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\* A HISTORY OF THE \*  
\* 397TH FIGHTER SQUADRON \*  
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\* FOURTH INSTALLMENT \*  
\* (Covering the Month of May, 1944) \*  
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1. ORGANIZATION (e.g., changes effected by the transfer of the unit or by new T/O's).  
N E G A T I V E
2. STRENGTH ON THE LAST DAY OF THE MONTH:  
Strength (Assigned Personnel) on 31 May 1944 --- Two-Hundred and Fifty-One (251) Enlisted Men -- Forty-Six (46) Officers.
3. DATE OF ARRIVAL AT AND DEPARTURE FROM EACH STATION OCCUPIED IN THE ETO:  
N E G A T I V E
4. LOSSES IN ACTION: 1/Lt ALFRED D. FRY, O-797816 - MIA - 30 May 44.
5. AWARDS TO AND DECORATIONS OF MEMBERS OF THE 397TH FIGHTER SQDN:

AIR MEDALS awarded to Captains HENDRICKS, GIBSON and TALBOTT, First Lieutenants ANDERSON, CARLSON, FRY, LOUGEE, O'CONNELL, BROWN, DAME and MARKO, and Second Lieutenants SOO, STOLL, BURNEY, DRISCOLL, FOLTZ, HAMILTON, HORLACHER, HOWARD, LANGMAID, ROSVOLD, SHARP, ARPS, BECHTOLD and ROGAL.

FIRST BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO AIR MEDAL awarded to Captains TALBOTT, GIBSON, HENDRICKS, POTTER and MARINI, Major HAESLER, First Lieutenants ANDERSON, O'CONNELL, BROWN, CARLSON, DAME, FRY, LOUGEE, and MARKO, and Second Lieutenants DRISCOLL, FOLTZ, HAMILTON, HORLACHER, HOWARD, SUTCLIFFE, BURNEY, LANGMAID, ROSVOLD and SHARP, & ARPS.

SECOND BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO AIR MEDAL awarded to Major HAESLER, Captains GIBSON, TALBOTT, MARINI, POTTER and HENDRICKS, First Lieutenants BROWN, CARLSON, DAME, ANDERSON, FRY, LOUGEE, MARKO, and O'CONNELL, and Second Lieutenants SUTCLIFFE, HAMILTON, BURNEY, DRISCOLL, FOLTZ, HORLACHER, HOWARD, LANGMAID and ROSVOLD.

THIRD BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO AIR MEDAL awarded to Major HAESLER, Captains MARINI, POTTER, HENDRICKS, TALBOTT and GIBSON, First Lieutenants DAME, LOUGEE, MARKO and CARLSON, and Second Lieutenants BURNEY, LANGMAID, DRISCOLL, ROSVOLD, HORLACHER and SHARP. (Add BROWN to 1/Lts).

FOURTH BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO AIR MEDAL awarded to Major HAESLER, and Captains HENDRICKS, MARINI and POTTER.

FIRST SILVER OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO AIR MEDAL awarded to Major HAESLER.

(NOTE: Add 2/Lt ROGAL to First Bronze OLCs awarded).

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\* SECTION "B" \*  
\* NARRATIVE DIARY \*  
\* Covering the Month \*  
\* of MAY, 1944 \*  
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"May Basket!!" - - -  
NAZI RAILROAD CENTERS IN BELGIUM  
AND FRANCE LASHED BY SQUADRON IN  
TWO 'MAY DAY' DIVE BOMBING RAIDS

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397th Starts Month With a 'Bang'  
By Dropping 29 Tons of Good  
Hits in Single Day

USAAF STATION 404, CHILBOLTON, Hants, UK--(May 1, 1944)--In what was probably their two most successful missions to date, the squadron inaugurated the month today by hammering 29 tons of bombs into two vital Nazi rail centers.

First on the May Day docket was a return engagement at the sizeable marshalling yards in St. Ghislain, Belg., where direct hits were scored on a cluster of 20 freight trains with excellent results -- deafening explosions con-

verted the trains into an orange inferno that spread throughout the area. Thirty-one 1,000-pound general purpose bombs landed in an effective pattern on the target.

Route of the mission was from Chilbolton to Beachy Head, across the channel to landfall in at Le Touquet and straight to the target. Return was via landfall out at a point south of Berck-sur-Mer, across the channel to Selsey Bill and home, arriving here at 1139 and completing the course in approximately two and a half hours.

Opposition to the raid was practically at a standstill, with no flak being encountered. A flight of what was believed to have been FW190's passed overhead, but made no attempt to attack.

Participating in the first raid were Major Perego, deputy group commander; Major Moon, who was attached for operational experience from a new fighter unit; Major Haesler, squadron commander; Captains Tibbetts, also attached for ops, Talbott, Hendricks, and Marini; First Lieutenants Bloom, another attached pilot; Brown, O'Connell and Dame, and Second Lieutenants Arps, Marko, Howard, Driscoll and Horlacher. Second Lieutenants Foltz and Rogal flew as spares.

- Arras is Second Target -

Marshalling yards at Arras, France, was the target of the second attack today. Exact extent of the damage inflicted remains undetermined, observations being limited due to a heavy blanket of smoke that erupted from the target shortly after the bombing. Noted, however, were four direct hits on engine sheds and many other effective hits in the area. Twenty-seven 1,000-pound general purpose bombs were rained on the target.

Lieutenant Dame "...saw several hits in the yards and others on buildings just outside of the yards. Only the framework remains of the station building. We left the target covered with a heavy blanket of smoke."

"I saw four direct hits on the engine sheds and afterwards considerable smoke throughout the target area. The smoke was dense up to 300 feet and still visible when we were 15 miles beyond," commented Captain Hendricks.

Today's second mission was the first trip over enemy territory for Second Lieutenant Frederick G. Stoll, jr., who was assigned to the outfit early last month and recently completed the OTU course at group. The three 'attached for ops' pilots, Major Moon, Captain Tibbetts and First Lieutenant Bloom, also took part in this mission. Other participants were Major Haesler, Captains Talbott, Hendricks and Marini, First Lieutenants O'Connell, Dame, and Second Lieutenants Foltz, Hamilton, Marko, Sutcliffe, Sharp and Rogal. Second Lieutenants Horlacher and Burney flew as spares.

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Route of the day's second mission was from Chilbolton to Beachy Head, across the channel to landfall in at Rue, France, and from there on a straight course to the target. They returned via a similar route, landing here at 2000 hours to complete the mission in slightly over two hours.

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\* SQUADRON'S THIRTY-FIRST MISSION \*  
\* WAS PROVISION OF TOP COVER FOR \*  
\* 395TH AND 396TH RAID ON AULNOYE \*  
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CHILBOLTON, Hants--(May 2)--Provision of top cover for the 395th and 396th in a dive bombing raid on marshalling yards at Aulnoye, France, was the purpose of the squadron's thirty-first mission, which occurred today as scheduled and without incident. Taking off from Chilbolton at 1152, the squadron joined a group formation, flew to Beachy Head, across the channel to landfall in at Quend Plage, and from there straight to the target, arriving there at 1253. They returned via the same route and landed here at 1425.

Opposition to the raid was again at a near standstill. No flak was encountered and no enemy aircraft were seen. The squadron's position as top cover, coupled with the disadvantage of a heavy cloud layer, prevented any observation of the bombing results.

Taking part in the squadron's phase of the raid were Major Haesler, Major Moon\*, Captains Tibbette\*, Hendricke and Talbott, First Lieutenants Bloom\*, Anderson, Lougce and Fry, and Second Lieutenants Marko, Rogal, Rosvold, Sutcliffe, Horlacher, Arps and Langmaid. Second Lieutenants Sharp and Howard flew as spares.

(\*--Attached Pilots)

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BOMBS CARRIED, AND USED, ON  
SQUADRON'S SECOND TRIP OF  
THE DAY; TOURCOING IS TARGET

Score Direct Hits on Factory  
and Locomotive Sheds in  
Rail Yards Raid

CHILBOLTON, Hants--(May 2)--In their fourth mission in half as many days, the squadron figured in a dive bombing attack on marshalling yards at Tourcoing, France, this afternoon and dropped thirty 500-pound general purpose bombs in an effective pattern on the target. Direct hits resulting in explosions and fires were noted on a factory building in the target area and four direct scores were noted on locomotive sheds to comprise the bulk of damage. Hits were also scored on smaller buildings and through out the main marshalling yards and adjacent areas.

Route of the mission was from Chilbolton to Eastbourne and straight on across the channel to landfall in at Berck-sur-Mer and then east northeast on a straight course to the target. They returned via the same route, landing here at 2009. They took off at 1808 and were over the target at 1858.

Opposition to the raid was comprised of heavy, intense, accurate flak at Lille and an intense barrage of 20 and 40 MM flak at the target. No enemy aircraft were seen.

This was the inaugural mission for Second Lieutenant Buel W. Estes, who was assigned to the squadron early last month and had since been an OTU trainee at group. Leading the squadron was Lt Col Meyers, group commander, and other participants were Capt Leary, group operations officer, Captains Gibson and Hendricks, First Lieutenants Brown, Dams, Fry and Anderson and Second Lieutenants Horlacher, Bates, Arps, Stoll, Rogal, Rosvold, Howard and Foltz. There were no spares.

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\* FIVE NEW ENLISTED MEN ASSIGNED, ONE \*  
\* OFFICER AND TWO MEN ARE TRANSFERRED \*  
\* OUT IN RECENT ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES \*  
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CHILBOLTON, Hants--(May 2)--Disclosure of the addition of five new men to the squadron's roster of assigned enlisted personnel was made today by the orderly room after a review of recent morning report entries. Simultaneously announced was the transfer of one officer and two enlisted men to other organizations.

Assigned to the unit were Privates (345) Floyd H. DeCatur, 12029970; (911) Leonard P. Dabey, 36318250; (521) Henry T. Rosamond, 34829102; (521) James P. Hackett, 42080612; and (521) Albert F. Giron, 38350193, all per WCOO, Headquarters 368th Fighter Group.

- Lieutenant Driggs Transferred -

First Lieutenant (4512) Frances B. Driggs, O-1549257, squadron ordnance officer since shortly after the activation of the 397th, has been transferred to the 302nd Airdrome Squadron at USAAF Station 551, per paragraph 2, Special Orders Number 8, Headquarters IX Tactical Air Command.

Staff Sergeant John R. Waller, 37272350, and Corporal Frank Rabinowitz, 12026593, both ONE Radio Mechanics, were transferred out of the squadron, having become overages when a new T/O was adopted by the squadron recently. Sergeant Waller was transferred to the 57th Tactical Rec Group at USAAF Station 449, and Corporal Rabinowitz was changed to the 422nd Night Fighter Squadron at USAAF Station 487. Both transfers were per paragraph 13, Special Orders Number 92, Headquarters IX Fighter Command.

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LIEUTENANT R. MARKO  
IS ADVANCED TO RANK  
OF FIRST LIEUTENANT

CHILBOLTON, Hants--(May 2)--Second Lieutenant Rudolph L. Marko, O-745440, 2 Flight Element Leader, has been promoted to the rank of first lieutenant, it was disclosed here today upon receipt of special orders from European theater headquarters. The advancement was approved per paragraph 13, Special Orders Number 92, Headquarters ETOUSA, and became effective as of April 1st.

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\* 'Never Too Old to Learn' -- \*  
\* 'SCHOOL DAYS' AGAIN FOR FIVE \*  
\* ENLISTED MEN OF THE SQUADRON \*  
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CHILBOLTON, Hants--(May 2)--Five of the squadron's enlisted personnel have been placed on a detached service status and sent to schools for courses of instruction relative to their duties, it was learned today upon receipt of group special orders.

Staff Sergeant Hubbard, Pfc May and Pvt Hodge were sent to waterproofing school, per paragraph 2, Special Orders 48, Headquarters 368th Fighter Group, and Staff Sergeant Womack and Sergeant Rook were sent to a radio school, per paragraph 1 of the same order.

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## TWENTY AIR MEDALS AND SEVEN OAK LEAF CLUSTERS ARE AWARDED TO 397TH PILOTS

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Major Haesler and Captain Potter Win Second Bronze Cluster to Decoration

CHILBOLTON, Hants--(May 3)--Receipt of general orders from Headquarters Ninth Air Force here today revealed the awarding of 20 Air Medals and seven Oak Leaf Clusters to this decoration to pilots of the 397th Fighter Squadron.

Major John D. W. Haesler, squadron commander, and Captain Eugene M. Potter,

assistant operations officer, both of whom won the medal itself last month, were each awarded two bronze oak leaf clusters to the decoration.

Captain Joseph Marini, who also received the award itself last month, won his first oak leaf cluster. Captains Carlos M. Talbott and William R. Gibson were each awarded an air medal with one oak leaf cluster.

Single Air Medals, "...in recognition of meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight in the European Theater of Operations and having participated in the required number of operational sorties against the enemy", were awarded to Captain Hendricks, First Lieutenants Anderson, Carlson, Fry, Lougee, O'Connell, Brown, Dame and Marko, and Second Lieutenants Burney, Driscoll, Foltz, Hamilton, Horlacher, Howard, Langmaid, Roevold and Sharp. All awards were made per authority of General Orders Number 100, Headquarters Ninth Air Force, dated April 15th.

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## SQUADRON FLIES PRACTICE GROUND SUPPORT MISSION OVER SELSEY BILL AREA

CHILBOLTON, Hants--(May 4)--Sixteen squadron aircraft were dispatched from here early this morning for a practice ground support and area patrol mission over the Selsey Bill area. The formation covered the beach head on a course that extended for approximately 15 miles each way from Selsey Bill, flying east as far as Littleh and west to the Portsmouth area. They took off at 0720, patrolled the area from 0745 to 0848, and returned home at 0920. Observations included about 10 troop transports off Selsey Bill's western beach and another group of similar vessels off the eastern beach, several barges shuttling back and forth, and considerable troop activity on the beaches. Some balloons were being put up from barges off shore all along the beach head. Spits and Mustangs were also noted in the area, flying below the squadron formation.

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\* CAPTAIN POTTER GOES TO GROUP \*  
\* OPERATIONS FOR SPECIAL DUTY \*  
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CHILBOLTON, Hants--(May 4)--Captain Eugene M. Potter, assistant squadron operations officer, has been sent to 368th Group Headquarters S-3 Section on a 'Special Duty' assignment in connection with field and operations orders. He will learn various operations procedures, including the planning of operational missions. He will be there for about two weeks.

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\* On Dive Bombing Raid to Somain . . . \*  
\* SQUADRON FINDS LITTLE LEFT OF RAIL YARD TARGET \*  
\* BUT CLEARED UP WHAT WAS THERE FOR GOOD MEASURE \*  
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CHILBOLTON, Hants--(May 5)--Although disappointed because the accuracy of previous bombardiers had leveled the entire southern section of their target, the squadron nevertheless made worth while their trip today to key marshalling yards at Somain, France. Several good hits were scored on remaining buildings and tracks in the area when the formation let go with thirty 500-pound general purpose bombs. One remaining bomb that failed to release over the target was effectively dropped on the Douai marshalling yards on the return trip.

Taking off from Chilbolton at 0905, the squadron joined the group formation and flew a straight course to the target, leaving the English coast at Bexhill and crossing the channel to landfall in at Hardselot. The return route was via landfall out at Berck-sur-Mer, across the channel to Selsey Bill and home, arriving here at 1120.

- Was Soo's First Mission -

Today's raid was the first operational mission for Second Lieutenant Manuel K. Soo, 25-year-old new arrival in the ETO who joined the squadron early last month and had since been taking OTU training at group headquarters. Although a combat freshman, Soo dropped both of his bombs effectively on the target.

