

HEADQUARTERS
368TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 141

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H I S T O R Y

JUNE 1945

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HISTORICAL REPORT
1 June to 30 June 1945

Information contained herein, is written in compliance with Tactical Air Command Memorandum Number 40-1, dated 5 February 1944. It is a resume of the activities of the 366th Fighter Group Headquarters, for the month of June 1 to 30, 1945.

1. ORGANIZATION

No Change.

2. STRENGTH AS OF 30 JUNE 1945.

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

<u>Assigned Personnel</u>		<u>Authorized Personnel</u>	
Officers-----	104	Officers-----	101
Enlisted Men----	275	Enlisted Men----	271
	<u>379</u>		<u>372</u>

3. LIST OF ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE FROM EACH STATION IN HQ:

Nil.

4. BASES IN USE:

Nil (for Group Headquarters)

5. AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Distinguished Flying Cross (Oak Leaf Cluster)

Capt. Walter G. Dougherty
Capt. Oliver S. Byerson

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1 June 1945

The 368th Fighter Group observes its 2nd anniversary today. Activated at Westover Field in 1943, the original cadre of ground officers and enlisted men is still almost 90% intact. With the flying personnel, however, many causes have brought about an almost complete turnover. Practically all of the original Flight Leaders, Operation Officers and Squadron Commanders are no longer with us. We feel that before the end of the next year the surviving members of the original party will be no more than could be put into a jeep at one time.

We become occupational! Colonel Correll received official news of our status and called the officers and enlisted men to a meeting in the briefing room. He explained that we had been selected to be one of the two groups that were to be part of the occupying Air Force. This news, - news that all of the men had been eager to hear, was received with many varied reactions. Many had anticipated a trip back to the good old U. S. A., either for good or on the way to the G. P. I. Others didn't care what the reason was, but just wanted to get back there. We also stated that everything would be done to help get the 368ers and over home as soon as possible. Information on this subject is very meagre at the present. So we continue to remain one big happy family. Regarding redeployment or transfer of officers to the Zone of Interior at the present time, he stated "They've had it".

2 June 1945

Headquarters Medics, many of whom represent the greater part of the Ho. softball team, got to feeling they had enough good players within their own section to comprise a fairly good team. A challenge was issued to the rest of Headquarters for any possible combination to form a team to oppose them. The game was played last night, and a real game it turned out to be. The Medics argued almost continually, amongst themselves. Score 7-5 in favor of the Ho. makeshift team. Result - Medics attitude - Never again.

The enlisted men's day room was opened, semi-officially last night. An allotment of American beer was received, amounting to four cans per individual. Although work had just begun on the day room, it was decided to distribute the beer right away, rather than wait until the club was finished. We're now waiting for the second quota to arrive before continuing work on the club.

3 June 1945

Pvt. Rutan, our Special Service agent, while on a trip yesterday discovered a large supply of sport shoes located in a factory at Somberg, a few miles north of Erlangen. Acting quickly he called back for help in requisitioning some of the articles that were on hand. In a short while Captain Clark was off with a 2 1/2 ton truck headed for the rendezvous. It was pretty late that day when they returned with the spoils, but the trip was well worth the time and effort. Enough shoes were brought back to equip practically the entire Group. It seems the shoes were made to be used by the G. A. F. while working on planes. However, they make ideal sport shoes, and can be seen being used as such by all the men everywhere, on the tennis court, volley ball courts and baseball diamond.

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3 June 45 (Cont'd)

Eight truckloads of officers and enlisted men of this Group were present today at the Sportsplatz in Nurnberg to hear a performance given by Grace Moore and Nino Martini. The stadium was packed to capacity and the performance was well received and enjoyed by all.

Group handball team defeated the 443th Signals at Furth today. Score 13-1.

4-5 June 1945

Nothing of importance occurred in Group during these two days.

6 June 1945

Today we celebrate the anniversary of D-Day with most of the section at work trying to catch up on many and varied programs and details. As many men as could be spared were given the day off. In conformance with General Eisenhower's request, that the day be observed as a holiday as much as possible without upsetting the regular work schedule.

Quite a difference from that day one year ago, when the group was a beehive of activity, and everyone at every chance, would stick their head into the S-2 office and ask the question uppermost in everyone's mind - "How's the beachhead coming?"

The Group baseball team defeated the MIX TAC Kidd's Kid at Frlangen today. Score 8-1

7 June 1945

Special Order No. 58 awards good conduct medals to 14 men of Headquarters. Surprising enough along with that, T/Sgt. Sherman our supply sergeant claims he also has the ribbons in stock for issue.

Cpl. Cyril Fey and Cpl. Frank Stowell, Information and Education clerks, left for Paris on TDY for a period of 7 days. They are to attend a librarian course at Cite Universitaire. After much pleading, coaxing, and persuasion to a point where almost a direct order had to be given, they agreed to accept the assignment (Supporting Document #1)

Supporting Document #1 - Special Order #58

8 June 1945

T/Sgt Seldon Fox of the Inspection Dept. (127 points) left today for redeployment and possible discharge. Well wishes were extended to Sgt Fox and everyone hopes he'll be a civilian in short order.

The departure of Sgt Fox leaves nine others "sweating it out", two of which are essential (405) and another is classed in the 7 category. With ever so many others waiting and hoping for those additional 10 points to be awarded and for the critical score to be lowered. The entire Group has 110 men with 85 or more points.

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Starting today and continuing for one week there will be no passes or furloughs for either enlisted men or officers, a hard blow! Living area of both mentioned parties were not up to the usual standards this mornings inspection showed. A little prediction - They'll be spick and span from now on.

9 June 1945

3rd Edition of the Fortress Feature distributed today. (Supporting Document #2) One of the best news items to go to print was on the return of 14 MIA Pilots, 17 high pointers and 3 oldsters to the USA.

Supporting Document #2, Fortress Feature 8 June 1945.

10 June 1945

Our Group was selected for the lead position in the great air show over Frankfurt today. Participating in the show were the Ninth Air Force, R. A. F. Fighter Command, Eighth Air Force and 1st and 2nd Tactical Air Forces. This Group's mission was to lead all the Ninth Air Force units.

The Group, led by Colonel Carbine, took off at 1123, picked up the rest of the XIX TAC on the way to Trier, there to rendezvous with the IX TAC, XXIX TAC, XII TAC, and 9th Air Division, forming the Ninth Air Force. At the same time the Eighth Air Force was forming at Saarbrucken, the R. A. F. at Traben. Then the leading elements of all three Air Forces converged at Bingen. The Ninth Air Force flying at 500 ft., the R. A. F. at 2000 ft. and the Eighth at 3,500 ft., in formation of 16 ship squadrons, in diamonds of four ship section, with the 368th Fighter Group leading. The entire show proceeded towards the receiving party situated on the roof of the I. G. Farben Bldg. at Frankfurt. Among those receiving the show were General Eisenhower, Field Marshal Montgomery, and Marshal Zhukov. The entire parade was but 2 minutes in passing. Everything went off as planned.

The 10th Photo Group was assigned to take pictures of the demonstration, and this Group has requested copies, which, if secured will be included in a future edition of the history.

11 June 1945

A meeting of all Staff Officers was held in Colonel Perego's office this morning. Question concerning policy and future functions of the Group were discussed. (Supporting Document #3)

The "Strafers", 368th Group Band, left today for the Riviera. They are booked for a weeks engagement at the Hotel Martinez, Cannes. They will be missed at the Red Cross club, where they have been playing weekly concerts.

Supporting Document #3, Staff Meeting Policy.

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12 June 1945

Cpl. Beare, pronounced "Bayah", the southern gentleman of Headquarters and a clerk in the S-1 courts martial section had his first abortive mission. Cpl Beare, who is on his way home - not many points but plenty of age (43) - was in the C-47 one hour before bad weather forced the plane to return to this base. "Ah hope ah make it tomorrow", says Cpl Beare - not feeling any too bad about it.

This month is a month of anniversaries for the Group. One year ago today the Air Echelon left Chilboulton, England for the beachhead. In seven days time they had arrived at Cardonville, France and had set up and prepared the advance base for the arrival of the planes.

Special Order No. 60 sends Lt Col. Correll and Sgt. Nieman to the Riviera for a seven day furlough and appoints Capt. Powell Commanding Officer of the 368th Fighter Group Auxiliary Military Police. The same order also finds Capt. Doris assuming the duties of Secretary and Treasurer of the Officers Club. (Supporting Document #4)

Supporting Document #4 - Special Order #60.

13 June 1945

Guess every soldier in the whole area had the same idea last night, which was to see the much publicized show, "Anything Goes" being held at the opera house in Nurnberg. A convoy of eight trucks left the base at 1745 (thinking to get there early) and arrived at the opera house at 1815 to find at least 100 trucks loaded with soldiers moving around the vicinity in every direction. Investigation showed the house had been completely filled hours before and more trucks were arriving every second. After minutes of trying to get clear of the congestion, the trucks headed back to the base. Someone suggested the name of the show should be changed from "Anything Goes", to "Everybody Went".

Weather bad again today - Cpl Beare is still sweating it out.

14 June 1945

The enlisted men walloped the officers in a softball game last night. Score 17-3. After which the officers, feeling that there must have been some mistake, challenged the EM to an additional 5 innings - officers winning 8-2.

Cpl Beare, after three days of postponement, finally got away today.

At a meeting of the enlisted men's council today, plans were made for a Fourth of July carnival. Suggestions were made and plans considered. The final groundwork is to be laid at the next meeting. It looks like it will be a real bang-up affair, with all the trimmings.

At Frankfurt today, the Group baseball team defeated the 354th Fighter Group, by a score of 8-6.

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15 June 1945

Big event today was the issue, to all enlisted men, of the new type Eisenhower Jacket. All day long a parade to and from the supply room was in progress. One would be reminded of a tailor shop, what with the fittings and demonstrations going on there. Although correct sizes were ordered for all, it seems they never do fit quite as they should, and the usual complaints were very much in evidence.

The 368th Fighter Group Auxiliary Military Police unit becomes activated. Personnel from Group Headquarters and each of the three Squadrons were drawn to form the new unit which is to be commanded by Captain Powell, our assistant Adjutant. Actually, it is merely on an inactive status, ready to assume the duties of a Military Police Unit, if and when the occasion should arrive. At the present our security and police work is amply taken care of by our brothers in Arms - The Belgian Army Air Police, who are doing a fine job. (Supporting Document #5)

The Group baseball team swept into a tie for first place in the XIX TAC league today by defeating the 367th Fighter Group 9-2. It was the fifth straight win for the team.

Supporting Document #5 - Roster of Auxiliary MP Unit.

16 June 1945

4th Edition of the Fortress Feature comes off the presses today. A big spread is given to the Air Parade over Frankfurt. (Supporting Document #6)

Special Order No. 62 assigns two enlisted men and one officer to Hq. 1st Lt. Edelman is to be assistant engineering officer. Cpl. Bruton, a link trainer operator, and Pvt. Gajeski are assigned to the communication section. (Supporting Document #7)

Supporting Document #6 - Fortress Feature 16 June 45

Supporting Document #7 - Special Order #62.

17 June 1945

Today being Sunday, and a day of rest for most members, two sightseeing trips were made to the Castle of Roth. Located in that city and built in 1509 by the Romans. Trucks left at 0800 in the morning and 0100 in the afternoon. Most of the men were a bit disappointed. Our guess is that a brand new edifice of 40 or more stories, intact, would be of far more interest to them.

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18 June 1945

We present a history within a history. A brief running account of the highlighting incidents, and some interesting figures, of the 368th Fighter Group. (Supporting Document #8)

Captain Ward, Group Ordnance officer, is appointed Commanding Officer of our Auxiliary Military Police Unit relieving Captain Fowell.

Lt. Brumfield, Statistical Control, assumes the assistant Adjutant position also relieving Captain Fowell. (Supporting Document #9)

At a formal ceremony on the field today, General Sanders presented the Group with the Presidential Citation Ribbon. The Ribbon, which will be a part of the Group Standard, was presented to Colonel Ferego by General Sanders. With an honor platoon from each Squadron and eight planes giving an aerial demonstration, individual awards were presented to 25 officers and 10 enlisted men of the group.

Among Hq. personnel receiving awards were: Major Crisp, presented with the Silver Star and first and second clusters to the D. F. C., Lt. Col. Carbine with the D. F. C., and W/Sgt William Wallace, the Bronze Star.

General Sanders ended the ceremony with a short speech commending the officers and men for their fine work.

Supporting Document #8 - History of 368th Fighter Group.
Supporting Document #9 - Special Order #63.

19 June 1945

It was Headquarters versus the 396th Squadron at the Weekly Forum today. Headquarters, represented by T/Sgt Pratt, S/Sgt Glasrud, and S/Sgt Nazzaro, was participating for the first time in the Weekly Quiz Forum. The Forum, conducted semi weekly at the Theater, is run along the line of "Information Please", with a Quizmaster and 3 men panels representing their respective organizations. A main subject is used, and questions are fired at the participants. Scoring is as follows, 2 points for each question answered correctly and minus 1 point for each one missed. Main Topic this week was "Current Events". Captain Feinthal, Group S-2, acted as Quizmaster. As a prize a quart of Gin is presented to the winning team and a fine inducement it is. Headquarters overwhelmed the 396th - 39-0. Best answer of the session: when asked who was leading the American League in baseball, one of the contestants answered "The Brooklyn Giants". No need to mention the howl that went up from the audience.

20 June 1945

Captain Quinlan met with the enlisted mens council today and definite plans were made for the hugh 4th of July carnival. The entire group, Service team, officers club, and Red Cross are to participate in making it a regular celebration. Scheduled events are: Hot dogs, hamburgers, and lemonade stands, ball games, races, music, and last but not least, a pass each to Brussels and Paris are to be raffled off.

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21 June 1945

Lt. Colonel Gorrell, Group Executive Officer, and member of the original cadre that formed the group, left us today. He is to be assistant A-4 for the IX Tactical Air Command and joins our former Commander, Colonel Meyers, there. The Administrative staff of the Fortress School received a pat on the back from IX and XIX TAC visitors who termed the school a "model" one. Once more the 368th got there firstest with the mostest.

22 June 1945

Captain Powell, our Asst. Adjutant, left for assignment to the JA Section at XIX TAC. Two Hq. EM, Cpl McClellen and Cpl Vince got the go signal. They had requested a transfer to a "hot" outfit and today received their orders transferring them to XIX TAC.

Another bang-up issue of Fortress Feature came off the press today. The first of a series of articles on our previous bases made its appearance. It is full of good pictures. (Supporting Document #10)

Supporting Document # 10 - Fortress Feature, 22 June 1945.

23 June 1945

Today marked the official reopening of the Hq. EM Club. Our last effort toward running a club met a violent death when the Germans started the Ardennes offensive and we moved from Chievres to Juvincourt on 27 Dec 44. From that date to the present time we have been unable to secure a suitable room or building. Furniture was secured by M/Sgt. Shea through the MG in Furth. Glasses, ash trays, etc., were purchased by S/Sgt. Stecklein who took the initiative for the opening night and got the ball rolling again.

For the time being rations are quite limited--the first ration of brandy was secured through CM, but even when supplemented with a plentiful supply of wine, which we brought with us from Frankfurt, and a goodly supply of beer purchased nearby, it promises to go quickly.

24 June 1945

The Group baseball team edged its way into the first place in the League when it defeated 10th Photo by a score of 2-0. (See Supporting Document #12 for a full account) It was the sixth straight victory for the team. Other activities for the day consisted of a fishing trip to a nearby stream and a sightseeing tour to Pilsen, Czechoslovakia. The boys reported that the fishing trip was a grand success in spite of the fact that only one fish was caught. A plentiful supply of food, drinks, and sights made the fishing secondary. The Pilsen tour proved to be long, tiring, and not too satisfactory; the city was closed up and they found very little to do.

Supporting Document #12 - Fortress Feature, 29 June 1945.

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25 June 1945

Even an exploding bomb wouldn't have caused as much excitement or commotion as the big breakup of the Group. It took the whole organization by storm today. Enlisted men of Hq and the three squadrons, most of whom had 73 points or less, were on orders transferring them to three of the other Groups whom we have worked alongside during the ETO campaign. They are now Pacific bound.

Hq. was badly hit, losing 27 out of a total of 81. Two years of operations, working and living together, had brought about many friendships and the most unpleasant feature of the mass transfer was that they were going to different outfits, breaking up most of the friendly combinations. All day long, upon meeting, the inevitable question was "You being Shipped? What Group?" S-4 had the biggest loss - 3 of the 4 regularly assigned men were transferred. At night all of the enlisted men's clubs became the scene of long farewells and goodbys. Somehow the procurement department of each club was highly successful in doing their part for the event. Toasts were drunk to all, many times. Everyone leaving were positive they were going by way of the States and those not leaving were just as sure the others were GFI bound - direct! And so it continued far into the night.

26 June 1945

This morning crudely fashioned service flags could be seen on the doorways of the tents, each with stars showing the number of men leaving and with those old familiar words "In the Service".

During the morning duffle bags and personal belongings could be seen piling up in front of the Hq. building. Handshakes and farewells were in progress all over the place. Everyone came out to see the boys off; officers and men were on hand to wish their friends good luck.

15 minutes before leaving time the area resembled a farewell to a Hollywood Celebrity committee. Cameras were clicking everywhere and from all angles. The Group was asked to assemble and pose 10 different times. Finally the trucks pulled out and everyone went back to work and to await the replacements that were due to arrive.

With the above shipment went the better part of the Group Championship baseball team.

Special Order #67 moves Major Rice up to the position of Group Executive Officer and makes Major Johnson Group Adjutant. The same order established a Special Service Enlisted Mens Council. (Supporting Document #11)

Supporting Document #11 - Special Order #67.

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27 June 1945

It became obvious this morning that attendance at Fortress School would be decimated by the departure of many students whose points were low--even the teachers were not exempt and S/Sgt. Glasrud, School principal, found that a few substitutes were needed to keep the ball rolling.

The mass exodus of EM yesterday and equally massive arrival of replacements today reminded us of our days in the parent 326th Group at Westover Field. In those days it was common occurrence to see men coming and going every few weeks and new faces were accepted with little comment. As we go about our duties today we often hear men say, "We must be back in the 326th". One of the factors that tended to make the impressions more realistic was that some of the new arrivals had been with us in the 326th.

The "Previtias", an all G.I. band, put on two good shows tonight - they were really hep to the jive and had some good performers. Let's have more shows like it!

28 June 1945

The S-1 Section looked like a reception center today. Major Rice checked service records and squadron shortages and assigned men to proper departments.

The new arrivals for the most part were 75-85 point men who expect to have 10 more points added to their score as soon as Command announces the awards for the Ardennes and Central Germany.

29 June 1945

Today's issue of the Fortress Feature does a swell job of covering the events of the past week. A second article on our previous bases brings the advance echelon to Chartres. (Supporting Document #12)

Stars and Stripes gave some official recognition to the rumor that the critical score would be lowered to 80 or 78. The men welcomed the news for we still have a considerable number of men with between 75 and 85 points.

Supporting Document #12 - Fortress Feature, 29 June 1945.

30 June 1945

Rumors of another list of transferees had the men on edge today, but nothing developed to confirm the rumors, so we slide into home base with 28 out and we wonder how many to go.

Special Order #68 confirms the assignment of 31 EM to Hq. (Supporting Document #13)

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30 June 45 (Cont'd)

Special Order #69 confirms the assignment of 10 EM to Hq., and assigns Capt. Frederick R. Johnsey to Hq. as Asst. Group Operations officer. The same order appoints Major Johnson Commanding Officer of Hq Detachment, vice Major Rice. (Supporting Document # 14)

Capt. Loughary and Capt. Eyerson of Group S-3 each were awarded Oak Leaf Clusters to their Distinguished Flying Cross, per Ninth Air Force General Orders 94 and 100 respectively. (Supporting Documents #15 & #16)

Supporting Document #13 - Special Order #68.

Supporting Document #14 - Special Order #69.

Supporting Document #15 - General Order #94.

Supporting Document #16 - General Order #100.

Thus is concluded another month's history. It has been a month of reorganization; One might compare the changes the Group has undergone during this period of transition from an operational to an occupational and training unit to a repair job on a piece of military equipment, were it not for the personal nature of the transition. The personal ties that have been broken can not be measured by the change in operational efficiency involved. Some of the younger men - below 73 pointers for the most part - were needed for replacements in units headed for the CBI. Some of the high point men and oldsters were fortunate enough to be relieved of their duties. These men have been replaced and in due time the operational efficiency of the unit may be restored. Put to the men who were charter members of the organization, something will always be missing. Like a repaired vehicle, the unit will operate but it will never be the same "368th". To those former members who are now on their way to civilian status, we offer our congratulations; to those who are headed for the CBI we offer our best wishes, and to those still with us and to new members, we say--"Wouldn't it be grand to be home for Christmas?"

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HEADQUARTERS
368TH FIGHTER GROUP

AFPO 14, U. S. Army
7 June 1945

SPECIAL ORDERS)
NUMBER 58)

1. Under the provisions of AR 615-5, 30 June 43 and upon the recommendation of his Orgn Comdr, Cpl (7B) Grover C. McDaniel, 1812242L, 397th Ftr Sq, is reduced to the gr of Pvt for misconduct.

2. Under the provisions of AR 600-68, the following named EM, Hq 368th Ftr Gp, 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:

T Sgt Edward V. Mullen Jr	6949963	S Sgt Chester S. Gadomski	36731552
S Sgt Sygmunt F. Kowynia	11039208	S Sgt Arthur F. Sherman	32503281
Sgt Dixon L. Cramer	35600003	Sgt William R. Thomas	15099755
Cpl Archibald N. Beare	34374535	Cpl James R. Cardman	32139096
Cpl Joseph P. Ciardella	19119349	Cpl Glen Cowie	36322390
Cpl Harold McClellan	17122313	Cpl Joseph P. O'Dowd	32005142
Pfc William F. McCarley	34514105	Pvt Walter Weill	12193769

3. Fol named EM, Hq 368th Ftr Gp, are placed on TDY, WP Cite Universitaire, 19 Boulevard Jourdan, Paris, Fr, for a period of seven (7) days, reporting to the Registrar thereat not earlier than 1200 hours and not later than 1800 hours, 10 June 45, for the purpose of attending a Librarian Course. Blankets, bedroll and Class A uniform will be taken. Upon compl of this TDY EM will ret to proper orgn. TDN by MT, mil acft or rail. 60-115 P 432-02 A 212/50425. AUTH: TTX U79, XIX Tactical Air Comd.

Cpl Cyril F. Fey	35685284
Cpl Frank S. Stowell	39199927

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

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THE FORTRESS FEATURE

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"Somewhere in Germany"

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FOURTEEN MORE MIA PILOTS REPORTED ON WAY TO U.S.

Flight Officer Charles W. Vickermann, 397th, returned to the group for a visit after having spent five and a half months in German prison camps. He went down Dec. 8, and in various camps since that time has seen other pilots who had been listed MIA.

After his plane was shot down in aerial action, he parachuted into enemy territory. For eleven days he was unable to wash or clean up, but shortly before Christmas he was taken to an International Red Cross encampment where he was given clean clothes, food and allowed to wash.

PRaises RED CROSS

FO Vickermann's praise of the Red Cross was high, for many fellows were given cigarettes for the first time in weeks, and the opportunity to clean up. A Christmas tree was set up for the efforts of the Red Cross. "It was the first time I realized just what that organization did, and how swell it really operated."

Lt. Milton S. Bender also visited the base, and reported having seen four pilots during his stay in different camps. Lt. Robert J. Bechtold, Lt. Curt C. Doescher, Lt. Rupert B. Maxwell and Lt. Robert W. Rinehart, he knew to be safe.

With FO Vickermann in prison were Lt. Donald Evans and Lt. Vernon V. Murphy, of the 397th. He also saw Lt. George Swink and Lt. Phillip M. Holstine, of the 395th. Other times while registering he noticed the name of FO Arlington J. Clever, who was reported MIA after going down from a flight from England. Capt. Joe Marin, 397th, is reported safe, and waiting for shipment to the states.

KEPT WATCH

Another pilot was heard from, when S Sgt Drake, 397th, operations, received a letter from Lt. William C. Olden, Lt. Olden, who was wearing S Sgt Drake's watch on his last flight, said he still had it. He could have sold it for 150 dollars, or "if it had been mine, I would have traded it for a loaf of bread, many times."

RECEIVES LETTER

A letter was received from Lt. Grover Y. Green, 396th pilot who had been missing since July 27. He was in France waiting to do home. Also from the 396th, Lt. Jack B. Robbins, MIA since June 27, is safe, and Lt. Robert M. Pace is now in California.

Lucky 28 Have Gone Back Home; High Pointers Sweat

With 17 men from the Fighter Group and 8 from the Service Team on their way to the United States anticipating discharges, the 110 other men with 85 points or more are "sweating out" orders. Officials say that more men are to be sent as rapidly as facilities permit.

Farewells were said in the Service Team to Cpl George E. Wolf, T Sgt Wilber G. Meister, T Sgt Norman C. Swartz, Pfc Samuel C. Maxwell, Pvt Hike B. Pechickjian, Cpl George H. Hand, S Sgt Leonard H. Tripp, and S Sgt Roder C. Stoskopf.

From the Group seven men paid their last respects to buddies and left on the first trucks for the primary step home. The lucky men were: M Sgt Stanley W. Oliver, T Sgt Oscar D. Oney, S Sgt John R. Filler, S Sgt Alex Haleczuk, S Sgt Lloyd D. Teels, Sgt Edward G. Ewin and Sgt Anthony F. Preneta.

Those who left on the last run to liberty were: Sgt Paul L. Poworonek, Sgt Joseph F. Skovren, S Sgt Orville P. Knowlton, Pvt John P. Koehler, S Sgt Joseph H. Pool, M Sgt Horatio J. Zimmerman, Pfc Francis Reading, Cpl Robert M. Jackson, M Sgt Paul J. Miller, and T Sgt Seddon D. Fox.

