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HEADQUARTERS  
368TH FIGHTER GROUP

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P-68  
Straubing, Germany

HISTORICAL DATA

AUGUST 1945

*GP-378-44(F1)  
Aug, 1945*

GROUP HISTORICAL OFFICER:  
RECORDER :  
TYPIST :

Capt. ROBERT L. CLARK  
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PREFACE

Information contained herein is written in compliance with XII Tactical Air Command Memorandum No. 80-6, dated 14 August 1945. It is a resume of the activities of Headquarters, 368th Fighter Group for the month of 1 August to 31 August 1945.

Information called for by Memorandum No. 80-6 for initial installment of Unit History to XII Tactical Air Command.

- (a) Original designation of Unit: 368th Fighter Group  
Subsequent changes of designation: 20 May 1944, Fighter Bomber Gp.  
13 June 1944, Fighter Group.
- (b) Date and Place of Activation: 1 June 1943, Westover Field, Mass.  
Authority: General Order #48, Hq., I Fighter Command, 2 Jun 1943.  
Date and Place of Organization: 3 June 1943, Westover Field, Mass.  
Authority: New York Air Defense Wing, SO #153, 3 June 1943
- (c) Source from which personnel was obtained:  
Original Cadre: 326th Fighter Group  
Fillers: I Fighter Command  
II Fighter Command  
IX Tactical Air Command  
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XII Tactical Air Command
- (d) Resume of movements of the unit from time of activation until its assignment to XII Tactical Air Command. (Supporting Document 1)
- 3 June 1943 to 6 July 1943 Westover Field, Mass.  
23 August 1943 Republic Field, Farmingdale, LI., NY  
20 December 1943 Camp Miles Standish, Mass.  
13 January 1944 Greenham Commons, Newbury, England  
15 March 1944 Chilboulton, England  
19 June 1944 A-3  
27 August 1944 A-40  
11 September 1944 A-69  
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PART I Organization and Current Status

1. ORGANIZATION:

Authorized Strength for Group Hq and Squadrons: Ninth Air Force General Orders #36, 20 February 1944.

Officers 201

Enlisted Men 811

Authorization for current Table of Organization: T/O and T/E 1-12, dated 29 Dec 43, and 1-12 C/2 - Ninth Air Force GO No 36, 20 February 1944. Column 37, T/O and T/E 1-27, Dated 22 Dec 43 - Ninth Air Force GO No 64, 20 March 1944. Ninth Air Force GO No 101, 16 April 1944. Augmentatiin for Certain Army Air Force Units, Section II, Ninth Air Force GO No 223, 14 September 1944.

Date current Table of Organization became effective: T/O and E 1-12, dated 29 Dec 43. T/O 1-1242, dated 28 Nov 44. 1-27, dated 22 Dec 43.

2. STRENGTH AS OF 31 AUGUST 1945:

Actual Strength of Group Hq and Squadrons:

Officers 161

Enlisted Men 829

Source of information: Morning Report of 31 August 1945.

3. CHANGES OF STATION:

Departed R-42, Buchschwabach, Germany, 10 miles SW of Nurnberg, for R-68, 5 miles south of Straubing, Germany, on 13 August 1945.

Authority for movement: Ltr, Movement of Troops, XII TAC, dated 26 July 1945.

4. LOSSES IN ACTION:

Nil.

5. AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Bronze Star - Major LEO H. EAST (Supporting Document #20)

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## PART II NARRATIVE

Activities during the month of August centered around the move from R-42 to R-68. Events both preceeding and following the actual date of movement, 13 August 1945, were either in preparation for or resulted from the change of station. Prior to August 13th the advanced echelon made preparations for the arrival of planes, equipment and men; with the assistance of DPs and PWs, hangars and buildings were cleaned out and as equipment arrived it was set up. Such activities continued for well over a week after the arrival of the planes. However, when all of the Group arrived at R-68, it became the duty of all sections to make their installations and offices as permanent as possible, for this is to be an occupational airfield.

VJ Day set everyone with 75 or more points clamoring for a discharge and newly assigned low point men were welcomed into our midst. Those individuals who have had the good fortune and necessary points to qualify for a reassignment to a unit headed for the States left us with only a slight tinge of regret - under other conditions the men might have felt a little sorrow at the departure of close friends, however, the prospect of their returning to the states in the very near future relieved all such tension and there were more signs of envy than of regret. Everyone is looking forward with a great deal of anticipation to that day when the skyline of New York or Boston will be within view rather than a memory. It becomes increasingly evident that the occupation forces will lead a dull but not too difficult existence. Occupation seems undesirable, not because of the work involved but because of the delay - everyone wants to go home.

The policy of "coming as conquerors" as stated by the Theater Commander, General Eisenhower, and openly proclaimed by the press, was put into effect in this Group with the move into the new base and the hiring of "displaced persons" and Germans to perform all menial and semi-skilled labor. Enlisted men who had performed KP in four countries, picked up chewing gum wrappers and cigarette butts both in snow and sunshine, gaped enthusiastically at the sight of green-clad PWs and other hired hands with their rumps skyward in the act of separating the remains of Tootsie Rolls from the green grass that marks the base. Civilian personnel offices have been established to assist in interpretation and administration of the civilian workers. (Supporting Document #17 for elaboration)

The most important developments during the month of August were the assumption of an occupational role on a permanent occupational airfield, and the turnover of personnel necessitated by the replacement of high point men by relatively low point personnel.

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PART III DIARY

Week of August 1.

On August 1st the former Sports Palast at Nuremburg where Hitler once performed for Hitler stalwarts on Partie Tag Day drew an equally jam-packed audience to witness America's ace comedian, Bob Hope and his troupe of beauty-studded female stars. Several truck-loads of entertainment-hungry GI's, nostalgic for the sight of a pinup in real spangles, left the Group area and came back with stardust in their hair after seeing Miss Patty Thomas, a buxom dish who danced her way into the hearts of the forty thousand who saw the show. (For additional information and pictures see Supporting Document # 2)

The Air Force, now 38 years old and the accepted spearhead in winning the late and lamentable war, was honored in a special day set aside for that purpose - Air Force Day on August 1st. All three squadrons marched in formation on the field where Major Stanley C. Johnson read a proclamation from General Arnold. Colonel Frank S. Perego, Group Commander rendered a short talk and thanked the personnel of the Group for their past performances and cooperation.

A Group mission was held on 3 August. The three Squadrons were to act as escort for two groups of mediums. However no contact was made with the bombers. P-51s of the 370th Fighter Group were to have bounced the bombers but since they did not show up, the P-51s bounced our Group instead. Otherwise the mission was uneventful.

Casting events cast their shadows before them as a group of one hundred men and officers left for the new field to prepare it for the intended move. Initial reports indicated that the new field would exceed in facilities and accommodations any yet occupied by this Group. No credence was placed to the rumor that the streets were paved with gold and whiskey literally trickled from the faucets.

The 368th baseball team whose weekly exploits on the diamond had been the chief topic of conversation in the fourth latrine, third seat, left their admirers gasping for lack of expletives when they took second money to the visiting firemen from the 354th Pioneer Group. (Supporting Document #2) Nothing like the echo that resounded in Brooklyn when Casey struck out occurred here but sudden emergence of cigarettes as medium of exchange the following day graphically testified to the liquidation of local finances.

Major Sparks and Captain Quinlan ventured where only angels tread when they were entered in the track and field events of the Ninth Air Force at Soldiers Field on August 3 and 4. Four hundred athletes were billeted at our base and were offered the largess of a cot and two blankets plus a consistent diet of C rations. (Supporting Document #2) The resulting good will engendered by our display of generosity won us a warm spot in the hearts of our fellow countrymen who by this time are now using their track and field talents to hurdle the turnstiles in dashing for the New York subway.

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Week of August 8.

Virtue has its own reward. This was the droll if not platitudinous remarks of warwearyed GI's who, after weathering the war in tents with foyer foxholes felt the gap between army and civilian life narrowed down by the relatively commodious conditions of the new base near Straubing, Germany.

Two Headquarters men were granted furloughs to the UK. (Supporting Document #3) Two men were transferred out of Hq on SO # 91. (Supporting Document #4) One man was transferred in and one out of Hq on SO #95. (Supporting Document #5) Seven new men were assigned to Hq per SO #96. (Supporting Document #6)

Cynical and calloused GI's rubbed their eyes with unpretended joy in once more seeing such formerly mundane and prosaic things as a living room with four walls, water flowing swiftly from a faucet, tiled walls, hot and cold showers and even electric lights.

Even the nominally colorless habit of evacuating ones bowels took on an added aplomb as the boys knelt over the tiled seats in the latrine. As they pulled the chain, there were many who felt that this was a positive step in the long journey home.

The physical comforts of Straubing were equally matched by the operating facilities. Closed-in hangars with concrete taxi runs and a newly built runway were among the many conveniences. This field had been originally chosen as an occupational base both for its strategic location near the borders of Austria and Czechoslovakia and because of its already existing facilities in the way of power plants, buildings, cement taxi ways, loading aprons, firing in butts, water system, etc. A nearby source of considerable quantities of gravel reinforced the original decision to improve the field and establish it as a permanent occupational base. (for a complete write-up see supporting document #7.)

The runway is an OAF 12" gravel base, 5000 feet long and 120 feet wide, enabling all types of aircraft to utilize it. Hungarian PW's, under the supervision and guard of the 850th Engineer Battalion, were used to construct the runway and perimeter and did all of the unskilled and semi-skilled labor.

Straubing, five kilometers away, is an ancient Bavarian city lying on the original trade routes between Rome and the East. Its buildings bear markers from the 12th and 13th century when ancient traders stopped here to change caravans for their arduous journey through the Bavarian forests. With a normal population of 25,000, the influx of both German and other refugees has swelled the population to 45,000. This, despite the destruction of 25% of the city's homes due to Allied bombing. Straubing as a center for local farm activity, falls within the periphery of Munich, which among other things, has the unenviable record of having more bastards than any other city in the world.

The hopes of a thousand other potential civilians arose during the week with the news that seven high-point men were assigned to other units on their way home. An additional needle was added when shortly afterward, 11

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men with more than 85 points, would join Class 4 outfits and shortly thereafter take the boat. SO #97 sent one man on emergency furlough. (Supporting Document #8) SO #98 and 99 each assigned one man to Hq. (Supporting Documents #9 and 10)

The assistant editor of the Feature, Group's top-notch newspaper, Sgt Abe Fishman, was designated as the first student to attend a French University when he was chosen to go to the University of Grenoble to study French Language and Civilization. Another Feature scribbler, S/Sgt Bill Schuler was accepted as a student for the Journalism school at Biarritz. (Supporting Document #7)

Week of August 15

President Truman's historic announcement at 1.15 AM Thursday, August 16th, that Japan had capitulated in unconditional surrender eclipsed all other news and set the Group off on a two day celebration.

The use of the atomic bomb foredoomed Japan and the surrender was in some respects anti-climatic. The Group bars were open most of the night. Many of the men had started celebrating earlier in the evening, for preceding events had made it almost certain that the news would be forthcoming during the night. Late arrivals quickly caught up and all of those who had slept during the night were awakened as hordes of celebrators went up and down the halls proclaiming the first time in six years that the world was at peace. A two day holiday was proclaimed by the president and the men and officers of the organization spent a wet holiday. (Supporting Document #12)

SO #100 sent 5 high point men to the 71st Fighter Wing. (Supporting Document #11)

The war over and the celebrations ended, thoughts turned to home and the wish to once more return to civilian life. Several new developments occurred which set local tongues to buzzing. All movements of Pacific bound troops were cancelled. Homeward-bound units were to be stocked with all high-point men regardless of classification. For the sixty percent of this group who had above 85 points, this meant a further acceleration of their prospects for an early reunion with their families. (Supporting Document #12)

On August 20th visiting inspectors from XIII TAC examined the personnel records of this Group to check for all discrepancies in order to obliterate the possibility of men on their way home being sent back from POE's for alleged mistakes in their service records.

Week of August 22

Original cadremen of this Group who had cradled the organization since its inception, worked and fought with it through four countries and remained to see the fruits of their victory in a conquered Germany and Japan, left

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for the states to the warm farewells of their comrades who were to shortly follow them. Echoes of "I will meet you in Boston and Birmingham" resounded in the corridors as simple handshakes ended a comradeship that started in boot training and terminated among sheltering hills of a remote city in Germany.

The Officers mess, a lavish dining hall and club with all the accoutrements of an American country club, was further enlivened by the sight of blonde, pretty German frauleins who, with pious thanks in their hearts, served the pilots and officers of this organization who had reduced their homes to rubble and their dreams of world supremacy to ashes.

With preferential treatment accorded to former slave workers and Germans who had manifestly displayed their opposition to the Nazi regime by long sentences in concentration camps, Major East, Capt Reinthal and Capt Clark were confronted with the interesting novelty of hiring and installing the new workers on the base. From the simple registration forms filled out by these workers could be glimpsed the harsh life and regimentations suffered under their former masters. Greater novels have been written with less material than that supplied by these uprooted segments of humanity who, for six years, have been robbed of everything but an imperishable spirit to live. (Supporting Document #17)

The records established by some of our better pilots were prepared for the benefit of the Squadrons. Lt Colonel Douglas, the leading Group pilot, established this record prior to his transfer to Group Hq. The five leading pilots ran up a score of 27-2-3 enemy aircraft in the air. In view of the fact that the nature of our missions usually prevented our searching for enemy aircraft the above record is felt to be commendable. (Supporting Document #18)

One man left Hq under the Railroad Redeployment Plan. (Supporting Document #15) Three men with more than 110 points left Hq and are on their way to AAF Station 594 - perhaps to be flown home. (Supporting Document #16)

The August installment of the Diary has been prepared in a weekly rather than daily breakdown since no daily record was maintained for current month. Future installments will be on a daily basis.

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PART IV - COMBAT OPERATIONS

No Combat Operations during the month of August 1945.

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PART V - NON-COMBAT OPERATIONS:

SPECIAL AIR FORCE REVIEW:

On August 1st this Group participated in the "Review for Air Force Day" as called for by XII TAC TWX E 454. 48 planes, 16 from each Squadron, rendezvoused with other XII TAC Groups at BAD MERGENTHEIM at 1045 hours. The formation passed in review over Bad Kissingen at 1130 hours and over Frankfurt at 1150 hours. This Group left the formation over Weisbaden at 1158 hours. The mission proved uneventful despite bad weather of 7-10/10 clouds with a base of 1,000 to 2,000 feet.

ESCORT FOR TWO GROUPS OF BAKER TWO SIXES:

On August 3rd, in compliance with XII TAC TWX E-1111, this Group dispatched 36 planes to act as Bomber Escort for two Groups of Medium Bombers. Rendezvous was to have been made at Sinzig but the B-26s never showed up. After orbiting at rendezvous point for nine minutes, this Group set out on the assigned course. 2 Squadrons of P-51s bounced them at 1555 hours over Wachersback. Group continued on course until 1625 hours, at a point NW of Brockenau N4595, and then broke off and returned to base. Time up - 1414 hours, time down - 1700 hours. Weather 10/10, tops at 6,000 feet. Haze.

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PART VI - TRAINING:

REPORT OF TRAINING ACCOMPLISHED BY THIS GROUP DURING THE MONTH OF AUGUST

1. Period of 1 August 1945 to 10 August 1945:

A. Percentage of Ground Training Program Completed:

Flying Personnel - - - - 21 %  
Ground Personnel - - - - 18 %

B. Flying Training:

A-2 Medium Altitude Navigation - - - - - 22:25  
A-3 Low Altitude Navigation - - - - - 87:45  
A-4 Intercept - - - - - 28:40  
C-1 Fighter Instrument - - - - - 43:10  
D-1 Individual Acrobatics - - - - - 7:00  
D-2 Individual Combat - - - - - 22:45  
D-3 Unit Combat - - - - - 28:35  
E-1 Close and Tactical Drill - Formation - - - - 21:10  
E-2 High Altitude - Formation - - - - - 15:10  
E-3 Low Level - Formation - - - - - 23:10  
F-1 Escort - Unit Mission - - - - - 94:05  
F-2 Ground Cooperation - - - - - 14:00  
I-1 Dive Bombing - - - - - 92:45  
I-2 Low Level Bombing - - - - - 4:40  
K Miscellaneous - - - - - 272:35

2. Period of 11 August 1945 to 20 August 1945:

A. Percentage of Ground Training Program Completed:

Flying Personnel - - - - 24 %  
Ground Personnel - - - - 18 %

B. Flying Training:

A-2 High Altitude Navigation - - - - - 47:05  
A-3 Low Altitude Navigation - - - - - 9:40  
A-4 Intercept Navigation - - - - - 2:30  
B-1 Individual Night Flying - - - - - 1:00  
C-1 Fighter Instrument - - - - - 34:05  
D-1 Individual Acrobatics - - - - - 2:20  
D-2 Individual Combat - - - - - 2:35  
D-3 Unit Combat - - - - - 8:05  
E-1 Close and Tactical Drill - Formation - - - - 13:20  
E-2 High Altitude - Formation - - - - - 5:20  
E-3 Low Level - Formation - - - - - 3:00  
K Miscellaneous - - - - - 64:35

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3. Period of 21 August 1945 to 31 August 1945:

A. Percentage of Ground Training Program Completed:

Flying Personnel - - - - 23 %  
Ground Personnel - - - - 27 %

B. Flying Training:

A-1 High Altitude Navigation - - - - - 65:40  
A-2 Medium Altitude Navigation - - - - - 225:50  
A-3 Low Altitude Navigation - - - - - 49:15  
A-4 Intercept Navigation - - - - - 175:45  
B-1 Individual Night Flying - - - - - 2:00  
C-1 Fighter Instrument - - - - - 90:40  
D-1 Individual Acrobatics - - - - - 32:10  
D-2 Individual Combat - - - - - 29:55  
D-3 Unit Combat - - - - - 128:30  
E-1 Close and Tactical Drill Formation - - - - - 108:10  
E-2 High Altitude Formation - - - - - 110:00  
E-3 Low Level Formation - - - - - 8:20  
F-2 Ground Cooperation - Unit Missions - - - - - 14:35  
F-3 Intercept - Unit Missions - - - - - 29:45  
F-4 Instrument Ascent and Descent Through O'cast 20:25  
K Miscellaneous - - - - - 170:00

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PART VII - STATISTICS:

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF FLYING TIME AND EXPENDITURE FOR MONTH OF AUGUST 1945:

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT	PERIOD		
	1-10/8/45	11-20/8/45	21-31/8/45
<u>Number of Aircraft</u> <u>Completing Mission:</u>			
P-47	373	160	734
C-47	9	25	17
L-4	66	22	98
L-5	0	0	10
AT-16	9	14	0
UC-61	0	1	0
UC-78	0	6	0
EU-181	2	1	0
AT-6	0	0	0
TB-26	0	0	10
<u>Flying Time:</u>			
P-47	655	176	1191
C-47	31	51	34
L-4	37	15	71
L-5	0	0	11
AT-16	11	11	0
UC-61	0	2	0
UC-78	0	5	0
EU-181	2	1	0
AT-6	0	1	0
TB-26	0	0	17
<u>Gasoline and oil Consumed:</u>			
P-47	60,290 - 1,230	31,820 - 375	109,380 - 1700
C-47	1,952 - 152	1,550 - 75	2,900 - 115
L-4	239 - 10	50 - 15	200 - 7
L-5	0 - 0	0 - 0	69 - 2
AT-16	310 - 50	160 - 15	0 - 0
UC-61	0 - 0	2 - .25	0 - 0
UC-78	0 - 0	200 - 30	0 - 0
EU-181	6 - 1	3 - .25	0 - 0
AT-6	0 - 0	0 - 0	0 - 0
TB-26	0 - 0	0 - 0	10,000 - 140

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## PART VIII STAFF ACTIVITIES AND CONFERENCES

Upon the movement of the Group to R-68 Straubing, from R-42 Buchs-  
waback, the Group Adjutant assumed the responsibilities of Station  
Adjutant. Major Stanley C. Johnson, by virtue of being the Group Adjutant,  
is the Station Adjutant. Base regulations were initiated to promulgate  
the policies under which R-68 will operate and to furnish better and  
concise instructions.

Due to the great increase of administrative work in connection  
with redeployment, the S-1 section initialed a policy of maintaining  
Service Records and allied papers in a superior manner. The goal which  
the S-1 section keeps in mind is to furnish the Assembly Centers with  
personnel records of those men going to the Zone of Interior and that  
they may be justly proud of the organization from which they were  
transferred.

Plans are being organized for the establishment of a consolidated  
Personnel Section of the Group. It will be the function of this section  
to provide accurate maintenance, and thorough completeness of all  
personnel records of the Group under one supervisor. This section will  
be started as soon as the office space on the second floor of the  
Headquarters building is ready for occupancy.

