stroyed or probables have been made by our pilots.

On 24 December 1943, 2d Lt. John J. Kropenick, pilot, was assigned and joined. Had just completed flight training in United Kingdom, including approximately 50 hours training in P-47 aircraft. On 29 December, 2d Lt. Edward (NMI) Kartorski was assigned and joined. From same squadron as Lt. Kropenick and had completed approximately same training.

On 3 January 1944, the first change of AWOL in the FTC for a member of this organization occured. Pvt Ice Richard J. Sargent was AWOL from 0900, 3 January 1944 to 1430, 7 January 1944, and was tried by Summary Court Martial and sentenced to 30 days confinement and ordered to forfeit two-thirds of one months pay.

Soon after the first of the year, the Group was commended by the Commanding General, VIII Fighter Command, thru the Commanding Officer, 66th Fighter Wing, for completing all non-operational flights during the month of December without a single accident. This record speaks very highly for the efficiency of the entire organization.

On 5 January 1944, the Squadron lost its first plane since arrival in FTC. On this date, 1st Lt. John F. Buckner, returning from mission, crashed near field due to prop failure and ship was almost total wreck but Lt. Buckner escaped without injury. A new plane was almost immediately assigned to squadron for Lt. Buckner.

On 15 January 1944, 1st Lt. Folke G. Lundgard, Squadron Ordnance Officer, was transferred from squadron to a Fighter Training Group at Coxhill. In FTC the squadron is not authorized both an Ordnance Officer and an Armament officer. Duties of Ordnance officer are now being performed by 1st Lt. Mattgeber, Armament officer.

On 14 January 1944, Station F-373 was officially presented to the American Authorities by the British. Twenty-nine enlisted men, led by 1st Lt. Oliver T. LeBrock, participated in the ceremonies which consisted of the presentation of title, the lowering of the British flag and the raising of the American Flag.

On 15 January 1944, 2d Lt. Philip D. Brocius, returned from TS at Coxhill and on 19 Jan 1944, 2d Lt. Erik T. Littlejohn left for AC, Coxhill.

On 19 January 1944, 2d Lt. Jacob (NMI) Kaufman was assigned and joined. At present Lt. Kaufman is Base Photographic officer and his exact status in squadron is unknown as squadron is not authorized a photo officer.

Bad weather from 14 January to 21 January, 1944 grounded all planes for operational flights and enabled pilots to rest and mechanics to make all repairs and get all needed maintenance on planes completed.

Squadron performed missions again on 21, 24, 25 January 1944. Mission reports of these dates are attached. (Incls. #14, #15, #16).

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Squadron History, 366th Fighter Squadron (Continued)

On 25 January 1944 the Air Medal was awarded to the following named officers:

Captain [illegible], A.C.
1st Lt. [illegible]
(Auth: GO #25, Hq VIII Fitr Command, 19 Jan 1944)(Incl. #17)

Major [illegible]
1st Lt. [illegible]
1st Lt. [illegible]
1st Lt. [illegible]
2nd Lt. [illegible]
2nd Lt. [illegible]
2nd Lt. [illegible]
(Auth: GO #4, Hq VIII Fitr Command, 25 Jan 1944)(Incl. #18)

On 26 and 27 January 1944, missions were scheduled but were called off at last minute each time. On 28, 29, 30 January, Squadron performed missions and made first claim against enemy: One Me 109 damaged by Lt. [illegible] on 30 Jan. mission. Squadron is now encountering more action than previously. Mission reports for these dates attached. (Incls. #19, #20, #21).

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[illegible]

[illegible]
Army Air Forces Station [illegible]
APO [illegible] [illegible] Army]

[illegible] October 1943

ROSTER OF STAFF OFFICERS

Rank	Name	ASN
Captain	Therriault, Jack E.	[illegible]
Captain	Charlton, Allen J.	[illegible]
Captain	Pearlman, Gillian (wd)	[illegible]
Captain	Underwood, Joseph L. Jr.	[illegible]
1st Lt.	Less, John B.	[illegible]
1st Lt.	Lundgren, Folke C.	[illegible]
1st Lt.	Rathgeber, William L.	[illegible]
1st Lt.	Simores, Raphael (wd)	[illegible]
1st Lt.	Vollink, Russell L.	[illegible]
1st Lt.	Tarid, Elyner K.	[illegible]
2nd Lt.	Robbins, George (wd)	[illegible]

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366TH FIGHTER SQUADRON
Army Air Forces Station F-345
APO 637 U.S. Army

20 October 1943

ROSTER OF OFFICERS AND ENLISTED MEN

RANK	NAME	ASN
Captain	Therriault, Jack A.	0-432140
Captain	Charlton, Allan W.	0-907075
Captain	Pearlman, William (nmi)	0-1696152
Captain	Underwood, Joseph D. Jr.	0-432732
1st Lt.	Austin, C. A. (io), Jr.	0-673297
1st Lt.	Buckner, John H.	0-25439
1st Lt.	DeGruchy, Oliver W. Jr.	0-25652
1st Lt.	Dimmick, Allen E.	0-422899
1st Lt.	Farlow, Allan W.	0-665393
1st Lt.	Guthrie, Thomas A.	0-571888
1st Lt.	Hylen, Knute N.	0-732257
1st Lt.	Idol, Victor H. Jr.	0-666542
1st Lt.	Jones, George E.	0-666548
1st Lt.	Kimball, Charles T.	0-666953
1st Lt.	Krug, Robert F.	0-732276
1st Lt.	Less, John R.	0-569083
1st Lt.	Lundgard, Folke G.	0-1554035
1st Lt.	Melancon, Alexander J. Jr.	0-666568
1st Lt.	Rathgeber, William D.	0-860804
1st Lt.	Schuster, Robert C.	0-793542
1st Lt.	Serapiglia, Anthony L.	0-732381
1st Lt.	Simches, Raphael (nmi)	0-857501
1st Lt.	Vollink, Russell M.	0-559428
1st Lt.	Yarid, Slyman K.	0-443999
2nd Lt.	Brockus, Philip D.	0-671494
2nd Lt.	Coldren, Clyde L.	0-531339
2nd Lt.	Corson, Peter (nmi)	0-728595
2nd Lt.	Dian, William (nmi)	0-531401
2nd Lt.	Hamilton, Augustus (nmi), Jr.	0-675767
2nd Lt.	Harber, John R.	0-675762
2nd Lt.	Littlejohn, Erik P.	0-449002
2nd Lt.	McClellan, Ha rold L.	0-673409
2nd Lt.	McClure, Max W.	0-675786
2nd Lt.	McDaniel, Meredith M.	0-675789
2nd Lt.	Robbins, George (nmi)	0-860160
2nd Lt.	Shook, Carmel M.	0-521664
2nd Lt.	Tuck, David B.	0-674425
2nd Lt.	Zatlin, Franklin R.	0-859908
1st Sgt.	Spalding, John T.	15047132
M/Sgt.	Goube, Alfred (nmi)	6853720
M/Sgt.	Ross, Lester A.	6912287
M/Sgt.	Sherry, Russell C.	6942799

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Roster of Officers and Enlisted Men 20 Oct 43, Cont'd.

RANK	NAME	ASN
T/Sgt.	Abbott, Dwight E.	37086176
T/Sgt.	Benson, Morton E.	36170201
T/Sgt.	Chenoweth, Virgil E.	35043191
T/Sgt.	Chirsan, Samuel D.	33281940
T/Sgt.	Cooke, Francis E.	13058372
T/Sgt.	DiFoggio, Peter (nmi)	11087162
T/Sgt.	Jones, Harold A.	36325626
T/Sgt.	Lempke, Marvin W.	36050555
T/Sgt.	Morris, George A.	20156258
T/Sgt.	Peters, Raymond C.	14065685
T/Sgt.	Putnam, Harold J.	15024396
T/Sgt.	Selbovitz, Michael E.	11024124
T/Sgt.	Wynott, Ross S.	6149159
S/Sgt.	Allgood, John F.	39530441
S/Sgt.	Anderson, Henry N.	35316484
S/Sgt.	Austin, Fred (nmi)	32425177
S/Sgt.	Berg, Harold J.	16033062
S/Sgt.	Bernatonis, John A.	33150646
S/Sgt.	Blackwell, William F.	34231193
S/Sgt.	Blamer, Albert H.	35137914
S/Sgt.	Cipriani, Louis S.	13058349
S/Sgt.	Claybrook, Orin T.	37231383
S/Sgt.	Cowan, Warren F.	34188793
S/Sgt.	Cuzzola, Anthony J.	33273670
S/Sgt.	Dempsey, Leo T.	32449654
S/Sgt.	Fish, Joseph W.	39026713
S/Sgt.	Fristoe, Evan L. Jr.	35327973
S/Sgt.	Getz, Harold W.	35043477
S/Sgt.	Grebing, Walter W.	38130263
S/Sgt.	Green, Carl (nmi)	34263264
S/Sgt.	Groves, Donald A.	38106254
S/Sgt.	Guinn, Myron C.	34201052
S/Sgt.	Hall, Donald V.	12035549
S/Sgt.	Harvey, Walter B.	38209152
S/Sgt.	Havlik, Joseph H.	16037533
S/Sgt.	Hazel, Alton E.	37038491
S/Sgt.	Heere, Claude (nmi)	33185455
S/Sgt.	Hobza, Edward F.	37126799
S/Sgt.	Hurry, Ralph E.	36058873
S/Sgt.	Jamiolkowski, Michael J.	12065807
S/Sgt.	Jones, Prettyman J.	36175501
S/Sgt.	Kelly, Fred A.	3118394
S/Sgt.	Kennedy, Harold J.	36237446
S/Sgt.	Kern, Clinton E.	16043891
S/Sgt.	Kern, Jacob J.	36395345
S/Sgt.	Kiess, Edward J.	33350418
S/Sgt.	Klucka, Stephen C.	36174515
S/Sgt.	Kochevar, Albert (nmi)	36231234
S/Sgt.	Leache, Edward H.	38116616
S/Sgt.	Leonhart, Woodrow W.	37117712
S/Sgt.	Leininger, Melvin A.	16093051

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Roster of officers and enlisted men, 20 Oct 43, Cont'd.

RANK	NAME	ASN
S/Sgt.	Lentz, Robert V.	35135294
S/Sgt.	Marchant, Zeke B.	38105059
S/Sgt.	Martin, Raymond A.	35134868
S/Sgt.	McLeod, Frederick R.	36176105
S/Sgt.	Messerole, Erwin H.	35043542
S/Sgt.	Miller, Ray O.	18045959
S/Sgt.	Mockus, George A.	16049567
S/Sgt.	Newman, Hans H.	18075782
S/Sgt.	Nims, Woodrow (nmi)	35043158
S/Sgt.	Nonno, Constantine (nmi)	35043341
S/Sgt.	Olson, Merton F.	36313788
S/Sgt.	Paczak, John (nmi)	36325189
S/Sgt.	Parry, Robert A.	12017764
S/Sgt.	Patton, John (nmi)	35134892
S/Sgt.	Peck, Maurice J.	37331166
S/Sgt.	Pedersen, Ralph H.	39606533
S/Sgt.	Peterson, Lee J.	36243342
S/Sgt.	Pickard, Robert E.	34160234
S/Sgt.	Pierce, Carl G.	34350951
S/Sgt.	Poe, Leonard C.	19065956
S/Sgt.	Presnell, Donald M.	39385741
S/Sgt.	Robinson, James F.	39239178
S/Sgt.	Rocchiccioli, Oliver J.	35501647
S/Sgt.	Roubitchek, Miles (nmi)	36344226
S/Sgt.	Rowe, Charles T.	33318104
S/Sgt.	Schiappacasse, Martin (nmi)	36502599
S/Sgt.	Scott, John E.	36199352
S/Sgt.	Slie, Robert R.	6150055
S/Sgt.	Thurnau, Wilbert H.	37284634
S/Sgt.	Trudel, Sylvio J.	6139603
S/Sgt.	Vines, Marlin M.	14108125
S/Sgt.	Virden, Virgil (nmi) Jr.	18029379
Sgt.	Amalfitano, Anthony (nmi)	32406804
Sgt.	Anderson, Lewis E.	36707786
Sgt.	Boots, Herman (nmi) Jr.	36381605
Sgt.	Brynes, Harold L.	32575331
Sgt.	Crider, Howard G.	38188688
Sgt.	Decker, Max (nmi)	36322136
Sgt.	Dent, James C.	14129367
Sgt.	DeVaul, William O.	37231264
Sgt.	Dimanzio, Albert A.	32402534
Sgt.	Drake, Roscoe C.	35476723
Sgt.	Dwire, Jesse E., Jr.	11098740
Sgt.	Evans, Forest V.	35407672
Sgt.	Faughnan, Vincent J.	32403675
Sgt.	Flanary, William R.	33309456
Sgt.	Frenchi, James F.	16082337
Sgt.	Fust, Lawrence L.	39613478
Sgt.	Gardner, Raymond M.	39396451
Sgt.	Gengo, Matthew F.	32218653
Sgt.	Grace, Edward F.	31138963
Sgt.	Graves, Robert M.	35472358

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Roster of officers and enlisted men, 20 Oct 43, Cont'd.

RANK	NAME	ASN
Sgt.	Gurule, Manuel L.	18046716
Sgt.	Henninger, Richard H.	35482474
Sgt.	Hill, Frank E.	37463598
Sgt.	Huels, Robert P.	32381138
Sgt.	Iwwerks, Russell P.	11055481
Sgt.	Jacota, George (nmi)	16044342
Sgt.	Jarding, Louis N.	37450248
Sgt.	Joy, Donald L.	36199599
Sgt.	Killigrew, Aubert C.	32585104
Sgt.	Lee, David M.	39241020
Sgt.	Legezos, Sotirios J.	32412366
Sgt.	Lonergan, Robert M.	11070271
Sgt.	MacGregor, Malcolm E.	31156189
Sgt.	Martin, Gilbert R.	32556947
Sgt.	McNeill, John A.	32405463
Sgt.	Monahan, George J.	32638317
Sgt.	Moore, Delmet T.	35744200
Sgt.	Musson, Garret W.	32275996
Sgt.	Osmer, Raymond J.	16084653
Sgt.	Reed, Carl W.	16097402
Sgt.	Reed, Wiley J.	37202954
Sgt.	Rowell, Alfred M.	35354884
Sgt.	Rye, Edward L.	14083582
Sgt.	Schank, Kenton L.	35505105
Sgt.	Schilly, Francis A.	37388956
Sgt.	Schulz, Leonard F.	32432316
Sgt.	Smith, Lester L.	34432458
Sgt.	Smith, Robert E.	35370618
Sgt.	Smith, Woodrow R.	35370630
Sgt.	Starr, Roy H.	36199910
Sgt.	Stawiasz, Chester A.	32279645
Sgt.	Steiner, Leonard (nmi)	32563494
Sgt.	Taylor, William E.	14126464
Sgt.	Weber, William H.	31067185
Sgt.	Weinberg, Henry (nmi)	33206361
Sgt.	Wells, Clarence E.	35405095
Sgt.	Wilke, Harry H.	36544223
Cpl.	Altman, Lester H.	33407762
Cpl.	Altstatt, Melbourne E.	18162919
Cpl.	Asaro, Anthony (nmi)	13193921
Cpl.	Baldridge, Dexter (nmi)	15339941
Cpl.	Bassuk, Nathaniel (nmi)	12142223
Cpl.	Bingham, George R.	39266439
Cpl.	Blair, Delbert L.	36055531
Cpl.	Cannon, Harold T.	32363718
Cpl.	Clove, Vene J.	39834995
Cpl.	Collins, Earl E.	33205850
Cpl.	Cronk, Oscar A., Jr.	13121536
Cpl.	Daniluk, John (nmi)	13114997
Cpl.	Davis, Donald R.	33295060
Cpl.	Fordyce, William A.	13108663
Cpl.	Gifford, Leopold S.	31099154
Cpl.	Gilliam, Charles L.	35650172

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Roster of officers and enlisted men, 20 Oct 43, cont'd.

RANK	NAME	ASN
Cpl.	Graver, Hayden G.	33236074
Cpl.	Heffele, Alban G.	37303498
Cpl.	Hilbig, Warren E.	32454820
Cpl.	Inglis, Clarence S.	13103181
Cpl.	Kaufman, Alfred R.	35255902
Cpl.	Kelly, Joseph D.	32378490
Cpl.	Kertes, Edward (nmi)	32443269
Cpl.	King, Virgil E.	15382242
Cpl.	Lindberg, LeRoy J.	39539679
Cpl.	Linsley, Gerald H.	37189628
Cpl.	Magnes, Sam S.	32388940
Cpl.	Maloney, James F.	11071019
Cpl.	Martinez, Manuel (nmi)	18184766
Cpl.	Mathews, Charles J.	14156423
Cpl.	Miesel, Rubin (nmi)	32647283
Cpl.	Michalak, Marion T.	32375370
Cpl.	Michalowski, Stanley F.	33058475
Cpl.	Mitchell, Fred J.	35367608
Cpl.	Nelson, Arthur W., Jr.	37239605
Cpl.	Neuenschwander, Clyde W.	35341743
Cpl.	Oberschelp, Robert W.	37395276
Cpl.	Palmer, William B.	31248512
Cpl.	Paquette, Lucien A.	11085807
Cpl.	Parker, Michael N.	14182186
Cpl.	Parkman, Jesse L.	18226660
Cpl.	Pearson, Norman A.K.	11116610
Cpl.	Petkon, Charles V.	32355199
Cpl.	Polley, Charles M.	13021953
Cpl.	Potter, John W.	32362801
Cpl.	Pugh, Harry N.	39258952
Cpl.	Rasnake, Ernest L.	13064546
Cpl.	Ray, Wayne L.	35566515
Cpl.	Ridlon, John A.	31228936
Cpl.	Rigby, Charlie S.	34385461
Cpl.	Roberts, Edwin E., Jr.	14119930
Cpl.	Rodgers, William R.	35307859
Cpl.	Ryder, Harry C.	11106706
Cpl.	Schukantz, Walter H.	36242153
Cpl.	Sharp, Thomas D.	35369199
Cpl.	Smith, Luther J.	13092878
Cpl.	Stackenwalt, Thomas L.	32362904
Cpl.	Stine, Joseph N.	33373615
Cpl.	Swasnick, Ludwig J.	35314122
Cpl.	Thomas, Reginald (nmi)	14185586
Cpl.	Thompson, Reuel N.	16046450
Cpl.	Wernick, Abel (nmi)	12190083
Cpl.	West, Roy W., Jr.	34106142
Cpl.	White, Herbert R.	19142315
Cpl.	Williams, Fred J.	36175312
Cpl.	Wolitzki, Louis (nmi)	32560942
Cpl	Wollen, Orvil R.	19065874
Cpl.	Wright, Jack A.	19100273

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Roster of O's & EM, 20 Oct 43,(cont'd)

Cpl.	Zimmerman, William R.	34370305
Cpl.	Yauornik, Walter C.	36074573
Pfc	Box, Zane L.	18214185
Pfc	Burleson, Lois S.	38369448
Pfc	Buetow, Donald G.	36246311
Pfc	Callahan, Virgil G.	6966919
Pfc	Carley, Laurence (nmi)	36233381
Pfc	DelSordo, Angelo (nmi)	32560988
Pfc	Epke, Fred E.	32586191
Pfc	Fox, Leonard (nmi)	31130973
Pfc	Jaquith, Elliott E.	32581769
Pfc	Kaminsky, Robert (nmi)	11130470
Pfc	Knoblock, Arthur R.	33678536
Pfc	Ora, Roy B.	36280216
Pfc	Marx, Alvin A.	16064681
Pfc	Rosenkrantz, John (nmi)	32611403
Pfc	Rozanski, Charles (nmi)	32555777
Pfc	Sargent, Richard J.	13155385
Pfc	Stephens, Paul A.	34440811
Pfc	Walker, Charles J.	32270078
Pvt	Abey, Wilbur J.	36179147
Pvt	Bowden, Corlew C.	14162095
Pvt	Brzezinski, John S.	32363008
Pvt	Burns, Joseph F.	32410112
Pvt	Davis, James N.	34723062
Pvt	Ferraiolo, Patrick J.	32590557
Pvt	Ferrelli, Pasquale (nmi)	31174635
Pvt	Galvin, Walter (nmi)	32845222
Pvt	Hagewood, George H.	34329027
Pvt	Jezak, Felix J.	16093054
Pvt	Matheny, Larry L.	34495439
Pvt	Nairn, James E.	13156222
Pvt	Oddie, Walter L.	34036169
Pvt	Pool, John H.	34390279
Pvt	Ramlow, William A.	37167272
Pvt	Ray, Edward M., Jr.	31153052
Pvt	Reeves, William H., Jr.	31324480
Pvt	Tyler, Paul H.	37420911
Pvt	Zabka, Emil J.	13170636

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20 December 1 43

366th Fighter Squadron

16 P-47's. Time up: 1031. Time down: 1245.

Four P-47s.

Shallow Penetration Support [illegible] Command.

Nil.

Nil.

Nil.

Nil.

Squadron led by Major Therriault who aborted before reaching half-way mark across channel. Capt. Underwood assumed command. R/V with bombers at 1124 at appointed place. Light flak was observed over Tessel. Number of pilots reported a [illegible] which exploded in mid-air heading in the direction of England approximately two miles after leaving landfall of enemy coast. It was reported that a P-47 seemed to be following bomber but could not be determined whether he was friendly.
~~EEEEEXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ NOTHING FOLLOWS~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

Target: Bremen.

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[illegible] December [illegible]

[illegible]

3.0th Fighter Squadron.

30 P-47s. Time Up: 1113. Time Down: 1324.

Two abortive, one prop, one engine cut-out, 1 mill leave.
Its. Failure: Parlow.

Sweep. F.C. 2/6 S. Fighter Command.

Nil.

Nil.

Nil.

Nil.

After taking off and forming, Lajor Jones leading, it was seen that Red 2, Lt. Mullellan, had failed to take-off. He, [illegible] moved into the position and became Red 2. After having refuelled on the enemy coast when proceeding along course, a group of P-38s were observed coming out above prearranged Zero Hour. Numerous bogies were seen and identified. In the rear of between Ehlogne and Mardelot, six B-26s were seen slightly below the formation at about 4,000 feet. It seemed as if there were two pursuits following the bombers. It was also noticed that one pursuit appeared to peel off and go after a straggling bomber. It was impossible to report this due to radio chatter. About four to six medium ships, not identified as to class, were reported at Le Tourquet. No flak was encountered.
[illegible]

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feet.

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Ninth Fighter Squadron

Thirteen F-4 s. [illegible]

One Airborne Warning [illegible]

Tactical Area Support. [illegible]

Not yet reported, 12.

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Squadron led by Major Thornbrough proceeded [illegible]
Lodz Landfall [illegible] at 44,000, 43,000 feet. Covered the
area from [illegible] minutes. Rendezvous at Angels
[illegible] at 25,000 feet. Twelve aircraft [illegible]
proceeded [illegible] 15,000. Ten were left [illegible]
over the general area. Visibility, [illegible] feet to-
gether, ceiling at 25,000 feet. [illegible]

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[illegible] December 1944

[illegible] Fighter Squadron

Fifteen P-47's. Three [illegible]. Three [illegible].

[illegible] sparc.

[illegible]ered. F.A.C. No. [illegible], [illegible] per [illegible].

[illegible] P-47 [illegible] [illegible] Munich at Furstenfeldbruck, Germany. [illegible] [illegible] at 1300.

Nil.

Nil.

Nil.

[illegible] led by Lt. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] between Travemunde and Lubeck at 23,000 feet at 1111. Scattered flak was observed on the bomb level at the initial [illegible] very accurate. Fighters were sighted only once during the time [illegible] approximately 1115 slightly south and in front. Proceeded as briefed but could not pick up bombers again. Unobserved bandits reported by patrol but did not see them. Landfall point, but it [illegible], altitude [illegible] to 23,000 feet, time [illegible]. Visibility good seven to nine-tenths clouds at four to seven thousand feet over the continent. [illegible] good.

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[illegible] fighter squadron.

Fourteen P-47's. Take [illegible]
Three aborti[illegible]
One oil-leak, and [illegible]
drop; one belly tank [illegible]

Assigned: [illegible] Lt. Col. [illegible], Squadron Commander.

[illegible] five, named [illegible]

1 Lt.

1 Lt.

1 Lt.

[illegible] led by Major Bertenbaker made rendezvous with bombers at Rendement 27,000 at 1125. When approximately at Latitude 51° was observed [illegible] not alone. Flight of three ships led by Lt. Kimball was dispatched to escort the [illegible]. The enemy aircraft started to dive on the bomber but when Lt. Kimball's flight turned into the attack, the aircraft broke off and left. They made landfall on the English coast at Dungeness at 1245. Proceeded to [illegible] and returned to Base. It was reported that the Fortress was hit by flak on the [illegible] under line forward of the ball-turret. The remainder of the squadron proceeded along the briefed route covering the bombers all the way. Over the target concentrated hits were observed in the south-central and northern portion of the city. All reports indicate that the bombing was extremely accurate and concentrated. After leaving the target landfall on the enemy coast at St. Valery 12.5 at 30,000 feet. Landfall on the English coast at Hawkinge 1305 at 28,000 feet. Weather above 22,000 feet very clear all the way. Over the target good, visibility excellent both air to air and air to ground. A layer of low clouds in the interior at approximately 2,000 feet. Contrails at 22,000 feet. Flak heavy meagre but inaccurate over the target only.

Encl #8

[illegible]

[illegible] th Fighter [illegible]

[illegible]

Fourteen P-47's. [illegible]

Four aborted.

[illegible] engine failure, [illegible]

Penetration Support. [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Squadron led by Major [illegible] was briefed. Made land in Mirland, 1002 at 24,000 feet. Met bombers on eastern tip of Ameland Island [illegible] five minutes late. Made landfall out 1035 at 24,000 feet over The Hague. Very inaccurate and scattered flak reported between Terschelling Island and the mainland. Visibility good. Five-tenths low clouds; contrails were non-persistent. V/T good.

Incl. #9

[illegible] Fighter Squadron.

Seventeen P-47s. [illegible] to abortives.
Nil.

Withdrawal support. [illegible] 8 F Command.

Nil.

One [illegible] failure. Damage: [illegible], prop, belly, and flaps; engine change.
Nil.

Nil.

Squadron led by Lt. Col. Wells made R/V with bombers 1232 at 27,000 feet. Because of heavy overcast was unable to pinpoint location. Immediately upon meeting the bombers, Lt. Col. Wells sighted a Me 109 and went after him with his flight but was unable to get in a position for an attack. Lt. Buckner fired a burst at this aircraft but does not claim any hits as he was unable to see the results of his shots. Capt. Underwood sighted a Me 109 upon R/V with bombers but was not in position to attack. Flak over the continent was very meager and unusually inaccurate. When Lt. Buckner's element was separated from the squadron while pressing his attack, it was noted that the A.A. fired upon single planes and flights of two. The above was also noted by a spare returning home. Lt. Wanterski saw one of our squadrons pressing an attack on a FW 190 and claims they were in a good position. Made landfall out at 1252 27,000 feet but heavy weather overcast obscured pin-point location of continent. Weather: Visibility, very good air to air, 10/10 clouds, tops at about 15,000 feet. Contrails were non-persistent at 27,000 feet. R/T good.
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INCL #10

7 January 1944

366th Fighter Squadron

Fourteen P-47s. Time up: 1003. Time down: 1256.

Nil.

Ramrod. F.O. #215 I F Command.

Nil.

Nil.

Nil.

Nil.

Squadron led by Major Wertenbaker made landfall in at 26,000 feet 1030, vicinity The Hague. R/V with bombers 1058, vicinity Heusden, 38,000 feet. Escorted bombers approximately thirty minutes along briefed route before returning. Just before making landfall out, Major Therriault, Yellow Section leader, started down through the overcase to cover Capt. Underwood who had oxygen difficulty. He spied a hole in the clouds and while attempting to identify the location, found themselves immediately over Ostend. Very concentrated flak and fire were encountered at this point. It was observed that there were probably three flak-ships in the breakwater. Landfall in 1220. Contrails at 24,000 feet, semi-persistent, approximately six layers of clouds from six to 31,000 feet. Fighter-bomber communication very good. R/T good.

**It was reported by one flight that at Clacton at Sea, they were fired upon by friendly anti-craft. This is the third occurrence of this.

Incl #11

11 January 1944

366th Fighter Squadron.

Eighteen P-47s. Time up: 1033. Time down: 1310.

Two abortive; one fuel pump, one malfunctioning engine.
Four escort for abortives from enemy territory.

Ramrod. F.O. #216 8 F Command.

Nil.

Nil.

Nil.

Nil.

Squadron led by Major Therriault flew as free-lance squadron at 26,000 feet. Made R/V with bombers at approximately enemy coast between Ijmuden and Zandvoort at 1219. Proceeded along briefed route leaving bombers at 1157. Made landfall in at approximately 1240 at 24,000 feet but due to heavy clouds could not identify exact portion oc coast. However, it is believed to be according to planned route. Flight returning early reported heavy flak bursting above clouds at approximately 26,000 feet north of Amsterdam. Low layer of contrails at 18,000 feet which extended to 20,000 feet, semi-persistent. Contrails persistent from 25 to 28,000 feet. R/T fair - reports of jamming by the enemy.
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INCL #12

11 January 1944.

366th Fighter Squadron.

Eighteen P-47s. Time Up: 1419 Time Down: 1622

Six abortive. One oil leak, one belly-tank leak, One oxygen failure over enemy territory, three abortive excort.

Remrod. F.O. #217 8 Fighter Command.

Nil.

Nil.

Nil.

Nil.

Squadron led by Major Therriault made landfall into the enemy coast 1456 at 16,000 feet on briefed route. Proceeded along briefed route. Made landfall out of the enemy coast 1550 at 16,000 feet at Dunquirk, Blue flight led by Lt. Schuster aborted 20 minutes early due to oxygen failure. The balance of his flight excorted him home from enemy territory. It was reported approximately 45 to 50 small merchant vessels were proceeding along coast of France 4 miles off shore apparently heading for Gravelines. Lt. Littlejohn landed at Woodbridge, low on gas. Flak light and scattered, fairly heavy at Desvres. Misty overcast over the channel; over the continent, air to air and air to ground, very good. Spotters reported unidentified aircraft carrier in the channel 10 to 15 miles south of Dover heading North. R/T excellent.

Incl #13

21 January 1944

366th Fighter Squadron.

Sixteen P-47s. Time up: 1310 Time down: 1600.

Nil.

Ramrod. F.C. #221 8 Fighter Command.

Nil.

Nil.

Nil.

Nil.

Squadron led by Major Therriault made landfall in the enemy coast at 1345 16,000 feet on briefed course at Fournes. Carried out mission as briefed. Made landfall out on enemy coast at 1505 18,000 feet at Point St. Quentin. Accurate bombing results were observed on the airdrome at Abbeville. Lt. Harber landed at Manston for re-fueling. Inaccurate flak at St. Omer. Low clouds over the continent 5,000 feet approximately 7/10ths on southern portion ofroute. Air to air, visibility good and air to ground, fair. Contrail level approsimately 30,000 feet. R/T good.
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Incl #14

24 January 1944.

366th Fighter Squadron.

Sixteen P-47s. Time up: 0924 Time down: 1145.

Two abortive; one carburetor trouble, one pilot sickness.

Ramrod. F.O. #222 8 Fighter Command.

Nil.

Nil.

Nil.

Nil.

Squadron led by Lt. Col. Wells made landfall in theenemy coast on course at 22,000 feet 1010. R/V with bombers at briefed point at 28,000 feet 1021. Landfall out north of Ostend at 15,000 feet 1120. Nothing unsual occurred. Light and inaccurate flak was observed at Ostend. Over the continent, weather was hazy, expecially east of Brussels with approximately 7/10th clouds. Visibility, air to air, fair and air to ground, fair. Semi-persistnet contrails at 27,000 feet. R/T fair.
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Incl #15

25 January 1944

366th Fighter Squadron

Sixte n P-47s Time Up: 1411 Time Down: 1635

Nil.

Sweep - F.O. #40 66th Fighter Wing.

Nil.

Nil.

Nil.

Nil.

Squadron led by Major Therriault made landfall in enemy coast 21,000 feet, 1454 at Katwijk Aan Zee. Covered briefed route made landfall out enemy coast 1553, 22,000 feet north of Ijmujden on course. Flak was observed at S. Graven hague, modium but accurate as to altitude. Weather and visibility were good. There was a low layer of clouds at 10 to 12,000 feet broken; icing conditions in these clouds. Front moving east. Visibility over Zuider Zee very good however east of the sea and over land cumilous clouds at 22,000 feet. Air to air visibility good, air to ground visibility good. Contrails at 22,000 feet, light. R/T good.
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INCL #16

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28 January 1944.

366th Fighter Squadron.

Sixteen P-47s. Time up: 1521 Time down: 1710

Nil.

Nil.

Nil.

Nil.

Squadron led by Major Therriault proceeded along briefed route. Solid overcast over the cont nent at 5,000 feet. Near the English coast overcast was broken. Unable to give time and place of landfa ll in or out due to weather. Contrails were moderately persistent at 22,000 feet. No enemy activity was observed or encountered R/T fair.
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INCL #19

29 January 1944

366th Fighter Squadron

Sixteen P-47s. Time up: 0917 Time down: 1153.

Nil.

Ramrod. F.O. #226 VIII Fighter Command.

Nil.

Nil.

Nil.

Nil.

