

S E C R E T

SQUADRON HISTORY
(Initial Installment)

397TH FIGHTER SQUADRON

368TH FIGHTER GROUP

S E C R E T

THIS PAGE IS UNCLASSIFIED

S E C R E T

PERIOD: 1 June 1943 to 29 February 1944

S E C R E T

1032

THIS PAGE IS UNCLASSIFIED

S E C R E T

SECTION A

S E C R E T

S E C R E T

1. ORIGINAL DESIGNATION OF THE UNIT AND SUBSEQUENT CHANGES IN DESIGNATION:

The unit was originally designated as the 397th Fighter Squadron. It bears that designation at the present time. 4911-H was the shipment number assigned to the unit in connection with its movement to Great Britain and the designation it bore during the period in which it was stationed at Camp Myles Standish, Taunton, Mass., the staging area where it prepared for shipment overseas, and aboard the S.S. ARGENTINA. Shipment no. 4911-H was assigned to the squadron by a confidential letter of the War Department of 18 November 1943. The subject of the letter was "Movement Orders, Shipment 4911". The assignment was made while the squadron was at Army Air Base, Mitchel Field, New York. 4911-H became the designation of the squadron on 20 December 1943, the date on which it arrived at Camp Myles Standish. This designation was abandoned 12 January 1944, the date of debarkation in Great Britain. The place of debarkation was Greenock, Scotland, which is located on the Firth of Clyde, a short distance from Glasgow.

2. DATE AND PLACE OF ACTIVATION AND ORGANIZATION:

The 397th Fighter Squadron was activated at Army Air Base, Westover Field, Mass., by General Order No. 48 of 2 June 1943, of Headquarters, I Fighter Command, Mitchel Field, New York. This order activated the 368th Fighter Group and its component units-- the 395th Fighter Squadron, the 396th Fighter Squadron, and the 397th Fighter Squadron. The effective date of activation was 1 June 1943. The 368th Fighter Group and its component squadrons were assigned to the New York Air Defense Wing; later designated as the New York Fighter Wing. The 397th Fighter Squadron and the other squadrons of the 368th Fighter Group were organized at Westover Field during the months of June, July, and August of 1943. The 368th Fighter Group was established and organized for the purpose of flying Republic "Thunderbolts" (P-47's).

3. SOURCES FROM WHICH PERSONNEL WAS OBTAINED:

The 326th Fighter Group is the parent group from which the 368th Fighter Group emerged. The 320th Fighter Squadron, the 321st Fighter Squadron, and the 322nd Fighter Squadron were the units of the 326th Fighter Group which furnished cadres for the 368th Fighter Group. The 322nd Fighter Squadron furnished the cadre of the 395th Fighter Squadron, while the 321st Fighter Squadron served as the parent squadron of the 396th Fighter Squadron. The 397th Fighter Squadron emerged from the 320th Fighter Squadron.

The cadre of the 397th Fighter Squadron consisted of nine officers and fifty-five enlisted men. The rosters of the officer and enlisted cadres follow:

S E C R E T

OFFICER CADRE OF THE 397TH FIGHTER SQUADRON:

Haesler, John D.W., Capt, AC, 0432193, Commanding Officer
Hendricks, Randall W., 1st Lt, AC, 0441804, Operations Officer
Goodwin, James W., 1st Lt, AC, 0437614, Flight Leader
Talbot, Carlos M., 1st Lt, AC, 025797, Flight Leader
Williams, Dean L., 1st Lt, AC, 01288480, Adjutant
Fry, Alfred D., 2nd Lt, AC, 0797816, Flight Leader
Howard, John G., 2nd Lt, AC, 0860192, Engineering Officer
Gundlach, Carl H., 2nd Lt, AC, 0571886, Supply Officer
Stronach, Robert M., 2nd Lt, AC, 0858020, Communications Officer

ENLISTED CADRE OF THE 397TH FIGHTER SQUADRON:

Griffith, Orville, S/Sgt. 6639757
Feliziani, Reek A. Sgt. 39844664
Wilson, Russell J., Sgt. 36116121 *
Smith, Shelby E., Sgt. 36471747
McClure, Jack L., Cpl. 32527560
Granillo, Solomon V., Pfc. 39852577
Hubbard, Cecil R., Sgt., 15089084
Poehlman, Lavoy F., Sgt. 36159084 *
Holmes, Merrill C., Sgt. 11030522
Cuppini, Orlando E., S/Sgt. 16034212
Marsh, Walter M., S/Sgt. 12066719
Hirschfield, William H., S/Sgt. 36323797
Murphy, Philip E., Sgt. 35292747
Angle, Leslie H., Cpl. 17176013
VanGuilder, James L., Sgt. 12055122
Hamilton, Willis E., Pfc. 14130762
Grace, William T., Pfc. 34356522 *
Ricci, Umberto, S/Sgt. 11037730
Bula, Peter P., S/Sgt. 6728808
Nacion, Vernon F., Cpl. 32304027
Witherspoon, Melvin J., Pvt. 33284444
Idleman, Charles L., Pfc. 15334583
Lewis, Jesse A., Pfc. 39455134
Ahern, Thomas E., Sgt. 31169991
Zingale, Salvatore, Pfc. 32318625
Elrod, Raymond H., Pfc. 18130475
Myers, William W., S/Sgt. 6998832
Trawick, Paul E., Sgt. 14081765
Burrows, John W., Pvt. 34399178
Parrish, Clarence D., S/Sgt. 39827477
Waller, John R., Cpl. 37272395
Leisay, Samuel, Cpl. 33240328
Crowder, Alvin Y., Pfc. 20461668 *

* Designates men no longer attached to this squadron.

SECRET

ENLISTED CADRE OF THE 397TH FIGHTER SQUADRON (CONT'D.)

Butler, Paul H., Pvt. 39545344
 Holmes, William McK., Cpl. 34093521
 Wasolowski, Matthew W., Cpl. 32374169
 Haun, Harold A., Cpl. 31129015
 Kinney, George E., Cpl. 34396699
 Stiller, Brian M., Cpl. 36364036
 Wolfe, Willard E., Pvt. 19138143 *

* Designates men no longer attached to this squadron.

A roster of the officers later assigned to the 397th Fighter Squadron follows. The unit of which each officer was a member prior to his assignment to this squadron has been placed next to his name.

OFFICERS LATER ASSIGNED TO THE 397TH FIGHTER SQUADRON

<u>NAME</u>	<u>CLASSIFICATION</u>	<u>PREV. ORG.</u>
Baker, Francis F. 0445588, Capt	Medical Officer	320th F.S. W/F
Gibson, William R. 0665551 Capt	Pilot	" "
Johnson, Stanley C. 0563430 Capt	Adjutant	2nd" BH & AB Sqdn.
Marini, Joseph 0665839 Capt	Pilot	320th F.S. W/F
Anderson, Robert S. 0667023 1st Lt	"	" "
Carlson, Roy D. 0678830 1st Lt	"	" "
Driggs, Francis B. 01549257 "	Transportation Off.	" "
Lougee, John H. 0798317 "	Pilot	" "
O'Connell, Russell A. 0732326 "	"	" "
Arps, Henry F. 0667934 2nd Lt	"	" "
Brown, Robert S. 0679988 "	"	" "
Burney, Joe R. 0745288 "	"	" "
Dams, Edward W. 0745312 "	"	377th F.S.
Driscoll, Wayne H. 0745323 "	"	320th F.S. "
Foltz, John P. 0745337 "	"	379th F.S.
Gill, George E. 0863973 "	Armament Officer	320th F.S. W/F
Hamilton, Henry B. 0805617 "	Pilot	" "
Horlacher, William G. 0802299 "	"	" "
Howard, Joe C. 0680907 "	"	" "
Langmaid, Norman E. 0805641 "	"	" "
Magnus, Morton H. 0578477 "	Intelligence Officer	442nd F.S. "
Marko, Rudolph L. 0745440 "	Pilot	320th F.S. "
Radosovich, Anthony E. 0861906 "	Radar Officer	Boca Raton Fld. Fla.
Rogal, Harry C. 0681705 "	Pilot	320th F.S.
Rosvold, Marvin J. 0680083 "	"	"
Sharpe, David M. 0680093 "	"	"
Sutcliffe, George L. 0681739 "	"	379th F.S.

S E C R E T

A roster of the enlisted men later assigned to the 397th Fighter Squadron follows. The unit of which each man was a member prior to his assignment to this squadron has been placed next to his name.

ENLISTED MEN LATER ASSIGNED TO THE 397TH FIGHTER SQUADRON

NAME	ASN	CLASSIFICATION	PREV. ORG.
ORDERLY ROOM			
Ojala, Melvin F. Sgt	39165161	Class. Spec.	322nd F.S.
Geczi, Joe A. S/Sgt	15019009	Sgt Major	320th F.S.
Lenahan, Francis T. Cpl	32533948	A&T Clerk	"
Grant, Melvin G. Cpl	12173895	"	"
McNeil, Archie F. Cpl	32285946	Util. Repairman	"
Hazelbaker, Calvin M. Pvt	35609822	Messenger	321st "
QM SUPPLY			
Davis, Ralph L. Sgt	17015858	Duty	320th F.S.
Resta, Anthony V. Cpl	11106480	A&T Clerk	"
McCoy, William T. Pvt	34768122	"	Bn TORC Hood, Tex.
Pfc Diekvoss, Merlin J.	36817894	"	322nd F.S.
MESS			
Masidonski, John C. Sgt	37059874	Cook	442nd F.S.
Busch, John M. Cpl	32366362	"	320th F.S.
Kwiecien, John A. Cpl	32099267	"	"
Talbott, Victor H. Sgt	38084715	"	93rd FCS
Horst, Lewis S. Cpl	33562653	"	320th FS
Mendoza, Enrique Pvt	38411065	Cook's Helper	Hq&HqSqdn FAF
Kelly, Harold L. Pvt	35063924	"	"
Calorossi, Albert J. Pvt	31336567	"	321st FS
Fields, Jesse J. Pvt	35802547	"	368th FG
Signe, Michael Pvt	31311230	"	FARTC Ft Bragg
Nation, Leonard R. Pvt	34765968	"	"
TRANSPORTATION			
Turner, Raymond Cpl	35444386	Driver	35th CD Co.
Morgan, Donald R. Sgt	33270810	Auto Mech	322nd FS
Serbian, Robert F. Cpl	39695862	A&T Clerk	320th FS
Adams, Marvin I. Pvt	33242324	Auto Mech	"
May, Ralph R. Pvt	34624963	Driver	"
Neary, Edward F. Pvt	33666551	"	"
Heath, Harry W. Pfc	35577230	"	1167th Guard Sq
ENGINEERING			
Klosowski, James B. T/Sgt	16027749	Ap Insp	370th FG
Filler, John R. S/Sgt	13016456	Tech Sup NCO	320th FS
Wyoh, Joseph D. Sgt	37437407	Ap Elec Spec	"
Rogocki, Edward J. S/Sgt	16110087	Ap Prep Spec	"
Kellenback, Oren A. Pvt	19004621	Ap F&D Worker	"

S E C R E T

NAME	ASN	CLASSIFICATION	PREV. ORG.
Erickson, Burton S/Sgt	12059553	A&EMech	322nd FS
Hume, Ralph E. Pvt	15354786	Machinist	443rd FS Rich Va
Stamps, French Sgt	34474020	Ap Elec Spec	320th FS
Case, Philip W. Sgt	32474709	Ap Inst Spec	"
Lagrone, Louis E. S/Sgt	14181892	Ap Prop Spec	"
Massie, John E. jr Sgt	35713789	A&E Mech	"
Floyd, Cletus E. Sgt	38108911	"	"
Larson, John H. "	36376031	"	"
Roman, Joseph "	31113108	Carpenter	442nd FS
Hofknecht, Raymond C. Cpl	Ap Inst Spec	32078263	"
Brokaw, George D. Sgt	16055956	Sht Mtl Wker	320th FS
Marmion, John H. Pvt	16071250	A&E Mech	"
Tomassacci, John Cpl	33351633	Carpenter	Hq & Hq Sq IFC
Sattui, Melville L. Cpl	19089855	Tech Supp NCO	321st FS
Erickson, Gustaf A. Cpl	11042577	"	320th FS
Walozak, Anthony J. Cpl	32282257	Op Rflng Unit	442nd FS
Scoville, William J. Pvt	11038244	"	321st FS
Holda, Edmund W. Pvt	36348343	Painter	320th FS
Flannigan, Ewan W. Pfc	36644927	Welder	320th FS
Guerra, Manuel (NMI) Pfc	38455756	Op. Rflg Unit	322nd FS
Ramsdell, John E. Pvt	31084018	Op. Rflg Unit	320th FS
Delaney, James Sgt.	15086861	Supply NCO	442nd FS
Goodwin, Edison Cpl	35386661	"	322nd FS
Gilchrist, William D. Pvt	37676673	"	321st FS
Maria, Joseph D. Pfc	33631067	A & T Clerk	322nd FS Seymour Johnson Field
Klein, Martin M. Sgt	32506469	Radio Mech. F.	320th FS
Jockel, Eugene R. Sgt	32572559	"	321st FS
Walton, Howard E. Sgt	39550532	"	322nd FS
Nelson, Donald E. Sgt	13135151	"	321st FS
Moen, Clifton E. Cpl	37322134	"	321st FS
Barnard, Robert L. Sgt	13144503	Radio C & M	442nd FS
Rook, Robert R. Sgt	16135862	Radio Mechanic	320th FS
Bronheim, Bernard (NMI) Cpl	12159187	Rad. Mech. CNS	320th FS
Hoffman, Elwood D. Sgt	36562301	Teletype Mech.	321st FS
Jones, John J. Jr. Cpl	39106800	A & T Clerk	839th Gd. Sqdn. Grenier Field.
Stowell, Frank S. Cpl	39199927	A & T Clerk	321st FS Seymour Johnson Field
Aspinosa, Leo Pfc	39906692	T & T Wireman	321st FS
Kessler, George L. Cpl	32627712	Radio Mech.	320th FS
Allgeyer, Paul J. Cpl	35673361	"	442nd FS
Weis, Herman C. Cpl	36438623	Radio O & M	396th FS Farmingdale
Marino, John B. Pfc	36566904	Teletype Op.	368th FS Groton Conn.