*Joseph B. Brumfield, Jr.*

JOSEPH B. BRUMFIELD, JR.  
1st Lt., Air Corps  
Asst. Adjutant

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PART IX - PRESS RELEASES AND PHOTOGRAPHS

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PART X - APPENDIX

Supporting Documents:

1. History of the 368th Fighter Group.
2. The Fortress Feature, Vol 1, #11.
3. Special Orders #90.
4. Special Orders #91.
5. Special Orders #95.
6. Special Orders #96.
7. The Fortress Feature, Vol 1, #12.
8. Special Orders #97.
9. Special Orders #98.
10. Special Orders #99.
11. Special Orders #100.
12. The Fortress Feature, Vol 1, #13.
13. Special Orders #101.
14. Special Orders #102.
15. Special Orders #103.
16. Special Orders #104.
17. The Fortress Feature, Vol 1, #14.
18. Combat Report.
19. Special Orders #105.
20. Award of Bronze Star.

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ACTIVATION OF THE 368th FIGHTER GROUP

June 1943

- 1 - 368th Fighter Group activated at Westover Field, Mass. Lt. Col. Gilbert I. Meyers commanding.
- 3 - Original cadre to Orlando Florida for training.

July 1943

- 6 - Cadre returned to Westover Field, Massachusetts.

August 1943

- 23 - 395th and 396th Squadrons move to Republic Field, Farmingdale, Long Island, New York, and 397th Squadron to Mitchel Field, NY, for further training.

December 1943

- 20 - Group moves to staging area at Camp Miles Standish, Massachusetts.
- 28 - Group boards SS Argentina at Boston Port of Embarkation.
- 29 - Argentina sails from Boston at 1200

January 1944

- 7 - Argentina arrives in the Firth of Clyde, Scotland.
- 12 - Group disembarks from Argentina at Gurock, Scotland at 1300
- 13 - Arrives at Greenham Common, near Newbury, England

March 1944

- 14 - First operational mission—Fighter Sweep to Fecamp, France
- 15 - Group moves to Chilbolton, England
- 16 - Fighter Sweep to Lille with first flak damage to an a/c of the Group.
- 17 - First escort mission carrying mediums to marshalling yards at Creil, France
- 24 - First dive-bombing mission -- Bernay St. Martin Airfield, France
- 25 - First encounter with German a/c - claim 3 destroyed, 1 probable, 5 damaged against two of our planes damaged.

April 1944

- 13 - First bombing by Group of a V-1 Buzz-bomb site near Calais, France.
- 14 - First ground strafing - claiming 9 locos destroyed and 4 damaged
- 22 - First flight into Germany on a fighter sweep reaching Duren-Ronn and Koblenz. First pilot loss when Capt James Goodwin did not return.

May 1944

- 2 - Bombing of Tourcoing M/Y - with commendation for excellent work.
- 9 - Dive bomb flak positions at Calais in preparation for bombers.
- 12 - Destroyed railroad bridge at Namur.
- 15 - Chilbolton Field bombed by Germans, damaging 10 of the Groups a/c.
- 27 - 27 locos destroyed or damaged by Group. Experimental mission to Compeigne, bombing with incendiary gas tanks.
- 29 - Longest mission on record for Group -- Hannover, Germany and back.
- 30 - 2 bridges across Seine River destroyed and one severely damaged -- all in one mission.



June 1944

- 4 - Two Rouen bridges over Seine River destroyed
- 6-7- 7-Days - Total of 269 sorties - 398 vehicles destroyed or damaged - commendation from higher Hq saying our Group and 2 others may have been responsible for saving the Omaha Beach.
- 12 - Air echelon leaves for Normandy
- 13 - Refueling on the Continent - First Group to land an operational mission on Normandy
- 19 - Planes move to Strip #3 at Cardonville, Normandy, France -- the first Group to be stationed on the Continent.
- 24 - Bombed Mont Castre strong point with write-up by Yank magazine.
- 29 - Bombed Fort in Cherbourg Harbor which surrendered immediately after bombing.

July 1944

- 15 - RR Bridge at Mantes-Gassicourt destroyed
- 25 - St. Lo breakthrough.
- 26 - Group commences armored column cover for 2nd and 3rd Armored Div and destroys or damages 107 enemy tanks and 155 M/T's in 2 days

August 1944

- 12-13-14-- Typical armored column cover days -- 88 tanks and 392 M/T's destroyed or damaged, 3 supply dumps hit, 3 fuel dumps destroyed, 5 buildings destroyed, 10 gun positions destroyed, 6 woods with German concentration attacked, 1 German Hq destroyed, 2 towns and 3 road junctions bombed.
- 16-17--Falaise pocket - 209 tanks and M/T's hit
- 25 - Main Bridge on Seine River destroyed, trapping retreating German Army. 252 tanks and M/T's hit
- 27 - Group moves to Chartres, France
- 28 - German route continues - 396th gets 130 M/T's on one mission.

September 1944

- 1 - Passes to Paris begin
- 3 - Supporting 3rd Armored Division, 524 German vehicles destroyed or damaged in the vicinity of Mons and Maubeuge, Belgium. For this day the Group was awarded the Presidential Unit Citation.
- 10 - Group moves to Ison, France
- 26 - Advance echelon moves to Le Culot, Belgium.

October 1944

- 2 - Group moves to Chievres, Belgium
- 6 - Biggest day against German a/c on the ground to date: 22 destroyed, 9 probables, 4 damaged on Breitscheid A/D.
- 7 - Commendation by VII Corps for support work.
- 10 - Passes to Brussels begin.
- 12 - Aachen bombed

November 1944

- 1 - Lt. Col. Frank S. Perego appointed Group Commander.

FLIGHT RECORD FOR PERIOD

14 March 1944 - 9 May 1945

Missions flown - 1,406  
Sorties flown - 17,455

CLAIMS FOR PERIOD

Enemy aircraft:	<u>Destroyed</u>	<u>Probably Destroyed</u>	<u>Damaged</u>
In air: - - - - -	143	20	59
On ground: - - - - -	98	15	125

	<u>DESTROYED</u>	<u>DAMAGED</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Tanks - - - - -	499	602	1101
Motor trucks & vehicles - -	7858	2943	10801
Locomotives - - - - -	700	213	913
Railroad Cars - - - - -	3236	4241	7477
Bridges - - - - -	33	46	79
Factories & buildings - -	792	248	1040
Railroad Cuts - - - - -	--	--	475
PP marshalling yd. attks. -	--	--	260
Airfields attacked - - - -	--	--	50
Gun emplacements - - - - -	187	59	246
Supp. fuel & amm. dumps - -	64	32	96
Vessels and barges - - - -	31	115	146

OTHER INTERESTING FIGURES

	<u>TOTAL</u>
Rounds of 50 calibre ammunition expended - -	4,570,892
on combat missions	
Rounds of bombs dropped on target - - - -	10,860,000
Teletype and radio messages handled by - - -	21,128
communications	
Outgoing and incoming telephone calls - - -	400,000
handled by communications	
Miles of wire laid by communications - - -	250
Hours flown on combat missions - - - - -	45,390
Aircraft assigned to the Group - - - - -	Unobtainable
No. a/c lost to enemy action (89 MIA-31 salv)	110 113

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History of 368th FG continued Page 3

December 1944

- 17 - German Ardennes offensive - 11 a/c destroyed and 397th gets 119 tanks and trucks on one mission, preventing capture of St. Vith.
- 18 - 9 enemy aircraft destroyed and 396th commended for getting 30 German tanks at Stavelot.
- 23 - 25 German a/c shot down, 5 probables and 4 damaged for the record day of the Group. Group transferred to XIX TAC.
- 27 - Group moves to Juvincourt, France.

January 1945

- 5 - Group moves to Metz, France
- 14 - 6 pilots missing in action when 12 planes were bounced by 50 e/a.
- 22 - 597 German vehicles clobbered retreating from the Ardennes and Group again commended.
- 23 - 159 vehicles added to the score.

February 1945

- 1 - Commendation from General Patton for the Group's work in reduction of the Ardennes bulge
- 10 - Sullay Bridge destroyed by 395th Squadron after medium and fighter bombers had tried to do this for months.
- 23 - a Good day -- 128 tanks, 416 MT's and 6 locos destroyed or damaged in helping the VIII and XII Corps get started up the Moselle River.
- 25 - 45 tanks, 243 MT's and 148 Freight cars was the score this date.

March 1945

- 2 - Group flew its 1000th mission since beginning operations
- 3 - Three commendations from Patton for support to his three Corps.
- 14 - Anniversary of one year of combat operations -- and 10 German planes shot down today.
- 18 - Congratulations from General Weyland for a good days work including 305 P/T's wrecked.
- 24 - Record of 184 sorties flown by Group

April 1945

- 5 - Longest time airborne on a mission - 397th for 5 hours and 8 minutes
- 15 - Group moves to Frankfurt-Rhein-Main Airfield.
- 16 - A record set today - 57 enemy a/c destroyed or damaged on the ground.
- 17 - Another record -- 91 locos destroyed or damaged.

May 1945

- 8 - V-F Day
- 9 - Last operational mission - 3 defensive patrols.
- 12 - Victory Parade of XIX TAC patrols composed of 6 Groups.

AIRCRAFT LOST

Wak--47 Enemy a/c--28 weather--6 Unknown--14 Out of gas--1  
Mechanical reasons--7 Flying debris--2 Mid-air collisions--3  
Hit ground obstacles--5

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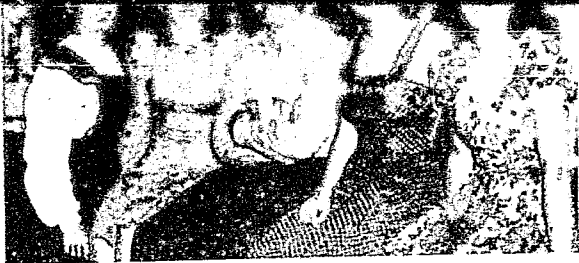
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Michael confronts his mother with adolescent horror when he discovers that she has been living "in sin" with tank manufacturer Alfred Lunt. But everything straightens out to everybody's satisfaction, including the audience's, at the Lunt-Fontaine production of "Love and Idleness."

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By Lt. David Goldknight

A few days ago, America's top theatrical couple, Alfred Lunt and his wife, Lynn Fontaine, appeared in six performances of the English play, "Love and Idleness", at the former Nürnberg Opera House—far, far from 44th Street. About five hundred members of the Group saw them, and last Saturday night I was privileged to be in the appreciative capacity audience.

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Prospective applicants who have been interviewed by Capt. Steers, but who have not yet filed formal applications, were advised to do so at once. Under the new command set-up, oral applications are not sufficient.

It was also announced that a Centralized Technical School will open shortly in Warton, England. For all army University Centers, including the above school high school graduation is necessary.

Quotas for Shrivenham will again be established after the present two-month term is over. In attendance there now, studying such varied subjects as Agriculture, Science, Fine Arts, Engineering, and Liberal Arts, are the following Fortress men:

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The base water system is now operational. There are also two huge central heating plants which will supply steam heat for those of us unfortunate enough to be here this winter.

"Our aim", said Lt. Col. Thomas Carbine, Group Deputy Commander, is to create as comfortable and healthy a situation as possible. (See Stories and pictures on Page 3)

## This Weeks Small World" Story

Mr. Julius Haag, father of Capt. Samuel M. Haag, was eating in a Long Island restaurant recently when he noticed a pilot wearing a 9th Air Force patch sitting nearby. Starting a conversation on the basis of that Mr. Haag discovered that the pilot was Lt. Robert J. Bechtold, formerly of the 397th, who was shot down over France on June 14. He was a POW, and returned to the States a short time ago.

Lt. Bechtold's address is now 64-15 Shaler Ave. Brooklyn N.Y. He recalled the work that Capt. Haag, group dentist, had done on his teeth.

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"Still", he reminisced, "it's a little different from the time when we had 18 hours movement-notice, and 4 days to finish it up. And at that we were never sure that we'd get the trucks we were supposed to."

T/Sgt. Alfred Mansheim in S-4 said, "It will probably rain. It always has."

## "XIX TAC Signals" Gives History of 368th Communications

In the chapter on Fighter Group Communications, "XIX TAC Signals" gives the story of the 368th Fighter Group Communications sections from Normandy to Metz. The story of the 368th was selected as "typical", illustrating the "uniformly outstanding" work done by the communication sections of the groups during the European campaign.

Cited in the account is the "pre-fabricated lighting system" designed by M/Sgt. Thomas K. Smith of Hq. Comm. at Laon.

Among the pictures in the book is one of the 397th workshop. "This has got everything" says the text, "... every meter a line mechanic could want, built into a knockdown, transportable work-bench". T/Sgt. Martin Klein and S/Sgt. Salvatore Zingale are shown giving an SCR-522 "the works".

Also included is a picture of the Flying Control tower at Metz, taken while the Group was stationed there.

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**On the Move**

"The Move" has always been one of the most sacrosanct of military secrets. References to it were swathed in clouds of security, and the veiled hints we sent home probably failed to create an adequate picture of this very important phase of our lives.

Maybe this comparison will help the folks back home understand the peculiar problems, not so much of this move as of our previous ones. Imagine, if you will, a town of 1700 inhabitants, living, perhaps, a bit crudely but complete in all the essential details: It has its own facilities for feeding, clothing, and sheltering its citizens. It provides medical and dental care, sanitation, religious services, entertainment. It has its own transportation and telephone system, even "fire-station". It has a much more elaborate administrative set-up than any town.

In addition, this town has a very complex industry. Its industry is maintaining and operating airport facilities and a sizeable fleet of airplanes in such a condition as to permit them to inflict a maximum of damage and destruction on the enemy.

Now one day this town is told to move about 150 miles, beginning the next morning, and to be completely moved in a week. There is one important condition, however. The town doesn't just fold up and quit during this move. No, indeed. It performs essentially all its functions. And does so in two places. In addition, its "industry" doesn't shut down, either. Sometimes its industry is busier than ever during this period.

This will give you some idea, perhaps, of what we meant when we used to write, "Well, we've moved again."



**QUESTION OF THE WEEK**  
"Do you think pin-ups are beneficial to a soldier's morale?" Answers by members of the 368th and attached units

**PFC. Donald L. Horning**  
Meyersdale, Pa. group supply, married. Yes. They keep me in touch with beauty "styles" back home. Everytime I see a pin-up, I think of my wife.



**Sgt. Armond Fitzer,**  
Hollywood, Cal. Group S-1, married. Decidedly yes. Pin-ups are the American girl personified. They keep America close to us while we are away.



**Sgt. Thomas G. Scott,**  
Quartzsite, Ariz. 395th cook, single. Yes. Over here, where you don't go out much, they represent something to look at, and hold out for.



**S/Sgt. Richard C. Stage,**  
East Pembroke, NY. 396th crew chief, single. No, I don't go for them personally. They're a more or less distorted picture, and don't represent the ordinary run of girls.



**M/Sgt. Samuel E. O'Briant, Jr.,**  
Durham, N. C. 729th Materiel, married. Yes, I'm married, but the pin-ups represent an ideal for the single men to shoot at. Me, I'm satisfied with what I've got.



**Sgt. Morris Goldstein,**  
New York City, 397th supply, married. Yes they are. Takes a guy's mind off being in the Army, and makes him think of home.



**SQUADRON NEWS**

**397th**

By: T/Sgt. Martin M. Klein

Tech Supply lost one of their best men last week. Cpl Edison Goodwin has finally made the grade. Fifteen days after his fortieth birthday, Goodwin left for the good old States. Sgt. Joe Dezort now has something to look forward to, seeing as Joe is going to be forty in a few weeks. It won't be long now Joel.

The Greatest Show on Earth was featured down the line last Saturday. A wrestling match between three men of course the contestants abided by the regulations. "War Weary" Mc Daniels pitted his strength and skill against that of his opponents, Sgts. Loveless and Lerman. After twenty minutes of swift action combined with technical training, Mc Daniels emerged the winner while Loveless nursed his tooth bitten arms and Paul Lerman sadly looked at the vacant spots on his chest which moments before had been thickly covered by curly red hair.

Now that the Beauty Contest is over and the winner selected, Gene Aliska brings forth a picture that would make the talent scouts of Hollywood stare.

Cpl. Melvyn Sattui went on pass to Nurnberg. He wore his dress uniform which consisted of OD pants, sun tan shirt and his Eisenhower jacket. The MP's decided that Mel was out of uniform because he was stopped no less than five times. Finally getting browned off, Sattui held his pass out to every MP and said "I'm on my way out!!"

One of the men explained the new uniform regulations. It's simple, all you do is wear your OD's and helmet liner, no tie and leaving the shirt collar open, you stroll about town. When five o'clock rolls around, it's time to change into the evening uniform so you remove the helmet liner and stick it in your pocket, pull out a tie and overseas hat and in a few minutes you are in uniform again. Nothing to it.

Pappy Stanfield was seen hard at work washing and scrubbing his blankets. He aired them for two days and even beat them with a stick in an effort to undo the damage caused by too much beer - no, it wasn't Pappy who did it!!

The meal last Sunday was excellent, the fried chicken hit the spot - it's too bad Sunday can't come around more often.

**396th**

"White Lightning" -- Before and After  
Pictured at the left is the P-47, known as "White Lightning", before the 487th Service Team started putting it together. Below is the finished product, sixteen days later. Show standing in front of the ship are: Maj Leland W. Richardson, Sgt. Disbennett, S/Sgt. Brasher, S/Sgt. Herlich, Sgt. Stover, M Sgt. Quick, Sgt. Fox, Capt. Nolan B. Mullens, S/Sgt. Jepson, S/Sgt. Jeselnick, Sgt. Bugge, S/Sgt. Smith, Sgt. Jenkins, Cpl. Long and S Sgt. Paolercio.



**They Not only Fix P-47s -- They Build Them**

By: S/Sgt. Bill Schuler

In the early "D" plus days, when Depot Groups only set foot in Normandy to inspect "fox-holes", the Service Team was called upon to perform many duties that were not listed in the "books". One of these duties was "White Lightning", a P-47D-15 airplane formerly of the 8th Air Force which was forced down in a small field in Normandy. The plane was disassembled and brought to strip No. 3 on a 6x6. After inspectors had noted the damage, it was declared as a salvage aircraft by all but Capt. Nolan B. Mullens, then Engineering Officer, who stuck to his convictions that it could be repaired since the hull was still good. Planes were at a premium and if this one could be repaired it meant one more plane to carry on the big job ahead.

M Sgt John C. Quick and his capable crew got the job of building a new airplane out of the hull. Spare parts, wings, tail sections etc were scarce at that time and everything but the hull itself was needed to

partment was completely empty and even new intercooler doors had to be installed.

The search for parts started and what it takes to make up an airplane began. Air Corps Supply did a wonderful job of procuring parts and the few items that were absolutely impossible to obtain were gotten from the salvage yard. All the skill of M Sgt Quick and his crew was put to work diligently for 15 days and nights. On the 16th day "White Lightning" once again took to the air and made a successful test hop while the crew took a ten minute break and watched it maneuver overhead.

Many things must be taken into consideration aside from the fact that in 15 days a new P-47 was assembled and repaired. The weather was strictly against the crew and work had to be carried on in the open, fox-holes were a necessity and spare parts had to be hunted down or gotten from the salvage yard.

"White Lightning" and the men who rebuilt her got quite a few write-ups in the papers back home. The job M Sgt Quick and members of Mobile Unit No. 1 did was an excellent one and the plane flew 77 missions before it was shot down in the Hurtgen Forest while going in to clean up a



## New Base At Straubing Best Ever For 368th

By: Sgt. John J. Schuller

Enlisted Men of this Group will work and be housed under the best conditions ever at the new base in Straubing. As many men as possible will have rooms containing only four and six EM. Tiled showers, baths and latrines will be an added attraction. Closed-in hangars with concrete taxi runs and a newly built runway are among the many conveniences now at Straubing or at present under construction by a battalion of engineers.

### Engineers Transforming Base

The 850th Engineer Battalion commanded by Lt. Col. Warner J. Ray is rapidly transforming the base. A platoon of men were sent in before V-E day to stake markers for the new runway. It was surmised then that Straubing would be an occupational base because of the strategic position near Austria and Czechoslovakia and because of the existing facilities in power plants, buildings, cement taxi ways, loading aprons firing-in butts. Also five miles away was at source of considerable gravel and sand.

