HISTORICAL REPORT
2 June to 29 June 1945

Information contained herein is written in compliance with
Tactical Air Command Memorandum Number T-1, dated 5 February 1944. It is
a resume of the activities of the 365th Fighter Group Headquarters, for the
month of June 1 to 30, 1945.

1. ORGANIZATION

No change.

2. PERSONNEL, 2 OR 30 JUN 1945.

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

Authorized Personnel    Authorized Personnel
Officers               Officers               Enlisted Men
174                    174                    95
174

3. HISTORICAL EVENTS:

No.

4. CASUALTIES IN ACTION:

Nil (for Group Headquarters)

5. SERVICE IN ACTION:

"Distinguished Flying Cross (Oak Leaf Cluster"

Capt. Walter D. Moughery
Capt. Oliver S. Ryerson

SECRET
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 changes have brought about an almost complete turnover. Practically all of the original Flight Leaders, Operations 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. F. T. Others didn't care what the reason was, but just wanted to get back there. He also stated that every-thing would be done to help get the others and over home as soon as possible. Information on this subject is very meager at the present. So we continue to remain one big humpy family. Regarding reemployment or transfer of officers to the "one 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 No. softball team, not to feel like 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 romp it turned out to be. The medics argued almost continuously, amongst themselves. Score 7-5 in favor of the No. 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. Puten, our Special Service agent, while on a trip yesterday discovered a large supply of sport shoes located in a factory at Sommberg, a few miles north of Fransens. 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 court and baseball diamond.
3 June 45 (Cont'd)

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

FTR baseball team defeated the 44th Signals at Turth today. Score 7-1.

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 39th Field's gun at Pflangen 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 Faw 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.
8 June 45 (Cont'd)

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 morning 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 MFA Pilots, 17 high pointers and 3 oldsters to the USA.

Supporting Document #2, Fortress Feature 9 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, XXVII TAC, XII TAC, and 9th Air Division, forming the Ninth Air Force. At the same time the Eighth Air Force was forming at Frankfurt, 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. F. 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. Questions 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 week's 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.
12 June 1945

Cpl. Beare, pronounced "Bayah", the southern gentleman of Headquarters and a clerk in the S-1 court martial section had his first abortive mission. Cpl Beare, who is on his way home - not many points but plenty of age (42) - was in the G-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 Chilbolton, 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 Cpl. Carroll and Sgt. Nieman to the Riviera for a seven day furlough and appoints Capt. Powell Commanding Officer of the 36th Fighter Group Auxiliary Military Police. The same order also finds Capt. Noria 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 Munich. 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 wallop 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.
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 Dowell, 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 arise. 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 VIII NW 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. Bajerski 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 1599 by the Romans. Trains left at 0300 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.
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. Brunfield, 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 Colonal Perigo by General
Sanders. "It's 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 the 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 "Bill" 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 F/Sgt Pratt, F/Sgt Glaser, and F/Sgt Nazzaro,
was participating for the first time in the "Weekly Cues 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 Peinthal, Group 8-2, acted as "quizmaster. As a
prize a quart of "in 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
hush that went up from the audience.

20 June 1945

Captain Quinlan met with the enlisted men's 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.
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 PM, Cpl McClellan 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 Eq. 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 H/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 bun rolling again.

For the time being rations are quite limited—the first ration of brandy was secured through EM, 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.

SECRET
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 31. 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?" 5-4 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 goodbyes and goodbyes. 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 CPT 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 "A" building. "Endrakes and goodbyes 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 Men's Council. (Supporting Document #1)

Supporting Document #11 - Special Order #67.
27 June 1945

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

The mass exodus of yesterday and equally massive arrival of replacements today reminded us of our days in the parent 326th Group at Vestover 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 "Previties", an all G.I. band, put on two good shows tonight— they were really hip 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 22 out and we wonder how many to go.

Special Order 468 confirms the assignment of 31 EM to Hq. (Supporting Document #13)
30 June 45 (Cont'd)

Special Order #69 confirms the assignment of 10 RM to Hq., and assigns Capt. Frederick R. Johnson 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. Laughary and Capt. Eyerson of Group 8-3 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 GBI. 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. But to the men who are 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 GBI 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?"
RESTRICTED

HEADQUARTERS
368TH FIGHTER GROUP

APO 142, U. S. Army
7 June 1945

SPECIAL ORDERS

NUMBER 88

1. Under the provisions of AR 515-5, 30 June 43 and upon the recommendation of his OIC, Cpl (725) Grover C. McDaniel, 18125211, 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 6940963
- S Sgt Raymond F. Kowalik 11033308
- S Sgt John L. Gramer 17600003
- Cpl Archbold N. Beare 24974535
- Cpl Joseph F. Ciardella 13193143
- Pfc William F. McCarley 34613015

3. 3 EM named EM, Hq 368th Ftr Gp, are placed on TTD, WP Cite Universitaire, 13 Boulevard Jourdan, Paris, Fr, for a period of seven (7) days, reporting to the Registrar threat not earlier than 1300 hours and not later than 1600 hours, 10 June 45, for the purpose of attending a Librarian Course. Blankets, bedroll and Class A uniform will be taken. Upon completion of this TTD EM will return to proper org. TDN by MT, mil acct or rail. 50-115 P 433-02 A ML/50425. AUTH: TMX U/9, XX Tactical Air Cmd.

- Cpl Cyril E. Boy 35685384
- Cpl Frank S. Townell 39139927

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

BY ORDER OF COLONEL FERRO:

OFFICIAL:

HUGH L. ROS,
Major, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

DISTRIBUTION:

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

With PO Vickerman in prison were Lt. Donald Evans and Lt. Vernon Murphey, of the 397th. Ear-

lier, Lt. George Swink and Lt. Phillip M. Holmike, of the 395th, were captured. Other pilots who had been

listed MIA were:

- Lt. John R. Fitch
- Lt. Edward G. Ewing
- Capt. Anthony J. Prentice

From the Group seven men had their last requests to be transferred and left on the first tracks for the primary

step home. The lucky men were:

- Capt. William A. Werny
- Capt. John B. Robbins
- Mgmt. Sot. Paul L. Powers
- Sot. Joseph F. Skovron
- Sot. Joe A. R. Heaton
- Sot. John H. Paul
- Sot. Horatio J. Zimmerman
- Sot. Frank H. Knight
- Sot. Paul J. Miller
- Capt. John T. C. Cramer

RETURN LETTER

A letter was received from Lt. Grover V. Green, 396th pilot who had been missing since July 1. He

was in France waiting to be repatriated. Also from the 396th, Lt. Jack B. Proctor and Lt. Robert B. Maxwell

and Lt. Robert W. Rasmussen were now in prison.

One of the six men over 42 left June 7th. He was Capt. John T. C. Cramer, Sot. John H. Paul,

and Sot. Frank H. Knight. He was in France waiting to be repatriated.

THE ODDSTERS LEAVE

Three of the six men over 42 left June 7th. All from the 395th they were:

- Sot. John T. C. Cramer
- Sot. John H. Paul
- Sot. Frank H. Knight

Two more DSCs Awarded to Former Pilots

Two more Distinguished Service Crosses have been awarded to former pilots of the 396th Fighter Group:

- Capt. William A. Werny
- Capt. John B. Robbins

Capt. Keir departed on fourth overseas mission and probably a fifth when their

plane was shot down by an enemy force of more than three times their

numbers.

"Captain Omin" says the DSCs continue, estimated hero's determination to

a battle in which his plane was damaged and difficult to control and in himself was wounded.

Nevertheless, he stayed in the fight, hit several enemy planes off numbers of V-5's squadrons, and in

addition shot down one Fw 190.

Glee Club Makes First Appearance

The first appearance by the Glee Club was made on May 30, at the 19th

TAC Red Cross. A double quartet

was chosen from the Glee Club, bringing three numbers. They accom-

panied the "Straders," who played a

two hour concert.

The quartet sang "Bells of St. Mary's," and two numbers arranged by Lt. Campbell, "Ragged Bag Right,"

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Nearly One Thousand Soldiers Attend Army Schools Here

With the opening of the 84th Service Group school on Monday, June 4, nearly 1,000 officers and enlisted men are now attending classes at this base. Classes are divided into two groups, and students are divided into two classes. Twenty-nine instructors are listed thus far, with eight more to be added later. Fifty-minute classes run from 0900 to 1130, and 1300 to 1530.


Fortress School Has Plans

Late registrations brought the total enrollment at the Fortress school to 562, but 11 men dropped from class rolls brought the total down to 551. In nearly every case a tan-colored BC and a gray tie were worn at the neck of a long-sleeved, blue shirt. One plane was hit by an 88 mm shell. By S. Sgt Bill Scheller

Among the 50 planes repaired by the Service School since arrival in Normandy, a number were in which mechanics found damage which made it impossible to understand how they were flown before. Some with wings buckled, controls damaged, engines rigged, had never been taken off the ground. Another plane had been shot down, and the pilot was taken prisoner.

Second Lieutenant Charles E. Riffe flew his plane back to base after it was hit by a 20 mm shell. He came back on a mission and a prayer. Lt. Warren G. Austin, 38th Squadron, flew his plane back to Fort Knox practically without elevator and control. Large holes in the vertical and horizontal stabilizers, the right wing hit twice, the left wing hit once, and the rudder hit once, were the only damage to the plane.

The 50 planes repaired by the Service School since arrival in Normandy include many which were damaged during combat. Some were shot down, others were forced to land due to engine failure. The repairs included the replacement of damaged wings, control surfaces, and engines. The mechanics also repaired the interior of the planes, including the cockpit and fuel systems.

Souvenirs 3500!

Sgt Lawrence J. Lance, Group Hqs, has the interesting hobby of collecting military paraphernalia. He has the following souvenirs from the 3500 of them shown in the pictures:

- A 45 mm shell from the American army
- A 20 mm shell from the German army
- A 20 mm shell from the American army
- A 45 mm shell from the German army

These souvenirs are displayed in his office at the 84th Service School. He also has a collection of miscellaneous items, including maps, flags, and photographs from various countries.
THE FORTRESS FEATURE

Somewhere in Germany

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TIME ON MY HANDS

Settle down, fellas, you're not going anywhere - for a while.

What do in? Gripe and grumble? Be all means, if a soldier didn't use the "poppi", there was no flower and then he'd blow. Before the ceiling for a B-29.

But - in addition you might try:

Planning your post-war life.

Some days, unless you're a thrifty year-old, you're going to be a civilian - whether you believe it or not.

And when that day comes, what are you going to do? How are you going to go about it?

In line with that you might try:

Six Months of Preparation

Have you seen that big friendly lead Capt. John R. Reynolds safe since he pioneered in the newly equipped "railroad track" formation. Almost everybody in the 30th Group knows Capt. Reynolds, the information and education officer of the 30th. He was Lt. Reynolds and two weeks ago when he was released from a few days before the Fortress School opened its doors.

This selection program was a new thing: it has been in the Firefly for a long time. Six months are enough for an instructor to become a qualified instructor in his field.

Capt. Reynolds' progress in the program has been remarkable, building on the foundation laid by his previous teaching. Self-study and self-discipline are the key words in his progress. He has attended classes in all the various subjects to establish the interest of the personnel as students, and to increase his qualifications in his various fields as possible. The work to be done in the program is well planned and carried out.

Capt. Reynolds comes from Utica, Conn., but his wife, and one

OLD TIMER - KELLUM

A Big Confusion

The two soldiers were walking along the street, each carrying a duffel bag. They were talking about the weather, but suddenly, they heard a loud noise.

"What was that?" asked one soldier.

"I don't know, but it sounded like thunder," replied the other.

They continued walking, but soon they were interrupted by another noise.

"Listen!" said one soldier, pointing to the sky.

"What's that?" asked the other.

"I don't know, but it sounds like a plane," replied the first soldier.

They both looked up, but nothing was in the sky. Suddenly, a soldier ran past them, carrying an umbrella.

"What's going on?" asked one soldier.