THREE OLDSTERS LEAVE

Three of the six men over 42 left June 7th. All from the 395th they are: Sgt John T. Connolly, S Sgt Irvin Golub, and Pfc Robert E. L. Woods.

BASEBALL TEAM TO PLAY 2 GAMES HERE

Help Wanted

This is your paper so send your articles, poems, jokes, cartoons, and ideas.

The "FEATURE" also needs men who want to work as reporters, copy readers, and illustrators.

Mail contributions to "Fortress Feature" or give them to your squadron reporter.

Boast Two Victories In TAC League Games

Looking forward to two home games with the 354th Fighter Group, and Captain Sanifer's Buzzers this week the Group Hardball team showed good form in winning two games. They defeated the XIX TAC Kidd's Kid at Erlanger Wednesday by the score of 8 to 1 in a league game. Sunday they swamped the 448 Signals at Furth 23 to 1.

With the home games the athletic program rounds into full swing at the base with interest mounting in the 14-team softball tourney, a volley ball tourney, and a number playing tennis.

The baseball team promises some spectacular games, nursing a one run lead in the TAC game until the eighth inning, the Thunder Bums opened up and pushed across three runs and another three in the ninth. "Blackie" Demchuck, group pitcher scattered four runs to chalk up his first victory. In the game with the 448th Signal Bn. Sunday Chuck and Maenshtien allowed five hits.

The home games feature: Sunday they clash in a league game with the Buzzers and next Wednesday meet the 354th Pioneers. Game time 1530 at the diamond opposite the 397th dispersal area.

Two More DSC's Awarded to Former Pilots

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PRaises RED CROSS

FO Vickermann's praise of the Red Cross was high, for many fellows were given cigarettes for the first time in weeks, and the opportunity to clean up. A Christmas tree was set up for the efforts of the Red Cross. "It was the first time I realized just what that organization did, and how swell it really operated."

Lt. Milton S. Bender also visited the base, and reported having seen four pilots during his stay in different camps. Lt. Robert J. Bechtold, Lt. Carl C. Doescher, Lt. Rupert B. Maxwell and Lt. Robert W. Rinehart knew to be safe.

PIPE WAGON

Another pipe was found from when S Sgt Drake, 397th, operations, received a letter from Lt. William C. Olden, Lt. Olden, who was wearing S Sgt Drake's watch on his last flight, said he still had it. He could have sold it for 150 dollars, or "if it had been mine, I would have traded it for a loaf of bread, many times."

RECEIVES LETTER

A letter was received from Lt. Grover Y. Green, 396th pilot who had been missing since July 27. He was in France waiting to go home. Also from the 396th, Lt. Jack B. Robbins, MIA since June 27, is safe, and Lt. Robert M. Pace is now in California.

From the Group seven men paid their last respects to buddies and left on the first trucks for the primary step home. The lucky men were: M Sgt Stanley W. Oliver, T Sgt Oscar D. Onley, S Sgt John R. Pifer, S Sgt Alex Haleczuk, S Sgt Lloyd D. Teets, Sgt Edward G. Ewin and Sgt Anthony F. Preneta.

Those who left on the last run to liberty were: Sgt Paul L. Powor, nek, Sgt Joseph F. Skovren, S Sgt Orville P. Knowlton, Pvt John P. Koehler, S Sgt Joseph H. Pool, M Sgt Horatio J. Zimmerman, Pfc Francis Reading, Cpl Robert M. Jackson, M Sgt Paul J. Miller, and T Sgt Sheldon D. Fox.

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Panzer Dusters Lead
The Panzer Dusters squad leads the school enrollment with 182 students, followed by the Jabr Angels with 178 and the Thunder Bums with 151. Others are Group Headquarters with 77, 2137th Fire Fighters with 11, 9th Flying Control with 10, 21st Weather with 8, 40th Mobile Command, with 6, and the Belgique MP's with 8.

In a limited exchange of students between schools, 10 men from 84th Service Group units are taking subjects at the Fortress school.

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They Came In On A Service Team Work Order:

By: S Sgt Bill Schuler

Among the 357 planes repaired by the Service Team since arrival in Normandy, were a number in which mechanics found damage which made it impossible to understand how they were flown back. Some with wings buckled, controls damaged, engine crippled, could never have been taken off the ground. Mechanics often remarked about the intestinal fortitude and skill that must have been required.

Second Lieutenant Charles E. Rife flew his plane back to Strip 3 in August 1944, making a wheel down landing. Holes large enough to crawl through in each wing, skin blown loose on the wing surfaces, canopy shattered, a bomb under one wing, air speed indicator out, fuselage full of shrapnel, one aileron shot off, flaps out—the total damage placed the plane beyond repair. It was the most damaged plane flown back to base, mechanics say. It was pictured

in Collier's magazine. He came back "On A Fuselage and a Prayer".

Lt. Warren G. Austin, 396th Squadron, flew his plane back to Frankfurt practically without elevator and stabilizer control. Large holes in the vertical and horizontal stabilizers, the right wing hit twice, tearing the flap off and leaving the aileron useless, the other shot took most of the wing tip away. The left wing was damaged and his hydraulics out. Ten days later, T Sgt Willie Urquhart and his mobile unit had the plane back in operational status.

Captain Eddie Dame, 397th, flew "Little Oakie" back from the Hurtgen Forest where he collected quite a bit of flak and a fire in his left wing, resulting from a hit in the ammunition bay. The right wing was also hit, hydraulics out and hits in the engine. He belly landed at 200mph, on the concrete. M Sgt John Quick and his crew installed a new engine, wing repaired the belly and (cont. p. 2, col. 3)

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Several enlisted men who accompanied Frisbie on his mission brought to earth eleven pike and one trout with a barrage of worms. These victories were claimed in the vicinity of a small pond where the stream spreads out.

At the present suitable tackle for fly fishing is very scarce in this locality. Tackle may be purchased in Paris or Brussels.

Souvenirs 3500!

Sgt Lawrence J. Lange, Group Hqs. has the interesting hobby of collecting Cartes Postales. He now has 3500 of them showing points in the U.S., England, France, Belgium, Luxembourg and Germany that he has visited. He has the cards indexed and filed in a German ammunition box.

Lange says, "This is just an Army pastime and not my life work. I intend to finish college, then go into the perfume business."

They swamped the 44th Signal at 23 to 1.

With the home games the athletic program rounds into fall swing at the base with interest mounting in the 14-team softball tournament, a volleyball tourney, and a number playing tennis.

The baseball team promises some spectacular games, Nursing a one run lead in the TAC game until the eighth inning, the Thunder Bums opened up and pushed across three runs and another three in the ninth. "Blackie" Demchuck, group pitcher scattered four runs to chalk up his first victory. In the game with the 44th Signal Battalion Sunday, Chuck and Maenshien allowed five hits.

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GROUP BAND GOES TO RIVIERA

The "Strafers", 368th Group Band, will leave Sunday, June 10, for a week's engagement at Hotel Martenez, Cannes, on the Riviera.

After 6 months of rehearsing, the big performance has come up, and the entire band is awaiting the plane with eager anticipation. They have been playing weekly concerts at the Red Cross Club here, and when possible, gone to near by bases. Wednesday, May 30, they appeared at 19th TAC with the Glee Club, for a concert. Wednesday, June 6, they played at 90th field hospital, near Nurnberg.

RED CROSS CALENDAR

June 8 to 14	
Friday	"Strafers" Swing Band 2000
Saturday	Recorded Jam Session 2000
Sunday	Recorded Classical Concert 2000
Beethoven	
2nd Symphony	
Tschaiakowsky	
5th Symphony	
Selected Shorts	
Tuesday	Bingo 2000

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TIME ON MY HANDS

Settle down, fella, you're not going anywhere—for a while.

What to do? Gripe and Gripe? By all means. If a soldier didn't use the "pop-off" valve now and then—he'd blow higher than the ceiling for a B29.

But—in addition you might try: Planning your post-war life. For, some day, unless you're a thirty-year man, you're going to be a civilian—whether you believe it or not!

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The two second ladies wanted some glass cut and somebody directed them to the "biggest man on the field." They immediately looked up 313 panel Cpl. Archibald N. Baere, Group headquarters.

Cpl. Baere informed the pilots: "Sirs, I don't cut glass. It must be Tiny you're looking for. I'm the biggest man on this side of the field. Tiny holds sway on the other side."

"Tiny" is Cpl. William V. Sternbenz, 395th, who tips the scales at 262.

Six Months of Preparation Went into School Program

Have you seen that big friendly smile Captain John F. Regan is wearing since he pinned on his newly acquired "railroad tracks?"

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Next week's schedule has the 395th and the 396th fighting for the prize on Tuesday, June 12; the 397th making up the rival 3-man panels on Saturday, June 16.

A high degree of interest has greeted the first week's program. After the 395th and 396th tied at the opening session, the Group headquarters team defeated the 397th, and the 396th again defeated the luckless 397th. Capt. Franklin Dick, 396th intelligence officer, acted as quiz master, and the topic of discussion was the "G. I. Bill of Rights."

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Behind air-tight pitching the 859th Chemical softball team smothered all opposition to place them at the head of the Group Softball League. Biskelonus and Lacco matched one no run and no hit game apiece.

Up to last Wednesday the 859th beat the 397th E. M. 2-0, the 396th Officers 8-0, the 84th Service Team Officers 17-0, the 382nd E. M. 4-1, and the Fire Fighters were also blanked 5-0. The 396th escaped by losing 6-1.

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The 84th Team B Officers have yet to win. They have lost to the Firefighters 16-6, the 395th Officers 14-6, and the 368th E. M. 13-3. 1814th Ordnance Co. has not won any games as yet. The 397 E. M. beat them 4-3.

SOFTBALL LEAGUE STANDINGS

Team	G	W	L	Pct.
859th Chemical Co.	10	9	1	.900
395th E. M.	6	5	1	.833
382nd E. M.	8	6	2	.750
396 E. M.	6	4	2	.666
368th E. M.	8	5	3	.620
397th E. M.	5	3	2	.600
84th E. M.	5	2	3	.400
Fire Fighters	5	2	3	.400
397th Officers	6	2	4	.333
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396th Officers	7	1	6	.143
368th Officers	4	0	4	.000
84th Officers	5	0	5	.000
1814th Ordnance				

SQUADRON NEWS

395th PANZER DUSTERS

By: Sgt. Robert G. Nowland
These boys are really happy (Meaning the ones going home). The past week MSgt. Miller went around the squadron like a mad man. Who can blame him after 17 years in the army. Sgt. John Popl Conolly has invited all you boys for a drink at the new bar he's opening in Boston. Sgt. Old Man Golub said he'd like to get a crack at those Japs but he's getting kinda old. Let's hope that William Reading doesn't break his neck before he gets home. Cpl. "Paints" Jackson sez his plans are personal. We won't forget "Grand Pops" Wood. He wasn't with us long but he kept the boys in the mess hall laughing. Best Luck to all of you and God's speed home.

Thanks to the ones responsible for building our dayroom—That new boys' court has been getting a beat-

397th Jabo Angels

By: T Sgt. M. M. Klein
Well the ball has started rolling and some of our buddies are already on their way to the States, the rest of the eighty-five pointers are swearing things out and have plenty of company with the boys who are chewing their fingernails over the extra ten points.

Sgt. Jesse Moskowitz of Ordnance challenges anyone in group to a weight lifting contest. Pvt. Kenneth Kallenberger, another Ordnance man, and a former golden glove who has boxed some in the Army would like someone to put the gloves on with him; he weighs 185 and is raring to go.

"Sleeping Beauty Eater" is complaining because the coffee is keeping him awake during the day.

"Lucky" George Kinny who saved his pay for six months so he could have a good start in a blackjack

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Today is a day of rest and reflection. Let every man and woman get to church. Remember the words of church service: **OUR PRAYER:**

CHURCH

St. Francis, 1400 American Street, Chaplain Feld will leave at 10:00 a.m. St. Mary's, 1400 American Street, Chaplain Clear will leave at 10:00 a.m. St. Paul's, 1400 American Street, Chaplain Clear will leave at 10:00 a.m. St. Peter's, 1400 American Street, Chaplain Clear will leave at 10:00 a.m. St. John's, 1400 American Street, Chaplain Clear will leave at 10:00 a.m.

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368th E. M.	8	5	.615
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1814th Ordnance	5	0	1.000

SQUADRON NEWS

395th PANZER DUSTERS

By: Sgt. Robert G. Nowlan
Those boys are really happy (Meaning the ones going home). The post week M Sgt Miller went around the squadron like a mad man. Who can blame him after 17 years in the army. Sgt John "Pop" Connolly has invited all you boys for a drink at the new bar he's opening in Boston. Sgt Old Man" Golub said he'd like to get a crack at those Japs but he's getting kinda old. Let's hope that wildman Reading doesn't break his neck before he gets home. Cpl "Polats" Jackson sez his plans are personal. We won't forget "Grand Pops" Wood. He wasn't with us long but he kept the boys in the mess hall laughing. Best Luck to all of you and God's speed home.

Thanks to the ones responsible for building our dayroom—That new tennis court has been getting a beating—Incidentally, T Sgt Joe Sweeney's hay-fever didn't seem to bother him in Paris—Rough game that volleyball. Ask Sgt Bob Cook.

396 THUNDER BUMS

Cpl Walter Oliver
Why is it that Pic Joe Silver of Communications never moves faster than an snail's pace, until it comes to a ping-pong game. Then he's a regular flash!

Our friend Sgt Eugene Padgett must be made of hard material. A collision between him and one of the opposite team during a recent game resulted in the other fellow taking a ride in our ambulance.

It was quite a blow for Cpl Russell Dams when the S&S let out the news that the Army was against lowering the age for release to 35.

The boys coming back from their passes to Paris and Brussels claim everything is high-priced and things aren't what they used to be. But they all still have that "washed out" look.

Cpl Thomas J. Griffin of Intelligence says:

Let's nominate Sgt Ralph Scaglione to be manager of the softball team. His sideline heckling rattled the 397th officers so badly when all the boys headed for the showers.

At the end of the 7th, Pic Bill Bartley, our erstwhile catcher, told Scag, "leave the boys alone Scag, they are getting peed off." "No, they are not," said Ralph, "they are sports. They are members of the Thunder Pam Group." Does that prove that without a Brooklyn fan, there just isn't any organization ball?

397th Jabo Angels

By: TSgt M. M. Klein
Well the ball has started rolling and some of our buddies are already on their way to the States, the rest of the eighty-five pointers are sweating things out and have plenty of company with the boys who are chewing their fingernails over the extra ten points.

Sgt Jesse Moskowitz of Ordnance challenges anyone in group to a weight lifting contest—Pvt Kenneth Kuehberger, another Ordnance man, and a former golden glove who has boxed some in the Army would like some one to put the gloves on with him; he weighs 185 and is raring to go.

"Sleeping Beauty Etter" is complaining because the coffee is keeping him awake during the day.

"Lucky" George Kinny who saved his pay for six months so he could have a good start in a blackjack game, unfortunately lost everything in one bite.

Saul Prall is starting a lonely hearts club for those who have no girl friends, and would like something to come home to.

Sgt. George Kessler is very busy working on his jet propelled yo-yo. His colleague, Sgt Eugene Joekel claims the new jet propelled yo-yo will dazzle the world.

368th Hq. NEWS

By: Pvt. W. Weil
S Sgt Frank Michalak, Captains Oswald Doris and Marvin E. Ward are sweating their "well earned rest" at the Riviera. It is Mick's first pass of more than 12 hours since the UK.

Pic Eimer "Andy" Anderson recently returned to HQ after prolonged DS. He's glad to be back, but intends to return to civilian life at the first opportunity (121 pts).

Sgt Lawrence J. Large is hoping to lecture on aesthetics before the philosophy class. All students of Aesthetics are invited to study the photo-graph above his desk in the S&I office.

Last week the Group medics challenged the Hq EM and officers to a ball game. The Hq team won 7 to 5 and are the medics faces red. The most notable was a remarkable triple play executed by Hqs. Tech Sgt Mulhens is still trying to explain third base to his medics.

Just before he went home T Sgt Shelton "Gon" Fox was asked if he was going to take a discharge, being a regular army man of nineteen years service. "Hell, I'm a sclettee, just like these other boys. They didn't ask me if I wanted to stay when my hitch was up in '43. I wanted a discharge then."

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

HEADQUARTERS
368TH FIGHTER GROUP

APO 141, U S Army
11 June 1945

Staff Meeting

POLICY

Commanding Officer explained the purpose of the meeting was to reaffirm his personal policy that the Staff section head is to assume the responsibility for coordinating his appropriate functions. He further explained that the we had drifted away from this procedure could largely be contributed to the pressure of combat conditions.

The Training Directive was discussed. It was mentioned again that the coordination of the training schedule would be the responsibility of the Operations Officer of each unit; however, the actual conduct of the Ground School lectures would be supervised by the Intelligence Officer of each unit.

It is planned that the next school term of the I & E program would include all the lecture subjects of the Ground School portion of the Training Directive. In the meantime arrangements would be made to complete all of the outdoor, or field subjects.

The Athletic Program is to occupy the spare time of the personnel.

S-4 was informed that his responsibility for the maintenance of the runway would be resumed at our next station.

To decrease our internal security problem it was decided that:

- a. Each organization would always maintain a guard on their fuel supply and airplanes when the operating and/or engineering personnel would be absent, and
- b. Each unit would maintain in conjunction with Group Hq (S-2) an S.O.P. for the reporting of unusual incidents. In this connection it was determined that the units would instruct their OD to make his whereabouts common knowledge at the unit operations office and orderly room.

Everyone's attention was directed to our auxiliary MP detachment, which is under the command of Captain Powell and whose activities are to be coordinated with Group S-2.

Attention was directed to the Air Inspector department of the Hq Comd Section. Briefly it was explained that the Air Inspector would, in addition to his routine inspections, conduct special investigations with the view of making recommendations to the Group Commander, who would in turn issue directives pertaining to the subject.

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

In view of our recent experiences arising from the exchange of personnel, the Group Commander cautioned all that our high standards of efficiency were obtained through hard work and that they would necessarily deteriorate if we relaxed our supervision.

As a result of the possibility of losing all personnel with ASR of 85 or over, each Section head was directed to analyze the man power problem to determine whether it would impair the efficient functioning of his department.

The meeting was brought to a conclusion by a brief discussion of the pass situation for all personnel and the disclosure that XIX T4C is in the process of organizing rest homes to which EM and Officers will be dispatched for brief periods of TD for the purpose of relaxation.

Hugh L. Rice
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Major, Air Corps.

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**HEADQUARTERS
368TH FIGHTER GROUP**

APO 14, U. S. Army
12 June 1945

SPECIAL ORDERS)
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NUMBER 60)

1. Lt Col LEMUEL R. CORRELL, 0415495, AC, is granted lv of absence for a period of seven (7) days, o/a 12 June 1945, is auth to proceed from this Hq to US Riviera Recreational Area, reporting thereat to CO, Martinez Hotel, Cannes, France, in accordance w/Ltr, Hq European TO, USA, file AG 354.1, OpGA, Subj: "US Riviera Recreational Area," 8 Jan 45, which will be strictly complied with, TDN by LT, mil acft or rail. 60-115 P 432-02 A 212/50425.

2. Sgt Edward W. Nieman, 16037001, Hq 368th Ftr Gp, having been granted a fur for a period of seven (7) days, o/a 12 June 1945, is auth to proceed fr this Hq to US Riviera Recreational Area, reporting thereat to CO, ATSCC, Leave Hotels, Advance Det, APO 772, in accordance w/Ltr, Hq Ninth Air Force, Subj: "Leaves in US Riviera Recreational Area," 25 Apr 45. TDN by MT, mil acft or rail. 60-115 P 432-02 A 212/50425.

3. Capt OSWALD DORIA, 01640399, AC, is aptd Secretary and Treasurer of the Officers' Mess, vice Capt JOHN F. REGAN, 0569887, AC, reld.

4. Under the provisions of Ltr, Hq XIX Tactical Air Comd, subj: "Belgium Guard Companies," 1 June 1945, Capt MAURICE D. POWELL, 0650448, AC, is aptd Guard Officer of the 368th Ftr Gp auxiliary Military Police unit.

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

BY ORDER OF COLONEL PEREGO:

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368TH FIGHTER GROUP

APO 141, U S Army,
15 June 1945.

368TH FIGHTER GROUP AUXILIARY MILITARY POLICE UNIT

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>A. S. N.</u>	<u>Organization</u>
<u>Commanding Officer</u>			
MARVIN E. WARD	Captain	0-863713	Hq. Det.
<u>1st Sergeant</u>			
John Meienshein, Jr.	T/Sgt	33085223	Hq. Det.
<u>Sergeant Major</u>			
Raymond Nazzaro	S/Sgt	31072498	Hq. Det.
<u>Sergeant of the Guard</u>			
Frank G. Michalak	S/Sgt	31258630	Hq. Det.
Richard T. Fleiss	S/Sgt	39457252	Hq. Det.
Alfred Stecklein	S/Sgt	17010916	Hq. Det.
Charles A. Estaphan	Sgt	11116320	397th F.S.
Stanley E. Feltz	Sgt	13153254	396th F.S.
John H. Mays	Sgt	13044551	395th F.S.
<u>Corporals of the Guard</u>			
Martin M. Barry	Cpl	12191052	396th F.S.
Paul J. Hastings	Cpl	11114564	396th F.S.
Joseph Juhasz	Cpl	35051320	397th F.S.
William A. Parrish	Cpl	35619163	395th F.S.
John E. Ramsdell	Cpl	31084018	397th F.S.
John S. Tolbert	Cpl	13122874	395th F.S.
<u>Privates of the Guard</u>			
Howard N. Balow	Pfc	36651811	395th F.S.
Albert K. Barker	Pfc	17060168	397th F.S.
Floyd E. Brown	Pfc	15341193	396th F.S.
John D. Corcoleotes	Pfc	39035496	396th F.S.
Alejandro A. Cortez	Pfc	39546833	395th F.S.
Carmen De Rita	Pfc	31328670	395th F.S.
Henry J. Evans	Pfc	18046302	396th F.S.
Kenneth A. Haley	Pfc	13145948	396th F.S.
Lewis J. Hodge	Pfc	33529600	397th F.S.
Rudy J. Kavanaugh	Pfc	13118824	397th F.S.
Frank E. Koblinski	Pfc	15376023	396th F.S.
Charles J. Lucking	Pfc	20520664	395th F.S.
Emile Martinez	Pfc	34155894	397th F.S.
Ethridge E. Mashburn	Pfc	34732868	396th F.S.
Ian M. McEwan	Pfc	11115517	396th F.S.
Robert T. Mead	Pfc	18213986	396th F.S.
Irvin F. Mirkle	Pfc	36884519	397th F.S.
Wallace G. Nelson	Pfc	31176970	395th F.S.
Virgil J. Reno	Pfc	36593545	396th F.S.
Robert L. Skiver	Pfc	37509730	395th F.S.

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

Roster of 368th Fighter Group
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Privates of the Guard

William L. Baird	Pvt	35478775	396th F.S.
Donald C. Ferrell	Pvt	15117285	397th F.S.
Abraham Garstein	Pvt	32244430	396th F.S.
Alberto F. Giron	Pvt	38350193	395th F.S.
Berlyn E. Hammett	Pvt	37414630	397th F.S.
Kenneth L. Kallenberg	Pvt	16049273	397th F.S.
William R. Kingrey	Pvt	37287022	397th F.S.
John H. Marmion	Pvt	15071250	396th F.S.
Thomas K. Miller	Pvt	18134468	397th F.S.
William W. Myers	Pvt	6998832	397th F.S.
Floyd T. Nelson	Pvt	39835675	395th F.S.
Mervin K. Rowell	Pvt	32354541	395th F.S.
Lawrence C. Salisbury	Pvt	37464653	397th F.S.
George F. Slayton	Pvt	33362468	395th F.S.
Charles R. Summers	Pvt	35528864	395th F.S.
George Pivetz	Pvt	32872875	395th F.S.

THE FORTRESS FEATURE

Friday, June 16, 1945

„Somewhere in Germany“

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Life Begins At 42 For These EM

Age was more important than points during the past week at this base. All of the 368th EM who left for the U. S. were those with at least forty-two years back of them. They were: Pvt. Clyde H. Bour, Cpl. John C. Wepler of the 396th; Cpt. Archibald H. Baer of Headquarters and Sgt. Sam J. Simon of the 397th.

From the service team, Cpl. James A. Knox and Cpl. William Bontemps Jr. of the 382nd, and Pte. Bernard Brady of the 2419th left June 10.

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Major Harris F. Krause, foremost Operations Officer 397th Squadrons, has been reassigned to the 405th Fighter Group where he will Command a Squadron.

Fishing Tackle CBI Bound

Capt William Quinlan of Special Service, announced this week that his department will be unable to secure fishing tackle for the group's Isaac Waltons. The reason is, all fishing paraphernalia owned by Special Service has been sent to the Pacific Theater. This leaves fishing enthusiasts with two alternatives: they may make or scrounge their

On NBC Army Hour Reports have reached the group that a radio program transcribed over Germany from a piggy-back P-47 piloted by Colonel Frank S. Perego accompanying the Jabo Angels' squadron on a combat mission, was broadcast on the NBC Army Hour late in April. Colonel Perego has received letters from friends in California and New York in which they report hearing the broadcast.

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An enlisted men's council has been set up on this base in compliance with orders from theater command, to "raise and maintain morale". The Council is to straighten out difficulties, discrepancies, questions or complaints of any of the men.

Each unit on the base is represented by the 1st Sergeant and one other man with rank of sergeant or less. These representatives meet every other Wednesday with an advisory committee. The advisors, the Chaplain, a member of the Red Cross, Capt Quintan and Lt. Col. Gorrell, are to act in only that capacity, and have no vote. Any matter vetoed by the advisors can be taken directly to Colonel Perego.