Squadron led by Major Therriault made landfall in on briefed course at 22,000 feet 0959 at approximately Blankenberghe. Proceeded on course and made R/V with bombers at 1009 at briefed point. Continued with bombers over route breaking away at 1037 for base. Landfall out at Noordwal 1100 hours 20,000 feet. Solid overcast from 1,000 to 5,000 feet. Above this, air to air was excellent; air to ground nil. Light contrails at 25,000 feet. R/T good with jamming from enemy coast in. It was reported that while covering the bombers four FW 190s followed the formation at an extimated altitude of 35,000 feet. One E/A was seen to fire a rocket which fell very short of the bomber box.
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Incl #20

30 January 1944

366th Fighter Squadron.

Sixte en P-47s. Time up: 1222 Time down: 1415

Nil.

Ramrod. F.O. #227 VIII Fighter Command.

Nil.

Nil.

Nil.

One Me 109 damaged, Lt. Shook.

Squadron led by Lt. Col Wertenbaker made landfall in the Enemy coast on course on ti e at 22,000 feet 1304 Ijmuiden. R/V with bombers at briefed point at 1319 23,000 feet. Proceeded along route and observed a flight of four enemy aircraft through the clouds below at approximately 3500 feet. White Section dove on four enemy aircraft appearing through t he clouds. while closing in on a stragling B-17. Lt. Col. Wertenbaker fired on one Me 109 while Lts. Shook, Kimball, and Hamilton fired on thecthers who immediately dove back into the cloud formation at which point White Section climbed back to altitude and position. This action took place at approximately Gransbergen. The B-17 was believed seen later making landfall out. Blue Four, Lt. Brockus, was fired upon by enemy aircraft but took violent evasive action. One aircraft was observed to blow up and go down but due to the distance, it could not be identified. Lts. *Buckner acting as Spotters excorted five B-17s from mid-channel to Great Yarmouth. Spotters returned to mid-channel and observed one B-17 crash. Also directed Air-Sea Rescue boat to spot but observed no rafts or survivors. Landfall out was made at Bergen 16,000 feet at 1400 hours at which point flak was heavy and accurate. Weather over the continent 6/10s low overcast at 3500 to 4,000 feet; high and broken clouds at 22,000 feet. Light contrails at 23,000 semi-persistent at 27,000 feet. R/T good.
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HEADQUARTERS VIII FIGHTER COMMAND
APO [illegible] AAF Station F-341
17 January, 1944

AWARDS OF DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS.....SECTION I
AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSSSECTION II
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V. Under the provisions of Army Regualtions 600-45, 22 September, 1943 and pursuant to authority contained in Section I, Circular 36, Hq, ETOUSA, 5 April, 1943, and letter Hq., Eighth Air Force, Subject: "Awards and Decorations", 16 April, 1943, an AIR MEDAL is awarded to the following named officers:

CITATION: For meritorious service in aerial flight in the completion of ten (10) Operational sorties, or the equivalent thereof, over enemy occupied Continental Europe.

JOSEPH D. UNDERWOOD, O-432732, Captain, Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home Address: 635 W. Washington Street, Gainesville, Georgia.

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By Command of Major General KEPNER:

FRANCIS H. GRISWOLD,
Colonel, Air Corps,
Chief of Staff

OFFICIAL:

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Major, A.G.D.,
Ass't. Adj. General.

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HEADQUARTERS VIII FIGHTER COMMAND
APO 637 AAF Station P-341
28 January, 1944.

AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS.....SECTION I
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AWARDS OF THE AIR MEDAL.....SECTION IV
AWARDS OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE AIR MEDAL.....SECTION V

I. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September, 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in Section I, Circular 36, Hq. ETOUSA, 5 April, 1943, and letter Hq. Eighth Air Force, Subject: "Awards and Decorations", 20 September, 1943, the DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS is awarded to the following named Officers:

JACK S. JENKINS, 0-22606, Lt. Colonel, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement. Lt. Col. Jenkins has accomplished thirty fighter combat missions, or the equivalent thereof, over enemy occupied Continental Europe and has destroyed two enemy airplanes in aerial combat. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Col. Jenkins has sought out the enemy and destroyed him, his devotion to duty and courage under all conditions serve as an inspiration to his fellow flyers. His actions on all these occasions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home Address: RFD #1, Levelland, Texas.

LUTHER H. RICHMOND, 0-24113, Major, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement. Major Richmond has accomplished fifty fighter combat missions, or the equivalent thereof, over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Major Richmond has sought out the enemy and engaged him in aerial combat, his devotion to duty and courage under all conditions serve as an inspiration to his fellow flyers. His actions on all these occasions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home Address: 1302 Hicks Avenue, San Antonio, Texas.

EVERETT W. STEWART, 0-22359, Major, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement. Major Stewart has accomplished fifty fighter combat missions, or the equivalent thereof, over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Major Stewart has sought out the enemy and engaged him in aerial combat, his devotion to duty and courage under all conditions serve as an inspiration to his fellow flyers. His actions on all these occasions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home Address: 300 Rogers Street Abilene, Kansas.

JOSEPH H. BENNETT, 0-431841, Captain, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement. Captain Bennett has accomplished forty fighter combat missions, or the equivalent thereof, over enemy occupied Continental Europe and has destroyed one enemy airplane in aerial combat. The skillful and zealous manner in which Captain Bennett has sought out the enemy and destroyed him, his devotion to duty and courage under all conditions serve as an inspiration to his fellow flyers. His actions on all these occasions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home Address: PO Box 91, Morton, Texas.

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WILLIAM T. HILTON, 0-441842, Captain, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement. Captain Hilton has accomplished fifty fighter combat missions, or the equivalent thereof, over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Captain Hilton has sought out the enemy and engaged him in aerial combat, his devotion to duty and courage under all conditions serve as an inspiration to his fellow flyers. His actions on all these occasions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home Address: 162 Albert Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island.

JOHN B. COLEMAN, JR., 0-667040, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement. Lt. Coleman has accomplished fifty fighter combat missions, or the equivalent thereof, over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Coleman has sought out the enemy and engaged him in aerial combat, his devotion to duty and courage under all conditions serve as an inspiration to his fellow flyers. His actions on all these occasions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home Address: 4455 N. Fredrick Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

NEIL R. WAGNER, 0-666592, 2nd Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement. Lt. Wagner has accomplished fifty fighter combat missions, or the equivalent thereof, over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Wagner has sought out the enemy and engaged him in aerial combat, his devotion to duty and courage under all conditions serve as an inspiration to his fellow flyers. His actions on all these occasions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home Address: Rt 3, Lowell, Ohio.

II. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September, 1943 and pursuant to authority contained in Section I, Circular 36, Hq. ETOUSA, 5 April, 1943, and letter, Hq. Eighth Air Force, Subject: "Awards and Decorations", 20 September, 1943, an O.K LEAF CLUSTER is awarded to the following named Officers for wear with the Distinguished Flying Cross and the first O.K Leaf Cluster previously awarded:

WALTER V. COOK, 0-432182, Captain, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement. Captain Cook has accomplished twenty fighter combat missions, or the equivalent thereof, over enemy occupied Continental Europe and has destroyed three enemy airplanes in aerial combat. The skillful and zealous manner in which Capt. Cook has sought out the enemy and destroyed him, his devotion to duty and courage under all conditions serve as an inspiration to his fellow flyers. His actions on all these occasions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home Address: 2239 Crane Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio.

ROBERT S. JOHNSON, 0-661217, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement. Lt. Johnson has accomplished twenty fighter combat missions, orthe equivalent thereof, over enemy occupied Continental Europe and has destroyed three enemy airplanes in aerial combat. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Johnson has sought out the enemy and destroyed him, his devotion to duty and courage under all conditions serve as an inspiration to his fellow flyers. His actions on all these occasions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home Address: 410 Summit Street, Lawton, Oklahoma.

III. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September, 1943 and pursuant to authority contained in Section I, Circular 36, Hq, EUCOM, 5 April, 1945, and Letter, Hq. Eighth Air Force, Subject: "Awards and Decorations", 20 September, 1943, an OAK LEAF CLUSTER is awarded to the following named Officers for wear with the Distinguished Flying Cross previously awarded:

WILLIAM H. JULIAN, 0-835561, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement. Lt. Julian has accomplished fifty fighter combat missions, or the equivalent thereof, over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Julian has sought out the enemy and engaged him in aerial combat, his devotion to duty and courage under all conditions serve as an inspiration to his fellow flyers. His actions on all these occasions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home Address: 4103 Deseoe Drive, Dallas, Texas.

WARREN H. WESSON, 0-792890, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement. Lt. Wesson has accomplished forty fighter combat missions, or the equivalent thereof, over enemy occupied Continental Europe and has destroyed one enemy airplane in aerial combat. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Wesson has sought out the enemy and destroyed him, his devotion to duty and courage under all conditions serve as an inspiration to his fellow flyers. His actions on all these occasions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home Address: 441 Bay Ridge Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

FELIX D. WILLIAMSON, 0-667094, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement. Lt. Williamson has accomplished thirty fighter combat missions, or the equivalent thereof, over enemy occupied Continental Europe and has destroyed two enemy airplanes in aerial combat. The skillful and zealous manner in which Lt. Williamson has sought out the enemy and destroyed him, his devotion to duty and courage under all conditions serve as an inspiration to his fellow flyers. His actions on all these occasions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home Address: RFD No.2, Cordele, Georgia.

IV. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September, 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in Section I, Circular 36, Hq., EUCOM, 5 April, 1945, and Letter Hq., Eighth Air Force, Subject: "Awards and Decorations", 16 April, 1945, an AIR MEDAL is awarded to the following named Officers:

CITATION: For meritorious service in aerial flight in the completion of ten (10) operational sorties, or the equivalent thereof, over enemy occupied Continental Europe:

CECIL E. WELLS, 0-22505, Lt. Col., Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home Address: 815 Buchanan Street, Edwardsville, Illinois.

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CARL H. TRUE, JR., 0-24741, Captain, Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home Address: 1644 Lincoln Avenue, Kingsport, Tennessee.

FELIX A. TRAZIER, JR., 0-437065, Captain, Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home Address: 1132 Walnut Street, Greenville, Texas.

RICHARD P. GATTERDAM, 0-791236, Captain, Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home Address: 620 Dulane Avenue, London, Ohio.

RICHARD A. GIL, 0-496121, Captain, Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home Address: RFD#2, Knoxville, Iowa.

MARION R. IC LEY, 0-441851, Captain, Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home Address: 123 West State Street, Pendleton, Indiana.

CHARLES E. MCKEE, 0-24351, Captain, Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home Address: 367 East Virginia Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona.

CLIFTON (NMI) SELL, 0-418437, Captain, Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home Address: Route 6, Gainesville, Texas.

BURTON B. WRIGHT, 0-432738, Captain, Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home Address: 650 East 46th Street, Indianapolis, Indiana.

JESS O. MYERS, 0-495237, Captain, Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home Address: 3811 Vineyard Road, Kansas City, Missouri.

C. A. AUSTIN, 0-673297, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home Address: P.O. Box 24, Skellytown, Texas.

RICHARD T. BOND, 0-730355, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home Address: 1719 Arch Street, Little Rock, Arkansas.

WILLIAM K. COOK, 0-733831, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home Address: 1414 North Willow Street, Compton, California.

JACK D. FAIL, 0-730428, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home Address: 226 Mt. Diablo Avenue, San Mateo, California.

WILLIAM C. FORELAND, 0-732203, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home Address: 909 W. Taylor, Kokomo, Indiana.

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28 January 1944

366th Fighter Squadron

Sixteen P-47s Time up: 1521 Time down: 1710.

Nil.

Sweep. T.O. #42 66th Fighter Wing.

Nil.

Nil.

Nil.

Nil.

Squadron led by Major Therriault proceeded along briefed route. Solid overcast over the continent at 5,000 feet. Near the English coast overcast was broken. Unable to give time and place of landfall in or out due to weather. Contrails were moderately persistant at 22,000 feet. No enemy activity was observed or encountered R/T fair.

INCL #19

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29 January 1944

366th Fighter Squadron.

Sixteen P-47s. Time up: 0917. Time down: 1153.

Nil.

Ramrod. F.O. #226 VIII Fighter Command.

Nil.

Nil.

Nil.

Nil.

Squadron led by Major Therriault made landfall in on briefed course at 22,000 feet 0959 at approximately Blankenberghe. Proceeded on course and made R/V with bombers at 1009 at briefed point. Continued with bombers over route breaking away at 1037 for base. Landfall out at Noordwal 1100 hours 20,000 feet. Solid overcast from 1, 000 to 5,000 feet. Above this, air to air was excellent; air to ground nil. Light contrails at 25,000 feet. R/T good with jamming from enemy coast in. It was reported that while covering the bombers four FW 190s followed the formationat an extimated altitude of 25,000 feet. One E/A was seen to fire a rocket which fell very short of the bomber box.

INCL #20

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30 January 1944

366th Fighter Squadron

Sixteen P-47s. Time Up: 1222 Time down: 1415.

Nil

Ramrod. F.O. #227, VIII Fighter Command

Nil

Nil.

Nil.

One Me 109 damaged, Lt. Shook.

Squadron led by Lt. Col. Wertenbaker made landfall in the enemy coast on course on time at 22,000 feet 1304 Ijmuiden. R/V with bombers at briefed point at 1319 23,000 feet. Proceeded along route and observed a flight of four enemy aircraft through the clouds below at approximately 3500 feet. White Section dove on four enemy aircraft appearing through the clouds. While closing in on a straggling B-17. Lt. Col. Wertenbaker fired on one Me 109 while Lts. Shook, Kimball, and Hamilton fired on the others who immediately dove back into the cloud formation at which point White Section climbed back to altitude and position. This action took place at approximately Cransbergen. The B-17 was believed seen later making landfall out. Blue Four, Lt. Brockus, was fired upon by enemy aircraft but took violent evasive action. One aircraft was observed to blow up and go down but due to the distance, it could not be identified. Lts Buckner and Farlow acting as Spotters escorted five B-17s from mid-channel to Great Yarmouth. Spotters returned to mid-channel and observed one B-17 crash. Also directed Air-Sea Rescue boat to spot but observed no rafts or survivors. Landfall out was made at Bergen 16,000 feet at 1400 hours at which point flak was heavy and accurate. Weather over the continent 6/10ths low overcast at 3500 to 4,000 feet; High and broken clouds at 22,000 feet. Light contrails at 23,000 semi-persistent at 27,000 feet. R/T good.

INCL #11

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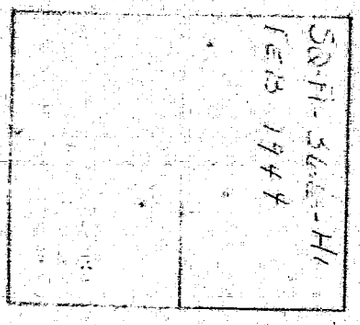

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366TH FIGHTER SQUADRON
358th Fighter Group
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1 March 1944

SQUADRON HISTORY, 366TH FIGHTER SQUADRON. February Installment.

On 1 February 1944, 366th Fighter Squadron , consisting of thirty-eight (38) officers and two-hundred and fifty-one (251) enlisted men were transferred from AAF Station F-373, Leiston, to AAF Station 157, Raydon. Move was made by motor transportation and military aircraft. Approximately one-third of squadron and most of the equipment and all mess personnel and equipment departed Station F-373 at 0800 to prepare quarters, area and mess facilities for remainder of squadron. Personnel not required to service aircraft departed at 1530 for new station. All aircraft and remaining personnel and equipment arrived at new station on 2 February 1944. This move was co-ordinated with the move of the squadron from Station 157 to AAF Station F-373. Move also included transfer of squadron from the Eighth Air Force to the Ninth Air Force and squadron is currently assigned to IX Air Support Command.

New station is very well laid out, both the barracks and line area. three of barracks for enlisted men not yet completed and rest of the barracks are a little crowded at present. Area has own shower room and we are now operating our own squadron mess again. Morale of men: Superior.

The following named officers were awarded the Air Medal per General Order #5, Headquarters VIII Fighter Command, 28 January 1944, Section VI: (Incl. #1).

1st Lt John H. Buckner
1st Lt Peter (NMI) Corson
1st Lt Allan W. Farlow
1st Lt Knute W. Hylen
1st Lt Robert F. Krug
2nd Lt Erik P. Littlejohn
2nd Lt Max W. McClure
2nd Lt Carmel W. Shook

2d Lt George (NMI) Robbins, Engineering Officer, was promoted to 1st Lt., on 1 December 1943 but orders were not received until 1 February 1944. 1st Lts Charles T. Kimball and Robert C. Schuster, Flight Leaders, were promoted to Captain on 25 January 1944, per Par. 9, Special Orders #25, Hq ETOUSA, dated 25 January 1944. 2d Lt Max W. McClure, pilot, was promoted to 1st Lt per Par. 25 of same order.

Headquarters, 358th Fighter Group, consisting of fifty-one (51) enlisted men, attached to this organization for rations only.

2d Lt Jacob (NMI) Kaufman, Photographic Officer at AAF Station F-373, was relieved from assignment this organization prior to departure.

Squadron was not relieved from operational status during move and performed missions on 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th of February 1944. (See Incls. #2, 3, 4 and 5).

General Order #7, Hq VIII Fighter Command, 5 February 1944 (Incl. #6), presented Air Medal (Sec V) and Oak Leaf Cluster (Sec VI) to following members of squadron:

AIR MEDAL:
1st Lt Oliver W. DeGruchy
1st Lt Victor H. Idol, Jr.
1st Lt Robert C. Schuster
2nd Lt Augustus (NMI) Hamilton, Jr.
2nd Lt John R. Harber

OAK LEAF CLUSTER:
Major Jack A. Therriault
Capt. Joseph D. Underwood, Jr.

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On 7 February 1944, 1st Lt Andrew J. Melancon, Jr., 2d Lts Clyde L. Coldren and Erik P. Littlejohn, S/Sgts Cuzzola, Dempsey, Groves and Sgts Jarding and Flanary returned from DS, Coxhill, to duty. 2d Lt Lee S. Tennyson, Signal Corps, assigned and joined, assigned duties as Assistant Communications Officer and Additional duty as Radio Officer. Detachment "U", 21st Weather Squadron and 40th Mobile Communication Squadron attached for rations, quarters and administration.

On 8 February 1944, two hundred and seventeen (217) enlisted men of this squadron were awarded Good Conduct Ribbon per Par. 5, Special Orders #2, Hq 358th Fighter Group, dated 7 February 1944, copy attached. (Incl. #9).

Squadron resumed operational missions on 8th and 11th of February 1944, reports attached. (Incls. #7 and #8).

On 14 February 1944, General Order #9, Hq VIII Fighter Command, Section VI and VII, awarded following decorations to personnel of this squadron: (Incl #10).

AIR MEDAL:
2nd Lt Edward (M.I) Kantorski
2nd Lt John J. Kropenick

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2nd Lt Augustus (M.I) Hamilton, Jr.
1st Lt Knute A. Hylen
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1st Lt Robert F. Krug
2nd Lt Max W. McClure
1st Lt Anthony L. Serapiglia
2nd Lt Carmel M. Shook
Major Jack A. Therriault (2nd Oak Leaf Cluster)

On 15 February 1944 the first furloughs since arrival in ETO were granted, ten (10) Enlisted Men leaving for five (5) days. Men will be sent on furlough as rapidly as possible. No word as yet on leaves of absence for officers in excess of two (2) days.

On 20th, 21st, 22nd and 24th of February 1944 squadron performed operational missions. (See Incls. #11, 12, 13 and 14).

2d Lt Walter E. Feltz, pilot, was assigned and joined on 25 February 1944. 2d Lt Jack L. Haddock, Ordnance, joined on 21 February 1944 but as yet no orders have been received assigning him to squadron.

On 22 February 1944, Capt. Charles T. Kimball, pilot, 1st Lt. George Robbins, Engingering Officer, and S/Sgts F. J. Jones and J. W. Fish and Sgt G. R. Martin, crew for Capt Kimball's plane, departed for three (3) weeks on DS at Low Level Attack School, Lilfield, Northumberland.

Operational missions were again carried out on 25th and 29th of February 1944. (Incls #15 and #16).

During month of February several officers and enlisted men were hospitalized for colds and flu. Major Therriault, Commanding Officer, and Capt. Underwood, Operations Officer, both being confined for some length of time. Capt Kimball, Flight Leader, assumed command during period when both were in hospital.

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XVIII

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[illegible] February 1944

[illegible] Fighter Squadron.

[illegible]ixteen -47s. [illegible]ime up: 0245 [illegible]ime down: 1130.

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[illegible]quadron led by [illegible]ajor [illegible]herriault took over as lead squadron and assumed command as group leader immediately after setting course. [illegible]ade R/V in on course on time at [illegible]esmond approximately [illegible]0,000 feet. [illegible]ade R/V with bombers on course on time at [illegible]4,000 feet 10[illegible]8 and climbed to [illegible]8,000 feet to get above bombers. [illegible]roceeded along briefed route to limit of endurance. [illegible]ade R/V out [illegible]orth of [illegible]auiden 1[illegible]08 at 19,000 feet. [illegible]eather was approximately 10/10ths at [illegible]7,0[illegible]0 feet over the continent; 7/10ths from [illegible]2 to 7,000 feet; from 16 to 24,000 feet solid. Visibility, air to ground nil; air to air [illegible]d. [illegible]/[illegible] good.

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Incl #2

XIX

[redacted] 4 Feb 1944

[illegible]

1. 363th Fighter Squadron.

2. Sixteen P-47s. Time up: 1051 Time down: 1310.

3. Nil.

4. Hemrod. T.C. 334 WITF Fighter Comd.

5. Nil.

6. Nil.

7. Nil.

8. Nil.

9. Squadron led by Major Cherrault proceeded on course as briefed. R/V in st vicinity Schouwen at 1145 23,000 feet. R/V with bombers was made on course on time at 25,000 feet. Squadron escorted bombers on course leaving them at 1154. R/T out at 1225 20,000 feet at The Hague. Flak was moderately accurate north of Amsterdam. Visibility excellent, broken and scattered clouds over the channel. Over the continent, broken clouds at 18,000 feet; contrails very light at 25,000 feet. R/T good.

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February 1944

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1. 365th Fighter Squadron.
2. Sixteen P-47s. Time up: 1000 Time down: 1145.
3. 11.
4. Escort. P.O. 230 [illegible] Fighter Sweep.
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6. 11.
7. 11.
8. 11.
9. Weather [illegible] for escort was overcast [illegible] briefed, [illegible] to encounter at 10,000 feet or above. Escort [illegible] ordered [illegible] route [illegible]. 5/10 cirrus, base 24,000 feet. Scattered [illegible] 2/10 cumulus 1 K 20,000 feet. Scattered and broken [illegible] feet. Visibility, air to air good; air to ground good. Top [illegible] to 15,000 feet. Contrails very light, non-prevalent at 25,000 feet. 2/2 very good.

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6 February 1944

MISSION SUMMARY REPORT.

A. 366th Fighter Squadron.

B. Seventeen P-47s. Time up: 0950. Time down: 1207.

C. One abortive, oil leak.

D. Ramrod. F.C. #36 VIII Fighter Command.

E. Nil.

F. Nil.

G. Nil.

H. Nil.

I. Squadron was led by Captain [illegible] over the channel where Major Therrieult assumed command upon entry of enemy coast. L/F in was made at Dayeux at 1034 20,000 feet. Squadron made R/V with bombers at Neufchatel 1030 at 20,000 feet. Escorted bombers as briefed. L/F out at Berck-Sur-Mer at 20,000 feet 1152. Heavy and accurate flak was observed while going in at Ault. Visibility, air to air good; air to ground good; 6 - 8/10ths clouds over channel at 2 - 4,000 feet breaking over the continent. Contrails at 26,000 feet were very light and non-persistent. R/T good, bad jamming on C channel. XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXNOTHING FOLLOWXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

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GENERAL ORDER)
NUMBER.....7)

HEADQUARTERS VIII FIGHTER COMMAND
APO 637 AAF STATION F-341
5 February 1944

AWARDS OF DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS.....SECTION I
AWARDS OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS.....SECTION II
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AWARDS OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE AIR MEDAL.....SECTION VI

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V. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in Section I, Circular 36, Hq ETOUSA, 5 April 1943, and letter, Hq Eighth Air Force, Subject: "Awards and Decorations", 16 April 1943, an AIR MEDAL is awarded to the following named Officers:

CITATION: For meritorious service in aerial flight in the completion of ten (10) operational sorties, or the equivalent thereof, over enemy occupied Continental Europe.

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OLIVER W. DeGRUCHY, 0-25652, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home Address: 1724 N. Wakefield Street, Arlington, Virginia.

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VICTOR H. IDOL, JR., 0-666542, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home Address: Madison, North Carolina.

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ROBERT C. SCHUSTER, 0-793542, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home Address: 236 E. Dorrance Street, Kingston, Pennsylvania.

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AUGUSTUS HAMILTON, JR., 0-675767, 2nd Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home Address: P.O. Box 565, Rocky Mount, North Carolina.

JOHN R. HARBER, 0-675768, 2nd Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home Address: 813 S. Belle Vista, Youngstown, Ohio.

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VI. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in Section I, Circular 36, Hq ETOUSA, 5 April 1943, and letter, Hq. Eighth Air Force, Subject: "Awards and Decorations", 16 April 1943, an OAK LEAF CLUSTER is awarded to the following named officers in addition to the AIR MEDAL previously awarded:

CITATION: For meritorious service in aerial flight in the completion of ten (10) operational sorties, or the equivalent thereof, over enemy occupied Continental Europe:

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JACK A. THERRIAULT, 0-432140, Major, Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home Address: 2930 Fairview Avenue, Seattle, Washington.

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JOSEPH D. UNDERWOOD, 0-432732, Captain, Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home Address: 635 W. Washington Street, Gainesville, Georgia.

By command of Major General KEPNER:

[redacted]

FRANCIS H. GRISWOLD,
Colonel, Air Corps,
Chief of Staff.

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8 February 1944

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A. 366th Fighter Squadron.

B. Sixteen P-47s. Time up: 0925. Time down: 1300.

C. Nil.

D. Memrad. T.O. AAF XIX Fighter Command.

E. Nil.

F. Nil.

G. Nil.

H. Squadron led by [redacted] proceeded on mission as briefed. R/V in vicinity made over Merck at 25,000 feet. Squadron continued on course and arrived at R/T on time. Bombers were one and one-half minutes early. While escorting bombers, one box was seen to abort. Two Me 109 Gs were observed. P/U made dives from altitude through formations of fighters and bombers. 109s had white stripes on wings inside of guns wider than stripes on P-51. P/U out at Pointe Route Plane at 1130 19,000 feet. Lts. Kimball and Dian landed at Manston. Lts. Nylen and Tuck landed at another base. Broken scattered clouds to 10,000 feet, hazy at 25,000 feet, 6 to 8/10ths over continent. Over England 2 to 4/10ths. R/T good.

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11 February 1944

MISSION SUMMARY REPORT

A. 366th Fighter Squadron.

B. Nineteen P-47s. Time up: 0935. Time down: 1205.

C. One abortive, radio failure.

D. Penetration Support. F.C. IXAC VIII Fighter Command.

E. Nil.

F. Nil.

G. Nil.

H. Nil.

I. Squadron led Captain Underwood made landfall at Ostend. Made R/V with bombers just upon entry of enemy coast at 1045, 25,000 feet. Proceeded on mission as briefed, withdrawing in vicinity of Lille. Made landfall out over Dunkerque at 1130, down at base 1200. Broken scattered clouds at 8 to 10,000 feet. Contrails predominant at 19 to 20,000 feet. R/T good, no jamming.

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HE[illegible] 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
Army Air Force[illegible] Station 157
APO 638 U. S. Army

7 February 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS)

NO. 2)

1. 1st Lt. HARLEY A. BARNETTE, 0856[illegible]. 21st Weather Sq, atchd to 358th Fitr Gp per par 2, SO 11, Hq AAF Sta 157, dt[illegible]. Feb 44, is further atchd to 366th Fitr Sq for qrs and adm purposes.

2. The foll EM of 21st Weather Sq atchd to 358th Fitr Gp per par 2, SO 11, Hq AAF Sta 157, dtd 4 Feb 44, are furtner atchd to 366th Fitr Sq for qrs, rats, and adm purposes.

T/Sgt Sylvester P. Mielcjaki	36148916
Sgt Joseph G. Archer	35170843
Sgt Denver W. Gifford	35466192
Sgt Edward W. Klonappel	16060673
Sgt John P. Lawton	12073980
Cpl Cecil W. Bowling	37157259
Cpl Herman E. Bowling	15323031
Cpl James T. Fernon	18159068

3. The foll EM of 40th Mobile Commun Sq, atchd to 358th Fitr Gp per par 2, SO 11, Hq AAF Sta 157, dtd 4 Feb 44, are further atchd to 366th Fitr Sq for qrs, rats, and adm purposes.