Other participants were Major Haesler, Captains Hendricks, Potter and Marini, First Lieutenants O'Connell and Lougee, and Second Lieutenants Bechtold, Rosvold, Foltz, Howard, Driscoll, Langmaid, Arps, Horlacher and Sharp. Second Lieutenant Hamilton flew as a spare.

All planes returned without battle scars, there being little opposition to the raid. Flak was noted at Hardselot and Le Touquet, but it was light, moderate and inaccurate.

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PROMOTIONS FOR TWENTY-FOUR  
ENLISTED MEN ARE APPROVED  
BY 368TH GROUP HEADQUARTERS

A Master, Five Staffs, Six  
'Bucks', Four Corporals,  
Eight Pfc's are Made

CHILBOLTON, Hants--(May 6)--Distribution of group special orders today revealed the promotion of 24 enlisted men of the 397th Fighter Squadron to the next higher grade. The orders approved advancements to five higher grades and include one master sergeant, five staff sergeants, six sergeants, four corporals and eight privates first class.

Stepped up were Technical Sergeant (542) Herbert D. Gray, promoted to master sergeant; Sergeants (686) Philip W. Case, (750) Gordon T. DeBaker, (911) George E. Kinney, (750) Joseph Kvedaras, and (862) Donald E. Nelson, promoted to staff sergeant; Corporals (911) Russell O. Hull, (809) Pasquale F. Mazza, (941) William J. Merlone, (911) Anthony F. Preneta, (070) Charles T. Stoner, and (505) Walter F. Szymczewski, promoted to sergeant; Privates first class (505) Leonard E. Snodgrass, (747) William B. Murray, (756) William W. Myers, and (759) Clarence D. Parrish, promoted to corporal; and Privates (060) Albert J. Calorossi, (521) Jessie J. Fields, (931) Marshall C. Frederick, (521) Calvin M. Hazelbaker, (345) Edward F. Neary, (835) August J. Menkens, (405) John H. Scholl, and (747) Peter Loback, promoted to private first class.

All were granted per paragraph seven, Special Orders 48, Headquarters 368th

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Fighter Group, dated May 1st, were under the provisions of AR 615-5, and were of a temporary nature.

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SQUADRON PROVIDES TOP COVER  
FOR 395TH AND 396TH ON RAID  
TO NAMUR MARSHALLING YARDS

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Overcast at Target Prevents  
Definite Observation of the  
Damage to Vital Rail Center

CHILBOLTON, Hants--(May 7)--Top cover for the 395th and 396th Squadrons on a dive bombing raid to Namur, Belg., marshalling yards was provided by the squadron today as the task of their 34th operational mission.

Scattered hits and smoke was observed when the first three flights made their bomb run, but an overcast over the target area prevented any definite observation of the general results. The Jerries extended no opposition to the raid, flak and enemy aircraft both being absent.

Route of the mission was from Chilbolton, where they took off at 1232, to south of Bexhill, across the channel to landfall in north of Le Touquet, and on to the target. The return course was via landfall out south of Le Touquet, across the channel to Bexhill and home, arriving here at 1515.

Participating were Captains Hendricks, Talbott and Marini, First Lieutenants O'Connell, Anderson, Marko and Fry and Second Lieutenants Soo, Driscoll, Howard, Burney, Hamilton, Langmaid, Rogal, Rosvold and Arps. Second Lieutenants Sharp and Stoll flew as spares.

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\* RAILROAD BRIDGE NEAR SEDAN \*  
\* WAS THE TARGET OF SQUADRON \*  
\* MISSION NUMBER THIRTY-FIVE \*  
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CHILBOLTON, Hants--(May 8)--Sixteen tons of general purpose bombs were pitched at a Nazi-feeding railroad bridge just west of Sedan, France, by the squadron today. Numerous hits were scored on both the east and west approaches to the bridge and on a train east of

the bridge when the squadron made its bomb run. No opposition to the raid was encountered, flak and enemy aircraft both being absent. The bridge was on the Meuse River.

Take off was at 1605 and a straight course was flown to the target, leaving the English coast at Eastbourne and making landfall in south of Le Touquet. The formation flew on to Sedan and caught the target on the return route, which continued back on a course similar to the one taken in. Landfall out was made at Berck-sur-Mer instead of the briefed point (south of Le Touquet). They landed at 1910.

Deputy Group Commander, Major Perego, led the squadron formation, which included Captains Hendricks and Talbott, First Lieutenants Lougee, Carlson, O'Connell and Brown, and Second Lieutenants Rogal, Rosvold, Horlacher, Sharp, Burney, Bates, Bechtold, Foltz and Langmaid. Second Lieutenant Marko flew as radio relay and Second Lieutenant Arps flew as a spare.

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SQUADRON RETURNS FROM A DANGEROUS  
DIVE BOMBING MISSION WITH MAXIMUM  
RESULTS AND MINIMUM BATTLE DAMAGE

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Only One Plane Scratched in Job  
of Knocking Out Gun Emplacements  
at Calais While B-26's Hit Target

CHILBOLTON, Hants--(May 9)--A daring, dual assignment this morning sent the squadron out to utilize the Thunderbolt's reputation as being both a fighter and a bomber. Escort was provided for 108 B-26's enroute to Calais and then, upon reaching the target, it was the squadron's job to knock out gun emplacements opposing the raid.

Diving on emplacements that were firing intense, accurate flak, the squadron's first two flights bracketed their target and the third and fourth followed in and hit the center. Thirty 1,000-pound general purpose bombs were rained on these specific emplacements,

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and the eruption of considerable smoke was seen. Only one plane was damaged -- Lieutenant Marko's ship returned with a single, minute flak perforation, which was repaired by the squadron's own sheet metal crew.

Taking off from Chilbolton at 1006, they flew straight to Herne Bay and rendezvoused with the bombers, then crossed the Strait of Dover to Calais, accomplished their mission, and returned via a similar route. They landed at noon.

Flying the squadron formation were Colonel Meyers, group commander, Captains Hendricks and Gibson, First Lieutenants Carlson, Anderson, O'Connell and Marko, and Second Lieutenants Horlacher, Stoll, Howard, Foltz, Sutcliffe, Rosvold, Soo, Driscoll and Burney. Second Lieutenants Arps and Langmaid flew as spares.

A prelude to this assignment was flown Sunday evening (May 7th), when a practice mission was carried out, equipped with practice bombs, with a group of B-26's.

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\* DAY'S SECOND DIVE BOMBING MISSION \* CHILBOLTON, Hants--(May 9)--Packing a lighter  
\* HITS NOBALL TARGET NEAR ABBEVILLE \* but nevertheless adequate bomb load than their  
\* \* \* \* \* \* first mission of the day, the squadron attacked  
\* First Mission for Two New Pilots \* a Noball target northeast of Abbeville, France,  
\* \* \* \* \* \* this afternoon and effectively dropped thirty  
\* \* \* \* \* \* 500-pound general purpose bombs in the area.

Several hits were scored in the center of activity, causing considerable smoke.

- First 'Lone Wolf' Mission -

This afternoon's raid was the first mission wherein the squadron attacked a target alone. The group's three squadrons separated over France, each bombing different targets. The group formation took off from Chilbolton at 1606, flew to Bexhill, across the channel to landfall in just north of Hardselot, France, and then to Desvres, France, where they separated. The 397th then flew unaccompanied to their target, which was approximately nine miles northeast of Abbeville. They returned via Rue, making landfall out at a point south of Pointe Haut-Banc, and sighting the English coast at Shoreham. All were down at 1814.

The raid was the first for Second Lieutenants William C. Olden and John A. Helliesen, who joined the squadron flying staff late last month and recently completed OTU training at group headquarters.

Others in the squadron formation were Major Haesler, Captains Hendricks and Talbott, First Lieutenants Dame, O'Connell, Marko and Lougee, and Second Lieutenants Howard, Foltz, Arps, Burney, Sharp, Rosvold and Langmaid. Second Lieutenants Hamilton and Soo flew as spares.

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\* CAPTAIN POTTER'S CLAIM \*  
\* TO DAMAGE OF AN ME-109 \*  
\* IS CONFIRMED BY BOARD \*  
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CHILBOLTON, Hants--(May 9)--An extract received today from a recent report of the Confirmation of Victory Credits Board, Ninth Tactical Air Command, awarded Captain Eugene M. Potter, assistant squadron operations officer, credit for the damage of one ME-109. The damage was inflicted over Senarpont, France, on March 25th.

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there an irregular course to their eventual target. The return route was similar, with landfall out also being made at Le Touquet and the English coast sighted near Eastbourne.

It was on the return route, just north of Abbeville, France, that Captain Hendricks spotted a likely strafing target in the form of a lone ME-109, probably an alert plane, on the ground at the Abbeville/Druacat Airrome. He held his position in the escort as far as the French coast and then brought his flight back to Abbeville to "...look over the situation". Leaving his second element at 15,000 for top cover, the captain, accompanied by his wingman, went down in a steep high speed dive and let go with about 500 rounds, destroying the enemy plane.

On the mission were Major Haesler, Captains Marini, Talbott and Hendricks, First Lieutenants Anderson, Brown, Marko and Fry, and Second Lieutenants Soo, Sutcliffe, Rogal, Stoll, Olden, Hamilton, Bechtold and Langmaid. There were no spares.

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\* SECOND MISSION OF DAY, \*  
\* FORTIETH TO DATE, WAS \*  
\* ESCORT JOB TO MEZIERES \*  
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CHILBOLTON, Hants--(May 11)--Assisting in the provision of escort for 72 B-26's on a raid to Mezieres, France, was the purpose of the squadron's second mission of the day.. Although inactivity pretty much characterized the squadron's role in the show, they encountered a little

variation from the routine enroute home when they sighted a B17 in distress northwest of Le Chesane. The squadron escorted the crippled Fort to mid-channel, where they left it in ample condition to make it to its base.

Results of the bombing by the B-26's was observed as being very good, with numerous fires being started in the target area. Flak opposition to the attack was heavy, meager and inaccurate over an airfield near Chievres, Belg., and both heavy and light, moderate and inaccurate near Ostend.

Route of the mission was from Chilbolton to rendezvous in the North Foreland area, across the Strait of Dover to landfall in at Furnes, Belg., straight to a point southeast of Courtrai, south southeast to Vervins, then southeast to a point three minutes southwest of the target, and then to the target. Returning, they flew straight to Grammont, then to landfall out at Furnes, across the strait to North Foreland and home. They took off at 1816 and landed at 2139.

Participating were Major Haesler, Captains Potter, Marini and Hendricks, First Lieutenants O'Connell, Marko, Brown and Lougee, and Second Lieutenants Soo, Sutcliffe, Driscoll, Burney, Horlacher, Stoll, Sharp and Langmaid. Second Lieutenants Rogal and Bechtold flew as spares.

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\* ROUTED OUT OF "SACKS" IN MIDDLE OF \*  
\* NIGHT - ALL EXCITED, ANXIOUS - BUT \*  
\* IT WAS ONLY FOR A PRACTICE MISSION \*  
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CHILBOLTON, Hants--(May 12)--Awakened in time for a 0315 briefing and anticipating something pretty big, the squadron was handed somewhat of a let-down this morning when it was disclosed that only a practice mission

had been scheduled. The affair was a practice escort job for C47's, the squadron flying to Devizes for rendezvous, then to Reading, to Bristol Channel southwest of Weston super Mare, to southwest of Brecon, Wales, and straight back to the base. Flying the run were Major Haesler, Captains Hendricks, Marini and Gibson, First Lieutenants Anderson, Brown and Carlson, and Second Lieutenants Driscoll, Burney, Sutcliffe, Rosvold, Bechtold, Horlacher, Rogal, Howard, and Foltz. First Lieutenant Fry and Second Lieutenant Langmaid flew as spares.

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MAJOR HAESLER LEADS THREE  
SQUADRONS IN RAID ON NAMUR  
RAILROAD BRIDGE AND YARDS

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Oil Cars, Sheds and Box  
Cars Blown Up -- Captain  
Hendricks Gets a Bridge

CHILBOLTON, Hants--(May 12)--Oil cars, locomotive sheds and box cars were disintegrated and shot skyward today at Namur, Belg., marshalling yards when Major Haesler led the three squadrons of the 368th Group on a dive bombing raid. The 397th dropped 31 1,000-pound bombs on the specific target and targets of opportunity, with Captain Hendricks figuring effectively in the latter category when he hit a railroad bridge enroute home. The location of the bridge was undetermined.

Route of the mission was from Chilbolton straight to landfall in south of Hardelot, leaving the English coast at Pevensey Bay between Bexhill and Eastbourne, and from Hardelot east on a straight course to the target. They returned via the same route, landing here at 1400 to complete the mission in three hours.

Flak was heavy, moderate and accurate in the north and west sections of Namur and light, moderate and inaccurate at Charlefoi.

Flying in the squadron formation were Major Haesler, leading both group and squadron, Captains Hendricks and Gibson, First Lieutenants Anderson, Lougee, Brown and Carlson, and Second Lieutenants Driscoll, Burney, Sutcliffe, Rosvold, Bechtold, Horlacher, Rogal, Howard and Foltz. First Lieutenant Fry and Second Lieutenant Langmaid flew as spares.

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\* CAPTAIN WEBSTER IS APPOINTED \*  
\* SQUADRON COUNTERINTELLIGENCE \*  
\* OFFICER AND SECURITY OFFICER \*  
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CHILBOLTON, Hants--(May 13)--Distribution of squadron orders today disclosed the appointment of Captain D. D. Webster, squadron intelligence officer, as squadron counterintelligence officer and security officer. The appointment, of an "addition to his other duties . . ." nature, was per paragraph one, orders number 10, and was in compliance with USSTAF Regulation 46-1.

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. SERGEANTS TRAWICK AND ELROD .  
. WILL ATTEND VHF RADIO SCHOOL .  
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CHILBOLTON, Hants--(May 14)--Two of the squadron communications section's key men, Technical Sergeant Paul E. Trawick and Staff Sergeant Raymond H. Elrod, will leave in a few days for Granwell, Lincs, where they will attend a VHF radio school. The course will be of approximately 16 days duration and will commence May 18th. Attendance was authorized per paragraph 2, Special Orders 55, Headquarters 368th Fighter Group, dated May 11th.

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\* SERGEANTS LEHMAN AND SWANSON \*  
\* BACK FROM MACHINE GUN SCHOOL \*  
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CHILBOLTON, Hants--(May 9)--Technical Sergeant Werner Lehman and Staff Sergeant Clarence R. Swanson have returned from Burton Common, where they had been on temporary duty for several days attending a course of instruction in .50 caliber machine guns. Attendance was authorized per paragraph 4, Special Orders 47, Headquarters 368th Fighter Group.

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\* NEW ARMORER . CHILBOLTON, Hants--(May 9)--A new aircraft armorer, Private (911)  
\* IS ASSIGNED . Eugene R. Sibilski, 42092098, has been assigned to the squadron, it  
\* TO SQUADRON . was disclosed today upon receipt of group special orders. The assign-  
\* \* \* \* \* ment was per paragraph 4, SO 49, Headquarters 368th Fighter Group.

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CAMBRAI RAIL BRIDGE BELIEVED  
DESTROYED WHEN SQUADRON 'LET  
GO' WITH 16 TONS OF GP BOMBS

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Noted at Least Four Directs  
on Specific Target and Many  
on Tracks in the Bridge Area

CHILBOLTON, Hants--(May 10)--Observing at least four direct hits and many others in the immediate area, the squadron today claimed destruction of a railroad bridge in the Cambrai, France, vicinity. Thirty-two 1,000-pound general purpose bombs were dropped over the target, resulting in the eruption of considerable smoke and debris.