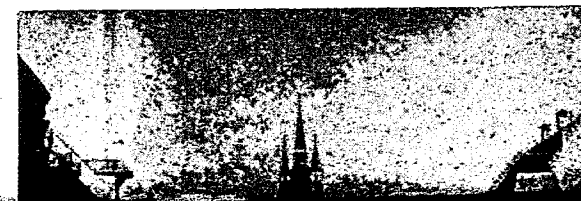
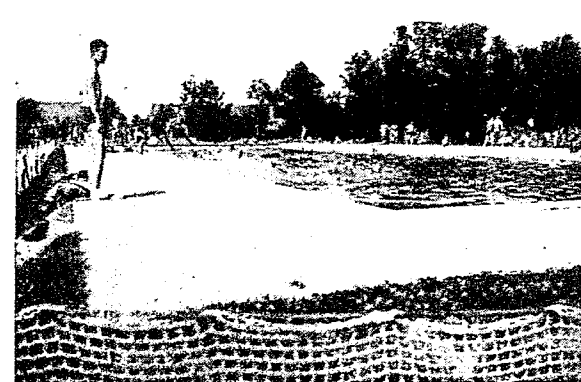
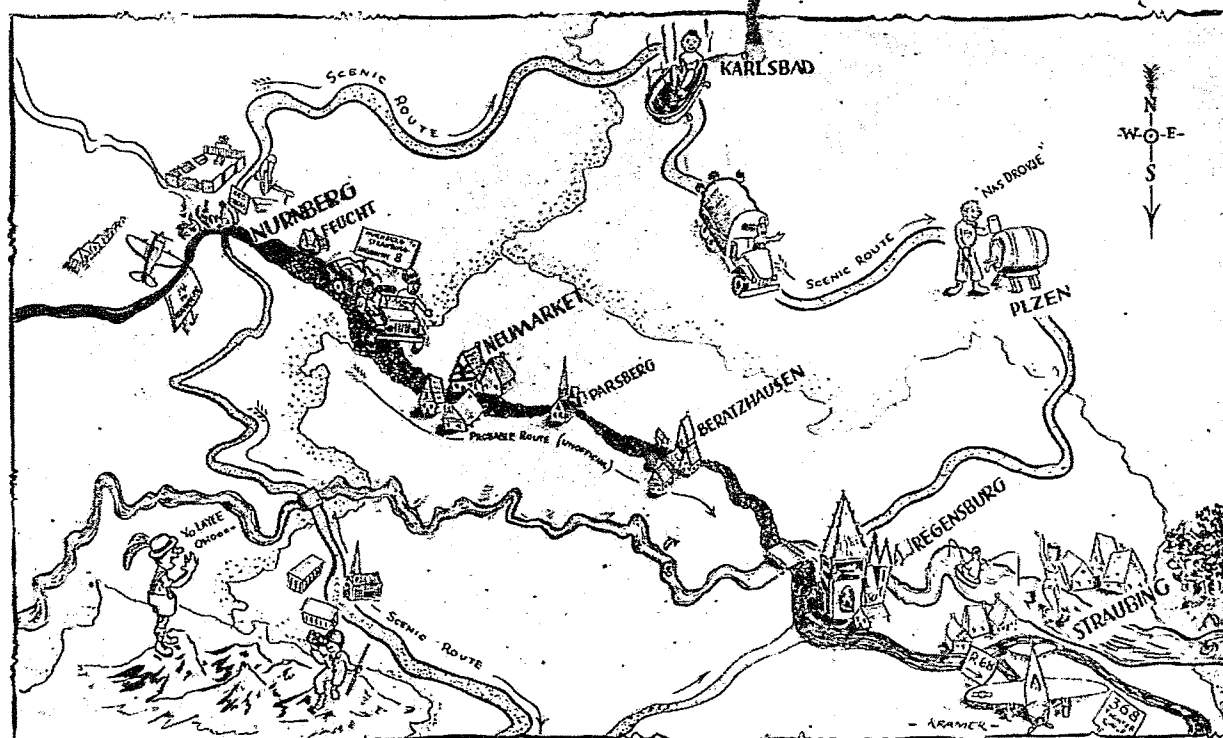
### Hungarian PWs Replace Germans

The immediate supply of gravel accounted for the type of runway which is an OAF 12" gravel base five thousand feet long and 120 feet wide enabling all types of aircraft to utilize it. German PWs were used at first to prepare the field but when it was found that they wouldn't apply themselves, Hungarian PWs, clad in brown uniforms, were brought in to do the job. The same PWs were used by the 850th to build the occupation base at Herzogenaurach which was constructed with 5000 feet of bricks laid in two tiers and drawn from 15" brick plants in the immediate vicinity.

The Hungarian PWs have their own organizational set-up of non-coms and perform all unskilled and semi-skilled work on the runway under the supervision of the Engineer's non-coms. Among them is a former University of Budapest photo expert, Kesgh Ferenc who works in the Engineer's publication office where he removes haze and clouds from photos being prepared for the Battalion history.

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The Hungarian PWs have their own organizational set-up of non-coms and perform all unskilled and semi-skilled work on the runway under the supervision of the Engineer's non-coms. Among them is a former University of Budapest photo expert, Keshg Ferenc who works in the Engineer's publication office where he removes haze and clouds from photos being prepared for the Battalion history.

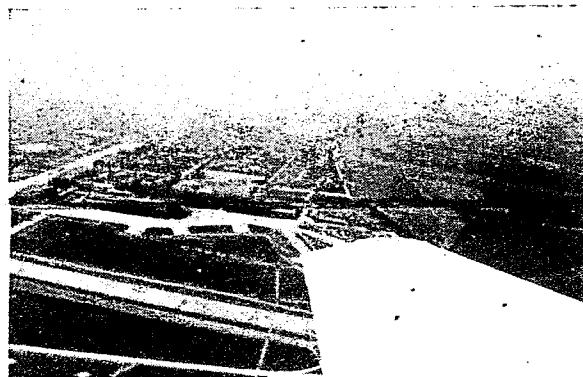
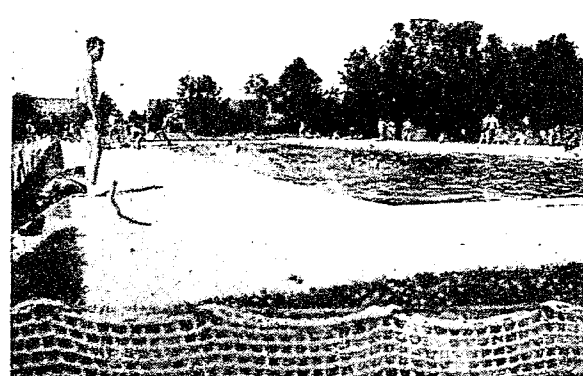
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Besides the 850th Engineers who expect that their work will be finished around August 15th, remnants of the 491st Air Service Group also live and work on the base. This Group which formerly serviced the 405th Fighter is now engaged in Air Disarmament work, locating, taking inventory and cleaning up all technical equipment and information of the former German Luftwaffe. Recently they discovered a storage pool containing 1800 crated air-cooled radial engines, JU 52, near Passau. Their future plans and moving date is as yet unknown.

#### Five Miles from Straubing

The base itself is about five miles from the city of Straubing which lies on the swiftly moving Danube. The effects of the war are vividly evident in the all frequent sight of German soldiers, quartered in six local hospitals, who move about without arms or legs. The civilian population has come to accept the inevitability of occupation and seemingly are prepared to reconcile themselves to it. The female population consists of a high percentage of blondes who may provide a source of interest to such gentlemen as there are among us.



Shown above are a few scenes of our new home at Straubing. At the top is a map of the probable route, while two alternate scenic routes are also shown. In the middle left picture is a view of the EMs quarters, and on the middle right is the swimming pool. The bottom left picture is an aerial photo of the entire field white at the right bottom is the main square of Straubing. Photo by Goldknopf

### The 'Cans and Cants' of the Straubing Base

"We have always worked together with the Air Force and I see no reason why we shouldn't here," said First Sergeant Clinton W. Beckenbaugh, top-kick of Co C, 524th MP Battalion, which currently holds down the job of policing Straubing. Activated four years ago and winner of the Meritorious Service Plaque while with the 9th Army, Co C still retains approximately 75 per cent of its original personnel.

"Some of the boys in your Group will remember us from Hamilton Field, Calif, where we were stationed before we came over here in September", the sergeant said.

Third Army regulations, to which Co C is attached, applies in the Straubing district. Curfew for civilians extends from 2230 to 0500. A siren sounds off five minutes before curfew time to warn the civilians. It is the same siren that use to announce our air attacks on the city. Curfew for the GI's extends from 2300 to 0600. Violations of the curfew is

strictly enforced among civilians and two minutes beyond ten-thirty brings a fine of 100 marks or ten days in jail.

The service uniform for Straubing as provided by Circular 88, Third Army, dated July 10th will be worn on pass or furlough, after retreat or on Sundays and holidays. When garrison hat is worn, OD shirts and pants must be worn with pants falling over combat boots. When helmet

liner is worn, pants must be tucked in boots. Eisenhower jackets will only be worn accompanied by a necktie. Khaki shirts will be worn only as an undergarment.

There is no Summary Court in Straubing. Violators are turned over to their own command and a report is sent to a man's unit from the 12th Corps.

#### Crossed Up on Cross Word

Due to circumstances far beyond our control, we have no answer for last week's crossword puzzle in this edition. Sgt Jose Alequin, Sports Editor, is spending this week in Brussels—and since he is the creator of said puzzle, he is also custodian of the answer. In an attempt to give you the correct solution several members of the Staff tried their hand at solving the puzzle—but there were no completions. Next week, upon Sgt Alequin's return, the answer will be printed—in full.

### 368<sup>th</sup> Headquarters



M-Sgt Franklin B. Thieme reports a very enjoyable trip and time in Brussels. Leaving here at 0830 he was downtown in Brussels by 1100. The meals at the Hotel Metropole are tops with bean soup, steaks, chops, etc. He reports perfume is obtainable in fair amounts and variety.

"12 hour Stark" remarked that even the Medics were in need of shock treatment when they came in contact with the new "rapid service" film delivery. It seems as though the

prints are arriving back in less time than it used to take to dry the paper. What are they doing blowing the things dry? All kidding aside everyone is very pleased, and we are all looking forward to future developments—naturally. "12 hour Stark" has us all behind the eight ball—he is also clerk of court for all CM trials. Those gilded envelopes had better stay closed, or OH LA LA. Comes now Lt. Hibbets and that long awaited London leave. Too bad those nice pictures were not in time for the Fortress beauty contest.

Won't someone please page Edgar Bergen? Watson wants Oscar to talk to him, and in broad daylight too.

#### Travel Series Postponed

The Group travel series, which is being postponed for two weeks, will be continued in the August 17th edition.

The series is being suspended temporarily due to the move and also in order to give you this week's story on the new base at Straubing.

# THE FORTRESS FEATURE

# SPORTS

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Friday, August 3, 1945

## Pioneers Beat Thunderbums, 9-5

In their second meeting in two weeks, the 35th Pioneers avenged their previous defeat by downing the Thunderbums in an action-packed ball game last Tuesday night. The score was 9 to 5.

The Pioneers broke a 5-5 tie in their half of the ninth when they found Wenk's pitching for 4 runs, batting completely around.

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Higby	LF	3	0	1	2	0
Rutan	C	4	0	0	6	0
Wenk	P	4	0	1	1	0
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Downs	2b	4	2	1	0	0
Smith	LF	5	1	2	0	0
Wood	1B	4	1	1	14	0
Lawrence	RF	5	2	4	4	0
Joworsky	CF	4	1	1	2	0

## Straubing Field To Offer Excellent Sports Facilities

Recreational facilities at the new field at Straubing will be greatly expanded, according to Capt. Bill Quinlan, Group Athletic Officer, who returned recently from the new base, after "casing the joint" from the sports angle.

At least one of the four hangars will be given over for sports, and will be converted into a field house. Four basketball courts will be established, as well as two volleyball courts. A boxing ring will also be set up, and there will be room for badminton and rings.

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**395th**  
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## Winners To Go on To ETO Finals Next Week

Over 400 men of the Ninth Air Force will be guests of the 368th on August 3 and 4, while they participate in the track and field events at Soldier's Field, Nurnberg. Winners will compete for ETO championships, to be held at the same place a week later. Track events include the 110 metre high hurdles, the 200 metre low hurdles, the 100 and 200 metre dash, the 400 and 800 metre run. Field events will feature the shotput, broad jump, javelin throw, discus throw, the hop-step-jump and the hammer throw.

As a result of the preliminary eliminations held last Saturday two men are entered in the meet for the 368th. They are Major Sparks, Gp. S-4, who qualified for the shot put and discus, and Capt. Quinlan, Special Service Officer, who will enter the 100 and 200 metre dash, as well as the shot put.

The meet will be held in the former Sportsplatz, now renamed Soldier's Field, and will follow on the heels of the Third Army eliminations, which were held August 1-2. This is the first large-scale ETO competition, and the finals are expected to attract a record crowd of sports lovers.

Although it is too early to predict how the 368th entrants will fare, an interview with Capt. Quinlan elicits the information that both candidates are in good shape. "We won't go down for want of trying," he concluded.

## Gp. Officers Lose Ping-Pong Tourney

The 42 Air Depot Group swept both single and double contests in a tourney, with the R-42 Officers team, last Sunday at the Officers Club. The winners, an Enlisted Mens team, have won six straight in tournament play. In the singles, Major Mumaw was the only officer to offer real opposition. Tarano beat him 21-9, 14-21, 21-18. Col. Perago, after losing the first single game, 15-21, extended the second game to 25-27 before he was beaten.

By far the liveliest play appeared in the doubles, three of the four games going to duce. Col. Perago, teamed with Captain Doria lost two see-saw heart-breakers, both by he score 20-22.

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Summary. Runs batted in: Wood 2, Higby, Rutan, Wenk, Wood, 2, Lawrence, Joworski, Hunt, 2, Kane, 3. Three base hits, Bastaroff. Base on Balls: off Wenk 4, off Lee 2. Struck out: By Wenk 5, By LEE, 4.

Score by Innings	0	0	2	3	0	0	0	4	9
Pioneers	0	0	0	2	3	0	0	0	9
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borate ways we mean that they are superb craftsmen, they have an uncanny sense of theater, they love their profession, they know and use "business" the way nobody else does, they can invest an ordinary line with enormous humor, significance, and even a sort of poetry, they're good. They are very good.

Like the couple they represent in the play, the Lunts are "getting on". But they are not exactly doddering. Miss Fontaine can still rise from a sitting position on the floor with the fluid grace of a good dancer half her age. And if you think that's easy, try it sometime. You can't help feeling as you watch them that theirs is a felicitous marriage. Of course this is pure conjecture. Maybe they fight like mad. But, if so, they are even better actors than they seem to be. And you know that they have a great respect for each other as artists.

It's hard to tell about the play because the Lunts make a play, "Love and Illness" (two things we're all interested in) isn't Congreve, but it is sound intelligent comedy, and good entertainment. And it's about time we stopped using that word condescendingly.

It's certainly a hell of a change from the "Foxhole Frohes".

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Sgt Anastocio Garcia, better known as "Chilli", often entertains his friends with his violin. He studied Spanish for twelve years and has lectured on Spanish grammar, but the tall stories he tells show his best talent. He leaves tomorrow for seven days in England, where he will join his wife, Daisy.

S Sgt Joe Surat, crew chief, has just discovered that his pilot and crew are all New Yorkers. Lt. Frank C. Gilkes, pilot, is from Woodside; Joe is from Staten Island; Sgt Edward Flanagan, assistant crew chief is from Roakaway Beach and Cpl Pete Prulis, armorer is from Manhattan.

Anderson Bros. "Rumors Incorporated", win hands down for putting out the latest secret pimps. They absolutely guarantee their rumors not to wrinkle, crinkle or run down the shoe laces.

Our recent pass to Brussels was highlighted by the antics of that famous comedy pair, S Sgt Charles Richards and S Sgt Jerome Hanson. One of the funniest incidents was when Jerry unintentionally found himself with both his lady friends at the same place and the same time.

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Swimming: 20 minutes, 57.8 seconds by Jack Medica for one mile— July 6, 1934.

Damon Runyon, Greyhound, racing over standard distance of onequarter mile; 25 seconds (world's record) averaging 34 miles per hour.

Bob Wade, as a four year old, sprinted two furlongs, Butte, Montana, 1890, in 21 1-4 seconds, which averages around 40. Equipoise ran the mile at Arlington Park, Ill. in 1932, 1:34 2-5. Three English horses unofficially timed 1:32 4-5.

#### Softball Team Bows To Gremlins, 6 - 0

The first game of the inter-groups softball tourney played at R 29 on the 30th, saw the aggregation representing the 368th go down to defeat before the superior defense presented by the 366th. The score was 6-0, with the Fortress men collecting only 5 hits, to the Gremlin's 9.

Four of the Gremlin's six runs came in the seventh, when the Fortress men began to come apart at the seams.

The game was highlighted by a magnificent triple play—softball rarity—in the fifth inning. The bases were loaded, when a Gremlin man bobbled to Fortress pitcher



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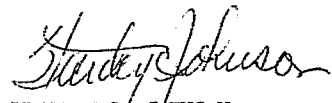
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1. Having been asgd this orgn per par 6, SO 207, Hq 23d Gen Hosp, 8 Aug 45, Pfc (40D) Howard R. Sweet Jr, 34608714, (055), is further asgd hq 368th Ftr Gp. EDCMR 10 Aug 45.

2. Sgt (56D) James T. Moss, 34832035, (014) is reld fr asgmt with 397th Ftr Sq and trfd in gr to Hq & Hq Sq, XII TAC, PCS. TDN by MP, mil acft or rail. 60-115 F 431-02 A 212/50425. AUTH: TWX Hq XII TAC C1739. EDCMR 10 Aug 45.

3. Fol named EM, are reld fr asgmt to Sq as indicated and trfd in gr to 927th Signal Bn Sep Tac. PCS. TDN by MP, mil acft or rail. 60-115 F 431-02 A 212/50425. AUTH: TWX Hq XII TAC C1753. EDCMR 12 Aug 45.

Pfc (72Q) Clyde h. McNew	34729963	(345)	Hq 368th Ftr Gp
Pfc (55Q) Henry J. Mertzig	36812379	(345)	397th Ftr Sq

4. Fol named EM are reld fr asgmt to Sq as indicated and trfd in gr to 10th Photo Intelligence Det and are further placed on TDY with 305th Bomb Gp. PCS. No travel required. AUTH: 2d Ltr, Hq 9AF to Ltr Hq 368th Ftr Gp, subj: "Status of Enlisted Men," 22 Jul 45. EDCMR 12 Aug 45.

Sgt (79Q) Thomas H. Musker	31090880	(941)	397th Ftr Sq
Cpl (68Q) William D. Gilchrist	37676673	(941)	397th Ftr Sq
Cpl (61Q) Walter D. Graham	33543041	(941)	396th Ftr Sq
Cpl (*) Charles Muhly	33798758	(941)	395th Ftr Sq

\* Records at 305th Bomb Gp.

5. The VOCO 368th Ftr Gp of 1 Aug 45, under exigencies which prevented the issuance of advance orders, are hereby confirmed and made of record:  
"Under the provisions of AR 35-1480, 10 Oct 42 and AAF Reg 25-29, 20 Jul 42, as amended by AAF Reg 35-29A, 9 Mar 43, fol named Em, 397th Ftr Sq, are required to participate in regular and frequent aerial flights are placed on flying status for the period of 1 Aug 45 to 31 Aug 45:

S Sgt L. B. McDaniels	34343459	Aerial Engineer
Sgt William N. Nesmith	34248156	Aerial Engineer (Asst)
Cpl John R. Barnard	37451374	Radio Operator and Mech
S Sgt Thomas I. Barton	12037418	Radio Operator and Mech (Asst)"

6. Having been asgd this orgn per par 8, SO 161, Hq XII TAC, 8 Aug 45, Sgt (79D) Kenneth H. Reiner, 16023343, (747), is further asgd 395th Ftr Sq. EDCMR 8 Aug 45.

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SO 95, Hq 368th Ftr Gp, 10 Aug 45, Cont'd.

7. Pfc (740) John W. Rydberg, 16127420, (552), is reld fr Sq indicated and trfd in gr to Det "G" 9th Operations Sq (P). PCS. TDN by MT, mil acft or rail. 60-115 F 431-02 A 212/50425. EDCMR 13 Aug 45. AUTH: 6th Ind, Hq 9AF, 3 Aug 45, to Ltr subj: "Request for Transfer," 22 Jun 45.

8. Fol named O and EM are placed on TDY, WP Paris, Fr, for a period of fourteen (14) days, for duty with Hq & Hq Sq, USSTAF, AAF Sta 379, reporting to 9AF Project Off, AAF Exposition, Paris, Fr. Upon compl of this TDY, they will ret to proper orgn. TDN by MT, mil acft or rail. 60-115 F 432-02 A 212/50425. AUTH: VOCC XII TAC.

1st Lt MILTON B. NICHOLS	0825250 AC	
2d Lt EDWARD D. STORMS	0721555 AC	
T Sgt Robert G. Vervalin	15063092	395th Ftr Sq
S Sgt Chester R. Peers	15125184	397th Ftr Sq
S Sgt Robert I. Dunn	32202149	396th Ftr Sq
Sgt Walter B. Grader	31287351	397th Ftr Sq

(Travel dir is pursuant to auth contained in Ltr, Hq European TO, USA, file 300.4 22 Nov 44)

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14 August 1945SPECIAL ORDERS )  
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1. Having been asgd this orgn per par 1, SO 121, Hq 86th Ftr Gp, 10 Aug 45, fol named EM, are further asgd to Sq as indicated. EDCMR 12 Aug 45.

