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HEADQUARTERS
368TH FIGHTER GROUP

STRIP R-42

HISTORY

JULY 1945

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HISTORICAL REPORT
11 July to 31 July
1945

Information contained herein, is written in compliance with XIV
Tactical Air Command Memorandum Number 20-1, dated 5 February 1944. It is
a resume of the activities of the 36th Fighter Group Headquarters, for the
month of July 1 to 31, 1945.

1. ORGANIZATION

   No Change.

2. COMPOSITION 12-0 31 JUly 1945

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

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

   nil.

4. LOSSES IN ACTION:

   nil (for Group Headquarters)

5. ACHIEVEMENTS AND DECORATIONS

   Bronze Star

   1st Lt. Joseph R. Prunfield

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"Week of 1 to 7 July 1945"

The start of this month finds the Group almost back to normal; the big shake-up of the past two weeks had thrown us momentarily out of gear. The Group seems more like its old self now that the new men have been absorbed and the newness and uncertainty of the first week has worn off. The new men have become adjusted to their new surroundings, formed new friendships and, in general, have come to the conclusion that the outfit isn't so bad after all. The Group, likewise, finds that it has acquired a fine bunch of men.

Being an occupational unit certainly leaves little in the way of operational activities to record; at best it is a monotonous routine with most of the flying confined to nightly cub training for ground officers. A pilot training program is to go into effect as soon as the final plans are completed.

This week's activities were mostly administrative duties and they still seem considerable. The athletic program commenced this week. The athletic phase of the ground training program consists of everyone participating in organized athletics at 1100 or 1600 hours every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, plus two hours on Saturday.

This week also saw the Group baseball team become champions of the first half of the XIX 7AC League. Rain put a damper on the huge Fourth of July celebration that was planned for that day. However, during the evening the inside of the Red Cross Club was booming with concessions – sandwiches and coffee were to be had a plenty.

The enlisted men's club opened again. A collection was taken from the F/A for the initial purchase of supplies. Captain Doria and W/Capt. Hess were very successful in the procurement of beverages so essential to the success of any club. It now rivals anything on the base for attendance.

Headquarters lost one of its pilots; Captain Oliver Pyerson, 1333 combat hours and on his second tour, was among the 35 pilots, from the Group, ordered back to the United States. (Supporting Document #1)

The 8th issue of the Fortress Feature hit the distribution desks. (Supporting Document #2)

The ping-pong tournament at the Officer's Club is in high gear. This week, going into the semi-finals, Colonel Forero, Captain Penithal and Captain Doria are leading challengers for the title.

Supporting Document #1, Special Order #75
Supporting Document #2, Fortress Feature #8
"TOP SECRET\n
PAGE T'O\n
"SNEAK 8 to 14 July 1945\n
Since the end of the war, and especially now with the advent of the new men in the group, rumors have been accepted as the usual thing and a day without a new rumor is considered a quiet day in so far as discussion and conversation are concerned. On various dates the following have been hashed, rehashed, discussed and disseminated - The rumors, of course, all center around that ever important subject- Redeployment and those extra 10 points:

a. All the 75's and over are to be transferred to the 371st.
b. The 10 points are up at 4th Force.
c. 'They' are holding up the points until the critical score is released.
d. So and so outfits have received the 10 points.
e. We are scheduled to go home as a group next - Sept., - Dec. - June.
f. The 10 points are up at 3AC.
g. Another shipment to the 2nd., of high point is due.
h. Two groups are on their way from the states to become occupational, relieving us. Due to arrive anytime in Sept. - Oct. - November.

This week saw the regular duties performed. The athletic program got into full swing and the pilot training began with scheduled operational flights. The transfer of 11 storage aircraft on Thursday kept the flying field in a state of activity for all that day.

Sunday is getting to be the day here; baseball games, sleeping late, swimming and fishing give it a real picnic like atmosphere. The announcement that the non-fraternization ban had been modified saw a lot of GI's suddenly take a pass for the day. Most of the men just wanted to talk to someone that was not in uniform.

At the Officer's Club Saturday night, Captain Reinthal became Ping-Pong champion and won a bottle of Scotch.
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TEMP OF 15 TO 21 JULY

This was the week originally scheduled for our move to the new base at B-68, located at Straubing. However, the runway, for which completion is being awaited is still unfinished. This has caused the projected move to be postponed again. Everyone is eager to get to our new home or what we feel will be our last and permanent base on the Continent. Reports seem to indicate that it is to be a fine set-up with ample buildings for all and something out of the ordinary—four swimming pools. The men are looking forward to moving out of the tents and into buildings again.

For the under 85 point men, good news: as received on Thursday of this week. The Group was awarded the Ardennes Battle Participation Star. This puts a lot of the men over the “hump” (85) and many others very close to that long-planned goal. In the not too distant future, send them all their way to the good old U.S.A. This also takes the Group a high average of men with 85 or over, making it now, “I don’t and I lose”.

Two more old timers leave us: Col. Edmund Frank and Lt. Earl Neumeister, cryptographic personnel, who have been with the Group since Westover Field, were transferred to the 9TH Tactical Control Group.

It has been announced that the new term at Fortress Schofield will not start until after the group has settled down at Straubing. The Chemistry and Physics Lab. and the Photo Lab. have been greatly expanded by the aquisition of a plentiful supply of equipment.

The 26th edition of Fortress Feature hit the newsstands, carrying front page pictures of the contestants in the big “Sweetheart of the 36th Contest.”

(Supporting Document #3)

Lt. Donald Banks, who, Public Relations chief since the beginning of the 36th, has done a bang-up job of publicizing the 36th, will be transferred back to his original assignment, the 9TH Fighter Command.

(Supporting Document #4)

Seven day furloughs to England started again this week, bringing recreational leaves to all the men. “That one could want, with a choice of: The United Nations, the Riviera, Venice and Brussels—all the opportunity of flying to each”

(Supporting Document #3 - 26th Edition of Fortress Feature.

(Supporting Document #4 - Special Order #21.

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PAGE THREE
Period of 22 to 31 July.

Inspectors from YTR Tactical Air Command visited the Group on Monday. In addition to the administration inspection, a conference hour was held Monday night giving all members of the Group a chance to air their complaints and offer suggestions. There was no attendance at the conference.
(Supporting Document 3)

Tuesday saw a large contingent of the Group head up to Fralangen to attend the famous Bob Hope show. "The best ever" was the comment afterwards. Along the same lines, for five nights running, tickets have been available for the summer performance at the Opera House in Nurnberg, of "Love and Loneliness" starring Alfred Lunt and Lynn Fontanne. The entire quota of tickets for each night were used. Two other "U.S.A" shows played at the base during the week, so we are certainly getting our share of entertainment.

The "Nos. Enlisted Men's Club was officially christened "Fortress "An'cout". By-laws and a constitution were put into effect at the same time.

The ground training program went into its third week and still remains as popular as ever.

"Mrs. Joe Gordon was elected the "Sweetheart of the 365" - (see full account of contest in "Fortress Feature" No. 10) The Group baseball team was beaten for the second loss suffered so far, the defeat this time was at the hands of the 366th Fighter Group. However, our team still retain their first place position in the YTR Ten league.

"Fortress Feature" No. 10 made the deadline Friday. (Supporting Document No. 6)

"The stars and stripes in the July 23rd edition, lists the 366th fighting Group as one of the "C" units. We had known all along that we were scheduled for occupation but we had hoped that others would forget.

Some hopes, questions, speculations and doubts as to Army procedures were created by the arrival of several men - men whose points were far below those of men who had recently been transferred out of this group and into units scheduled for this fate. (Supporting Document No. 7)

The end of the second month of our occupation assignment finds the group able to perform its duties with ease; with a pilot training program, a ground training program and a liberal pass schedule, there still remains plenty of time for many other varied activities. Many of the men had high hopes of possible returning home very soon, but talk of that nature has slowly been diminishing in volume. The high hopes are now: that we may be able to make it by Christmas.

Supporting Document No. 5 - Bulletin No. 2
" " No. 6 - Fortress Feature No. 10
" " No. 7 - Special Order No. 88

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HEADQUARTERS
386TH FIGHTER GROUP

AFO 1M U. S. Army
9 July 1945

SPECIAL ORDERS

NUMBER 75

1. All names off are held for assignment this crop, and Casual Pool, 70th Reinforcement Depot (AFCA) TF 544th Reinforcement BN (AFCA) Sta 396, reporting to the CO threat net later than 11 July 1945, for return to ZL, USAF Base 80-10, 21 April 46 will be compiled with. EEF by 200, all soft, rail or water. 50-115 P. 424-02 A 212/10425. NOTE: Lt rt sq USAF, Subj: "Combat Crew Rehabilitation Policy," 2 Aug 46 and SWX C-21, XII Tactical air Command. EDCO 11 July 45.

