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* A HISTORY OF THE *
* 597TH FIGHTER SQUADRON *
* INSTALLMENT SIX *
* (Covering the Month of July, 1944) *

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Installation VI HISTORY OF THE 397th FIGHTER SQUADRON Section A

1. ORGANIZATION (e.g., changes effected by the transfer of the unit or by new T/O's).
N O T A T I V E
2. STRENGTH ON THE LAST DAY OF THE MONTH:
Strength (Assigned Personnel) on 31 July 1944 -- Two-Hundred and Fifty (250) Enlisted Men -- Fifty-Four (54) Officers -- One (1) Attached Enlisted Man.

3. DATE OF ARRIVAL AT AND DEPARTURE FROM EACH LOCATION. FORMER AND IR REG. NO'S:
N O T A T I V E

4. LOSSES IN ACTION:
Captain Eugene E. Potter, O-387465, MIA .. 7 July 1944
F/O Arlington S. Glover, MIA .. 7 July 1944
Captain Joseph Marini, O-567857, MIA .. 11 July 1944
Captain Robert S. Anderson, O-567023, MIA .. 25 July 1944
2/Lt.uben S. Cork, O-757473, MIA.. 27 July 1944

5. AWARDS TO THE MEMBERS OF THE 397th FIGHTER SQUADRON

Cpl. Masler: 2nd Silver Oak leaf cluster to A.M.; 11th, 12th and 13th Bronze OLC to A.M., and D.F.C.
Major Hendricks: 7th Bronze OLC to A.M., 2nd Silver OLC to A.M., 11th and 12th Bronze OLC to A.M., and D.F.C.
1/Lt. Briscoll: 5th and 7th Bronze OLC to A.M.
Capt. Gibson: 7th Bronze OLC to A.M.
1/Lt. Foltz: 5th, 7th and 8th Bronze OLC to A.M.
1/Lt. Horlacher: 5th and 7th Bronze OLC to A.M.
2/Lt. Murphy: 2nd and 3rd Bronze OLC to A.M.
Capt. Walcott: 5th, 7th and 8th Bronze OLC to A.M.
1/Lt. Dams: 4th Bronze OLC to A.M., 1st Silver OLC to A.M., and 6th Bronze OLC to A.M.
2/Lt Hamilton: 5th Bronze OLC to A.M.
2/Lt Rogal: 4th Bronze OLC to A.M., 1st Silver OLC to A.M.
Capt. O'Connell: 7th, 7th and 8th Bronze OLC's to A.M.
2/Lt. Olden: 3rd and 4th Bronze OLC's to A.M.
1/Lt. Marko: 5th, 7th and 8th Bronze OLC's to A.M.
2/Lt Hellissent: 2nd and 3rd Bronze OLC's to A.M.
Capt. Lougee: 8th Bronze OLC to A.M.
1/Lt. Sharp: 6th and 7th Bronze OLC's to A.M.
2/Lt. Potter: A.M. and 1st and 2nd Bronze OLC's to A.M.
2/Lt. Cassidy: 2nd Bronze OLC to A.M.
1/Lt. Carlson: 6th Bronze OLC to A.M.
1/Lt. Rosvold: 5th, 7th and 8th Bronze OLC's to A.M.
2/Lt. Weston: 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Bronze OLC's to A.M.
2/Lt. Stoll: 3rd and 4th Bronze OLC's to A.M. & Purple Heart.
1/Lt Brown: 6th, 7th and 8th Bronze OLC's to A.M.
1/Lt. Sutcliffe: 5th and 7th Bronze OLC to A.M.
1/Lt. Arps: 5th and 7th Bronze OLC to A.M.

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AWARDS (con't.)

2/Lt. Joo: 4th Bronze OLC to A.S. and 1st Silver OLC to A.S.
2/Lt. Burney: 5th OLC to A.S.

July Awards and Decorations to Personnel now MIA:

Capt. Anderson: 8th and 9th Bronze OLC's to A.S.
Capt. Carini: 8th and 9th Bronze OLC's to A.S.
Capt. Potter: 8th and 9th Bronze OLC's to A.S.

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Attachment #1 - Summary of the 227th, Philippine Reconnaissance Squadron

July 2, 1945, (July 2 cont'd) -- The Squadron's four missions arrived today. The first mission was an observation. All Squadron operations will consequently, henceforth, be carried out from this base.

A single dive bomber mission comprised today's operational activity and, at 10:00 AM, the formation hit the target with 16 of their 20 500 lb. bombs. The observed results were only fair. The target, an enemy air defended position, was hit, but black smoke shot up from the area when the bombs hit. Further attempts were more successful -- Major Hendricks and Lt. Brascoil each dropped a last bomb on a secondary target and the pair reported that the bomb had exploded on the ground. The second mission was a strafing mission, with Major Hendricks, Lt. Brascoil, Lt. Folz, Lt. Rottor, Lt. Sharp, and Lt. Casady. The formation was ordered to attack the target on the air.

