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HISTORY OF THE
597TH FIGHTER SQUADRON

* INSTALLMENT NINE *
* Covering the Month of *
* OCTOBER 1944 *

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

N E G A T I V E

2. STRENGTH ON THE LAST DAY OF THE MONTH:

Unit Strength as of 31 October 1944:

OFFICERS ASSD: Fifty-seven (57).

E M ASSD: Two-hundred and forty-six (246).

OFFICERS ACCD: None (0).

E M ACCD: Two (2).

3. ARRIVAL AT AND DEPARTURE FROM EACH STATION OCCUPIED IN THE ETC:

Squadron departed from ALG Number 59 (Loon-Athies Airdrome, France); arrived at ALG Number 84 (Ohievres, Belgium), o/a 1 October 1944. Move of aircraft, equipment, and advance and rear ground echelons accomplished in approx three days.

4. LOSSES IN ACTION:

Captain WILLIAM R. GIBSON - MIA - 4 Oct 1944.
 Second Lieutenant CEBEL V. DUSTIN - MIA - 4 Oct 1944.
 Second Lieutenant GERALD R. REULY - MIA - 20 Oct 1944.
 Second Lieutenant VERNON V. MURPHY - MIA - 21 Oct 1944.
 Flight Officer MICHAEL HARDY - MIA - 28 Oct 1944.

5. AWARDS TO AND DECORATIONS OF MEMBERS OF THE SQUADRON:

<p>1/Lt Arps - 11th Br OLG to AM. 2/Lt Baker - 3rd & 4th Br OLG's to AM. 2/Lt Barker - 2nd & 3rd Br OLG's to AM. 2/Lt Bauer - 2nd & 3rd Br OLG's to AM. 2/Lt Bender - 2nd & 3rd Br OLG's to AM. 2/Lt Biagini - AM. Capt Carlson - 11th & 12th Br OLG's to AM. 2/Lt Cassady - 7th Br OLG to AM. 1/Lt Dame - 2nd Silv OLG to AM; 11th Br OLG to AM. 1/Lt Driscoll - 12th & 15th Br OLG's to AM. 2/Lt Dustin - 1st & 2nd Br OLG's to AM. 2/Lt Fauley - 1st Br OLG to AM. 2/Lt Fein - AM & 1st Br OLG to AM. 1/Lt Foltz - 12th & 13th Br OLG's to AM. 1/Lt Frisbie - 2nd Br OLG to AM. Capt Gibson - 11th & 12th Br OLG's to AM. 1/Lt Hamilton - 12th Br OLG to AM. F/O Hardy - 1st Br OLG to AM. 2/Lt Helliesen - 7th & 8th Br OLG's to AM. Maj Hendricks - 21, 22 & 23 Br OLG's to AM. 2/Lt Hogan - AM. 1/Lt Horlacher - 12th Br OLG to AM. Capt Lougee - 14th Br OLG to AM; 3rd Silv OLG to AM. 2/Lt Murphy - 8th & 9th Br OLG to AM. Capt O'Connell - 13th & 14th Br OLG's to AM. 2/Lt Olden - 9th Br OLG to AM.</p>	<p>2/Lt Potter - 8, 9 Br OLG to AM. 2/Lt Preston - 7, 8 Br OLG to AM. 1/Lt Rogal - 11th Br OLG to AM 1/Lt Rosvold - 11th & 12 Br OLG to AM; Purple Heart. 2/Lt Soc - 2nd Silv OLG to AM. 2/Lt Stoll - 7th & 8th Br OLG's to AM. 1/Lt Sutcliffe - 12 Br OLG to AM. Capt Talbott - 15th Br OLG to AM. 2/Lt Weinstein - 1st Br OLG to AM.</p>
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* SECTION B *
* Narrative *
* Covering the Month of *
* October, 1944 *
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SQUADRON STARTS
A NEW ROUTE IN
A NEW COUNTRY

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Move to Belgium
Brings Many
Changes
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CHIEVRES, Belgium--(Oct 1)--October certainly didn't appear as if it were going to be any different from any other month when we awoke this morning. We were still at the Laon-Athies Airdrome near Laon, France, and, it being a rather quiet Sunday, many of the boys went into town this morning to attend services in the cathedral.

Movement rumors had been in the air for several days and part of the squadron's advance echelon were already in Belgium. But the reports that drifted back indicated that everything was pretty much fouled-up --- part of the advance delegation were at one field and the rest at another, with none of them being very sure as to just where they were supposed to be.

The situation cleared-up by mid-afternoon, however, and at 1800 the first convoy was loaded and on the road. We were in Belgium about four hours later.

Essentially, of course, the country is much the same as France. But the move nevertheless brought many changes. The payroll clerks had to toss their September efforts in File #13 and start all over again. The conversion from French francs to Belgian francs and Belgas was no sooner completed and another obstacle arose --- the Belgian government was calling in all old 100 and 500 franc notes and issuing a new type. Most of the men had been paid in this type of currency. Another few days were required to untangle this.

Among other things, the move also played havoc with the mail and ration situation. We were beginning to forget what a letter from home looked like, and everyone was rolling their own smokes, or doing without. But everything was back to normal in about a week. Day-off passes to Brussels and night-passes to Ath and Lions are now being enjoyed.

CHIEVRES, Belgium--(Oct 2)--The month's operational activity was inaugurated in France, as the planes remained at the old base until

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the afternoon of October second.

The month's first mission, number 248 for the squadron, took off at 0842 this morning, its purpose being to provide top cover for the 893th while they dive-bombed a railroad track, and to follow that with a fighter sweep. Both phases of the assignment were uneventful, and the formation landed at 1217 with but little to report. No bombs were carried and no strafing was attempted. Participating were Lougee, Cassidy, Potter, Kelly, Carlson, Stoll, Preston, Lalen, Krause, Barker, Foltz and Soo.

Today's second mission was a three-flight dive-bombing attack on a railroad track section. The formation took off from the old base in France, accomplished their mission, and then flew to this base, landing here at 1618. Twenty-two 500-pound general purpose bombs were dropped on the assigned target and the results included the cutting of the track in seven places and the destruction of two locomotives. On the mission were Hendricks, Carbine, Kerr, Weinstein, Briscoll, R. D. Sharp, Hamilton, Bender, Gibson, Murphy, Horlacher and Paulcy.

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CHIEVRES, Belgium--(Oct 3)--Inclement weather held the squadron grounded all day today. Little activity in general.

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CHIEVRES, Belgium--(Oct 4)--Weather conditions were not greatly improved today, but an assignment came through to dive bomb Limburg and the squadron was sent out. The weather made diving impossible and the bombing had to be done from 12,000 feet. Most of the results were unobserved, but the little destruction that was caused was far from sufficient to counteract the cost of the mission: two of our best pilots were lost.

Captain William R. Gibson, popular veteran of countless missions and a 397th flight commander since the squadron's activation, and his wingman, Second Lieutenant Odell V. Dustin, a recent newcomer to the squadron, were both lost when they collided in mid-air in the area of Munstereifel, Germany. The accident was attributed to the weather. Very little was observed. An explosion, a sheet of yellow flame, one plane on its back heading straight down, and it was all over. Both were flying at 6,000 feet, so the possibility of escape by parachute strongly exists. No parachutes were seen, however. Something was seen falling out of Captain Gibson's plane, but the observer thought that it was probably a bomb.

Captain "Bill" Gibson was truly one of the squadron's "old boys". He joined the outfit as a flight commander shortly after the unit's activation in June, 1943. When a first lieutenant, he was made a captain on November 26, 1943. His home was in Joannette, Pa., and he was the son of Mr. and Mrs. James R. Gibson of 514 North Third Street, that city. He was born on December 22, 1919, attended Joannette High School and

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Schenley Evening School, and, before entering the service, was employed as a laboratory technician at the Pennsylvania Rubber Company. He was not married. Captain Gibson's record with this squadron was near perfection in every phase. A both popular and capable flight commander, he had flown 87 missions and had been awarded the Air Medal and 13 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters. Even more characteristic of him than his flying efficiency, however, was his popularity throughout the entire organization. Enlisted men and officers alike rated him 'top'.

Lieutenant Dustin was a newcomer to the 387th, but his rapid learning of combat flying earned him the respect of his fellow flyers in record time and he was considered an especially valuable wingman. His home was in Gridley, California, and he was the son of Mrs. Lois Dustin of that city. Although in the squadron for only a few weeks, he had flown 20 missions and had won the Air Medal and two Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters.