Hq 386TH FIGHTER GROUP

Capt (152-0) OLIVER S. HAYES 06/02/45 (1055)
Capt (111-0) LEONARD V. CUSACK 03/22/45 (1055)

386TH FIGHTER SQUADRON

Capt (210-0) EDWIN H. MCCORMICK 08/02/45 (1055)
1Lt (155-0) WILLIAM J. JAYLAND 06/04/45 (1055)
2Lt (85-0) JOHN W. RUSSELL 02/09/45 (1055)
2Lt (87-0) KENNETH D. RANGER 07/03/45 (1055)
2Lt (87-0) RALPH E. HUSSEIT 03/23/45 (1055)
2Lt (87-0) GEORGE W. LONG JR 08/31/45 (1055)
2Lt (82-0) ELI E. SCAHOF 07/30/45 (1055)
2Lt (82-0) JOSEPH B. HIGGS 09/15/45 (1055)
2Lt (82-0) GEORGE B. BABB JR 02/05/45 (1055)
1Lt (82-0) JOHN H. SNYDER 03/30/45 (1055)
1Lt (82-0) RICHARD J. HERRITT 01/30/45 (1055)

386TH FIGHTER SQUADRON

Capt (81-0) ANNER L. JONES 06/02/45 (1055)
1Lt (132-0) WILLIAM G. DIXON 07/03/45 (1055)
1Lt (51-0) WILLIAM J. GIBOY 07/01/45 (1055)
1Lt (75-0) LLOYD CARVER 04/31/45 (1055)
1Lt (74-0) GERMAN J. BREWER 01/04/45 (1055)
1Lt (73-0) RALPH S. ROBINSON JR 05/12/45 (1055)
1Lt (73-0) ROBERT D. SHERRY 08/23/45 (1055)
1Lt (74-0) JOSEPH H. HUNT 05/05/45 (1055)
2Lt (82-0) ROBERT E. STOLBERG 03/21/45 (1055)
2Lt (34-0) JAMES E. SNYDER 09/14/45 (1055)

386TH FIGHTER SQUADRON

Capt (136-0) GEORGE C. BASS 03/30/45 (1055)
1Lt (113-0) WILLIAM C. SOWIN 07/31/45 (1055)
1Lt (105-0) CARL W. BRYD 06/13/45 (1055)
1Lt (58-0) HARRY J. THOMP 08/26/45 (1055)
1Lt (58-0) LEON S. HUNT 07/30/45 (1055)
1Lt (73-0) LEONARD R. RUSKIN 08/25/45 (1055)

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307TH FIGHTER SQUADRON CONT'D

2d Lt (75-Q) CARL W. UTZMANN 0623806 (1055)
1st Lt (73-Q) RALPH W. THORNTON 0721050 (1055)
1st Lt (69-Q) STEPHEN L. HALLIN 072102 (1055)
1st Lt (69-Q) CHARLES E. LEBRAND 0630033 (1055)
1st Lt (50-Q) JOHN R. KREIL 0720723 (1055)
1st Lt (57-Q) EDWIN C. ROZEN 043592 (1055)

2. So much of par 3, Sec 69, this Hq, as pertaining to Class "A" Pin Officers, as reads, "1st Lt JOHN S. DILLON, Lt Col, 0132547, 366th Ftr Sq, 497th A Sv Sq." is amended to read, "2d Lt GEORGE C. McGUIN, 0623495, At Col, 366th Ftr Sq, 497th A Sv Sq."

3. Pol named EM, Sq indicated, are placed on TDY, Thurham, Gt, o/a 11 July 45, for a period of two (2) days, for the purpose of obtaining supplies. Upon completion of this TDY, EM will go to proper orgn. TDN by MT, MIL ASCF or rail. 60-115 P 032-02 A 212/0425.

Sgt Abraham Fishman 32212962 Hq 366th Ftr Sq
Sgt Robert L. Dube 32656335 395th Ftr Sq

4. Pol named off EM are placed on TDY, Th Offenbach, Gt, o/a 11 July 45, for a period of two (2) days, for the purpose of obtaining PX supplies. Upon completion of this TDY, EM will go to proper orgn. TDN by MT, MIL ASCF or rail. 60-115 P 032-02 A 212/0425.

1st Lt GEORGE C. GILL 0623973 40
Sg t Walter B. Grader 3129730 397th Ftr Sq

5. T Sgt Charles A. Griswold, 0623800, 395th Ftr Sq, is placed on TDY, Th Mats, Fr, thence to Batta, Fr, o/a 11 July 45, for a period of three (3) days, for the purpose of obtaining supplies. TDN by MT, MIL ASCF or rail. Upon completion of this TDY, EM will go to proper orgn. 60-115 P 032-02 A 212/0425.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL PETERSON:

STANLEY C. JOHNSON,
Major, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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Carnival Marks Victory 4th

Through the efforts of Sgt. F. B. Thames, 368th UG Co., First Sgt. Salvatore Calderaro of the 395th; Sgt. M. H. Fletcher, 79th Material and S. Sgt. R. H. Reda, 463rd Air Engineers, members of the EM Council, the 368th Fighter Group and attached units, celebrated their first Victory 4th of July, Wednesday night at the Red Cross Club.

There was plenty of eats, coffee, music, games and prizes for everyone.

Eats Donated By Units

The Red Cross supplied the coffee and doughnuts. Hot dogs were served by the 96th Engineers and the 739th Material. The 304th bakes in with cheese sandwiches and the meat was finished in fine-style with cakes and cookies from Hq. of 367th Air Service Squadron and the 365th Fighter Squadron.

Strutters and Glee Club Perform

There was plenty of music with both the 'Strutters' and the Glee Club.

Margie Captivates Group Gls.

After three days in Paris all the boys who met Margie Stewart the War Band Girl at the airport on the way back agreed that Margie is more beautiful than the posters in which she appears—and surprised any girls they had seen in Paris by far. "The girls in U.S.A. best on all ya want to go home," one GI groused.

Thunderbumps Are Champs

19th TAC Baseball League

AEG BAND REPLACES HITLER AS NUREMBERG ATTRACTION

Round and round Hitler's grave,
Round and round we go
Gonna lay that old boy down,
He won't get up no mo!

They may not have buried Hitler at the Sportsplatz at Nuremberg last Sunday. But on the site of his greatest extravaganza, Glenn Miller's AEG band did the dance of Nazism, and the accompanying music was definitely not German. It was good old swing, played by the greatest aggregation of Germans out of the Army.

It was the band's first appearance in Nuremberg, and the German's, who don't understand such things, probably wondered who the occasion was at all. Truck convoys converged on Nuremberg's streets the pre-war traffic crawling to the Yale bowl. By the time the band beat "In the Mood," there were at least twenty thousand.
Carnival Marks Victory 4th

Margie Captivates Group Gins.

Thunderbumps Are Champs

19th TAC Baseball League

Higby's 9th Inning Single Gives 'Bums' 2-1 Victory

Over 366th Wed. Afternoon

A small gathering watched Lt. William Higby, with the score tied and two outs in the last inning, have a dramatic moment. The drill a single into right center to drive in the winning run from third and break up a pitchers' duel that had lasted an hour and a half. The Thunderbumps and the 366th Fighter Group last Wednesday at Nurnberg's baseball field. The score was 2-1, stretching the Thunderbumps winning streak to seven games.

League Champions

An agreement was reached by XIX TAC officials declaring the 366th Fighter Group Champions of the first half of the XIX TAC's baseball tournament. Three teams have dropped out of the league and three new teams have been incorporated in the start of the next round of the tourney.

Nip and Tuck Battle

The game, cold afternoon with both batters for they gave the spectators a fine exhibition of mound strategy. Lt. West was on the mound, but he was able to scatter them, and the damage was negligible. A good hit by a left-fielder, allowing one unearned run in the sixth, when an error did not let the men on second and third. This was the first time any man had reached around, his partner, the second baseman, doubling on the first pitch and knocked in by the possible double throw. The 366th fielders were all batters, and the four sisters all beauty operators.

Tony, who has been barbering for many years, and who has just set up shop in a corner of the Fortress Technical School building, had to serve all ten fingers and come back to his thermometer to examine the names of his barbering brothers and sisters. "Let's see, there's Frank, Joe, who has a barber shop in Trenton. Put it on Main Street, Tom's, that's me, and in the Army, you're Ralph, with the 33rd Division.

"Albury he must be 17 or 18. He helps out the old men in his new shop. So does Tommie, who's 17. Maybe 18. There are so many girls remember them in steps, Tha Franke and Johnnie, and that old man over there, Pete, Lilly, and Andy, you're all beauty operators."

"And the connection of the only pair of electric clippers on the field. Tony, who makes a great job of it for ages."

365th Loses Face

In Jap Quiz Contest

The 366th Squadron, the persons of Rocha, Roth and Barrett slammed the 365th, represented by Higby, Simpson and Sample, in last Tuesday's quiz contest. The topic was "History of Jap" and the winners walked off with a bottle guaranteed to keep them warm in the current temperature. The winners, according to "Fortress Feature's" intelligence service, committed here to front of the 95th orderlies room, with the first sergeant handing them the ceremony. The 96th shot the lead, when in silver squadron missed the question on the Japanese flag, and it was never headed thereafter. Back round, missed a question relating to the Yalta Memorial. Jap intelligence could not be expected to be accurate in the true sense, and that was conducted in the best Flitton tradition by Capt. Dick, 366th Intelligence Officer.
What Makes A Fighter Group

The people in it? But the personnel changes, sometimes very drastically, as we've seen in the last few weeks. The pilot roster changed throughout the war, and now the whole group is being shuffled like a deck of cards.

How about equipment? The planes, the engines, the tools. But these things change, and nobody seems to give a damn, except S-4.

Is a group just another airfield? Is it like a big football team? A group is all of these things and much more. A group has a life of its own, independent of the particular individual officer in command at any one time. A group is the accrued history of its performance. A group is what it did, as well as what it is.

To the newcomers: your allegiance may still be divided. And so we want this the best Fighter Group in the E.T.O. Anyhow we're prepared. You all come from good outfits. A bad outfit doesn't stay "bad" for long in combat because it's a luxury the American people can't afford.

Well simply say that your new outfit, has a record that is more than outstanding, and of which any of its members may well be proud. Now this isn't prejudice. It's a summary of tactics and figures that are down in the book.

Probably, the tanker and infantryman— both American and Jerry— could speak more eloquently on this point than we can.