HQ 368TH FIGHTER GROUP

S	Sgt	(70-Q)	Francis G. Kelly	36122830	(405)
	Sgt	(47-Q)	Harry L. Rosen	32699742	(405)
	Sgt	(43-Q)	Allen L. Latham	39210226	(750)
	Cpl	(45-Q)	Julinn W. Seeber	32981264	(405)
	Cpl	(44-Q)	Harold R. Leise	19112134	(405)
	Cpl	(36-Q)	Jack B. Kruse	32954852	(405)
	Cpl	(33-Q)	Howard B. Johnson	16122827	(405)

395TH FIGHTER SQUADRON

S	Sgt	(48-Q)	Hubert C. Barth	15382916	(762)
	Sgt	(44-Q)	George R. Glass	33598366	(762)
	Sgt	(45-Q)	Samuel A. Dougherty	33596517	(405)
	Sgt	(51-Q)	Leonard J. Gruszka	32553710	(750)
	Cpl	(48-Q)	Richard S. Balthasar	35616956	(762)
	Cpl	(45-Q)	George W. Deforest	39916494	(762)
	Cpl	(44-Q)	George C. Gilmer	13179686	(405)
	Cpl	(43-Q)	John G. Fredlund	39210220	(750)
	Pfc	(46-Q)	John O. Breidenbach	36808808	(762)
	Pfc	(42-Q)	John Baka	31343267	(762)
	Pfc	(43-Q)	James D. Butler	39411478	(762)
	Pfc	(43-Q)	Demetreos Dracovsis	31306216	(762)

396TH FIGHTER SQUADRON

T	Sgt	(57-Q)	Edgar B. Harrington	11043361	(750)
S	Sgt	(51-Q)	Cecil G. Balton	35519965	(762)
S	Sgt	(49-Q)	John C. Dorman	14084406	(762)
	Sgt	(56-Q)	Joseph Condon	31158888	(762)
	Sgt	(45-Q)	Douglas B. Baker	34810238	(762)
	Sgt	(63-Q)	Johnny Darnell	36701845	(405)
	Cpl	(45-Q)	Bernard V. Defietter	32853009	(762)
	Cpl	(44-Q)	Francis J. Murphy	35311971	(405)
	Cpl	(55-Q)	Ames Isaacs	38345690	(750)
	Pfc	(42-Q)	Robert S. Carberry	33757532	(762)
	Pfc	(46-Q)	Charles E. Cordonier	31284867	(762)
	Pfc	(42-Q)	Kenneth G. Dixon	36588026	(762)

SO 96, Hq 368th Ftr Gp, 14 Aug 45, Cont'd.

Pfc (42-Q)	Joseph G. Cassini	35140390	(762)
T Sgt (43-Q)	Joe Gamboa	39918805	(750)

397TH FIGHTER SQUADRON

T Sgt (46-Q)	Stanley M. Cate	39408825	(762)
S Sgt (45-Q)	Julias M. Freitas	39135920	(750)
S Sgt (56+Q)	James Frageman	35222904	(750)
Sgt (51-Q)	William G. Kramer	36262031	(405)
Sgt (51-Q)	James J. Jennewein	37411109	(405)
Sgt (43-Q)	Frederick H. Horschutz	43000186	(750)
Sgt (50-Q)	John E. Burns	13134576	(762)
Cpl (45-Q)	Harold F. Beyer	36739088	(762)
Cpl (48-Q)	Wayne M. Berland	39613072	(762)
Cpl (45-Q)	Harvey Frost	39135882	(750)
Cpl (43-Q)	Melvin T. Busby	34811908	(762)
Pfc (47-Q)	John J. Balthasar	12199969	(762)
T/5 (48-Q)	Charles Terranella	38424972	(667)
Pvt (41-Q)	Carl E. Brown	35138260	(762)

2. Fol named EM are reld fr asgmt to Sq as indicated and trfd in gr to 401 Base Air Dep, AAF Sta 590. TDN by Mt, mil acft or rail. 60-115 P 431-02 A 212/50425. AUTH: TWX Hq XII TAC C-1807. EDCMR 14 Aug 45.

S Sgt (93-Q)	William H. Knoor	37174813	(932)	396th Ftr Sq
Sgt (88-Q)	Ignace Mucha	32192484	(932)	397th Ftr Sq
Cpl (87-Q)	Cecil R. Hubbard	15089084	(932)	397th Ftr Sq
Cpl (87-D)	Vincent W. McCabe	31270592	(805)	368th Gp Hq
Cpl (86-Q)	Jack L. Mercer	38089250	(932)	396th Ftr Sq
Cpl (92-Q)	Woodrow W. Provau	34247967	(932)	396th Ftr Sq

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Tuesday, August 14, 1945

Straubing, Germany

Vol 1, Number 12

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### AMG Welcomes Group

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"The normal population of Straubing is 26,000. Due to the influx of refugees from both Austria and Czechoslovakia, our present population is 41,000. This, despite 25 per cent of the homes destroyed by bombing and 3000 troops quartered within the city limits," he said.

Straubing is on the main road leading to both countries and every day brings a new influx of refugees, most of whom are Germans fleeing the Sudetenland before anticipated reprisals for pro-German activity.

The Military Government detachment consisting of six officers and 13 enlisted men is responsible for the orderly running of Straubing. Besides managing all of the public utilities and caring for the public security, they are also responsible for the local economic welfare, bringing in the harvest and providing work. The Military Government also supervises the work of the Burgermeister and the civilian administration. The present mayor of the city, a former member of the Bavarian Peoples Party, is a banker.

"We have arrested 162 Germans as war criminals," said Private First Class Walter Cohen of Chicago. "They consisted of former Nazi Party district leaders, SS men, and Sicherheits Dienst (Gestapo men who operated in civilian clothes).

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The plumpness of the people testified to the fact that they have not been lacking in nourishment. Also the thousands of acres of fine farmland promised good crops for the fall harvest.

#### From Tents To Marble Halls

The sights that greet the newcomer to the Straubing air base are hard to believe. Nice buildings, (very little bombing damage anywhere) all kinds of athletic courts and fields, hangars that remind one of Westover Field, and to top it all off — concrete swimming pools. As many fellows wrote home — "You wouldn't believe it if I told you how nice the new field is!"

The transition from tents and wooden building to stone barracks with marble halls was quite a shock to all personnel. It was one of those things that had been heard, but had to be seen to be believed. One First Sergeant remarked that he had never seen so many happy faces in the Group in its history.

### Quote of the Week

(From Aug 5 Yank)

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Man alive, In forty-five!

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We leave as a legacy to the new occupants of the base the most modern barber shop in all Germany, according to Captain Amidon, P & C Officer, who made arrangements for its establishment on this base.

The barbershop has six barbers, two for officers and four for EM. The shop operated at this base during the Luftwaffe days and the chances are you might be sitting in the same chair that once felt the weight of Bed-Check Charlie, and his ilk who made things a bit uncomfortable for us last winter.

The shop is now managed by Frau Ruhland, widow of the former proprietor. She is a pleasant woman who operates her place of business the way you'd like to see it run.

Here are the prices: Haarschneiden 1 mark, Rasieren 1/2 mark, Schmirrbartschneiden 1/2 mark, Kopfwaschen 1/2 mark, Schuhschneid 1/2 mark. Translated that means Hair-cut, Shave, Mustache trim, Shampoo, Shoe shine.

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A Service Group corporal said, "I knew if this war lasted long enough Buck Rogers would get into it."

#### Vision of future war

For the most part, however, the reports of the new bomb was heard with a certain awe and uneasiness. The potentialities of this devastating instrument were at once evident to men who had seen Frankfurt, Nurnberg, and St. Lo. At the same time the implications in this radical principal of destruction and the vision of what future wars might bring were also clear.

The general opinion was that the bomb would save thousands of American lives, and the mere fact of its existence would create an enormous pressure for the peaceful solution of future conflicts.

Uppermost in everyones mind was the thought, "It is going to get me home a lot sooner."

### Where's The FORTRESS FEATURE

It seemed that FORTRESS FEATURE was neglected in the assignment of offices during the recent move, and so with an ingenuity which we hope is characteristic we quietly slunk into the office of the newspaper formerly published on this base — a very fine paper, called, interestingly enough, The Fraternizer. It has got two roll-top desks and is big enough to hold a barn dance in.

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In the United States there has been lively disagreement on Hirohito's status. Some maintain that he belongs in the same war-crime category as Hitler, Goering, and other high Nazi officials. Others believe he is a mere figurehead used and controlled by the Jap military clique. Controversy centers on the relation of Hirohito and the Emperor institution to the Bushido code and Jap conquest ambitions.

#### War's end expected shortly

However, even if the Japs refuse to accept the present Allied proposal it is not believed that the war can last much longer. The Japanese nation is bankrupt in military potential, it has lost all prestige in the eyes of its panic-stricken people, and the bargaining-power which it believed it held and which rested on the American lives which would be saved by an early termination of the war has been swept away. In chronological order, the powerful and unchecked blows of American sea and air power, the overwhelming shock of the Atomic bomb, and the refusal of Russia to mediate in the present conflict and her decision, instead to enter the struggle have dazed the Japs into a frantic desire

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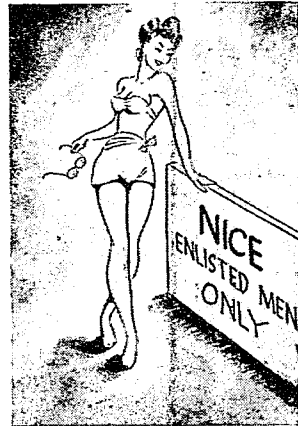
## The Rover Boys At The Riviera

By: Martin M. Klein

The morning was ideal for a flight to the Mediterranean Sea Shore, so being scheduled for that trip and knowing that take-off was only an hour away, we ate a hasty chow and scurried down to the plane. This was indeed an occasion, our first furlough since arriving overseas. We looked forward to raising the roof and painting the town.

At the plane we met men from other squadrons and shot the breeze until we entered the ship and took our seats. Seconds later we were airborne.

My companions looked very happy. "Let's wave goodbye to the 397th," they shouted, all agreed and some silly motions were made that expressed our feelings to the nth degree. There was quite a crowd aboard ship, the men from the 396th and 395th were present and accounted for and everyone expected to do things long desired. After a pleasant flight the pilot stopped at Cannes, to let the officers off and then flew to Nice, a paradise open only to enlisted men, off limits to officers on pass.



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Probable line-up for the first game, according to Rutan, 368th manager, will be Williams, of the 10th Photo, pitching, and DiPerno, 368th, catching. Williams was a pitcher for the Chicago Cubs for several years. Other probable starting positions held down by 368th men are: Wood, first base; Clary, second base; Brayton, third base; Bastoroli, short stop; Higby, left field; Kacowka, center field and Rutan will serve as manager. Woods of the 354th is scheduled to start at right field.

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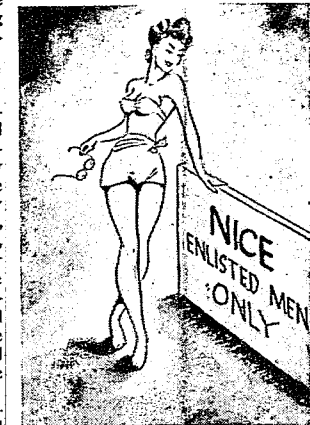
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## Fraternization — 1918

(Taken from the book "When Johnny Comes Marching Home", by Dixon Wecter, Professor, University of California).

"When the troops moved in (to Koblenz) G.H.Q. in anticipation of too great familiarity, issued its famous Anti-Fraternization order. Soldiers were reminded that they were among an enemy people, trained to war and violence. 'Hating the United States because of its benefits.' Relations should not pass beyond official business and a personal air of 'courteous tolerance.' Giving or bartering food was forbidden. In regard to association with German girls, the order at first was enforced with much strictness. For the initial twelve weeks of the occupation, the venereal rate dropped to a low unparalleled in army medical statistics. Then as non-fraternization rules began to relax, it rose slowly but steadily. In those days, a chocolate bar might be the price of consent, and boredom in the self-styled 'Army of NO Occupation' fostered a roving eye."

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## Peace Awaited

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APO 141, U. S. Army  
15 August 1945

SPECIAL ORDERS )

NUMBER 97 )

1. Under the provisions of AR 35-320, par 3a, 17 Jun 43, 1st Lt PAUL F. LUDWIG, O1554423, AC, is aptd Class "A" Agent Fin Officer for 397th Ftr Sq to 1st Lt PAUL M. DeFURIA, O1281618, FD, Accountable Disbursing Off, for the pmt of officers and EM supplemental P/R for the month of July 45.

2. Cpl (85-B) Leo P. Bryant, 38240427 (805), is reld fr asgmt with Hq 368th Ftr. Gp. and Att'd Unassgn 134TH Reinf. Bn. to await FDN to ZI. TIN by Mt, mil acft or rail. 60-115 P 431-02 A 212/50425. AUTH: TWX Hq XII T4C C-2171. EDCMR 16 Aug 45. Emergency fet to ZI.

3. Having been asgd this orgn per par 2, SO 8, Hq 13th Photo Tech Unit 12 Aug 45, S Sgt Ralph E. Jansen, 32834039 (631) (34-Q), is further asgd 397th Fighter Squadron. EDCMR 14 Aug 45.

4. Having been asgd this orgn per par 1, SO 73, Hq 11th Tact Air Comm Sq, 8 Aug 45, M Sgt (84-Q) Armand J Jacoby, 33311102 (542) is further asgd Hq 368th Ftr Gp. EDCMR 16 Aug 1945.

5. Having been asgd this orgn per par 7, SO 59, Hq 568th Signal AT BN, 13 Aug 45, fol named EM, are further asgd to Sq as indicated. EDCMR 16 Aug 45.

T/5	Wayne D Gaiser	37272418	(405)	(78-Q)	Hq 368th Ftr Gp
T/4	Albert L Poritsky	33318254	(405)	(76-Q)	396th Ftr Sq
Cpl	Edward O Smith	31109088	(405)	(85-Q)	397th Ftr Sq
Pfc	Stanley E Klein	36561373	(650)	(81-Q)	397th Ftr Sq
Pfc	William M Kelt	18035146	(405)	(90-Q)	395th Ftr Sq
Pfc	Robert J Whitebread	33460914	(550)	(81-Q)	396th Ftr Sq

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1. Fol named EM, are reld fr asgmt to Sq as indicated and trfd in gr to Hq and Hq Sq XII TAC for dy. TDN by Lt, mil acft or rail. 60-115 P 431-02 A 212/50425. AUTH: TWX Hq XII TAC 4-1633. EDCMR 16 Aug 45.

# Sgt William D Tegarden 35483228 (542) (78-Q) 397th Ftr Sq  
Sgt Robert C. Hoffman 16119003 (911) (92-Q) 395th Ftr Sq  
Cpl Joe Zolin 39274332 (014) (70-Q) 397th Ftr Sq

2. 2d Lt Thomas J Shellen 0810581 is reld fr asgmt with 395th Ftr Sq and atchd unasgd AAF/ETO Reinforcement Depot AAF Sta 585 to await TDN to ZI. TDN by Lt, mil acft or rail. 60-115 P 431-02 A 212/50425. Emergency ret to ZI. AUTH TWX Hq XII TAC C-2096. EDCMR 16 Aug 45.

3. S Sgt Andrew Volk 35504545 (687) (103-Q) is reld fr asgmt with 397th Ftr Sq and trfd in gr to 153 Liaison Sq. TDN by Lt, mil acft or rail. 60-115 P 431-02 A 212/50425. AUTH: TWX Hq XII TAC C-1897. EDCMR 17 Aug 45.

4. 1st Lt Earl L Dick 01043396, CAC, is appointed Sta Provost Marshall Ad.

5. Having rptd this orgn per competent auth fol named Off are further asgd to Sq as indicated.

2d Lt (40-Q) Robert T Wallace 0877740 (8503) 396th Ftr Sq  
2d Lt (42-Q) Willie M True 0588172 (8503) 397th Ftr Sq

6. Lt. Col. Calvin P Sandifer 0287976 CAC, is appointed Sta Def and Sec Off.

7. Having been asgd this orgn per par 3, SO 70, Hq 371st Ftr Gp 5 Aug 45 S Sgt James B Smith 14060633, (405) (91-D) is further asgd Hq 368th Ftr Gp. EDCMR 14 Aug 45.

8. So much of par 3, SO 97, this Hq cs, pertaining to EDCMR as reads, "EDCMR 14 Aug 45" is amended to read, EDCMR 11 Aug 45.

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NUMBER 99 )

1. UP of Par 19B, sec IV, WD Cir 8, 6 Jan 45. Fol named EM, are reld fr asgmt to Sq as indicated and trfd atched unasgd AAF/ETO reinforcement Depot (prov) AAF 385 to await transportation to ZI. TDN by Mt, mil acft or rail. 60-115 P 431-02 A 212/50425. Emergency ret to ZI. AUTH: TWX C-2277 Hq XII TAC. EDCMR 10 Aug 45.

M Sgt John D Shea 12056228 (750) (90-Q) 395th Ftr Sq.  
S Sgt Raymond J Cloutier 36328654 (750) (89-Q) 397th Ftr Sq.

2. Fol named Off and EM are granted lv of absence for a period of (7) days, o/a 19 Aug 45, are auth to proceed from this Hq to US Rivera Recreational Area, reporting thereat to CO, Martinez Hotl, Cannes, France, in accordance with Ltr, Hq European TO, USA, file AG 354.1, OpGA, Subj: "US Rivera Recreation al Area," 8 Jan 45, which will be strictly complied with. TDN by MT, Mil acft or rail. 60-115 P 432-02 A 212/50425.

Capt Herbert B. Haywood, Jr.	0444245	AC
Capt Benjamin W. Jenkins	0332693	AC
Capt Frederick E. Miles	0398665	AC
S Sgt Gordon T. Debaker	36262676	
S Sgt Michael W. Rocewick	35028447	
Sgt Carl N. Goodwin	11068127	

3. Having been asgd this orgn per par 2, SO 39, Hq 71st Ftr Wg 12 Aug 45 S Sgt Raymond B Shaw (673) (81-Q) is further asgd Hq 368th Ftr Gp. EDCMR 13 Aug 45.

4. Having been asgd this orgn per par 1, SO 69, Hq 2d TAC Sqdn 12 Aug 45 Cpl John G. Barnes 31317908 (756) (68-Q) is further asgd 396th Ftr Sq. EDCMR 13 Aug 45.

5. Under the provisions of AR 515-5, 30 Jun 45 and upon the recommendation of their Orgn Comdr, fol named EM, Hq 368th Ftr Gp, is promoted to gr as indicated:

TO BE CORPORAL (TEMP)

T/5 Wayne D Gaiser .37272418 (405)

6. Under the provisions of AR 615-5, 30 Jun 45 and upon the recommendation of their Orgn Comdr, fol named EM, 396th Ftr Sq, is promoted to gr as indicated.

TO BE SERGEANT (TEMP)

T/4 (405) Albert L Poritsky 33318254

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S099, Hq 368th Ftr Gp, 20 Aug 45, Cont'd

7. Having been asgd this orgn per par 1, SO 163, Hq XII TAC, 12 Aug 45, Fol named EM, arc further asgd to Sq as indicated. EDCMR 14 Aug 45.

- Sgt (86Q) James M Williams 38020567 (345) 397th Ftr Sq
- Cpl (52Q) George Lawson 33025504 (137) Hq 368th Ftr Gp
- Cpl (63Q) Anton L Roder 18199617 (620) 396th Ftr Sq

8. Fol named EM is placed on indefinite TDY with ATSCE Leave Hotels, AAF 379. No trav involved. 60-115 P 432-02 A 212/50425. AUTH: 5th Ind. to Msg 02901, Hq ATSCE.

Cpl (345) Stuart P Merrill 39410959 396th Ftr Sq

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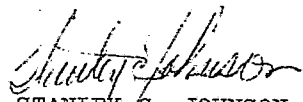
10. So much of par 5, SO 97 this Hq cs, pertaining to EDCMR as reads, "EDCMR 16 Aug 45" is amended to read, "EDCMR 14 Aug 45".

11. So much of par 1, SO 96, this Hq cs, pertaining to asgd of EM reads, "Sgt (43Q) Allen L Latham 39210226 (750) Hq 368th Ftr Gp" is amended to read "Sgt (43Q) Allen L Latham 39210226 (750) 397th Ftr Sq.

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trfd in gr to 71st Fighter Wing. EDE by LT, mil acct  
or rail. 60-115 P 431-02 A 212/50425. AUTH: TWK Hq XII T.O  
C-2356. EDC:R 20 Aug 45.

