AC,  
Asst Adj.

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368TH AIRBORNE GROUP

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AFO 595, U. S. Army  
19 April 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS )  
: )  
NUMBER.....99 )

1. The VCCO 368th Fitr Gp of 23 March 1944, under exigencies which prevented the issuance of advance orders, are hereby confirmed and made of record:

1st Lt (5000) WILLIAM E. QUINLAN, 0566474, AC, is aptd Gp Special Services Officer, vice 1st Lt (5000) JOHN F. REGAN, 0569887, AC, relieved."

2. The VCCO 368th Fitr Gp of 23 March 1944, under exigencies which prevented the issuance of advance orders, are hereby confirmed and made of record:

1st Lt (5000) JOHN F. REGAN, 0569887, AC, is aptd Asst Gp Special Services Officer, vice 1st Lt (5000) WILLIAM E. QUINLAN, 0566474, AC, relieved."

3. Sgt (821) Lewis E. Davis, Jr, 37472974, Hq 368th Fitr Gp, is trfd in gr to 73rd Station Complement Sq. No change of station involved. S/R and allied papers will accompany EM.

4. Sgt (821) Arthur F. Sherman, 32503281, 73rd Station Complement Sq, is trfd in gr to Hq 368th Fitr Gp. No change of station involved. S/R and allied papers will accompany EM.

5. Pvt (548) Oren E. Kellenback, 19004421, 397th Fitr Sq, is trfd in gr to the 66th Airborne Squadron. No change of station involved. S/R and allied papers will accompany EM. AFM: VCCO 71st Fitr Wing.

By C of Lt Col MEYERS:

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368TH FIGHTER GROUPAPO 595, U. S. Army  
20 April 1944SPECIAL ORDERS )  
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NUMBER.....40 )

1. VOOG IX Air Support Command, Major LELUEL R. GORRELL, 0415495, AG, is placed on temp dy for approximately one (1) day, will proceed o/a 20 April 1944 fr sta 404 to London on a matter pertaining to this command. Upon completion of this temp dy he will return to proper orgn and sta. TDN by MT, mil acft, or rail. Where Govt qrs and subs are not available, reimbursement for actual cost of qrs not to exceed \$4.00 per day and slws of \$1.25 per day to cover excess cost of subs is atzd in accordance w/Par 7, Sec II, Policy No. 30-1, Hq USAAF UK 9 Nov 1943. 91-5 P 432-02 A 212/40425.

2. So much of par 1, SO 38, this Hq co, pertaining to 2d Lt (1042) JERRY R. NEWMAN, 01643923, Sig C, as reads "is further asgd 395th Fitr Sq" is amended to read "is further asgd 396th Fitr Sq."

3. The following named EM are placed on temp dy for approximately nine (9) days for the purpose of attending a course of instruction in mines and booby traps and will proceed o/a 23 April 1944 fr sta 404 to sta 424. Equipment to be taken: notebooks, pencils, fatigue clothing and overshoes. Advance PX ration atzd. Upon completion of this temp dy, EM will ret to proper orgn and sta. TDN by MT or rail. Where Govt rat & qrs are not available, reimbursement for actual cost of rat & qrs, not to exceed \$2.00 per man per day for rat, and \$2.00 per man per day for qrs, is atzd in accordance w/Par 8a, Policy No 30-1, Hq USAAF UK 9 Nov 1943. FD 91-5 P 432-02 A 212-40425. AUTH: TWX 9ASC P1096E.

Sgt (911) Robert G. Nowland	16150905	395th Fitr Sq
Sgt (911) Ernie V. Flores	39556781	396th Fitr Sq
Sgt (511) Saul (NMI) Prail	32571042	397th Fitr Sq

By C of Lt Col MEYERS:

OFFICIAL:

MAURICE D. POWELL,  
1st Lt, AC  
Asst Adj

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MISSION REPORT

Apr. 21, 1944

Splash Number 1 for April 21, 1944

- A. 1. Diving Bombing - Hasselt Marshalling Yards
- B. 1. 368 Fighter Group Lt. Col Meyers leading  
2. 48 P 47 (plus 6 spares)  
3. Nil
- C. 1. Up 0258  
2. Over target 1018  
3. Down 1159
- D. 1. Nil  
2. Nil  
3. Nil
- E. Bombs loaded - 64 x 250 G.P. 1/10 nose, 1/40 tail (One sq top cover)  
Bombs on target - 57 x 250  
Bombs jettisoned in Channel - 3 x 250  
Bombs on airfield near Bruay - 4 x 250  
Results of bombing very good. All bombs dropped in northwest section of yards.  
Three direct hits on locomotive shop. Locomotive shop and wagon shop ringed  
by bombs. Grange flashes and smoke observed. One hit on SE choke point.  
Altitude at start of dive - 12000  
Angle of Dive - 55°  
Altitude of release - 3000
- F. 1. Nil  
2. Flak - Douai - Heavy, intense, accurate  
Louvain - Heavy, intense, accurate  
Nivelles - Heavy, intense, accurate  
Le Culot - Heavy, meager, inaccurate  
Over target - Nil
- G. Three large aircraft noted on airfield at Nivelles. Many military convoys  
seen on roads in Calais Peninsula going in direction of Channel.
- H. Weather: Channel - 2/10 at 4000 - Visibility good.  
Continent - 2/10 at 4000 - Visibility good.