"I don't know," replied the other, "but that guy looks like he's in a hurry."
SQUADRON NEWS

395th PANZER DUSTERS
By: Sgt. Ralph G. Nowland

Those boys are really happy Okies. Our company is coming home. The boys are glad to be coming home. The boys are glad their friends and families are happy. The boys are glad their lives have been changed. The boys are glad to be coming home.

PADRE SAYS

We did not want to die, all the while we were on the field of battle. Nor did the living will that they should die. Even in victory we cannot feel that we have been called upon to pay too high a price. We lost much, but we gained much. We are the winners of this war. We are the conquerors. We are the men who will never forget.

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396 THUNDER BUMS

Capt. Walter Oliver

Why is it that Ike Joe Silver of the Thunder Bums never has a spare time? He always seems to be busy. This is why. He is a regular Stud.

Our friend Sgt. Eugene Padgett of the Thunder Bums always makes sure that his uniforms are in perfect condition. He never shaves without them. He is always on the lookout for the latest uniforms.

It was quite a time for Capt. Russell D. Parks when the Thunder Bums left the field. It was a time of triumph and joy. The Thunder Bums had won the game and were now ready to go home.

The boys were still happy as they moved on to their next game. They were still happy as they trained for the next game. They were still happy as they prepared for the next game. They were still happy as they practiced for the next game.

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368th HQ. NEWS

By: Pvt. W. Well

Sgt. Prank McShan, Captain of the Thunder Bums, lost his temper at the sight of his team being beaten. He was furious. He was furious. He was furious.

Sgt. Lawrence T. Lawrence is having a hard time keeping his temper. He is very angry at the sight of his team being beaten. He is very angry.

397th Jabo Angels

By: Sgt. M. M. Klein

Well, the ball has stopped rolling and some of our buddies are already on their way to the States, the rest of the flyboys are preparing for new missions and have plenty of companies. We are watching the planes fly overhead, checking the engines over the extra parts.

Sgt. Leo Madison of the Thunder Bums challenges anyone in a group to a game of volleyball. It will be a mighty good game.

Sgt. George Kimmie has saved his pay for six months so he could have a good start in a blackball game, unfortunately lost everything in one week.

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

Sgt. George Keeler is very much looking forward to his latest promotion. He is his. His latest promotion.

Sgt. Terrance Jockeys shows the new coat modelled for him will dazzle the world.
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HEADQUARTERS
355TH NIGHTER GROUP
APR 14, 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 fact we had drifted away from this procedure could largely be attributed 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 & 3 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 Eq (S-2) and S.O.P. for the reporting of unusual incidents. In this connection it was determined that the units would instruct their OD's 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 Eq Core 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.

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In view of our recent experiences arising from the exchange of 

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 a score of 85 or over, each Section head was directed to analyze the manpower 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 Tac is in the process of organizing rest homes to which NCOs and Officers will be dispatched for brief periods of TD for the purpose of relaxation.

Hugh L. Rice,
Major, Air Corps.

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HEADQUARTERS
358TH FIGHTER GROUP

APO 14, U. S. Army
12 June 1945

SPECIAL ORDERS

NUMBER 60

1. Lt Col LEWIS B. CORBELL, O-145954, AC, is granted 7 days of absence for a
   period of seven (7) days, o/a 12 June 1945, is authorized to proceed from this Hq to
   US Riviera Recreational area, reporting thereon to CO, Martinez Hotel, Cannes,
   France, in accordance w/Ltr, Hq European TO, USA, file 40-3541, Op44, Su J:
   "US Riviera Recreational area," 8 Jan 45, which will be strictly complied with.
   TIN by LT, mil soft or rail. 50-115 P 432-02 A 212/50425.

2. Sgt Edward S. Bishop, X203701, Hq 358th Ftr Gp, having been granted a
   furl for a period of seven (7) days, o/a 12 June 1945, is authorized to proceed fr this
   Hq to US Riviera Recreational area, reporting thereon to CO, 423CO, Leave Hotels,
   Advance Bat, 430 772, in accordance w/Ltr, Hq Ninth Air Force, Subj: "Leaves in
   US Riviera Recreational area," 25 Apr 45, TIN by LT, mil soft or rail. 60-115
   P 432-02 A 212/50425.

3. Capt OSWALD DORLA, O-1608549, AC, is apptd Secretary and Treasurer of the
   Officers' Mess, vice Capt JOHN P. RYAN, 0669-987, AC, rel'd.

4. Under the provisions of Ltr, Hq XIX Tactical Air Cmd, subj: "Belgium
   Guard Companies," 1 June 1945, Capt MAURICE D. POTELL, 0650-446, AC, is apptd 2nd
   Officer of the 358th Ftr Gp auxiliary Military Police unit.

(Terms of duty in accordance with auth contained in Ltr, Hq European TO, USA, file
MPU, 22 Oct 44)

BY ORDER OF COLONEL PERRON:

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# 368th Fighter Group Auxiliary Military Police Unit

## Commanding Officer
- **Name:** Marvin E. Ward
- **Rank:** Captain
- **A. S. N.:** 0-663713
- **Organization:** Hq. Det.

## 1st Sergeant
- **Name:** John Maienschein, Jr.
- **Rank:** T/Sgt
- **A. S. N.:** 33085223
- **Organization:** Hq. Det.

## Sergeant Major
- **Name:** Raymond Mazzaro
- **Rank:** S/Sgt
- **A. S. N.:** 31072498
- **Organization:** Hq. Det.

## Sergeant of the Guard
- **Name:**
  - Frank O. Michalak: S/Sgt
  - Richard T. Fleiss: S/Sgt
  - Alfred Stecklein: S/Sgt
  - Charles A. Leapham: S/Sgt
  - Stanley E. Feliz
  - John H. Hayes: S/Sgt
- **A. S. N.:**
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  - Charles A. Leapham: 397th F.S.
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  - Paul J. Hastings: Cpl
  - Joseph Juhun: Cpl
  - William A. Parrish: Cpl
  - John E. Ramsdell: Cpl
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Life Begins At 42 For These EM

On NBC Army Hour

Reports have reached the group that a radio program broadcast from Germany by a piggy-back P-47 radio operator, Col. Frank S. Perego, accompanied by Col. John Angels' squadron on a combat mission, broadcast on the NBC Army Hour last night. A P-47 the Angels' group on a combat mission, broadcast on the NBC Army Hour last night.

EM Council Organized To Hear Problems

An enlisted men's council has been set up on this base in compliance with orders from theater council, 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 Wednesday with an advisory committee. The group has a member of the Red Cross, Capt. Orland, and Lt. Col. Garret, to act in any case capacity, and have no vote. Any matter voted by the advisors can be taken directly to Col. Garret.

The Council has had three meetings, two formal and one informal. The following officers were elected: President, 1st Sgt. Joseph L. Epping of the 396th; Vice-President, 1st Sgt. Eider Verhoy of the 396th; Recorder, Pvt. S. William Cull of 394th Headquarters. The term of office is three months.

Specific functions of the council is to organize and operate day rooms, and dispense what alcoholic beverages are available. They must see that no man reaches a state of intoxication. Recreation and athletics in individual units are under the guidance of the council, and special service activities are to be aided by council members.

The council will also act as go-between for enlisted men who wish problems presented for consideration. All suggestions and questions will be discussed and acted upon.

BELIEVE IT OR NOT

Would you believe that a man in this group, when scheduled to go home for discharge, would say: "No thanks, I'd rather go on this trip!"

GROUP LEADS ALLIED AIR PARADE

Forming the spearhead of the grand parade of Allied air power in the European Theater on Sunday, June 10, the Panzer Dusters, Thunder Bums and Jabo Angels squadrons led the Ninth Air Force, 15th TAC, RA F and the Eight Air Force as they flew in a procession before the Allied High Command at General Eisenhower's headquarters at Frankfurt.

A THUNDERBUMB CLOBBERS ONE!

Dubbs of the 395th swings on one in third inning in Sunday's contest here. The Bubble's catcher, Oxfur, and ump. Thomas took on.

IN TIE FOR FIRST PLACE

Hit Road for Two League Games; play Group Officers Here Tuesday

Under threatening skies, the 395th Group Baseball Team stretched their winning streak to three games last Sunday afternoon by ousting the Invading 83rd Airborne Team, here, 14-2 in seven innings. This win puts the Bums in tie for first place in the 11th TAC Baseball League, with the unbeaten 10th Photo Team.

The game with the 395th Pioneers scheduled Wednesday, delayed by raingut until Thursday, was looked upon as important contest in the league standings.

The Thunderbumps went on the road this morning to Frankfort where they are scheduled to tangle with the 11th Fighter Wing Group today, and tomorrow fly to the 11th Fighter Group at London Blatter, commander of the
EM Council Organized To Hear Problems

An open meeting of the council has been set up on this basis in compliance with the wishes of the officers and the members of the panel. The council will be situated at the 41st Street Station, 14th Avenue, and 14th Street. The council will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday evening. The council has been set up to discuss the problems of the EM Council, and to make recommendations to the EM Council. The council will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday evening.

Nite Pilots Leave

More than fifty of the 36th Flight Group are now on their way to the United States. They left the past week to join the 53rd Flight Group at the 14th Street Station, 14th Avenue, and 14th Street. The 53rd Flight Group has been assigned to the 41st Street Station, 14th Avenue, and 14th Street.

Fishing Tackle CBI Bound

Capt. William O. B. of the 36th Flight Group, announced this week that his department will be sending a fishing tackle to the island of New Guinea. The tackle will be sent to the island of New Guinea.

BELIEVE IT OR NOT?

You would believe that a man in his life had gone home for discharge, would you? No, thanks. I don't care to go yet. This actually happened and the man in question is S/Sgt. Henry Krout.

GREMLINS DON'T FRATERNIZE, BUT OH MY!

by: Adj. G. E. F.

All the Bavarian elves, dwarfs and wood nymphs might have been out of the way in the center of the field. They couldn't rest: the enemy's eye was on them. To the see these foreigner's that had come amongst us but would not fraternize.

The gremlins of the 36th Fighter Group, far from the moonlight. The Angel gremlins came from one source, the Thunderbirds from another. Ten red-nosed Panter Dusters joined in the mischievous.

The cool midnight air resonated to the modern tempo of gremlin music as the band hummed out a solid radio bug. The ecstatic of fifty caliber flappers got hot on "Sing Your Bride." They carried the hot things in a frenzy. The hydraulic slides took the break; the minutia accounted for their highest breathy trumpet notes, in the base counter part of their overture. Suddenly the band interjected: "Rej it up; Rej it up, Rej it up," which suddenly turned into a frenzied bug.

"Fogh" and Rudge, with polished silver arms and legs, were trying to enter Miss Aristoff of the Radeaux Eyes and Hard-to-Get, all into the shadows, but were told to see Down For Trouble. Lucious Lena Surreptitiously searched the galleries with a jealous eye for another solid radio bug. The cool midnight air resonated to the modern tempo of gremlin music as the band hummed out a solid radio bug.

G1 Carnival 4th

At a meeting of the 36th Flight Group, the committee was organized to hear problems. The committee will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday evening. The committee will be situated at the 41st Street Station, 14th Avenue, and 14th Street.
THIS OUTFIT AND THAT

SERVICE TEAM

By Sgt. Bill Schuler

The boys in HQ & Hq Sq's are specializing in removing the good men's hair. Sgt. "STUD" Williams is one of their many unlisted customers. With a little patience you should be able to have your mustache back in a week; "Stud Old Boy" has been getting noticeably thin lately.

Maybe feeding two on one man's ration has something to do with it. "Red" O'Dowd was seen walking with two legs before the rest of the men had left. Quite a sight to see. Speaks French, German, English and Spanish.

It's amazing how much interest the boys have suddenly taken in astronomy. Everyone is talking about the "Beehive". Especially the "beehive" guessers who have gathered their hives to gather another to their collection.

397th Libo Angels

If everyone helps out, we should be able to produce a pretty good supply of honey. The enlisted men, about the enlisted men, and written by enlisted men, which would interest others, write them down and put them in the squadron history box located by the bulletin board.