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GROUP LEADS ALLIED AIR PARADE

Forming the spearhead of the grand parade of Allied air power in the European Theater Sunday, June 10, the Panzer Dusters, Thunder Bums and Jabo Angels squadrons led the Ninth Air Force, 12th TAC, RAF and the Eighth Air Force as they flew in a procession before the Allied High Command at General Eisenhower's headquarters at Frankfurt.

A THUNDERBUM CLOBBERS ONE!



Dombos of the 395th swings on one in third inning in Sunda's contest here. The Buzzers' catcher, Oxford, and ump Thomas look on.

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Led by Lt. Col. Thomas J. Carbine, deputy commander, with Major John W. Baer leading the 396th and Major John J. Tuite Jr. leading the 397th, the group set course at 1138 Sunday. The 368th was joined by other XIX TAC groups enroute to Worms where the TAC formation was completed. Col. Carbine then led them to Trier where IX TAC, XXIX TAC, IX Bombardment Division of Ninth Air Force and 12th TAC rendezvoused.

The XIX TAC led by the 368th, headed the parade to Frankfurt at 1230 with the IX TAC led by the 365th Group falling in next, followed by other commands then later by the RAF 2nd Tactical Air Force and the RAF Fighter Command and representative groups of the Eighth Air Force.

Flags in Courtyard

"I could not see the whole formation of course, but we could hear them on the radio," Col. Carbine said. "The flight past the military headquarters at Frankfurt was a procession of groups about a mile apart. I set the course to the south of the I. G. Farben building in Frankfurt which is General Eisenhower's headquarters. In the courtyard we could see flags and in particular a big red flag. That was probably Russian, as General Eisenhower and Field Marshal Montgomery were being decorated by Marshal Zhukov, I believe."

The aerial parade was part of the first of a series of ceremonies in which General Eisenhower will be honored in Paris, London and Washington where he is scheduled to address a joint session of Congress June 18th.

The honor of leading the procession of Allied air forces was in keeping with the high standing of the 368th Fighter Group in tactical operations right up to V-E day.

Led in tactical operations The first to land and operate from bases on the continent after the Normandy invasion, the 368th distinguished itself in the Cherbourg and St. Lo campaigns and was soon receiving national attention in the U.S. National magazines, radio networks

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GREMLINS DON'T FRATERNIZE, BUT OH MY!

by: Staff Gremlinologist

All the Bavarian elfs, dwarfs and
wood nymphs slipped quietly out of
the woods toward the center of the
airfield. They couldn't resist the eerie
swing music. They were curious to
see these foreigners that had come
amongst them but would not fraternize.

The gremlins of the 368th Fighter
Group were having a big celebration
in the moonlight. The Angel gremlins
came from one side, the Thunder
Bums from another and the devilish
red-nosed Panzer Dusters joined in
the mischief.

Gremlins Get Hot.

The cool midnight air resounded to
the modern tempo of gremlin music
as the Gun Jammers beat out solid
radio bug. The octette of fifty calibre
flutes got hot on "Sing Your Birdie."

The Gas Eaters beat the belly tanks
into a frenzy. The hydraulic slides
took the break; the manifolds ex-
hausted their highest pressure trumpet
notes, to the base counter part of
supercharger tubas, as the water boys
intected: "Rev it up, Rev it up, Rev it
up, Eeedi, Eeedi Yeedi Eei Yo!"

The Peto tube brats were out be-
hind the BST tripping the oxygen
bottle. The souls of P-47s were fit-
ting to the occasion, all the well
known names were there---spirits
were unshacked. Some young ones
unashamedly danced without a sobri-
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Chick wore her finest diamond stud-
ded G string, sparkling in the moon-
light. Miss Ardith, Nancy, Janie and
Miss Priscilla stood primly aside in
dignity, wishing they could also be
glamorous. The Old Man leaned on
his cane and lecherously watched
Little Egypt sway and roll in a dance
of the desert air.

Texas Terror, Big "D" and Ridge
Runner, with polished side arms and
long toms, were trying to entice Miss
Second Front, Baby Brown Eyes and
Hard-to-Get, off into the shadows,
but were told to see Down For
Trouble. Luscious Lena Surrep-
titiously searched the gathering
with a jealous eye for "Arkansaw
Traveler. Out of the shadows, Sweet-
and-Hot was heard to snap at
Brawny Marlin: "You've, Had it."

Gremlins're Invisible; Dammit.

Yokel, Section Eight, Dirty Gerty,
Down Necker and Ooh La La were
gleefully exchanging raiment in a
game of Stud in the control tower.

Then, as the Gun Jammers took
an intermission, they all gathered in
a circle. Kentucky Bette sang "Grab
Yourself an Orbit." Kithanne, the In-
dian maid, danced a tribal cere-
mony. Douce Luce, formerly of the
Folies, Begere, presented the Can
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Rutan	1b	2	1	1	0	0	0			
Tribe	2b	3	2	1	1	0	0			
Kaczowka	cf	4	3	2	0	0	0			
Dombos	c	3	0	2	1	1	1			
Check	rf	1	1	0	1	0	0			
Harvell	lf	3	2	2	1	0	0			
Jones, R. E	cf	2	0	0	0	0	0			
Manne-hein	0	4	2	1	0	0	0			
SD'Pirno	3b	2	0	0	0	0	0			
3Woods	1b	2	1	2	0	0	0			
3Bastrola	ss	4	2	1	0	0	0			

\$ batted for Rutan in 3d	30	13	14	7	2
a batted for Check in 3d					
b batted for Jones in 3d.					

Buzzers										
Player	Pos.	AB	H	R	BB	SO				
Soals	ss	2	0	1	1	0				
H. Long	2b	2	0	0	1	1				
Cawley	cf	3	0	0	0	1				
Franklin	rf	1	1	0	0	0				
Zimbmann	1b	2	0	0	0	1				
Oxford	c	3	1	0	0	2				
F. Long	3b	2	0	0	0	1				
Peters	rf	2	0	0	0	1				
Sears	p	2	0	1	0	0				
STedwell	cf	2	0	1	0	0				

\$ batted for Franklin in 2d.	21	2	2	2	8
Score by Innings.					

83rd Airdrome	1-0-0-0-1-0-0	2	2	3
368 Fighter Gp	4-0-2-2-4	14	13	1

G I Carnival 4th

At a meeting of the Enlisted Men's
Council held Thursday morning in the
group theater initial plans were laid
for a Fourth of July Carnival. The
carnival complete with ball throwing,
ring toss, hot dog stands, and other
concessions will be held the afternoon
and evening of the Fourth in front
of the Red Cross Club. The proceeds
will go to buy supplies for the diffe-
rent squadron day rooms.

Final plans will be drawn up at a
meeting held Wednesday morning at
09:00 in the group theater. At that time
it will be decided which outfit will
handle which concession.

where IX TAC, XXIX TAC, IX
Bombardment Division of Ninth Air
Force and 12th TAC rendezvoused.
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headed the parade to Frankfurt at
12:30 with the IX TAC led by the
375th Group falling in next, followed
by other commands then later by the
RAF 2nd Tactical Air Force and the
RAF Fighter Command and represen-
tative groups of the Eighth Air
Force.

Flags in Courtyard

"I could not see the whole forma-
tion of course, but we could hear
them on the radio," Col. Carbine said.
"The flight past the military head-
quarters at Frankfurt was a proces-
sion of groups about a mile apart.
I set the course to the south of the
T. G. Farhen building in Frankfurt
which is General Eisenhower's head-
quarters. In the courtyard we could
see flags and in particular a big red
flag. That was probably Russian, as
General Eisenhower and Field Mar-
shal Montgomery were being deco-
rated by Marshal Zhukov, I believe."

The aerial parade was part of the
first of a series of ceremonies in
which General Eisenhower will be
honored in Paris, London and Was-
hington where he is scheduled to
address a joint session of Congress
June 18th.

The honor of leading the procession
of Allied air forces was in keeping
with the high standing of the 368th
Fighter Group in tactical operations
right up to V-E day.

Led in tactical operations
bases on the continent after the Nor-
mandy invasion, the 368th distin-
guished itself in the Cherbourg and St.
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ing national attention in the U.S.
National magazines, radio networks
and newspaper syndicates told of
the exploits of the Thunder Bums,
Panzer Dusters and Jabo Angels.

For many months the 368th led
all Ninth Air Force tactical groups in
the destruction of enemy tanks and
vehicles as the fighter bombers car-
ried out their mission of immobilizing
the enemy forces in Normandy,
Northern France and Belgium; the
Ardennes, the Saar and Central Ger-
many and finally Western Austria
and Czechoslovakia. In addition the
group maintained leadership of all
P-47 Thunderbolt groups in the
Ninth Air Force in the destruction of
enemy aircraft. The record of
December 23, 1944 when 29 enemy
planes were claimed in aerial encoun-
ters, still stands as the biggest "bag"
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on all claims have not been released
to determine the final standings on
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"PORKY" IS MESS HALL PET

What seemed to be a rolled up
GI brush eating salt in the 395th Mess
supply tent was discovered to be
actually a baby porcupine. The animal
was caught by cook Cpl Johnny
Wood, and has since been adopted by
the Mess Hall men as their pet.

"Porky" is shy and rolls into a ball
when anyone approaches," said Mess
Sergeant Reek Feliziani. "He's smart
enough to stick his head out when
the time comes to eat. We intend to
build a wire cage and let everyone
get a good look at the animal."

As to the sex of "Porky" Sgt Fel-
iziani admitted: "We actually don't
know whether it is a 'he' or a 'she'
but we are calling it a 'he' in the
meantime. We don't know anything
about porcupines," he pleaded "and
we're afraid to look too close because
he might throw one of those sharp
bristles at us."

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"School days, school days, dear old golden-rule days" . . . Prize pupil and the "Head" of his class, T 5 Robert "Father" Egan isn't the one to boast. Shy, isn't he fellows?? Now let me see, who was it said that "Honest Bob" was seen taking off on a tricycle the other night. Starting from the bottom—keep up the good work and before long you'll be trading that license your working for, to one of a Heavy Vehicle Operator.

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I thing Julies Wolf should open formal ping-pong instruction hours. He always is on hand with a ready suggestion, or a good game for any oncomer.

NEW TRACK STAR LOCATED.

Joe Thomas was seen going through his paces in the rear of the transportation building the other day. He has found a sure way to loosen up that game leg it seems.

Say, I wonder if George Miller and Daniel McGuinness were on speaking terms the day George gave Mac that hair-cut?

Gus Basch promises to have a section of Tourist City ready for the 396th when the rest return to the States.

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CLASSES IN RELIGION

Protestant: Mon.-Tues.-Wed. Fortress Theatre, 15:00 Chaplain Brown

Catholic: Tue.-Thur.-Sat. Fortress School, 18:30

Current Events

Quiz Panel Topic

Capt David Reinthal, Group Intelligence Officer, will lead the panel discussions on "Current Events" next week at the Group Theater.

Starting time will again be 1100 hours. On Tuesday, June 19, 395th opposes 396th; on Thursday, June 21, 397th meets 395th, and on Saturday, June 23, 396th competes against 397th.

Last week's debates saw the Panzer Duster's outwit the Thunderbums on Tuesday but lose to the Jabo Angels on Thursday. On Saturday Pvt E. F. Murray brought home the bacon for the second time as the Thunderbums bowled over the Jabo Angels.

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The Thunderbums' manager, Pfc. Rutan, challenges anyone who is interested to play his team. He can be contacted at the Special Service Office, Group Theatre. . . . Sgt. R. E. Jones from the 397th is currently making 4 feet five inches on the high jump.

Sports old nemesis, rain, limited the Softball Tournament to ten games up to Wednesday. The 859th Chemical outfit beat the 395th Officers by a score of 7-2 which keeps them in front of the league by a considerable margin. The Firefighters combined with Flight Control lost to the 396th Officers 5-1 but trimmed the sixth place Jabo Angels 6-5. Still holding third place, the 382nd E. M. took a pair of games when they beat the 368th E. M. 9-4 and the 1814th Ordnance 3-1. The 1814th Ordnance finally chalked one in the win column when they blanked the 84th E. M. 1-0. By winning one from the 397th Officers, 8-1, the 395th E. M.

held on to second place. The 396th E. M. won a game from the 368th Officers by forfeit. In a free for all, the 396th Officers outslugged the 84th Headquarters Officers 15-10. The 368th E. M., in a fairly close game, took one from the 84th E. M. by a score of 6-2. As yet the 84th Headquarters Officers haven't won a game.

SOFTBALL LEAGUE STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Pct.
859th Chemical Co	10	1	.909
395th E. M.	6	1	.857
382nd E. M.	8	2	.800
396th E. M.	5	2	.714
368th E. M.	6	4	.600
397th E. M.	3	3	.500
396th Officers	4	4	.500
Firefighters	3	4	.428
397th Officers	2	4	.333
395th Officers	2	5	.285
84th E. M.	2	5	.285
1814th Ordnance	1	6	.142
368th HQ. Officers	1	7	.125
84th HQ. Officers	0	5	.000

Classical Music Heard in Comfort

Maxime Toy of the Red Cross offered up to the classical music lovers of the group quite a treat last Sunday. All those who go in for the long hair stuff were invited to her home where they listened to two hours of classical music from the comfort of overstuffed chairs. According to Miss Toy this is the only way in which music of this kind may be appreciated. These sessions will be held every Sunday night and anyone interested in this sort of music is cordially invited (until the house is full).

R E S T R I C T E D

HEADQUARTERS
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SPECIAL ORDERS)
NUMBER 62)

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Capt OSWALD DORLA	01640399	AC
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2. 2d Lt CHARLES E. RIFE, 0887235, AC, is granted a lv of absence for a period of seven (7) days, o/a 16 June 45, is auth to proceed from this Hq to US Riviera Recreational Area, reporting thereat to CO, Martinez Hotel, Cannes, Fr, in accordance w/Ltr Hq European TO, USA, file AG 4541, OpG&, Subj: "US Riviera Recreational Area," 8 Jan 45, which will be strictly complied with. TDN by MT, mil acft or rail. 60-115 P 432-02 & 212/50425.

3. Major ERNEST R. PENDESTON, 01638240, AC, is placed on TDY for an indefinite period, WP Hq XIX Tactical Air Comd, o/a 16 June 45, reporting to the A-1 Section thereat. Upon com 1 of this TDY, off will ret to proper orgn. TDN by MT, mil acft or rail. 60-115 P 432-02 & 212/50425. AUTH: WOCG XIX Tactical Air Comd.

4. A Special Courts-Martial is aptd to meet at such time and place as may be designated by the senior member thereof, for the trial of such persons as may be properly brought before it:

DETAIL FOR THE COURT

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1st Lt JOHN P. BANYON	0155340	ORD	
1st Lt SAMUEL KUSHNER	0856309	AC	(Trial Judge advoca.)
Capt NEWTON I. STEERS JR	0865646	AC	(Defense Counsel)

5. Having been asgd to this orgn per par 8, SO 148, Hq XIX Tactical Air Comd, 13 June 45, Cpl (970) Sam E. Bruton Jr, 18200096, is further asgd Hq 368th Ftr Gr. EDCR 16 June 45.

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SO 62, Hq 358th Ftr Gp, 16 June 45, Cont'd.

6. The WOCO 358th Ftr Gp of 4 June 45, under exigencies which prevented the issuance of advance orders, are hereby confirmed and made of record:

"Having been asgd this orgn per par 8, SO 136, Hq XIX Tactical Air Comd, 1 June 45, the following named officers are further asgd 397th Ftr Sq, EDCR 4 June 45.

1st Lt (4823) JACK W. MOSSMAN 0493800 AC
1st Lt (0200) GEORGE W. PROCTOR 0859874 AC"

7. Fol named officers are placed on TDY, WP Exposition Bldg, Brussels, Belg. o/a 17 June 45, for a period of two (2) days, for the purpose of picking up supplies. Upon compl of this TDY they will ret to proper orgn. TDY by MT, mil acft or rail. 60-115 P 432-02 & 212/ED425.

Capt OSWALD DORIA 01640399 AC
Capt JOHN F. REGAN 0559887 AC

8. The WOCO 358th Ftr Gp of 4 Apr 45, under exigencies which prevented the issuance of advance orders, are hereby confirmed and made of record:

"Having been asgd this orgn per par 2, SO 85, Hq XIX Tactical Air Comd, 30 Mar 45, Pvt (E90) Alexander A. Gajoski, 35340542, is further asgd Hq 358th Ftr Gp. EDCR 3 Apr 45."

9. The WOCO 358th Ftr Gp of 13 June 45, under exigencies which prevented the issuance of advance orders, are hereby confirmed and made of record:

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

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HISTORY 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 Pecamp, 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 -- Bervin 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/V - 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.

History of 396th Armored Cavalry Group

June 1944

- 4 - Two Rouen bridges over Seine River destroyed
- 6-7 - D-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--Palaise 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 Iaon, 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 Freitscheid 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.

History of 368th FG continued Page 3

December 1944

- 17 - German Ardennes offensive - 11 e/a 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 - Rullay 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 Meyland for a good days work including 305 M/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 XIV TAC patrols composed of 6 Groups.

AIRCRAFT LOST

Flak---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

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
or 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	
Pounds 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 (69 MIA-31 salv)	110

This Group has made a name for itself, first by its reputation it earned as a bridge buster prior to D-Day, and second as a reliable close-support Group for the infantry. Numerous commendations singling out the 368th Fighter Gp serve to support such claims.

The above claims have not been established without suffering a considerable loss in pilots to the Group. Status as of 31 May 1945:

MIA---38 KIA---24 POW---8 WIA---11 IIA---14 RMC---10(6-11A)

To those who were either killed or severely wounded we pause to offer our regrets and express our gratitude for their splendid efforts, and for the privilege of having known them; to those who were more fortunate, but still no longer with us, we offer our thanks, and to those who are still in the ETO we wish them a speedy return to the USA.

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HEADQUARTERS
368TH FIGHTER GROUP

WFO 141, U. S. Army
18 June 1945

SPECIAL ORDERS)
:
NUMBER 63)

1. Par 4, SO 62, this Hq, cs, pertaining to Special Courts-Martial, is rescinded.

2. A Special Courts-Martial is aptd to meet at such time and place as may be designated by the senior member thereof, for the trial of such persons as may be properly brought before it:

DETAIL FOR THE COURT

- Major JAMES R. WERNLI 03889 76 AC
- Capt WILLIAM T. McGANN 010389 40 CWS
- Capt HAROLD J. KESSLER 0551410 AC
- Capt ROBERT G. BERGMAN 0557286 AC
- Capt ROBERT MILLER 0680143 AC
- Capt CARL H. GUNDLACH 0571886 AC
- Capt SAMUEL R. SCHOFIELD 0582942 AC
- 1st Lt JOHN P. BALTON 01555340 ORD
- 1st Lt JACKIE N. MOORE 0811952 AC

- Capt NEWTON I. STEERS JR 0865546 AC (Trial Judge Advocate)
- Capt FRANKLIN A. DICK 0565197 AC (Defense Counsel)

3. Par 5, SO 30, this Hq, cs, pertaining to reclassification board is rescinded.

4. Fol named officers are aptd Board of Officers for purpose of reclassification of enlisted personnel, 368th Ftr Gp:

- Capt HAROLD J. KESSLER 0551410 AC (President)
- Capt CARL H. GUNDLACH 0571886 AC
- Capt SAMUEL R. SCHOFIELD 0582942 AC
- 1st Lt JOSEPH B. BRUMFIELD JR 0650363 AC (Recorder)

5. Having been asgd this orgn per par 8, SO 151, Hq XIX Tactical Air Co. 16 June 45, Pvt William K. Harkin, 6260423, (555), is further asgd 397th Ftr Sq. EDGMR 19 June 45.

6. 1st Lt THOMAS G. MONAHAN, 0583418, AC, is detailed to witness and verify the cash balance of 1st Lt ALLIE C. TRICE, 01577973, QMC, Group Post Exchange Off as of 18 June 1945.

SC 63, Hq 368th Ftr Gp, 18 June 45, Cont'd.

7. Under the provisions of Ltr Hq XIX Tactical Air Command, subj: "Alleged Violations of the Geneva Convention," 3 Feb 45, 1st Lt JOSEPH B. BRUMFIELD JR, 0650363, AC, is aptd Gp Court of Inquiry Off, add dy, vice Capt MAURICE D. POWELL, 0650448, AC, reld.

8. 1st Lt JOSEPH B. BRUMFIELD JR, 0650363, AC, is aptd Gp Claims Off, add dy, vice Capt MAURICE D. POWELL, 0650448, AC, reld.

9. 1st Lt JOSEPH B. BRUMFIELD JR, 0650363, AC, is aptd Top Secret Control Off, add dy, vice Capt MAURICE D. POWELL, 0650448, AC, reld.

10. Capt MARVIN E. WARD, 0853713, AC, is aptd Guard Off of the 368th Ftr Gp auxiliary Military Police unit, add dy, vice Capt MAURICE D. POWELL, 0650448, AC, reld.

11. Sol named off & E1 are placed on TDY, WP Hq XIX Tactical Air Comd, o/a 21 June 45, for a period of three (3) days, for the purpose of attending Soldier Show Demonstration Conference. Upon compl of this TDY they will ret to proper orgn. TDY by MT, mil acft or rail. 60-115 P 432-02 A 212/50425. MTH: Ltr Hq XIX Tactical Air Comd, subj: "Soldier Show Demonstration Conference," 9 June 45.

Capt FRANKLIN A. DICK	0565197	AC	
T Sgt William Malohe	3237507		396th Ftr Sq
T Sgt Martin M. Klein	32306469		397th Ftr Sq
S Sgt Andrew Vanta	15019222		395th Ftr Sa
Pvt Paul S. Kramer	17037511		395th Ftr Sq

12. So much of par 7, SO 62, Hq 368th Ftr Gp, cs, as pertains to Capt OSWALD DORIA, 01640399, AC, as reads: "for a period of two (2) days," is amended to read: "for a period of four (4) days."

13. 1st Lt JOSEPH B. BRUMFIELD JR, 0650363, AC, is aptd Asst Gp Adjutant, princ dy, vice Capt MAURICE D. POWELL, 0650448, reld, off 19 June 45.

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

BY ORDER OF COLONEL PEREGO:

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THE FORTRESS FEATURE

Friday, June 22, 1945

"Somewhere in Germany"

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4 More Pilots Reported Safe

Capt James W. Goodwin, Capt Virgil Noriega, Lt Paul R. Jasper, all formerly in German hands, are known to be on their way back to the states.

Word about Lt Jasper reached the 396th in the form of a combat report he filed out recently in an American camp, claiming one enemy plane shot down. He went down in a mid-air collision between himself and another 396th pilot in this same encounter.

A V-mail letter from Capt Noriega revealed that an 88mm shell in his engine and two enemy planes on his tail forced him to "hit the silk." Capt Goodwin had been missing for more than one year, and the full story of his internment is not known.

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Sweetheart Contest

So, you are proud of your best gal's picture? Give the rest of the fellows a chance to see your most beautiful girl. This is the opportunity to show off your favorite picture.

The Fortress Feature will print the two prettiest girls of each unit on the base, in two editions of the paper. The grand winner will be given a front page spread and story.

If your girl is the most beautiful, as you tell every one she is, she'll be the Queen of the Group.

Let's have those pictures for the contest.

Contest Rules:

1. Pictures must be personal: of wives, sweethearts or sisters.
2. Pictures must be in black and white, and will be returned.
3. All entries must be in to the Fortress Feature office by midnight, June 28. Final winner to be announced July 20.
4. Contest is open to members of 368th F. G. and all attached units.
5. Judges will be the Fortress School Journalism class.

School Called A Model By TAC Visitors

Called "a model school" by visiting officers from XIX TAC the Fortress school passed the half-way mark of its first term this week. Next door the Service Team school was forced into a weeks vacation by the reorganization of the sponsoring units.

The biggest Ninth Air Force school, as well as the first to get started, the Fortress school continued to attract visitors from both the IX and XIX TAC units this week. Information and Education men who were looking for help in starting their own programs expressed amazement at the progress already made by the 368th school.

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Other subjects taken up at the meeting were the possibilities for obtaining more cokes, American beer, and better PX rations for the enlisted men. Several suggestions were brought up and are being looked into.

TEAM "B" GETS STREAMLINED INTO NEW GROUP

By S Sgt Bill Schuler
The Service Team had its "face lifted" this week when a conversion from Service Team to Air Service Group took place.

The new 487th Air Service Group with Major Leland W. Richardson in command, will consist of three Squadrons. The 905th Air Engineering Squadron with Captain Nolan B. Mullens as Commanding Officer, the 729th Air Materiel Squadron led by Captain Terry Staples, and the Headquarters and Base Services Squadron with Major D. C. Harpole as Commanding Officer.

The 905th will take over the Engineering functions of the old 382nd Air Service Squadron as well as Auto Maintenance Shops, ground power unit maintenance and maintenance of the base, while the 729th will take care of supplying the base in all types of Army supply. The Headquarters Squadron will handle the administration of the Group, base utilities, fire fighting platoon and Military Police.

Attached Personnel Now AAF
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Skeet shooting is part of the pilots training program which comes under gunnery. So that the pilots may get the necessary practice, the range was constructed in the woods of the road that leads away from the base. In skeet shooting the pilot has to lead his target the same way he does in the air.

Instead of waiting for the necessary equipment to come through the regular channels, Lt. Col. Thomas J. Carbine, (deputy group commander) in charge of training the pilots, decided to go ahead and build a range with materials that could be obtained. Capt. Maurice King, group operations officer, obtained some German traps. With the assistance of Lt. George Gill, 397th armament officer, he supervised the project of building the high and low house, the stands, core and control house.

M. Sgt. J. W. Jones and T. Sgt. Leonard C. Weisser of 397th armament, modified the German traps with electrical releases, so that they could be discharged by the controller in the box flipping a switch. This is also an added safety feature. Before

the controller can release the clay pigeons from the houses, an electric eye, which is in front of him, next to the switches, has to flash a signal, signalling that the traps are loaded and ready for release.