July 3, 1945 -- The Squadron's four missions today were a strafing mission from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM, an observation mission from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM, a strafing mission from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM, and a strafing mission from 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM. The first mission was a strafing mission, with Major Hendricks, Lt. Brascoil, Lt. Folz, Lt. Rottor, Lt. Sharp, and Lt. Casady. The formation was ordered to attack the target on the air. The second mission was an observation mission, with Major Hendricks, Lt. Brascoil, Lt. Folz, Lt. Rottor, Lt. Sharp, and Lt. Casady. The formation was ordered to observe the target. The third mission was a strafing mission, with Major Hendricks, Lt. Brascoil, Lt. Folz, Lt. Rottor, Lt. Sharp, and Lt. Casady. The formation was ordered to attack the target on the air. The fourth mission was a strafing mission, with Major Hendricks, Lt. Brascoil, Lt. Folz, Lt. Rottor, Lt. Sharp, and Lt. Casady. The formation was ordered to attack the target on the air.

July 4, 1945 -- The Squadron's four missions today were a strafing mission from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM, an observation mission from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM, a strafing mission from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM, and a strafing mission from 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM. The first mission was a strafing mission, with Major Hendricks, Lt. Brascoil, Lt. Folz, Lt. Rottor, Lt. Sharp, and Lt. Casady. The formation was ordered to attack the target on the air. The second mission was an observation mission, with Major Hendricks, Lt. Brascoil, Lt. Folz, Lt. Rottor, Lt. Sharp, and Lt. Casady. The formation was ordered to observe the target. The third mission was a strafing mission, with Major Hendricks, Lt. Brascoil, Lt. Folz, Lt. Rottor, Lt. Sharp, and Lt. Casady. The formation was ordered to attack the target on the air. The fourth mission was a strafing mission, with Major Hendricks, Lt. Brascoil, Lt. Folz, Lt. Rottor, Lt. Sharp, and Lt. Casady. The formation was ordered to attack the target on the air.

July 5, (July 5) -- weathered in -- no operational activity; routine general activity.

July 6, (July 6) -- Two dive bombing missions comprised today's operational activity, resulting in extensive destruction to targets from 20 500 lb. GP's.

The first target was an enemy tank concentration. The dive bomber formation emptied their entire bomb load on it.

The formation was jumped by 16 or more enemy fighters over the target area. The suddenness of the attack gave little opportunity for a counter, but Lt. Folz scored a kill.

The squadron put up a stiff fight, although outnumbered, but it was Jerry's day -- two of our pilots had to be listed in the MIA column. Captain Eugene M. Rottor, a veteran combat pilot who flew with the best of them as a member of the first American Eagle squadron with the 48th during the early stages of the war, was last seen attacking one of the J/A's head on. Flight officer

Installation #1 HISTORY OF PL 597th FIGHTER SQUADRON Section 1.

Mission No. 5, (July 12) -- The squadron was released from an operational status all day for maintenance and training purposes. A few practice missions comprised the day's only flying activity. Routine business prevailed as usual.

Mission No. 5, (July 13) -- Assigned to dive bomb a key railroad bridge just west of Inouara, the squadron returned from their only mission of this day more tonight with no direct hits to report, but with a good strafing story and some not reconnaissance dogs to overshadow their disappointment. The formation rained their target with 24 500 lb. JP bombs, but all scored near misses that resulted only in the weakening of the bridge through the destruction of leading cabanements. In the strafing column, however, Major Hendricks destroyed three locomotives near the target and Captain Lougee and Lt. Potter each destroyed one other. A likely target was observed in the form of six military buildings suspected of being an ammunition dump. The buildings were well camouflaged, surrounded with tracks and protected by six flak guns.

Poor weather contributed mostly to the failure of the bombing -- the overcast was solid down to 3,000 feet and the formation attempted a hold run on two other assigned bridge targets before picking the one west of Inouara.

Participating in the mission were: Hendricks, Stoll, Brown, Preston, McConnell, Eldon, Laska, Hollieson, Lougee, Potter, Sharp and Cassidy.

Mission No. 5, (July 14) -- Receipt of squadron orders today disclosed that 1st Lt. Wayne L. Briscooll has been ~~appointed~~ appointed assistant squadron operations officer, replacing Captain Eugene H. Potter, who is missing in action. The appointment was made per paragraph 2, sqdn orders #14, dated July 6.

Paragraph one of the same order appointed 2nd Lt. Lynn L. Nixon (9-277375) as squadron tech supply and assistant engineering officer. Lt. Nixon was assigned to the 597th per paragraph 2, special orders #67, in 358th Fighter Group.

The squadron received four new planes today, all new P-47 Thunderbolts, model D27. The D27 is Republic's latest, but is similar to the D25, having the same 'bubble' canopy and the same fuselage design.