Taking off at 1527 and going into their usual 16 and two spares formation, the squadron accompanied the group on a straight course to the target, making

landfall in at Le Touquet. The return route was similar, excepting landfall out, which was made at Berck-sur-Mer. They arrived home at 1729. Opposition to the raid was little. Flak was noted at Cambrai and at the Cambrai-Epinoy Airdrome, but, although heavy, it was meager and inaccurate.

Major Porego, deputy group commander, led the squadron formation and others taking part were Captains Hendricks and Potter, First Lieutenants Dame, Lougee, O'Connell and Marko, and Second Lieutenants Hamilton, Arps, Sutcliffe, Rosvold, Soo, Sharp, Langmaid, Helliesen and Burney. Second Lieutenants Driscoll and Foltz flew as spares.

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\* Day's First Mission was . A penetration support mission scheduled earlier today  
\* Scrubbed at Enemy Coast . was scrubbed after take off and the squadron was recalled  
\* \* \* \* \* simultaneously as they were reaching the enemy coast.

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Miss Tournai - Find Lille  
UNABLE TO LOCATE ASSIGNED  
TARGET, SQUADRON PICKS ON  
BIG ONE -- WITHOUT REGRET

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397th was Only Top Cover,  
But Hendricks Knocked Out  
an ME-109 on the Way Home

CHILBOLTON, Hants--(May 11)--Poor visibility over the continent caused the group to 'foul-up' on an assignment today, but the 'petrol' required for the trip wasn't wasted. Anticipating a routine, uneventful top cover provision job for the 395th and 396th to Tournai, Belgium, the squadron instead supplied protection for them while they dropped their bombs on a larger target and returned with an E/A destroyed to their credit.

The two bomb-carrying squadrons effectively hit rail yards at Lille, France, after a futile search for their assigned target, the Tournai marshalling yards. Route of the mission was from Chilbolton to Eastbourne, across the channel to landfall in at Le Touquet, and from

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\* GERMANS MAKE FIRST REVENGE \*  
\* RAID ON 397TH -- SCKE NOW \*  
\* STANDS AT FORTY-ONE TO ONE \*  
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CHILBOLTON, Hants--(May 15)--Although many of Jerry's previous raids have been entirely too close for comfort, this morning's alert was the first instance wherein he actually rained bombs on a base housing the squadron.

The raid was of small proportion, but quite effective nevertheless. The alert sounded shortly after 2 a. m., sending personnel scrambling for the raid shelters after a rapid exit from their "sacks" that could never have been produced by a reveille whistle. Although it is believed that only two enemy bombers were in the vicinity, 12 bombs were dropped on the base.

The 397th dispersal area was hardest hit, with 12 planes slightly damaged and another damaged beyond repair. The perimeter strip was also slightly damaged. There were no personnel casualties.

The squadron has hit German-occupied targets 41 times -- this morning's raid was Jerry's first attempt at revenge.

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. Early Morning Mission to France .  
. is Scheduled - 'Scrubbed' Later .  
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CHILBOLTON, Hants--(May 15)--Anxiety characterized squadron activities today, initiated with the scheduling of what promised to be an exciting dive bombing mission to the Bretigny, France, airdrome early this morning. First came a postponement, then a scrub, and then a stand-by. The squadron was released until daybreak late in the afternoon.

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\* OFFICERS AND MEN OBSERVE \*  
\* 368TH GROUP'S ENCOUNTERS \*  
\* THRU THE "MAGIC LANTERN" \*  
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CHILBOLTON, Hants--(May 15)--Combat films showing recent encounters of 368th Group pilots were screened here this afternoon in the pilots' lounge for officers and enlisted men of the squadron. By far exceeding a double feature bill, the program was highlighted in interest by the encounter films of Captain Marini and Lieutenant Lougee of the 397th. Captain Marini's contribution to the entertainment was the showing of his destruction of a Nazi freight train by strafing the locomotive. Lieutenant Lougee's film was relative to his encounter with an FW 190 over Germany last month. Lougee destroyed the plane.

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RECENT PILOT ADDITIONS EXPANDS  
NUMBER OF 397TH FLIGHTS TO SIX

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Use Alphabetical Designations  
On the Ground -- Colors in Air

CHILBOLTON, Hants--(May 16)--Additions to the squadron's pilot personnel during the course of the past few weeks have necessitated an expansion in the number of flights comprising the unit, it was disclosed today by the operations office following their recent reorganization.

Six new flights replace the original four and they will hereafter bear alphabetical designations instead of being known by colors. The old color identification system, however, will prevail in the air (i. e., since only four flights fly in the squadron formation at one time, those four will go by Red, Blue, Yellow and Green).

Under the new set up, the following flights exist:

"A" Flight - Captain Marini (ldr), 1/Lt Brown, 2/Lts Horlacher, Rogal and Stoll.

"B" Flight - Capt Gibson (ldr), 1/Lt Carlson, 2/Lts Howard, Foltz and Bates.

"C" Flight - Capt Talbott (ldr), 1/Lt Dame, 2/Lts Hamilton, Arps and Olden.

"D" Flight - 1/Lt Anderson (ldr), 2/Lts Sutcliffe, Rosvold, Bechtold and Sco.

"E" Flight - 1/Lt O'Connell (ldr), 1/Lt Marko, 2/Lts Driscoll, Burney and Hellieser

"F" Flight - 1/Lt Lougee (ldr), 1/Lt Fry, 2/Lts Sharp and Langmaid.

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\* GROUP'S DIVE BOMBING ACCURACY \*  
\* AT TOURCOING IS COMMENDED BY \*  
\* NINTH TACTICAL AIR COMMAND \*  
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CHILBOLTON, Hants--(May 17)--Appropriate laurels were bedecked on the 368th Group here today when a commendation was received from the Ninth Tactical Air Command headquarters relative to results of the group's dive bombing raid on Tourcoing

earlier this month. In part, the commendation read:

"At Tourcoing 32 Thunderbolt dive bombers on May 2 scored a remarkably economical success by placing this target in damage category "A" for the cost of 15 tons of bombs. A direct hit was scored on the turntable which controls the entrance to the locomotive roundhouse, thus eliminating this facility for probably 14 days. The eastern entrance to the marshalling yards was also effectively blocked by direct hits."

Of the 15 tons mentioned as being responsible for the success of the raid, the 397th dropped 30 500-pounders, or half of the entire load dropped on the target.

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\* "Moonlight Requisition" - - \*  
\* SQUADRON AIRCRAFT BEDECKED \*  
\* WITH FANCY ARRAY OF NAMES \*  
\* - - "Impatient Virgin II" \*  
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CHILBOLTON, Hants--(May 18)--Twenty-one pilots of this squadron have "individualized" their aircraft via the Christening process and are now daily presenting a unique style show of colorful and fanciful names, slogans, "pin-ups" and designs when they parade over the continent on more serious business. Mystery for the most part enshrouds

each name insofar as its history or background is concerned --- some have been named after the "...one and only" back home, others signify favorite quotations, others bear an air of mystery probably concerning some phase of the pilot's past private life --- each one has a story behind it, the reproduction of which in such quantities would be too lengthy for this space if it were possibly within capabilities to "pump it out" of the modest pilots.

To date, the following have named their Thunderbolts as indicated:

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Major Eaesler . . . . .	"You've Had It"
Captain Hendricks . . . . .	"Kwitcherbitchin V"
Captain Potter . . . . .	"You Cawn't Miss It"
Captain Marini . . . . .	"Dirty Joe II"
Captain Gibson . . . . .	"Little Friend"
1st Lt O'Connell . . . . .	"Little Oakie"
1st Lt Fry . . . . .	"Ear-r-d Luck"
1st Lt Carlson . . . . .	"Hunk-a-Funk"
1st Lt Lougee . . . . .	"Blase Babe"
1st Lt Brown . . . . .	"Poken"
1st Lt Marko . . . . .	"Cob Dust"
2nd Lt Hamilton . . . . .	"The Pubb"
2nd Lt Rogal . . . . .	"Avenger"
2nd Lt Sutcliffe . . . . .	"Junior"
2nd Lt Foltz . . . . .	"Jerry"
2nd Lt Driscoll . . . . .	"Tita Nita"
2nd Lt Howard . . . . .	"Impatient Virgin II"
2nd Lt Rosvold . . . . .	"The Hell Rainer"
2nd Lt Langmaid . . . . .	"Little Rhodie Marion"
2nd Lt Arps . . . . .	"Moonlight Requisition"
2nd Lt Burney . . . . .	"Texas Belle"

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 \* SQUADRON DIVE BOMBS \*  
 \* EPINCY AIRDROME BUT \*  
 \* RESULTS ONLY "FAIR" \*  
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CHILBOLTON, Hants--(May 19)--Bombing results slipped down into the "fair" category today when the squadron took part in a dive bombing assault on the Epincy Airdrome northwest of Cambrai, France. Although 30 1,000-pound general purpose bombs were scattered throughout the target area, no direct

hits were observed on hangars or other strategic buildings. Light, intense, accurate flak was noted over the target, but no battle damage resulted.

Route of the uneventful trip was from Chilbolton to Pevensey Bay, across the channel to landfall in at Le Touquet, and to the target via a point north of Arras. The return course was similar.

On the mission were Major Haesler, Captains Gibson and Potter, First Lieutenants Marko, Carlson, Dame, Lougee and Fry, and Second Lieutenants Driscoll, Burney, Bates, Foltz, Olden, Arps, Hamilton and Langmaid. First Lieutenant Anderson flew as a spare, but covered the entire course. Lieutenant Bates was considered abortive, having failed to release his bombs over the target area due to mechanical failure. He returned his bombs to the base.

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 \* ESCORT, RECONNAISSANCE, TOP COVER \*  
 \* ALL IN A DAY'S WORK --- SQUADRON \*  
 \* WAS ON THREE MISSIONS THIS DATE \*  
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CHILBOLTON, Hants--(May 20)--Squadron pilots figured in a three-fold operational mission schedule today that cast them as bomber escorts, reconnaissance pilots and top cover providers for dive bombers.

The kick-off mission, an escort job for B17's enroute to targets in France, took them from Chilbolton to Selsey Bill, across the channel to landfall in north of C. de la Havre, to Lisieux for rendezvous, to a point southwest of Chartres, to a point south-east of Augerville, and then to the target -- Villa Gaublay, five miles south of Paris. Taking part were Major Haesler, Captains Gibson and Potter, First Lieutenants Fry, Carlson, Dame and Anderson, and Second Lieutenants Sharp, Langmaid, Foltz, Bates, Hamilton, Arps, Sutcliffe, Rosvold and See. First Lieutenant Lougee flew as a spare.

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Only two 397th pilots participated in the day's second mission, a reconnaissance trip to the Thielt area. First Lieutenants Anderson and Marko took part in the event, together with Colonel Meyers and six other 368th Group pilots. Their route was from Chilbolton to South Foreland, across the Strait of Dover to landfall in at Nieuport, Belg., and on to the subject of observation, an airfield northwest of Thielt. Little was derived from the mission due to a solid overcast and the trip was for the most part uneventful. No flak was encountered and no enemy aircraft was observed.

Provision of top cover for the 395th and 396th on a dive bombing raid to Tournai, Belg., marshalling yards was the task of the day's third mission, in which a full squadron formation was employed. For the most part, this event also lacked excitement, it being carried out as briefed and without engagement of enemy aircraft. Opposition from flak, however, was present --- it was heavy, meager and accurate at Boulogne and both light and heavy, moderate, accurate at the Lille Airdrome. Lieutenant O'Connell collected enough fragments in his tail and wings to place his ship in Battle Damage Category "A", but the others came through unscathed.

Route of the mission was from Chilbolton to Selsey Bill, across the channel to landfall in at Hardelot and straight to the target.

Taking part were Major Haesler, Captain Potter, First Lieutenants Carlson, Dame, O'Connell and Lougee, and Second Lieutenants Foltz, Bates, Olden, Arps, Helliesen, Driscoll, Burney, Horlacher, Rosvold and Langmaid. First Lieutenant Anderson and Second Lieutenant Bechtold flew as spares.

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\* No Guns Fired . . . \*  
\* COLONEL MEYERS HEADED \*  
\* SQUADRON ON UNEVENTFUL \*  
\* "RHUBARB" OVER FRANCE \*  
\* . . . Bad Weather \*  
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CHILBOLTON, Hants--(May 21)--Running into heavy weather so dense that it eventually broke up formations and necessitated considerable instrument flying, the squadron returned from an otherwise uneventful "Rhubarb" mission early this afternoon without firing a gun. Heavy, meager, accurate flak was encountered at Le Havre, but the weather proved to be their major enemy. Route of the mission was from Chilbolton to landfall in at Fecamp, and then south to Chateauroux, where the group divided into three squadron formations, separated and spread out for a wide area sweep back to the Dieppe area, where landfall out was made. Military trains in the area were to be strafing targets.

Flying in the squadron formation were Colonel Meyers, Captains Potter, Marini, and Hendricks, First Lieutenants Anderson, O'Connell and Dame, and Second Lieutenants Horlacher, Helliesen, Soo, Rosvold, Bechtold, Stoll, Rogal, Hamilton and Arps. There were no spares. Lieutenant Dame aborted when the glass tubing on his wing tank broke during take off.

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\* Captain Webster Speaks To \*  
\* Men on Security Importance \*  
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CHILBOLTON, Hants--(May 22)--Stressing the importance of challenging all persons suspicioned of lacking authority to be in restricted areas, Captain Webster spoke briefly to the enlisted men of the squadron this afternoon on security and the safeguarding of military information. Prior to the lecture, he conducted a briefing on the day's mission and exhibited reconnaissance photographs showing the bombing results of previous missions.

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## FIRST "UMBRELLA COVER" MISSION ACCOMPLISHED WITHOUT INCIDENT

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### Observed B-26's Concentrate On French Coast Gun Emplacements

flak brackets, the B-26's required but little cover and thus left the squadron free for an area sweep. The sweep was uneventful, as was the entire mission. Observations of the Marauders' work indicated that they were effectively concentrating their bombs in one place.

Route of the mission was from Chilbolton to Portsmouth, across the channel to landfall in just southwest of Etretat, and from there straight in to the bombers' target, which was located about six miles southeast of Etretat. They returned via a similar course and arrived here at 1655 to complete the trip in a little over an hour and a half.

Taking part were Major Haesler, Captains Hendricks and Marini, First Lieutenants Lougee, Fry and O'Connell, and Second Lieutenants Horlacher, Rogal, Olden, Arps, Hamilton, Bechtold, Langmaid, Helliesen, Driscoll and Burney. First Lieutenant Anderson and Second Lieutenant Sutcliffe flew as spares, the latter filling in for Lieutenant Bechtold, who aborted when his radio went out. Lieutenant Anderson also flew the entire route.

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\* Home Front Support . . . \*

\* THE 'MODEST MAJOR' GETS A NEW \*

\* "YOU'VE HAD IT" FROM PATRIOTS \*

\* IN HENDERSON COUNTY, KENTUCKY \*

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any death blows --- but that's exactly what happened here today. Proceeds of a recent war bond sale in the southern county netted enough to buy one of the new Thunderbolt D25's, Republic's latest variation of the P-47, featuring a blister canopy and revised fuselage design. The plane was shipped overseas and was today assigned to Major John Haesler of the northern county, thus completing the team.

The Major's old Thunderbolt, "You've Had It", has been (and will continue to be) a familiar sight in Axis skies. Haesler has already flown 47 missions in it, and he intends to take it over a few more times while "You've Had It II" is being groomed for introduction to Jerry.

