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368TH FIGHTER GROUP

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HISTORICAL REPORT
1 November to 30 November 1944

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

1. ORGANIZATION

No Change.

2. STRENGTH AS OF 30 NOVEMBER 1944

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

<u>Assigned Personnel</u>	<u>Authorized Personnel</u>
Officers -----220	Officers -----181
Enlisted Men ----822	Enlisted Men ----826

4. LOSSES IN ACTION:

Nil (for Group Headquarters)

5. AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Award of Purple Heart:

1st. Col. Paul F. Douglas, Jr.
Capt. Carlos W. Talbott

First Oak Leaf Cluster to Purple Heart:

1st. Col. Paul F. Douglas, Jr.

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The rumors were true; we started out the new month with a new Group Commander-- Lt. Col. Frank S. Perego. Colonel Meyers went up to IX TAC As Senior Tactical Officer in charge of Combat Operations for the Tactical Air Command. With him went the 397th Squadron Commander, Major Randall Hendricks, who became Duty Officer in IX TAC Combat Ops.

No group ever received a new C.O. any more enthusiastically than we received Lt. Col. Perego. We knew him very well as Operations Officer and Deputy Commander, and we liked and respected him. We knew that the high reputation of the group would be safe in his hands.

Lt. Col. Perego spent his first two years in the Air Corps in the Caribbean area. After receiving his commission on Sept. 26, 1941, he went to Porto Rico, then to Trinidad, from there to St. Lucia, Curacao, and Dutch Guiana, back to Trinidad, and finally to the United States again in the summer of 1943. During these two years he was first a pilot, later a detachment commander, and then a squadron commander.

On Sept. 8, 1943, Lt. Col. Perego, who was then a captain, came to the 368th Group as Operations Officer. He became a major on December 4, 1943, was elevated to Deputy Commander of the 368th on March 30, 1944, and became a lieutenant colonel on May 11, 1944. While we were still operating from England and flying nearly all group missions, Lt. Col. Perego led many of the missions. Since that time his duties have necessarily kept him more and more on the ground. He has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with two Silver Oak Leaf Clusters.

2 November 1944

A group mission of 36 planes went after a railroad bridge near Cologne, this afternoon; 24 P-47's carried a pair of 500-pounders each, 6 carried leaflet bombs, and 6 other flew top cover. Since the target area was completely covered by overcast, the group was vectored to the Koblenz area and instructed to drop their bombs. No results could be observed. The leaflet bombs were returned to Strip 84 on the controller's orders, so the Wehrmacht remained un-enlightened and un-informed.

Our base PX opened for business today, and business was brisk. We bought 7 packs of cigarettes (or cigars or Union Leader), four bars of candy, razor blades, combs, writing tablets, and soap. The waiting lines were long, and for the first time since we hit the continent we used ration slips.

3 November 1944

We got off on two group missions of 35 planes each today. The first, in the morning, was an attack on a fuel storage dump near Juren. Forty-six 500-pounders were dropped on the target area, scoring good hits and starting fires. The P-47's also strafed during the bomb run. But we paid a high price for the damage. 2nd Lt. William A. Preston was killed when he tried to bring his flak-ridden plane home; he bailed out at insufficient altitude and his parachute failed to open.

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Thirty-five planes started out on the afternoon's group mission to dive-bomb a power plant at F-342635. After encountering an overcast at 2500 feet over Aachen, the group leader brought the planes back to Strip 84. All bombs were returned to the base.

Group officers began moving into new barracks today, and back in our operating area a building was being put up to house our snack bar. It is not a very handsome structure, but it is likely to prove popular enough in spite of that. We acquired a Group Armament and Chemical Officer today: 1st Lt. Marvin R. Ward, formerly Armament Officer of the 396th Squadron. Lt. Ward has been with the group since August 1, 1943.

Special orders #132, Supporting Document #1.

4 November 1944

Beginning at 1120 we got off 5 squadron missions today. On the first the 395th bombed and strafed a smoke-marked point in the bitterly contested town of Schmidt. The results were generally excellent, with buildings demolished and fires started. One W/T and 4 armored vehicles were also destroyed by strafing.

The 396th followed with almost an exact duplicate of the first mission. They followed up with an armed recce and strafed the town of Warscheidt. "goodshow" reported the Ground Forces.

The 397th also went to work on Schmidt and dropped their 500-pounders on 15-plus tanks. At least one was destroyed and 2 damaged, but the results were generally difficult to measure. As the weather grew steadily worse, the 395th on their second mission finally dropped their 1t bombs east of Schmidt, after having been vectored to several targets and finding them all closed in. The second 396th mission went much the same way, with the overcast blotting out one target after the other. Fourteen 500-pounders were finally dropped on barracks near Schleiden.

We received re-inforcements today--nine new pilots who were assigned to the 395th and 397th squadrons.

Special Orders #133, Supporting Document #2.

5 November 1944

We went back to group missions today and sent out 71 planes after rail lines and bridges of the "Green System". On the first mission 23 planes carried 2-1000 pounders each, with 12 planes flying top cover. The group was finally vectored to an unknown target, believed to be near Nuren, and released their 45 bombs at 10,000 feet. As usual, no results could be observed. The 396th also strafed a train for good measure.

On the second mission our 36 planes concentrated on the town of Horff, their bombs starting oil fires and cutting the railroad line. While the 396th squadron flew top cover, the 397th strafed 15-20 box cars near Horff and the 395th bombed a railroad fill and embankment near Turnich, cutting the rails in at least one place.

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The two group missions today followed the same general pattern: lines A and D of the Green System were hit by 94 500-pounders. The results were fair and the railroads were cut in several places. A total of 71 planes took part in the two attacks, with one squadron of 12 planes flying top cover on each mission. On the first mission, Lt. Nolan of the 395th landed at Strip 92 because of flak damage.

There was heat in our new barracks this evening, and our rooms suddenly became a pleasant place to come home to. Actually, many of us were surprised that the central heating really worked, and it was a pleasant shock to get out of bed in a warm room.

7 November 1944

Two planes of the 397th flew a weather recce to the Liege-Aachen-Koblenz area in the morning; the mission, as might be expected, was generally uneventful.

For variety, we went after a supply dump instead of railroads today. A group mission released 43 bombs on warehouses and an ammunition dump near Bruck. With some strafing added for good measure, black smoke, fires, and explosions testified that results were good. Strafing destroyed two locomotives and 10 freight cars, one P/T in the town of Bruck, and a hilltop radio station. But we lost one pilot who is listed MIA: and Lt. Russell J. Grosjean of the 395th was last seen as he went into his bomb run, and it is believed that his P-47 crashed into one of the steep hills which flanked the target.

8 November 1944

The group went back to rail-cutting today; 34 planes had good results, though they had to resort to targets of opportunity when the primary targets were covered by a solid overcast. The 395th pretty completely clobbered the marshalling yards at Nettersheim, cutting the rail lines in three places with direct hits and destroying a locomotive. A strafing attack took care of a second locomotive south of the town. The 396th gave the same kind of treatment to a small marshalling yard at Mechernich and cut the railroad in at least 8 places. The 397th flew top cover on the mission.

The first few flakes of snow fell here today, though it melted before it hit the ground, and you had to look carefully to see it at all.

9 November 1944

We were assigned to attack gun positions today, but the weatherman cancelled operations. Seven consecutive days of flying at this time of year is a pretty remarkable record, however.

10 November 1944

One measly weather recce saved us from a white-washing today. Two planes of the 396th flew to the Rhine in the vicinity of Koblenz and found snow falling. That discouraged us for the day.

Put up in the new area our plumbing was in working order today, and we began to feel that we were living in the lap of luxury again--almost.

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Though he had been at Headquarters for about a week and we all knew he was our new Deputy Commander, Lt. Col. Paul P. Douglas, Jr., was officially appointed to that position today. He has been Squadron Commander of the 396th since the 368th Group was formed, and his magnificent flying record is well known to all of us.

Special Orders #136, Supporting Document #3.

11 November 1944

Two planes of the 397th took on a weather recce today, but they couldn't resist strafing and damaging a locomotive near Zulpich as a sideline. We got at that gun position assigned today; but when we reached the area, the primary targets were blotted out by overcast. Selecting targets of opportunity, 21 planes of the 396th and 397th squadrons dropped 42 bombs on railroad tracks north of Buskirchen, cutting the tracks in 2 or 3 places but reporting generally poor bombing results. The 395th flew top cover. 2nd Lt. Joe R. Burney of the 397th is listed MIA, although we do not know what happened to him. His P47 was hit by flak and was seen smoking. Sweepstakes reported that they lost contact with him 5 miles east of Aachen when the pilot said he would bail out.