The squadron flew its 122nd mission today, a dive bombing job on enemy controlled marshalling yards at Chateaudun. Twenty-three 500 lb. JP bombs were dropped on the target with effective results--several cars, oil tanks, goods wagons and like items were hit and many fires and explosions were observed. In addition, two direct hits were scored on the main track.

On the mission were: Col. Messler, Col. Perogo, Capts Anderson and Talbott, Lts Foltz, Sutcliffe, Arps, Logal, Hamilton, Lane, Murphy and P/O-Bauer.

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Alt No. 5, (July 15) -- S/Sgt Paul A. Powerozneck, BN chief of the outfit's pains and pills department, is in an evacuation hospital near here today recovering from a shrapnel wound after leaving the hard way that the Geneva Conference didn't automatically insure medals to shell fire.

Powerozneck was standing right smack in front of the 397th Dispensary here last night when Jerry came over to pay his routine evening respects. The place was adequately marked with regulation Red Crosses, but one small piece of iron that the ack-ack boys threw up apparently lacked a sense of fair play -- and clipped Powerozneck in the shoulder. -- He we will recover.

Variable inclement weather again held the squadron grounded nearly all day, with but a single break that came in the early evening long enough for one mission. The squadron formation of 12 took off at 1951 and successfully dive bombed an enemy controlled rail bridge at Nantes Jassicourt. The target area was rained with 24 500 lb. GP bombs and the bridge is believed to have been knocked out entirely or at least well damaged. Flak opposition was heavy, intense and accurate at Elben-Louviers and from the British beach head east to the Seine river. One plane was hit and collected category "A" battle damage.

Flying the mission were: Hendricks, Morlacher, Stoll, Lougee, Potter, Sharp, Cassidy, O'Connell, Driscoll, Marko, Olden and Captain Leary, Group Operations Officer.

Alt No. 5, (July 16) -- Unable to bomb their assigned target because of a solid overcast, the squadron sought targets of opportunity tonight and effectively dive bombed a rail bridge at Font Autou and an installation northeast of Felleville that was probably an oil or munitions dump. The bridge was destroyed when 13 500 lb. GP bombs landed in the area, despite only one direct hit. The installation near Felleville was damaged when seven bombs scattered through the area, three of them direct hits.

On the mission were: Haesler, Sutcliffe, Arps, Sen, Walcott, Hamilton, Rosvold, Murphy, Gibson, Poltz, Carlson, P/O Bauer.

Alt No. 5, (July 17) -- Ideal flying weather, excepting a light haze up to 10,000 feet, favored Normandy all day, but it was late afternoon before the squadron got off on a mission. Dive bombing and armed reconnaissance in the Argentan area was the day's first assignment, but the designated target was only subjected to four direct hits. Major Hendricks dropped his pair and scored direct on an aggregation comprised of medium tanks, a staff car, a jeep and about 15 German soldiers. Two more hits were scored on a railroad junction just ~~1/2~~ southwest of Argentan. The remaining 20 500 lb. GP's were all "near misses". Lt. Brown and Rogal teamed up and strafed and destroyed two military trucks. High-light of the mission, however, was ignited by Lt. Marko, who destroyed an Fw 190 in a dog fight southwest of St. Lo. Four planes collected battle damage from flak and bomb frags.

On the mission were: Hendricks, Preston, Brown, Rogal, Potter, O'Connell, Hollisen, Marko, Olden, Lougee, Morlacher and Cassidy.

Installation of the 307th Bombardment Squadron Section B

Mission No. 5, (July 17, cont.) -- Miscellaneous targets, marked by artillery smoke, in support of ground troops, was the objective of the day's second mission. All 22 of the formation's 500 lb. bomb load landed in the specified target areas, with Col. Maesler's flight all scoring direct hits. Capt. Gibson's flight destroyed two marked houses and Capt. Anderson's flight destroyed one house and a road section, also marked with smoke.

Participating were: Col. Maesler, Driscoll, Gans, Murphy, Geo. Gibson, Anderson, Sutcliffe, Foltz, Carlson and Arps.

Mission No. 6, (July 17) -- The squadron's two bombing missions and a flight escort job for a leaflet-dropping mission comprised the day's operational assignments - giving a foundation for more activity ~~later~~ than had been the case of the recent successful days.

The first target, a road bridge, was completely destroyed when the formation let go with their entire load of 500 lb. bombs and scored several direct hits.

Participating were: Hendricks, Freston, Brown, Fogal, Olden, O'Connell, Mann, Stoll, Lougee, Potter, Brinsaker and Casady.

A heavy railroad bridge was the target of the day's second mission. Seventeen of the two dozen loads of 500 lb. bombs were dropped on the structure, but it remained intact despite 17 direct hits. Some damage, however, was done - several explosions were observed and dust and black smoke surrounded the target. Col. Maesler's flight's opinions indicated that the bombers are too gentle for the bigger bridges. Flak was encountered at several points and two planes collected category "A" battle damage.