S E C R E T

NAME	ASN	CLASSIFICATION	PREV. ORG.
Becker, Joseph L. Cpl	39151507	Teletype Op.	321st FS
Hale, David L. Pfc	18217504	Radio Mech.	396th FS W/F
Regan, Joseph W. Cpl	33394066	Radio Mech.	320th FS
McDaniel, Grover C. Cpl	18122421	Rad. Mech. CNS	320th FS
Goodwin, Carl N. Sgt	11068127	"	320th FS
Frishtick, Kenneth C. Cpl	12155983	"	320th FS
BBerendt, Walter C. Jr. Cpl	35668044	"	320th FS
Rabinowitz, Frank L. Cpl	12026593	"	321st FS
Rowlands, Holace R. Cpl	36507447	Telephone Op	Sig. Hq. Co. AWS, 1st F.C., NY
Wiser, Leonard C. T/Sgt	36243174	Arm. Insp.	320th FS
Sheridan, John B. T/Sgt	6915486	Armorer	320th FS
Allen, Louie S. S/Sgt	32378615	"	320th FS
Llelman, Werner, (NMI) S/Sgt	38062051	"	320th FS
Simon, Sam F. Sgt	18069695	Armorer	320th FS
Willis, Joseph L. Sgt	15098096	"	320th FS
Zumstein, Donald J. Cpl	15098539	"	320th FS
Castro, Jesse L. Sgt	39267813	"	320th FS
Jarvis, Wilfred L. Pvt	11062388	"	320th FS
Cirantino, Bernard L. Cpl	16142573	"	442nd FS
Lewis, Walter J. Sgt	33280056	"	320th FS
Estephan, Charles A. Cpl	11116328	"	320th FS
Maher, Joseph C. Spl	32768059	"	320th FS
Stanico, Edward R. Cpl	17157374	"	442nd FS
Ewing, James R. Cpl	15332241	"	320th FS
Beiner, Irvin M. Pfc	33565630	"	323rd FS Rich. Va
Hull, Russell O. Cpl	37512831	"	320th FS
Alequin, Jose F. Cpl	12089221	"	320th FS
Greenspan, Joseph Cpl	32826669	"	Hq Hq Sq FAF M/F
Cenkner, Edward M. Pvt	33688676	"	" " " " "
Rocewicky, Michael W. Sgt	35028447	"	320th FS
Salisbury, Lawrence D. Cpl	37464655	"	320th FS
Perrine, Rexall Sgt	35279986	"	320th FS
Skovran, Joseph F. Sgt	33265802	"	320th FS
Nelson, Frederick L. Cpl	39121195	"	324th FS Rich. Va.
Prentiss, Anthony F. Cpl	6709371	"	320th FS
Hogarth, William H. Pfc	33597443	"	443rd FS Rich. Va.
Gatz, Walter J. Cpl	12193899	"	Hq Hq Sq FAF NY
Barrett, Raymond E. Pfc	32699931	"	" " " " "
Gados, Michael T. Pfc	33666587	"	" " " " "
Katz, Stanley H. Cpl	32767176	"	" " " " "
Nelson, James H.	12189676	"	320th FS
Grader, Walter B. Cpl	31287551	"	320th FS
Guenther, Don Cpl	36739804	"	320th FS
Gill, Charles D. Cpl	15017335	"	320th FS

S E C R E T

NAME	ASN	CLASSIFICATION	PREV. ORG.
Juhasz, Joseph Cpl	35051320	Armorer	322nd FS
Rardsley, Charles W. Pfc	39206631	"	321st FS
Elsinger, Frank H. Pfc	12125761	"	Hq Hq Sq FAF M/F
Newl, Harrison L. Pfc	14175048	"	Hq Hq Sq FAF M/F
Miska, Eugene F. Pfc	35057919	"	320th FS
Menkens, August J. Pvt	31295500	Clerk	895 Eng Co Dep Avn
Musker, Thomas H. Pfc	31090880	Camera Tech.	320th FS
Merlone, William J. Cpl	31105696	Camera Tech.	320th FS
Massie, Robert I. Sgt	19142412	Adm. NCO	320th FS
Chester, Robert Cpl	15037790	Tech. Clerk	320th FS
O'Donnell, Charles E. Pfc	32712164	Tech. Clerk	Hq 326th FS
Scholl, John H. Pvt	37454792	Tech. Clerk	320th FS
Stoner, Charles T. Pfc	35797256	Draftsman	320th FS
Cloutier, Raymond J. S/Sgt	36328654	A & E Mech.	320th FS
Brooks, Wiley A. S/Sgt	38124559	A & E Mech.	320th FS
Flick, Carl J. S/Sgt	35202036	"	320th FS
Stanfield, Leslie D. S/Sgt	38233665	"	320th FS
Moyer, Albert L. S/Sgt	35415509	"	590 TSS Gulfport Miss
Saunders, Vernon D. Sgt	39185588	"	320th FS
Fillmore, Norbert D. Sgt	33187905	"	320th FS
Embury, Charles W. S/Sgt	31098313	"	320th FS
McDaniels, L.B. Sgt	34343459	"	320th FS
Ants, Carmen J. Sgt	32362617	"	320th FS
Lerman, Paul M. Sgt	31116041	"	322nd FS
De Baker, Gordon T. Cpl	36232678	"	322nd FS
Morrell, Ernest L. Sgt	31109122	"	320th FS
Miller, Thomas K. Pfc	18134468	"	320th FS
Thompson, Raymond T. S/Sgt	19012824	"	320th FS
Thompson, Horace M. S/Sgt	34241030	"	320th FS
Causbie, J.F. S/Sgt	18066058	"	320th FS
Seely, Samuel D. S/Sgt	31125340	"	320th FS
Foster, Robert M. S/Sgt	13017120	"	321st FS
Hernandez, Guadalupe Sgt	18058800	"	320th FS
Sparks, Warner H. Sgt	32077154	"	320th FS
Swanson, Clarence R. S/Sgt	31066335	"	320th FS
Fagan, Harlan A. S/Sgt	35257018	"	320th FS
Irish, John A. Sgt	32479280	"	320th FS
Myers, John Cpl	35398967	"	320th FS
Miller, Charles G. Sgt	33493960	"	320th FS
Peers, Chester R. Sgt	16126124	"	321st FS
Loback, Peter Pvt	32332285	"	322nd FS
Savage, George W. Pvt	11131241	"	443rd FS Rich. VA.
Dunlap, Robert P. Pvt	13009110	"	320th FS
Fumble, Ernest, S/Sgt	37052021	"	320th FS
Siegert, Harold E. S/Sgt	35135172	"	320th FS
Arc, William S/Sgt	6078975	"	320th FS
Mackenzie, James N. S/Sgt	14161950	"	320th FS
Mc Nellis, James T. S/Sgt	18044162	"	320th FS

S E C R E T

NAME	ASN	CLASSIFICATION	PREV. ORG.
Johnson, Andrew J. S/Sgt	35089342	A & E. Wech.	320th FS
Butter, James N. S/Sgt	15067505	"	320th FS
O'Dell, Clingman Sgt	34433182	"	59C TSS Gulfport Miss.
Bryant, Edwin E. Sgt	32478617	"	320th FS
Berkowitz, Stanley Sgt	12148575	"	320th FS
Barrett, Wilbert W.	16219261	"	320th FS
East, Daniel M. Sgt	12157206	"	320th FS
Cordista, Nickolas, Cpl	12181535	"	320th FS
Cavanaugh, Francis J. Cpl	32380844	"	320th FS
Kvederes, Joseph Sgt	32872741	"	320th FS
Lewicki, Anthony F. Sgt	32504194	"	320th FS
Mazza, Pasquale F. Pfc	31242979	Decent. Eq. Op.	AA Chem Sec 1st Fd ABS
Hinck, John F. Jr. Cpl	32616491	" " "	29th BHQ & AB Sq E/F Conn
Hanna, George S. T/Sgt	6260511	Am. NCO	45th F.S.
Szymczewski, Walter F. Cpl	33390550	"	25th BHQ & AB Sq W/F
Preil, Saul Sgt	32571042	Armorer	320th FS
Kyle, Henry A. Cpl	31290197	"	320th FS
Moskowitz, Jesse Sgt	32528328	"	320th FS
Jones, Ralph E. Sgt	37410261	Am. NCO	322nd FS
Ray, James A. Cpl	34490279	Armorer	320th FS
Sullivan, Fred J. Cpl	32293985	Am. NCO	25th BHQ & AB Sq W/F
Snodgrass, Leonard E. Pfc	37497816	"	390th BHQ & AB Sq Rich, Va.
Grabowski, Joseph K. Pvt	32909606	Mun. Wkr.	" " " " "
Facer, Joseph Pfc	33581021	"	25th " " " "
Hodge, Lewis J. Pvt	33529600	"	" " " " "
Milrod, Benjamin Pfc	32783648	"	" " " " "
Hammitt, Berlyn H. Pvt	37414630	"	" " " " "
White, Daniel E. Pvt	39411062	"	Co M 303rd Inf
Kruger, Harold H. Cpl	36160634	Med Tech.	Det. Med Dep. (Avn) W/F
Poworozneck, Paul P. Sgt	12016843	Med Tech. Adm.	322nd FS
Ciardella, Joseph P. Pfc	19119349	Surg. Tech	Det Med Dept M/F
Lane, George H. Pvt	31061558	Heavy Equip Op	Med Det Bradley Fld
Frederick, Marshall C. Pvt	38451255	"	321st FS
Cowie, Glen Cpl	36322390	Gen Clerk	Med Det Selfridge Fld
Fryberger, Frank R. Pvt	32669910	Med Tech	Med Det Oris Fld
Check, Charles E. Pfc	31329091	Surg Tech	396th FS
Crimble, George W.	11116313	Eng Tech	320th FS

S E C R E T

The personnel of the 397th Fighter Squadron was assigned to the squadron by special orders of the 368th Fighter Group. The officers and enlisted men of the squadron were assigned as follows:

S. O. #1 par 3. Capt Haessler
3 June 43

par 7. Lts Williams, Stronach, Gundlach, Goodwin, Hendricks, Talbott, Fry, and John Howard.

par 11. T/Sgts Gray, Linville, Jones, Fortner; M/Sgts Dennis, Owens; F/Sgt Cevera; S/Sgts Drake, Watson, Barnes, Wildpret; Sgts Kroul, Womack, Wood.

S. O. #2 par 1- Cpl R.E. Jones
12 July 43

par 3- Lt Gibson

S. O. #5 par 1- Sgts Ahern, R.L. Massie; Cpls Grant, Lenahan, Reste;
18 July 43 Pfos Chestler, J.J. Jones, Scholl, Serbian.

S. O. #5 par 1- T/Sgt Smith; S/Sgts Allen, Lehman, Sheridan, Thompson,
28 July 43 Wiser; Sgts Morgan, Hernandez, Simon; Cpls Embury, Brokaw, Stanfield, Saunders, Moyer, Mast, J. Massie, Marmion, Hale, Cordista, Case, Berendt, Ante, Lagrone, Myers, Rogocki; Pfos Salisbury, Zumstein, Willis, Lewicki, Castro, Cavanaugh, Billinger, C.G. Miller; Pvts Potter, T.K. Miller, L.E. McDaniels, Dunlap, Heath, Ewing, Kellenback, Kvederes, Preneta.

S. O. #6 par 5- Lt G. Gill.
1 Aug 43

S. O. #7 par 1- Lts Joe Howard, Arps, Rogal, Roswold, Marko, Sharp,
4 Aug 43 Brown.

S. O. #9 par 2- S/Sgts Cloutier, Siegert, Humble, Flick, Noland; Sgts
12 Aug 43 Davis, Brooks, Sparks, Ojala, Causbie, Etter, Seeley, O'Dell, Swanson, McNellis, McKenzie, Roosevelt; Cpls G.C. McDaniels, Wych, Stamps, Frishtick, W.J. Lewis, Skovran, Pfos Cirantimeo, Maher, Bushh, Sattui, Stanico, Kwiscien, Vail, Estaphan; Pvts Horst, Neary, May.

par 6- Lt Anderson.

par 15- Cpl C.N. Goodwin; Pvt Holda.

par 16- T/Sgt Hanna; Sgt Anderson, Pfc Kessler, Rook, Regan, Perrine.

S E C R E T

S. O. #10 par 2- Lts O'Connell, Carlson, Driscoll, Hamilton, Horlacher,
14 Aug 43 Johnson, Langmaid, Lougee, Burney.
par 7- Lts Dame, Foltz, Sutcliffe.

S. O. #11 par 1- S/Sgts Filler, Aro; Sgt Masidonski; Cpls Berkowitz, Bryant,
18 Aug 43 Crimble, Floyd, Irish, Larson, Loback, B. Erickson, Lerman,
Burnet; Pfc Debaker; Pvts Stoner, Morrell.
par 19- T/5 Kreuger.

S. O. #12 par 1- Cpl Cowie.
21 Aug 43

S. O. #13 par 1- Pfc Roman, Allgeyer, Barnard, Hull, Alequin, Katz, Greenspan,
23 Aug 43 Gatz, Gagliardi, Caydos, Nawi, Genkner; Pvts Mendosa, Kelly.
par 4- Pfc Fryberger.