Generally speaking, we failed to notice that this was Armistice Day, though France and Belgium celebrated it as a holiday. Some of our men got in on one of these events--through the medium of a soccer game. The game was scheduled by the 218th Medical Dispensary Unit, against the little town of Beloeil; and the medics called for re-inforcements when they discovered that most of their "team" had never played the game! Capt. Quinlan, Capt. Rowlin of the 395th, Sgt. Rapoza, and Pvt. Hutchins all distinguished themselves in the game, and Cpl. Giradella did even better on the bench. The Belgians made quite a ceremony of the game; not only did the entire populace of Beloeil turn out, but they presented the visiting team with a bouquet of flowers before the battle. The handsome Corporal was made custodian of the posies, and promptly distinguished himself by presenting them to the prettiest girl he could find--thus making her Queen-of-the-Day, he claims. But the pay-off came when "our" team lost the soccer game 7-5, and at the end were presented with a trophy - presumably the prize for the runnersup. The hosts didn't stop there: they feted our boys at a banquet after the game. Before the day was over, Capt. Quinlan scheduled a return game with Beloeil to be played on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 23. He has another game lined up for Sunday, No. 19, and will try to put an all-368th team on the field.

Our coal supply ran out today, and there were ugly rumors that we had already used up our ration for the month. Some of us had cold offices, while the rest of us bestirred ourselves and scraped the last dust off the ground. It burned. We were issued overshoes today--an ominous sign perhaps, but we appreciated the galoshes.

12 November 1944

We lost two captains today--and acquired a pair of majors. Capt. Leo H. East, Group S-2 Officer, and Capt. Joe B. Sparks, S-4 Officer, both appeared wearing bright new golden leaves today, though their promotions are dated as of November 1.

Capt. East joined the 368th back at strip #3 on Aug 20, succeeding Major Walton R. Ten Eyck. Although most of Major East's experience had been gained with a

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R-17 outfit back in the States and a photo recon unit in England, he was no stranger to the IX Air Force. In the pre-invasion weeks last spring when he was in the VIII Air Force, Major East had been sent to IXTAC on detached service for special work on models of the invasion coast, the work which made a successful paratroop and glider landings possible.

Our new S-2 didn't get to see much of Normandy, for we pulled up stakes and moved to Chartres on Aug 23; and Major East was in the advance party. As a matter of fact, his first couple of months with the 368th was a series of moves, for Chartres was quickly evacuated for Laon, and Laon for Chievres. Those moves presented their problems to a group which must operate while moving; and operate we did, with never a day or even an hour lost because our base of operations shifted a hundred miles or more nearer the advancing front. Perhaps the most interesting and also the most trying job along the line was tossed into Major East's lap during our few weeks at Chartres. Those were the stirring days of the liberation of Paris, when it turned out that not only the great French capital had been freed but with it several hundred allied airmen--Americans, British, and the Russians--who had been hidden by the Maquis or had escaped from the Germans on their own. Since no provision had been made for getting these men back to Great Britain, they were merely told in Paris to "go to Chartres." They went to Chartres, and since they were Air Corps men they came to our field, hoping that we could get them back to England by air. On our biggest day we had 72 such visitors, and a few days later we had we had a group commander of a medium bomber unit. It was Major East's unenviable task to explain that we were a fighter outfit just setting up our own base, and that we had no possible means of sending them back to the U.K. We did what we could for them, fed them, sometimes housed them for the night, listened to their nearly unbelievable stories--and tried to keep the whole thing from interfering with our work. But Major East found it especially difficult while he was trying to get acquainted with a new job and a new unit.

Major Sparks came to the 368th just two months before Major East, and he shared many of the same experiences. But since he was a member of the 302nd Airdrome Squadron back at Chilbolton and had come over to England in the same convoy as the 368th, he was no stranger when he became our Group S-4 Officer on June 20. In his army career the Major has been a mechanic (as an enlisted man) and an engineering officer for two years, but there were many new duties to learn as Group S-4, succeeding Major Domijan. He got little chance to get acquainted with those duties in England; for on June 23 he flew to Normandy, where the advance echelon was already set up at Strip 3. Our tour of France--and Belgium--proved interesting enough for Major Sparks, though no pleasure trip. Packing and transporting our own supplies was difficult enough, though it could be done and was done efficiently. But those supplies were only the bare essentials, if that: we could do our work better and live better if we could find and adapt for our own uses as much abandoned German equipment as possible. That's why Major Sparks was always with, or ahead of, the advance echelon. We found plenty of German materials and we used them: food, gasoline, bamboo poles, stoves... But then we'd move again and much of our "booty" had to be abandoned; we could only hope that we would be equally fortunate on our next stop along the road to Berlin. We were, but that was no accident: Major Sparks usually had a hand in the matter. To top it off, he says he likes his job!

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13 November 1944

The law of averages seems to be catching up with us after our long string of flying days the first part of the month. We were rained out again today.

Four more new pilots joined our group today and were assigned to the three squadrons, the 395th getting two in the "distribution".

Special Orders #137, Supporting Document #4.

14 November 1944

Again we were grounded by the weatherman, and we accomplished nothing which contributed directly to the prosecution of the war.

But the enlisted men got together in the new clubrooms they have fixed up in the basement of their new barracks. For over a week now some of the boys have been working on the rooms each night. Stoves were put up, a bar built, furniture brought in and painted, and murals in the shape of luscious ladies are appearing on the walls. A good deal more work was done tonight, and the first meeting of the "club" was held. They elected the only really necessary official--a treasurer. T/sgt C. J. Reese was the man they saw fit to trust with their funds. Other administrative matters will be taken care of by the "secret six"--the department heads of the various headquarters sections--Thieme, Teese, Oliver, Maienshein, Mullens, and Wallace.

15 November 1944

The weather again shut us out, but we did hold a briefing. It was held for 5 pilots who were returning to the United States. Included in the group were Capt. Clarence Staton of Combat Ops, Capt. David C. Parrish of the 396th, Capt. Russell A. O'Connell and 1st Lt. Harry C. Rogal of the 397th, and 1st Lt. Albert H. Klein-Klaus of the 395th.

Beer made its appearance in the EM Club today. Bartender Oliver reports that 4 cases were sold that first night--and that light beer was more popular than the dark.

Poscoe Ates and his troupe appeared at the Special Services theater this evening and put on a highly popular performance. The theater is not tent or hangar this time, but a real theater, with a balcony. The new theater is in Chievres, in back of the Red Cross Club, and it was evidently fixed up for us by the Heinies.

XTAC Special Order #190, Supporting Document #5.

16 November 1944

The Big Push got underway today--after it had been held up by the weather for a week. All along the line from the North Sea to Switzerland the Allied armies attacked, and we were briefed for our part in the show. Our assignment is to support the First Infantry Division--which had done us the honor of specifically asking for our group. Unfortunately, the weather was nearly impossible at Strip 84, though it opened up at times over the front. We finally got one squadron off, 16 planes of the 395th Squadron. Two of them aborted soon after take-off, but

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3 escort planes and 11 dive-bombers reached the target area despite very bad weather all the way. Booty instructed the squadron to bomb a communication center and gun positions at the south edge of Heistern, and marked the target with red smoke. The 395th released their 22-pounders; the results were estimated to be fair, though the weather made it very difficult to estimate the damage. Strafing was impossible--also because of the weather.

17 November 1944

The reports came in of advances all along the line as the Big Push went into its second day--but at Chievres it rained hard all day and we were left out of it.

We received corrections today on the status of two of our pilots which we had listed as MIA. Lt. Rudolph L. Marko of the 397th, who was reported MIA on August 1, is now listed "killed in action." Capt. Joseph Marini of the 397th, MIA on July 11, is a German prisoner of war. He is the group's third POW; the others are Lt. Robert J. Bechtold of the 396th who went down on June 14, and Lt. Hall R. Jasper, also of the 396th, who was MIA on June 22. Our first MIA, Capt. James M. Goodwin of the 395th, missing since April 22, has been reported a POW, but the group has never been officially notified on any change in his status.

For the third time in two weeks we were "re-inforced" by a group of new pilots. There were 11 this time, and they were assigned to the three squadrons.

Special Orders #139, Supporting Document #6.

18 November 1944

Sixty-eight planes got into the air today on six missions. It seemed almost like old times, and we felt confident that we could get the war rolling again.

We went back to our assignment of supporting the First Infantry, hitting specific smoke-marked targets ahead of that division and conducting armed reces to Duren and the Rhine. The 396th got off first with 16 planes, lead by their new squadron Commanding Officer, Capt. Crisp. They dropped their 24-500 pounders on the edge of a woods near Heistern as directed by Booty; the results were good. The squadron strafed the town of Heistern, a castle and tower near by (which were left burning), and six yellow buildings which may have been barracks or supply houses. Their recce was uneventful.

Major Carbine, new 397th S.O., lead 1w planes of his squadron in an attack on crossroads, artillery, and troops east of Stolberg. The results were good, with one direct hit on a crossroads. Again the recce from Duren to Eschweiler was uneventful. The 395th went back to Heistern, with Capt. Rowlin leading a 12-plane attack. Twelve direct hits were scored on a smoke-marked target. On their armed recce, the squadron strafed and destroyed 4 M/T's and one jeep, and one plane strafed an area southeast of Heistern in support of tanks.

Capt. Raer lead the second mission of the 396th, and the 12 P-47's dropped 24-500 pounders on another smoke-marked target area near Heistern. Booty reported

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a good job of bombing. A pair of Tiger tanks were strafed in the Stolberg-Duren area, but results were difficult to judge. Woods were also strafed in the same area, as requested by Booty. 2nd Lt. John R. Knauss was last seen pulling up from a strafing attack, but he did not return to the base and is listed MIA. On the last mission, Capt. Carlson lead 12 planes of the 397th Squadron, and they dropped 23-500 pounders NE of Heistern, again on smoke-marked targets. The results were good, with all the bombs in the target area. No activity was observed on the recce from Aachen to Eschweiler.