Captain Gibson was leading the entire squadron on today's mission. Lieutenant Dustin was his wingman. Others on the mission were Murphy, Evans, Carlson, Baker, Preston, Patrick, Krause, Soo, Foltz and Fernandez.

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CHEVRES, Belgium--(Oct 6)--Two fighter sweeps were flown by the squadron today. The first sweep covered Eupen, Euskirchen, Rheinbach, Bruhl, Grevenbroich, Roermond, Heinsberg, Linnich and Duren. It was a generally uneventful mission. Participating were Hendricks, Carbine, D M Sharp, Cassady, Dame, Hogan, Hamilton, Fauley, Driscoll, Bender, Rosvold and R D Sharp.

The second sweep, a mid-afternoon event, was more exciting. The boys ran into a Luftwaffe nest at Breitscheid and left it pretty well whittled down. Lieutenant Carlson bagged two ME-109's on the ground and participated in knocking another out of the air, bringing his day's total to two-and-a-half E/A destroyed. Major Carbine damaged one ME-109 on the ground and shared with Carlson on one destroyed in the air. Lieutenant Soo destroyed one ME in the air, Lieutenant Horlacher destroyed one on the ground, and Captain Krause damaged one on the ground, to complete the day's work. On the mission were Carlson, Carbine, Preston, Kelen, Foltz, Barker, Soo, Kelly, Krause, Stoll, Horlacher, and Patrick.

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CHEVRES, Belgium--(Oct 7)--A dive bombing mission in the morning and a ground support job in the afternoon comprised today's operational activity. The bombing attack was directed against two defensive positions and 22 five-hundred-pound general purpose bombs were dropped in the assigned target areas. No strafing was attempted. Four P-47's were observed strafing our own troops in Rotgen. On the mission were Hendricks, Fauley, Carbine, Evans, Dame, Fein, Kerr, Driscoll, Bender, Murphy and Weinstein.

The afternoon assignment was support for the Seventh Corps and the squadron hit a concentration of vehicles and troops after the ground controllers had marked their objectives with smoke. Twenty-one 500-pound GP bombs were dropped in the smoked areas, but the results were unobserved. No strafing was attempted. On the mission were O'Connell, Burney, Rogal, Bauer, Olden, Biagini, Hamilton, Barker, Krause, Soo, and Horlacher.

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CHIEVRES, Belgium--(Oct 8)--Today's only operational activity was one combination ground support, armed reconnaissance and fighter sweep mission, consisting of support for the Seventh Corps and a reconnaissance sweep in the area east of Bonn and Cologne. The formation carried a bomb load of sixteen 500-pound general purpose bombs and dropped them all in the center of a small town marked by the ground controller. The town was almost leveled. Strafing played a big role in the sweep that followed the bombing. Major Hendricks destroyed a locomotive and Lieutenants D. M. Sharp, Potter and Kelly damaged the 12 cars that this locomotive was pulling. On the mission were Hendricks, Potter, D. M. Sharp, Kelly, Driscoll, Fauley, Murphy, Evans, Dame, Barker, Hamilton, and Hogan.

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CHIEVRES, Belgium--(Oct 11)--Support for the Seventh Corps' First Infantry Division through dive bombing was the purpose of today's only mission, a three-flight assignment that was accomplished during the early afternoon. The ground controllers marked their objectives with smoke and the squadron dropped 23 bombs in the designated areas, demolishing several houses. On the mission were Colonel Porego, leading, Fernandez, Carbine, Biagini, Foltz, Evans, Arps, R. D. Sharp, Krause, Fein, Soo and Hogan.

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CHIEVRES, Belgium--(Oct 12)--Major Randall W. Hendricks, the squadron's number one hot-shot, hot-rock and a leading contender for this year's "Man Most Hated by Hitler" title, added another variety of hardware to his ever-increasing collection of decorations here this afternoon when he was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross before a special formation called by the commanding general. Hendricks, one of the "old boys" of the 397th, joined the outfit as its operations officer just after the unit's activation in June, 1943, and served in that capacity until last month, when he assumed command of the squadron. His awards, in addition to the one annexed today, include the Air Medal with nineteen Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters and the Distinguished Flying Cross. He has now been recommended for the Croix de Guerre.

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Operational activity soared to a comparative high today when the squadron crammed three combination ground force support and dive bombing missions into the ever-decreasing daylight hours. The first formation was off at 0708 and returned at 0943 after lending ground support to the First Infantry Division and dive bombing two marshalling yards and the town of Euskirchen. Both the bombings and the strafing areas that followed were successful. Much destruction of enemy holdings was accomplished. On the mission were O'Connell, Bauer, Carbine, R. D. Sharp, Dame, Barker, Hamilton, Patrick, Driscoll, Weinstein, Kerr and Bender.

Ground force support in the Heerlen area was the primary purpose of the second mission. The squadron bombed a target that was marked by the ground controllers, but the results were not visible. No strafing was attempted. Participating were Hendricks, Fernandez, D. M. Sharp, Kelly, Olden, Fauley, Murphy, Evans, Krause, Hogan, Burney and Biagir.

Today's third mission was three-fold in purpose: ground support for the First Infantry Division, leaflet dropping on two enemy troop concentrations and dive bombing in the Aachen vicinity. The mission was accomplished as planned. Sixteen bombs were dropped on Aachen, causing numerous fires and explosions. No strafing was attempted. On the mission were O'Connell, Soo, Carbine, Hellissen, Foltz, Weinstein, Arps, Bender, Dame, Patrick, Rogal and Fein.

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CHEVRES, Belgium--(Oct 13)--Two dive bombing missions were flown by the squadron today, but the results were generally insignificant and little damage resulted to enemy holdings. On the first mission were Col Meyers, Eauer, Carbine, Kelly, Olden, Evans, App, Murphy, Fauley, Krause, Hogan, Soo and Fein. Flying the second mission were Hendricks, Burney, D. M. Sharp, Fernandez, Foltz, Biagini, Rogal, Melliesen, Driscoll, R. D. Sharp, Arps and Bender.

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CHEVRES, Belgium--(Oct 14)--Today's only operational activity was a combination support and dive bombing mission, aiding the Fifth Corps at Murrange and attacking enemy entrenchments and fortifications. The designated targets were effectively bombed and the general results of the mission were labeled "excellent". No strafing was attempted due to unfavorable weather. On the mission were Hendricks, Hogan, Carbine, Foltz, Kelly, D. M. Sharp, Bender, Driscoll, R. D. Sharp, Kerr, and Weinstein.

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CHEVRES, Belgium--(Oct 15)--Another combination ground force support and dive bombing mission was flown by the squadron today; a three-flight assignment to lend aid to the advancing 28th US Infantry Division and dive bomb the town of Gemund. Sixteen bombs were dropped in the town and the desired results were attained --- flames and explosions were seen. No strafing was attempted. Participating were O'Connell, Biagini, Rogal, Melliesen, Krause, Hogan, Soo, Fein, Dame, Patrick, Hamilton and Barker.

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CHEVRES, Belgium--(Oct 19)--The squadron got off on a routine dive bombing mission this morning after being grounded for three days because of inclement weather; but the cause of the three-day operational recess returned shortly after take-off and the formation came back early and without accomplishment. They turned back at Aachen after encountering scattered showers. On the mission were Carlson, Kalen, Preston, Baker, Carbine, Weinstein, D. M. Sharp, Bender, O'Connell, Biagini, Burney and Bauer.

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CHEVRES, Belgium--(Oct 20)--One combination ground force support, dive bombing, and armed reconnaissance mission and one straight ground force support mission were flown by the squadron today for the first successful operational activity in four days. The first mission was in support of the Ninth Infantry Division, dive bombing of strongpoints and recon work in the area of Aachen, Hildorf, Wasseling and Monschau. Fourteen bombs were dropped in the designated target areas with effective results and with Lieutenants Olden, Rogal and Melliesen especially distinguishing themselves. In the strafing column, Major Hendricks destroyed two locomotives and 10 or 12 trucks, Lieutenant Hamilton destroyed a locomotive and participated in the destruction of three or four RR cars with Lieutenant Hogan. Other targets, including two roundhouses containing about 100 cars and 50 cars loaded with trucks and heavy artillery, were strafed by the squadron as a whole. Lieutenant Gerald E. Kelly, a recent addition to the squadron's flying staff, was lost on this mission. No particulars are available. Others on the mission were Hendricks, Hamilton, Hogan, Olden, Rogal, Melliesen, Driscoll, R. D. Sharp, Kerr and Bender.