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### FIVE NEW OFFICERS ARE ASSIGNED TO THIS SQUADRON

CHILBOLTON, Hants--(May 23)--Four new pilots and a new ordnance officer have been assigned to the 397th, it was disclosed here today upon receipt of group special orders. The pilots are Second Lieutenants (1055) Vernon V. Murphy, 0697223; Roland C. Potter, 0695539; William A. Preston, 0695202; and Robert W. Rinehart, 0695541. They were assigned per paragraph one, Special Orders 55, Headquarters 368th Fighter Group. Paragraph three of the same orders assigned First Lieutenant (4512) Paul F. Ludwig, 01554423, to the squadron as ordnance officer.

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FIVE LOCOMOTIVES DESTROYED  
IN "SPARE TIME" WHILE ON A  
'LIBERATOR ESCORT' MISSION

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Two More Damaged and One  
Entire Train Riddled As  
Strafing Hits A New High

CHILBOLTON, Hants--(May 24)--Although primarily concerned with providing escort for Liberators en route to airdrome targets near Paris, the squadron found enough spare time today to destroy five locomotives and inflict heavy damage to two more and one entire train. Captain Hendricks paced the individual scorers with the destruction of two locomotives via solo strafing, followed by Captain Marini and Lieutenant Fry with one each. On the teamwork side, a flight composed of Captain Gibson and Lieutenants Carlson,

Howard and Rogal damaged two locomotives; another flight (Capt Hendricks and Lts Lougee, Fry and Langmaid) damaged a whole train; and Lieutenants Anderson and Sutcliffe joined in the destruction of a single locomotive.

Little activity characterized the escort phase of the mission, the route of which was from Chilbolton to Selsey Bill, across the channel to landfall in at Cabourg, south southeast to Nogent, on to just east of Bouard, then to Etampes, and from there north to the targets --- the Guyancourt and Saint Cyr Airdromes near Versailles. The return route was from the target west to Beynes, north to a point south of Gournay to landfall out south of Saint Valery, across the channel to Bezhill and home, arriving here at 0925 to complete the mission in less than an hour and a half. Flak greeted them at but two points --- it was heavy, intense, inaccurate in the Paris area and heavy, meager, inaccurate near Le Treport.

Flying in the squadron formation were Colonel Meyers, Captains Marini, Gibson and Hendricks, First Lieutenants Carlson, Anderson, Fry and Lougee, and Second Lieutenants Horlacher, Stoll, Howard, Rogal, Sutcliffe, Rosvold, Bechtold and Langmaid. Second Lieutenant Olden flew as a spare.

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\* FIRST SQUADRON MISSION \*  
\* WAS UNEVENTFUL ESCORT \*  
\* FOR 'SPITS' ON A SWEEP \*  
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CHILBOLTON, Hants--(May 24)--Of little significance except that it was the squadron's first solo mission, escort was provided today for a group of Spitfires piloted by newly arrived U. S. Navy flyers on their initial trip over the continent.

Route of the mission, a fighter sweep for the Spits, was from Chilbolton to Selsey Bill, across the channel to landfall in at Cabourg, southeast to Lisieux, northeast to Yvetot, to Fecamp for landfall out, back across the channel to Selsey Bill and home, arriving at 1822 to complete the course in less than two hours. Opposition was at a total standstill --- neither flak nor enemy aircraft were noted.

The mission, in addition to being a break-in for the Spitfire pilots, served a similar purpose for four 397th pilots. It was the first trip for Second Lieutenants Potter, Murphy, Rinehart and Preston, who were assigned to the squadron earlier this month and had since been flying CTU at group headquarters.

Others in the squadron formation were Major Haesler, Captains Gibson, Marini and Hendricks, First Lieutenants Henry, of group headquarters, O'Connell, Marko, Carlson and Anderson, and Second Lieutenants Soo, Helliesen and Bates. There were no spares.

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SQUADRON ATTAINS FIFTIETH  
MISSION BY CRIPPLING VITAL  
RAIL BRIDGE FOR THREE DAYS . . .

CHILBOLTON, Hants--(May 25)--Hitting the half-cont-

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ury mark on the mission roster in considerably less than three months of operations, the squadron made memorable the event today by skip-bombing and crippling beyond use for at least three days a key rail bridge at Hasselt, Belg.

Fourteen 1,000-pound general purpose bombs with eight to eleven second tail fuses were loaded for the mission --- all were dropped on the target in an effective pattern. A direct hit was scored smack in the center of the trestle, with additional hits on the ends and sides.

Taking a straight eastward course, the squadron crossed the Strait of Dover, made landfall in at Ostend, and proceeded straight on to the target. The return route was similar, with the exception of landfall out, which was made at Nieuport. The day's target was just north of Hasselt's main marshalling yards, a subject of frequent previous attacks by the squadron. Heavy, intense, accurate flak was noted at Ostend. On the mission were Major Haesler, Captains Hendricks and Marini, First Lieutenants Fry, Carlson, O'Connell, Brown and Marko, and Second Lieutenants Sharp, Langmaid, Howard, Helliesen, Driscoll, Burney, Rogal, Horlacher and Stoll, all being regulars except Marko and Stoll, who were spares. Second Lieutenant Sutcliffe flew as the radio relay.

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\* Four Hits on Hengars . . . \*  
\* SQUADRON RAINS 17 TONS ON FAUVILLE \*  
\* AIRDROME AND FIRES 9,000 ROUNDS AT \*  
\* HOT STRAFING TARGETS ENROUTE HOME \*  
\* . . . Four Locomotives Destroyed \*  
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CHILBOLTON, Hants--(May 26)-- Combining the Thunderbolt's bombing and strafing capabilities, the squadron today staged a successful dive bombing assault on a Nazi airdrome near Fauville, raining the Luftwaffe base with 17 tons, and then utilized their guns enroute home with results that included four locomotives destroyed and heavy damage to an oil refinery, box cars and tanks.

Four direct hits were scored on a hangar and thirty others landed effectively throughout the target area. In the strafing phase of the mission, Captain Potter and Lieutenant Foltz joined in the destruction of a locomotive and a military truck, Lieutenants Lougee, Fry and Sharp destroyed a locomotive and damaged tanks on flat cars, Major Haesler and Lieutenant Howard destroyed a locomotive, Lieutenant Langmaid damaged tanks on flat cars and Captain Hendricks destroyed an electric locomotive. Nearly 9,000 rounds of ammunition were expended.

Route of the mission was from Chilbolton to Littleh, across the channel to landfall in at Le Havre, and then on a straight course to the target, just east of Evreux. The return route was similar, with the making of landfall out south of Elettot being the only variation. The flak situation was heavy, meager, inaccurate at Le Havre; heavy, intense, accurate on the river southeast of Rouen; light, moderate and accurate at Elbeu and over the target. Despite this more than average abundance of AA, only one plane (Lieutenant Fry's) was hit. Its damage was slight and repair work was completed via squadron facilities.

Clever German camouflage lured Captain Hendricks away from the formation at the Saint Andre Airdrome. He spotted 15 HE-111's on the ground in such an attractive pattern that it appeared an ideal strafing target. The captain went down, guns blazing away --- but they proved to be dummies.

Flying the squadron formation were Major Haesler, Captains Potter, Talbott and Hendricks, First Lieutenants Dame, Lougee, Fry and O'Connell, and Second Lieutenants Howard, Foltz, Olden, Arps, Sharp, Langmaid, Burney and Driscoll. Second Lieutenants Stoll and Helliesen flew as spares.

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\* GUY NAMED HENDRICKS \*  
\* HAS BEEN IRRITATING \*  
\* NAZI RAIL OFFICIALS \*  
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\* 397th Strafe-Ace In \*  
\* Fair Form Today - 7 \*  
\* Locomotives Go Down \*  
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CHILBOLTON, Hants--(May 27)--"Seven Locomotives Destroyed" was the uncanny single-mission record established by Captain Randall W. Hendricks, the outfit's leading strafe-ace, while flying with the squadron today on a control sweep over France.

Although a control sweep mission, the purpose of which was to cover the Reims area and be in readiness in the event of calls for help from aircraft in distress or bomber formations requiring additional escort, there was little activity of this nature and the strafing phase

of the event easily captured the limelight. In addition to Captain Hendricks' exploit Captain Talbott and Lieutenant Arps each destroyed a locomotive and Lieutenants Lougee and Potter shared in the destruction of another, bringing the day's total to ten.

The formation flew an almost straight course to Reims, flying from Chilbolton to Werthing, across the channel to landfall in at Cayeux, and to Reims via Amiens. The return route was similar. Three planes were hit by flak, resulting in category "A" battle damage for two and category "AC" for the third.

On the mission were Major Haessler, Captains Hendricks, Talbott, and Gibson, First Lieutenants Brown, Lougee, Fry, and Carlson, and Second Lieutenants Horlacher, Potter, Sharp, Hamilton, Arps, Olden, Howard and Bates. First Lieutenant Dame and Second Lieutenant Rogal flew as spares and First Lieutenant O'Connell was the radio relay. Lieutenant Brown aborted due to a malfunctioning wing tank.

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CHILBOLTON, Hants--(May 27)--An ammunition dump near Compiègne, France, was subjected to a glide bombing attack with incendiary wing tanks by the squadron late this afternoon with only fair results. The trip paid out, however, in that it proved the aiming of regular bombs to be far less difficult than attempting hits with the uneasily released, bulkier wing tanks. The squadron's strafing skill, too, was at its usual high to further merit the mission. In the latter bracket, six locomotives, two military trucks, a canal lock and an entire train loaded with trucks were destroyed and heavy damage was inflicted to one locomotive and more than a dozen barges.

Relative to the bombing results, many fires were started east and west of the target area and a few fires were noted in the area. No explosions were noted, however.

The target was located in a wooded area six miles northeast of Compiègne and it was reached via an almost straight course. The squadron flew from Chilbolton to Eschy Head and from there a straight line to the area. The return route was irregular due to the search for strafing targets.

Colonel Ferego, deputy flying commander of the group, headed the squadron formation, which included Captains Potter, Gibson, Talbott and Marini, First Lieutenants Marko, Dame and Brown, and Second Lieutenants Driscoll, Rinehart, Hamilton, Howard, Murphy, Foltr, Preston and Rogal. Captain Hendricks and First Lieutenant O'Connell flew as spares.

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CHILBOLTON, Hants--(May 28)--Provision of escort for B-26's attacking a railroad bridge at Liege, Belg., was the purpose of the squadron's fifty-fourth operational mission, an event of this date that proved unexciting in its protection phase, but quite the opposite when, enroute home, a search for strafing targets was undertaken. Captain Hendricks maintained his strafing saga with the destruction of two more locomotives and Captain Potter and Lieutenants Hamilton and Foltz destroyed one each.

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Route of the mission was from Chilbolton to North Foreland, across the channel to landfall in at Coxyde and to the target via Brussels. The return route was similar, with slight variations due to the usual search for strafing targets. Heavy, intense, accurate flak was encountered over the target and light, moderate, accurate flak was noted at Curs-Dixmund. Captain Hendricks' plane was hit, resulting in category "AC" battle damage. Results of the Marauders' bombing were unobserved.

Captain Hendricks headed the squadron formation, which included Captains Potter, Talbott and Marini, First Lieutenants Brown and Lougee, and Second Lieutenants Sutcliffe, Bechtold, Hamilton, Arps, Olden, Horlacher, Stoll, Sharp, Rosvold and Potter. Lieutenant Fry replaced Lieutenant Rosvold in the formation and the latter flew with Lieutenant Foltz as a spare. Both spares later filled in when Captain Talbott and Lieutenant Lougee aborted.

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CHILBOLTON, Hants--(May 28)--Today's second mission was to have been another Marauder escort job, but the figures became fouled-up somewhere along the line and the bombers preceded their escort by an hour and bombed Amiens without cover. The squadron arrived at Beachy Head for the rendezvous, on time by the received schedule, and orbited for 30 minutes before proceeding in search.

Missing the B-26's entirely, the event proved unexciting. From Beachy Head they crossed the channel, made landfall in at Le Touquet, flew to Saint Omer and returned, making landfall out north of Dunkirk and sighting the English coast at Beachy Head enroute home. Light, meager, inaccurate flak was noted in the Boulogne area, but none of the planes were hit.

Only 15 planes were dispatched for the mission. They were flown by Major Haesler Captains Potter and Gibson, First Lieutenants Anderson, Fry, O'Connell and Marko, Second Lieutenants Rogal, Murphy, Sutcliffe, Soc, Howard, Rinehart, and Driscoll, and Flight Officer Cassidy. Cassidy (F/O 1055 Robert D. Cassidy T61467) is now an operational pilot by virtue of this mission, it being his initial trip over the continent. He was assigned to the squadron per paragraph three, Special Orders 56, Headquarters 368th Group, on May 20, and flew OTU at group briefly before being turned over to the squadron as ready for ops.

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CHILBOLTON, Hants--(May 29)--Another bomber escort was directed to comprise today's kick-off mission, but once again a successful rendezvous with the bombers was not established and the resulting search uneventful. With Major Haesler leading the entire group, the formation flew from Chilbolton to Lowestoft, across the North Sea to landfall in at Egmond Aan Zee and then to about 24 miles northeast of Hannover. The return route was similar. Little activity was noted over the continent, no enemy aircraft being observed and flak opposition being encountered at but one point --- it was light, moderate and inaccurate south of Rheine. On the mission were Major Haesler, Captains Hendricks, Gibson and Talbott, First Lieutenants Anderson, Carlson and Dame, Second Lieutenants Sharp, Sutcliffe, Rosvold, Soc, Howard, Bates, Hamilton and Arps, and Flight Officer Cassidy. First Lieutenant Lougee flew as flight leader relay and Second Lieutenants Foltz and Olden flew as spares. One entire flight aborted when one of its planes developed engine trouble and the remaining three escorted it home.

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CHILBOLTON, Hants--(May 29)--Covering the top while the 395th and 396th Squadrons dive bombed the Kerlin Bestard Airdrome was the '97th's job this afternoon, an easy one that went off as scheduled and without incident.

The two bomb carrying squadrons found their target and rained their load of explosives on it, but the results could not be determined due to the weather's obstruction of vision.

Route of the mission was from Chilbolton to Saint Alban's Head, to Pleubian, North Brittany, Lorient and South Brittany, returning the same way and covering the entire route in less than three hours. Flek opposition was noted only at Lorient, where it was light, heavy, intense and accurate.

Captain Potter headed the squadron formation, which included Captains Hendrioks, Merini and Talbott, First Lieutenants Anderson and Brown, and Second Lieutenants Howard, Foltz, Sutcliffe, Rosvold, Bechtold, Horlacher, Rogal, Arps and Murphy. There were no spares. Lieutenant Rosvold aborted when his radio went out.

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\* EM's Eye View . . . \*  
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\* SQUADRON PARTY A DUD, BUT \*  
\* WHO CARES? -- WE CAN WAIT \*  
\* 'TIL FIRST VETS' CONCLAVE \*  
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"Oft expressed, but seldom heard,  
The Little Man's views are most absurd  
To the fellow 'way upstairs.

So lend an ear,  
If his cry you fear,  
And lighten his load of cares!"

CHILBOLTON, Hants--(May 29)--Outside all was beautiful --- nature's contribution to the event excelled, minimized and even shamed all other phases of the gala festivities. The exterior background included all of the inspiring facilities and colorful splendor that go into the making of an English Spring --- complete to the pink clouds and rose buds. But, save a few, the aggregation did little in the way of inhaling this most desirable medium of exhilaration.

The momentary attraction and atmospheric preference was the interior of a drab, GI gymnasium, wherein the squadron's enlisted personnel were attempting to pitch something appropriate in significance of the outfit's first anniversary.

