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Installment VII

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

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first lieutenant... of the outfit, was lost... dive while attacking... was seen to crash and burst... of his low level attack... possibility of exit... the first pilots to be assigned... 14 months ago. He was advanced to first... shortly after the outfit became operational... his numerous successful missions against... the Air Medal and nine oak leaf clusters... Street, Cleveland, and he was the...

Other pilots on the mission... Bauer, O'Connell and Hallison. Receipt of special orders... revealed the granting of five days... squadron commander. The leave... one, Special Orders #4, Headquarters...

Installation III

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Installation VII HISTORY OF THE 597th FIGHTER SQUADRON Section B

Alt No. 3, (August 10) .... Dive bombing was the vogue again today and the first mission was up at 1512 with a load of two dozen 500 pound GP's that were all effectively dropped on a suspected camouflaged concentration of about 500 tanks in a wooded area 20 miles east of Beaumont. The exact coordinate was not located, but the wooded area ~~to~~ ~~the~~ ~~west~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~coordinate~~ ~~was~~ ~~selected~~ ~~as~~ ~~being~~ ~~the~~ ~~most~~ ~~likely~~ ~~spot~~ ~~for~~ ~~the~~ ~~concentration~~. No results were observed, however. No strafing was attempted.

On the mission were: Gibson, Hamilton, Driscoll, Coe, O'Connell, Hardy, Olden, G.L. Bauer, Carlson, Baker, Rosvold and Stoll.

Twenty-four delayed action bombs, with varied fuzings that ranged from one to 12 hours, were used on the day's second mission, a dive bombing assignment directed at several strategic road intersections. On the mission were: Talbott, Andrews, Dame, Rogal, Lougee, Weinstein, Sharp, Potter, O'Connell, Helliesen, Olden and G.L. Bauer.

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Alt No. 3, (August 11) .... Operational assignments took some high strides toward a return to par here today when the squadron was sent on three-flight dive bombing missions, to total 30 sorties and comprise the most single day activity for more than a week.

An ammunition and fuel dump was the target of the first mission. Fire and smoke shot up from the area after the formation had dumped their load of 24 500-pound GP bombs, but the results fell short of expectations. The target had apparently been previously bombed. On the mission were: Haesler, Bender, Driscoll, Barker, Carlson, Preston, Rosvold, Baker, Gibson, Dustin, Horlacher and Murphy.

Another ammunition dump was the target of the day's second mission and the dispatched formation of 11 squadron planes dropped their entire load of 22 500-pound GP's in an effective pattern throughout the target area. No fires were observed, but several puffs of white and black smoke erupted from the target following the bombing. No strafing was attempted. Participating were: Talbott, Andrews, Hamilton, Rogal, Lougee, Potter, Sharp, Frisbie, O'Connell, Olden and Helliesen.

Road junctions were the targets of today's third dive bombing mission, an event that was highlighted by accurate, pin-point bombing, with delayed action GP's. Varied bomb fuzings were again employed, with the range of delay being from one to 12 hours. The bombing was accurate, but the results, of course, could not be observed. No strafing was attempted. On the mission were: Gibson, Fauley, Horlacher, Murphy, Carlson, Preston, Rosvold, Stoll, Lougee, Weinstein, Sharp and Potter.

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Alt No. 3, (August 12) .... Three more dive bombing and armed reconnaissance missions were flown by the squadron today, all of an armored column cover nature in cooperation with the second armored division.

The two-flight formation of the first mission took off at 1424, rendezvoused with the armored column at Sourdeval, and effectively dropped six 500-pound GP's on targets pointed out by the tank commanders. Several houses were hit and three or four military trucks were destroyed. Capt. Talbott damaged three half-tracks in the strafing attack that followed the bombing. On the mission were: Talbott, Dustin, Hamilton, Coe, O'Connell, Hardy, Rogal and G.L. Bauer, the latter four flying as cover.



Assignment via Broadcast of 37th Armored Division, Section 5

Aug. 10, (August 10, cont'd.) ... was practically a repeat performance. Rendezvous was made in the same place and various pin point targets were again attacked at the direction of the ground commanders. On the mission were: Capt. Mason, Andrews, Briscoll, Barker, Colgate, Cotton, Sharp and Hendricks. All carried a pair of 500-pound G bombs.

The third mission today was an armed force mission. Just east of Hottain. The three-flight formation, carrying a full load of 500-pound G bombs, took off at 1920 and attacked a variety of targets. Many armored vehicles, including several tanks, trucks and half tracks, were destroyed and numerous others were damaged. Capt. McConnell damaged a truck in the strafing attack that followed.

Participating were: Halbutt, Fauley, Lane, Baker, McConnell, Liehni, Olsen, Hallicon, Brown, Sutcliffe, and so on.

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Aug. 10, (August 10) ... After more than three months of unrelenting captivity that not only included restriction to immediate base areas but also pressure of noses to the grindstone to such a fervent extent that both elements of friction damn near collapsed, the powers broke down at long last here today, wept in their beer and inaugurated a half-day-off-per-week pass policy for enlisted men. The momentary initiation of freedom goes so far, however, the coveted half-day must be spent at the beach in Grandcamp --- the town itself is still "off limits" and a staff of guards is sent in with each convoy to make certain that the G's recreational attempts are confined to the beach alone.

Receipt of squadron orders here today disclosed the appointment of Captain Stanley C. Johnson, squadron adjutant, as unit soldier voting officer. The appointment was made in compliance with paragraph 3a, Ninth TAO letter of August 2 relative to soldier voting, and per paragraph one, squadron orders number 18 of August 7. Ballot applications have been distributed throughout the squadron and a meeting was recently held to explain procedures of securing a ballot and associated matters.

Today is Sunday, Christianity's Commanded day of rest, but little, if anything, is held sacred in a world at war. Sunday is utilized only for the 24 hours that it offers, another 24 hours of engaging in barbarous militarism, anything but sacred, but in engagements that will hasten termination of the bloodshed --- fighting fire with fire and thus bringing closer Sundays that will be spent as the Sabbath should be. For the 397th, this was a day when operational activity was thrown into a comparatively high gear. Six single-flight bombing and armored column support missions were flown in direct cooperation with the advancing Third U. S. Armored Division.

Hendricks, Briscoll, Rosvold and Dustin comprised the formation for the inaugural mission, taking off at 1135 and flying to Mayenne for rendezvous with the armored column that they were assigned to work with. Working in radio contact with the tank commanders, as in the past, the flight rained their full load of four 500-pound G's and eight frag clusters in effective patterns on the pointed targets. Results of both the bombing and the strafing attacks that followed were good. Major Hendricks

Installation VII RECORD OF THE 397TH PLANE SQUADRON Section B

Alt. No. 5, (August 13, con't.) .... collected at least six half tracks destroyed, two more damaged and three trucks destroyed. Ten half tracks and 41's were destroyed by Lt. Lovvold and Austin and Lt. Driscoll damaged a tank. Five armored vehicles were damaged and a tank destroyed by bombing alone on the second mission of the day, another single-flight formation flown by Lougee, Helstein, Sharp and Cassidy. The flight carried the same bomb load, 50's and frag clusters, and dropped them all in the designated target areas. No strafing was attempted.

Three tanks destroyed and three damaged, three armored vehicles destroyed and three damaged by bombing and 17 armored vehicles destroyed and an additional 15 damaged by strafing, was the enviable catch of the third flight on their almost identical armored column support assignment. The flight carried the same bomb load, 50's and frag clusters, ~~and dropped them all in~~ and rendezvoused with the tank controller at Mayone. Flying the mission were: Brown, Barker, Waps and Bender.

Another sizeable contribution to the day's total was brought in by Inibott, Hamilton, Darr and Fauley, who flew the fourth single-flight mission in support of the advancing armored columns and utilized their load of 50's and frags to destroy five military trucks and damage an additional two. Three more trucks were destroyed in a strafing attack that railed the bombings. This flight established rendezvous with the tank controller at St Fraimbault.

Slight variation from the day's procedure characterized the fifth mission, the purpose of which was to bomb road intersections designated by a ground controller at St. Lo. The flight carried 500-lb. 50's with delayed action fuses that ranged from one to six hours. The load was dropped on designated X intersections within the city of Flers. No strafing was attempted. Flying the mission were: Lougee, Potter, Sharp and Frisbie.

The sixth and last mission of the day was a revert to the armored column purpose and was practically identical to the four previous assignments of the type that were carried out today. Rendezvous was established with the controller at St Fraimbault and the flight provided the advancing columns with air support from there. The bombload differed from those of earlier today in that each plane carried a 100-pound white phosphorous smoke screen bomb in addition to their regular load of two 500-pound 50's. No frag bombs were carried, however. Bombing and strafing results were both exceptional. An enemy convoy on a secondary road was bombed and strafed and 16 military trucks were destroyed. Maj. Hendricks destroyed 13 military trucks in a solo strafing attack and Lt. Bauer destroyed three in a similar attack in the same locality. On the mission were: Hendricks, Bauer, Olden and Nogal.