Today's second mission accomplished but little. Intending to lend ground force support to the Ninth Infantry Division and then do some dive-bombing, strafing, and recon work, the formation had to jettison their bombs when they got a hurry-up call from another squadron in a dog-fight over Koblenz. The squadron saw about 40 of the bandits, but they took evasive action and successfully eluded the would-be attackers. A little later, 12 Fw-190's were spotted, but they also got away. On the mission were Carlson, Kalrn, Preston, Baker, Carbine, Hardy, D. L. Sharp, Stoll, O'Connell, Biagini, Burney and Bauer.

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CHEVRES, Belgium--(Oct 21)--Two missions were flown by the squadron today, the first an armed recon job in the area of Dusseldorf, Hildorf, Aachen and Heinsberg and the second one practically a repeat performance. The first mission unloaded 14 bombs on a factory area, causing numerous sizeable explosions and fires. Several buildings were hit. In the strafing column, Lieutenant Carlson destroyed a switch engine near Cologne. On the mission were O'Connell, Biagini, Vogel, Helliesen, Carbine, Hardy, D. L. Sharp, Hogan, Carlson, Kalrn and Preston.

Air support was to have been given to the 10th Corps on the second mission, but an encounter with 20 Fw-190's over Munchen-Glabach prevented accomplishment of the assignment. The ensuing fight resulted in a draw -- Lieutenants Murphy and Stoll teamed up and destroyed (prob) an Fw-190, but Lieutenant Murphy was hit by flak shortly thereafter and had to bail out. He was seen to make a successful escape from his plane, but no word of his whereabouts has been received. It is thought that he was probably taken prisoner. On the mission were Hendricks, Faulay, Murphy, Stoll, Care, Patrick, Hamilton, Barker, Driscoll, Weinstein, Kerr and Bender.

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CHEVRES, Belgium--(Oct 28)--after hugging the ground for six days and beginning to think that the sun would never shine again, the long predicted break in the weather materialized early this morning and the squadron got three flights off on a rail cutting job at 0927. Thirty-six bombs were dropped in the designated target area, but the results were generally poor. The weather-break proved to be short-lived and the gathering clouds had built up a 3/10 coverage over the target by the time the formation arrived at the area. And by mid-afternoon it was raining again. Some hits, however, were scored on the tracks. One hit was scored on an intersection by Captain Krause and his flight split the track at one point; Lieutenant Olden's flight chalked-up two hits, and Major Hendricke scored two hits for two cuts just north of the intersection that Captain Krause hit. On the mission were Hendricks, Patrick, D. L. Sharp, Barker, Olden, Frisbie, Fetter, Bender, Krause, Hogan, Soc and Fein.

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CHIEFES, Belgium--(Oct 28 Contd)--Today's second mission, number 270 for this squadron, was another rail-cutting assignment on the "Green System" about 10 miles west of Cologne. The priority target was a railroad bridge, but intense enemy flak caused poor results, despite the unloading of 21 bombs in the target area. The flak situation, which has been comparatively quiet in recent missions, attained the level of a serious menace this afternoon. Flight Officer Michael Hardy, who joined the squadron shortly after its arrival on the continent, was lost when his plane was hit hard by flak during the bomb run. There is no evidence indicating that he might have bailed out --- he was hit at low altitude and crashed in almost immediately. Others on the mission were Carleon, Kerr, S. L. Bauer, Carbine, Bender, Horlacher, Mellissen, O'Connell, Biagini, Rogal and Barney.

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CHIEFES, Belgium--(Oct 28)--Conclusion of the month's operational activity occurred today in the form of two missions, the first a top cover job for the 395th and 396th on a dive bombing assignment and the second a dive bombing attack on a key rail bridge. The escort mission was uneventful; no aerial opposition was encountered during the bombings and a sweep south of Luren thereafter in search of rail traffic proved futile. Participating were Hendricks, Frisbie, Fetter, Barker, Olsen, Fauley, Kerr, Mellissen, Carlson, Burney, Preston and S. L. Bauer.

Carrying a maximum load, of 36 500-pound general purpose bombs, on the second mission, the three-flight squadron successfully located their target and hit it with an effective pattern. The bridge, however, remains standing, although badly damaged. A sweep south of Koblenz following the bombing proved uneventful. On the mission were O'Connell, Biagini, Rogal, Weinstein, Carbine, Fauley, Arps, Frisbie, Dama, Patrick, D. K. Sharp and Bender.

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CHIEFES, Belgium--(Oct 31)--A letter from the Ninth Tactical Air Command, received by the squadron earlier this month, disclosed that Second Lieutenant Robert J. Bechtold is now a prisoner of war in Germany. Lieutenant Bechtold bailed out over enemy territory while on a mission June 14th.

New pilots assigned to the unit this month include Second Lieutenants Sidney Horowitz, Jack W. White, William T. Wright, Jr., and Flight Officer Charles W. Vickerman.

Fourteen enlisted men of the squadron were promoted to the next higher grade this month per paragraph five, Army Special Orders Number 117. (See attached special orders.)

First Lieutenant Morton H. Magnus was named squadron intelligence officer earlier this month, replacing Captain Donald L. Webster, who was transferred to a replacement pool pending retirement. First Lieutenant Richard A. Blickensderfer, newly assigned to the squadron, has been made assistant S-2 officer.

Major Thomas J. Carbine was appointed squadron operations officer earlier this month, replacing Major Fernando J. Fernandez, who was transferred to another unit.

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HEADQUARTERS
368TH FIGHTER GROUP

APO 595, U. S. ARMY
27 September 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS)
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NUMBER 116)

1. Pursuant to auth contained in 3rd Ind fr Ninth Air Force, 21 Apr 1944 to Ltr, Hq U S Strategic Air Forces in Europe, 20 Mar 1944, file 245.8 x 354.7, subj "Auth for Mont Alvs at Air Force Rest Homes," the following named officers are placed on temp dy, will proceed fr Hq 368th Ftr Gp to Eynsham Hall, AAF Sta 567 UK, o/a 29 Sept 1944 for a period of seven (7) days, exclusive of travel time, for the purpose of carrying out the instructions of the CG, Ninth Air Force. Upon completion of this temp dy, they will ret to proper orgn and sta. TDN by MT, mil acft or rail.

Where Govt qrs and subs are not available, reimbursement for actual cost of qrs not to exceed 4.00 dollars per day and per diem 1.25 dollars in lieu of subs is atzd while in a travel status, in accordance w/Par 2, Cir 63, Hq European T of Opns USA, 5 June 1944. 60-114 P 432-02 A 212/50425 and 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/50425.

For diem 1.25 dollars in lieu of subs is atzd in accordance with Par 4, US Strategic Air Forces in Europe, Reg No 30-3, 29 June 1944. 60-136 P 410-01 A 212/50200.

1st Lt ALBERT H. KLEINKLAUS 0745417 AC
2d Lt EDGAR M. McCRONE 0387234 AC

2. The following named officers are granted five (5) days operational leave will proceed from this station to Station 519 UK so as to arrive thereat o/a 30 Sept 1944 reporting to the Regulating Station for registration upon arrival. Period of leave will commence upon arrival at Station 519 and terminate upon return to that station for return transportation to their proper orgn. 60-114 P 432-02 A 212/50425 and 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/50425. Auth: Ltr Hq IX TAC, file 210.711, dtd 21 July 1944, Subj: "Operational Leave Policy." TDN by mil acft, MT, or rail:

Capt ROY L. BOWLIN 025637 AC
1st Lt GEORGE A. HUGHES 0680326 AC
1st Lt DONALD H. HUFF 0681673 AC
1st Lt JAMES M. IVEY 0665803 AC
2d Lt LOUIS L. VIECK 0752155 AC
2d Lt EUGENE R. SMITH 0708767 AC

3. The following named officers are granted five (5) days operational leave will proceed from this station to Station 519 UK so as to arrive thereat o/a 30 Sept 1944 reporting to the Regulating Station for registration upon arrival. Period of leave will commence upon arrival at Station 519 and terminate upon return to that station for return transportation to their proper orgn. 60-114 P 432-02 A 212/50425 and 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/50425. Auth: Ltr, Hq IX TAC, file 210.711, dtd 21 July 1944, subj: "Operational Leave Policy." TDN by mil acft, MT or rail.