S. O. #14 par 2- Lt Magnus.
26 Aug 43
par 4- Pfc Marino.

S. O. #16 par 1- Cpls Scoville, G. Erickson; Pfc Ramsdell, Walczak, Hoffknecht,
1 Sept 43 Mahoney, Crader, J.H. Nelson; Pvts Espinosa, McNeil, Eastwood,
Guerra.

S. O. #17 par 4- Pvt Frederick.
6 Sept 43
par 8- Pfc Check.

S. O. #18 par 5- Pvt McClure.
9 Sept 43

S. O. #20 par 6- Cpl Hoffman, Pfc Guenther, C. Gill; Pvt Adams.
15 Sept 43
par 7- Cpl Merlone; Pfc Musker.
par 9- Cpl Bradshaw, Bardsley; Pfc Juhasz.

S. O. #23 par 23 Capt S. C. Johnson.
27 Sept 43

S. O. #24 par 3 - Pfc Cohen.
par 4- Pvt Lane.
par 5 - Pvt Miska.
par 6- Cpls Walton, D.E. Nelson, Jockel, Moen.

S E C R E T

S. O. #27 par 5- Pvt Mazza
12 Oct 43 par 9- Pfc Elsinger

S. O. #29 par28- Pvt Fields.
20 Oct 43
S. O. #30 par 8- Cpl Hinck.
26 Oct 43
S. O. #32 par 3- Cols Becker, Rabinowitz.
30 Oct 43

S. O. #33 par 2- Pfc H.D. Johnson; Pvt Moya.
31 Oct 43
S. O. #41 par 9- Cpl E. Goodwin, Stowell; Pfc Dieckvoss.
20 Nov 43

S. O. #47 par 2- Sgt Talbott.
28 Nov 43
par6 - Pfc Hogarth.

S. O. #49 par 4- Sgt Barnett
30 Nov 43

S. O. #54 par 4- Lt Radosevich.
5 Dec 43
S. O. #66 par 2- Pvt Jarvis.
18 Dec 43

S. O. #67 par 2- Pvt Savage.
22 Dec 43
par 5- Cpl Bronheim.

SECRET

4. MOVEMENTS OF THE 397TH FIGHTER SQUADRON FROM THE TIME OF ACTIVATION
UNTIL ITS ARRIVAL IN THE ETO:

SECTION A

In accordance with par 7 of Special Order No. 153, 3 June 43 of the New York Air Defense Wing (later th New York Fighter Wing) , the nine officers assigned to the 397th Fighter Squadron on the date of the order reported to the AAF School of Applied Tactics, Orlando, Fla., on 6 June 43 for the purpose of pursuing approximately a thirty-day course of instruction. In accordance with par 10 of the same order, fifteen enlisted men of the squadron accompanied the officers. Both officers and men departed from Westover Field, Mass. on 4 June 43. The forty enlisted men of the squadron left at Westover Field were attached for rations, quarters, and administration to the 320th Fighter Squadron of the 368th Fighter Group and then to the 442nd Fighter Squadron of the same group. In the latter organization, these enlisted men received basic training.

In accordance with pars 7 and 10 of Special Order No. 153 of the New York Air Defense Wing, which had sent the nine officers of the 397th Fighter Squadron and the fifteen enlisted men of the squadron to AAFSAT, Orlando, Fla., these officers and men departed for Westover Field, Mass. on 4 July 43. They arrived at Westover Field on 5 July 43. Shortly after their arrival, the enlisted men who had been attached to the 320th and 442nd Fighter Squadrons rejoined the 397th.

SECTION B

In accordance with par 4 of Special Order #231, 19 Aug 43 of Headquarters, Army Air Base, Westover Field, Mass., the 397th departed from Westover Field for Army Air Base, Mitchel Field, Long Island, New York, on 21 Aug 43. The change in location of the squadron was a temporary change of station.

The march took the form of a motor convoy. The distance between Westover Field and Mitchel Field is approximately 120 miles. The squadron left Westover Field at 0715 and arrived at Mitchel Field at 1600 hours on the same day. The roads were in excellent condition and the weather was fair.

All the enlisted men participated in the march. Some of the ground officers and flying officers accompanied the troops. Others made the trip by other means. Ten flying officers flew from Westover to Mitchel.

The vehicles used in the march were furnished by a unit of the QMC. The squadron carried with it all items of equipment, clothing, and supplies customarily transported on a march of this sort. There was no occasion for seeking shelter during the course of the march. The health of the troops during the course was good. There are no incidents to be reported. The first night at Mitchel Field was spent at Camp Mills. Pyramidal tents were used to shelter the troops at this camp.

S E C R E T

SECTION C

In compliance with Teletype No. E190, New York Fighter Wing, the 397th Fighter Squadron proceeded to McArthur Field, Ronkonkoma, Long Island, New York on 5 November 43 for the purpose of training in making transfers of station and at the same time to continue the squadron's primary function with no loss of operational efficiency.

The distance from Mitchel Field to McArthur Field is thirty-five miles by road. The roads were all paved and in excellent condition. The weather was fair throughout the entire march.

The squadron was divided into two separate sections; an advance and a rear echelon, each of which was capable of maintaining normal operations at either field. The advance echelon of the motor convoy departed from Mitchel Field 5 November 43 at 1615 hours and arrived at McArthur Field at 1130 hours. The rear echelon departed at 1615 hours and arrived at 1745. The advance echelon set up camp, established communications, and provided facilities for total maintenance of the aircraft while the rear echelon remained at Mitchel Field and continued normal flying operations. When McArthur Field was prepared for complete operations, the NYFW A-3 dispatched the rear echelons and planes to the new base. The flying officers remained with the rear echelon and flew the planes to the new base.

The vehicles used in the march were supplied by the QMC. The squadron carried with it sufficient equipment and supplies to allow for normal operations for three days. The convoys proceeded enroute according to plan and without incident.

At 1000 hours, 7 November 43, a convoy of motor trucks reported to squadron headquarters at McArthur Field with written orders to transport our personnel, equipment, and supplies to Mitchel Field at once. The purpose of this march was to return our unit to our established base at Mitchel Field. The advance echelon departed from McArthur Field 7 Nov 43 at 1200 hours by motor convoy and arrived at Mitchel Field at 1330 hours. The rear echelon departed at 1530 hours and arrived at 1710 the same day.

the advance echelon returned to Mitchel Field to prepare to receive the planes and resume normal squadron activities. When this was accomplished, the planes were dispatched from McArthur Field to Mitchel Field and the rear echelon returned to Mitchel Field. Transportation was provided by the QMC. The convoys proceeded enroute according to plan and without incident.

SECTION D

In accordance with par 1 of Special Order No. 330 of 26 November 43, of Headquarters, Army Air Base, Mitchel Field, New York, the squadron departed from Mitchel Field for Army Air Base, Farmingdale Army Air Field, Farmingdale, New York, on 29 November 43. The change in location was a temporary change of station. The QMC furnished the necessary transportation. The squadron departed from Mitchel Field at 1400 hours and arrived at Farmingdale at 1445 hours on the same day.

S E C R E T

SECTION E

In accordance with par 17 of Special Order No. 346 of Headquarters, Army Air Base, Mitchel Field, New York, the squadron departed from the Farmingdale Army Air Field for Camp Myles Standish, Taunton, Mass., on 20 December 43. This order was classified as secret. Camp Myles Standish was the staging area at which the squadron prepared for shipment overseas. The squadron left Farmingdale at 1100 hours and arrived at Camp Myles Standish at 1845 hours the same day. The movement was made by rail.

SECTION F

On 28 December 43, the squadron departed from Camp Myles Standish for the Boston Port of Embarkation. This movement was made by rail. The squadron left Myles Standish at 1300 hours and arrived at the port at 1920 hours the same day. Immediately upon arrival, the personnel of the squadron boarded the S.S. ARGENTINA of the Moore-McCormack Line.

The ARGENTINA sailed from Boston 29 December 43 at 1400 hours. At 0200 hours, 9 January 44, the ship anchored in the harbor at Greenock, Scotland. The debarkation of the squadron in Great Britain took place at Greenock on 12 January, 44 at 1300 hours. The squadron was now officially in the European Theater of Operations.

SECRET

SECTION B

-15-

SECRET

SECRET

1. ORGANIZATION (e.g., changes effected by the transfer of the unit or by new T/C's.)

A letter of Headquarters, Ninth Fighter Command, 25 January 44 revises the Table of Organization under which the squadron had been operating until that date in such a way as to combine the squadron Armament and Ordnance Departments. The letter states that the officers in charge of these formerly independent departments are to be the officers of the new composite department. The senior officer is to be the officer in charge, and the junior to act as assistant. In case the two officers are of equal rank, the squadron commander is to appoint one as the officer in charge and the other as assistant. The assistant is to act as Unit Chemical Officer.

Ninth Air Force Memo. #33-19B, 28 January 44 institutes the following changes in the system regulating the classification of officers in single-engine fighter squadrons:

Radio Officer (0141)	becomes	Radar Officer, Air (0141)
Flight Comdr, AC (1010)	"	Fighter Pilot, Single Engine (1055)
Sqdn Comdr, AC (1011)	"	" " " " "
Pilot, Single Eng. (1021)	"	" " " " "
Executive Officer, Combat (2021)		Administrative Off. (2120)
Aircraft Maint. Eng. Off. (7542)		Aircraft Eng. Officer (4823)
Armament Officer (7530)	becomes	Arm't. and Chemical Off. (4822)

These changes do not effect grades or duties of the officers involved.

AAF Regulation 55-46 of 11 December 43 establishes the following changes in the system governing the classification of enlisted men in single-engine fighter squadrons:

Utility Rprman (121)	becomes	Util. NCO (822)
Truck Dr, Hvy (245)	"	Hvy Auto Equip Op (931)
Telephone Operator (309)	"	Tel Swtchbd Op (650)
Admin & Tech Clerk (501)	"	Clerk Typist (405)
Ammunition Handler (504)	"	Munitions Wkr, Ground (900)
Airplane Inspector (513)	"	Airplane Crew Chief (750)
Painter, AAF (519)	"	Painter (144)
Armament Inspector (664)	"	Armament Chief (663)
Messenger (675)	"	Basic (521)
Airplane Flt Chief (751)	"	Airplane Crew Chief (750)
Radio Mech -F (888)	"	Radar Mech - IFF (862)
Auto Equip Mech (928)	"	Automobile Mech (014)
Auto Equip Op (929)	"	Truck Dr, Light (345)

S E C R E T

2. STRENGTH ON THE LAST DAY OF THE MONTH:

SECTION A

Strength on 29 February 1944- 36 Officers; 253 Enlisted Men.

SECTION B

Strength on 30 June 1945	-	9 Officers;	61 Enlisted Men.
" " 31 July "	-	13 "	118 " "
" " 31 August "	-	40 "	209 " "
" " 30 September "	-	43 "	236 " "
" " 31 October "	-	43 "	246 " "
" " 30 November "	-	41 "	252 " "
" " 31 December "	-	38 "	252 " "
" " 31 January "	-	37 "	252 " "

3. DATE OF ARRIVAL AT AND DEPARTURE FROM EACH STATION OCCUPIED IN THE EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS:

The debarkation of the squadron in Great Britain took place at Greenock, Scotland, 12 January 1944 at 1300 hours. The squadron remained in Greenock until 2300 hours of the same day, when it entrained for AAF Station 486 at Greenham Commons, Berkshire, England. The squadron arrived at its new station on 13 January 44 at 1600. This is the present station of the unit. The APO No. of the squadron is 638.

A secret letter of 8 January 44 of Headquarters, ETO, USA, assigned the 397th Fighter Squadron to the USAAF, UK. The squadron was assigned to the Ninth Air Force by a secret letter of 22 January 44 of Hq, USAAF, UK. The effective date of assignment was 8 January 44. Par 1, sec II of General Order No. 5 (Corrected Copy) of 22 January 44 of Hq, Ninth Fighter Command assigned the squadron to the Ninth Air Support Command. This order was classified as secret. The effective date of assignment was 1 February 44. The same section of the order assigned the squadron to the 71st Fighter Wing. The effective date of assignment to the 71st Fighter Wing was 25 January 44.

4. LOSSES IN ACTION:

Negative.

5. AWARDS TO AND DECORATIONS OF MEMBERS OF THE 397TH FIGHTER SQUADRON:

Negative.

S E C R E T

SECTION C - ADDITIONAL MATERIAL

-18-

S E C R E T

S E C R E T

1. FORMER AND PRESENT MEMBERS OF THE SQUADRON WHO HAVE DISTINGUISHED THEMSELVES IN ACTION:

The following enlisted men of the squadron were present at Pearl Harbor, T.H., on 7 December 1941:

Hanna, George S., T/Sgt, 6260511
Sheridan, John E., T/Sgt, 6915486
Aro, William, S/Sgt, 6078975
Filler, John R., S/Sgt 13016456

2. COMMENDATION OF 1ST LT. JOSEPH MARINI FOR COOLNESS, JUDGEMENT, AND SKILL IN AN AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT ON 10 SEPTEMBER 1943:

While on a night formation flight on 10 Sept 43, the engine of Lt Marini's Thunderbolt failed completely, while over the city of Great Neck, Long Island, New York. As Lt Marini wished to avoid abandonment of his plane over a heavily populated district, he flew out over Great Neck Bay and bailed out with a total disregard for personal safety.

He was picked up by a Coast Guard cutter and taken to Coast Guard Station 8. Fortunately he suffered no serious injury.

In a letter of commendation of 10 Oct 43, Brig Gen Glenn O. Barcus, commanding general of the First Fighter Command, congratulated Lt Marini on his performance. Brig Gen Lawrence C. Craigie, commanding general of the New York Fighter Wing, and Lt Col Gilbert L. Meyers, commanding officer of the 368th Fighter Group, in indorsements to General Barcus' letter, added their congratulations to those of the latter.

In a formation of the squadron held on the morning of the 22 October 43, the officers and enlisted men of the organization heard the commendation read to Lt Marini by Capt John D.W. Haesler, Squadron commander.