PADRE SAYS

Strange to be spending the Fourth of July in a conquered country. How quiet it is compared to last year when we had more than enough fire works, to last a lifetime and then some. By conquering we mean we have brought some of our Independence over to Europe, especially in Germany. These people need freedom but more than that they need to know what freedom is! Freedom is not license to do as you please; to set one man above another; to enslave a whole generation; freedom is a thing which produces good not evil; freedom is the right and privilege to do the things you ought to do. Freedom is man's greatest possession. If it also has some serious responsibility— Freedom is precious because it demands something of a man before it returns something else.

Religious Service

Protestant Service 1:30 PM in Hq.

July 6, 1945

THE FORTRESS FEATURE

Demchuck Hurls One Hit Game

The Thunderbirds roared onto their sixteenth straight win by defeating the 45th Night Fighter Group 6-2 last Sunday afternoon at Forth at Blackle Demchuck hurled one-hit ball in the seven inning tilt.

This game will not be chalked up under the war column in the XIX TAC League because the 45th has bowed out.

A single by Moore in the sixth inning broke Deemchuk's no-hit record and in error in the seventh brought in two runs for the Thunderbirds who had walked previous to a slammig. Sg t John C. Woods had a field day with two triples, a single driving in two runs and scoring two. Drive gave up six runs and ten hits being tagged for the defeat. Deemchuk faced twenty-three batters, struck out seven, and walked five.

Thunderbirds

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Base Running Did It Right

Righthander Levenson, class A-A player, was being continuity the "ums" only six hits. They reached in for a run in the eighth when Wood slugged, stole second, and came home on Wenz's single tying the ball game. In the last half inning Sluyter batted out to the pitcher, Furr, side and went on to third when the catcher was unable to hold the ball, Kaczynski then grounded out to third and the ball game was put under the war column when Lt. Hughy got hold of a 2-2 pluck and placed it between right and centerfield.

Results of game, Thunderbirds

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Base Running Up to present, Crunch, a breast for Furr to get in.

6th Fighter Group

Although exact figures on the number of men transferred in and out of the group have not been compiled, the Personnel Section revealed that about 300 men had left the group and about the same number had been transferred in. Precise figures are not now available because of the continuing shuffle and because many men from other groups are still on duty.
PADRE SAYS

Strangely the spending of the Fourth is no less in a more crowded quarters.

Flamboyant as it compared to last year when we found them enough fire

and time to celebrate. While the lack of crowds was due in part to

our indifference to Europe and other places, it was not

for long because in a few days we found the same.

These people are free. They are not

freedom. But there is freedom. It is not

freedom because they have no

privilege to do the thing you might

or might not want to do. It is freedom

because it is the right of every

man to be free without constraint. It is

freedom.

Religious Service

Protestant Service 1:30 PM in the

Blimko Room.

Catholite Mass at 11 A.M. in the

Church of the Nativity.

Mass Sunday.

Jewish Service Friday evening in the

Mofetel Room.

Saturday.

SOAODRON NEWS

395th PANZER DUSTERS

By Sg t. William F. Fink

Our first game was played by Lt. C. O. K. Logan.

He was the team's leading scorer and

the attention given to his lecturer

was more than usually

during the season.

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FORTUNE

The texture of the third set was not correct, and nobody seems to give a

flying k' for it. So the fourth set was changed throughout the 1945, and into the whole game went something like a

rock of hard work.

He won the tournament's own prize and nobody seems to give a

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New EM Give Varied Opinions of 368th

Although exact figures on the number of the 368th and 369th Groups in the

group have not been compiled, the Personnel Section revealed that about

220 men had been assigned to the 368th Group and about

the same number had been

assigned to the 369th. Precincts were

available because of the continuing

shuttle and because the risk of

being caught was the same as any other

invasion.

In answer to the call, two

swimmers last Monday by Captain Newton

S. S. and 286th were sent out.

Baseball fans notice the leading

batters in the big leagues so it's

different. An outfielder and a short

stop were the captions among

players in more than 100 games in the

1944 batting races, Charley.

in the 36th Infantry Division was in the

baseball race at 290, Steeple Weevil of the

White Sox at 211 in the American

368th HQ. News

By Pvt. Dick Greenberg

It won't be written down in history

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368th Pilots on Way To Stales

An unexpected communiqué from higher headquarters July 16th jolted 35 pilots of the 368th Fighter Group with the happy tidings that they were to pack up and return to the states "home safe".

While some of the pilots had completed combat tours expected to take home, they weren't prepared for the sudden orders. Nor were others with comparatively few combat missions to their credit.

Expected or unexpected all the pilots were extremely happy to hear the news. and rushed around like mad to get ready to leave.

Capt. Oliver S. Ryerson, original "Thunder Bum" pilot; Capt. Edward W. Mitchell, original "Vacta Bum"; both of whom had returned to the FTO for their second tour of combat operations, were among the 35 who left, as was Capt. William J. Wachland, 36th, who holds the FTO.


Capt. Leonard V. Obrowski left from...
Two 368th Men To Attend College

Certificates To Be Issued To Graduates

School Gets Early Start

Service Team School Gets 300 New Books

Current Events To Be Quiz Panel Subject

Former 395th Pilot Awarded Silver Star

I. and E. To Issue New Curriculum
THE FORTRESS FEATURE

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Question of the Week

QUESTION: How do the French girls compare to American girls in the art of love-making?

ANSWERS: by members of the 36thth and service units.

1. PFC V. Frank, 36th Infantry, medic, Minneapolis, Minn. French women are very well mannered, and I have never seen anything to suggest otherwise.

2. Sg.t. J. R. Hoffman, medic, 36th Infantry, Pittsburg, Pa. The French girls are very interesting in the matter of love-making. I haven't met any French women who have been interested in that matter.

3. Sg.t. G. E. Yost, 36th Infantry, commissary sergeant, New Haven, Conn. I have met a few French women who seem to have some of the French language.

4. LT. Frank F. Taylor, 36th Infantry, medic, Franklin, N. C. I don't know about the matter. I have been around a lot of French women and they have some of the French language.

5. Sg.t. J. S. Rogers, 36th Infantry, 99th combat team, Fort Benning, Ga. I have heard that the French women are very interesting in the matter of love-making.

6. Sg.t. J. W. Jones, 36th Infantry, medic, Fort Benning, Ga. I have met a few French women who seem to have some of the French language.

About the most unusual thing that I have to report is the pass to Paris or Brussels. It looks like they have not had a lot of money to spend on food, but they are still living. One day I was going to the market and I saw a lot of French women selling food in the market. I was very surprised to see them selling food in Paris. It looks like they have not had a lot of money to spend on food, but they are still living in the city.

While walking through the woods not long ago I saw Capt. John R. Long up with a rabbit. His träsen Garbose, J. M. C. W. N. came into camp and I saw him pulling the trigger and the rabbit rolled over on its back. When Johny got to the rabbit he shot a sight that made him regret being such a good marksman. The rabbit lay on its back kicking for dear life. Johny did not have any trouble with it and it is over the head several times with the butt of his gun. The accident has caused a sheepdog nights, but for Johny and he still maintains that he didn't mean to hit it, he merely wanted to scare it a little.
Dearest . . .
dull day
to-day

Sgt. Frank Winstead

To get a letter, you must write a letter, they say, but living in a town or on a farm all day day after day, sometimes has a way of making one lose the desire to write a letter home. Here are some topics that might prove good writing material:

1. Your activities. What are you doing at school? What is your favorite subject? What are you going to do after you graduate?
2. Your athletic activities. What did you see on your last band trip or game?
3. What about that buddy with whom you are so closely associated? Where is he now? How long will you be separated?
4. Your plans. What do you want to do next year? What do you plan to pass that course?
5. What is your favorite subject? Is it one of the "FEATURES" or the "FORGET ME NOTS"? Would it interest your friends?

The Padre Says:

"Where a man's treasure is, there is his heart also." The same statement can be applied to girls. You can judge a man by what he loves. Out of the multitude, the well-read, the musical, the artist, the philanthropist, the student, the sportsman, the athlete, the musician, the teacher, the writer, the painter, the sculptor, the scientist. What is your friend's interest? By it you can judge his heart. How can you better express your appreciation of your friends than by writing to them and asking them to express their appreciation of you?

Redcay: Causes Trouble

Many classmen disappeared from the business of the week. Some had never been seen before. When the first seven weeks of the semester were over, the students were graduated from the college. But those who remained were not graduated from our schools. They were an embarrassment to their own countrymen, and to their countrymen.

Sgt. Charles William Project

The squadron's flight was to begin at 6:00 a.m. with a high-wing, three-engine biplane. All of the pilots had been enjoying a "fish fry" every day for the past ten days. Now that the flight was over, they were looking forward to a good night's sleep.

In the meantime, while waiting for the flight, they were getting their last chance to enjoy the camaraderie of their fellow flyers. They were all wearing the same clothes, and their faces were covered with the same dust and sweat. They all wanted the same thing: to be at home in the comfort of their own homes.

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The most received phrase from home is "Son, Mother, and I expect you will be home of the house one of these days." (I guess they are in a surprise.)

9th Air Force "Model School"

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Jim McDonough was showing pride and grace on the spring campus. He is a fine young man, and he is doing a fine job as a pilot in the 9th Air Force. He is doing a fine job as a pilot in the 9th Air Force.

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Sgt. Raymond Jolly (Jolly) Horner after a few weeks of flying in the 9th Air Force. He is doing a fine job as a pilot in the 9th Air Force. He is doing a fine job as a pilot in the 9th Air Force.

In the 9th air force "Model School" we have heard that the flight has been called off. Don't think we're sorry. It's too important for us. We'll see you later. We're going to be in the service, and we're going to be good.

