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SQUADRON HISTORY  
396TH FIGHTER SQUADRON  
366TH FIGHTER GROUP

OCTOBER 1944

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RECORDER - CPL. THOMAS J. GRIFFIN

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HEADQUARTERS  
IX TACTICAL AIR COMMAND

AFC 500, U S Army  
30 September 1944

GENERAL ORDERS)

NUMBER 63)

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SECTION I

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9158 (Bull 25, WD 1942) as amended by Executive Order No. 9242-A (Bull 49, WD 1942) and in accordance with authority delegated by the War Department and Ninth Air Force the following named officers of the IX Tactical Air Command are awarded the AIR MEDAL, in recognition of meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight in the European Theatre of Operations, each having participated in the required number of operational sorties against the enemy.

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		368TH FIGHTER GROUP		
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		396TH FIGHTER SQUADRON		
CURTIS H STEVENS		O-701192	2nd Lt	Salt Lake City Utah
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SECTION II

1. By direction of the President, and in addition to the Air Medals awarded in General Orders, indicated in right column opposite each name, the following named officers of the IX Tactical Air Command are awarded the OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE AIR MEDAL, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9158 (Bull 25, WD 1942) as amended by Executive Order No. 9242-A (Bull 49, WD 1942) and in accordance with authority delegated by the War Department and Ninth Air Force, in recognition of meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight in the European Theatre of Operations, each having participated in the required number of operational sorties against the enemy and/or have destroyed an enemy aircraft on the date indicated.

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		SECOND BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER		
		HEADQUARTERS		
		IX TACTICAL AIR COMMAND		
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		368TH FIGHTER GROUP		
		396TH FIGHTER SQUADRON		
LESLIE G. HANSEN		O-327220	2nd Lt	Lincoln Neb 1944 GO 31 9TAC
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FIFTH BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

HEADQUARTERS

IX TACTICAL AIR COMMAND

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368TH FIGHTER GROUP

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396TH FIGHTER SQUADRON

JOHN W SIMONLAND O-697063 2nd Lt Seattle Wash 1944 GO 12 STAC

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SIXTH BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

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368TH FIGHTER GROUP

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396TH FIGHTER SQUADRON

RICHARD J FOX O-815679 2nd Lt Racine 1944 GO 12 STAC

Harold E Glazier O-815682 2nd Lt Silver Lake Ohio 1944 GO 12 STAC

Henry L Olson O-815376 2nd Lt Beltrami Minn 1944 GO 12 STAC

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SEVENTH BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

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368TH FIGHTER GROUP

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396TH FIGHTER SQUADRON

JOHN W BAER O-25684 Captain Cottonwood Idaho 1944 GO 6 STAC

HAROLD E GLAZIER O-815682 2nd Lt Silver Lake Ohio 1944 GO 12 STAC

HENRY L OLSON O-815376 2nd Lt Beltrami Minn 1944 GO 12 STAC

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NINTH BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

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368TH FIGHTER GROUP

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396TH FIGHTER SQUADRON

JOHN M LOEB O-681684 1st Lt Williston Park NY 1944 GO 100 9AF

PAUL J QUILTY O-679943 1st Lt Quincy Mass 1944 GO 100 9AF

LOUIS D HAMILTON III O-745369 2nd Lt Marion Ohio 1944 GO 113 9AF

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SECOND SILVER OAK LEAF CLUSTER

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368TH FIGHTER GROUP

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396TH FIGHTER SQUADRON

PAUL J QUILTY O-679943 1st Lt Quincy Mass 1944 GO 100 9AF

OLIVER S RYERSON O-680085 1st Lt McFarland Wis 1944 GO 100 9AF

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ELEVENTH BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

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368TH FIGHTER GROUP

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396TH FIGHTER SQUADRON

ALFRED E BENTON O-447208 1st Lt San Marino Calif 1944 GO 100 9AF

GEORGE R DAVIS O-679837 1st Lt Danielson Conn 1944 GO 100 9AF

OLIVER S RYERSON O-680085 1st Lt McFarland Wis 1944 GO 100 9AF

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		<u>TWENTY BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER</u>								
*	*			368TH FIGHTER GROUP						
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				396TH FIGHTER SQUADRON						
		O-677064	1st Lt	Clinton Iowa	1944	GO	100	9AF		
		O-602321	1st Lt	Springfield Mass	1944	GO	100	9AF		
		O-678912	1st Lt	Paris Ky	1944	GO	100	9AF		
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		<u>THIRTEENTH BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER</u>								
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				368TH FIGHTER GROUP						
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				396TH FIGHTER SQUADRON						
		O-665844	Captain	Detroit Mich	1944	GO	98	9AF		
		O-665447	Captain	Waco Texas	1944	GO	98	9AF		
		(Enemy aircraft destroyed 13 June 1944)								
		O-677064	1st Lt	Clinton Iowa	1944	GO	100	9AF		
		(Enemy aircraft destroyed 13 June 1944)								
		O-678912	1st Lt	Paris Ky	1944	GO	100	9AF		
		(Enemy aircraft destroyed 13 June 1944)								
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		<u>FOURTEENTH BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER</u>								
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				368TH FIGHTER GROUP						
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				396TH FIGHTER SQUADRON						
		O-665447	Captain	Waco Texas	1944	GO	98	9AF		
		(Enemy aircraft destroyed 13 June 1944)								
		O-677064	1st Lt	Clinton Iowa	1944	GO	100	9AF		
		(Enemy aircraft destroyed 13 June 1944)								
		O-678912	1st Lt	Paris Ky	1944	GO	100	9AF		
		(Enemy aircraft destroyed 13 June 1944)								
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				368TH FIGHTER GROUP						
				*						
				396TH FIGHTER SQUADRON						
		O-432187	Lt Col	Paragould Ark	1944	GO	100	9AF		
		(Enemy aircraft destroyed 13 June 1944)								
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		<u>SECTION IV</u>								
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		2. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II, Bull. 3, WD 1944), and in accordance with authority delegated by the War Department and Fifth Air Force, a BRONZE STAR MEDAL IS awarded to the following named enlisted men for meritorious service service in direct support of combat operations against the enemy in the European Theatre of Operations.								
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				368TH FIGHTER GROUP						
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				396TH FIGHTER SQUADRON						
		RICHARD C STAGE	32130420	S/Sgt				East Pembroke NY		
		(Enemy aircraft destroyed 13 June 1944)								
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By command of Major General QUESADA:

t/ AC KINCAID,  
Brig Gen USA  
Chief of Staff

OFFICIAL:

s/ R. J. MAYS,  
Major, AGD,  
Adj General.

"A TRUE EXTRACT COPY" *[Signature]*  
H. J. KESSLER, CAPT, AG.

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HEADQUARTERS  
IX TACTICAL AIR COMMAND

APO 595, US Army,  
5 October 1944.

GENERAL ORDERS)

NUMBER 65)

AWARDS OF AIR MEDAL ----- SECTION I  
AWARDS OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO AIR MEDAL ----- SECTION II  
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SECTION I

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9158 (Bull 25, WD 1942) as amended by Executive Order No. 9242- (Bull 49, WD 1942) and in accordance with authority delegated by the War Department and Ninth Air Force the following named officers of the IX Tactical Air Command are awarded the AIR MEDAL, in recognition of meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight in the European Theatre of Operations, each having participated in the required number of operational sorties against the enemy.

48TH FIGHTER GROUP  
492nd Fighter Squadron

RUSSELL E GRIMMER	O-710100	2nd Lt	Minneapolis Minn
MORRIS E THOMPSON	O-710203	2nd Lt	Bryant Texas

494th Fighter Squadron

HAROLD G JORDAN	O-766548	2nd Lt	Los Angeles Calif
RICHARD W LEDERMAN	O-708727	2nd Lt	Toledo Ohio
WILLIAM J MAHON	O-708724	2nd Lt	Springfield Ohio
PAUL W ROBINSON	O-770417	2nd Lt	W Hollywood Calif
KENNETH A SADICK	O-770425	2nd Lt	Seattle Wash

67TH TACTICAL RECONNAISSANCE GROUP  
109th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron

LOWELL G ESKELSON	O-704810	2nd Lt	Nevis Minnesota
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368TH FIGHTER GROUP  
395th Fighter Squadron

NEALY C RIEMANN	O-710008	2nd Lt	Pine Bluff Okla
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396th Fighter Squadron

DENNIS CRISP	O-427531	Captain	Lexington Ky
JOSEPH S BUSINEARX	O-696999	2nd Lt	Pearce Ariz

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JOHN B STEWART JR	0-700849	2nd Lt	Passaic N J
ROBERT A WAGGONER	0-702869	2nd Lt	Birmingham Mich

397th Fighter Squadron

JACK F BIAGINI	0-815641	2nd Lt	Brooklyn N Y
VERNON C ZEIN	0-767175	2nd Lt	Paso Robles Calif
JAMES P HOGAN	0-767237	2nd Lt	Glendale Calif

SECTION II

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FIRST BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

48TH FIGHTER GROUP  
492nd Fighter Squadron

HAROLD M BLANKSMAN	0-431844	Captain	ampa Idaho	1942 GO 144 ADC
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365TH FIGHTER GROUP  
387th Fighter Squadron

RICHARD E BROWN JR	0-430488	1st Lt	Detroit Mich	1944 GO 59 9TAC
CECIL E GREER	0-708678	2nd Lt	Okla City Okla	1944 GO 59 9TAC
EARL O WALTERS	0-770487	2nd Lt	Wenatchee Wash	1944 GO 63 9TAC

367TH FIGHTER GROUP  
393rd Fighter Squadron

JAMES R KILLER	0-763223	2nd Lt	Burlington Iowa	1944 GO 36 9TAC
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368TH FIGHTER GROUP  
395th Fighter Squadron

CHARLES R EARLS	0-767163	2nd Lt	Garden Utah	1944 GO 63 9TAC
WILLIAM J WAYLAND JR	0-813470	2nd Lt	Middlebrook Va	1944 GO 56 9TAC
CHARLES R FOLTZ	0-2631	F/O	Oakland Calif	1944 GO 63 9TAC

396th Fighter Squadron

RICHARD C COX	0-702770	2nd Lt	Sacramento Calif	1944 GO 52 9TAC
WILLIAM G DIXON	0-706367	2nd Lt	Hollywood Fla	1944 GO 58 9TAC
BOYD E JOHNSON	0-766544	2nd Lt	St Paul Minn	1944 GO 56 9TAC

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JOHN R. KRUESS	O-320520	2nd Lt	Northampton Pa	1944	GO	56	9TAC
EARL L. KIELGASS	O-786555	2nd Lt	Miami Arizona	1944	GO	52	9TAC
IRVEN F. MILLER	O-320546	2nd Lt	Smithfield Pa	1944	GO	56	9TAC
ALBERT A. SCHLIDLER	O-702445	2nd Lt	Fort Wayne Ind	1944	GO	52	9TAC
THEODORE C. TRUBERT	O-700350	2nd Lt	Cleveland, Its Ohio	1944	GO	52	9TAC
KENNETH L. WILSON	O-887225	2nd Lt	Hastings Mich	1944	GO	52	9TAC