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Alt No. 5, (August 14) .... Today's operational activity, hit a tie with yesterday's from the standpoint of total sorties, but only half as many missions were flown. Today's assignments, all of a dive bombing and armed reconnaissance nature, differed from yesterday's in that each job called for two flights instead of the singles that prevailed Sunday. Bomb loads, however, were similar, they again being a

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Att. No. 5, (August 14, cont.) .... continuation of 200-lb. 50's and frag clusters. The first mission got off at 1415 on an armed reconnaissance job in the Falaise area. The two-flight formation utilized their entire 1/2 bomb load in an effective destruction of vehicles, road and miscellaneous installations in wooded areas. Eight AT's were destroyed and the strafing attacks that followed netted another six destroyed and an additional one damaged. On this mission were: Col. Cassler, Folts, Driscoll, Austin, O'Connell, Melleson, Rogal, and Hardy.

Falaise again was the area to be covered when the second armed reconnaissance mission went out. Another two-flight mission with an identical 50' and frag cluster bomb load, the formation collected over a dozen AT's destroyed via the bombing-strafting combination. The flight bombed the town of Lou du Bois on an order from the controller. Flying the mission were: Talbott, Hamilton, Bann, Pauloy, Lougee, Cassady, Sharp and Frisbie.

Today's third mission was a repeat performance --- another armed reconnaissance job in the Falaise area with another bomb load of 200-pound 50's and frag clusters. The entire bomb load was deposited to good advantage on oil and ammunition stores, causing widespread explosions and what appeared to approach total destruction. Six military trucks were also destroyed in the bombings. No strafing was attempted. On the mission were: Hendricks, Barker, Sutcliffe, Soc, O'Connell, Bauer, Elden and Magini.

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Att. No. 5, (August 15) .... A report from the "Confirmation of Victory Credits Board" received here today disclosed the confirmation of seven claims recently submitted by pilots of this squadron.

Lieutenants M. G. Soc and M. J. Kosvold were each awarded credit 1/2 for the half destruction of an ME-109, based on a joint claim for one destroyed. Major H. W. Hendricks was awarded credit for the destruction of four Fv 190's and the damage of an additional Fv-190. Soc and Kosvold jointly destroyed the claimed E/A south of St. Havre. Major Hendricks collected all of his north of Lisieux.

Congratulations for the squadron's achievements of August 12 were received here today from General Mesquda in the form of a teletype that read " ... Congratulations on a good day's work. You and your boys are contributing to what may be the beginning of the end. I am fully conscious of what you and your boys have turned in today and I am more grateful than words can express. Please express my appreciation to your staff and crews and I am fully conscious of what your service team, cooks, armorers, crew chiefs, electricians, and all your men are doing. Today was a tremendous contribution."

The squadron was released from an operational status all day today for training and maintenance. It was a welcomed and deserving day of rest for most of the pilots. It was business as usual for the ground departments.

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Assignment VII

... (August 17) ...  
The second mission of the day was an armed reconnaissance job that took off at 1747 with a bomb load identical to that carried by the first formation. All of the bombs were dropped on a concentration of vehicles and five of them were destroyed. Nine additional vehicles were destroyed in a strafing attack that followed the bombing. On the mission were: Boujee, Potter, Sharp and Frisbie.

Mission number three for today, and number 12 for the squadron to date, was another single-flight armed reconnaissance assignment. The bomb load carried was the same as the two previous assignments. Bombing results included five tanks and two trucks destroyed and two trucks damaged. On the mission were: Lalbotz, Rauley, Hamilton and Lee-Bauer.

The day's fourth mission was practically a repeat performance -- another armed reconnaissance job with the same combined M and frag cluster bomb load. All bombs were dropped on the designated targets and one tank was destroyed. The frags were dropped on gun emplacements. The formation ran into a dense AA barrage and had grounds to suspect foul play --- the light, and heavy, intense, accurate flak that caused the trouble was being thrown up from an enemy hospital area and it seemed to some members of the flight that it was being fired from the hospital itself. First Lieutenant Robert J. Brown, newly-appointed flight leader who was leading the mission, was herd nit by the AA in this area and had to bail out. Although over enemy territory when he jumped, he was seen to land within a few miles of friendly forces and hopes were expressed by those who returned that he might have successfully evaded capture. No news of his whereabouts has been received. Brown was one of the squadron's 'old timers', having been assigned to the unit shortly after its activation. He flew the majority of his operational work as an element leader, being advanced to the command of a flight only early this month. He has flown 68 combat missions, been awarded the Air Medal and 11 Oak Leaf Clusters, and has been recommended for the Distinguished Flying Cross. Others on the mission were: Bender, Arps and Barker.

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Alt. No. 3, (August 17) ... First Lieutenant Walter E. Swirski, O-75244, is missing here today following a routing solo training flight which he took off on at 1740. Anticipations that he might possibly have exhausted his fuel supply and landed at another base were abandoned when no report of his whereabouts was received after the elapse of several hours and it is believed that he either crashed after failing to recover from some acrobatic maneuver or else encountered enemy action and was shot down. In the event of either, he may have bailed out and yet be safe, whether in our or enemy hands. Swirski, had been flying training flights for the purpose of familiarization with the P-47 since his assignment

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... (August 12, 1945) ... to the squadron last month before joining the 20th, it was an ... pilot. He had completed his tour of duty and was scheduled to ... in the states, but asked for a transfer to fighter operations in ... He has been awarded the ... and several others. He has been distinguished Flying Cross. He is the son of ... Street, ... , ... , ... .

Continuation of ... in support of advancing ... division ... operational activity and the first flight got off at ... with a load of eight 500-pound general purpose bombs. The entire load was dropped on the town of ... , ... and ... . ... .

... mission, the flight carrying four 500-pound ... . The four ... and ... .

The third mission carried the ... several purposes and ... .

A repeat performance was the fourth and last mission of the day. ... and two tank ... .

... (August 13) ... five ... cover missions in support of the advancing ... were flown by the squadron today.

The first flight got off at 1430 and flew a reconnaissance patrol for the Third Armored Division's Combat Command ... .

Eight 500-pound general purpose bombs were carried by the second flight to go out and the entire load was dropped on the targets assigned by the controllers with the advancing armored columns. The tanks were destroyed by the bombing. Major ... and destroying an anti-tank gun and a half-track. On the mission in addition to Hendricks, who was leading, were Dustin, Foltz and Fauloy.

Installation VII HISTORY OF THE 37th TANK BATTALION Section 2

Aug No. 2, (August 19, 1918) ... repetition characterized today's third mission, it being such in purpose, in support of the same armored column, same in both lead and practically the same in results. Two tanks were destroyed in the bombing and two military trains were destroyed and five more damaged in the strafing attacks that followed the bombing. The tanks destroyed were spotted in a wooded area, where an armored concentration might possibly have been located, and this area was also strafed, but with unobserved results. On this mission were O'Connell, C.A. Bauer, Vogel and Magini.

Number four on today's operational mission docket was another repeat performance. The four-plane flight carrying eight 500-pound G's again comprised the formation and flew to formation for rendezvous with the advancing armored column and there received target instructions by radio. The formation was directed to a road bridge under construction at Sibout; the target was bombed but the results were ineffective despite the landing of the bombs in the target area. Only the south-west end of the bridge was hit. The straggler, who straggled on this mission, were Louger, Potter, Murphy and Cassidy.

Excellent results were derived from today's fifth and last armored column cover mission, which took off at 1:30 p.m. in response to frequent communications and instructions for the ground commanders. The eight 500-pound G's carried by the flight were all dropped in an effective pattern in a wooded area filled with resisting enemy troops. Following the bomb run, a possible escape road near the woods was strafed, but with unobserved results. On this mission were Col. Warner, leading, Doc Sutcliffe and Briscoll.

Aug No. 3, (August 20) ... Ferry installations at Suclair were the squadron's target objective today and the designated enemy holdings were effectively clobbered when the two bomb-carrying flights of the three-flight formation let go with their entire load of 16 500-pound general purpose bombs. Following the bomb run, Major Hendricks strafed a flank installation of about 25 heavy guns with highly effective results. Carrying bombs were Gibson, Murphy, Morlachner, Martin, Briscoll, C.A. Bauer, Hendricks and Holliman, while Carlson, Bexar, Olsen and Stoll flew as top cover.

Aug No. 4, (August 23) ... The squadron's advance section departed at dawn today for Aug No. 4, Chartres, the organization's new base. The troops and their equipment were moved to the new station by motor convey.

Aug No. 5, (August 24) ... Six aircraft were dispatched from here late this afternoon on a propaganda mission that included the dropping of leaflets on eight designated concentrations of German troops. It was the first mission of its type flown by the squadron. Participating were Talbott, Cassidy, Sutcliffe, O'Connell, Morlachner and Murphy.

Installation #11 ALBION OF THE 397th FIGHTER SQUADRON Section B

Alt No. 3, (August 25) ... Two armored column cover missions were flown by the squadron today bringing the outfit's roster of combat missions to the 200 mark in less than six months of operations. Today's first mission was in support of the Second and Fifth U. S. Armored Divisions and the three-flight formation rained their entire load of two dozen 500-pound general purpose bombs on a designated column of resisting enemy vehicles. Major Hendricks and Lieutenant Soo each destroyed ten and Captain Gibson's flight damaged five. The column was strafed following the bomb run and Major Hendricks and Lieutenant Soo teamed up and damaged 30 vehicles. Lieutenant Dustin damaged an additional two and Lieutenant Arps damaged one. Participating were Hendricks, Soo, Arps, Dustin, Carlson, Baker, Olden, Weinstein, Gibson, Murphy, Kowlacher, and Fauley.