P Sgt Salvatore S Cald...	33085252 (502)	(84-Q)	395th Ftr Sq
T Sgt Kenneth E Davenport	35577738 (505)	(80-D)	Hq 368th Gp
P Sgt Daniel P Flanigan	12040065 (826)	(85-Q)	Hq 368th Ftr Gp
T Sgt Walter E Scheffing	37384722 (511)	(93-Q)	396th Ftr Sq
S Sgt Alfred Stacklein	17010916 (502)	(112-Q)	Hq 368th Ftr Gp
S Sgt Raymond Pazzaro	31072493 (502)	(97-Q)	Hq 368th Ftr Gp
S Sgt Loren G McGregor	35478100 (826)	(92-Q)	Hq 368th Ftr Gp
S Sgt Wilton I Davis	18049070 (502)	(109-Q)	395th Ftr Sq
S Sgt Richard W King	11062072 (502)	(83-Q)	395th Ftr Sq
S Sgt Harold J Bierbusse	36504574 (256)	(91-Q)	395th Ftr Sq
S Sgt Clyde G Queen	34300188 (826)	(94-Q)	395th Ftr Sq
T Sgt James A Dunkleberg	38088723 (511)	(91-Q)	395th Ftr Sq
S Sgt Lee E Peck	17057283 (502)	(94-Q)	397th Ftr Sq
S Sgt Julian D Frank	34117541 (014)	(89-Q)	397th Ftr Sq
S Sgt Philip Lalanna	11021494 (014)	(88-Q)	397th Ftr Sq
Sgt Joe R Camara	19160491 (050)	(87-Q)	396th Ftr Sq
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Sgt Jesse Loskowitz	32587328 (511)	(89-Q)	397th Ftr Sq
Sgt James Delaney	15086851 (826)	(87-Q)	397th Ftr Sq
Sgt Eugene A Watters	15036355 (502)	(89-Q)	397th Ftr Sq
Cpl James A Lay	34490279 (511)	(89-Q)	397th Ftr Sq
Cpl Henry A Kyle	31290197 (511)	(86-Q)	397th Ftr Sq
Cpl Marvin V. Milam	16018013 (826)	(105-Q)	395th Ftr Sq
Pfc Ernest C Dennis	13051450 (502)	(94-Q)	395th Ftr Sq
Pfc Sidney Winstonley	36115820 (502)	(91-Q)	397th Ftr Sq
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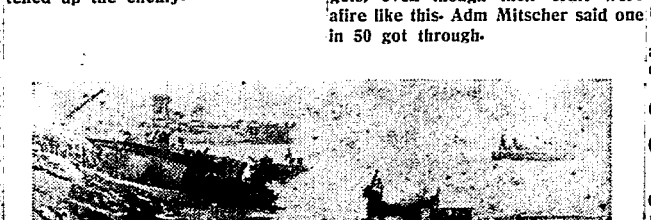


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The historical city of Straubing may be remembered for many different things by the natives and tourists — but for the 368th Group it will always be remembered best for the place where we celebrated Victory Day.

## 396th Hangar Fire Causes Little Damage

S/Sgt John W. Mason of the 47th Hq. Fire Fighters reported that his department received their first call on this base last Tuesday afternoon at approximately five o'clock.

The call was from the 396th Squadron hangar. Fire resulting from an explosion of a field range heating unit in the corner of a mess hall spread to a table and a door. However the fire was extinguished with the use of a CO<sub>2</sub> extinguisher before the Fire Department arrived.

Members of the Fire Fighters inspected the area and ascertained that it was completely out before leaving the scene. Damage was very light. The fire apparatus arrived at the hangar within a few minutes after receiving the call.

Mason pointed out that his department could be quickly reached by asking the telephone operator for Fire Fighters.

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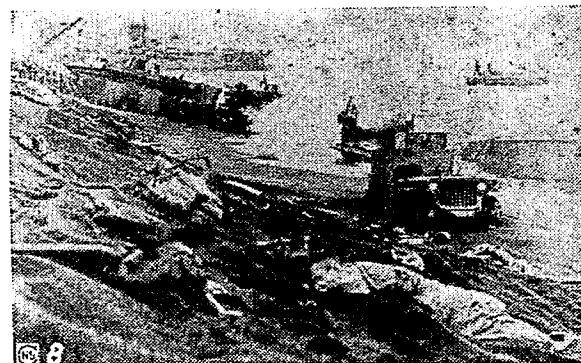
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Capture of Iwo, in the Volcano group, provided a base for fighter planes which escorted the high-flying B-29s. Carrier planes struck installations in Japan in conjunction with the attack. Dead Marine lies in foreground.



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Units of the 3d fleet moved up to within sight of the Jap coast, enabling its 16-inch batteries and carrier planes to rake targets along the Inland Sea, and on Honshu and Hokkaido. On one such mission the Essex class carrier Franklin was struck twice by a Jap dive bomber, while only 60 miles off the coast. Water pours from the starboard side of the vessel as members of the crew crowd to the port to try to prevent it from capsizing. Ship limped back to port.

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The general outlook seems to be that there will be a great acceleration in the discharge of high-pointers as the Army moves to release anywhere from five to seven million men in the next twelve months. Otherwise, everything is still up in the air.

## Sixty Per-Cent Of Group Eligible For Civvies Under '85' Point System

Aug. 16 (Straubing) - As of August the officer percentage to 44%. The 15th, over 57% of the 368th enlisted men were eligible for discharge under the present point system, a study of charge is the great number of new S-1 rosters revealed today. This does not include "D" profile men whom a breakdown was not available.

Some authorities have stated that the discharge line will shortly be set points, in addition to any 85ers in at 50 points. Fewer than 15% of the the 49 "D" profile men. The actual enlisted men in the Group have less total of 85 pointers probably comprises over three-fifths of the Group.

Half of Group Newcomers The high proportion of high-pointers in the Group is largely a result of its occupational status. S-1 estimated

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## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Pfc Henry L. Stark  
 Group S-1, Junction  
 City, Colo.

Yes, I'll join the one that has the most political influence and least number of officers connected with it. My main object is to improve the service.



Pvt. William Bilbrey, 905th Eng. Sqdn., Hillsboro, Texas.

It's kind of hard to say right now. I've thought about the matter, but am still undecided. If I did join, it would probably be the VFW.



T/Sgt. William Malone, 396th ass't chief armorer, North Tonawanda, N. Y.

Yes, I'm gonna join both of them, the VFW and the Legion. They both can help you out. I think I've already been put into the VFW by members of my hometown.



Sgt. Robert Edelman, 395th instrument spec, Brooklyn, NY.

Yes, I want to join an organization to see that the vets get a half-way decent break. I'll probably be the VFW.



1st Lieut. Robert Winchester, fighter pilot, 396th, Albany, NY.

I'm in favor of joining some sort of organization, although I haven't thought much about it. I'd like to investigate this new vets organization and see if their views match mine.



## The Metz of Today Metz Control Tower Hit By C-47

By S/Sgt Bill Schuler

The soldiers returning to Metz on passes will find Metz a changed place in many ways. Although only a little more than three months have passed since we moved from Metz, one would hardly recognize the war torn place today.

Almost all the damaged places are being repaired or have been repaired. Very few buildings still carry the ugly scars of shells, bombs, bazooka fire and small arms fire. Most of the roofless houses once again have a roof and all the debris that covered every street has disappeared. Walking along the streets is no longer like going over an obstacle course.

If you're interested in a stroll in the park you'll find that they too have been put back in shape and where piles of rock and rubbish once lay you'll find flower beds in full bloom. Benches are provided to rest your weary "dogs" or the well-cared-for lawns are there in case you feel like stretching out under a shade tree and watch the Madamoiselles go by, of which there are many more than when we were stationed there.

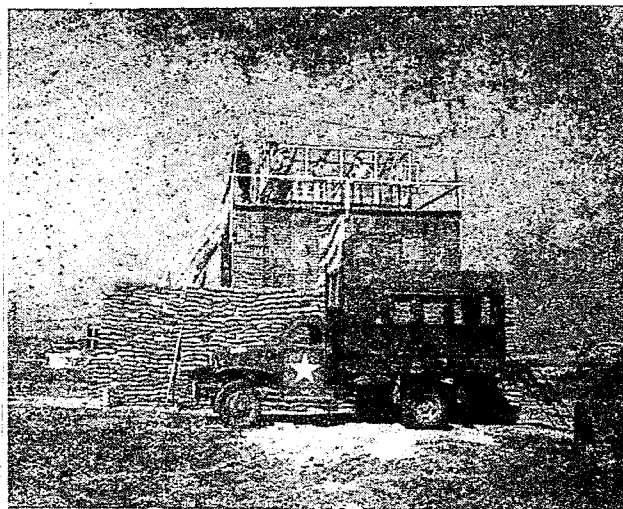
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## Nine More To Attend School

Nine members of the group left for Army University Center No. 2 at Biarritz France to attend the 8-week term which starts there Aug. 16. Captain Newton I. Steers, Educational Advisor for the Information and Education Department, announced.

The school-bound nine:  
 Commerce: Cpl. Daniel Radulovich, S/Sgt. Sigmunt F. Cowina, Sgt. Alvin S. Haimowich.  
 Engineering: S/Sgt. Rolla B. Shufelt.  
 Fine Arts: Pvt. Paul S. Kramer, S/Sgt. Anrew Vanta.  
 Journalism: T/Sgt. Sumner F. Wilson.  
 Liberal Arts: Pfc. Henry Stark.

Hunger for the higher things in life has made a shambles of the FORTRESS FEATURE staff, four members of which have recently heard the call of the campus. Thursday, Staff Artist Kramer, and Staff Photographer Vanta joined Associate Editor Fishman and Service Group Reporter Schuler on the Army-sponsored road to learning.

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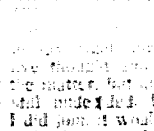
It's possible that Someone has tired of our continual selfishness and that agrees with my ideals. My fal-luckey enough to be living in the most critical time of the earth's existence. The world is possibly being offered before I join, I'm it's choice — either "Peace on Earth, Good will toward men" or self-destruction. If we have the things at hand to make that choice — and it seems entirely possible that we do have — then let's hope that we are wise in their use.

### Squadron Reporters Needed

As you can see by today's paper, we are short on Squadron News. We would greatly appreciate help in this department. It is not important that you have had writing experience. If you are willing to help us out — then please call by the FORTRESS FEATURE office and let us know. We want to get all of the Squadron News that we possibly can — but we need help. How about giving us a hand. It doesn't take but a little of your time and it will help us put out a better paper. Do we hear some volunteers?

### This Weeks TS Feature

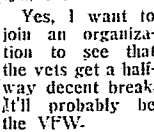
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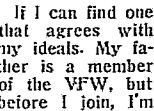
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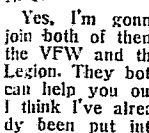
Dean Herzog of the Gadabout University announces that the tentative date of the re-opening will be on or about September 1st.

T/Sgt. Leon H. Warden, of the "Keep 'Em Paid" Department, left this past Saturday for the good ole U. S. Eighty points and "Beaucoup" years on Earth did the trick. The Sgt. hails from LaMesa, Texas and plans to return to the Lone Star State.

S/Sgt. Irving Lloyd of the motor pool thought that he was back in Washington this week, riding those brakeless rigs down the mountains. On the latest move, the brakes gave out on his 6x6 and Irving did some fast thinking. Better carry a chute with you the next time, Sgt.



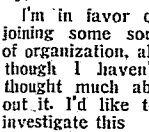
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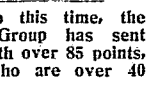
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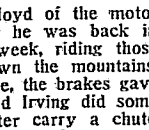
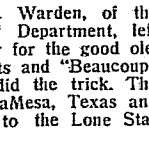
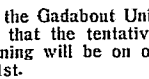
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The stomach pump which belongs to the dispensary won the D.F.C. and the Air Medal on V-J Day, for flying twenty missions to the Officer's quarters. Sgt. Young and S/Sgt. "Doc" Chandler were flying cover and the results were excellent. Another V-Day and they're turning in their wings. Pretty rough stuff they must pour over the bar at the Officer's Club.

Mr. George Wolf, a former member of the mess hall staff, writes and says that it's pretty rough in the States, fellows. Oh! How we'd all love to rough it. Then another old buddy, Al Ashdown, writes and says that prices are pretty high. P. S. So are the skirts. Al is still wearing khaki while George is wearing pencil stripes and the like.

S/Sgt. LaVerne Gupton tried to wrap a banjo around two fellow G.I.'s neck the other day. Mustn't wake little Guppie, when he's trying to catch up on his beauty sleep, fellows.

This "Apricot Brandy" which "Jacob Ruppert" McKee has been showing across the bar, certainly packs a wallop. Sgt. Guy Hubbard hat a liquid shindig down in the day room the other night and got to thinking that he was Seabiscuit. He raced six furlongs up and down the hallway, but Seabiscuit never had form like that.

"Wee Willie" Mankin of the Fire Fighters, left his pet nkelele back at the last base. Some of the boys brought it along for you, "Willie". Real thoughtful of them, wasn't it. Are you going to use it to serenade those "Little ole" gals' way down Tennessee way?



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Sgt. Georgie (Atom propelled Yo-Yo) Kessler decided to share the first Sgt's bed, and almost made it, but Frank Cervera had other plans. Better Stick to beer Georgie, cognac is for men.

Tech Sgt. Len Wiser has already put his bid in for that ninety day furlough and re-enlistment in the regular army.

S/Sgt. Jim Delaney is gradually becoming accustomed to civilian clothes. Jim has been wearing a blue and white striped sport shirt with brown pants to match.

With over one hundred and fifty points, T/Sgt. John Sheridan is still walking around the hanger. Sure looks discouraging for the low pointers.

To Whom It May Concern — We all agree that the swimming pools are really nice to have on the base, there is nothing like a cool dip before hitting the sack. How about filling the pools with a little Aqua!!!

In answer to your questions as to the whereabouts of our Red Cross Club — It's in Straubing, only four miles away. Put on your OD's and Helmet Liner and hitch-hike to town, those doughnuts are good.

The squadron looks like a replacement center, new men all over the line. If some of the new arrivals have any interesting information about their buddies, don't hesitate — see your squadron reporter today!! All you old-timers that are leaving the squadron, how about writing us once in a while, all news will be appreciated.

## Nine More To Attend School

Nine members of the group left for Army University Center No. 2 at Biarritz France to attend the 8-week term which starts there Aug. 16, Captain Newton I. Steers, Educational Advisor for the Information and Education Department, announced.

The school-bound nine: Commerce: Cpl. Daniel Radulovich, S/Sgt. Sigmunt F. Cowina, Sgt. Alvin S. Haimowich. Engineering: S/Sgt. Rolla B. Shufelt. Fine Arts: Pvt. Paul S. Kramer, S/Sgt. Anrew Vanta. Journalism: T/Sgt. Sumner F. Wilson. Liberal Arts: Pfc. Henry Stark.

Hunger for the higher things in life has made a shambles of the FORTRESS FEATURE staff, four members of which have recently heard the call of the campus. Thursday, Staff Artist Kramer, and Staff Photographer Vanta joined Associate Editor Fishman and Service Group Reporter Schuler on the Army-sponsored road to learning.

Applications at I&E office "Both Shrivvenham, where courses began Aug. 1, and Biarritz which opened Aug. 16, are expected to repeat their curriculum every eight weeks," Capt. Steers said, emphasizing that all members of the group interested in these and others schools should submit their applications to him at the earliest possible date. He added that attendance was on a D.S. basis and therefore would not jeopardize chances for discharge or more return to the States.

Command quotas wide open Application for these schools and for civilian universities, quotas for which may become available, must be submitted in quintuplicate on forms which may be obtained at the I&E office. A letter in quadruplicate giving information indicated by an

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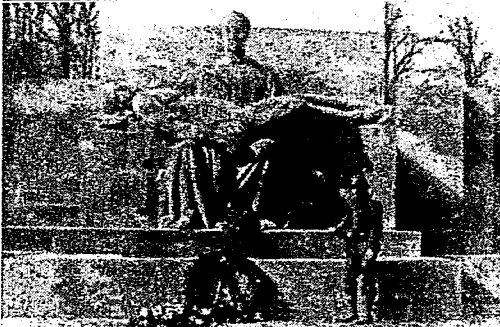
44 Applications have been submitted to date and approximately 10% of the last command quota was filled by 368th men. On at least one occasion a quota was not filled because of a lack of applicants.

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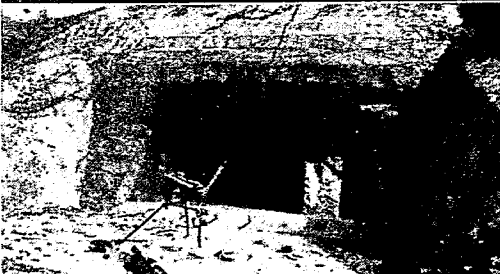
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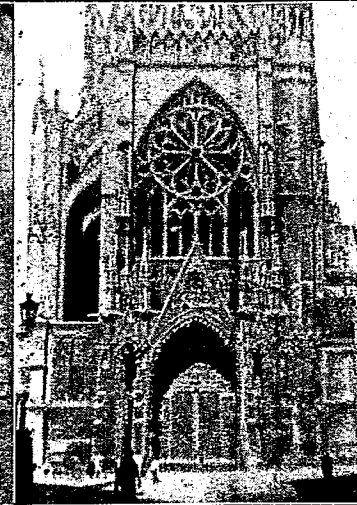
A replacement bridge across the Moselle



The plaza opposite the Red Cross Club



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One of our '47s--the pilot escaped

Wrecked Jerry planes -- everywhere

395th Ops used R. R. Depot

## Metz - Last Stop Before Germany

By: T.Sgt. Martin M. Klein

The advance party was prepared to leave Juvincourt airdromes, near Reims, and the men were all bundled up. It is doubtful that anyone will forget the weather that was prevalent at the time. The winds howled and snow swirled around the parked vehicles. Some of the men saw the necessity for additional protection against the elements and wrapped towels around their throats; others covered up in blankets.

### Roads Were Icy

After the drivers were briefed on the route, the convoy started. The roads were very icy and it was difficult to keep the vehicles under control; tire tracks on the road showed previous tracks had skidded

into ditches and trees. It was impossible to keep in convoy and most of the vehicles just headed towards the base at Metz. Going down very steep hills, many trucks slipped on the ice-covered road and spun precariously between cliffs and ditches. One jeep made three complete turns and then slid into a crater just opposite a sixty foot drop into a valley. However, after checking themselves for personal injury, the occupants pushed the jeep out of the crater and proceeded on their way, much to the astonishment of bystanding civilians.

### New Years Day, 1945

It was New Year's Day, 1945, a day that will long be remembered, for that day the first advance personnel reached the airfield at Metz. A few moments later the area was attacked by thirty ME 109s. They made re-

peated passes at the parked aircraft and our ack-ack boys gave the Jerry a New Year's present; fifteen of the attackers were shot down and it was reported that the others never returned to their base, thanks to a group of P-38s who intercepted them on their way home. A few hours later the rest of the advance echelon arrived; the men saw the damage done by the sneak raid. It wasn't a pretty sight, seeing P-47's ablaze from enemy action. All personnel were notified to keep on the alert. For many days everyone on the field watched a spot known as "The Hill" for that was where the German planes had first appeared.

The weather had not improved and the men huddled around a fire awaiting the next order, but keeping an eye cast in the direction of the hill.

Just as the sun went down, we were directed to our new homes. The Group dispersed in a courtyard and the buildings were divided between the squadrons. The men found themselves rooms and settled for the night. Everyone slept soundly .... had been a long and hard day.

The next few days were spent preparing the field for our planes. Wrecked buildings provided shelter for the men on the line. Those familiar signs about mines were again seen tacked up all through the field. The telephone men who put in lines told of the German corpses that were frozen in foxholes, circling the area. All the men worked; the mechanics cleaned out hangars and built shacks for their workshops. At the living area, electricians were busy solving the problem of commercial power supply. Lines were checked, the mess halls were lighted and soon afterwards all the buildings were supplied with power and blackout shades.

### Guard Duty Rough

When the planes arrived, guard duty was again inaugurated. At night the sergeant-of-the-guard had to drive with cat eyes only, and it was practically impossible to see the road. With good luck he could miss the various craters that were covered with snow. The guards had their own problem. No fires were allowed for the first few nights. Men walked their

enemy to be watching their every move. One evening the guards were informed by the gate MP to be especially alert for there was a German sniper somewhere on the field armed with a machine pistol. They really sweated out that night.

### Many Improvements Made

As time progressed things began to shape up. The Red Cross Club opened for business and had entertainment set up for the Group. When the rear echelon arrived, they were greeted by warm comfortable rooms, indoor showers and a movie house that was putting on three shows daily. On the line, carpenters were at work building better shacks for the men. One squadron built an all-glass operations shack atop a building overlooking the runway.