397th Fighter Squadron

CECEL V. DUSTIN	O-767160	2nd Lt	Gridley Calif	1944	GO	56	9TAC
JAMES L. FAULEY	O-767174	2nd Lt	Portland Oregon	1944	GO	56	9TAC
WILSON C. FEIN	O-767175	2nd Lt	Rose Arbles Calif	1944	GO	65	9TAC
MILTON A. WEINSTEIN	O-813498	2nd Lt	Wrentham Mass	1944	GO	63	9TAC
MICHAEL R. HARDY	O-2638	F/O	Electra Texas	1944	GO	63	9TAC

SECOND LONGLE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

48TH FIGHTER GROUP

493rd Fighter Squadron

ALLAN J. EISENBAUER	O-767163	2nd Lt	Port Huron Mich	1944	GO	52	9TAC
EDWARD W. FOULKES JR	O-403004	2nd Lt	Altona Iowa	1944	GO	52	9TAC

67TH TACTICAL RECONNAISSANCE GROUP

30th Photographic Reconnaissance Squadron

VERNON J. RAZAK	O-769940	2nd Lt	Collyer Kansas	1944	GO	56	9TAC
JAMES C. ADAM	O-2929	F/O	Emporia Kansas	1944	GO	56	9TAC

367TH FIGHTER GROUP

392nd Fighter Squadron

GILBERT A. SLINGERLAND	O-568324	1st Lt	Chicago Ill	1944	GO	63	9TAC
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393rd Fighter Squadron

Missing In Action

STANLEY M. JOHNSON	O-755181	2nd Lt	Port Allegany Pa	1944	GO	21	9TAC
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Next of Kin: Mrs Rose Mary Steiger Johnson (Wife)  
602 S East Street Crawfords Port Pennsylvania

368TH FIGHTER GROUP

395th Fighter Squadron

EUGENE A. SMITH	O-703767	2nd Lt	Scour Lake Texas	1944	GO	56	9TAC
WILLIAM J. WAYLAND JR	O-316470	2nd Lt	Middlebrook Va	1944	GO	56	9TAC

396th Fighter Squadron

RICHARD C. COX	O-702770	2nd Lt	Sacramento Calif	1944	GO	52	9TAC
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EARL L KIELGASS	0-766556	2nd Lt	Miami Arizona	1944 GO 52 9TAC
JO E. A KILGUS	0-320910	2nd Lt	Northampton Pa	1944 GO 56 9TAC
WILBERT A SCHEIDEL	0-702345	2nd Lt	Fort Wayne Ind	1944 GO 52 9TAC
KENNETH L WILCOX	0-37225	2nd Lt	Eastings Mich	1944 GO 52 9TAC

397th Fighter Squadron

ROBERT H FLEISCH	0-26336	1st Lt	Powell Wyoming	1944 GO 56 9TAC
COL V PARKER	0-767463	2nd Lt	St Marys W Va	1944 GO 52 9TAC
GEORGE L BENDER	0-704660	2nd Lt	Dundee Ill	1944 GO 52 9TAC
MILTON S BENDER	0-763468	2nd Lt	San Luis Calif	1944 GO 52 9TAC
ORVILLE V DUSTIN	0-767160	2nd Lt	Gridley Calif	1944 GO 56 9TAC

THIRD ENGINE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

40TH FIGHTER GROUP  
493rd Fighter Squadron

WALTER E HENNING	0-31793	2nd Lt	Memphis Tenn	1944 GO 43 9TAC
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36TH FIGHTER GROUP  
396th Fighter Squadron

GERALD J GIBCE	0-702793	2nd Lt	Sioux Falls S D	1944 GO 31 9TAC
LESLIE G HANSEN	0-37226	2nd Lt	Lincoln Neb	1944 GO 4 9TAC
WILBERT A SCHEIDLER	0-702345	2nd Lt	Fort Wayne Ind	1944 GO 52 9TAC

397th Fighter Squadron

COL V PARKER	0-763463	2nd Lt	St Marys W Va	1944 GO 52 9TAC
EDGAR R PARKER	0-763329	2nd Lt	Charlotte N C	1944 GO 52 9TAC
GEORGE L BENDER	0-704660	2nd Lt	Dundee Ill	1944 GO 52 9TAC
MILTON S BENDER	0-763468	2nd Lt	San Luis Calif	1944 GO 52 9TAC

FOURTH ENGINE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

36TH FIGHTER GROUP  
397th Fighter Squadron

WILLIAM L THOMPSON	0-71461	1st Lt	Charlotte N C	1944 GO 47 9TAC
HERBERT E FLYVOST	0-763323	2nd Lt	Long Beach Calif	1944 GO 40 9TAC

Missing In Action

FREDERIC H S BATE	0-24821	Captain	St Augustine Fla	1944 GO 53 9TAC
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Next of Kin: Mrs Roxana Bate (Wife)  
707 Contour Drive San Antonio Texas

36TH FIGHTER GROUP  
392nd Fighter Squadron

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JAMES O FINCHER 0-763137 2nd Lt Waco Ark 1944 GO 33 9TAC

393rd Fighter Squadron

EVERETT L JAMES 0-757944 2nd Lt Wichita Kansas 1944 GO 17 9TAC  
LESLIE D C BRIDGEMAN 0-757953 2nd Lt Madison Wis 1944 GO 17 9TAC  
EUGENE F CONNELLY 0-756500 2nd Lt Troy N Y 1944 GO 11 9TAC  
JOHN A MELDRIDGE 0-756520 2nd Lt Berkeley Calif 1944 GO 9 9TAC  
MOLAND A GRANOW 0-757291 2nd Lt Los Angeles Calif 1944 GO 18 9TAC  
ROBERT R HARBEL 0-753162 2nd Lt Chicago Ill 1944 GO 17 9TAC  
OWEN A JOHNSON 0-146034 2nd Lt Britton Okla 1944 GO 9 9TAC  
JAMES R JONES 0-756604 2nd Lt San Francisco Calif 1944 GO 9 9TAC  
NELVIL D JONES 0-756005 2nd Lt Waco Texas 1944 GO 9 9TAC  
EARL D ODY 0-753407 2nd Lt Mansfield Ohio 1944 GO 9 9TAC  
JAMES S PINKERSON 0-753224 2nd Lt Nampa Idaho 1944 GO 9 9TAC  
CAROLD A SCHIFF 0-753234 2nd Lt Chicago Ill 1944 GO 13 9TAC

Missing In Action

WALTER S PYRON 0-753062 2nd Lt Dallas Texas 1944 GO 9 9TAC  
Next of Kin: Mrs Jean D Pyron (Wife)  
5010 Live Oak Dallas Texas

357th FIGHTER GROUP  
395th Fighter Squadron

DALE L JEWES 0-717957 2nd Lt Midvale Utah 1944 GO 41 9TAC

396th Fighter Squadron

GEORGE W PETERIE 0-667355 1st Lt Denton Texas 1944 GO 31 9TAC  
GERALD J GRACE 0-702793 2nd Lt Sioux Falls S D 1944 GO 31 9TAC  
LESLIE G HANSEL 0-77226 2nd Lt Lincoln Mo 1944 GO 31 9TAC

397th Fighter Squadron

EDGAR R BAKER 0-76329 2nd Lt Charlotte N C 1944 GO 52 9TAC

FIRST SILVER OAK LEAF CLUSTER

367th FIGHTER GROUP  
392nd Fighter Squadron

JAMES C PASCHALE 0-756079 1st Lt Cisco Texas 1944 GO 19 9TAC

393rd Fighter Squadron

EUGENE F CONNELLY 0-756500 2nd Lt Troy N Y 1944 GO 11 9TAC  
JOSEPH A DOMROWOLSKI 0-756513 2nd Lt Tacoma Wash 1944 GO 9 9TAC  
JOHN A MELDRIDGE 0-756520 2nd Lt Berkeley Calif 1944 GO 9 9TAC  
DANIEL C HEATH 0-756394 2nd Lt Alamo Ga 1944 GO 9 9TAC

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OWEN A JOHNSON	0-446034	2nd Lt	Britton Okla	1944	GO	9	9TAC
JAMES W JONES	0-756604	2nd Lt	San Francisco	1944	GO	9	9TAC
MELVIN D JONES	0-756605	2nd Lt	Waco Texas	1944	GO	9	9TAC
EARL D ODY	0-756407	2nd Lt	Magadore Ohio	1944	GO	9	9TAC
WILLIAM G HOLLIS	0-756567	2nd Lt	White Salmon Wash	1944	GO	9	9TAC
JAMES S PINKERTON	0-758224	2nd Lt	Hampa Idaho	1944	GO	9	9TAC
EROLD A SCHLIPP	0-758234	2nd Lt	Chicago Ill	1944	GO	13	9TAC

Missing In Action

LEO J NUGENT	0-75481	1st Lt	Gilbertville Iowa	1944	GO	9	9TAC
Next of Kin: Mr Francis M Nugent (Father) Gilbertville Iowa							
ROLLIN G LIPPERT	0-755530	2nd Lt	Downey Calif	1944	GO	9	9TAC
Next of Kin: Mr Eugene J Lippert (Brother) 1102 West Imperial Highway Downey Calif							

368TH FIGHTER GROUP  
395th Fighter Squadron

JOSEPH D GIANNETTI	0-818367	2nd Lt	Franklin Mass	1944	GO	31	9TAC
WALTER R JOHNSON	0-814696	2nd Lt	Inskip Tenn	1944	GO	41	9TAC
LOUIS L VLECK	0-752156	2nd Lt	Vincennes Ind	1944	GO	26	9TAC

396th Fighter Squadron

GEORGE P OHLMAN	0-697055	2nd Lt	Littleton Col	1944	GO	31	9TAC
JOHN W STRICKLAND	0-697053	2nd Lt	Seattle Wash	1944	GO	12	9TAC
GEORGE L WAGNER	0-695348	2nd Lt	Quincy Ill	1944	GO	31	9TAC

404TH FIGHTER GROUP

506th Fighter Squadron

HARRY E ANDERSON	0-889730	1st Lt	Minneapolis Minn	1944	GO	18	9TAC
ROBERT G FELDSTERMACHEK	0-818531	2nd Lt	Brocklyn N Y	1944	GO	18	9TAC
DONALD L MILLER	0-818406	2nd Lt	Buffalo N Y	1944	GO	46	9TAC

507th Fighter Squadron

FRED H VARI JR	0-814795	2nd Lt	Dade City Fla	1944	GO	25	9TAC
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508th Fighter Squadron

DENZIL B LEE	0-817978	2nd Lt	Caneyville Ky	1944	GO	25	9TAC
ELTON B LONG	0-818072	2nd Lt	Springfield Ill	1944	GO	25	9TAC
GERALD H PERLYSKY	0-818417	2nd Lt	Hartford Conn	1944	GO	46	9TAC
EDWIN W POLE	0-818423	2nd Lt	Audubon N J	1944	GO	25	9TAC
JOHN H WAINWRIGHT JR	0-814799	2nd Lt	Marshall Texas	1944	GO	25	9TAC