T/Sgt John B. Shuler	15070558
Sgt Rodney D. Block	35381411
Sgt William B. Hyland	35412752
Sgt Carl (NMI) Sorin	11037999
Cpl Nathaniel (NMI) Capillo	31090744
Cpl Augustus A. Mondillo	11101978
Cpl Linwood E. Ware	31099708
Cpl Isidore (NMI) Weiss	14083051
Pfc William (NMI) Tallbull	39610357

4. The foll named O and EM. orgns i[illegible]ated, WP o[illegible] 11 Feb 44 to Hq IX Air Support Comm[illegible]d [illegible] TD for two (2) days to pursue course of instructions and CTRS: O will be re[illegible]ursed $3.25 per day for subsistence and for actual cost of qrs not to exce[illegible]d $4.00 per day when Govt fac are not available. EM will be reimbursed for actual cost of subsistence and/or qrs when Govt fac are not available, not to exceed $2.00 per day for qrs and $2.00 per day for rats. TDN. QMT. 91-5 P 4[illegible]2-02 A 212/40425

1st Lt. MILTON A. CARLTON, JR.	0567587	Hq 358th Fitr Gp
1st Lt. NICHOLS A. GUTHRIE	0571838	366th Fitr Sq
Sgt. Sidney B. Rawitz	325[illegible]428	Hq 358th Fitr Gp

(Auth: Ninth Air Force Memo 5-4 dtd 8 Nov 43)

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SO 2, Hq 358th Fitr Gp, [illegible]

5. Under the provisions of AR 600-80, dtd 4 May 45, the fol[illegible] EM, orgns indicated, are awarded the Good Conduct Medal:

366th Fighter Squadron

1st Sgt John T. Spalding	15047132	S/Sgt Clinton E. Kern	16043891
M/Sgt Alfred J. Gouba	6853720	S/Sgt Jacob J. Kern	36395345
M/Sgt Lester A. Ross	6912237	S/Sgt Edward J. Kiess	33350418
M/Sgt Russell C. Sherry	6942799	S/Sgt Stephen C. Klucka	36174515
T/Sgt Dwight E. Abbott	37026176	S/Sgt Albert (NMI) Kochevar	36251224
T/Sgt Norton E. Benson	36170813	S/Sgt Edward H. Leache	38116616
T/Sgt Virgil E. Chenoweth	35[illegible]91	S/Sgt Melvin A. Leininger	16033071
T/Sgt Samuel D. Chirsen	33231840	S/Sgt Robert [illegible]. Lentz	35135294
T/Sgt Francis E. Cooke	13[illegible]52	S/Sgt Woodrow W. Leonhart	37117112
T/Sgt Peter (NMI) DiPoggio	11387152	S/Sgt [illegible] Marchant	32[illegible]59
T/Sgt Harold A. Jones	36325626	S/Sgt Raymond A. Martin	35137868
T/Sgt Marvin W. Lemoke	3[illegible]5	S/Sgt Francis McLeod	36176105
T/Sgt George A. Morris	[illegible]58	S/Sgt Ervin H. Messerole	35043532
T/Sgt Raymond C. Peters	[illegible]5685	S/Sgt Ray O. Miller	18043959
T/Sgt Robert E. Pickard	3[illegible]6234	S/Sgt George A. Mockus	16049[illegible]67
T/Sgt Harold J. Putnam	15021396	S/Sgt Hans H. Newman	18075782
T/Sgt Michael E. Selbovit[illegible]	11024124	S/Sgt Woodrow (NMI) Nime	35043158
T/Sgt Ross S. Wynott	6149159	S/Sgt Constantine (NMI) Nonno	35043341
S/Sgt John F. Allgood	39530441	S/Sgt Merton F. Olson	36313788
S/Sgt Henry N. Anderson	36316484	S/Sgt John (NMI) Paczak	36325189
S/Sgt Fred (NMI) Austin	34425177	S/Sgt Robert A. Parry	12017764
S/Sgt Harold J. Berg	16033062	S/Sgt John (NMI) Patton	36134292
S/Sgt John A. Bernatonis	33150646	S/Sgt Maurice J. Peck	37321166
S/Sgt William F. Blackwell	34231193	S/Sgt Ralph H. Pedersen	39606533
S/Sgt Albert H. Blamer	35137914	S/Sgt Lee J. Peterson	36243342
S/Sgt Harold L. Brynes	34[illegible]23[illegible]	S/Sgt Carl G. Pierce	34350951
S/Sgt Louis S. Cipriani	1[illegible]549	S/Sgt Leonard C. Poe	19065956
S/Sgt Orin T. Claybrook	37231583	S/Sgt Donald M. Presnell	39385741
S/Sgt Warren F. Town	[illegible]93	S/Sgt James F. Robinson	39299178
S/Sgt Anthony J. Cumbola	35273670	S/Sgt Oliver J. Rocchiccioli	35501647
S/Sgt Leo T. Dempsey	32[illegible]54	S/Sgt Miles (NMI) Roubitchek	36344226
S/Sgt Joseph W. Fish	39025719	S/Sgt Charles T. Rowe	33318104
S/Sgt Evan L. Frisbee, Jr.	35527073	S/Sgt Martin Schiappacasse	36502599
S/Sgt Harold W. Getz	35045477	S/Sgt John E. Scott	36199352
S/Sgt Walter W. Grebing	33130263	S/Sgt Wilbert H. Thurnau	37284634
S/Sgt Carl (NMI) Green	34205264	S/Sgt Sylvio J. Trudel	6139603
S/Sgt Donald A. Groves	36103254	S/Sgt Harl[illegible] M. Vines	14108125
S/Sgt Myron O. Guinn	34[illegible]52	S/Sgt Virg[illegible] (NMI) Virden	18029379
S/Sgt Donald V. Hall	14035[illegible]49	Sgt Anti[illegible] (NMI) Amalfitano	32406704
S/Sgt Walter B. Harvey	38203152	Sgt Lewis [illegible]. Anderson	36707786
S/Sgt Joseph H. Havlik	3[illegible]33	Sgt Herm[illegible] (NMI) Boots	36381605
S/Sgt Alton E. Hazel	[illegible]491	Sgt Howard G. Crider	38188688
S/Sgt Claude (NMI) Huerta	[illegible]5455	Sgt Max (NMI) Decker	36322136
S/Sgt Edward F. Kolza	37[illegible]799	Sgt James J. Dent	1412[illegible]369
S/Sgt Ralph E. Hurry	36[illegible]873	Sgt William O. DeVaul	37231[illegible]
S/Sgt Prettyman J. Jones	36175501	Sgt Albert A. Dinanzio	32402[illegible]
S/Sgt Fred A. Kelly	31118[illegible]04	Sgt Roscoe C. Drake	3547622[illegible]
S/Sgt Harold J. Kennedy	36237[illegible]46	Sgt Jesse E. Dwire, Jr.	11098[illegible]7[illegible]

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SO 2, Hq 358th Fitr [illegible]

Sgt Forest V. Evans	354[illegible]
Sgt Vincent J. Faughnan	35[illegible]
Sgt William R. Flannery	3[illegible]
Sgt James F. French	3[illegible]
Sgt Lawrence L. Fust	3[illegible]
Sgt Raymond M. Gardner	3[illegible]
Sgt Robert M. Graves	354[illegible]
Sgt Manuel L. Gurule	3[illegible]
Sgt Richmond H. Hamlisser	3[illegible]
Sgt [illegible] E. Hilel[illegible]	3[illegible]
Sgt [illegible]	[illegible]
Sgt [illegible]	[illegible]
Sgt [illegible] (NMI) [illegible]	[illegible]
Sgt [illegible] J. Jaramillo [illegible]	[illegible]
Sgt Louis N. Jarding	[illegible]
Sgt Donald L. Joy	[illegible]
Sgt Aubert C. Killingrew	[illegible]
Sgt David M. Lee	[illegible]
Sgt Sotirios J. Lemonis	3[illegible]
Sgt Robert M. Lonergan	[illegible]
Sgt Malcolm E. Macgregor	[illegible]
Sgt Gilbert R. Martin	[illegible]
Sgt John A. McNeill	[illegible]
Sgt George J. Monahan	3[illegible]
Sgt Garret W. Munson	3[illegible]
Sgt Raymond J. Osmer	[illegible]
Sgt Jesse L. Parkman	[illegible]
Sgt Carl W. Reed	1[illegible]
Sgt Wiley J. Reed	3[illegible]
Sgt Alfred H. Rowell	3[illegible]
Sgt Edward L. Rye	[illegible]
Sgt Herman L. Schank	3[illegible]
Sgt Francis M. Scully	3[illegible]
Sgt Richard F. Schulz	3[illegible]
Sgt Homer L. Smith	3[illegible]
Sgt Robert E. Smith	3[illegible]
Sgt Woodrow R. Smith	3[illegible]
Sgt Roy H. Starr	3[illegible]
Sgt Chester A. Stawiasz	3[illegible]
[illegible] Leonard (NMI) Steiner	3[illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] Taylor	1[illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] Weber	3[illegible]
[illegible] (NMI) Tamberg	3[illegible]
[illegible] Clarence E. Wells	3[illegible]
[illegible] Henry H. Wilke	3[illegible]
[illegible] Lester W. Altern	3[illegible]
Cpl Melbourn E. Altstatt	1[illegible]
Cpl [illegible] (NMI) Bassuk	1[illegible]
Cpl [illegible] R. Bingham	3[illegible]
Cpl [illegible] L. Blair	[illegible]
Cpl [illegible] G. Bustow	[illegible]
Cpl Vane J. Clove	[illegible]
[illegible]	33205852
[illegible]	13128536
[illegible] B. Davis	33795060
Cpl [illegible] (NMI) Daniluk	1314[illegible]
Cpl [illegible] Dike	3[illegible]
[illegible] A. Fordyce	1[illegible]
[illegible] H. Hoffman	3[illegible]
[illegible] S. Inglis	1[illegible]
[illegible] R. Knudson	3[illegible]
[illegible] B. Kulp	3[illegible]
[illegible] J. [illegible]berg	3[illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] Magras	3[illegible]
Cpl [illegible] (NMI) Martinez	3[illegible]
Cpl [illegible] (NMI) Martinez	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	3[illegible]
[illegible]	3[illegible]
Cpl [illegible] A. Michalowski	3[illegible]
Cpl [illegible] Mitchell	3[illegible]
Cpl James [illegible]airn	1[illegible]
Cpl Arthur W. Nelson, Jr.	3[illegible]
Cpl Clyde W. Neuenschwander	3[illegible]
Cpl Robert W. Oberscholp	3[illegible]
Cpl [illegible]oy B. Ora	3[illegible]
Cpl William E. Palmer	3[illegible]
Cpl Manuel N. Parker	1[illegible]
Cpl Charles N. Pelley	1[illegible]
Cpl Jerry W. Potter	3[illegible]
Cpl [illegible]enry N. Pugh	3[illegible]
Cpl [illegible]t L. Rasnake	13064546
Cpl Wayne L. Ray	3[illegible]
Cpl [illegible] A. Ridlon	3[illegible]
Cpl Charlie S. Rigby	3[illegible]
Cpl William R. Rodgers	3[illegible]
Cpl [illegible] (NMI) Rosenkrantz	3[illegible]
Cpl [illegible]y G. Ryder	1[illegible]
Cpl [illegible]er H. Schukantz	3[illegible]
Cpl Thomas D. Sharp	3[illegible]
Cpl Luther J. Smith	1[illegible]
Cpl Thomas L. Stackenwalt	3[illegible]
Cpl Paul A. Stephens	3[illegible]
Cpl Joseph N. Stine	3[illegible]
Cpl [illegible] J. Swasnick	3[illegible]
Cpl Reginald (NMI) Thames	1[illegible]
Cpl [illegible] H. Tyler	3[illegible]
Cpl Royal [illegible] Thompson	1[illegible]
Cpl Abel [illegible] Wernick	1[illegible]
Cpl Mort[illegible] White	1[illegible]
Cpl Fred [illegible] Williams	3[illegible]
Cpl Louis [illegible] Wolitski	3[illegible]
Cpl Jack A. Wright	1[illegible]
Cpl Walter C. Yauornik	3[illegible]

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Cpl William R. Zi[illegible]	[illegible]	T[illegible] J. Brzezinski	32963606
Pfc Louis S. Burleson	[illegible]	[illegible] Burns	[illegible]
Pfc Laurence (NMI) Farley	3[illegible]	[illegible] (NMI) Ferrelli	31[illegible]
Pfc Leonard (NMI) Fox	[illegible]	P[illegible] Norman W. Hazelwood	31[illegible]
Pfc Elliott E. Jaquith	[illegible]	[illegible] L. Mathany	34[illegible]
Pfc Alvin A. Marx	[illegible]	[illegible]	34[illegible]
Pfc John H. Pool	[illegible]	[illegible] A. Meadow	37[illegible]
Pfc Charles J. Walker	[illegible]	[illegible] Jr.	31[illegible]
Pvt Corley C. Bowden	[illegible]		

[illegible]

[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible] Arthur [illegible]	18[illegible]
M/Sgt [illegible]es H. Stab[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]/Sgt James W. Park[illegible]	17[illegible]
M/Sgt Alexander Elc[illegible]age, Jr.	[illegible]	[illegible]/Sgt William C. Patnode	11[illegible]
M/Sgt William C. Powell	6992363	[illegible]/Sgt Robert H. Romack	15[illegible]
T/S[illegible] James T. Adams	34109150	S/Sgt J. P. Russell, Jr.	34[illegible]
T/S[illegible] John Byrd	11,092210	S/Sgt Charles E. Swayer	392[illegible]
T/Sgt Joseph A. Byrnes	36171635	S/Sgt Robert B. Stauffer	1510[illegible]
T/Sgt Therrell H. Campbell	34127737	S/Sgt Carl M. Stephens	18070932
T/Sgt Kenneth E. Carlson	35271096	S/Sgt Paul J. Wascoe	13080299
T/Sgt Samuel Eisentrout	35377562	S/Sgt Ernest [illegible]. Workman	17055729
T/Sgt Marvin J. Flanders	20403057	Sgt Wayne I. [illegible]ikey	13022340
T/Sgt Norman S. Grubb	34211739	Sgt Earl H. [illegible]sell	34450382
T/Sgt Milton E. Reid	13035059	Sgt Joseph [illegible]. [illegible]yscue	34451316
T/Sgt Paul Sloan	[illegible]561	Sgt Clifton A. Bensley	35478469
T/Sgt Thomas N. Winzeler	[illegible]930	Sgt James A. Brasher	18076236
S/Sgt Rocco Bartolo[illegible]	34[illegible]83	Sgt Cecil B. Brown	34088041
S/Sgt Robert L. Brown	16049907	Sgt Vernon H. Brown	38329060
S/Sgt William H. Bryn[illegible]	11,079486	Sgt Orgil V. Buck	35134023
S/Sgt Charles Bucca	6[illegible]7569	Sgt Robert W. DuBois	32430678
S/Sgt Dewayne W. Burck	16024953	Sgt John L. Enders	33154536
S/Sgt Edward J. Dahlgren	32192742	Sgt Duane E. Estes	19005261
S/Sgt Michael [illegible]. DeFlori[illegible]	3[illegible]177	Sgt James J. Foley	32398703
S/Sgt Thomas A. Deutsch	37166334	Sgt Zora L. Kamman	31079781
S/Sgt Phillip A. Felshaw	1204[illegible]314	Sgt Lawrence A. Loetz	35367679
S/Sgt Edward I. Furnweger	16097980	Sgt Abraham I. Erkes	13135885
S/Sgt Arnold Goldberg	12021119	Sgt Sanford I. Fink	1501[illegible]
S/Sgt Robert E. Grayson	38106788	Sgt James E. Howard	3429[illegible]
S/Sgt Marshall N. Harris	31105757	Sgt Guy [illegible]. Lightner	33234902
S/Sgt Stephen A. Hrush	13104804	Sgt Vincent A. McAllon	3113[illegible]
S/Sgt Ernest Kanelos	31112625	Sgt William J. McCann	3214[illegible]
S/Sgt Francis W. Kulas	11037347	Sgt Edwin O. Medford	3815[illegible]
S/Sgt Arthur H. Love	33126819	Sgt Arthur W. Mortensen	3727[illegible]
S/Sgt Norbert Marer	12090753	Sgt Sandige B. Neal	3542734[illegible]
S/Sgt Edgar L. Matheson	37286957	Sgt Marvin S. Pero	3723[illegible]
S/Sgt John McLean	19609274	Sgt James G. Sifford	3540575[illegible]
S/Sgt David Meagher	36245158	Sgt Frank Theis	16051633
S/Sgt Robert J. Niedenthal	16046804	Sgt Steve Yacyshyn	35285467
S/Sgt Robert L. Oleson	6570877	Cpl Charles [illegible]. Benton	33279298
S/Sgt Edward C. Johnson	12031848	Cpl George [illegible]wn, Jr.	37333496
S/Sgt James G. Burke	37422252	Cpl Harry [illegible] Ciesielski	16063060

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Cpl Charles W. Cooper	12073301	Cpl Joseph Perrotto	32114880
Cpl William S. D'Elia	32430338	Cpl F[illegible] S	37[illegible]7
Cpl Harvey O. Dine	33202637	Cpl H[illegible]rt [illegible]ubin	32[illegible]734
Cpl Alexander S. Kerti	31067735	Cpl James [illegible]ally	32[illegible]207
Cpl Paul A. Kesport	11039139	Cpl Ge[illegible] Sheahan	31[illegible]787
Cpl George C. Long	[illegible]652	Cpl Ned E. Walker	37[illegible]
Cpl George E. Mens	[illegible]954	Cpl Frank A. Williams	55[illegible]
Cpl Stanley C. Mal[illegible]ke	3[illegible]013805	Pfc [illegible] [illegible]ridge	3[illegible]
Cpl [illegible] L. Ott[illegible]	1[illegible]66561	Pfc Harry [illegible]land	33[illegible]
Cpl [illegible]les E. Pa[illegible]	[illegible]30532	Pfc Joe Smigla	3[illegible]
C[illegible] [illegible]. Pe[illegible]a	3[illegible]01238	Pfc Patsy A. Valentino	32[illegible]

By order of Lieutenant Colonel WELLS:

ALVIN S. GUTHRIE,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Adjutant.

OFFICIAL:

ALVIN S. GUTHRIE,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS VIII FIGHTER COMMAND
APO 637 AAF STATION F-341
14 February 1944

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VI. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in Section I, Circular 36, Hq ETOUSA, 5 April 1943, and letter Hq. Eighth Air Force, Subject: "Awards and Decorations", 16 April 1943, an AIR MEDAL is awarded to the following named Officers:

CITATION: For meritorious service in aerial flight in the completion of ten (10) operational sorties, or the equivalent thereof, over enemy occupied Continental Europe:

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EDWARD (NMI) KANTORSKI, 0-688269, 2nd Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home Address: 494 Pavonia Avenue, Jersey City, N.J.

JOHN J. KROPENICKI, 0-688270, 2nd Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home Address: 700 Hunterdon Street, Newark, N.J.

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VII. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September, 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in SectionI, Circular 36, Hq. ETOUSA, 5 April, 1943, and letter, Hq. Eighth Air Force, Subject: "Awards and Decorations", 16 April 1943, an OAK LEAF CLUSTER is awarded to the following named Officers in addition to the Air Medal previously awarded:

CITATION: For meritorious service in aerial flight in the completion of ten (10) operational sorties, or the equivalent thereof, over enemy occupied Continental Europe.

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JOHN H. BUCKNER, 0-25439, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home Address: 902 Prairie Avenue, Cleburne, Texas.

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KNUTE N. HYLEN, 0-732257, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home Address: 631 Roop Street, Susanville, California.

CHARLES T. KIMBALL, 0-666953, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home Address: 1800 East 76th Street, Kansas City, Missouri.

ROBERT F. KRUG, 0-732276, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home Address: 6545 Richmond, Street, Chicago, Illinois.

MAX W. MC CLURE, 0-675786, 2nd Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home Address: Spur, Texas.

ANTHONY L. SERAPIGLIA, 0-732381, 1st Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home Address: 19451 Exeter Street, Detroit, Michigan.

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CARMEL M. SHOOK, 0-521664, 2nd Lt., Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home Address: Banner Elk, North Carolina.

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GO #9 (Cont'd)

JACK A. THERRIAULT, O-432140, Major, Army Air Forces, United States Army.
Home Address: 2930 Fairview Avenue, Seattle, Washington.

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By command of Major General KEPNER:

FRANCIS H. GRISWOLD,
Colonel, Air Corps,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

s/
WILLIAM A. SHERWIN,
Major, A.G.D.,
Asst. Adj. General.

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THIS IS A TRUE COPY:

ALLAN W. CHARLTON,
Captain, Air Corps.

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XXIV

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20 February 1944

1. 366th Fighter Squadron, 358th Fighter Group.

2. Sixteen P-47s. Time up: 1115. Time down: 1403.

3. 711.

4. Ramrod #1. 745 (711) Fighter Command.

5-7. Nil.

8. Squadron led by Lt. Col. [illegible] in 1710 at 21,000 feet 5 miles south of Sandwart. Rendezvous with bombers was made on time on course at approximately noon. Squadron stayed with bombers 5 minutes longer than briefed. Moderate flak was encountered while escorting bombers. Flak appeared to be directed at fighters rather than bombers. Coast out at Schevingen 1712 at 17,000 feet. Overcast 8/10ths over channel increasing to 9-9/10ths over continent with breaks in clouds over channel, low clouds 2-4,000 feet. Contrails non-persistent at 20,000 feet. Visibility air to air good, air to ground good through cloudbreaks. Weather good.

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Incl #11

XXV

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MISSION SUMMARY REPORT

21 February 1944

A. 366th Fighter Squadron, 358th Fighter Group.

B. Sixteen P-47s. Time up: 1220. Time down: 1505.

C. Nil.

D. Remrod F.O. #246 VIII Fighter Commend.

E & H. Nil.

I. Squadron lead by Lt. Col. Wertenbaker made landfall in Ijmuiden, 1317, 22,000 feet. R/V with bombers on course on time 25,000 feet. Proceeded along briefed route leaving bombers at approximately Bauerschaft Leng. Landfall out at approximately Amsterdam 25,000 feet, 1415. Overcast all the way in and back with clouds approximately 8/10, tops 5,000 feet, bottoms 2,000 feet. Visibility excellent above overcast. Semi-persistant contrails above 22,000 feet. R/T good.
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Incl. #12

XXVI

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ACTION SUMMARY REPORT

A. 360th Fighter Squadron, 356th Fighter Group.

B. Sixteen P-47s. Time up: 1120. Time down: 1515.

C. Nil.

D. Ramrod R.O. #247 VIII Fighter Command.

E.

H. Nil.

I. Squadron lead Lt. Col. Bertenbaker made Landfall in south of Westhoofd at 25,000 feet, 1207 proceeded along briefed course and R/V with bombers on course on time. Made Landfall out over the middle of the Dutch Islands at 25,000 feet, 1305. Due to overcast and base unable to give definite landmarks. Contrails persistent from 24 to 28,000 feet, semi-persistent above 28,000 feet. Weather over continent clear above 10,000 feet. From base to the Dutch coast very hazy from 10,000 feet up, approximately 8/10 clouds below 5,000 feet. R/T good.
NOTHING FOLLOWS

JOHN R. LEE
Captain, AC
Intelligence Officer

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Incl # 13

XXVII

[redacted]

24 February 1944

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A. 366th Fighter Squadron, 35 th Fighter Group.

B. Sixteen P-47s. Time up: 1311 Time down: 1521

C. Nil.

D. Penrod VIII, Fighter Command, FC 250.

E.-H. Nil.

I. Squadron led by Lt. Col. Wells made R/V in 1333 at 20,000 feet at Nieuwe Sluis. Proceeded on course as briefed. Made R/V with bombers at Dunkirk 1420 at 20,000 feet. Escorted bombers without incident. Made R/V out 1500 at 20,000 feet at Blankenberghe. Heavy and accurate flak was encountered at Antwerp and Dieut. Ground haze to 5,000 feet; overcast 1 - 2/10ths over continent. Contrails at 25,000 feet, semi-persistent. Visibility excellent. R/T good.

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JOHN R. [redacted]
Capt., AC
S-2

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Incl #14

XXVIII

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25 February 1944

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A. 356th Fighter Squadron, 358th Fighter Group.

B. Seventeen P-47s. Time up: 1404. Time down: 1654.

C. Two abortive, one oil leak and one mechanical failure.

D. Penrod. F.C. 251 VIII Fighter Command.

E. Nil.

F. One crashed while landing, category CE, Lt. McClure.

G. Nil.

H. Nil.

I. Squadron led by Lt. Col. Wells made R/V in at Ostend 1440 18,000 feet. R/V with bombers was made on time on course at 20,000 feet. Bombers escorted as briefed but without incident. R/V out at Merdelot 1610 at 5,000 feet. Rockets observed shot at fighters south of Ghentvereest on enemy coast to 3500 feet 8/10ths. Scattered clouds over continent. Visibility good. Contrails 25 - 27,000 feet semi-persistent. W/T fair.

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Capt., AC

[redacted]

WCL #15

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XXIX

29 February 1944

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A. 366th Fighter Squadron, 358th Fighter Group.

B. 17 P-47s. Time up: 1038. Time down: 1319.

C. Nil.

D. Escort. R.A. #235 VIII Fighter Command.

E. Thru E. Nil.

F. Squadron led by Major Therriault made L/T in south of Schouwoort 24,000 feet at 1150. Proceeded on mission as briefed. R/V with bombers 25,000 feet at 1200 at approximately Lattrub. Escort performed without incident. L/T out north of Bergen 21,000 feet ~~north of Texel~~ 1240. Fairly inaccurate light flak encountered at Zeuenschaft Lenn. Broken scattered clouds at 7,000 feet with haze to 20,000 feet, overcast 3 to 4/10ths. Light contrails at 23,000 feet, at 25,000 semi-persistent. Visibility air to air good, air to ground fair. R/T good.

John A. Less
Capt., AC
A-2

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Incl #16

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366TH FIGHTER SQUADRON
APO 595 U. S. ARMY

1 April 1944

SQUADRON HISTORY, 366th Fighter Squadron. March Installment.

(1) Organization: Squadron now operating under new Table of Organization, dated 22 December 1943, authorizing thirty-nine (39) officers and two hundred and forty-five (245) enlisted men, as compared to former authorized strength of 39 officers and 252 enlisted men. New T/O was also changed by Ninth Air Force letter authorizing twelve (12) additional officers and two (2) additional enlisted men. Authorized strength of squadron now 51 officers and 247 enlisted men.

(2) Strength: 38 Officers
246 Enlisted Men

(3) Movement: Negative.

(4) Casualties: One (1). 2nd Lt. Clyde L. Coldren, O-531339, Pilot, killed in action over enemy territory while on withdrawal support mission on 8 March 1944. Engine cut out at 18,000 feet and efforts to start it again failed. Spun in from 3,000 feet and was seen to crash. No chute was seen.

(5) Decorations: The following decorations were awarded members of this organization:

OAK LEAF CLUSTER:

Captain CHARLES T. KIMBALL (second OLC)
1st Lt. GEORGE E. JONES (second OLC)
Captain ROBERT C. SCHUSTER
2nd Lt. DAVID B. TUCK
2nd Lt. EDWARD (NMI) KANTORSKI
2nd Lt. ERIK P. LITTLEJOHN
2nd Lt. WILLIAM (NMI) DIAN
(Per Sec II, General Order #48, Hq Ninth Air Force, 6 March 1944) (Incl. #1).

2nd Lt. Charles E. Williams, QMC, was assigned on 29 February 1944 and was assigned principal duty as Personal Equipment Officer.

Operational missions were performed on 2nd, 3rd and 4th of March 1944. (Incls. #2, #3, #4).

On 6 March 1944, 1st Lt. George E. Jones, "B" Flight Leader, a member of squadron since soon after activation, was transferred to 84th Fighter Wing.

On 6th and 8th of March 1944, Squadron flew two (2) operational missions each day. On second mission of the 8th, 2nd Lt. Coldren was lost, becoming first pilot lost by this squadron since activation fourteen (14) months ago. Was first reported as "Missing in Action", later changed to "Killed in Action". (Incls. #5, #6, #7, #8). Single operational mission was flown on 9 March 1944. (Incl. #9).

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On 13 March 1944, 1st Lt. Thomas A. Guthrie, Assistant Intelligence Officer, was transferred to 70th Fighter Wing. Lt. Guthrie had been with squadron for more than one (1) year, serving as Supply Officer, Transportation Officer and Assistant Supply Officer at different times as well as Assistant Intelligence Officer. 2nd Lt. Joseph (NMI) Urdang, AC, assigned and joined this date; assigned duty as Assistant Intelligence Officer. Twenty-five (25) enlisted men and one (1) officer took part in ceremonies incident to awarding Air Medals and Oak Leaf Clusters to Pilots of this Group. Presentation of awards was made by Brig. Gen. Quesada, Commanding General of IX Air Support Command. With transfer of Lt. Jones several changes in duty assignments of pilots was necessitated: 1st Lt. Anthony L. Serapiglia from Assistant Operations Officer to "C" Flight Leader; 1st Lt. C. A. (I.C.) Austin from "C" Flight to Assistant Operations Officer.

Two operational missions flown on 15 March 1944 and single missions on 16th, 18th and 20th of March 1944. (Incls. #10, #11, #12, #13, #14).

On 18th March 1944, Major Jack A. Therriault, Squadron Commander, left for Italy for detached service for approximately eighteen (18) days, studying tactical practices of combat troops.

On 22nd and 23rd March 1944, squadron flew single operational missions. (Incls. #15, #16). And on afternoon of 23 March 1944 squadron was relieved from operational status for approximately two (2) weeks. Most of the planes were transferred and new planes with wing racks for tanks or bombs and water injection are to be assigned. Four planes with above modifications remain assigned to squadron.

On 25 March 1944 approximately fifty (50) enlisted men of squadron were stricken with slight cases of ptomaine poisoning. Thirty-nine (39) were admitted to station sick quarters. Men entered sick quarters at approximately 1800, 25 March 1944 and were released at 1000, 26 March 1944. Base and Squadron Medical officers inspected Mess Hall thoroughly and no definite cause was determined.

On 28 March 1944, 1st Lt. Andrew J. Melancon, Jr., "C" Flight Leader, was transferred to 363rd Fighter Group - a P51B group. Lt. Melancon had been a Flight Leader with squadron for more than one (1) year.

On 30 March 1944, five (5) enlisted men of the Medical Section and one (1) man from Technical Supply were transferred to Group Headquarters. Transfers were result of new T/O. Medical Section enlisted men were placed on detached service with squadron.

On 30 March 1944 squadron received eight (8) new planes, three of them silver planes; and on 31 March 1944, eight more were assigned. All men on the line are busy with acceptance inspections and making necessary modifications on new planes.

HEADQUARTERS
NINTH AIR FORCE

APO 696, U. S. Army,
8 March 1944

GENERAL ORDERS)
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NUMBER.....48)

SECTION I: AWARDS OF THE AIR MEDAL.
SECTION II: AWARDS OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER
SECTION III: AWARD OF THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS
SECTION IV: AWARDS OF THE SOLDIER'S MEDAL.

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SECTION II

1. By direction of the President, and in addition to the Air Medals awarded in General Orders indicated by sub-paragraphs, the following named Officers of the IX Air Support Command, are awarded the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster indicated, 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, in recognition of meretorious achievements while participating in aerial 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

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358TH FIGHTER GROUP
366th Fighter Squadron

h. G.O. 7, Par 8, Hq, VIII Fighter Command, 2 February 1944.

ROBERT C. SCHUSTER	0-793542	CAPTAIN	Kingston, Pa.
DAVID B. TUCK	0-674425	2ND LT	Sebring, Fla.
EDWARD KANTORSKI	0-688269	2ND LT	Jersey City, N. J.

i. G.O. 5, Par 6, Hq, VIII Fighter Command, 28 February 1944.

ERIK P. LITTLEJOHN	0-449002	2ND LT	Marshall, Texas

j. G.O. 4, Par 4, Hq, VIII Fighter Command, 20 January 1944.

WILLIAM DIAN	0-531401	2ND LT	Chicago, Ill.

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Second Oak Leaf Cluster

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358TH FIGHTER GROUP
366th Fighter Squadron

g. G.O. 3, Hq VIII Fighter Command, 17 January 1944.

CHARLES T. KILBALL	0-666953	CAPTAIN	Kansas City, Mo.
GEORGE E. JONES	0-666548	1st Lt.	Morganfield, Ky.

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By command of Major General BRERETON:

V H STRAHM
Brig Gen USA
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OFFICIAL:
/s/ C. M. Seebach
/t/ C M SEEBACH
Col A G D
Adj Gen

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March 1944

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. 50th Fighter Squadron.

. 1st -47s. Time un: 1'51. Ave time: 1:00.

. 3 effective; one oil leak, one engine failure, one effective escort.

. [illegible] 257 [illegible]

. Form . 11.

. Squadron led by Capt. Bertholet and 1/ in at rendezvous 24,000 feet 1110. Proceeded on course as briefed. /F with bombers 1/2 on course on time at Apelle 24,000 feet 1151. Escorted bombers 8 minutes beyond Briefel. 1/F on south of Utand 23,000 feet 1210. 2/3 cumulous clouds 1 - 6,000 feet, 2 - 3/10ths coverage. Visibility cold. Semi-persistent turbulis above 24,000 feet, non-persistent below.

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XXXI

March 1944

[redacted]

1. 365th Fighter Squadron.

2. 16 P-47s. Time up: 1330. Time down: 1553.

3. Mil.

4. Harrod, F., 37 IX Fighter Command.

5. thru L. Mil.

6. Squadron and group led by Major Merriott made L/ in South of Dekooy 23,000 feet 1420. Proceeded along briefed route to 10 miles east of Leer. Did not see any bombers. Recall was received 3 - 4 minutes beyond end of course and group immediately turned back. L/T out south of Dekooy 23,000 feet 1515. Heavy and very accurate flak was encountered south of Emden. Contrails non-persistent at 19,000 feet. Scattered clouds from 3 to 5,000 feet, 6/10ths; clouds to 23,000 feet over continent 6 to 8/10ths, visibility good. W/ good.

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John [illegible]
Captain, AC
A-2

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XXXII

4 March 1944

MISSION SUMMARY REPORT

A. 366th Fighter Squadron.

B. 17 P-47s. Time up: 1425. Time down: 1700.

C. One, belly-tank connection broken.

D. Ramrod. F.O. #66 IX Fighter Command.

E. Thru V. Mil.

I. Squadron and group led by Major Therriault made L/F in at Knocke 20,000 feet 1504. Group went beyond briefed course 15 minutes but never saw bombers. Followed briefed course out and made L/F out south of Ostend 1625 25,000 feet. Heavy accurate flak was encountered at Ghent, Brussels, and Koln. Broken clouds 2 to 6,000 feet from base to enemy coast. Enemy coast solid overcast 19,000 to 27,000 feet. Semi-persistent contrails to 21,000 feet, persistent above 21,000 feet. Visibility air to air good, air to ground fair through cloud breaks. R/T good.
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XXXIV

6-3-44

1. 360th Fighter Squadron.

2. Sixteen B-47s. Time up: 1004. Time down: 1530.

3. Three, abortive, 1 radio, 1 mechanical, and 1 belly-tank.

4. Normal. P.E. 70 Fighter Command.

5. Thru . Mil.
and Group

6. Squadron/led by Major Herriault made R/V in Jerusem 1055 23,000 feet. Proceeded on course as briefed making R/V with bombers at Transbermen 1113 23,000 feet. Escorted bombers without incident to briefed point. Pealed out at Turner Lake. R/T out 1158 21,000 feet south of landfall. Overcast over sea from 1000 to 1300 feet. Scattered low clouds over continent, bottom 1500, tops 2,000 feet. Contrails 25,500 feet non-persistent. Visibility air to air good; air to ground good thru breaks. R/T good.

John H. Lees
Capt., AC
S-2

#5 [redacted]

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[illegible] 70 F Fighter Squad[illegible] [illegible] March 1944

White Section
[illegible] Flight

[illegible] Therriault
Littlejohn
[illegible]True
[illegible]Tuck

[illegible]ed Flight

[illegible]Iverson
[illegible]Lien
[illegible]Tylen
[illegible]Dolfren

Yello[illegible] Section
[illegible] Flight

[illegible]erriville
[illegible]emilton
[illegible]e Truchy
[illegible]Tropenick

Blue Flight

[illegible]elluster
[illegible]antorski
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[illegible]o'Hellen

[illegible] [illegible]hook
Forward [illegible]ley: McClure
[illegible]

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6 March 1944

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1. 56th Fighter Squadron.

2. Sixteen P-47s. Time up: 1345. Time down: 1610.

3. Two abortive, one mechanical failure and one abortive escort.

4. Withdrawal unbroken. E.A. NOT Fighter type.

5. None. Nil.

6. Sweep was led from [illegible] by 16/0 [illegible],000 feet across middle of [illegible] Island. Made / with between 1615 [illegible],000 feet over Iselin, Borkum and [illegible] out over Texel Island and north mid riding formation. / out [illegible] and 15/0 [illegible],000 feet. Sector was sunny and [illegible] of 7/ when about fifteen miles off coast. Sky and [illegible] were encountered at wells. Clouds 5/10th over Channel, 6/10ths over continent. Broken cumulus, bases [illegible],000 feet, tops 8,000 feet. Above clouds visibility [illegible] and through [illegible] breaks. Under clouds visibility [illegible].

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F.O. #70 Withdrawl Support. 6-3-44

White Section
" Flight

Major Therriault
Littlejohn
Krug
Tuck

Red Flight

Melancon
Dian
Hylen
Coldren

Yellow Section
" Flight

Serapiglia
Hamilton
Shook
McDaniel

Blue Flight

Schuster
Harber
McClure
McClellan

Spares:
Farlow
Corson

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8 March 1944

1. 356th Fighter Squadron.