Sgt. James McCain, formerly a camera operator in the 9th Air Force "Model School," is now serving as a cameraman in the 9th Air Force "Model School." He is doing a fine job as a cameraman in the 9th Air Force "Model School." He is doing a fine job as a cameraman in the 9th Air Force "Model School."
TO CHARTRES

The Chateau, Hq of Chartres.

In Paris, the Arc de Triomphe.

Les Invalides, Napoleon's tomb.

We sipped the light wines and beer On the Sidewalks of Paris.

Many visited the famous Chartres Cathedral.

From our airbase, the Chartres skyline.

Eiffel Tower where trucks stopped.

Looking west from Le Madeleine.
The First Time We Saw Paris!!

By: Sg/Lt, Eugene S. Wexman

This is the third in a series of articles on our previous bases in England, France, Belgium, and Germany.

It was pouring down rain in the early morning of August 27, 1944, and the advanced echelon of the 369th Fighter Group made ready to leave its billets for Chartres, France. A hot breakfast was served to the troops, and the men began to move around in the mud wondering where they would go. The soldiers were taking cover in a convenient location—rain and darkness didn't help any. The fortress Europa Wrecked!

As dawn came, the clouds pulled out, and the troops were left to gawk at the destruction. The rain continued to pour down, turning the highway into mud. The adjacent fields were also flooded, causing the tanks to sink. The mud made it difficult to move, and the troops were forced to walk for miles. The tanks were left behind, causing a significant delay in the mission. The soldiers were left to fend for themselves, and the Germans continued to advance, taking control of the area.

Our Friends, The M-P's

We had just arrived at Chartres, enjoying the warm, sunny weather. The M-P's were always a welcomed presence, just as they were in England. They were the ones who helped us when we were lost or needed assistance. The men were happy to see them and quickly gathered around to hear their stories.

Our Trip to Chartres

We had just arrived at Chartres, excited to see the city for the first time. The city was alive with activity, and the soldiers were eager to explore. The M-P's showed us around the city, pointing out the significant landmarks and points of interest. We visited the famous Chartres Cathedral, the Arc de Triomphe, and the Eiffel Tower, where the troops stopped to admire the view.

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Our Tour of the City

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371st ENDS BUMS’ SEVENTEEN GAME STREAK

THE FORTRESS FEATURE

GRIN AND BEAR IT

Unrowned Champions of 1944

As Culled From Sports Pages

Sports has an unprecedented run for breakdows, figures and incidents. Bob Benser, in the Detroit News, this week descended dambos and the Detroit Tigers of baseball and a few other sports for the year 1944, along with their champions. We hope it to see and having you enjoy it as much as we did.

On the Bums, boy, we knocked out hot but still won because his opponent was hit by the ball once.

Eddie Stanky of the Dodgers, who flew to Eight field, intercepted the out because the ball was hit in the ninth inning. The Dodger was standing on first base.

The three Baltimore ball players who had helped in the game and attacked the ball had not protection.

The black monjo dog that delayed a game between Buffalo and Baltimore hit a Buffalo player before leaving the field, on its own accord.

Schoolboy Rowe, Great Lakes pitcher, who said he "blooped" the ball with one out in the ninth inning, with the ball landing just over the fence. The ball hit a home run to win the game.

Three American League ball clubs, the Tigers, Yankees and Red Sox, who spent six thousand dollars each for printing World’s Series tickets, and their fans, were held away.

The four Illinois ball hitters who were hired to hit their own dogs.

The Baltimore Orioles, who won the first World League pennant on the last day of the season, by a mere 2007 percentage.

The odds board operator who posted the wrong odds on a winning horse, the error costing Marshfield Park $20,000.

SPORT-O-SCOPE

with Sabel

42nd MR & R Trim Gp. Nine 13-12

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Ex-Portland hurler baffles Gp. Nine

"Bums" Launch New Winning String

Righthander Schneider, 29-year-old ex-Portland hurler, handled the Thunderbirds last Thursday evening to snap their string of seventeen games by the score of 1-2 before an estimated crowd of 400 at this base. The Thunderbirds have only one defeat chalked up against them.

The Thunderbirds took revenge for the following day by defeating 10th Photo 9 to 0. L. W. Weak scattered seven hits looking the "Bums" for his second straight win.

Sport Briefs

The AAP in Action

The Army Athletic Program went into high gear offering a group a varied choice of athletic equipment. Available at the athletic building are weights, shotput, discus, javelin and running times. Equipment costs, court, or sites are available for the following: baseball, football, volleyball, basketball, archery, and fencing.

Boxing Tournament

A newly created platform for boxing and wrestling is available to convertible. Cpl. Model of the Special Services was interested in starting a tournament. Among interested in boxing and wrestling is asked to set up in the Col. M. A. N. fourth level at the Athletic Field.

38th Heads Tennis Tournament

Capt. W. E. Urban, Special Services Officer, has revealed that men at the Col. M. A. N. have shown interest in the upcoming singles, doubles, tennis, and track tournament. Eight men of the 38th have signed names while the 39th and the 39th have only one name in apnea.

Two lists have conveniently been made of the men at the Special Services Building for those that wish to participate.

Rain Halts Softball

Group Softball League has dropped proceedings due to the weather conditions. Cpl. Mead has a tournament to continue as soon as the weather improves.

Ball Player Disappears

The case of the disappearing center fielder was solved when an anxious fan mates discovered that the pilot, Lt. Bill Hug, had fallen into a bomb crater six feet deep while chasing a fly ball in last Tuesday’s game.

Gi Officers Reach Ping-Pong Finals

Capt. David Rehfeldt will defend his crown when he plays Captain On of the Thunderbirds, leading contender for the Officers’ Ping-Pong Championship. The double turnover hasn’t started yet. A Bridge Tournament soon will be started. Any officer interested should contact Capt. On for details.
The rocketing ball hit a window opposite the stand where John Myers, the ball boy, was standing. He ducked and the ball struck him in the head. He was taken to the hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

**Baseball Scores**

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**Highlights**

- A hit by B in the fifth inning was the game-winner.
- The game was played in front of a sellout crowd of 25,000.

**Boxscore**

A 7-3 win over B

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**Notes**

- The victory was the 50th of the season for B.
- The loss was the 30th of the season for A.

**Post-game interviews**

- Player A: "It was a great day. We needed this win to stay in the race." 
- Player B: "We played well, but they hit well too. It was a tough game."
New School Term To Start After Straubing Move

Although no second-term curriculum has been planned, and the opening of the new semester has been postponed until after the group moves to Straubing, school facilities have been expanded by the acquisition of additional laboratory equipment for courses in chemistry and physics. At the same time, more photographic supplies and equipment have been secured, and photo-lab facilities are being prepared in advance at the new base.

"We will be able to offer in the first classes," said 2Lt. Clarence Glassard, "will depend in large measure on the groundwork laid by the students. Most of the courses will be continued from the first term, although we have the textbooks and equipment to make the second semester more instructive than the first." Men who completed their first-semester courses, and wish to obtain credits, were advised to see the I&E department. Students who missed last week of study week, in most cases, will be able to make up their lost work, and thereby receive credit for their course.

In the meantime, educational horizons on another front were broadened, as instructions regarding the processing of applications for Army and Civilian Universities were being relayed to the cadets.

Applicants for attendance at Civilian Universities will have to meet the 2.5-year college attendance qualification. In the case of Army University Center No. 1 at Shrewsbury, England, includes studies in agriculture commerce, political science, liberal arts, and so on. Complete information on this subject can be obtained from the cadets, while application blanks are available from Capt. Steers, at the Fortress School.

Capt. Reinthal Keeps Gp. Ping-Pong Title

Need German Pictures

We are in need of pictures of Germany for use in the Group travel series. It would be greatly appreciated if anyone has photographs they would like to send to them. The officers of the FORTRESS FEATURE and other groups will be happy to receive them.

Name and organization of the sender should be written on the back of each picture. The pictures will be returned.

Schedule of 2nd Week’s Training Program Given

The Group’s training program swings into its second week with a discussion of the Nazi Party and its organization, led by Staff Sergeant Clarence Glassard, who also covers the subject of the week. As a continuation of first-week instruction, the cadets will be given an introduction to chemical warfare.

The schedule for the week’s instruction follows:

Monday
08:00 28th and 41st Fights, Nazi Party and Organization, Central Tower and Housing Facilities, Room 11, School
09:00 28th and 41st Fights, Nazi Party and Organization, Central Tower and Housing Facilities, Room 12, School
13:00 28th and 41st Fights, Nazi Party and Organization, Central Tower and Housing Facilities, Room 11, School
Tuesday
08:00 28th and 41st Fights, Chemical Warfare Section
11:00 28th and 41st Fights, Chemical Warfare Section
Wednesday
19:00 Chemical Warfare Section
Thursday
19:00 Chemical Warfare Section

Sugarlump of the 368th To Be Announced Next Friday, July 27th

No, you’re wrong. The girls at the left are not Hollywood stars. However, we will grant that the only reason that they aren’t is either that they do not care to be, or that the right scout hasn’t seen them yet. 

One of these girls will be chosen as “Sugarlump of the 368th.” This is in accordance with the attached units; in order to shorten the title, we are considering you as a member of the 368th, and hope that you won’t mind. The difficult choice will be made this week and the Sugarlump’s picture will appear on page 1 of the FORTRESS FEATURE on Thursday, July 27th.

The middle picture in the left column is of Miss Dora Jane Jones, submitted by Sgt. Ralph L. Jones, of the 48th. The middle picture on the right is of Miss Jane Dulaney, submitted by Sgt. William M. Rankin, of the 48th. These pictures are chosen as the most beautiful of the 48th entries.

The bottom picture in the left column is of Miss Ruth Saylor, submitted by Sg.t Hubert G. Schell, of the 48th. The top picture on the right is of Miss Doris F. Harper, submitted by Sg.t John B. Harper, of the 48th. These pictures are chosen as the most beautiful of the 48th entries.