Colonel Haesler led the squadron on its two-hundredth operational mission early this evening. The day's second assignment, it was a routine armored column cover job in support of the advancing Fifth U. S. Armored Division. Twenty-four 500-pound general purpose bombs were carried and 21 of them were dumped on the designated targets in effective patterns. Results of the bombing included the destruction of two tanks, two unidentified vehicles and some camouflaged objects and the damaging of three trucks. Strafing results included two half-tracks, a truck, a scout car, a covered vehicle, two motor vehicles and five or six wagons carrying men and equipment destroyed and three scout cars and one vehicle damaged. On the mission were Haesler, Wain, Hardy, O'Connell, Vogel, Olden, Hollieson, Driscoll, Cassidy, Sutcliffe and Barker.

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Alt No. 3, (August 26) ... Some of the various members of the squadron's rear echelon departed at intervals throughout the day for the unit's new station at Chartres. Two C-47 transports flew all day for the squadron, carrying personnel, supplies and equipment. Motor convoys were also employed in the moves.

Movement activities, however, did not greatly interfere with the outfit's operational status and two armored column cover missions were flown today despite serious shortages of ground personnel and equipment. Both missions were in support of the advancing Third U. S. Armored Division and the first job of the day included some armed reconnaissance work east of Paris. The first mission formation sighted a concentration of about 100 enemy fuel and ammunition trucks and the squadron's attack resulted in Capt. Gibson's flight destroying 50, Capt. Lougee's flight destroying 15 and Major Hendricks eliminating 10 in a solo attack. The resultant fires probably destroyed the remainder of the concentration. On the mission were Hendricks, Stoll, Preston, Baker, Lougee, Potter, Sharp, Frisbie, Gibson, Fauley, Kowlacher and Dustin. No bombs were carried.

The second cover mission of the day was uneventful, the weather being unfavorable for strafing and there being no enemy air opposition. Participating were Haesler, Barker, Arps, Bender, Carlson, Sutcliffe, Driscoll, Soo, Talbott, Fain, Dame and Hardy. No bombs were carried.

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Alt No. 3, (August 27) ... Two missions, the first an armored column cover and the second an armed reconnaissance, were flown by the squadron today as more members of the outfit's ground crews moved to Chartres

Installation VII HISTORY OF THE 397th BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON Section B

Alt No. 3, (August 27, con't.) ...and thereby increased the prevailing serious shortages when the unit was released until arrival at the new base and the pilots flew their respective planes to the new station following the last mission.

The first mission formation spotted a group of 40 or 50 vehicles and the strafing attack that followed resulted in Major Hendricks destroying 10 trucks, two staff cars and a jeep. Lieutenant Hamilton destroyed seven of the vehicles, and Captain Gibson destroyed two, to net the squadron a total of 22. On the mission were Hendricks, Preston, Hamilton, Bender, Gibson, Hardy, Horlacher, Barker, Lougee, Potter, Moo and Sharp. No bombs were carried.

The second mission took off from the old base at Gandonville, flew an uneventful armed reconnaissance mission and then landed at the unit's new station at Chartres, becoming the first operational formation to land there since the capture of the Luftwaffe airdrome four days before. The formation carried no bombs and no strafing was attempted. Participating were Hendricks, Barker, Moo, Horlacher, Bender, Bender, Potter, Lougee, Sharp and Mitchell.

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Alt 40, Chartres, France, (August 28) ... First operational use of the recently captured Luftwaffe airdrome that is now the base of this squadron was made here today when two armed reconnaissance missions were flown from the new station. Four 500-pound G bombs were carried, but strafing played the important role. Twenty-four military trucks, seven half-tracks and a tank were destroyed and one tank damaged. On the mission were Hendricks, Dustin, Foltz and Murphy, as the bomb-carrying flight, and Carlson, Stoll, Sutcliffe, Baker, O'Connell, Siagini, Olden and Holliesen as cover. Four identical bombs were carried on the second mission and were utilized to destroy a tank and a trailer truck. Twelve military trucks were destroyed and three were damaged in strafing attacks that followed the bombings. Talbott, Fein, Dams and Hardy comprised the bomb-carrying flight on the second mission, and Briscoll, Moo, Arps, Bender, Weinstein, Sharp and Cassidy flew as cover.

Another convoy of personnel, supplies and equipment arrived here today from the old base at Gandonville, bringing the squadron practically to a full-strength status. Only a few troops now remain at the unit's previous station for the purpose of completing various cabin details.

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Alt 40, Chartres, France, (August 31) ... Three armored column cover and armed reconnaissance mission in support of the advancing Third U. S. Armored Division were flown by the squadron today to conclude the month's operational activity.

Only two 500-pound G bombs were carried on the first mission and these were dropped without results. Strafing attacks, however, were successful and 20 half-tracks and miscellaneous vehicles were destroyed through this medium. On the mission were Haessler, Bender, Rogal, Holliesen, Gibson, Fauley, Horlacher, Murphy, Carlson, Baker, Preston and Stoll.



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On 11/11/44, tracks, France, 11th Air Force, ... the anti-tracks were destroyed by strafing and one lighter tank was destroyed by bombs on the second mission of the day. It was otherwise uneventful. Participating were: Rottick, Rottier, Sharp, Frisbie, Briscoe, Parker, Rosvold, Joe, Furbott, Hamilton, Mack and Rein.

The squadron returned late this evening from their last mission for the month, an ordered column cover and armed reconnaissance job in the Vermeir area. Results of the mission included destruction of a truck at Vermeir by Lt. Volitz and Austin and the damage of an additional anti-tank gun at Vermeir by Lieut. Carlson and Stoll. On this mission were Gibson, Insley, Volitz, Austin, Cornwall, Weinstein, Elder, Magini, Carlson, Stoll, Insley and Lutz.

Receipt of a report from the "Confirmation of Victory Credits Board" here today included the awarding of commendations to the claims of Lt. E. Sutcliffe for one M. 107 destroyed and Captain W. E. Rottier (now dead) for one M. 107 destroyed.

For 2 of special orders for headquarters just this morning, assigned 11th Air Force, William A. Air pay to this squadron.

Marked one of Group Special orders number 11, August 17, awarded "Good Conduct Medals" to the following members of this squadron:

1st Lt. C. E. Jones	1st Lt. R. Bernard
1st Lt. R. E. Smith	1st Lt. R. Burroughs
1st Lt. B. Leisay	1st Lt. R. Butler
1st Lt. W. E. Murphy	1st Lt. R. Curtis
1st Lt. E. Ricci	1st Lt. R. Cavanaugh
1st Lt. G. E. Watson	1st Lt. E. Delaney
1st Lt. E. L. Van Builder	1st Lt. E. Castillo
1st Lt. A. Lehman	1st Lt. E. Dean
2nd Lt. T. E. Werners	1st Lt. E. Hernandez
2nd Lt. J. J. Ante	1st Lt. E. Hockel
2nd Lt. W. A. Billinger	1st Lt. E. Jones, Jr.
2nd Lt. E. E. Case	1st Lt. E. Laggie
2nd Lt. C. E. Cuppini	1st Lt. E. Leslie
2nd Lt. C. W. Embury, Sr.	1st Lt. E. Loom
2nd Lt. W. L. Hirschfeld	1st Lt. E. Meyer
2nd Lt. J. E. Kinsey	1st Lt. E. Moran
2nd Lt. W. E. Kroul	1st Lt. E. Pennington
2nd Lt. C. Kvedarac	1st Lt. E. Roper
2nd Lt. J. L. Kessie, Jr.	1st Lt. E. Sells
2nd Lt. J. C. Miller	1st Lt. E. Stratta
2nd Lt. U. A. Peere	1st Lt. E. Terhian
2nd Lt. E. J. Rogoski	1st Lt. E. Smith
2nd Lt. B. M. Stiller	1st Lt. E. Walter
2nd Lt. H. T. Thompson	1st Lt. E. Willis
2nd Lt. H. W. Wesolowski	1st Lt. E. Wrenn
2nd Lt. E. S. Womack	1st Lt. E. Castler
2nd Lt. S. Zingale	1st Lt. E. Ayie
2nd Lt. H. F. Czuczewski	1st Lt. E. Ray
Opl F. J. Sullivan	Opl E. Salisbury
Opl E. J. Zumstein	Opl C. A. Conasli
	Opl J. A. Lane

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597th Fighter Squadron -- 1st Lt. J. H. ... August 1, 1944  
(Squadron Division 12)

- A. 597th Fighter Squadron -- 1st Lt. J. H. ... August 1, 1944 -- ...
- B. Light
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HEADQUARTERS  
368th FIGHTER GROUP

APO 595, U. S. Army  
30 July 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS )  
: )  
NUMBER 85 )

1. Having been asgd this orgn per par 1, SO 134, Hq 20th RCD (Avn), dtd 28 July 1944, the following named EM are further asgd to orgn as indicated:

S/Sgt (747) Ralph J. Cannon	15082033	395th Fitr Sq
Pfc (747) Clarence Helo	38485265	396th Fitr Sq
✓Pfc (809) Ben B. Barber	35389169	397th Fitr Sq
✓Pfc (405) Elmer L. Hilgendorf	36429856	397th Fitr Sq

2. Having been asgd this orgn per par 3, SO 134, Hq 20th RCD (Avn), dtd 28 July 1944, the following named EM are further asgd to orgn as indicated:

Pvt (590) Florian Glischinski	36827278	Hq 368th Fitr Gp
Cpl (590) J. T. Kinkade	18178430	395th Fitr Sq
Pvt (590) Marlin V. Guthrie	38231848	395th Fitr Sq
Pvt (050) Harry J. Jackson	33289026	395th Fitr Sq
Pfc (060) Johnnie J. Wood	33221244	395th Fitr Sq

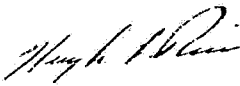
✓3. Having been asgd this orgn per par 2, SO 98, Hq IX TAC, dtd 27 July 1944, Major (1055) THOMAS J. ANDREWS, 0885121, AC, is further asgd 397th Fitr Sq.