2. Thirteen -47s. Time up: 1101. Time down: 1[illegible]6.

3. Mission.

4. Method. P.O. 73 [illegible] Fighter Command.

5. Enemy Action. Nil.

6. Squadron led [illegible] for Ferrault area [illegible] in vicinity of Hamburg 20,000 feet 1153. [illegible] Hamburg [illegible] 25,000 feet 1153. Escort provided for bombers as briefed. 4/10 cumulus of Hamburg 20,000 feet 1155. Broken cloud [illegible] to 7/10ths, 10/10ths south of source. Clear above source 25 miles visibility [illegible] on 5,000 feet. Thin non-persistent contrails [illegible] 25,000 feet. 4/4 good, London.

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MISSION #[redacted]

366TH FIGHTER SQUADRON

8 MARCH 1944

WHITE SECTION - WHITE FLIGHT

MAJ. THERRIAULT
DIAN
MC CLELLAN
COLDREN

RED FLIGHT

HYLEN
MC CLURE
KRUG
TUCK

YELLOW SECTION - YELLOW FLIGHT

SERAPIGLIA
MC DANIEL
FARLOW
DE GRUCHY

BLUE FLIGHT

SCHUSTER
CORSON
IDOL
BROCKUS

SPARES

KROPENICK
HAMILTON

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XXXVI

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1 April 1944

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1. 366th Fighter Squadron.

2. Seventeen P-47s. Time up: 1444. Time down: 1750.

3. 1 abortive, landing gear failure, Lt. Jorgon.

4. Withdrawal support. [redacted] 73 Fighter Command.

5. One P-47, number unknown.

6. Nil.

7. One Lt. Goldren missing.

8. Nil.

9. Squadron and group led by [redacted] for the eighth made R/V in Zeebrugge 1452 18,000 feet. R/V with bombers 1500 17,000 feet at 5247 - 0020. Bombers were flying in good formation, four abreast. Lt. Goldren's engine cut-out at 17,000 feet. The aircraft glided down to 10,000 feet while he was attempting to get the engine started. At this point his prop froze. He spun in from 7,000 feet and was seen to crash. No chute seen. The above incident was observed and confirmed by Lt. McClellan, his element leader. R/V out Ostend 1615 17,000 feet. 500 to 3,000 feet solid overcast to half-way across Channel etc. From there in no clouds. Visibility excellent.

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MISSION #2 [redacted]

366TH FIGHTER SQUADRON

8 MARCH 1944

WHITE SECTION - WHITE FLIGHT

MAJ. THERRIAULT
DIAN
MC CLELLAN
COLDREN

RED FLIGHT

HYLEN
KROPENICK
KRUG
TUCK

YELLOW SECTION - YELLOW FLIGHT

SERAPIGLIA
LITTLEJOHN
SHOOK
HAMILTON

BLUE FLIGHT

SCHUSTER
KANTORSKI
IDOL
BROCKUS

SPARES

DE GRUCHY
MC CLURE

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9 Dec. 1944

MISSION REPORT

A. 366th Fighter Squadron.

B. Sixteen P-47s. Time Up: 1010. Time Down: 1240.

C. Nil.

D. Penrod, F/O. 74 FG Fighter Command.

E. thru L. Nil.

I. Squadron led by Major Cherrault made R/V in 1050 13,500 feet. Unable to give location due to overcast. R/V with bombers 1115 23,000 feet. Unable to give location due to overcast. Bombers were flying in good formation. R/V out 1210 20,000 feet. Unable to give location due to overcast. Overcast 1 to 5,000 feet. Thin layer of clouds at 20,000 feet. Cloud layer at 14,000 feet 8/10ths. Non-persistent contrails from 26 to 29,000 feet. Visibility above clouds good. R/T good.

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John P. Doss
Captain, Air Corps
S-2

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15 March 1944

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A. 356th Fighter Squadron.

B. Eighteen P-47s. Time up: 0836. Time down: 1105.

C. Three abortives, one rever plant, one radio, one Pilot failure, Lt. Proctus ill.

D. Escort, P.C. 30, IX Fighter Command.

E. Turn . 111.

I. Group and squadron led by Lt. Col. Mills and Maj. Therrieult led yellow section made R/V in at Ijmuiden, 0927, at 21,000 feet. Made circle after going in enemy coast, came back and pick up bombers at Hoorn, at 21,000 feet, fifteen minutes late. Escorted bombers to approximately Hessen, and left bombers at 1014, 22,000 feet. R/V our south of The Hague at 1031. 21,000 feet. Bombers were in an especially good formation. Free base to Channel C.V.B in mid Channel overcast at 8,000 feet, over enemy coast and inland 6 to 8/10 clouds, visibility good. No persistent contrails at 23,000 feet, persistent at 26,000 feet. [redacted]

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Captain, Air Corps
Intelligence Officer

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356Th FIGHTER SQUADRON

F.O. #80 - Bomber Escort. 15 March 1944

White Section - White Flight

Major Therriault
Littlejohn
McClure
Tuck

Red Flight

Austin
Kropenick
Dien
Kantorski

Yellow Section - Yellow Flight

Kimball
Hamilton
Farlow
DeGruchy

Blue Flight

Buckner
Barber
Idol
Brockus

Spares

McClellan
McDaniel

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15 March 1944

MISSION SUMMARY REPORT

A. 366th Fighter Squadron. Mission #2.

B. Twelve P-47s. Time up: 1235. Time down: 1404.

C. Nil.

D. Ramrod Withdrawal Support, FC/30, IX Fighter Command.

E. Thru E. Nil.

I. Squadron led by Major Therriault did not make L/F, met bombers ten miles west of Ijmuiden, off Dutch coast, at 1330 at 21,000 feet. Escorted bombers back to English coast at 12,000 feet. 8/10 clouds over Channel, tops 5,000 feet. R/T good. [illegible] NOTHING FOLLOW[illegible]

JOSEPH URBAN
2nd Lt, AC
Ass't S-2 Officer

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386th Fighter Group

Rendezvous Withdrawal Support, F.C. #30. 15 March 1944

Mission #2.

White Section - White Flight

Major Thorrisult
Littlejohn
O'Hare
Cook

Red Flight

Kimball
Tropenick
Olson
Kentowski

Yellow Section - Yellow Flight

Austin
Merritt
Todd
Barber

Spacon

Enock
Fichtner

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16 March 1944

MISSION SUMMARY REPORT

A. 366th Fighter Squadron.

B. Seventeen P-47s. Time up: 1218. Time down: 1513.

C. One Abortive, radio failure.

D. Ramrod Withdrawal Support, P.[illegible] 84, IX Fighter Command.

E. Thru H. Nil.

I. Squadron led by Major Cherriault made L/F in between Dunkerque and Ostend at 1235 at 17,000 feet. Intense heavy accurate flak encountered from coast to fifty miles interior both on L/F in and L/F out. Made R/V with bombers a few minutes late twenty miles east of Nancy at 1358 at 17,000 feet. Left bombers twenty miles south of Chalons at 1441 at 17,000 feet. Made L/F out over Calais at 10,000 feet at 1450. No E/A encountered. Contrails at 14,500 feet. 4/10 to 6/10 clouds over continent and channel, overcast at 4,000 feet, scattered overcast from 4 to 10,000 feet. Air to air visibility good. R/T good.
[redacted] NOTHING FOLLOWS [redacted]

JOSEPH URDANG
2nd Lt, AC
Ass't S-2 Officer

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366TH FIGHTER SQUADRON

F.O. #84 16 March 1944

White Section - White Flight

Major Therriault
McClure
Austin
Krzyonick

Red Flight

Capt. Kimball
McClellan
Hylen
Krug

Yellow Section - Yellow Flight

Capt. Underwood
DeCruchy
Shock
McDaniel

Blue Flight

Capt. Schuster
Barber
Gerson
Farlow

Spare

Littlejohn

Forward Relay

Tuck

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[redacted] 18 March 1944

MISSION SUMMARY REPORT.

A. 366th Fighter Squadron.

B. Eighteen P-47s. Time up: 1443. Time down: 1713.

C. One abortive, oil leak.

D. Ramrod Withdrawal Support, F.O. 89A, IX Fighter Command.

E. Thru H. Nil.

I. Squadron led by Lt. Col. Wells made L/F in at Gravelines at 1510 at 17,500 feet. Meager inaccurate flak on coast. Made R/V with bombers ten miles south of Epernay at 1545 at 13,000 feet. Bombers in good formation, left bombers at 1526, location unknown because of overcast at 13,000 feet. Made L/F out fifteen miles south of Berck sur Mer at 1640 at 9,000 feet. No E/A encountered. Overcast over continent at 17,000 feet and again at 20,000 feet. Scattered clouds over continent 3/10 coverage, 10/10 over channel on the way out clear on return. R/T good.
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JOSEPH URDANG
2nd Lt, AC
Asst S-2 Officer

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366TH FIGHTER SQUADRON

F.O. [redacted] 9A

18 March 1944

White Section - White Flight

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Col. Wells
Buckner
Melancon
Dian

Red Flight

Kimball
Schwellenbach
Krug
McClellan

Yellow Section - Yellow Flight

Underwood
McDaniel
Serapiglia
DeGrushy

Blue Flight

Schuster
Harber
Idol
Corson

Spares

Hylen
Hamilton

Forward Relay

Farlow

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30 March 1944

MISSION SUMMARY REPORT

A. 366th Fighter Squadron.

B. Sixteen P-47's. Time up: 0907 Time down: 1125.

C. Nil.

D. Target or Fighter-bomber dive-bombing objective.
R.R. 095 II Fighter Command.

E. thru H. Nil.

I. Squadron led by Captain Underwood made R/V in over Le Treport 0955 at 17,500 feet. Did not obviously make R/V with Fighter-bombers at 0942 10 miles south of Hornchurch 19,000 feet. Because of poor visibility Fighter-bombers were not seen over target area. R/T out at Le Treport 10,500 feet. No flak or enemy aircraft were encountered. No bombing results observed. 3/10th to 5/10ths stratus over channel. Over continent 3/10ths at 6,000 feet and weather lower at 1,500 feet. R/T good.

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2nd Lt., A.C.
Asst. S-2/

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366TH FIGHTER SQUADRON

F.O. #95 20 MARCH 1944

WHITE SECTION - WHITE FLIGHT

UNDERWOOD
BUCKNER
MELANCON
DIAN

RED FLIGHT

SERAPIGLIA
HAMILTON
FARLOW
SHOOK

YELLOW SECTION - YELLOW FLIGHT

KIMBALL
KRUG
HYLEN
MC CLELLAN

BLUE FLIGHT

SCHUSTER
HARBER
IDOL
CORSON

SPARES

AUSTIN
DE GRUCHY

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22 March 1944

MISSION SUMMARY REPORT

A. 366th Fighter Squadron.

B. Sixteen P-47s. Time up: 1325. Time down: 1608.

C. Nil.

D. Ramrod. F.C. #97 IX Fighter Command.

E. thru H. Nil.

I. Squadron led by Captain Underwood made R/F in 1415 20,000 feet. R/V with bombers vicinity of Vepen 1441 20,000 feet. Left ~~Rymond~~ bombers at Egmond 1517 18,000 feet. L/F out 1520, 15,000 feet north of Ijmuden. Nothing unusual was observed. Flak at Den Helder moderate and inaccurate, barrage type, six bursts at a time. Much shipping was observed in Zuyder Zee in canals near Amsterdam. Overcast from base to enemy coast, tops 7,000 feet, bottom 3,000 feet. 5 to 7/10ths over continent. 10/10ths between base and 3/4ths across channel. Contrails 26,000 feet persistent and heavy. R/T good with jamming. Fighter-bomber communication very poor. XXXX

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F.O. #97 IX Fighter Command 22 March 1944

WHITE SECTION
" FLIGHT

Underwood
McClellan
Austin
Kropenick

RED FLIGHT

Schuster
Harber
Ide[redacted]
Corson

YELLOW SECTION
" FLIGHT

Serapiglia
Hamilton
Farlow
DeGruchy

BLUE FLIGHT

Melancon
Littlejohn
Buckner
Dian

FORWARD RELAY

Shook
Kantorski

Spare

Krug

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23 March 1944

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A. 368th Fighter Squadron

B. Sixteen P-47s. Time up: 0824. Time down: 1057.

C. Mil.

D. Nemrod, F.O./ 99A, IX Fighter Command.

E. Thru H. Mil.

I. Squadron led by Lt. [redacted] Wells made L/F in on course at 0910, 25,000 feet. R/V with bombers on time, on course at 0917, 25,000 feet. Nothing unusual was observed. Light inaccurate flak at Antwerp, barrage type. Left bombers as briefed at 0952, 25,000 feet. Made L/F out on time, on course as briefed at 1030, 25,000 feet. Visibility excellent, low broken clouds 4 to 6/10 in enemy coast, over Channel clouds at 3/10, tops at 4,000, bottoms at 3,000 feet. Contrails light non-persistent at 25,000 feet. R/T good.

JOHN R. [redacted]
Captain, Air Corps
Intelligence Officer

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366TH FIGHTER SQUADRON

Field Order #99A

23 March 1944

White Section - White Flight

Col. Wells
McClellan
Underwood
McClure

Red Flight

Serapiglia
McDaniel
Shook
Tuck

Yellow Section - Yellow Flight

Schuster
Barber
Idol
Corson

Blue Flight

Melancon
Dian
Austin
Littlejohn

Spares

Kropenick

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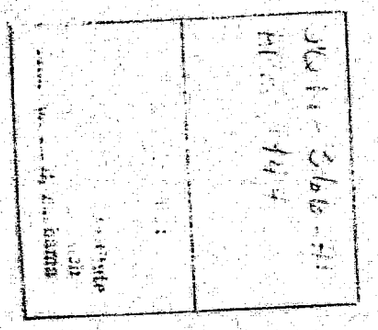

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[illegible] HISTORY, 366th [illegible], [illegible]

(1) Organization: Negative.

(2) Strength: 42 Officers
246 Enlisted Men

(3) Movement: Organization departed Station 157, Lavenham, Suffolk, at 1900 hours, 13 April 1944, arrived Station 411, [illegible], Kent, at approximately 1600 hours, same date. Movement made by Government-owned motor transportation, military aircraft and rail. Transfer involved change of command from IX Air Support Command to XXIX Air Support Command.

(4) Casualties: One (1). 1st Lt. Anthony A. Terapiglia, 0-735361, pilot, killed on non-combat flight from Scotland, on 12 April 1944. On 25 at Low Level Attack School, Milfield, Northumberland, Scotland, Lt. Terapiglia crashed into a Spitfire and [illegible] exploded. Details not known.

(5) Decorations: The following decorations were awarded members of this organization pursuant to General Order No. 75, Headquarters Ninth Air Force, dated 31 March 1944. (Incl. #1).

DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS:

Major JACK A. [illegible]

AIR MEDAL:

2nd Lt. PHILIP D. BROOKS

OAK LEAF CLUSTER:

2nd Lt. JOHN J. [illegible] (First and Second)
1st Lt. C. A. (i.o.) AUSTIN (First, Second and Third)
2nd Lt. HAROLD L. McCLELLAND (First, Second and Third)
2nd Lt. MEREDITH L. McDANIEL (First, Second and Third)
1st Lt. PETER (NMI) GORDON (First and Second)
1st Lt. ALLAN W. FARLOW (First, Second and Third)
1st Lt. OLIVER W. DeCHUCHY, JR. (First, Second and Third)
1st Lt. VICTOR H. IDOL (First and Second)
2nd Lt. JOHN R. HARPER (First and Second)
2nd Lt. PHILIP D. BROOKS (First and Second)
2nd Lt. WILLIAM (NMI) LIRA (Second)
1st Lt. ANTHONY L. SERAPIGLIA (Second and Third)
1st Lt. JOHN W. ECKMEN (Second)
1st Lt. ELUTE [illegible] HYLEN (Second and Third)
1st Lt. Robert F. HILG (Second and Third)
2nd Lt. ERIK P. [illegible]ITZSCHE (Second and Third)
2nd Lt. CARMEL P. CHUCK (Second and Third)

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AIR LEAF EVENTS (Continued): SECRET

Captain [illegible] (Second, Third and Fourth)
2nd Lt. [illegible] (Second and Third)
2nd Lt. [illegible] (Second)

On 7 April 1944, 2nd Lt. Lee S. Tennyson, Assistant Communications Officer, was transferred to 387th Fighter Squadron, 365th Fighter Group; new Table of Organization does not authorize Assistant Communications Officer.

Also on 7 April, two (2) officers and thirty-six (36) enlisted men departed Station 157 for Station 411 to prepare base for subsequent movement of entire squadron.

Squadron resumed operations on 8 April 1944, first mission since 25 March, flying two missions on this date. (Incls. #2, #3). Four new pilots, 2d Lt. Edward F. Blevins, 2d Lt. Ernest H. Given, 2d Lt. John T. Keeler, and 2d Lt. Martin E. Allen, were assigned and joined on this date. Each pilot has approximately eighty (80) hours P-47 time.

Squadron performed operational missions on 9 April (Incl. #4); two missions on 10 April (Incls. #5, #6); two missions on 11 April (Incls. 7,8).

1st Lt. Anthony L. Scarpiglia, O-757[illegible], "B" Flight Leader, was killed on non-combat flight from Scotland when his plane collided with a Spitfire.

Several changes in organization of squadron were made on 12 April 1944. Major Jack A. Therriault, squadron commander since activation, on DS in Italy at the time, was transferred to Group Headquarters to become Deputy Group Commander; Capt. Joseph D. Underwood, Operations Officer, appointed Squadron Commanding Officer; Capt. Robert C. Duster appointed Operations Officer; Capt. Charles T. Kimball appointed Assistant Operations Officer; and the following named 1st Lts. appointed Flight Leaders of A, B, C, and D Flights, respectively: Lhute N. Ryden, Allan A. Farlow, John M. Buckner and C. A. (J.G.) Gustan. (See Incl. #9).

Single mission flown on 13 April 1944 (Incl. #10).

Organization transferred 13 April 1944 from Station 157 to Station 411. (Incl. #11). Headquarters, 365th Fighter Group relieved from attached for rations; Flight Control Detachment, attached for rations, quarters and administration; and 2656th Engineer Aviation Fire Fighting Platoon attached for rations and quarters.

No missions flown from new field during first week due to weather conditions. Runways and taxi strips not very good for operations. Test flights show planes cannot be flown from this field with belly tanks or wing tanks.

Operational missions flown on following dates: single mission on 20th and 21st (Incls. #12, #13); two missions on 22nd and 23rd (Incls. #14, #15,

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[illegible]; single [illegible] [illegible]; two [illegible] on both [illegible] with [illegible] [illegible] and with [illegible] [illegible].

[illegible] long range [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] from the station with [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] at another station for [illegible] then proceed as [illegible]. Several [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Another tests were later [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] be used from [illegible].

Three men, [illegible], [illegible], [illegible], [illegible] and [illegible], were assigned and [illegible] [illegible].

A short history of [illegible] [illegible], complete [illegible] [illegible], is [illegible] [illegible] will be given with [illegible] installment [illegible].

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HEADQUARTERS
NINTH AIR FORCE
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APO 696, U.S. Army
31 March 1944.

GENERAL ORDERS)
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NUMBER.....85)

SECTION I: AWARDS OF THE AIR MEDAL.
SECTION II: AWARDS OF THE BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO AIR MEDAL.
SECTION III: AWARDS OF THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS.
SECTION IV: AWARDS OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS.
SECTION V: AMENDMENT OF GENERAL ORDERS.

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. 9242A (Bull 49, WD 1942) and in accordance with authority delegated by the War Department, Air Medals are awarded to the following named Officers 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

VINCENT H. ANDERSON	0-682602	2ND LT	Lincoln, Nebr.
DON E. COLTON	0-674890	2ND LT	Salt Lake City, Utah
ROSWELL E. CURRIE	0-682617	2ND LT	Austin, Texas
WILLIAM F. O'KEEFE	0-679771	2ND LT	Fox Lake, Ill.

109th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron

MICHAEL (NMI) KORNUTA	0-885942	1ST LT	Bedford, Ohio

354TH FIGHTER GROUP
Headquarters

WALLACE P. MACE	0-354270	LT COL	Salt Lake City, Utah

353rd Fighter Squadron

JOHN H. ARNOLD	0-665158	2ND LT	Culacauga, Ala.
JAMES G. BURKE	0-689200	2ND LT	Ogden, Utah
CHARLES W. KOENIG	0-630528	1ST LT	Oakland, Calif.

355th Fighter Squadron

MAURICE G. LONG	0-730546	CAPT	Long Beach, Calif.

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356th Fighter Squadron

MAILON A. GILLIS	O-745352	2ND LT	Ontario, Calif.
LEONARD F. JACKSON	0682946	2ND LT	Hesperia, Mich.
WALTER L. WILLIAMS	0676680	2ND LT	Picayune, Miss.

358TH FIGHTER GROUP

365th Fighter Squadron

HARRY B. BASSLER	O-665377	1ST LT	Chicago, Ill.
CLAIR R. GEARHART	O-732219	1ST LT	Brodheadsville, Pa.
JOSEPH ATKINSON	O-687223	2ND LT	Du Bois, Pa.
JOSEPH L. GREEN, JR.	O-675760	2ND LT	Charleston, W. Va.
LEROY J. MANOR	O-810335	2ND LT	Morrisonville, N.Y.

366th Fighter Squadron

ALEXANDER J. MELANCON	O-666568	1ST LT	San Antonio, Texas
PHILLIP D. BROCKUS	O-671494	2ND LT	Spearman, Texas

367th Fighter Squadron

LOUIS F. SHERMAN	O-732363	CAPT	Santa Ana, Calif.
JOE R. HOLLAWAY, JR.	0671744	2ND LT	Shreveport, La.
JAMES B. LIBERTORE, JR.	0675783	2ND LT	Canton, Ohio
GEORGE T. MALONE, JR.	0810533	2ND LT	Arlington, Mass.
MICHAEL F. OGNISTY	0671432	2ND LT	New York, N.Y.
OWEN S. PARRISH, JR.	0672662	2ND LT	Las Vegas, N.M.
RAE E. PRESTON	0810562	2ND LT	Macon, Georgia

362ND FIGHTER GROUP

377th Fighter Squadron

JOHN R. BROWN, JR.	O-795905	1ST LT	State College, Pa.
JOSEPH A. LANE	O-679895	1ST LT	West Hartford, Conn.
EMORY A. RIGGS	O-680080	1ST LT	Warren, Ohio
JAMES A. RIPPIN	O-25707	1ST LT	New London, Conn.
FRANCIS A. CONNOR, JR.	O-745302	2ND LT	Melrose, Mass.
BURLEIGH E. CURTIS	O-745311	2ND LT	Hollisten, Mass.
ARNOLD (NMI) LEHTO	O-745425	2ND LT	Minneapolis, Minn.
VERNON P. LIGON, JR.	O-745428	2ND LT	Frankfort, Ky.
EDWARD F. MAC LEAN	O-681687	2ND LT	Valley Stream, N.Y.

378th Fighter Squadron

GEORGE W. ASKEW, JR.	O-745263	1ST LT	Hampton, Va.
JAMES F. HARROLD	O-[redacted]	1ST LT	Muncie, Ind.
WILLIAM B. KING	O-465214	1ST LT	Knoxville, Tenn.
JOHN R. HOVETT	O-25788	1ST LT	Atlanta, Ga.
DANIEL A. SIPE, JR.	O-676961	1ST LT	Pittsburgh, Pa.

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KENNETH L. SKEEN	0-680096	1ST LT	Twin Falls, Idaho
HARRY R. STROH	0-2[illegible]8[illegible]	1ST LT	Washington, D.C.
ROBERT B. BELL	0-745234	2ND LT	Pasadena, Calif.
FRANK (NMI) GLOVER	0-745353	2ND LT	Parma, Ohio
KELVIN (NMI) GOUGH	0-812804	2ND LT	New York, N.Y.
CARL E. HAERING, JR.	0-745263	2ND LT	Newton Highlands, Mass.
WILLIAM T. HAMLIN	0-680027	2ND LT	Rochester, N.Y.
LAWRENCE J. HODGINS, JR.	0-745386	2ND LT	College Park, Md.
HOWARD C. KELGARD	0-745410	2ND LT	Yakima, Wash.
ROBERT W. KENNEDY	0-745413	2ND LT	Indianapolis, Ind.
RICHARD R. LAW	0-802043	2ND LT	Colorado Springs, Colo.
JOSEPH E. MATIN	0-693146	2ND LT	Nederland, Texas
JOSEPH J. MAUCINI, JR.	0-745442	2ND LT	Wichita Falls, Texas
MARION C. MORPHEW, JR.	0-[illegible]76900	2ND LT	Waterloo, Iowa

379th Fighter Squadron

WALTER J. BOOTH	0-745276	1ST LT	Lock No. 4, Pa.
KENNETH K. KITTS	0-745417	1ST LT	Kokomo, Ind.
JOHN R. SHUMWAY	0-67895[illegible]	1ST LT	McMinnville, Ore.
ARTHUR B. WILCKE	0-676849	1ST LT	Bridgeport, Conn.
THEODORE D. JENSEN	0-802305	2ND LT	Louisville, Ky.
GORDON P. LARSEN	0-745424	2ND LT	Salt Lake City, Utah
FRANK L. LEE, JR.	0-802319	2ND LT	Dallas, Texas
GERALD L. MAJOR	0-745437	2ND LT	South Bend, Ind.
KENNETH L. McCLEARY	0-745446	2ND LT	Findlay, Ohio
ROBERT D. McKEE	0-673889	2ND LT	Rochester, N.Y.
THURMAN F. MORRISON	0-437034	2ND LT	Waterloo, Iowa
MADISON A. PUTNAM	0-681701	2ND LT	Oakdale, Iowa
HAROLD D. WOOD	0-675[illegible]60	2ND LT	Roscoe, N.Y.

EDWARD A. ABDALLAH 0-745255 2ND LT Connellsville, Pa.
Missing in Action: Next of Kin: Mrs. Mary C. Abdallah (Mother)
810 N. Ninth Street, Connellsville, Pa.

365TH FIGHTER GROUP

386th Fighter Squadron

WILLIAM H. CORNELL	0-425379	CAPT	Birmingham, Ala.
MILTON E. SOWARD	0-672[illegible]8	1ST LT	Saugus, Calif.

387th Fighter Squadron

EDWARD F. BOLES	0-733486	CAPT	Mineola, N.Y.
JAMES B. HILL	0-673374	1ST LT	Stillwater, Okla.
ANDREW W. SLOAN	0-800062	1ST LT	Columbia, S.C.

388th Fighter Squadron

DONALD E. HILLMAN	0-418131	MAJOR	Selma, Ala.
DAVID K. BAUMEISTER	0-671485	1ST LT	Shawano, Wis.

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2[illegible] Regiment Band
Band Leader

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G.O. No. 84, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 31 Mar 1944, cont'd.

SECTION II

1. By direction of the President, and in addition to the Air Medals awarded in General Orders indicated by sub-paragraphs, the following named officers of the IX Air Support Command, are awarded the Bronze 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 49, WD 1942) and in accordance with regulations established by the War Department, 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:

First Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster

67TH TACTICAL RECONNAISSANCE GROUP
107th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron

a. G.O. 6, Hq, IX Air Support Command, 11 February 1944.

ROBERT B. PHILLIPS	0-664130	1ST LT	Fargo, N.D.

b. G.O. 7, Hq, IX Air Support Command, 13 February 1944

JOHN F. MITCHELL	0-439695	1ST LT	Columbia City, Ind.
CAROL K. TURNER	0-671714	2ND LT	Marion, Ohio

c. G.O. 50, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 14 March 1944

STEWART L. MIMS	0-668923	1ST LT	Greenwich, Conn.

d. G.O. 11, Hq, IX Air Support Command, 14 February 1944

SIDNEY J. ARNOLD	0-442676	CAPT	Berkeley, Calif.

e. G.O. 45, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 31 March 1944

MICHAEL (NMI) KIRNULA	0-435942	1ST LT	Bedford, Ohio

f. G.O. 36, Hq, VIII Air Support Command, 7 October 1943

CLARENCE E. LUCHEN, JR.	0-660275	1ST LT	Kittanning, Pa.

354TH FIGHTER GROUP
353rd Fighter Squadron

g. G.O. 10, Hq, IX Air Support Command, 14 February 1944

JAMES P. KLAUS	0-703400	2ND LT	Pennlyn, Pa.
GLENN H. PIPES	0-707601	2ND LT	Roanoke, Va.

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G.O. No. 85, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 31 March 1944, contd.

h. G.O. 4, Hq, IX Fighter Command, 17 January 1944

CARL A. BINT	0-745429	2ND LT	Lincoln, Nebr.

355th Fighter Squadron

i. G.O. 10, Hq, IX Air Support Command, 12 February 1944

FRANKLYN B. HENDRICKSON	0-676192	1ST LT	Albans, L. I.
BILLIE D. HARRIS	0-682635	2ND LT	Altus, Okla.

j. G.O. 44, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 3 March 1944

JAMES R. KENYON	0-682658	2ND LT	Walla Walla, Wash.

Missing in action: Next of Kin: Mrs. Alice M. Kenyon (Mother)
14 Merriam Street, Walla Walla, Washington

356th Fighter Squadron

k. G.O. 48, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 8 March 1944

BARTHOLOMEW G. TENORE	0-686204	1ST LT	Willis, Mich.
ROBERT L. YOUNG	0-805722	2ND LT	Nantucket, Mass.

l. G.O. 44, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 3 March 1944

HOMER R. MITCHELL	0-687393	2ND LT	Elmwood, Okla.

358TH FIGHTER GROUP
365th Fighter Squadron

m. G.O. 39, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 25 February 1944

FRED H. TEW	0-675730	2ND LT	Salt Lake City, Utah

n. G.O. 85, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 31 March 1944

JOSEPH (NMI) ATKINSON	0687223	2ND LT	Du Bois, Pa.
CLAIR R. GEARHART	0-732219	1ST LT	Broadheadsville, Pa.

o. G.O. 11, Hq, IX Air Support Command, 19 February 1944

HARRY D. BASSLER	0-665377	1ST LT	Chicago, Ill.

p. G.O. 9, Hq, VIII Fighter Command, 14 February 1944

MORVIN K. AVERETT	0-795882	2ND LT	Pensacola, Fla.

q. G.O. 4, Hq, VIII Fighter Command, 20 January 1944

JAY V. THOMPSON	0-674346	2ND LT	Anacortes, Wash.

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G.O. No 85, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 31 March 1944, contd.

366th Fighter Squadron

r. G.O. 9, Hq, VIII Fighter Command, 14 February 1944

JOHN J. KROPENICK	0-688270	2ND LT	Newark, N.J.

s. G.O. 4, Hq, VIII Fighter Command, 20 January 1944

C. A. (I.C.) AUSTIN	0-673237	1ST LT	Skellytown, Texas
CARROLL L. McCLELLAN	0-673409	2ND LT	Warren, Ohio
MEREDITH M. McDANIEL	0-675739	2ND LT	Leipsic, Ohio

t. G.O. 5, Hq, VIII Fighter Command, 28 January 1944

PETER COASON	0-728595	1ST LT	Lockport, N.Y.
ALLAN W. FARLOW	0-665393	1ST LT	Mt. Vernon, Ill.

u. G.O. 7, Hq, VIII Fighter Command, 5 February 1944

OLIVER W. DE GRUCHY	0-25652	1ST LT	Arlington, Va.
VICTOR E. IDOE	0-666542	1ST LT	Madison, N.C.
JOHN R. BARBER	0-675768	2ND LT	Youngstown, Ohio

v. G.O. 85, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 31 March 1944

ALEXANDER J. MELANCON	0-666568	1ST LT	San Antonio, Texas
PHILLIP D. BROCKUS	0-671494	2ND LT	Spearman, Texas

367th Fighter Squadron

w. G.O. 39, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 25 February 1944

GLEN L. WATERS	0-672728	2ND LT	Clovis, N.M.

x. G.O. 85, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 31 March 1944

LOUIS F. SHERMAN	0-732383	CAPT	Santa Ana, Calif.
JOE R. HOLLAWAY, JR.	0-671744	2ND LT	Shreveport, La.
JAMES B. LISHERTORE, JR.	0-675783	2ND LT	Canton, Ohio

365TH FIGHTER GROUP
387th Fighter Squadron

y. G.O. 85, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 31 March 1944

EDWARD F. BOLES	0-793486	CAPT	Mineola, N.Y.

G.O. No 85, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 31 Mar 1944, contd.

Second Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster

67TH TACTICAL RECONNAISSANCE GROUP
107th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron

z. G.O. 7, Hq, IX Air Support Command, 13 February 1944

JOHN F. HICKMAN	0-439695	1ST LT	Columbia City, Ind.

aa. G.O. 66, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 22 March 1944.

JOHN S. VESTAL	T-187556	F/O	Hawthorne, Calif.

ab. G.O. 85, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 31 March 1944

MICHAEL (NMI) KORNUTA	0-885942	1ST LT	Bedford, Ohio

109th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron

ac. G.O. 66, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 22 March 1944

EDWIN J. BACKHAM	0-886083	1ST LT	Ann Arbor, Mich.

ad. G.O. 36, Hq, VIII Air Support Command, 8 October 1943

CLARENCE E. LOUDEN, JR.	0-660279	1ST LT	Kittanning, Pa.

354TH FIGHTER GROUP
353rd Fighter Squadron

ae. G.O. 3, Hq, IX Fighter Command, 8 January 1944

JAMES (NMI) CANNON	0-728577	CAPT	Stockton, Calif.
FELIX M. ROGERS	0-744759	2ND LT	Brookline, Mass.

af. G.O. 3, Hq, IX Air Support Command, 2 February 1944

RIDLEY E. DONNELL	0-730408	1ST LT	Murfreesboro, Tenn.