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SIXTH BOMBARDMENT GROUP

737th Fighter Group  
393rd Fighter Squadron

DANIEL G LEATH	0-756394	1st Lt	Alamo Ga	1944 GO	9 9TAC
CLEMENS J PAWLOWSKI	0-756380	1st Lt	Milwaukee Wis	1944 GO	9 9TAC
EMILE G PESCHKEK	0-756382	1st Lt	Excelsior Minn	1944 GO	9 9TAC
JOSEPH A DOBROWOLSKI	0-756373	2nd Lt	Tacoma Wash	1944 GO	9 9TAC
WILLIAM G NORRIS	0-756367	2nd Lt	White Salmon Wash	1944 GO	9 9TAC

Missing In Action

ROBERT G LIPPERT	0-756330	2nd Lt	Downey Calif	1944 GO	9 9TAC
Next of Kin: Mr Eugene J Lippert (Brother)					
1102 West Imperial Highway Downey California					

368th Fighter Group  
395th Fighter Squadron

MARCUS L ALDRIDGE	0-814625	2nd Lt	Winchester Ky	1944 GO	25 9TAC
LOUIS L VIECK	0-752153	2nd Lt	Vincennes Ind	1944 GO	25 9TAC

395th Fighter Squadron

GEORGE P OHLMAN	0-597055	2nd Lt	Littleton Cal	1944 GO	31 9TAC
JOHN W STRICKLAND	0-597063	2nd Lt	Seattle Wash	1944 GO	12 9TAC

404th Fighter Group

JAMES K JOHNSON	0-397406	Lt Col	Phoenix Ariz	Comp Auth S&F	
JOHN A BARNES	0-792853	Captain	Pittsburgh Pa	1944 GO	9 9TAC

505th Fighter Squadron

ARNOLD L JUSTICE JR	0-451573	1st Lt	Watertown N Y	1944 GO	9 9TAC
GEORGE W STOVALL	0-671798	1st Lt	Baton Rouge La	1944 GO	9 9TAC
JOHN L BARTH	0-689734	2nd Lt	Alhambra Calif	1944 GO	18 9TAC

507th Fighter Squadron

JOHN F PHELPS	0-763721	2nd Lt	Beaver Okla	1944 GO	18 9TAC
JOEL J ROGERS JR	0-704746	2nd Lt	Lewell Iowa	1944 GO	25 9TAC
FRED H VARN JR	0-814796	2nd Lt	Dade City Fla	1944 GO	25 9TAC

508th Fighter Squadron

RAYMOND F GAY	0-485916	1st Lt	Stony Creek Conn	1944 GO	25 9TAC
ROBERT K JOHNSON	0-737128	1st Lt	Chicago Ill	1944 GO	9 9TAC
GERALD H PERLYSKY	0-818417	2nd Lt	Hartford Conn	1944 GO	46 9TAC

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SEVENTH BOMBING AND LEAD SQUADRON

40TH FIGHTER GROUP  
194th Fighter Squadron

EARL C WELLS JR O-41683F 2nd Lt Bridgeton N J 1944 GO 25 9TAC

67TH TACTICAL RECONNAISSANCE GROUP  
109th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron

FRANK B ROBINSON O-681803 1st Lt Cape Ark 1944 GO 38 9TAC

76TH FIGHTER GROUP  
392nd Fighter Squadron

EDWIN S BRIDGES O-768065 2nd Lt Fox Lake Ill 1944 GO 53 9TAC  
FRANKLIN K LEPPIL O-786401 2nd Lt Ballerose N Y 1944 GO 11 9TAC  
JUNIOR K SQUIRES O-789105 2nd Lt Ogden Utah 1944 GO 20 9TAC

333rd Fighter Squadron

DANIEL C HEATH O-788394 1st Lt Alton Ga 1944 GO 9 9TAC  
CLEMENS J PAWLOWSKI O-788380 1st Lt Milwaukee Wis 1944 GO 9 9TAC  
DUANE O PESCHKE O-788632 1st Lt Excelsior Minn 1944 GO 9 9TAC

Missing In Action

ARTHUR W PETERSEN O-786635 1st Lt Petaluma Calif 1944 GO 9 9TAC  
Next of Kin: Mrs Louise Gertrude Petersen (Mother)  
415 D Street Petaluma California

368TH FIGHTER GROUP  
395th Fighter Squadron

MARION W L ELLIOTT O-684153 1st Lt Oklahoma City Okla 1944 GO 20 9TAC  
JAMES M IVAY JR O-686803 1st Lt Houston Texas 1944 GO 26 9TAC  
JOSEPH F McMILLAN O-809172 2nd Lt Yonkers N Y 1944 GO 22 9TAC

396th Fighter Squadron

JERRY B TULLIS O-687668 1st Lt Gaines City Fla 1944 GO 9 9TAC  
ROBERT H HOWIL O-697202 2nd Lt Paris Texas 1944 GO 6 9TAC

397th Fighter Squadron

ROBERT D CASSADY O-887230 2nd Lt Hamlet Ind 1944 GO 18 9TAC  
JOHN A HELLISEL O-815332 2nd Lt Brooklyn N Y 1944 GO 9 9TAC  
WILLIAM A PRESTON O-695202 2nd Lt Visalia Calif 1944 GO 13 9TAC  
FREDERICK C STOLL JR O-815417 2nd Lt Youngstown Ohio 1944 GO 6 9TAC

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EIGHT BOMBING AND FIGHTER CLUSTER

48TH FIGHTER GROUP

493rd Fighter Squadron

THOMAS T McGOVERN 0-565215 Captain St Paul Minn 1944 GO 6 9TAC

386TH FIGHTER GROUP

387th Fighter Squadron

DONALD E KARK 0-697024 1st Lt Blue North Minn 1944 GO 17 9TAC  
ARCHER W KIRBY JR 0-681670 1st Lt Little Neck L I N Y 1944 GO 19 9TAC  
ORLE G STONE 0-416277 1st Lt Pike N Y 1944 GO 17 9TAC  
ROBERT B POWERS 0-815758 2nd Lt Lakewood N J 1944 GO 17 9TAC

387TH FIGHTER GROUP

393rd Fighter Squadron

DONALD P EUGENIA 0-304108 1st Lt Chico Calif 1944 GO 9 9TAC

354TH FIGHTER GROUP

355th Fighter Squadron

HENRY J MAZUR 0-25703 Captain Lowell Mass 1944 GO 5 9TAC  
WILLIAM C DIMAN 0-314663 2nd Lt Cranston R I 1944 GO 9 9TAC  
HERBERT R SNYDER 0-697061 2nd Lt Lehigh on Pa 1944 GO 18 9TAC

396th Fighter Squadron

JOHN W BAKER 0-25684 Captain Cottonwood Idaho 1944 GO 6 9TAC  
HENRY L OLSON 0-315376 1st Lt Beltrami Minn 1944 GO 12 9TAC

397th Fighter Squadron

JOHN A HELMENSEN 0-315332 2nd Lt Brooklyn N Y 1944 GO 9 9TAC  
VERNON V MURPHY 0-697223 2nd Lt Ada Okla 1944 GO 12 9TAC  
ROLAND C POTTER 0-695339 2nd Lt Arnold Neb 1944 GO 31 9TAC  
WILLIAM A PRIBIC 0-695202 2nd Lt Visalia Calif 1944 GO 13 9TAC  
FREDERICK C STOLL JR 0-615417 2nd Lt Youngstown Ohio 1944 GO 6 9TAC

NINE BOMBING AND FIGHTER CLUSTER

48TH FIGHTER GROUP

493rd Fighter Squadron

HOMER L YOUNG 0-676705 1st Lt Strand Okla 1944 GO 6 9TAC

387TH FIGHTER GROUP

395th Fighter Squadron

HENRY J MAZUR 0-25703 Captain Lowell Mass 1944 GO 5 9TAC  
ALEXANDER E LELCUP 0-305842 1st Lt Saratoga Springs N Y 1944 GO 119 9TAC

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WILLIAM C DIMAR 0-314665 2nd Lt Cranston R I 1944 GC 9 9TAC  
395th Fighter Squadron

JOHN W BAER 0-25604 Captain Cottonwood Idaho 1944 GC 6 9TAC  
ERLEY L OLSO 0-315376 1st Lt Beltrami Minn 1944 GC 12 9TAC  
397th Fighter Squadron

VERNON V MURPHY 0-697223 2nd Lt Ada Okla 1944 GC 12 9TAC  
WILLIAM C OLDER 0-736326 2nd Lt Philadelphia Pa 1944 GC 9 9TAC  
ROLAND C POTTER 0-695339 2nd Lt Arnold Neb 1944 GC 31 9TAC

SECOND SILVER OAK LEAF CLUSTER

44TH FIGHTER GROUP  
49th Fighter Squadron

JOHN A JONES 0-315710 2nd Lt Belmont Ohio 1944 GC 12 9TAC

367TH FIGHTER GROUP  
392nd Fighter Squadron

ROBERT B MOOREHEAD 0-745460 1st Lt St Louis Mo 1944 GC 9 9TAC

368TH FIGHTER GROUP  
395th Fighter Squadron

GEORGE A HUGHES 0-630326 1st Lt Rochelle Park N J 1944 GC 100 9AF  
ALBERT R KLEIBERLAUS 0-745419 1st Lt Ridgewood L I N Y 1944 GC 100 9AF  
JOSEPH S BOLAN 0-302337 1st Lt Springfield Gardens N Y 1944 GC 100 9AF  
DORIS J LAYES 0-315331 2nd Lt Warren Ohio 1944 GC 5 9TAC

366th Fighter Squadron

JOHN M LOEB 0-631634 1st Lt Williston Park N Y 1944 GC 100 9AF  
LOUIS D HAMILTON III 0-745369 2nd Lt Marion Ohio 1944 GC 119 9AF

377th Fighter Squadron

EDWARD W BAME 0-745312 1st Lt Kittanning Pa 1944 GC 100 9AF  
SAMUEL K SCO 0-715407 2nd Lt Berkley Calif 1944 GC 6 9TAC

ELLENOR BLOOMER OAK LEAF CLUSTER

44TH FIGHTER GROUP  
49th Fighter Squadron

JOHN R WHITE 0-314313 1st Lt Camden N J 1944 GC 11 9TAC  
ROBERT J WHITESIDE 0-314709 1st Lt Mansford N Y 1944 GC 8 9TAC  
EDWARD J ZIENKA 0-751526 1st Lt Passaic N J 1944 GC 6 9TAC

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57TH BASEICAL RECONNAISSANCE GROUP  
 30th Photographic Reconnaissance Squadron

DONALD J MARTIN      0-75373    Captain    Minneapolis Minn      1,444 GC 134 JAF

36TH FIGHTER GROUP  
 355th Fighter Squadron

ROY L BOWLIN JR      0-25637    Captain    Rochester N Y      1,444 GC 100 JAF  
 ROBERT D CALDWELL    0-74523    1st Lt    Roseville Calif      1,444 GC 100 JAF  
 JAMES W DALRY        0-745326    1st Lt    Birmingham Ala      1,444 GC 100 JAF  
 WILLIAM J GAINAY     0-67256    1st Lt    Wilona Minn      1,444 GC 100 JAF  
 EUGENE L KESTING     0-70563    1st Lt    Wollington Minn      1,444 GC 100 JAF  
 ROBERT MILLER        0-670143    1st Lt    Albion Ill      1,444 GC 100 JAF

36th Fighter Squadron

CHARLES J KENNEDY JR    0-705635    1st Lt    Dallas Texas      1,444 GC 100 JAF  
 PAUL J QUILTY        0-670043    1st Lt    Quincy Mass      1,444 GC 100 JAF  
     (Enemy aircraft destroyed 22 June 1944)