"Jenkins Jerks" proved their versatility by laying aside their instruments, and taking up carpentry, which at the beginning was most durable and fashionable squadron dispatchers. This improvement will increase the efficiency of the unit, and yield greater and more fruitful results.

After going through the war unscathed little Bobby Roy Rock was how "bumbled" because he was now a big bad bumble bee stung him.

396 THUNDER BUMS

Sgt. Thomas Daly

Quoted Sgt. John Byrdick with the following: "I don't think the boys will be too happy because my draft board drafted me too soon. I never thought I would live to see the day I wished they'd have gotten me sooner."

Padre Says

Good service at last Sunday—still not what it should be . . . Note the change in time of the Protestant services . . . The Glee Club will sing at Protestant and Catholic services alternately Sunday.

The Group Hq Re Moraleizing Machine

"On't ce qu'ce cest," the provincial French villagers exclaimed to each other as the convoy passed down the street. "Une nouvelle secretemente en solitaire," a particle-wise GI told an inquisitive reporter. "That's how the Group head-quarters show is.

"The Secret Weapon." Everyone pointed to the strange arrangement of tanks, tubes and spray heads. Ground force GI's thought it was a decontaminator for poison gases. Usually they felt sheepish when they were told it was simply a mobile shower bath.

"Just like the Air Corps to have a gadget like that," a doughboy remarked.

In Belgium, civilians lined the road to stare in wonderment. Fifty to a hundred of them would look across the fence and speculate, until finally seeing GI's enter, and leave with shoes unplated and overcoats partly covering their nakedness, the civilians deduced that the strange "Ameriques" were tanking baths.

Secret Weapon Flew Channel

The 368th Hq.

By Pvt. W. W. Bell

Pfc. Henry Stark, just back from D Day, says, he is willing to teach "my type of job" to any who cannot keep pace with S Sgt. Herb Lyeves, whose school is the "Schoolhouse, Hank," who has already made a good deal of progress with Cpl Joe O'Dowd, is preparing to take on his second pupil, Cpl. Earl New.

S Sgt. Gerald (Squire) Tredwell, after reading three-fourths of "Forever Amber" has decided to "call it a day" . . . "Too rich for my blood", is the phrase only confined. It may be that his recent trip to Paris had something to do with it, but we're only on surmising.

Tech Sgt. Pratt's many overtures to Cpl. (Make me Sergeant) Vince, have been to no avail, according to the latter. "I'd really like to accept, but how can I be sure?" is Ed's reply. (Vince is planning to transfer to a "Tactical" unit). After going through the war unscathed little Bobby Roy Rock was how "bumbled" because he was now a big bad bumble bee stung him.
PADRE SAYS

Good crowds at service last Sunday, still not what it should be. Note the change in time of the Protestant services. The Glee Club will sing at Protestant and Catholic services on alternate Sunday.

CHURCH SERVICES

Jewish: 10:00, American Theater, Parish
Catholic: 7:30, 11:00, Fortessa Theater, Confirmation in Padre's office, Saturday, 11:00, 21:00 and benediction in little chapel building No. 4 on Tues., Thurs., and Sat. at 17:00.
Protestant: 10:00, Fortress Theater, Chalfant Brown.

CLASSES IN RELIGION


Current Events

Quiz Panel Topic

Capt. David Reinhardt, Editorial Intelligence Officer, will lead the panel discussion on "Current Events" next week at the Group Theater.

Starting time will again be 1100 hours. On Tuesday, June 18, 1940, opposite 396th; on Thursday, June 20, 21, and meets 395th, and on Saturday, June 22, 396th competes against 796th.

Last week's debate saw the Panzer's meet the Thunderbirds on Tuesday but lose to the Jabo Angels on Thursday. On Saturday Pte. R. W. Smith scored a 210, which was beaten by the Thunderbirds 211 on Tuesday.

This week's discussion on "Atrocities," with Capt. Theodore Skalak, is scheduled to begin on Tuesday at 1100.

368th Hq.

By Pvt. W. W. tile

Pic Henry, Sharp, just back from DS of France, says he is willing to teach "my type of French" to any GI who cannot keep pace with "the French." Sharp, German, English and Italian.

It is amazing how much interest the boys are trying to get in their collection.

397th Jabo Angels

By P.Sgt. M. M. Klein

If everyone helps out, we should be able to produce a pretty good squadron history. It is to be 100 mared men, picked up by enlisted men. If anyone recalls incidents which would interest others, write them down and put them in the squadron history box located in the battalion. The best of the "good news" will be printed in the "Jabo Letter."

The Jabo Angels have already started work on the history, and the "Jabo Letter" will be the nucleus of the history. The "Jabo Letter" will be the nucleus of the history, and the "Jabo Letter" will be the nucleus of the history.

396 THUNDER BUMS

Sgt. Thomas Daly

Quito, S Sgt John Hylick with the Thunderbirds, was very busy today, because my draft board drafted me too soon. I never thought I would have been drafted sooner. The Thunderbirds are a great great source of talent. Bob Daily, "Ariph," Galinski and Alfred (call them what you will) are all great talent.

The Group Hq Re Moraleizing Machine

"Got a word out the other as the Convoy passed down the street, "The machine is kept by the Government and sent out to the boys to keep them out of mischief. That's how the Group head-quarters shows support for the war." Morale is high, and the "Secret Weapon" has been used to good effect. The "Secret Weapon" has been used to good effect. The "Secret Weapon" has been used to good effect.

Airline troops who crossed the Channel on D Day, to land among the trees and then retreat, never dreamed their sister would be receiving and passing over the same airfields used by the American Vos. "Secret Weapon." Going on it through Paris, London, and Rome, the troops received a loud cheer as they passed over the airfields. The "Secret Weapon" has been used to good effect. The "Secret Weapon" has been used to good effect. The "Secret Weapon" has been used to good effect.
HEADQUARTERS
368th FIGHTER GROUP

16 Jun 1945

SPECIAL ORDERS

NUMBER 63

1. Rel named officers are placed on TDY, 7P Reims, France, 0/a 16 June 45, for a period of one (1) day, for the purpose of picking up supplies. Upon completion of this TDY, they will return to proper orgs. TDN by LT, mil acft or rail. 60-115 P 432-02 a 212/5042A

   Capt OSWALD DORIA 016-49399 40
   Capt JOHN F. BAYN 055-9297 40

2. 2d Lt CHARLES E. RIFE, 0687235, 40, is granted a 1v of absence for a period of seven (7) days, 0/a 16 June 45, is to proceed from this Hq to US Riviera Recreational Area, reporting thence to Co, Martinez Hotel, Cannes, Fr, in accordance w/Ltr Hq European 70, USA, filed 40-5341, Op 64, 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 212/5042A.

   Capt ERNEST B. FEDEKOV 011-929740 40

3. Maj ERNEST B. FEDEKOV, 0639230, 40, is placed on TDY for an indefinite period, 7P Hq XIX Tactical Air Cnd, 0/a 16 June 45, reporting to the 41 Sct. thence. Upon completion of this TDY, off to proper org. TDN by LT, mil acft or rail. 60-115 P 432-02 a 212/5042A AUTH: WCG XIX Tactical Air Cnd

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

   Major JACKS R. JENI 036-976 40
   Capt WILLIAM T. MCANIN 010-39730 476
   Capt HAROLD J. KESSLER 066-1410 40
   Capt ROBERT O. BERGMAN 065-7235 40
   Capt ROBERT MILLER 068-1045 40
   Capt CARL H. GUNDEACH 057-1395 40
   Capt SAMUEL R. SCHOFIELD 058-22942 40
   1st Lt JOHN P. BAYN 015-89240 009
   1st Lt SAMUEL KUSHER 086-6399 40 (Trial Judge Advocate)
   Capt NETTON J. STEERS JR 086-35945 40 (Defense Counsel)

5. Having been asgd to this org per par 8, So 149, Hq XIX Tactical Air Cnd, 13 June 45, Opl (970) Saa 2, Brton Jr, 18200005, is further asgd, Hq 368th Ftr Gp, Edocr 16 June 45.
RECEIVED

6. The 000 368th Ftr Gp of 1 April 45, under exigencies which prevented the issuance of advance orders, are hereby confirmed and made of record.

6. The 000 368th Ftr Gp of 4 June 45, under exigencies which prevented the issuance of advance orders, are hereby confirmed and made of record:

7. Two named officers are placed on TDY, 70 Exposition Blvd, Brussels, Belg., 01 July 1945, for a period of two (2) days, for the purpose of picking up supplies. Upon completion of this TDY, they will return to proper org. This by N/C, mil. acct or rail. 60-115-20 432-02 & 212/6425.

8. Two 368th Ftr Gp of 4 April 45, under exigencies which prevented the issuance of advance orders, are hereby confirmed and made of record:

8. The 368th Ftr Gp of 13 June 45, under exigencies which prevented the issuance of advance orders, are hereby confirmed and made of record:

9. The 368th Ftr Gp of 30 June 45, under exigencies which prevented the issuance of advance orders, are hereby confirmed and made of record:

9. Travel dir is pursuant to auth contained in Ltr, Hq, ETO USA, file 3047, 22 Nov 44.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL PERGO:

HUGH L. RICE,
Major, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

DISTRIBUTION:

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33533-03-073 C;
June 1943

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 Groom, Scotland at 1300
13 - Arrives at Greenham Common, near Newbury, England

March 1944

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

April 1944

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

May 1944

2 - Bombing of Tourcoing WY with commendation for excellent work.
9 - Five 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 Group's a/c.
27 - 27 locos destroyed or damaged by Group. Experimental mission to Compagne, bombing with incendiary gas tanks.
29 - Longest mission on record for Group -- Hannover, Germany and back.
30 - 2 bridges across Seine River destroyed and one severely damaged -- all in one mission.
June 1944

4 - Two Rouen bridges over Seine River destroyed
6-7 - D-Days - Total of 269 sorties - 398 vehicles destroyed or damaged - commendation from Higher for saving 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 - Brrdge at Montes-Massicourt destroyed
25 - St. Jo breakthrough.
26 - Group commences armored column cover for 2nd and 3rd Armored Div and destroys or damages 107 enemy tanks and 155 N/T's in 2 days.

August 1944

12-13-14 -- Typical armored column cover days - 88 tanks and 392 N/T's destroyed or damaged, 3 supply dumps hit, 3 fuel dumps destroyed, 5 buildings destroyed, 10 gun positions destroyed, 6 woods with German concentration attacked, 1 German Hq destroyed, 2 towns and 3 road junctions bombed.
16-17 -- Falaise pocket - 209 tanks and N/T's hit
25 - Pain Bridge on Seine River destroyed, trapping retreating German Army. 252 tanks and N/T's hit
27 - Group moves to Chartres, France
28 - German route continues - 596th gets 130 N/T's on one mission.

September 1944

1 - Passes to Paris basin
3 - Supporting 3rd Armored Division, 524 German vehicles destroyed or damaged in the vicinity of Mons and Fauveau, Belgium. For this day the Group was awarded the Presidential Unit Citation.
10 - Group moves to Tanc, 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 probable, 4 damaged on Bretschied A/B.
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

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 XII 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 - Pulaski Bridge destroyed by 395th Squadron after medium and fighter
bombers had tried to do this for months.
23 - A good day -- 128 tanks, 416 M7's and 6 locos destroyed or damaged
in helping the VIII and XII Corps get started up the Moselle River.
25 - 45 tanks, 263 M7'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 Veyland for a good days work including
305 T7'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 XII TAC patrols composed of 6 Groups.