Missing in action. Next of Kin: Mrs. Mary R. Donnell (Mother)
Route #2, Murfreesboro, Tenn.

ag. G.O. 4, Hq, IX Fighter Command, 17 January 1944

DON McDOWELL	0-744728	2ND LT	Los Angeles, Calif.

ah. G.O. 6, Hq, IX Air Support Command, 11 February 1944

DAVID B. O'HARA	0-744743	2ND LT	Pittsburgh, Pa.

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G.O. 85, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 31 Mar 1944, cont.

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ai. G.O. 3, Hq, XX [illegible], 1 February 1944

JAMES A. BAER	[illegible]	[illegible]	Dallas, Texas
WILLIAM E. PITCHER	[illegible]	[illegible]	Spokane, Wash.
GUS W. ALLEN	[illegible]	[illegible]	Puyallup, Wash.
LOREN E. LONG	[illegible]	[illegible]	Paola, Kansas

aj. G.O. 10, Hq, XX Air [illegible], 6 February 1944

FRANKLYN E. HENDRICKSON	[illegible]	[illegible]	Athens, L.I., N.Y.

ak. G.O. 39, Hq, [illegible], 1 September 1943

EDWARD E. PHILLIPS	[illegible]	[illegible]	Springfield, N.J.

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al. G.O. 4, Hq, IX [illegible], 31 January 1944

ALBERT G. REDFERN	[illegible]	[illegible]	Washington, D.C.

[illegible]

am. G.O. 5, Hq, VIII [illegible], 2 February 1944

JACK W. COULTER	[illegible]	[illegible]	Sweet Home, Ore.
ROBERT R. FISHER	[illegible]	[illegible]	Denver, Colo.
JOHN M. PUSTON	[illegible]	[illegible]	Tazewell, Va.

an. G.O. 7, Hq, VIII [illegible], 8 February 1944

HOWARD L. GURLEY	[illegible]	[illegible]	Brooklyn Park, Md.
JAMES F. HACKNEY	[illegible]	[illegible]	Wilmington, N.C.

ao. G.O. 39, Hq, Ninth Air [illegible], 31 January 1944

FRED H. TEW	[illegible]	[illegible]	Salt Lake City, Utah

ap. G.O. 9, Hq, [illegible], 13 February 1944

NORVIN K. AVENETT	[illegible]	[illegible]	Pensacola, Fla.

aq. G.O. 4, Hq, VIII Fighter Command, 12 February 1944

JAY V. THOMPSON	[illegible]	[illegible]	Anacortes, Wash.

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G.O. No 85, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 31 Mar 1944, contd.

366th Fighter Squadron

ar. G.O. 4, Hq, VIII Fighter Command, 20 January 1944

C. A. (I.O.) AUSTIN	0-673297	1ST LT	Skellytown, Texas
WILLIAM DIAN	0-531401	2ND LT	Chicago, Ill.
ANTHONY A. SERAPIGLIA	0-732381	1ST LT	Detroit, Mich.
HAROLD L. McCLELLAN	0-673409	2ND LT	Warren, Ohio
MEREDITH M. [illegible]	0-675789	2ND LT	Leipsic, Ohio

as. G.O. 5, Hq, VIII Fighter Command, 28 January 1944

JOHN H. BUCKNER	0-25439	1ST LT	Cleburne, Texas
PETER CORSON	0-728595	1ST LT	Lockport, N.Y.
ALLAN W. FARLOW	0-665395	1ST LT	Mt. Vernon, Ill.
KNUTE N. HYLEN	0-732257	1ST LT	Susanville, Calif.
ROBERT F. KRUG	0-732276	1ST LT	Chicago, Ill.
ERIK P. LITTLEJOHN	0-449002	2ND LT	Marshall, Texas
CARMEL M. SHOOK	0-521664	2ND LT	Banner Elk, N.C.

at. G.O. 7, Hq, VIII Fighter Command, 5 February 1944

ROBERT C. SCHUSTER	0-793542	CAPT	Kingston, Pa.
OLIVER W. DE GRUCHY	0-25652	1ST LT	Arlington, Va.
VICTOR H. IDOL	0-666542	1ST LT	Madison, N.C.
AUGUSTUS (NMI) HAMILTON, JR.	0-675767	2ND LT	Rocky Mount, N.C.
JOHN R. HARBER	0-675768	2ND LT	Youngstown, Ohio

au. G.O. 9, Hq, VIII Fighter Command, 14 February 1944

EDWARD (NMI) KANTORSKI	0-688269	2ND LT	Jersey City, N.J.
JOHN J. KROPENICK	0-688270	2ND LT	Newark, N. J.

av. G.O. 85, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 31 March 1944

PHILLIP D. BROCKUS	0-671494	2ND LT	Spearman, Texas

367th Fighter Squadron

aw. G.O. 4, Hq, VIII Fighter Command, 20 January 1944

ALEN V. VOORHEES	0-666590	1ST LT	Battle Creek, Mich.
LAWRENCE W. POOL	0-666576	1ST LT	Abiline, Texas
PHILLIP R. [illegible]	0-671484	2ND LT	N. Little Rock, Ark.
JOHN A. WIER [illegible]	0-732423	2ND LT	Fulton, Ill.

ax. G.O. 5, Hq, VIII Fighter Command, 28 January 1944

ALVIN W. SIEGEL	0-732385	1ST LT	San Francisco, Calif.
VICTOR (NMI) BEACH	0-522154	2ND LT	Yancey, Texas

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G.O. 65, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 31 Mar 1944, contd.

ay. G.O. 7, Hq, VIII Fighter Command, 28 January 1944

JAMES C. STEWART	0-366788	CAPT	Fort Payne, Ala.
MAX C. ARNOLD	0-671482	2ND LT	Rochester, Mich.

367TH FIGHTER GROUP
Headquarters

az. G.O. 44, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 3 March 1944

MORTON D. MAGOFFIN	0-20847	LT COL	Darwood, Minn.

Third Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster

67TH TACTICAL RECONNAISSANCE GROUP
Headquarters

ba. G.O. 104, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 16 October 1943

JOHN N. ATKINS, JR.	0-421765	MAJOR	Richmond, Va.

109th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron

bb. G.O. 4, Hq, IX Fighter Command, 17 January 1944

JOE (UMI) THOMPSON, JR.	0-439743	CAPT	Nashville, Tenn.

bc. G.O. 85, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 31 March 1944

EDWIN J. RACKHAM	0-886083	1ST LT	Ann Arbor, Mich.

bd. G.O. 36, Hq, VIII Air Support Command, 5 October 1943

CLYNORD W. HANSEN	0-432060	CAPT	College Springs, Iowa

107th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron

bo. G.O. 4, Hq, IX Fighter Command, 17 January 1944

JAMES W. McALLISTER	0-442136	CAPT	Stamford, Texas

bf. G.O. 85, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 31 March 1944

JOHN S. VESTAL	T-1-7556	F/O	Hawthorne, Calif.

354TH FIGHTER GROUP
Headquarters

bg. G.O. 27, Hq, IX Fighter Command, 30 December 1943

GEORGE R. BICKELL	0-342737	LT COL	Belleville, N. J.
JAMES H. HOWARD	0-511937	LT COL	St. Louis, Mo.

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G.O. No 35, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 31 Mar 1944, cont'd.

353rd Fighter Squadron

bh. G.O. 27, Hq, IX Fighter Command, 30 December 1943

WALLACE H. MILLER	0-730422	CAPT	St. Louis, Mo.

355th Fighter Squadron

bi. G.O. 4, Hq, IX Fighter Command, 17 January 1944

WILLIAM I. DAVIS	0-745313	2ND LT	Topeka, Kans.

356th Fighter Squadron

bj. G.O. 3, Hq, IX Fighter Command, 5 January 1944

EARL G. LEPPER	0-730461	CAPT	Billings, Mont.
ROBERT J. KLOPOTEK	0-745420	2ND LT	Oaster, Wis.

352ND FIGHTER GROUP
Headquarters

bk. G.O. 4, Hq, VIII Fighter Command, 20 January 1944

JACK A. THERRIAULT	0-432140	MAJOR	Seattle, Wash.

bl. G.O. 5, Hq, VIII Fighter Command, 26 January 1944

JACK W. COULTER	0-523271	1ST LT	Sweet Home, Ore.
ROBERT R. FISHEL	0-[illegible]459	1ST LT	Denver, Colo.

328th Fighter Squadron

bm. G.O. 7, Hq, VIII Fighter Command, 5 February 1944

JAMES F. HACKLER, JR.	0-25767	1ST LT	Wilmington, N.C.

bn. G.O. 3, Hq, VIII Fighter Command, 17 January 1944

JOHN W. DICKSON	0-732189	CAPT	Henryville, Ind.
ROBERT C. FLETCHER	0-732247	1ST LT	Alameda, Calif.
JOHN M. BUSTON	0-671497	2ND LT	Tazewell, Va.

366th Fighter Squadron

[redacted] G.O. 4, Hq, VIII Fighter Command, 20 January 1944

G. A. [redacted]) AUSTIN	0-[illegible]73297	1ST LT	Skellytown, Texas
ANTHONY SERAPIGLIA	0-732361	1ST LT	Detroit, Mich.
HAROLD McCLELLAN	0-673409	2ND LT	Warren, Ohio
ERNEST McDANIEL	0-675739	2ND LT	Leipsic, Ohio

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G.O. 85, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 31 Mar 1944, contd.

bp. G.O. 5, Hq, VIII Fighter Command, 28 January 1944

ALLAN W. BARLOW	0-665393	1ST LT	Mt. Vernon, Ill.
KNUTE N. HYLEN	0-732257	1ST LT	Susanville, Calif.
ROBERT F. KNUG	0-732276	1ST LT	Chicago, Ill.
ERIK P. LITTLEJOHN	0-449002	2ND LT	Marshall, Texas
CARMEL H. SHOOK	0-521664	2ND LT	Banner Elk, N.C.

bq. G.O. 7, Hq, VIII Fighter Command, 5 February 1944

ROBERT C. SCHUSTER	0-793542	CAPT	Kingston, Pa.
OLIVER W. DE GRUCHY	0-25652	1ST LT	Arlington, Va.
AUGUSTUS (NMI) HAMILTON, JR.	0-675767	2ND LT	Rocky Mount, N.C.

367th Fighter Squadron

br. G.O. 3, Hq, VIII Fighter Command, 17 January 1944

JAMES F. SCHILDE	0-666498	CAPT	Milwaukee, Wis.
ALFRED W. PERRY	0-793529	1ST LT	Franklyn, N.C.

bs. G.O. 4, Hq, VIII Fighter Command, 20 January 1944

EDWARD H. SPRIETSMA	0-732393	CAPT	Riverside, Ill.
LAWRENCE W. POOL	0-666578	1ST LT	Abilene, Texas
ALLEN V. VOORHEES	0-666590	1ST LT	Battle Creek, Mich.
LOUIS L. WILSON, JR.	0-25623	1ST LT	Hurricane, W. Va.
PHILLIP R. DALLINGER	0-671484	2ND LT	N. Little Rock, Ark.
JAMES J. McCABE	0-672636	2ND LT	St. Louis, Mo.
JOHN A. WIERSEMA	0-732423	2ND LT	Fulton, Ill.

bt. G.O. 5,Hq, VIII Fighter Command, 28 January 1944

CLARENCE E. VAN COTT	0-732409	CAPT	Lansing, Mich.
JOHN H. PEDIGO	0-666985	1ST LT	Kansas City, Mo.
ALVIN W. SEIGEL	0-732385	1ST LT	San Francisco, Calif.

bu. G.O. 7, Hq, VIII Fighter Command, 5 February 1944

JAMES C. STEWART	0-366784	CAPT	Ft. Payne, Ala.
MAX C. ARNOLD	0-671462	2ND LT	Rochester, Mich.
MILFORD C. PETERSON	0-522319	2ND LT	Ocean Park, Calif.
ROBERT SCHNEIDER	0-671777	2ND LT	Rock Glen, Pa.

362ND FIGHTER GROUP
Headquarters

bv. G.O. 48, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 8 March 1944

MORTON D. MAGOFFIN	0-20847	LT COL	Deerwood, Mich.

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G.O. No 65, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 31 Mar 1944, contd.

Fourth Oak Leaf Cluster

67TH TACTICAL RECONNAISSANCE GROUP
Headquarters

bw. G.O. 21, Hq, VIII Air Support Command, 7 September 1943

PETER J. MARKHAM 0-425591 MAJOR Highland Park, Mich.

109th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron

bx. G.O. 10, Hq, VIII Air Support Command, 6 August 1943

ROBERT B. JONES 0-442142 CAPT Fairfield, Idaho.

by. G.O. 36, Hq, VIII Air Support Command, 8 October 1943

GEORGE D. JAMES 0-439693 1ST LT Congers, N.Y.

bz. G.O. 9, Hq, VIII Air Support Command, 5 August 1943

HAL C. CONNER 0-429610 MAJOR Hot Springs, Ark.

ca. G.O. 22, Hq, IX Fighter Command, 11 December 1943

WARREN G. HARDING 0-663147 1ST LT Waukegan, Ill.

354TH FIGHTER GROUP
Headquarters

cb. G.O. 27, Hq, IX Fighter Command, 30 December 1943

JAMES H. HOWARD 0-511937 LT COL St. Louis, Mo.

355th Fighter Squadron

cc. G.O. 3, Hq, IX Fighter Command, 8 January 1944

EDWARD R. RYAN 0-744764 2ND LT Los Angeles, Calif.

356th Fighter Squadron

cd. G.O. 27, Hq, IX Fighter Command, 30 December 1943

ROBERT E. GOODNIGHT 0-730457 1ST LT Portland, Ore.

ce. G.O. 3, Hq, IX Fighter Command, 8 January 1944

FRANK O. O'CONNOR 0-730584 1ST LT San Francisco, Calif.

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G.O. No 85, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 31 Mar 1944, contd.

356TH FIGHTER GROUP
Headquarters

cf. G.O. 4, Hq, VIII Fighter Command, 20 January 1944

GEORGE L. WERTENBAKER, JR.	0-3[illegible]3756	LT COL	Charlottesville, Va.

365th Fighter Squadron

cg. G.O. 3, Hq, VIII Fighter Command, 17 January 1944

GEORGE W. HUNT, JR.	0-666539	CAPT	Angleton, Texas

ch. G.O. 4, Hq, VIII Fighter Command, 20 January 1944

BUNTON D. HARLAN	0-432738	CAPT	Indianapolis, Ind.

ci. G.O. 5, Hq, VIII Fighter Command, 28 January 1944

JACK W. COULTER	0-523271	1ST LT	Sweet Home, Ore.
JOHN M. BUSTON	0-671497	2ND LT	Tazewell, Va.

366th Fighter Squadron

cj. G.O. 7, Hq, VIII Fighter Command, 5 February 1944

ROBERT C. SCHUSTER	0-793542	CAPT	Kingston, Pa.

367th Fighter Squadron

ck. G.O. 3, Hq, VIII Fighter Command, 17 January 1944

JAMES F. SCHILKE	0-666998	CAPT	Milwaukee, Wis.
ALFRED W. PERRY	0-793529	1ST LT	Franklin, N.C.

cl. G.O. 4, Hq, VIII Fighter Command, 20 January 1944

PHILLIP R. DALLINGER	0-[illegible]71484	2ND LT	N. Little Rock, Ark.

cm. G.O. 7, Hq, VIII Fighter Command, 5 February 1944

JAMES C. STEWART	0-3[illegible]7[illegible]	CAPT	Ft. Payne, Ala.

First Silver Oak Leaf Cluster

67TH TACTICAL RECONNAISSANCE GROUP
109th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron

cn. G.O. 22, Hq, IX Fighter Command, 11 December 1943.

WARREN G. HARDING	0-[illegible]63147	1ST LT	Waukegan, Ill.

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G.C. 85, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 31 Mar 1944, contd.

354TH FIGHTER GROUP
367th Fighter Squadron

cc. G.O. 3, Hq, VIII Fighter Command, 17 January 1944

JAMES F. SCHILKE - 0-666997 - CAPT - Milwaukee, Wis.
(Enemy aircraft destroyed on 11 February 1944)

354TH FIGHTER GROUP
Headquarters

cg. G.C. 27, Hq, IX Fighter Command, 30 December 1943

JAMES H. HOWARD - 0-511937 - LT COL - St. Louis, Mo.
(Enemy aircraft destroyed on 11 January 1944)

Sixth Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster

67TH TACTICAL RECONNAISSANCE GROUP
109th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron

cg. G.C. 22, Hq, IX Air Support Command, 11 December 1943

WARREN G. HARDING - 0-663147 - 1ST LT - Waukegan, Ill.

354TH FIGHTER GROUP
Headquarters

cr. G.C. 27, Hq, IX Fighter Command, 30 December 1943

JAMES H. HOWARD - 0-511937 - LT COL - St. Louis, Mo.

Seventh Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster

JAMES H. HOWARD - 0-511937 - LT COL - St. Louis, Mo.

Eighth Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster

JAMES H. HOWARD - 0-511937 - LT COL - St. Louis, Mo.

SECTION III

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Act of Congress, approved 2 July 1926, (Bull 26, WD 1926) and in accordance with authority delegated by the War Department, the Distinguished Flying Cross is awarded to the following named Officers of the IX Air Support Command, in recognition of extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight in the European Theater of Operations, each having participated in

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G.O. 85, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 31 Mar 1945, cited

the required number of operational combat sorties [illegible] the enemy:

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107th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron

ALBERTO A. NIDO	0-835003	1st Lt	Arecibo, Puerto Rico
JOHN S. VESTAL	T-[illegible]	F/O	Hawthorne, Calif.

109th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron

WARREN G. HARDING	0-[illegible]	1st Lt	Waukegan, Ill.

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GEORGE L. VERTREBAKER	0-[illegible]	1st Lt	Charlottesville, Va.

[illegible]

FRANK M. ROSE	0-[illegible]	[illegible]	Gurnee, Ill.

[illegible]

JACK A. THERRIAULT	0-[illegible]	[illegible]	Seattle, Wash.

[illegible]

JAMES F. SCHILKE	0-[illegible]	[illegible]	Milwaukee, Wis.
CLARENCE VAN GOTT	0-[illegible]	[illegible]	Lansing, Mich.
ALFRED W. PERRY	0-[illegible]	[illegible]	Franklin, N.C.
ALEN V. VOORHEES	0-[illegible]	[illegible]	Battle Creek, Mich.
MAX G. ARNOLD	0-[illegible]	[illegible]	Rochester, Mich.
MILFORD C. PETERSON	0-[illegible]	[illegible]	Ocean Park, Calif.
JOHN H. PEDIGO	0-[illegible]	[illegible]	Kansas City, Mo.

[illegible]

JOHN N. DICKSON	0-[illegible]	[illegible]	Mooresville, Ind.
GEORGE W. HUNT, JR.	0-[illegible]	[illegible]	Angleton, Texas
BURTON D. YARIAN	0-[illegible]	[illegible]	Indianapolis, Ind.
ROBERT R. FISHEL	0-[illegible]	[illegible]	Denver, Colo.
ROBERT C. FLETCHER	0-[illegible]	[illegible]	Alameda, Calif.
JAMES F. HACKLER, JR.	0-[illegible]	[illegible]	Wilmington, N.C.

[illegible]

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress, approved 2 July 1926 (Public 3, 69th Congress) and in accordance with authority delegated by the War Department [illegible] Oak Leaf Cluster to the Distinguished Flying Cross [illegible] EDWARD H. HOWARD,

[redacted]

0712

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[redacted] SECRET

366TH FIGHTER SQUADRON

Field Order #125

8 April 1944

White Section - White Flight

Capt. Underwood
McClellan
Krug
Tuck

Red Flight

Austin
Harber
Hylen
McClure

Yellow Section - Yellow Flight

Capt. Schuster
McDaniel
Farlow
Shook

Blue Flight

Buckner
Corson
Littlejohn
Kropenick

Forward Relay

Idol

[redacted]

Incl #2

[redacted]

8 April 1944

MISSION SUMMARY REPORT

A. 366th Fighter Squadron.

B. 16 P-47s. Time up--1145 Time down--1435

C. Nil

D. Rammod, F.C. # 125, IX Fighter Command.

E. Thru H.Q Nil

F. Squadron was lead by Capt. Underwood. Made landfall on course at 1235 at 21, 500 ft. R/T with bombers on time 1245, north of Zwolle. Left bombers around Burmer Lake at 1307 at 21,000 ft. Landfall out was Ijmuiden at 1337 at 18,000 ft. Heavy intense accurate flak encountered at Ijmuiden. No enemy aircraft sighted. Nothing unusual to report. There was very light overcast all the way. 4/10th cloud cover over North Sea at 18.000ft. Visibility excellent. R/T good.

JOSEPH URDANG
2nd Lt., Air Corps
Intelligence Officer

[redacted]

[redacted]

XLVI

366TH FIGHTER SQUADRON

Field Order #127 — 8 April 1944

White Section - White Flight

Capt. Underwood
Brockus
Farlow
Tuck

Red Flight

Kimball
Harber
Austin

Yellow Section - Yellow Flight

Capt. Schuster
Idol
Shook
Kropenick

Blue Flight

Buckner
McClellan
Hylen
Krug

[redacted]

Incl #3

0716

[redacted]

MISSION SUMMARY REPORT

Field Order #127 8 April 1944

A. Field Order 127. Target:troop trains in Bernay Area.

B. 366th Fighter Squadron. 16 P47 dispatched.

C. Time Up 1644; Time over target 1750; Time down 1909.

D. 1 A/c cat. "AC", 1 a/c cat. "A".

E. Results of straffing good. Went down through hole in overcast at Bernay and leveled off at 6000 feet. Straffed trains at railroad siding near woods. Intense light and heavy flak in woods in vicinity of Lisseaux. We returned the fire of AA gun emplacements, results unknown.

F. a. Nil
b. Nil

G. Overcast top 1000, ceiling 6000 all the way into target.

JOSEPH URDANG
2nd. Lieut., AC
Ass't. Intellegence Officer

[redacted]

XLVII

[redacted]

00 #128 9 April 1944

White Section White Flight

Lt. Col. Wertenbaker
DeGruchy
Shook
Farlow

Red Flight

Austin
Harber
Idol
Brockus

Yellow Section Yellow Flight

Capt. Kimball
McClure
Hylen
Tuck

Blue Flight

Buckner
Dian
Corson
McDaniel

Spare

* McClellan

*Replace Lt. Brockus whose aircraft was unable to take-off.

[redacted]

Incl #4

[redacted]

[redacted]

9 April 1944

A. 366th Fighter Squadron.

B. Sixteen P-47s. Time up: 1070. Time down: 1435.

C. Nil.

D. Escort (withdrawal support) to 1st Bomb Wing Bomber Command.

E. Area 5. Nil.

F. Squadron and group led by Lt. Col. [redacted] proceeded on mission as briefed. The mission was uneventful. At Ijmuden, light barrage type flak was encountered. It was inaccurate and considered vector type. I/P in at Ijmuden 1017 21,000 feet. R/V with bombers at briefed point 1030. Squadron left bombers at enemy coast 1407. C/O out north of Egmond 1407 17,000 feet. Overcast at 17,000 feet over continent. Overcast 9/10ths, scattered high clouds at 17,000 feet. Contrails at 16,000 feet were light and non-persistent, not general. V/V excellent, light for day.

[redacted]
2nd Lieutenant, AC
Asst. Intelligence Officer

[redacted]

XLVIII

[redacted]

10 April 1944

OPFLASH #2

A.

1. Escort mediums, penetration area and withdrawl, CO 131 IX Fighter Command.
2. Nil.

B.

1. 366th Fighter Squadron.
2. 15 P-47s.
3. One P-47, mechanical.

C.

1. Time up: 0759.
2. Time over target: 0905 to 0935.
3. Time down: 1024.

D.

1. Nil.
2. Nil.
3. Nil.

E.

1. Bombing results of 1st Task Force were observed to be concentrated in one small area. 2nd Task Force results were seen to hit three different areas.

F.

1. a. Nil.
   b. Nil.
2. a. Barrage type flak immediately over the town of Le Havre.
   b. Nil.

G.

1. 1st Task Force on their bombing run were subjected to intense barrage type flak over the target area while the 2nd Task Force received very meager flak.
2. Light overcast from base across channel at 1500 feet. Visibility unlimited with a very slight haze.

JOHN R. LESS
Captain, AC
S-2

[redacted]

Ind #5

0120

[redacted]

00 #131 IX Fighter Command Plan "A" 10 April 1944

White Section White Flight

Lt.Col. Wells
Feltz
Farlow
McDaniel

Red Flight

Austin
Shook
Idol
Brockus

Yellow Section Yellow Flight

Kimball
McClure
Krug
Tuck

Blue Flight

Buckner
Dian
Kantorski

[redacted]

[redacted]

XVIX

366TH FIGHTER SQUADRON

O.O. #133 9TH FIGHTER COMMAND 10 APRIL 1944

WHITE SECTION - WHITE FLIGHT

SCHUSTER
FELTZ
FARLOW
DE GRUCHY

RED FLIGHT

AUSTIN
KROPENICK
IDOL
BROCKUS

YELLOW SECTION - YELLOW FLIGHT

KIMBALL
MC CLURE
HYLEN
TUCK

BLUE FLIGHT

BUCKNER
DIAN
KRUG
KANTORSKI

[redacted]

Incl #6

0722

[redacted]

10 April 1944

OPERATIONS

A.

1. Penetration area and withdrawal support, IX Fighter Command.
2. Type 1C from Laonnies until return.

B.

1. 356th Fighter Squadron.
2. 1[illegible]-475.
3. Nil.

C.

1. [illegible] 1350.
2. [illegible]
3. [illegible] 1330.

D.

1. Nil.
2. Nil.
3. Nil.

E.

1. One target smoking.

F.

1. a. Nil.
   b. Nil.
2. Nil.
   b. Longer accurate flak [illegible] Chrisse et Jumaine.

G.

1. Weather from base to 50 miles in enemy coast scattered cumulus 8/10 to 10,000 feet, slight haze, visibility good.

   Squadron broke off from the group at Soignies and were vectored by type 1B St. Quentin. Proceeded from there to Charleville then turned north to Florennes and proceeded on course home. Passed the target and observed it to be smoking.

[redacted]

A.

[redacted]

11 April 1944

OPFLASH #4

A.

1. Thunder-bomber and escort for A-20s, OO #136.
2. Nil.

B.

1. 366th Fighter Squadron.
2. 15 P-47s.
3. 1 abort, failure of landing gear to retract.

C.

1. Time up: 0915.
2. Time over target: with the bombers, 1035; thunder-bombed 1045.
3. Time down: 1142.

D.

1. Nil.
2. Nil.
3. Nil.

E.

Bombs armed 1/10th nose. 1/40th tail. Fourteen 500 pound bombs dropped in concentrated area on target. Bomb runs started at 12,000 feet, bombs released at 4500 feet. Strafed target from 6 to 4500 feet. Course followed as briefed. Observed concentrated hits all within target area by A-20s. Observed one A-20 to crash north of target area at Frevent. Two chutes seen.

F.

1. a. Nil.
   b. Nil.
2. a. Meager light flak, barrage type.
   b. On way in at Amiens inaccurate predicted flak, meager. On way out flak at Calais inaccurate moderate barrage type.

G.

1. Old crates observed in target area. 3/10ths clouds, visibility good.

John R. Less
Captain, AC
S-2

[redacted]

Incl #7

[redacted]

[redacted] April 1944

White Section	White Flight
Lt. Col. Wells	
Major Foster	
Parlow	
Littlejohn	

Red Flight

Kimball
McClure
Krug
Tuck

Yellow Section	Yellow Flight
Schuster	
Barber	
Idol	
Brochus	

Blue Flight

Buckner
Dian
Mantorski

[redacted]

SECRET

11 APRIL 1944

OPFLASH #5

A.

1. THUNDERBOLTING ESCORT, 00 & 1CK I. FIGHTER COMMAND.
2. NIL.

B.

1. 363TH FIGHTER SQUADRON.
2. 11 P-47S.
3. 1 ABORT, PROP OUT; 1 ABORT, FREAK ACCIDENT.

C.

1. TIME UP: 1640.
2. TIME OVER TARGET:
3. TIME DOWN: 1845.

D.

1. THRU 2. NIL.

E.

SQUADRON PATROLLED OVER ASSIGNED AREA ESCORTED STRAGGLERS BACK. VERY ACCURATE BOMBING WAS OBSERVED WITH HITS ON MACHINE SHOPS, DISPERSAL AREAS, AND OTHER BUILDINGS.

F.

1. A. NIL.
   B. NIL.
2. A. VERY INTENSE ACCURATE FLAK, LIGHT, AT STRAFING PLANES.
   B. GOING IN ENEMY COAST AT GRANVILLE PREDICTED INACCURATE FLAK. ON WAY OUT OVER CHERBOURG PENINSULAR INTENSE ACCURATE HEAVY FLAK.

G.

1. BETWEEN PT. DE LA PERCEE AND LA HOUGUE V SHAPED FORTICATIONS WERE SEEN AT LOW TIDE. IT IS BELIEVED THAT THESE FORTICATIONS WOULD BE INVISIBLE AT HIGH TIDE. 3 TO 4/10THS CLOUDS, TOPS 6,000 FEET.

JOHN R. LESS
CAPTAIN, AC
S-2

[redacted]

Incl #8

[redacted]

OPERATION #5 CO 138 IX Fighter Command 11 April 1944

Lt. Col. Wells

Shook (367 Blue 4)

Kimball ---
Farlow -------(365)
Austin
Eylen ---

Escort White Flight

Schuster
Brockus
Corson
Kropenick

Spares:

Dian
Alward (367)

[redacted]

[redacted]

RESTRICTED

HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 595 U. S. ARMY

12 April 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS)
:
NO. 31)

1. MAJ JACK A THERRIAULT, 0432140, AC, is reld fr asgmt with 366th Ftr Sq and asgd to Hq 358th Ftr Gp.

2. MAJ JACK A THERRIAULT, 0432140, AC, is aptd Group Deputy Commander vice LT COL GEORGE L WERTENBAKER JR, 0383756, AC, reld.

3. CAPT BURTON D YARIAN, 0432738, AC, is aptd Commanding Officer of the 365th Ftr Sq.

4. CAPT JOSEPH D UNDERWOOD, 0432732, AC, is aptd Commanding Officer of the 366th Ftr Sq vice MAJ JACK A THERRIAULT, 0432140, AC, reld.

By order of Lieutenant Colonel WELLS:

ALVIN S. GUTHRIE,
Capt., Air Corps,
Adjutant.

OFFICIAL:

Alvin S. Guthrie

ALVIN S. GUTHRIE,
Capt., Air Corps,
Adjutant.

DISTRIBUTION "B"

[redacted]

Incl #9

[redacted]

13 April 17, 1944

[redacted]

1. Escort and dive-bombing, CC 143.
2. Nil.

B.

1. 363th Fighter Squadron.
2. 12 P-47's.
3. Nil.

C.

1. Time up: 0845.
2. Time over target: 1005.
3. Time down: 1050.

D.

1. Flak: Nil.

E. Escorted bombers over target and observed their bombing to be only fair. Most of the bombs dropped by B-26s on northeast target seen to land about 100 yards west of the target area in a field. Some hits obtained in target area of both targets but majority outside. Bombing of fighters only fair. Some hits obtained on both targets but many of the bombs were short of target. 500 pound bombs were dropped at 4,000 feet.

F.

1. a. Nil.
   b. Nil.
2. a. Light inaccurate flak encountered vicinity of Cisement south of target.
   b. Intense barrage type flak encountered in target area.

G.

1. Nil, on unusual observations.
   7/10ths to scattered clouds over England and channel 8,000 feet. Over target CAVU.

JOSEPH [redacted]
2nd Lt., AC

[redacted]

Incl #10

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[redacted]

13 APRIL 1944

CAPT. UNDERWOOD
DIAN
SHOCK
MOSKOWITZ

CAPT. SCHUSTER
KROPENICK
GORGON
TUCK

AUSTIN
HARRELL
TOOL
SPROCKUS

SPARES:

HYLEN
KING

[redacted]

[redacted]

366TH FIGHTER SQUADRON

20 April 1944

White Section - White Flight

Major Therriault
Colonel Wheeler
Corson
Harber

Red Flight

Hylen
DeGruchy
Krug
Dian

Yellow Section - Yellow Flight

Schuster
Kropenick
Idol
Brockus

Blue Flight

Farlow
Littlejohn
Shook
Kantorski

Spare

McClellan

[redacted]

Ind #12

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[redacted] April 1944

A.

1. Dive bombing, [illegible] Ind.
2. Nil.

B.

1. 386th Fighter [illegible].
2. Sixteen P-47's.
3. Nil.

C.

1. [illegible].
2. [illegible].
3. [illegible]

D.

1. [illegible].

E.

Numerous [illegible] exploding [illegible] which appeared
[illegible] target area.
Sixteen 500 pound [illegible] Bomber Command 1/1 [illegible] nose fuse,
1/400 second [illegible].

F.

1. a. Nil.
   b. Nil.
2. a. Over target [illegible] encountered.
   b. Heavy to [illegible] encountered.

G.