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Capt	CHARLES W. ROYNE	0655447	AC
1st Lt	IRVING OSTW	0680065	AC
1st Lt	JOHN M. LOEB	0631634	AC
1st Lt	JERRY B. TULLIS	0663668	AC
1st Lt	GEORGE R. DAVIS	0679837	AC
2d Lt	LESLIE G. LINGEN	0887226	AC
2d Lt	WILLIAM G. DEACON	0706367	AC
2d Lt	GEORGE A. MYERS	0770103	AC

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Capt	RUSSELL A. O'CONNELL	0732326	AC
1st Lt	WILLIAM C. OLSEN	0736316	AC
2d Lt	HARRY C. ROGAL	0681705	AC
2d Lt	JOHN A. HELLERSEN	0815332	AC
2d Lt	GEORGE L. BRUM	0704660	AC
2d Lt	JACK F. BLUMINI	0615641	AC

5. Under the provisions of AR 615-5, and upon the recommendation of their organization Commander, the following named enlisted men, 396th Ftr Sq, are reduced to the grade of private, for misconduct:

S Sgt (911)	Clarence N. Fowler	1413389
S Sgt (911)	John C. Wood Jr	14053200
Cpl (060)	Robert E. Sanderson	34357229

6. 1st Lt JOHN F. REGAN, 0569887, AC, is held as Asst Special Services Officer, princ duty.

7. In compliance with Ltr WD TAG Office, file AG 320.3, dtd 24 Aug 1944, subj: "Information - Education Personnel in Table of Organization and Equipment Units," 1st Lt JOHN F. REGAN, 0569887, AC, is aptd Gp Information and Education Officer, princ duty.

By order of Colonel MEYERS:

MAURICE D. O'NEILL,
1st Lieut, Air Corps,
Asst Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS
368TH FIGHTER GROUP

APO 595, U. S. Army
23 October 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS)

NUMBER 126)

1. The following named officers are placed on TD for two (2) days, will proceed fr this sta o/a 23 October 1944 to Paris, France, reporting to Colonel Knuckies, 9 AF Public Relations Office, Scribe Hotel, on matters pertaining to this command. Upon completion of this TD, O's will ret to prop orgn and sta. TDN by RL, mil acct or rail. 60-105 P 432-02 A 212/50425 and 60-114 P 432-02 A 212/50425. Auth: VCCG, Ninth Air Force.

Lt Col PAUL F. DOUGLAS JR	0432187	AC
Major HAROLD E. STOKES	0432726	AC
1st Lt HENRY L. OLSON	0815376	AC

2. The following named officers are granted two (2) days operational leave, will proceed fr this sta o/a 24 October 1944 to Paris, France, reporting upon arrival to American Red Cross Club (Rainbow Corner), 8 Boulevard de la Madeleine. Upon completion of this leave O's will ret to proper orgn and sta. TW by RL: 60-105 P 432-02 A 212/50425 and 60-114 P 432-02 A 212/50425.

AUTH: Ltr, 9 AF, file 220.711, subj: "Rest and Recuperation Leaves for Combat Crew Personnel," dated 10 Oct 1944, and teletype LX TAC, C3C3C dtd 10 Oct 1944.

Capt RUSSELL A. O'CONNELL	0732326	AC (In charge)
1st Lt HARVEY G. ROGAL	0581705	AC
2d Lt GEORGE L. LAUER	0701660	AC
2d Lt JOHN A. HILLIESMAN	0815332	AC
2d Lt JACOB F. BURGESS	0815341	AC
2d Lt JON A. DUMNEY	0745238	AC
1st Lt JAMES W. EARLY	0745326	AC
1st Lt FORREST D. MIDLAN	0687535	AC
2d Lt DALE L. JEWERS	0817457	AC
2d Lt CHARLES R. WOLFE	01955935	AC
2d Lt KENNETH D. FAYSTER	0770300	AC
2d Lt ROBERT H. HOWLE	0607202	AC
2d Lt RICHARD J. FOX	0815679	AC
2d Lt RICHARD G. COX	0702770	AC

3. Capt STANLEY C. JOHNSON JR, 0569430, AC, is appointed Investigating Officer to investigate Courts-Martial charges against Pvt Edward M. Mansueti, 3453032 345th Ptr Sq. Complete report of investigation on WD AG Form 120 will be submitted to this HQ in triplicate.

SO 126, Hq 368th Ftr Gp, dtd 23 Oct 1944, Cont'd.

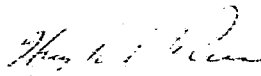
4. T/Sgt (274) Donald A. Facka, 37444237, Hq 368th Ftr Gp, is placed on TD for two (2) days, will proceed fr this sta o/a 23 October 1944 to Paris, France, reporting to Colonel Knuckles, 9 AF Public Relations Office, Scribe Hotel, on matters pertaining to this command. Upon completion of this TD, EM will ret to prop orgn and sta. TDN by ME, mil acft or rail. 60-105 F 432-02 A 212/50425 and 60-114 P '32-02 A 212/50425. Auth: WOOD, Ninth Air Force.

5. So much of par 1, SO 125, this Hq, as, as pertains to Capt HENRY J. MAZUR, 025703, AC, 2d Lt JOSEPH D. GLIETTI, 0818967, AC, 1st Lt GEORGE W. LESTER, 0668955, AC, 2d Lt LOUIS D. HAMILTON, 0745369, AC, and 2d Lt JOHN W. STRICKLAND, 0697063, AC, is deleted.

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

By order of Colonel MEYERS:

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HUGH L. RICE,
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368TH FIGHTER GROUP

APO 595, U. S. Army
21 October 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS)

NUMBER 125)

1. The following named officers are granted two (2) days operational leave, will proceed fr this sta o/a 22 October 1944 to Paris, France, reporting upon arrival to American Red Cross Club (Rainbow Corner), 8 Boulevard de la Madeleine. Upon completion of this leave O's will ret to proper orgn and sta. EDN by MT. 60-114 P 432-02 A 212/50425.

AMPH: Ltr, 9AF, file 220.711, subj: "Rest and Recuperation Leaves for Combat Crew Personnel," dated 19 Oct 1944, and teletype IX TAC, 03030, dtd 10 Oct 1944:

Capt HENRY J. LAZUR	025703	AC (In Charge)
1st Lt JOSEPH L. WILLIAMS	0676855	AC
2d Lt JOSEPH D. GILNETTI	0813367	AC
2d Lt CHARLES E. RICE	0807235	AC
2d Lt WILLIAM J. WATLAND	0818470	AC
1st Lt WALTER G. LOUGHARY	0802321	AC
1st Lt GEORGE W. FITZIE	0568355	AC
2d Lt LOUIS D. HAMILTON	0745369	AC
2d Lt JOHN W. STRICKLAND	0697063	AC
2d Lt BOYD E. JOHNSON	0766544	AC
2d Lt ROBERT M. FACE	0770112	AC
1st Lt EDWARD W. DAME	0745312	AC
1st Lt HENRY B. HAMILTON	0805617	AC
1st Lt WILLIAM C. OLLEN	0736316	AC
2d Lt JAMES F. HOGAN	0767237	AC

2. Having been asgd this orgn per par 7, SO 168, Hq IX TAC, dated 19 Oct 1944, 2d Lt (4823) JAMES B. PHILBRICK, 0691287, AC, is further asgd 396th Ftr Sq.

3. Having been asgd this orgn per par 13, SO 292, Hq 9AF, dated 18 Oct 1944, Major (2161) RICHARD E. LEARY, 0900694, AC, is further asgd Hq 368th Ftr Gp and aptd Asst Gp Operations Officer, princ duty.

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

By order of Colonel MEYERS:

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368TH FIGHTER GROUP

AFPO 595, U. S. Army
9 October 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS)
NUMBER 120)

1. Pursuant to auth contained in 3rd Ind fr Ninth Air Force, 21 Apr 1944 to Ltr, Hq U S Strategic Air Forces in Europe, 20 Mar 1944, file 245.8 x 354.7, subj: "Auth for Mont Alms at Air Force Rest Homes," the following named officers are placed on temp dy, will proceed fr Hq 368th Ftr Gp to Eynsham Hall, AAF Sta 567 UK, o/a 10 Oct 1944 for a period of seven (7) days, exclusive of travel time, for the purpose of carrying out the instructions of the CG, Ninth Air Force. Upon completion of this temp dy, they will ret to proper orgn and sta. TDN by MT, mil acft or rail.