37th Fighter Squadron

WILLIAM R GIBSON      0-665551    Captain    Jeannette Pa      1,444 GC 100 JAF  
 HENRY F HARPS        0-67734    1st Lt    Defiance Ohio      1,444 GC 133 JAF  
 ROY D CARLSON        0-674730    1st Lt    Omaha Neb      1,444 GC 100 JAF  
 EDWARD W LAKE        0-745312    1st Lt    Kittanning Pa      1,444 GC 100 JAF  
 MARVIN J ROSVOLD     0-670013    1st Lt    Lakota N D      1,444 GC 140 JAF  
 EARLY C ROBLE        0-671705    2nd Lt    Chinchilla Pa      1,444 GC 133 JAF

THIRTEEN BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

4TH FIGHTER GROUP  
 44th Fighter Squadron

JOHN J LEAM JR        0-74473    1st Lt    Cleveland Ohio      1,444 GC 6 JAF  
 WILLIAM A JOHNSON    0-710670    1st Lt    Dayton Ohio      1,444 GC 6 JAF

36TH FIGHTER GROUP  
 355th Fighter Squadron

NORMAN E SCHULME     0-674075    Captain    Darfur Minn      1,444 GC 100 JAF  
 RICHARD KIK JR        0-745414    1st Lt    Kalamazoo Mich      1,444 GC 100 JAF  
 CLARENCE E ALLEN     0-573035    2nd Lt    Venice Calif      1,444 GC 133 JAF

36th Fighter Squadron

ALFRED E BENTON      0-447201    1st Lt    San Marino Calif      1,444 GC 100 JAF  
 CHARLES J KENNEDY JR    0-705635    1st Lt    Dallas Texas      1,444 GC 100 JAF  
 IRVING OSTUM         0-670065    1st Lt    Passaic N J      1,444 GC 100 JAF  
 PAUL J QUILTY        0-670043    1st Lt    Quincy Mass      1,444 GC 100 JAF

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WILVER S MYERS	0-6-305	1st Lt	McFarland Wis	1944 GC 100	AF
37th Fighter Squadron					
WILLIAM A GIBSON	0-6-351	Captain	Jennette Pa	1944 GC 100	AF
JOY E CARLSON	0-6-373	1st Lt	Omaha Neb	1944 GC 100	AF
WALTER I BRISCOLE	0-7-323	1st Lt	Jackson Mich	1944 GC 100	AF
JOHN P FOLEY	0-7-337	1st Lt	Daulphin Pa	1944 GC 100	AF
HENRY B LAMBERT	0-7-367	1st Lt	Winnetka Ill	1944 GC 100	AF
WILLIAM G WOODRUM	0-7-373	1st Lt	Dayton Ohio	1944 GC 100	AF
MERVIN J ROSVOLD	0-8-373	1st Lt	Lakota S D	1944 GC 100	AF
GEORGE L SUTCLIFFE	0-8-373	1st Lt	Centerville I I	1944 GC 100	AF

THIRTEENTH BOMBER CLUSTER

35TH TACTICAL RECONNAISSANCE GROUP  
169th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron

JOHN B PERAY	0-5-419	1st Lt	Marietta Ohio	1944 GC 133	AF
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36TH FIGHTER GROUP  
395th Fighter Squadron

WILLIAM E GARNER	0-6-476	Captain	Fort Wayne Ind	1944 GC 100	AF
WILLIAM E MURKIN	0-7-315	Captain	Johnstown Pa	1944 GC 100	AF
WALTER E SCHEPPE	0-7-475	Captain	Lerfur Minn	1944 GC 100	AF
CLARENCE STATION	0-5-457	Captain	Petersburg Ill	1944 GC 100	AF
WILLIAM KIRK JR	0-7-414	1st Lt	Kalamazoo Mich	1944 GC 100	AF

396th Fighter Squadron

WILLIAM E BENTON	0-4-247	1st Lt	San Marino Calif	1944 GC 100	AF
WILLIAM G LONGMAY	0-7-321	1st Lt	Springfield Mass	1944 GC 100	AF
WILLIAM OSTW	0-5-365	1st Lt	Passaic N J	1944 GC 100	AF

397th Fighter Squadron

WILLIAM A O'CONNELL	0-7-326	Captain	Flint Mich	1944 GC 100	AF
WILLIAM M ELBERT	0-7-317	Captain	Charleston Ill	1944 GC 100	AF
WALTER I BRISCOLE	0-7-323	1st Lt	Jackson Mich	1944 GC 100	AF
(Enemy aircraft destroyed June 1944)					
JOHN P FOLEY	0-7-337	1st Lt	Daulphin Pa	1944 GC 100	AF

FOURTEENTH BOMBER CLUSTER

35TH FIGHTER GROUP  
395th Fighter Squadron

WILLIAM P SPARKS	0-4-326	Major	La Grange Ky	1944 GC 115	AF
WILLIAM E MURKIN	0-7-315	Captain	Johnstown Pa	1944 GC 100	AF
CLARENCE STATION	0-5-457	Captain	Petersburg Ill	1944 GC 100	AF

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36th Fighter Squadron

JOSEPH J McLAUGHLIN	4-5544	Captain	Detroit Mich	1944 GO 95 9AF
DAVID C PARRISH	0-67512	Captain	Paris Ky	1944 GO 100 9AF
ALBERT L LARSEN JR	0-57764	1st Lt	Clinton Iowa	1944 GO 100 9AF
WALTER B LOUGHEE	0-2321	1st Lt	Springfield Mass	1944 GO 100 9AF

37th Fighter Squadron

JOHN H LOUGHEE	0-75317	Captain	Worcester Mass	1944 GO 100 9AF
RUSSELL A O'CONNELL	0-73226	Captain	Flint Mich	1944 GO 100 9AF
(Enemy aircraft destroyed 22 June 1944)				
WAYNE H BRISCOE	0-745323	1st Lt	Jackson Mich	1944 GO 100 9AF

THIRD SILVER OAK LEAF CLUSTER

365TH FIGHTER GROUP

37th Fighter Squadron

JOHN W MOTZEMBECKER	0-72139	Major	Newark N J	1944 GO 100 9AF
JULIUS H HAMMOND JR	0-57325	Captain	Lui Okla	1944 GO 100 9AF
ANDREW W SMOCK	0-57352	Captain	Columbia S C	1944 GO 100 9AF
ROBERT E NOTTISON	0-56732	1st Lt	Florncr Kansas	1944 GO 100 9AF

36TH FIGHTER GROUP

35th Fighter Squadron

HAROLD P SPARKS	0-432726	Major	La Grange Ky	1944 GO 110 9AF
LEE ROY STAMMER JR	0-42427	Captain	Chattanooga Tenn	1944 GO 100 9AF

396th Fighter Squadron

DAVID C PARRISH	0-67512	Captain	Paris Ky	1944 GO 100 9AF
CHARLES W ROMINE	0-665447	Captain	Waco Texas	1944 GO 96 9AF

397th Fighter Squadron

JOHN H LOUGHEE	0-698317	Captain	Worcester Mass	1944 GO 100 9AF
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EIGHTEENTH AND NINETEENTH BRONZE AND FOURTH SILVER OAK LEAF CLUSTER

368TH FIGHTER GROUP

PAUL P DOUGLAS JR	0-432137	Lt Col	Paragould Ark	1944 GO 100 9AF
(Enemy aircraft destroyed 23 June 1944)				
(Enemy aircraft destroyed 22 June 1944)				

TWENTY-FIRST, TWENTY-SECOND AND TWENTY-THIRD BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

368TH FIGHTER GROUP

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RANDALL W HENDRICKS O-441804 Major Youngstown Ohio 1944 GO 100 9AF  
(Enemy aircraft destroyed 22 June 1944)

TWENTY-EIGHT BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

365th FIGHTER GROUP

DONALD E HILLMAN O-414131 Lt Col Seattle Wash 1944 GO 66 9AF

TWENTY-NINTH BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

450TH FIGHTER GROUP

493rd Fighter Squadron

WILLIAM C BRAYSON O-421633 Major Castle Gate Utah 1943 GO 61 MAAF

SECTION III

1. So much of paragraph 1, Section II, General Orders 60, this Headquarters, dated 23 September 1944 as reads:

SECOND SILVER OAK LEAF CLUSTER

365TH FIGHTER GROUP

383rd Fighter Squadron

TOM R ALLMAN O-762194 2nd Lt Burlingame Calif 1944 GO 47 9TAC  
JOHN A C COLE O-767124 2nd Lt New York N Y 1944 GO 56 9TAC

is amended to read:

SECOND BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

365TH FIGHTER GROUP

383rd Fighter Squadron

TOM R ALLMAN O-762194 2nd Lt Burlingame Calif 1944 GO 47 9TAC  
JOHN A C COLE O-767124 2nd Lt New York N Y 1944 GO 56 9TAC

2. So much of paragraph 1, Section II, General Orders 63, this Headquarters, dated 30 September 1944 as reads:

SECOND SILVER OAK LEAF CLUSTER

365TH FIGHTER GROUP

383rd Fighter Squadron

CHARLES READY JR O-670432 1st Lt Sentinel Okla 1944 GO 19 9TAC

is amended to read:

SECOND SILVER OAK LEAF CLUSTER

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365TH FIGHTER GROUP  
388th Fighter Squadron

CHARLES RENDY JR      G-70452    1st Lt    Sensitive Okla      1944 CG 19 9TAS

3. So much of Section III, General Order 43, this Headquarters, dated 6 August 1944, as pertaining to 1/Lt Carl C Knapp, 215th Medical Dispensary, is deleted.

By command of Major General JLSAD:

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

OFFICIAL:

*A. J. Wetteman*  
A. J. WETTEMAN,  
Captain, Air Corps,  
Asst Adj General.

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SQUADRON

5 AWARDS AND DECOMMISSIONS: (CONTINUED)  
In accordance with GO 75....Continued...

With Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster  
1st Lt. Jerry B. Mullis                      1st Lt. Robert W. Lewis

With 4th and 5th Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster  
\*Capt. John W. Baer                      1st Lt. Henry E. Olson

2nd Silver Oak Leaf Cluster  
1st Lt. John H. Leeb                      2nd Lt. Louis B. Hamilton III

11th Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster  
1st Lt. Charles J. Kennedy, Jr.      1st Lt. Paul J. Gaulty

12th Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster  
Capt. Alfred E. Benton              1st Lt. Paul J. Gaulty  
1st Lt. Charles J. Kennedy, Jr.      1st Lt. Oliver C. Johnson  
1st Lt. Irving Galtus

13th Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster  
Capt. Alfred E. Benton              1st Lt. Irving Galtus  
1st Lt. Walter E. Dougherty

14th Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster  
Capt. Joseph J. McLachlan              1st Lt. Albert I. Izzen, Jr.  
Capt. David C. Parrish              1st Lt. Walter E. Dougherty

3rd Silver Oak Leaf Cluster  
Capt. David C. Parrish              Capt. Charles W. Romine  
10th and 11th Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster + 4th Silver

1st Lt. Col. Paul P. Douglas, Jr.