AIRCRAFT LOST

147 F-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

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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 Group 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:

NIA--38 VIA--24 F0K--8 VIA--11 IIA--14 RCG--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 FTR we wish them a speedy return to the USA.
HEADQUARTERS
366TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 141, U.S. 1.F.
18 June 1945

SPECIAL ORDERS

NUMBER 63

1. Par 4, 30 52, this Eq. 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. TERRILL
Capt WILLIAM T. McGANN 010399-40 CT
Capt HAROLD J. KESSLER 061410 AC
Capt ROBERT D. BROCKMAN 061786 AC
Capt ROBERT MILLER 0680143 AC
Capt CARL E. THIELC 0571886 AC
Capt SAMUEL T. SHOFFIELD 0682842 AC
1st Lt JOHN P. BARTON 01558340 ORD
1st Lt JACQUE F. LOORES 081912 AC

Capt NELSON S. STEERS JR 08556945 AC (Trial Judge advocate)
Capt FRANKLIN T. DICK 056197 AC (Defense Counsel)

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

4. All named officers are apptd Board of Officers for purpose of reclassification of enlisted personnel, 396th Ftr Grp:

Capt HAROLD J. KESSLER 061410 AC (President)
Capt CARL E. BROCKMAN 0671886 AC
Capt SAMUEL T. SHOFFIELD 0553942 AC
1st Lt JOSPEH B. BUMFIELD JR 0650363 AC (Recorder)

5. Having been appt this org per par 8, 80 141, Hq XIX Tactical Air Grp.
16 June 45, Pt. William X, Hankin, 5250423, (565), is further apptd 396th Ftr Sq.
EDCM 19 June 45.

6. 1st Lt THOMAS C. MONAHAN, 058318, AC, is detailed to witness and verify the cash balance of 1st Lt ALLIS C. UGHE, 01577975, QMC, Group Post Exchange
Off as of 18 June 1945.

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RESTRICTED

8. 1st Lt JOSEPH B. BELFIELD JR, 0680363, 40, is aptd Op Claims Off, add dy, vice Capt MAURICE D. FOELL, 0650448, 40, rolld.

9. 1st Lt JOSEPH B. BELFIELD JR, 0680363, 40, is aptd Top Secret Control Off, add dy, vice Capt MAURICE D. FOELL, 0650448, 40, rolld.

10. Capt MARTIN E. JAND, 0683718, 40, is aptd Guard Off of the 368th Ftr Gp auxiliary Military Police unit, add dy, vice Capt MAURICE D. FOELL, 0650448, 40, rolld.

11. Ill named off & B. are placed on TDY, JP 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 rot to proper orgn. TDY by KF, all soft or rolld, 60-115 P 432-02 & 212/50/425 WITH: Ltr Hq XIX Tactical Air Comd, subj: "Soldier Show Demonstration Conference," 9 June 45.

Capt FRANKLIN H. DICK 0655557 40
T Sgt William Malose 3203557 396th Ftr Sq
T Sgt Martin W. Klein 3260469 397th Ftr Sq
S Sgt Andrew Wanta 1601222 399th Ftr Sq
Pvt Paul S. Kramar 1703751 395th Ftr Sq

12. So much of par 7, 50-62, Hq 368th Ftr Gp, ca, as pertains to Capt C3-1.

13. 1st Lt JOSEPH B. BELFIELD JR, 0680363, 40, is apted 43st Op Adjutant, prcd dy, vice Capt MAURICE D. FOELL, 0650448, rolld, off 19 June 45.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL PERGO:

Hugh L. Rice,
Major, Air Corps,
Adjutant.
4 More Pilots Reported Safe

Capt. James W. Goodwin, Capt. Virgil Noriega, Lt. Paul R. Jasper, all formerly in Germany, are now back in the States. Capt. Noriega was hit by shrapnel during a night fighter sweep over England. In the fight with a Flak battery, Capt. Noriega's aircraft was hit by shrapnel and the pilot was flung out of his plane. Capt. Goodwin was injured by a bomb while on a mission over Italy. Lt. Jasper was wounded in a naval engagement off the coast of Africa.

Carnival Plans For July 4th Are Completed

At a meeting of the IMU Council Wed., June 14, plans for the Fourth of July Carnival were approved. The plans were submitted to the IMU Council for approval. The Council approved the plans and the Carnival will be held on July 4th.

General Sanders Presents Medals

Monday morning Brigadier General Norman L. Sanders, Ninth TAC Commander, presented the group with the Okinawa Ribbon at a ceremony held on the field. The Citation was presented to Colonel Frank S. Pernego, group commander, after General Sanders had pinned medals upon twenty-five officers and enlisted men. The group was awarded the Citation some time ago but had not until now received the ribbon which is awarded to the group standard.

Planes Buzz Over

An honor squadron, composed of planes from each of the three squadrons and group headquarters, represented the group personnel at the ceremony. While General Sanders presented the awards, the group planes flew overhead, at times drawing the spectators' voices as they buzzed low over the participants heads.

In a short speech at the end of the presentation, General Sanders told the men, "Each and everyone of you should have the same feeling of pride receiving this citation as those pilots who have just received the DFC.

Medals Awarded:

Major Dennis G. Sills, 5th TAC; Col. Thomas J. Martin, 5th TAC; Capt. William S. Lewis, 5th TAC; Lt. Col. John S. Bryant, 5th TAC.

Sweetheart Contest

If you are proud of your girl's got- ting her to the top of the air mail, why not try her on the love mail? This is the opportunity of a lifetime. If you have a girl who is a member of the Ninth TAC, you are invited to enter her in the Sweetheart Contest.

The Ninet TAC Feature will print the two outstanding girls in the Ninth TAC and the two outstanding girls in the Ninth TAC. The group will give her a chance to express her feelings.

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 these pictures for the contest. Deadline: July 15.

1. Pictures must be of two girls, preferably in uniform.
2. Pictures must be submitted by the 15th of July.
3. Pictures must be sent to the Ninth TAC Feature by midnight, June 30.
4. Pictures will be judged in the next issue of the Ninth TAC Feature.
5. Pictures will be returned to the contestant.

P-47 Thinks Amphibious

Lt. Kenneth W. Weeke, 307th, had a dramatic escape when his plane went down in a lake just south of Munich June 19th. He was collected, lightly, after twenty minutes in the water, and treated like a king for a day, when he caught a plane back to England.

The fight had lasted two hours, turned at first in favor of the Eighth Air Force, and ended with a dogfight. Weeke's plane was hit by several bursts of flak, and as his plane started to settle, he lowered his head and tucked off for a narrow lane. When he parachuted he landed in the water. When he landed, the water was cold and he felt like a fish. After a wait, he slipped out of the water and went swimming.

A breakdown of the Fortress school enrollment showed that the 400 men in the Fortress school averaged from two to three classes each.

GROUP SKEEF RANGE FINEST IN GERMANY

Did you know that we have the latest equipment available? Did you know that your controller can release the clay pigeons from the air? The equipment is the finest in Germany.
Carnival Plans For July 4th Are Completed

At a meeting of the PM Council Wednesday morning, final plans were made for the Fourth of July Carnival. Members of the Council met with Capt. H. J. O'Connell in the group theater to discuss the carnival and other matters pertaining to the enlisted men's welfare.

The first event scheduled for the holiday is to be a half game between the group Thunder Bright and the 44th Signal Battalion. At 10:00 the hogs, hamburger, and lemonade stands will open in front of the Red Cross Canteen. Then from 10:30 on, the band will perform music over the loud speaker system while at the same time the officers Club will open their stands.

The games planned include the Picnic Games, Skeet Range, and the 40th's hot dog day stand and wheel of chance. The Service Team Horses will have a two dog and lemonade stand, a hamburger stand, and a hot dog wheel of chance. An added attraction will be a show, as yet undetermined. Additional attractions for the base will be a fireworks display.

Additional subjects that are possible for the event are more mazes, cocktails, 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 SGT BILL SCHULTER

The new Air Service Group B, which was formed last month, will take over the Engineering functions of the old 43rd Air Service Group as well as the 450th Air Maintenance Shop, ground power unit maintenance and maintenance of the base, while the 735th will take care of supply in all aspects of the base. The new group got a new AAF base and is now at the service of the 34th Group.

The new group will be under the command of Capt. H. J. O'Connell, 450th Air Maintenance Shop, ground power unit maintenance and maintenance of the base, while the 735th will take care of supply. The new Air Service Group is being streamlined into a new unit.

GENERAL SANDERS PRESENTS MEDALS

Monday morning Brigadier General Hunter L. Sanders, XIX TAG Command, presented the group with the Presidential Citation Ribbon at a ceremony held on the field. The Citation was presented to Colonel Frank C. Perea, group commander, after General Sanders had praised the group's efforts in the past year.

The group was awarded the citation for its outstanding performance during the year. The citation is a symbol of the group's dedication and hard work.

PIANOS BUZZ OVER

An honor squadron composed of officers from the third squadron and group headquarters was presented with the ribbon by the group. The ceremony was held in the presence of the officers and group headquarters.

The group presented the officers with the ribbon in recognition of their outstanding service. The ceremony was a symbol of the group's appreciation for the officers' hard work.

GROUP SKEET RANGE FINEST IN GERMANY

Did you know that we have the finest skeet ranges in Germany? The Skeet Range is located on the east side of the base and is open to all service members on weekends and holidays.

It is well maintained and offers a variety of targets to choose from, including clay pigeons, sporting clays, and traps. The range is open from sunrise to sunset and is staffed by qualified instructors.

It is recommended that all participants wear protective gear, including eye and ear protection. This range is the finest in Germany and offers a great opportunity for service members to improve their marksmanship skills.

Skeet Shooting

The Skeet Range is operated by the 450th Air Maintenance Shop and is open to all personnel with a valid base pass. The range is open from sunrise to sunset and is staffed by qualified instructors.

Equipment

The range is equipped with state-of-the-art equipment, including clay pigeons, sporting clays, and traps. The range is open from sunrise to sunset and is staffed by qualified instructors.

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NINE OLD MEN

The nine old men may be rough, but they think of us as their own. These nine old men have made a name for themselves in the town of Old Men by being a constant presence in the lives of the local residents.

They are known for their jokes, stories, and general good-natured banter. They are a beloved part of the community and are respected for their knowledge of the town.

They are also known for their ability to get things done. Whether it's fixing a fence, repairing a roof, or building a new house, these nine old men are the go-to guys for any task.

The nine old men are a testament to the resilience of the human spirit. They prove that even in the face of challenges, we can come together and overcome any obstacle.
SUGGESTIONS

For A Better PX

The opportunity to buy gifts is one of the great attractions of leave-cities.

We believe that our PX can satisfy this need to an acceptable extent.

Army PXs are authorized to buy gift articles locally and resell them at a modest profit.

SOURCES:

Leather weekender bags and wallets are available in small quantities from a leather-goods store in Oltenbach.

Taxi rides in town have been introduced.

Slide-rules, pencils, etc., are available at the PX but hard to locate.

PADRE SAYS

The PX made a very nice impression at the first meeting. "Happy" Pena has been around and made some good points.

SERVICES GROUP NEWS

ATTENTION ALL PX

The PX is now handling small orders for the PX and is planning to expand its service.

395th PANZER DUST

"Tommy" reported that the PX is now handling small orders for the PX and is planning to expand its service.

397th IABO ANGELS

From Henry L. Stark: "Those who have never been to the PX in Germany will not believe the stories told by those who have. It is a place to be seen and not to be missed."

A "RUBE GOLDBERG" THAT WORKED!

Captain William T. McLaughlin, Colonel Deason examining one of the "Rube Goldberg" bombs before take-off.

The ingenious device known as the "Rube Goldberg" bomb was invented by a group of engineers at CBI. It consists of a bomb, a fuse, and a spring mechanism.

The engineers had been asked to come up with a solution to the problem of carrying bombs on long-range missions.

The solution was a device that would release the bomb when the pilot pulled a string.

On the 29th, Deason and four other pilots tested the device in a successful mission.

The device worked flawlessly, allowing the pilots to drop the bomb accurately.

QUIZ ON JAP SITUATION

Panel With discussions on the fourth week of inter-squadron competition, Capt. Franklin Nick, 39th Intelligence officer, will conduct the discussions on "The Jap Situation" next week.

OLD TIMER -- KELLAM
SUGGESTIONS FOR A BETTER PX

The attempt to build for the PX is one of the greatest challenges in the High Command. PXs are authorized for each division in the Theater, and this has led to a considerable competition. PXs are authorized to buy all articles of clothing and necessaries at wholesale prices.