Although within army capabilities, the ballroom decorations were charming and the fittings indicated a recent coat of almost glistening OD paint. The chromium-fitted, leather-plush, 30-foot bar with matching swivel stools and brass rail didn't materialize, although originally scheduled for inclusion. (The manufacturers were said to be on strike.) But a single table from the mess hall effectively replaced it. This, of course, necessitated sweating (!!!) a queue for your beer (Shade Temp: 105 deg F. and OD's w/necktie required) but with good fortune this agony lasted but an hour or so. Martyrs to the cause were a noble few who sacrificed (?) their evening behind the bar, perspiring profusely as they filled cup after cup and attaining alleviation only when a new keg was tapped and squirted all over them in a refreshing, cooling spray.

Originally designed to be exclusively a squadron EM affair, the attendance bounds were soon relaxed and before the orchestra arrived at the finale everyone from the

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mayor of Lamenting Lane, Ark., to a Mitchel Field Pfc on a night pass showed up.

Despite all, the weary GI's appeared to be enjoying themselves and were making satisfactory progress with the queens they had invited from neighboring villages and towns. But this, too, proved a short-lived paradise. The Joes turned out for the event clean and polished, but dapper only within the limits of QM issue. (Blouses were recently relinquished to make certain a trampish appearance). Suddenly the Janes started reclining their necks like a county fair merry-go-round.

It was a colorful, dazzling entrance they made -- with their bars freshly polished, shirts freshly laundered, and blouses freshly dry-cleaned and pressed to razor sharpness -- glamour had arrived at the ball. (Statistical Note: GI's must improvise their own cleaning, pressing and laundering facilities. The results leave something to be desired). The procedure from there was identical to a routine day on the line -- OD and khaki accomplished the groundwork and the pinks and greens flew another escort mission.

Climaxing the event was the ceremonious uncorking of the more potent bar stock. "Gin highballs" they said. One lad drank five, disgustedly walked back to his hut, took a swig out of his canteen, and passed out -- the comparative strength of the chlorinated water in his canteen was too much for him.

Enroute to their sacks, more than a little disappointed, the conversations turned to speculation:

"Aw, what th' Hell, it was OK this once -- it won't be necessary to throw a second anniversary party. Next year at this time we'll be in Chicago at the first vets' convention -- that's where we take over!"

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CHILBOLTON, Hants--(May 30)-- Escort provision for A20's enroute to a Luftwaffe base near Denain, France, was the purpose of today's kick-off mission, which was executed with clockwork precision this morning.

Synchronization of the fighter and bomber schedules was attained today, in contrast with the two recent futile attempts to establish rendezvous due to fouled-up timings. The squadron took off from Chilbolton at 0947 and arrived at North Foreland for the rendezvous at 1035 on the head. The bombers were there, too. Landfall in was made just northwest of Furnes and the formation flew on to Denain, where the A20's effectively hit their target. The return route was similar. Opposition to the attack was at a standstill, with neither enemy aircraft nor flak present.

On the mission were Major Haessler, Captain Potter, First Lieutenants Lougee, Fry, Anderson and Dame, and Second Lieutenants Rinehart, Foltz, Bates, Sharp, Potter, Bechtold, Sutcliffe, Soo, Olden and Murphy. Second Lieutenants Horlacher and Hamilton flew as spares.

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### 1ST LIEUTENANT FRY IS LOST ON A GLIDE BOMBING MISSION

OVER ELBEUF, FRANCE, TODAY . . . CHILBOLTON, Hants--(May 30)--The squadron experienced its first combat loss this afternoon when First Lieutenant Alfred D. Fry, 22-year-old element leader, failed to return from a glide bombing mission over Elbeuf, France. The lieutenant had just scored a pair of hits on the day's target and was joining the formation for the trip back. His wingman, Lieutenant Soo, saw flak tear away a part of his plane but his observation was abruptly terminated when his own left wing was hit within inches of the fuselage.

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Lieutenant Fry was a native of Virginia, being born in that state April 4, 1922. His father, Alfred R. Fry, resides at 5002 Clarence Street, Richmond. The lieutenant attended school at Blacksburg, Va., and entered the air corps shortly after being graduated. He was promoted to first lieutenant October 25, 1943, had flown the majority of the squadron's 59 missions and was decorated by General Quesada earlier this month, collecting the Air Medal at that time. Altogether, he has won the Air Medal and four oak leaf clusters. He was among the first pilots to be assigned to this squadron.

Bombing results on the mission were again excellent, with 16 tons landing in the target area in an effective pattern. The formation dove at the objective, another bridge target, from 2,000 feet on a 30-degree angle and released their delayed action explosives from an altitude of only 50 feet. The southern approach to the bridge received damaging hits and the northern end of the bridge was torn away entirely.

Strafing, too, played a role, with Lieutenant Lougee destroying two locomotives and damaging a third and Captain Marini destroying a military truck.

Route of the mission was from Chilbolton to Brighton, across the channel to landfall in at Saint Valery and then to the target. Completing their mission, they flew to landfall out at Cabourg, back across the channel to Brighton, and home, arriving here at 1820 to complete the tour in less than three hours.

Colonel Perego headed the squadron formation, which included Captains Marini and Hendricks, First Lieutenants Fry, Brown and Lougee and Anderson (the latter as radio relay), Second Lieutenants Sutcliffe, Rosvold, Bechtold, Horlacher, Stoll, Sharp, Hamilton, Arps and Olden, and Flight Officer Cassady. Second Lieutenant Rogal flew as a spare.

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CHILBOLTON, Hants--(May 31)--Concluding a month's work that featured 32 successful operational missions, the squadron flew an uneventful Ramrod mission today for Liberators enroute to a rail center at Berteirs, France. Weather conditions, however, forced the bombers to abort at Thielt and the squadron stuck with them back to landfall out; thus converting the mission into a milk run that required not a single burst from the .50's.

The squadron flew from Chilbolton to landfall in at Knocke, rendezvoused with the B24's at Dixmude, accompanied them to Thielt and back to Knocke and then returned home alone, completing the mission in about three hours.

On the mission, number 60 for the squadron, were Major Haesler, Captains Potter and Gibson, First Lieutenants O'Connell, Marko, Carlson and Anderson, and Second Lieutenants Preston, Stoll, Burney, Helliesen, Howard, Rinehart, Sutcliffe, Rosvold and Bechtold. Captain Hendricks and Second Lieutenant Driscoll flew as spares.

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\* LOUGEE CREDITED WITH \*  
\* THE DESTROYING OF AN \*  
\* FW-190 BY 'VC' BOARD \*  
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CHILBOLTON, Hants--(May 31)--The first confirmation of an enemy aircraft destroyed by this squadron arrived today when a report was received from the "Confirmation of Victory Credits Board", crediting First Lieutenant John E. Lougee with the destruction of an FW-190 near Frickhafen, Germany, April 22nd.

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. LIEUTENANT GILL .  
. IS PROMOTED TO .  
. FIRST LIEUTENANT .  
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CHILBOLTON, Hants--(May 31)--Second Lieutenant George E. Gill (O-863973), squadron armament officer, has been advanced to the rank of first lieutenant, effective May 1. The promotion was granted per paragraph 17, Special Orders 122, Headquarters ETOUSA.

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\* SGT CHAS. A STEVENS \*  
\* JOINS STAFF OF OUR \*  
\* INTELLIGENCE ASYLUM \*  
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CHILBOLTON, Hants--(May 31)--The S-2 Madhouse annexed another inmate this month when Sergeant (502) Charles A. Stevens, 35670183, was assigned to the squadron. Stevens is no newcomer to the 368th Group. He had been with headquarters detachment S-2 since shortly after the organization's activation. Swelling the section's EM personnel to a welcomed four, he will be primarily concerned with assisting in the clerical burdens.

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368TH MILITARY GROUP

APO 595, U. S. Army  
28 April 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS )

NUMBER 45 )

1. Having been asgd this orgn per par 37, SO 113, Hq Eighth AFRD, dtd 22 April 1944, the following named E1 are further asgd to Sq as indicated:

Pvt (521) Walter D. Jackson	39743011	396th Fitr Sq
Pvt (521) Henry R. Robinson	39730112	396th Fitr Sq
Pvt (521) Richard S. Moss	3929492	396th Fitr Sq
Pvt (521) Billy P. Rother	14190757	396th Fitr Sq
Pvt (521) Alberto F. Garcia	38750193	397th Fitr Sq
Pvt (521) James P. Hackett	42030612	397th Fitr Sq
Pvt (521) Henry T. Rosemond	34029102	397th Fitr Sq

2. Having been asgd this orgn per par 7, SO 64, Hq 71st Fitr Wing, dtd 27 April 1944, 1st Lt (4823) RALPH BUCKLIN, 0560709, AG, is further asgd 395th Fitr Sq.

3. Having been asgd this orgn per par 1, SO 118, Hq AAF Sta 342, dtd 27 April 1944, the following named officers are further asgd to Sq as indicated:

2d Lt (1055) WILLIAM C. DEBMAN	0814665 AC	395th Fitr Sq
2d Lt (1055) CURT G. DOESCHER	0815664 AC	395th Fitr Sq
2d Lt (1055) RICHARD J. FOX	0815663 AC	396th Fitr Sq
2d Lt (1055) HAROLD E. GLAZIER	0815662 AC	396th Fitr Sq
2d Lt (1055) JOHN A. HELLIESEN	0815632 AC	397th Fitr Sq

4. Having been asgd this orgn per par 4, SO 59, Hq IX Fitr Comd, dtd 23 April 1944, 2d Lt (1057) WILLIAM C. CLDEN, 0736316, AC, is further asgd 397th Fitr Sq.

By C of 4t Col MEYERS:

MAURICE D. POWELL,  
1st Lt, AG,  
Asst Adj.

OFFICIAL:

MAURICE D. POWELL,  
1st Lt, AG,  
Asst Adj.

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36TH AIRBORNE GROUP

AFO 595, U. S. Army  
30 April 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS )  
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NUMBER.....47 )

1. Under provisions of Ltr 1c, AMN Cir No 177, SOS, EPOUSA, 22 June 1943, Sgt (747) Dick T. McMurray, 1415019, 395th Fitr Sq, sta 404, is trfd in gr to Detachment of Patients 48th General Hospital, AOC 646. Service Record, allied papers, clothing and equipment (except Orgn equipment) be forwarded to 40th General Hospital. This is a permanent change of sta. No travel involved.
2. Having been attd this orgn per par 5, SO 63, Hq 71st Fitr Wing, atd 26 April 1944, Major QUINTER I. GILBERT, 021130, AC, is further attd 395th Fitr Sq.
3. 1st Lt (4822) ARTHUR D. HILBER, 0360571, AC, 66th Airborne Sq, is placed on temp dy, will proceed fr Sta 404 to Salisbury for a period of fourteen (14) days o/a 3 May 1944 for the purpose of attending a course of instruction in Gas. Advance PX rations attd. Upon completion of this temp dy, officer will ret to proper orgn and sta. TDN by MT or rail. Where Govt orgs and subs are not available, reimbursement for actual cost of orgs not to exceed \$4.00 per day and lws of \$1.25 per dy to cover excess cost of subs is attd in accordance w/Ltr 7, Sec II, Policy No. 30-1, Hq USAF UK 9 Nov 1943. 91-5 F 432-02 & 212/40425. Auth: TWX 9450 11941E.
4. The following named officers placed on temp dy, will proceed fr Sta 404 to Darton Common, Dersed for a period of five (5) days so as to arrive on or before 1700 hours, 3 May 1944 for the purpose of attending a course of instruction in 50 Cal machine gun. Upon completion of this temp dy, they will ret to proper orgn and sta. TDN by MT or rail. Rat and orgs furnished. Auth: TWX 71FW 1419E.

S/Sgt (813)	Raymond F. McConnell	13023619	395th Fitr Sq
Sgt (750)	John A. Deibos	35514777	395th Fitr Sq
Sgt (911)	Christina F. Henriksen	39545559	396th Fitr Sq
Cpl (901)	Robert T. Mead	13213986	396th Fitr Sq
T/Sgt (911)	Werner (NMI) Lehman	33062051	397th Fitr Sq
S/Sgt (750)	Clarence R. Swanson	31066335	397th Fitr Sq

(Paragraphs in which travel is directed are pursuant to the auth contained in Ltr Hq EPOUSA 3 Nov 1943.)

OFFICIAL:

*Maurice D. Powell*  
MAURICE D. POWELL,  
1st Lt, AC,  
Asst Maj.

By O of Lt Col MEYERS:

MAURICE D. POWELL,  
1st Lt, AC,  
Asst Maj.

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363rd Pz Cntr

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4. Under the provisions of AR 15-5, 30 Jun 1943, and upon the recommendation of their Orgn Cntr, the following named III, Bz Detachment, 363th Pz Cntr, are promoted to grades as indicated:

TO BE STAFF SERGEANT (TEA1)

Sgt (502) Alfred (N1) Stacklein 17010916

TO BE SERGEANT (TEA1)

Cpl (264) Dixon L. Smoler 35600003  
Cpl (857) Isaac S. Hutchins 32963036  
Cpl (855) Joseph J. Raposa 31094653  
Cpl (405) Ferrell F. Willson 15116864

TO BE CORPORAL (TEA1)

Pfc (859) Joseph I. Ciardella 19119349

5. Under the provisions of AR 61-5, 30 Jun 1943, and upon the recommendation of their Orgn Cntr, the following named , 395th Pz Sq, are promoted to grades as indicated:

TO BE MASTER SERGEANT (TEA1)

T/Sgt (752) William A. Wallace 14097927

TO BE TECHNICAL SERGEANT (TEA1)

S/Sgt (747) John S. Silva 31257092

TO BE STAFF SERGEANT (TEA1)

Sgt (756) Edward H. Moran 32076496  
Sgt (911) Eric L. Galli 1701341  
Sgt (747) Harry L. Marshall 6253304  
Sgt (747) Archie K. Bailey 15390703  
Sgt (747) Stanley (N1) Tribe 36834427  
Sgt (747) Alfred J. Hainlock 17164743  
Sgt (747) Lewis I. Frucell 34055450

TO BE SERGEANT (TEA1)

Cpl (756) Jacques E. Smith 35236034  
Cpl (238) Robert G. Test 36712324

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TO BE SERGEANT (TEL)

Cpl (405)	Carl E. Wedding	35602763
Cpl (911)	Ralph J. Rozanski	16110149
Cpl (060)	Leonard (NMI) Schmidt Jr	36814588
Cpl (911)	Albert H. Kacse	32796649
Cpl (636)	Samuel J. Valenza	12162350
Cpl (747)	William E. Powers	15086535

TO BE COORAL (TEL)

Pfc (861) Joseph (NMI) Daniel 34727907

TO BE PRIVATE FIRST CLASS (TEL)

Pvt (901)	William G. Baker	33564923
Pvt (901)	Charles H. Summers	35526864
Pvt (932)	Thomas F. Lynch	37329021

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

TO BE MASTER SERGEANT (TEL)

T/Sgt (752)	Carl W. Moore	15069371
T/Sgt (542)	Horatio J. Zimmerman	15018352

TO BE TECHNICIAN SERGEANT (TEL)

S/Sgt (911)	Robert J. Logere	11053799
S/Sgt (756)	Seymour W. Sullivan	32323442
S/Sgt (754)	Garibaldi (NMI) T. Spone	32405052

TO BE STAFF SERGEANT (TEL)