In accordance with par. 1 and par. 3, GO 7536, Hq. 9th AF, dtd 7 Oct. 1944, Capt. Joseph J. McLachlan received the Silver Star and Distinguished Flying Cross. Capt. Charles W. Romine was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross in accordance with par. 2 of the same order. Capt. Alfred E. Benton was awarded the Silver Star on 12 Oct. by General Vandenberg. (Date of or copy of GO not available).

In accordance with par. 1, Section 1, GO 72, Hq. IX TAC, dtd 22 Oct. 1944, the following six men of this organization were awarded the Bronze Star Medal: (Copy attached)

S/Sgt. Sigmund A. Maczowka	S/Sgt. Elmo R. Schmid
S/Sgt. Rudolph O. Mueller	S/Sgt. Raymond W. Smith
S/Sgt. Vicent J. Oglesby	S/Sgt. Robert H. Wade, Jr.

In accordance with GO# 74, Hq. IX TAC, dtd 27 Oct. 1944, the following awards have been made:

SECTION II

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AWARDS OF MERIT  
AWARDS OF DISTINCTION

AW 535, U S Army,  
22 October 1944.

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AWARDS OF DISTINCTION ----- SECTION II  
AWARDS OF MERIT STAR MEDAL ----- SECTION III  
AWARDS OF DISTINCTION ----- SECTION IV

SECTION I

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, dated 4 February 1944, (Sec II Bull 3, PD 1944) and in accordance with authority delegated by the War Department and Sixth Air Force, a BRONZE STAR MEDAL is awarded to the following named enlisted men for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations against the enemy in the European Theater of Operations.

	*	*	*	*	*
		368th			
		368th Fighter Squadron			
SIGMOND A. ACELONIA	31037044	S/Sgt	Hebronville Mass		
RUDOLPH C. KUELLER	33113661	S/Sgt	Coupland Texas		
VINCENT E. CHILSBY	34055433	S/Sgt	Cleviston Fla		
ELMO R. SCHMID	37446172	S/Sgt	Rising City Neb		
RAYMOND W. SMITH	15335041	S/Sgt	Delaware Ohio		
ROBERT W. WADE JR	14061228	S/Sgt	Jackson Miss		
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By command of Major General TRESAPA:

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

OFFICIAL:

J. J. CLARE, SR.,  
Major, AGD,  
Asst Adj General.

A TRUE EXTRACT COPY:

*H. J. Kessler*  
H. J. KESSLER,  
Captain, AG.

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## SQUADRON HISTORY

B. AWARDS AND DECORATIONS continued....  
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### AIR MEDAL

2nd Lt. George A. Myers

### SECTION III

1st Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster

2nd Lt. Albert P. Brizendine

MIA 2nd Lt. Rupert B. Maxwell

2nd Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster

2nd Lt. William G. Dixon

2nd Lt. Theodore C. Taubert

2nd Lt. Irven F. Miller

MIA 2nd Lt. Rupert B. Maxwell

3rd Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster

2nd Lt. William G. Dixon

2nd Lt. Kenneth L. Wilcox

4th Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster

2nd Lt. Albert A. Schmedler

2nd Lt. Kenneth L. Wilcox

1st Silver Oak Leaf Cluster

1st Lt. George W. Petrie

2nd Lt. Leslie G. Hansen

1st Lt. Gerald J. Grace

6th Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster

2nd Lt. Leslie G. Hansen

2nd Lt. George L. Waegener

7th Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster

1st Lt. George P. Chlman

2nd Lt. John W. Strickland

2nd Lt. Ricard J. Fox

8th Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster

1st Lt. Jerry B. Bullis

1st Lt. Robert H. Howie

1st Lt. Harold E. Glazier

9th Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster

1st Lt. Jerry B. Bullis

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2nd Silver Oak Leaf Cluster

Capt. John W. Baer

1st Lt. Henry L. Olson

11th Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster

1st Lt. John H. Loeb

2nd Lt. Louis D. Hamilton III

12th Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster

1st Lt. Frank S. Berchner

2nd Lt. Louis D. Hamilton III

13th Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster

1st Lt. Paul J. Quilty

1st Lt. Oliver S. Myerson

14th Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster

Capt. Alfred E. Benton

1st Lt. Irving Ostuw

3rd Silver Oak Leaf Cluster

1st Lt. Albert E. Larsen, Jr.

1st Lt. Walter G. Loughary

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## SQUADRON HISTORY

### 8. AWARDS AND DECORATIONS (Continued)

16th Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster  
Capt. David C. Parrish                      Capt. Charles W. Romine

21st and 22nd Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster  
Lt. Col. Paul P. Douglas, Jr.

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### PERSONNEL CHANGES:

1. In accordance with par. 4, SC117, Hq. 388 Wtr. Sp., dtd 1 Oct. 11 enlisted men were promoted. (Copy of SO attached)
2. On the 3rd, 2nd Lts. David J. Boss, William D. Dunbar, Harold D. Hammett, Richard T. Schindling, William J. Gennoy, and Arthur B. Hollman, Jr. jd the squadron as pilots.
3. Capt. Meredith W. Henry jd the squadron officially on the 6th.
4. Cpts. McLachlan and Romine and Lt. Larsen were transferred to the 12th Repl. Contr. Dep. on the 9th. E/Sgt Gibson and S/Sgt. Stage were transferred to the hospital that day.
5. Lt. Benton was promoted to Capt. per par 1, SO 245, Hq 9th AF, as amended by par 13, SO 280, Hq 9th AF dtd 6 Oct. 1st Lt. Jasper - MIA to POW. 1st Lt. Laughton MIA to MIA.
6. Pvt. Plamm was transferred to the supply division of Base Air Depot #1 on the 16th.
7. 2nd Lt. Rupert B. Maxwell was MIA on Oct. 20th.
8. On the 21st, 2nd Lt. James B. Philbrick jd the sqdn as our Ass't Engineering Officer.
9. 2nd Lts. Gerald J. Grace, Harold E. Glazier, Robert H. Howie, and George P. Ohlman, Jr. were promoted to 1st Lieut. per par 13, SO 296, Hq. Ninth AF, dtd 22 October 1944.

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HEADQUARTERS  
368TH FIGHTER GROUP

AFO 595, U. S. ARMY  
1 October 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS )  
:  
NUMBER 117 )

1. The VOCO 368th Ftr Gp of 30 Sept 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 F. VOLIVA, O311393, FD, Accountable Disbursing Officer, as of the close of business, 30 September 1944:

Capt GEORGE A. LYERS O569530 AC  
Capt RICHARD R. WEISS O570712 AC "

2. Under the provisions of AR 615-5, 30 June 1943, and upon the recommendation of his Cdrn Comdr, Cpl (911) Ronald E. Frazier, 36476071, 396th Ftr Sq, is reduced to the gr of Pvt for misconduct.

3. Under the provisions of AR 615-5, 30 June 1943 and upon the recommendation of their Cdrn Comdr, the following named EM, 395th Ftr Sq, are promoted to grades as indicated:

TO BE MASTER SERGEANT (TEMP)

T/Sgt (730) John D. Shea 12056226  
T/Sgt (542) Edward A. Long 35453637

TO BE TECHNICAL SERGEANT (TEMP)

S/Sgt (511) Ralph J. Petro 36444310  
S/Sgt (757) Norman W. Varnick 35387127  
S/Sgt (802) Richard W. Weaver 35421392

TO BE STAFF SERGEANT (TEMP)

Sgt (747) Joseph E. Surat 32409111

TO BE SERGEANT (TEMP)

Cpl (750) Vito J. Bafile 13047083  
Cpl (860) Percy L. Barley 3325311  
Cpl (747) John J. Buncock 32603229  
Cpl (555) Joseph G. Cardwell 34705495  
Cpl (935) Albert D. Hobbs 35360295  
Cpl (860) Robert E. Mosser 15035688  
Cpl (747) Robert B. Olson 1668023  
Cpl (911) John C. Welch Jr 36740002

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TO BE CORPORAL (TEMP)

Pfc (911) Leo A. Marazzato	39615098
Pfc (941) Charles D. Muhly Jr	33798753
Pfc (911) Eugene H. Fralle	37237297
Pfc (901) John S. Tolbert	13122874

TO BE PRIVATE FIRST CLASS (TEMP)

Pvt (747) Delos E. McNutt	37303109
Pvt (911) Guido A. Mimmo	32433507
Pvt (911) William Okrenuk	33596433

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TO BE STAFF SERGEANT (TEMP)

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Sgt (673) Norbert E. Detert	36815234

TO BE CORPORAL (TEMP)

Pfc (941) Walter D. Graham	33543041
Pfc (911) Russell C. Freeze	17151239
Pfc (060) Joseph J. Ievarnik	32914589
Pfc (941) Jess L. Spangler	36563889

TO BE PRIVATE FIRST CLASS (TEMP)

Pvt (911) Henry J. Evans	18046302
Pvt (932) Jack L. Mercer	38069240
Pvt (620) Richard S. Ross	35229492
Pvt (566) LaMont H. Rutan	19030132
Pvt (060) David K. Westfall	19048977

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TO BE TECHNICAL SERGEANT (TEMP)

S/Sgt (824) Orville Griffith	6639757
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TO BE STAFF SERGEANT (TEMP)

Sgt (759) Clarence D. Tarrish	39827477
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Cpl (747) George W. Savage 11131241

TO BE CORPORAL (T.M.)

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Pfc (911) Irvin M. Beiner 33565630  
Pfc (911) Leonard F. Dabey 33313250  
Pfc (941) William D. Gilchrist 37676673  
Pfc (901) Joseph J. Grabowski 32909506  
Pfc (405) Elmer L. Hilgendorf 36429356

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## SQUADRON HISTORY

MISSIONS # 234, 235...Rail Cutting...Planes Arrive At A-84.1...

At the beginning of the month the first day was a day of no operations. It rained during the day and the release came through about 1500 hours. We were notified to expect about 6 new pilots who were going to join the squadron. These pilots were 2nd Lts. David J. Boss, William D. Dunbar, Harold D. Hammett, Richard T. Schindling, William J. Conroy, and Arthur B. Holiman, Jr.

On the 2nd, the day's mission was to hit the Germans in the rear by going after railroad sections in an attempt to disrupt his transportation system. The morning's mission was in the Red System, east of the Rhine River near Breitscheid. All planes were bombed-up with 2 x 500 pounders. They got to the target area and bombed with very good results, cutting the railroad in 8 places.

Meanwhile, at A-84, Chievres-Belgium, word came through that the planes would take-off on a mission from Laon-Athies and were going to land at A-84 after the completion of this one. Right after the planes took-off on this second mission to hit the railroad sections near Euskirchen, some more men were flown from A-69 to A-84 by C-47 transport so that most of the men and equipment would be here at the time the pilots and planes arrived. Preparations were made to have everything ready. Group Operations called the squadron and told us to expect the airplanes about 1615.

Just before the mission landed at our new base, the pilots who ferried the remaining squadron planes arrived and were brought over to their quarters. At 1625, the 11 ships which had taken-off on the second mission landed at Chievres. Capt. Baer had led the squadron to the railroad sections near Euskirchen, where they cut the sections in two places. Everything was set, with the usual critique being held at Group. Capt. Henry was flying with the squadron but was not back with us officially. Rumors had it that he would be rejoining the squadron. Capt. McLachlan moved his belongings over to the group headquarters area where he was going to stay more or less permanently with operations.