Where Govt qrs and subs are not available, reimbursement for actual cost of qrs are not to exceed 4.00 dollars per day and per diem 1.25 dollars in lieu of subs is atzd while in a travel status, in accordance w/Par 2, Cir 63, Hq European T of Cms USA, 5 June 1944. 60-114 P 432-02 A 212/50425 and 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/50425.

For diem 1.25 dollars in lieu of subs is atzd in accordance with Par 4, US Strategic Air Forces in Europe, Reg No 30-3, 29 June 1944. 60-136 P 410-01 A 212/50200.

1st Lt WILLIAM G. MORLAACHER 0802299 AC
2d Lt ROLAND C. POTTER 0695339 AC

2. So much of Par 2, SO 114, this Hq, cs, pertaining to class "A" Finance Agents, as reads "Capt WILBUR F. SAUL, 0314164, AG, Hq & Hq Sq, 84th Serv Gp," is amended to read "CWO JAMES C. WELKLEY, W-2104932, Hq & Hq Sq, 84th Serv Gp."

3. So much of Par 3, SO 117, this Hq, cs, as pertains to S/Sgt (511) Ralph J. Petro, 36444310, and S/Sgt (862) Richard W. Weaver, 35421892, is hereby deleted.

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

By order of Colonel MEYERS:

OFFICIAL:

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HEADQUARTERS
368TH FIGHTER GROUP

AFO 595, U. S. ARMY
6 October 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS)

NUMBER 119)

1. The following named officers are placed on TD for a period of approx ten (10) days; will proceed from this sta o/a 6 October 1944 to 3rd Armored Division reporting to Major Brody on matters pertaining to this command. Upon completion of this TD, they will ret to proper sta and orgn. TDN by MT, mil acft or rail.
Auth: TVX IX TAC 0148C.

1st Lt NORMAN H. FRISBIE	026396	AC
2d Lt CHARLES R. EARLS	0767163	AC

2. Par 1, SO 118, this Hq, cs, pertaining to Pvt (505) William R. Dibulak, 36719442, and Pvt (900) George Iivetz, 32872875, is deleted.

3. Pvt (900) George Iivetz, 32872875, 395th Ftr Sq, is placed on DS for an indefinite period with 555th Sig A W BN, will proceed fr this sta o/a 6 Oct 1944 to Hq IX TAC reporting upon arrival to Capt Hudson at Command Signal Office. Upon completion of this temp dy EM will ret to proper orgn and sta. TDN by MT. 60-114 F 432-02 A 212/50425. Auth: VCOG, IX TAC.

4. The following named officers are granted five (5) days operational leave will proceed from this station to Station 519 UK so as to arrive thereat o/a 8 Oct 1944 reporting to the Regulating Station for registration upon arrival. Period of leave will commence upon arrival at Station 519 and terminate upon return to that station for return transportation to their proper orgn. 60-114 F 432-02 A 212/50425 and 60-136 F 432-02 A 212/50425. Auth: Ltr, Hq IX TAC, file 210.711, dtd 21 July 1944, subj: "Operational Leave Policy." TDN by mil acft or rail.

1st Lt HOWARD W. JENSEN	0305630	AC
1st Lt EUGENE L. KESTEVY	0805638	AC
1st Lt ALEXANDER E. LELONG	0805642	AC
2d Lt KENNETH H. SHYDER	0697061	AC
2d Lt JAMES E. STOVER	0712052	AC

5. The following named officers are granted five (5) days operational leave will proceed from this station to Station 519 UK so as to arrive thereat o/a 8 October 1944 reporting to the Regulating Station for registration upon arrival. Period of leave will commence upon arrival at Station 519 and terminate upon return to that station for return transportation to their proper orgn. 60-114 F 432-02 A 212/50425 and 60-136 F 432-02 A 212/50425. Auth: Ltr, Hq IX TAC file 210.711, dtd 21 July 1944, subj: "Operational Leave Policy." TDN by mil acft, MT, or rail.

SO 119, Hq 368th Ftr Gp, dtd 6 Oct 1944
par 5 Cont'd.

1st Lt	HENRY L. OLSON	0815376	AC
2d Lt	HAROLD E. GLAZIER	0815632	AC
2d Lt	IRVEN F. MILLER	0820546	AC
2d Lt	CURTIS H. STEVENS	0701192	AC
2d Lt	KENNETH L. WILCOX	0887225	AC
1st Lt	ROY D. CARLSON	0673830	AC
2d Lt	EDGAR R. BAKER	0763829	AC
2d Lt	ROBERT D. CASSADY	0887230	AC
2d Lt	FREDERICK C. SPOLL JR	0615417	AC
2d Lt	KENNETH E. KALEN	0770902	AC
2d Lt	WILLIAM W. PRESTON	0695202	AC
1st Lt	WALTER E. SWINSMI	0752454	AC

6. Capt (1055) CARLOS M. TALEOTT, 025797, AC, is aptd Asst Gp Operations Officer, princ duty.

7. 1st Lt (6402) JOSEPH E. BAUFELD JR, 0650963, AC, is aptd Gp Awards and Decorations Officer, (AD).

8. The 2151st Engr Avn F/F Platoon is relieved fr atchd for rations to 397th Ftr Sq.

9. The 2137th Engr Avn F/F Platoon is atchd to 397th Ftr Sq for rations only.

10. So much of par 5, SO 118, this Hq, cs, as reads "for a period of approx ten (10) days" is amended to read "for an indefinite period."

11. Having been asgd this orgn per par 1, SO 117, Hq 70th Ftr W, dtd 27 Sept 1944, CPL (2756) John R. Barnard, 37451374, is further asgd 397th Ftr Sq.

BY order of Colonel ~~MEYERS~~:

OFFICIAL:

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HEADQUARTERS
368TH FIGHTER GROUP

APO 595, U. S. ARMY
12 October 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS)

NUMBER 121)

1. 1st Lt JOHN F. REGAN, 0569307, AC, is placed on TD for an indefinite period, will proceed fr this sta o/a 14 Oct 1944 to Paris, France, to attend Information - Education Officer Staff School at University of Paris. Upon completion of this TD, O will ret to prop orgn and sta. TDN by AF, mil acft or rail. 60-105 P 432-02 A 212/50425 and 60-114 P 432-02 A 212/50425. Auth: TWX RI TAC 03160.

2. The VOCC 368th Ftr Gp of 16 Sept 1944, under exigencies which prevented the issuance of advance orders, are hereby confirmed and made of record:

The following named officers are placed on TD for a period of eight (8) days will proceed fr this sta o/a 16 Sept 1944 to Burtonwood, UK, on matters pertaining to this command. Upon completion of this temp dy, they will ret to prop orgn and sta. TDN by mil acft.

Where Govt qrs and subs are not available, reimbursement for actual cost of qrs are not to exceed 4.00 dollars per day and per diem 1.25 dollars in lieu of subs is atzd while in travel status, in accordance w/par 2, Cir 63, Hq European T of Cms USA, 5 June 1944. 60-105 P 432-02 A 212/50425 and 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/50425.

Per diem 1.25 dollars in lieu of subs is atzd in accordance with par 4, US Strategic Air Forces in Europe, Reg No 30-3, 29 June 1944. 60-136 P 410-01 A 212/50200.

Capt MARSHALL E. MURAW	0732315	AC
Capt NORMAN E. SCHULER	0574075	AC
1st Lt DONALD H. HUFF	0561673	AC
1st Lt EUGENE L. KESTING	0805693	AC
1st Lt RICHARD KIRK JR	0745414	AC
1st Lt WILLIAM J. GARRY	0579356	AC
2d Lt CLARENCE E. ALLEN	0693095	AC
2d Lt LOUIS L. VIRCK	0752356	AC
2d Lt HOLER E. HAYES	0615331	AC

3. The VOCC 368th Ftr Gp of 13 Sept 1944, under exigencies which prevented the issuance of advance orders, are hereby confirmed and made of record:

The following named officers are placed on TD for a period of nine (9) days, will proceed fr this sta o/a 13 Sept 1944 to Burtonwood, UK, on matters pertaining to this command. Upon completion of this temp dy, they will ret to prop orgn and sta. TDN by mil acft.