Specifically:
- Leather handbooks and wallets
- A small fraction of the PX goods are available in European PX stores.
- PXs are authorized to buy all articles of clothing and necessaries at wholesale prices.
- PXs are authorized to buy all articles of clothing and necessaries at wholesale prices.

PAPARE SAYS

The war has caused many young men to suffer. The ones who are not fighting are suffering. There may be some who are suffering, but I believe that the majority of the men are suffering.

Most young men are not suffering, but the older men are suffering. The older men are suffering from the lack of food, clothing, and shelter.

There is no doubt that a fellow with a proper education can live in a war zone and be happy. This is true for the men who have had a proper education.

One of the most interesting things that has happened in the war is the way the PX has been organized. The PX has been organized in a way that is similar to the way the PX has been organized in the past.

395th PANZER DUST

Three more "over-the-top" stunts have been reported. "Happy" Pandi, who recently received the Medal of Honor for his service in Europe, has been reported to have received the Medal of Honor for his service in Europe.

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OLD TIMER ---- KELHAM

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Remember ENGLAND?

Winchester Cathedral, England's oldest

A London Bobbie, they were always helpful: "You Can't Miss It."

Big Ben from across the Thames

London's Tower Bridge in the fog

Splendor inside Winchester Cathedral

A bronze Lincoln welcomed Americans near Westminster
NISSEN HUTS-MUD-RAIN - BLACKOUT - THIS WAS ENGLAND!

by Sgt. Herbert Perry

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 speed through the wet streets of the English village and onto the road that leads to the airfield. This was Newbury, a small village in Hampshire, southwest of London, on that rainy morning of Jan. 13, 1944. Here the C.O. was located, children had been sent here for shelter during the London blitz, and the town was to be bombarded the next few months by the presence of the 386th 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 umbrellas. These were, we learned later, Nissen huts—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 lightly. 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. These airfields gliders from the world liked to buy the London Times and Sunday Times and hang around the Daily Mail. That odd fellow, the editor of the glider press, was to become a part of Greenham Common.

**Hampshire**

The period of rest and relaxation was very short-lived, however, and soon we were herded off to the field itself to work. The field was on top of a hill and across the countryside, a stream running along the bottom of the hill. The boundary line separating Hampshire from Berkshire was up the hill and while we worked in Berkshire, we lived in Hampshire. The field was called Greenham Common. A former lumber coupe, it had been converted into an airfield when the war broke out. The town was situated on one side of the field, which was surrounded by a double line of trees, and the other side of the field belonged to the inhabitants of the town.

**Shanty town**

Shanty town was the name affectionately given to the living area of the men of the glider assembly unit. It was their first base in England.

**McCartney and pubs**

The days were all busy and the nights were full of entertainment. Names like the “White Horse”, the “Black Horse”, the “Flying Zephyr” and “Lion’s Head” began to take the place of “Cameo”, “The Aero” and “Phantom”. As summer came, Newbury and Reading were established. Fortnightly parties were held in the pub, the lights went off and we had a good time. Smoke and smoke filled the town, and there was no place to get away from it. This was our introduction to war.

**The Air Raids**

Although the field itself was never hit by bombings, we could often see the German planes picking targets out at distant towns, and we could feel the earth tremble and the windows rattle as the bombs struck. The sound of the R.A.F. bomber was heard night and day. There were our introductions to war.

It was here we started and trained and from here we flew our first combat mission. March 14, 1944. The G.I. trucks pulled up at the airfield, and we loaded the men of the 386th Fighter Group. We packed our stuff and were on our way.
THUNDERBUMS WIN 4th AND 5th
Play Unbeaten 10th Photo Team
Here Sunday For League Lead
A. G. I. crowd of 50 watched the Thunderbums win their fifth straight game in the XIX TAC Baseball League, by handing the 35th Fighter Group their first defeat 8-2 at Frankfurt. The day before, they won their fourth game by trimming the 35th Fighter Group 4-3, at this base.

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

Van Noort, of the 35th had a tricky drop which had pitcher Chest stripping it out three times. His teammates weren't so easily fooled and collected 15 hits for 8 runs to give Chest his second win of the season. The 35th team gathered 6 runs and 10 hits.

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

The Thunderbums pounded on pitchers Shelton and Woods, who came to relieve in the 4th inning, for 12 hits. In the third inning DeNiessen walked and stole second. He came in on Lt. Pianka's single win, after Tribe had hit out to Dobson, scored on Kaczynski, double to left field, Piatkus grounded out, second to first, while Kaczynski advanced to third. Lt. Piatkus scored on Shelton's single. Pt. 1.

Bout the edge of the hill, they broke it down on about the 4th inning. The Thunderbums then came in to pull off a win in 7 innings. The 35th team gathered 6 runs and 10 hits.

The Thunderbums defeated the 35th Fighter Group team June 15 at Frankfurt ending their lead in the league. The score was 8-2 in favor of the Thunderbums. The 35th team could not overcome the 15 hits of the Thunderbums.

The Thunderbums were led by Lt. Piatkus, who scored 4 runs, and Lt. Pianka, who scored 3 runs. Lt. Piatkus was hit by a pitch in the 2nd inning. The 35th team could not overcome the 15 hits of the Thunderbums.

PITCHERS RICE AND FOSTER BOMBARDED;
"Bum's" Manager Yields Ten Hits
The Thunderbums routed the XIX TAC Officers' baseball team in a seven inning affair last Tuesday at this base by the score 17-4. Manager Piatkus, known by his term as "Pop", allowed four runs and eleven scattered hits.

In their previous encounter with the Piatkus team, the Thunderbums were led by Lt. Piatkus, who scored 3 runs, and Lt. Pianka, who scored 2 runs. Lt. Piatkus was hit by a pitch in the 3rd inning. The 35th team could not overcome the 15 hits of the Thunderbums.

SOFTBALL NEARS END
New League Monday
The Group Softball League reached the home-run stretch mark this week with attention focusing on the outcome of the three games the 35th EM team has yet to play. The 35th Chemical Co. is in first place having played its quota of thirteen games, winning twelve and losing one to the 35th EM early in the season. Should the 35th EM team win the three games, it will be the 35th EM team for first place. In this event there will be a three-game playoff to decide the league championship.

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WINTER RELAYS
The coming events will consist of the 50, 100, 200, and 1500 meter free style. The 100 meter back stroke, the 200 and 400 meter breast stroke, the 300 meter butterfly relay, and the 400 meter freestyle relay will be included. Diving will be from a three meter board. There will be five events: sidestroke, backstroke, breast stroke, backstroke, running front-gear, and backstroke. Scoring will be based on the number of points scored.

Up to Wednesday the 35th EM team has won a pair of games by defeating the 35th EM 10-5 and the 35th EM 6-5. It seems that the 35th EM team will wind up the season without obtaining a victory.

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A G. I. of them staged the Thunderbumbs won by their four straight games in the XIX TAC Baseball League by handing the 36th EM their first defeat 9-2 at Frankfurt, Friday, June 15th. This was their fourth game and they won their fourth game by winning the 34th Fighter Group 5-4 at this base.

Sunday will be a big day for the Thunderbumbs for they dipped with the strongest team in the Photo Team. The Thunderbumbs will gain much-needed precedent of first place.

Van Voost, of the 35th had a tricker, a deep which had pitcher Check strike out three times. His teammates were so easily fooled that they collected 13 hits for 6 runs to give Check his second win of the season. The 34th Group gathered 6 runs and 13 hits.

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

The Thunderbumbs pounded on pitchers Skelton and Woods, who came to relief in the 4th inning, for 12 hits. In the third inning Doobis walked and scored on a triple by Piere, whose single, after Tribe flew out to Dooby, scored on Kaczorowski's double. Heffley grounded out, Second to first, while Kaczorowski advanced to third. Lt. Hilly gets his second hit after he had been a given a walk. Both men scored on Bastable's single, and Bastable got the firework by grounding out to the shortstop.

OUR BARBER KNOWS HIS PROP WASH

by CPL. Thomas Griffin

Who is this civilian and what is he doing with my life? Willy 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 with a smile, and thrust a strictly G.I. haircut. That amused my curiosity even more.

Former Flyer

Zden Wachowski was born in the town of Athens 27 years ago, and is, by trade, a barber. Up to the time that the Germans occupied his country, two of his brothers were members of the Greek air force. Two of the brothers were shot down and killed over Albanian and the third over Sicily. Zden as a result of this, he decided to escape through the Greek army and attempt to reach the Greek army in France. His wound prevented him from carrying

SWIMMING RELAYS

The swimming events will consist of four teams of 150 meters breaststroke, 200 meters freestyle, 400 meter backstroke, and 400 meter freestyle. There will be five compulsory and five optional. The compulsory divisions are: "Relay Female Freestyle," "Relay Male Freestyle," "Relay Male Backstroke," "Relay Female Backstroke," and "Relay Female Breaststroke.

The relays will be held on Thursday, June 15th, at 2 p.m.

SPORT-SO-Scope

A colored boy watching the Thunderbumbs defeat the 37th Fighter Group at Lorrain, Sunday, May 15. The airhead and remarked, "Yassir! We're fighting the same war, just a different view.

The 34th Group ran for third, while the 37th Group advanced to third. Lt. Hilly gets his second hit after he had been a given a walk. Both men scored on Bastable's single, and Bastable got the firework by grounding out to the shortstop.

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Li, Lockey Makes "Good" Landing

In Pine Forest

Lt. Edward L. Lockey made a "good" landing in the middle of a pine forest. When he landed he was able to walk away from his ship and visit the town by the next day. The journey, which was expected to last three days, will be completed in two days, according to the plan. The next day, Przybys will be awarded the winner.

Trudel Attacked Germans

Sgt. Gerald E. Trudel was talking to his brother Paul for the first time since a year. The Paul has stationed only twelve miles away, with the 1st Division. As they were talking Gerald learned that his brother had attacked German forces in the vicinity of World September 13th and he watched the Thunderbumbs of the 36th Fighter Group in the action for which the Group received the Presidential Bronze Medal.

Paul, a captive German, was taken prisoner by the 1st Division. Afterwards, he was taken prisoner by the French.その後, Paul was taken prisoner by the German officers. After having been questioned and interrogated, he was released on condition that he would give away all the information he had about the enemy's movements.

Lyon, France is the greater site of the operation. Frenchmen and Britishers were printed on the old French flags.

Wheat, oats, potatoes, rye, corn and sugar beets are France's leading crops.
HEADQUARTERS
358TH FIGHTER GROUP

APO 141, U. S. Army
26 June 1945

SPECIAL ORDERS

NUMBER 67

1. Major MICHAEL L. KÍCS, USCG, 0373925, 40, is aptd Op Executive Officer, prnc dy, vica Lt Col JEANET E. CORDELL, 0153365, 40, trfd.

2. Major STANLEY G. JOHNSON, Jr., USCG, 0353230, 40, is aptd Op adjt, prnc dy, vica Major HUGH L. McI, 0373925, 40, trfd.

3. Par 13, 55 63, this Hq. co., is deleted.

4. The VOGO 358th Ftr Gp of 23 June 1945, under exigencies which prevented the issuance of advance orders, are hereby confirmed and made of record:
   "1st Lt ROBERT S. SMITH, 0632333, 40, is aptd Op Stat Off, prnc dy and asst Op adjt, add dy, vica Capt HUGH L. MOORE, 0630478, 40, trfd."

5. Major HUGH L. McI, 0373925, 40, is aptd Op Surveying Officer, add dy, vica Lt Col JEANET E. CORDELL, 0153365, 40, trfd.

6. The VOGO 358th Ftr Gp of 14 June 45, under exigencies which prevented the issuance of advance orders, are hereby confirmed and made of record:
   "Having been said this orgn per par 59, 50 150, Hq 94th Inf Div & 106, 9 June 45, 5 Sgt Cluenty A. Karolak, 1583231, 780, is further said 369th Ftr Sq., 1044 14 June 45."

7. Under the provisions of Par 3a, fl 35-320, 17 Jun 43, the Col named officers are aptd Class "A" Agent Fin Officers, for orgn indicated, to 1st Lt RICHARD M. Lefont, 01141912, AS, Accountable Paying Officer, for the pur of officers and EM regular and supplemental Pay for the month of June 1945.