Equipment on Hand

The shot guns were fortunately on hand, and the service team cooperated in getting the ammunition or buck shot, as it is often referred to, and the birds. In addition, Capt. King secured some German ammo which is also being used.

The pilots training program is well under way. Pilots of the respective squadrons are scheduled by Operations, to fire by flights every third day. As it stands now, every flight must "play" eight games. Each game includes making a complete cycle of the range, or the firing of 25 rounds from the various stands.

Lt. Joseph T. Springs, 395th, so far has the high score with 17 for one game. Lt. Eugene G. Simon, 396th follows him closely with 16, and Maj. Albert J. Freund Jr. and Lt. Maurice J. Shea, 397th, are tied for third place with 15 a piece.

Would you like to have a crack at shooting some skeet? Lt. Col. Carbine said, "If more German clay pigeons can be obtained in the near future, we hope to have an open day at the range, and give everyone interested, a chance to fire."

RED CROSS CALENDAR

Friday, June 22: "Strafers"	2000
Sunday, June 24: Classical concert	2000
Beethoven's 9th symphony To be heard at Miss Toy's home	
Tuesday, June 26: Bingo	2000

Commercial Courses Lead

Commercial classes were easily the most popular with 483 students, followed by languages with 175, applied technical training 157, social science 151, mathematics 150, and English 130. Unclassified subjects also ranked high: Slide Rule 109, Photography 101, and Mechanical Drawing 57.

P-47 Turns Amphibious

Lt Kenneth T. Wenk, 397th, had a freak crash and a swim on the side, when his plane went down in a lake 45 miles below Munich June 19. He was collected, literally, after twenty minutes in the water, and treated like a king for a day, when he caught a plane back to Ansbach.

The flight had buzzed the lake, turned and was going for a last dive at the water, when the engine conked out on Lt Wenk. He glided along the water for several yards, and as the plane started to settle, he loosened his safety belt and took off for a swim. When his parachute began to get waterlogged, he slipped out of it, and hung onto a floating oxygen bottle until the 414 Medical Collecting Company came along in a launch.

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Group GIs Pose (gladly) with Czech Girls

Another Tour to Pilsen Planned

Next week's tour will again take Group tourists to Pilsen, where the picture shown above was taken two weeks ago.

In spite of being the home of Pilsener Beer and the Skoda Armament works, Pilsen was generally rated just another town after the last trip; but some other boys want a view of those comely Czech Lassies.

Pilsen is virtually untouched by war and has the added attraction of beer and legal fraternizing. Although the ride was long and hard, some boys considered it well worth while and expressed an interest in going back.

The safari will leave from Group Headquarters at 0700 hours on Sunday, June 24, and will traverse the 130 miles to Pilsen by one route and return by another. Guests will be required to wear Class "A" uniform and a helmet liner. Guns must be carried while in Germany but are not allowed in Czechoslovakia. This dilemma had not been solved at the time the Fortress Feature went to press, but the decision will be announced at a later date.

Four trucks are scheduled to make the trip, and men who desire to go

are urged to list their names on the bulletin board early. Priority will be given to those who did not make the trip the last time.

NINE OLD MEN

The situation may be rough, boys, but think of these poor devils. Nine men will have to face the horrors of food and gas shortages, too few men for too many women; unbearably crowded living conditions.

These brave men who applied for active duty overseas—from here, are now on their merry way to the good old U.S.A., to see if all the stories about the trials and tribulations of home folks are true. They promise an accurate report for our information, when they get home in civvies again.

From the 396th, five good men left for this research work: Sgts Karlton C. Brinson, Andrew Mollicella, Gustavus Basch; Pfc's Aaron Jaffee and Adolph H. Benke.

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396 THUNDER BUMS

by S Sgt. Thomas C. Daly

The 396th enlisted men's club, after being finished in record time, opened last Saturday night. It was a gala event. Everyone seemed to have that contented smile on their faces, as they lifted the beer mug and made a toast. There was never a dull moment. There were choral renditions all over the club, and when one of the boys started playing the piano, Joe (the voice) Salvo and Zack (the) Zavir started to do an old fashioned waltz. Bob Duffy kept yelling, "throw the bum out". He's from Brooklyn. The rank behind the counter did a fine job of keeping things running.

The night before Gus Basch left for Good old U.S.A., his tent was described as looking like Grand Central on Saturday night. Gus, with his beaming personality and his congenial ways, had won many friends through out the group.

Pancho Koblianski and his boy Floyd Brandt are going great guns in Joe McCain's European history class. Joe says they may be the historians of the day, but I doubt it.

Cpl. Joseph Lawrence seems to be having a good time in the hospital. Watch out, Junior, don't lose your head over some pretty nurse!

Lt. Austin Carr seemed to be quite peeved over one of the answers he received to this question: "Who was General Braddock?" The brilliant student replied, "a retired World War I officer", and sat down, confident his contribution was worthy of note. It was, Lt. Carr laughingly remarked, "I thought he had something to do with the French and Indian war."

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From Henry L. Stark: "Those who have film at the Photo Shop will be pleased to learn that the flood caused no serious damage, and that S Sgt Bassler & Co. are in operation once more. It is also rumored that instead of 24 hour service as originally planned the new SOP will not guarantee less than three day service. Keep a stiff upper lip fellows"

397th Jabo Angels

by Pvt Charley Jefferson and S Sgt. Veronica Nacion

T Sgt. Lehman's fishing tales didn't hold up. I wonder what he was catching? We didn't get a bite:

Here's hoping Cpl. Check doesn't have to sweat that rocker out too long.

S Sgts Nacion, Hirschfeld, Wesolowski and Cpls Grant, Gatz and Kyle and Pvt. Meyers were the first souvenir hunters who took care of the whole squadron, on their doll requisitioning trip. Thanks a lot, fellows.

Walt Sczmiwski recently sent home an airplane engine, so all crew chiefs, be on the look out. I hear he is looking for a fuselage!

Super-Fisherman Cuppini is really getting in plenty of that favorite time lately. It's a nitely affair now.

What happened to the mess lately, things are looking up. Nice going Red.

Did Serbian tell you about Brussels yet? If not, beware, for he has some fine tales.

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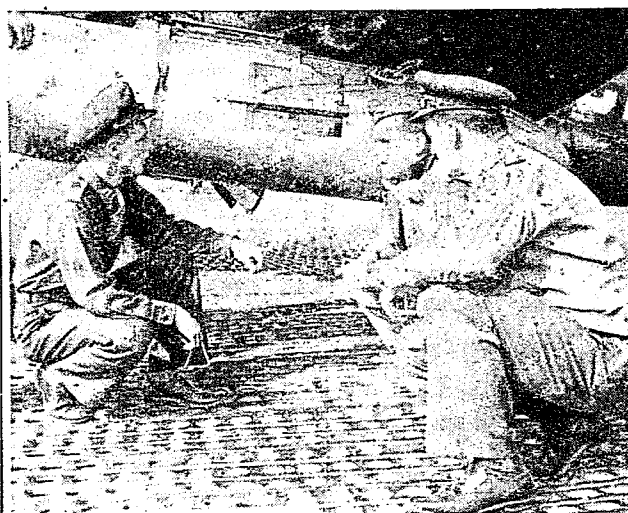
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QUIZ ON JAP SITUATION

Panel With discussions entering the fourth week of inter-squadron brain competition, Capt. Franklin Dick, 396th Intelligence officer, will conduct the discussions on "The Japanese Situation" next week.

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Most business men I've met are drones—parochial mentalities, interested only in things that work.

There is no doubt that a fellow with a classical education starts out in business with certain handicaps—because of lack of technical data at his command, but I feel that he soon closes the gap and ultimately moves ahead.

One of the most interesting post-war fields will be labor relations. I think a young fellow could approach it from one of three directions: a) as a representative of management, b) as a representative of the unions, c) as a representative of government: arbitration, conciliation, hearing officers, field studies, etc.

The unions have almost doubled their membership during the war. They are here to stay, yet few individuals are skilled in labor relations work. Management is loaded with industrial relations consultants who are for the most part unsympathetic to labor's legitimate goals: labor is led in 5 cases out of 10 by people with low mentalities and in a surprising number of cases by mugs.

It is a field I enthusiastically comment to a young fellow with ability and ideals.

Religious Services

Sunday, June 24

Protestant: 1000 Theatre

Catholic: 1000 Theatre

Saturday, June 23

Jewish: 1000 Furth Theatre

Transportation leaves Group Headquarters at 0900.

NOTE: Only one Catholic Mass this Sunday.

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It looks like a new post office, being built in our tent area. Do you suppose it will bring more mail than we have been getting lately?

368th Hq. News

by P. W. West

According to reliable rumors, Pic Frazzino Garza, after seeing the publicity given to the Hq Showers in the last issue of The Fortress Feature, is consulting with our Classification Expert, Sgt Trajtel. Since Frazzino is official "Crew Chief" on a government "Secret Weapon" he is endeavoring to obtain a suitable MOS for that exalted position.

What did S/Sgt Chester Gadomski mean by running around in his shorts the other night yelling for anyone who knew where he could locate a "little box"?

Cpl Joseph Ciardella assures us that he will not enter Lana Turner's picture in the forthcoming Pin Up Contest. (See your local newspaper). "Sure I know plenty of Movie Stars but I don't think it would be fair to the fellows." Ciardella says that he has been corresponding with Lana, Hedv. and Judy for years. You all know Cowie's classic reply: B-Apple Sauce!

Have you heard S/Sgt Ray Nazzaro's classic description of the Fortress Feature? It's colossal—!—!—! in a small way, of course.

While Lt. Goldknopf is on leave in Paris, Capt David Reinthal will take over his duties as Officer-Advisor to the Fortress Feature. (Must be the name of the paper.)

Those two men who were stranded on the Castle grounds in Ruhr, Sunday, had to leg it for thirty miles in order to get back for chow.

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It is rumored that a volley ball game between the officers of the Service Group and Air Corps Supply EM will take place in the near future. What a game that should be with \$2000 at stake.

Our happy-go-lucky Captain George Myers from the Service Group Headquarters decided he'd be twice as happy with a wife so he left for Belgium on Sunday to marry Mlle. Huguette G. Janssens. The very best wishes for a long and happy marriage from all the boys Captain.

By the way, that must have been quite a send-off the boys had for Captain Myers. All the boys were seen signing "the pledge" on Sunday morning. S/Sgt. "S-2" Moffis says it wasn't Frank Sinatra record that "swooned" him. He merely bent his elbow once too often. The first time is the worst—so M/Sgt. Tomlinson says.

Et alors "those...M.P."?

"Excuse us for living"! Il est certain qu'il n'y a rien d'extraordinaire dans l'histoire des M. P. Ils reçoivent des ordres et les exécutent. D'où parfois des histoires désagréables! Nous n'aimons pas non plus "ramasser" nos camarades américains! H. Verdonek, le Bochenwreter, semble beaucoup aimer les patrouilles. Ne lui en voulons pas d'être patriote. Mais que pensent les nudistes de ce temps pluvieux!

Nous avons un certain sergent qui rêve June certaine moto. Mais on en veut beaucoup pour sa vie, car ses intimes lui ont découvert certain tour des regards délectant... de suicide.

Connaissez-vous l'homme qui ne dort plus, l'ombre de P.O.D.? Jamais vu? C'est bien simple, il n'avait qu'à faire comme les autres, ne pas connaître



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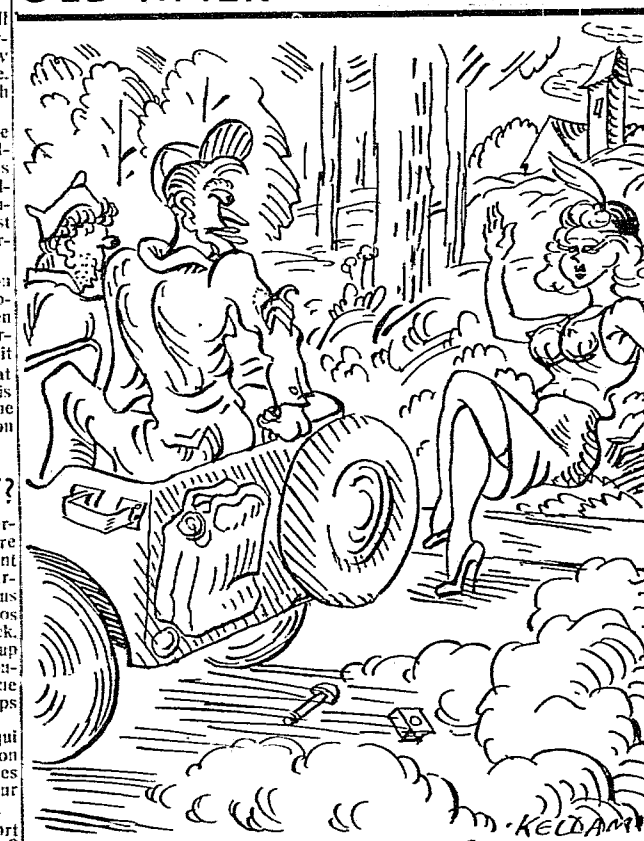
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of the 390th took off for the bomb range while the three "Goldbergs" Took-Off in a jeep to see the results. The first tank released and a terrific blaze started immediately. The second tank hung-up and landed in a near-used by wheat field, burning up over a half acre of wheat. The English spectators eyed the strange proceedings and took for cover, thinking it a new "Kraut" secret weapon.

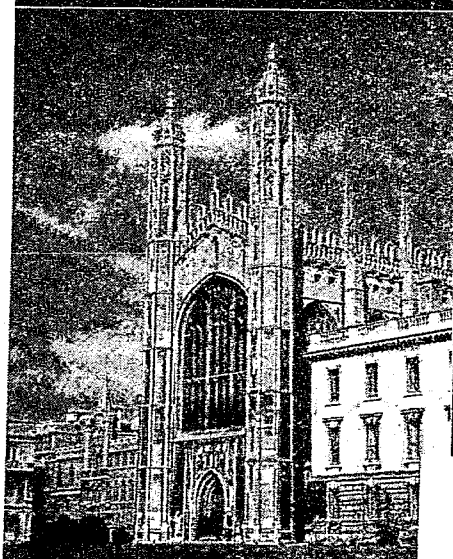
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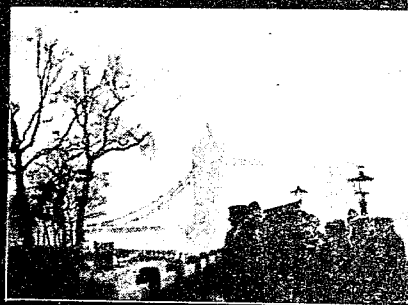


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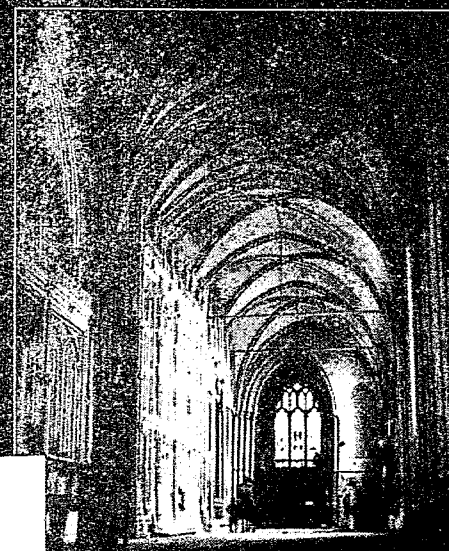
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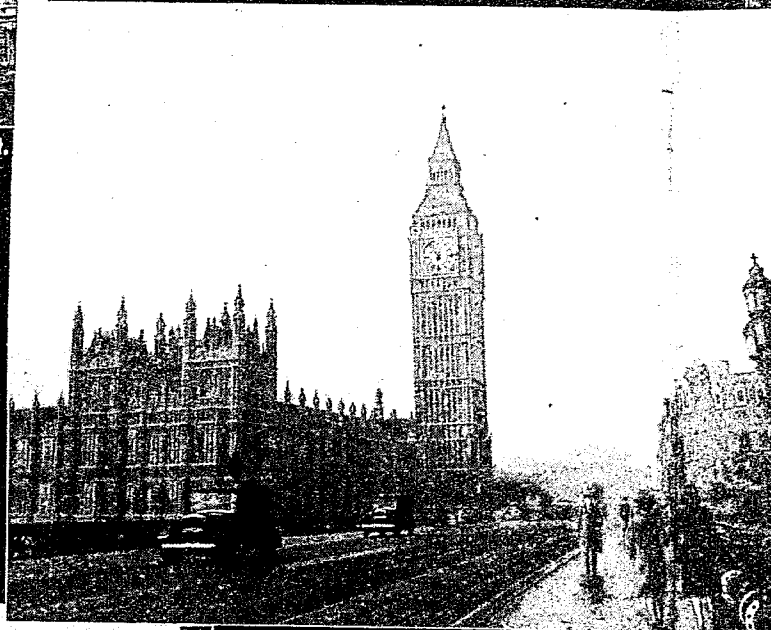
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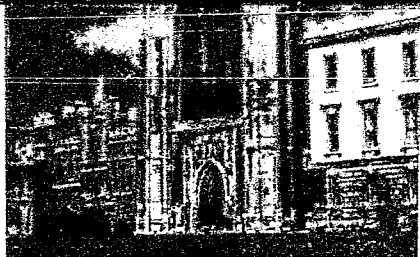


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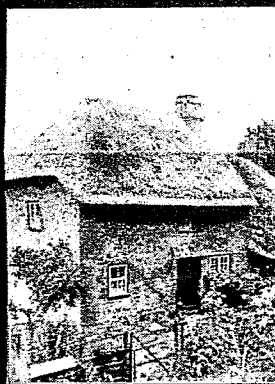


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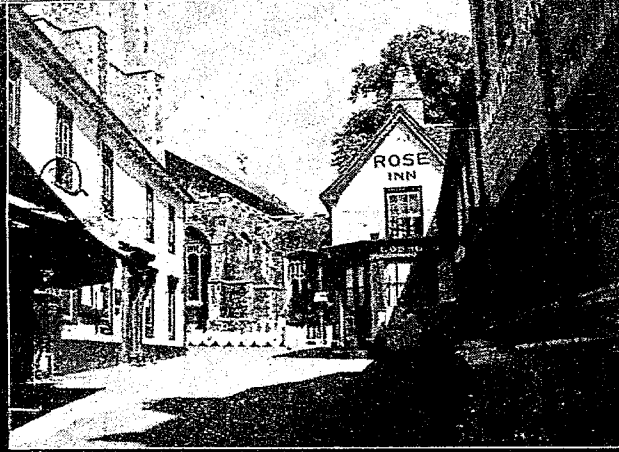


A typical village scene near our air base.

Big Ben from across the Thames.



Thatched houses dotted the countryside.



Ann inn "ten yards along the road."

NISSEN HUTS-MUD-RAIN - BLACKOUT - THIS WAS ENGLAND!

by Sgt. Herbert Karp

This is to be the first in a series of articles on our previous bases in England, France, Belgium and England.

The G. I. trucks sped through the wet streets of the sleeping English village and out onto the road that led to the airfield. This was Newbury, England, a small village Southwest of London, on that rainy morning of Jan. 13, 1944. Here the Corn Exchange was located, children had been sent here for shelter during the London Blitz, and the town was to be honored the next few months by the presence of the 368th Fighter Group. It was their first base in England.

English weather

The truck convoy stopped finally in the midst of what seemed to be a long row of overturned ashtrays. These were, we learned later, Nissen huts—and our homes for the rest of our stay in the U.K. The company street was muddy, the sky was gray, and it was drizzling slightly. It wasn't pleasant at all, but it lived up to what we had heard and read about English weather.

We spent the first few days doing little more than adjusting ourselves to the country, the living conditions, the money and the blackout. A total blackout was in effect and by six each

evening it was pitch dark. Those unfortunates who had no flashlights found themselves grasping their way in the darkness, going to and from the barracks, and very often ending up in the bushes along the road.

Hamps to Berks

The period of rest and relaxation was very short-lived, however, and soon we were herded off to the field itself and to work. The field was on top of a hill and across the county line. A stream running along the bottom of the hill was the boundary line separating Hampshire from Berkshire, and while we worked in Berkshire, we lived in Hampshire. The field was called Greenham Commons. A former golf course, it had been converted to an airfield when the war broke out. The 368th was stationed on one side of the field which was prepared by the 382nd Service Team. The other side of the field belonged to the inhabitants of shanty town.

Shanty town was the name affectionately given to the living area of the men of a glider assembly outfit.

After taking the gliders from the boxes and assembling them, they converted the glider boxes into living quarters, and very comfortable ones at that. Their ingenuity and originality, and a description of shanty town was given an article in Yank. These gliders which were assembled were later to play a big part in the invasion of the continent.

Passes and pubs

The days were all busy and the nights were full of entertainment. Names like the "White Horse", "Cross Keys", "The Rising Sun" and "Lion's Head" began to take the place of "Cosmos", "The Aero", and "Larsen's", as liberty runs to Newbury and Reading were established. Forty-eight hour passes to London were started and stories of bombings, women and whiskey were brought back.

One afternoon shortly after we arrived, we were accosted on the company street by an odd little fellow with a red, weather-beaten face, and a shock of unruly silver hair. He asked in a very strong English accent if we

would like to buy the London Times or the Daily Mail. That odd fellow was to become a part of Greenham Commons. His paper selling soon gave way to the selling of bouillon cubes, writing paper, bread and what have you. His enterprises earned him the name of Black Market Joe, and his skinny figure astride a bicycle could be seen in the living area almost everyday.

The Air Raids

Although the field itself was never hit by bombings, we could often see the German flares picking targets out at distant towns, and we could feel the earth tremble and the windows rattle as the bombs struck. The thunder of the R.A.F. bombers could be heard over-head almost nightly. These were our introductions to war.

It was here we stayed and trained and from here we flew our first combat mission, March 14, 1944. The next day the G. I. trucks pulled up again. We packed our stuff and departed for the next base, Chilbolton.

THUNDERBUMS' TROUNCE OFFICERS' TEAM 17-4

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SPORTS

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Friday, June 22, 1945

THUNDERBUMS WIN 4th AND 5th

Play Unbeaten 10th Photo Team Here Sunday For League Lead

A G. I. crowd of 500 watched the Thunderbums win their fifth straight game in the XIX TAC Baseball League, by handing the 367th Fighter Group their first defeat 9-2 at Frankfurt, Friday, June 15th. The day before, they won their fourth game by trimming the 354th Fighter Group 8-0, at this base.

Sunday will be a big day for the Thunderbums for they clash with the strong 10th Photo Team. The winning team will gain undisputed possession of first place.

Van Voast, of the 354th had a tricky drop which had pitcher Check striking out three times. His teammates weren't so easily fooled and they collected 15 hits for 8 runs to give Check his second win of the season. The 354th team gathered 6 runs and 10 hits.

After an unsteady two-run inning in the game at Frankfurt, "Blackie" Demcheck settled down and scattered five hits to blank the opposition for the rest of the way for his second straight triumph.

The Thunderbums pounced on pitchers Shelmut and Woods, who came to relieve in the 4th inning, for 12 hits. In the third inning Dombos walked and stole second. He came in on DiPierino's single who, after Tribe fled out to Dolny, scored on Kaczowka's double to left field. Padgett grounded out. Second to first, while Kaczowka advanced to third. Lt. Higby stole second after he had been given a walk. Both men scored on Bastaroli's sharp single. Rutan ended the fireworks by grounding out to the shortstop.

OUR BARBER KNOWS HIS

out this attempt, and after being caught, he was sent to forced labor in Germany.

The Germans assigned him to factory work, but his health could not

Higher Command Plans More Tournaments

Captain W. E. Quinlan, Group Special Service Officer, announced this week, that, in conjunction with the concurrent baseball and softball tournaments, Ninth Air Force and 19th TAC will hold swimming, tennis, golf, field and track meets, extending throughout July and up to August fifth. Competition is either by team or individual. Anyone interested should submit their entries to Captain Quinlan at Group Special Service office, in back of the theatre, on or before July 2nd.

The Ninth Air Force Swimming Meet will be held on July 21st and 22nd. Amateur Golf Tournaments will take place on July 27, 28th, and 29th. Pro-Golf and tennis meets will be on August 3, 4, and 5. The 19th TAC Swim meet will be on July 14th, while the tennis event will be held on July 21st.

Swimming Relays

The swimming events will consist of the 50, 100, 400, and 1500 meter free style. The 100 meter back stroke, the 200 and 400 meter breast stroke, the 300 meter Wedley relay, and the 800 meter free style, will also be included. Diving will be from a three meter board. There will be five compulsory dives and five optional. The five compulsory dives are: Running plain front, or jackknife; back diving; running half-gainer; out away swan, or back jack; and running front with half twist, or jackknife with backtwist.



A colored boy watching the Thunderbums defeat the 367th Fighter Group team June 15 at Frankfurt nodded his head and remarked, "Yassuh, dese critters sure wanted this game bad. Dey bin here since noon practicing up to beat 'em."

That soldier boy's eyes would of popped, if he had known that those "critters" had been on the road since that morning, for a distance of 150 miles, on a two and a half ton truck. Nowadays, German roads AREN'T beds of roses. These boys are good ball players. They love baseball and no matter how rough the going gets they'll keep on winning. They have won 14 league and non-league games without any defeats.

Demcheck with Dodgers

Pitchers Rice and Foster Bombarded; "Bum's Manager Yields Ten Hits

The Thunderbums routed the Group Officers' baseball team in a seven inning tilt last Tuesday at this base by the score 17-4. Manager Pic. Rutan, known by his team as "Pop", allowed four runs and eleven scattered hits.

In their previous encounter with the XIX TAC League leaders, the Officer's team lost a close game by the score of 5-2. This was expected to be a close game but the EM power broke loose.