Where Govt qrs and subs are not available, reimbursement for actual cost of qrs are not exceed 4.00 dollars per day and per diem 1.25 dollars in lieu of subs is atzd while in a travel status, in accordance w/par 2, Cir 63, Hq European T of Cms USA, 5 June 1944. 60-105 P 432-02 A 212/50425 and 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/50425.

SO 121, Hq 368th Ftr Gp, dtd 12 Oct 1944
Par 3 cont'd.

Per diem 1.25 dollars in lieu of subs is atzd in accordance with Par 4, US Strategic Air Forces in Europe, Reg No 30-3, 29 June 1944. 60-136 P 410-01 A 212/50200.

Major THOMAS J. ANDREWS	0885121	AC
1st Lt WALTER G. LOUHARY	0802321	AC
1st Lt OLIVER S. RYERSON	0680085	AC
2d Lt LOUIS D. HAMILTON	0745369	AC
2d Lt ROBERT E. HOWIE	0697202	AC
2d Lt BOYD E. JOHNSON	0706544	AC
2d Lt ALBERT A. SCHNEIDER	0702345	AC
2d Lt JOHN W. STRICKLAND	0697063	AC

4. The VOCC 368th Ftr Gp of 16 Sept 1944, under exigencies which prevented the issuance of advance orders, are hereby confirmed and made of record:

"The following named officers are placed on TD for a period of one (1) day, will proceed fr this sta o/a 16 Sept 1944 to Burtonwood, UK, on matters pertaining to this command. Upon completion of this temp dy, they will ret to prop orgn and sta. TDN by rail acft,

Where Govt qrs and subs are not available, reimbursement for actual cost of qrs are not to exceed 4.00 dollars per day and per diem 1.25 dollars in lieu of subs is atzd while in travel status, in accordance w/Par 2, Cir 63, Hq European T of Ops USA, 5 June 1944. 60-105 P 432-02 A 212/50425 and 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/50425.

Per diem of 1.25 dollars in lieu of subs is atzd in accordance with Par 4, US Strategic Air Forces in Europe, Reg No 30-3, 29 June 1944. 60-136 P 410-01 A 212/50200.

Capt JOHN H. LOUGRE	0798317	AC
1st Lt HENRY D. HAMILTON	0805617	AC
1st Lt JOHN E. FOLTZ	0745327	AC
1st Lt HARVEN J. ROSSVOLD	0680389	AC
2d Lt ROBERT D. CASSADY	0387230	AC
2d Lt GEORGE L. EIDER	0704660	AC
2d Lt LAMUEL K. SOO	0315497	AC
2d Lt VERNON D. MURRAY	0697223	AC

5. Major FERNANDO J. FERNANDEZ, O416291, AC, is placed on TD for an indefinite period, will proceed fr this sta o/a 14 Oct 1944 to Hq Ninth Air Force reporting upon arrival to Col Moice, A-1, for purpose of interview. Upon completion of this TD, O will ret to prop orgn and sta. TDN by rail acft, BT or rail, 60-105 P 432-02 A 212/50425, and 60-114 P 432-02 A 212/50425. Auth: VOCC 70th Ftr Wing.

(Travel directed is pursuant to auth cont ined in Ltr Hq EPUSA, 24 May 1944).

By order of Colonel LEYERS:

OFFICIAL:

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368th FIGHTER GROUP

APC 595, U. S. Army
14 October 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS)
NUMBER 122)

- ✓1. Under the provisions of AR 615-5, 30 June 1943, and upon the recommendation of his Orgn Comdr, S/Sgt (014) Cecil R. Hubbard, 15089084, 597th Ftr Sq, is reduced to the gr of Pvt for inefficiency.
- ✓2. The following named officers are granted three (3) days operational leave, will proceed fr this sta o/a 15 October 1944 to Brussels, Belgium. Upon completion of this leave G will ret to prop orgn and sta. TD by AT, will acft or rail. 60-105 F 402-02 212/50425. Auth: TWX IX FC 03853, dtd 12 Oct 1944.

1st Lt	ALBERT H. ALLINKLAUS	0745419	AC
2d Lt	MARCUS I. LIDRIDGE	0814025	AC
2d Lt	HOMER E. HAYES	0815331	AC
2d Lt	NEALY C. RIEBMAN	0710008	AC
Capt	JOHN W. BAER	025684	AC
1st Lt	PAUL J. QUILTY	0679943	AC
2d Lt	GERALD J. GRACE	0702793	AC
2d Lt	ROBERT R. WIGGONER	0702369	AC
2d Lt	JOHN R. KNAUSS	0520510	AC
2d Lt	TALBERT S. NEWHART	0770373	AC
✓1st Lt	HENRY F. LIPS	0677934	AC
✓1st Lt	WAYNE F. DRISCOLL	0745323	AC
✓2d Lt	MILTON S. BENDER	0763468	AC
✓2d Lt	ROBERT D. SHARP	0770438	AC

3. Under the provisions of AR 615-5, 30 June 1943, and upon the recommendation of their Orgn Comdr, the following named EM, 395th Ftr Sq, are reduced to the gr of Pvt for misconduct.

S/Sgt (631)	Ernest C. Dennis	18031450
Sgt (275)	Charles G. Neuber	13080681

- ✓4. Having been asgd this orgn per par 6, SO 162, Hq IX TAC, dtd 2 Oct 1944, 1st Lt (9300) RICHARD H. BLICKENSDERFER, 0862268, AC, is further asgd 397th Ftr Sq.

5. So much of par 2, SO 122, this Hq, as, as pertains to Capt JOHN W. BAER, 025683, AC, and 1st Lt PAUL J. QUILTY, 0679943, AC, is deleted.

SO 122, Hq 368th Ftr Gp, dtd 14 Oct 1944, Cont'd.

6. Pursuant to auth contained in 3rd Ind fr Ninth Air Force, 21 Apr 1944 to Ltr, Hq U S Strategic Air Forces in Europe, 20 Mar 1944, file 245.8 x 354.7, subj: "Auth for Mont lvs at Air Force Rest Homes the following named officers are placed on temp dy, will proceed fr Hq 368th Ftr Gp to Eynsham Hall, AAF Sta 567, UK, o/a 15 Oct 1944 for a period of seven (7) days, exclusive of travel time, for the purpose of carrying out the instructions of the CG, Ninth Air Force. Upon completion of this temp dy, they will ret to proper orgn and sta. TDN by MT, mil-acft or rail.

Where Govt qrs and subs are not available, reimbursement for actual cost of qrs are not to exceed 4.00 dollars per day and per diem 1.25 dollars in lieu of subs is atzd while in a travel status, in accordance w/Par 2, Cir 63, Hq European T of Opns USA, 5 June 1944. 60-105 P 432-02 A 212/50425 and 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/50425.

Per diem 1.25 dollars in lieu of subs is atzd in accordance with Par 4, US Strategic Air Forces in Europe, Reg No 30-3, 29 June 1944. 60-136 P 410-01 A 212/50200.

Capt JOHN W. BAER 025664 AC
1st Lt PAUL J. GUILTY 0679943 AC

✓7. Par 2, SO 122, this Hq, cs, pertaining to operational leave, is amended by adding 1st Lt WILLIAM M. KERR, 0662136, AC.

8. Capt JOHN R. ELLIOTT, 0905637, AC, is appointed Investigating Officer to investigate Courts-Martial charges against Pvt Philip S. Coy, 13031264, 396th Ftr Sq. Complete report of investigation on WD AGO Form No 120 will be submitted to this Hq in triplicate.

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

By order of Colonel MEYERS:

OFFICIAL:

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HEADQUARTERS
368TH FIGHTER GROUP

APO 595, U. S. Army
24 October 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS)

NUMBER 127)

1. Pursuant to auth contained in 3rd Ind fr Ninth Air Force, 21 Apr 1944 to Ltr, Hq U S Strategic Air Forces in Europe, 20 Mar 1944, file 245.8 x 354.7, subj: "Auth for Mont Alws at Air Force Rest Homes;" the following named officers are placed on temp dy, will proceed fr Hq 368th Ftr Gp to Eynsham Hall, AF Sta 567 UK, o/a 24 Oct 1944 for a period of seven (7) days, exclusive of travel time, for the purpose of carrying out the instructions of the CG, Ninth Air Force. Upon completion of this temp dy, they will ret to proper orgn and sta. TDN by MT, mil acft or rail.