4. 2d Lt WILLIAM S. ELAGEN, 0364603, AC, is aptd Gp Historical Officer, (AD), vice Capt DAVID F. REINHOLD, 0573097, AC, reld.

5. Officers and enlisted men of the 218th Medical Dispensary (Avn) are hereby attached to the 396th Fitr Sq for rations only.

By O of Col MEYERS:

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397th Fighter Squadron, -- 1-21-52 -- August 2, 1944 -- Mission No. 1  
(Squadron Mission No. 207)

- A. 397th Fighter Squadron, -- 1-21-52 -- August 2, 1944 -- Mission No. 1
- B. C
- C. Nil
- D. 8 -- Close tank support near Mortain -- 15. 17.0
- E. 16400 at first 1/3  
16400  
Alt. at start of river: 4000  
Angle of release: 1000
- F. 4 bombs at 1-26141-entrance to town of Ouingy  
4 bombs at 1-27144 in town of St. Martin  
4 bombs at 1-27174 in town of Neffville  
Excellent precision bombing, destruction of tank tanks 0/6 possible  
1 = 2

G thru I. Nil

- L. 1710 -- 1730 -- 1 mile
- M. 1720 -- 1730
- N. 1600
- O. 03 tank column moving into St. Martin
- P. 1-27044 -- light, accurate and accurate
- Q. Maj. Hendricks strafed and destroyed 4 jeeps with troops at 1-26141  
Capt. Louger strafed and destroyed 4 railtrucks - damaged 2 more at 1-590142  
Maj. Hendricks leading this mission felt that the bombing was done with perfect coordination between instructions from armored column and planes - each target as called from the tanks was bombed as directed.

*4 trucks destroyed by 397th.*

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HEADQUARTERS  
368TH FIGHTER GROUP

APO 595, U. S. Army  
1 August 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS )

NUMBER 86 )

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

TO BE STAFF SERGEANT (TEMP)

Sgt (747) Peter Gebrian 20262190  
Sgt (673) Frank P. Beacham 32178296

TO BE CORPORAL (TEMP)

Pfc (747) William F. Hutcheson 19059359

TO BE PRIVATE FIRST CLASS (TEMP)

Pvt (590) Alphis L. Swisher 36476516

2. Under the provisions of AR 615-5, 30 June 1943 and upon the recommendation of their Orgn Comdr, the following named EM, 396th Fitr Sq, are promoted to grades as indicated:

TO BE TECHNICAL SERGEANT (TEMP)

S/Sgt (685) Sumner F. Wilson 12063087

TO BE SERGEANT (TEMP)

Cpl (911) Buford P. Davidson 36555513

TO BE PRIVATE FIRST CLASS (TEMP)

Pvt (941) Walter D. Graham 33543041  
Pvt (941) Jess L. Spangler 36563889

3. Under the provisions of AR 615-5, 30 June 1943, and upon the recommendation of their Orgn Comdr, the following named EM, 397th Fitr Sq, are promoted to grades as indicated:

TO BE MASTER SERGEANT (TEMP)

T/Sgt (750) James B. Klosowski 16027749

SO #86, Hq 368th Fitr Gp, dtd 1 Aug 1944, par 3 Cont'd.

TO BE SERGEANT (TEMP)

Cpl (405) Robert F. Serbian 39695862.

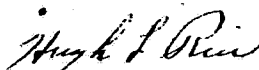
TO BE PRIVATE FIRST CLASS (TEMP)

Pvt (345) George H. Lane Jr 31061558

By O of Col MEYERS:

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Major, Air Corps,  
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397TH FIGHTER GROUP, 12th AIR FORCE, BOMBING DIVISION, 3 AUGUST 1944

- A. 397th Fighter Squadron -- F21-2 -- 3 August 1944 -- Mission No. 1  
B. 8  
C. Nil  
D. 8  
E. 15X1000 (Inst. Assoc-1/40 trail)  
Alt. at start of dive: 4000  
Angle of dive: 45  
Alt. at release: 1000  
F. 15 bombs on 3 tanks at T-50119 - damaged  
G. thru H. Nil  
I. Over target: thunder heads -- 2500 to 5000 ft. -- vis: 2 miles  
J. 1715 -- 1920  
K. Good  
L. Concentration of tanks - 7 - at Natemo - T-50320 - seen to be headed south  
M. From E/F at T-502119 -- light, meager and inaccurate  
N. Two halftracks at T-50108 - destroyed by Maj. Hendricks  
O. Two halftracks at T-50119 - destroyed plus one halftrack damaged at same location  
P. One truck at T-50320 - destroyed  
Q.  
R. Hendricks                      Brown  
    Andrews                     Sander  
    Olden                        Arps  
    Lt. Bauer                    Barker

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287th Bombardment Squadron, 1st Bombardment Group, 1st Air Force, 1944  
(Squadron Mission 133)

- A. 287th Bomber Squadron -- T21-3 -- August 4, 1944 -- Mission No. 1
- B. O
- C. Nil
- D. 3 -- 101 1840
- E. 15A, 33 (inst. nose-1/40 tail)  
Alt. at start of dive: 7000  
Angle of dive: 45  
Alt. at release: 2500
- F. Bombed 2 tanks at T-47300 -- destroyed 2 and damaged 2 -- 1 seen
- G thru K. Nil
- L. CAVE -- vis: 5 miles
- M. 1745 -- 1950
- N. O jammed
- O. 28 tank at T-64550
- P. 1-3 3250 -- light, target, and inaccurate
- Q. In town of Champ du Bolt -- no direct results

T.

Shuman	Carlson
Walt	Craston
Wasslecher	Wesvold
Murphy	Baker

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

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HEADQUARTERS  
368TH FIGHTER GROUP

AFO 595, U. S. Army  
4 August 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS )

NUMBER 89 )

1. The following named officers are granted five (5) days operational leave will proceed from this station to Station 519 UK so as to arrive thereat c/a 4 AUG 1944 reporting to the Regulating Station for registration upon arrival. Period of leave will commence upon arrival at Station 519 and terminate upon return to that station for return transportation to their proper orgn. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/50425. AUTH: Ltr, Hq IX TAC, file 210.711, dtd 21 July 1944, sub: "Operational Leave Policy."

1st Lt CLARENCE STATON	0678967	AC
1st Lt ROBERT E. CALDWELL	0745289	AC
2nd Lt ALBERT H. KLEINKLAUS	0745419	AC
2nd Lt HOMER E. HAYES	0815331	AC
2nd Lt WILLIAM C. DIDMAN	0814665	AC
2nd Lt FORREST D. MIDLAM	0681585	AC
Lt Col PAUL P. DOUGLAS JR.	0432187	AC
1st Lt CLARENCE H. OLSON	0678903	AC
1st Lt PAUL J. QUILTY	0679943	AC
2nd Lt GERALD J. GRACE	0702793	AC
2nd Lt JOHN R. KNAUSS	0820510	AC
2nd Lt GEORGE P. OHLMAN	0697943	AC
Major RANDALL W. HENDRICKS	0441804	AC
1st Lt HENRY F. ARES	0677934	AC
1st Lt ROBERT S. BROWN	0679988	AC
1st Lt JOHN P. FOLTZ	0745337	AC
1st Lt GEORGE L. SUTCLIFFE	0681739	AC
2nd Lt ROBERT D. CASSADY	0887230	AC

2. Under the provisions of AR 615-5, 30 June 1944, and upon the recommendation of his Orgn Comdr, S/Sgt (O14) Raymond F. McConnell, 13028819, Hq 368th Fitr Gp, is promoted to the grade of Technical Sergeant (Temp).

By O of Col MEYERS:

OFFICIAL:

*Hugh L. Rice*  
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377th Ftr Sqdn s-2 Aft on a 3/30th mission of 3 August 1944 - 377th Sqdn mission No. 161

A -- 377th Ftr Sqdn -- Far 4, Opus 1 No 120, 2nd 120, 3rd 120, 4th 120 -- mission OK.  
B -- 3 A/C dispatched.  
C -- Nil  
D -- 3 -- Tank support -- 101.  
E -- 16 x 500-lb of Bombs (inst loss -- 1/40 failed).  
16 x 500-lb of Bombs Dropped on Sgt.  
Alt at Start of Dive -- 4,000 ft.  
Angle of Dive -- 45 deg.  
Alt at release -- 1,000 ft.  
F -- Controller asked if to bomb all around bridge and area of 10,000 for mines.  
G -- Nil  
H -- 1 -- Out 1/2 -- Bomb frags.  
I -- thru 2 -- Nil.  
J -- Over Sgt: now scattered clouds -- 2 w' view.  
K -- 17:30 -- 18:00.  
L -- Nil  
M -- Nil  
N -- Nil  
O -- 1000  
P -- 30 vehicles in and going east from town of St. Julien (10,000). One car on  
panel on road just west of Herenton.  
Q -- wvy, mod, inacc, at release (0-2400).  
R -- 3 1 -- Nil.