The picture of Mrs. Robert Verrica, shown in the upper right-hand column, was submitted by Sgt. Robert Verrica, of the 48th and was picked to represent that squadron in the finals.

The pictures of Miss Patricia Faller and Mrs. Joe Gordon were both submitted by members of the Weather detachment. Capt. A. R. Cheek and Capt. Joe Gordon, respectively. The judges looked long at both pictures and the results handed in a tie. A decision could not be reached for the “Sugarlump” of the Weather detachment, so both pictures were entered in the finals.

John the array of beautiful girls in this issue and you will realize the difficulty our picture got that faces the judges. Just one of them could be the “Sugarlump of the 368th.” Watch for next week’s announcement and see if your choice is the winner.

French Stage Show To Play Here Sunday

This week Special Service is offering three stage shows, one at the group theater, one at Narberth, and one at Erningen. The French show, "Main Out," will play at the group theater Sunday night, giving performances at 19:00 and 21:00 hours. Flitting a cast of four women and ten men; this show is reported to be one of the best.
Announced Next Friday, July 27th

N.Y. Paper Pictures
Local Cpl's Family

Cpl. George L. Kessler of the 397th now has pictorial proof of his twelve points. The following article appeared in the New York newspaper, PM, on Thursday, June 21st.

"Mrs. Catherine Kessler, queen of the mother of Catherine, born April 12, 1944. Cpl. George Kessler, the father, and the Army Air Forces in Germany. He was a truck driver in civilian life." A picture of the wife and daughter are to be congratulated on their pictures being voted at least thirty points. Cpl. Kessler is in good health and is proud of his daughter and her achievements.

Service Please
Then there's the serving of the meal. It is customary to make the officer stand in line waiting for at least half an hour before the meal is served. This is a Continued Page 4

French Stage Show To Play Here Sunday


Service at the door will be available throughout the day and evening. Tickets are on sale at the Information Desk, and the cost is $2.00 per person.
THE FORTRESS FEATURE

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The Pause That Refreshes

Sgt. Edward Spahn service--Ple

Snack Bar Marks First Birthday

Without fanfare or birthday cake, the snack bar celebrated its first birthday this month. Concepted as a place to relieve the monotony of routine operations, the snack bar was opened on July 12 and has been well received by personnel. The bar offers a variety of drinks and snacks, including coffee, tea, milk, and various pastries. Customers can enjoy a variety of sandwiches and other light fare, making it a popular spot for a quick bite to eat between shifts. The popularity of the snack bar has been attributed to the efforts of the staff, who work hard to ensure a comfortable and welcoming atmosphere for all who visit. The bar has become a favorite spot for both duty and off-duty personnel, and its success is a testament to the dedication of those who operate it. With the bar now firmly established, it is hoped that it will continue to provide a much-needed respite for those who work tirelessly to keep the base running smoothly.
Cpl. Harvey Martin, armament chief at Barber, N.C., was a student who got me a job on the “Samaritan.” He was going back to school for a year and a half, but I expect to work in that field.

Sgt. Edward Spahn served with the 45th Service Group Softball team, which took a set-back from the 472nd Service Group at Frankfurt on August 9, 1945. When the game ended with a 4 to 0 score, the 472nd Service Group confirmed their victory.

The Service Team consisted of 34 players, with 17 of them returning from the Mediterranean area. The 472nd Service Group had won their previous game against the 418th Service Group, with a score of 3 to 0.

Sgt. Spahn’s team was led by 1st Lt. Stanislaw, 2nd Lt. Steven, and 1st Lt. Matthew, with Cpl. Marvin click.

**395th Bombardment Group**

It certainly helps a lot at the end of one of these long, hot, days, to have someone to get a good glass of beer served, even if it’s from a bottle.

Nathan Dabin, a photographer, received a cup of coffee and a few words of encouragement from a friend in the 395th Bombardment Group. He was preparing to return to his base near Paris.

**397th Bombardment Group**

By Sg t. Thomas F. Daly Jr.

It’s a small world, commented Adm. Nimitz, when he discovered that his old friend, Adm. Leahy, was living in the same apartment with him in Tokyo. They claimed to have never seen each other before.

The 397th Bombardment Group has seen many changes since its formation in 1943. The commanders have changed, but the team spirit remains the same. The group has been honored with several awards, including the Distinguished Service Award.

We all had to see "Pat" Barlow leaves this week. We hope that you will be home next week, Mr. Barlow.

Cpl. Edward McNeil, a bomber pilot with the 454th Bombardment Group, has been back at his base for a week now, but he still misses the thrill of flying.

**398th Bombardment Group**

By Sgt. Michael H. Kline

"Happy Birthday!" is in order in speaking to Sgt. Edward Farmer, who was born on July 10, 1923. We’re glad for your birthday and hope you will enjoy it.

The 398th Bombardment Group has been working hard preparing for the upcoming birthday celebration. There will be a big party, with food, music, and games to make sure everyone has a good time.

The group looked like real soldiers, marching to the rhythm of "Happy Birthday." The day was filled with laughter and joy, as everyone joined in the celebration of their friend’s special day.

The group ended the day with a special presentation, singing "Happy Birthday" once more, making sure that everyone felt included and celebrated.

The love and support of the 398th Bombardment Group is evident in their actions, and we are grateful to have such a dedicated team.

The group continued to celebrate throughout the night, with more food and drinks, and the group remained united, creating a memorable birthday celebration.

The 398th Bombardment Group will continue to work hard, ensuring that their mission is completed, and their country is safe.
LAON
REIMS
JOUVINCOURT

The historic Reims Cathedral, landmark of World War I.

Hangars were destroyed at León-Athies.

Wrecked Heinkels and Junkers.

Buildings were hidden in the woods.

Me 109's, FW 190's were left behind.

Near Luftwaffe Graves in the woods.
Reims - - Champagne Laon - - Desolation

This is the fourth in a series of articles on our previous tours in England, France, Belgium and Germany.

As the men returned from their tour in the French countryside, they were greeted by the bustling pace of the towns and cities. The roads were crowded with vehicles, and the air was filled with the sounds of engines and engines. The towns were bustling with activity, and the streets were filled with people going about their daily lives. The men were eager to return to their homes and families, but they knew that their work was far from over. They continued to work hard, making sure that the planes were ready for their next mission. The men were proud of their work, and they knew that their efforts were making a difference in the war.

Champagne Flowed Freely

From the cathedral the men scattered in every direction to see what they could. The town was filled with the sounds of engines and engines, and the men were eager to see what they could find. The men were surprised to see the natives drinking it in the same manner that they did back home. They were amazed to see the locals enjoying the drink, and they knew that they had found something special. They decided to do the same and "came in" in camp the next morning with bottles of fifties of champagne. The men were happy to be able to share the drink with their comrades, and they knew that it would make a special occasion even more special.
Vie for 12th TAC Tennis Honors at Furtth

Before an estimated crowd of 350, the league-leading Thunderumbs trimmed the 354th Fighter Group last Sunday afternoon in an exciting exhibition game at 2:30 by the score 7-6. Chojnacki scored the winning run in the top of the 11th when he reached first safely on second baseman McCorm's error, advanced to third on Rotan's single, and crossed the plate on Brayton's sacrifice fly to right.

The Pioneers jumped on Chojnacki in the first half of the first for four singles which were enough to drive in four runs. Rightfielder Chojnacki settled down after that and blanked the opposition up to the ninth when three singles drove in two runs to tie up the ballgame and forced it into extra innings.

Fishermen Net Large Catches

Recently a large number of the group's enlisted men, and a few of the officers, have been fishing along the recreations. For the past weekend the G-1 bucket was held by the group's fishing association, and in the two days it operated, the following fish were caught:

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The favorite spot seems to be a small stream about two miles south of the base. This stream has supplied the fishermen with fine catches of brook and brown trout while an occasional lake has been netted (cod). Another stream which has also won favor is the small river which runs through Stein. This stream was found to contain pike, a silver perch like fish, and a few trout.

Plains, old, every day angle worms seems to be the bait which brings the best results. Several men have caught artificial flies in vain while others using worms pulled fish from the same holes. The only place where artificial bait has brought any results was in the larger stream where spinners have hooked several pike and the perch will occasionally hit a worm.

Nurnberg Stadium Lost as Track Site

Loss of the Sportplatz at Nurnberg stadium for use as site for the TAC track and field championships dealt an unexpected blow to plans being drafted for the big outdoor event slated for the 24th of July.

According to word from the 3rd Armored there is a great amount of work to be done to the track that it will not be available for meets until after the 15th of August. The ETO championships were planned to be held at the stadium in Nurnberg.

Thunderumbs Defeat 354th Fighter Group in 11th Inning 7-6

L to r- Sigs. Frank Benach, Joseph Surat, Clarence A. Glassed, and Arthur O. Down, members of the 355th, will represent the 355th Fighter Group in the 12th TAC Team Tournament to be held on the 18th of July at Furtth, July 20-21. As a warmup event the Group Netters defeated 16th Recon. last Tuesday at 2:30.

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Sports

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Friday, July 20, 1945

MERMEN REPRESENT GROUP IN 12th TAC SWIM MEET

Nurnberg, July 14—The annual—enforcement of competitive swimming proved too much for the 16th entrance at the swim meet held here last Saturday, as the team of Capt. Curly, Capt. Franklin A. Dick, and Pvt. Larnitton, 355th, head the 150 yards in the only race in which the group was entered; the 200 meter medley.

What's Cookin?'

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Done to arrange such games of hunger that he is willing to eat anything and usually does. The mess serving must look like food. A German P-47, camp—

36th Sponsoring Meet

The 36th, 354th, and 355th Fighter Groups and the 4th Recon Group were represented by swimmers who competed for honors and the right to wear the championship medallion.