But we had one more mission. Our "alert flight", 4 planes of the 395th lead by Capt. Mazur, was scrambled into the air at 1244. They flew to a point near the Meuse River, where they were ordered by Sweepstakes to return to the base. That was all.

Another one of our sections got some deserved recognition today--our stat control men, 1st Lt. Joseph B. Brumfield Jr., Sgt. Ferrell P. Wellman, and Cpl. Joe Pcsolyar. Lt. Brumfield received a letter of commendation from Col. E.G. Hamel of the 26th Statistical Control Unit, Headquarters, Ninth Air Force. In a more personal letter from IXTAC, Lt. Brumfield was assured "that of all the Fighter Groups in the Ninth Air Force your OPREFS were the best." The letter of commendation will be found in Supporting Document #7.

Letter, 26th Stat. Con. Unit, Hq, Ninth Air Force (12 Nov 1944), Supporting Document #7.

19 November 1944

Seventy-six planes flew missions in support of the First Infantry today, certainly our best day's work in a long while! Each squadron flew two missions of 12 planes each, and our alert flight of 4 planes of the 396th Squadron was called out at 1127 to bomb Duren by control of the 524 Radar. Marmite #1 instructed the 4 P-47's to drop their 8 500 pounders west of a railroad at Duren, and the bombing results were very good. Capt. Baer lead the flight.

Capt. Carlson lead the 397th on the first mission of the day. Six of the P47's dropped their 12 frag bombs on smoke-marked woods north of Heistern, and the other 6 released a dozen 500 pounders on a road from Heistern to Langerwehe. Bombing results were excellent. Sweepstakes then vectored the squadron to trains northeast of Duren, and the 397th obliged by strafing them and destroying 2 locomotives. On their recce east of Duren 3 M/T's were strafed and destroyed.

The 395th ran into some bandits on their mission and eliminated a few of them. But first they took care of their assignment from Booty: dropping 12 frags and 12 more 500 pounders on smoke northwest of Heistern and strafing that town. Then 2- plus FW190's jumped our P47's over the target area. Lt. Diman nailed one bandit, and the Focke-Wolfe exploded in mid-air. Lt. Williams hit one Heinie, which promptly crash-landed, and then went on to destroy a second plane. Lt. Ralston is credited with one FW190 destroyed, when the enemy planes started smoling and heading straight down. Lt. Caldwell destroyed one

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Jerry plane and damaged another, over Eschweiler. An unusual aspect of the encounter was that the Germans kept shooting flak at our planes all during the dogfight. 2nd Lt. Charles P. Earls is listed MIA as a result of the encounter. During the fight a P47 was seen being fired upon by a bandit and later start smoking and go downwards. A parachute was seen in the air about the same time, and the 395th pilots believe that this may have been Lt. Earls.

On the return to Strip 84, Lt. Fortney landed at Strip 93 due to an oil line break resulting from battle damage.

The 396th scored 6 direct hits out of 18 bombs on an area near Heistern supposedly containing tanks. They followed up by strafing in the same area, at the request of Booty. A three-steepled castle was one of the strafing targets, and Booty reported good work. Six leaflet bombs were delivered at Dreibern, Morsbach, and Wlatten. On the 397th's second mission Booty marked 20 gun positions by smoke; the squadron dropped their 500 pounders on buildings and their frags on woods. Though all the bombs fell on the target area, no results could be observed. The squadron also strafed the streets of Werken as requested by Booty and dropped 6 leaflet bombs south of Schleiden and north of Julich. Nothing was observed on a recce in the Koln area.

The 395th released 12 frags and 12-500 pounders on Langerwehe, as assigned by Booty, and reported a good dispersal of bombs. They followed up by strafing artillery positions near Weisweiler and a rocket-launching position southeast of the town. On the last mission of the day, the 396th had excellent results with 500 pounders and frags, again on targets assigned by Booty. Good hits were scored just east of Weisweiler on houses containing 8-10 artillery positions, and at Langerwehe on tanks and buildings.

For a change, the weather was generally good.

20 November 1944

We were rained out again and the day was pretty uneventful. But there was another sign of winter: the C.C.'s tent was floored and walls up and generally weather-proofed. While the work went on, a temporary headquarters was set up for our biggest wheels in a pyramidal tent behind the permanent site.

The 368th scored another "first" today. Ted Malone, radio correspondent for the Blue Network, made a "piggy-back" combat flight over the Aachen area in a P-47 piloted by Major Harold Sparks. That was the first flight ever made over a battle area by a war correspondent in a P-47. The full story will be found in a supporting document.

Ninth Air Force News Release (20 Nov 1944), Supporting Document #8.

21 November 1944

The weather wasn't exactly CAVU today, but we did get one squadron of 11 planes off in support of the First Infantry. Sixteen 500 pounders and 6 frag bombs were dropped on the town of Binsfeld as directed by Disco #1. Flames and smoke were observed after the bombing. Major Carbine, who lead his 397th F-47's on the mission, then conducted an armed recce from Eschweiler to Duren and north of Duren, as requested by Booty, but nothing was observed because of the heavy cloud coverage.

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In a very unfortunate accident today in Chievres Sgt. Merrill C. Holmes of the 397th was killed and S/Sgt Leslie W. Angle of the same squadron was seriously injured. The men, who were riding in a weapons carrier, were struck by an iron bar projecting from the rear of a passing truck.

The weather grounded our group today and no missions were flown.

Special Orders #140, Supporting Document #7.

22 November 1944

Our group football squad began practice today, after the first organization meeting held last night. A good-sized squad representing various units in the 368th turned out, including a number of very good prospects. Besides Capt. Guinlan, who is player-manager-coach, T/Sgt McConnell, Sgt. Lonien, and trainer Anderson represent Group headquarters. The first scrimmage is set for No. 27, and the opening game is to be held in Ath on Sunday, Dec 3, with the 404th Fighter Group furnishing the opposition.

No missions were flown today.

23 November 1944

The weatherman decided to give us all day to concentrate on Thanksgiving and digest our turkey. He even sent a little rain to make sure that we couldn't operate. And our mess staff came through with a real Thanksgiving dinner: roast turkey and dressing, sweet potatoes, peas and carrots, peach and pineapple sauce, cranberries, and cake--and hard candy. We bulged somewhat when we came out of the messhall, and most of us agreed that it was our best meal since we hit the continent.

Three headquarters W--Hutchins, Raposa, and Glasrud--with S/Sgt Philip Marchese of the 395th and two men from the 365th Group went to Reloeil in the afternoon to bolster the 218th Medics in a return soccer game with the town of Reloeil. This time the GI's won 8-7, but perhaps more important than the game itself were the trimmings. There was coffee (ersatz) and cognac between halves, and flowers, beer, and cognac after the game. Our boys also got in on a second turkey dinner and blueberry pie, with the 218th as hosts.

The group officers had a big party at their club tonight, with plenty of wine, women, and song. The orchestra came from Brussels, as did some of the girls, and probably the hard likker, too. The party sort of broke up about midnight.

But the happiest man in the 368th Group today was S/ Sgt Leo Karp, who received his orders to go back to the States under the army rotation plan. Sgt. Karp has been in the ETO since October 1942, and this was his third Thanksgiving on the wrong side of the Atlantic. Now he expects to spend Christmas in Brooklyn. He will leave Monday, November 27.

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24 November 1944

We flew no missions today, the weatherman conspiring against us again. Again we received a group of new pilots, the fourth and largest group of the month. The twelve officers, all 2nd lieutenants this time, were divided among the squadrons, with the 397th getting 7 new pilots.

We finally managed to get some recognition for our two AIO clerk-drivers. Pvts. Robert E. Lampe and Sydney R. Jacques were awarded Good Conduct Medals.

Special Orders #141, Supporting Document #10.

25 November 1944

To show the First Infantry that we hadn't forgotten them, we sent 72 P47's out to support the doughboys today and took care of the targets they assigned. Our dive-bombers also found time to clobber a few vehicles: 2 locomotives were destroyed and 6 freight cars probably wrecked; 1 half-track was ruined; and 20 M/T's were destroyed and 3 more damaged.

The 395th lead off by bombing and strafing the town of Geich as assigned by Booty, and the target obligingly exploded and produced some very satisfactory flames. Four planes of the squadron also distributed 12 leaflet bombs (containing the latest issue of Front Post) between Gemund and Zulpich. The 396th went after some more artillery positions at Langerwehe and a castle to the southeast, scoring good hits with 500 pounders and 260 pound frag bombs. The dive-bombers also strafed the town during their bomb run and the north bank of the road and railroad from Schlich to Langerwehe.

The 397th went after moving targets. Booty asked the squadron to bomb a train, and the 397th bombed and strafed, destroying the locomotive and probably wrecking the 6 carloads of cranes or RR guns. Then the P47's went on to clobber an assortment of M/T's east of Duren, and when a cluster of haystacks looked suspicious, they gave the hay a few squirts, too. Men were seen running out of the stacks and tracks were observed leading into them, so the squadron assumed that "it wasn't hay"--but more probably tanks.