3. 397TH FIGHTER ALERT AT STEWART FIELD, N.Y.:

The 397th maintained an alert at Stewart Field, N.Y., from 28 October 1943 to 4 November 1943. The alert was occasioned by President Roosevelt's presence in his home at Hyde Park, N.Y. for the purpose of voting on Election Day. The pilots selected to maintain the alert were 1st Lt Talbott, now a captain, and 2nd Lts Dame, Hamilton, and Midlam. Lt Midlam is now a member of the 395th Fighter Squadron. Enlisted men of the squadron serviced and maintained the planes employed in the alert.

S E C R E T

4. GROUP MISSION 3 NOVEMBER 1943 IN HONOR OF THE DUKE OF WINDSOR DURING HIS VISIT TO HEADQUARTERS OF FIRST AIR FORCE AND FIRST FIGHTER COMMAND:

On 3 Nov 43 the Duke of Windsor visited Headquarters of the First Air Force and First Fighter Command at Mitchel Field, New York. In honor of his visit the Group flew a group formation of 48 planes. All three squadrons participated in the mission. Each squadron contributed sixteen planes and were flown by their respective pilots. Lt Col Gilbert L. Meyers, Group Commander, flew with the 397th Fighter Squadron.

The 397th took off from Mitchel Field at 1135 to rendezvous over the field with the 395th and 396th formations. The 397th led the group formation, and Lt Col Meyers piloted the lead ship. After circling the field in a string of four-plane V's, the formation swooped low over the field from west to east in a column of four planes abreast at an altitude of 150 feet and at a speed of 300 mph. The planes of the 397th landed at Mitchel Field at 1205.

After the planes had landed, Lt Col Meyers introduced Captain John D.W. Haesler, commanding officer of the squadron. Captain Haesler, in turn, introduced the pilots of the 397th to the Duke.

5. THE THREE-DAY BIVOUAC AT MCARTHUR FIELD, RONKONKOMA, L.I., N.Y.:

Upon arrival at McArthur Field in accordance with Teletype E190 of the New York Fighter Wing, the command post was established in a well camouflaged area adjacent to the runways and was housed in a pyramidal tent. It included the headquarters of the commanding officer, executive officer, the personnel section, intelligence sections, and the operation section. Other department offices were housed in well dispersed and camouflaged pyramidal tents in the surrounding area. The squadron personnel slept in pup tents dispersed throughout the squadron area. The aircraft were dispersed around the south and east sides of the runway area at night and during the day when they were not in use. An adequate guard was kept about the dispersal and squadron areas at all times.

On 6 November at 1450 hours the command post was attacked by personnel of our own squadron armament, ordnance, and transportation sections. The engineering, communications, operations, and other sections took the defense and successfully repelled the attack which lasted about thirty minutes. Considerable tear gas was used by both sides during the encounter. At 1530 hours our squadron mess facilities were attacked and captured by a surprise raid by personnel of the 395th Fighter Squadron which was bivouaced adjacent to our area. As soon as a sufficient force could be organized, a successful counterattack was made and the mess facilities were recaptured at 1600 hours. Tear gas was used and the opposing forces were routed.

S E C R E T

At 2000 hours, the same day, a party of officers from the command post set out to attack the transportation and ordnance headquarters with gas, but guards prevented them from successfully accomplishing their mission. Two smoke bombs were set off, but they were unable to get near enough to the headquarters to gas it. In retaliation, the personnel of the transportation and ordnance sections attempted to storm the command post area, but got into the area occupied by the 395th and began tearing down tents. At 2115 hours a complaint was received at our command post from the 395th headquarters, so Captain Fessler went over and effected a successful peace settlement.

On 7 November 1943 at 0930 hours we learned that our communication lines had been cut and we no longer had contact with the outside. At the same time, the 395th notified us that their guards had captured a 2nd Lt and a Sgt in their area who had in their possession a pair of wire cutters. Investigation revealed that these men were from the 396th Fighter Squadron located at Farmingdale Army Air Base. Later in the morning a Major and another 2nd Lt were apprehended by the 396th in their area and identified as belonging to the 396th also. This same morning at 1000 hours, a motor convoy from the QMC arrived at the command post with orders to transport the squadron to Mitchel Field at once.

6. THE OTU PROGRAM OF THE 397TH FIGHTER SQUADRON:

The OTU program of the squadron was initiated 1 September 1943. 1 December 43 was established as the date for the termination of the program or as the squadron termination date.

The first pilots to complete the OTU requirements were 1st Lt William R. Gibson, 0665551, 2nd Lt John H. Lougee, 0798317, and 1st Lt Carlos M. Talbott, 025797. Lt Gibson completed the program 18 Oct 43. Lts Lougee and Talbott completed the requirements on the 19th and 20th of ~~November~~ October respectively.

The OTU Program of the squadron was completed 12 November 1943.

7. OFFICER'S DINNER PARTY CELEBRATING COMPLETION OF THE OTU PROGRAM:

Celebrating the successful completion of the OTU pilot training program 12 November 43, a dinner party for the officers of the squadron was held at the Wheatley Hills Tavern, Westbury, L.I., New York on Wednesday, 17 November 43.

Fifty-three officers and guests were served, including Lt Col Meyers, Group Commander, Major Gorrell, Group S-4, Captain Perego, Group S-3, 30 officers and twenty feminine guests.

After the dinner was served, drinks and dancing were enjoyed by all.

S E C R E T

9. ACQUISITION OF AIRPLANES BY THE SQUADRON IN THE ETO:

On 25 January 44 the 397th received the first Thunderbolt to come into its possession in the ETO. Three additional planes were received on the 28th, and a fifth on the 29th of the same month. Four more planes came to the squadron 29 February. All these planes were received while the squadron was located at AAF Station 486, Greenham Commons, Berks.

9. DEATH OF 1ST LT HENRY W. BELCHER, JR., 0797772:

On 1 February 44, 1st Lt Henry W. Belcher, Jr., Assistant Operations Officer of the squadron was killed in an aircraft accident at Chilbolton, England. His burial took place at Brookwood on the 9th of February. 1st Lt Roy D. Carlson acted as official escort. Chaplain Sturgis of AAF Station 486 officiated and Chaplain Cleary of the 368th Group was present at the services. Flowers were sent from the pilots of the squadron. Lt Belcher and six other American soldiers were buried in the American section of the cemetery at Brookwood. The ceremony was military in character.

Lt Belcher was born at Calhoun, Georgia, on the 10th of August, 1922. His permanent address was RFD #1, Austell, Georgia. He attended Russell High School at East Point, Georgia, and AAF schools at Lakeland, Fla.; Shaw Field, Sumter, So. Carolina; Spence Field, Moultrie, Ga.; and Maxwell Field, Alabama. He was appointed 2nd Lt 16 Feb 43 and 1st Lt 25 Oct 43. Lt Belcher was married in the autumn of 1943. Mrs. Belcher's residence is in Atlanta, Georgia.

10. SOCIAL LIFE AT STATION 486, GREENHAM COMMON:

On the 10th of February an officer's dance was held at the Officer's Club maintained by AAF Station 486. American Nurses, WREN's, and civilian girls from neighboring towns attended the dance. Music was furnished by an orchestra composed of enlisted men of the station. Drinks were served. The dance was a great success, and all those present derived much enjoyment from it.

Every Wednesday night a dance for enlisted men is held at the Aero Club maintained by the ARC. Girls from nearby towns attend the dances.

11. 397TH PILOTS ON DETACHED SERVICE:

Par 3, Special Order No. 10 66 Headquarters, 368th Fighter Group, placed Major Haesler and Captain Marini of this squadron on detached service with the 56th Fighter Group for an indefinite period. The order was issued 12 February 1944 and was classified as confidential. Major Haesler and Capt Marini served with the 56th Group from the 13th to the 23rd of February. Each pilot flew on three missions; Major with the 62nd Fighter Squadron and Capt Marini with the 61st Fighter Squadron.

S E C R E T

Par 2, Special Order No. 13, of Headquarters, 368th Fighter Group placed Captains Goodwin and Gibson on detached service at Mill Field, Northumberland, for a period of approximately three weeks. The order was issued the 19th of February 44 and was classified confidential. Capts Goodwin and Gibson took off for Mill Field in Thunderbolts on the 21st of February. Enlisted men of the squadron were sent to Mill Field to service and maintain the planes. The pilots were to take a course in the tactics of air support.

Par 1, Special Order No. 14, of Headquarters, 368th Fighter Group placed Captain Hendricks, Operations Officer, on detached service with the 56th Fighter Group for an indefinite period. The order was issued 23 Feb 44 and was classified confidential. Captain Hendricks departed from Greenham Common the 24th of February.

S E C R E T

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

S E C R E T

GENERAL ORDER) RES. MED
NUMBER 48)

HEADQUARTERS 81 FIGHTER COMMAND
MITCHELL FIELD, N.E. YORK
2 JULY, 1943

SECTION I - ACTIVATION
SECTION II - ASSIGNMENT
SECTION III - SPECIAL PERSONNEL REPORTS

SECTION I

1. Pursuant to authority contained in restricted, immediate action ltr, AGO 322 (5-22-43) OS-I-APRFG-1, May 21, 1943, Subject "Constitution and Activation of Certain Fighter Groups," the following units are activated with stations and effective dates as indicated:

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE OF ACTIVATION</u>	<u>STATION OF ACTIVATION</u>	<u>PERMANENT STATION</u>
Hq, 366th Fitr Gp	June 1, 1943	AAB, Richmond, Va.	AAB, Richmond, Va.
389th Fitr Sq	June 1, 1943	AAB, Richmond, Va.	AAB, Richmond, Va.
390th Fitr Sq	June 1, 1943	AAB, Richmond, Va.	AAB, Richmond, Va.
391st Fitr Sq	June 1, 1943	AAB, Richmond, Va.	AAB, Richmond, Va.
Hq, 368th Fitr Gp	June 1, 1943	Westover Fld, Mass.	Westover Fld, Mass.
395th Fitr Sq	June 1, 1943	Westover Fld, Mass.	Westover Fld, Mass.
396th Fitr Sq	June 1, 1943	Westover Fld, Mass.	Westover Fld, Mass.
397th Fitr Sq	June 1, 1943	Westover Fld, Mass.	Westover Fld, Mass.

2. Cadre personnel will be furnished as indicated:

- a. Cadre for 366th Fitr Gp by the 327th Fitr Gp.
- b. Cadre for 368th Fitr Gp by the 326th Fitr Gp.

3. Filler replacement for the above units will be furnished in the usual manner by submission ofAAF Forms #127 and #128 (Personnel Status Reports.)

4. Technical Order CO-25-3a will be complied with immediately.

5. These fighter groups will be organized using the T/Os indicated below as guides:

	<u>T/O</u>
a. Hq, 366th Fitr Gp	1-12, July 1, 1942, Change #1
389th Fitr Sq	1-27, July 1, 1942, Changes #1, #2 and #3
390th Fitr Sq	1-27, July 1, 1942, Changes #1, #2 and #3
391st Fitr Sq	1-27, July 1, 1942, Changes #1, #2 and #3
Hq, 368th Fitr Gp	1-12, July 1, 1942, Change #1
395th Fitr Sq	1-27, July 1, 1942, Changes #1, #2 and #3
396th Fitr Sq	1-27, July 1, 1942, Changes #1, #2 and #3
397th Fitr Sq	1-27, July 1, 1942, Changes #1, #2 and #3

b. Specific authorization of officer and enlisted grades will be published in a separate communication.

6. a. Organizational equipment will not be furnished the above units until their arrival at final phase stations. These units will be supplied in accordance with WD Memo No. 7700-17-43, March 26, 1943, Subject "Service Forces for Army Air Forces, particularly Operational Training Units and Replacement Training Units," and with specific instructions to the Chief of Technical Services relative to the designation of final phase stations and date by which equipment will be required.

b. These units will have a priority rating for controlled items of equipment as follows: 366th Fitr Gp - C-1-1771
368th Fitr Gp - C-1-1772

(O V E R)

GENERAL ORDER #18, HEADQUARTERS I FIGHTER COMMAND, 2 JUNE, 1943, PAGE #2

7. A report will be submitted by air mail to Hq, I Fitr Comd direct showing date of activation and the size of cadre furnished.

8. FD 33 P 433-01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 07, 08 A 0425-23.

SECTION II

Concurrently with activation the following units are assigned to wings as follows:

PHILADELPHIA AIR DEFENSE WING

Hq, 366th Fighter Group
389th Fighter Squadron
390th Fighter Squadron
391st Fighter Squadron

NEW YORK AIR DEFENSE WING

Hq, 368th Fighter Group
395th Fighter Squadron
396th Fighter Squadron
397th Fighter Squadron

SECTION III

1. a. A series of three (3) special personnel strength reports will be prepared on AAF Form #127 by the COs of each of the above groups. These reports will be prepared on a group, rather than a squadron basis including group headquarters and squadrons of groups. Reports will be submitted as of following dates: July 1, 1943 (date to reach 25% strength)
Aug. 1, 1943 (date to reach 50% strength)
Aug 25, 1943 (date to reach 100% strength)

b. These units will commence training approximately seven (7) days after reaching Table of Organization strength.

2. It will only be necessary to have appropriate lines completed for columns (B) and (C) of Table I, and columns (BB), (DD), and (FF) of Table VII on AAF Form #127 for 1st and 2nd special reports. The 3rd report, however, will require all columns and Tables of AAF Form #127 to be filled in where appropriate.

3. Each report will be forwarded by air mail or other expeditious means within 24 hours of effective date to CO, 1st Statistical Control Unit, Mitchel Field, N.Y.

4. Twenty (20) copies of this activation order will be forwarded without delay to the CG, AAF (attention Publications Section, Air Adjutant General's Office.)