The squadron was briefed on the 3rd for an armed recce in the vicinity of Maastricht, working with the 7th Armored Division. The take-off scheduled for 0830 but the rain prevented that. The rest of the day was spent in setting up in the different departments. The sections were all busy becoming operational at our new home. Some more men and equipment arrived in the afternoon. Doc and his ambulance arrived as well as the rest of the orderly room personnel and kitchen.

MISSIONS # 236, 237.....Rail Cutting, Continued.....

The first briefing on October 4th was held at 0545. The day's operations called for disrupting some more of the German's transportation system east of the Rhine River. The 395th and 396th were going to work in the same area. Capt. Dave Parrish was to lead the squadron on this mission, flying to the vicinity of Meschede. Capt. East gave the intelligence on flak while Mac told the boys about the operations angle. Lt. Courtwright mentioned the ground situation and the fact that they were waiting for better weather to start things rolling. The boys

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rushed back to the squadron where they had some breakfast. The planes were airborne at 0700, got to the target and cut the railroad in 2 places after luckily finding a hole in the overcast. Coming back from the target area, the boys reported much enemy railroad traffic on both sides of the Rhine River.

The second mission was another group attack. The rail cutting was to take place along lines north of Marburg. The squadron had 2 sections with Capt. Baer leading. Capts. Reinthal and Gilbert gave all the information. Capt. Gibson was going to lead the group. Lt. Col. Kessler told the boys to watch take-offs and landings since they were going to take off by elements as they had done in England. The group took-off, set course and headed out toward Germany. Ass't Ops Officer Larsen got the remaining pilots together for some instructions. By a great misfortune, Capt. Gibson and his wingman had a mid-air collision. There was an overcast and the weather rather poor in general. Capt. Baer took over the group as leader but when they arrived at the briefed area, the overcast obscured the railroad. Finding a break in the clouds, they bombed by jettisoning their bombs about 5 miles north of the target and returned home immediately. This completed the day.

MISSIONS # 250, 259....Fighter Sweeps...GAT caught on the Ground....  
Scores - 19 - 9 - 2.....

October 5th was pay day, our first one in Belgium. A briefing was held at 0600 for cutting rail lines in the Green System but the take-off was delayed because of the very foggy weather. The weather continued bad all day preventing the mission. Some of the boys were over to the brick building near the squadron area where they worked on the broken roof and ceilings to make it habitable. Capt. Kessler brought up the rear of the squadron from A-69 to the new field just before supper making us all present.

At 0800 on the 6th, the group was briefed for a Fighter Sweep starting at Eupen and sweeping generally north between Munchen Gladbach and Dusseldorf, then south again. The ALO told the boys that today might possibly start a big show if the weather was good enough. The mission was accomplished. Mediums were bombing in the sweep area. The pilots believed that the strip at Euskirchen may be in use from their observations.

The second mission was briefed at 1230. Lt. Col. Douglas was to lead on the same type of sweep. The planes were airborne by 1400 hours and headed out on course. Lt. Ryerson's flight returned early because 2 planes were hit by flak. The controller started to vector the group to some bandits. Lt. Col. Douglas spotted a landing ground which at first was believed to be Dresselndorf but later was decided to be the Breitscheid airfield. The controller told the squadron that he knew where they were at the time and mentioned that it was operational. The colonel went down to test for flak. He saw an enemy airplane land and taxi toward a dispersal area. When he came down and caught sight of the big bag of 190's and 109's, Lt. Col. Douglas called for the straffing run on what turned out to be 55 plus E/A. The final result for the squadron was 19 destroyed, 9 probably destroyed and 2 damaged.

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MISSIONS # 238, 239.....(continued).....

They caught these Jerry planes and did a very good job of straffing. Lt. Col. Douglas' results were 6-2-0, Lt. Inauss 2-1-0, Lt. Petrie 4-2-0, Lt. Pace 2-1-0, Lt. Hamilton 3-1-0, Lt. Johnson 2-1-0, and Lt. Quilty got 0-1-2. A very eventful mission. This was the first the squadron straffed enemy airplanes on any of their fields.

Capt. Henry was officially assigned to the squadron this day. S/Sgt. Stage, Lt. Kennedy's crew chief, was injured very badly when he fell off the wing of the airplane which Lt. Petrie was taxiing. The injury was in his neck and he was immediately taken to the hospital. S/Sgt. Stage's Bronze Star came through on the general order which arrived the same day. Henry was to take over command of Black Flight with the new assignments which were to come into effect soon in the squadron. Word came that Mac, Chuck, and Larsen would be leaving the squadron very shortly on their way home, back to the States.

MISSION # 240, 241....Direct Support To The Ground Forces.....Party For Mac, Chuck, and Larsen.....

Direct support was the schedule for the day's operations on the 7th. The group was going to work with the VII Corps. Maj. Sparks was leading the group, Capt. Parrish our squadron, with definite targets to be smoked by the 9th Division near Vossnack. At 1045, the planes were over the target area, the ground controller had the pin pointed targets marked with smoke and the boys bobbed right on the mark. Seascout claimed they were bombing enemy mortar positions but they could not be observed from the air. A critique for this mission was held just before the briefing of the second one, at which time the AIC told us that Lt. Col. Jones from the 3-3, Air Police at first and was notified by the controller that the bombing was very good for the mission which had just come down.

Capt. Henry led the squadron on the second mission for the day. They went to contact Seascout and ask for targets, but in their absence some available at the time, the squadron was to perform an armed patrol between Hittorf and Seppelino on the Rhine, then back to Vossnack and the bomb-line. In his briefing to the squadron, Capt. Henry reminded about the better help they get after sticking close to the vicinity of our front line than if they were about too much. When they arrived over the rendezvous point, Seascout was contacted. He told the squadron to go to the junction to the west of, and the town of Vossnack itself. This was also marked with red smoke. Seascout commended on their excellent bombing via the A/C. Flying a while near Hittorf, they observed only singular vehicular traffic. In the evening, the AIC called squadron operations to relate a message from the corps general who wanted to commend the group for the fine work they did in the morning and the better work accomplished in the afternoon.

The boys decided on a farewell party for Capt. McLachlan, Capt. Irvine and Lt. Larsen whose orders for transfer back to the zone of the Interior had arrived. A steak dinner with some drinks was planned for the evening. After the supper which Mrs. Benson, Hirschner, and Kennedy had arranged, all came into the pilot's room for some champagne. The three pilots about to leave us were seated next to Lt. Col. Douglas.

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### MISSION # 240, 241.....(Continued).....

Each one of them opened a bottle himself and kept the cork for a souvenir. The toasts started as all of us wished these boys leaving us, the best of luck. Each one had played his part with merit. Capt. McLachlan had to his credit the Purple Heart, Distinguished Flying Cross, and the Silver Star. Capt. "Chuck" Romine had the D.F.C. and Purple Heart, and Lt. Larsen was awarded the D.F.C. All three were awarded the Air Medal on May 9th and several clusters were added since that time. The party broke up at about 2300 after everyone had a very enjoyable few hours.

### MISSION # 242.....Some More Support.....

On October 8th, the 0545 briefing was for direct support with the 1st Infantry Division. It was a planned mission with definite targets. The take-off was postponed because of fog and bad weather. Since the weather had not cleared sufficiently all morning, the mission was scrubbed and the one for the afternoon was called in.

The briefing was held at 1230. Capt. Baer was to lead the squadron again in support fo the 1st Infantry. The ALO notified us of a push in the Aachen area but explained why it wouldn't be as spectacular as the St. Lo breakthrough. The mission took-off at 1421 hours and contacted Booty when they arrived over the area. The controller told the squadron to go to to a certain point a few miles northeast of Aachen to bomb a road intersection where there were some gun implacements. Due to bad visibility and a battle going on in that immediate area, they did not want to bomb in case our boys were moving in there. They proceeded to bomb a German town believed to be Gusten, then headed for home. At the critique, we learned that the 395th had met up with an He-109 and a FW 190 and that they may have gottaa one. Some flak came very close to it. Myers' ship and fragmenfs came through the canopy causing injury to his left hand. Doc Cox cleaned it up and washed his eyes out for possible glass dust.

### .....BAD WEATHER.....Some of the Boys Receive Air Medals From General McCauley.....

Mac, Chuck, and Turtle left with their orders at about 0700 on the 9th. The morning was very foggy. Briefing was called for at 0900. The group was scheduled to work with Seascout again on definite targets which were strong points and supply centers in the vicinity of Vossenack. Lt. Col. Douglas was to lead. Maj. Kroencke read some information regarding the hard fighting of one of our companies against a pillbox and then he added some interest with a captured document written by General Model. When the pilots got back to the pilot's room to await take-off, it was held up due to the weather. The mission was scrubbed after waiting all morning and the afternoon's was substituted. This too was scrubbed because of the weather with a release coming through.

On October 10th, the morning briefing had planned targets set for the group - enemy strongpoints. The mission was held up. Due to bad weather continuing, we were released until 1200, then finally for the rest of the day. In the afternoon, General McCauley presented the Air Medal awards to nineteen of our pilots - Capt. Dennis Crisp, Lts.

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Bad Weather.....(Continued).....

Dricendine, Cox, Dixon, Grace, Hansen, Janson, Knauss, Leilgass, Maxwell, Miller, Milman, Schmedler, Stevens, Taubert, Waegener, Wilcox, Busenbark and Waggoner. The presentations were made in the 305th Fighter Group area.

The first group of men left on pass to Brussels in the morning to spend the day in the Belgian Capital.

MISSIONS # 243.....Part of Force To Pound Aachen.....

At 0800 on Oct. 11th, there was a group briefing. Three airfields in Germany were lined to be attacked. The squadron was assigned to the Nidda airfield and airpark. The group was to stay together over each target. However, the weather was not too good over the target areas, so the take-off was held up. While waiting back at the squadron, a new briefing was called for 1100. It was a new mission to take the place of the earlier one. The group was going to work with the VII Corps particularly 1st Division. Lt. Courtwright told us about the ultimatum given to the troops in Aachen to surrender or suffer the consequences. The hour for surrender had arrived and since the Germans had asked for it, they were going to get it. Capt. Baer led the squadron. The targets in the heart of the city were to be marked with smoke. The squadron picked out their target when they arrived over the town and bombed with good results. The controller on the ground commended with "darn good bombing". When they came down, the boys left for critique and the release for the day came in.

MISSIONS # 244, 245....Support And Recce...."George" Benton Receives The Silver Star.....

The early morning mission on the 12th took-off at 0900 after havin, been briefed on close support with the VII Corps, with a rendezvous point a few miles south of Aachen near Hauset. When they arrived in the area Booty sent them to Booty #3 about 4 miles NE of Aachen. A target was smoked for them which was bombed with excellent results. While flying the recce, the squadron led by Lt. Col. Douglas, destroyed 2 locomotives and strafed a train west of Cologne. Both ends of the train of 40-50 cars were set on fire, with explosions seen from the others later. A job well done.

At 1130, briefing for the second mission was held. Capt. Baer led the squadron on the same type of mission. However, the weather had closed in and it was impossible to locate the ground controller or the target. Finally, when they became low on gas they headed northeast and bombed through the only hole on a small marshalling yard believed to be Pulnen, with very good results. From their observations, 15-20 heavy enemy tanks were seen heading towards Aachen from north of Duren. The boys also had a glance at the entrenchments along the east bank of the Reuse.