On their second mission the 395th dropped all they had--500 pounders and frags--in buildings, including warehouses and a church at Schlich. A number of buildings were hit and fires started; and Booty, who assigned the target, reported excellent results. The squadron also strafed the town of Echts and the road north out of the town. The 396th bombed and strafed a variety of targets. Booty asked the squadron to bomb artillery positions and a division C.P. at Merken and the 396th promptly delivered both 500-pounders and frags, with good results (or bad, from the German viewpoint). Then, a halftrack and a locomotive were destroyed, and a concentration of German troops worked over. The results on the Heinies could not be observed, but the strafing probably did them no good. The 397th had a similar mission. Booty's first assignment was an artillery position in Stammeln, and 6 bombs hit this target. A fuel dump came next and 8 bombs found this target, with black smoke resulting. One bomb, plus some strafing, took care of a munitions dump at Echts; an explosion followed. Then another troop concentration came in for some attention: 8 frag bombs were dropped and the troops strafed--with very good results.

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26 November 1944

Five missions were flown today, a total of 58 planes getting into the air to support the First Infantry. Our orders again were to get our targets from Booty and following the bombing to conduct an armed reconce between the First Infantry front and the Rhine River. Thirty-eight planes carried 500-pounders, and 20 loaded 260-pound frags.

The 396th lead off and dropped their bombs with fair results on a smoke-marked target near Langerwehe--NRO. The town of Luckem was strafed on Booty's request. The 395th dropped all their bombs on a smoke-marked target between Schlich and Duren and also strafed the target, probably gun positions. Booty reported excellent results. The 397th dropped their frags on gun positions northeast of Schlich (NRO) and their 500-pounders on a troop concentration just west of Langerwehe, this time getting excellent results with all the bombs right on the smoke-marked target. Nothing was observed on reconces northeast of Duren and on to Cologne.

The 396th's second mission started out like all the others. Bombs were dropped on buildings southwest of Langerwehe, on a factory and other structures south of the town, and more bombs right in Langerwehe. Booty marked the target with smoke, and the 396th got excellent results, scoring a number of direct hits. Then the fun started. Three ME109's were seen NW of Duren, apparently attacking another group of P47's. The 396th chased the bandits but could not catch them and made no claims. 2nd Lt. Boyd E. Johnson was seen to belly land his plane between Eschweiler and Aachen, in American-held territory. Three of our soldiers were at the plane and the canopy was open when the squadron left the area, confident that the pilot would soon be back at Strip 84. His plane may have been damaged by encounter with e/a or flak. The second 395th mission was routine again. Booty wanted a detrucking point in the town of Jungersdorf bombed, and the squadron dropped all their bombs on the smoke--with excellent results. The reconce to Cologne and south was uneventful.

27 November 1944

Though our total of planes dispatched dropped again today, 36 of our P47's got out to the Langerwehe area in support of the First Infantry. Nothing exactly spectacular happened, but each squadron got in one good crack at the Heinies and really made their bombing and strafing count.

The 397th flew the first mission, with Major Leary leading the squadron. Sixteen 500-pounders were dropped on Reich, and all the bombs found their target. The town was smoking when the planes left. Booty's next target was artillery positions in a town northwest of Duren, and the squadron released their frag bombs. Again the bombing results were excellent, with hits being closely concentrated on artillery positions clustered around the buildings. With their bombs gone, the squadron really went to work on the German rolling stock. Capt. Krause's flight strafed 4 trains, each containing from 20 to 50 cars. In each case the locomotives were destroyed or badly damaged, and the cars thoroughly worked over. The flight then strafed and damaged gun positions northwest of Duren. The rest of the squadron did equally well, adding 4 more locomotives and many freight cars to their destroyed or damaged toll, besides 20-25 assorted vehicles. Two planes worked over 4 more gun positions while two others strafed a couple of towns in the area southwest of Dusseldorf. Major Leary's plane was hit by flak as he strafed the gun positions, and he turned his plane westward in an attempt to get back to our lines. He first called Sweepstakes that he would bail out, but finally managed to belly-

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land his plane about 7 miles east of Maastricht. Later we received a message that he was unhurt and would return to Strip 84 in a couple of days.

The 395th gave the town of Geich another beating, dropping all their frag bombs there and strafing as they bombed. Two fires were started. Pooty smoke-marked a factory and other buildings between Langerwehe and Geich, and the squadron's 500 pounders scored 9 direct hits, starting a number of fires. A recce to the Rhine was uneventful. The 396th also dropped their 500-pounders on a factory and railroad close to the Rhine River south of Cologne. The factory was probably destroyed by several good hits, and other bombs landed close to the railroad. A locomotive and 40 cars on the RR came in for some of the damage, with about 10 of the cars believed destroyed. The squadron dropped their frag bombs on the town of Merken.

In a big presentation ceremony held here today, General Mesada awarded a total of 51 assorted medals. It should have been 52, but Major Leary couldn't make it back in time to receive his Bronze Star. He was up at the front lines after he had been forced to belly-land his flak-damaged plane. But 25 Bronze Stars were awarded, (mostly to crew chiefs), 6 Purple Hearts and one Oak Leaf Clusters to a Purple Heart, 18 Air Medals, and one Soldiers Medal.

28 November 1944

Our total sorties dropped again today, but we were still flying and sent out 23 planes to support the First Infantry Division. The first mission, flown by the 395th, went back to Langerwehe, and 16 500 pounders were dropped on a factory and troop concentration in the northeastern part of the town. With Booty marking the target with smoke, 5-6 direct hits were scored and the results were generally excellent. The squadron then dropped their 8 frags and strafed a little farther to the northeast. The frags were dropped on another troop concentration and the area strafed was supposed to contain 5 tanks, but no results could be observed in either case.

Booty assigned the town of Luchem to the 396th. Eight P-47's dropped their 500-pounders on the north part of the town, and the controller reported a good job. The other three planes planted their frags in the southern part of the town, with fair results. On a recce over the highway to Duren, an armored car was strafed and damaged. Three planes were damaged by flak, and 1st Lt. John M. Loeb was forced to belly his plane in west of Aachen. He was only slightly injured and with the help of a little first aid was soon back at Strip 84.

29 November 1944

We turned bomber escorts on our first mission today, but our P-47's turned back into dive-bombers before they returned to the base. Twelve planes of the 397th were vectored by Marmite to St. Vith, where they contacted 12 B-26's who were on their way back from bombing. The squadron escorted the bombers for about 10 minutes, then contacted Marmite I, and were directed to Euskirchen, where they dropped all their bombs through the overcast. Major Carbine then lead his squadron on a fighter sweep to the east and south. A 15-car train, minus a locomotive, was strafed and damaged.

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Having started with this type of work on this morning's mission, the group went back to more escort work in the afternoon, sending out 36 more F-47's as fighter escorts for medium bombers. The 395th conducted 36 B-26's to their target--Limburg and back as far as Givet. On a similar mission, the 397th met 36 more B-26's at Nancy, escorted them to their bombing target--between Karlsruhe and Baden, and stayed with the mediums until they got back to Nancy. The 396th drew 35 A-20's instead of Marauders, the rendezvous was Sedan, and the target--again near Limburg. All three missions were completely uneventful: no enemy aircraft were encountered and there was no damage from flak.

30 November 1944

The last day of the month started out badly. First T/Sgt Fox was conked on the noggin by a large section of plaster which fell from the messhall ceiling and not only completely spoiled his dehydrated eggs and oatmeal but cut his head slightly. Then we discovered that the PX would not open for business as usual, though this was Thursday. But things brightened somewhat when we drew our pay (in the Snack Bar, Lt. Ward officiating). Furthermore, Old Man Fox showed up as usual near the head of the pay line, with only a couple of scratches on his brow; and the comforting rumor went around that the PX would have cigarettes for us on Saturday. That was certainly good news, for the boys were already rolling their own, taking up pipe smoking, and talking wildly of smoking English cigarettes.

But the brightest spot of all at the end of the month was our operations record. The 36th Group dispatched 72 P-47's on dive-bombing in support of the First Infantry Division. All the planes carried bombs, 8 out of each squadron loading 2 x 500# GP bombs each and the other 4 planes 2 x 260# frag bombs each.

Footy smoke-marked gun emplacements in a gravel pit and a little town west of Duren; the 396th dropped all their bombs on this target. Hits were seen in the town and near the pit. The squadron then strafed the area between a road and railroad running parallel towards Duren. The 397th dropped their bombs on a smoke-marked target in Dhorn and got all their bombs in the target area. On their armed recce the squadron strafed and damaged 7 armored vehicles, strafed and destroyed a locomotive, and strafed the general area from Dhorn to Duren-NRO. But the 395th had even better results--or more spectacular at least. Their frags bombs destroyed a gun position, and the 500-pounders were dropped on a train with 20 plus Tiger tanks sitting on flat cars. Three bombs hit the train and the others were near misses, but the squadron wasn't satisfied with that and added to the wreckage by strafing the train. The estimated damage is: 10 cars and tanks destroyed, 10 more cars and tanks damaged, 2 locomotives and one armored vehicle destroyed, another armored vehicle damaged, and 6 more freight cars destroyed.