Major Applies Brake

Captain Foster had trouble from the start. In the first inning eight men batted to produce four runs. The second inning was a breather for only one run crossed the plate. In the third fireworks broke loose as four hits, coupled with a free pass and a ball that hit a batter, allowed five runs. Major Rice came in the fourth and held the "Bums" to a pair of runs.

Four timely hits and a walk in the fifth were enough for four runs to spike the plate. In the sixth, Tribe pounded his fourth hit of the game to drive O'Dowd, who had gotten on through an error, home for the seventeenth run.

Lt Higby gets 3 hits

Rutan was nipped in the second inning for one run, two in the fourth, and one in the fifth. Lt Higby got his third hit in the fifth batting in Lt Hoade who started the inning with a single.

In 3 innings Captain Foster allowed ten runs, ten hits, one walk, and struckout two. Major Rice gave seven runs, eight hits, one walk and struckout none. Pic Rutan yielded four runs, eleven hits, four bases on balls, and whisked three.

Boxscore of game.

368th Officers										
Player	Pos.	AB	R	H	BB	S(1)				
Hoade	ss	3	1	2	1	0				
Walter	3b	2	0	0	0	1				
McCrome	lf	3	0	0	1	2				
Higby	c	4	2	3	0	0				
Dryden	2b	4	1	1	0	0				
Wayland	1b	3	0	2	0	0				
Johnson	rf	2	0	0	1	0				
Foster	p	2	0	1	0	0				
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a relieved pitcher in 5th
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Padgett	c	4	3	3	0	0				
Harvell	lf	4	1	0	0	1				
Winfree	cf	2	1	1	1	0				
R. E. Jones	rf	3	2	2	0	0				
a Check	cf	1	0	0	0	0				
b O'Dowd	rf	1	1	0	0	0				
						37				
						17				
						18				
						3				
						2				

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b batted for Jones in 6th.

Softball Nears End - New League Monday

The Group Softball League reached the home-stretch mark this week with attention focusing on the outcome of the three games the 395th EM team has yet to play.

The 859th Chemical Co. is in first place having played its quota of thirteen games; winning twelve and losing one to the 395th EM early in the season. Should the 395th EM team beat the 395th Officers, the 368th HQ Officers, and the 397th EM they will tie for first place. In this event there will be a three game playoff to decide the league leadership.

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396th Officers	4	6	.500
368th HQ Officers	4	6	.400
Freighters	3	7	.300
368th HQ Officers	3	8	.272
84th E. M.	2	8	.201
1814th Ordnance	1	11	.083
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XIX TAC BASEBALL LEAGUE

THUNDERBUMS WIN 4th AND 5th

Play Unbeaten 10th Photo Team Here Sunday For League Lead

A G. I. crowd of 500 watched the Thunderbumps win their first straight game in the XIX TAC Baseball League, by handing the 367th Fighter Group their first defeat 9-2 at Frankfurt, Friday, June 15th. The day before, they won their fourth game by trimming the 354th Fighter Group 8-6, at this base.

Sunday will be a big day for the Thunderbumps for they clash with the strong 10th Photo Team. The winning team will gain undisputed possession of first place.

Van Voast, of the 354th had a tricky drop which had pitcher Check striking out three times. His teammates weren't so easily fooled and they collected 15 hits for 8 runs to give Check his second win of the season. The 354th team gathered 6 runs and 10 hits.

After an unsteady two-run inning in the game at Frankfurt, "Blackie" Demcheck settled down and scattered five hits to blank the opposition for the rest of the way for his second straight triumph.

The Thunderbumps pounced on pitchers Shelnut and Woods, who came to relieve in the 4th inning, for 12 hits. In the third inning Dombos walked and stole second. He came in on Di-Pierno's single who, after Tribe flied out to Dohy, scored on Kaczowka's double to left field. Padgett grounded out, second to first, while Kaczowka advanced to third. Lt. Higby stole second after he had been given a walk. Both men scored on Bastaroff's sharp single. Rutan ended the fireworks by grounding out to the firststop.

Thunderbumps		367th Fighter Gp.										
Player	Pos.	SB	AB	H	R	PO	A	E				
Di Pierino	3b		409	5	2	1	2	1	0			
Tribe	2b		294	4	6	1	4	6	0			
Kaczowka	cf		500	5	2	2	1	0	0			
Padgett	c		412	5	2	1	1	0	0			
Dombos	rf		312	3	1	1	1	0	0			
Higby	lf		571	2	2	2	0	0	0			
Bastaroff	ss		256	5	2	0	4	4	1			
Rutan	1b		168	4	0	0	14	0	0			
Demcheck	p		428	4	1	1	0	2	0			
			37 12 6 27 16 2									

367th Fighter Gp.		354th Fighter Gp.										
Player	Pos.	AB	R	H	PO	A	E					
Duch	3b	3	0	1	3	6	1					
Weese	c	4	1	0	3	3	0					
Taylor	2b	4	1	0	1	2	0					
Corraet	rf	4	0	0	2	0	0					
Herman	cf	4	0	0	2	0	0					
Pettit	lf	4	0	0	1	0	0					
Stephenson	1b	3	2	0	12	1	0					
Shelnut	p	1	1	0	0	2	0					
Woods	p	2	0	0	0	2	0					
			33 6 2 27 20 2									

Score by innings.		R H E									
Thunderbumps	0-1-4-1-0-0-1-0-2	9	12	2							
357 Ftr. Gp.	2-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	2	6	2							

OUR BARBER KNOWS HIS PROP WASH



by Cpl. Thomas Griffin

Who is this civilian and what is he doing here? Shall I stop him and check his papers? That was my first impression of the fashionably dressed young man riding his bicycle toward Group Headquarters. He looked at me, flashed a big smile, and threw a strictly G. I. evenball. That aroused my curiosity even more.

Former Flyer

Zanis Wudokorkis was born in Athens 27 years ago, and is, by trade, a barber. Up until the Time that the Germans overran Greece, Zanis and 3 of his brothers were members of the Greek Air Force. Two of the brothers were shot down and killed over Albania and the third over Sicily. Zanis was Wounded at Saloniki, and attempted to escape through the Greek underground to Egypt to join other Greek airmen fighting there. His wound prevented him from carrying

out this attempt, and after being caught, he was sent to forced labor in Germany.

The Germans assigned him to factory work, but his health could not stand the strain. He was then allowed to be a barber in the city of Nurnberg. While there, he married a German girl he had met in Athens and now has a daughter a year old.

After the U.S. Eighth Air Force paid Nurnberg a few visits, he and his family moved to the town of Wiessenbronn where they still live.

Aided Americans

When American troops pushed into this area, he helped them by spotting pockets of resistance and hidden weapons. In return, they gave him a suit of civilian clothes, confiscated from the Germans and a bicycle. His home made blue and white Greek flag completes his attire.

The Germans had treated the forced laborers badly, he says, until the Americans drew closer to this region. Then, rare items, such as milk for the baby, became plentiful. The shortage of food, he claims, was responsible for his weakened condition and in turn for his inability to cut hair quickly. That will all be cured, however, he adds, by the food the Americans give him for himself and his family.

Wants to go home, too!

All of the other Greeks and Yugoslavs that he knows in this region are anxious to return to their homeland. Personally, he claims, he's very fond of Americans and would like to stay with them. If he could send his family back to Greece and notify his mother and younger brother there that he is still alive, he would gladly stay with us until the Japs are licked.

Zanis was overjoyed to meet T/Sgt. Al Haristades and Cpl. John Corcolecotes as well as several other men in the Group and Service Team who can converse with him in Greek, because he hates to speak German but it is the only other language which he speaks well enough to be under-

stood. He not only hates the language but the people and the country as well. He gives the personal reason that his father, who had taken to drinking after the other three sons were killed, drove through some German traffic signals and was shot by S. S. Guards when he failed to halt at their command.

Altogether, this former Greek National Team and Air Force team Soccer player is probably just about the friendliest fellow on this post. His first desire, to salute every American, has been suppressed, but like many a barber, he is always willing to retell all the unusual experiences that he has undergone in a short lifetime.



A colored boy watching the Thunderbumps defeat the 367th Fighter Group team June 15 at Frankfurt nodded his head and remarked, "Yassuh, dese critters sure wanted this game bad. Dey bin here since noon practicing up to beat 'em."

That soldier boy's eyes would of popped, if he had known that those "critters" had been on the road since that morning, for a distance of 150 miles, on a two and a half ton truck. Nowadays, German roads AREN'T beds of roses. These boys are good ball players. They love baseball and no matter how rough the going gets they'll keep on winning. They have won 14 league and non-league games without any defeats.

Demchuck with Dodgers

Staff Sergeant William Demchuck, better known in the 395th as "Blackie", hails from Mattuck, Long Island. This southpaw, although he doesn't throw the screwball, reminds me very much of the great Carl Hubbell, one-time ace-pitcher for the New York Giants. Demchuck started playing baseball for Mattuck High where he attended. It wasn't very long before scouts took notice of his sharp breaking curve and fast ball. In 1942 the Brooklyn Dodgers "took him in" and farmed him out to the Georgia-Florida League. He didn't stay very long for soon he was sent to the Appalachean League; then to the North Carolina League. He won 7 and lost 6 before the President sent "Greetings".

He is currently playing ball for the Thunderbumps, although his arm is weak from a previous accident that had him in the hospital for seven weeks. In the two games he has won, Demchuck has allowed two runs, ten hits, five walks, and struck out seven.

This tall, dark, and quiet boy will be playing big league ball sometime in the future.

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Swimming Relays

The swimming events will consist of the 50, 100, 400, and 1500 meter free style. The 100 meter back stroke, the 200 and 400 meter breast stroke, the 300 meter Wedley relay, and the 800 meter free style, will also be included. Diving will be from a three meter board. There will be five compulsory dives and five optional. The five compulsory dives are: Running plain front, or jackknife; back dive; running half-gainer; out away swan, or back Jack; and running front with half twist, or jackknife with backtwist.

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XIX TAC BASEBALL LEAGUE

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368th Fighter Gp	5	0	1.000
10th Photo	5	0	1.000
371st Fighter Gp.	3	1	.750
367th Fighter Gp.	3	2	.600
424th Night Fighter Gp.	1	3	.250
XIX TAC HQ	1	3	.250
83rd Airborne	1	3	.250
448th Signal Bn.	0	4	.000

Lt. Lockey Makes "Good" Landing in Pine Forest

Lt. Edward B. Lockey made a "good" landing in the middle of a pine forest—for he was able to walk away from his ship and watch it burn at a safe distance.

His engine conked out as he was making his landing pattern during a routine flight last Tuesday and the forest straight ahead was the only available place to "set her down." He luckily emerged with only scratches and bruises.

PREMONITION

Capt. David Reinthal of Group Intelligence was making up pass-words. He turned to Cpl. Harold McClellan, who had been sweating out a birth notice from home.

"Mac," said Capt. Reinthal, "I'm going to use 'Baby Boy' as tomorrow's pass-word."

Two hours later a telegram arrived announcing the "Baby Boy"—James Harold. Both mother and baby were reported to be doing fine and Mac looks a hell of a lot better too.

Lyon, France is the greatest silk center in Europe.

Wheat, oats, potatoes, rye, corn and sugar beets are France's leading crops.

Four men, hundreds of miles away, were enough for their ribs to ache the plate. In the sixth, Tribe pounded his fourth hit of the game to drive O'Dowd, who had gotten on through an error, home for the seventeenth run.

Lt. Higby gets 3 hits

Rutan was nipped in the second inning for one run, two in the fourth, and one in the fifth. Lt. Higby got his third hit in the fifth batting in Lt. Hoade who started the inning with a single.

In 3 innings Captain Foster allowed ten runs, ten hits, one walk, and struck out two. Major Rice gave seven runs, eight hits, one walk and struck out none. Pvt. Rutan yielded four runs, eleven hits, four bases on balls, and whisked three.

Boxscore of game.

Player	Pos.	AB	R	H	BB	S()
Hoade	ss	3	1	2	1	0
Miller	3b	2	0	0	0	1
McCrone	lf	3	0	0	1	2
Wince	c	4	2	1	3	0
Dryden	2b	4	1	1	0	0
Wayland	1b	3	0	2	0	0
Johnson	rf	2	0	0	1	0
Foster	p	2	0	1	0	0
Dryden	cf	2	0	0	0	0
a Rice	p	3	0	1	1	0
b Quistian	c	1	0	1	0	0
		29 4 11 4 3				

a relieved pitcher in 5th b battered for Dryden in 6th

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Dombos	1b	5	1	1	0	0
DiPierino	3b	4	2	3	1	1
Tribe	2b	4	2	4	1	0
Kaczowka	ss	5	2	2	1	0
Padgett	c	4	3	3	0	0
Harrell	lf	4	1	0	0	1
Winfree	cf	2	1	1	1	0
R. E. Jones	rf	3	2	2	0	0
a Check	cf	1	0	0	0	0
b O'Dowd	rf	1	1	0	0	0
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Thunderbumps	R	H	E
0-1-0-2-1-0-0	4	11	4
4-1-5-2-4-1	17	18	1

Ping Pong Tourney To Start

The Group Red Cross, through Pfc Bob Skiver, announced that a Ping-Pong Tourney for Group personnel and attached units will start on Wednesday, June, 27 at 1400 hours. Entries must be submitted at the Red Cross Office not later than the above date.

Skiver and Cpl. Nino, both of the 395th, built two tables for this event three weeks ago, but plans were postponed due to a shortage of balls.

The tourney, which will be conducted through elimination of contestants, is expected to last three days. There will be contests in doubles and singles, where participants in singles, can play in doubles. Prizes will be awarded to the winners.

Trudel Attacked Germans

S/Sgt. Gerald E. Trudel was talking to his brother Paul for the first time in a year. Paul is stationed only twelve miles away, with the 1st Division.

As they were talking Gerald Trudel learned that his brother had attacked German forces near Mons on September 3rd and he watched the P-47 Thunderbolts of the 368th Fighter Group in the action for which the Group received the Presidential Citation.

Paul, now a company first sergeant, saw action in North Africa, Sicily, in Normandy on D-Day, and in the Hurtgen Forrest where he was wounded. Afterwards during the fighting south of the Ruhr Valley Paul was taken prisoner, only to escape eight days later. He entered Czechoslovakia with his regiment.

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HEADQUARTERS
368TH FIGHTER GROUP

APO 141, U. S. Army
26 June 1945

SPECIAL ORDERS)

NUMBER 67)

1. Major HUGH L. RICE, 0379295, AC, is aptd Gp Executive Officer, princ dy, vice Lt Col LEMUEL R. GORRELL, 0415495, AC, trfd.
2. Major STANLEY C. JOHNSON JR, 0563430, AC, is aptd Gp Adjutant, princ dy, vice Major HUGH L. RICE, 0379295, AC, reld.
3. Par 13, SO 63, this Hq, cs, is delated.
4. The VOCO 368th Ftr Gp of 23 June 1945, under exigencies which prevented the issuance of advance orders, are hereby confirmed and made of record:
"1st Lt JOSEPH B. BRUMFIELD JR, 0650363, AC, is aptd Gp Stat Off, princ dy and asst Gp Adjutant, add dy, vice Capt MAURICE D. POWELL, 0650448, AC, trfd."
5. Major HUGH L. RICE, 0379295, AC, is aptd Gp Surveying Officer, add dy, vice, Lt Col LEMUEL R. GORRELL, 0415495, AC, trfd.
6. The VOCO 368th Ftr Gp of 14 June 45, under exigencies which prevented the issuance of advance orders, are hereby confirmed and made of record:
"Having been asgd this orgn per par 59, SO 160, Hq 9th Reinf Depot & GFTC, 9 June 45, S Sgt Clement A. Karolak, 1202252L, 750, is further asgd 396th Ftr Sq, EDCMR 14 June 45."
7. Under the provisions of Par 3a, AR 35-320, 17 Jun 43, the fol named officers are aptd Class "A" Agent Fin Officers, for orgn indicated, to 1st 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 June 1945:

1st Lt RICHARD S. HIBBETS	0857621	AC	Hq 368th Fighter Group
Capt SAMUEL R. SCHOFIELD	0582942	AC	395th Fighter Squadron
2d Lt ROBERT R. SHARP	0834310	AC	396th Fighter Squadron
1st Lt GEORGE E. GILL	0863973	AC	397th Fighter Squadron
1st Lt RICHARD S. HIBBETS	0857621	AC	9th Flying Control Sq (P) Det F
1st Lt GEORGE E. GILL	0863973	AC	21st Weather Sq Det R
1st Lt GEORGE E. GILL	0863973	AC	40th Mobile Com Sq Det R
Major DONALD C. HARPOLE	01576089	AC	Hq & Base Sv Sq, 487th A Sv Gp
Capt TERRY STAPLES	C 570570	AC	729th Air Materiel Squadron
1st Lt MILFORD BLONSKY	01591899	AC	905th Air Engineering Sq
Capt RAYMOND G. MERCREADY	01036296	CWS	859th Cml Co, 40 Less Det A
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SO 67, Hq 368th Ftr Gp, 26 June 45, Cont'd.

8. The VOCO 368th Ftr Gp of 23 May 45, under exigencies which prevented the issuance of advance orders, are hereby confirmed and made of record:

"Under the provisions of Ninth Air Force Memo No 34-2, 1 June 44, a Special Service Enlisted Men's Council is established with members as follows. Minutes of meetings will be submitted to this Hq in duplicate.

SPECIAL SERVICE ENLISTED MEN'S COUNCIL

1st Sgt Joseph Ekiss	36049847	396th Ftr Sq	President
1st Sgt Elmer F. Vorhies	35238695	905th A Eng Sq	Vice President
1st Sgt Salvatore Calderaro	33085252	395th Ftr Sq	
1st Sgt Frank A. Cervera	6879196	397th Ftr Sq	
1st Sgt Rufus M. Riddick	34307540	Hq 487th A Sv Gp	
M Sgt Franklin B. Thieme	33094469	Hq 368th Ftr Gp	
M Sgt Robert R. Fisher	15335320	729th A Mat Sq	
Sgt Robert L. Cook	13088555	395th Ftr Sq	
Sgt Roy Z. Richard	33316598	396th Ftr Sq	
Sgt Joe R. Stevens	34344528	905th A Engr Sq	
Cpl Edward DeBrito	32500022	729th A Mat Sq	
Cpl Melvin G. Grant	12173895	397th Ftr Sq	
Pfc William M. Click	15340773	Hq 487th A Sv Gp	Recorder
Pvt Robert R. Watson	19080132	Hq 368th Ftr Gp	

9. Sgt Frederick C. Puthoff, 17059803, 9th Flying Control Sq (P) Det F, is placed on TDY, WP Hq Ninth Air Force, o/a 27 June 45, for a period of three (3) days, for the purpose of interview. Upon compl of this TDY, EM will report to proper orgn. TDN by MT, mil acft or rail. 60-115 P 432-02 A 212/50425. AUTH: TWX U-858-E Hq 9th Flying Control Sq (P).

10. Fol named off and EM are placed on TDY, WP Hq Ninth Air Force, o/a 26 June 45, for a period of one (1) day, for the purpose of attending Training Conference. Upon compl of this TDY, they will ret to proper orgn. TDN by MT, mil acft or rail. 60-115 P 432-02 A 212/50425. AUTH: TWX U404E Hq XIX Tactical Air Comd.

Major DENNIS CRISP 0427531 AC
T Sgt Samuel M. Pratt 3112782I Hq 368th Ftr Gp

11. 1st Lt ROBERT L. STARBUCK, O1108342, CE, is aptd Base Fire Marshall.

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

BY ORDER OF COLONEL PSEGO:

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So Long Oldtimers - - - - - Welcome Newcomers

The Fortress Feature

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Group Flying School Started

Groundhogs of the 368th will now have a chance to get in some stick-time under a flying school program recently initiated. Capt. Walter G. Loughary, of Group Hq. Operations is in charge of the program.

The course will consist of twelve hours flying instruction, and will cover such basic exercises as orientation, control coordination, climbs, and turns. In the last part of the course rectangular courses, 8s and S's, spin and stall recovery, take-off and landing and forced landing will be included in instruction.

Regulations do not permit solo flights by students, but anyone completing the course is more complete than normal pre-solo instruction.

Four Cubs In Use

Four Cubs are available for instructions and a fifth is expected. Instructors are pilots who have logged a lot of flying time in Cubs.

Capt. Loughary said that the program is expected to continue indefinitely.

Glen Miller's Band At TAC, Sunday

Glen Miller's band, largest and most popular entertainment group stationed in this Theater, will appear at 19 TAC, this Sunday, at 7 P. M. The band and associated members total 75 people and require four C-47s for transportation. It is a regular feature of AFN programs.

The show will take place in an outdoor theater, and there are no quota limitations on attendance. However, all units will have to furnish their own transportation. Trucks will leave at about 5:30.

"Yankee Doodlers" Saturday

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CAFE DE COSMO - - BAVARIAN RETREAT



Photo by Vanta

EM WORK LIKE BLAZES TO BUILD CLUBHOUSES 'TOOT SWEET'

Nestled among pine trees stands a very beautiful frame building that is the clubhouse of the 395th squadron. The men who are most responsible for its being there say, "It just happened", but these men are too modest.

The clubhouse has a cozy, comfortable atmosphere about it and although just a few steps from the tent area is entirely hidden by the pine trees that surround it. The building is "L" shaped, one wing forming the club room; the other wing housing the bar. An ample veranda runs around two sides.

Amid a profusion of hastily hung pin ups the grand opening was held two weeks ago and the entire squadron turned out. The squadron CO, Maj Marshall E. Mumaw, accompanied by his staff; Maj Ernest R. Pendleton, Capt Samuel R. Schofield, and 1st Lt Harold W. Cruickshank dropped in and wished the club complete

when it was learned that a small amount of wet rations were to be allotted to the enlisted men of the group. The squadron council members, 1st Sgt Salvatore Calderero and Sgt Richard Moser immediately put the idea to Sgt Albert Szyplski who drew up the plans for construction. Sgt Theodore Ruggiero laid the foundation and three days later under the supervision of Sgt Szyplski and Cpl George Allen, boss carpenters, the idea became a realization. Nearly everyone in the squadron helped in some way or another. TSgt Robert Hayes and Joseph Sweeney and Sgt Raymond Tucker installed the lighting system.

The name "Cafe de Cosmos" was the brainstorm of the men in the tent of Pvt Paul Kramer who painted the wooden plaque that hangs over the door. The whole group remembers

Large-Scale Redeployment Shuffle Alters Group Face

39 Officers And EM Leave Service Group

Many of the old 84th have shipped the past few weeks and new men came in to fill their places. The last shipment took 35 EM as well as 4 Officers to parts, as yet, unknown. The officers and EM have been with the 84th since organization at McDill Field, Fla. and Brook Field, Texas, and it was tough to have a parting of the ways after close association for the past 3 years.

It was with deep regret that farewells were said to Capt N. B. Mullens who won the admiration of all his men as Engineering Officer of the 382nd and later Commanding Officer of the 905th Air Engineering Squadron. Whatever his destination may be, we all know that the men under him are in for the same square deal that he gave his men during the time he was our Engineering Officer and Commanding Officer.

Other unfilled places were left when the orders took Lt. Dallas D. Alsop, former Commanding Officer of the 2499th Quartermaster Truck Company, Detachment "A", Lt George I. Timberlake of the 29th MR & R and WO Vincent Cicello also of the 29th MR & R.

Lt. John P. Banyon took over the vacancy of Commanding Officer of the 905th Air Engineering Squadron since the departure of Capt. Mullens on June 24th. Lt Banyon was formerly the Automotive Maintenance Officer of the 1814th Ordnance and after the conversion of the 84th Service Group into an Air Service Group became Maintenance Officer of the 905th Air Engineering Squadron.

Straffers Buzz Riviera Mission "Costly"

Last Tuesday saw the departure of over 300 enlisted men from the 368th Fighter Group. Scattered to various groups throughout the ETO, many old faces who have been with the Group since its activation will now be missing. In their place over 100 new men have arrived from other groups. More will follow. The whole shift is part of the redeployment program now in process throughout the theater.

The parting ceremonies were filled with much sadness, but there was some good cheer as well. After Monday night's packing a number of impromptu farewell parties were held. At the Hq. EMs club Col. Perago was present. He expressed his regrets over the transfers and also his appreciation of the good work those leaving had done for the 368th. As all classifications were represented in the transfers many good friends who had been together for months and even years were separated. Pilots found some of their favorite crew chiefs on the list—radio men, armament chiefs, ordnance experts were all included. Few living quarters and sections were not hit. The next morning as baggage was piled up high and the trucks lined up final farewells were said. And as the trucks filed by, scattering the hundreds of soldiers to their new posts, the uncertainties of Army life came home to all.

New Men Arrive

That evening many of the trucks returned filled with over 100 replacements from other groups. Wednesday morning saw Headquarters a bedlam of assignment, filling of shortages, and placing of men. Most of the arrivals were experienced, capable, soldiers who were to make up losses. There was many a surprise as old friends who had not seen each other for two years or more were reunited. Familiar faces from the old 326th, parent group of the 368th and other groups, were in evidence. Some had been in their own groups for over two years and

The course will consist of twelve hours flying instruction, and will cover such basic exercises as orientation, control coordination, climbs, and turns. In the last part of the course rectangular courses, 8s and S's, spin and stall recovery, take-off and landing and forced landing will be included in instruction.

Regulations do not permit solo flights by students, but anyone completing the course is more complete than normal pre-solo instruction.

Four Cubs In Use

Four Cubs are available for instructions and a fifth is expected. Instructors are pilots who have logged a lot of flying time in Cubs.

Capt. Loughary said that the program is expected to continue indefinitely.

Glen Miller's Band At TAC, Sunday

Glen Miller's band, largest and most popular entertainment group stationed in this Theater, will appear at 19 TAC, this Sunday, at 7 P.M. The band and associated members total 75 people and require four C-47s for transportation. It is a regular feature of AFN programs.