Comedy of Errors

The group went scoreless up to the sixth, but in the seventh the group's first run scored, and the second baseman booted the ball. Brayton drove a grunter through Verrid's legs, and Kaczynsky found the bases full when McCann made the third error of the inning. Wood singled in drive in front and Brayton. Berger, who had relieved Higby in the fourth, became the batter who walked a strained ankle, drove in Zipper and Wood who had singled previously in the top of the eighth. Chojnacki got hold out in the ninth inning and into deep right for his second home run of the season. He hit his first against the same team at this field, but playing With the Group Officer's team on June 24th. This was Chojnacki's first victory of the season.

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Nurnberg Stadium Lost as Track Site

Loss of the Sportplatz at Nurnberg stadium for use as site for the TAC track and field championships dealt an unexpected blow to plans being drafted for the big outdoor event slated for the 24th of July.

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Nurnberg, July 14 - The announcement of the intention to exhibit competitive swimming at the 12th TAC meet at Nurnberg has led to the formation of a new Merman Rep. Group for the event. The group was organized and led by Capt. Jerry Weinberg, a member of the 12th TAC swim team.

The group was formed to represent the Mermen at the 12th TAC swim meet, which is scheduled to take place in Nurnberg. The group is composed of swimmers from the 12th TAC, and it is expected to be a strong contender in the meet.

The group’s strategy is to focus on the individual swimmer’s performance and to use the team’s combined talents to achieve the best possible results. The group is expected to be a strong contender in the meet, and it is anticipated that they will emerge as one of the top teams.

The group’s coach, Capt. Jerry Weinberg, is confident in the group's ability to perform well and is looking forward to the meet.

What’s Cookin’?

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Somehow or other, a bag of bread that the Captain had given for emergency purposes became a Hun's favorite dish. The poor man was quite surprised by the sudden change in his life, but he was determined not to let the enemy get the best of him.

What's going on around the camp is that the Hun's are not too happy with the situation. They have been forced to live on bread and water, and it is obvious that they are not getting enough to eat. The poor men are living in the most primitive conditions, and it is clear that they are not getting enough to eat.

The Hun's are trying to keep their spirits up, but it is clear that they are not enjoying their situation.

NURNBERG STADIUM LOST AS TRACK SITE

Love of the Sportspersons or Nurnberg, July 14 - The loss of the 12th TAC track and field championship to the Nurnberg Air Force Base has been a blow to the sportspersons of the area. The race meet was scheduled for August 10 and is expected to be a strong contender in the meet.

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OLD TIMER ------ KELLAM

Hq Em - 939th Officers - 8

Last Thursday, July 12th, the 939th Hq Em elucidated an order for a promotion to the Adjutant Officers 8-6. Pvt. Ruxton relieved Capt. Castle in the top holding the Adjutant Officers listless to receive credit for the victory. A single by Alexander and a long fly brought the winning run in. Castle gave up eight runs and nine hits. Lt. Smythe, opposing batter, was hit for nine runs and eight hits. The Adjutant Officers manned three runs in the 2nd, one run in the 4th, four runs in the 7th, and one in the 9th.

729th Air Material Lows To 395th M. T. Team

The 729th EM defeated the 729th EM by a score of 8-3 in a seven inning contest last Saturday afternoon. This was the first game of the season that the 729th EM has played.

The opposing batter, Herring, gave up six hits, struck out five and gave up two runs. Both teams played hard and the game was a great one.

The 729th EM will play the 395th M. T. Team next Saturday afternoon, and it is expected that they will be evenly matched.

"Joe just heard a rumor he was going home"
RESTRICTED
HEADQUARTERS
356TH FIGHTER GROUP

470 1st, U.S. Army
20 July 1945

SPECIAL ORDERS

NUMBER 61

1. 1st Lt (61-Q) C. G. Pelch (310) 0570714, 40, is rel'd fr asgmt with Hq 356th Ftr Grp; is ass'd to 67th Reconnaissance Group, TDA by M.T., mil auct or rail, 50-115 P 431-02 4 21/2/50-425, BDMR 20 July 45. Auth: TTX Hq XII Tactical Air Comd 0-164, 19 July 45.

2. T Sg t (74-Q) Donald A. Pakka, 37444237 (270), Hq 358th Ftr Grp, is rel'd fr asgmt with Hq 358th Ftr Grp; is ass'd to Hq & Sq, Ninth Air Ftr Cmd reporting to Hq Ninth Air Ftr Cmd Historical Section not later than 22 July 45. TDA by M.T., mil auct or rail, 60-115 P 431-02 4 21/2/50-425, Auth: TTX XII Tactical Air Comd Y-514-0, BDMR 22 July 45.

3. Under the provisions of Ltr Hq XII Tactical Air Comd, subj: "Classification of Enlisted Men," file 220, O1, 15 July 1945, fol named officers are ap'd Board of Officers for purpose of reclassification of enlisted personnel, 358th Ftr Grp:
   Capt CARL H. GERDICH 0570885 40 (President)
   1st Lt EDGAR G. TUTHILL 01544056 40
   1st Lt JOSEPH H. HUMMEL 0650363 40
   1st Lt DAVID A. CARL 0882859 40 (Recorder)

4. Having been asgmt this org per par 18, 50-165, Hq XIX Tactical Air Comd, 30 June 45, 1st Lt (94-Q) RICHARD A. PLENTON, 0844954, 40, (1042), is further asgmt 358th Ftr Sq.

5. Under the provisions of Ltr Hq ENUSI, subj: "EFM and SOM Cable and Radio Service on the Continent," file 40 011.22 S, 11 June 1945, 1st Lt RICHARD S. HARNETT, 0555621, 40, is ap'td O6 EFM Officer, add dy, and 1st Lt DAVID GOLDBERG, 0860635, 40, is ap'td asst O6 EFM Officer, add dy.

(Travel air is pursuant to auth contained in Ltr, Hq, European TO, USA, file 300, 4 22 Nov 44)

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INFORMATION:

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369TH FIGHTER GROUP

BULLETIN

NUMBER 2

I - ANNUAL INSPECTION

The Tri-annual Inspection of the Group will be conducted on or about 23 July 45 by inspectors of the XII Tactical Air Command. All personnel are advised that the Administrative Inspector will hear all complaints, suggestions and criticisms at that time. This Bulletin will be prominently placed on all bulletin boards until after the inspection.

II - INQUIRIES OR VISITS TO HQ USFEZ OR COMMUNICATIONS ZONE.

Attention is directed to Ltr, Hq USFEZ, subject same as above, dtd 27 June 45.

Personnel are asked to refrain from visiting or writing HQ USFEZ and Communications Zone on matters relative to business of a personal nature.

III - FRATERNIZATION.

The following message from Ninth AF is quoted for your information:

"L-554-D Commanding General US Forces European Theater officially authorizes revision of current regulations governing Non-Fraternization effective 2400 hrs 14 July 45 to permit personnel to engage in conversation with adult Germans on the streets and in public places. Desirability and timeliness of this relaxation arises from the rapid progress made in the removal of prominent Nazis from responsibilities and positions in German life and in the effective application of allied policies in denazification. Foregoing information to be disseminated to all elements without classification."

IV - E F N SHUPE.

Reference is made to Ltr Hq BNOUSA, subject: "EFN and QM Cable and Radio Service," dated 10 June 45.

Squadrons need not appoint officers to act as unit EFN officers. Personnel desiring to transmit cable messages should file same with Lt Ribbits or Lt Goldsmith at the Group Communications Center.

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First Term Ends At Gadabout University

In the absence of T Sgt. Donald Herzog, Dean of Gadabout University, the Head Instructor, Capt James T. Arthur announced that Saturday, July 21st marked the end of the first term at Gadabout University. The school opened with a student body of 529 and an instructors staff of 28, with 20 academic courses and 7 on-the-job technical courses to offer.

Due to the continual schedule of men going overseas, school suffered the loss of many students and a few instructors. With the hardships it was surprising to see better than 1/2 of the students originally enrolled were able to complete their courses.

Although the school is officially closed, a few courses are being extended for another week or ten days on a voluntary basis.

The new course in Elements of Aerodynamics has a popular following, this course has been commenced recently and is being taught by Lt John F. Banvo and Lt David W. Wanger. Lt Banvo is Maintenance Control Officer for the 905th Air Engineering Squadrons while Lt Wanger, who used to be Group Test Pilot, is now Commanding the 905th.

Preparations for Next Term

Plans are well under way for the next term which will start soon after the demobilized move. T Sgt. Herbert and Col Arthur are now preparing courses and schedules for the next term. Everything will be lined up before arriving at the next base so only the doors remain to be opened.

T Sgt. Herzog and Pvt Tom Blazdon are making further preparations by attending the Instructors School in Paris. Upon their return Col Leo Goldhand and Capt Arthur will attend the same school.

Captain Regan To Broadcast Program To U.S.

1st Lt. Regan is off to Paris today, to meet Brig. Gen. Paul Thompson for the purposes of making a broadcast to the States, presumably on the subject of Information and Education in Europe. He took with him back copies of the Fortress Feature, as well as statistics on curriculum and school attendance for the first seven week block of courses.

"I feel reasonably safe in assuring," said Capt. Regan, "that I was chosen because of the excellent record of achievement compiled by the Fortress school, as well as the very fine weekly newspaper which we put out."

Correction

In last week's FORTh Feature there were two errors in listing the names and the relationship of two of the 368th Beauties. The young lady listed as Miss Ruth Schuler, sister of 2nd Lt Robert Schuler, should have been Miss Kathryn Yerger of Sonderort, Pa. The picture was submitted by Schuler and Miss Yerger is Bills fiancée—not his sister.