1st Lt RICHARD M. Lefont
   Capt RAYMOND G. MORGAN
   Capt RAYMOND D. MORGAN

1st Lt ROBERT S. SMITH
   Capt SAMUEL R. Schofield
   Capt THOMAS S. Sheparks

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   Capt THOMAS S. Sheparks

1st Lt MILTON R. BLOOM
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94th Flying Control Sq (P) Det F
21st Weather Sq Det F
40th Mobile Com Sq Det F
Hq & Base Sv Sq, 40th & 4th Fp
729th Air Materiel Squadron
909th Inf Engineering Sq
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Sg 67, HQ 358th ABG, 25 June 45, Cont'd.

3. The WOOG 358th ABG 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 HQ 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 E. Biss 360-9847 38th ABG 38th Pfr Sq President
1st Sgt Elmer F. Yochies 330-9525 38th ABG 38th Pfr Sq Vice President
1st Sgt Salvatore Calabrese 330-8532 38th ABG 38th Pfr Sq
1st Sgt Frank A. Coker 380-8196 38th Pfr Sq
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Sgt Ray Z. Richards 333-1558 38th Pfr Sq
Sgt Joe R. Stevens 343-4262 90th ABG 90th Pfr Sq
Cpl Edward Dubro 320-5022 78th ABG 78th Pfr Sq
Cpl Melvin G. Grant 313-7252 38th Pfr Sq
Pfc William K. Click 153-0773 Hq 48th ABG 48th Pfr Sq Recorder
Pvt Robert A. Watson 190-8132 Hq 38th ABG 38th Pfr Sq

9. Sgt Frederick C. Rutledge, TSGT 29663, 2nd Flying Control Sq (F) Det F, is placed on TDY, TF HQ Ninth Air Force, o/a 27 June 45, for a period of three (3) days, for the purpose of interviewing. Upon completion of this TDY, FM will report to proper org. FM by MT, all air or mil. 60-315 P 432-62 A 212/50-435. APP: FM U-800-F HQ Ninth Flying Control Sq (F).

10. Det named off and FM are placed on TDY, TF HQ Ninth Air Force, o/a 26 June 45, for a period of one (1) day, for the purpose of attending training conferences. Upon completion of this TDY, they will report to proper org. FM by MT, all air or mil. 60-315 P 432-62 A 212/50-435. APP: FM U-800-F HQ Ninth Tactical Air Corps.

Major DENNIS C. MUSCAT 0427051 AC
T Sgt Samuel M. Pratt 310-3821 Hq 38th ABG


(Travel air is pursuant to thru contained in Ltr HQ European TO, USA, file 200-4,
22 Nov 44)

BY ORDER OF COLONEL FENGO:

OFFICIAL: 

JOSEPH J. BUSHFIELD JR.,
1st Lt, Air Corps, Assistant Adjutant.

IN SCHBUF ON: RESTRICTED
Group Flying School Started

Groundhogs of the 36th will now have a chance to get in some stick time under a flying school program recently initiated. Capt. Walter G. Laughray, 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 and turns. The last part of the course will review take-off and landing and forced landing technique.

Regulations do not permit solo flights by students, but anyone attending the course is more complete than normal pre-9th instruction.

Four Cars In Use

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

Capt. Laughray 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 TAC, this Sunday, at 7:15 P.M. The band and associated personnel, totaling 78 people, make daily rounds, and are expected to complete their tour in the near future.

In the meantime, all units will have to find their own transportation.

‘Yankee Doodlers’ Saturday

“Yankee Doodlers” Saturday. “Yankee Doodlers”, popular G.I. show, will be on the air at 5:30.

CAFE DE COSMO - BAVARIAN RETREAT

EM WORK LIKE BLAZES TO BUILD CLUBHOUSES ‘TOOT SWEET’

Large-Scale Redeployment Shuttle Alters Group Face

39 Officers And EM Leave Service Group

Last Tuesday saw the departure of over 300 enlisted men from the 36th Fighter Group. Scattered to various groups throughout the ETO, many old faces 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 departure ceremonies were held with much sadness, yet there was some cheer as well. After Monday’s departure, a number of impromptu farewell parties were held. At the HQ’s club, Col. Peraza was present. He expressed his regrets over the transfers and also his appreciation of the good work those leaving had done for the 36th. As all classifications were represented in the transfers many good friends would be hard to find elsewhere.

It was noted that before the departure ceremonies were held, a number of young men were found to have been together for months and the presence of the new men was expected to bring a new atmosphere to the club.

After the departure, the remaining personnel were expected to continue their usual activities, with the exception of those who were transferred to other groups.

Staffers Buzz Riviera Mission “Costly”
Glen Miller's Band
At TAC, Sunday
Glen Miller's Band, largest and most popular entertainment group, scheduled to appear at 19 TAC, this Sunday, at 7 P.M. The band and associated personnel total 274 musicians and require four C-47s for transportation. It is a regular performance for the Band.

The show will take place in the outdoor theater, and there are no other entertainments due. However, all units will have to thrash their tents and transport equipment.

Show starts at 1:00 P.M.

Yankee Doodlers' Saturday
"Yankee Doodlers" Saturday
"Yankee Doodlers," popular G.I. show which has appeared several times before the Group, will return to the TAC Theater for another performance on Saturday evening, June 30.

Show is free.

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

Tough games are foreseen as Colonel Frank Perna and Major Richard Hopper of the Service Team, are formidable contestants highly favored to win.

The present singles champion is Captain David Robinson, who defeated Lt. Henry Hamilton last year at Chilcoton, England. The doubles champion this year is Capt. Robert Miller and Capt. Oswald Burns, who won their championship last year before being beaten by Capt. Richard Sharp and Maj. H. Hamilton.

Games are played every evening at the Officers' Club. Prizes will be awarded to the winners.

Red Cross Calendar
Tuesday: Bingo
Thursday: Hill Billy Band
Saturday: Sun. Classical Movie at Miss Sue's house.

Leaving Service Group
The Group Officers will be leaving this week and the last Leave will be on Saturday, June 29. The Leaving Service will take place at 7 P.M. and will be attended by all officers and men. The officers will present the Group with a farewell gift, and the men will sing songs and say goodbye.

EM WORK LIKE BLAZES TO BUILD CLUBHOUSE 'TOOT SWEET'
Nestled among the branches of a very beautiful pine tree is a clubhouse that has been constructed by the enlisted men of the group. The structure is a hit with all officers and men who have seen it. It is a small building, but it is well worth the effort that was put into its construction.

The clubhouse is a popular spot for officers and men to relax and socialize. It is a place where they can come to have a quiet talk or to enjoy a game of cards. The officers and men who have been a part of the construction of the clubhouse are proud of the work they have done.

REMEMBER FRAZENING?
The Mannequin is Still At It.
One year later
By Lt. David Goldkamp
By the time this article is published, the mannequin will have been at the Officers' Club for a year. It is still at the same location where it was placed a year ago.
This mannequin is a favorite of the officers and men who frequent the Officers' Club. It is a reminder of the good times that were had while stationed at the Officers' Club.

Back In Merrie Old England
One year later
By Jack B. Kollam
June 17 (Dated) After pulling all the strings and signing up a few more boys, this correspondence was successfully carried out in winning a one-hour longboat race against the British Navy.

Old man colloquialism is still as popular as ever, and the mannequin is still at its post in the Officers' Club.

CAMPBELL AT THE KEYS
The 36th Dance Orchestra, the "Slayers," has returned to Norwich after a highly successful engagement at the Riviera. The only American dance band at the Riviera, they played five shows a day on their last appearance there. Among other highlights of their stay were the statements that "Brooklyn Giants have the best American League baseball race" and "Virginia Gildersleeve is a rising young movie star.

This week's quiz is being conducted by Capt. Morton Magnus of the "Slayers" at a quiz night on the "Background of the Next Party.

Capt. Quinan, group Special Service Officer, has issued an open letter to all participating units in the Quad competition.

POW RETURNS TO STATES
Second Lt. Russell L. Gross, 36th, formerly a Prisoner of War in German hands, has returned to the States. His name was left off the article last week by mistake.

Quiz Brings Strange Answers
Last week's quiz program on Current Events, led by Capt. David Danielson, produced two winners. The first, a native New Yorker, won $35, and the second, a member of the 36th, won $25.

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This paper has been censored by the I.C.S. Dept. and may be sent home.

The Green Grass

In Nurnberg Stadium

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By Ed, 66, Woodstock, Ont.

Trout fishing seems to have gone quite a ways, with the members of our squadron, '396th,' staying at home. In fact, the last time I saw one was a couple of weeks ago, when I ran into a friend in town. He said he had been fishing in the river and found a few trout. I asked him if he had caught anything, and he replied, "No, but I did find a couple of nice ones near the weir." I thought that was interesting, and I asked him if he had any tips on how to catch them. He said, "Well, you just need to be patient and keep trying. Eventually, you'll catch something." I thought that was a good point, and I plan to try my luck the next time I go fishing.

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395th PANZER DUSTERS

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Sgt. Joseph Smith got lost in a half hour flight in a F-52 last Saturday, while checking out his brother's flight gear. They had been flying for some time when the radio failed and they were forced to land. The pilot was able to make an emergency landing and the aircraft was recovered.

OLD TIMER - KELLMAN

OLI GORDON - 3RD BATTALION, 1ST INFANTRY

On the morning of the attack, Gordon's unit was positioned in a small clearing in the forest. The enemy was seen moving towards them, and Gordon knew that he had to act quickly. He ordered his men to prepare for a counterattack and prepared his own rifle. The enemy approached, and Gordon fired his rifle, hitting the enemy with a direct shot. The rest of the enemy fell back, and Gordon's unit was able to secure the position.


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OMAHA BEACH

Pillboxes and Houses lined the shore.

That hill we climbed with full gear.

Achtung Minen! A truck hit one.

Hogny - The villages of Normandy were torn by war.

We found tanks and mobile guns where they died in battle.
AND THEN TO NORMANDY

By Sgt. Herbert King

This is the second in a series of articles by the present writer in England, France, B Sebastian, and Germany.

Chablis was a name most of us associate with long hours, hard work, and sweat. For we were here that we participated in the mighty all-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 units in France.

As the weather grew warmer, the days grew longer, and early mornings and late afternoons became habitual. Passes were disconcerting—continuously changing, then discontinued again. We were swept out from week to week wondering if we would fly off for London, Winchester or Ambleside—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 planes were posted as usual, and at dawn the Germans were bombing the southern coast of England, where the great invasion fleet was being prepared. The men were rushed to the planes, and we took off. A plane was heard overhead, and the remarks from the troops that it might be a night-fighter were cut short by the blast of the falling bombs. The next morning showed a gaping hole in the middle of the 306th dispersal area, a couple of 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 fuselages—so we knew that the big time must be near. Early June 6th, the men were awakened; trucks loaded with men, supplies, and equipment. Through the smoke and the silence of the dawn, the first sight of planes began moving 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 2:00 a.m. The advance echelon of the 306th was discovered by the Germans from the I.5E, which had been driven from the South. They were ordered to stand fast and take cover as an air raid progressed. It was a sight to see; the planes came in and out of the sky, and the men became accustomed to the sound of the planes as far as the eye could see. The beaches were covered with smoke and the wounded. In Normandy, the heaviest concentration of antiaircraft fire was met with success.

The rest of the outfit came to the airport July 3. They had read and heard much about France. Women were throwing flowers at the soldiers, and sometimes there was rain. On July 28 the mighty armada bombarded the coast 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 to the westward. The bomb lines moved farther and farther away. Beaches were closed, and the troops moved almost out of reach. It was time to move and the planes were brought in and loaded. One morning late in August the advance echelon left for the field at Charles. The rear echelon stayed behind and cleaned up as best they could the remnants of the 306th soldier in Normandy.
HITTER STOPS "10th PHOTO"

**The Fortress Feature**

**Sports**

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**INFANTRY INVADES-LOSES**


The Group Officers Softball Team defeated the visiting Xi Fri. 26th Infantry Division Officers Team 6-5 in a closely fought game last evening, June 22, at this base. Colonel Frank S. Perego did the backstopping chores for the Group Team while his battery mate was Captain David Reinhart.