On their second mission the 396th dropped their 500 pounders on a well-camouflaged gun emplacement at Oberzier, north of Duren, and followed up by strafing the target. Footy marked a target by smoke east of Schlich, and the squadron's frag bombs were dropped on 150 soldiers and 3 M/T's, following up by strafing. The results were excellent with the M/T's destroyed and the soldiers dispersed, probably with heavy casualties. The 397th dropped 4 500 pounders on a command post at Hoven with good results, and the rest of their bombs on Rheinback. Their 500-pounders hit the mars-

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shalling yard and factories, and the frags were released on the town. The squadron strafed while they bombed. One P-47 dropped a pair of 500-pounders SE of Werken. Organ assigned the 395th to the town of Gey, where the squadron dropped their 16 500-pounders on artillery positions with good results. Then Ballad sent them to Eggersheim, where the 8 frags were released on more artillery positions. Though the squadron strafed as they bombed, the 395th got only fair to poor results on this second bombing, due to the overcast.

One of our new pilots was killed in a training flight today: 2nd Lt. George W. Hickman crashed near Pommeroeul, Belgium, and was killed instantly. The cause of the accident could not be ascertained.

Our flying record for November was better than the preceding month's in some ways. The group got planes into the air 19 days out of 30, and we flew a total of 836 sorties. Better yet, we had a good string of consecutive flying days still running at the end of the month, promising to get the new month off to a good start. There was even hope that the new offensive we were supporting might yet end the war this year--or this winter; but most of us were not that optimistic.

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HEADQUARTERS
368TH FIGHTER GROUP

AFO 595, U. S. Army
3 November 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS)

NUMBER 132)

1. Pursuant to auth contained in 3rd Ind fr Ninth Air Force, 21 Apr 1944 to Ltr, Hq U S Strategic Air Forces in Europe, 20 Mar 1944, file 245.8 x 354.7, subj: "Auth for Mont Alws at Air Force Rest Homes," the following named officers are placed on temp dy, will proceed fr Hq 368th Ftr Gp to Eynsham Hall, AAF Sta 567 UK, o/a 3 Nov 1944 for a period of seven (7) days, exclusive of travel time, for the purpose of carrying out the instructions of the CG, Ninth Air Force. Upon completion of this temp dy, they will ret to proper orgn and sta. TDN by MT, mil acft or rail.

Where Govt qrs and subs are not available, reimbursement for actual cost of qrs are not to exceed 4.00 dollars per day and per diem 1.25 dollars in lieu of subs is atzd while in a travel status, in accordance w/Par 2, Cir 63, Hq European T of Opns USA, 5 June 1944. 60-105 F 432-02 A 212/50425 and 60-136 F 432-02 A 212/50425.

Per diem 1.25 dollars in lieu of subs is atzd in accordance with Par 4, U. S. Strategic Air Forces in Europe, Reg No 30-3, 29 Sept 1944. 60-136 F 410-01 A 212/50200.

Capt RUSSELL A. O'CONNELL 0732326 AC
1st Lt HENRY B. HAMILTON 0805617 AC

2. Capt HAROLD J. KESSLER, 0561410, AC, is appointed Investigating Officer to investigate Courts-Martial charges against Pvt Robert B. Dunlap, 13009110, 397th Fighter Squadron. Complete report of investigation on WD AGO Form No 120 will be submitted to this Hq in triplicate.

3. The following named O are placed on TD for a period of approximately five (5) days, will proceed fr this sta o/a 5 Nov 1944 to IX TAC reporting to Information Desk, IX TAC by 1600 hours, 5 Nov 1944 for the purpose of attending an indoctrination course. Each O will bring bedding roll and suitable clothing for field trips. Upon completion of this TD, O will ret to prop orgn and sta. TDN by MT, mil acft or rail. 60-105 F 432-02 A 212/50425. Auth: TWX IX TAC N47J.

Lt Col PAUL P. DOUGLAS JR 0432187 AC
Capt MARSHALL E. MUMAW 0732315 AC
Capt CARLOS M. TALBOTT 025797 AC

4. Having been asgd this orgn per par 5, SO 180, Hq IX TAC, dated 1 Nov 1944, 1st Lt (4822) THOMAS G. MONAHAN, 0583418, AC, is further asgd 396th Ftr Sq.

5. So much of par 3, SO 190, this Hq, es, as pertains to 1st Lt DAVID M. SHARP, 0680093, AC, is deleted. (Pertains to operational leave for officers)

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SO 132, Hq 368th Ftr Gp, dtd 3 Nov 1944, Cont'd.

6. The VOCO 368th Ftr Gp of 31 Oct 1944, under exigencies which prevented the issuance of advance orders, are hereby confirmed and made of record;

"The following named officers are appointed to witness and verify the cash balance of Major JOHN P. VOLIVA, 0311398, FD, Accountable Disbursing Officer, as of the close of business, 31 Oct 1944:

Capt GEORGE E. MYERS 0569530 AC
1st Lt ROBERT J. NACHTWEY 0569537 AC*

7. 1st Lt MARVIN E. WARD, 0863713, AC, is appointed Gp Armament and Chemical Officer, princ duty.

8. So much of par 2, SO 131, this Hq, cs, as pertains to 1st Lt WILLIAM J. GARRY, 0679856, AC, is deleted. (Pertains to operational leave for officers).

(Travel directed is pursuant to auth contained in Ltr, EFOUSA, 24 May 1944).

By order of Lt Col PEREGO:

OFFICIAL:

HUGH L. RICE,
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HEADQUARTERS
368TH FIGHTER GROUP

APO 595, U. S. Army
5 November 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS)

NUMBER 133)

1. The following named officers are granted two (2) days operational leave, will proceed fr this sta o/a 5 November 1944 to Paris, France, reporting upon arrival to Ninth Air Force Liaison Officer, American Express Building, Amber and Scribe. Upon completion of this leave O's will ret to proper orgn and sta. TDN by MF. 60-105 P 432-02 A 212/50425 and 60-114 P 432-02 A 212/50425.

AUTH: Ltr, 9 AF, file 220-711, subj: "Rest and Recuperation Leaves for Combat Crew Personnel," dated 10 Oct 1944, and teletype IX TAC, 0809C dated 26 Oct 1944:

1st Lt WALTER G. LOUGHARY	0802321	AC	(In charge)
2d Lt BOYD E. JOHNSON	0766544	AC	
2d Lt ROBERT M. PAGE	0770112	AC	
2d Lt HAROLD D. HAMMETT	0770258	AC	

2. Cpl (245) Joe Zolin, 39274332, 397th Ftr Sq, is placed on TD for a period of approximately five (5) days, will proceed fr this sta o/a 5 Nov 1944 for the purpose of driving officers to Hq IX TAC. Upon completion of this TD, EM will ret to proper orgn and sta. TDN by MF. 60-105 P 432-02 A 212/50425. AUTH: TWX IX TAC M:7J.

3. 1st Lt JOHN M. LCEE, 0681684, AC, is placed on TD for approximately three (3) days, will proceed from this sta o/a 6 Nov 1944 to Shimay Rocket Range on matters pertaining to this command. TDN by MF. Upon completion of this TD O will ret to proper orgn and sta. 60-105 P 432-02 A 212/50425 and 60-114 P 432-02 A 212/50425. AUTH: VOCC, 70th Fighter Wing.

4. Having been asgd this orgn per par 11, SO 18, Hq 134th Rpl Bn, dtd 2 Nov 1944, the following named officers are further asgd to Sq as indicated:

395th Fighter Squadron

Capt (1055) VIRGIL NORIEGA	0404093	AC
2d Lt (1055) CARL E. HORD	0561306	AC
2d Lt (1055) WALTER W. SCOTT	0830338	AC

397th Fighter Squadron

2d Lt (1055) BILLY B. ARLEDGE	0711903	AC
2d Lt (1055) LEONARD H. KOSTRACH	0830016	AC
2d Lt (1055) JACK L. CONANT	0715476	AC
2d Lt (1055) CYRIL J. KONESNY	0830015	AC
2d Lt (1055) LESLIE R. LEAVOY	0830020	AC
1st Lt (1055) DALLAS J. CLARY	0816748	AC

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SO 133, Hq 368th Ftr Gp, dtd 5 Nov 1944, Cont'd.