Another case of mistaken identity was in the picture listed as Mrs. Robert Vervin. This picture was submitted by T/Sgt Robert Vervin and is not his wife, but actually a likeness of his sister, Mrs. Elwood Kinsey, who lives in Ft. Wayne, Indiana.

Philly Girl Cops Beauty Contest

Mrs Joe Gordon—Corporal’s wife is ‘Sweetheart’ Winner

A 22-year-old, Duluth-born, Philly-raised brunette, became this week the “Sweetheart of the 368th”, when a board of judges composed of the Staff of Fortress Feature chose Mrs. Joe Gordon above all other entrants in a month-old beauty contest. Mrs. Joe Gordon, Corporal’s Weather detachment, Mrs. Gordon will be notified this week of the honor bestowed upon her, and will be given the first copy of this week’s Fortress Feature that rolls off the press in Nuremberg.

The contest, first of its kind for the Group, attracted many entrants and the choice, according to the judges, was a difficult one to make. The final vote narrowed down between two contestants, with Mrs Gordon attracting a decisive majority. Informers of Fortress Feature that the wife had won the contest. Capt. Gordon’s reaction was one of surprise. "Naturally," he grinned, "I was overjoyed to hear her name. Ever since her picture was published last week, the guys have been nudging me, wanting to know how a jam from the 1st I ever got next to her, and whether I had her over the head.

Joe’s wife was born Marion Staats, in Duluth, Minn., and lived there until the age of 10, when the family moved to Philadelphia. They met each other at a party tend by Joe’s club, and went around for two years before walking down the aisle.

The “Sweetheart of the 368th” is 5 ft. 7, and weighs 120, according to Joe, who ought to know. She is an excellent swimmer and a good dancer, and is fond of all sports. "I used to take her to all the ball games,” recalls Joe. "She learned to ice-skate in Duluth, and still keeps at it."

Marion lives with her mother and father at 4945 North Green St., Philadelphia, and works as a secretary at the Phila. News.”
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Em and Officers Clubs Are Now Financing 'Fortress Feature'

[...] an agreement with the EM Council and the Officers' Club reached at the last Council meeting, that the EM clubs and the Officers' Club will undertake the financing of the "Fortress Feature," starting with the July 20th issue. Lt. Col. Regan, Officer in charge of the newspaper, announced today that it will be similar to the "Fortress Feature" on a qu..."
QUESTION OF THE WEEK

ANSWERS: by members of the 368th Operations Branch

S/Sgt Gerald E. Tindel, group ordnance manufacturing point at Wendell, North Carolina. I have a good job and I love it. I am going back to Wendell, where I live. I have been in the Army since 1942 and I am glad to be back.

S/Sgt Willard F. Pilkington, 368th Maintenance Group, at Wendell, North Carolina. I am going back to Wendell, where I live. I have been in the Army since 1942 and I am glad to be back.

S/Sgt Richard S. Minter, 368th Operations Branch, at Wendell, North Carolina. I am going back to Wendell, where I live. I have been in the Army since 1942 and I am glad to be back.

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L’amour, L’amour

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"Girls, girls. We have come here on an important mission.

Mami: "Mami, we are not girls."

My first experience with the Americans was at the Air Base in Lincoln, Nebraska. I was a pilot in the U.S. Army Air Corps, and I loved being there. I loved the people and the work. It was a great place to be.

There were no girls there, but I was happy being there.

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STOPPED, TURNED, JUMPED DOWN AND KILLED HIM ON BOTH CHEEKS. THEY FELL CHAMPAGNE-BACK STAGE. THIS WAS HIS MOTHER'S NIGHT. WE NEW YORKER. WE NEW THINGS CAN HAPPEN, AND NOW SHE'S GOING TO NEW YORK AND CALL THE GIRL BANGS INTENDS TO MARRY HOW WELL HE'S LOOKING THIS DAY.

Coincidence seems to have taken the place of wild rumors. Sgt. Robert Martin, chief of the 368th Operations Branch, states that the girl was not involved in the incident. He says that the girl was simply a passerby who happened to be in the right place at the right time. The girl was not involved in the incident.

It seems to be a story of good fortune, of being in the right place at the right time. The girl was not involved in the incident. She was simply a passerby who happened to be in the right place at the right time. The girl was not involved in the incident.

Let's Talk About The Weather

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They have been experiencing all their life, and it's not going to change that. They are going to be forced to deal with the weather, and they are going to have to adapt to the weather. They are going to have to adjust to the weather.

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487th Service Group

The new day room on the 72nd was fully opened for business last Saturday night. All are mighty proud of it and are aware of the hard work put into it and the swell place provided for a pleasant evening. It is a real pleasure to be served a drink over the high bar.
M/Sgt. Joe Kielman of the weather detachment draws up a weather map as Capt. Norbert H. Brusky looks on.

Let's Talk About the Weather

An age-old question and one which is split into two groups, the important to the operational weather observers and the radio. Those who are weather observers supply the weather information to the other stations around the base while the others use it to navigate their aircraft. Several of the 71st Weather Squadron have been attached to the Group to assist in this information. This detachment joined the group shortly after the enemy landed, and the maps and charts have been left behind. The men of the weather detachment have been busy forecasting sunshine and rain right up to the present.

The invasion of France by the weathermen crossed the channel a few days before the Group had completed much weather data when they arrived. This data was indispensable to them which had been of value to the Group in the last few weeks. The pilots did much of the invasion.

They have been expending all their efforts to gain knowledge that will be invaluable to them in the future.

Service Group

The new day room of the 723rd has been completed and officially opened on Saturday afternoon. Everyone was there, all the boys were there, all the girls were there, and all the weather was there. All the boys that visited Paris were in such a great hurry to get to the facilities were SNAFU and the last of them staggered in on the 8th. Capt. "Mac" McPeake had been in Paris for three days. After the rate he was going, he would have been there a week by this time.

By the way, boys, our friend, Capt. Joe McKee, is still looking and drinks.

A certain Capt. in the 729th claims that the weather is perfect. Bob took the weather and it was just the thing for his morale. Incidentally, his name is George Herbert. He is merely gathering information for writing a book when he takes the weather. He writes "(Yves) into the skies, the winds, the rain, the weather, the clouds." Anything under the sun. All according to ones taste—prefer to call it "living" and others are merely "lovers of nature."

The recent epidemic of diabetes gives the medics a bad time. Ever since early August, Capt. William Ward thought he had the cause of it, and was crossed over and claimed he didn't eat or drink what was thought to be the solution to the problem. Each man has touched his mess kit, so that poor mess kit took the blame and is being cared for.

Capt. Terry Staples brought in to the weather, the fact that the small villages in Germany are not as densely populated as those in the States. Many of the boys had been there before during the war. The weatherman is there because it is only one of many. The Group weather detachment has always given the pilots all the information they required and will continue to do so as long as they "Keep Em Flying."

Sgt. Owens, who has just received two replacements, claims to have a heart disease. No more drinking or smoking, just plain sitting. We'll see what he does when he's gone.

The soldiers that passed Howard Brusky coming to him was talking in his sleep. Something about "You and me, honey. I don't know..."

Sgt. Mort Nelson is reported to be sending small motors home for his sister to repair, he claims that he is a better mechanic than he.

The way the Radar Men are dropping the gun, they are not doing it in a way that is being given away wholesale. First, Dean Walton and then Sanderhill then.

The rumors are really flying thick and heavy; everyone is reading the fall boards and getting the current. The pilots take delight in knowing their guns and generally seem quite enthusiastic about this new ground training program.
Strings of Trout Net Good Chow Results

Bums Bow To Gremlins 8-2

THE FORTRESS FEATURE

Rain Halts Game in 5th; Major Rice Relieves As Col. Chojnacki is Ko'd

The Group's baseball teams travelled approximately seventy miles by plane, auto, and truck last Sunday evening just to be stopped down for their second league defeat of the season by the hands of the 366th Fighter Group at 8-2. The Thunderbirds still hold their position of first place in the 12th TAC Baseball League.

395th Officers Team Head Softball League

Opening the second round of the Group Softball League the 395th Officers climbed to the first place by defeating the 396th Officers 8-1 and the 395th EM 8-7, July 20th and 23rd respectively.

The 395th Officers pounced on Capt. Remis, hurling for the EM's team, in the last half of the fourth to score all their runs. Capt. Ward's powerful hit drove in all the EM's runs. He had a perfect day, hitting two home runs, one with a man on and a double.

In the contest with the 396th EM, the 395th Officers went into the seventh trailing 4-3. Farley, pitching for the EM, lost complete control allowing five base on balls, a double and another walk to the Officers five runs and the game. The EM scored one run in the fourth and three runs each in the sixth and seventh. The final score was 8-7.

SPECIAL SERVICE

Challenges You

Perhaps they have a greater inclination towards sports but the Officers are on the distinct hold in the even taking advantage of the various assortments of athletic equipment that Van Winfield has to offer. Youth appears only once and even though it is being taken up in the army it is wise to build a strong framework of muscles and tissues so that in later years our shoulders won't cave in from bearing the brunt of post-war obligations.

Cpl. Mcdonald of Special Service is very interested in starting a boxing tourney. This does not mean that a person has to be a fistsful artist but it is a good chance to get those eyes, arms, and legs working in coordination and strengthened to a maximum degree instead of having that sloppy druggist look about us.

A horseshoe and also field and track teams would like to be formed. Your Special Service calls on you and to sportmen it is hoped that you will heed the call.

Let's show them that the 365th is on the ball.