**Draw First Blood**

The Group Officers teed off in the first inning and pushed across three runs, Miller singled and pushed second when.

**Combs Reach for the Third Run**

Another run was scored in the third by virtue of a double and a single. No error in the fifth inning brought the seventh to 6. A three run loss in the seventh, which proved to be the deciding margin.

**Infantry Strikes Back**

The 1st Battalion Officers weren't to be denied. Lt. Neshet hit a double in the top half of the third for a runners with no out at. A fielder's choice coupled with two batters brought the second run to the fifth. Two more runs were added in the ninth when Capts. Reinhart and Peters was tagged for a triple, and two singles after he had walked the first batter. The fifth run came after two batters were out caused by two minutes on the field. The third out was taken care of by Capt. Reinhart to insure the victory.

**Capt. Quinnin and Hobbs Get Five of the Hits**

In the second inning, the Group Officers outlast the 35th Fighter Group baseball team to win a seven inning split 6-5.

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**OFFICERS BEAT PIONEERS 6-5**

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**SOFTBALL DELAYED STARTS THURSDAY**

395th EM Team Champs First Half of Turnover

The second half of the 395th EM Team Softball Tourney, which was scheduled to commence last Monday, was cancelled and will begin on Thursday, July 2, 1945.

**Capt. Model, in charge of proceedings, stated that the reduction of Group personnel forces, softball activities to stand till.**

**395th On Top**

The Group Softball League leadership was won by the 395th EM Team.

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**LEAD TAC LEAGUE**


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

Tennis filled the air around Group's baseball diamond last Sunday afternoon when third basemen Charles E. Quick, blanked the powerful 10th Photo Team 2-0 to break the XIX TAC League tie for first place and lead the Thunderbolts to their sixth straight victory.

**Four Runs Were Enough**

Bump men were able to reach third and stranded as Check remitted cool and pitched himself out of difficulties. His team mates gave brilliant hitting every chance without an error. This was a win for Check his third victory against no defeats.

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**Rivals are tough**

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

In the fourth inning smart base running brought in a run when Harvill walked, and after Check struck out, went to second as Dohhik was hit by a pitched ball. Dohhik scored by hitting the catcher's peg by inches. Dohhik started second and came back to first drawing the throw from third to first enabling Harvill to trot home. The second run came in the last half of the seventh when Baxtorillo opened the inning with a single home run to right reaching second as right fielder Tatsuo wobbled hit-bats but third and later scored on Check's single.

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**Threats Suspected**

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

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**SWIMMING TEAM BEING ORGANIZED**

**Expects to Participate in XIX TAC Meet**

A swimming team is being organized Captains Newton L. Steers, Group Weather Officer who swam for Yale in 1937 and '38, for the purpose of competing in the XIX TAC meet July 14th.

All Officers and EMs are invited to try out for the team which will practice at the Windbach outdoor swimming pool every evening except Mondays and all day Sundays.

Hopes Many are Eager

Capt. Steers hopes that enough men will try out that the Group will be able to enter most of the meets. The competitions will include 50, 100, and 400 metre freestyle, 100 and 400 metre breast stroke, 200 and 400 metre back stroke, and 200 and 400 metre medley relay. No men will be entered in the 1500 metre free style race because of lack of conditioning and time to practice.

Diving Contest

One of the features of the meet will be...
INFANTRY INVADES LOSES
Brass Duals 6-5
The Gp. Officers' Football Team defeated the 26th Infantry Division Officers' Team in a closely fought game late Friday evening, June 22, at this base. Colonel Frank S. Perigo did the pregame cheers for the Group while his battery mate and Company Commander, David Reithel, did the first Blood

Draw First Blood
The Group Officers seed off in the top left corner of the field to the right of center and moved into the center of the field. Col. Perigo's gasser, Capt. Oatman, and Capt. Oatman's unit, the third team, were drawn first to the right of center. Another man was scored on the left by virtue of a double and a single. An error in the fielding brought in the seventh to the left, but the first and third runners were thrown out in the sixth and seventh which were the decisive margin.

The Ist Battalion Officers won't

LAST SUNDAY'S GAME AGAINST THE 79TH INFANTRY TEAM REPEATED

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OFFICERS BEAT PIONEERS

35th EM Team Champs
First Half of Tourney

The second half of the Group Softball Tourney, which was scheduled for Monday, was cancelled and will begin on Thursday, July 5th.

Capt. Meade, in charge of proceedings, stated that the cancellation was due to the absence of Group personnel forces, social activities to a standstill.

On the Way

The Group Softball leadership was won by the 35th EM Team. Winning their three remaining games of the seven-week tourney, the 35th EM took the 35th Officers while the 35th Officers but without the 35th Officers.

Rutan to Activate
Gp. Softball Team

The Army is going to activate the 35th EM Team, which will be trained in the Hardberger Field, located on the north side of the 35th Officers' base, for the next week. The 35th EM Team will be trained in the Hardberger Field until they are ready for competition in the Army Tourney.

XIX TAC BASEBALL STANDINGS

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**PART B**
3. The YCOO 368th Ftr Cp of 25 June 45, under conditions which prevented
the issuance of advance orders, are hereby confirmed and made of record.

368TH FIGHTER GROUP

HQ 368TH FIGHTER GROUP

Cpl (76) Peter Koshel 36034196 (QD)

368TH FIGHTER SQUADRON

Pfc (84) Amsby J. Ut
Cpl (77) Benjamin A. Varon 3189275 (QD)
Sgt (77) John F. Sajovic 1603531 (D)
Sgt (82) Samuel D. Jones, Jr 3277782 (QD)
Sgt (76) Clayton E. Mitchell 1202200 (QD)
Sgt (86) John W. Varity 3238388 (QD)
Sgt (82) James A. Reed 1303388 (QD)
Sgt (79) Albert E. Rie 3405706 (QD)
Cpl (75) Peter A. Prunis 3264024 (QD)
Sgt (75) Joseph J. Tinko 3340509 (QD)
Sgt (78) George A. Kothe 3245325 (QD)
Sgt (78) Bernard E. Haffman 3247265 (QD)
Sgt (76) Samuel E. McCandless 3417777 (QD)
Sgt (80) Clyde C. Brewer 3411777 (QD)
Sgt (80) Gale T. Gentry 3103019 (QD)

368TH FIGHTER SQUADRON

1st Sgt (82) William M. Bisz 1504926 (QD)
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Sgt (75) Andrew J. Ihlem 3732404 (QD)
Sgt (82) A. R. Rossman 3207291 (QD)
Sgt (76) Julius A. Rypa 3603760 (QD)

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Cpl (83) Robert C. Tinseltail 3706365 (QD)
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4. The WO/CO 366th Ftr Gp of 26 June 45, under exigencies which prevented the issuance of advance orders, are hereby confirmed and made of record.

5. The WO/CO 366th Ftr Gp of 26 June 45, under exigencies which prevented the issuance of advance orders, are hereby confirmed and made of record.

6. Fol named off and 24% are placed on T/O, WP 56-6 1/2/a 28 June 45, for a period of three (3) days, for the purpose of obtaining supplies. Upon completion of this T/O, they will revert to proper o-3, T/O by MGT, mail a/c or rail, 60-115 F 432-22 451-3045

7. The WO/CO 366th 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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**RESTRICTED**
8. So much of par 7, so 67, thus Eq; ce; pertaining to Class "A" En Officers, as reads,

" Capt SAMUEL R. SCHOFIELD 0563942 AC 23rd fighter squadron
1st Lt GEORGE E. GILL 0663913 AC 237th fighter squadron
1st Lt GEORGE E. GILL 0663973 AC 221st Weather Sq Det R
1st Lt GEORGE E. GILL 0663973 AC 420th Mobile Com Sq Det R
Major DONALD C. HARDER 01576028 AC Eq & Base Sv Sq, 497th & Sv Op"

is amended to read,

1st Lt GEORGE J. CORKUM JR. 085334 AC 395th fighter squadron
1st Lt WOOD L. DIXON 057143 AC 397th fighter squadron
1st Lt WOOD L. DIXON 057143 AC 221st Weather Sq Det R
1st Lt WOOD L. DIXON 057143 AC 407th Mobile Com Sq Det R
1st Lt JOHN S. DREISCOLL 01584547 QMC Eq & Base Sv Sq, 497th & Sv Op"

9. The V000 358th Ftr 6p of 25 June 45, under extenuating circumstances which prevented the issuance of advance orders, are hereby confirmed and made of record.

"Having been read this orgn par par 3, Go 129, Hq XII Tactical Air Comd, 24 June 45, fol named Sq are further read to Sq as indicated, V000 25 June 45."

298TH FIGHTER GROUP
Pfc (77) Clarence T. Barnes 30138307 (290)
Sgt (84) Emrvin C. Talm 370422012 (166)
Pfc (81) Lamer A. Nusser 38542001 (237)
Sgt (75) Lyle E. Gable 39550389 (45)
Pfc (76) Raymond L. Coplin 3276849 (101)
Sgt (79) Billy J. Lemaster 35180891 (76)

299TH FIGHTER SQUADRON
Sgt (81) Woodrow B. Tate 37075694 (101)
Sgt (75) Floyd Stimson 37052142 (56)
T Sgt (79) James H. O'connor 30727261 (566)
S Sgt (77) Lloyd E. Hopkins 30766571 (211)
S Sgt (80) Emil H. Hausberg 33395761 (92)
Pvt (82) Earl R. Moline 32541263 (346)
Cpl (76) George J. Doneen 33552228 (25)
Cpl (79) Ralph J. Engman Jr 33463215 (75)
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S Sgt (84) Irvin G. Edmunds 30727241 (91)
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S Sgt (81) Harold J. Ripler 3564574 (25)
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Sgt (70) Erico Garcia 1803723 (747)

**396TH FIGHTER SQUADRON**

Cpl (74) John L. Borth 1107425 (060)
Sgt (74) Harold Pratte 3250592 (747)
Sgt (76) Jesse W. Mandola 35113022 (747)
Cpl (78) R. C. Kovalowski 3335737 (747)
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Sgt (79) John R. Schefer 35264295 (756)
Sgt (79) Enos Hawkins 31985251 (747)
T Sgt (80) Charles W. Hatton 32198238 (747)

**327TH FIGHTER SQUADRON**

Sgt (70) William Jones 32458120 (685)
Sgt (77) Edward G. Inman 12152290 (747)
Cpl (78) Louis O. Bostmeyer 15087245 (747)

11. Having been asgd this orgn per par 9, SO 160, Hq XIX Tactical Air Cmd, 25 June 45, all named EM are further asgd to sq as indicated. EDMR 26 June 45.

Pfc (70) Joseph F. Pirrello 3303280 (014) 395th Ftr Sq
Pvt (75) Godfrey Wilson 3079533 (014) 395th Ftr Sq
Sgt (83) Jesse W. Roberts 17010637 (066) 395th Ftr Sq
T Sgt (32) William D. Treadwell 32583282 (542) 397th Ftr Sq

12. The WCO 358th Ftr Grp of 25 June 45, under exigencies which prevented the issuance of advance orders, are hereby confined and made of record:

"Having been asgd this orgn per par 1, SO 160, Hq XIX Tactical Air Cmd, 24 June 45, Sgt (84) Floyd Hatchell, 3803809, (673), is further asgd 397th Ftr Sq. EDMR 25 June 45."

13. Having been asgd this orgn per par 13, SO 159, Hq XIX Tactical Air Cmd, 24 June 45, Pvt (91) Frank L. Bradley, 2023155, (345), is further asgd 396th Ftr Sq. EDMR 27 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 PERSCO:**

STANLEY C. JOHNSON
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470 141, U. S. Army
29 June 1945

SPECIAL ORDERS

NUMBER 69

1. All named Ek., Sq indicated, are placed on TDY, JP B-68, c/o 29 June 45, for a period of three (3) days, for the purpose of obtaining supplies. Upon completion of this TDY, they will return to proper orgn. TDN by MIF, mil acft or mil. 60-115 P 432-02 & 212/50425.