It was at this base, under ideal living conditions that new group combat records were established. The men worked together as a team and as a result were rated excellent by Nineteenth TAC inspectors. Words

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# Sports

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The trees out in left field of the Post's baseball diamond form a very interesting optical illusion. To the observer the left field pasture seems shallow and consequently a soft touch for the right-handed batter. This writer measured left field from home plate to the wall and was surprised to learn that the distance is 400 feet and 3 inches. The disadvantage lies in the trees themselves. A cluster of pines are unfortunately planted in the middle of left field, approximately 145 feet from the wall. A fly ball which ordinarily would be caught for an out (255 feet) hits the trees for a usual double.

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### 487th ASG SWAMPS 491st TEAM 11-2

The base air service groups clashed last Saturday in a baseball contest with the 487th team beating the 491st by the score 11-2 at this base.

Righthander Ravena stole the show by collecting three doubles a walk and a single and chucking a neat four hitter. Six runs were scored in the top of the second on two doubles and three singles. Smith relieved Glowiak of the 368th Fighter Group, and the 487th Service Group will start for men for two innings. He was touched in the fifth for another tally and two more runs in the sixth. In the seventh Smith lost control momentarily to force a runkin on base on balls. The eleventh rund came on Click's homerun in the ninth.

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### 33 Uniforms To Be Issued To Players With Most Ability

### Third of '44 Team Remains

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"I'd like to see everybody who likes to handle the pigskin and is willing to work at the game," Capt. Quinlan said. He added, "I've got 33 uniforms — we were the first outfit in 9th Air Force to get them — and they're going to be filled in accordance with what I see on the field, not on the basis of high school and college clippings."

The Special Service office is located in the rear of the theater, on the second floor of the officers club building.

"We're going to emphasize fundamentals," the Captain said. "We can't depend on tricky plays and razzle-dazzle stuff because if we lose a couple of key men we're licked. I look forward to a heavy team with plenty of power, maybe a little week at the ends, playing hard head-knocking football."

At least eleven men from last years team are expected back. The team won 2, one by forfeit, and lost one in a season cut short by the shuffle of the groups during last winter's Battle of the Bulge. The same method of developing and learning plays will be used as last seasons with the line holes and backfield positions designated by numbers. This permits new members on the team to learn plays quickly. There was only one fumble in the two games played last fall.

The football schedule will be similar to the baseball program recently completed, based on intergroup and tournament play. One difference is that the All-stars will be an Air Force team rather than a TAC team. This means that the THUNDERBUMS have a chance to go all the way up to Air Force as a team.

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#### Fort Lured Souvenir Hunters

The well known Metz fortifications were only a few hundred yards from the working areas and many soldiers prodded in amongst the ruins seeking souvenirs. The main gate and entrance to the fort had a huge sign painted across it. "This fortification is heavily mined — Keep Out!" Soldiers didn't scare easily and many continued to search for war trophies. In due time there was a beaten path leading to and from the fort. That very path was walked upon by a few Frenchmen one day. They were about to eat their lunch, when suddenly there was a terrific explosion. One man was blown thirty feet high, bounced against the wall and fell to earth looking like a torn mattress. Others were wounded by shrapnel. Luckily there were no soldiers injured. After that episode, souvenir hunting became less popular.

#### Girls try "Lindy Hop"

The snow had melted and passes to Paris and England were in effect. Each squadron had an enlisted men's dayroom where beer could be purchased and captured German wine flowed freely. When the Group first entered Metz, the people were not exactly sociable towards the soldiers. Their opinion changed when the news spread that the Group had invited all girls to the weekly dances held in the Metz gym. Of course, the free sandwiches that were passed out to the women at intermission time helped break the ice. Soldiers began to brush up on their languages and the current topic of conversation for French girls was that crazy American dance known as the "Lindy Hop". Morale was pretty high. Men shaved

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Managed by two EM's, Cpl. Lee Roy Smith of Wilmington, N.C. and Cpl. Roy M. Sanford of Washington, D.C., the club is exclusively for enlisted men. A seven-piece German civilian orchestra plays nightly for the entertainment of singing soldiers, their entire repertoire consisting of American songs. Members of USO shows and stage units playing Straubing or passing through, stop off at the club and on V-J night, the female cast of a USO show danced with every soldier who wanted to traipse around the floor.

"We welcome all the Joes from the Air Force to drop in and enjoy our facilities," said the two corporals who represent the special service sections of the 945 FA Bn and the 15th Ordnance Maintenance Company. "As soon as we get better organized, we expect to have floor shows several times a week. The best show however is the sight of our own boys getting together and singing the songs they all like."

every day, shoes were shined and uniforms had a razor edge press job. The Post Exchange sold watches, fountain pens, cigarette lighters and even had cigars... American cigars! Then General Patton's armored division moved into the Rhine area and everyone knew that we would soon be on our way to Germany.

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The EM scored two runs in the second four in the fourth on a walk, two singles and a double. The seventh run came in the seventh on a base on ball and single.

Handlin pitching for the officers was charged with the defeat. He allowed six hits, walked two, and struck out six. Jones struck out three, walked one and gave four hits.

Score by innings: R H E  
397th EM . . . 0-2-0-4-0-0-1 7 6 0  
397th Officers 0-0-0-0-3-0-0 3 4 2

### 566th Ack-Ack Trim 397th Armament 3-2

Training their sights at the 397th Armament team the 566th Anti-Aircraft eked out a win last Saturday at this base by the score 3-2. This was the second loss the armorers had suffered at the hands of the Ack-Ack, men, losing 4-0 the previous day.

A double and a single in the second inning accounted for one run and in the fifth the 566th team pushed two more runs on three singles. Bernstein went the distance allowing four hits, striking out three and issuing five base on balls.

The losing pitcher was M/Sgt. Jones. Pitching all the way he gave six hits, four free tickets, and whiffed four. The 397th scored their runs in the third when Jones doubled with two men on.

Score by innings: R H E  
397th . . . . . 0-0-2-0-0-0-0 2 4 0  
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a Relieved Glowiak in 2nd. b caught in second for Crispo.

Summary—Runs batted in: Swain 2, Racine 2, Tuluch 2, Lloyd 2, Busch 1, Click, Newell, Crispo. Homeruns: Click. Two-base hit: Ravena 3, Lloyd, Newell. Hit by pitched ball: Milstead, Rudziak. Left on Bases: 487th 10, 491st. 4. Base on balls: Off-Smith 4,

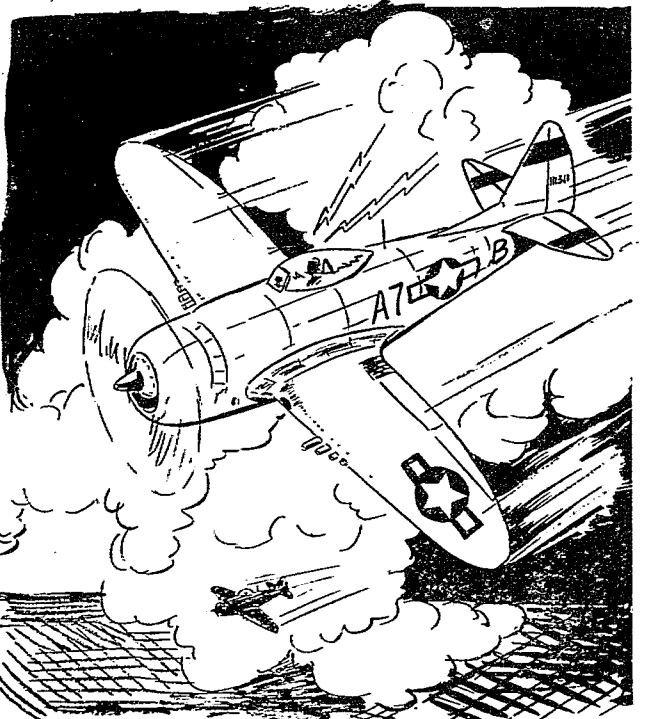
The Special Service office is located in the rear of the theater, on the second floor of the officers club building.

"We're going to emphasize fundamentals," the Captain said. "We can't depend on tricky plays and razzle-dazzle stuff because if we lose a couple of key men we're licked. I look forward to a heavy team with plenty of power, maybe a little weak at the ends, playing hard head-knocking football."

At least eleven men from last year's team are expected back. The team won 2, one by forfeit, and lost one in a season cut short by the shuffle of the groups during last winter's Battle of the Bulge. The same method of developing and learning plays will be used as last seasons with the line holes and backfield positions designated by numbers. This permits new members on the team to learn plays quickly. There was only one fumble in the two games played last fall.

The football schedule will be similar to the baseball program recently completed, based on intergroup and tournament play. One difference is that the All-stars will be an Air Force team rather than a TAC team. This means that the THUNDERBUMS have a chance to go all the way up to Air Force as a team.

By Smith 6, Off Ravena 1. Struck out: Ravena 11. Losing pitcher Glowiak. Score by innings: 0-6-0-0-1-2-1-0-1 11  
487th A.S.G. . . . . 0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0 2  
491st A.S.G. . . . . 0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0 2



Sgt. Frank Darling

"B To A, Last one back to the field eats doubles on the C ration stew!"

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HEADQUARTERS  
368th Fighter Group

APO 374, US Army  
22 August 1945

SPECIAL ORDER )  
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NUMBER 101 )

1. Fol C in asgmts are directed. PCS. TDN by Mt, mil acft or rail. 60-115 P 431-02 A 212/50425. AUTH: VOCC USSTAF, VOCC 9th AF, VOCC XII TAC. EDChR 22 Aug 45.

	Reid Fr	Asgd WP
Capt. (178X) Eugene L. Kesting 0805638 (1055)	395th Ftr Sq	392d Ftr Sq.
2D Lt. (150X) Charles E. Rife 0887235 (1055)	395th Ftr Sq	492d Ftr Sq.
1st Lt. (111A) Wilber H. Luker 01554424 (4532)	395th Ftr Sq	362d Ftr Gp
1st Lt. Paul F. Ludwig (106B) 01554423 (4532)	397th Ftr Sq	83d Airdrome Sq

2. Fol named Off and EM having been asgd this orgn per par 19, SO 77, Hq 371st Ftr Gp, 14 Aug 45 and further placed on indefinite TDY with 371st are asgn to orgn as indicated. EDChR 14 Aug 45.

Maj (103-Q) Parker M Cleveland	0354992 (2120)	397th Ftr Sq
Maj (90-Q) Cleon C Moon	0383142 (2120)	395th Ftr Sq
Capt (85-Q) Albert A Durepo	01550777 (4532)	395th Ftr Sq
Capt (80-Q) James T Emott Jr	01845167 (2110)	397th Ftr Sq
T Sgt (88-Q) Robert L Herman	36335698 (911)	395th Ftr Sq
S Sgt (83-Q) Gustave A Saari	39106171 (932)	397th Ftr Sq
Sgt (76-Q) James E Alston	38422787 (901)	397th Ftr Sq
Sgt (83-Q) Nicholas Mazzucola	32184493 (911)	395th Ftr Sq
Sgt (67-Q) Benjamin Merein	32818200 (911)	395th Ftr Sq

3. Fol named EM having been asgd this orgn per par 20, SO 77, Hq 371st Ftr Gp, 14 Aug 45 and further placed on indefinite TDY with 371st are asgn to orgn as indicated. EDChR 14 Aug 45.

Sgt (65-Q) Robert E Talbot	37519768 (911)	395th Ftr Sq
Sgt (66-Q) Louis Lopez	39291214 (911)	395th Ftr Sq
Sgt (76-Q) Noble D Wrather	15196601 (631)	395th Ftr Sq
Cpl (64-Q) John C Beamish Jr	31334286 (901)	396th Ftr Sq
Cpl (75-Q) Gavin Clements	38494407 (901)	396th Ftr Sq
Cpl (74-Q) Angelo Della Volla	32403845 (901)	396th Ftr Sq
Cpl (68-Q) Joseph G Dicker	32700553 (911)	395th Ftr Sq
Cpl (80-Q) Stanley G Kadelski	33481140 (911)	395th Ftr Sq
Cpl (75-Q) Victor B Kramer	16125588 (911)	395th Ftr Sq
Cpl (65-Q) William D Calwell	39617617 (911)	395th Ftr Sq
Cpl (63-Q) Sherman Gross	31336153 (911)	395th Ftr Sq
Cpl (65-Q) Shelby E Guild	32872857 (911)	395th Ftr Sq

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ASO 101, Hq 368th Ftr Gp, 22 Aug 45, Cont'd

Cpl (65-Q)	Edward A Klunger	32876877	(911)	395th Ftr Sq
Sgt (65-Q)	Andrew P Robinson	31318280	(911)	395th Ftr Sq
Cpl (65-Q)	Walter W Schulz	34301169	(911)	395th Ftr Sq
Cpl (65-Q)	Ward H Workman	32044925	(911)	397th Ftr Sq
Cpl (65-Q)	Philip J Hambrick	31146382	(911)	397th Ftr Sq
Cpl (64-Q)	Hiller E Dean	34006655	(911)	397th Ftr Sq
Cpl (65-Q)	Lawrence J Edwards	36461484	(911)	395th Ftr Sq
Cpl (65-Q)	Kerrit W Schlegel	33823419	(911)	395th Ftr Sq
Cpl (68-Q)	Golden I Wade	33048796	(911)	395th Ftr Sq
Sgt (79-Q)	Leo P O'Connor	33-27912	(912)	397th Ftr Sq
Cpl (70-Q)	Norman G Quinn	32587330	(912)	397th Ftr Sq
Cpl (69-Q)	William Rambe	35720027	(912)	397th Ftr Sq
Cpl (63-Q)	William H. Harris	33429265	(912)	396th Ftr Sq
Cpl (65-Q)	Marino T Paradise	36813353	(911)	397th Ftr Sq
Pfc (55-Q)	Jess Lopez	39550437	(911)	397th Ftr Sq
Pfc (72-Q)	Frank Gonsalves	32496986	(911)	397th Ftr Sq
Pfc (71-Q)	Raymond Rosato	31155932	(911)	397th Ftr Sq
Pvt (73-Q)	Edward J Hopper	33280262	(911)	396th Ftr Sq
Pvt (69-Q)	Arlie V Matteson	35239130	(911)	396th Ftr Sq
Pvt (71-Q)	Joseph Ventrano	32515869	(590)	396th Ftr Sq
Pvt (69-Q)	Clarence J Gross	37543885	(911)	397th Ftr Sq
Pfc (84-Q)	Joseph B Anderson	33038013	(901)	397th Ftr Sq
Pfc (65-Q)	Christ H Harry	33507240	(901)	395th Ftr Sq
Pfc (71-Q)	Frederick Goodrich	33505394	(590)	395th Ftr Sq
Pfc (68-Q)	Roy E Harkcom	33425237	(590)	395th Ftr Sq
Cpl (63-Q)	Homer C Case	38344805	(901)	397th Ftr Sq.

3. Fol C in asgmts are directed. PCS. EDN by mil acft.  
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EDCMR 22 Aug 45.

	<u>Reld fr</u>	<u>Asgd A.P</u>
Capt (192X) Roy D Carlson	395th Ftr Sq	378th Ftr Sq
0678830 (1055)		
Capt (102X) Elliott W Brown	395th Ftr Sq	378th Ftr Sq
0810302 (1055)		
Capt (124X) Dallas J Clary	397th Ftr Sq	378th Ftr Sq
0816748 (1055)		
1st Lt (96X) Billy B Arledge	397th Ftr Sq	378th Ftr Sq
0711903 (1055)		
1st Lt (174X) Louis L Vieck	395th Ftr Sq	378th Ftr Sq
0752156 (1055)		
1st Lt (119X) David J Boss	396th Ftr Sq	378th Ftr Sq
0769700 (1055)		
1st Lt (94X) Edwin J Soderlund	396th Ftr Sq	378th Ftr Sq
0707747 (1055)		
W/O (JG) (135Q) Albert R Silvers	Hq 368th Ftr Gp	378th Ftr Sq
W2128793 (4823)		

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HEADQUARTERS  
368th Fighter Group

APO 374, US Army  
23 August 1945

SPECIAL ORDER )  
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NUMBER 102 )

1. 1st Lt. JAY O McCALL, 0810395 AG, is granted lv of absence in Nancy, France, for a period of seven (7) days o/a 22 Aug 45, is auth to proceed fr this Hq to Nancy, France. Upon compl of this lv Off will ret to proper orgn. TDN by MT, mil acft or rail: 60-115 P 432-02 A 212/50425.

2. Fol named EM, are reld fr asgmt to 368th Ftr Gp and trfd in gr to orgn as indicated for dy. TDN by MT, mil acft or rail. 60-115 P 431-02 A 212/50425. AUTH: TWX Hq XII TAC C-2560. EDCMR 23 Aug 45.

				Asgd WP
M Sgt	(94Q) Franklin B Thieme	33094469	(502)	71st Ftr Wg
M Sgt	(105Q) Thomas K Smith	15066991	(542)	566 Signal AV Bn
M Sgt	(108Q) Rufus A Nichols	6390187	(750)	371st Ftr Gp
M Sgt	(108Q) Joe E Dennis	7002606	(750)	371st Ftr Gp
M Sgt	(108Q) James B Klosowski	16027749	(750)	371st Ftr Gp
T Sgt	(94Q) John Maienshein Jr	33085223	(502)	71st Ftr Wg
T Sgt	(100Q) Edward E Mance	17033874	(542)	566 Signal AV Bn
T Sgt	(120Q) Clarence E Linville	18031859	(750)	371st Ftr Gp
T Sgt	(103Q) John N Watson	34211632	(750)	371st Ftr Gp
T Sgt	(108Q) Joseph H Sweeney	33828195	(754)	371st Ftr Gp
T Sgt	(93Q) Cloud D Shelton	14070067	(687)	371st Ftr Gp
T Sgt	(99Q) Edward C Rabe Jr	12044414	(687)	371st Ftr Gp
S Sgt	(118Q) Harry L Marshall	6253304	(750)	371st Ftr Gp
S Sgt	(111Q) Donald I Carpenter	12022332	(750)	371st Ftr Gp
S Sgt	(108Q) Clifford F Dolan	32434647	(750)	371st Ftr Gp
S Sgt	(108Q) Daniel H Mohn	33366288	(750)	371st Ftr Gp
S Sgt	(107Q) Edmund L Spalding	35496279	(750)	371st Ftr Gp
S Sgt	(107Q) Arthur O Downs	18003650	(750)	371st Ftr Gp
S Sgt	(103Q) Harold D Coonley	16026836	(750)	371st Ftr Gp
S Sgt	(103Q) Ernest Humble	37052021	(750)	371st Ftr Gp
Sgt	(111Q) Richard C Price	32194545	(014)	71st Ftr Wg
Cpl	(102Q) David K Westfall	19048977	(060)	71st Ftr Wg
Cpl	(94Q) Charles G Neuber	13080881	(275)	71st Ftr Wg
Cpl	(85Q) George Duncan	38357552	(505)	71st Ftr Wg

3. 1st Lt ALLIE C TRICE 01577973 AC, is relieved as Sta Post Exchange Officer eff 31 Aug. 45.

4. 1st Lt DALE C OLMSTEAD 01593766 AC, is relieved as Ass't Sta Post Exchange Officer eff 31 Aug. 45.

5. 1st Lt DALE C OLMSTEAD 01593766 AC is Appointed Sta Post Exchange Officer eff 1 Sept 45.

6. 1st Lt ALLIE C TRICE 01577973 AC, is appointed Ass't Post Exchange Officer eff. 1 Sept 45.

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SO 102, 368th Ftr Gp, 23 Aug 45, Cont'd.

7. Capt MERVIN E WARD 0863713 AC is appointed Mess Off., consolidated officers mess.

8. Capt MERVIN E WARD 0863713 AC, is appointed Ass't Secretary and Treasurer, Fortress Officers Club.

9. So much of par 3, SO 99, this Hq cs, pertaining to asgd of EM reads, "S Sgt Raymond B Shaw (673) (81-Q)" is amended to read "S Sgt (81-Q) Raymond B Shaw 36316423 (673)".

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WFO 374, US Army  
27 August 1945.