By command of Brigadier General BARCUS:

OFFICIAL:

R. B. TRAVIS,
Major, AGD,
Adjutant General

R. B. Travis
R. B. TRAVIS,
Major, AGD,
Adjutant General

SPECIAL ORDERS) RESTRICTED NEW YORK AIR DEFENSE WING
 : P.O. BOX 58 STATION O
 NUMBER....153) EXTRACT NEW YORK W.C. 13 NEW YORK
 3 June 1943.

5. The following named officers, 326th Fitr Gp, Westover Fld, Mass.,
 are reld from asgmt and duty with the 326th Fitr Gp, and are assigned
 to the 368th Fitr Gp, Westover Fld, Mass.:

Lt. Col. GILBERT L. MEYERS, AC, 022848
 Major SAVERIO DI MEO, AC, 028824
 1st Lt. JOHN R. ELLIOTT, AC, 0905637
 2nd Lt. MEREDITH W. HENRY, AC, 0796688
 Capt. WALTER B. TENEYCK, AC, 0486947
 2nd Lt. RUSSELL H. MARKS, AC, 0578511
 2nd Lt. RICHARD S. HIBBETS, AC, 0857621
 Capt DONALD A. DAVIS, MC, 0477249
 Capt LEMUEL R. GORRELL, AC, 0415495
 Captain HENRY R. QUIMBY, AC, 0429168
 1st Lt. DEAN L. WILLIAMS, AC, 01288480
 1st Lt. CHARLES A. RUST, JR., AC, 0665450
 2nd Lt. ROBERT M. STRONACH, AC, 0858020
 1st Lt. SCOTT L. BENNETT, MC, 0419431
 2nd Lt. CARL H. GUNDLACH, AC, 0571886
 2nd Lt. HUGH J. NOONAN, AC, 0859665
 1st Lt. THOMAS N. MONTAG, AC, 0732311
 1st Lt. ROY L. BOWLIN, JR., AC, 025637
 Capt. PAUL P. DOUGLAS, AC, 0432187
 Capt. JAMES R. WERNLI, AC, 0386975
 2nd Lt. MEREDITH W. HENRY, AC, 0796688
 2nd Lt. RALPH C. HUEBERT, JR., AC, 0860845
 1st Lt. JACK E. COX, MC, 01688128
 2nd Lt. JOHN B. KOONS, AC, 0578219
 1st Lt. JOSEPH J. MC LACKLAN, AC, 0665844
 1st Lt. CHARLES W. ROJINE, AC, 0665447
 2nd Lt. HUGH D. MATTHEWS, AC, 0796716
 Capt. JOHN W. HAESLER, AC, 0432192
 1st Lt. JAMES W. GOODWIN, AC, 0487614
 2nd Lt. CALVIN H. SMITH, AC, 0860878
 2nd Lt. ROBERT G. BERGMAN, AC, 0567286
 2nd Lt. JOHN G. HOWARD, AC, 0860192
 1st Lt. RANDALL W. HENDRICKS, AC, 0441804
 2nd Lt. CARLOS M. TALBOTT, AC, 025797
 2nd Lt. ALFRED D. FRY, AC, 0797816
 1st Lt. MARSHALL E. MUMAW, AC, 0732315

* * *

By order of Colonel DEERING:

OFFICIAL:

Webster C. Bright
 WEBSTER C. BRIGHT,
 Captain, Air Corps,
 Adjutant.

WEBSTER C. BRIGHT,
 Captain, Air Corps,
 Adjutant.

DISTRIBUTION:

5 - IAF 15-Staff 3 - A+B, Westover Fld, Mass, 50- 368th Fitr Gp
 3 - IFC100-326th Fitr Gp 3 - FO, MF, NY

SPECIAL ORDERS) R E S T R I C T E D
 :
 NUMBER....153) E X T R A C T

NEW YORK AIR DEFENSE WING
 P. BOX 58 STATION O
 NEW YORK NEW YORK
 3 June, 1943.

6. The following named EM, 326th Fitr Gp, Westover Fld, Mass., are relieved from assignment to and duty with the 326th Fitr Gp, and are trfd in grade and rating to the 368th Fitr Gp, Westover Fld, Mass.:

M/Sgt THOMAS K. SMITH, 15066991
 M/Sgt ALBERT R. SILVERS, 6645158
 M/Sgt WILLIAM T. CONDER, 15066949
 M/Sgt FRANKLIN B. THIEME, 33094469
 Cpl R. H. JONES, 37410261
 Sgt SAMUEL M. PRATT, 31127821
 Cpl CLARENCE D. REESE, 15082295
 T/Sgt JOHN MAIHSHEIN, JR, 33085233
 S/Sgt DALE E. ROGERS, 15086102
 S/Sgt WILLIAM A. WALLACE, 14097927
 Cpl H. M. ROBINSON, 37410412
 S/Sgt ROSCOE B. KNIGHT, 18013656
 S/Sgt ROBERT C. BUCKNER, 7083107
 M/Sgt JOE M. WALKER, 14037527
 T/Sgt JOHN D. SHEA, 12056228
 S/Sgt EDWARD A. LONG, 35453637
 M/Sgt PAUL J. MILLER, 6238502
 T/Sgt CHARLIE W. HICKS, 18065114
 1st Sgt SALVATORE S. CILDERARO, 33085252
 T/Sgt THOMAS B. SMITH, JR, 15088775
 Cpl NORMAN W. VERNICK, 35322127
 T/Sgt WILLIAM T. SHIRES, 14070554
 S/Sgt ROBERT R. HAYES, 12035008
 T/Sgt HORATIO ZIMMERMAN, JR., 15018852
 T/Sgt CARL W. MOORE, 15069371
 Cpl T. GOLDMAN, 38445508
 Sgt WILLIAM J. KELLEY, 32260776
 Sgt HENRY A. MOVG, 32555042
 M/Sgt RUFUS A. NICHOLS, 6390187
 T/Sgt ERNEST E. GIBSON, 15016947
 S/Sgt CLAUDE D. SHELTON, 14070067
 T/Sgt CARL A. HANSEN, JR., 15019739
 Sgt THOMAS J. BARRETT, 33347512
 S/Sgt CLAUDE L. WILLIAMS, 39082232
 T/Sgt JIM LEDBETTER, 14033181
 1st Sgt JOSEPH L. EKISS, 36049847
 T/Sgt CHORON A. GRIMSLEY, 6920880
 S/Sgt EARL M. MEYERS, 18034213
 S/Sgt DELMAR C. EICHER, 15068175
 Pvt WILLIAM C. PHILLIPS, 33186426
 T/Sgt HERBERT D. GRAY, 12065488
 M/Sgt ORHIE L. OWENS, 14026927
 S/Sgt ROBERT E. DRAKE, 19074536
 Sgt HENRY A. KROUL, 32429217
 M/Sgt JOSEPH E. DENNIS, 7002606
 T/Sgt CLARENCE E. LUIVILLE, 18031859
 S/Sgt JOHN N. WATSON, 34211632
 S/Sgt HOWARD W. BARNES, 36159402

SO # 153, NYADW, 3 JUNE 1943, Par 6, Cont'd

S/Sgt EUGENE S. WOMACK, 38218568
T/Sgt JAY W. JONES, 39167264
S/Sgt ROBERT A. THRETT, 18926079
1st Sgt FRANK A. CLEVER, 6879196
T/Sgt BRYANT R. FORTNER, 6949785
S/Sgt ROBERT L. WILDFRET, 35377057
Sgt CHARLES W. WOOD, 16054828

No change in station is involved.

* * *

By order of Colonel DEERING:

WEBSTER C. BRIGHT,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

OFFICIAL:

Webster C. Bright
WEBSTER C. BRIGHT,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

DISTRIBUTION:

5-1AF
3-1FC
15-Staff
60-326th Fitr Gp
60-368th Fitr Gp
3-AAB, Westover Fld, Mass

HEADQUARTERS 368TH FIGHTER GROUP
Office of the Group Commander
Westover Field, Massachusetts

/rft

3 June 1943

SPECIAL ORDER)

TULLER 1)

E X E R C I S E

1. Having been asgd 368th Fitr Gp, per Para 5, SO#153, Hq New York Air Defense Wing, dtd 3 June 1943, the following named O's are further asgd to Hq 368th Fitr Gp:

Lt Col CYLLERT L. MEYERS	AC	022848
Major SANTIPIO DI ILC	AC	028824
Capt JAMES R. WERNLI	AC	0386975
1st Lt JOHN D. BATH	AC	025684
Capt WALTER B. TREYCK	AC	0466947
2nd Lt RUSSELL F. MARKS	AC	078511
2nd Lt RICHARD S. HIBBETS	AC	0687621
Capt DONALD A. DAVIS	AC	0477249
Capt LEMUEL R. CORRELL	AC	0415495

2. Having been asgd 368th Fitr Gp, per Para 5, SO#166, Hq New York Air Defense Wing, dtd 3 June 1943, Capt HENRY R. QUIMBY, AC, 0429168, is further asgd 395th Fitr Sq, for the purpose of assuming Command.

3. Having been asgd 368th Fitr Gp, per Para 5, SO#168, Hq New York Air Defense Wing, dtd 3 June 1943, Capt PAUL P. DOUGLAS, AC, 0432157, is further asgd 396th Fitr Sq, for the purpose of assuming command.

4. Having been asgd 368th Fitr Gp, per Para 5, SO#168, Hq New York Air Defense Wing, dtd 3 June 1943, Capt JOHN D.W. ELESER, AC, 0452192, is further asgd 397th Fitr Sq, for the purpose of assuming command.

5. Having been asgd 368th Fitr Gp, per Para 5, SO#168, Hq New York Air Defense Wing, dtd 3 June 1943, the following named O's are further asgd 395th Fitr Sq:

1st Lt JOHN R. ELLIOTT	AC	0905637
1st Lt CHARLES A. RUST, JR.	AC	0665450
1st Lt SCOTT L. BENNETT	AC	0419431
2nd Lt RALPH C. HUBBERT, JR.	AC	0860845
2nd Lt JOHN B. MOUNS	AC	0578219
1st Lt THOMAS N. MONTAG	AC	0732311
1st Lt ROY C. BOWLIN, JR.	AC	025837
1st Lt MARSHALL E. MULLIN	AC	0732315

SO#1, Hq 368th Fitr Gp, dtd 3 June 1943, Para 6 (Cont'd)

6. Having been asgd 368th Fitr Gp, per Para 5, SO#153, Hq New York Air Defense Wing, dtd 3 June 1943, the following named C's are further asgd 396th Fitr Gp:

1st Lt JAMES J. MC LACHLAN	AC	0166914
2nd Lt CLARENCE H. SMITH	AC	0166915
1st Lt ROBERT E. COX	AC	0166918
2nd Lt ROBERT C. WARDEN	AC	0166926
2nd Lt RUDOLPH J. WYMAN	AC	0166928
2nd Lt ALBERT H. BERRY	AC	0166930
1st Lt CLARENCE H. SMITH	AC	0166931
2nd Lt ROBERT W. WATSON	AC	0166932

7. Having been asgd 368th Fitr Gp, per Para 5, SO#153, Hq New York Air Defense Wing, dtd 3 June 1943, the following named C's are further asgd 397th Fitr Gp:

1st Lt RICHARD E. WELLS	AC	0166933
2nd Lt ROBERT L. STURMACH	AC	0166934
2nd Lt CARL R. GUNELACH	AC	0166935
1st Lt JAMES W. GOODWIN	AC	0166936
1st Lt RICHARD W. HEDRICKS	AC	0166937
2nd Lt CARLOS M. BLOTT	AC	0166938
2nd Lt ALFRED D. FRY	AC	0166939
2nd Lt JOHN G. HOWARD	AC	0166940

8. Having been asgd 368th Fitr Gp, per Para 6, SO#153, Hq New York Air Defense Wing, dtd 3 June 1943, the following named C's are further asgd Hq 368th Fitr Gp:

1st Sgt Thomas K. Smith	15066991
1st Sgt Albert R. Silvers	6621151
1st Sgt William T. Conder	15066992
1st Sgt Franklin P. Thione	31091288
Cpl R. H. Jones	37410161
Cpl Samuel M. Pratt	31117521
Cpl Clarence D. Reese	15066993
T Sgt John Maienschein, Jr.	31091289

9. Having been asgd 368th Fitr Gp, per Para 6, SO#153, Hq New York Air Defense Wing, dtd 3 June 1943, the following named C's are further asgd 368th Fitr Gp:

S Sgt Dale E. Rogers	15066994
S Sgt William A. Wallace	14037927
Cpl H. H. Robinson	37440112
S Sgt Eusebio E. Knight	18013116
S Sgt Robert C. Ruckner	70381107
1st Sgt Joe M. Walker	14037527
T Sgt John D. Shea	12016113
S Sgt Edward A. Long	35409617
H Sgt Paul J. Miller	6238501
T Sgt Charlie W. Hicks	18063114
1st Sgt Salvatore G. Calleraro	43065252
T Sgt Thomas E. Smith, Jr.	15066995

SO#1, Hq 368th Fitr Gp, dtd 3 June 1943, Para 9 (Cont'd)

Cpl Norman C. Vernick	35922127
T Sgt Choron A. Grimsley	6920880
T Sgt William T. Shires	14070554
S Sgt Robert R. Hayes	12035008

10. Having been asgd 368th Fitr Gp, per Para 6, SO#153, Hq New York Air Defense Wing, dtd 3 June 1943, the following named EM are further asgd 396th Fitr Sq:

T Sgt Horatio Zimmerman, Jr.	15018852
T Sgt Carl W. Moore	15069971
Cpl T. Goldman	38445508
Sgt William J. Kelley	32268776
Sgt Henry A. Moog	32555042
M Sgt Rufus A. Nichols	6390187
T Sgt Ernest E. Gibson	15016947
S Sgt Claude D. Shelton	14070067
T Sgt Carl A. Hansen, Jr.	15019739
Sgt Thomas J. Barrett	33347512
S Sgt Claude L. Williams	39082232
T Sgt Jim Leabetter	14035181
1st Sgt Joseph L. Ekiss	36049847
S Sgt Earl M. Meyers	18034213
S Sgt Delmar G. Eicher	15065175
Pvt William C. Philips	35186426

11. Having been asgd 368th Fitr Gp, per Para 6, SO#153, Hq New York Air Defense Wing, dtd 3 June 1943, the following named EM are further asgd 397th Fitr Sq:

T Sgt Herbert D. Gray	12065488
M Sgt Orbie L. Owens	14026927
S Sgt Robert E. Drake	19074536
Sgt Henry A. Kroul	32429217
M Sgt Joseph E. Dennis	7002606
T Sgt Clarence E. Linville	18031859
S Sgt John N. Watson	34211632
S Sgt Howard W. Farnes	36159402
Sgt Eugene S. Womack	38218568
T Sgt Jay W. Jones	39157264
S Sgt Robert A. Thrift	18026079
1st Sgt Frank L. Cervera	6879196
T Sgt Bryant R. Fortner	6969785
S Sgt Robert L. Wildpret	35377957
Sgt Charles W. Wood	16054826

12. Capt JAMES R. WERNLI, AC, 0386975, Hq 368th Fitr Gp, is aptd Commanding Officer, Hq Detachment, 368th Fitr Gp, in addition to his other duties.