5. Par 2, SO 113, this Hq. cs, pertaining to appointment of Special Courts-Martial, is rescinded.

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

DETAIL FOR THE COURT

Major JAMES R. WERNLI	0386976	AC
Capt ERNEST R. FENDLETON	01638240	AC
Capt STANLEY G. JOHNSON JR	0583430	AC
Capt ROBERT G. BERGMAN	0567286	AC
Capt LEONARD L. KREMEN	01578724	QMC
Capt RICHARD R. WEISS	0570712	AC
Capt MAURICE D. POWELL	0650448	AC (Trial Judge Advocate)
1st Lt SAMUEL KUSHNER	0856309	AC (Defense Counsel)

(Travel directed is pursuant to auth contained in Ltr, Hq European T of Opns USL, 24 May 1944)

By order of Lt Col FEREGO:

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368TH FIGHTER GROUP

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11 November 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS)
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1. Sgt Yates M. Hampton; 34036414, 1293rd Military Police Co (Avn) is placed on temp dy for a period of approximately one (1) day, will proceed fr this sta o/a 11 Nov 1944 to pick up Pvt Robert E. Dunlap, 13009110, 397th Ftr Sq, now confined at the Ninth Air Force Continental Stockade, APO 696. Upon completion of this TD, EM will return to proper sta and orgn: 60-105 F 432-02 A 212/50425 and 60-114 F 432-02 A 212/50425. AUTH: VOCC, IX TAC.
 2. Lt Col PAUL F. DOUGLAS, JR, 0432187, AC, is appointed Deputy Commander, vice Lt Col FRANK S. FEREGO, 0426422, AC, reld.
 3. Sgt (555) Joseph O. Cardwell; 34709495, 395th Ftr Sq, is placed on temp dy for a period of approximately six (6) weeks, will proceed fr this sta o/a 13 Nov 1944 to No 8 School of Technical Training, Weeton, Lancashire, for the purpose of attending a course of instruction in Sheet Metal. Advance PX rations are authorized. Upon completion of this temp dy, EM will ret to proper sta and orgn. TDN by MT, mil acft or rail. 60-105 F 432-02 A 212/50425 and 60-136 F 432-02 A 212/50425. AUTH: Ltr, Hq IX TAC, file 352, subj: "Assignment of Personnel to Training Schools," dtd 7 Nov 1944.
 4. Having been asgd this orgn per par 6, SO 183, Hq IX TAC, dtd 4 Nov 1944. Cpl (555) Warren D. Cantrell, 33560453, is further asgd to 397th Ftr Sq.
 5. Having been asgd this orgn per par 8, SO 185, Hq IX TAC, dtd 7 Nov 1944. Major (1055) ANTHONY A. ROZGA, 0421653, AC, is further asgd to 397th Ftr Sq.
- (Travel directed is pursuant to auth contained in Ltr, Hq European T of Opns U' 24 May 1944)

By order of Lt Col FEREGO:

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13 November 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS)

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1. The following named EM, Hq 368th Ftr Gp, are placed on temp dy for a period of three (3) days, will proceed fr this sta o/a 13 November 1944 to the 2nd, 7th and 16th Air Depots for the purpose of procuring aircraft supplies. Upon completion of this temp dy, EM will ret to proper orgn and sta. TIN by MT. 60-105 P 432-02 A 212/50425 and 60-114 P 432-02 A 212/50425. AUTH: VOGG IX TAC.

T/Sgt (826) Delmar C. Eicher 15068175
T/Sgt (911) Seldon D. Fox 6362900

2. Capt ROBERT G. BERGMAN, 0567286, AC, is placed on temp dy for a period of approximately three (3) days, will proceed fr this sta o/a 14 November 1944 to Hq IX TAC for the purpose of attending a photographic meeting. Upon completion of this temp dy, he will ret to proper orgn and sta. TIN by MT. 60-105 P 432-02 A 212/50425. AUTH: TWX IX TAC.

3. Having been asgd this orgn per par 1, SO 21, Hq 124th Rpl Bn (AAF) dated 5 Nov 1944, the following named officers are further asgd to Sq as indicated:

395TH FIGHTER SQUADRON
2d Lt (1055) JOSEPH T. SPRINGS 0827532 AC
F/O (1055) JOHN W. RUSSELL T62605 AC

396TH FIGHTER SQUADRON
2d Lt (1055) EDWIN J. SODEFLUND 0707747 AC

397TH FIGHTER SQUADRON
2d Lt (1055) CARL W. UTERHART 0826806 AC

(Travel directed is pursuant to auth contained in Ltr, Hq European T of Opns USA, 24 May 1944)

By order of Lt Col PEREGO:

OFFICIAL:

Maurice D. Powell
MAURICE D. POWELL,
Capt., Air Corps,
Assistant Adjutant.

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1. Pursuant to the auth contained in Par 2b, Secret Ltr, Hq US Strategic Air Forces in Europe, Subj: "Combat Crew Rehabilitation Policy", dated 2 August 1944, and Secret TTX Ninth Air Force (Rear) S394C, dated 19 September 1944, the following named O are reld fr asgmt w/orgns indicated, asgd, WF 127th Repl Control Bn, Sta 591 to await transportation to the ZT. TDN by MT, mil acft or rail. 60-105 P 431-02 A 212/50425.

CAPT RUSSELL A O'CONNELL	0732326 AC 368th Fighter Gp
CAPT DAVID C. PARRISH	0678912 AC 368th Fighter Gp
CAPT CLARENCE STATION	0678967 AC 368th Fighter Gp
1ST LT WILLIAM E BYERS	0755870 AC 474th Fighter Gp
1ST LT CLIVER S HUSER JR	0756594 AC 474th Fighter Gp
1ST LT ALBERT H. KLEINLAUS	0745419 AC 368th Fighter Gp
1ST LT HAROLD J. LMGSTAD	0755979 AC 474th Fighter Gp
1ST LT RALPH V MORAND	0755996 AC 474th Fighter Gp
1ST LT HARRY C ROGAL	0681705 AC 368th Fighter Gp
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(Travel directed is pursuant to auth contained in Ltr, Hq European T of Opns USA, 24 May 1944)

By command of Major General QUESADA:

A.C. KINCAID,
Brig Gen, USA,
Chief of Staff

OFFICIAL:

/s/ A. S. Fetterman,
A. S. FETTERMAN,
Capt, Air Corps,
Asst Adj General

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HEADQUARTERS
368TH FIGHTER GROUP

APO 595, U. S. Army
17 November 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS)

NUMBER 139)

1. Capt WILLIAM E. QUINLAN, 0566474, AC, is placed on temp dy for a period of approximately three (3) days, will proceed fr this sta o/a 18 Nov 1944 to Hq Ninth Air Force and to the Army Fictorial Service, Paris, France, for the purpose of obtaining athletic equipment. Upon completion of this temp dy, he will ret to proper orgn and sta. TDN by MT. 60-105 F 432-02 A 212/50425 and 60-114 F 432-02 A 212/50425. AUTH: VCCG IX TAG.

2. Capt VADIE F. FYLAND, 0505551, CMC, 1293rd Military Police Co (Avn) is placed on temp dy for a period of approximately six (6) days, will proceed fr this sta o/a 20 Nov 1944 to Cherbourg, France for the purpose of appearing as a witness in a General Courts-Martial. Upon completion of this temp dy, O will ret to proper orgn and sta. TDN by MT. 60-105 F 432-02 A 212/50425 and 60-114 F 432-02 A 212/50425. AUTH: VCCG Normandy Base Section.

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

DETAIL FOR THE COURT

Major JAMES R. WERNLI	0386976	AC
Capt ERNEST R. BENDLETON	01638240	AC
Capt STANLEY C. JOHNSON JR	0583430	AC
Capt ROBERT G. BERGMAN	0567286	AC
Capt LEONARD L. KREMEN	01578724	QMC
Capt RICHARD R. WEISS	0570712	AC
Capt WILLIAM T. MCGANN	01095940	CWS (Trial Judge Advo)
Capt FRANKLIN A. DICK	0565197	AC (Defense Counsel)

4. Under the provisions of AR 95-10 and in accordance with authority contained in Articles of War 10, Lt Col LEMUEL R. GORRELL, 0415495, AC, is appointed Summary Court, vice Capt MAURICE D. FOWELL, 0650448, AC, reld.

5. Under the provisions of Par 1 c (4) (o), AR 345-415, as amended by Changes #4, 1st Lt SAMUEL R. SCHOFIELD, 0582942, AC, is appointed Investigating Officer to investigate and report upon all the circumstances connected with the incurrence of injuries of T/Sgt Paul E. Travick. 14081785, o/a 30 August 1944, and to determine whether injuries were incurred in line of duty or as a result of his own misconduct. Complete Report of Investigation on WD AGO Form 51 will be submitted in quintuplicate.

SO 139, Hq 368th Ftr Gp, dtd 17 Nov 1944, Cont'd.

6. Having been asgd this orgn per par 1 SO 303, Hq 128th Rpl Bn (AAF) dated 12 Nov 1944, the following named officers are further asgd to Sq as indicated:

1st Lt (1055)	JAMES J. BINTER	0661697	AC	395th Fighter Squadron
1st Lt (1055)	ABNER L. JONES	0668246	AC	396th Fighter Squadron

7. Having been asgd this orgn per par 11, SO 28, Hq 134th Rpl Bn (AAF) dated 12 Nov 1944, the following named officers are further asgd to Sq as indicated:

1st Lt (1055)	WILLIAM S. LEWIS	0793003	AC	397th Fighter Squadron
1st Lt (1055)	HENRY A. YANDEL	0804268	AC	397th Fighter Squadron
2d Lt (1055)	JAMES E. HUTCHERSON	0829997	AC	397th Fighter Squadron
2d Lt (1055)	GEROLD H. BREUER	0716049	AC	396th Fighter Squadron
2d Lt (1055)	JOSEPH H. HUNT	0829996	AC	396th Fighter Squadron
2d Lt (1055)	DONALD D. CAMPBELL	0714864	AC	396th Fighter Squadron
2d Lt (1055)	ROBERT J. HELLWIG	0829990	AC	395th Fighter Squadron
2d Lt (1055)	VERNON M. JETTY	0830001	AC	395th Fighter Squadron
2d Lt (1055)	THOMAS F. HOADE JR	0829991	AC	395th Fighter Squadron

8. Under the provisions of AR 615-5, 30 June 1944 and upon the recommendation of their Orgn Condr, the following named EM, 395th Ftr Sq, are reduced to the gr of Pvt for misconduct:

Cpl (405)	Edward G. Fountain	12190244
Cpl (861)	Joseph H. Daniel	34727907

9. The VOCC 368th Ftr Gp of 10 Nov 1944, under exigencies which prevented the issuance of advance orders, are hereby confirmed and made of record:

"Lt Col PAUL I. DOUGLAS, JR, 0432187, AC, is appointed Gp Air Inspector vice Lt Col FRANK S. FEREGO, 0426422, AC, reld."