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14/5/44

TO: Intelligence Officer, 37th Fighter Squadron, 37th FG, 8th AF.

FROM: Intelligence Officer, 37th Fighter Squadron, 37th FG, 8th AF.

1. The "Confirmation of Victory Credits Board" as appointed per par. 3 of the Headquarters, 1st Tactical Air Command, confirms victory claims to the following named officers of the 37th Fighter Squadron:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Serial</u>	<u>Branch</u>	<u>Report</u>
John J. ...	1st Lt	101-100...	1st Lt - 37th FG	14/5/44

In order of Colonel ...

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Walter H. ...  
1st Lt., 1st Corps  
37th Squadron 3-2

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297th Fighter Squadron ... F-11-2 ... August 7, 1944 ... Mission No. 1  
 (Squadron Mission No. 122)

- A. 297th Fighter Squadron ... F-11-2 ... August 7, 1944 ... Mission No. 1
- B. Nil
- C. Nil
- D. 0 (0 as top cover) ... 21st truck carrying troops and encumbered with branches at 10070; a 21st position in the vicinity ... 12.5 mm light guns. Accurate fire ... 1713
- E. 6000 lb bombs loaded (inst. nose fusin, - 1/4 full, alt. at start of dive 4000 ft. Angle of dive: 60 deg. Alt. at release: 1 1000 ft.
- F. Truck was damaged; occupants in 21st position were killed.
- G. 2nd 21st Nil
- H. 2/11 ... 20 miles clouds ... base 1000 ft., top 10000 ... fair vis.
- I. 100 ... 1713
- J. ... Nil
- K. 1000
- L. Nil
- M. Vis. 2000 (light, flight and heavy, intense, moderate, light target at 10070 in vicinity of 10070; 12.5 mm, moderate (11 to 1) guns, accurate fire
- N. accurate (light); light, moderate, accurate fire.
- O. Truck located at 10070 was strafed by seven planes and further damaged.
- P. Targets bombed were not used by controller. Controller assigned targets, but they could not be found.

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HEADQUARTERS  
368TH FIGHTER GROUP

APO 595, U. S. Army  
5 August 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS )

NUMBER 90 )

1. Capt THOMAS N. MONTAG, 0732311, AC, is appointed Acting Squadron Commander, 395th Fighter Squadron, vice Lt Col HENRY R. QUIMBY, 0429168, AC, trfd.
2. Having been asgd this orgn per par 5, SO 134, Hq 20th RCD (Avn), dtd 28 July 1944, Cpl (405) Paul L. Davis, 6259987, is further asgd 397th Fitr Sq.
3. The officers and enlisted men of the 77th Ord Bomb Disposal Sq (Sep) are hereby rel'd from attached for rations to the 395th Fitr Sq.

By O of Col MEYERS:

HUGH L. RICE,  
Maj AC  
Adj

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597th Air Grp - 2nd Lt in a 1st Bomb Mission of 9 August 1944 - - - 2nd Bomb Mission No. 165.

A - 597th Air Grp - 2nd Lt in a 1st Bomb Mission of 9 August 1944 - - - 2nd Bomb Mission No. 165.  
 B - 2nd Lt in a 1st Bomb Mission.  
 C - 2nd Lt  
 D - 1st Lt in a 1st Bomb Mission at 1-15000 - 1910.  
 E - 2nd Lt in a 1st Bomb Mission (1st - 1/40) loaded.  
 2nd Lt in a 1st Bomb Mission (1st - 1/40) on egts.  
 Alt at start of dive - 5,200 ft  
 Alt at 1/40 - 4,500 ft  
 Alt at 1/20 - 3,200 ft  
 F - 2nd Lt in a 1st Bomb Mission and 2nd Lt in a 1st Bomb Mission (1st - 1/40) target of 1st Bomb.  
 G - 2nd Lt in a 1st Bomb Mission  
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397th Fighter Squadron - 397th Fighter Group - 11, 1944  
 (Reference: Order No. 100)

- A. D.O. No. 101-4 - Mission No. 1 - August 11, 1944 - Dive bombing  
 ammunition and fuel dump at <sup>0</sup> 1-013146, 1-013177, 1-013178
- B. 397th Fighter Group - 397th Fighter Squadron  
 12
- C. 1200 - 1510 - 1550
- D. 24000 - 1/10-1/40  
 24000  
 Alt. at start of dive 3000  
 Alt. at release 1500  
 Angle of dive 40

Some 1200 ft. above target at approach to dive from bushes

None

- F. 111  
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397th Str Sqdn 5-2 rpt on a D/Bomb & w/recon mission of 14 Aug 64 -- Mission 109

- 1 -- Ops 3 No y21-2 -- Day's Recon mission.  
Armed recon in Falaise area -- heading 120 deg, 15 min in home.  
B -- 358th F Sq, 397th F Sq, 8 A/C dispatched. No aborts.  
C -- 1318 - 1345 - 1504.  
D -- Nil  
E -- 8 X 500-lb GP's w/Inst nose, 1/40 tail, 6 48 Frag Clusters loaded.  
56 Bombs in tgt area. None jet -- none ret to base.  
U-505585 -- rd & woods -- setting fire in woods.  
U-505580 -- rd w/vehicles.  
1 MT destr  
7 MT destr  
Strafing res: at U-505580, 1 MT destr, 1 MT destr.  
F -- Hwy, int, acc AA N of Falaise.  
G -- Our troops moving + on rd into Argentan.  
A lot of red panels going into Argentan fr S.  
H -- Haze and smoke. Top: 7000. Good visib.

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FOLTZ  
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397th Ftr Sqdn S-2 Kpt on a B/Bomb & A/Recon Mission of 14 Aug 44 - Mission 181

- A -- Y21-2 -- Mission 2 -- A/Recon, Palaise area.  
368 F Grp, 397 F Sq, 8 A33 dispatched, no aborts.
- U -- 1615 - 1640 - 1810
- D -- Nil
- E -- 8 x 500-lb GP's w/inst nose, 1/40 tail & 16 x frag clusters loaded.  
7 x 500-lb GP's & 15 x frag clusters in tgt area.  
1 x 500-lb GP jettisoned just W of Argentan, unarmed.  
1 x frag cluster ret to base.  
Town of Four du Bois at U-105012 bombed by one flt on order fr controller.  
Bombed on highway at T994568. 1 MI.  
Strafing near 11 MI destr at 0050347  
0411001
- F -- Hvy, mod, inacc AA N of Conde sur Noiseau.
- G -- None
- H -- 2/10 density, high cirrus, fair visib.

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17 August 1944

SUBJECT: Confirmation of claims.

1. Intelligence Officers, 57th Fighter Squadron,  
and 59th Army.

1. The Confirmation of Victory Credits Report, as designated by  
par. 6, of 87, Headquarters 1st Tactical Air Command, dated 17 July 1944,  
confirms victory credit claims to the following named officers of the  
58th Fighter Group.

Name	Serial	Rank	Service	Remarks
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/s/ [Name], Capt. [Rank], for  
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368TH FIGHTER GROUP

APO 595, U. S. Army  
11 August 1944

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Capt MARSHALL E. MUMFORD	0732315	AC
1st Lt NORMAN E. SCHULZ	0674075	AC
1st Lt MARION W. L. ELLIOTT	0664158	AC
1st Lt JAMES M. IVLY JR	0665803	AC
2nd Lt KENNETH R. SNYDER	0697061	AC
2nd Lt JOSEPH L. WILLIAMS	0676355	AC
1st Lt ALFRED E. BENTON	0447208	AC
1st Lt GEORGE W. PETRIE	0668355	AC
1st Lt GEORGE R. DAVIS	0679837	AC
2nd Lt GEORGE L. WEGENER	0895348	AC
2nd Lt THEODORE O. TAUBERT	0700850	AC
2nd Lt EARL L. KIELGLASS	0766555	AC
Capt WILLIAM R. GIBSON	0665551	AC
1st Lt ROY D. CARLSON	0678830	AC
1st Lt WILLIAM G. HORNLAGHER	0802299	AC
2nd Lt VERNON V. MURPHY	0697223	AC
2nd Lt WILLIAM L. PRESTON	0695202	AC
2nd Lt FREDERICK C. STOLL JR	0815417	AC

By C of Col MEYERS:

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377th Ftr Sqdn 6-2 rpt on a Armed recon mission of 10 Aug 44 - sqdn mission 194

- a -- Opns 3 No. 142, par 3 -- Mission No. \_\_\_\_\_ -- Mission No. per log 2.  
16 Aug 44 -- Armed recon.
- b -- 4 368 F Gp, 397 F Gp -- 4 A/C dispatched -- No aborts.
- c -- Sp: 1749 -- TOT: 1813 -- to 1830 -- down: 1912.
- d -- Nil.
- e -- Bomb Load: 4 x 1 x 500-lb bombs and 4 x 2 x 250-lb frag 50 lb.  
Bombs in Tgt Area: 12.  
No A/C used as escort. 0  
12 bombs dropped on ~~the~~ vehicles at 012020. Vehicles seemed to be heavy trucks.  
~~Results were poor. The vehicles were damaged and destroyed.~~  
Five vehicles were strafed at 012020. Four were destr by the flt as whole,  
and one was destr by Lt Baker. *4 vehicles destroyed by strafing at 012035.*
- f -- lgt, int, acc flak at 012020; (flak came fr gun emplacements in 3 flds. These  
emplacements were not camouflaged and looked like round shell holes. There were  
12 to 15 guns in each fld.,  
lgt, weak, inacc flak at 040520.  
Hvy, weak, acc flak at 1912.
- g -- ~~//////////~~ British columns seen north of Falaise on main road from  
Jesen to Falaise and on secondary roads on both sides of main road. They  
stretched back about 5 mi north of Falaise. Road is just south of lanes  
(01207).
- h -- 5/10 cloud coverage -- good visib.