By order of Lieutenant Colonel MEYERS:

OFFICIAL: *James R. Wernli*
JAMES R. WERNLI,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

JAMES R. WERNLI,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

SPECIAL ORDERS) E S T R I C T E D
NUMBER.....153) E X T R A C T

NEW YORK AIR DEFENSE WING
P.O. Box 58 STATION C
NEW YORK NEW YORK
3 June, 1943.

7. The following named O's, 368th Fitr Gp, WP by rail from Westover Fld, Mass., to Orlando, Florida, at such time as will enable them to report not later than 6 June, 1943, to the Comdt, IAF School of Applied Tactics, Orlando, Fla., for the purpose of pursuing approx a thirty (30) days course of instruction in the Air Defense Dept, commencing 7 June, 1943. Upon completion of this temp duty, O's will return to their proper station, Westover Fld, Mass.:

HEADQUARTERS, 368TH FIGHTER GROUP

Lt. Col. GILBERT L. MEYERS, AC, 022848	Commanding Officer
1st Lt. JOHN R. ELLIOTT, AC, 0905637	Adjutant
2nd Lt. JOHN W. BELM, AC, 025684	Operations
Captain WALTON B. TERNEYCK, AC, 0486947	Intelligence Officer
2nd Lt. RUSSELL H. MARKS, AC, 0578511	Communications Officer
2nd Lt. RICHARD S. HIBBETS, AC, 0857621	Ass't Communications O
Captain DONALD A. DAVIS, MC, 0477249	Medical Officer
Captain LEMUEL R. GORRELL, AC, 0415495	Material Officer

395TH FITR SQUADRON, 368TH FIGHTER GROUP

Captain HENRY R. CUMBY, AC, 0429168	Commanding Officer
1st Lt. DEAN L. WILLIAMS, AC, 01288480	Adjutant.
1st Lt. CHARLES A. RUST, JR., AC, 0665450	Operations
2nd Lt. ROBERT M. STRONACH, AC, 0858020	Communications
1st Lt. SCOTT L. BENNETT, MC, 0419431	Medical Officer
2nd Lt. CARL H. GUNDLACH, AC, 0571836	Supply Officer
2nd Lt. HUGH J. NOOMAN, AC, 0859665	Engineering Officer
1st Lt. THOMAS N. MONTAG, AC, 0732311	Flight Leader
1st Lt. ROY L. BOWLIN, JR., AC, 025637	Flight Leader
1st Lt. MARSHALL E. MUMAW, AC, 0732315	Flight Leader

396TH FITR SQUADRON, 368TH FIGHTER GROUP

Captain PAUL P. DOUGLAS, AC, 0432137	Commanding Officer
Captain JAMES R. VERNLI, AC, 0386975	Adjutant
2nd Lt. MEREDITH W. HENRY, AC, 0796688	Operations
2nd Lt. RALPH C. HUEBERT, JR., AC, 0860845	Communications
1st Lt. JACK E. COX, MC, 01688128	Medical Officer
2nd Lt. ROBERT G. BERGMAN, AC, 0567286	Supply Officer
2nd Lt. JOHN B. KOUNS, AC, 0578219	Engineering Officer
1st Lt. JOSEPH J. MC LACKLAN, AC, 0665844	Flight Leader
1st Lt. CHARLES W. ROMINE, AC, 0665447	Flight Leader
2nd Lt. HUGH D. MATTHEWS, AC, 0796716	Flight Leader

397TH FITR SQUADRON, 368TH FIGHTER GROUP

Captain JOHN W. HAESLER, AC, 0432193	Commanding Officer
1st Lt. JAMES W. GOODWIN, AC, 0437614	Operations
2nd Lt. CALVIN H. SMITH, AC, 0860878	Communications
2nd Lt. JOHN G. HOWARD, AC, 0860192	Engineering Officer
1st Lt. RANDALL W. HENDRICKS, AC, 0441804	Flight Leader
2nd Lt. CARLOS M. TALBOTT, AC, 025797	Flight Leader
2nd Lt. ALFRED D. FRY, AC, 0797816	Flight Leader

Dependents will not accompany the above named officers.
TDN. FD 34 P 434-02 A 0425-23.


(P.V.E.R.)

SO # 153, Hq. NYADW, dtd June 3, 1943, par 7 Con'd.

* * *
By order of Colonel DELRING:

WEBSTER C. BRIGHT,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

OFFICIAL:


WEBSTER C. BRIGHT,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

DISTRIBUTION:

5 - IAF
3 - IFC
15 - Staff
500- 368th Fitr Gp
15- AAF School of Applied Tactics,
Orlando, Fla.
3 - AAB, Westover Fld, Mass.
3 - FO, MF, NY

QUARTERS 368TH FIGHTER GROUP
Office of the Group Commander
Westover Field, Massachusetts

/sfk

4 AUGUST 1943

SPECIAL ORDERS)
NUMBER 7)

1. Having been assigned 368th Fitr Gp. per Par 17, SO 211, Hq New York Fighter Wing, dtd 31 July 1943, the following named Officers are further assigned to organs as indicated:

395TH FIGHTER SQUADRON

2nd Lt (1021) DONALD H. HEEF,	0681673
2nd Lt (1021) JAMES W. EARLY,	0745326
2nd Lt (1021) GEORGE A. HUGHES,	0680326
2nd Lt (1021) ROBERT B. CALDWELL,	0745289
2nd Lt (1021) SYLVESTER G. CARLIS,	0745291
2nd Lt (1021) ROBERT C. FAX,	0680014
2nd Lt (1021) RICHARD KIL,	0745414
2nd Lt (1021) FRANKLIN W. MILLER,	0585564
2nd Lt (1021) ELLER BUSS,	0675668
2nd Lt (1021) DALLAS G. YELGREN,	0745561

396TH FIGHTER SQUADRON

2nd Lt (1021) IRA M. HECKLTHORN JR,	0745379
2nd Lt (1021) RUSSELL R. HOLT,	0745390
2nd Lt (1021) OLIVER S. RYERSON,	0680085
2nd Lt (1021) IRVING COSTUM,	0680065
2nd Lt (1021) GEORGE R. DAVES,	0679837
2nd Lt (1021) DANIEL J. HENNEY,	0681679
2nd Lt (1021) PAUL J. QUILTY,	0679943
2nd Lt (1021) EDWARD HAUGHTON, JR,	0681661
2nd Lt (1021) WALTER G. LOUGHRAN,	0680321
2nd Lt (1021) DAVID G. PARRISH,	0673912
2nd Lt (1021) CHESTER W. LAWRENCE,	0795985

397TH FIGHTER SQUADRON

2nd Lt (1021) JOE C. HOWARD,	0680907
2nd Lt (1021) HENRY F. REPS,	0677934
2nd Lt (1021) HARRY C. MCGL,	0621700
2nd Lt (1021) HARVIN J. HOSVOLD,	0630033
2nd Lt (1021) FREDERICK L. MARRS,	0745140
2nd Lt (1021) DAVID H. SHARP,	0680093
2nd Lt (1021) ROBERT S. IRWIN,	0679988
2nd Lt (1021) GERALD P. KOHLER,	0737137
2nd Lt (1021) FOREST D. MIBLER,	0631535

2. Having been assigned 368th Fitr Gp. per Par 7, SO 212, Hq New York Fitr Wing dtd 1 August 1943, Cpl (058) Martin M. Kleino, 32506169, is further assigned to 397th Fitr Sq.

SO#7, Hq 368th Fitr Gp, dtd 4 August 1943.

3. Having been asgd 368th Fitr Gp, per Par 4, SO 214, Hq New York Fighter Wing, dtd 3 August 1943, S/Sgt (687) George L. Reynolds, Jr, 15088081, is further asgd 395th Fighter Squadron.

4. Under provisions of AR 615-200, S/Sgt (502) Robert O. McKee, 15004081, 397th Fitr Sq, is transferred in grade to the 396th Fitr Sq.

5. Under the provisions of AR 600-68, the following named EM, orgns indicated, having completed the required amount of serv in the Army of the United States, and having demonstrated fidelity through faithful and exact performance of duty, efficiency through expeditious and desired results, and whose behavior has been such as to demand commendation, are awarded Good Conduct Medals for exemplary behavior, efficiency, and fidelity:

HEADQUARTERS 368TH FIGHTER GROUP

M/Sgt Stanley W. Clark,	6034191
M/Sgt Daniel E. Stevens,	6235718
M/Sgt Thomas H. Smith,	1404591
M/Sgt Frank A. Covara,	6679196
T/Sgt Fred W. Johnson, Jr,	3801203
Cpl Donald A. Lyons,	3101093
Cpl Charles H. Lantz,	3001903

395TH FIGHTER SQUADRON

F/Sgt Salvatore, S. Calderaro	33085252
M/Sgt Paul J. Miller,	6235502
T/Sgt Chronon A. Crumley,	692586
T/Sgt William P. Shires, Jr,	14075554
T/Sgt John D. Shea,	1205228
T/Sgt Thomas B. Smith, Jr,	1505775
T/Sgt Charlie W. Hicks,	13065144
S/Sgt Toseoc B. Knight,	18013656

396TH FIGHTER SQUADRON

F/Sgt Joseph L. Ekiss,	36049847
M/Sgt Rufus A. Nichols,	6390187
T/Sgt Jim Ledbetter,	14033181
T/Sgt Garth S. Davis,	6258864

397TH FIGHTER SQUADRON

F/Sgt Frank A. Covara,	6679196
M/Sgt Joe E. Dennis,	7002606
M/Sgt Orbic L. Owens,	14026927
T/Sgt Bryant R. Fortner,	6969785
S/Sgt Leonard Wiser,	36243174
S/Sgt Orville Griffith,	6639757
S/Sgt Joe A. Geczi,	15019009
Sgt Sam Simon,	16049695
Cpl Alvin Y. Crowder,	20461668
Cpl William M. Holmes,	34093521

SC#7, Hq 368th Fitr Gp, 4 August 1943.

6. The following named Officers having qualified with Cal. 45 Pistol as prescribed in First Air Force Circular 50-28 and AR 775-10 are rated as follows:

<u>SHARPSHOOTER</u>	<u>SCORE</u>
Capt HENRY R. QUEBY 0429168	83.6%
1st Lt ROBERT H. STRONACH 0858020	79.5%

<u>MARKSMAN</u>	<u>SCORE</u>
2nd Lt SYLVESTER C. CARLILE 0745291	75.5%
1st Lt WILLIAM R. GIBSON 0665551	75. %
1st Lt JOHN W. BAER 025684	74.1%
2nd Lt FREDERICK C. RUSSELL 01554967	74. %
2nd Lt HUGH J. NOBLE 0859665	71.3%
2nd Lt DANIEL J. HENNEY 0681769	70.3%
2nd Lt RICHARD S. WELLES 0857621	70.1%
1st Lt MARSHALL E. HUNEW 0732915	69. %
2nd Lt DAVID C. PARRISH 0673912	67.3%
2nd Lt FRANKLIN W. MILLER 0385564	67.3%
Capt PAUL P. DOUGLAS 0432187	66.3%
2nd Lt CHESTER W. LAWRENCE 0795985	65.2%
Capt LEMUEL R. GORRELL 0415495	63.8%
1st Lt JAMES W. GOODWIN 0437614	63.7%
1st Lt ROY L. BOWLIN, JR 025637	63.5%
1st Lt CHARLES A. RUST, JR 0665450	63.3%
2nd Lt DAVID M. SHERP 0680093	61.1%
1st Lt CHARLES W. ROMIE 0665447	61. %
1st Lt JOHN R. ELLIOTT 0905637	61. %
1st Lt CARL H. GUNLACH 0571886	60.1%
2nd Lt EDWARD HOUGHTON JR 0631661	60.1%

7. So much of Par 7, SC 4, this Headquarters, dtd 22 July 1943, as reads "MARKSMAN, Lewis, Jesse A., Pfc., 39455134, 149, 397th Fighter Squadron," is amended to read, "SHARPSHOOTER, Lewis, Jesse A., Pfc., 39455134, 157, 397th Fighter Squadron."

8. So much of Par 13, SC 6, this Headquarters, dtd 1 August 1943, as reads "MARKSMAN, Myers, William W., S/Sgt, 6998832, 155, 397th Fighter Squadron," is amended to read, "SHARPSHOOTER, Myers, William W., S/Sgt, 6998832, 158, 397th Fighter Squadron."