10. The VOCC 368th Ftr Gp of 10 Nov 1944, under exigencies which prevented the issuance of advance orders, are hereby confirmed and made of record:

"Lt Col JOHN D. W. HAESLER, 0432193, AC, is appointed Gp Tactical Inspector vice Lt Col FRANK S. FEREGO, 0426422, AC, reld."

11. Pvt Sidney B. Jacques, 33748318, is placed on temp dy for a period of approximately three (3) days, will proceed fr this sta c/a 18 Nov 1944 to Branch Office of the JAG, Hq ETCUSA, APO 887 for the purpose of appearing for an interview. Upon completion of this temp dy, EM will ret to proper orgn and sta. TDN by MT. 60-105 F 432-02 A 212/50425 and 60-114 F 432-02 A 212/50425. AUTH: Ltr Hq BONTAG, subj: "Assignment of Enlisted Man", file 220.3, dated 13 Nov 1944.

12. Pursuant to the auth contained in 3rd Ind fr Hq Ninth Air Force, 21 April 1944 to Ltr, Hq US Strategic Air Forces in Europe, 20 March 1944, file 245.8 x 354.7, subj: "Auth for Mont Alvs at Air Force Rest Hores," the following named officers are placed on temp dy, will proceed fr Hq 368th Ftr Gp to AAF Sta 524, c/a 18 Nov 1944 for a period of seven (7) days, exclusive of travel time, for the purpose of carrying out the instructions of the CG, Ninth Air Force. Upon completion of this temp dy, they will ret to proper orgn. TDN by MT, nil acft or rail.

SO 139, Hq 368th Ftr Grp, dtd 17 Nov 1944
par 12 Cont'd.

Where Govt qrs and subs are not available in the UK, reimbursement for actual cost of qrs not to exceed \$4.00 per day and per diem \$1.25 in lieu of subs is stzd while in a travel status, in accordance w/Par 2, Cir 63, Hq European T of Opns, USA, 5 June 1944. 60-105 P 432-02 A 212/50425.

Air Force Combat crew personnel on temporary duty as patients in Rest Homes are authorized reimbursement for additional cost of subsistence at the rate of \$1.25 per day for officers and \$2.25 per day for enlisted men, irrespective of whether adequate Government messing facilities are available, in accordance w/Par 4, United States Strategic Air Forces in Europe Reg No 30-3B, 29 September 1944.

1st Lt WALTER G. LOUGHARY 0802321 AC
2d Lt LOUIS D. HAMILTON 0745369 AC

13. The following named EM, Sq indicated, are placed on temp dy for a period of approximately seven (7) days, will proceed fr this sta o/a 18 Nov 1944 to Hq Com Zone reporting prior to 1600 hours, 19 Nov 1944 to Capt Weaver, Office of the Signal Officer, 26 Ave Kleber, Paris, for the purpose of attending a course in radio. Gas masks and blankets will be taken. Upon completion of this temp dy, EM will ret to proper orgn and sta. TDM by MT, nil acft, or rail. 60-105 P 432-02 A 212/50425 and 60-114 P 432-02 A 212/50425. AUTH: TWX IX TAC M459J.

M/Sgt (898) Thomas K. Smith 15066991 Hq 368th Fighter Group
M/Sgt (542) Edward A. Long 35453637 395th Fighter Squadron

14. The following named EM, Sq indicated, are placed on temp dy for a period of approximately eight (8) days, will proceed fr this sta o/a 18 Nov 1944 to Hq 70th Fighter Wing reporting prior to 1600 hours, 19 Nov 1944, reporting thereat to the Squadron Commander, for the purpose of attending wire chiefs school. Cots and blankets will be taken. EM will be attached to Hq & Hq Sq, 70th Fighter Wing for rations and quarters. Upon completion of this temp dy, EM will ret to proper orgn and sta. TDM by MT, nil acft or rail. 60-105 P 432-02 A 212/50425. AUTH: VCCG 70th Fighter Wing.

Sgt (236) Robert G. East 36712824 395th Fighter Squadron
Cpl (590) Charles M. Hicks 18182276 Hq 368th Fighter Group

15. Sgt Yates M. Hampton, 34036414, 1293rd Military Police Co (Avn) is placed on temp dy for a period of approximately one (1) day, will proceed fr this sta o/a 19 Nov 1944 to pick up Pvt Joseph A. Piper, 11021095, 29th MP&R Sq (Less Det A) now confined at the Ninth Air Force Continental Stockade, AFO 696. Upon completion of this temp dy, EM will ret to proper orgn and sta. 60-105 P 432-02 A 212/50425 and 60-114 P 432-02 A 212/50425. TDM by MT. AUTH: VCCG IX TAC.

16. 2d Lt ROLAND C. POTTER, 0695339, AC, is placed on temp dy for a period of three (3) days, will proceed fr this sta o/a 20 Nov 1944 to Shiny Rocket Range on matters pertaining to this command. TDM by MT. Upon completion of this TD, O will ret to proper orgn and sta. 60-105 P 432-02 A 212/50425 and 60-114 P 432-02 A 212/50425. AUTH: VCCG 70th Fighter Wing.

SO 139, Hq 368th Ftr Gp, dtd 17 Nov 1944, Cont'd.

17. Under the provisions of AR 600-68, the following named EM, 397th Ftr Sq, having completed the required amount of serv in the Army of the United States and having demonstrated fidelity through faithful and exact performances of duty, efficiency through capacity to produce desired results, and whose behavior has been such as to deserve emulation, are awarded Good Conduct Medals for exemplary behavior, efficiency, and fidelity:

S/Sgt Charles W. Wood	16054828
Sgt Walter J. Lewis	32280056
Sgt Frederick L. Nelson	39121195
Sgt Charles T. Stonor	35797256
Cpl Raymond E. Farrott	32699931
Cpl Albert J. Calorossi	31336567
Cpl James R. Ewing	15332241
Cpl Welter J. Gatz	12173899
Cpl William D. Gilchrist	37676673
Cpl Edison Goodwin	35386661
Cpl Manuel Guerra	38455756
Cpl Calvin M. Hazelbaker	35609822
Cpl William H. Hogarth	33597443
Cpl Frank S. Stowell	39199927
Cpl John Tomascacci	33351633
Cpl Herman C. Weis	36438623

(Travel directed is pursuant to auth contained in Ltr, Hq European T of Opns USA, 24 May 1944)

By order of Lt Col PEREGO:

OFFICIAL:

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HEADQUARTERS NINTH AIR FORCE

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AFO 696, US Army
12 November 1944

In reply refer
to:

SUBJECT: OPREP (USAFF Form 34A)

THROUGH: Commanding General, IX Tactical Air Command, APO 595, US Army.

TO : Commanding Officer, 368th Fighter Group, APO 595, US Army.

1. This unit desires to acknowledge the superior manner in which subject reports have been prepared and submitted by your organization. Each OPREP is a model of completeness, accuracy, and promptness of submission.
2. It is believed that these reports are an important measure of administrative excellence, and one in which your group may well take pride.

EDWARD G. NAMEL
Colonel, Air Corps,
Commanding.

371.1 1st Ind. I-I-11
HEADQUARTERS, IX TACTICAL AIR COMMAND, APO 595, U S ARMY, 15 November 1944.

TO: Commanding officer, 368th Fighter Group, APO 595, U S Army.

This Command wishes to acknowledge the excellent manner in which the OPREP's for your group have been prepared, and takes this opportunity to express its appreciation.

By command of Major General CUESADA:

J. J. CLARK, SR.,
Major, A. G. D.,
Adjutant General.

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9th Air Force No. P-191
20 November 1944.

RADIO CORRESPONDENT MAKES FIRST COMBAT FLIGHT "PIGGY-BACK"
IN THUNDERBOLT

NINTH AIR FORCE HQ., FRANCE, Nov. 20--"for a fat man like me it was a pretty tight fit."

Thus commented Ted Malone, radio correspondent for the Blue Network, after making a "piggy-back" combat flight over the Aachen area in a P-47 Thunderbolt piloted by Maj. Harold Sparks of Frankfort, Ky.

Malone's ride, the first to be made over a battle area by a war correspondent in a P-47, came when the squadron of Thunderbolts was giving close support to the U.S. Ninth Army.