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397th Ftr Sqdn S-2 hpt on an Armed Recon Mission of 17 Aug 44 - sqdn Mission No. 189

A -- Opns O No. 145, par 2 -- Mission No. for Day: 5 -- 17 Aug 44.

B -- 397th Ftr Sqdn -- 368th Ftr Gp -- 4 A/C Dispatched -- No aborts.

C -- 1811 -- 1835 -- 1937.

D -- Nil

E -- 4 x 500-lb GP's and 154 x 20-lb frag clusters LOADED.

All on tgt -- none jct.

Two tanks and one AF destr at J-077169, on rd just S of Frontal -- at direction on 'Bronco'.

Strafing Results: Two AF's destr at J-109259.

F -- Inv, md, inacc AA at U-150190.

G -- (1) Columns of troops headed generally E betw U-140520 and U-200289.  
(2) Arty fire observed at U-010500.

H -- 2/10 at 3,000 ft -- good view.

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377th Ptz Sqdn 1-2 rpt on an armed recon mission of 17 A-44 - sqdn mission no. 124

- A -- Ops O No. 143, par 2 -- mission no. for day: 4 -- 17 A-44. Armed recon support with controller -- bombs in frontal area
- B -- 377th Ptz Sqdn -- 360th Ptz Sq -- 4 A-44 dispatched -- no change.
- C -- Time up: 1952 -- ~~1952/1952~~ 1950 -- Time down: 2117
- D -- Nil
- E -- 4500 lb bombs - incl. nose fusing and 1/4 tonal -- 4 x 120 lb. High cluster bombs in target area; all bombs on targets
- Results of bombing: 1 tank, 4 military trucks and several houses destroyed at J-35207 -- 2 tanks damaged at J-35219
- Results of strafing: 3 military trucks, 2 jeeps destroyed at J-35219 and loose Germans on the run were sprayed -- 2 scout cars damaged
- F. All locations: grade of ratings -- light, intense and accurate
- G. None
- H. 2/10 -- 5 to 10 miles

Pilots on mission  
All bombs  
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29/ August 18, 1944 - 2nd Lt. J. H. ... Mission No. 18, 1944

- A. O.O. No. --- Mission No. 121-8 --- mission no. for day: 1 August 18, 1944 --- reconnaissance patrol for combat Command 1 ("Poodle") of 3rd Armored Division --- 1/4 formation, G-3815
- B. 358th Fighter Group --- 597th Fighter Squadron --- 4 sent dispatched no aborts
- C. Up: 1404 --- TOT: 1425 to 1550 --- down: 1614
- D. Nil
- E. Our planes flew around for about 45 minutes before they were able to contact "Poodle". After that they flew in accordance with instructions from "Poodle". "Poodle" asked our planes to notify "Sweepstakes" to take steps to have planes use C channel. Last night "Poodle" was strafed by P-51's, apparently because they were on A channel and could not be contacted on that ch/ channel. *Our planes carried out request*
- F. Light, intense, accurate flak four miles north of Argentan. Light and heavy, very intense and extremely accurate flak two miles north of Vouthon, U-2115 2116.
- G. There are American vehicles almost up to Lutanges. "Poodle" three is at U-1415. Poodle One is at U-1714. There are American tanks in woods at U-3121. There are at least three to four German tanks and several German vehicles at U-1215. Enemy tanks being shelled just south of Escuche by American tanks at that place (U-2115). Some of these German tanks were burning. There were British troops at U-2659. There were German vehicles on a road at U-1927.
- H. 4/10 to 5/10 cloud coverage--- strato cumulus clouds --- base 5500 ft.-- top 4500 ft.-- good vis.

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397th Ptr Sqdn 3-2 apt on an Armored Column Cover mission of 18 Aug 44 - Squadron  
Mission  
Number 192.

- A -- Opns. Co. -- Mission No 121-0 -- mission for day: 2 -- 18 Aug 44.  
 B -- Armored Column Cover to Combat Command A (Poodle) Third Arm Div -- 1/7  
 Frontal, J-5316.  
 C -- 368th Ptr Sq -- 397th Ptr Sqdn -- 4 A/C dispatched -- no alerts.  
 D -- Up: 1554 -- TOT: 1610 ~~1610~~ to 1645 -- Down: 1729.  
 E -- 1 A/C down, -- 1 bomb hung up and pulled plane down into blast of first bomb --  
 Cat "A".  
 F -- 4 x 2 x 500-lb GP's -- lost nose, 1/40 tail.  
 G in tgt areas.  
 H -- 2 tanks destr at J-142153. 1 tank bombed and missed at J-146170.  
 Maj Hendricks strafed 1 tank (the tank missed in bombing) at J-146170 and hit it.  
 Results doubtful. He strafed 1 tank at J-146175 for the purpose of marking it.  
 He strafed and destr 1 anti-tank gun at J-146172. He strafed and destr 1 track  
 at J-146152.  
 I -- Very, med, flak of unknown acc at Lutangen. This flak was not firing at our planes,  
 but at other planes.  
 J -- 20 tanks and 23 other vehicles on road fr J-110154 to J-153154. Some motorcycles  
 and jeeps at the head of the column had white markings. Other vehicles and  
 tanks were unmarked. Tanks were M4s. Sgt/Ldr thinks that this was a  
 French Arm Column. 1 tank with carriage panels seen at J-153169. A p47 seen  
 burning at J-153153.  
 K -- Poodle 3 was at J-153170.  
 L -- 8/10 coverage -- cumulus clouds -- base 1,000 -- top, 5,000 -- excellent visib.

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507th Air Support Group, 44th Air Division, 15th Air Force, 1953.

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397th Ftr Sqdn S-2 Sgt - Armored Column Cover Mission - 13 Aug 44 - Squadron

Mission

Number 1 2 3

- A -- Opns O No. \_\_\_\_\_, Mission No. Y21-8, Mission for Day: \_\_\_\_\_ -- 13 Aug 44.  
Armored Column Cover to Combat Command A (Foodie) of Third Arm Div -- 1/2 at  
Fronental, U-3815.
- B -- 368th Ftr Sq -- 397th Ftr Sqdn -- 4 A/C Disp -- No aborts.
- C -- Up: 1952 -- Td: 1955 -- Down: 2106.
- D -- Nil
- E -- Bomb Load: 4 x 2 x 500-lb GP's.  
Fuzing: Inst nose, 1/40 tail.  
8 in tgt area.  
No A/C used as acct.  
8 bombs dropped on woods at U-147170 -- woods were filled with troops.  
Foodie III said that results were excellent.  
Road W of woods was strafed. Nothing seen.
- F -- Nil
- G -- A column with green panels seen on road betw U-145130 and U-145135. Foodie III  
was at U-147170. He was stopped by troops in woods which were bombed. After  
bombing he stated that he was able to advance thru woods as he wished to do.  
F-58's reported to have strafed our own troops S of Argentan.
- H -- 4/10 cloud coverage -- cumulus clouds -- base, 5,000 -- top as high as 6,000 in  
places -- visib excellent, in general, but rather poor in the sun.

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APO 595, U. S. Army  
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2nd Lt JOSEPH D. GIANETTI	0818367	AC
2nd Lt DALE L. JEWKES	0817957	AC
2nd Lt WALTER R. JOHNSON	0814696	AC
2nd Lt JOSEPH F. MCMILLAN	0809172	AC
2nd Lt LOUIS L. VIECK	0752156	AC
Capt JOSEPH J. MCLACHLAN	0665844	AC
1st Lt CHARLES J. KENNEDY JR	0805635	AC
1st Lt FRANK S. KERCHNER	0805637	AC
2nd Lt RICHARD C. COX	0702770	AC
2nd Lt RICHARD J. FOX	0815679	AC
2nd Lt RUPERT B. MAXWELL	0766609	AC
2nd Lt ROBERT H. HOWIE	0820454	AC
2nd Lt ALBERT F. BRIZENDINE	0820454	AC
Capt JOHN H. LOUGEE	0798317	AC
1st Lt MARVIN J. ROSVOLD	0680083	AC
1st Lt DAVID M. SHARP	0680093	AC
2nd Lt BOB V. BARKER	0763463	AC
2nd Lt MILTON S. BENDER	0763468	AC
2nd Lt ROLAND C. POTTER	0695339	AC

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By O of Col MEYERS:

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Alice Brown	Lt	1	2	3	4	5
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397th Fighter Squadron S-2 reports on A Div. Bombing Mission # 2 August 20, 1944  
(Squadron Mission No 197)