Capt. Benton was asked to be over at the group headquarters area at 1400. "George" was to receive the Silver Star Medal for his action on the day he rammed the Jerry plane on August 7th. Benton had brought his airplane back to A-3 and made sure of preventing the plane from going right into an area where some men were located.

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### MISSIONS # 244, 245.....(continued).....

The mission was the same one on which Mac led the boys and the Jerries jettisoned their bombs. Other pilots, including Major Sparks, were lined upon the grass south of the taxi strip near group as Maj. Gen. Vandenburg made the presentations to the 14 or 15 pilots of the group. Col. Meyers and Col. Steckler of the 35th Fighter Group accompanied the general. "George" who prefers to be called Alfred F., was the second in line to receive his award.

### MISSIONS # 246, 7, 8, 9....Support For V Corps....Jasper Officially POW, Ed Naughton MIA.....

At Col's, Oct 15th, a briefing was held for very close support to the V Corps. Six targets were assigned to the group to knock out pillboxes and strong points near the border town of Udenbreth. It was a group mission to be led by Col. Meyers. After Capt. East briefed, followed by Lt. Courtwright on the ground situation, Col. Meyers told the boys about his visit to V Corps and the plan set forth for a possible push. Perhaps this mission may be a prelude. Eight of the 18 ships were bombed-up with Capt. Benton leading the squadron. When they arrived in the target area there was a 9/10 coverage of clouds making it impossible to work. The squadron found a marshalling yard believed to be at Bad Kreuznach and bombed it with very good results. The yard was left ablaze as they set course for home.

Waiting for another mission to come in the afternoon, the squadron was put on a 60 minute alert. At approximately 1600, group called in a direct support mission to work with the 28th Infantry Division of the V Corps. They were to bomb strong points, locations given and all the rest of the data for the mission was called in over the hot line. Dave Parrish leading the squadron, had all the boys together and ready. The squadron was airborne at 1626, over the target at 1655, bombed according to plan with probably excellent results, and were home again at 1804. They accomplished the work for the day which ended with a bit of rain.

On the 14th, the boys were up to group again at 0600, Capt. Benton preceding the rest by 15 minutes to get some advanced poop on the mission. The targets were strong points about 400 yards south of the targets briefed on yesterday. The original take-off was held up because of the weather and finally got up in the early afternoon. The ships arrived over the target area at 1315, had the target marked with smoke and bombed with excellent results - right on the smoke. They saw a long trail in the air which might have been a rocket marker or jet plane in the vicinity of the target, about 3 miles southeast of Hollerath.

Green Flight returned from England where they had been on operational leave. Little Olie brought back "Corky" a small Welsh Corgi dog, which he purchased. Angus and Butch, the squadron mascots that attended many briefings and critiques, now had a buddy making it a threesome on the line.

The work with the V Corps continued on the 15th. The briefing was held at 0730. Capt. Parrish led the squadron to the vicinity of Hopcraft. They orbited for about half an hour, but there was no break in the overcast. Finding a hole, they bombed a village, Schleiden, north-

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MISSIONS # 248, 7, 8, 9.....(Continued).....

east of Hollerath. All planes were down at 1141. The weather became worse in the afternoon, with rain following. At about 1830, a release came through.

Official word now made it definite that Jasper was a prisoner of war. Ed Maughton's burial place near Ste. Hertrigglise had been identified and was listed as M.I.A.

Three Days of Briefing But....Weather Interferes.....

On the 18th, briefing was held for a dive-bombing mission of the enemy airfield at Bonn with Breitscheid as the alternate. Both airfields were shown on the balopticon and studied. The AIC told us of the ground force's mission for the day in closing the Aachen Gap and of the German counterattacks. The mission was a group assignment with Capt. Benton to lead the squadron. However, the weather had not become good enough to accomplish the mission with a release for the day coming in about 1400. Sgt. Jerry Donaghan got some buns ready to have with coffee in the afternoon. The buns didn't last very long.

The same targets were assigned to the group the following day, with Maj. Sparks to lead. The AIC mentioned the closing of the Aachen Gap. Lt. Steers told the group of possible bad weather on the way and the original take-off was postponed. The weather continued bad with a release in. Maj. Sparks came over to the squadron to pay us a visit.

The October 18th briefing was held at 0900. This time it was to be an escort mission for the group, working with B-26's. The target was east of the Rhur Valley. Maj. Sparks was going to lead, with Capt. Parrish leading the squadron. There was no definite time set for the rendezvous. Getting back to the squadron, the rain came with no word all morning. At 1245, group called in over the squawk box to cancel the morning briefing and substitute the Bonn deal instead. At the briefing, 1400, we were told that the VII Corps was being counterattacked and they were to be contacted on the way out. If the weather was to bad over the area south east of Aachen, Maj. Sparks told the boys they would head out to the Bonn field. The weather was still uncertain with the squadron on a 15 minute alert. They did not take-off making it the third day due to the weather.

MISSION # 249.....Targets Obscured.....

At 0730 on the 18th, the group was briefed on bridge targets on the railroad between Soest and Ippstadt, the squadron getting 3 of them assigned. They were ready to take-off at 0800, but it was postponed until 0930. The planes returned at 1111 with all the bombs and belly tanks because the base of the clouds was at 1,000 ft., with instrument weather from the base to the bomb line. A second briefing called in for 1200, but this was indefinitely postponed. Rain came in the afternoon.

MISSIONS # 251, 252....CAF Met Again, Score: 7-0-0 Air, 1-0-0 Ground...

Lt. Maxwell Lost, ...Glie Had to Belly Land....  
The 25th brought close support work again. At the 0730 briefing,

MISMISSION # 251, 252.....(Continued).....

Lt. Maxwell and the boys found out that they were to work with Pease. He showed us a lot of targets north of Vossenack, very close to our own lines guaranteeing a 100 yard bomb line. The targets were enemy strong points. One target was not marked well enough but the other one was. The results were from fair to good. The gub flying in the area remarked that it was a good job.

At the completion of the critique, the second mission was briefed on the same type of mission in the same area. Lt. Col. Douglas led the squadron. He told the boys that after the bombing they might go on a recon. When they arrived over the target area, one only was smoked and bombed. Then they were asked to strafe the town of Bergstein, starting a large fire. Flying on a recon, the squadron encountered 50 plus long and short nosed FW-190's carrying bombs and belly tanks which they jettisoned upon sighting the squadron. They immediately broke to the left and went into a tumberry. Our boys climbed up into them and a dog-fight developed. The score was 7-0-2 in the air. Lt. Olson had sighted an Me-109 being repaired or serviced on a grass field east of Coblenz. He made his run on the target after getting permission to go down and destroyed the Me-109 on the ground. Lt. Col. Douglas destroyed 3 FW's and damaged one, "Pappy" Kennedy got his first enemy airplane and damaged another, while Lt. Howie destroyed 3 more and Little Olie shot one down, too. In this battle, Lt. Rupert E. Maxwell had done a marvelous job of protecting Lt. Kennedy's tail. A couple of Hunns got on Max's tail and as Pappy yelled over the R/T for him to break, they opened up. The airplane caught fire and Olie saw Lt. Maxwell bail out south of the German town of Heyen. Olie himself had to belly -in his airplane near Namur after bringing it back over our lines badly damaged and being tailed by enemy aircraft. The colonel's plane was badly damaged from enemy fire as he set course for home after riding the tail of three aircraft. He was alone and his left wing caught fire, burned out the flap, air speed indicator, and half through the aileron control when it extinguished itself. Very shortly, an explosion occurred which shattered the canopy, blew off his helmet, made a large hole in the side of the cockpit and broke the glass on some of the instruments. Lt. Kennedy spotted the lone airplane as he looked around to join up with someone to come home. The lone plane was the colonel's and the two of them headed for the base. The colonel had to land with no flaps, one brake, no air speed indicator, and two flat tires. He also had a slight injury to his left leg which Doc took care of immediately.

The enemy was very aggressive during the air battle with many head-on passes made. Our planes didn't have any trouble maneuvering into position or turning with them. Lt. Olson came back that evening with aid of an IP from the vicinity where he bellyed in. Lts. Cox and Stevens came home from another field where they had to land because of being low on gas. Quite a mission, hitting the enemy in the most vital part of his machine. The Thunder Bums did it again!

MISMISSION # 253, 254.....Ground Support.....

The group was put on ground support on the 21st. The boys were going to work with our forces north of Aachen. 6 out of the 12 ships were bombed-up with Lt. Louhary leading the first mission of the day

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for the squadron. When they arrived over the rendezvous point, Abtide Able was contacted who gave them a target of gun emplacements and trenches at Gellenkirchen. The bombing was generally very good in the field where these strongpoints were.

The second mission had its briefing at 1100 with the same type of mission scheduled. Capt. Parrish led this one. At first, the squadron contacted Decline, who sent them to Default. Contacting this controller, he tried to mark a target a few miles northeast of Sittard but was unsuccessful. They couldn't locate any marking so the squadron proceeded on an armed recce east of Julich where they bombed 2 factories and a warehouse with good results on one factory and the warehouse. All were down by 1530 and left for critique after the interrogation.

2nd Lt. James B. Philbrick joined the squadron this day as our new assistant engineering officer.

Continued Bad Weather.....Lt. Mathews Meets Up With The Boys.....

From October 22nd until October 27th, briefings were held but no missions took-off because the weather didn't warrant any. On the 22nd, two briefings were held for fighter sweeps but both were finally scrubbed due to weather. Lt. Col. Gimby visited us in the afternoon. He had come to pay the group a visit on his leave from the hospital in England. The 23rd brought a briefing at 0900 for a group mission to attack a RR bridge north of Duren and then to cut the railroad line north and south of the bridge. Fog was around the base and Lt. Steers gave the weather situation - unflyable and foggy. However, there was a possibility of getting off in the afternoon. Col. Meyers attended the briefing and told the boys of the importance attached to knocking out the bridge and cutting railroad sections, tying up more manpower of the enemy and creating transportation difficulties. No take-off was possible all day.

A rebriefing on the same target was held on the 24th with no definite take-off time set. There was a tentative take-off for 1400 but just as the boys were ready to go out to the ships, group called and told the squadron to stand-by. Lt. Mathews, who had been transferred from the squadron before we left the United States, paid us a surprise visit. Mathews was now assigned to the 395th after coming across. The boys greeted him with a great big "Hya Mathews". Back in the S-2 room, they discovered each other's experiences since he was away from the squadron. Capt. Henry gave him a summary of our history as he pointed to the different places on the map. The day ended with no mission. An Officer from IX TAC spoke to the group on "Non-fraternization in Germany" at the 395th hangar in the afternoon.

The 25th brought still another rebriefing on the same target. Lt. Steers wasn't too optimistic about the weather, with no take-off for the day. At 0830 on the 26th, another briefing for the same target was held. The mission was still pending for the weather continued with its fog. At this briefing, we met the new group ALO, Capt. Davis, who was introduced by Lt. Courtwright. Capt. Davis had high praise for the outfit from the front line units with which the boys had worked. Capt. Weinthal called in the confirmations of Capt. McLachlan's and Capt. Benton's 100's each on August 7th and also Capt. Parrish's one 190 and one 109 on August 8th. Some of the pilots started to move over to

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their quarters near Chievres. The fog and weather continued through the 27th, with no briefing all day. In the afternoon, combat film was shown in the pilot's room. Doc showed his candid shots of the boys at Farmingdale, Greenham Common, and Chilbolton. The group had been released and rains brought the end of the day.