By order of Lieutenant Colonel MEYERS:

OFFICIAL:

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

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

RESTRICTEDHEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR BASE
Westover Field, Mass.SPECIAL ORDERS)
NUMBER 231)

19 Aug 1943.

E X T R A C T

4. The following Squadrons, 368th Ftr Gp, at current strength, WP c/a dates indicated, by Govt motor T and/or mil acft, fr Westover Fld, Mass, to stations indicated, on temp ch of sta:

			<u>New Station</u>				
377th Ftr Sq	WP c/a 21 Aug 1943	To: AAB, Mitchel Field, NY.					
Hq 368th Ftr Gp	WP c/a 23 Aug 1943	To: AAB, Republic Fld, Farmingdale, NY					
395th Ftr Sq	WP c/a 23 Aug 1943	To: do do do do					
396th Ftr Sq	WP c/a 24 Aug 1943	To: do do do do					

The CO, 368th Ftr Gp will attach roster of all pers, commissioned, warranted, and enlisted affected by this order as integral parts of this order.

Individual and organizational equipment on hand and/or in storage will accompany units.

TDW. 1-5105 P 432-CL, 02, 03, 04, 05, 07, 08 & 0425-24.

In lieu of subs a flat per diem of \$7.00 is auth for travel by mil acft in accordance with existing law and regulations.

Pers not required to accompany troops will be given verbal permission by the CO, 368th Ftr Gp to perform travel by privately owned conveyance at no expense to the Govt. Travel time consumed in excess of that required for the movement of the unit will be adequately covered by an approved leave of absence.

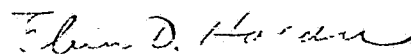
The QMC will furn the necessary Govt motor T.

The CO, 368th Ftr Gp will make necessary reports prior to departure as required by WD Cir 102, 15 Apr 1943, Ltr, AAF 370.5 Hq AAF, 19 June 1943, Sub: "Movements of Units within the Continental Limits of the United States", and AG Memo No. W700-1-43, 5 Jan 1943, "Supply Procedure for Units Changing Station within the Continental United States".

Auth: Ltr, 370.5, Hq AFEDC and First AF, 18 Aug 1943, Sub: "Movement of the 359th and 368th Ftr Groups".

By order of Colonel JONES:

OFFICIAL:



EBEN D. HOLDER,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

EBEN D. HOLDER,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

DISTRIBUTION:
as directed.

E X T R A C T

*file*R E S T R I C T E D

SPECIAL ORDER)

HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR BASE

MITCHEL FIELD, NEW YORK

NUMBER 330)

E X T R A C T

26 NOVEMBER 1943

1. FAC in Ltr Hq First AF, "Movement of the 397th Ftr Sq (368th Ftr Gp)", file 370.5, 25 Nov 43, the 397th Ftr Sq (368th Ftr Gp) WP at current strength fr AAB, Mitchel Field, N. Y. to AAB, Farmingdale Army Air Field, Farmingdale, N. Y., on or about 29 Nov 43, by govt motor T.

All pertinent provisions of above cited Ltr will be strictly adhered to.

CO, 397th Ftr Sq (368th Ftr Gp) will furn roster of all personnel of his unit to the CC, AAB, Mitchel Field, N. Y.; which roster will be attached to the order and become an integral part thereof.

This is a temp change of sta. Perm sta of this unit is AAB, Westover Field, Mass.

TDN. 1-5250 P 432-02 A 0425-24.

By order of Colonel BEATON:

OFFICIAL:

R. F. MATTERN
R. F. MATTERN,
Capt., Air Corps,
Adjutant.

R. F. MATTERN,
Capt., Air Corps,
Adjutant.

DISTRIBUTION:

25-CO, ea orgn
1-TAG (OB-I), Wash, DC
30-CG, AAF (Adm Serv Div, Reproduction Br), Wash, DC
2-CG, ASF, Wash, DC
2-CG, First AF
2-CG, ASC, Patterson Fld, Fairfield, Ohio (via air mail)
2-CG, II Serv Comd, ASF, Gov. Island, NY
2-CG, I Ftr Comd
2-CG, Rome ASC, Rome AAFld, Rome, NY
2-CG, Middletown ASC, Olmsted Fld, Middletown, Pa.
2-CO, 1st Stat Cont Unit
2-CO, AAB, Farmingdale AAFld, Farmingdale, NY
2-CO, AAB, Westover Fld, Mass.
2-CO, Ord Dept, Tank-Automotive Center, Union Guardian Bldg., Detroit, Mich.
5-Base Fin Off
2-Base T Off
1-Postal Off
12-Files
2-CO, 2045th QM Trk Co (Avn)

R E S T R I C T E D

397TH FIGHTER SQUADRON
368TH FIGHTER GROUP

ROSTER OF PERSONNEL

26 November, 1943.

OFFICERS

MAJORS

Hessler, John D.W. 0-432193
 CAPTAINS
 Goodwin, James W. 0-437614
 Hendricks, Randall W. 0-441804
 Johnson, Stanley C. Jr. 0-563430
 Williams, Dean L. 0-1288480

1ST LIEUTENANTS

Anderson, Robert S. 0-667023
 Baker, Francis F. 0-445588
 Belcher, Henry W. 0-797772
 Briggs, Francis B. 0-1549257
 Fry, Alfred D. 0-797816
 Gibson, William R. 0-665551
 Gundlach, Carl H. 0-571886
 Howard, John G. 0-860192
 Lougee, John H. 0-798317
 Marini, Joseph NMI 0-665839
 O'Connell, Russell A. 0-732326
 Stronach, Robert M. 0-858020
 Talbott, Carlos M. 0-25797

2D LIEUTENANTS

Arps, Henry F. 0-677934
 Brown, Robert S. 0-679988
 Burney, Joe R. 0-745288
 Carlson, Roy D. 0-678830
 Dirscoll, Wayne H. 0-745323
 Dame, Edward W. 0-745312
 Ferber, Alexander B. 0-805600
 Foltz, John P. 0-745337
 Gill, George E. 0-863937
 Hamilton, Henry B. 0-805617
 Horlacher, William G. 0-802299
 Howard, Joe C. 0-680907
 Johnson, Robert W. 0-805631
 Kohles, Carlyle P. 0-737139
 Langmaid, Norman E. 0-805641
 Magnus, Martin H. 0-578477
 Marko, Rudolph L. 0-745440
 Meyer, Robert V. 0-580996
 Midlam, Forrest D. 0-681585
 Rogal, Harry C. 0-681705
 Rosvold, Marvin J. 0-680083
 Sutcliffe, George L. 0-681739
 Sharp, David M. 0-680093

ENLISTED MEN

FIRST SERGEANTS

585 Cavera, Frank A. 6879196

MASTER SERGEANTS

752 Dennis, Joseph E. 7002606
 663 Jones, Jay W. 39167264
 747 Owens, Orbie L. 14026927

TECHNICAL SERGEANTS

751 Barnes, Howard W. 36159402
 821 Fortner, Bryant R. 6969785
 759 Gray, Herbert D. 12065488
 505 Hanna, George S. 6260511
 513 Klosowski, James B. 16027749
 751 Linville, Clarence 18031859
 747 Murphy, Philip B. 35292747
 687 Ricci, Umberto 11037730
 911 Sheridan, John B. 6915486

TECH SERGEANT (CONT)

756 Trawick, Paul E. 14081785
 685 Van Guilder, James 12055122
 751 Watson, John N. 34211632
 911 Wiser, Leonard C. 36243174

STAFF SERGEANTS

826 Ahern, Thomas E. 31169991
 911 Allen, Louie S. 32378615
 747 Angle, Leslie H. 17176013
 747 Aro, William 6078975
 747 Brooks, Wiley A. 38124559
 555 Bula, Peter P. 6728808
 747 Causbie, J. R. 18066058
 747 Cloutier, Ray J. 36328654
 747 Cuppint, Orlando 16034212
 502 Drake, Robert E. 19074536
 747 Etter, James N. 15068505

ROSTER OF PERSONNEL (CONT)

STAFF SERGEANTS

826 Filler, John R.	15016456
747 Filok, Carl J.	35802036
747 Foster, Robert M	13017120
816 Geczi, Joe A.	15019009
824 Griffith, Orville	6639757
747 Hirschfeld, William	36323797
747 Hembler, Ernest	37052021
747 Johnson, Andrew J.	33089342
747 Kimmel, Albert W.	35278768
502 Kröul, Henry A.	32429217
911 Lehman, Werner	38062051
747 Marsh, Walter M.	12066719
747 McKenzie, James N.	14151950
747 McNellis, James T.	18044162
756 Myers, William W.	6998832
555 Nacion, Vernon F.	32304027
759 Parrish, Clarence	39827477
747 Siegert, Harold E.	35135172
747 Swanson, Clarence	31066335
747 Rose, Frederick E.	36500720
747 Seeley, Samuel D.	31125340
747 Thompson, Horace M.	34241030
747 Thompson, Raymond	19013824
759 Waller, John R.	37272395
911 Wesolowski, Matthew	32374169
826 Wildpret, Robert	35377057
754 Womack, Eugene S.	38218568
759 Wood, Charles W.	16054828

SERGEANTS

747 Ante, Carmen J.	32362617
747 Berkowitz, Stanley	12148575
747 Billinger, Norbert	33187905
555 Brokaw, George D.	16055956
747 Bryant, Edwin E.	32478617
756 Burroughs, Samuel	33210435
239 Butler, Paul H.	39545344
826 Delaney, James	15086861
686 Case, Philip W.	32474709
911 Castro, Jesse L.	39267813
747 Crumble, George W.	14116313
586 Davis, Ralph L.	17016858
754 Elrod, Raymond H.	18130475
747 Embury, Charles W.	31098313
747 Erickson, Burton	12059553
747 Fagan, Harlan A.	35257018
060 Feliziani, Reek A.	39844664
747 Floyd, Cletus E.	38108911
060 Granillo, Solomon	39852577
686 Hamilton, Willis	14130762
911 Haun, Harold A.	31129015
747 Hernandez, Guadalupe	18058800
239 Hoffman, Elwood D.	36562601

SERGEANTS (CONT)

932 Holmes, Merrill C.	11030522
813 Hubbard, Cecil R.	15089084
747 Irish, John A.	32479280
505 Jones, Ralph E.	37410261
911 Kinney, George E.	34396699
888 Klein, Martin M.	32506469
687 LaGrone, Louis E.	14181892
747 Larson, John H.	36376051
759 Leisey, Samuel	33240328
747 Lerman, Paul M.	31116041
911 Lewis, Walter J.	32280056
060 Masidonski, John C.	37059874
747 Massie, John E. Jr.	35713789
502 Massie, Robert L.	19142412
060 McChilre, Jack L.	32527560
747 McDaniels, L. B.	34343459
928 Morgan, Donald R.	33270810
747 Morrell, Ernest L.	31109122
747 Moyer, Albert L.	35415509
747 O'Dell, Clingman	34433182
275 Ojala, Melvin E.	39165161
747 Peers, Chester	16126124
911 Perrine, Rexalt	35279986
861 Poworoznek, Paul	12016843
511 Prail, Saml	32571042
911 Rocewicki, Michael	35028447
687 Rogooski, Edward J.	18110087
747 Saunders, Vernon D.	39185588
911 Simon, Sam J.	16069695
911 Skovran, Joseph F.	33265802
060 Smith, Shelby E.	35471747
747 Sparks, Warner H.	32077154
685 Stamps, French	34474020
747 Stanfield, Leslie	38233665
911 Stilller, Brian	36354036
911 Willis, Joseph	15098096
747 Witherspoon, Melvin	33284444
685 Wych, Joseph D.	37436407
754 Zingale, Salvatore	32318625

CORPORALS

911 Alequin, Jose E.	12089221
759 Baas, Russel R.	36402497
756 Barnard, Robert L.	13144503
911 Barra, John	39550336
237 Becker, Joseph L.	39151607
911 Bendelow, Thomas G.	16128275
759 Berendt, Walter C.	35668044
060 Busch, John H.	32366862
747 Cavanaugh, Francis	32380844
911 Cenker, Edward N.	33668676
501 Chestler, Robert	16037790
911 Cirantino, Bernard	16142573

ROSTER OF PERSONNEL (CONT)

CORPORALS CONT

747	Cordista, Nickolas	12181533
056	Cowie, Glen	36322390
747	DeBaker, Gordon T.	36262676
929	Erickson, Gustaf H.	11042577
911	Estaphan, Charles	11116321
911	Ewing, James R.	15332241
759	Frishtick, Kenneth	12155983
911	Gatz, Walter J.	12193899
911	Gill, Charles D.	15017335
759	Goodwin, Carl N.	11068127
501	Goodwin, Edison	35386661
911	Grader, Walter B.	31287351
501	Grant, Melvin G.	12173895
911	Greenspan, Joseph	32826669
911	Guenther, Don	36739804
809	Hinck, John F.	32616491
309	Holmes, William	34093521
911	Hull, Russell O.	37512831
620	Idleman, Charles L.	15334583
888	Jockel, Eugene H.	32572559
501	Jones, John J.	39106800
409	Krueger, Harold H.	36260634
747	Kvedarns, Joseph	32872741
511	Kyle, Henry A.	31290197
501	Lenahan, Francis T.	32533948
747	Lewicki, Anthony	32504194
256	Lewis, Jesse A.	39455134
759	McDaniel, Grover C.	18122421
911	Maher, Joseph C.	32768059
501	Maria, Joseph D.	33631067
747	Mast, Daniel	12157206
941	Merlone, William J.	31105696
747	Miller, Charles G.	35493960
888	Moen, Clifton H.	37322134
511	Moskowitz, Jesse	32538328
888	Nelson, Donald E.	13135151
911	Nelson, James A.	12189676
747	Nyers, John	35398967
759	Rabinowitz, Frank	12026593
511	Ray, James A.	34490279
754	Regan, Joseph W.	33394066
501	Resta, Anthony	11106480
050	Roman, Joseph	31113108
754	Rook, Robert R.	16135862
911	Salisbury, Lawrence	37464653
501	Sattui, Melville	19089855
501	Savona, Frank	31071406
501	Scholl, John H.	37654792
501	Serbian, Robert F.	39695862
911	Stanico, Edward R.	17157374
504	Sullivan, Fred J.	32293983
501	Stowell, Frank S.	39199927
747	Surat, Joseph E.	352409111
050	Tomasacci, John	33351633
929	Walczek, Anthony	32282257
888	Walton, Howard E.	39550532