At the mission were: Maesler, Foltz, Driscoll, W. Bauer, Geo. Anderson, Sutcliffe, Arps, Bellotti, Hamilton, Novak and Murphy.

Capt. Gibson's flight provided escort for a load of 500 lb. bombs on a propaganda mission for the concluding event of the day. The flight rendezvoused with the raider over this base and flew accompanied to the west coast of the German peninsula, where the leaflets were dropped on enemy troops from an altitude of about 5000 feet. That the leaflets were effective is doubtful - they contained instructions for surrendering. Apparently only a few followed the suggestion.

Comprising the escort flight were: Capt. Gibson, Lt. Carlson, Lt. Foltz and F/O Bauer.

1st Lt. Roy D. Carlson, element leader of Capt. Gibson's flight, today assumed leadership of the flight. Capt. Marini is MIA.

Mission No. 7, (July 19) -- Operational activity resumed a dull standstill again today when, variable inclement weather held the squadron entirely grounded.

Waves throughout the area were generally quiet during the bulk of the day, but a slight break in the weather occurred in the mid-afternoon and with it numerous bursts of ack-ack -- announcing a Luftwaffe lead who had ventured too far from home.

A few Spits happened along, simultaneously and effectively dispersed of the ~~stray~~ stray Jerry. Then the ack-ack boys (no sharks on A/O ~~10000~~)

Installment VI HISTORY OF THE 397TH FIGHTER SQUADRON Section B

ALG No. 3, (July 19, con't.) — Recognition) started disposing of the Spits. When the firing ceased, the provoked Spits circled the field several times in an effort to brush up the AA's identification system. Pilots and ground personnel were observing the whole show from a conspicuous spot near the S-2 and S-3 sites when one of the escaping Spits broke through the clouds and zoomed low overhead ".... it's an ME 109 !!!" someone yelled and converted the observers into sprinters. Everyone ran for the S-2 and S-3 tents — apparently to take cover under the heavy, protective canvas. Scents of SNAFU characterized the whole affair, making a lot of us realize that room for improvement still exists.

Receipt of several recently published special orders from group headquarters today revealed a number of squadron administrative changes occurring during the month of July;

Pvt. (521) Robert F. Talamante, 39281120, was assigned to the squadron per par. 2, Special Orders No. 69, Hq. 368th Fighter Group, dated July 3rd.

Two new pilots, 2nd Lts (1055) Jessie D. Welch, Jr., O-818497, and Milton A. Weinstein, O-818498, were assigned to the squadron per par. one, special orders number 73, dated July 14th.

Enlisted men and officers of the 2068th Aviation Engineer Fire Fighting Platoon were attached to the organization for rations per par. 4, SO 75, dated July 14th.

2nd Lt. Joe R. Burney, 0745288, injured when he bailed out over the channel last month, was transferred to the 13th RCD Replacement Pool per par. 1, SO 74, dated July 15th. Burney is still hospitalized.

S/Sgt (502) Joe A. Gezzi, 15019009, and Cpl (809) John F. Hinck, Jr., 32516491, also hospitalized, were transferred to the same pool per the same order.

Paragraph 3, SO 75, dated July 16, granted the following promotions to EM of the squadron:

To be Staff Sergeants ... Sgts Clingman O'Dell, Cletus E. Floyd, Paul M. Lerman and Walter F. Szymozewski To be Sergeants: Cpls Cecil F. Clancy, Merlin J. Kickvoss, Thomas H. Mucker, Clarence D. Farris To be Corporals PFC's Albert J. Calorossi, Edward M. Conkner, Ralph E. Hume, Peter Loback, August J. Menkone To be PFC's Pvs Leonard P. Dabey, William D. Gildchrist, Jessie A. Lewis, John H. Marmon, Enrique Mendosa, Leonard R. Nation, John Ramsdell, William J. Scoville, Michael Signe

ALG No. 3, (July 20) — Second Lieutenant Jesse W. Welch, Jr., was killed late this afternoon when the plane that he was flying on a routine training mission crashed and burned as he attempted a difficult landing. Lt. Welch, assigned to the squadron less than a week ago, was completing his OTU training, in preparation for combat flying, and would have commenced participation in squadron operational missions within a few days.

ALG No. 3, (July 21) — Heavy rain and general inclement weather held the squadron grounded all day. Despite the operational standstill, routine activities prevailed, although on a minimum scale. Personnel were primarily concerned with the salvaging of personal belongings from their inundated make-shift quarters, which, being dug out in drainage ditches along the hedge rows, were generally total losses. By nightfall many found their "Homes" covered with as much as five feet of water.

Installation VI HISTORY OF THE 397TH FIGHTER SQUADRON Section B

Alt No. 5, (July 22) --- Major Randall W. Hendricks, squadron operations officer and the outfit's lone combat ace, was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross by Ninth Air Force Commander, General Louis Brereton, at a special presentation formation today at Alt No. 2. Major Hendricks successful leadership of squadron formations through innumerable hazardous missions, coupled with his solo record as an effective gunnery ace, was the basis for the award. He has destroyed five enemy aircraft and an enviable collection of miscellaneous targets, mostly locomotives, since the squadron became operational in March.