Sgt (911)	Leland D. Chrisman	37261824
Sgt (747)	Nicholas F. Grisci	12148531
Sgt (747)	Frank J. Dallara	32500335
Sgt (511)	Howard J. Engelman	35684905
Sgt (911)	Christian F. Henriksen	39545559
Sgt (747)	John (NMI) Hyduk	33322264
Sgt (750)	Alvin T. Ferris Jr	19135675
Sgt (747)	Joseph H. Tecl	18001638
Sgt (747)	Allan J. Robinson	35738839
Sgt (747)	Joseph F. Silve	31070391
Sgt (662)	Thomas J. Sikorski	32691824
Sgt (747)	Raymond (NMI) Stemper	35448006

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TO BE SERGEANT (TELE)

Cpl (870) Gladys (MIL) Blackwell	33129363
Cpl (773) Robert M. Detert	36215294
Cpl (911) Edward G. Mann	36070034
Cpl (911) Stanley W. White	13453254
Cpl (911) Edgar P. Kirschfeld	35161340
Cpl (911) Willy V. Joyner, Jr	32676029
Cpl (911) Bruce L. Lewis	33921135
Cpl (911) John H. Roberts	33296413
Cpl (809) Edward L. V. V. V.	37434656
Cpl (747) Robert L. Dunn	31292149

TO BE SERGEANT (TELE)

Pfc (911) Lloyd L. Paughman	17105704
Pfc (861) Carl J. D. D.	13033365
Pfc (911) Ronald E. Pruzler	36476071
Pfc (911) John G. Bradert	17112403
Pfc (759) Jerome J. Meyers	12133563
Pfc (911) Howard E. J. J.	35652372

TO BE PRIVATE FIRST CLASS (TELE)

Pvt (901) Floyd E. Brown	15341193
Pvt (747) Richard H. Lottberg	12157603
Pvt (800) Marcel (MIL) Rachlin	35551359
Pvt (911) Virgil J. Kane	36599345
Pvt (759) Carl L. Metzler	32544951
Pvt (756) Harry (MIL) Zedoczny	33317092

7. Under the provisions of AR (15-5, 30 Jun 1943, and upon the recommendation of their Orgn Comdr, the following listed HQ, 30th Fitz Sq, are promoted to grades as indicated:

TO BE PRIVATE SERGEANT (TELE)

T/Sgt (542) Robert D. Gray	12065488
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TO BE STAFF SERGEANT (TELE)

Sgt (800) Phillip W. Guse	32474709
Sgt (750) Earl A. F. DeLaker	37222476
Sgt (911) George E. Hirney	34296699
Sgt (750) Joseph (MIL) Kvedarnas	32472741
Sgt (862) Donald E. Melby	13135152

TO BE SERGEANT (TELE)

Cpl (911) Russell C. Miller	37512331
Cpl (809) Prsqualo E. M.	31221279
Cpl (911) Willis M. J. Berlone	21105696
Cpl (911) Anthony F. Irenota	6709371
Cpl (870) Charles T. Storer	35797256

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TO BE SERGEANT (NMI) (CONT'D)

Cpl (505) Walter F. Szymczewski 33390550

TO BE CORPORAL (TEMP)

Pfc (505) Leonard E. Snodgrass 37497816  
Pfc (747) William N. Murray 32347000  
Pfc (750) William W. Myers 6998832  
Pfc (759) Clarence D. Ferrish 39327477

TO BE PRIVATE FIRST CLASS (TEMP)

Pvt (060) Albert J. Calrossi 31336567  
Pvt (521) Jessie J. Fields 35302547  
Pvt (931) Marshall C. Frederick 33451255  
Pvt (521) Calvin M. Handbaker 35603822  
Pvt (345) Edward T. Neary 39666551  
Pvt (835) August J. Ankons 31295500  
Pvt (435) John H. Scholl 37654792  
Pvt (747) Peter (NMI) Leback 32332205

8. Under the provisions of AR 615-5, 30 Jun 1943, and upon the recommendation of their Orgn Comdr, the following named EM, 73rd Sta Complement Sq, are promoted to grades as indicated:

TO BE TECHNICAL SERGEANT (TEMP)

S/Sgt (405) Troy (NMI) Hitt 6262382  
S/Sgt (310) Nicholas (NMI) Wniga 31066661

TO BE SERGEANT (TEMP)

Cpl (405) William P. Cox 14161577  
Cpl (552) Emil P. Schad 32421099

TO BE CORPORAL (TEMP)

Pfc (405) George (NMI) Steinhof 36503786

9. Under the provisions of AR 15-5, 30 Jun 1943, and upon the recommendation of his Orgn Comdr, Pfc (345) Abraham W. Martinez, 32694165, Hq 368th Fitr Gp, is reduced to the gr of Pvt for misconduct.

By O of Lt Col **MEYERS:**

OFFICIAL:

*Maurice D. Powell*  
MAURICE D. POWELL,  
1st Lt, AG,  
Asst Adj.

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1st Lt, AG,  
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368TH BELLONIER GROUP

AFO 595, U. S. Army  
1 May 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS )  
NUMBER.....48 )

EXTRACT

1. The following EM, Sq indicated, are placed on temp duty for sixteen (16) days for the purpose of attending course of instruction in VEF Repair School and will proceed to No 1, Radio School, Cromwell, Lines, so as to arrive before 1500 hours, 3 May 1944. Upon completion of temp duty of EM will report proper orgn and sta. TDN by MT or rail. If Govt cars are not available, reimbursement for actual cost of rat cars, not to exceed \$2.00 per day per day for rat, and \$2.00 per day per day for gas, is stated in record no. W/P-1, Policy No. 30-1, Hq USAAF, UK 9 Nov 1943. 91-5 P 432-02 A 212-4020. Auth: TXX 71FW 2415J.

S/Sgt (754) Eugene S. Kowack	33213563	397th Fitr Sq
Sgt (754) Robert A. Rock	16137862	397th Fitr Sq
Sgt (759) Clayton W. Wilson	35449088	396th Fitr Sq
Cpl (759) Daniel W. Prusienkowski	13155992	395th Fitr Sq

2. The following EM, Sq indicated, are placed on temp duty for nine (9) days for the purpose of attending Waterproofing School, and will proceed o/a 3 May 1944 advanced PX rations attached. Five (5) motor vehicles, in good condition, will be taken accompanied by a complete technical inspection form and complete first echelon tools. TDN by MT. Auth: TXX 71FW 2457E.

Cpl (345) Joe (MT) Zelin	39274332	Hq Detachment
Cpl (932) Victor I. Martin	31613337	395th Fitr Sq
Pfc (911) Leo A. Marastata	39615098	395th Fitr Sq
Pfc (826) Edmund L. McFarlane	31201498	395th Fitr Sq
S/Sgt (750) Keith L. Parkness	37312980	397th Fitr Sq
Sgt (911) Andrew (MT) Dukes Jr.	21194119	396th Fitr Sq
Cpl (345) Rene A. Boyen	31119005	396th Fitr Sq
S/Sgt (313) Cecil R. Mulford	15009004	397th Fitr Sq
Pfc (345) Ralph R. May	4624963	397th Fitr Sq
Pvt (901) Lewis J. Hodge	33729600	397th Fitr Sq

3. So much of Par 4, SO 47, this Hq, as reads "Sgt (750) John A. Dombos 35514777, 395th Fitr Sq," is amended to read "Sgt (911) Gustav G. Mitterholzer, 35672464, 395th Fitr Sq."

By O of Lt Col LEWERS:

OFFICIAL:

*Maurice D. Powell*  
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368TH AIRBORNE GROUP

APO 595, U. S. Army  
3 May 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS )

NUMBER.....49 )

1. So much of Par 1, SO 47, this Hq cs, as reads "Sgt (747) Dick T. McMurray 14156319, 395th Fitr Sq," is amended to read, "S/Sgt (747) Dick T. McMurray, 14156319, 395th Fitr Sq."

2. Having been asgd this orgn per par 19, SO 10, Hq IX TAC, dtd 29 April 1944, the following named Mobile Flying Control O's are further asgd 396th Fitr Sq:

2d Lt (2159) JERRY S. NEIL 02044690 AC  
2d Lt (2159) DAVID D. RIGHT 01643276 AC

3. Having been asgd this orgn per par 20, SO 10, Hq IX TAC, dtd 29 April 1944, the following named EM, Mobile Flying Control Team, are further asgd 396th Fitr Sq:

Sgt (756) Edgar A. Morgan	35686156	Sgt (765) Albert J. D'Isadora	31241582
Cpl (765) Lawrence H. Theurer	35520278	Cpl (078) Frank Ciancio Jr	12163177
Cpl (078) George A. Strehle	33585406	Sgt (552) Frederick G. Putthoff	17059800
Cpl (552) Emil F. Schad	3212099	Cpl (405) William F. Cox	14161577
Cpl (932) Howard H. Huff	36565385	Cpl (754) Michael Kondoleon	35519161

3. So much of Par 2, SO 48, this Hq , as reads, "and will proceed o/a 3 May 1944," is amended to read, "and will proceed o/a 3 May 1944 to Blackpool, Lancs."

4. Having been asgd this orgn per par 11, SO 9, Hq IX TAC, dtd 28 April 1944, the following named EM are further asgd to Sq as indicated:

Cpl (911) Archibald M. Beare	34374535	395th Fitr Sq
Pfc (911) William C. Edwards	37520152	396th Fitr Sq
Pvt (911) Eugene R. Spikes	62025098	397th Fitr Sq
Pvt (941) Roscoe E. Spikes	6219587	395th Fitr Sq

By O of Lt Col MEYERS:

MAURICE D. POWELL,  
1st Lt, AC,  
Asst Adj.

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*Maurice D. Powell*  
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368TH ENGINEER GROUP

AF0 595, U. S. ARMY  
11 May 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS )  
NUMBER.....53 )

1. Under the provisions of AR 15-5, 30 June 1943, and upon the recommendation of their Orgn Comdr, the following named E1s, 73rd Sta Complement Sq, are promoted to grades as indicated:

TO BE SERGEANT (TEMP)

Cpl (014) Robert J. Gantz 39554826  
Cpl (060) Dewitt (NLI) Whitten 34700649

TO BE CORPORAL (TEMP)

Pfc (754) Donald A. Dvorak 37220185  
Pfc (238) Emmett H. Harrison 35671662

2. The following named E1s, Sq indicated, are placed on temp duty for sixteen (16) days for the purpose of attending course of instruction in VHF Radio School and will proceed from sta 404 to No. 1, Radio School, Cranwell, Lincs, so as to arrive before 1500 hours, 17 May 1944. Upon completion of temp dy E1s will ret proper orgn and sta. Advance PX rations atzd. TDN by MT or rail. Rations and qtrs furnished. Auth: TTX 71FW M132J.

T/Sgt (756) Paul E. Travick	14081785	397th Fitr Sq
S/Sgt (754) Raymond H. Elrod	10130475	397th Fitr Sq
S/Sgt (754) Quinten F. Dilber	37195342	396th Fitr Sq
Sgt (754) William H. Everett	36535933	396th Fitr Sq

3. So much of par 8, SO 48, this Hq cs, as reads "S/Sgt (310) Nicholas (NMI) Waniga, 31066661" is amended to read "S/Sgt (502) Nicholas (NMI) Waniga, 31066661."

By O of Col MYERS:

OFFICIAL:

*Hugh L. Rice*  
HUGH L. RICE,  
Major, AC,  
Adj.

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30TH FIGHTER GROUP

AFO 525, U. S. A  
16 May 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS )

NUMBER.....55 )

1. Having been asgd this orgn per par 1, SO 155, HQ AAF Sta 342, dtd 14 May 1944, the following named officers, are further asgd to S<sub>1</sub> as indicated:

2d Lt (1055)	MARCUS L. ALDRIDGE	021 001	AC	395th Fitr Squadron
2d Lt (1055)	KENNETH R. SMITH	027 001	AC	395th Fitr Squadron
2d Lt (1055)	LOUIS L. VIBON	04 000	AC	397th Fitr Squadron
F/O (1055)	CHARLES B. RIFE	013 003	AC	395th Fitr Squadron
2d Lt (1055)	JOSEPH B. LUMBERER	07 000	AC	396th Fitr Squadron
2d Lt (1055)	GEORGE E. OILMAN JR	049 005	AC	396th Fitr Squadron
2d Lt (1055)	JOHN W. STRICKLAND	06 003	AC	396th Fitr Squadron
2d Lt (1055)	GEORGE L. WADSWELL	06 004	AC	396th Fitr Squadron
2d Lt (1055)	VERNON V. MURPHY	019 003	AC	397th Fitr Squadron
2d Lt (1055)	ROLAND G. FOLEY	069 003	AC	397th Fitr Squadron
2d Lt (1055)	WILLIAM A. FROSTON	06 002	AC	397th Fitr Squadron
2d Lt (1055)	ROBERT W. RIBBLAT	06 001	AC	397th Fitr Squadron

2. So much of par 2, SO 53, this HQ, as reads "S/Ogt (754) Raymond H. Elrod, 18130475, 397th Fitr S<sub>1</sub>," is amended to read, "Sgt (750) Sam Burroughs, 3210435, 397th Fitr S<sub>1</sub>."

3. Having been asgd this orgn per par 1, SO 26, HQ IX TAC, dtd 15 May 1944, 1st Lt (4512) PAUL E. LUDWIG, 0154423, Ord Dept, is further asgd 397th Fitr S<sub>1</sub>.

4. Under the provisions of AR 61-5, 30 Jul 1943, and upon the recommendation of his Orgn Comdr, Sgt (747) Herbert H. Corp, 1115495, 395th Fitr S<sub>1</sub>, is reduced to the gr of Pvt for misconduct.

5. Having been asgd this orgn per par 3, SO 77, HQ 71st Fitr Wg, dtd 13 May 1944, the following named officers are further asgd to S<sub>1</sub> as indicated:

Cpl (759)	Henry J. Scrontino	19513612	397th Fitr S <sub>1</sub>
Pfc (747)	William F. Hatcheson	1115495	395th Fitr S <sub>1</sub>
Pvt (900)	George Pivetz	1115495	396th Fitr S <sub>1</sub>

(paragraphs in which travel is directed are pursuant to the auth contained in str HQ DTCUSA 3 Nov 1943.)

By O of Col MURPHY:

SPECIAL:

*Maurice D. Powell*  
MURRICE D. POWELL,  
1st Lt, AC,  
Asst Adj.

MURRICE D. POWELL,  
1st Lt, AC,  
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368TH FIGHTER GROUP

APO 595, U. S. Army  
20 May 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS )  
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NUMBER.....56 )

1. Confidential.

2. Having been asgd this orgn per par 2, SO 28, Hq IX Tactical Air Comd, dtd 17 May 1944, 1st Lt (4822) ORRIL J. KELLER, 0384339, Ord Dept, is further asgd Hq 368th Fitr Gp.

3. Having been asgd this orgn per par 1, SO 138, Hq AAF Sta 342, dtd 17 May 1944, the following named officers are further asgd to Sq as indicated:

395TH FIGHTER SQUADRON

2d Lt (1055) JOSEPH F. McMILLAN 0809172

396th FIGHTER SQUADRON

2d Lt (1055) RICHARD W. TAYLOR 0676823

397th FIGHTER SQUADRON

F/O (1055) ROBERT D. CASSIDY T61467

By C of Col LEYERS:

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

OFFICIAL:

*Hugh L. Rice*  
HUGH L. RICE,  
Major, Air Corps,  
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NINTH AIR FORCE

AFC 696, U.S. Army  
15 April 1944.

GENERAL ORDERS)  
NUMBER.....100)

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SECTION I

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

67TH TACTICAL RECONNAISSANCE GROUP  
107th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron

JAMES R. GRIER                      O-687369                      2ND LT                      Kenmore, N. Y.