PRIVATES FIRST CLASS

911	Zumstein, Donald J.	15098539
754	Allgeyer, Paul J.	35673351
911	Bardsley, Charles	39206639
911	Barrett, Raymond A.	32699931
861	Check, Charles E.	31329091
861	Ciardella, Joseph	19119349
245	Cohen, Sidney	32348372
501	Diekvoss, Merlin	36817894
504	Dietz, Chester C.	33252150
911	Elsinger, Frank	12125761
238	Espinosa, Leo	39906692
504	Facer, Joseph	33581021
409	Fryberger, Frank	32669910
911	Gaydos, Michale T.	33666587
504	Hammett, Berlyn	37414630
929	Heath, Harry W.	35577230
504	Hodge, Lewis J.	33529600
686	Hofmecht, Raymond	32078263
519	Holde, Edmund	36348343
060	Horst, Lewis S.	33562653
911	Juhasz, Joseph	35051320
911	Katz, Stanley H.	32767176
754	Kessler, George L.	32627712
060	Kwiecien, John	32099267
501	Marino, John B.	36566904
809	Mazza, Pasquale F.	31242979
504	Milrod, Benjamin	32783668
941	Musker, Thomas H.	31090880
911	Preneta, Anthony	6709371
911	Ridino, Basil	12199793
747	Ruggiero, Theodore	32781699
070	Stoner, Charles T.	35797256
911	Tatom, Benjamin	39828680
501	O'Donnell, Charles	32712184

PRIVATES

928	Adams, Marvin	33242324
050	Axtman, Carl T.	35118093
747	Burnet, Clifford	32478841
309	Davis, Randall J.	33478060
826	DeMarco, John	32405530
747	Dunlap, Robert B.	13009110
521	Fields, Jessie J.	35802447
555	Flannigan, Evan W.	36633927
245	Frederick, Marshall	38451255
504	Grabowski, Joseph	32909606
929	Guerra, Manuel	38455756
548	Kellenback, Oren	19004621
521	Kelly, Harold L.	35063924

ROSTER OF PERSONNEL (CONT.)
 PRIVATES (CONT)

245	Lane, George H.	31061658
747	Loback, Peter	32332285
675	McNeil, Archie	32285946
747	Marmion, John H.	15071250
929	May, Ralph	34624963
521	Mendoza, Enrique	38411065
747	Miller, Thomas K.	18134468
521	Miska, Eugene	35057919

PRIVATES CONT

911	Nawi, Harrison	14175048
929	Neary, Edward F.	33666551
501	Patterson, Edward	32329231
929	Ramsdell, John	31084018
929	Scoville, William J.	11038244
505	Snodgrass, Leonard	37497816
504	Szymczewski, Walter	33390550
521	Calorossi, Oliver	31336567
521	Gilchrist, William	37676673
521	Hazelbaker, Calvin	35609822
521	Muhly, Charles D.	33798758

FROM CRAIGIE COMNYFITRWING 051030Z

TO COFITRRON 397TH

GR-- BT

NYFWE 190 PERIOD THE 397TH AND THE 395TH FIGHTER SQUADRONS ARE NOTIFIED AS OF 0700 NOVEMBER 5 TO ADVANCE FROM THEIR PRESENT STATION TO MACARTHUR FIELD AT RONKONKOMA, L. I. IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROCEDURE AS OUTLINED IN NYFW CIRCULAR 55-19. THE RESPECTIVE FORWARD PARTIES WILL DEPART WITHIN FOUR HOURS OF THIS NOTIFICATION. APPROXIMATELY 20 2½ TON TRUCKS WILL ARRIVE AT EACH SQUADRON AT ABOUT 0800 THIS DATE. THESE VEHICLES WILL BE UTILIZED ONLY TO MOVE THE ADVANCE AND REAR ECHELONS TO MACARTHUR FIELD. IMMEDIATELY UPON COMPLETION THEY WILL BE RELEASED. TELEPHONE COMMUNICATIONS WILL BE ESTABLISHED WITH THE WING SWITCHBOARD IMMEDIATELY WHEN THE FORWARD PARTY ARRIVES AT MACARTHUR FIELD. THE TELEPHONE LEAD IN WILL BE FOUND AT POLE NUMBER 92 AT EAST SIDE OF JUNCTION OF SMITHTOWN BOULEVARD AND SAYVILLE AVENUE, IN SAYVILLE, L. I. NO HOUSING FACILITIES ARE AVAILABLE AT MACARTHUR FIELD. THE SQUADRON WILL SUPPLY AND ERECT ADEQUATE SHELTER FOR ALL PERSONNEL INVOLVED. MOBILE RADIO SETS FOR AIR AND GROUND COMMUNICATIONS WILL BE PUT INTO OPERATION BY THE SQUADRON WHEN AIRCRAFT ARE BROUGHT FORWARD. SQUADRON COMMANDERS WILL DETERMINE THE AMOUNT OF EQUIPMENT TO TAKE FOR A STAY OF 3 DAYS WITH NO INTERRUPTIONS OF TRAINING ACTIVITIES. WEATHER PERMITTING ALL AVAILABLE AIRCRAFT AND PILOTS WILL PARTICIPATE IN CONTINUOUS TRAINING AT THEIR PRESENT STATION UNTIL ORDERED TO THE ADVANCE FIELD BY A-3 NYFW. THE ADVANCE ECHELON WILL NOTIFY A-3 NYFW WHEN COMMUNICATIONS ARE ESTABLISHED AND THE FORWARD PARTIES ARE PREPARED TO CARRY OUT OPERATIONS FROM MACARTHUR FIELD. A-3 NYFW

THIS IS A RELAY FROM WING

WILL DISPATCH THE AIRCRAFT AND THE REAR PARTY ANY TIME THEREAFTER.
THE GAS AND OIL SERVICING FACILITIES AVAILABLE TO THE SQUADRONS
WILL BE TAKEN ALONG ON THIS MOVE.

END

/THIS IS A RELAY FROM WING/

BT 1104Z CJM K

KLH R NR1 1120Z JBM AR

*All Magnuses
for inclusion in file
128*

HEAD QUARTERS I FIGHTER COMMAND
Office of the Commanding General
Mitchel Field, N.Y.

10 October, 1943.

SUBJECT: Commendation.

TO : Commanding General, New York Fighter Wing, P.O. Box 58,
Station O, New York, N. Y.

FROM : 1st Lieutenant Joseph Marini, O-665839, 397th Fighter Squadron
368th Fighter Group, Mitchel Field, New York.

1. I take great pleasure in commending you for your demonstration of exceptional flying ability and judgment.
2. While on a night formation flight, the engine of your P-47 type plane failed completely. As you were then over the Town of Great Neck, Long Island, and did not desire to abandon your plane over a heavily populated district, you flew out over Great Neck Bay and bailed out into the water with a total disregard for personal safety. The coolness, judgment and skill which were demonstrated are those desired in the Fighter Pilot.
3. It is directed that a copy of this communication be attached to Lieutenant Marini's efficiency report and that it be brought to the attention of all officers and enlisted men of his organization.

/s/ Glenn O. Barcus,
GLENN O. BARCUS,
Brigadier General, U.S. Army,
Commanding.

A TRUE ~~ORIGINAL~~ COPY

David Williams
FRAN L. WILLIAMS,
Captain, Air Corps,
Executive Officer.

Commendation (10 October 1943)

1st Ind.

LCC/bl

NY NEW YORK FIGHTER WING, P. O. Box 98, Station D, New York 11, N. Y.
10 October 1943

TO: 1st Lieutenant Joseph Marini, O-665839, 397th Fighter Squadron,
368th Fighter Group, Mitchel Field, N. Y.

FROM: Commanding Officer, 368th Fighter Group, Mitchel Field, N. Y.

I am happy to add my word of commendation for the outstanding manner in which you handled a very difficult situation.

/s/ I. C. Craigie,
I. C. CRAIGIE,
Brigadier General, U. S. Army,
Commanding.

Commendation (10 October 1943)

End Ind.

HR/sfk

HEADQUARTERS 368TH FIGHTER GROUP, AAB, Farmingdale, LI, NY, 10 October 1943.

TO: 1st Lieutenant Joseph Marini, O-665839, 397th Fitr Sq, Mitchel Fld, NY.
FROM: Commanding Officer, 397th Fitr Sq, Mitchel Fld, NY.

I heartily endorse the above Commendation of Brigadier General G. C. Barcus and Brigadier General I. C. Craigie and wish to add my commendation for an exceptional display of judgement and skill.

/s/ Gilbert L. Meyers,
GILBERT L. MEYERS,
Lt. Col. Air Corps,
Commanding.

397. 11/22/45
OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL
ARMY AIR CORPS, WASHINGTON, D. C.

JMSH/rt1

22 October 1945.

SUBJECT: Commendation.

TO : The Adjutant General, Washington, D. C.

1. Forwarded herewith copy of official commendation of 1st Lt. Joseph Marini, O-85889, for inclusion in subject officers 201 file, as required by Army Air Corps Memorandum 35-6, dated 17 July 1943.
2. A notation giving the substance of the evaluation has been made on Lt. Marini's W. O. R. Form 80-1.

WILLIAM D. W. DEWILBY,
Captain, Air Corps,
Commanding.

1 Incl:

1. Ltr. Hq. 1st Pitr Comd.
& 1st Ind. H. Y. P. &
2nd Ind. 368th Pitr Sp.

HEADQUARTERS I STATION, NEW YORK
Office of the Commanding General
Mitchell Field, N. Y.

4 November 1944

SUBJECT: Commendation.

THRU : Commanding General, New York Fighter Wing, P. O. Box 22, Station 9,
New York, N. Y.

TO : Commanding Officer, 397th Fighter Squadron, Mitchell Field, New York.

1. The report of an inspection of maintenance and records, inspection of your organization indicates that the status of your respective maintenance facilities and records was satisfactory, and that the last echelon maintenance on vehicles was excellent. With only minor discrepancies appearing, the report indicated a high state of discipline, and close attention to detail in the performance of all of the less conspicuous of military duties.

2. I commend you and the personnel of your Transportation Section for the excellent last echelon maintenance on vehicles of your organization, and for the high state of administrative efficiency which exists within this section.

3. It is desired that this letter be made a part of the personal file of the Squadron Commander and each of the officers and non-commissioned assigned to the Transportation Section of your organization.

/s/ WALTER O. WALKER,
Brigadier General, U. S. Army,
Commanding.

Commendation (4 November 1943)

1337/m

1st Ind.

TO: Major General I. H. H. P. O. New 14, Station C, New York 11, New York.
13 November 1943.

TO: Commanding Officer, 36th Fighter Squadron, Mitchell Field, New York.

FROM: Commanding Officer, 36th Fighter Group, Army Air Field, Farmingdale, New York.

1. It is gratifying to receive such favorable comment from higher headquarters relative to the manner in which you are performing your duties.

2. The swift nature of automotive equipment cannot be overemphasized during your period of training. In certain theaters the ability of an squadron to perform its mission may well be dependent upon the ability of the transportation section to transport personnel and equipment, with the vehicle as a part of the organization.

/s/ L. J. CRAIGIE,
Brigadier General, U. S. Army,
Commanding.

2nd Ind.

114/jp

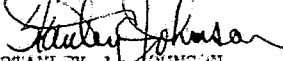
TO: Commanding Officer, 36th Fighter Group, Farmingdale Army Air Field, Farmingdale, New York, 13 November 1943.

TO: Commanding Officer, 397th Fighter Squadron, Mitchell Field, New York.

I concur with the above commendation of Brigadier General F. O. Marcus and Brigadier General L. J. Craigie and wish to add my commendation for an exemplary improvement in your maintenance of Government Vehicles.

/s/ GILBERT L. BEYERS
Lt. Col., Air Corps
Commanding.

A TRUE EXTRACT COPY. 19 February 1944.


STANLEY J. JOHNSON,
Captain, Air Corps,

HEAD QUARTERS 370TH FIGHTER GROUP
Office of the Group Commander
Groton Army Air Base
Groton, Conn.

2 December 1943.

SUBJECT: Transfer of Airplanes.

TO : Commanding Officer, 368th Fighter Group, Farmingdale, LI, N.Y.
FROM : Commanding General, First Fighter Command, Mitchel Field, NY.

1. It is my desire to express my appreciation for the excellent condition that the twenty-two P-47 airplanes were in that were recently transferred from the 368th Fighter Group to the 370th Fighter Group.
2. The spirit of cooperation displayed by all personnel of your Group who were concerned with the inspection and transfer greatly assisted this Group in making immediate use of the airplanes.

/s/Howard F. Nichols
HOWARD F. NICHOLS,
Lt Col, Air Corps,
Commanding.

1st Ina.

H. I. WHELAN, Colonel, Mitchel Field, New York, 3 December 1943.

TO: Commanding Officer, 368th Fighter Group, Farmingdale, LI, NY.

1. I am pleased to note the appreciation expressed by the Commanding Officer, 379th Group, for the excellent condition of the aircraft which your group gave to the 370th Group. I personally believe that your efforts and conscientiousness and the efforts and application of your men to the job done made possible this fine spirit.
2. It is with great pleasure that I add this expression of my appreciation for this fine report.

/s/Helen G. Marcus
HELEN G. MARCUS,
Brigadier General, U.S. Army,
Commanding.