Alt No. 5, (July 23) --- Special orders number 80, Headquarters 368th Fighter Group, published and appearing on this date, enclosed in paragraph two the assignment of six new pilots to this squadron. They are: 1st Lt. Norman A. Frisbee, O-25996; 2nd Lt. Odell V. Austin, O-767-150, James A. Logan, O-767257; James L. Padley, O-767174 and Vernon A. Fein, O-767172 and 1st Lt. Michael A. Hardy, O-2638.

Alt No. 5, (July 24) --- Favored with an advantageous break in the recent stretch of inclement weather, the squadron resumed its rarely broken operational status today after a comparatively long standstill. A dive bombing and armed reconnaissance mission got off in the early afternoon, followed shortly by a bomber escort job.

A road bridge at Fontarion was the target of the bombing mission. Twenty-four 500 lb. bombs landed on the bridge and in the area of the approaches, but little damage was observed. Participating were: Hendricks, Murphy, Capt. Leary (Group operations officer), Horlacher, Talbot, Joe, Hamilton, Dams, Rogal, Anderson, Bender and Arps.

Escort for B-25's enroute to an ammunition dump at Mivaret was the task of the second mission. It was uneventful. Participating were: Haesler, Baker, Sutcliffe, Kotler, Carlson, Stoll, Brown, Preston, Gibson, Berk, Foltz, and Cassady.

Alt No. 5, (July 25) --- All was in readiness here this morning when the big offensive plunged into high gear, but it was mid day before the squadron was called to land its waiting air support. Up at the crack of dawn and anticipating a record day, the outfit disappointedly waited all morning -- and anything but consoled themselves by counting 1,000 enemy allied bombers fly overhead within a few hours.

The awaited opportunity arrived, however, and at 11:12 twelve planes got off on a dive bombing mission and dumped 20,000 lb. bombs on about three dozen railroad cars at Segre. Strafing followed the bombing and three locomotives were damaged; one truck destroyed. On the mission were: Hendricks, Barker, Horlacher, Murphy, Talbot, Hamilton, Dams, Joe, Rogal, Anderson, Bender, and Arps.

Installation #1 - Report of 1st DPTM Element, SQUADRON - Section 2

July 26, (July 26) -- This section was the subject of the day's second mission. Twenty four 500 lb. of bombs, with varied usings, were dropped on selected junctions with damaged tank location of these and targets virtually impossible. The bombs were from instantaneous to 14-hour delay. The darkness hindered and necessitated the landing of seven planes at 11:00, two. The pilots were: Maceler, Lt. Baker, Catalytic, Potter, Carlomag, St. John, Gibson, Wilson, Horn, Foltz, and Murphy.

July 27, (July 27) -- Another full operational day will characterize the progress of today's activities. The status of the day's operations was, in effect, a squadron had flown seven individual flights. The day's operations were characterized by this report. Captain Anderson's mission while leading his flight in a dive bombing attack on a tank location or enemy tanks in a general area south of camp. He completed his mission and was returning to flight home when an enemy aircraft was believed that he was caught in a field barrage which he left his flight to aid a friendly plane in distress. The loss, in its official sense, was a major setback for the flight - flight commanders of his consistent capability are an invaluable asset to any unit. But his loss in the human sense was even greater. Captain Anderson's sense of friendship in the squadron was far reaching because he practiced equality - his subordinates received the same concern as his superiors. He made no apology that he sought for work even in the army.

The seven missions were flown in direct cooperation with our attacking ground forces and specifically in affiliation with the armored force. Each plane carried two 500 lb. GP bombs and employed them in combined bombing and strafing attacks on enemy tanks. The seven flights engaged in today's operations were made up of the following pilots: 1st mission: Lougee, Baker, Horlacher, Cassidy. 2nd mission: Horlacher, Barker, Sps, Sps. 3rd mission: Carlson, Preston, Brown. 4th mission: Maceler, Murphy, Foltz, Horn. 5th mission: Caldwell, Hamilton, Sps, Sps. 6th mission: Anderson, Sps, Catalytic, Sps. 7th mission: Gibson, Horn, Murphy, Horlacher.

1 AUG No. 3, (July 27) -- Continuation of the individual flight missions in direct coordination with our ground forces comprised today's operational activity. The record-setting seven missions that were flown yesterday, when the campaign was inaugurated, slipped into a backseat position today when 12 missions were flown during a 14-hour alert.

The missions were of a dual purpose... dive bombing and armed reconnaissance ... with the bombing objectives being varied enemy concentrations of armored vehicles, including motor convoys, tanks and guns in transit, as directed by ground force commanders.

The missions were flown in flights of four, with each plane carrying a pair of 500 lb. general purpose bombs. The assigned targets and a variety of targets of opportunity were strafed following the bombings and a sizeable aggregation of vehicles and miscellaneous targets were claimed.