The show will take place in an outdoor theater, and there are no quota limitations on attendance. However, all units will have to furnish their own transportation. Trucks will leave at about 5:30.

"Yankee Doodlers" Saturday

"Yankee Doodlers" Saturday show, which has appeared several times before the Group, will return to the Fortress Theater for another performance Saturday evening, June 30. Still in the cast are "Sad Sack" and his two friends.

Show-times are 18:30 and 20:30.

Ping-Pong Champs' Titles and Stake

The Group Officers' Ping-Pong Tournament was started this week at the Officer's Club with last year's singles and doubles champions meeting all opposition to contest their titles as "Group Champions".

Tough games are foreseen as Colonel Frank Perego and Major Richard Harpole, from the Service Team, are formidable contestants highly favored to win.

The present singles champion is Captain David Rheintal who defeated Lt. Henry Hamilton last year at Chibolton, England. The doubles champion duet is composed of Captain Robert Miller and Captain Oswald Doria who won their Championship last year beating Captain Robert Sharp and 1st Lt. Hamilton.

Competitive games are played every evening at the Officers' club. Prizes will be awarded to the winners.

Red Cross Calendar	
Tues.	Bingo
Thur.	Hill Billy Band
Sat.	Strafers
Sun.	Classical Music Concert at Miss Toy's house. The subject will be Don Quixote by Richard Strauss



Photo by Vanta

EM WORK LIKE BLAZES TO BUILD CLUBHOUSES 'TOOT SWEET'

Nestled among pine trees stands a very beautiful frame building that is the clubhouse of the 395th squadron. The men who are most responsible for its being there say, "It just happened", but these men are too modest. The clubhouse has a cozy, comfortable atmosphere about it and although just a few steps from the tent area is entirely hidden by the pine trees that surround it. The building is "L" shaped, one wing forming the club room; the other wing housing the bar. An ample veranda runs around two sides.

Amid a profusion of hastily hung pin ups the grand opening was held two weeks ago and the entire squadron turned out. The squadron CO, Maj Marshall E. Mumaw, accompanied by his staff; Maj Ernest R. Pendleton, Capt Samuel R. Schofield, and 1st Lt Harold W. Cruickshank dropped in and wished the club complete success. Sgt Herbie Reed, the squadron's jovial head cook, sprang from nowhere and handed out sandwiches to everyone. Attendance has been good ever since. The club house is bringing the men out of their tents.

The idea for a day room germinated

when it was learned that a small amount of wet rations were to be allotted to the enlisted men of the group. The squadron council members, 1st Sgt Salvatore Calderero and Sgt Richard Moser immediately put the idea to Sgt Albert Szyplski who drew up the plans for construction. Sgt Theodore Ruggiero laid the foundation and three days later under the supervision of Sgt Szyplski and Cpl George Allen, boss carpenters, the idea became a realization. Nearly everyone in the squadron helped in some way or another. TSgts Robert Hayes and Joseph Sweeney and Sgt Raymond Tucker installed the lighting system.

The name "Cafe de Cosmos" was the brainstorm of the men in the tent of Pvt Paul Kramer who painted the wooden plaque that hangs over the door. The whole group remembers Cosmos, the last popular oasis in the States.

If you should drop in some evening you will be served an ice cold beer by one of those genial bar tenders, Sgts Ralph Sol, Harry Ostrowsky, or Alton Davidson. The bar even has a footrail!

REMEMBER FRATERNIZING?

The Mannekin Is Still At It.

One year later

By Lt. David Goldknopf

Brussels, today, isn't the same city it was six month's ago. It's a lot better.

Once you got out of the Corso, last winter, Brussels was not a very happy place. It was cold, and there was no coal. There were coal mines at Charleroi, eighty miles away, but there was no transport to bring the coal to Brussels. The miners didn't want to work because they didn't have enough food. If there had been enough food there wouldn't have been enough transport to carry it to the mines.

Now in the warm Belgium summer coal isn't so important. Food still is. There was an officers and correspondents mess in the Hotel Metropole, last winter (it's now an EM leave billet). The Belgians would stare in stony silence as huge sides of beef were carried into the hotel. There must have been a back entrance to the Metropole, but, for some reason, it was never used.

There's food today in Brussels—the city that was, so ironically, starving on ice-cream and pastry. The

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Back In Merrie Old England

One year later

By M/Sgt Jack B. Kellam

June 17 (Delayed) After pulling all the strings known and oiling up various wheels, this correspondent succeeded in wangling a furlough back to England.

Old Muriel came chugging through the cloud bank to drop the Paris-bounders and myself as supercargo down at Villacoublay. Threading through the disheveled bunch of 368th-ers waiting to come back, I dived into a mass of brass and ribbons to clear at the Security Control window; then to the UK Booking window, where lucky me got the last berth on an England-bound Dakota waiting outside.

Sight English Coast

In a few minutes the clouds parted above a misty channel. A lieutenant was trying some shots with a super-fancy camera, and a 4th Armored guy on my left was telling me how many cameras he had kicked out of the way in Germany. The engines kept their steady beat. Then the English coast edged below us, looking mighty, mighty good to at least one of us. In an hour and a half we slid

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39 Officers And EM

Leave Service Group

By 5 Sgt Ben Schreyer
Many of the 39 officers and EM who shipped the past two weeks and new men came in to fill their places. The last shipment took 35 EM as well as 4 Officers to parts as yet unknown. The officers and EM have been with the 84th since organization at McDill Field, Fla. and Brook Field, Texas, and it was tough to have a parting of the ways after close association for the past 3 years.

It was with deep regret that farewells were said to Capt N. B. Mullens who won the admiration of all his men as Engineering Officer of the 382nd and later Commanding Officer of the 905th Air Engineering Squadron. Whatever his destination may be, we all know that the men under him are in for the same square deal that he gave his men during the time he was our Engineering Officer and Commanding Officer.

Other unfilled places were left when the orders took Lt. Dallas D. Alsop, former Commanding Officer of the 2499th Quartermaster Truck Company, Detachment "A", Lt George I. Timberlake of the 29th MR & R and WO Vincent Cicello also of the 29th MR & R.

Lt. John P. Banyon took over the vacancy of Commanding Officer of the 905th Air Engineering Squadron since the departure of Capt. Mullens on June 24th. Lt Banyon was formerly the Automotive Maintenance Officer of the 1814th Ordnance and after the conversion of the 84th Service Group into an Air Service Group became Maintenance Officer of the 905th Air Engineering Squadron.

Strafers Buzz Riviera Mission "Costly"



Campbell at the Keys

The 368th Dance Orchestra, the "Strafers", have returned to Nurnberg after a highly successful engagement at the Riviera. The only American dance band at the Riviera during their ten day stay, the Strafers played at the Hotel Martinez Terrace, the Air Corps Officers leave hotel.

Every night from 9 to 12, the band held forth, and twice for tea dances, but the rest of the time was free. Swimming, sleeping and loafing occupied their time when not at work. Their most popular number was "Symphonie", a number written especially for the Riviera and which is rapidly becoming one of the most popular of French songs. The boys all liked their stay pretty well, but, as 1st Lt. Donald Campbell, the orchestra leader put it, "The prices were fantastic".

with 100 new men. The 368th Theater Group, throughout the 11th month and later, who have been with the Group since its activation will now be missing. In their place over 100 new men have arrived from other groups. More will follow. The whole shift is part of the redeployment program now in process throughout the theater.

The parting ceremonies were filled with much sadness, but there was some good cheer as well. After Monday night's packing a number of impromptu farewell parties were held. At the Hq. EM's club Col. Perago was present. He expressed his regrets over the transfers and also his appreciation of the good work those leaving had done for the 368th. As all classifications were represented in the transfers many good friends who had been together for months and even years were separated. Pilots found some of their favorite crew chiefs on the list—radio men, armament chiefs, ordnance experts were all included. Few living quarters and sections were not hit. The next morning as baggage was piled up high and the trucks lined up final farewells were said. And as the trucks filed by, scattering the hundreds of soldiers to their new posts, the uncertainties of Army life came home to all.

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Despite the enormous administrative detail connected with the transfers, the changes were made smoothly, and the Group which seemed ripped asunder on Tuesday is already settling down again.

POW RETURNS TO STATES

Second Lt. Russell L. Grubbs, 395th, formerly a Prisoner of War has returned to the States. His name was left out of the article last week by mistake.

Quiz Brings

Strange Answers

Last week's quiz program on Current Events, led by Captain David Reinthal, produced two walkaways and one tight race. Tuesday Group Hq smothered the 396th 39-0, while on Thursday the 395th beat the 397th, 33-18. Saturday saw the closest race when the 396th edged out the 397th in extra innings, by two points. Among pertinent new facts brought forth were the statements that "the Brooklyn Giants are now leading the American League baseball race" and that "Virginia Gildersleeve is a rising young movie actress".

This week's quiz is being conducted by Captain Morton Magnus of the 397th on "Background of the Nazi Party".

Capt. Quinlan, group Special Services officer, has issued a call for participants in Track and Field events competition.

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This paper has been censored by the Hq. S-2 Dept. and may be sent home.

The Green Grass In Nurnberg Stadium

Nurnberg Stadium, today is singularly unimpressive. It is simply a huge field surrounded by banks of concrete seats, between which the grass has already begun to grow. If left alone Nature will eventually claim it, and much much sooner than it has the Coliseum or than it would the Polo Grounds. It doesn't seem built for the millennium that the Nazis promised the men and women who filled it.

The tourists of today climb to the lofty podium from which Hitler addressed his thousands of frenzied worshippers, and there they strike funny poses. But there was nothing funny about them, for the thousands went their way and did their work. And the tears are not yet dry over the work they did.

We ought to make damn sure the grass keeps growing between the banks of concrete seats in Nurnberg Stadium. D. G.

IT REALLY HIT THE FAN

The ominous hand of military destiny, poised for weeks above our uneasy venture, struck this week.

We - - ah, the beautiful anonymous and journalistic "we" - - we bend before the blast but do not break. We THINK there's going to be a paper this week. But what kind of a newspaper is something else again. We prefer not to think about it.

We believe that FORTRESS FEATURE will survive this dangerous attack of transferitis.

To the members of the staff who are leaving: we hate like hell to see you go, and we are profoundly grateful for all that you've done. Good Luck!

PADRE SAYS

Congratulations to the Feature Staff! ... 'Tis a swell paper. ... A certain English Ecclesiastic advocates

THIS OUTFIT AND THAT

SERVICE GROUP NEWS

By S Sgt Bill Schuler

Sgt. Harry Alexander was on the ball and had all his discharge papers in order and ready to go on the morning of his 40th birthday which was on June 25th. He claims it's the first time his birthday meant anything other than just being a year older.

The 905th EM Day Room opened its doors for business on 23 June and things were really buzzing. The squadron carpenters worked diligently, and there's not a finer day room in the vicinity. The little cabin in the pines is a real piece of workmanship, and all the boys of the 905th appreciate the efforts rendered. It's a mighty fine place to pass the long evenings.

There was some confusion in the 90th last week. Everyone thought they needed glasses or the cooks slipped them a "Mickey". In the mess hall sat two "Porky" Lierman's. After an explanation it was discovered that S Sgt Fred (Porky) Lierman and his twin brother, Mathew, who is a Sgt in the 7th Armored Division, got together to celebrate their birthday on June 18th. Many happy returns, boys, and here's hoping you spend your next birthday in the good old U.S.A.

396th THUNDER BUMS

By Sgt. R. Woods

Trout fishing seems to have won quite a fancy with the members of our Squadron. "Chopper" Fowler and Lt Smith have taken the lead with ten and seven trout respectively, but it looks as though they will have strong competition with such veteran anglers on hand as Buford Potter, Lt. Citro, and Andy Dudas.

Leon Padgett has proven himself very versatile as an athlete. Not only is he a top-notch catcher on our ball team, but a few days ago, in one of the early morning rushes for the mess hall, he had quite a decisive lead until he tangled head on with some barbed wire and went sprawling on the ground. Dick Potberg, who was running a close second to Padgett, won the race easily.

The Ekiss-Fischer feud had subsided to a certain degree. Joe wrangled seconds from Charlie, and as he left the mess hall smiling, someone heard him remark, "I guess Charlie is getting soft in his old age."

Joe Silver surely looks contented these days since he heard that GI's can visit Southern Ireland. It seems as though Joe has many long lost relatives there. By the way, Joe changed his name - it was McSilver.

squadron's two seater Thunderbolt. Pfc Louie Scarabino believes he is going to be here a long time because he is talking of building a subway. We didn't think much about it until we actually saw Mess Sgt Reek Feliziani pointing out where the stations would be. Paging Capt Heywood.

Pfc Harry Jackson's brother came down to see him from Hasburg, Germany the other day. He is in the 99th Division and has the Purple Heart but not enough points. S Sgt Edward Spaulding visited his brother at Verriers. Ed says that the last time he saw his brother he was a civilian. What is that?

We wish that Pfc Nathan "Points" Dubin could find out some way what the critical score is. Then we could all get some sleep.

397th IABO ANGELS

By S Sgt Vernon Maclean

Did you see the armorers sweeping the grass and dirt road in front of the armament shack? Rough, eh boys? I wonder why everybody in Yellow Flight is sweating out DeBaker's pin up picture. "I'm game also", she said. The lone birds, Swanson, Johnson, and Peers are feuding. Swanson and Peers wont even talk to Andy.

After better than three years service S Sgt Scrapper Drake, has got full command of a special unit, the officers latrine. Who was the wise guy that moved "At Ease" Elter's mess kit Saturday?

The new policy of roll call, the first since we have been overseas, has plenty of the boys moaning, especially the clerks and specialists. Do you know that "Ici" is doing better than any of us, although Katz lets her use his tool box. Did you see "Rip" Van Guilder dash for chow Monday morning? I don't think anyone can say he is slow. "Fat Boy" Barrroughs has just learned that upon his arrival in the States his address will be RFD, California. I wonder why?

FIRE FIGHTERS

Do you want a discharge from this man's Army? Just see T 5 Tom Penney in our dispensary any time. How about it Pence? "Two Left Feet" Sgt Mason is taking up politics so he may get his Fire Chief job back at Cairo, Ill.

They tell us there is a certain guy "siring" our 1st Sgt. Could it be that T 5 "Julio" Caravello, is hucking? Better get rolling for T 5 Dieser right in there.

Belgique Profs And Farmers; You still Show A Trip Ticket



M. P. Albert Van Releghem check trip-tricket of Cpl. Guido A. Nimmo, 395th. Photo by Mastromatteo

Farmer or lawyer, teacher or doctor, they all come into the army in Belgium as in the United States. Not always do they have the opportunity to continue with their own vocation though. They are all MP's together.

The living example of this is the MP group on our field, for the Belgian soldiers in it are as varied in pre-army jobs as is possible in a group of 50 men. From students of civil engineering to dentistry ran their talents.

There are four teachers of various subjects. Lt Michel Stevens taught school in Mens before the war and after the occupation until his country was liberated, when he came into the regular army. He had been in the army reserve since 1939. Cpl Louis Huybrechts was an instructor of physical education after he completed two years at the teacher's college in Brussels. While a student there he was on football and swimming teams, and is an enthusiast of riding, which he coached for two years.

Pvt Andre Van Daele, interpreter for the detachment, taught as professor of philosophy in Ghent. He is now attending the classes at Fortress School. Perhaps the most versatile in the line of teaching is Pvt Gerard Soete, who taught Dutch, English, French and German. He also taught commerce as a sideline. He attended Antwerp teacher's college three years.

Three of the soldiers were taken directly from universities, and they

hope to return to their studies as soon as possible. Pvt Stephen Sebrachts, of Brugge, was in his last of a five year course of law. With designs on going to the Belgian Congo after the war, Pvt Roger De Moor was studying commerce at Antwerp. Along with his commerce he conquered six languages, including two which he must know in the Congo. Pvt Louis Schotte was taking Civil engineering, and wanted to follow in his fathers foot-steps in that field. He had only one year to go, to finish his degree.

The professional field is represented by Pvt Robert Tavernier, M. D., and Pvt Fernand Simoens, D. D. S. Pvt Tavernier studied at Ghent for five years, took one year of apprenticeship and worked for a year with his father in Ghent. Pvt Simoens also practiced one year on his own before the army grabbed him. His five years of training was taken at Ghent, and, unlike Pvt Tavernier, he wishes to go to the Colonies after the army.

The only two brothers in the outfit, Pvt Omer Standaert and Pvt Gaston Standaert, are from a farm near Ghent. Omer spent one year as slave laborer in Germany during the occupation, but Gaston was allowed to remain on the farm.

So, the Belgian army is composed of a cross section, as is any army, and they are all here with one thought for the present, as we all are, to get the whole thing over with, and get home once again. To finish what we were doing, or to go on with ideas we had to drop off.

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... claim it, and
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... a paper this week. But what kind of
... a newspaper is something else again.
... We prefer not to think about it.
... We believe that FORTRESS FEAT-
... URE will survive this dangerous
... attack of transferitis.
... To the members of the staff who
... are leaving: we hate like hell to
... see you go, and we are profoundly
... grateful for all that you've done.
... Good Luck!

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... crippled adults and medically control-
... led sterilization to lesson what he
... called the "scrub" population. . . .
... Very likely Saint Paul (he was
... lame) would have been eased out as
... a "scrub" were he under the juris-
... diction of this ecclesiastic!
... The same state of mind determines
... people to be "scrub" or "inferior" as
... hat which calls itself a "super-race".
... A Group of people might make a su-
... perior rocket-lamb and still not be
... conspicuous in applying the princi-
... ples of justice. . . .
... It's heart-warming to belong to a
... country which thinks of its children as
... human souls rather than as parts
... of a sociological problem. . . .
... If a group accepts and practices
... euthanasia for its members, that group
... accepts "easy death" for itself. . . .
... We, on the other hand, have the
... pattern of Christ who cured the maim-
... ed, and halt and the blind - THE
... SCRUBS. . . .

Religious Service
JEWISH: Friday 1900 Hours An-
... bach. Transportation leaves Group
... Headquarters at 1800 hours.
CATHOLIC: Sunday Masses
... 0730 hours arranged for those going
... on tours Gp Theater.
... 1100 hours: Mass Group Theater.
... Music by Glee Club.
... Daily Mass
... 1700 hours Chapel in Service Team
... E&I bldg, next door to Fortress
... School. Confessions before all Mas-
... ses.
PROTESTANT:
... 100 hours in Group Theater.
... Religious Classes -
... Protestant - Monday, Wednesday,
... and Fridays 1500 Fortrese SCHOOL.
... Catholic: Tuesday, Thursday and
... Saturday 1830 hours in Fortress
... School.

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... deserve overseas pay for service with-
... in the Florida state limits.
... The following men, after showing
... exceptional ability with the Squadron
... Softball Team, have been chosen to
... play with the Group All Stars: "Big
... Bill" Bartley, Bill Hunter, Ernie Flo-
... res, Ernest Gibson, Roy Richards,
... Chet Gizzene, and Charlie Banks.
... Joe Thomas seems to have an
... abundance of cigars lately. Anyone
... desiring a cigar - - just see Joe.

395th PANZER DUSTERS

By S Sgt William F. Fisk
S Sgt Joseph Surat got three and
... a half hours in an A 26 last Saturday
... while visiting his brother near Liege.
... Joe was flown there and back in the

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... into Biggin Hill airport, south of
... London. A bus on the wrong side of
... the road took us down-town.
... The biggest difference in the old
... town is that there are more London-
... ers around now - - in fact more
... than G. I's for a change. Every sol-
... dier except the SHAFF homebodies
... has at least a dozen battle stars it
... seems, and Purple Hearts are as
... cheap as Good Conducts. One Joe
... had a Legion of Merit (at least)
... banging him in the stomach as he
... strutted along - - no lousy ribbon
... for him!
Piccadilly the Same
... Piccadilly was about the same. The
... last two or three of the trays of
... sandwiches I picked over a year be-
... fore were still at the Rainbow Corner
... Snack Bar, and the dames looked a
... little worked over - - that was all.
... Guys were sleeping on the floors of
... the Red Cross hotels, they said.
... Drinks were bitters and you'd had it,

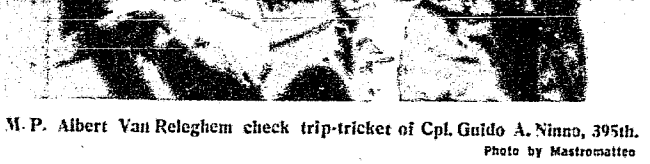
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... guy that moved "At Ease" Eiter's
... mess kit Saturday?
... The new poetry of roll call, the first
... since we have been overseas, has
... plenty of the boys moaning, especially
... the clerks and specialists. Do you
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FIRE FIGHTERS

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... man's Army? Just see T 5 Tom Pen-
... ney in our dispensary any time. How
... about it Pence? "Two Left Feet" Sgt
... Mason is taking up politics so he
... may get his Fire Chief job back at
... Cairo, Ill.
... They tell us there is a certain guy
... "siring" our 1st Sgt. Could it be that
... T 5 "Julie" Caravello is bucking?
... Better get rolling for T 5 Diesel is
... right in there.
... Overheard in conversation:
... Sgt Sieve: "Turn right at this road
... Greg!" Pic Gregory: "What road?"
... (And he had his glasses on.)
... Interested in hill billy music? See
... and hear the Tennessee Ramblers,
... T 5s Mankin and Neal. They get along
... fine until S Sgt Oreskovich gets there
... with his liberated mandolin. Sgt Pops
... Rigg still wants to bet that he will
... be home by September with his 53
... points. What year Sgt?
... Who heard Pic Permenter singing
... "I'm Jealous" as he was taking a
... shower with T 5 "Gertie" Goode-
... Sgt "Brownie" Warhurst is reported
... to be getting along just fine with Pic
... "Porky" Burke. Must have been love
... at first sight. T 5 John Fenwick sure
... misses his pal, Pic "Duke" Sikorra.
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... some time.

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... swinging Johnny Walker bottles
... around without offering me any. The
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... jitterbugging lethal. Covent Garden
... claimed a full house by 8 p. m., so
... there's no shortage of soldiers, you
... see.
... I swear the girl that olged me in
... Victoria Station was there before.
... An innocent-eyed G. I. with about
... 3 points asked me how to get to Pic-
... cadilly - - oh lucky youngster thou
... art! A couple of missing blocks were
... where V-2's dropped.
Contentment in Kent
... Out in Kent I found the luscious
... lass who was prettier than before,
... and spent a week of heaven sleeping
... in a feather bed, having breakfast
... in same and taking wonderful bike
... rides into that famous English coun-
... tryside.
... Don't talk to me about Pilsen or
... Nuremberg! Man, let me tell you
... about mild-and-bitters land!



M. P. Albert Van Relegem check trip-tricket of Cpl. Guido A. Ninno, 395th.
Photo by Mastromatteo

Farmer or lawyer, teacher or
... doctor, they all came into the army
... in Belgium as in the United States.
... Not always do they have the opport-
... unity to continue with their own
... vocation though. They are all MP's
... together.
... The living example of this is the
... MP group on our field, for the Bel-
... gian soldiers in it are as varied in
... pre-army jobs as is possible in a
... group of 50 men. From students of
... civil engineering to dentistry run
... their talents.
... There are four teachers of various
... subjects. Lt Michel Stevens taught
... school in Mons before the war and
... after the occupation until his country
... was liberated, when he came into
... the regular army. He had been in the
... army reserve since 1939. Cpl Louis
... Huybrechts was an instructor of
... physical education after he completed
... two years at the teacher's college in
... Brussels. While a student there he
... was on football and swimming teams,
... and is an enthusiast of riding, which
... he coached for two years.
... Pvt Andre Van Daele, interpreter
... for the detachment, taught as pro-
... fessor of philosophy in Ghent. He is
... now attending the classes at Fortress
... School. Perhaps the most versatile
... in the line of teaching is Pvt Gerard
... Soete, who taught Dutch, English,
... French and German. He also taught
... commerce as a sideline. He attended
... Antwerp teacher's college three
... years.
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... directly from universities, and they

OLD TIMER ----- KELLAM



"And HE says we're getting a star for a battle called Gettysburg."

June 29, 1945

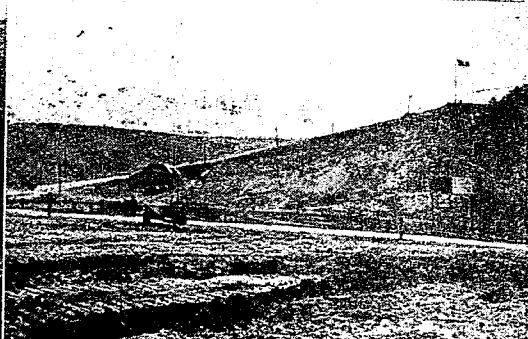
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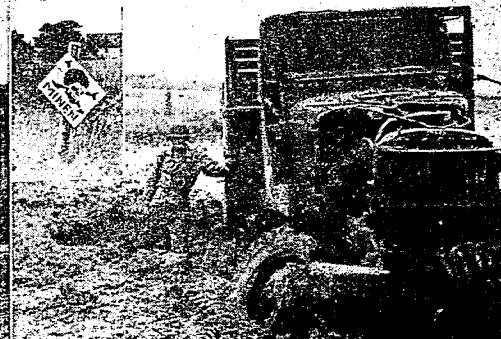
OMAHA BEACH



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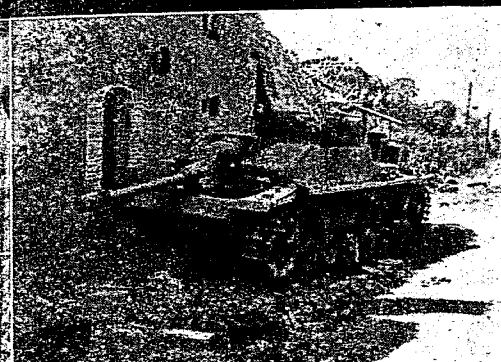
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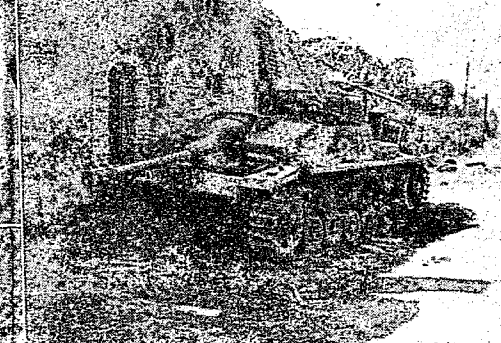
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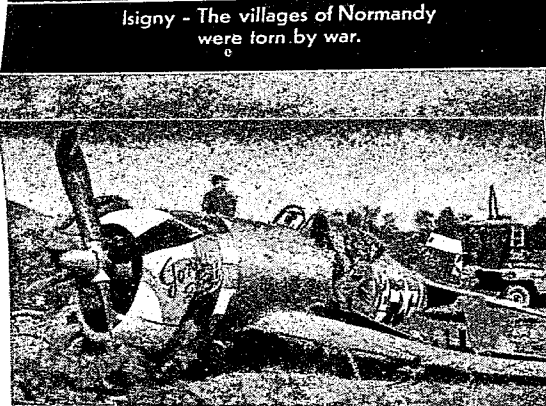
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A crippled plane came to a stop among group foxholes.