SPECIAL ORDER )

NUMBER 103 )

1. UP Par 19B, WD Cir 8 cc, Sgt (88Q) Arnold P Klingbriell, 36270977 (756) is reld fr asgmt 397th Ftr Sq, attend unasgd AAF/EPO Reinforcement Depot, Wp AAF Sta 385 to await trsp to ZI via Green Project. EM will be limited to 35 pounds baggage. PGS. TDN by mil ACFT. 60-115 P 431-02 A 212/50425. AUTH: USFET SC-7259 20 Aug 45 and TWX XII TAC C-2750. EDCMR 25 Aug 45.
2. PAC in TWX XII TAC C-2603, Capt (189X) ROBERT NMI MILLER, 0680143, (2166) is placed on indefinite TDY with 134th Reinforcement BN, Wp AAF Sta 392 to await transportation and further instructions. Off is to attend Air Inspectors Course dtd Pers records and AAF form 5 will accompany Off. USSTAF reg 80-10 will be complied with. Upon comp of TDY, Off will ret to his proper Sta. TDN by MT, mil acft or rail. 60-115 P 431-02 A 212/50425. EDCMR 25 Aug 45.
3. Pfc (40Q) Howard R Sweet Jr, 34608714 (055) is reld fr asgmt with Hq 368th Ftr Gp and trfd in gr to Hq & Hq Sq XII TAC TDN by MT, mil acft or rail. 60-115 P 431-02 A 212/50425. AUTH: TWX XII TAC Hq C-2818. EDCMR 27 Aug 1945.
4. Fol named EM, are reld fr asgmt to Sq as indicated and trfd in gr to 134th Reinforcement Depot, Thionville, France. TDN by MT, mil acft or rail. 60-115 P 431-02 A 212/50425. AUTH: TWX XII TAC Hq C-2827. EDCMR 27 Aug 1945. 9th AF railroad Project  
MAUVE:  
T Sgt (94-Q) Leon A Mattern 39171162 (265) 397th Ftr Sq  
S Sgt (92Q) Samuel J Humes 35177782 (112) 395th Ftr Sq  
S Sgt (88Q) George A Knothe 32463925 (181) 395th Ftr Sq  
Sgt (93Q) Albert D Hobbs 35360391 (033) 395th Ftr Sq  
Cpl (91Q) Donald P Byrne 18046309 (035) Hq 369th Ftr Sq
5. Having been asgd this orgn per par 1 SO 129, Hq 86th Ftr Gp, dtd 18 Aug 45 fol named EM, are further-asgd to Sq as indicated. EDCMR 21 Aug 1945.

S Sgt (72-Q) Robert P Hilson	33087936 (237)	397th Ftr Sq
Sgt (78-Q) Dominic Surawicz	33315539 (759)	397th Ftr Sq
Cpl (94-Q) Harrison J Brown	16063343 (274)	Hq 368th Ftr Sq
T/5 (108-Q) Edward C Collins	35160096 (667)	395th Ftr Sq
T/5 (88-Q) Morris Halsorn	72210375 (237)	395th Ftr Sq
Pfc (74-D) Edward E. Zachary	34013116 (237)	395th Ftr Sq
Pfc (70-Q) Rex Haberman	37477328 (233)	395th Ftr Sq

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SO 103, Hq 368th Ftr Gp, 27 Aug 45, Cont'd

6. Having been asgd this orgn per Par 4, SO 134, Hq 86th Ftr Gp, dtd 23 Aug 45 fol named EM are further asgd to Sq as indicated. EDCMR 25 Aug 45.

T Sgt (60-Q)	Charles E Seither	15110586	(750)	396th Ftr Sq
S Sgt (64-Q)	John B Wilson	39117004	(750)	397th Ftr Sq
Sgt (49-Q)	Walter E Albee	11107699	(759)	397th Ftr Sq
Sgt (70-Q)	John L Avosso	32532112	(748)	395th Ftr Sq
Sgt (71-Q)	James W. Jennings	34213659	(839)	Hq 368th Ftr Sq
Sgt (45-Q)	John J Reinhart	32840778	(750)	395th Ftr Sq
Sgt (44-Q)	Dean R Rosborough	33406700	(750)	Hq 368th Ftr Sq
Pvt (50-Q)	John A McWatters	13117900	(747)	395th Ftr Sq

7. Having been asgd this orgn per Par 13, SO 125, Hq 86th Ftr Gp, dtd 14 Aug 45 fol named EM are further asgd to Sq as indicated. EDCMR 15 Aug 45.

Cpl (79-Q)	John H Peters	32431235	(759)	396th Ftr Sq
Pfc (79-Q)	John J Whalen	11040970	(759)	397th Ftr Sq

8. T Sgt (60-Q) Charles E Seither 15110586 (750) is rld fr asgmt with 396th Ftr Sq and trfd in gr to Hq & Hq Sq XII TAC TDN by MT, mil acft or rail. 60-115 P 431-02 A 212/50425. AUTH: TWX Hq XII TAC C-2705. EDCMR 28 Aug 45.

9. Having been asgd this orgn per Par 2, SO 135, Hq 86th Ftr Gp, dtd 26 Aug 45 fol named EM are further asgd to Sq as indicated. EDCMR 27 Aug 45.

Pfc (74-Q)	Valente S Gonzales	39280994	(590)	397th Ftr Sq
Pfc (74-Q)	Stanley Adams	35789412	(590)	397th Ftr Sq
Pfc (65-Q)	Joseph Kaufman	32792000	(590)	397th Ftr Sq

10. Under the provisions of AR 615-5, 30 Jun 45 and upon the recommendation of their Orgn Comdr, fol named EM, 396th Ftr Sq are promoted to gr as indicated:

TO BE CORPORAL (TEMP)

T/5 (108Q)	Edward C Collins	37160896	(667)
T/5 (88-Q)	Morris Halpern	32218355	(237)

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HEADQUARTERS  
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APO 374, US Army  
28 August 1945

SPECIAL ORDER )

NUMBER 104 )

1. Fol named Off and EM are granted lv of absence for a period of (7) days, o/a 28 Aug 45, are auth to proceed from this Hq to US Rivera Recreational Area, reporting thereat to CO, Martinez Hotel, Cannes, France, in accordance with Ltr, Hq European TO, USA, file AG 354.1, OPGA, Subj: "US Rivera Recreation Area," 8 Jan 45, which will be strictly complied with. TDN by Mt, Nil acft or rail. 60-115 P 432-02 A 212/50425.

1st Lt. EDGAR G TCHIRKOW	01544056	AC
1st Lt. KENNETH G WENK	0834231	AC
1st Lt. LONNIE S WINCHESTER	0832760	AC
S Sgt Robert J Harziger	35514256	
Cpl Sam E Bruton	18200096	
Pvt Alvin Castle	35658021	

2. Fol named EM, are reld fr asgmt to Sq as indicated and trfd Casual Pool, AAF/EF Reinf Depot (Prov) (Main) WP 439th Signal Heavy Const Bn to await transportation to AAF Sta 594. EM will be limited to 100 pounds baggage. TDN by Mt, Nil acft or rail. 60-115 P 431-02 A 212/50425. Auth: TFX CG XII TAC C-2914. EDCMR 1 Sept 45.

T Sgt (115Q) Edward V Mullen Jr	6949964 (673)	Hq 368th Ftr Gp
T Sgt (115Q) Bryant R Fortner	6969785 (821)	397th Ftr Sq
T Sgt (147Q) John B Sheridan	6915486 (911)	397th Ftr Sq
Cpl (122Q) Joseph P O'Dowd	32005142 (405)	Hq 368th Ftr Gp
Pfc (131Q) Elmer Anderson	6150626 (405)	Hq 368th Ftr Gp

3. Having been asgd this orgn per par 4, SO 121, Hq 27th Ftr Gp dtd 21 Aug 45 fol named OFF, are further asgd to Sq as indicated. EDCMR 24 Aug 1945.

Capt (47Q) MILNOR B MORRISON	0790479 (1055)	395th Ftr Sq
1st Lt (29Q) WILLIAM S AXTON	02066955 (1055)	395th Ftr Sq
1st Lt (51Q) ROBERT K HEYDRICKS	02063831 (1055)	395th Ftr Sq
1st Lt (38Q) ARTHUR O HOUSTON	0808265 (1055)	397th Ftr Sq
1st Lt (71Q) FRED MOORE	0809628 (1055)	396th Ftr Sq
1st Lt (41Q) ROBERT H ROBINSON	0810571 (1055)	396th Ftr Sq
2nd Lt (25Q) KENNETH E BIRDSALL	02067459 (1055)	397th Ftr Sq
2nd Lt (25Q) WILLIAM J BULKE	02063787 (1055)	396th Ftr Sq
2nd Lt (35Q) JAMES H COOKSEY	02066532 (1055)	395th Ftr Sq
2nd Lt (34Q) HARRY A LAUSMANN	02067531 (1055)	397th Ftr Sq
2nd Lt (37Q) JOHN C MAC GREGOR	0784038 (1055)	396th Ftr Sq
2nd Lt (46Q) ZIGMUND ROMANOWICZ	02067890 (1055)	397th Ftr Sq
2nd Lt (34Q) FREDERICK J RUBIDGE	0831593 (1055)	395th Ftr Sq
2nd Lt (46Q) EARL D SMITH	0766739 (1055)	396th Ftr Sq
2nd Lt (49Q) JOHN W THURMAN	02067585 (1055)	396th Ftr Sq

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SO 104, Hq 368th Ftr Gp, 28 Aug 45, Cont'd.

Flt O (39Q)	RODNEY R SCHWEGER JR	T63579	(1055)	396th Ftr Sq
Flt O (28Q)	KENNETH W SMITH	T129001	(1055)	397th Ftr Sq
2nd Lt (43Q)	WILLIAM D DELLES	02066639	(1055)	395th Ftr Sq

4. Under the provisions of AR 600-68, the following named EM, 396th Ftr Sq, having completed the required amount of serv in the Army of the United States and having demonstrated fidelity through faithful and exact performances of duty, efficiency through capacity to produce desired results, and whose behavior has been such as to deserve emulation, are awarded Good Conduct Medals for exemplary behavior, efficiency, and fidelity:

Sgt (911)	Bruce E Morris	39901135
Sgt (750)	James B Winfree	34117764
Cpl (911)	Elmer Evans	15116723
Cpl (932)	Francis P Galczynski	32833854
Cpl (901)	Charles E Henry	13072186
Cpl (911)	Bernard J Kordell	36373754
Cpl (060)	David K Westfall	19048977
Cpl (759)	Carl L Wetzell	32544951
Pfc (056)	George H Harris	36451663

5. Capt ROBERT G BERGMAN 0567286 AC, is Appointed Sta Custodial Off in compliance with 9th AF Memo 85-8

6. The VOCO 368th Ftr Gp of 18 Aug 45, under exigencies which prevented the issuance of advance orders are hereby confirmed and made a matter of record

"UP AR 35-1480, and AAF Reg 35-29, 11 Jul 45 the fol named EM, 395th Ftr Sq, are required to participate in regular and frequent aerial flights

S Sgt John J Bastaroli	33293427	Aerial Engineer
Sgt George R Glass	33598366	Aerial Engineer (Ass't)
Sgt Raymond W Tucker	14162087	Radio Operator & Mech
Sgt Jacques E Smith	35286034	Radio Operator & Mech (Ass'T)

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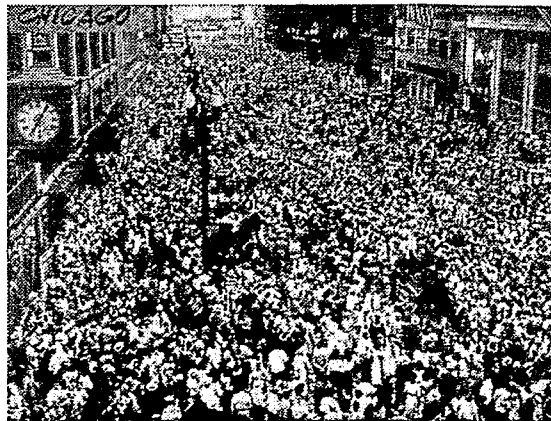
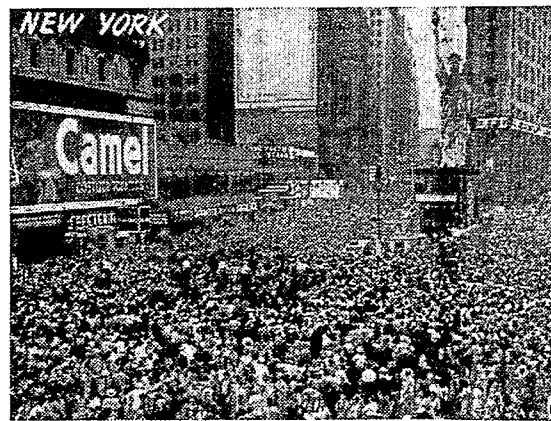
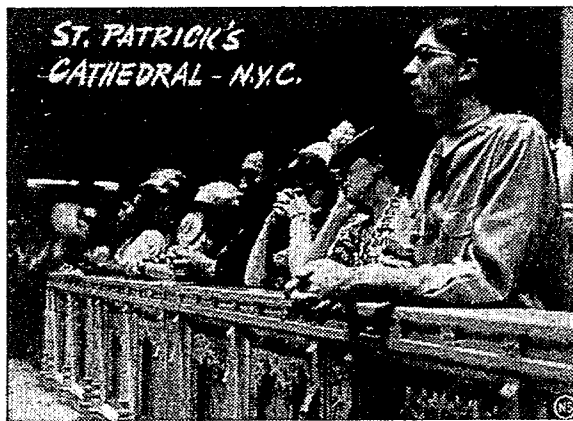
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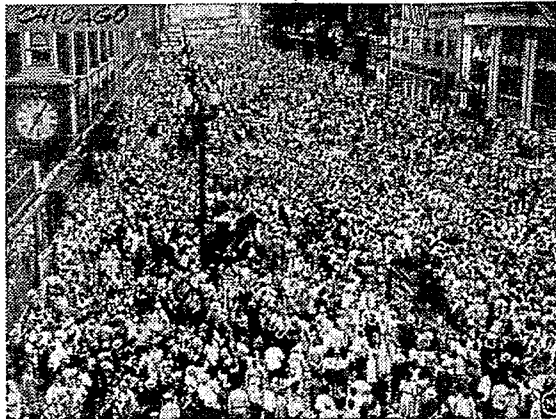
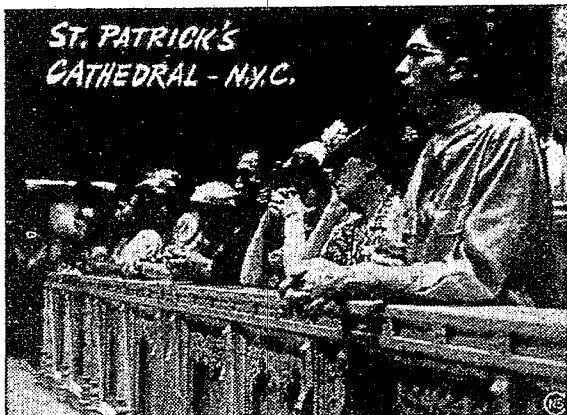
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## Fortress Feature Announces Two Photograph Contests

### Prettiest Baby Picture Wanted

Now here's a contest that all of you proud papas should be interested in. Many times you have taken out that old pocket-book and proudly shown one of your buddies a picture of that fine little "twelve pointer".

Now we want to carry the pictures of those wonderful heirs in the pages of this publication.

On September 18th we will carry pictures of the six prettiest babies submitted. During the following week the Staff of the FORTRESS FEATURE will go into a huddle and come out with the picture of the prettiest baby of all. A large picture of the "champeen" will be carried in that issue.

Bring your pictures around to the newspaper office (right next door to the Fortress Fire Department) as soon as possible and enter. All pictures will be returned as soon as possible. If you are one of the "85ers" and you should ship out, the picture will be promptly mailed to your home address.

Following are the rules of the FORTRESS FEATURE Baby Contest:

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### Best Photograph To Win War Bond

How would you like to see your favorite photograph in print and at the same time have a chance at winning a twenty-five dollar war bond or the second prize of five dollars.

Beginning September 7th we will carry four of the photographs submitted each week for four weeks. One of these pictures will be chosen as the winner and one as runner-up.

Here are the rules:

1. All photographs must have been taken by the submitter.
2. Name, organization and home address must be printed on back of photograph or attached to it.
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5. All members of the 368th Fighter Group and attached units are eligible for entry. (Except members of the Staff).

## 350 Civilian Employees Working On This Base

At the present there are approximately 350 civilian personnel employed upon the base, of this number 40% are women. Included in this group is practically every nationality in Europe. The four nationalities which have the largest representation are Hungarian, Latvian, Polish, and Lithuanian. Quite a few of the men were considered as experts in their own work before being sent to Germany and he lost his mother, father, four sisters and a brother before their ranks are a large number of former concentration camp inmates.

Group S-2 is now working as a sort of employment agency but they want to know they do not accept the responsibility for the civilian personnel camp — Aushurtz, Oraviberg, Florensburg, Buchemor, Dachau, Gausher and Okendorf. While in these camps the daily food ration was 400 grams of black broth per day, and that was mostly water.

These people will soon be issued white arm bands so they may be distinguished from the other civilians in the area. After the issuance of the arm bands anyone not a member of the U. S. Army found wearing G.I. equipment and not having the arm band will be immediately stripped of said equipment.

## 750,000 Krauts Get Out

Berlin (CNS) — More than 750,000 German soldiers have been demobilized into civilian jobs, according to an announcement here. The demobilization move was made in an attempt to restore some form of farm, mine and civil service stability to German life.

## Base Tailor In 7 Concentration Camp Before Liberation

The base tailor calls himself Henry. He formerly lived in Poland and was known there as Chaim Eichler. His work should be of a high quality as he followed the tailoring trade for twelve years in the city of Kielec, Poland. His shop was bombed out and he lost his mother, father, four sisters and a brother before the camp in April of 1940.

His first job in the concentration camp was shoveling coal for railroads. He was shipped from camp to camp — Aushurtz, Oraviberg, Florensburg, Buchemor, Dachau, Gausher and Okendorf. While in these camps the daily food ration was 400 grams of black broth per day, and that was mostly water.

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## Immediate Shipment

A roster of 100+point men has been demanded by higher headquarters to facilitate their "immediate re-turn" to the Zone of the Interior. A quota will be issued on the basis of the roster. The size of the quota is as yet unknown. Only three MOSS are cited as essential and none of these exist in Fighter Groups.

## 487th Start More Men On Road Home

During the past week twenty men of the Headquarters Squadron of the 487th Service Group hit the long trail home. All of the men had eighty-five points or over and most of them were members of the Group since it's activation. S/Sgt. James R. Reid was sent to the 27th M. R. & R. Squadron. To the 40th M. R. & R. Squadron went Pfc's Delmar Lunde, William Gerlin and John Lewis. The remaining fellows were sent to the AAF/ET-1RD. Provisional Advanced. They include: S/Sgts William M. Dennis, Stuart H. Griffin, Hobert J. Moffis; Sgts Michael J. Caroue, Tait Morley, Henry L. White, Leonard Wong; Cpls Billy C. Bowles, George W. Dempsey, Eugene H. Howell, Kendrick M. Morris, Forrest R. Polley; Pfc's Alton Royal, Jesse J. Sickler, Thomas Haynes; Pvt's Henry S. Small and Marvin B. Siders.

There are still a few men in the squadron with over eighty-five points, but they are expected to be weeded out shortly.

## New PX Hours

The PX is now open from 10 to 11 A. M. for officers, and from 12:30 to 5 P. M. for enlisted men.

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## 397th A Few Pointers - 1

By T/Sgt Martin M. Klein

Tech Sgt Leon Mattern doesn't know it yet but he is going home soon. In fact he better hold onto his hat or he will move out from under it. Before entering the army, Mattern was one of the key men working for the Great Northern Railroad in Washington.

Sgt Earl Cuppini had a swell time in Gay Paree. Before leaving camp, Cuppini spent four hours sewing on his stripes and air corps patch, he used a fancy stitch too, but alas, fate intervened. While at a well known bar in Paris, Cuppini hung up his beautifully pressed jacket, a few seconds later he turned around to see a stranger running out of the door carrying, you guessed it, the jacket. By the time Sgt Cuppini caught the culprit, the stripes were torn off the jacket and the patch hung from a thread. Better luck next time Earl.

The original Smokey Mountain Boys, Sgts Linville, Dennis, Watson, Humble and Kosowski, have all left for deployment to the States via the 371st Fighter Group. All the men that left the 397th and shipped to other groups, mainly the 48th, 362nd and 367th, have all been pleasantly surprised. Instead of sailing to the Pacific as originally planned, the men left for the Zone of Interior.

The CNS radiomen are very happy because they received five more men who will replace the high pointers, if and when the high men do leave the squadron.

The movies in town are really putting out some fine shows. A few days ago they showed "Salome Where She Danced" which made a hit with most of the men. It isn't very often a person can see a picture using the Blue Danube Waltz as its theme, and then after the show walk outside and stroll along that very historic river. (I'll take the Hudson myself).

It's easy to tell that the football season has begun. Sgt Wilhelm is walking around with a meatball for a nose, Sgt Whiting developed a limp and Old Buddy Gatz is moaning about his sore knees. Sgt Parrish the 24 lb tackle from Idaho, really is striving to get in condition. Parrish is a former school teacher and intends returning to his class with a 34 inch waist instead of the 43 inch he now has.

Cpl Salisbury and his pal Ewingbury are at present working on a soda fountain and ice cream parlor for the men — more later.