Installation VI HISTORY OF THE 100th BOMBARDMENT GROUP Section 3

Air No. 3, (July 27, cont'd.) -- Second Lieutenant Bora joined the 100th Bombardment Group's fourth mission. It is believed that he was hit by heavy concussion from a plane in front of him. He was seen to bail out and is thought to have landed safely. The incident occurred over enemy territory. Lt. Bora joined the squadron as a trainee only a few weeks ago. He had completed his OTI and had been participating regularly in operational missions.

Participation in today's combat activity was by following:
First Mission: Hendricks, Hamilton, Lane, Logal. Second Mission: Logal, Foster, Fetter, Cassidy. Third Mission: Carlson, Fetter, From, Stoll.
Fourth Mission: Fetter, Logal, Sultz, Carr. Fifth Mission: Logal, Stoll, Fetter, Barker. Sixth Mission: Salbott, Hamilton, Lane, Logal.
Seventh Mission: Logal, Cassidy, Fetter, Carr. Eighth Mission: Logal, Fetter, From, Stoll. Ninth Mission: Logal, Fetter, From, Stoll. Tenth Mission: Logal, Fetter, From, Stoll. Eleventh Mission: Logal, Cassidy, Fetter, Carr. Twelfth Mission: Logal, Fetter, From, Stoll.

Air No. 4, (July 28) -- An uneventful bomber escort mission for the 100th Bombardment Group was held rain and bridge work at Brook Camp. Cassidy's only operational activity. A full squadron formation, of 12 planes, was held at the campment, proved *unsuccessful* mission. At 0800 hours, a heavy overcast prevented any observations of the enemy. Results of mission of reconnaissance value, and no other mission was conducted. On the mission were: Hendricks, Hamilton, Lane, Logal, Logal, Fetter, Stoll, Cassidy, Carlson, Stoll, From, Fetter.

Air No. 5 (July 29) -- receipt of squadron orders today disclosed the appointment of Capt. Stanley C. ("Bud" Sam) Johnson as unit postal officer, to succeed Capt. Dean L. ("Doc" Sam) Williams, relieved. The change was directed per paragraph one, orders number 1, dated July 21. Paragraph two of the same order appointed Sgt. John J. Jones as squadron special service representative to succeed Private John E. Allen, relieved. Allen, until recently a staff sergeant, was reduced, along with Sgt. Joe Greenham, for alleged "misconduct".

Air No. 5, (July 30) -- receipt of group special orders of *100th Bombardment Group* today disclosed the granting of operational leaves to five squadron pilots: Capt. Russell A. Connell, 1st Lt. Wayne H. Russell, and Rudolph L. Marks and 2nd Lt. John A. Hailstone and William C. Owen. The leaves were for five days, plus travel time, in England. They commenced on July 25 and were authorized per paragraph one of special orders 78, HQ 953rd Fighter Group, dated July 21.

Air No. 5, (July 31) -- A report from the "Confirmation of Victory Credits Board" received today disclosed the award of "one P-190 probably destroyed" to Lt. John P. Foltz.

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Aid No. 3, (July 21, cont.) -- An attempt was made to attack on suspected enemy air bases located in the operational activity area late in the afternoon.

Twenty-four B-29 Superfortresses were dispatched to the targets, but no results other than the destruction of the targets were observed. The areas appeared deserted and industrial production was nil. A strafing attack followed the bombing, but the results were equally nil. Damage to the B-29s was minimal as observed.

Participants in the mission were: Capt. W. J. P. and Capt. Foss, Bricciani, Army, Capt. Foster, Capt. G. J. G. G., also, Bricciani, and Bellison.

It was the squadron's 10th mission.

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368th FIGHTER GROUP

APO 595, U. S. Army
29 June 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS)

NUMBER 68)

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2. The following named officers are appointed to witness and verify the cash balance of Major JOHN P. VOLIVA, FD: 0311398, Accountable Disbursing Officer, as of the close of business, 30 June 1944:

Capt GEORGE E. MYERS	0569530 AC
CWO GILBERT P. GRIFFIN	W2125428 AC

3. Having been asgd this orgr per par 1 SO 173, Hq AAF Sta 342, dtd 22 June 1944, the following named officers are further asgd to sq as indicated:

396th Fighter Squadron

2d Lt RICHARD C. COX	0702770
2d Lt ALBERT A. SCHNEIDLER	0702845
2d Lt JOHN B. STEWART JR	0700849
2d Lt THEODORE O. TAUBERT	0700850
2d Lt ROBERT R. WAGGONER	0702869

397th Fighter Squadron

2d Lt EDGAR R. BAKER	0763829
2d Lt BOB V. BARKER	0763463
2d Lt GEORGE L. BAUER	0704660
2d Lt MILTON S. BENDER	0762468
2d Lt JACK F. BIAGINI	0815641
2d Lt RUBEN G. BORK	0763473