1. Nil.
   Weather over target [illegible] scattered strato cumulus, ceiling
   9000 feet on way to target.

[redacted]
2nd Lt., AC
Asst. S-2

[redacted]

0732

[redacted]

E/11

[redacted] April 1944

[redacted]

A.

1. Fighter sweep (dropped wing tanks of targets of opportunity).
2. Mil. (CC #169)

B.

1. 366th Fighter Squadron.
2. 12 P-47s.
3. Mil.

C.

1. Time up: 1625.
2. Time over target: unknown.
3. Time down: 1850.

D. 1. Area 3. Mil.

E.

Made fighter sweep with L/F north of Dunkirk. Made sweep in clockwise direction covering Ghent going south avoiding Lille making L/F out approximately at Le Touquet. Due to poor visibility, targets of opportunity were not found and majority of wing tanks were dropped over channel. Those dropped on land were at random. Flight took place at altitude of 15,000 feet.

F.

1. a. Mil.
   b. Mil.
2. a. Mil.
   b. Mil.

G.

1. Cloud cover over channel base 3500 feet tops 8,000 feet. Over continent cloud layer base 8,000 feet, tops varied between 11,000 feet and 14,000 feet. Another cloud layer at about 20,000 feet. In area north of Amiens there was little cloud cover, excellent visibility.

JOSEPH U DAVG
2nd Lt., AC
Asst. S-2

[redacted]

Incl #13

0733

[redacted]

360TH FIGHTER SQUADRON

31 APRIL 1944

WHITE SECTION - WHITE FLIGHT

UNDERWOOD
COL. WHEELER
CORSON
FELTZ

RED FLIGHT

FARLOW
SCALZY
DE GRUCHY
LITTLEJOHN

YELLOW SECTION & YELLOW FLIGHT

THERRIAULT
KNUDSEN
IDOL
BROCKUS

BLUE FLIGHT

SCHUSTER
MC DANIEL
AUSTIN
KANTORSKI

FORWARD RELAYS

SHOOK
DIAN

SPARE

KROPENICK

[redacted]

[redacted]

22 April 1944

OPFLASH #9

A.

1. Dive bombed marshalling yards at St. Ghislain.
2. White flight released bombs, because of failure to release over original target, on enemy air field on the way out.

B.

1. 36th Fighter Squadron.
2. 17 P-47s.
3. Nil.

C.

1. Time up: 1146.
2. Time over target: 1240.
3. Time down: 1352.

D.

1. thru 3. Nil.

E.

Numberous bomb hits on tracks, railway sheds and freight cars. Yard was crowded with freight cars. Seventeen 500 bombs were dropped either on target as briefed or casual target. Followed course as briefed.

F.

1. a. & b. Nil.
2. a. Over target, flak was meager, light, inaccurate.
   b. Nil.

G.

1. Visibility excellent, ceiling unlimited all the way in and out.

JOSEPH URDANG
2nd Lt, AC
Ass't. S-2

[redacted]

Incl #14

0135

[redacted]

356TH FIGHTER SQUADRON

22 April 1944

White Section - White Flight

Underwood
Wheeler
Farlow
McCarthy

Red Flight

Hylen
Scalzi
Krug
McClellan

Yellow Section - Yellow Flight

Schuster
Knudsen
Buckner
DeGruchy

Blue Flight

Austin
Kantorski
Idol
Brockus

Spares

McDaniel

[redacted]

XVI

[redacted]

22 April 1944

MISSION SUMMARY REPORT

A. 366th Fighter Squadron.

B. Sixteen P-47s. Time up: 1700. Time down: 1955.

C. Nil.

D. Area Support. CG #172 IX Fighter Command.

E. thru H. Nil.

I. Squadron led by Captain Underwood gave area support over briefed area with no unusual occurences. Meager light accurate flak was encountered at Gravelines. At approximately Bruges observed B-26s bombing but could not identify target. L/F out 15 minutes late at Le Touquet 1930. "Weather" hazy over continent below 10,000 feet. In briefed area 7 to 8/10ths overcast tops 7 to 8,000 feet. Visibility decreased to six miles since morning mission.

JOHN S. LEES
Captain, AC
Intelligence Officer

[redacted]

Incl #15

[redacted]

366TH FIGHTER SQUADRON

22 April 1944

White Section - White Flight

Underwood
Feltz
Corson
Kantorski

Red Flight

Farlow
Scalzi
Shook
Littlejohn

Yellow Section - Yellow Flight

Schuster
Knudsen
Austin
McClellan

Blue Flight

Buckner
Kropenick
Idol
Hylen

[redacted]

LVII

[redacted] 23 April 1944

OPERATION #10

A.

1. Dive bombed marshalling yards, railway.
2. Nil.

B.

1. 366th Fighter Squadron.
2. 18 P-47s and 2 Spares.
3. 1 abort, power plant.

C.

1. Time up: 1154.
2. Time over target: 1240.
3. Time down: 1340.

D.

1. thru 3. Nil.

E.

Followed course as briefed except that I/P in was made at Gravelines. 35 250 pound GP bombs with 1/10th nose and 1/40th second tail fusing were dropped in target area. About 25 of them struck sheds and others struck adjacent rails. One additional bomb failed to release on aircraft Vendeville airdrome near Lille , Typhoons were observed bombing t is target. At Chievres SE of Roubaix two unidentified aircraft were parked.

F.

1. a. & b. Nil
2. a. Light moderate inaccurate flak.
   b. Intense heavy accurate flak over twin cities of Roubaix & Lille and from Lille-Vendeville airdrome.

G.

1. Slight haze with scattered light clouds. Visibility good.

JOSEPH URBANO
2nd Lt, AC
Ass't. S-2

[redacted]

Incl #16

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366TH FIGHTER SQUADRON

23 April 1944

White Section - White Flight

Col. Wells
Feltz
Corson
McClellan

Red Flight

Kimball
Kantorski
Austin
Krug

Yellow Section - Yellow Flight

Underwood
McClure
Hylen
Tuck

Blue Flight

Buckner
Kropenick
Idol
Littlejohn

Spares

Shook

[redacted]

[redacted]

LVIII

[redacted]

23 April 1944

OPFLASH #11

[redacted]

A.
1. Divebombed marshalling yards at Namur, 00 176 IX Fighter Command.
2. Nil.

B.
1. 366th Fighter Squadron.
2. Seventeen P-47s.
3. Nil.

C.
1. Time up: 1638.
2. Time over target: 1730.
3. Time down: 1831.

D.
1. thru 3. Nil.

E.
Thirty-four 250 pound GP bombs with 1/10th second nose and 1/40th secone tail fuse, were dropped in the target area. Twelve bombs struck target and 22 bombs struck a materiel dump on canal bank which was followed by a large explosion and flames. Course followed as briefed except at L/F out was directly north of Furnes. In area southwest of Ghent ten barges were seen in canal.

F.
1. a & b Nil.
2. a. Flak over target: Nil.
   b. Intense accurate heavy flak North of Furnes.

G.
1. Haze over channel and continent, visibility aloft good.

JOSEPH URDANG
2nd Lt, AC
Ass't. S-2

[redacted]

Encl #17

[redacted]

366TH FIGHTER SQUADRON

[redacted] 23 April 1944

White Section - White Flight

Underwood
Corson
Farlow
Feltz

Red Flight

Kimball
McClure
Hylen
Tuck

Yellow Section - Yellow Flight

Schuster
Kropenick
Buckner
Littlejohn

Blue Flight

Austin
Kantorski
Shook
McClellan

Spares

Idol

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

21 April 1944

MISSION DEBRIEFING REPORT

366th Fighter Squadron.

Fifteen P-47s. Time up: 1311. Time down: 1634.

Two abortives, 1 fuel tank and 1 abortive escort

Ramrod, withdrawal support. CC #179 IX Fighter Command.

Nil.

Nil.

Nil.

Nil.

Squadron led by Captain Schuster made L/F in at Dunkirk 1544 at 13,000 feet. R/V with bombers was made at Quenthal 1433 at 20,000 feet. Squadron left bombers 10 minutes south of Coxhyde 1537 at 13,000 feet. L/T out north of Coxhyde 1542 at 13,000 feet. Intense heavy accurate flak was encountered at Dunkirk and Coxhyde going in and out. Smoke was seen coming from fires in Namur. Bombers were flying in fair formation with only about three stragglers. Weather was hazy over channel with cloud cover over continent part of way and this thinned out to scattered clouds. Cloud cover had tops of 7,000 feet and base of 4,000. This layer extended on a line from Dunkirk to St. Quentin. NE of this line there was 1/10th cloud cover and SW of this line it was 9/10ths to 10/10ths.

[redacted]
2nd Lt., AC
Asst. S-2

[redacted]

Final #18

[redacted]

99 #179 II Fighter Corps [illegible] 1944

White Section White Flight

Underwood
Shook
Schwellenbach
Littlejohn

Red Flight

Lindell
McClellan
McClure
Tuck

Yellow Section Yellow Flight

Schuster
Brockus
Austin
Jorgen

Blue Flight

Barlow
Feltz
Imel
Hamilton

Spares:

Buckner
Kropenick

[redacted]

[redacted]

IIX

366TH FIGHTER SQUADRON

25 April 1944

White Section - White Flight

Underwood
DeGruchy
Farlow
McDaniel

Red Flight

Kimball
Hamilton
McClure
Tuck

Yellow Section - Yellow Flight

Schuster
Kropenick
Idol
Brockus

Blue Flight

Buckner
Feltz
Austin
Dian

Spares

McClellan
Littlejohn

[redacted]

Incl #19

[redacted]

25 April 1944

OPFLASH #12

A.
1. Railway sheds in marshalling yard of St. Ghislain, not hit because target was closed in. C.C.181 IX Fighter Command.
2. Casual target hit was Poperingh Airdrome north west of Lille.

B.
1. 366th Fighter Squadron.
2. Eighteen P-47s.
3. Nil.

C. 1. Time up: 0908.
2. Time over target: 1000.
3. Time down: 1050.

D.
1. thru 3. Nil.

E.
Thirty-six 500 pound SAP bombs dropped in area of Poperingh Airdrome. About twenty-four bombs struck hanger, near-by buildings and runways, other twelve struck in target area. Airdrome had macadam runways. Course followed as briefed.

F.
1. a & b Nil.
2. a & b Nil.

G. Cloud cover St. Ghislain 10/10, cloud cover in and out 9/10.

JOSEPH URDANG
2nd Lt, AC
Ass't. S-2

[redacted]

[redacted]

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[redacted]

[redacted] 2. [illegible] 1944

SUBJECT [illegible] CANCELLATION [illegible] PROCEEDED ON MISSION
AFTER BEING RETURNED TO 10 MILES OFF THE ENGLISH COAST
WHEN THEY WERE RECALLED BECAUSE THE MISSION WAS SUPERSEDED.

[redacted]

Incl #20

[redacted]

00 #185 IX Fighter Command 26 April 1944

White Flight White Section

Kimball
Lennox
McClure
Tuck

Red Flight

Idol
Bradley
Schwellenbach
Dian

Yellow Section Yellow Flight

Schuster
Smith
Littlejohn
Feltz

Blue Flight

Austin
Kropenick
Corson
McClellan

[redacted]

[redacted]

D

00 /186 — 26 April 1944

[redacted]

A.

1. Escort B-26s, target No. 5909.
2. Nil.

B.

1. 366th Fighter Squadron.
2. Sixteen P-47s.
3. Nil.

C.

1. 1317.
2. 1930.
3. 3082.

D.

1. Nil thru 3. Nil.

E.

Observed 24 B-26s bomb target concentrated hits.

F.

1. a. & b. Nil.
2. a. Nil.
   b. Green colored accurate meager over Lille.

G.

Nil.
Weather, 3 to 5/10ths cloud cover over target, haze at 5,000 feet.

[redacted]
Captain, Air Corps
Intelligence Officer

[redacted]

Incl #21

[redacted]

366TH FIGHTER SQUADRON

[redacted]

26 April 1944

White Section - White Flight

Kimball
Lennox
DeGruchy
Tuck

Red Flight

Idol
Bradley
Schwellenbach
Dian

Yellow Section - Yellow Flight

Farlow
Smith
Littlejohn
Feltz

Blue Flight

Austin
Kropenick
Corson
McClellan

Spares

Shook
Hamilton

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00 [redacted] 27 APRIL 1944

OPERATION #14

A.

1. MARSHALLING YARDS AT HAINES ST. PIERRE.
2. NIL.

B.

1. 366TH FIGHTER SQUADRON.
2. EIGHTEEN P-47S.
3. NIL.

C.

1. 1005.
2. 1100.
3. 1200.

D.

1. THU 3. NIL.

E.

THIRTY-SIX 500 POUND SAP BOMBS WITH 1/10TH NOSE AND 1/40TH SECOND TAIL FUSING WERE DROPPED IN TARGET AREA. 27 OF THESE BOMBS STRUCK TARGET; THREE STRUCK AREA SOUTH OF TARGET AND SIX NORTH OF TARGET. EXCELLENT BOMBING RESULTS REPORTED. COURSE FOLLOWED AS BRIEFED. SIX "E" BOATS OR MINESWEEPERS WERE JUST ENTERING DUNKIRK HARBOR.

F.

1. & 2. NIL.

G.

WEATHER CLEAR OVER CHANNEL WITH SLIGHT HAZE. OVER CONTINENT, 8/10THS CLOUD COVER, TOPS 3,000 BASE 2,000 FEET. HOLES IN CEILING IN TARGET AREA.

JOSEPH GROSS
2ND LT., AC
ASST. S-2

[redacted]

Inclosure

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366TH FIGHTER SQUADRON

27 APRIL 1944

WHITE SECTION - WHITE FLIGHT

SCHUSTER
LENNOX
SCHWELLENBACH
FELTZ

RED FLIGHT

HYLEN
BRADY
KRUG
TUCK

YELLOW SECTION - YELLOW FLIGHT

BUCKNER
SMITH
DE GRUCHY
HAMILTON

BLUE FLIGHT

AUSTIN
KANTORSKI
CORSON
MC DANIEL

SPARES

MC CLURE
DIAN

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XV

of #129 IX Fighter Command 27 April 1944

15

A.
1. Marshalling yards Pantes-Vassincourt.
2. Vil.

B.
1. 366th Fighter Squadron.
2. 16 P-47s.
3. Nil.

C.
1. 1705.
2. 1753.
3. 1849.

D.
1. Ahru S. Vil.

E.
32 500 pound GP bombs with 1/10th nose and 1/40th second tail fusing were dropped on target area. Most bombs were released between 4 and 5,000 feet with 90% bomb hits striking southeast and northwest ends of target area. 35% striking in center of area near isolated railroad shed. 10% striking in rest of target area. Both ends of target area were blanketed in smoke with very many good hits scored by other formations. Course followed as briefed.

F.
1. Nil.
2. a. Moderate accurate light flak over target bursting at 5,000 feet.
   b. Meager accurate heavy flak at Neufchatel.

G.
Considerable haze at and up to 6,000 feet, very slight clouds above that.

JOSEPH UHLMAN
2nd Lt., AC
Asst. S-2

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Incl #23

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366TH FIGHTER SQUADRON

00 #189 27 April 1944

White Section - White Flight

Kimball
Lennox
Schwellenbach
Dian

Red Flight

Hylen
Brady
McClure
McClellan

Yellow Section - Yellow Flight

Buckner
Smith
Krug
Kropenick

Blue Flight

Farlow
Hamilton
Shook
McDaniel

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OOPS 1 C IX FIGHTER COMMAND [redacted] 2 APRIL 1944

OPERATION #15

A.

1. BASE COVERED AIRCRAFT [illegible] BECAUSE OF 10/10THS OVERCAST.
2. REIMS-BUGGOCHE AIRDROME WAS BELIEVED CLOSED INSTEAD.

B.

1. 366TH FIGHTER SQUADRON.
2. SEVENTEEN P-47S DROP TOOLED OFF, EACH ONE AS A SPARE WHICH DID NOT FILL IN.
3. SPARE DID NOT COMPLETE MISSION.

C.

1. [illegible].
2. 0400.
3. 1500.

D.

1. THRU C. CIL.

E.

SINGLE OF DETERMINE WHETHER COURSE FOLLOWED WAS TIGHT AS BRIEFED BECAUSE OF 10/10THS OVERCAST. TARGET BELIEVED HIT WAS REIMS-BUGGOCHE AIRDROME JUST NORTH OF REIMS. IT WAS A GRASS FIELD WITH [illegible] BOMB HITS RIGHT ACROSS HANGAR LINE. EXCELLENT RESULTS OBSERVED.

F.

1. NIL.
2. A. MODERATE ACCURATE HEAVY AA LIGHT FLAK OVER TARGET. TWO THREE-GUN BATTERIES AT NORTH END OF FIELD.

G.

10/10THS CLOUD COVER ALL THE WAY INTO THE CONTINENT UNTIL JUST NORTH OF REIMS. TOPS ABOUT 8,000 FEET, BASE UNKNOWN. SCATTERED CLOUDS CLOUDS BEYOND REIMS.

JOSEPH UDEANS
2ND LT., AC
ASST. S-2

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366TH FIGHTER SQUADRON

00 #190 28 April 1944

White Section - White Flight

Kimball
Krug
Schwellenbach
Hamilton

Red Flight

Hylen
McClellan
McClure
Tuck

Yellow Section - Yellow Flight

Austin
Kropenick
Corson
Kantorski

Blue Flight

Buckner
Feltz
DeGruchy
Dian

Spares

McDaniel

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29 April 19[redacted]

MISSION SUMMARY REPORT

A. 366th Fighter Squadron.

B. Seventeen P-47s. Time up: 1141. Time down: 1412.

C. One abort, wing tank.

D. Remrod, CC 193 [redacted] Fighter Command.

E. thru H. Nil.

I. Squadron led by Lt.Col. Wells made L/F in at Maasluis 1230 at 20,000 feet. R/V with bombers 20 minutes [redacted] of Zwolle 1251 at 19,500 feet. Bombers were escorted to Egmond where squadron left them at 1329 18,000 feet. L/F out at Egmond 1329 18,000 feet. Bombers were in good formation except for four or five stragglers. They were on time on course. Only 34 Fortresses in formation including stragglers. No flak except at L/F in, some was directed at another formation. 10/10ths over continent and channel, first layer tops at 3500 feet, second layer, base 9,000 and tops 14,000 feet with building up as continent was penetrated.

JOSEPH [redacted]
2nd Lt., AC
Asst. S-2

[redacted]

[redacted]

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OC 492 IX Fighter Command 29 April 1944

White Section White Flight

Lt.Col. Wells
Feltz
Gorson
Littlejohn

Red Flight

Lylen
DeGruchy
Krug
Tuck

Yellow Section Yellow Flight

Schuster
Pantorski
Krug
Dian

Blue Flight

Farlow
Hamilton
Shook
McDaniel

Spare

Idol
Kropenick

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30.April 1944

OPFLASH #17

A.

1. Bethune marshalling yard.
2. Nil.

B.

1. 366th Fighter Squadron.
2. Sixteen P-47s.
3. Nil.

C.

1. Time up: 1123.
2. Time over target: 1215.
3. Time down: 1253.

D.

1. thru 3. Nil.

E.

Thirty-two 500 pound GP bombs with 1/10 nose and 1/40 second tail fusing were dropped. Seventy to eighty percent struck in target area. East of round house, oil storage dump blown up resulting in red flames followed by black billowing smoke. Area north of target area strafed on way down. Course followed as briefed.

F.

1. a & b Nil.
2. a & b Nil.

G.

Haze layer over channel and continent with tops at 3500 feet, visibility three to four miles. No clouds.

JOSEPH URDANG
2nd Lt, AC
Ass't. S-2

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Incl #26

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366TH FIGHTER SQUADRON

OO #196 30 April 1944

White Section - White Flight

Underwood
Wheeler
Schwellenbach
Kropenick

Red Flight

Hylen
Littlejohn
Krug
Tuck

Yellow Section - Yellow Flight

Kimball
Given
Idol
Kantorski

Blue Flight

Farlow
Hamilton
Shook
Dian

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CC 198 IX Fighter Command 29 April 1944

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A.

1. Marshalling yards at Cambrai.
2. Mil.

B.

1. 366th Fighter Squadron.
2. Fifteen P-47s.
3. Mil.

C.

1. 1800.
2. 1850.
3. 1935.

D.

1. Clear 7. Mil.

E.

27 500 pound GP bombs with 1/10th nose and 1/40th second tail fusing were dropped in target area or around target area. Three more bombs were dropped in the Channel because of failure to release over target. Bombing results fair. One bomb hit a factory west of Cambrai on canal with considerable resulting. 15 % of bombs hit in target area, 75 % in surrounding area. Course followed was that as briefed except that one flight made L/F out at Le Touquet and another flight at Berck-Sur-Mer.

F.

1. a. Mil.
2. a. Mil.
   b. Moderate accurate heavy flak over Boulogne and Berk-Sur-Mer.

G.

Haze all the way to target, tops 7,000 feet. No clouds.

JOSEPH [redacted]
2nd Lt., AC
/asst. S-2

[redacted]

Incl #27

[redacted]

Co 433d FI Fighter Command [redacted] 30 April 1944

White Section White Flight

Underwood
Allen
Corson
Feltz

Red Flight

Farlow
Hamilton
Schrvellenbach
McDaniel

Yellow Section Yellow Flight

Schmaster
Clevins
McClure
Dian

Blue Flight

Tylen
Littlejohn
Krug
Dian

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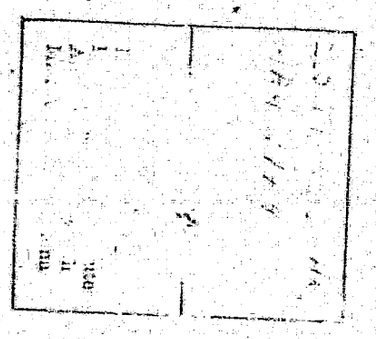

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366TH FIGHTER-BOMBER SQUADRON
APO 141 U. S. ARMY

SQUADRON HISTORY, 366TH FIGHTER-BOMBER SQUADRON, MAY INSTALLMENT.

(1) ORGANIZATION: Designation of squadron was changed from 366th Fighter Squadron to 366th Fighter-Bomber Squadron. No new T/O or manning table received; notification of change was by letter from Group Headquarters.

(2) STRENGTH: 49 Officers
245 Enlisted Men

(3) MOVEMENT: Negative.

(4) CASUALTIES: Negative.

(5) DECORATIONS: The following named officers received decorations indicated, per Section II, General Orders #134, Hq Ninth Air Force, 14 May 1944: (Incl. #1).

OAK LEAF CLUSTERS TO AIR MEDAL PREVIOUSLY AWARDED:

Major JOSEPH D. UNDERWOOD, JR. (3rd and 4th OLC)
Captain CHARLES T. KIMBALL (3rd and 4th OLC)
Captain ROBERT C. SCHUSTER (Silver OLC, 6th and 7th OLC)
Captain JOHN H. BUCKNER (3rd and 4th OLC)
1st Lt. MAX W. McCLURE (2nd, 3rd and 4th OLC)
1st Lt. PETER CORSON (3rd and 4th OLC)
1st Lt. PHILLIP D. BROCKUS (3rd OLC)
1st Lt. GEORGE E. JONES (3rd OLC)(Transferred)
1st Lt. WILLIAM DIAN (3rd and 4th OLC)
1st Lt. VICTOR H. IDOL (3rd, 4th OLC, Silver OLC)
1st Lt. JOHN R. HARBER (3rd OLC)
1st Lt. C. A. AUSTIN (4th OLC)
1st Lt. MEREDITH M. McDANIEL (4th OLC, Silver OLC)
1st Lt. HARROLD L. McCLELLAN (4th OLC, Silver OLC)
1st Lt. ALLAN W. FARLOW (4th OLC, Silver OLC)
1st Lt. KNUTE N. HYLEN (4th OLC)
1st Lt. ROBERT F. KRUG (4th OLC, Silver OLC)
1st Lt. ERIK P. LITTLEJOHN (4th OLC, Silver OLC)
1st Lt. CARMEL M. SHOOK (4th OLC, Silver OLC)
1st Lt. OLIVER W. DeGRUCHY, JR. (4th OLC)
1st Lt. AUGUSTUS HAMILTON (4th OLC)
2nd Lt. EDWARD KANTORSKI (3rd and 4th OLC)
2nd Lt. JOHN J. KROPENICK (3rd, 4th OLC, Silver OLC)

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Squadron continued to fly operational missions and all types of mission flown: Dive-bombing, strafing and escort, with wing tanks, belly tanks, 500-lb. or 1000-lb bombs.

Two missions flown on May 2 (Incls 2 & 3), and on May 4, a practice mission with invasion forces in Southern England was carried out but weather hampered efficiency of mission, (Incl. 4).

On May 5, Lt. Col. Johnson, acting General Inspector for XIX Tactical Air Command, and his staff inspected squadron. Report of inspection not yet received. Also on this date alert orders were received. No further information received. All materiel, equipment and supplies inspected, boxes and crates all re-marked and repaired.

Pvt. Roy W. West, Ordnance section, dropped as AWOL on May 5. He returned voluntarily on May 13 and was later tried by Special Courts-Martial and sentenced to six (6) months confinement and to forfeit two-thirds of his pay for like period.

Squadron held party on May 7. Beer and cider served with sandwiches and salad. Held in squadron area it was preceded by a softball game between officers and enlisted men and was a very enjoyable outing.

Orders received promoting Capt. Underwood, Squadron commander, to rank of Major, effective 1 May 1944. 2nd Lt. Littlejohn promoted to 1st Lt., effective same date.

Missions flown on May 7 (Incl 5), two on May 9 (incls 6 &7), May 10 (Incl 8), two on May 11 (Incls 9 & 10), three missions on May 12 (Incls 11, 12, 13) and May 13 (Incl 14). Missions on May 12 were all at same target and marked first time squadron had flown three operational missions on one day. 1st Lt. Buckner was badly hit by flak on first mission on this date and completed mission but on return trip had to bail out and landed safely and unhurt on English coast. First pilot of squadron to parachute to safety.

On May 12, King Peter of Yugoslavia and Major General Royce, deputy commander of Ninth Air Force, made a tour of inspection of this base. Did not make inspection of squadron area proper but inspected on line and around field.

2d Lts. Warren R. Lobdell, Craig C. McCall, James E. Morris, Jr., Charles H. Maehrlein, all pilots, were assigned and joined on May 16.

On May 19, two officers flew on reconnaissance mission over continent (Incl 15), and squadron flew escort mission in afternoon (Incl 16). Mission again on May 20 (Incl 17), on May 21 (Incl 18), on May 22 (Incl 19).

2nd Lt. Robert H. Rice, pilot, assigned and joined on 19 May 1944.

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On May 27, promotion orders were received on following named officers: 1st Lt. Buckner to Captain; 2d Lts. Brockus, Dian, Hamilton, Harber, McClellan, McDaniel, Shook, Tuck to 1st Lts., all effective May 15, 1944.

Missions again on May 23 (Incl 20), May 24 (Incl 21), May 25, (Incl 22), May 26 (Incl 23), two on May 27 (Incl 24, 25), May 28 (Incl 26), two on May 29 (Incls 27, 28), May 30 (Incl 29) and May 31 (Incl 30).

1st Lts. Tuck, Corson and Idol left on May 30 for five days recuperative leave. First of pilots to get these leaves, all pilots will receive them in order.

On May 30, a formation of all officers and enlisted personnel of this squadron was held and letters of commendation were presented by Col. Wells, Group Commander, to T/Sgt Hall, S/Sgts Havlik, Jacob Kern, Clinton Kern, Kochevar, Mockus, Paczak, Hazel, Grebing, Berg and Lentz, for the successful completion of twenty-five (25) or more operational missions without an abortion. Lt. Col. Therriault, deputy Group Commander, and Major Bartnick, Group Executive, also participated in ceremonies.

Attached hereto are short histories relative to twenty-nine (29) of pilots assigned or formerly assigned to this squadron. These histories are attached hereto as inclosures, unnumbered.

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HEADQUARTERS
NINTH AIR FORCE

APO 696, U.S. Army,
14 May 1944.

GENERAL ORDERS)
NUMBER....134)

EXTRACT

SECTION I: AWARDS TO THE 354TH FIGHTER GROUP.
SECTION II: AWARDS TO THE 358TH FIGHTER GROUP.

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SECTION II

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2. By direction of the President, in addition to the Air Medals awarded in General Orders indicated by the sub-paragraphs, the following named officers of the XIX Tactical Air Command, are awarded a BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER 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, in recognition of meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights in the European Theater of Operations, each having participated in the required number of operational sorties against the enemy:

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c. G.O. No. 5, Hq, VIII Fighter Command, 28 January 1944.

366th Fighter Squadron

MAX W. McCLURE	0-675786	1ST LT	Spur, Texas
JOE R. HOLLOWAY	0-671744	2ND LT	Shreveport, La.

Third Oak Leaf Cluster

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

JOSEPH D. UNDERWOOD	0-432732	CAPT	Gainesville, Ga.

h. G.O. No. 5, Hq, VIII Fighter Command, 28 January 1944.

JOHN H. BUCKNER	0-25439	1ST LT	Cleburne, Tex.
PETER CORSON	0-728595	1ST LT	Lockport, N. Y.
MAX W. McCLURE	0-675786	1ST LT	Spur, Tex.

i. G.O. No. 85, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 31 March 1944.

PHILLIP D. BROCKUS	0-671494	2ND LT	Spearman, Tex.

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

CHARLES T. KIMBALL	0-666953	CAPT	Kansas City, Mo.

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

GEORGE E. JONES	0-666548	1ST LT	Morganfield, Ky.
WILLIAM DIAN	0-531401	2ND LT	Chicago, Ill.

l. G.O. No. 7, Hq, VIII Fighter Command, 5 February 1944.

VICTOR H. IDOL	0-666542	1ST LT	Madison, N.C.
JOHN R. HARBER	0-675768	2ND LT	Youngstown, O.

m. G.O. No. 9, Hq, VIII Fighter Command, 14 February 1944.

EDWARD KANTORSKI	0-688269	2ND LT	Jersey City, N.J.
JOHN J. KROPENICK	0-688270	2ND LT	Newark, N.J.

Fourth Oak Leaf Cluster

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

JOSEPH D. UNDERWOOD	0-432732	CAPT	Gainesville, Ga.

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

CHARLES T. KIMBALL	0-666953	CAPT	Kansas City, Mo.

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G.O. No. 134, Hq, N...h Air Force, 14 May 1944, contd.

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

C. A. AUSTIN	0-673297	1ST LT	Skellytown, Tex.
WILLIAM DIAN	0-531401	2ND LT	Chicago, Ill.
MEREDITH M. McDANIEL	0-675789	2ND LT	Leipsic, O.
HAROLD L. McCLELLAN	0-673409	2ND LT	Warren, O.

w. G.O. No. 5, Hq, VIII Fighter Command, 28 January 1944.

JOHN H. BUCKNER	0-25439	1ST LT	Cleburne, Tex.
PETER CORSON	0-728595	1ST LT	Lockport, N.Y.
MAX W. McCLURE	0-675786	1ST LT	Spur, Tex.
ALLAN W. FARLOW	0-665393	1ST LT	Mt. Vernon, Ill.
KNUTE N. HYLEN	0-732257	1ST LT	Susanville, Calif.
ROBERT F. KRUG	0-732276	1ST LT	Chicago, Ill.
ERIK P. LITTLEJOHN	0-449002	2ND LT	Marshall, Tex.
CARMEL M. SHOOK	0-521664	2ND LT	Banner Elk, N.C.

x. G.O. No. 7, Hq, VIII Fighter Command, 5 February 1944

OLIVER W. DeGRUCHY	0-25652	1ST LT	Arlington, Pa.
VICTOR H. IDOL	0-666542	1ST LT	Madison, N.C.
AUGUSTUS HAMILTON	0-675767	2ND LT	Rocky Mount, N.C.

y. G.O. No. 9, Hq, VIII Fighter Command, 14 February 1944.

EDWARD KANTORSKI	0-688269	2ND LT	Jersey City, N.J.
JOHN J. KROPENICK	0-688270	2ND LT	Newark, N.J.

Silver Oak Leaf Cluster

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

MEREDITH M. McDANIEL	0-675789	2ND LT	Leipsic, O.
HAROLD L. McCLELLAN	0-673409	2ND LT	Warren, O.

ai. G.O. No. 5, Hq, VIII Fighter Command, 28 January 1944.

ALLAN W. FARLWO	0-665393	1ST LT	Mt. Vernon, Ill.
ROBERT F. KRUG	0-732276	1ST LT	Chicago, Ill.
ERIK P. LITTLEJOHN	0-449002	2ND LT	Marshall, Tex.
CARMEL M. SHOOK	0-521664	2ND LT	Banner Elk, N.C.

aj. G.O. No. 7, Hq, VIII Fighter Command, 5 February 1944.

ROBERT C. SCHUSTER	0-793542	CAPT	Kingstown, Pa.
VICTOR H. IDOL	0-666542	1ST LT	Madison, N.C.

ak. G.O. No. 9, Hq, VIII Fighter Command, 14 February 1944.

JOHN J. KROPENICK	0-688279	2ND LT	Newark, N.J.

Sixth Oak Leaf Cluster

ap. G.O. No. 7, Hq, VIII Fighter Command, 5 February 1944.

ROBERT C. SCHUSTER	0-793542	CAPT	Kingstown, Pa.
VICTOR H. IDOL	0-666542	1ST LT	Madison, N.C.

aq. G.O. No. 9, Hq, VIII Fighter Command, 14 February 1944

JOHN J. KROPENICK	0-688270	2ND LT	Newark, N.J.

ar. G.O. No. 7, Hq, VIII Fighter Command, 5 February 1944.