A Mademoiselle of Isigny.



The Chaplain held services for the group in a small field.

AND THEN TO NORMANDY

by Sgt. Herbert Karp
This is the second in a series of articles on our previous bases in England, France, Belgium, and Germany.

Chilbolton is a name most of us associate with long hours, hard work and sweat. For it was from here that we participated in the mighty air offensive of Europe, prior to the invasion. From here we set out on our hop across the Channel to become the first operational air force outfit in France.

As the weather grew warmer, the days grew longer, and early briefings and late missions became habitual. Passes were discontinued—continued, then discontinued again. We would sweat them out from week to week wondering if we would be off to London, Winchester or Ando-

ver—or if we would be on the line working.

Around the middle of May we were working like automatons. One night a bunch of men were working trying to get a plane ready for the morning. The guards were posted as usual; and as usual the Germans were bombing the southern coast of England, where the great invasion fleet was being prepared. The late workers watched the flares and ack-ack. A plane was heard overhead, and the remark from one fellow that it might be a night fighter was cut short by the whistling of the falling bombs. The next morning showed a gaping hole in the middle of the 395th dispersal area, a few planes damaged, some windows broken and a skinned nose on one of

the men who had fallen down the stairs of the air raid shelter.

We worked like fury those few weeks before June 6th. A day or so before the invasion the order came to paint black and white stripes on the wings and the rear fuselage—we knew that the big time must be near. Early June 6, the men were awakened; trucks loaded with men roared off toward the line. The planes were warmed up and the bombs fused. It was D Day and the break of dawn saw the first flight of planes winging their way toward the beaches of France. Everyone was excited; we listened to the news broadcasts, collected and paid bets, and wondered what was coming next.

It was Omaha beachhead, June 15, 1944 at two a. m. The advanced echelon of the 368th was disembarking from the L.S.T. which had brought them from Southampton. They waded waist deep to shore and took cover as an air raid progressed. It was a sight to which they were to become accustomed, for the beach-

head in Normandy contained the heaviest concentration of anti-aircraft artillery ever used in history.

The rest of the outfit came to the air-strip July 3. They had read and heard much about France. Where women were throwing flowers girls were kissing the G.I.'s and liquor was handed out. The 368th was more than ready to land and take over. Instead of the women, whiskey and flowers they were confronted with a steep, muddy, slippery hill which they had to climb with full pack, made soggy and twice as heavy by the rain.

Normandy also did not live up to our expectations. The Normans were rather cold and silent. They did not throw their arms around our neck and they hardly seemed to notice that we were there. They were Normans, the people who had conquered England hundreds of years ago proud and indifferent and quite unlike the people we later met in France.

Normandy is a land of hedgerows—stretched inland from the

beach as far as the eye could see. Under and around these hedgerows we dug our foxholes. Some of the dug-outs became quite modern and to live in a bachelor apartment on Hedgerow that summer was the style.

The summer wore on and the sun shone, and occasionally there was rain. On July 25 the mighty armada bombed the front lines and we could see the planes flying over the target, releasing their bombs. Occasionally a plane would spiral earthward, leaving a trail of black smoke.

The break-through around St. Lo came and the armies moved swiftly westward. The bomb lines moved farther and farther away. Belly tanks were hung again and longer missions were flown. Pretty soon the lines moved almost out of reach. It was time to move and the trucks were brought in and loaded. One morning late in August the advanced echelon left for the field at Chartres. The rear echelon stayed behind and cleaned up as best they could the remnants of the 368th sojourn in Normandy.

CHECK'S THREE-HITTER STOPS 10th PHOTO

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LEAD TAC LEAGUE

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Photo by Darling

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Mittler	2b	3	1	2	3	1	0
Higby	cf	1	0	1	2	0	0
Brayton	3b	3	0	1	2	2	0
Johnson	1b	3	1	1	8	0	0
Clary	c	3	1	1	0	0	0
Quinlan	lf	2	0	0	0	0	1
McCrone	p	2	1	1	0	5	0
Wenk	p	1	0	0	0	0	0
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Chisolm	cf	4	1	1	1	0	0
DiCillis	1b	3	1	2	7	0	0
Smith	lf	3	0	1	1	1	0
Wood	rf	4	0	2	0	0	0
McCann	2b	4	1	1	1	1	0
Robinson	ss	1	1	0	1	2	1
Lawrence	c	4	1	2	5	3	1
Verdi	3b	2	0	0	2	3	1
Stagnaro	p	3	0	0	0	2	0

Blanks, Strong Nine to Break Tie; Opposing Hurler Yields Four Hits

Tension filled the air around Group's baseball diamond last Sunday afternoon as righthander Charles E. Check blanked the powerful 10th Photo Team 2-0 to break the XIX TAC League tie for first place and lead the Thunderbums to their sixth straight victory.

Two men were able to reach third but stranded as Check remained cool and pitched himself out of difficulties. His team-mates gave brilliant support handling every chance without an error. This win gave Check his third victory against no defeats.

Rivals are tough

The Thunderbums had real opposition in southpaw Johnson, who allowed four hits and struck out nine men. The "Bums" powerful bats were silenced for the first time in fifteen games.

In the fourth inning smart base running brought in a run when Harvell walked, and after Check struck out, went to second as Dombos was hit by a pitched ball. Harvell stole third beating the catcher's peg by inches. Dombos started for second but came back to first drawing the throw from third to first enabling Harvell to hot-foot it for home. The second run came in the last half of the seventh when Bastrolia opened the inning with a sharp single to right reaching second as right fielder Tatano wobbled the ball. Harvell's sacrifice bunt sent Bastrolia to third and later scored on Check's single.

Threats Snuffed

The 10th Photo men threatened in the second when Johnson bumed and reached first on Check's wild throw to first. The rival pitcher advanced to third on Tatano's long single. The threat was short lived for catcher Padgett's accurate peg to third caught him off base. In the fifth Johnson again threatened when he doubled and reached third on Tatano's long fly to Kazowka. He was left there as both Levy and Mears grounded out.

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Boxscore of game Thunderbums

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Fribe	2b	238	4	0	0	3	4
Kazowka	cf	423	4	0	0	3	4
Padgett	c	333	4	0	0	5	2
Wood	1b	400	4	0	1	15	0
Bastrolia	ss	277	2	1	1	0	2
Harvell	lf	272	2	1	0	0	0
Check	p	333	3	0	1	0	5

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10th Photo

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Mansberger	lf	3	0	0	0	0	0
Buchal	ss	3	0	0	3	2	0
Apple	1b	4	0	0	9	0	0
Johnson	p	4	0	1	1	10	1
Falano	rf	3	0	1	0	0	0
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Brayton	3b	3	0	1	6	2	0
Johnson	1b	3	1	1	6	0	0
Quinlan	lf	3	1	1	0	0	0
McCrone	cf	3	0	1	4	1	0
Wenk	lf	2	0	0	0	0	1
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Verdi	p	3	0	0	2	3	1
Stagnero	p	2	0	0	2	3	1
Bayonne	ss	1	0	1	0	0	0
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Summary—Runs batted in: Hoade, Miller, Hibby, Clary 2, Wood 2, Lawrence 2, Verdi, Homerus; Clary—Three-base hits: Johnson, Wood, McCrone. Two-base hits: Hoade, Lawrence 2. Double plays: Brayton to Johnson, Stolen bases: Hoade 2, Miller 2, Brayton, Wenk. Left on bases: Group Officers 3, 354th Fighter 7. Hit by pitched ball: Verdi. Base on balls: Off Wenk 3, Stagnero 2. Struck out: by Wenk 3, Stagnero 5.
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Bonnetto	c	2	0	0	10	1	0
Mears	2b	3	0	1	0	3	0
Levy	3b	2	0	0	0	1	0
St. John (a)	lf	1	0	0	0	0	0
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batted for Bonnetto in 9th.
Summary—Runs batted in: Dombos, Check. Two-base hit: Johnson.
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Starts in '39
On the mound giving the game all he had was right-
Cpl. C. E. Check

and Charles E. Check. He blanked the 10th Photo Team yielding only three hits. This tall, sandy-haired, 21 year old lad hails from Stratford, Conn. His baseball career started back in '39 when he attended Stratford High School. In his sophomore year he made the varsity team and before graduating in 1942 won twelve games out of fifteen the school team played.

Tryout With Giants
In 1943 he played in the Hillside Twilight League circuit and that same year had a try out with the New York Giants at the Polo Grounds. Before they could use him he had entered the Army. In the three games he won with the Thunderbombs he gave seven runs and struckout fourteen.

Team Weakened?
As everything else Redeployment hit the Thunderbombs by taking six players. As the season progresses we will know how hard they were hit. Those to leave were Cpl. C. E. Check and Pfc W. Ahonen, pitchers; Sgt. L. S. Padgett and S Sgt. J. A. Dombos, catchers; S Sgt. S. Tribe, infielder and Sgt. R. E. Jones, utility outfielder.

Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
368th Fighter Gp.	6	0	1.000
10th Photo	5	1	.833
371st Fighter Gp.	4	1	.800
367th Fighter Gp.	4	2	.666
424th Night Fighter Gp.	3	3	.500
354th Fighter Gp.	2	4	.333
XIX TAC HQ	1	4	.200
83rd Airdrome	1	5	.166
443th Signal Bn.	0	5	.000

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Six Teams in League
The new league will consist of six teams and as the schedule is planned games, will be played up to the end of July. Thursday evening the teams clash to open the second half of the tourney. The 368th EM tangle with the 368th Group Officers' Team. The 395th EM take on the 307th Officers while the 905th Engineers battle it out with the 397th EM.

Rutan to Activate Gp. Softball Team

Pvt. Lamont Rutan, manager of the Thunderbombs, announced that a softball team will be formed to represent the Group in competitive games with other units. Officers and enlisted men, who are interested, are asked to submit their names to the Special Service Office or to the Athletic Building which is located on the field directly opposite the 397th Dispersal area. Pvt. Rutan expects the team to be ready for competition a week from today.

He also adds that there are openings in the Group Baseball team and if anyone is interested he is welcomed to try out.

396-397 in 2-2 Tie

The Jabo Angels and the Panzer Dusters played an extra inning softball game last week which was called at the end of the ninth because of darkness. The score was 2-2.
The game was played the next day and the 395th EM won 5-1. The 397th men scored their run in the fifth inning. The Panzer Dusters massed all their runs in the sixth.

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revitalment is approaching its former standards, and Belgian bread is beginning to taste the way it ought to-- which is wonderful.

Marche Noire
The Marche Noire is still flourishing, of course. But paradoxically, its good organization, as well as increased supplies, have been driving prices downward. American cigarettes are probably no more expensive than they are on the American Black Market. Gift articles are still sky-high--perhaps more expensive than they were last winter. Stores selling gifts are legitimate and haven't been influenced by the benish black-market trend. Lace is still a good buy. And you can always get small models of the Mamekin-Pis for your maiden aunt.

The same number of seemingly unoccupied girls stroll the streets. In addition there are a lot of Belgian girls whom you could introduce to your lister, or even your wife. And the latter are as attractive as ever, and still know how to be friendly and feminine without being forward.
We're Legal Now

The quasi-legal status of the American in Brussels, last winter, has been replaced by one of official welcome. The Red Cross set-up is far less ambitious than it is in Paris. But

the Army is running the leave hotels and messes, and doing an excellent job of it, too. Whether the hotel is large or small-- many of them are small-- it's still clean, and the beds are of the type we sentimentally recall. Plenty of hot water, too. If you sleep in the Parc de Bruxelles it's only because you want to. It's a nice park.

We arrived late in the afternoon, and by the time billeting, messing, shaving bathing etc had been taken care of it was 9:30 P.M. I killed the rest of the evening at a dance in the hotel. The cognac was good and inexpensive, and it was easy enough to get half-crocked.

Fresh Strawberries
The second evening-- everybody is interested in how you spend your evenings and nights on leave-- the second evening I visited the home of Monsieur Van H. . . art critic, and publisher of a Flemish magazine. Dinner was not elaborate, but it was beautiful, prepared and impeccably served-- the best dinner I've eaten in longer than I care to remember. The big deal was moked ice-cream with fresh strawberries! There were Martinis before dinner, wine with dinner, and brandy afterwards. Also lots of good, half-French, half-English conversation.

My last evening in Brussels I visited the C--- family. Monsieur C. . . is an artist and a good one. He also has a ribald sense of humour that unfortunately expresses itself in rapid French. His two daughters are as pretty as they were six months ago, or prettier, and so is their friend, L. . . an accomplished pianist. We were joined by a couple of friends of the family, a bespectacled student at the University, and L. . . 's brother, who had just gotten back from two years of forced labor in Kassel. The six of us walked to a small cafe on top of a hill, and had drinks made of that peculiar Belgian beer, the name of which I forget, spiked with Grenadine. It was mighty good, and if it hadn't been so late I would have liked to have stayed one.

It's A Nice Town
The dominant impression one receives, in leaving Germany for Brussels, is that one has gone from a dead country to a living one. The city has awakened from its drugged sleep. It's a better leave town than it ever was. It's got a little of Paris, and a little of London and New York, and a lot of Brussels in it. The people are more wordly than the English and more solid than the French, and-- well, just plain decent.
I had a good time.

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HEADQUARTERS
369TH FIGHTER GROUP

APO 141, U. S. Army
27 June 1945

SPECIAL ORDERS)
NUMBER 68)

1. The WOOD 368th Ftr Gp of 26 June '45, under exigencies which prevented the issuance of advance orders, are hereby confirmed and made of record:
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395TH FIGHTER SQUADRON

T Sgt (75)	John E. Beall	15088184	(756)
S Sgt (84)	Clyde G. Queen	34300188	(826)
T Sgt (75)	John H. Hite	6920533	(911)
Cpl (77)	Daniel Radulovich	12199267	(911)
Cpl (76)	Robert J. Smith	33382438	(911)
Cpl (78)	Gerald E. Hardman	15070592	(405)
T Sgt (78)	Roland J. Heun	38069449	(685)
Cpl (74)	William Raymond Jr	32489413	(911)

396TH FIGHTER SQUADRON

S Sgt (82)	Harry F. Schott	37420158	(502)
Pfc (78)	Gordon Adams	35445334	(530)
Sgt (80)	Ernest B. Titzer	35720835	(238)
S Sgt (75)	Walter F. Birch	13057116	(275)
T Sgt (81)	James A. Dunkelberg	35105932	(511)
S Sgt (75)	Rolla B. Shufelt	16023634	(685)
Sgt (80)	Robert M. Seaman	37655055	(789)
Pfc (77)	John M. DeLorenzo	32463055	(345)
Cpl (83)	Ignatius J. Delany	33181914	(405)
Sgt (84)	Louis Hillenbrand	35057182	(405)
S Sgt (82)	Cunningham Thomas	34124568	(631)
Cpl (83)	Vincent M. Murphy	31093864	(747)
Sgt (75)	John S. Pavlik	13042008	(747)
S Sgt (74)	Joseph Byra	31187191	(747)

397TH FIGHTER SQUADRON

Sgt (84)	Joseph Patrosky	33035253	(050)
S Sgt (84)	William K...	17041411	(826)
S Sgt (74)	William J. Ratdy	32219682	(505)
T Sgt (75)	William E. Manning	34137226	(685)
Sgt (81)	William P. Miles	15105012	(759)
Sgt (75)	Russell A. Hideo	16047895	(747)
S Sgt (75)	John L. Mansfield	19065230	(747)
Sgt (79)	William H. Nesmith	34248156	(747)
S Sgt (75)	James R. Sann	14073020	(620)
Sgt (78)	Arnold F. Klingbeil	35270977	(755)
Cpl (77)	Natividad Rosales Jr	39543429	(809)
T Sgt (79)	Harry Z. Lake	39021322	(911)

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HQ 368TH FIGHTER GROUP

	Cpl (77)	Leslie A. Larson	17096813	(405)
T	Sgt (74)	Harold R. Eder	34240147	(505)
	Sgt (74)	Charles B. Justice	35264231	(657)
	Cpl (75)	Armando P. Franquiz	32188901	(657)
T	Sgt (75)	Daniel P. Flanigan	12040065	(826)
T	Sgt (84)	Frederic Feuer	32093633	(511)
M	Sgt (78)	Curtis A. Martin	39021962	(911)

2. The VOCC 368th Ftr Gp of 25 June 45, under exigencies which prevented the issuance of advance orders, are hereby confirmed and made of record:
"Having been asgd this orgn per par 5, SO 159, Hq XIX Tactical Air Comd, 24 June 45, fol named EM are further asgd to Sq as indicated. EDCMR 25 June 45.

HQ 368TH FIGHTER GROUP

	Cpl (76)	Arthur V. Nygard	37174453	(405)
	Cpl (76)	Frank C. Sauline Jr	35254037	(495)
S	Sgt (78)	Kenneth Davenport	35577738	(505)
	Pfc (76)	Johannie Burgess	35264695	(590)
	Sgt (70)	Harold J. Klein	31188926	(859)
	Sgt (78)	John Smart	33135374	(861)
	Cpl (77)	John C. Gehler	32217567	(409)
	Pvt (82)	Alfred E. Kelly	31189008	(861)
S	Sgt (82)	Jacob K. Heuss	16041565	(821)
	Cpl (79)	William C. Heath	6852258	(911)
S	Sgt (80)	Charles Sherman	33121765	(405)

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	Sgt (81)	Arnold E. Melton	39166130	(060)
	Pvt (79)	Lewis A. Rausch	35385275	(345)
	Sgt (78)	Frank S. Brodict	13040937	(060)
	Sgt (79)	Thomas G. Scott	18044874	(060)
	Pfc (75)	Robert L. Dubois	37666525	(590)
	Cpl (76)	Louis D. Murray	33552249	(650)
	Sgt (79)	John H. Kerschmer	33106470	(747)
T	Sgt (77)	Patsy Vaccarelli	32385376	(759)
	Cpl (78)	Simon Cohen	32353315	(911)
	Cpl (81)	Belvard C. Pritchard	15336692	(911)
	Pvt (79)	William E. Murphy	16030323	(941)
	Cpl (75)	John H. Good	35350915	(060)
	Cpl (79)	Horace C. Akin	7084985	(345)
	Sgt (75)	James Thomas	35320619	(747)
	Sgt (80)	Murry E. Hodges	38332489	(620)
	Cpl (78)	Joseph Bricarello	14064580	(911)
T	Sgt (82)	Clarence Fishback	19060448	(911)
S	Sgt (82)	Clarence Rose	11029455	(911)
	Cpl (75)	Francis P. Rowe	31105750	(911)
	Sgt (81)	Albert J. Wolff Jr	31193030	(014)
	Sgt (83)	Robert L. Britain	35468444	(717)
	Sgt (75)	Alvin D. Allen	34282376	(809)
	Sgt (76)	Delbert A. Bolding	17052415	(901)
	Sgt (83)	Russell E. Butler	33248399	(911)

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395TH FIGHTER SQUADRON CONT'D

S Sgt	(71)	Wade T. France	33208550	(911)
S Sgt	(72)	James B. Pickens	35609174	(911)
T Sgt	(81)	J. E. Richardson Jr	18063343	(911)

396TH FIGHTER SQUADRON

S Sgt	(71)	Joseph Micci	11094449	(747)
Cpl	(79)	Flem B. Swift Jr	18082818	(911)
Cpl	(79)	Walter E. Underwood	1804587	(911)
Pfc	(76)	S. E. Walligorski	35145819	(590)
S Sgt	(79)	William E. Paulos	18068993	(821)
Sgt	(81)	Harold W. Jones	14080543	(911)
Sgt	(79)	Jack T. Kuter	17032677	(911)
T Sgt	(75)	Howard W. Power	14104058	(911)
S Sgt	(82)	Wayne B. Willis	18058957	(911)
Cpl	(79)	Leo T. Sharfe	15088535	(932)
S Sgt	(77)	John D. Schler Jr	33286187	(070)
Sgt	(81)	George E. Haguet	37319766	(620)
Sgt	(75)	William Fishbein	32336011	(747)
T Sgt	(83)	Charles W. Kovetz	18049904	(747)
Sgt	(76)	Robert J. Winberg	33056101	(747)
S Sgt	(78)	Charles G. Knorr	18038402	(756)
T Sgt	(83)	Antonio Outala	33421680	(759)
Pfc	(80)	John R. Reskin	32179460	(901)
Cpl	(78)	John M. Crase	33519505	(911)
Cpl	(83)	Woodrow W. Provan	34247967	(932)
Cpl	(84)	Kenneth G. Starr	30883493	(555)

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Cpl	(81)	Stanislaus Bardak	11087267	(014)
Pfc	(73)	Wayne Mann	18036582	(345)
S Sgt	(73)	Philip Tompkins	18041494	(014)
Cpl	(84)	Marion H. Finkle	3709100	(060)
Sgt	(76)	Francis J. McLeod	16023323	(070)
Cpl	(75)	Lorris O. Calkins	33204348	(405)
Cpl	(81)	Marlin Lucas	33307369	(620)
Sgt	(74)	Edward D. Lockey	16052143	(756)
Cpl	(77)	Arthur J. Klader	31111364	(911)
Sgt	(83)	Robert J. Webster	18030090	(060)
S Sgt	(85)	William Patton	33163256	(747)
T Sgt	(77)	George W. Thomas	34179867	(747)
S Sgt	(80)	Earl J. Gaultman Jr	18007072	(747)
T Sgt	(77)	Paul E. Smith	18030059	(747)
Sgt	(80)	Robert L. Taylor	18041164	(759)
Pfc	(79)	Blair G. Tompkins	34529871	(901)
Sgt	(80)	Thomas G. Tompkins	35579137	(911)
Sgt	(75)	Ugale M. Tompkins	35493434	(932)
Cpl	(81)	John W. Tompkins	17030000	(700)
Pvt	(81)	Francis L. Tompkins	3465288	(345)
Cpl	(82)	Paul G. Dinsley	35026083	(747)
S Sgt	(77)	George G. Kalash	34153351	(747)
Sgt	(81)	Taylor L. Roberts	3485773	(852)
Sgt	(81)	Norton Airckbone	3072352	(911)

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3. The VOCC 368th Ftr Gp of 25 June 45, under exigencies which prevented the issuance of advance orders, are hereby confirmed and made of record:

Having been asgd this orgn per par 1, SO 159, Hq XIX Tactical Air Comd, 24 June 45, fol named EM are further asgd to Sq as indicated. EDCMR 25 June 45.