By O of Col MEYERS:

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SPECIAL ORDERS)

NUMBER (6))

1. Having been asgd this orgn per par 1 SC 73, HQ IX TAC, dtd 1 July 1944, the following named officers are further asgd to Sq as indicated:

34th Fighter Squadron

2d Lt (1055)	EARL L. WILGESS	0766555	AC
2d Lt (1055)	JOHN R. KNUSS	0820510	AC
2d Lt (1055)	RUEBERT B. LEMMILL	0766609	AC
F/O (1055)	KEENLTH L. WILCOX	T-2642	AC

2. Having been asgd this orgn per par 1 SC 150, HQ 13th ROD (Avn), dtd 1 July 1944, the following named BN are further asgd to Sq as indicated:

Headquarters Detachment

Cpl (521)	Charles M. Hicks	18182276
1st (521)	Robert T. Marelo	14071072

32nd Fighter Squadron

1st (521)	Alfonso M. Catrillo	32467790
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597th Fighter Squadron

1st (521)	Robert F. Talamante	39281120
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HEADQUARTERS
368TH FIGHTER GROUP

APO 595, U S Army
14 July 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS)

NUMBER 73

1. Having been asgd this orgn per par 4 SO 82, Hq IX TAC, dtd 10 July 1944, the following named officers are further asgd to Sq as indicated:

2d Lt (1055) WILLIAM J. WAYLAND JR 0818470 AC 395th Fitr Sq
2d Lt (1055) MILTON A. WEINSTEIN 0818498 AC 397th Fitr Sq
2d Lt (1055) JESSE D. WELCH JR 0818495 AC 397th Fitr Sq

2. 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 reduced to the gr of Pvt for misconduct:

S/Sgt (911) Louie S. Allen 32378615
Cpl (911) Joseph Greenspan 32826669

3. The following named EM, 396th Fitr Sq, are attached to the 382nd Service Sq for rations only:

Sgt (759) John P. O'Meara 16145017
Cpl (759) Charles E. Steinchak 35514014
Cpl (759) Jerome J. Meyers 12183568

4. Officers and enlisted men of the 2068th Engr F/F Platoon (Avn) are hereby attached to the 397th Fitr Sq for rations only.

5. Officers and enlisted men of the 74th Bomb Disposal Sq are hereby attached to the 396th Fitr Sq for rations only.

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368TH FIGHTER GROUPAPO 595, U. S. Army
15 July 1944SPECIAL ORDERS)
NUMBER 74)

1. The VOCC 368th Fitr Gp of 1 July 1944, under exigencies which prevented the issuance of advance orders, are hereby confirmed and made of record:

"The following named officers and EM, hospitalized personnel, Sq indicated are trfd to Replacement Pool, 13th RCD, sta 433. Auth: 9 AF R Y-035-C:

1st Lt (1055) PAUL J. QUILTY	0679943	AC	396th Fitr Sq
2nd Lt (1055) JOE R. BURNEY	0745288	AC	397th Fitr Sq
Cpl (911) Maurice R. Walcott	31018255		395th Fitr Sq
Cpl (405) Howard D. Pruett	39695627		396th Fitr Sq
S/Sgt (502) Joe A. Geczi	15019009		397th Fitr Sq
Cpl (809) John F. Hinek Jr	32616491		397th Fitr Sq "

2. Having been asgd this orgn per par 2 SO 82, Hq IX TAC, dtd 10 July 1944, 2d Lt (4823) SAMUEL GUSHIN, 0864736, AC, is further asgd Hq 368th Fitr Gp and attached to 396th Fitr Sq for rations, qrs and duty.

3. Officers and enlisted men of the 2151st Engr F/F Platoon (Avn) are hereby attached to the 396th Fitr Sq for rations only.

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HEADQUARTERS
368TH FIGHTER GROUP

APO 595, U. S. Army
16 July 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS)
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NUMBER 75)

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 TECHNICAL SERGEANT (TEMP)
S/Sgt (747) Ernest C. Wilkinson 34240995

TO BE STAFF SERGEANT (TEMP)
Sgt (747) Vendel Fetz 35303362
Sgt (750) Donald A. Reilly 12136585
Sgt (687) Philas E. R. Goulet 11089401
Sgt (405) John J. Murphy 11030874

TO BE SERGEANT (TEMP)
Cpl (911) Archie A. Bigham 32761258
Cpl (911) Conrad W. Muller 39098054
Cpl (747) Joseph E. Surat 32499111

TO BE CORPORAL (TEMP)
Pfc (747) John J. Buncock 32608225
Pfc (060) Stewart Farr 12207805
Pfc (060) Herbert L. Reed 6537125

TO BE PRIVATES FIRST CLASS (TEMP)
Pvt (747) Silas Thompson 34444788
Pvt (345) Clifford I. Stubinger 36642616
Pvt (911) Eugene H. Fralle 37237297

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 STAFF SERGEANT (TEMP)
Sgt (941) Ellis N. Bassler 32449388

TO BE SERGEANT (TEMP)
Cpl (941) Joe L. McCain 38225629

TO BE CORPORAL (TEMP)
Pfc (759) Carl L. Wetzol 32544951
Pfc (756) Harry Zadorozny 33315892

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SO #75, Hq 368th Fitr Gp, dtd 16 July 1944, Par 2 cont'd.