- A. C.O. No. ---- Mission No. (21-5) ---mission no. for day:1-----  
August 20, 1944 ----- Dive bombing of Ferry Instalations at Duclair,  
M-~~03221~~ M-03220
- B. 358th Fighter Group ----- 397th Fighter Squadron ----- 12 acft. disp.  
no aborts
- C. Up: 2001 ---TOT: 2031 --- down:214
- D. Nil
- E. Bomb load: 8X2500 lb. GP bombs  
Fusing: long delay  
16 bombs in target area  
4 acft. used as escort  
16 bombs dropped on Ferry installations at Duclair in the area of L-03219.  
2 bombs dropped in the water; the rest dropped on land  
Major Hendricks strafed flak installations (25 guns, some heavy)  
in the area of M-03221. The guns were placed along a road on the edge  
of a field. The results were very good.
- F. Light, intense, innacurate flak in four fields in the area of ~~M-03218~~  
M-03216. There were eight guns pits in one field. These pits looked  
like holes, they were not camouflaged.  
Light, intense, innacurate flak at Q-6780  
Heavy, moderate, accurate flak ~~at~~ in the area of M-1219
- G. There was a big fire in a town in the area of L-03210. The docking  
areas of the town were particularly affected. A small berge or small  
ship was seen burning. A ship or a plane was seen shooting a flare in the  
area of ~~M-03208~~ (in the channel). This observation was made at 2000 by  
planes flying at 8000 ft.
- H. 10/10 cloud coverage --- cumulus clouds ----- base 11,000 ft. --- top:  
12,000 ft. --- vis: good. Farther south there were clouds from 6000  
ft. to 7000 ft.

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527th FIGHTER SQUADRON S-2 DEPART ON A REARVIEW M. 11.10 A M. AUGUST 22, 1947

- A. O.O.No. 148, Par 15 --- Mission No. --- Mission no. for def:1 -- Aug. 22, 1947  
Dropping of leaflets on L-84,125, L-920190, L-950100, L-950210, L-920420,  
L-120520, K-000530, and K-270540
- B. 527th Fighter Group --- 527th Fighter Squadron  
Six a/c. disp. --- no aborts
- C. Jp: 1746 --- TWT: 1303 and 1315 --- Down: 1347
- D. Nil
- E. Leaflets dropped at all eight places designated
- F. Nil
- G. Vehicles seen moving north on road leading toward Lvpy' roux. These vehicles  
were scattered.
- H. At target; 2/10 cloud coverage --- strato cumulus clouds --- base 5000 ft.  
top: 9000 ft. --- vis: excellent  
elsewhere: 10/10 cloud coverage --- strato cumulus clouds --- 11000 to 12000 ft.  
--- vis: excellent

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397th Fighter Squadron, 397th Fighter Group, 12th Air Force, 1944

Squadron Mission No. 100

6. No. 100, 1st Lt. [redacted] - Indian Co. - Mission No. 100, 1st August 25, 1944 - Armored column cover mission to 2nd Airborne Division - attack on vehicles on rd. just north of Oissel, M-174
7. 397th Fighter Group - 397th Fighter Squadron - 12th Air Force - no aborts
8. Jpt 1402 - 1401 1,300 - down: 1400
9. All lb.
10. Bomb load: 12.2, 100 lbs bombs
11. Fusings: inst. nose 1/40 tail
12. 24 bombs in target area
13. no soft. used as escort
14. Upon arrival in area assigned planes contacted "Outback". They were told to disregard vehicles originally assigned as targets and to attack tanks which "Outback" assigned. Our planes could not find these tanks, although a careful search was made. They proceeded to attack the vehicles originally assigned. There were several hundred of these vehicles. They looked as if they might be loaded with fuel. All 24 bombs were dropped on these vehicles (in the area of M-174). Maj. Hendricka destroyed ten (10) and Lt. Soc destroyed ten (10). Capt. Wilson's flight damaged five (5). 397th had bombed previously. "Flapper" squadron may also, perhaps, have bombed previously. Prior to our bombing burning vehicles were seen in this area.
15. Major Hendricka and Lt. Soc strafed the road after the bombing. They damaged 20 vehicles. Lt. Arps strafed one vehicle and damaged it. Lt. Austin damaged two vehicles by strafing.
16. Light, intense, inaccurate flak at Oissel
17. heavy, accurate, inaccurate flak just west of Oissel and at Rouen
18. American troops were seen about three miles from Elbeuf. There were many vehicles seen in the area bombed. There were British troops at 1497 and at 1491. Fighting and shell bursts were seen at 1491. Trucks carrying red panels were seen near Elbeuf along the shore. Apparently there must have been objects on the bridge near Oissel, which had previously been bombed, for a cloud of materials were seen at that place.
19. 7/10 cloud coverage - cumulus clouds - base 2,000 ft. - top 4,000 ft. vis: excellent

All bombs  
Hendricka  
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397th Flying Squadron J-2 Report of Lt Colonel Gerald John Haggard  
29 August 1944 Squadron Mission No. 207

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- A -- Opns No. 153, Par 2, 9th TAC, Mission No. 200 Mission No for day 2  
29 Aug 44. Armored column cover for combat command "A" (outbreak), of  
9th Para Div.
- B -- 933rd F Sq, 977th F Sq -- 12 A/C dispatched -- 1 A/C abort (hit by flak in  
left elevator of tail)
- C -- Jpt 1849 1001 1220 -- Down: 2043
- D -- ~~4/2/5/6/7/8/9/10/11/12/13/14/15/16/17/18/19/20/21/22/23/24/25/26/27/28/29/30/31/32/33/34/35/36/37/38/39/40/41/42/43/44/45/46/47/48/49/50/51/52/53/54/55/56/57/58/59/60/61/62/63/64/65/66/67/68/69/70/71/72/73/74/75/76/77/78/79/80/81/82/83/84/85/86/87/88/89/90/91/92/93/94/95/96/97/98/99/100~~ Two of our acft. damaged by flak-ent. "A"
- E -- bomb load: 12(2x)500 lb. GP bombs  
fuzing: inst. nose--1/40 tail  
21 bombs in target area  
2 bombs jettisoned in Seine river at N-0066 (unarmed) -- 1 A/C jettisoned  
in stream  
No acft used as escort

On the way out our planes contacted "Kesspetakes", who told them that he  
had work for them if "Outbreak" did not want them. When they reached the  
assigned area, "Outbreak" told them to attack targets on a road between  
Bourgheroulde (N-0201) and Lebeuf (N-1136). No targets were found on this  
road, and our planes attacked targets in the Forêt de la Londe.  
One tank and three trucks damaged at N-0500. Two vehicles destroyed at  
N-0505. One Tiger tank destroyed at N-0137. German camouflaged objects  
destroyed at N-0007. One tank destroyed and one damaged at N-0202

Lt. Duro and P/O Hardy strafed and assured the destruction of the two  
vehicles which they bombed at N-0505. They destroyed by strafing two  
half tracks and one truck at road intersection at N-0903. They damaged  
three scout cars at the same place. They destroyed by strafing one scout  
car and one covered vehicle at N-0004. They destroyed five or six wagons  
(also carrying men & equipment) at N-0404. They destroyed two motor vehicles  
at N-0202. Lt Driscoll damaged one vehicle at N-7707.

- F -- 1st, 2nd, acc flak at N-0507  
3rd, weak, flak at unknown acc at N-0000.  
Inacc fire from one 1st machinegun in the area ~~N-1136~~ N-0903,  
situated on the northern shore of the Seine river, or on a boat in the coupled barges  
on the river.
- G -- 1st, weak, fairly acc flak at N-1015.
- H -- Two sunken boats seen at N-1015 (Seine river). One boat was long and one was shorter.  
The long boat seemed to be a freighter. Outbreak was seen in Lebeuf, and our  
troops were in the city. Our troops were seen in Bourgheroulde (N-0201). One  
boat or two coupled barges were seen on the Seine river at N-0066 carrying troops  
or equipment.
- I -- At 1st: 3/10 cloud coverage -- cumulus clouds -- base 5,000 -- top 7,000 -- 5 mi  
visib.  
elsewhere: 3/10 cloud coverage -- scattered clouds -- base 5,000 -- top 7,000  
5 mi visib.