"It was a clear day and the sun was very bright," said Malone. "We were flying as wingman to Lt. Col. Paul Douglas of Paragould, Ark. Ground liaison officers directed us to our targets by radio, laying pre-determined colored smoke on our objective."

In the midst of the bombing Malone said about 20 ME-109's jumped the American formation. Four Jerries were shot down.

Malone said the flak was very heavy, adding that one Thunderbolt came back with a hole in the tail "big enough to accomodate a good-sized microphone."

Malone's home is at 6 Merston Terrace, Bronxville, New York.

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1430 hours.

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HEADQUARTERS
368TH FIGHTER GROUP

APO 595, U. S. Army
21 November 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS)

NUMBER 140)

1. The following named EM, Sq indicated, are placed on temp dy for a period of approximately three (3) days, will proceed fr this sta o/a 21 Nov 1944 to Hq IX TAG for the purpose of appearing as a witness in a General Courts-Martial. Upon completion of this temp dy, EM will ret to proper sta and orgn. TDM by MT. 60-105 P 432-02 A 212/50425. AUTH: VCG IX TAG.

1st Sgt (502) Salvatore S. Calderaro. 39085252 395th Fighter Sq
Sgt (566) John H. Mays 13044551 395th Fighter Sq

2. The following named EM, Sq indicated, are placed on temp dy for a period of five (5) days, will proceed fr this sta o/a 21 Nov 1944 to A-42 for the purpose of attending a course in armament. Flankets will be taken. Upon completion of this temp dy, EM will ret to proper sta and orgn. TDM by MT. 60-105 P 432-02 A 212/50425 and 60-114 P 432-02 A 212/50425. AUTH: TWX IX TAG.

S/Sgt (911) Michael W. Roczewicky 35028447 396th Fighter Sq
Sgt (911) Robert G. Hoffman 16119003 395th Fighter Sq
T/Sgt (911) William Malone 32375607 397th Fighter Sq

3. Maj JAMES R. WERMLI, AC, 0386975, is appointed Investigating Officer to investigate the circumstances surrounding the accidental death of Sgt Merrill C. Holmes, 11030522, 397th Ftr Sq, which occurred on 21 November 1944. Complete Report of Investigation on WD AGO Form 51 will be submitted to this headquarters in quintuplicate.

4. Maj JAMES R. WERMLI, AC, 0386975, is appointed Investigating Officer to investigate the circumstances surrounding the injuries incurred by S/Sgt Leslie H. Angle, 17176013, 397th Ftr Sq, incurred on 21 November 1944. Complete Report of Investigation on WD AGO Form 51 will be submitted to this headquarters in quintuplicate.

5. S/Sgt Joseph C. Ellis (014) 34306751, 64th Airborne Sq, is placed on temp dy for a period of approximately ten (10) days, will proceed fr this sta o/a 23 Nov 1944 to 370th Ftr Gp reporting upon arrival to Lt Col Joyce. TDM by MT. Upon completion of this TD, EM will ret to proper orgn and sta. 60-105 P 432-02 A 212/50425. AUTH: VCG IX TAG.

6. Pursuant to auth contained in IX TAG Memo 125-7, dtd 20 Nov 1944, Capt ROBERT G. BERGMAN, AC, 0567286, is appointed Group Graves Registration Officer in addition to his other duties.

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SO 140, Hq 368th Ftr Gp, dtd 21 Nov 1944 (Cont'd)

7. The EM O and EM are placed on a period of temp dy for a period of approx two (2) days, will proceed fr this sta o/a 24 Nov 1944 to Army Pictorial Serv, Paris, France, and Hq Ninth AF, for the purpose of procuring Spec Serv Equipment. Upon comp of this temp dy O and EM will ret to proper sta and orgn. TDN by MT. 60-105 P 432-02 A 212/50425 and 60-114 P 432-02 A 212/50425.

WOJG ALBERT R. SILVERS W2128703 USA
Sgt Henry S. Kornatowski 13055898 Hq 368th Ftr Gp

8. Pursuant to the auth contained in 3rd Ind fr Hq Ninth Air Force, 21 April 1944 to Ltr, Hq US Strategic Air Forces in Europe, 20 Mar 1944, file 245.8 x 354.7, subj: "Auth for Mont Jls at Air Force Rest Homes," the following named officers are placed on temp dy, will proceed fr Hq 368th Ftr Gp to AAF Sta 524, o/a 25 Nov 1944 for a period of seven (7) days, exclusive of travel time, for the purpose of carrying out the instructions of the CG, Ninth Air Force. Upon completion of this temp dy, they will ret to proper sta and orgn. TDN by MT, mil acft or rail.

Where Govt qrs and subs are not available in the UK, reimbursement for actual cost of qrs not to exceed \$4.00 per day and per diem \$1.25 in lieu of subs is atzd while in a travel status, in accordance w/Par 2, Cir 63, Hq European T of Opns, USA, 5 June 1944. 60-105 P 432-02 A 212/50425.

Air Force Combat crew personnel on temp dy as patients in Rest Homes are atzd reimbursement for additional cost of subs at the rate of \$1.25 per day for officers and \$2.25 per day for EM, irrespective of whether adequate Govt messing facilities are available, in accordance w/Par 4, US Strategic AF in Europe Reg No. 3C-3B, 29 Sept 1944.

Capt ROY D. CARLSON 0676830 AC
2d Lt JOHN A. HELLIESEN 0815332 AC

(Travel directed is pursuant to auth contained in Ltr, Hq European T of Opns, USA, 24 May 1944)

By order of Lt Colonel PEREGO:

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HEADQUARTERS
368TH FIGHTER GROUPAPO 895, U S Army,
24 November 1944.

SPECIAL ORDERS)

NUMBER 14)

1. Having been asgd 368th Ftr Gp per Par 1 SO 35, Hq 134th Repl Bn (AAF) dtc 19 Nov 1944, the FN Officers are further asgd orgns as indicated:

2d Lt HERBERT F. KOENIG	0830251	AC	39 5th Fighter Sq
2d Lt LAWRENCE P. MARSCH	0830269	AC	39 5th Fighter Sq
2d Lt STEPHEN L. HALPIN	0710102	AC	39 6th Fighter Sq
2d Lt CHARLES E. LEGRAND	0830023	AC	39 6th Fighter Sq
2d Lt CECIL R. HUFF	0829995	AC	39 6th Fighter Sq
2d Lt CHARLES J. HUCKE	0710698	AC	39 7th Fighter Sq
2d Lt LENN S. HUNT	0707626	AC	39 7th Fighter Sq
2d Lt BENJAMIN A. FOLESON	0716235	AC	39 7th Fighter Sq
2d Lt GEORGE K. HICKMAN	0719332	AC	39 7th Fighter Sq
2d Lt JOHN R. KEIL, JR.	0710713	AC	39 7th Fighter Sq
2d Lt JAMES M. FOLEN	0716234	AC	39 7th Fighter Sq
2d Lt RALPH W. THORNTON	0712060	AC	39 7th Fighter Sq

2. 2d Lt CHARLES E. RIFE, 0887235, AC, is placed on temp dy for an indefinite period, will proceed fr Hq 368th Ftr Gp to 3rd Central Medical Establishment, Hq Ninth Air Force, APO 696, for the purpose of receiving medical examination. Upon completion of this temp dy O will ret to proper orgn and sta. TDN by MT or mil acft. 60-105 P 432-02 & 212/50425 and 60-114 P 432-02 & 212/50425. AUTH: Ltr, 9AF, file 322, subject "Central Medical Establishment," dated 29 Oct 1944.

3. Sgt. Yates M. Hampton, 34036414, 1293rd Military Police Co (Avn), is placed on temp dy for a period of approx one (1) day, will proceed fr this sta o/a 25 Nov 1944 to pick up Pvt Joseph A. Piper, 11021095, 29th MR&R Sq (Less Det A), now confined at the Ninth AF Continental Stockade, APO 696. Upon completion of this temp dy, EM will ret to proper orgn and sta. TDN by MT, 60-105 P 432-02 & 212/50425 and 60-114 P 432-02 & 212/50425. AUTH: VCG IX T&C.

4. The following named officers, orgn indicated, are placed on temp dy for an indefinite period, will proceed fr this sta o/a 25 Nov 1944 to Hq IX Tactical Air Command, APO 895. Upon comp of this temp dy, O's will ret their proper orgn and sta. TDN by MT or mil acft. 60-105 P 432-02 & 212/50425. AUTH: VCG IX T&C.

5. JP AF 600-68, the FN EM, atchd Hq 368th Ftr Gp, having completed the required amount of serv in the AUS 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.

1st Robert F. Lampe 12214479
Pvt Sydney B. Jacques 33748138

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SO 141, Hq 368th Ftr Gp, dtd 24 Nov 1944 (Cont'd)

6. 2d Lt CHARLES R. FOLTZ, 0199235, AC, is placed on temp dy for a pd of three (3) days, will proceed fr this sta o/a 25 Nov 1944 to Shimay Rocket Range on matters pertaining to this command. TDN by MT. Upon com pf this Temp dy, O will ret to proper orgn and sta. 60-105 P 432-02 & 212/50425 and 60-114 P 432-02 & 212/50425. AUTH: VCGG 70th Fighter Wing.

By order of Lt Colonel FEREGO:

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