## Tap Water Unsave

Recent laboratory tests made of the tap water on this base show a high bacteria content which makes the water highly unsafe for drinking.

There was still plenty of confusion in the point picture as the first week of peace drew to a close. The sudden end of the Jap war had caught everybody by surprise. Marseilles sailing orders were cancelled. Loaded trains turned back to Assembly Areas. Low pointers sweating out C.B.I. started sweating out Germany again, and high-pointers sweating out Germany started to sweat out the homeward voyage and discharge.

One of the pieces still to fall into the picture was marked MOS. Was this the clause in small print? Nobody is sure. FORTRESS FEATURES semi-official information, last week, that MOS had no significance in the Assembly Area is probably true, but "in the Assembly Area" are the weasel words. In outfits like the 368th with a primary mission, high-pointers were still being replaced on a MOS basis. This has resulted in men with 85 points being shipped, while others with over 100 remain. There's nothing the Group can do about it under the present system.

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## 487th Service Group

The men of this squadron wish to extend their heartiest congratulations to Major William McGann on his latest promotion. The popular major has been a member of the service group since its activation.

"Pop" Lockwood is back with the squadron again after spending the past week in the 101st Evacuation Hospital during the past move. "Pop" was hurt in an accident and suffered a head and leg injury. Lt. George McGurk was also injured in the same accident and the Lt. is now convalescing in France. Glad to see you back with us "Pop".

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## High Pointers

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Low man on the totem-pole was Sgt. Dean R. Rosborough with 44 points.

## Transfer Roster

In addition to the railroaders the following men have been transferred:

P/Sgt Salvatore S. Caldernaro (94-0)  
P/Sgt Kenneth E. Davenport (88-D)  
T/Sgt Daniel P. Flaminio (85-0)  
T/Sgt Walter E. Scheiffing (93-0)  
T/Sgt Alfred Stacklein (112-0)  
S/Sgt Raymond Nazarro (92-0)  
S/Sgt Loren G. McGregor (92-0)  
S/Sgt Wilton L. Davis (100-0)  
S/Sgt Richard W. King (86-0)  
S/Sgt Harold J. Bierbusse (91-0)  
S/Sgt Clyde G. Queen (94-0)  
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S/Sgt Lee E. Peck (94-0)  
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T/Sgt (1080) Joseph H. Sweeney  
T/Sgt (930) Cloud D. Shelton  
A1/T/Sgt (990) Edward C. Rabe Jr.  
S/Sgt (1180) Harry L. Marshall  
S/Sgt (1110) Donald I. Carpenter  
S/Sgt (1080) Clifford F. Dolan  
S/Sgt (1080) Daniel H. Mohr  
S/Sgt (1070) Edmund L. Spalding  
S/Sgt (1070) Arthur O. Downs  
S/Sgt (1030) Harold D. Conoley  
S/Sgt (1030) Ernest Humble  
Sgt (1110) Richard C. Price  
Cpl (1020) David K. Westfall  
Cpl (940) Charles G. Neuber  
Cpl (850) George Duncan

Also the following officers: Capt. Eugene Resting (178X), 2d Lt. Charles E. Rife (150X), 1st Lt. Wilbur H. Luker (111A), 1st Lt. Paul F. Ludwig (106B), Capt. Roy D. Carlson (192X), Capt. Elliot W. Brown (102X), Capt. Dallas J. Clary (124X), 1st Lt. Billy B. Arledge (96X), 1st Lt. Louis L. Vieck (174X), 1st Lt. David J. Boss (119X), 1st Lt. Edwin Soderlund (94X), W/O (10) Albert R. Silvers (1350).

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Most of us will get that chance. By virtue of our numbers we will have a lot of power. But by virtue of our power we are going to have a lot of responsibility too. If we start "demanding" things — bonuses, pensions, tax exemptions — we may get them. But, in the long run, we are just going to be shafting our country.

It boils down to this. First and foremost, in or out of the Army, we are citizens. That is a fact and an obligation. Our fate is joined with that of our country, and, for that matter, of the world. If our demands are unreasonable, if we act irresponsibly we are only reserving a place behind the eight-ball for ourselves.

## Former Newark News Reporter In Charge of Straubing Paper

By: S/Sgt Bill Schuller

A former Newark Evening News reporter and combat veteran of the 78th Division, First Lt Kurt M. Lassen, is currently running Straubing's largest printing plant, which, besides the Fortress, also publishes the Regensburger Post, a German weekly, with a net circulation of 325,000 and serving over a million.

The Straubing printshop is considered to be one of the most modern in southern Germany, maintaining both rotation and flat presses. Besides the printing of newspapers which also includes the Fraternalist, organ of the 491st Air Disarmament Group and the Track Walker of the Road Transportation Unit, the plant is capable of turning out many types of books and magazines.

"We are now in Phase Two of the program outlined by the Publishing Operations section of the Information Control Division, USFET," said Lt. Sergeant Joseph Eaton, is editor.

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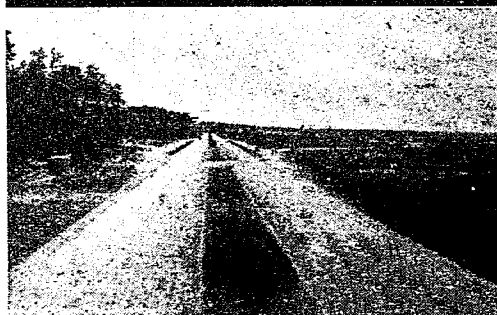
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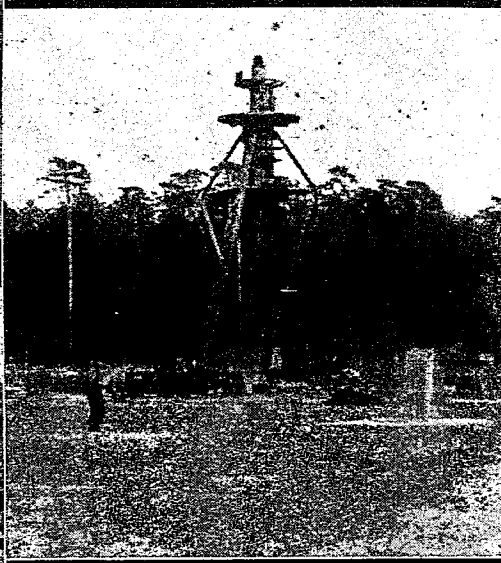
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## Frankfurt-am-Main --- Our First German Base

By: S/Sgt. Clarence A. Glasrud  
Frankfurt-am-Main was one of our shorter stopovers, like Chartres and Laon. The move from Metz began early in April, the first echelon leaving on the 11th; and before the end of the month an advance party had gone to the new base at Nurnberg. The planes first landed at Strip Y-73 on April 15, and they took off for the last time to land at R-42 on May 13.

### GIs Impressed By Country

But our first German field will not be soon forgotten. Operating from a base in a hostile country turned out to be quite different than we had expected. We weren't there long enough for the boys to get much acquainted with the country around Frankfurt. But we were impressed by the modern homes, the clean, progressive-

looking country which we rode through. And many a man was heard to say, "What did these people want to start a war for? They had everything!" And somehow we felt more "at home" than we ever had in Europe before, for the Rhineland seemed more like the U. S. than anything we had seen so far.

The non-fraternization rule was not exactly popular, but we didn't feel it too much at Frankfurt. We weren't there long enough. And the base itself had enough interest so that we didn't feel the restrictions very keenly.

### No Trouble With Werewolves

As for the Germans themselves, they seemed hard-working and polite — and anxious to help us when we had occasion to deal with them. None of them were Nazis, of course,

and none of them wanted the war; and they all had relatives in Milwaukee or Cincinnati! But we certainly saw nothing of any Werewolves, and we began to feel that occupying the Fatherland wasn't going to be as rugged as we had feared.

### Lived Like Civilians

Perhaps the chief attraction of the Frankfurt base was our living area, the model village of Zeppelinheim. Here we were in Germany and "we'd never had it so good!" All but the luckless 397th, who were forced to live in tents out on the strip! The rest of us felt almost like civilians again as we moved into modern houses and apartments, complete with bathrooms, electric stoves, and overstuffed furniture. We were a little crowded, of course, and had to move many things into basements and attics to make way for army cots. But we wallowed in the bathtubs, admired the homelike atmosphere provided by curtains on the windows, and really enjoyed the kitchens overtime. Midnight snacks became the usual thing, and the more accomplished "house-

wives" blossomed out with full 6-course dinners. And those feather beds!

Zeppelinheim also provided the chief excitement connected with Strip Y-73. Members of the advance party ousted the inhabitants of the village at the point of their guns — when the previous orders to evacuate were ignored. Many of the boys didn't care much about that job, even though these were our enemies. They felt differently about it when they found Luftwaffe uniforms and plenty of Nazi evidence in the houses.

### German Zeppelin Terminus

The base — with its model village — had a unique history. In the heyday of the Zeppelins, this Frankfurt field was the German terminus for trans-Atlantic airship lines. There were many mementos of the "Hindenburg" and the "Graf Zeppelin" in the village, and the mooring mast was still standing on the airfield. And some of the ex-villagers expressed their belief that Zeppelinheim had been spared by American bombers for sentimental

Certainly no sentiment spared Frankfurt. That metropolis on the Main River (pronounced "mine") had really "had it" when we got there. We left before General Eisenhower moved his headquarters there from Paris, and to us it was just another pile of rubble. The shell of the great railway station could still be distinguished, a few church steeples remained and the great I. G. Farben chemical plant survived almost without damage. But we saw very little of the city anyway; when we weren't too busy we were scared away by watchful MP's and our own regulations restricting us to our base.

### Some Things We Will Remember

But we will probably remember other things about the base. The great autobahn which ran along our base probably was more impressive to 20th century American eyes than most of the historic ruins and monuments we'd seen overseas. We reacted quite differently to the crowded, filthy barracks of the prison camp back in the woods. The medics will

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# THE FORTRESS FEATURE 12th TAC Made Semi-Finals In 9th AF Diamond Classic

## Sports

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Wednesday August 29, 1945

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On December 8th, the very day after Pearl Harbor, the major leagues met in Chicago and the consensus of opinion was in favor of shelving the game for the duration. At any rate the situation was left up to Judge Landis, the Commissioner of Baseball, who for the first time in his baseball regime confessed his inability to cope with the situation. So Landis took a pencil and a small sheet of paper and wrote a letter to Mr. Roosevelt asking for advice.

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### SOFTBALL

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Eichler was liberated by Americans while he was still in a German hospital at Gausler. He worked as a tailor on this field for the 47st before the 368th Fighter Group arrived. His shop is located over the base barber shop and the motto is "Everything for anything" in the way of tailoring.

As we left the shop, his parting words were that he hopes to go to either Canada or the States.

### Japs Drops in Standing U.S. Still Leads League

New York (CNS)- Japan has dropped out of the List of nations undefeated in warfare, while the U.S. retains its lead in the "undecimated" league.

Previous "modern" wars in which Japan was undefeated were those against China in 1904, Russia in 1904 and Germany in 1914.

### A Fight of Another Color

Tommy Farr, battle-scarred ex-British heavyweight champ, who stayed upright for 15 rounds with Joe Louis in 1937, won an upside down battle with an infection that nearly cost year for civilian use, a local source him an eye. For an hour and a half each day, for 21 days he lay down same source said, auto production while a penicillin solution was filtered through his nose into his eye.

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(S&S Photo)

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- Picture must be of your child, nephew, niece or cousin. (Must be a baby picture — no pictures of "babes" accepted).
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### Just Before the Thumb Began to Point



The end of the season draws closer and closer and the biiffs get hotter. Here umpire Hal Weaver has his thumb poised to banish Manager Jimmy Dykes of the third place (7 games behind) Boston Americans from the field after listening to Dykes' bitter complaint about the eyesight of the much-maligned men in blue. (S&S Photo)

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64th Ftr. Wg. 2-1-0-0-0-0-4-0-0	7	7	2
3rd game			
12th TAC . 1-0-0-8-0-0-0-0-0	9	11	5
9th AF Hq . 0-1-0-2-0-0-0-3-0	6	7	2
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14 March 1944

COMBAT REPORT  
368TH FIGHTER GROUP

9 May 1945

Enemy aircraft - AIR

	<u>DES</u>	<u>PROP</u>	<u>DAM</u>
GROUP TOTAL	144	19	59

LEADING GROUP PILOT

Lt. Col. Paul P. Douglas  
8 - 1 - 2

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395TH FIGHTER SQUADRON	44	9	20
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LEADING SQUADRON PILOTS

Captain William S. Garry      1st Lt. William J. Weyland  
6-0-0                              4 - 0 - 1

Major Henry J. Mazur      3 - 0 - 3  
1st Lt. Hugh P. Matthews      3 - 0 - 1  
Captain Thomas N. Montag      3 - 0 - 0

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396TH FIGHTER SQUADRON	45	6	22
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8 - 1 - 2

Captain David C. Parrish      3 - 0 - 1  
Captain Frank S. Kerchner      3 - 0 - 1  
Captain Henry L. Olsen      3 - 1/2 - 1  
Major John W. Baer      3 - 1 - 1

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397TH FIGHTER SQUADRON	55	4	17
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Major Randall W. Hendricks  
5 - 0 - 0  
Captain William H. Kerr  
4 - 1 - 0

1st Lt. Milton S. Pender      3 - 0 - 0  
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2. UP Par 19B, WD Cir 8cs, Sgt (88Q) Edward D Dickey, 16052442 (756) is reld fr asgmt 397th Ftr Sq, atchd unasgd AAF/ETO Reinf. Depot (Prov), WP AAF Sta 385 to await trsp to ZI via Green Project. EM will be limited to 35 pounds baggage. PCS. TDN by mil acft. 60-115 P 431-02 A 212/5-425. AUTH: USFET SC-7718, 24 Aug 45 and TWX XII TAC C-2974. EDCMR 1 Sept 45.

3. UP Par 19B, WD Cir 8, cs, S Sgt (67D) Charles R Miner 35362846 (521), is reld fr asgmt 395th Ftr Sq, atchd unasgd AAF/ETO Reinf. Depot (Prov), WP AAF Sta 385 to await trsp to ZI via Green Project. EM will be limited to 35 pounds baggage. PCS. TDN by mil acft. 60-115 P 431-02 A 212/50425. AUTH: USFET SC-7921, 25 Aug 45 and TWX XII TAC C-2998. EDCMR 1 Sept 45.

4. Under the provision of Par 3a, AR 35-320, 17 Jun 43, ~~the~~ named Officers are aptd Class "A" Agent Fin Officer for orgn indicated to LT PAUL M DeFURIA, 01281618, FD, Accountable Disbursing Off, for the pmt of Officers and EM regular and supplemental P/R, for the month of August 45.

CAPT ROBERT L CLARK	0351450, AC	Hq, 368th Ftr Gp
1ST LT GEORGE W PROCTOR,	0859874, AC	396th Ftr Sq
1ST LT GEORGE E GILL,	0863973, AC	397th Ftr Sq
CAPT ROBERT L CLARK,	0351450, AC	9th Base Opr Sq Det R (P)
MAJ DONALD C HARPOLE,	01576089, AC	Hq & Base Sv Sq, 487th Sv Gp
1st Lt PAUL M BORGES,	01581039, QMC	729th Air Mat Sq
1st Lt MILFORD BLONSKY,	01591599, QMC	905th Air Eng Sq

5. Under the provision of Par 3a, AR 35-320, 17 Jun 43, ~~the~~ named officers are aptd Class "A" Agent Fin Officers for orgn indicated, to LT PAUL M DeFURIA, 01281618, FD, Accountable Disbursing Off, for the pmt of EM regular and supplemental P/R for the month of August 45.

1st Lt ROBERT D ANDRUS,	02063773, AC	395th Ftr Sq
1st Lt GEORGE E GILL,	0863973, AC	21st Wea Sq Det R
1st Lt GEORGE E GILL,	0863973, AC	48th Mobile-Comm Sq Det R

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SO 105, Hq, 368th Ftr Gp, 29 Aug 45, cont'd.

6. Under the provision of Par 3a, AR 35-320, 17 Jun 43, fol named Officers are aptd Class "A" Agent Officers for orgn indicated, to LT PAUL M DeFURIA, O1281618, FD, Accountable Disbursing Off, for the pmt of Officers regular and supplemental P/R for the month of August 45.

2nd Lt MAURICE W ANDERSON, O715430, AC 395th Ftr Sq  
CAPT ROBERT L CLARK, O351450, AC 21st Wea Sq Det R

7. 1st Lt ROBERT M STROMACK O858020, AC, is detailed to conduct the inventory of the Officers Club stock on 31 Aug 45. Report of inventory will bd submitted to the board of Governors in triplicate.

8. 2nd Lt ROBERT T WALLACE, O877740, AC, is detailed to conduct the monthly inventory of the Group Post Exchange on 31 Aug 45.

9. So much of Par 3, SO 104, this Hq, cs, pertaining to asgd of Off reads: "2nd Lt (25Q) WILLIAM J BURKE, O2063787 (1055), 396th Ftr Sq", is amended to read "2nd Lt (25Q) WILLIAM J BURKE, O2063787 (1055) 397th Ftr Sq".

10. So much of Par 3, SO 101, this Hq, cs, pertaining to asgd of EM reads, "Cpl (65-Q) William D Culwell, 39617617 (911), 395th Ftr Sq" is amended to read: "Cpl (65-Q) William J Culwell, 39617617, (911), 395th Ftr Sq".

11. In compliance with XII TAC Memo 80-5, 15 Aug 45, fol named EM are aptd unit mail clerks for Hq Det, 368th Ftr Gp.

Sgt John J Jones	39106800	(667)
Cpl Wayne D Gaiser	37272418	(405)

12. So much of Par 4, SO 103, this Hq, cs, pertaining to of EM reads:

"T Sgt (94-Q) Leon A Mattern	39171162	(265)
S Sgt (92-Q) Samuel J Humes	35177782	(112)
S Sgt (88-Q) George A Knothe	32463925	(181)
Sgt (93-Q) Albert D Hobbs	35360395	(033)
Cpl (91-Q) Donald P Byrne	18046309	(033)" Hq,

396th Ftr Sq, is amended to read:

"T Sgt (94-Q) Leon A Mattern	39171162	(754)
S Sgt (92-Q) Samuel J Humes	35177782	(750)
S Sgt (88-Q) George A Knothe	32463925	(685)
Sgt (93-Q) Albert D Hobbs	35360395	(932)
Cpl (91-Q) Donald P Byrne	18046309	(932) Hq,

368th Ftr Gp.

13. So much of Par 1, SO 103, this Hq, cs, pertaining to asgmt of EM reads: "Sgt (88-Q) Arnold P Klingbriel, 36270977 (756)" is amended to read: Sgt (88-Q) Arnold P Klingbeil, 36270977 (756).

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SO 105, Hq, 368th Ftr Gp, 29 Aug 45, Cont'd.

14. So much of Par 6, SO 103, this Hq, cs, pertaining to asgmt of EM, reads: "Sgt (71-Q) James W Jennings, 34213659 (859), Hq, 368th Ftr Sq, Sgt (44-Q) Dean R Rosborough, 38406700 (750) Hq, 368th Ftr Sq" is amended to read: Sgt (71-Q) James W Jennings, 34213659 (859), Hq, 368th Ftr Gp, Sgt (44-Q) Dean R Rosborough, 38406700 (750), Hq, 368th Ftr Gp.

15. So much of Par 5, SO 103, this Hq, cs, pertaining to asgmt of EM, reads: "Cpl (94-Q) Harrison J Brown, 16066343 (274), Hq 368th Ftr Sq", is amended to read: Cpl (94-Q) Harrison J Brown, 16066343 (274), Hq, 368th Ftr Gp.

16. So much of Par 8, SO 103, this Hq, cs, pertaining to EDCMR reads: "EDCMR 28 Aug 45", is amended to read: EDCLER 1 Sept 45.

17. Par 2, SO 103, this Hq, cs, pertaining to indefinite TDY, CAPT (189-X) ROBERT (NMI) MILLER, 0680143 (2166), is deleted.

(Travel dir is pursuant to auth contained in Ltr, Hq European TO, USA, file 300.4 MPM, 22 Nov 44)

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SECTION I - AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II, Bull 3 WD 1944), and in accordance with authority delegated by War Department and Ninth Air Force, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded the following named personnel, United States Army, in recognition of meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy between the dates indicated, residence as indicated:

LEO H. EAST, 0913617, Major, ACl, 368th Ftr Gp., from 1 December 1944 to 8 May 1945. Rochester, N.Y.

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BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL BARCUS:

GEORGE L. HART JR.  
Colonel, GSC.  
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL :

s/ W. N. Reese,  
t/ W. N. REESE,  
Lt. Colonel, AGD.  
Adjutant General.

A TRUE EXTRACT COPY:

*Robert L. Clark*  
ROBERT L. CLARK  
Captain, Air Corps,  
Asst. Group S-2.

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