All Bombs	Destroyed	0/100000	2/100000
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397th Ftr Sqdn S-2 Rpt on an Armored Column Cover Mission of 26 Aug 44

(Sqdn Mission No. 201)

- A -- Opns O No. \_\_\_\_\_, Mission No. Y21-2 -- Mission No. for Day: 1 -- 26 Aug 44  
Arm Col Cover for 3rd Arm Div and Armed Recce in area E of Paris.
- B -- 368 F Gp, 397 F Sq, 12 A/O Dispatched -- no aborts
- C -- Op: 0845 -- TOT: 1045 ~~1100~~ to 1100 -- Down: 1204.
- D -- Nil
- E -- Our planes could not at first contact either Bronco or Foodle. After they had been in the area about 15 min, Foodle III was contacted. Foodle III apparently was not engaged in fighting, nor did he seem to expect our planes. Several American columns were seen in the general rendezvous area at Argentieres (S-4118). A train of boxcars and flatcars was seen. These cars contained bails of straw. Maj HENDRICKS strafed this train and set about 5 cars afire. A German airfld was seen at about S-5833. This fld had been well beaten up. There was no flak from the field. A strip apparently associated with the field was seen at S-6140. As our planes flew over the field a group of men comparable to an A/O sqdn was seen packed up and ready to leave. Their work of demolition had been completed and fires and smoke were seen. At S-6143 about 1000 fuel and ammo trucks were seen. Capt Gibson's flight dest 20. Maj Hendricks dest 10. Capt Lougee's flight dest 15. The remaining vehicles were prob dest by the resultant fires.
- F -- Nil
- G -- An American column was seen moving into Melun from the NW, and out of the city to the NE. The head of the column was on a road NE of the city. The enemy is erecting road blocks constructed of felled trees on the edges of towns in the area of S-3716.
- H -- A haze layer up to 5000 ft vis restricted

No bombs		
Hendricks	Lougee	Gibson
Stoll	rotter	Fauley
Preston	Sharp	Horiachner
Baker	Frisbie	Justin

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397TH FIGHTER SQUADRON S-2 REPORT ON AN ARMORED COLUMN COVER MISSION \* AUG 27, '44  
(Squadron Mission No 202)

- A. O.O. No. ----- Mission No. Y211 1, Mission No. for day: 1 --- 27 August '44  
Armored Column Cover for Bronco of Third Ar. Div.
- B. 368th Fighter Group --- 397th FS --- 12 A/C dispatched --- no aborts
- C. UP: 1129 --- TOT: 1250 to 1340 --- Down: 1435
- D. Nil
- E. Our planes went to Melun but could not contact either Poodle or Bronco. They then went to Meaux S-4651, to start armed reconnaissance in the assigned area. When they arrived there, they heard Bronco ~~asking~~ asking whether there was any fighter-bomber outfit in the area. Bronco was at that time at S-4045 and S-4342. When our planes answered affirmatively, Bronco sent them to attack a group of tanks, Altho our planes descended as low as 2000 ft, they could not find these tanks. Then Bronco told them that motor vehicles had a short time before that pulled out of St. Germain sur Morin (S4243) and had moved toward the East. Our planes set out to attack these vehicles and found them in the area of S-4445. There were 25 or 30 vehicles. Maj. HENDRICKS strafed & destroyed 10 trucks, 2 staff cars and another vehicles which was either a staff car or a jeep. Lt. Hamilton strafed and destroyed 7 vehicles. Capt. GIBSON strafed and destroyed 2 vehicles. Thus the squadron destroyed 22 vehicles altogether. Some of the vehicles in this group carried guns.
- F. Nil
- G. Nil
- H. The weather is poor - an overcast is building up -- 60% coverage -- base 2000 top: 3000 -- bad vis. (1 mile)

No bombs		
Hendricks	Gibson	Lougee
Preston	Hardy	Potter
Hamilton	Horlacher	Sharp
Bender	Barker	Soo

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291st Squadron, 4th Fighter Group, 1st Air Force, 15 August 1944  
 (Squadron Mission No. 44-27)

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HEADQUARTERS  
368TH FIGHTER GROUP

APO 595, U. S. Army  
19 August 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS )  
NUMBER 98 )

1. So much of par 1, SO 97, this Hq, cs, pertaining to operational leave, as reads "2nd Lt WALTER R. JOHNSON, 0814696, AC," and "2nd Lt LOUIS L. VIECK, 0752156, AC" is deleted and the following named officers substituted therefore:

1st Lt RICHARD KIK JR	0745414 AC
2nd Lt WILLIAM J. WAYLAND JR	0818470 AC
2nd Lt CHARLES E. RIFE	0887235 AC

2. Having been asgd this orgn per par 1, SO 150, Hq 20th RCD (Avn), dtd 13 Aug 1944, the following named EM are further asgd to Sq as indicated:

Pfc (911) Frank D. Narkiewicz	395th Fighter Squadron
Pvt (911) William R. Kingray	397th Fighter Squadron

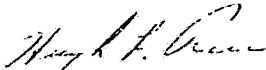
3. Under the provisions of AR 615-5, 30 June 1943, and upon the recommendation of his Orgn Comdr, Sgt (060) Victor H. Talbott, 38084715, 397th Fitr Sq, is reduced to the gr of Pvt for misconduct.

4. 2nd Lt (7536) WILLIAM T. CONDER, 0886390, AC, is appointed Gp Aircraft Inspecting Officer, princ duty.

By O of Col MEYERS:

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368TH FIGHTER GROUP

APO 595, U. S. Army  
28 July 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS )

NUMBER 84 )

1. The following named officers are granted five (5) days operational leave, will proceed from this station to Station 519 UK so as to arrive thereat o/a 29 July 1944 reporting to the Regulating Station for registration upon arrival. Period of leave will commence upon arrival at Station 519 and terminate upon return to that station for return transportation to his proper orgn. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/50425. AUTH: Ltr, Hq IX TAC, file 210.711, dtd 21 July 1944, subj: "Operational leave Policy."

Lt Col JOHN D. W. HAESLER, AC 0432193 397th Fighter Squadron

2. VOOG IX TAC, 1st Lt GRADY P. GRIFFITH, 01642129, AC, is placed on temp dy for approximately one (1) day, will proceed fr this sta o/a 29 July 1944 to Warmwell, Dorset, UK, on matters pertaining to this command. Upon completion of this temp dy, he will ret to proper orgn and sta. TDN by MT, rail aeft or rail.

Where Govt qrs and subs are not available, O is atzd reimbursement for actual cost of qrs not to exceed \$4.00 per day and alws of \$1.25 per day to cover excess cost of subs while in travel status in accordance w/Par 2, Cir No 63, Hq ETOUSA, 5 June 1944. 60-114 P 432-02 A 212/50425 and 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/50425.

3. Having been asgd this orgn per par 3 SO 99, Hq IX TAC, dtd 28 July 1944, 1st Lt (4000) WALLACE R. HILL, 0577920, AC, is further asgd 395th Fitr Sq.

By O of Col MEYERS:

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368TH FIGHTER GROUP

APO 595, U. S. Army  
17 August 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS )

NUMBER 96 )

1. 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:

M/Sgt Jay W. Jones	39167264	Sgt Paul H. Butler	39545344
T/Sgt Raymond H. Elrod	18130475	Sgt Jesse L. Castro	39267813
T/Sgt Samuel Loisey	33240328	Sgt Francis J. Cavanagh	32380844
T/Sgt Philip E. Murphy	35292747	Sgt James Delaney	15036861
T/Sgt Umberto Ricci	11037730	Sgt Solomon V. Granillo	39052577
T/Sgt John N. Watson	34211632	Sgt Harold A. Haun	31129015
T/Sgt James L. Van Guilder	12055122	Sgt Guadalupe Hernandez	18354300
T/Sgt Werner Lehman	38062051	Sgt Eugene H. Jockel	32372559
S/Sgt Thomas E. Ahorn	31169991	Sgt John T. Jones Jr	39106000
S/Sgt Carron J. Anto	32362617	Sgt Robert L. Massie	19142412
S/Sgt Norbert P. Billinger	33187905	Sgt Jack L. McClure	32527560
S/Sgt Philip W. Case	32474709	Sgt Clifton E. Mcen	37322134
S/Sgt Orlando E. Cuppini	16034212	Sgt Albert L. Meyer	35415509
S/Sgt Charles W. Embury Jr	31098313	Sgt Donald R. Morgan	33270810
S/Sgt William H. Hirschfeld	36323797	Sgt Jesse Moskowitz	32538328
S/Sgt George E. Kinney	34396699	Sgt John Myers	35395967
S/Sgt Henry A. Kroul	32429217	Sgt Melvin F. Ojala	39165161
S/Sgt Joseph Kvedaras	32872741	Sgt Anthony F. Proneta	6709371
S/Sgt John E. Massie Jr	35713789	Sgt Robert F. Serbian	39695362
S/Sgt Charles C. Miller	33493960	Sgt Shelby E. Smith	35471747
S/Sgt Chester R. Peers	16126124	Sgt Howard E. Walton	39550532
S/Sgt Edward J. Rogocki	16110087	Sgt Joseph L. Willis	15098095
S/Sgt Brian M. Stiller	36354036	Cpl Walter C. Berandt	35669044
S/Sgt Raymond T. Thompson	19013824	Cpl Robert Chestler	16037790
S/Sgt Matthew W. Wesolowski	32374169	Cpl Henry A. Kyle	31290197
S/Sgt Eugene S. Wornack	38218568	Cpl James A. Ray	34490279
S/Sgt Salvatore Zingale	32318625	Cpl Lawrence Salisbury	37464653
S/Sgt Walter F. Szymczowski	33390550	Cpl Fred J. Sullivan	32293983
Sgt Robert L. Barnard	13144503	Cpl Donald J. Zurestein	15098539
Sgt Samuel N. Burroughs	33210435	Cpl Charles H. O'Donnell	32712184
		Pfc George H. Lane	31061558

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SO 96, Hq 368th Fitr Gp, dtd 17 Aug 1944, Cont'd.

2. Capt STANLEY C. JOHNSON JR, 0563430, AC, is appointed Investigating Officer to investigate Courts-Martial charges against Pvt Orin M. Beasley, 13033394, 2151st Engr F/F Platoon (Avn). Complete report of investigation on WD AGO Form No 120 will be submitted to this Hq in triplicate.

(Travel directed is pursuant to auth contained in Ltr Hq ETOUSA, 24 May 1944)

By O of Col MEYERS:

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