I/P in - Le Toquet - 13000 - 0936

I/P out - Hardelot - 12000 - 1103

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HEADQUARTERS  
368TH FIGHTER GROUP

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AFC 595, 11 Army.  
21 April 1944

SUBJECT: Intelligence Training Report.

TO : Lt. Col., A-2, 11 Air Support Command, AFC 595, 11 Army.  
Attn: Lt. Col. Parkman.

1. The following Intelligence Training was given to pilots of the 368th Fighter Group, during the period of 11 April to 20 April 1944 inclusive:

Headquarters 368th. Fighter Group-- 11 Pilots, 368th Fighter Group

Lecture & Demonstration on German Army & Luftwaffe Uniforms	1 hour
Air-Ground Cooperation Lecture by Major Krosche, Army Liaison Officer	1 hour
Dive Bombing Picture	1 hour
Recognition Test "C-1"	1 hour

395th Fighter Squadron

Aircraft Recognition	3 hours
Tank Recognition	2 hours
Current Event	3 hours
Intelligence Summary Dissemination	1 hour
Enemy Order of Battle	1 hour
Modification & Development of Aircraft	1 hour
Grid & Map Reading	2 hours

396th Fighter Squadron

Geography	1 hour
Aircraft Recognition	1 hour
Miscellaneous Lectures on Security, Flak, etc.	2 hours

397th Fighter Squadron

Grid Reading	1 hour
Security, Evasion & Escape, and Prisoners of War Lecture	1 hour
Miscellaneous Intelligence Lecture	1 hour

For the Group Commander:

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FLASH #1 - 14 April 1944

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- A. 1. Sweep - Ops Order # 149. **CONFIDENTIAL**
- B. 1. 368th Fighter Group, Major FRANK PEREGO leading.
2. 50 P-47s.
3. (2 spares returned).

- C. 1. 1037.
2. Nil.
3. 1313.

- D. 1. 7 planes, slight flak damage.
2. Nil.
3. Nil.

- E. Mission very successful.  
 Course: Beachy, Le Treport, Gournay, Amiens, Cambrai, Armentieres, le Touquet,  
 Dungeness, Base. Attacked Military and freight trains as follows:

Hits on locomotives and cars, inflicting heavy damage at Formerie, East of Grand Villeris, at Derion, North of Cambrai, 6 miles North of Valuracines, at Glisy, S.W. of Lille and at Arras.

Locomotives claimed destroyed as follows:

- 1 at Achlet.
- 1 at 9 miles North of Achlet.
- 3 near Albert.
- 1 at 4 miles S.W. of Formerie.
- 1 at 6 miles East of Arras.
- 1 just West of Amiens.
- 1 just South of Croisilles.

Locomotives damaged as follows:

- 1 at N.W. of Neufchatel
- 1 South of Douai.
- 2 electric locomotives near Albert.

- F. 1. Nil.
2. West of Abbeville - Heavy - Megre - Accurate.  
 Beauvais ----- Heavy - Intense - Accurate.  
 South of Boulogne - Light - Megre - Inaccurate.  
 Boulogne ----- Heavy - Intense - Accurate.  
 St. Omer Area ----- Heavy - Intense - Accurate.  
 Escaumont ----- Heavy - Intense - Fairly Accurate.  
 4 miles N. of Fruges - Heavy - Intense - Fairly Accurate.

Many trains attacked had Light - Medium - Inaccurate.

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OFFFLASH # 1 - 14 April 1944 (cont'd)

G. 12/14 small boats seen between Cayeux and Le Touquet going North at 1230.  
Observed at 12,000 feet.

Much construction work noticed at harbor at Le Touquet.

H. Channel - 5/10 base at 12,000'.  
6/10 base at 13,000'. Visibility excellent.

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MISSION REPORT

April 22, 1944 15

Oplash Number 1 for April 22, 1944.

- A. 1. Dive Bombing - St. Ghislain Marshalling Yards
- B. 1. 368th Fighter Group - Lt. Col. Meyers leading  
2. 48 P-47's (plus 6 spares)  
3. No abortive
- C. 1. 100pl1111  
2. Over target 1240  
3. Down 1348
- D. 1. Nil  
2. Nil  
3. Nil
- E. Fair.  
One (1) direct hit on warehouse  
Four (4) direct hits on Locomotive Sheds  
Four (4) direct hits on Car Sidings.  
Many other hits in target area  
Bombs loaded - 64 x 1000 G.P. 1/10 nose, 1/40 tail.  
Bombs on target - 60x1000  
Four (4) bombs on targets of opportunity (two at Berck A/D and two on R/R South of Valenciennes).
- F. Nil  
2. Flak - Bruay - Heavy, intense, accurate  
Lens - Heavy, intense, accurate  
Dempierre - Light, meager, accurate
- G. B-26 seen to go down South of Auchel - two chutes seen to open. 1220  
1 chute seen between St Pol Aubigny  
Green slick on channel about midway on course - planes (unidentified) seen circling it  
Barges in Canal between Mons and 5027-N-0325-L.
- H. Weather: CAVU over target and enroute.