70TH FIGHTER WING

OTTIS P. LUCAS                      O-472196                      LT COL                      Greenwich, Conn.

354TH FIGHTER GROUP  
355th Fighter Squadron

Dardel T. Richards                      10601592                      T/Sgt                      Los Angeles, Calif.

363RD FIGHTER GROUP

MARSHALL (NMI) CLOKE                      O-23310                      MAJOR                      San Francisco, Calif.

380th Fighter Squadron

MARTIN L. DE LONG                      O-791289                      CAPT                      Dansville, N. Y.  
RALPH J. TYLER                      O-748848                      2ND LT                      Collinsville, Okla.

381st Fighter Squadron

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CHARLES L. GALLAGHER	O-805026	2ND LT	New Kensington, Pa.
SAMUEL L. MC ROBERTS	O-805086	2ND LT	Pittsburgh, Pa.
HAROLD E. SCOTT	O-748812	2ND LT	Wichita, Kan.

382nd Fighter Squadron

DALE H. ROCK	O-881700	1ST LT	Beardsley, Minn.
DON L. BCATRIGHT	O-749521	2ND LT	Eldorado, Ill.
ROBERT P. COELE	O-748575	2ND LT	Portland, Ore.

365TH FIGHTER GROUP  
Headquarters

JOHN H. SLINDE	O-732387	1ST LT	Cleveland Heights, O.
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386th Fighter Squadron

PAUL S. COFFEE	O-674284	1ST LT	Stoughton, Mass.
DAVID L. CROSS, JR.	O-793505	1ST LT	Nashville, Tenn.
GEORGE W. KING	O-680835	1ST LT	Clovis, N. H.
DONALD T. NEWCOMBE	O-679925	1ST LT	Pontiac, Mich.
JOHN B. THOMPSON	O-672713	1ST LT	Petersburg, Va.
HERNDON F. WILLIAMS	O-686978	1ST LT	Florence, S. C.
WILLIAM ARTWCHL	O-681963	2ND LT	Easton, Pa.
VALMORE J. REAUDEAULT	O-680839	2ND LT	Milford, N. H.
ROBERT L. SHIPE	O-803475	2ND LT	York, Pa.
ROBERT W. TEEBET	O-804071	2ND LT	Marion, K. C.
WILLIAM L. WARD	O-804082	2ND LT	Arkansas City, Kan.
GEORGE T. WARK	O-803503	2ND LT	Deer Park, O.

387th Fighter Squadron

LOUIS T. HOUCK	O-396482	MAJOR	Todd, N. C.
JULIUS H. ALMOND, JR.	O-673296	1ST LT	Enid, Okla.
JOSEPH W. FAUROF	O-806046	1ST LT	Los Angeles, Calif.
ARLO C. HENRY, JR.	O-685446	1ST LT	E. Dearborn, Mich.
JOSEPH F. CORDNER	O-680362	2ND LT	Devils Lake, N. D.
KARL M. KICEPPEL, JR.	O-680047	2ND LT	New York, N. Y.
THOMAS C. MC ALLISTER	O-803441	2ND LT	Mt. Pleasant, N. C.
THOMAS E. STANTON	O-803486	2ND LT	Altus, Okla.
MAHLON T. STELLE	O-803487	2ND LT	Burlington, Ia.
HENRY F. VAGTS	O-804075	2ND LT	Queens Village, N. Y.
NEAL E. WORLEY	O-804090	2ND LT	Emporia, Kan.

388th Fighter Squadron

RUSH M. SHORTLEY	O-432212	CAPT	Des Moines, Ia.
NORMAN V. BEAMAN	O-680437	1ST LT	Muncie, Ind.
ZELL SMITH, JR.	O-803480	1ST LT	Monroe, Ia.

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WENDEL S. MC LEWIS	O-806720	2ND LT	Philadelphia, Pa.
FREDERICK W. O'DONNELL	O-808438	2ND LT	Hutchinson, Kan.
HERBERT W. STANFORD	O-808485	2ND LT	Brockport, N. Y.

388TH FIGHTER GROUP  
389th Fighter Squadron

JOSH L. HAZELTON	O-809147	2ND LT	Winterville, N. C.
EARL STOSPELMEIER	O-808760	2ND LT	Lakewood, O.

390th Fighter Squadron

JAMES W. MYERS	O-809078	2ND LT	Indianapolis, Ind.
EMIL (NMI) BERTHA	O-807119	2ND LT	E. Chicago, Ind.
CHARLES J. CARIER	O-807391	2ND LT	Norfolk, Va.
RICHARD H. CHANDLER	O-812752	2ND LT	Maryville, Tenn.
JOHN J. ENGLEHART	O-808665	2ND LT	Zanesville, O.
MICHAEL C. HORGAN	O-809142	2ND LT	Fairmont, Minn.
CHARLES E. RAY	O-808754	2ND LT	Bement, Ill.
JOHN K. STONELL	O-809208	2ND LT	Cumberland, Va.
PETER W. WHITE	O-809218	2ND LT	Chicago, Ill.

368TH FIGHTER GROUP  
Headquarters

GILBERT L. MEYERS	O-12618	LT COL	Grand Forks, N. D.
FRANK S. PEREGO	O-126122	MAJOR	Canandaigua, N. Y.

395th Fighter Squadron

HENRY R. CURBY	O-429168	MAJOR	Kansas City, Mo.
ROY L. BOHLIN, JR.	O-25637	CAPT	Rochester, N. Y.
JAMES W. GOODMAN	O-437614	CAPT	Granbury, Tex.
THOMAS N. MONTAG	O-732311	CAPT	West Bend, Ia.
MARSHALL E. MULLIN	O-732315	CAPT	Johnston, Pa.
MALCOLM A. SMITH	O-25580	CAPT	Baltimore, Md.
ROBERT E. CALDWELL	O-745289	1ST LT	Roseville, Calif.
JAMES W. EARLY	O-745326	1ST LT	Birmingham, Ala.
CLIFFORD L. GAMBLE	O-678776	1ST LT	Ft. Wayne, Ind.
HOWARD W. JENSEN	O-805530	1ST LT	Clarks Grove, Minn.
RICHARD (NMI) HIK	O-745414	1ST LT	Kalamazoo, Mich.
PIKE E. MARTIN, JR.	O-805651	1ST LT	Fresno, Calif.
ERWIN M. PASCAL	O-796021	1ST LT	New York, N. Y.
NORMAN E. SCHULTE	O-074075	1ST LT	Darfur, Minn.
CLARENCE (NMI) STATCH	O-678967	1ST LT	Petersburg, Ill.
ROBERT C. FAY	O-680014	2ND LT	Chicago, Ill.
WILLIAM J. GARDY	O-673856	2ND LT	Winona, Minn.
DONALD H. HUFF	O-681673	2ND LT	Cape Ferpoise, Me.
GEORGE A. HUGHES	O-808216	2ND LT	Lochelle Park, N. J.
EUGENE L. KESLING	O-805638	2ND LT	Bellingham, Minn.

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ALBERT W. KLEINCLAUS	C-745419	2ND LT	Hidgewood, L. I., N. Y.
ROBERT (NMI) MILLER	C-680143	2ND LT	Albion, Ill.
JOSEPH S. MOLAN	C-802337	2ND LT	Springfield Gardens, L. I., N.Y.
JOSEPH L. WILLIAMS	C-676855	2ND LT	Fussell Springs, Ky.
BRYAN M. MC BRIDE	T-60560	F/C	Futherford, Pa.

396th Fighter Squadron

PAUL F. DONNLAN, JR.	C-432187	MAJOR	Paragould, Ark.
ARFRED E. BENTON	C-447408	1ST LT	San Marino, Calif.
JOHN L. CARTER	C-420500	1ST LT	Jackson, Mich.
WALTER C. LOUGHRY	C-802911	1ST LT	Springfield, Mass.
CLARENCE H. ALLEN	C-678942	1ST LT	Minneapolis, Minn.
DAVID C. PAPERSON	C-678910	1ST LT	Paris, Ky.
LAMON A. RICE, JR.	C-802349	1ST LT	Baton Rouge, La.
GEORGE F. DAVIS	C-679837	2ND LT	Danielson, Conn.
JAMES H. GAMBLE	C-805607	2ND LT	Burbank, Calif.
ALBERT L. LARSEN	C-677064	2ND LT	Clinton, Pa.
EDWARD (NMI) HAWKINTON, JR.	C-681001	2ND LT	Lexington, Ky.
JOHN H. LOEB	C-681081	2ND LT	Williston Park, N. Y.
IRVING (NMI) OSTUM	C-680065	2ND LT	Marionetta, Ga.
PAUL J. QUILTY	C-679043	2ND LT	Quincy, Mass.
GUYVER S. NYBERSON	C-680045	2ND LT	McFarland, Wis.
JACK B. HOBBS	C-674402	1ST LT	Wichita Falls, Tex.
CHARLES J. KENNEDY, JR.	C-806606	2ND LT	Dallas, Tex.
FRANK Y. BEENE	C-805612	2ND LT	Dayton, O.
PAUL I. JASPER	C-745244	2ND LT	Eureka Springs, Ark.

397th Fighter Squadron

MARSHALL W. HENRICKS	C-441804	CAPT	Youngstown, O.
WILLIAM R. GIBSON	C-665551	CAPI	Jeannette, Pa.
CHARLES M. TALBOT	C-25797	CAPI	Charleston, Ill.
RAFFERT S. NYBERSON	C-667023	1ST LT	Minneapolis, Minn.
RAY D. CARLSON	C-679830	1ST LT	Omana, Neb.
ALFRED D. FRY	C-797816	1ST LT	Richmond, Va.
JOHN H. LONGEE	C-798517	1ST LT	Worcester, Mass.
RUSSELL A. O'CONNELL	C-732326	1ST LT	Flint, Mich.
ROBERT C. BROWN	C-679988	2ND LT	Oakland, Calif.
JOE F. BURNBY	C-745288	2ND LT	Gladwater, Tex.
EDWARD W. BAME	C-745312	2ND LT	Hittanning, Pa.
WAYNE H. DRISCOLL	C-745323	2ND LT	Jackson, Mich.
JOHN P. FOLTZ	C-745337	2ND LT	Dauphine, Pa.
HELVY F. HAMILTON	C-805617	2ND LT	Winnetka, Ill.
WILLIAM G. HOPLACHER	C-802299	2ND LT	Dayton, O.
JOE C. HOWARD	C-680807	2ND LT	Sweetwater, Tenn.
NORMAN E. LINDHEAD	C-805641	2ND LT	Warwick, R. I.
RUDOLPH L. MAPKO	C-745440	2ND LT	Cleveland, O.
MARVIN J. FOSVOLD	C-680083	2ND LT	Lakota, N. D.
DAVID M. SHARP	C-680093	2ND LT	Urbana, Ill.

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SECTION II

1. By direction of the President, in addition to the Air Medal awarded in General Orders Indicated by sub-paragraphs, the following named officers of the IX Air Support Command, are awarded the Oak Leaf Cluster as indicated, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9158, (Bull 25, WD 1942), as amended by Executive Order No. 9242-A, (Bull 19, WD 1942), and in accordance with authority delegated by the War Department, in recognition of meritorious achievement while participating in serial flight in the European Theater of Operations, each having participated in the required number of operational sorties against the enemy. Officers destroyed an enemy aircraft on the dates indicated:

First Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster

a. G.O. No. 35, Sec I, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 31 March 1944.

67TH TACTICAL RECONNAISSANCE GROUP  
107th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron

DON E. COLTON	O-674890	1ST LT	Salt Lake City, Utah
	<u>354TH FIGHTER GROUP</u>		
	<u>355th Fighter Squadron</u>		
MAURICE G. LONG	O-730546	CAPT	Long Beach, Calif.
	<u>356th Fighter Squadron</u>		
MAILON A. GILLIS	O-745352	2ND LT	Ontario, Calif.
	<u>358TH FIGHTER GROUP</u>		
	<u>355th Fighter Squadron</u>		
JOSEPH L. GREEN, JR.	O-675760	2ND LT	Charleston, W. Va.

b. G.O. No. 100, Sec I, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 15 April 1944.

363RD FIGHTER GROUP

MARSHALL (DAMI) CLOKE	O-23310	MAJOR	San Francisco, Calif.
	<u>365TH FIGHTER GROUP</u>		
	<u>387th Fighter Squadron</u>		
JAMES E. HILL	O-675574	1ST LT	Stillwater, Okla.
ARLO C. HENRY, JR.	O-685406	1ST LT	E. Dearborn, Mich.
	<u>388th Fighter Squadron</u>		

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RUSH M. SHORTLIFF	O-430212	CAPT	Des Moines, Ia.
NORMAN V. BEAMAN	O-38337	1ST LT	Muncie, Ind.

308TH FIGHTER GROUP

GILBERT L. MEYERS	O-22048	LT COL	Grand Forks, N. D.
FRANK S. PEREK	O-426422	MAJOR	Canandaigua, N. Y.

395th Fighter Squadron

HENRY R. QUIMBY	O-419148	MAJOR	Kansas City, Mo.
THOMAS M. MONTAG	O-732311	CAPT	West Bend, Ia.
MALCOLM A. SMITH	O-25580	CAPT	Baltimore, Md.

397th Fighter Squadron

WILLIAM R. GIBSON	O-665551	CAPT	Jeannette, Pa.
CARLOS M. TALCOTT	O-45737	CAPT	Charleston, Ill.

d. G.O. No. 3, Hq, IX Air Support Command, 2 February 1944.

354TH FIGHTER GROUP

453rd Fighter Squadron

CARL M. FRATTE	O-730440	1ST LT	Brownsville, Pa.
EDWARD P. REGIS	O-744734	1ST LT	Parkersburg, Pa.

e. G.O. No. 4, Hq, IX Fighter Command, 17 January 1944.

354TH FIGHTER GROUP

353rd Fighter Squadron

CARL G. BICKEL	O-744480	2ND LT	El Monte, Calif.
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f. G.O. No. 3, Hq, IX Air Support Command, 14 February 1944.

67TH TACTICAL RECONNAISSANCE GROUP  
107th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron

ROBERT F. THOMAS	O-676679	1ST LT	Merced, Calif.
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365TH FIGHTER GROUP

397th Fighter Squadron

g. G.O. No. 96, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 11 April 1944.

JOHN D. W. HAESLER	O-432197	MAJOR	Leop City, Nebr.
JOSEPH (NMI) MARINI	O-265839	CAPT	Milwaukee, Wis.
EUGENE M. POTTER	O-285463	CAPT	Chicago, Ill.

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G.O. No. 100, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 15 April 1944, contd.

F. G.O. No. 39, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 25 February 1944.

365TH FIGHTER GROUP

ROBERT L. COFFEY, JR. O-395286 MAJOR Johnstown, Pa.

H. G.O. No. 48, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 8 March 1944.

47TH TACTICAL RECONNAISSANCE GROUP  
109th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron

WILLIAM D. HOLLAND O-386028 1ST LT New York, N. Y.

I. G.O. No. 50, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 10 March 1944.

363RD FIGHTER GROUP

JOHN R. ULRICHSON O-20783 COLONEL Milford, N. H.

381st Fighter Squadron

DAVE H. CULBERSON O-431126 MAJOR Gatesville, Tex.  
WILLIAM R. SCHMIDT O-745522 2ND LT Queens Village, N. Y.

J. G.O. No. 66, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 22 March 1944.

47TH TACTICAL RECONNAISSANCE GROUP  
12th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron

J. T. (IC) RIGGIE O-439644 CAPT Pittsburg, Tex.

365TH FIGHTER GROUP  
388th Fighter Squadron

DONALD E. HILLMAN O-422131 MAJOR Selma, Ala.