HQ 368TH FIGHTER GROUP

Cpl (76) Peter Koshel 36034196 (050)

395TH FIGHTER SQUADRON

Pfc (84) Ausby W. Utt 33534750 (345)
 Cpl (77) Benjamin A. Varon 39190975 (405)
 T Sgt (77) John F. Sajovic 16035131 (687)
 S Sgt (82) Samuel J. Humes Jr 35177782 (750)
 Sgt (78) Slayton E. Rich 18134791 (754)
 Sgt (81) John W. Vorty 32381588 (754)
 S Sgt (80) James M. Reed 15083385 (750)
 S Sgt (79) Albert E. Roe 34095706 (826)
 Cpl (75) Peter W. Pruhs 32640246 (911)
 Sgt (75) Joseph J. Timko 33404099 (511)
 S Sgt (78) George A. Knothe 32463925 (685)
 S Sgt (78) Bernard E. Huffman 35417256 (747)
 T Sgt (83) Samuel S. McCachren 34117507 (756)
 S Sgt (79) Clyde C. Brewer 34117577 (932)
 Sgt (80) Gale F. Gunter 15104989 (060)

396TH FIGHTER SQUADRON

1st Sgt (82) William M. Bisz 15048262 (502)
 S Sgt (77) Clyde E. Morris 18178796 (687)
 T Sgt (79) George R. Burris 15069803 (750)
 Sgt (79) Robert H. McDowell 34095555 (014)
 Cpl (84) Harry C. Donadel 39388065 (650)
 S Sgt (78) Norman A. Keller 37134408 (750)
 S Sgt (76) James A. Pellenz 15151371 (754)
 S Sgt (83) John M. Hinson 36030119 (759)
 Sgt (79) F. E. McDonough Jr 11087040 (862)
 Sgt (76) Victor J. Mannino 36022877 (911)
 Cpl (79) James C. Adams Jr 37405639 (237)
 S Sgt (82) Loren G. McGregor 35478100 (826)
 S Sgt (76) Andrew W. Donlan 31231447 (747)
 Sgt (82) A. F. Rossamagno 32087241 (747)
 S Sgt (76) Walter A. Ropa 36305750 (754)

397TH FIGHTER SQUADRON

Pvt (81) Sidney J. Winstanley 35115820 (502)
 Cpl (80) Pete Belch 33152619 (345)
 S Sgt (82) James L. Talley 35378589 (631)
 S Sgt (78) Basil J. McCracken 35398927 (687)
 Sgt (79) Frank G. Welsh 37351649 (747)
 S Sgt (88) Wallace E. Harju 39174787 (750)
 Sgt (77) Roy W. Spiller 37388454 (911)
 Cpl (83) Robert C. Tannehill 13060855 (144)
 S Sgt (78) Wilbur F. Hizey 37146298 (750)

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397TH FIGHTER SQUADRON CONT'D

Cpl (79) Ollie J. R. Stephens	18052252	(911)	
S Sgt (79) Julian D. Frank	34117641	(014)	
Pfc (50) Henry J. Mertzig Jr	36812379	(521)	
Sgt (79) Wilton Leopard	34128646	(555)	
S Sgt (75) Ralph P. Zobel	34514580	(686)	
S Sgt (82) Earl L. Downey	38058988	(747)	
T Sgt (84) Leon A. Mattem	39171162	(754)	"

4. The VOCO 368th Ftr Gp of 26 June 45, under exigencies which prevented the issuance of advance orders, are hereby confirmed and made of record:
"Having been asgd this orgn per par 4, SO 160, Hq XIX Tactical Air Comd, 25 June 45, fol named EM are further asgd to Sq as Indicated. EDCMR 26 June 45,

Cpl (74) George Mascenic	36317185	(409)	Hq 368th Ftr Gp
S Sgt (78) Herbert E. Raines	35039513	(824)	395th Ftr Sq
Cpl (75) Harold E. Windsor	37500256	(901)	395th Ftr Sq
S Sgt (74) Norman W. Schwengel	36314860	(901)	396th Ftr Sq
Sgt (75) Lawrence M. Hersch	11044879	(756)	396th Ftr Sq
S Sgt (84) Lee E. Peck	17057283	(802)	397th Ftr Sq

5. The VOCO 368th FTR Gp of 26 June 45, under exigencies which prevented the issuance of advance orders, are hereby confirmed and made of record:
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S Sgt (79) Donald H. Layman	39375259	(502)	Hq 368th Ftr Gp
T Sgt (78) William L. Phillips	15086416	(631)	395th Ftr Sq
Cpl (75) Thomas M. Alban	35401234	(754)	395th Ftr Sq
Sgt (83) Lambert Snyders	36642274	(754)	396th Ftr Sq
Sgt (81) Carol J. Roaskowski	1214926	(685)	397th Ftr Sq
T Sgt (75) Stewart A. Evans	36147175	(687)	397th Ftr Sq
S Sgt (84) Charles S. Kelley	31146783	(754)	397th Ftr Sq
T Sgt (84) Emil W. Goehner	37286577	(685)	397th Ftr Sq "

6. Fol named off and EM are placed on TDY, WP R-58 o/a 28 June 45, for a period of three (3) days, for the purpose of obtaining supplies. Upon compl of this TDY, they will ret to proper orgn. TDY by MT, mil acft or rail. 60-115 P 432-22 & 212/50425.

Capt MARVIN E. WARD	0863713	AC	
T Sgt Delmar C. Eicher	1E068175		Hq 368th Ftr Gp

7. The VOCO 368th Ftr Gp of 26 June 45, under exigencies which prevented the issuance of advance orders, are hereby confirmed and made of record:
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Sgt (77) Glenn B. Simmons	37232946	(657)	Hq 368th Ftr Gp
S Sgt (74) David P. Hollis Jr	34105730	(750)	395th Ftr Sq
S Sgt (75) Harold N. Vancill	39399046	(750)	395th Ftr Sq
S Sgt (78) George A. Richards	35355944	(750)	395th Ftr Sq
M Sgt (79) Elwood Vaughan	34117884	(780)	395th Ftr Sq

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T Sgt (74) Charles W. Eskin	14072535	(750)	396th Ftr Sq
S Sgt (78) Robert W. Lods	39090132	(750)	396th Ftr Sq
S Sgt (78) Charles F. Rane	38256909	(750)	396th Ftr Sq
S Sgt (78) Lyle F. Stempel	17040543	(750)	396th Ftr Sq
Sgt (74) Thomas L. Grace Jr	37410653	(862)	396th Ftr Sq "

8. So much of par 7, SO 67, this Hq, as pertaining to Class "A" Fin Officers, as reads,

" Capt SAMUEL R. SCHOFIELD	0582942	AC	395th Fighter Squadron
1st Lt GEORGE E. GILL	0863973	AC	397th Fighter Squadron
1st Lt GEORGE E. GILL	0863973	AC	21st Weather Sq Det R
1st Lt GEORGE E. GILL	0863973	AC	40th Mobile Com Sq Det R
Major DONALD C. HARPOLE	01576089	AC	Hq & Base Sv Sq, 487th A Sv Gp"

is amended to read,

"1st Lt GEORGE J. COBURN JR.	0863375	AC	395th Fighter Squadron
1st Lt WYNN L. DIXON	0577376	AC	397th Fighter Squadron
1st Lt WYNN L. DIXON	0577376	AC	21st Weather Sq Det R
1st Lt WYNN L. DIXON	0577376	AC	40th Mobile Com Sq Det R
1st Lt JOHN S. DRISCOLL	01593547	QMC	Hq & Base Sv Sq, 487th A Sv Gp"

9. The WOCO 368th Ftr Gp of 25 June 45, under exigencies which prevented the issuance of advance orders, are hereby confirmed and made of record.

"Having been asgd this orgn per par 3, SO 159, Hq XIX Tactical Air Comd, 24 June 45, fol named EM are further asgd to Sq as indicated. EDCMR 25 June 45.

HQ 368TH FIGHTER GROUP

Pfc (77) Clarence T. Barnes	34013837	(590)
Sgt (84) Edwin C. Feihe	37032203	(060)
Pfc (81) Lamar A. Wasserman	18056200	(237)
Sgt (75) Lyle E. Gabel	39890225	(405)
Pfc (76) Raymond E. Coppins	32578649	(409)
Sgt (79) Billy J. Anderson	38180891	(756)

395TH FIGHTER SQUADRON

S Sgt (81) Woodrow H. Tate	37007554	(014)
S Sgt (75) Floyd Stinson	19062454	(555)
T Sgt (75) James H. Olsary	37072351	(756)
Sgt (77) Lloyd P. Hopkins	17070487	(911)
S Sgt (80) Paul H. Rosenberg	33087697	(911)
Pvt (80) Herbert R. Woolwine	39234485	(345)
Cpl (75) George I. Duncan	38357582	(805)
Cpl (79) Ralph Langston Jr	33455135	(759)
T Sgt (75) Leonard J. Hartley	16043061	(911)
S Sgt (84) Irvin G. Rhinard	37321741	(911)
Sgt (75) William E. Sheehan	11114990	(911)
Pfc (74) William Torak	12044033	(911)
S Sgt (81) Harold J. Bojrbuse	36504574	(256)
Sgt (75) Charles W. Harb	37653466	(901)

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395TH FIGHTER SQUADRON, CONT'D

S Sgt (78) William M. Bingham Jr 5446219 (911)
Sgt (77) Ianak F. Crumer 35407017 (911)
Cpl (76) Daniel W. J. Elliott 15153324 (911)

396TH FIGHTER SQUADRON

Cpl (77) Arthur H. Woodruff 39192253 (345)
Sgt (79) Ralph A. Sado 37213250 (060)
Cpl (75) Ferrell TaCrett 55544878 (237)
T Sgt (83) Walter E. Schaffing 57384722 (511)
S Sgt (78) Dan J. Morse 38239235 (759)
S Sgt (83) William H. Knorr 3774813 (932)
Sgt (77) Joseph R. Camara 19160491 (050)
Pvt (77) Leroy L. Carlson 16009764 (555)
Pfc (77) Luka J. Levrasa 18133750 (650)
M Sgt (79) Alex Tula 19075622 (911)
Sgt (79) John J. Thomas 21159175 (060)
Sgt (77) E. J. Bonikowski 36537705 (862)
Cpl (74) William A. Grantham 37408337 (901)
Cpl (65) Raymond A. Koschene 37457498 (911)
Sgt (67) Keith E. Lea 35368401 (911)
Pfc (59) Irwin Nightingale 37345250 (911)
Sgt (80) Cecil G. Yeater 13091177 (911)

397TH FIGHTER SQUADRON

Pfc (83) Leo W. Roush 39005210 (345)
S Sgt (84) Kenneth C. Ahrendt 35288639 (747)
Pfc (74) Lawrence Conjohn 39097707 (747)
S Sgt (82) Charles L. Garrett 37348096 (747)
Sgt (76) Francis W. Ratney 32374970 (747)
Cpl (78) Robert M. Loney 16113548 (911)
Sgt (80) John J. Wilhelm Jr 32390222 (911)
S Sgt (81) Alvin H. Nelson 38032399 (747)
Cpl (77) R. J. Sanderson 39260340 (911)"

10. The VOCC 368th Ftr Gp of 26 June 45, under exigencies which prevented the issuance of advance orders, are hereby confirmed and made of record.
"Having been asgd this orgn per par 2, SO 160, Hq XIX Tactical Air Comd, 25 June 45, fol named EM are further asgd to Sq as indicated. EDCMR 26 June 45.

HQ 368TH FIGHTER GROUP

Pfc (39) Veto J. Vatalaro 37476182 (521)
T Sgt (86) Mims H. McKinson 35490893 (754)
S Sgt (80) Ernest J. Davis 35EJ3105 (754)

398TH FIGHTER SQUADRON

Sgt (83) Clinton B. Anderson 35109007 (686)
Sgt (74) George C. Vargo 39198855 (050)
Sgt (74) William D. Clark Jr 34582882 (060)
S Sgt (74) Richard Anderson 31277512 (941)
Pvt (65) Asa F. Bronham 35561225 (911)
S Sgt (77) Ray V. Boone 39245657 (747)

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395TH FIGHTER SQUADRON CONT'D

Sgt (78)	Park D. Dugan	6529340	(747)
Sgt (79)	Anastacio Garcia	16037EL3	(747)

396TH FIGHTER SQUADRON

Cpl (74)	John A. Bouthier	31017425	(060)
Sgt (75)	Harold Traitac	32505792	(747)
S Sgt (76)	Jess M. Mendora	39113022	(747)
Cpl (78)	R. C. Nowakowski	33357900	(747)
S Sgt (79)	James T. Vail	31080069	(747)
Sgt (87)	John R. Schaefer	33284436	(756)
Sgt (74)	Thomas Amara	19082426	(747)
T Sgt (80)	Charlie W. Hutson	38198258	(747)

397TH FIGHTER SQUADRON

S Sgt (79)	William Jinks	32458150	(686)
Sgt (77)	Edward G. Ingram	12152190	(747)
Cpl (78)	Louis G. Bossmeyer	15087145	(747)"

11. Having been asgd this orgn per par 9, SO 160, Hq XIX Tactical Air Comd, 25 June 45, fol named EM are further asgd to Sq as indicated. EDCMR 28 June 45.

Pfc (79)	Joseph F. Piracci	33002980	(014)	395th Ftr Sq
Pvt (76)	Woodrow Wilson	39079533	(014)	395th Ftr Sq
Sgt (83)	Jess W. Roberts	17010637	(060)	396th Ftr Sq
T Sgt (73)	William D. Teagarden	35483228	(542)	397th Ftr Sq

12. The VOCC 362th Ftr Gp of 25 June 45, under exigencies which prevented the issuance of advance orders, are hereby confirmed and made of record:

"Having been asgd this orgn per par 1, SO 159, Hq XIX Tactical Air Comd, 24 June 45, Sgt (84) Floyd Hatchell, 38020809, (673), is further asgd 397th Ftr Sq. EDCMR 25 June 45."

13. Having been asgd this orgn per par 13, SO 159, Hq XIX Tactical Air Comd, 24 June 45, Pvt (91) Frank E. Bradley, 20246153, (345), is further asgd 395th Ftr Sq. EDCMR 27 June 45.

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358TH FIGHTER GROUP

APO 141, U. S. Army
29 June 1945

SPECIAL ORDERS)
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1. Fol named EM, Sq indicated, are placed on TDY, WP R-68, o/a 29 June 45, for a period of three (3) days, for the purpose of obtaining supplies. Upon compl of this TDY, they will ret to proper orgn. TDN by AT, mil acft or rail. 60-115 P 432-02 & 212/50425.

T Sgt Harold R. Eder	34240147	Hq 368th Ftr Gp
T Sgt Clarence Fishback	19060448	395th Ftr Sq
T Sgt John H. Hite	6920583	395th Ftr Sq
Cpl Thomas M. Alban	35401234	395th Ftr Sq
Cpl Daniel Radulovich	12199267	395th Ftr Sq
Cpl Raymond A. Koschene	37457498	396th Ftr Sq
Cpl Flem B. Swift	18082618	396th Ftr Sq
Cpl Walter E. Underwood	15104557	396th Ftr Sq
Sgt Cecil G. Yeater	13091177	396th Ftr Sq
Sgt Joseph L. Willis	15098096	397th Ftr Sq
Sgt Rexall Perrine	35279986	397th Ftr Sq
Cpl Donald J. Zumstein	15098539	397th Ftr Sq
Pvt Francis I. Kvaal	37163286	397th Ftr Sq

2. Under the provisions of Par 4b, AR 35-1100, 12 May 1945, fol named officers are aptd to witness and verify the cash balance of 1st Lt PAUL M. DeFURIA, 01281618, FD, Accountable Disbursing Officer as of 0800 hours, 30 June 45;

Capt WILLIAM T. McGANN	01035940	AC
1st Lt SAMUEL KUSHNER	0856309	AC

3. So much of par 7, SO 67, this Hq, as pertaining to Class "A" Agent Fin officers, as reads, "2d Lt ROBERT R. SHAPP, 0834310, AC, 396th Ftr Sq," is amended to read, "1st Lt HAROLD D. HAMMETT JR, 0770258, AC, 396th Ftr Sq."

4. The VOCC 368th Ftr Gp of 23 June 45, under exigencies which prevented the issuance of advance orders, are hereby confirmed and made of record: "Having been asgd this orgn per par 2, SO 54, Hq 367th Ftr Gp, 26 June 45, Fol named Jn, are further asgd to Sq at [unclear] BDDMR 28 June 45."

HQ 368TH FIGHTER GROUP

Sgt (68-Q) John J. Schuster	34399159	(405)
Pfc (64-Q) John W. Rydberg	16127420	(552)

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Sgt (67-Q) Joseph J. Esposito Jr	32451179	(114)
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SO 69, Hq 368th Ftr Gp, 29 June 45,

Par 4, Cont'd.

396TH FIGHTER SQUADRON

M Sgt (80-Q) Arthur H. Goebel 17030753 (750)

397th FIGHTER SQUADRON

T Sgt (76-Q) Jarvis S. Peterson 17035842 (687)
Sgt (63-Q) Richard L. Waiting 11129960 (648)

5. The VOCC 368th Ftr Gp of 28 June 45, under exigencies which prevented the issuance of advance orders are hereby confirmed and made of record:

"Having been asgd this orgn per par 8, SO 160, Hq XIX Tactical Air Comd, 25 June 45, Capt (63-Q) FREDERICK R. JOHNSEY, O789323, AC (2161), is further asgd Hq 368th Ftr Gp and aptd Asst Gp Operations Off, princ dy."

6. 1st Lt THOMAS G. MONAHAN, O583418, AC, is detailed to conduct the monthly inventory of the Group Post Exchange on 30 June 1945.

7. Fol named EM, Sq indicated, are placed on TDY, WP R-29 o/a 30 June 45, for a period of thirty (30) days, reporting thereat to Major Junkin, for the purpose of performing maintenance on C-47 type aircraft. Upon compl of this TDY, EM will ret to proper orgn. TDN by LT, mil acft or rail. 60-115 P 432-02 A 212/ED425. AUTH: VOCC XIX Tactical Air Comd.

T Sgt (750) Carl A. Hanson	15019738	Line Chief	396th Ftr Sq
T Sgt (685) Roland J. Heun	38069449	Elec Specialist	395th Ftr Sq
T Sgt (687) John F. Sajovic	16035131	Prop Specialist	395th Ftr Sq
S Sgt (747) Alvin H. Nelson	38032399	Crew Chief	397th Ftr Sq

8. The VOCC 368th Ftr Gp of 27 June 45, under exigencies which prevented the issuance of advance orders are hereby confirmed and made of record:

"Having been asgd this orgn per par 12, SO 139, Hq XIX Tactical Air Comd, 24 June 45, 2d Lt (24-Q) WILLIAM R. HELLWIG, O835344, AC, (1055), is further asgd 395th Ftr Sq. EDCMR 27 June 45."

9. Having been asgd this orgn per par 32, SO 162, Hq XIX Tactical Air Comd, 27 June 45, Sgt (78-Q) Samuel S. Fixman, 31031094, (824), is further asgd 396th Ftr Sq. EDCMR 29 June 45.

10. Having been asgd this orgn per par 4, SO 32, Hq 362d Ftr Gp, 28 June 45, fol named EM are further asgd to Sq as indicated. EDCMR 29 June 45.

HQ 368TH FIGHTER GROUP

Sgt (73-D) Armond S. Fitzer 39250105 (060)
Sgt (63-Q) Robert J. Newman 35532232 (766)

395TH FIGHTER SQUADRON

S Sgt (70-D) Frank E. Omsian 32430987 (756)
S Sgt (76-D) Eloy C. Tafuya 33193811 (750)
Cpl (69-D) Cornelius Hayman 36191819 (405)
Pvt (71-D) American V. Marcos 31202530 (890)
Sgt (64-D) Mark W. Grant 33534380 (060)



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SO 69, Hq 368th Ftr Gp, 29 June 45,
par 10, Cont'd.

396TH FIGHTER SQUADRON

S Sgt (78-D)	Wilson C. Benfield	17052107	(750)
Pvt (68-D)	Nathan Smith	16144854	(747)
Cpl (71-D)	Frank J. Gallandot	32408593	(911)

397TH FIGHTER SQUADRON

S Sgt (71-D)	Joseph E. Dozort	32434652	(750)
Cpl (64-D)	Frank J. Samar	32841368	(144)
Sgt (70-D)	Donald W. Jackson	12192202	(911)
Cpl (66-D)	Jack D. Davis	38340248	(511)

11. Having been asgd this orgn per par 2, SO 56, Hq 367th Ftr Gp, 29 June 45, fol named EM are further asgd to Sq as indicated. EDCMR 30 June 45.

HQ 368TH FIGHTER GROUP

S Sgt (59-D)	Earl E. Metcalf	35462453	(502)
Sgt (63-Q)	Abraham Fishman	32321962	(631)
T 5 (41-D)	Paul O. Damer	35893039	(409)
Pfc (53-D)	Loudean McKee	34591761	(409)
Pfc (73-D)	Eddie S. Rodriguez	39248414	(409)

395TH FIGHTER SQUADRON

T Sgt (71-D)	Thomas H. Gough	36068697	(750)
Pfc (63-Q)	John R. Barnes	37246347	(555)
Sgt (67-Q)	Harlon P. Phillips	32378302	(685)
Cpl (61-D)	Ira L. Rimbey	36641231	(405)

396TH FIGHTER SQUADRON

Sgt (68-D)	Antonio E. Sequin	37289318	(826)
Cpl (67-Q)	James E. Fletcher	33469514	(505)
T Sgt (66-D)	Lacy W. Morris	18097633	(750)

397TH FIGHTER SQUADRON

T Sgt (73-D)	Reginald Henry	32407181	(750)
Cpl (65-Q)	Joseph Zolin	39274322	(014)
Pvt (65-Q)	Kenneth L. Kallenberg	15049273	(505)
S Sgt (66-D)	Russell V. Foster	37220103	(686)
S Sgt (124-VS-Q)	James D. Kinder	5533755	(566)

12. The VOCC 358th Ftr Gp of 25 June 45, under exigencies which prevented the issuance of advance orders, are hereby confirmed and made of record: "Having been asgd this orgn per par 5, SO 159, Hq XIX Tactical Air Comd, 24 June 45, Cpl (83-Q) Abraham Golco, 12042557, (237), is further asgd 395th Ftr Sq. EDCMR 25 June 45."

13. Fol named off & E1 are placed on TDY, WP Depot Q185, APO 228, o/a 1 July 45, for a period of five (5) days, for the purpose of obtaining supplies. Upon compl of this TDY, they will ret to proper orgn. TRN by MT, mil acft or rail. 60-115 P 432-02 & 212/50425

Capt MAURICE KING	01583290	AC	
Cpl Earl E. Bailey	17034217		395th Ftr Sq
Pvt Lewis A. Ransch	35385275		395th Ftr Sq

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SO 69, Hq 368th Ftr Gp, 29 June 45, Cont'd.

14. Major STANLEY C. JOHNSON JR. 0563430, AC, is aptd Commanding Officer of Hq Det 368th Ftr Gp, addy: vice Major HUGH L. RESE, 0379295, AC, retd.

15. The VOCO 368th Ftr Gp of 27 June 45, under exigencies which prevented the issuance of advance orders, are hereby confirmed and made of record:

"Having been asgd this orgn per par 16, SO 162, Hq XIX Tactical Air Comd, 27 June 45, fol named EM are further asgd to Sq as indicated. EDCMR 27 June 45.

Pfc (31-D) John V. Mandy	33836597	(825)	395th Ftr Sq
Pvt (50-Q) Anthony Guarnieri	33279353	(690)	Hq 368th Ftr Gp"

16. Having been asgd this orgn per par 28, SO 162, Hq XIX Tactical Air Comd, 27 June 45, S Sgt (93-Q) Andrew Volk, 35504545 (687) is further asgd 397th Ftr Sq. EDCMR 29 June 45.

17. The VOCO 368th Ftr Gp of 25 June 45, under exigencies which prevented the issuance of advance orders, are hereby confirmed and made of record:

"Having been asgd this orgn per par 1, SO 159, Hq XIX Tactical Air Comd, 24 June 45, fol named EM are further asgd to Sq as indicated. EDCMR 25 June 45.

S Sgt (75-Q) Alden A. Rosler	37340698	(747)	397th Ftr Sq
Sgt (77-Q) Edward F. Flanagan	12180908	(747)	39 5th Ftr Sq"

18. The VOCO 368th Ftr Gp of 25 June 45, under exigencies which prevented the issuance of advance orders, are hereby confirmed and made of record:

"Having been asgd this orgn per par 1, SO 159, Hq XIX Tactical Air Comd, 24 June 1945, fol named EM are further asgd to Sq as indicated. EDCMR 25 June 45.

S Sgt (84-Q) Coy R. Morgan	34117546	(750)	396th Ftr Sq
Sgt (81-Q) Laurence Peterson	35033176	(255)	397th Ftr Sq"

19. So much of par 1, SO 69, this Hq, cs, as pertains to T Sgt Harold R. Eder, 34240147, Hq 368th Ftr Gp and Cpl Flem B. Swift, 18082618, 396th Ftr Sq, as reads, "for a period of three (3) days," is amended to read, "for a period of seven (7) days."

20. Capt ROBERT G. BERGMAN, 0567286, AC, is placed on TDY, JP R-68, o/a 2 July 45, for a period of two (2) days, for the purpose of obtaining supplies. Upon compl of this TDY, he will ret to proper orgn. TDN by MT, mil acft or rail. 60-115 P 432-02 A 212/5D425.

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*** SECTION VI: AWARD OF THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS (OAK LEAF CLUSTER) ***

SECTION VI

3. By direction of the President, in addition to the DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS awarded by the Ninth Air Force to the following named officer as published in General Orders No. 269, Headquarters, Ninth Air Force, 1944, a BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER is awarded to him under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 2 July 1926 (Bull. 8, WD, 1926), and in accordance with the authority delegated by the War Department:

WALTER G. LOUGHARY, O802321, Captain, Air Corps, 368th Fighter Group. For extraordinary achievement in aerial flight against the enemy on 18 March 1945. Capt LOUGHARY exhibited outstanding aerial proficiency and unusual courage while leading a flight in an attack against an important railroad bridge. Directing twelve of the aircraft to serve as top cover, Capt LOUGHARY initiated a shallow dive bombing run and by the high degree of aerial technique he destroyed the pinpoint target with direct bombing hits. The destruction of this vital bridge was of immeasurable importance in halting movement of vital supplies to enemy troops opposing allied forces. Entered military service from Illinois.

By command of Major General MEYLAND:

W W MILLARD
Colonel, GSC
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OFFICIAL:

/s/ F. H. Monahan
F. H. MONAHAN
Lt Col, AGD
Adjutant General

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Captain, Air Corps

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SECTION VII: AWARD OF THE DISTINGUISHED
FLYING CROSS (OAK LEAF CLUSTER)

SECTION VII

4. By direction of the President, in addition to the DISTINGUISHED
FLYING CROSS awarded by the Ninth Air Force to the following named officer
as published in General Orders No. 289, Headquarters, Ninth Air Force, 1944,
a BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER is awarded him under the provisions of the act of
Congress approved 2 July 1926 (Bull. S, FD, 1926) and in accordance with the
authority delegated by the War Department:

CLIVER S. RYERSON, O-680085, Capt., Air Corps, 368th Fighter Group.
For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 9 April
1945. Displaying a high degree of aerial proficiency and tactical effective-
ness, Capt. RYERSON attacked a vital marshalling yard in the vicinity of
Pressig, Germany. Despite intense ground haze he executed his attack with
such skill that he scored direct hits on the center of the objective while
under his superior leadership a large quantity of equipment and materiel was
destroyed. By his skilful navigation ability in the face of extremely adverse
weather conditions as well as his aggressive leadership on this occasion Capt.
RYERSON was instrumental in the destruction of an important enemy source of
supply and transportation. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

By command of Major General WENTLAND:

W W MILLARD
Colonel, GSC
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/s/ F. H. Monahan
/t/ F. H. MONAHAN
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