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C.G. 71st FIGHTER WING - C.G. ADVANCE IN NINTH AIR FORCE - C.G. ADVANCE IN LA FIER ON  
C.G. IN AIR SUPPORT COMMAND - C.G. VIII FIGHTER COMMAND

VIII FIGHTER COMMAND REPORT

- A. 368 Fighter Group Major Frank Terago leading 50 P 47 (includes 2 relays)
  - B. Up 1658 Down 2037 (1 down at Vanston)
  - C. 1 - NYR Capt. James Goodwin 395 Sq
  - D. 3 - 0 - 2
    - 1 - PW 190 Destroyed Capt. Thomas Montag 395 Sq
    - 1 - PW 190 Destroyed Capt. Roy L. Bowlin 395 Sq
    - 1 - PW 190 Destroyed 1st Lt John Lougee 397 Sq
    - 1 - PW 190 Damaged Maj Henry Winkby and 1st Lt Clarence Statten 395 Sq
    - 1 - PW 190 Damaged 1st Lt. Richard Kik 395 Sq
  - E. Flew route as briefed to Bonn. In the vicinity of Bonn at 1830 12 PW 190 attacked the 395th Squadron from 25000 feet. Capt Montag fought one grey colored PW 190 down to 1000 feet and the 190 was seen to hit the ground. At this point a P 47, believed to be Capt Goodwin, was seen to crash. One or two chutes were observed to open, but it cannot be confirmed if one of these was Capt. Goodwin. Capt Bowlin engaged in a dogfight with another PW 190 down to the deck in the vicinity of Buren. Strikes were seen on the canopy, fuselage and wings and the plane, going down, disappeared in some woods. Major Winkby and 1st Lt Statten made hits on another PW 190 with yellow nose, yellow tail and clipped wings. Lt Kik followed another 190 up the Ruhr Valley toward Busseisdorf, obtaining strikes on the fuselage, but it Kik had to break off combat when he ran out of ammunition. Lt Lougee followed a PW 190 to Enskirchen, 15 miles northwest of Limburg, observed many strikes, and saw the pilot bale out and the plane hit the ground.
  - F. Weather: Channel - 2/10 at 23,000. Visibility good.  
Continent - 4/10 at 25,000. Visibility good.
  - G. Abortives - Nil
- Flak: 10 Miles Southeast of Pecamp - Heavy, intense, inaccurate  
Near Bonn - Heavy, meagre, inaccurate  
Nechen - Heavy, meagre, accurate  
Mouthheim - Heavy, meagre, accurate
- Observations: 4 PW 190 seen flying low over Cambrai  
Barralling yards at St. Ghislain were still burning and much smoke observed.

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Sgt Landon*

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368TH FIGHTER GROUP

AFO 595, U. S. Army  
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SPECIAL ORDERS )  
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1. Having been asgd this orgn per par 1 SO 59, Hq 71st Fighter Wing, dtd 22 April 1944, 2nd Lt (9301) JOHN F. HOFFMAN, 0880963, AC, is further asgd Hq 368th Fitr Gp, and aptd Asst Gp S-2 Off.
2. 1st Lt (9301) DAVID F. REINHOLD, 0573097, AC, is aptd Gp Historical Officer and Gp Censor, vice Capt DONALD D. WEESEER, 0910114, AC, transferred.
3. Having been asgd this orgn per par 13, SO 92, Hq IX Air Support Comd, dtd 19 April 1944, Sgt (511) Henry J. Wilson, 19054825, is further asgd Hq 368th Fitr Gp.

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APRIL 23, 1944

OPFLASH MISSION REPORT - Telephoned to 1st Fighter Wing  
Lt Nelson at 3:50.

- A. Dive Bombing Marshalling Yards at Monceau-sur-Sambre Ops Order 174
- B. 1. 368 Fighter Group Lt Col Meyers leading  
2. 48 P 47  
3. Nil
- C. 1. Up 1147  
2. TOT 1320  
3. 1435
- D. 1. Nil  
2. Nil  
3. Nil
- E. 32 a/c bombed up - 16 acted as top cover  
Bombs loaded - 64 x 1000 GP 1/10 nose - 1/40 tail  
Bombs on target - 64 x 1000 GP  
Jettisoned - Nil  
Bombing results goods. 3 direct hits on locomotive shed. Other hits on cars in yards. Much smoke observed.  
Height at start of dive - 12000  
Angle of dive - 55 degrees  
Height at release - 3500'
- F. 1. Nil  
2. (a) Nil  
(b) Lens - Heavy - meager - inaccurate  
Douai (some yellow puffs seen) - Heavy - intense - accurate  
Valenciennes - Heavy - moderate - accurate
- G. Nil
- H. Weather - excellent - CAVU

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