Second Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster

K. G.O. No. 85, Sec I, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 31 March 1944.

358TH FIGHTER GROUP  
365th Fighter Squadron

HARRY D. BASSLER O-665377 1ST LT Chicago, Ill.

365TH FIGHTER GROUP  
387th Fighter Squadron

EDWARD F. BOLES O-793486 CAPT Mineola, N. Y.

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G.O. No. 100, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 15 April 1944, contd.

368TH FIGHTER GROUP

FRANK S. PEREGO O-426422 MAJOR Canandaigua, N. Y.

397th Fighter Squadron

JOHN D. W. HAESLER O-132193 MAJOR Loup City, Nebr.  
EUGENE M. POTTER O-825443 CAPT Chicago, Ill.

l. G.O. No. 3, Hq, VIII Fighter Command, 17 January 1944.

358TH FIGHTER GROUP  
366th Fighter Squadron

JOSEPH D. UNDERWOOD O-432732 CAPT Gainesville, Ga.

m. G.O. No. 3, Hq, IX Air Support Command, 2 February 1944.

354TH FIGHTER GROUP  
353rd Fighter Squadron

CARL M. FRANTZ O-730440 1ST LT Brownsville, Pa.  
EDWARD R. RECIS O-744754 1ST LT Eimersburg, Pa.

n. G.O. No. 3, Hq, IX Fighter Command, 2 January 1944.

354TH FIGHTER GROUP  
355th Fighter Squadron

BRUNO (NMI) PETERS O-744748 2ND LT Royal Oak, Mich.

o. G.O. No. 4, Hq, VIII Fighter Command, 20 January 1944.

358TH FIGHTER GROUP  
365th Fighter Squadron

JEAN K. WOODYARD, JR. O-572731 1ST LT Newark, O.

p. G.O. No. 4, Hq, IX Fighter Command, 17 January 1944.

354TH FIGHTER GROUP  
353rd Fighter Squadron

CARL G. BICKEL O-744680 2ND LT El Monte, Calif.  
CARL A. LIND O-745429 2ND LT Lt Lind is missing in  
action. Next of Kin:  
Mrs. Virginia L. Lind  
(Wife), 1120 North 24th  
Street, Lincoln, Nebr.

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G.O. No. 100, HQ, Ninth Air Force, 15 April 1944, contd.

g. G.O. No. 5, HQ, VIII Fighter Command, 28 January 1944.

358TH FIGHTER GROUP  
347th Fighter Squadron

OTTO M. PUESCHROFF C-681993 1ST LT Park, Kan.

365th Fighter Squadron

ALBERT P. OSBELL, JR. C-675762 2ND LT Hampton, Va.

r. G.O. No. 6, HQ, IX Air Support Command, 11 February 1944.

344TH FIGHTER GROUP  
353rd Fighter Squadron

DAVID E. O'HARA C-711745 2ND LT Pittsburg, Pa.  
THEODORE E. DITEWIG C-745316 1ST LT Lt Ditewig is missing in  
action. Next of Kin:  
Mrs. Christina Wegener  
Ditewig (Mother), 4228 N.  
Midway Ave., Chicago,  
Ill.

s. G.O. No. 7, HQ, VIII Fighter Command, 5 February 1944.

368TH FIGHTER GROUP  
365th Fighter Squadron

RAYMOND P. LOWMAN C-673868 1ST LT Henry, Okla.

t. G.O. No. 9, HQ, VIII Fighter Command, 14 February 1944.

352TH FIGHTER GROUP  
365th Fighter Squadron

JAMES D. GREY C-675694 2ND LT Chicago, Ill.

u. G.O. No. 10, HQ, IX Air Support Command, 16 February 1944.

354TH FIGHTER GROUP  
355th Fighter Squadron

BILLIE D. HARRIS C-682695 2ND LT Altus, Okla.

363rd Fighter Squadron

GLENN H. PIPES C-667601 2ND LT Roanoke, Va.

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V. U.S. No. 40, HQ, Ninth Air Force, 15 February 1944.

405TH FIGHTER GROUP

HERBERT L. COFFEY, JR. O-105086 PVT-5 Johnston, Pa.

W. U.S. No. 48, HQ, Ninth Air Force, 8 March 1944.

354TH FIGHTER GROUP  
156th Fighter Squadron

RICHARDSON G. JENCKE O-896204 1ST LT Willis, Mich.

X. U.S. No. 50, HQ, Ninth Air Force, 15 March 1944.

67TH MEDICAL RECONNAISSANCE GROUP  
107th Medical Reconnaissance Squadron

STEWART L. MILLS O-885903 1ST LT Greenwich, Conn.

Y. U.S. No. 60, HQ, Ninth Air Force, 15 March 1944.

365TH FIGHTER GROUP  
388th Fighter Squadron

DONALD E. HILTON O-118101 PVT-4 Selma, Ala.

Third Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster

Z. U.S. No. 3, HQ, IX Fighter Command, 8 January 1944.

344TH FIGHTER GROUP  
355th Fighter Squadron

GUS W. ALLEN	O-711671	1ST LT	Hogeland, Wash.
WARREN S. EMERSON	O-730001	1ST LT	Walla, Wetr.
RICHARD C. HUGHES	O-711711	1ST LT	Marlinton Park, Calif.
BARRY (MUI) PETERS	O-711712	2ND LT	Royal Oak, Mich.

Posthumously

259th Fighter Squadron

JAMES J. PARSONS	O-730593	1ST LT	Seattle, Wash. Next of Kin: Mrs. Jeannette Marilyn Parsons (Wife), 719 P. Lantana Avenue, Seattle, Wash.
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G.O. No. 100, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 15 April 1944, cont'd.

355th Fighter Squadron

ROB ROY B. MC INTOSH	O-744791	2ND LT	Lt McIntosh is missing in action. Next of Kin: Mrs. E. T. Hardenburg (Grandmother), 1507 Grand Avenue, Grand Junction, Colo.
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aa. G.O. No. 3, Hq, IX Air Support Command, 2 February 1944.

354TH FIGHTER GROUP  
353rd Fighter Squadron

EDWARD R. REGIS	O-744754	1ST LT	Pipersburg, Pa. 10 Feb 1944.
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ab. G.O. No. 4, Hq, VIII Fighter Command, 20 January 1944.

358TH FIGHTER GROUP  
365th Fighter Squadron

JAY V. THOMSON	O-674346	2ND LT	Anacortes, Wash.
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ac. G.O. No. 4, Hq, IX Fighter Command, 17 January 1944.

354TH FIGHTER GROUP  
353rd Fighter Squadron

JAMES B. DALGLISH	O-886127	1ST LT	Rome, N. Y. 30 Jan 1944.
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353rd Fighter Squadron

CARL G. BICKEL	O-744680	2ND LT	El Monte, Calif. 11 Feb 1944.
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ad. G.O. No. 5, Hq, VIII Fighter Command, 28 January 1944.

358TH FIGHTER GROUP  
365th Fighter Squadron

ALBERT P. GSELL, JR.	O-675782	2ND LT	Hampton, Va.
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ae. G.O. No. 7, Hq, VIII Fighter Command, 5 February 1944.

358TH FIGHTER GROUP  
365th Fighter Squadron

HOWARD L. GURLEY, JR.	O-675696	1ST LT	Brooklyn Park, Md.
RAYMOND P. LOWMAN	O-673398	1ST LT	Geary, Okla.

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G.O. No. 100, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 15 April 1944, contd.

af. G.O. No. 8, Hq. VIII Fighter Command, 14 February 1944.

318TH FIGHTER GROUP  
355th Fighter Squadron

JAMES D. GREY                    O-475494                    2ND LT                    Chicago, Ill.

ag. G.O. No. 48, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 15 February 1944.

354TH FIGHTER GROUP  
359th Fighter Squadron

EDWARD PHILLIPS                O-807597                    1ST LT                    Springfield, N. J.

Fourth Oak Leaf Cluster

ah. G.O. No. 3, Hq. IX Fighter Command, 8 January 1944.

354TH FIGHTER GROUP  
359th Fighter Squadron

GILBERT F. TALEBOT            O-730642                    1ST LT                    Clackamas, Ore.

356th Fighter Squadron

JAMES W. EDWARDS            O-886187                    1ST LT                    Sacramento, Calif. 10 Feb  
1944.

FRANK Q. O'CONNOR            O-730182                    1ST LT                    San Francisco, Calif.  
ROBERT (NMI) KIMPOIEK        O-745443                    2ND LT                    Coates, Wis.

ai. G.O. No. 3, Hq. IX Air Support Command, 2 February 1944.

354TH FIGHTER GROUP  
353rd Fighter Squadron

EDWARD R. REGIS                O-744754                    1ST LT                    Himerzburg, Pa.

aj. G.O. No. 27, Hq. IX Fighter Command, 30 December 1943.

354TH FIGHTER GROUP  
353rd Fighter Squadron

DON M. PEERPOWER            O-730541                    CAPT                    Hill City, Mich.  
WALLACE N. EYLER              O-730489                    CAPT                    St. Louis, Mo.

First Silver Oak Leaf Cluster

ak. G.O. No. 3, Hq. IX Fighter Command, 8 January 1944.

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15th Bombardment Group

U.S. No. 100, No. Ninth Air Force, 11 April 1944, commd.

10th Bombardment Group  
109th Bombardment Squadron

JAMES W. EDWARDS      0-001247      1ST LT      Sacramento, Calif.

U.S. No. 27, No. 17th Bombardment Group, 30 December 1943.

49th Bombardment Group  
109th Bombardment Squadron

DON M. BEERHOWER      0-70841      CAPT      Hill City, Minn. 11 Feb  
1944.

25th Bombardment Group

KENNETH R. MARTIN      0-11111      1ST LT      Kansas City, Mo. 31 Dec  
1943.  
Col Martin is missing in  
action. Next of Kin:  
Mrs. Mildred R. Martin  
(Wife), 7500 East 37th  
Street, Kansas City, Mo.

35th Bombardment Group

U.S. No. 27, No. 17th Bombardment Group, 30 December 1943.

49th Bombardment Group

KENNETH R. MARTIN      0-11111      1ST LT      Kansas City, Mo. 10 Feb  
1944.  
Col Martin is missing in  
action. Next of Kin:  
Mrs. Mildred R. Martin  
(Wife), 7500 East 37th  
Street, Kansas City, Mo.

25th Bombardment Group

DON M. BEERHOWER      0-70841      CAPT      Hill City, Minn.

Seventh Army, Air I of Cluster

U.S. No. 22, No. 11th Air Force, 11 December 1943.

17th Bombardment Group  
109th Bombardment Squadron

WARREN G. HARDING      0-11111      1ST LT      Waukegan, Ill.

15th Bombardment Group

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S.O. No. 100, Ho, Ninth Air Force, 15 April 1944, contd.

SECTION III

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Act of Congress approved 2 July 1926, (Bull 8, WD 1926), and in accordance with authority delegated by the War Department, the Distinguished Flying Cross is awarded to JAMES E. DALGLISH, O-886127, 1st Lt, 354th Fighter Group, 355th Fighter Squadron, in recognition of extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight in the European Theater of Operations, having participated in the required number of operational sorties against the enemy. Residence at commission: Rome, N. Y.

SECTION IV

1. By direction of the President, in addition to the Distinguished Flying Cross awarded in General Orders No. 11, Headquarters, Ninth Air Force, the First Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Distinguished Flying Cross is awarded to HERBERT E. MARTIN, O-71608, Colonel, 354th Fighter Group, under the provisions of Act of Congress approved 2 July 1926, (Bull 8, WD 1926), and in accordance with authority delegated by the War Department, in recognition of extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight in the European Theater of Operations, having destroyed his fifth enemy aircraft on the 18th of February 1944. Colonel Martin was reported missing in action on the 11th of February 1944. Residence at commission: Kansas City, Mo. Next of Kin: Mrs. Mildred E. Martin, 7100 East 17th Street, Kansas City, Mo.

SECTION V

Amendment of General Orders

1. So much of paragraph 1, Section I, General Orders No. 88, this Headquarters, 24 March 1944, as reads:

EDWIN O. FISHER	O-795334	1ST LT	Portland, Ore.
RICHARD L. CLINE	O-845782	1ST LT	Miami, Fla.
LEON R. BENTLEY	O-745271	2ND LT	Salem, N. Y.

is amended to read:

EDWIN O. FISHER	O-795334	1ST LT	Portland, Ore.
RICHARD A. CLINE	O-845782	1ST LT	Miami, Fla.
LEON R. BENTLEY	O-745271	2ND LT	Salem, Oregon

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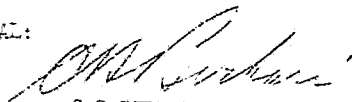
2. So much of Paragraph 1 j, Section II, General Orders No. 66, this Headquarters, 22 March 1944, as reads: "ALBERTO A. NIDO, O-886008, CAPTAIN, Arroyo, Puerto Rico," is amended to read: ALBERTO A. NIDO, O-886008, 1ST LT., Arroyo, Puerto Rico.

3. Paragraphs 6 & 7, Section IV, General Orders No. 66, Hqs, Ninth Air Force, 22 March 1944, are revoked.

By command of Major General BREWSTER:

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AFPO 595, U. S. Army,  
9 May 1944.

ORDERS )  
NO. 10 )

1. In addition to his other duties, Captain DONALD D. WEBSTER, O-910114, is appointed Squadron Counter Intelligence and Security Officer, in compliance with USSTAF Regulation 46-1, dated 25 April 1944.

/s/John D. W. Haesler  
/t/JOHN D. W. HAESLER,  
Major, Air Corps,  
Commanding.

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*Morton H. Magnus*  
MORTON H. MAGNUS,  
1st Lt, Air Corps,  
Asst Intell Officer.

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804th FIGHTER GROUP

B-7-2

AFC 805, U.S. Army  
7 May 1944

SUBJECT: "Confirmation of Victory Credits Board" report.

TO: Commanding Officer, 897th Fighter Squadron, AIC  
805, U.S. Army. Atten: S-2

1. The following is a true extract of the "Confirmation of Victory Credits Board", as appointed by par. 3, SC 114, Hq. IX Tactical Air Command, dated 21 December 1943. Report No. 14. This report confirms victory credit claims to the following Officer:

Capt. E. M. POTTER,	CLAIM 28/3/44	AWARD 30/4/44
	1 ME ICG-Damaged	1 ME ICG Damaged Senarrent, France

By order of Lieutenant Colonel ~~W. S. TEN EYCK~~:

*W. S. Ten Eyck*  
W. S. TEN EYCK  
Major, Air Corps  
Group S-2

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368TH FIGHTER BOMBER GROUP

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APO 595, U.S. Army  
31 May 1944

SUBJECT: "Confirmation of Victory Credits Board" Report.

TO : Commanding Officer, 397th Fighter Bomber Squadron,  
APO 595, U.S. Army. Atten: Intelligence Officer.

1. The following is a true extract of the "Confirmation of Victory Credits Board", as appointed by par. 5, SO 114, Hq. IX Tactical Air Command, dated 31 December 1943, Report No. 18. This report confirms victory credit claims to the following officer:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>CLAIM</u>	<u>AWARD</u>
1st Lt. J.H. Lougee	1 FW-190 DES.	1 FW-190 DES. Nunsterelfel

By order of Colonel MEYERS:

W. B. TEN EYCK  
Major, Air Corps,  
Group S-2

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*Morton H. Magnus*  
MORTON H. MAGNUS  
1st Lt., Air Corps,  
Ass't. Squadron S-2

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