ROBERT C. SCHUSTER	0-793542	CAPT	Kingstown, Pa.

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By command of Lieutenant General BRERETON:

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Lt Col A C
Asst Adj Gen

V H STRAHM
Brig Gen USA
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Mission No. 68
2 May 1944

Telephone call from 100th Fighter Wing (Authority).
Divebombing

1st Effort

Flights

White	Col. Wells	Yellow	Capt. Kimball
	Lt. Given		Lt. Blevins
	Lt. McDaniel		Lt. Littlejohn
	Lt. Hamilton		Lt. Kropenick
Red	Lt. Austin	Blue	Lt. Nylen
	Lt. Dian		Lt. McClellan
	Lt. Idol		Lt. Krug
	Capt. Schwellenbach		Lt. Tuck
		Spares	Lt. McClure
			Lt. DeGruchy

Squadron took off at 1107 with Col. Wells leading to attack the marshalling yards at Tergnier with two 500 pound bombs underslung on the wing. L/F in was made at Boulogne where intense accurate flak was encountered. Both barrage and predicted fire was observed. The squadron reached the target at 1203. Bomb hits were scored east of railway shops and between the two shops in spite of the moderate light accurate flak that was thrown up. One bomb was observed to hit the main target. There was 10/10ths cloud cover over continent with tops 4 to 5,000 feet to Doullens and 3 to 5/10ths to target. From target to L/F out it was 3 to 5/10ths cover and both going in and out, it was clear over the channel. Our aircraft landed at 1309.

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Mission No. 69
2 May 1944

Telephone call from 100th Fighter Wing (Authority).
Divebombing

2nd Effort

Flights

White	Captain Underwood	Yellow	Captain Kimball
	Lt. Allen		Lt. Wheeler
	Captain Schrellenbach		Lt. Littlejohn
	Lt. McClellan		Lt. Kropeniok
Red	Lt. Austin	Blue	Lt. Farley
	Lt. Feltz		Lt. Hamilton
	Lt. Dorson		
	Lt. Dian		

Squadron led by Captain Underwood made take-off at 1745 and followed course as briefed except that L/F in was over Le Touquet where meager light inaccurate flak was encountered. The target, the marshalling yards at Lomain, was reached at 1851. Bomb hits were scored on a large building in the target and one on the roundhouse. Several hits were also observed in railroad yards south and southwest of target. Each plane was carrying two 250 pound bombs. All aircraft had landed at the base at 1915.

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LXXII

Practice Mission No. 1 — Divebombing
4 May 1944

Flights

White	Captain Underwood	Yellow	Lt. Austin
	Lt. Wheeler		Lt. Given
	Lt. McClure		Lt. Littlejohn
	Lt. DeTrudy		Lt. Dion
Red	Lt. Tylen	Blue	Lt. Barlow
	Lt. McClellan		Lt. Hamilton
	Lt. Krug		Captain Schwellenbach
	Lt. Allen		Lt. McDaniel

Squadron led by Captain Underwood took off at 0803 and followed course as briefed. B-26s were observed bombing as squadron was flying over target area. The Navy was still shelling the coast and the troops had not effected a landing. There was a hazy overcast at 4,000 feet over the target. The squadron returned to the base and landed at 0830. At 0725 the squadron was over the target.

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Incl #4.

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Mission No. 70
7 May 1944

Operations Order No. 880
Bomber-Escort

Flights

White	Major Therriault	Yellow	Captain Schuster
	Lt. Clevins		Lt. Allen
	Lt. Frue		Lt. Idol
	Lt. Littlejohn		Lt. McDaniel
Red	Lt. Farlow	Blue	Lt. Buckner
	Lt. Given		Lt. Peltz
	Lt. Shook		Lt. DeBruchy
	Lt. Hamilton		Lt. Dian
		Spares	Lt. Kropenick
			Lt. Ventorski

Squadron and group led by Major Therriault took off at 0822. The group left the English coast at 0905 and proceeded along briefed course until recall was received at approximately 0925 just North of St. Trond on course. L/F in was made at Dunkirk and also L/F out on enemy coast which was made at 1015. The mission was uneventful and the bombers were not seen. Cloud cover was approximately 6/10ths over the continent with broken cumulus, tops 4500 and bottom 2,000 feet. Visibility was good above the overcast.

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Mission No. 71
9 May 1944

Operations Order No. 230
Dive Bombing

Flights

White	Major Underwood	Yellow	Captain Kimball
	Lt. Feltz		Captain Schwellenbach
	Lt. Littlejohn		Lt. Corson
	Lt. McDaniel		Lt. Brockus
Red	Lt. Farlow	Blue	Lt. Hylen
	Lt. Hamilton		Lt. Tuck
	Lt. Shook		Lt. Krug
	Lt. Dien		Lt. DeGruchy

Course and time as briefed. Thirty 500 pound SAP bombs with 1/10 nose and 1/40 second tail fusing were dropped over target. Approximately 35 per cent hits on target and balance in target area. Bombs released from 5,000 feet. Few bursts approximately one mile SSW of target. Haze to 5,000 feet, visibility four to five miles.

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Mission No. 72
9 May 1944

Operations Order No. 234
Dive Bombing

Flights

White	Captain Schuster	Yellow	Captain Kimball
	Lt. Hamilton		Lt. Wheeler
	Lt. Idol		Lt. Corson
	Lt. Brockus		Lt. McDaniel
Red	Lt. Hylen	Blue	Lt. Buckner
	Lt. Tuck		Lt. Dian
	Lt. Krug		Lt. DeGruchy
	Lt. Feltz		Lt. Littlejohn

Squadron led by Captain Schuster took off at 1515 and followed course as briefed. Target briefed was marshalling yard SW of Charleroi, uncertain whether this was target hit or the one at Mons. Sixteen 1000 pound GP bombs with 1/10 nose and 1/40 second tail fusing were dropped in target area. 75 per cent hits were observed. One bomb released by 367th squadron on Lille/Vendeville airdrome, blew up hangar. Intense heavy accurate flak over Lille/Vendeville. Haze layer over continent, top 10,000 feet. Smoke layer south of Lille between it and target with tops at 7,000 feet. Visibility four miles.

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Mission No. 75
10 May 1944

Operations Order No. 234
IX Fighter Command
Divebombing

Flights

White	Captain Schuster	Yellow	Lt. Buckner
	Lt. Allen		Lt. Blevins
	Lt. Corson		Lt. DeCruchy
	Lt. McDaniel		Lt. Dian
Red	Lt. Idol	Blue	Lt. Kylen
	Lt. Given		Lt. Tuck
	Lt. Hamilton		Lt. Krug
	Lt. Brockus		Lt. McClellan.

Taking off at 1545, the squadron led by Captain Schuster provided top-cover for Newfix and Floral whose target was the railroad marshalling yards at Charleroi. Due to peculiar difficulties at the take-off, ten of our aircraft were unable to join the remainder of the group and Lt. McDaniel was unable to take-off. The course was followed as briefed. Newfix bombed briefed target and Floral bombed another target which could not be identified because of the weather. However, good bombing results were observed on both targets. The squadron was over the target at 1635 where meager light inaccurate flak was encountered. Heavy intense accurate flak was thrown up at L/F in and heavy and light meager inaccurate flak was encountered over Courtrai-Wevelchem airdrome North of Roubaix. The boys landed at 1740.

There was 10/10ths clouds over the channel and continent with tops at 12,000 and base at 8,000 feet.

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Mission No. 74
11 May 1944

Operations Order No. 242
IX Fighter Command
Divebombing

1st Effort

Flights

White	Major Underwood	Yellow	Capt. Kimball
	Lt. Wheeler		Lt. Clevins
	Lt. McClure		Capt. Schwellenbach
	Lt. Feltz		Lt. McClellen
Red	Lt. Buckner	Blue	Lt. Austin
	Lt. Dian		Lt. Allen
	Lt. DeTruchy		Lt. Edel
	Lt. McDaniel		Lt. Trockus

With two 1,000 lb bombs underslung on the wing, the squadron and group led by Major Underwood took-off at 1255 with the destruction of the Bethune marshalling yards and power plant as its goal. Arriving over the target at 1374, the dive was started at 11,000 feet pulling out and releasing bombs at 6,000 feet. Excellent results were observed with 25 of the bombs landing within the yards. Six bombs were jettisoned in the channel and one bomb was dropped on a target of opportunity with no results observed. The only enemy opposition encountered was some meager light inaccurate flak at Merdelet. There was thick haze to 12,000 feet with visibility 3 to 5 miles. The squadron landed at 1414 satisfied [redacted] that this was the most successful divebombing mission that had. For some undetermined reason, Lt. Buckner's plane's gun-bay door came off in flight and he landed at Manston with his wingman, Lt. Dian, for repairs.

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Mission No. 75
11 May 1944

Operations Order No. 845
IX Fighter Command
Target

End Effort

White	Major Underwood	Yellow	Capt. Schuster
	Lt. Allen		Lt. Blevins
	Lt. McClure		Capt. Schwellenbach
	Lt. Veltz		Lt. Buck
Red	Capt. Tibball	Blue	Lt. Benson
	Lt. Given		Lt. Decker
	Lt. Dion		Lt. Austin
	Lt. McDaniel		Lt. McClellan

The squadron, led by Major Underwood, took-off at 1947 and followed course as briefed. The A-20s were flying in good formation but their bombing results could not be observed because of the haze. Heavy inaccurate and moderate was encountered over Courtrae, Brussels, Louvain and Thent. Lt. Dion was unable to take-off and two other of our aircraft aborted. There was a solid haze over channel and continent with the tops at 15,000 feet.

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Mission No. 76
12 May 1944

Operations Order No. 249
IX Fighter Command
Divebombing

1st Effort

White	Major Underwood	Yellow	Lt. Austin
	Lt. Allen		Lt. Wheeler
	Lt. Corson		Lt. McClure
	Lt. Tuck		Lt. Feltz
Red	Lt. Farlow	Blue	Lt. Buckner
	Lt. Given		Lt. Blevins
	Lt. Shook		Lt. Dian
	Lt. McDaniel		Lt. Littlejohn

The squadron led by Major Underwood carried one 1,000 pound GP bomb on the belly of each aircraft. The take-off was at 0947. Flying over the taret at 1006, the dive began at 12,000 feet and the bombs were released at 6,000 feet. At least two of the bombs were direct hits on the railroad bridge at Liege and one bomb hit on the north right hand edge. It was discovered later that the wrong bridge in this area was hit. While making landfall in, Lt. Buckner's aircraft was damaged badly by flak. In spite of flying a damaged plane, he continued with the squadron and bombed the target. On the return course to the base and just before reaching the English coast, his engine cut out. He bailed out and parachuted safely to land suffering only from a bloody nose. Their was heavy intense flak over Calais. Haze covered the channel and continent with visibility 5 to 8 miles. The squadron landed at 1113.

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Mission No. 77
12 May 1944

Operations Order No. 249
IX Fighter Command
Divebombing

2nd Effort

White	Major Underwood	Yellow	Lt. Farlow
	Lt. Given		Lt. Feltz
	Lt. Shook		Lt. Littlejohn
	Lt. McDaniel		Lt. Tuck
Red	Capt. Kimball	Blue	Lt. Austin
	Lt. Wheeler		Lt. Allen
	Lt. McClure		Lt. Corson
	Lt. McClellan		Lt. Hamilton

The squadron led by Major Underwood who also led the group, took-off at 1420 with one 1,000 pound GP bomb on the belly of each plane to divebomb the railway bridge at Liege. Reaching the target at 1545, the squadron dove at a 60 degree angle from 11,500 feet and released the bombs from 5 to 6,000 feet. No hits were observed on the target. Two bombs were jettisoned in the channel. Moderate heavy inaccurate flak was encountered at Gravelines and intense accurate flak at Juzaine Airdrome, south of Florennes. Haze was over the continent and channel with visibility 2 to 3 miles. The squadron was down at 1743.

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Mission No. 78
12 May 1944

Operations Order No. 249
IX Fighter Command
Divebombing

3rd Effort

White	Captain Schuster	Yellow	Lt. Farlow
	Lt. McClellan		Lt. Hamilton
	Lt. Littlejohn		Lt. Shook
	Lt. Feltz		Lt. McDaniel
Red	Lt. Gorson		
	Lt. Tuck		
	Capt. Schwellenbach		
	Lt. McClure		

Taking off at 1900 for the third crack at the railway bridge at Liege, the squadron led by Captain Schuster, lugged one 1,000 pound bomb on the belly of each aircraft. Reaching the target at 2019, the dive began at 9,000 feet at a 70 degree angle releasing the bombs from 3,000 feet. There were seven hits in the target area. Due to heavy concentrations of smoke and flak over the target, it was impossible to determine if the bridge was hit. Concentrated gun positions were on east and west end of target and accurate small arms and light barrage type flak were encountered. Two bombs were dropped on the Courtrai/Heaveghen Airdrome. Three bombs were jettisoned in the channel. The squadron landed at 2132. 5/10ths cloud cover over continent and channel and haze. Visibility one mile.

To-day's missions broke the ice on two precedents. It was the first time the squadron flew three operational missions in one day and also the first time that a pilot "hit the silk".

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Mission No. 79
15 May 1944

Operations Order No. 254
IX Fighter Command
Ramrod

White	Major Underwood	Yellow	Lt. Farlow
	Lt. Wheeler		Lt. Blevins
	Lt. Dian		Lt. Littlejohn
	Lt. McClure		Lt. Feltz
Red	Capt. Schwellenbach	Blue	Lt. Corson
	Lt. Given		Lt. Allen
	Lt. Shook		Lt. Austin
	Lt. Hamilton		Lt. McDaniel

Taking off at 1217, the squadron, led by Major Underwood made landfall in over Noordwal 1320 at 22,000 feet. After meeting the Fortresses at Minden 1352 at 28,000 feet, we provided fighter escort as briefed. The bombers were flying in good formation and good bombing patterns were observed falling from the bombers near Osnabruck. We left the bombers NE of Munster. Landfall out was made over the Walcheren Islands at 1503 25,000 feet. Moderate accurate flak was encountered over Hilversun. The squadron landed at 1540

Before making rendevous with the bombers, Lt. McDaniel's engine was cutting out and he returned to base with the other three members of his flight as his escort.

There was a haze with tops of 18,000 feet, widely scattered clouds and visibility 1 to 2 miles.

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	Lt. [illegible]		Lt. [illegible]
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	Lt. [illegible]		Sgt. [illegible]
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		[illegible]	Lt. [illegible]

The squadron took-off at 1715 with Captain [illegible] leading for the first time. Two fifty bomber-aborts, the squadron rendezvoused with the bombers from 1957 to 2025 with Mistrelam as their target. After leaving the bombers, the squadron followed a direct course home from Pointe de la Percee. Intense accurate heavy flak with predicted concentration was encountered over Caen and intense accurate flak over an airdrome 4 miles west of Caen. Meager heavy inaccurate flak was thrown up from St. Aubin-sur-Mer. Scattered clouds over the continent with visibility 5 to 6 miles and more over channel and continent, tops 11,000 feet. The squadron landed at 2134.

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Mission No. 81
20 May 1944

Operations Order No. 272
IX Fighter Command
Divebombing

1st Effort

White	Major Underwood	Yellow	Capt. Schwellenbach
	Lt. McDaniel		
	Lt. Gorson		Lt. Brockus
	Lt. Huck		Lt. Idol
Red	Capt. Buckner	Blue	Lt. Dylen
	Lt. Allen		Lt. McClellan
	Lt. Dian		Lt. True
	Lt. Feltz		Lt. McClure

The Mons marshalling yards was bombed to-day. The squadron took-off at 1309 with Major Underwood leading. Each aircraft carried two 500 pound GP bombs underslung on the wing. Upon reaching the target at 1404, the dive began at 11,500 feet at a 55 degree angle releasing the bombs at 5[illegible]0 feet. Five bombs were released over Denain/Prouby Airdrome. It was difficult to observe bombing results because of the weather. Over the target, it was 8 to 9/10 cover with the base at 6,000 and tops 10,000 feet and the same en route. The planes landed at 1504.

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Mission No. 82
21 May 1944

Operations Order No. 275
IX Fighter Command
Sweep

White	Major Underwood	Yellow	Lt. Wylen
	Lt. Dropenick		Lt. Tuck
	Capt. Schwellenbach		Lt. Drug
	Lt. McDaniel		Lt. McClure
Red	Lt. Austin	Blue	Capt. Buckner
	Lt. Corson		Lt. Feltz
	Lt. Idol		Lt. DeGruchy
	Lt. Pantorski		Lt. Dian
		Spares	Lt. McClellan
			Lt. Blevins

The squadron took-off at 1007 with Major Underwood leading to strafe locomotive facilities in France. It was like a "field day" as there was no interference over the target either from flak or enemy aircraft. Three locomotives were destroyed, four locomotives damaged as well as 20 to 30 goods wagons. The boys were over the target from 1100 to 1140. Light accurate flak was encountered between Eperney and Chalons. 8 to 10/10 overcast with its base at 2,000 feet and tops 10,000 feet over target and continent. The squadron landed at 1221.

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Mission No. 85
22 May 1944

Operations Order No. 800
IX Fighter Command
Manrod

White	Col. Wells	Yellow	Capt. Kimball
	Lt. Weitz		Lt. Smith
	Lt. Perlow		Lt. Jorgen
	Lt. McClellan		Lt. McDaniel
Red	Capt. Buckner	Blue	Capt. Schwellenbach
	Lt. Godfrey		Lt. Watre
	Lt. Littlejohn		Lt. Lock
	Lt. Trapenick		Lt. Carlton.

Colonel Wells led the squadron and the group on the target's mission. The take-off was at 1838. Between the P-38s from 1855 to 2045, numerous bomb hits were observed in the woods on the north side of Beauvais Airdrome. Other hits were observed on runways and buildings near the runways. Before making landfall in on the enemy coast, Capt. Kimball's aircraft began throwing oil. He aborted with Lt. Smith as his escort. Intense inaccurate heavy flak was encountered east of Beauvais and moderate inaccurate flak over Albeu. The weather over target and continent was 1/10 cumulus, base 5,000 and tops 7,000 feet with visibility 3 to 5 miles. The squadron landed at 2055.

This was the first operational mission for Lieutenants Godfrey, Smith and Watre.

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[illegible] Mission No. 21
[illegible] October 1945

[illegible] Composition of Flight
[illegible] Commander
[illegible] (Navigator)

White	Major Underwood	Yellow	Lt. Bowman
	Lt. Hoffner		Lt. Hall
	Capt. Wohlfiesbach		Lt. Barbin
	Lt. Deupenick		Lt. Underwood
Red	Lt. Hamilton	Blue	Lt. Bell
	Lt. Petro		Lt. Bedell
	Lt. Fowler		Lt. Austin
	Lt. Wakefield		Lt. Allen

[illegible] off at 0857, the squadron led by Major Underwood made R/V in over Guiuan at 0937 10,000 feet. Met bombers at 1005 24,000 feet but was unable to determine the location because of 10/10 overcast. Leaving the bombers at 1040 24,000 feet, the bomb made R/V out at Cape Orinoan 1045 10,000 feet. [illegible] R/V in over Guiuan, weaved [illegible] flak and encountered. Observed 10/10 cloud cover over channel and continent with tops 11,000 feet. Our aircraft landed at 1132.

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Mission No. 85
24 May 1944

Operations Order No. 289
IX Fighter Command
Divebombing

White	Captain Schuster	Yellow	Lt. Farlow
	Lt. Idol		Lt. Hamilton
	Capt. Schwellenbach		Lt. Shook
	Lt. McClure		Lt. McDaniel
Red	Capt. Buckner		
	Lt. Littlejohn		
	Lt. Hylen		
	Lt. Krug		

Taking off at 1310 to divebomb the noball target at Bonetot, the squadron led by Capt. Schuster arrived at the target at 1400, dropped 22 GP 500 pound bombs from 5,000 feet at a 60 degree angle and returned to base at 1445. Only one aircraft failed to release its bombs over the target and these were jettisoned in the channel. Approximately 60% hits were observed in the target area. Moderate accurate flak (heavy) was encountered over Auffay and moderate inaccurate light flak in an open field west of Aufay. There was a 3/10 cloud cover over the continent and target with its base at 4,000 feet and tops 6,000 feet and visibility 6 miles with haze.

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Mission No. 86

25 May 1944

Operations Order No. 294
IX Fighter Command
Divebombing

White	Capt. Schuster	Yellow	Capt. Schwellenbach
	Lt. Wheeler		Lt. Allen
	Lt. Tuck		Lt. Brockus
	Lt. McClellan		Lt. McDaniel
Red	Lt. DeGruchy	Blue	Lt. Krug
	Lt. Given		Lt. McClure
	Lt. Littlejohn		Lt. Hylen
	Lt. Feltz		Lt. Harber

The squadron led by Captain Schuster took-off at 1023 to divebomb a railroad bridge at Conflans. Reaching the target at 1120, the squadron dove from 12,000 feet at a 30 degree angle and released the bombs at 400 feet. Most of the bombs landed in the water and on the south bank with no hits observed on the bridge. While pulling out of the dive, light flak positions were strafed. Because of engine trouble, Lt. Tuck returned before reaching briefed target and bombed the railroad marshalling yards between Abancourt and Forges en route to base with good results. Two bombs on one aircraft and one on another failed to release over the target and these three bombs were jettisoned in the channel. Moderate inaccurate light flak was encountered over the target and meager light flak (inaccurate) over Cormeilles en Airdrome. Heavy inaccurate meager flak was thrown up above Labosse. The squadron landed at 1225.

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Mission No. 87
26 May 1944

Operations Order No. 297
IX Fighter Command
Ramrod

White	Major Underwood	Yellow	Capt. Buckner
	Lt. Wheeler		Lt. Blevins
	Lt. Hamilton		Lt. DeGruchy
	Lt. Barber		Lt. Feltz
Red	Lt. Eylen	Blue	Lt. Austin
	Lt. Given		Lt. Allen
	Lt. McClure		Lt. Idol
	Lt. McClellan		Lt. Kantorski

The squadron took-off at 1643 with Major Underwood leading. Rendezvous with the B-26s was at 1715 and they were escorted to bomb the Chatres Airdrome. Bomb hits were observed on hangars, runways and revetments. The bombers were flying in good formation with one or two hit by flak over the target. Intense inaccurate heavy flak, barrage type, was encounterd from batteries on the southwest part of the airdrome. The squadron left the bombers at 1912 and returned to base at 1952. There was 1/10 cloud cover over the continent, tops 4500 feet, base 2500 feet; 10/10 over channel with 1/10 cloud cover over target, base 2500 feet and visibility 6 to 8 miles.

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Mission No. 88
27 May 1944

Operations Order No. 299
IX Fighter Command
Ramrod

White	Major Underwood	Yellow	Capt. Kimball
	Lt. Wheeler		Lt. Allen
	Lt. Idol		Lt. DeGruchy
	Lt. Brockus		Lt. Feltz
Red	Lt. Hylen	Blue	Capt. Buckner
	Lt. Given		Lt. Blevins
	Lt. Krug		Lt. Shook
	Lt. McClellan		Lt. Hamilton

Forward Relay

Lt. Kropenick
Lt. Kantorski

Taking-ff at 1017 on a RAMROD mission, the squadron led by Major Underwood made rendevous with the bombers at 25,000 feet 1219 south of Troyes. Landfall in was made at 16,500 feet 1118 west of Trouville. The mission was uneventful..The bombers were strung out but were flying in good formation. One bomber jettisoned bombs in bay off Le Havre and four others were seen to abort. Heavy intense accurate flak was encountered over La Chapelle la R. Airdrome, using pointed aimed fire. There was a slight haze with almost no clouds in the sky and visibility 10 to 15 miles. Our aircraft were down at 1317 after making landfall out between Le Treport and Dieppe at 16,000 feet 1221.

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Mission No. 89
27 May 1944

Operations Order No. 302
IX Fighter Command
Ramrod

White	Capt. Schuster	Yellow	Lt. Austin
	Lt. Kropenick		Lt. Morris
	Capt. Kimball		Lt. DeGruchy
	Lt. Murphy		Lt. Kantorski
Red	Lt. Dian	Blue	Lt. Krug
	Lt. Rice		Lt. Given
	Capt. Buckner		Lt. Hamilton
	Lt. Harber		Lt. Brockus

Taking-off at 1927 on a RAMROD mission, squadron led by Captain Schuster. Course as briefed. Smoke rising from water 10 miles off Le Treport. Excellent bomb hits observed on target resulting in large fires and smoke columns to 6,000 feet. Three bombers shot down over target by AA. Three men seen to parachute from two and two men parachute from the third. Heavy intense accurate flak over target from two A/D South and SE of Amiens. Moderate accurate heavy flak over Abbeville. Time over target: 2020-2124. Time of landing: 2138. Haze up to 6,000 feet. Visibility 20 to 30 miles.

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Mission No. 90
28 May 1944

Operations Order No. 304
IX Fighter Command
Ramrod (Withdrawl Support)

White	Capt. Schuster	Yellow	Capt. Buckner
	Lt. Idol		Lt. DeGruchy
	Lt. Austin		Lt. Shook
	Lt. Brockus		Lt. Kantorski
Red	Capt. Schwellenbach	Blue	Lt. Farlow
	Lt. Krug		Lt. Dian
	Lt. Fylen		Lt. Hamilton
	Lt. Kropenick		Lt. McDaniel

The squadron led by Captain Schuster made one of its longest hauls deep in the heart of Germany. After taking off at 1346, landfall in was made over Dunkirk at 1435 18,000 feet. The rendevous with the bombers 30 miles east of Frankfurt was at 1547 24,000 feet. The "heavies" were escorted as far as Dunkirk where the squadron made landfall out 1701 20,000 feet and proceeded to base where they landed at 1725. Heavy intense inaccurate flak was encountered over Frankfurt. Moderate heavy accurate flak south of Dunkirk on way out. Heavy instense inaccurate flak was also encountered between Maastricht and Aachen. Barge activity was observed around the canals at Frankfurt. The bombers were in good formation. 3/10 cirrus clouds over continent, tops 18,000 feet, 7/10 cumulus over channel, tops 17,500 feet. CAVU. R/T good. The boys landed at 1725.

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Mission No. 91
29 May 1944

Operations Order No. 309
IX Fighter Command
Ramrod

White	Major Underwood	Yellow	Lt. Austin
	Lt. Godfrey		Lt. Matye
	Lt. Dian		Lt. Brockus
	Lt. Allen		Lt. Kantorski
Red	Lt. Hylen	Blue	Capt. Buckner
	Lt. Smith		Lt. Blevins
	Lt. Krug		Lt. DeGruchy
	Lt. Hamilton		Lt. Kropenick

Escorting medium bombers with Juvisy as their target, the squadron led by Major Underwood took-off at 1019 and escorted the bombers from 1149 to 1204. The course was followed as briefed and concentrated bomb hits were observed in two areas. Visibility 5 to 6 miles over the target. There were cirrus clouds at 15,000 feet over the channel, hazy with visibility 2 to 3 miles. The boys landed at 1321.

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Mission No. 92
29 May 1944

Operations Order No. 313
IX Fighter Command
Ramrod

2nd Effort

White	Capt. Schuster	Yellow	Lt. Farlow
	Lt. Godfrey		Lt. Matye
	Capt. Schwellenbach		Lt. Shook
	Lt. Kropenick		Lt. McDaniel
Red	Lt. Austin	Blue	Lt. Hylen
	Lt. Allen		Lt. Given
	Lt. Brockus		Lt. Krug
	Lt. Kantorski		Lt. Dian

Taking off at 1708, the squadron led by Capt. Schuster escorted the bombers from 1800 to 1834. Excellent bombing results observed by both bombers and fighter-bombers. One B-26 was shot down by anti-aircraft fire over Calais and three chutes were seen to open. Moderate heavy accurate flak was encountered mainly from an airdrome east of Calais. Visibility CAVU. The squadron landed at 1901.

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Mission No. 93
30 May 1944

Operations Order No. 316
IX Fighter Command
Ramrod

White	Lt.Col. Therriault	Yellow	Captain Kimball
	Lt. McCall		Lt. Lobdell
	Lt. Hamilton		Lt. Brockus
	Lt. McClellan		Lt. Kantorski
Red	Captain Buckner	Blue	Lt. Nylen
	Lt. Maehrlein		Lt. Wheeler
	Lt. DeGruchy		Lt. Krug
	Lt. Feltz		Lt. McClure

Taking off at 0915, the squadron and group led by Lt.Col. Therriault executed the mission as briefed. Unable to observe bombing results. Moderate heavy inaccurate flak was directed at the bombers on way out near Dunkirk. A large convoy of about 30 unknown type of small boats was observed 15 miles off Knocke heading towards Walcheren Island. A large merchant vessel or tanker was seen in the harbor of Knocke. These observations were made from 16,000 feet at 1130. Weather over the continent was CAVU. There was haze below 10,000 feet over the base with visibility 2 to 3 miles. The squadron landed at 1150.

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Mission No. 94
31 May 1944

Operations Order No. 319
IX Fighter Command
Ramrod

White	Captain Schuster	Yellow	Captain Kimball
	Lt. Given		Lt. Allen
	Lt. Hamilton		Lt. Brockus
	Lt. Krug		Lt. Kantorski
Red	Lt. Hylen	Blue	Captain Buckner
	Lt. Wheeler		Lt. Dian
	Lt. McClure		Lt. Feltz
	Lt. McClellan		Lt. Kropenick

Squadron led by Captain Schuster took-off at 1002. The landing gear on Lt. Allen's aircraft collapsed on take-off resulting in explosion of belly tank. This prevented remainder of squadron from taking off. Captain Kimball and Lt. Brockus were recalled immediately. The other eight aircraft made an unsuccessful attempt to make rendevous with the bombers. There was 9 to 10/10 cloud cover up to 28,000 feet with storm clouds and snow. Made landfall in over Hardelot 1030 at 12,000 feet. Went to vicinity of Charleroi and returned to base. Landfall out undetermined because of overcast. R/T good. The bombers' target wasthe Jemel railroad sidings. Squadron landed at 1135.

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MAJOR JACK A. THERRIAULT

SQUADRON COMMANDER

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Major JACK A. THERRIAULT, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul A. Therriault, Seattle, Washington, has made rapid and well deserved progress in the Air Force. As Commanding Officer of his squadron, Major "Jack" (as he is known to his men), set the pace of the outfit shortly after its activation, gaining and holding their respect and admiration. Whenever one of his men was in a "jam", he could depend on the Major going "to bat" for him. This quality among others quickly established him as the ideal Commanding Officer. Handsome, patient and ready to speak his mind, his pleasant quiet manner always gets the job done. The Major is famous for his consistency on three-point landings and he is an "eager beaver" when it comes to operational flying in his aircraft, the Thunderbird.

Major Therriault enlisted as an Aviation Cadet 26 April 1941 and received his commission and pilots' wings at Mather Field, Sacramento, California 12 December 1941. He was assigned to the 60th Fighter Squadron, 33rd Fighter Group and was transferred to the 327th Fighter Group and assigned as Operations Officer of the 324th Fighter Squadron. Promoted to 1st Lieutenant 12 October 1942, he held this rank when he was given command of this squadron immediately upon its activation but was soon promoted to Captain 13 February 1943. He received his Majority in England 13 November 1943.

Having completed 41 operational missions over enemy territory (including two operational missions while on detached service in Italy), Major "Jack" has been awarded the Air Medal, three Oak-Leaf Clusters and the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Major Therriault graduated from Gonzaga High School in 1936 and studied law for three years at Gonzaga University. He was an active participant in athletics in school and his hometown (Twisp, Washington) basketball and baseball teams. His wife, Mary Ellen Therriault, resides with his parents in Seattle.

While on detached service in Italy, Major "Jack" was appointed Deputy Commander of the 358th Fighter Group. Pleased with his promotion but reluctant to see him go, the squadron will miss his guiding hand.

Major Therriault was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel 12 April 1944 shortly after his transfer to Group Headquarters.

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MAJOR JOSEPH D. UNDERWOOD

SQUADRON COMMANDER

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Major JOSEPH D. UNDERWOOD of Gainsville, Georgia is a cool and jovial sort of individual who feels as much at home at the controls of his Thunderbolt, "White Lightning", as he does at a dinner table. He is the son of Mrs. Frances Estelle Underwood, also of Gainsville. He attended Gainsville High School and the University of Georgia at Athens, Georgia. On the 30 May 1941 he enlisted as an Aviation Cadet and received his pilots wings and commission upon completing his advanced flying training 2 January 1942 at Foster Field, Victoria, Texas. He was appointed a flight instructor and was promoted to 1st Lieutenant 11 November 1942 while serving in that capacity.

"Joe" is one of the original members of the squadron and he was assigned to the outfit as Operations Officer immediately upon it's activation. He was promoted to the rank of Captain 23 July 1943. Having completed 30 operational missions over enemy and enemy occupied territory, he is the holder of the Air Medal and two Oak Leaf Clusters. Because of the excellence in the performance of his duties as the squadron Operations Officer, he was appointed Squadron Commander.

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CAPTAIN ROBERT C. SCHUSTER

OPERATIONS OFFICER

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Captain ROBERT C. SCHUSTER, son of Mr. and Mrs. Friand J. Schuster of Kingston, Pennsylvania, is a Thunderbolt fighter pilot with pleasant blue eyes and a quick alert personality. Although he is quick to correct and quick to forgive, the "Rooster" is easy to get along with.