Sgt Harold B. Brereton 34240147  Hq 26th Ftr Cp
Sgt Clarence H. Riehback 19050448  365th Ftr Sq
Sgt John H. Hite 69303628  395th Ftr Sq
Cpl Thomas H. Albright 34301234  395th Ftr Sq
Cpl Daniel B. Fadulovic 12892837  395th Ftr Sq
Cpl Raymond N. Koschen 37497738  395th Ftr Sq
Cpl Elmer R. Swift 18023681  396th Ftr Sq
Cpl Walter E. Underwood 15504557  396th Ftr Sq
Sgt Cecil L. Yeater 13021177  396th Ftr Sq
Sgt Joseph L. Hill 15096806  397th Ftr Sq
Sgt Rexall Perrine 28379866  397th Ftr Sq
Cpl Donald J. Luebbe 18395364  397th Ftr Sq
Pvt Francis L. Pavlic 37493364  397th Ftr Sq

2. Under the provisions of Par 4b, AR 35-1100, 12 May 1945, all named officers are to witness and verify the cash balance of 1st Lt. Paul M. DeFuria, 01381618, FD, Accountable Disbursing Officer as of 0800 hours, 22 June 45.

Capt William T. McGann 01033940 40
1st Lt Samuel Kershner 08663040 40

3. So much of par 7, SC 67, this Eq. as, pertaining to Class "A" Agent Fin. officers, as reads, "1Lt. Robert H. Sharp, 0834310, 40, 36th Ftr Sq," is amended to read, "1Lt. Harold D. Hammett Jr., 0773028, 40, 36th Ftr Sq."

4. The VO00 368th Ftr Cp of 23 June 45, under exigencies which prevented the issuance of advance orders, are hereby confirmed and made of record.

"Having been said this orgn par 2, S6 54, Eq 357th Ftr Cp, 23 June 45, all named are further cert. Sn & Sq. inc., 28 June 45."

HQ 35th FIGHTER GROUP

Sgt (68-Q) John J. Schmitt 34399129 (405)
Pfc (64-Q) John J. Hyberg 16127422 (552)

35TH FIGHTER SQUADRON

Sgt (57-Q) Joseph J. Esposito Jr. 32455129 (114)

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33RD FIGHTER SQUADRON

M Sgt (80-9) Arthur A. Goebel 17030753 (750)

39TH FIGHTER SQUADRON

T Sgt (76-9) Jarvis S. Peterson 17035842 (687)
Sgt (53-9) Richard L. Hering 11136960 (638)

5. The VOGG 339th 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 pr par 8, SO 160, Hq XIX Tactical Air Cmd, 25 June 45, Capt (63-9) Friedrich L. Johnson, 0783323, 4C (126), is further asgd
Hq 339th Ftr Grp and optd lst 60 Operations Off, prvn dy."

6. 1st Lt Thomas G. Wallach, 0635418, 40, is detailed to conduct the monthly inventory of the Group Post Exchange on 30 June 1945.

7. Fnl named EM, Sq indicated, are placed on TDY, WP B-29 o/a 30 June 45, for a period of thirty (30) days, reporting therefor to Major Junkin, for the purpose of performing maintenance on C-47 type aircraft. Upon completion of this TDY, EM will return to proper orgn. TDY by flt, ml soft or rail. 60-11-3 042-02-4 212/ 0425.

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T Sgt (73-9) Carl A. Hanson 1583738 Linn Chief 336th Ftr Sq
T Sgt (685) Roland J. Haun 3005949 Elec Specialist 336th Ftr Sq
T Sgt (687) John V. Savovec 1603531 Fmp Specialist 335th Ftr Sq
S Sgt (747) Delvin H. Nelson 3003239 Crew Chief 337th Ftr Sq

8. The VOGG 338th 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 pr par 12, SO 159, Hq XIX Tactical Air Cmd, 24 June 45, 2d Lt (24-9) William R. Bellard, 06255444, 4C, (1065), is further asgd
338th Ftr Sq. E808 27 June 45."

9. Having been asgd this orgn pr par 32, SO 162, Hq XIX Tactical Air Cmd, 27 June 45, Sgt (73-9) Samuel S. Fixman, 31031094, (824), is further asgd 339th
Ftr Sq. E808 29 June 45.

10. Having been asgd this orgn pr par 5, SO 32, Hq 352nd Ftr Gp, 28 June 45, fnl named EM are further asgd to Sq as indicated, E808 29 June 45.

HQ 338TH FIGHTER GROUP

Sgt (73-D) Armond S. Fitzner 3925016 (060)
Sgt (63-D) Robert J. Newman 3553232 (336)

337TH FIGHTER SQUADRON

S Sgt (70-D) Frank E. Osmian 3352287 (756)
S Sgt (76-D) Roy C. Tafoya 3352311 (791)
Cpl (69-D) Cymalius Heyman 36141819 (405)
Pvt (71-D) Amoreo W. Marriot 33202920 (590)
Sgt (51-D) Hank W. Grant 3354380 (060)
SO 69, Eq 368th Ftr Gp, 29 June 45,
par. 10. Cont'd.

368TH FIGHTER SQUADRON
Sgt (73-D) William C. Reinfield 1705207 (750)
Pvt (69-D) Mark Smith 1614134 (747)
Cpl (71-D) Franklin L. Calladet 3340839 (911)

327TH FIGHTER SQUADRON
Sgt (71-D) Joseph E. Deroi 32434652 (750)
Cpl (64-D) Frank J. Samor 3284153 (144)
Sgt (70-D) Donald J. Jackson 1219820 (911)
Cpl (66-D) Jack D. Davis 32840248 (81)

11. Having been msgd this orgn par 2, SO 55, Eq 357th Ftr Gp, 29 June 45, fol named EM are further msgd to Sq as indicated. EDQR 30 June 45.

357TH FIGHTER GROUP
Sgt (69-D) Earl E. Wotcalf 35452563 (502)
Sgt (62-D) Abraham Fishman 3232362 (631)
T 5 (41-D) Paul O. Dobor 3593039 (409)
Pfc (62-D) Louis H. Bick 3493176 (409)
Pfc (73-D) Jack A. Rodriguez 39248814 (409)

365TH FIGHTER SQUADRON
T Sgt (71-D) Thomas H. Kouns 3506697 (750)
Pfc (62-Q) John R. Dansis 37246347 (555)
Sgt (64-D) Harold F. Phillips 3267352 (688)
Cpl (61-D) Ira L. Rissboy 35611231 (406)

366TH FIGHTER SQUADRON
Sgt (63-D) Antonio E. Seguin 32282518 (826)
Cpl (67-D) James A. Pickthor 3343914 (505)
T Sgt (66-D) Eddy J. Harris 15997533 (750)

37TH FIGHTER SQUADRON
T Sgt (73-D) Reginald L. Henry 3240721 (750)
Cpl (65-Q) Joseph Zolin 3274322 (614)
Pvt (65-Q) Edward L. Kallmorgen 15042573 (550)
S Sgt (66-D) Russell L. Foster 32320103 (586)
S Sgt (124-VS-Q) James H. Kinder 5553755 (586)

12. The V000 368th Ftr Gp of 25 June 45, under circumstances which prevented the issuance of advance orders, are hereby confirmed and made of record.

"Having been msgd this orgn par 2, SO 19, Hq XIX Tactical Air Comd, 24 June 45, Cpl (63-Q) Abraham Goleo, No. 182, 255, (237), is further msgd 395th Ftr Sq, EDQR 25 June 45."

13. Fol named off & EM are to be used on TTY, Hq Depot Q, J.TJ, AFO 230, 5/11.
July 45, for a period of five (5) days, for the purpose of obtaining supplies.
Upon completion of this TTY, they will not be proper orgn. TTY by MT, mil. acct or pail, 60-115 P. 432-02 & 82/5925.

- Capt MAURICIO KING 01553290 45
Cpl Carl E. Seagly 17034247 35th Ftr Sq
Pvt Lewis A. Ewen 35652575 35th Ftr Sq
J 7 6 4
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S6 69, Hq 368th Ftr Gp, 29 June 45. Cont'd.

14. Major STANLEY C. JOHNSON (37-033823), 4C, is aptd Commanding Officer of Hq Det 368th Ftr Gp, as of 7; vice Major HUGO L. ROSE, 05/22, 03/7295, 4C, recalled.

15. The VQCO 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 asd this orgn par per 15, SO 162, Hq XIX Tactical Air Cmd, 27 June 45, fol named 368th Ftr Gp".

Pfc (32-D) John V. Handy 33335397 (825) 395th FtrSq
Pvt (50-Q) Anthony Garateli 33779353 (850) Hq 368th Ftr Gp"

16. Having been asd this orgn par per 26, SO 162, Hq XIX Tactical Air Cmd, 27 June 45, S Sgt (93-Q) Andrew Yack, 35054545 (397) is further asd 397th Ftr Sq. EDOMR 29 June 45.

17. The VQCO 368th Ftr Gp of 29 June 45, under exigencies which prevented the issuance of advance orders, are hereby confirmed and made of record:

"Having been asd this orgn par per 1, SO 159, Hq XIX Tactical Air Cmd, 24 June 45, fol named 368th Ftr Gp are further asd to Sq as indicated. EDOMR 26 June 45.

S Sgt (72-Q) Alphonser R. Brosier 37313068 (747) 397th Ftr Sq
S Sgt (72-Q) Edward F. Flanagan 12109686 (747) 395th Ftr Sq"

18. The VQCO 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 asd this orgn par per 1, SO 159, Hq XIX Tactical Air Cmd, 24 June 1945, fol named 368th Ftr Gp are further asd to Sq as indicated. EDOMR 26 June 45.

S Sgt (94-Q) Coy R. Bergsten 34017575 (760) 365th Ftr Sq
S Sgt (81-Q) Lawrence Peterson 30525776 (256) 397th Ftr Sq"

19. So much of par 1, SO 69, this Hq, as, as pertains to S Sgt Harald R. Ender, 34940147, Hq 368th Ftr Gp and Cpl. Flom R. Swift, 18036118, 366th Ftr Sq, is read, "for a period of three (3) days," is amended to read, "for a period of seven (7) days."

20. Capt ROBERT A. BENSON, 05/2286, 4C, is placed on TDY, FP 2-68, o/a 2 July 45, for a period of two (2) days, for the purpose of obtaining supplies. Upon completion of this TDY, he will return to proper orgn. TDY by En, all act or rail, 6C-115 FP 432-02 & 218/M43265.

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BY ORDER OF COLONEL PEREGO:

OFFICIAL: STANLEY C. JOHNSON
Major, Air Corps
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SECT. 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. 267, Headquarters, Ninth Air Force, 1944,
a PHONIC OAK LEAF CLUSTER is awarded to him under the provisions of the act
of Congress approved 2 July 1926 (Pub. L. 8, 75th Cong.), and in accordance with
the authority delegated by the War Department:

WALTER G. LOUGHRY, 0-23271, Captain, Air Corps, 368th Fighter Group.
For extraordinary achievement in aerial flight against the enemy on 18 March
1945. Capt Loughry 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 Loughry
initiated a shallow dive bombing run and by the high degree of aerial tech-
nique 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 W. F. MILLARD:

W. F. MILLARD
Colonel, GSC
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Lt Col, AGD
Adjutant General

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APD 626, U. S. Army
15 June 1945

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SECTION VII

ADM. OF THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS (OAK LEAF CLUSTER)

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 BATTLE OAK LEAF CLUSTER is awarded him under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 2 July 1926 (Pub. L. 48, 70, 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 effectiveness, Capt. RYERSON attacked a vital marshalling yard in the vicinity of Pressig, Germany. Despite intense ground fire 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 material was destroyed. By his skillful 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 VEDLAND:

J. V. HILLARD
Colonel, GSC
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OFFICIAL:

/s/ F. H. Monahan
Lt Col, AG
Adjutant General

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