Cross Word Puzzle

GP NETSTERS REACH FINALS BUT ARE SET BACK BY 366

The tennis quartet composed of SGts. C. A. Gharrad, P. Beacham, A. O. Downs and J. E. Sarat, representing the 366th Fighter Group battled their way to the finals in the 12th TAC Tennis Meet held July 20th and 21st on 10th Photo's cindered covered courts at Fair.

Sgt. Gharrad clinched the semi finals when he defeated Elliot of the 441st Signal Battalion 6-1, 6-1. Captain Alexander of the 366th Fighter Group eliminated Sgt. Gharrad in the...
Head Softball League
Opening the second round of the 36th Fighter Group's Softball League, the 395th and 396th Officers climbed to first place by defeating the 394th Officers 13-3 and the 395th EM 8-7, July 20th and 22nd respectively.

The 396th Officers scored on Capt. Reinhart, hurling for the Boys' Team, in the first half of the fourth inning scoring all their runs. Capt. Ward's powerful bat drove all the hits to the boys. In the second inning, hurling two runners, one was on a man and a double. In the contest with the 395th Officers went into the top of the seventh inning 2-2. Reinhart, pinch-hitting for the EM, lost control of a check ball allowing three runners on base, a double and another walk to the players five runs and the game. The EM scored one run in the fourth and three runs each in the sixth and seventh. The final score was 8-7.

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Special Service Challenges You

Perhaps they have a greater inclination towards sports but the Officers are out to the athletic field in the evening taking advantage of the various assortments of athletic equipment that the Special Service has to offer. Yeath appears only once and even though it is being taken in the arm it is wise to know a strong framework of muscles and to know if in later years our shoulders won't cave in from bearing the weight of post-war obligations.

Cpl. Model of Special Service is very interested in starting a boxing tourney that does not mean that a hard rock person has to be a little artist but it is a good chance to get these eyes, arms, and legs working in coordination and strengthened to a maximum degree instead of having that slumpy droopy look about us.

A horsewoman and also field and track teams would like to be formed. Your Special Service calls on you and as sportmen it is hoped that you will answer with a resounding yes.

Let's show them that the 36th is on the ball.

GP NEISTERS REACH FINALS

The tennis quartet composed of Sgt. C. A. Glastrud, R. E. Beacham, A. O. Downs and J. P. Sarat, representing the 36th Fighter Group battled their way to the finals in the 12th TAC Tennis Meet held July 20th and 21st at Photo's sheltered covered court.

Sgt. Glastrud clinched the semi-finals when he defeated viet of the 44th Signal Battalion 6-1, 6-1. Capt. Alexander of the 36th Fighter Group eliminated Sgt. Rockstrom, member of the same Group, for the singles title, 6-4, 6-4, 6-1.

Capt. Alexander teamed up with Sgt. Rockstrom and won the doubles, clinching a clean sweep for the 36th Fighter Group, taking both Sgt. Downs and Sarat 6-1, 6-0.

19th Photo News Bow Agates

The Group neisters defeated 10th Photo's tennis team 5-0 last Thursday July 19th at Fairchild A. F. B. The doubles included the first, in the fifth, and in the sixth. The "Germans" notched the second, and scored third in the third, added another in the sixth, fifth and their last two runs came in the ninth.

"Germans" Bow to Orndorff Bn.

The 131st Ordnance Battalion of the Ninth Armored Division set back the "Germans" at Bayreuth by the score of 3-1 for the fighter group's second defeat in the season's organization.

The Thunderbirds defeated them 2-1 at this base for their first loss.Sanders of the 131st, allowed only five hits allowing the lone tally in the second inning. Rigo pitched a shutout ball allowing four hits. Poor support and two errors allowed two runs in the second and one run in the sixth.

10th Photo Bows to 366th

In a fast well played game the "Germans" of the 366th Fighter Group turned back the 10th Photo Recon on July 15th 2-0 by the score of 7-2. A TAC league game, Rigo of the 366th allowed only five hits while his teammates gathered seven runs and thirteen hits. The "Beggars" were able to score in the fourth to up the game to 2-2. The "Germans" added one run in the fifth and rallied in the seventh to push three tallies across. Their seventh run came in the eighth.

Cross Word Puzzle

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BELGIUM

A Mess Hall Decorated For A Dance...

In Our Winter Quarters at Chievres.

We enjoyed comfortable day rooms.

Group Hq on the Airdrome.

BRUSSELS — "The Metropole Street."

The market in Grand Place.

We were "Sweatin Out" the fog in the breakthrough.
In Chievres—A Home
In Brussels—The Workings

By: S/Sgt. Charles W. Wood

This is the fifth in a series of articles on our previous bases in England, France, Belgium and Germany.

Early on the morning of October 2 the advanced echelon again struck out Across France for another of our many bases. This time the destination was A-82 near Louvain, Belgium. The convoy wound all day beneath cloud shrouded skies which time and time again added their heavy burden of moisture upon the travel weary GI's beneath.

Ice Cream and Beer

That evening the damp and weary men pulled into the field in the midst of a downpour of rain. After a short time the squadrons were assigned areas and tents were quickly pitched giving shelter from the cold rain. As usual when passing through a town of any size there were a few breakdowns. One jeep in the 397th actually did have a flat. Late that afternoon the vehicles pulled onto the cement roads of A-82. The squadron areas were soon set up and the men gave their new home a good over. A few days later the members of the party began to arrive. Many difficulties confronted us. First there was the getting used to the new money. While it was still in France there was a slight difference in value and men had to carry with them the teens made in French francs and silver. The duties were paid in Belgian francs. Also mail service was poor, the food was bad, and PX rations were the shortest we had ever seen.

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SPECIAL ORDERS

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4TH FIELD FILLER GROUP

6 Sgt (BD) Kenneth R. Miller 5542777 (502)
Pfc (SS) Robert A. Hacker 1502114 (661)

4TH FIELD FILLER SQUADRON

Sgt (DQ) Frank C. Palmer 3631214 (507)
Op (SS) James B. Pembroke 1108424 (747)

4TH FIELD FILLER SQUADRON

M Sgt (BD) Stewart C. Clapp 1620562 (747)
T Sgt (BD) C. B. Marston 3621424 (747)
S Sgt (BD) Clarence F. Palmer 3625844 (561)
Sgt (SS) Frederick W. Allison 556562 (747)
Op (SS) John L. Saunder 3625624 (747)
Pfc (SS) John A. Matsuyama 3342291 (361)

4TH FIELD FILLER SQUADRON

M Sgt (BD) Harry C. Smith 5680100 (747)
S Sgt (BD) Horace A. Parker 3218346 (747)
C Sgt (BD) Potter A. Palmer 191264 (395)
S Sgt (BD) Douglas M. Barrett 142338 (747)
Sgt (BD) George B. Port 3558340 (747)
Pfc (SS) John L. Oates 322549 (747)
Pfc (SS) Louis A. Forst 3309879 (747)

2. Ed named ED 933B44 892896 having been granted for for a period of seven (7) days, 2 Aug 45, are with immediate for 892896 to US Army decorative area, reporting thereof on 25, 892896, hereafter advance Lt. 4PO 772, in accordance with ITD 947. Said leaves in US ornamental decorative area, 25 Apr 45, TEN by 25, all soft on July, 3631214 25216 562. Method.
60 88. Hq 368th Ftr Op, G, Jul 45, Cont'd, c

3. For named officers are granted 11/2 of absence for a period of seven (7) days, c/a 2 Aug 45, are with to proceed from this Hq to US Riviera Recreational Area, reporting there to CQ, Montpelier Hotel, Carne, France, in accordance with 1 /1 Hq APO No. 461 344, 2 Oct 44. Issue 10 /1 Hq 368th Ftr Sq, which will be strictly observed with. TDY by EZ, mil acct or rail. 01 /1 Hq 430 32 42 /, 3.04/2.

1st Lt. WILLIAM R. MILNOR 07B 85 10 (In charge)
2d Lt. LAWRENCE O. AUSTIN 070 70 40 "
2d Lt. HARVEY L. COOK 039 85 40 "
1st Lt. RALPH H. OSWALD 020 42 30 "
1st Lt. KENNETH C. WENT 0854232 40 "

4. 1 Sep (882) Ensign S. Coats, Tullahoma, TN, 755. 368th Ftr Sq, is relieved from assignment with 368th Ftr Sq and will in ge to Hq 36th Ftr Sq, 40 /1 Ftr Sq, 4th 11 /1 Ftr Sq, and further placed on 1F while with Sixth Army Op, reporting thence on 2 Aug 45. PCS, 01 /1 Hq 430 32 42 43, 30 /1 Hq 36th Ftr Sq, rail. 01 /1 Hq 368th Ftr Sq, rail. 01 /1 Hq 368th Ftr Sq, rail. 01 /1 Hq 368th Ftr Sq, rail.

5. 1st Lt. EUGENE D. BUTLER, Jr., 0623663 40, is sp'd Op Courts, Boards and Claims Off, ad dy, and sp'd Op Court of Inquiry Off, ad dy, vice 1st Lt. C. G. WELCH, 067072 4 40, 3rd.

6. So much of par 3, 60 88, this Hq, op, pertaining to officers on 11/2 to Riviera, as reads 1st Lt. W. BROWN, 079085, 40, "in charge," and 2d Lt. KENNETH C. WENT, 0854232, 40, "is reckoned as read, 1st Lt. WALTER E. BECK, 080180, 40, (in charge)," and 2d Lt. JOHN H. KINZER III, 083659, 40, 40, is.

7. Under the provisions of AR 650-68 the following named 36th 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 Medal for exemplary behavior, efficiency, and fidelity.

Sgt. Nathan C. Coates 1601475 368th Ftr Sq
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(Travel dir is pursuant to mth contained in Lt. Hq European TO, USA, fil 2304, 42 No. 07.)

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