Where Govt qrs and subs are not available, reimbursement for actual cost of qrs are not to exceed 4.00 dollars per day and per diem 1.25 dollars in lieu of subs is atzd while in a travel status, in accordance w/Par 2, Cir 63, Hq European T of Opns USA, 5 June 1944. 60-105 P 432-02 A 212/50425 and 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/50425.

Per diem 1.25 dollars in lieu of subs is atzd in accordance with Par 4, US Strategic Air Forces in Europe, Reg No 30-3, 29 Sept 1944. 60-136 P 410-01 A 212/50200.

1st Lt ROBERT E. CALDWELL 0745289 AC
2d Lt HOMER E. HAYES 0815331 AC

2. The following named O and EM are placed on TD for a period of five (5) days, will proceed fr this sta o/a 25 Oct 1944 to Paris, France, reporting at 0900 hours, 26 Oct 1944 to Capt Johnson, Room 321, Communications Zone, Paris, on matters pertaining to this command. Upon completion of this TD, they will ret to prop orgn and sta. TDN by MT, 60-105 P 432-02 A 212/50425 and 60-114 P 432-02 A 212/50425. Auth: VCCG, IX TAC.

WO(JG) ALBERT R. SILVERS W2128703 AC
Pvt (345) Dominick J. Lima 36720963 2499th QM Trk Co
Cpl (345) Chester E. Vrie 36199366 395th Ftr Sq

3. The following named officers are granted two (2) days operational leave, will proceed fr this sta o/a 26 Oct 1944 to Paris, France, reporting upon arrival to American Red Cross Club (Rainbow Corner), 8 Boulevard de la Madelaine. Upon completion of this leave O's will ret to proper orgn and sta. TDN by MT, 60-105 P 432-02 A 212/50425 and 60-114 P 432-02 A 212/50425.

SO 127, Hq 368th Ftr Gp, dtd 24 Oct 1944.
par 3 Conf'd.

AUTH: Ltr, 9 AF, file 220.711, subj: "Rest and Recuperation Leaves for
Combat Crew Personnel," dated 10 Oct 1944, and teletype IX TAC, 0303C dtd 10 Oct
1944.

1st Lt DONALD H. HUFF	0681673	AC (In charge)
2d Lt EUGENE R. SMITH	0708767	AC
2d Lt GEORGE A. MYERS	0770108	AC
2d Lt LESLIE G. HANSEN	0887226	AC
2d Lt FREDERICK C. STOLL	0815417	AC
2d Lt EDGAR R. BAKER	0763829	AC
2d Lt KENNETH E. KALEN	0770302	AC

4. Having been asgd this orgn per par 2, SO 297, Hq Ninth Air Force, dated
23 Oct 1944, 1st Lt (1055) HUGH F. MATTHEWS, 0796716, AC, is further asgd
395th Ftr Sq.

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

By order of Colonel MEYERS:

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HEADQUARTERS
368TH FIGHTER GROUP

APO 595, U. S. ARMY
26 October 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS)
NUMBER 128)

1. 2d Lt MILTON LEON, AC, 0663631, is appointed Base Post Exchange Officer for units assigned and attached to 368th Fighter Group.
2. 1st Lt JOHN F. REGAN, AC, 0569887, is relieved from further duty as Post Exchange Officer.
3. The following named officers are granted two (2) days operational leave, will proceed fr this sta o/a 28 October 1944 to Paris, France, reporting upon arrival to Ninth Air Force Liaison Officer, American Express Building, Auber and Scribe. Upon completion of this leave O's will ret to proper orgn and sta. TDN by MT. 60-105 P 432-02 A 212/50425 and 60-114 P 432-02 A 212/50425.
AUTH: Ltr, 9 AF, file 220.711, subj: "Rest and Recuperation Leaves for Combat Crew Personnel," dated 10 Oct 1944, and teletype IX TAC, 0809C dated 26 Oct 1944.

1st Lt ALEXANDER E. LELONG	0805642	AC (In charge)
2d Lt KENNETH R. SNYDER	0697061	AC
2d Lt JAMES E. STOVER	0712052	AC
2d Lt GLEN M. BERGMAN	0769678	AC
2d Lt CHARLES R. EARLS	0676163	AC
2d Lt KENNETH L. WILCOX	0887225	AC
2d Lt IRVEN F. MILLER	0820546	AC
1st Lt WAYNE H. DRISCOLL	0745323	AC
1st Lt HENRY F. WESS	0677934	AC
1st Lt WILLIAM M. KERR	0662136	AC
1st Lt DAVID M. SHARP	0680093	AC
2d Lt ROBERT D. CASSADY	0887230	AC

4. So much of par 2, 3 and 4, SO 121, this Hq, cs, pertaining to TD of officers to Burtonwood, UK, as reads "Per diem 1.25 dollars in lieu of subs is atzd in accordance with Par 4, US Strategic Air Forces in Europe, Reg No 30-3, 29 June 1944. 60-136 P 410-01 A 212/50200" is deleted.

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

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28 October 1944**

**SPECIAL ORDERS)
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NUMBER 129)**

1. The following named officers are appointed Class "A" Finance Agents to Major JOHN P. VOLIVA, FD, for Officers' Vouchers and enlisted men's payroll for the month of October for units as indicated:

1st Lt DAVID GOLDKNOFF	0860836	AC	Hq 368th Fighter Group
Capt JOHN R. ELLIOTT	0905637	AC	395th Fighter Squadron
Capt HAROLD J. KESSLER	0561410	AC	396th Fighter Squadron
1st Lt CARL H. GUNDLACH	0571886	AC	397th Fighter Squadron
1st Lt WILLIAM R. RAMSAY	0874008	AC	Det "R" 21st Weather Sq
1st Lt WILLIAM R. RAMSAY	0874008	AC	Det "R" 40th Mobile Com Sq
1st Lt LEO N. CULKIN	01595448	CMP	1293rd M-P Co (Avn) Less Det "A"
1st Lt EVERETT E. HUGHES	01557615	ORD	45th Ord Bomb Disposal Sq (Sep)
2d Lt ROBERT L. STARBUCK	01108342	CE	2137 Engr (Avn) F/F Platoon
1st Lt MICHAEL R. DANIELS	02047615	MAC	218th Medical Dispensary (Avn)
CWO JAMES C. WEALEY	W2104932	USA	Hq & Hq Sq, 84th Service Group
Capt ROBERT S. GRUHN	01694830	SC	1074th Signal Co (Less Det A & B)
Capt CHARLES D. HEIDLER	0422540	AC	29th MR&R Sq (Less Det A)
Capt DONALD C. HARPOLE	01576089	AC	382nd Service Squadron
1st Lt JAMES W. WOODS	01636849	SC	1074th Signal Co (Det B)
1st Lt JOHN P. BANYON	01555340	ORD	1814th Ord S&M Co (Avn)
1st Lt PAUL L. BORGES	01581039	QMC	1221st QM Co Sv Gp (Avn) Det A
1st Lt DALLAS D. ALSUP	01577050	QMC	2499th QM Trk Co Avn (Det A)
1st Lt SAMUEL KUSHNER	0856309	AC	29th MR&R Sq (Det A)
Capt CHARLES M. JOHNSON	0299543	CAC	784th AAA Auto Wpns Bn

2. Pursuant to auth contained in Ltr, Hq IX TAC, file 210.1, subj: "Appointment of Claims Officer," dated 26 Oct 1944, Capt MAURICE D. OWELL, 0650448, AC, is aptd Group Claims Officer, (AD).

3. So much of par 3, SO 128, this Hq cs, as pertains to 1st Lt WILLIAM M. KERR, 0662136, AC, is deleted. (Pertains to Operational Leaves for officers)

By order of Colonel MEYERS:

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HEADQUARTERS
368TH FIGHTER GROUP

APO 595, U. S. ARMY
4 October 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS)

NUMBER 118)

1. So much of par 2, SO 115, this Hq, cs, as reads "Pvt (505) William R. Dibulak, 36719442, 395th Fighter Sq" is amended to read "Pvt (900) George Pivetz, 32872675, 395th Fighter Sq."

2. So much of par 2, SO 114, this Hq, cs, as reads "Capt HAROLD J. KESSLER, 0561410, AC, 396th Fighter Squadron," is amended to read "Major JAMES R. WERNLI, 0386975, AC, 396th Fighter Squadron."