TO BE PRIVATES FIRST CLASS (TEMP)

Pvt (911) Russell C. Freeze 17152390

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 STAFF SERGEANT (TEMP)

Sgt (747) Clingman O'Dell 34433182
Sgt (747) Clotus E. Floyd 38108911
Sgt (747) Paul M. Lerman 31116041
Sgt (505) Walter F. Szymezewski 33390550

TO BE SERGEANT (TEMP)

Cpl (747) Cecil F. Clancy 36507748
Cpl (405) Merlin J. Kiokvoss 36817894
Cpl (941) Thomas H. Musker 31090880
Cpl (759) Clarence D. Parrish 39827477

TO BE CORPORAL (TEMP)

Pfc (060) Albert J. Calorossi 31336567
Pfc (911) Edward M. Conkner 33668676
Pfc (747) Ralph E. Hume 15354786
Pfc (747) Peter Loback 32332285
Pfc (405) August J. Markens 31295500
Pfc (747) George W. Savage 11131241

TO BE PRIVATES FIRST CLASS (TEMP)

Pvt (911) Leonard P. Daboy 36318250
Pvt (941) William D. Gilchrist 37676673
Pvt (256) Josse A. Lewis 39455134
Pvt (747) John H. Marmion 15071250
Pvt (521) Enrique Mondoca 38411065
Pvt (590) Leonard R. Nation 34765968
Pvt (932) John Ramsdell 31084018
Pvt (932) William J. Scoville 11038244
Pvt (590) Michael Signo 31311230

4. So much of par 1, SO 74, this Hq cs, as reads "1st Lt (1055) PAUL J. QUILTY, 0679943, AC, 396th Fitr Sq" is deleted.

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HEADQUARTERS
308TH FIGHTER GROUP

APO 595, U S Army
21 July 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS)
NUMBER . 78)

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 23 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 their proper orgn. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/50425. AUTH: TWX IX TAC 0731C, 18 July 1944.

395th Fighter Squadron

1st Lt (1055)	JAMES W. EARLY	0745326
1st Lt (1055)	CLIFFORD L. GAMBLE	0676776
1st Lt (1055)	RICHARD KIK, JR	0745414
2nd Lt (1055)	CLARENCE E. ALLEN	0693095
2nd Lt (1055)	GEORGE A. HUGHES	0680826
2nd Lt (1055)	DONALD F. HUFF	0681673

397th Fighter Squadron

Capt (1055)	RUSSELL A. O'CONNELL	0732326
1st Lt (1055)	WAYNE H. DRISCOLL	0745323
1st Lt (1055)	RUDOLPH L. MARKO	0745440
2nd Lt (1055)	JOHN A. HELLIESEN	0815332
2nd Lt (1055)	WILLIAM J. CLEEN	0736310

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

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368TH FIGHTER GROUP

APO 595, U. S. Army
23 July 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS)

NUMBER 80)

1. So much of par 1, SO 78, this Hq cs, pertaining to operational leaves for officers as reads "1st Lt (1055) CLIFFORD L. GAMBLE, 0676776" and "2nd Lt (1055) GEORGE A. HUGHES, 0680826" is amended to read "Capt (1055) ROY-L. BOWLEN, JR, 025637," and "1st Lt (1055) JOSEPH S. NOLAN, 0302337."

2. Having been asgd this orgn per par 1, SO 200, Hq AAF Sta 342, dtd 20 July 1944, the following named officers are further asgd to Sq as indicated:

395th Fighter Squadron

2d Lt (1055)	EUGENE R. SMITH	0708767
2d Lt (1055)	JOSEPH M. SULLIVAN JR	0820601
2d Lt (1055)	CHARLES R. EARLS	0767163
F/O (1055)	CHARLES R. FOLTZ	T-2681

396th Fighter Squadron

2d Lt (1055)	BOYD E. JOHNSON	0766544
2d Lt (1055)	IRVEN F. MILLER	0820546
2d Lt (1055)	ALBERT F. BRIZENDINE	0820454
2d Lt (1055)	WILLIAM G. DIXON	0706367
2d Lt (1055)	CURTIS H. STEVENS	0701192

397th Fighter Squadron

1st Lt (1055)	NORMAN H. FRISBIE	026336
2d Lt (1055)	ODELL V. DUSTIN	0767160
2d Lt (1055)	JAMES P. HOGAN	0767237
2d Lt (1055)	JAMES E. FAULEY	0767174
2d Lt (1055)	VERNON O. FEIN	0767175
F/O (1055)	MICHAEL H. HARDY	T-2688

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