MISSIONS # 255,6,7...Flyable Weather...Go After Targets-Bridges and Railroads.....

The squadron was notified that the group was to take-off at 0730 on the 28th on the bridge and rail cutting mission they had been briefed on for the last few days. There was no briefing. The planes were ready and the pilots were down to the ops site by 0650 but the take-off was delayed until 0915. The squadron flew top cover for the rest of the group with Lt. Loughery leading the squadron. Bert Loughery's plane was hit by flak south of Duren so he had to return home with his wingman. Flying cover, the boys couldn't observe the bombing.

The squadron supplied four pilots and planes for a Radar Control and DF Calibration mission. It was a group mission of eight with Lt. Col. Douglas leading. They flew about 7 legs, mostly over Germany as briefed. Sweepstake vectored the planes around with the mission more or less uneventful. Checkpoints were used to help accomplish the work with the controller. This was the first operational mission for Ibs. Hammett and Holiman.

The third mission for the day had its briefing at 1230. The group was going to hit another bridge and then cut the railroad on the section of the system the bridge was on. The section was the railroad running out of Duren to the east and north to Cologne. Lt. Courtwright told the boys about the Canadian and British advances north of Antwerp to secure the use of the Scheldt so that the port of Antwerp could be put into use shortening the supply lines. The pilots had a squadron briefing by Capt. Benton who was to lead them. They were all set, got their maps, kits and flying equipment then went out to their ships. When the group arrived over the target area our boys bombed fairly well with one hit in the center of the bridge and a couple of hits on the southern approach to it.

While the boys were on the last mission, some practice missions were flown with the rockets for the first time. The target was set up in a lake about 5 miles northeast of Chievres. When they returned from the flights to the target set up there, they were very enthusiastic over the advice and discussed the problems very cogently regarding the attitude of the airplane, sighting and release at the proper time. The day ended with a full schedule after having no operations for 3 days.

MISSIONS # 258, 259...Other Bridges - a knockout in Germany..Promotions for Glezier, Grace, Lewis, and Gilman - 1st Lts..

Briefing on the 28th was at 0700. The group was to hit a railroad bridge just north of the town of Truck. Bert Loughery led the squadron, taking off at 0800 and setting course with each of the planes carrying 2 x 500 pounders each. When the two bomber squadrons dive-bombed, the results were only fair. A nearby tunnel was hit but no estimate of damage could be made. Rocket contrails were seen to trail straight up

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MISSIONS - 208, 259.....(Continued).....

about 5-8 miles south of the target. This was Lt. Schindling's first operational mission.

During the day, some more practice rocket firing missions were flown over the lake near Chimay. Briefing for the second mission of the day was held at 1230. Capt. Reinthal told the group that since the bridge had not been knocked out, the primary targets for the mission were the bridge called for in the morning plus the second bridge which was located just south of Truck. As secondary targets the group had the railroad in the vicinity. Maj. Sparks was leading the group and Lt. Col. Douglas was to lead the squadron as top cover for the other two squadrons carrying the bombs. Lt. Dunbar was scheduled for his first operational flight with the squadron. The mission was very uneventful for the squadron since they flew a high altitude top cover. Cloud coverage was too much to see what was going on at the targets. Although the group didn't get to the briefed bridges, they knocked out three other bridges nearby and went after a couple of tunnels.

After the squadron landed and the boys took off their flying equipment, Pappy got them together for a meeting in the pilot's room where the colonel congratulated and handed the promotion orders to Lts. Blazier, Grace, Howie, and Ohlman who were now 1st Lts. The congratulations went around and then supper put the finishing touches to the day.

SOME MORE BAD WEATHER ....Bronze Star For Six More of Our Enlisted Men..

The weather on the 30th was perfect at the time of the 0630 briefing for an armed recce in the area between Aachen and the Rhine River. The take-off was postponed for the weather had socked in again. The stand by was held throughout the day, but no indication of clearing skies. At 1600, Lt. Col. Douglas had the squadron in a formation with the recipients of the Bronze Star, S/Sgts. Sigmund A. Mazowka, Rudolph O. Mueller, Vincent J. Oglesby, Elmo R. Schmid, Raymond W. Smith, and Robert M. Wade, Jr., front and center as the colonel approached the formation and 1st Sgt. Ekiss called the men to attention. Capt. Kessler took the adjutant's position and Maj. Wernli accompanied the colonel. Before reading the awards to the above men, Capt. Kessler read the commendations regarding the performance of the 30th Fighter Group on the 7th October in support of the 9th Division Artillery, Brigadier General R.M. Howell, commanding, indorsed by Major General Louis A. Craig, commanding the 9th Division, Major General J. Lawton Collins commanding the VII Corps, and from General Guesada, commanding the IX SAC. Immediately after the reading, Lt. Col. Douglas handed the letters for the Bronze Star Medals to each of the men. (Copy of Commendations attached)

Oct. 31st brought the end of the month with no flying due to continued bad weather. Lts. Hamilton and Newman constituted a duet on the piano in the pilot's room, swinging "Alexander's Ragtime Band" for the boys. The rest of the day was uneventful.

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HEADQUARTERS 9TH INFANTRY DIVISION APO #9  
APO #9, US Army.

11 October 1944

SUBJECT: Performance of 368th Group.

TO : Air Support Officer, 9th Infantry Division, APO #9.

It is my desire to call to your attention the splendid cooperation on the part of those pilots who participated in the dive-bombing of targets for the 9th Division on October 7, 1944.

In spite of difficult flying conditions, the 368th Group arrived on schedule, identified the artillery red smoke placed on the targets after the first rounds, and dropped their bombs squarely on the smoke markings.

Our "Gub" observer reports that all seven of the targets were precisely hit and the effect was excellent on each.

It is believed that the exceptional success of this operation could only be the result of the most thorough briefing and careful planning on the part of the entire organization. That this enabled us to conserve precious artillery marking ammunition, of which there is an extreme scarcity at this time, is only one of the benefits derived from the efficiency exhibited by the 368th Group.

It is suggested that the contents of this letter be brought to the attention of the commanding officer of the 368th Group.

/s/ R. H. POWELL  
R. H. POWELL,  
Brigadier General, U. S. Army,  
Commanding.

1st Ind.  
AIR SUPPORT OFFICER, 9TH INF DIV APO #9, US Army, 11 October 1944  
TO: Commanding Officer, 368th Fighter Bomber Group, APO #808, U.S. Army  
FROM: Commanding General, 9th Infantry Division

Forwarded.

/s/ John W. Watson,  
JOHN W. WATSON,  
Capt., Air Corps,  
A.S.P.O., 9th Inf Div

End Ind.

US 38th Fighter Bomber Group, APO #307, US Army, 11 October 1944

TO: Commanding Officer, 388th Fighter Bomber Group, APO #307, US Army

FROM: Commanding General, VII Corps, AIG #307

It is with pleasure that I indorse this commendation for the pilots and others of the 388th Fighter Bomber Group who participated in the dive-bombing of targets for this division on 7 October 1944. Such fine cooperation and splendid performance are worthy of the highest praise and are a great contribution to successful ground operations.

/s/ Louis A. Craig  
LOUIS A. CRAIG,  
Major General, U.S.A.  
Commanding.

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3rd Ind.

HEADQUARTERS VII CORPS, APO 307, U. S. Army, 30 Oct 1944

TO: Commanding Officer, 388th Fighter Bomber Group, APO 307, U.S. Army.

FROM: Commanding General, IX Air Tactical Command, APO 307, US Army.

I take pleasure in transmitting this tribute to the fine performance of duty by members of the 388th Fighter Bomber Group. Such splendid cooperation adds materially to successful air ground activities.

/s/ J. Lawton Collins,  
J. LAWTON COLLINS,  
Major, General, U.S. Army,  
Commanding.

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4th Ind.

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HEADQUARTERS, IX TACTICAL AIR COMMAND, APO 585, U.S. Army. 12 Oct. 1944

TO: Commanding Officer, 368th Fighter Group, APO 585, U.S. Army.

The Commanding General notes with pride the splendid tribute paid to you and your Group. It is very gratifying to him to learn that the Commanding Generals of the Ground Forces are so appreciative of the fine results you are obtaining, and it is indeed a pleasure to pass on to you this well deserved commendation.

By Command of Major General QUESADA:

/s/ A.C. Kincaid  
A. C. KINCAID,  
Brig Gen, USA,  
Chief of Staff.

A TRUE COPY:

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

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8 JANUARY 1951

October brought varied missions - bombing bridges, close-support, armed recon and fighter sweeps. The squadron came upon the air twice, once on the ground and once in the air, and did an excellent job each time. Capts. McLachlan and Romine, and Lt. Larson left the squadron on their way to the zone of the interior. We lost Lt. Maxwell and hope that he is well. The battle for Germany continued with our boys hitting the enemy whenever possible. Weather interfered with operations for many days during the month. The following confirmations came through on Report No. 88 from Sq. IX IAG:

Capt. Alfred G. Denton  
Capt. Joseph J. McLachlan  
Capt. David G. Parrish

1 Me-109 destroyed on Aug. 7th.  
1 Me-109 destroyed on Aug. 8th.  
1 Me-109 and 1 FW-190 destroyed on  
Aug. 8th.

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POPKY DAVIS GOES TO THE FRONT LINE.....Cutbreak controller.....

Lt. Davis left Chartres in the morning of Sept. 8th and stopped off at Laon-Athies where he rested and left the next day by jeep to La Capelle. George then got a ride to Phillipville, stopped at a map depot there to find out how to get to the XIX Corps and was fortunate to find a truck there which was going to XIX Corps (rear). He went to Nivelles and reported to Col. Towne, the Air Support head of the Corps. Before dark that day, Davis was taken to the 2nd Armored Division, near Hasselt. The following day, he reported to Lt. Col. Focht, of the Air Corps, who was the Air Support Party CO for the 2nd Armored.

On the 10th, Lt. Davis went by jeep to about 5 miles northwest of Hasselt to Combat Command A which was right behind the front lines. There was some field artillery duels during the 2 days which they spent there while waiting for gasoline. "Popky" worked with 1st Lt. Reisler, tank commander, as Cutbreak Controller. During the 11th and 12th they had some conversations regarding types of targets, use of the description of ground features and accurate distances with check points to get to a definite target with the least amount of trouble. They recalled the days when Serum worked with Cutbreak.

In the afternoon of the 12th, they moved southeast toward a little woods to try to get some planes to bomb some Jerries but the shelling forced them to withdraw. After taking cover, they heard bombing and saw friendly planes coming down strafing. Once in a while they heard Bazooka shells go right over the tank they were in. A battle continued all day in this area and on the 15th, the outfit moved towards Genck, later to Maastricht, Holland on about the 17th. Later, they crossed a canal to Volkenberg and ended up in the woods west of Geilenkirchen, Germany where Lt. Davis remained for a week and then returned home to the squadron.

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