3. Having been asgd this orgn per par 16, SO 190, HQ 20th RCD, dtd 25 Sept 1944, the following named officers are further asgd 397th Fighter Sq:

2d Lt (1055)	SIDNEY HORNOWITZ	0769830	AC
2d Lt (1055)	JACK W. WHITE	0770048	AC
2d Lt (1055)	WILLIAM T. WRIGHT JR	0770073	AC

4. Having been asgd this orgn per par 3, SO 193, HQ 20th RCD, dtd 28 Sept 1944, the following named officers are further asgd to Sq as indicated:

395th Fighter Squadron

2d Lt (1055)	GLEN M. BERGMAN	0769678	AC
2d Lt (1055)	ROBERT D. DICKS	0769753	AC
2d Lt (1055)	DALE G. FORTREY	0764467	AC
2d Lt (1055)	RUSSELL J. GROCSJEAN	0769807	AC
2d Lt (1055)	HAMPTON W. HAYS	0770205	AC
2d Lt (1055)	BRUCE A. RILSTON	01168372	AC
2d Lt (1055)	CRCRRE E. SWINK	0769998	AC

396th Fighter Squadron

2d Lt (1055)	DAVID J. BOSS	0769700	AC
2d Lt (1055)	WILLIAM D. DUNBAR	0769758	AC
2d Lt (1055)	WILLIAM J. GAWNOY	0769795	AC
2d Lt (1055)	HAROLD D. HAWKETT JR	0770250	AC
2d Lt (1055)	ARTHUR D. HOLLMAN JR	0770239	AC
2d Lt (1055)	RICHARD T. SCHMIDLENG	0766717	AC

397th Fighter Squadron

F/O (1055)	CHARLES W. VICKERMAN	T-2975	AC
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SO 118, Hq 368th Ftr Gp, dtd 4 Oct 1944, cont'd.

5. The VCCG 368th Ftr Gp of 2 Oct 1944, under exigencies which prevented the issuance of advance orders, are hereby confirmed and made of record:

The following named EM, Sq indicated, are placed on TD for a period of approx ten (10) days, will proceed fr this sta o/a 2 Oct 1944 to Lake Virelles on matters pertaining to this command. Upon completion of this TD, they will ret to proper sta and orgn. TDN by LT. Auth: VCCG, IX TAC, 2 Oct 1944:

Sgt (759) Zane Belian	12174156	376th Ftr Sq
Cpl (911) George A. Gaul	31268162	395th Ftr Sq
Tfc (911) Eugene R. Sibilski	42029098	397th Ftr Sq

6. The VCCG 368th Ftr Gp of 27 Sept 1944, under exigencies which prevented the issuance of advance orders, are hereby confirmed and made of record:

Having been asgd this orgn per par 8, SO 296, Hq Ninth Air Force, dated 23 Aug 1944; S/Set (750) Joseph J. Hanson, 32424769, is further asgd 395th Ftr Sq.

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

By order of Colonel LEVELS:

OFFICIAL:

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**HEADQUARTERS
368TH FIGHTER GROUP**

**APO 595, U. S. ARMY
1 October 1944**

**SPECIAL ORDERS)
:
NUMBER 117)**

1. The VOCO 368th Ftr Gp of 30 Sept 1944, under exigencies which prevented the issuance of advance orders, are hereby confirmed and made of record:
The following named officers are appointed to witness and verify the cash balance of Major JOHN F. VOLIVA, 0311398, FD, Accountable Disbursing Officer, as of the close of business, 30 September 1944:

Capt GEORGE R. MYERS 0569530 AC
Capt RICHARD R. WEISS 0570712 AC

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

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

TO BE MASTER SERGEANT (TEMP)

T/Sgt (750) John D. Shea 12056226
T/Sgt (542) Edward A. Long 35453637

TO BE TECHNICAL SERGEANT (TEMP)

S/Sgt (511) Ralph J. Petro 36444310
S/Sgt (759) Norman W. Vernick 35322127
S/Sgt (862) Richard W. Weaver 35421892

TO BE STAFF SERGEANT (TEMP)

Sgt (747) Joseph E. Surat 32409111

TO BE SERGEANT (TEMP)

Cpl (750) Vito J. Bafile 13047083
Cpl (060) Percy L. Barley 33271311
Cpl (747) John J. Buncok 32608229
Cpl (555) Joseph C. Cardwell 34709495
Cpl (932) Albert D. Hobbs 35360395
Cpl (060) Robert E. Messier 11085668
Cpl (747) Robert B. Olson 16018123
Cpl (911) John G. Welch Jr 36740002

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Par 3 Cont'd.

TO BE CORPORAL (TEMP)

Pfc (911) Leo A. Marazzato	39615098
Pfc (941) Charles D. Muhly Jr	33798758
Pfc (911) Eugene H. Fralle	37237297
Pfc (901) John S. Tolbert	13122874

TO BE PRIVATE FIRST CLASS (TEMP)

Pvt (747) Delos E. McNutt	37303109
Pvt (911) Guido A. Niano	32433507
Pvt (911) William Okrenuk	33598433

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

TO BE STAFF SERGEANT (TEMP)

Sgt (747) Albert A. Aquino	12040005
Sgt (673) Norbert M. Detert	36815234

TO BE CORPORAL (TEMP)

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

TO BE PRIVATE FIRST CLASS (TEMP)

Pvt (911) Henry J. Evans	18046302
Pvt (932) Jack L. Mercer	38089240
Pvt (620) Richard S. Ross	35229492
Pvt (566) LaMont H. Rutan	19080132
Pvt (060) David K. Westfall	19048977

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

TO BE TECHNICAL SERGEANT (TEMP)

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

Sgt (759) Clarence D. Parrish	39827477
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TO BE SERGEANT (TELE)

Cpl (911) James H. Nelson 12189676
Cpl (747) George W. Savage 11131241

TO BE CORPORAL (TELE)

lfc (911) Charles W. Bardsley 39206631
lfc (911) Irvin M. Beiner 33565630
lfc (911) Leonard L. Dabey 36318250
lfc (941) William D. Gilchrist 37676673
lfc (961) Joseph J. Grabowski 32909606
lfc (405) Elmer L. Hilgendorf 36429856

TO BE PRIVATE FIRST CLASS (TELE)

lvt (747) Stanley Derkowitz 12148575
lvt (345) William T. McCoy 34768122
lvt (911) Henry T. Rosmond 34329102
lvt (911) Joseph H. Smith 7031955

By order of Colonel MEYERS:

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HEADQUARTERS
397TH FIGHTER SQUADRON

C-H-2

APO 595, U. S. Army,
14 October 1944.

ORDERS)
:)
NO. 22)

1. Having been assigned this organization per par 4 Sec. 122, Hq
368th Fighter Group, 1st Lt. Richard H. Blicksenderfer, O-862268, is
further assigned to duty as Assistant Squadron Intelligence Officer, vice,
1st Lt. George L. Sutcliffe, O-681739, transferred.

RANDALL W. HENDRICKS,
Major, Air Corps,
Commanding.

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397TH FIGHTER SQUADRON

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APO 595, U.S. Army,
9 October 1944.

ORDERS)
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NO 21)

1. Major Thomas J. Carbine, O-392748, is relieved as Assistant Squadron Operations Officer and appointed Squadron Operations Officer, vice, Major Fernando J. Fernandez, O-416291, relieved.
2. Major Fernando J. Fernandez, O-416291, is appointed Assistant Squadron Operations Officer, vice, 1st Lt Marvin J. Rosvold, O-680083, transferred.

RANDALL W. HENDRICKS,
Major, Air Corps,
Commanding.

HEADQUARTERS
397TH FIGHTER SQUADRON

C-H-2

APO 595, US ARMY.
5 October 1944.

ORDERS)
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NO. 20)

1. The VOCC 397th Fighter Squadron of 17 September 1944, under exigencies which prevented the issuance of advance orders, are hereby confirmed and made of record.

"1st Lt Merten H. Magnus, O-578477, is appointed Squadron Intelligence Officer and Counter Intelligence and Security Officer, vice, Captain Donald D. Webster, O-910114, transferred".

2. 1st Lt. George L. Sutcliffe, O-681839, is appointed Ass't Squadron Intelligence Officer, vice, 1st Lt Merten H. Magnus, O-578477, relieved.

3. Major Thomas J. Carbine, O-392748, is appointed Ass't Operations Officer.

Randall W. Hendricks
RANDALL W. HENDRICKS,
Major, Air Corps,
Commanding.