A graduate of Carbondale High School, Carbondale, Pennsylvania, "Bob" enlisted 15 January 1942 and received his commission and pilots' wings upon completing his advanced flying training at Craig Field, Selma, Alabama 10 November 1942. He was promoted to 1st Lieutenant 19 May 1943 and received his Captaincy 15 January 1944 while on active service in England as a Flight Commander. Captain Schuster recently assumed his duties as Squadron Operations Officer.

The name of his aircraft is "Lady Luck", and you can bet your bottom shilling that he has reason not to change it for the world. A veteran of 52 operational missions over enemy territory, "Bob" has been awarded the Air Medal and four Oak-Leaf Clusters. It is a rough day for "Jerry" when the "Rooster" crows over European skies.

Prior to entering the service, Captain Schuster was a production expediter for the Eclipse Aviation Corporation, Bendix, New Jersey. His wife, Audrey M. Schuster, resides with his parents.

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CAPTAIN CHARLES T. KIMBALL

ASSISTANT OPERATIONS OFFICER

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Captain CHARLES T. KIMBALL, 22 year old Thunderbolt fighter pilot, could be mistaken very easily for a writer, musician, or a painter. The son of Mr. and Mrs. C.O. Kimball of Kansas City, Missiouri, the tall slender "mustachioed" airman finds enthusiasm in a French text book, Shosakowitch Symphony or "Pistol Packin' Mama", a dozen beers or an Me 109 in his sights, depending on his mood.

"Chuck" attended Kemper Military Academy, Booneville, Missouri and Baker University, Baldwin, Kansas. Enlisting 26 February 1942, he received his commission and pilots' wings after completing his advanced flying training at Foster Field, Texas, 10 November 1942. He was promoted to 1st Lieutenant 19 May 1943 and received his Captaincy 25 January 1944 while in active service in England. The name of his aircraft is the "Missouri Mule".

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1ST LIEUTENANT KNUTE N. KYLEN

FLIGHT COMMANDER

Lt. Knute N. Hylen, one of the original members of the squadron, always has a humorous remark on the tip of his tongue. His home is at 631 Loop Street, Susanville, California. He attended Oakland Technical High School, Oakland, California. He enlisted in the Service 4 March 1942. Upon completing his advanced flying training at Luke Field, Arizona, 31 October 1942, he received his Pilot's Wings and commission the same date.

"Sut" has 45 operational missions over enemy and enemy occupied territory to his credit for which he has been awarded the Air Medal and three Oak-Leaf Clusters. The name of his aircraft is "Ye Ole' Hag". In his own quiet and humorous manner, "Sut" is efficient in the performance of his duties. He is well liked by both officers and enlisted men and he will join in a drink with anyone especially if the drinks are being set up. He thinks the Grosvenor House has very comfortable beds.

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1ST LIEUTENANT ALLAN W. FARLOW

FLIGHT COMMANDER

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Lt. ALLAN W. FARLOW, 23 year old Thunderbolt fighter pilot, is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Allan W. Farlow, 814 South 12th Street, Mt. Vernon, Illinois. "Speed" was assigned to the squadron several months after it's activation. His excellent flying and analytic ability led to his comparative rapid advancement from wingman to element leader to flight commander. He enlisted as a Flying Cadet 26 January 1942. He received his Pilot's Wings and commission 9 October 1942 at Lake Charles Advanced Flying School, Lake Charles, Louisiana and was promoted to 1st Lieutenant 21 April 1943 while flying with the 353rd Fighter Group.

Having flown 50 operational missions over enemy territory, he has been awarded the Air Medal and three Oak Leaf Clusters. After graduating from Mt. Vernon High School, "Speed" attended the University of Illinois. Most popular sports and bridge are among his favorite pastimes. His pet hobby and favorite pet is "Midnight", a coal black cocker spaniel that stayed with the squadron in the States. "Midnight" is notorious for his devotion to the youthful pilot. Ready for an argument on any subject, Lt. Farlow is a willing conversationalist. The name of his aircraft is the "Speed Demon".

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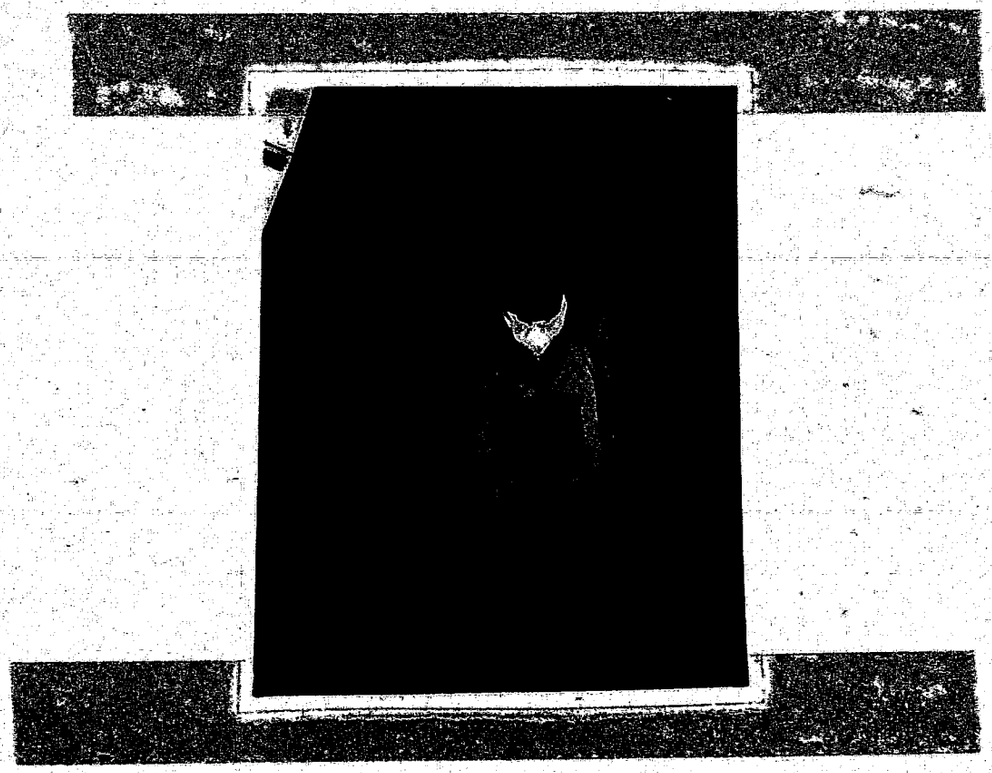
CAPTAIN JOHN F. BUCKNER

FLIGHT COMMANDER



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Capt. JOHN H. BUCKNER, son of Mr. & Mrs. John F. Buckner, 902 Prairia Avenue, Cleburne, Texas, became one of the chief leaders and characters soon after entering the squadron. His cool calculating efficient ability led to his rapid advancement from wingman to element leader to flight commander. He attended Cleburne High School, John Tarleton College, Stephenville, Texas, Texas A & M, College Station, Texas and graduated from the US Military Academy. "Buck" was an active participant in football, wrestling and basketball. He completed his advanced flying training at Spence Field, Moultrie, Georgia 10 December 1942 and received his pilots' wings. He graduated from West Point where he was commissioned 2nd Lieutenant 19 January 1943. He was promoted to 1st Lieutenant 19 May 1943.

"Buck" has completed 43 operational missions over enemy territory and is the holder of the Air Medal and four Oak Leaf Clusters. The name of his aircraft is "Ponk". Depending on his mood, he may entirely ignore or completely interest himself in your conversation. Never at a loss for something to do, "Buck" may be found at any squadron poker game, drinking bout or party.

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1ST LIEUTENANT C. A. AUSTIN JR.

FLIGHT COMMANDER

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Lt. C.A. AUSTIN JR., son of Mr. & Mrs. C.A. Austin Sr., is quiet and easy going. He attended White Deer High School, White Deer, Texas. After his enlistment 6 February 1941, he was assigned to the First Armored Division at Fort Knox, Kentucky. Later "C.A." was accepted for Flying Cadet. He received his Pilot's Wings and commission upon completing advanced flying training at Foster Field, Victoria, Texas 16 February 1943. He was promoted to 1st Lieutenant 17 August 1943 at which time he was an element leader.

Having completed 45 operational missions over enemy territory, "C.A." has been awarded the Air Medal and three Oak Leaf Clusters. In spite of many curious inquiries, no one has discovered to this day what his initials "C.A." represent. "C.A." refuses to comment and it is still a mystery. His aircraft, "Etta II" is named for his wife, Mrs. Antonetta D. Austin of 81 Windsor Street, Hartford, Connecticut.

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1ST LIEUTENANT GEORGE E. JONES

FLIGHT LEADER

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Lieutenant GEORGE E. JONES, son of Mr. G.E. Jones and Mrs. G. P. Robertson, Morganfield, Kentucky, takes a constant ribbing from his fellow pilots on his "hill-billy" background. His pleasant ays and disposition have won him many friends throughout the squadron.

Flying was nothing new to George when he entered the Army. Before flying for the Army, his brother, Lt. Herndon Jones(a P-38 pilot who has seen service in North Africa and Italy) and he had "cut capers" flying a Piper "Cub" using their father's cornfield for an airport. If one of them wasn't flying, he usually could be found kicking up dust on a motorcycle around the roads of Morganfield.

Lt. Jones attended Morganfield High School and Eastern Kentucky State Teachers College. Being one of the older Army men of the squadron, he enlisted 28 November 1936 and was transferred to the Air Corps 27 November 1939. Later he was accepted for pilot training and upon completion of his advanced flying training at Lake Charles Army Flying School, Lake Charles, Louisiana, 10 November 1942, he received his commission and pilots' wings.

George is one of the original members of the squadron and he was appointed Flight Commander shortly after its activation. He was promoted to 1st Lieutenant 19 May 1943. Having flown 24 operational missions over enemy and enemy occupied territory, he has been awarded the Air Medal and three Oak-Leaf Clusters. On 4 March 1944, Lt. Jones was transferred to the 84th Fighter Wing in England.

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1ST LIEUTENANT ANTHONY L. SERAFIGLIA

FLIGHT COMMANDER

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Lt. ANTHONY L. SERAPIGLIA, son of Mr. and Mr. Larry Serapiglia, 19451 Exeter Street, Detroit, Michigan, attended Pershing High School and Wayne University in Detroit. He enlisted as an Aviation Cadet 26 February 1942 and received his Pilots' Wings and commission 31 October 1942. Being one of the original members of the squadron, he was greatly responsible for the progress of the outfit, demonstrating an exceptional ability for leadership in his own calm efficient manner. He was advanced from wingman to Assistant Operations Officer to Flight Commander. He was promoted to 1st Lieutenant 19 May 1943. Having flown on 30 operational missions over enemy territory, Lt. Serapiglia has been awarded the Air Medal and three Oak Leaf Clusters. His aircraft is called "Nancy" after his wife, Mrs. Nancy Serapiglia, who resides at 3508 Park Avenue, Richmond, Virginia.

While serving on detached service at the R.A.F. Milfield, Scotland, Serapiglia was killed in an air collision with a Spitfire 12 April 1944. He was flying "Nancy". His untimely death was felt by the lowest ranking buck-private to the highest ranking officer in the outfit. He will always be remembered.

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1ST LIEUTENANT ALEXANDER J. MELANCON

FLIGHT LEADER

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Lieutenant ALEXANDER J. MELANCON, JR., son of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander J. Melancon of San Antonio, Texas, is a Thunderbolt Fighter Pilot that leads one to believe that the United States consists of 47 states and Texas. In his pleasant manner, the tall wry Texan is one among the many who carries the flag of Texas in the E.T.O.

"A.J." enlisted 25 January 1942 and received his commission and pilots' wings 10 November 1942 upon completing his advanced flying training at Lake Charles Army Flying School, Lake Charles, Louisiana. He was promoted to 1st Lieutenant 19 May 1943. Having completed 30 operational missions over enemy and enemy occupied territory, Lt. Melancon has been awarded the Air Medal and two Oak-Leaf Clusters.

"A.J." was transferred to the 363rd Fighter Group, 23 March 1944. His four year old son, Alexander J. Melancon, III, and his wife, Margaret B. Melancon, reside at 119 East Harding Boulevard, San Antonio, Texas.

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2ND LIEUTENANT CLYDE L. COLDREN

WINGMAN

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Lt. CLYDE L. COLDREN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Coldren, Smithport, Pennsylvania, is among the most quiet of all the pilots. Although he has very little to say, he has gained many friends with his friendly and pleasant ways.

Lt. Coldren attended Bradford Senior High School, Bradford, Pennsylvania. Enlisting in the Air Corps 19 March 1941, he was accepted shortly afterwards for pilot training. Upon completion of advanced flying training at Craig Field, Selma, Alabama, he was appointed Flight Officer and received his pilots' wings. Clyde was promoted to 2nd Lieutenant 15 August 1943. Having completed 10 operational missions over enemy and enemy occupied territory, he has been awarded the Air Medal and one Oak-Leaf Cluster.

While participating in an operational flight 8 March 1944, the engine of his aircraft cut-out at 18,000 feet. His plane glided down to 10,000 feet where it broke into a spin, crashed and exploded on the ground 10 miles west of Zwolle, Holland. He will be missed by all.

Lt. Coldren is survived of his parents, his wife, Joan J. Coldren of Pittsburgh, and their infant daughter who was born after his departure from the United States.

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1ST LIEUTENANT VICTOR H. IDOL JR.

ELEMENT LEADER

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Lt. VICTOR H. IDOL JR., 24 year old Thunderbolt Fighter pilot, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Victor H. Idol of Madison, N.C. Quiet in manner, his dry humour is a source of enjoyment to all. He attended Madison High School, Virginia Military Institute and North Carolina State College. In spite of an infection that forced him to leave school and almost caused him to lose his health temporarily in the winter of 1940, "Vic" with strong determination, regained his health to such an extent that four months after enlisting as a private in the Air Corps 11 November 1941 he received an appointment as an Aviation Cadet. After completing his advanced flying training at Lake Charles Army Flying School, Lake Charles, Louisiana, he received his commission and pilots' wings.

Having completed 53 operational missions over enemy and enemy occupied territory, he has been awarded the Air Medal and two Oak Leaf Clusters. The name of his aircraft is "Queenie".

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1ST LIEUTENANT JOHN R. HARBER

ELEMENT LEADER

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Lieutenant JOHN R. HARBER, 24 year old Thunderbolt fighter pilot, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John S. Harber of Youngstown, Ohio. Joining the squadron in April 1943, he wasted no time in proceeding with his OTU. He never questions an order and carries them out immediately. "Harb" makes friends easily as doing things for other people seems to be among his greatest pleasures. Casual in manner, always in a good humour and cracking jokes, he takes everything in stride as it comes along which includes watching flak holes form in his wings while on a combat mission.

"Harb" attended Chaney High School in Youngstown. He enlisted in the Army 29 December 1941 and was sent to Airplane Mechanics School, Sheppard Field, Texas. Later, he was accepted for pilot training and after completing his advanced flying training at Foster Field, Texas, he received his pilots' wings and commission. He has flown on 31 operational missions over enemy and enemy occupied territory and has been awarded the Air Medal and two Oak-Leaf Clusters.

The name of his aircraft is the "Joker". Prior to entering the Service, Lt. Harber was employed by the Pruscon Steel Company.

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1ST LIEUTENANT MEREDITH M. MC DANIEL

ELEMENT LEADER

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Lieutenant Meredith M. McDaniel, 25 year old Thunderbolt fighter pilot, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil McDaniel, RFD #1, Leipsic, Ohio. He enlisted in the US Army 26 December 1941 and was later accepted for Flying Cadet. Upon completing his advanced flying training at Foster Field, Texas 30 March 1943, he received his Pilot's Wings and commission. A veteran of 42 operational missions over enemy and enemy occupied territory, he is the holder of the Air Medal and three Oak-Leaf Clusters. He graduated from Blanchard Township School where his classmates will remember him for his participation in baseball, basketball and the Glee Club.

Although "Mac" likes his Thunderbolt, he still talks nostalgically about his Franklin Sports biplane in which he learned to fly around Leipsic. The name of his aircraft is "Miss Ruth". Prior to entering the Army, he was employed as a railroad brakeman.

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1ST LIEUTENANT PETER CORSON

ELEMENT LEADER

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Lt. PETER CORSON, son of Mr. and Mrs. Egbert D. Corson, 211 High Street, Lockport, New York, joined the squadron 1 June 1943 while it was training at Camp Springs Army Air Field, Maryland. "Pete" is easy to get along with and makes friends quickly. Although his favorite pastime is "griping", he is a carefree individual and nothing actually bothers him. He gripes about anything and everything and when the rest of the pilots feel like griping, they just listen to "Pete" instead, laugh and forget their troubles.

He attended Taft School, Watertown, Connecticut and Cornell University, Ithaca, New York. He enlisted in the 209th Coast Artillery Anti-Aircraft Regiment, a National Guard Regiment, 11 November 1940. "Pete" remained with the 209th when it was mobilized and sent to Camp Stewart, Georgia. He entered Flying Cadet training 1 January 1942 and after completing his advanced flying at Luke Field, Arizona 27 August 1942, he received his commission and pilots' wings. "Pete" was promoted to 1st Lieutenant 1 January 1944. Having completed 50 operational missions over enemy territory, he has been awarded the Air Medal and two Oak Leaf Clusters.

"Pete's" treasures are his "bunk from Babe" which is the envy of all the fellows. The perfume she uses is really terrific. Incidentally, his aircraft, "Babe" is named for the writer of his treasures.

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1ST LIEUTENANT ERIK P. LITTLEJOHN

ELEMENT LEADER

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Lt. ERIK P. LITTLEJOHN, a happy-go-lucky fellow whose courteous ways are as much a part of him as is his distinctive Texas drawl, is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Erik P. Littlejohn, Marshall, Texas. He is a graduate of Marshall High School and Virginia Military Institute. He was commissioned 14 May 1942 and served with the Third Cavalry and the 13th Armored Force. Erik was later accepted for pilot training at Aloe Advanced Flying School, Aloe, Texas 20 March 1943.

Having flown 43 operational missions over enemy and enemy occupied territory, has been awarded the Air Medal and three Oak Leaf Clusters. The name of his aircraft is the "Eyes of Texas". Before entering the Army, Erik was a construction engineer.

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1ST LIEUTENANT WILLIAM DIAN

ELEMENT LEADER

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Lieutenant WILLIAM DIAN, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Dian of Chicago, Illinois, is one of the original member of the squadron. Congenial and nonchalant in manner, this 22 year old Thunderbolt fighter pilot has participated 57 operational flights over enemy and enemy occupied territory and has been awarded the Air Medal and four Oak-Leaf Clusters.

Having graduated from Crane High School, Chicago, "Willie" enlisted in the Air Corps 20 December 1940 and attended airplane mechanics' school. He was later accepted for pilot training and upon completing his advanced flying training at Luke Field, Arizona 30 October 1942, he received his pilots' wings and the rating of Staff Sergeant. On 5 December 1942 he was rated as a Flight Officer and 16 August 1943 he was appointed a 2nd Lieutenant.

While on active service in England, he was promoted to 1st Lieutenant 15 May 1944. Prior to entering the service, Lt. Dian was employed by the Foote Brothers Gear Company of Chicago. The name of his aircraft is "Miss 'Sis".

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1ST LIEUTENANT CLIVER W. DEGRUCHY JR.

ELEMENT LEADER

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Lt. OLIVER W. DE GRUCHY JR., son of Colonel and Mrs. Oliver DeGruchy, 1724 North Wakefield Street, Arlington, Virginia, is an easy going pilot who does a job with complete thoroughness, whether flying his plane or performing his task on the ground. He entered West Point 2 July 1939 and graduated with the commission of 2nd Lieutenant 19 January 1943. After completing his pilot training at Lake Charles Advanced Flying School, he was awarded his pilots' wings. "Snooper" was promoted to 1st Lieutenant 19 May 1943.

Upon flying 41 operational missions over enemy and enemy occupied territory, he has been awarded the Air Medal and three Oak Leaf Clusters. Because of his assigned ground duty as squadron Technical Inspector, the pilots dubbed him with the nickname of "Snooper" which he has also named his aircraft.

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1ST LIEUTENANT CARMEL M. SHOOK

ELEMENT LEADER

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Lt. CARMEL M. SHOOK, son of Mr & Mrs. Harvey A. Shook, Elk Park, North Carolina, is the "time hog" of the squadron having over 800 hours flying time to his credit and being second in time only to the squadron commander. He enlisted in the US Army Air Forces 9 January 1940. After completing a course in airplane mechanics at the Casey Jones School of Aeronautics, he was stationed in Porto Rico with the 36th Pursuit Group from 8 March 1941 to 17 February 1942. He was accepted for pilot training and received his Pilot's Wings and rating as Flight Officer upon completion of advanced flying training at Craig Field, Selma, Alabama 10 November 1942. He was promoted to 2nd Lieutenant 13 May 1943.

Having flown 50 operational missions over enemy and enemy occupied territory, Carmel has been awarded the Air Medal and three Oak Leaf Clusters. Because of his ever present dignity and military bearing, he has never acquired a nickname in the Army. His favorite topics of conversation are his wife, "Pat" (Mrs. Della Mae Shook) of Beach Creek, North Carolina and his convertible blue Ford coupe. Lt. Shook attended Cove Creek High School, Sugar Grove, North Carolina. The name of his aircraft is "Hell's Belle".

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1ST LIEUTENANT MAX V. MCCLURE

ELEMENT LEADER

Lt. Max V. McClure, son of Mrs. Ann B. McClure, Spur, Texas, attended Spur High School and Texas Tech College. He entered the US Army 23 January 1942 and later was accepted for pilot training. He received his Pilot's Wings and commission upon his graduation from Advanced Flying School, Foster Field, Texas, 20 March 1943. He was promoted to 1st Lieutenant 25 January 1944. Having flown in 73 operational missions over enemy territory, he has been awardedthe Air Medal and an Oak-Leaf Cluster and has also been recommended for the second, third, and fourth Oak-Leaf Clusters. Prior to entering the Service, Lt. McClure was associated with the newspaper publication, "Texas Spur". His aircraft bears the fitting name of "Peacemaker".

"Mac" is the Bridge player in the outfit and when the call goes up for a fourth, he is always Johnny on the spot. He is just

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as eager to double a seven no-trump bid as he is to play but the sad part is that his opponent always makes the bid.

"Mac" is well liked by his fellow pilots and they are always around to watch him return from a mission as he always pulls off some real hot landings. The boys are around to "sweat" him in. So far he has made it OK.

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1ST LIEUTENANT ROBERT F. KRUG

ELEMENT LEADER

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Lt. ROBERT F. KRUG, the "ad-lib kid" of the squadron, is one of its principal morale boosters as well as the sparkplug of his flight. "Bob" always has a humorous remark at the tip of his tongue, whether he is just a fourth in a bridge game or after completing a tough mission, literally wading through flak over "Festung Europa". Krug is notorious for dubbing everyone with a fitting nickname. There is not a pilot in the squadron that he has overlooked on that score.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Krug, Chicago, Illinois, he attended Lane Technical High School, Wright Junior College of Chicago and the University of Illinois. Enlisting 23 March 1942, he received his pilots' wings and commission upon completing his advanced flying training at Luke Field, Arizona 1 October 1942.

"Bob" is one of the original members of the squadron and his ability to take a joke as well as "dish it out" has made him one of its most popular members. He was promoted to 1st Lieutenant 16 June 1943. Having completed 45 operational missions over enemy and enemy occupied territory, he has been awarded the Air Medal and three Oak Leaf Clusters. His wife, LaVerne Krug, resides with his parents. The name of his aircraft is "Wicky Finn".

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1ST LIEUTENANT AUGUSTUS HAMILTON JR.

ELEMENT LEADER

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Lt. Hamilton, 22 year old Thunderbolt fighter pilot, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Hamilton, Sr., 784 East Drive, Woodruff Place, Indianapolis, Indiana. Being a veteran of 40 operational missions over enemy and enemy occupied territory, "Sam" is the holder of the Air Medal and six Oak-Leaf Clusters. He has nearly 700 flying hours to his credit. Shortly before being sent overseas, he married Mary Jones of Rocky Mount, N.C. for whom his aircraft, "Mrs. Sam", is named.

He was well known to his hometown for his prowess at golf, basketball, football, and baseball. "Sam" is keeping his hand in athletics by pitching for his squadron baseball team and using his days off playing on the beautiful English golf courses. He is the owner of the squadron mascot, "Rusty", a small red cocker spaniel. He is content to care for the pup until he gets home to his young son, Augustus III, whom he has never seen.

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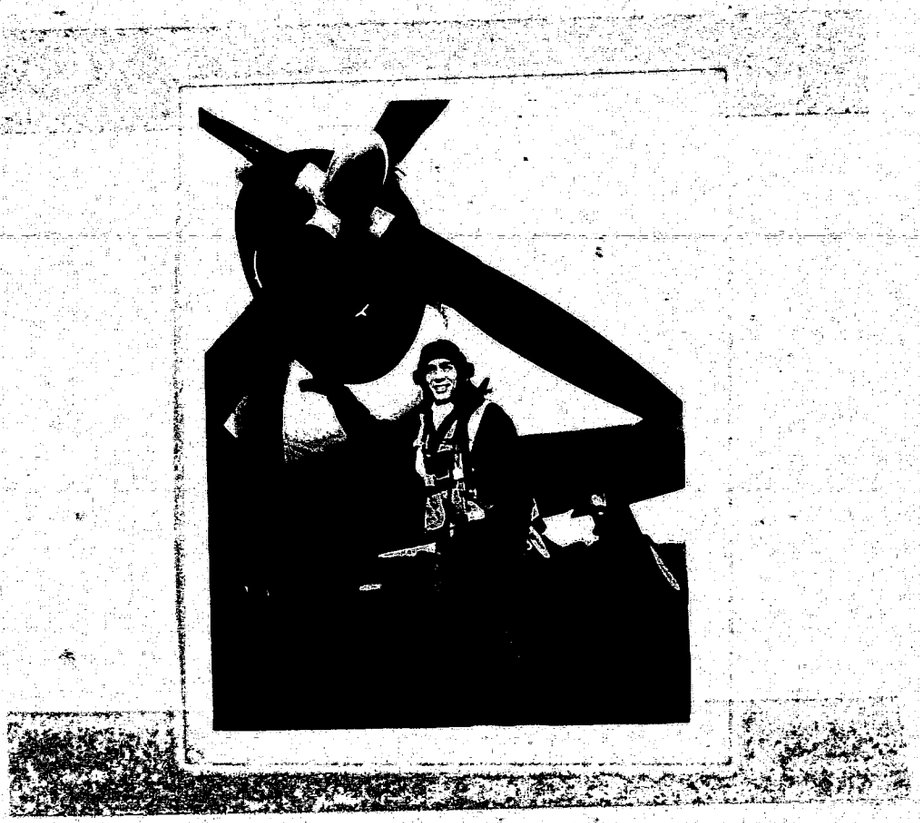
1ST LIEUTENANT HAROLD L. MC CLELLAN
ELEMENT LEADER



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Lt. HAROLD L. MCCLELLAN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lee McClellan of Warren Ohio, graduated from Warren High School and Curtis-Wright Technical School, Glendale, California. He enlisted in the Armed Forces 7 May 1942. Upon graduating from advanced flying school at Foster Field, Texas, he received his commission and pilots wings. Having flown 45 operational missions over enemy territory, he has been awarded the Air Medal and three Oak-Leaf Clusters. Prior to entering the service, he was employed by the Curtis-Wright Corporation, Columbus, Ohio, as an aeronautical engineer. The name of his aircraft is the "Mary-Mac". His wife, Jeannette McClellan, also lives in Warren, Ohio.

The general opinion is that "Mac" gets more mail from home than any one of the pilots. They are always trying to make a deal with him whereby they can read some of his bountiful mail when they are disappointed in "mailcall". As yet, they haven't met with much success. Guess most of his mail must be love letters from his wife.

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1ST LIEUTENANT DAVID B. TUCK

ELEMENT LEADER

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Lieutenant DAVID B. TUCK, son of Mr. R.M. Tuck, Sebring, Florida, is among the younger Thunderbolt fighter pilots in the E.T.O. Competent and eager to learn, the 20 year old fighter pilot has flown 57 operational missions over enemy and enemy occupied territory for which he has been awarded the Air Medal and three Oak-Leaf Clusters.

After graduating from Plant High School in Tampa, Florida, he enlisted as an Aviation Cadet 26 March 1942. Upon completion of his advanced flying training at Aloe Army Air Field, Victoria, Texas, he received his commission and pilots' wings 20 March 1943. While on active service in England, Lt. Tuck was promoted to 1st Lieutenant 15 May 1944. "D.B." has named his aircraft, "Tallahassee Lassie" which displays the obvious fact that he is an ardent supporter of his home state.

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1ST LIEUTENANT PHILIP D. BROCHUS

ELEMENT LEADER

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Lieutenant PHILIP D. BROCKUS, son of Mr. and Mrs. Burl B. Brockus, is another representative of the Lone Star State in the squadron. "Brock" hails from Spearman, Texas where he attended Spearman High School. Good natured and humorous, the youthful and slender Thunderbolt fighter pilot, enlisted as an Aviation Cadet 15 March 1942 and upon completing his advanced flying training at Lake Charles Army Flying School, Lake Charles, Louisiana, he received his commission and pilots wings. Having participated in 67 operational missions over enemy and enemy occupied territory, Lt. Brockus has been awarded the Air Medal and three Oak Leaf Clusters. "Brock" was promoted to 1st Lieutenant 15 May 1944 while on active service in England. The name of his aircraft is the "Super-Rabbit".

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366TH FIGHTER SQUADRON
APO 141 US Army

2ND LIEUTENANT WALTER E. FELTZ

WINGMAN

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Lt. Walter E. Feltz, one of the recent additions to the squadron, is the son of Mrs. Ida Feltz, Route #1, Box #31, McHenry, Illinois. He is the man with the latest "poop" and is willing to argue about anything, anyplace at anytime. Enlisting in the Air Cadet Reserve, he was called up 27 October 1942. Upon completing his advanced flying training at Marianna Army Air Base, Marianna, Florida, 1 October 1943, he received his Pilot's Wings and commission.

Having completed 14 operational missions over enemy and enemy occupied territory he has been recommended for the Air Medal. His pre-war occupation is farming.

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366TH FIGHTER SQUADRON
APO 141 US Army

2ND LIEUTENANT JOHN J. KROPENICK

WINGMAN

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Lt. John J. Kropenick is the first addition to the pilot personnel to join the squadron in England. With his pleasant disposition and ability in an airplane, rolling dice or shooting the bull, he quickly established himself in the outfit as one of the boys. He lives with his parents, Mr. & Mrs. F. Sheridan, 700 Hunterdon Street, Newark, New Jersey. He attended Southside High School in Newark. After enlisting in the US Army 29 July 1942, he was accepted for pilot training . Upon completing his advanced flying training at Moore Field, Texas 29 July 1943, he received his pilot's wings and commission.

Having completed 47 operational missions over enemy territory, "Krop" is the holder of the Air Medal and six Oak Leaf Clusters. The name of his aircraft is "The Jersey Bounce". Prior to entering the service, "Krop" was employed by the Wright Aeronautical Corporation as a machinist.

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Lt. [redacted], son of Mrs. Clara C. Kantorski of Jersey City, New Jersey, is the second pilot to join the squadron in England, shortly after it became operational. It wasn't long before we realized that a new character was in our midst. His ability to fly a plane is equalled only by his continual and persuasive ability to talk. He has actually been known to convince the local pub owners that his fellow pilots like English beer. Thus, the floor of "D" flight's barracks is usually covered with corks and empty bottles and its occupants enjoy a nightly brew without stirring from their living quarters. "Igor" always reverts back to the "Little Audrey" he left behind and for whom his aircraft is named. To convince the unbeliever, he produces a snapshot of her in a bathing suit.

"Eddie" attended William Dickinson High School, Jersey City and the U.S.A. Mechanics School at a camp near Bendix Airport. He has 150 hours in light planes. He entered the Armed Service 21 July 1942 and was accepted for pilot training September 1942. On the 29 July 1943, "Igor" received his commission and pilots' wings at Moore Field, Mission, Texas. Having flown 87 operational missions over enemy territory, he has been awarded the Air Medal and two Oak-Leaf Clusters. Prior to entering the service, he was employed by the Worthington Pump and Machinery Corporation, Harrison, New York.

"Eddie" brought to the Fighter Squadron a love for "solid jive" and the "basic English". "A repeat from the word go", he firmly disproves the ancient adage that little men should be seen and not heard. Being one of the better pilots, his chief ambition is to fly his Thunderbolt to the Jersey City Airport and be greeted by his old buddy, Mayor Hague.

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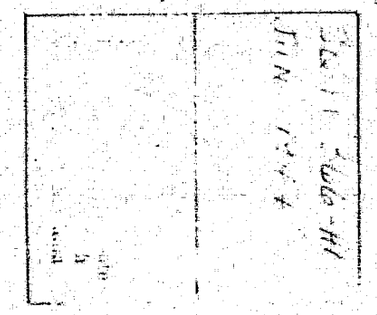

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366TH FIGHTER SQUADRON
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SQUADRON HISTORY, 366TH FIGHTER SQUADRON, JUNE ENGAGEMENT

(1) ORGANIZATION: Negative

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(2) STRENGTH: 48 Officers
246 Enlisted Men

(3) MOVEMENT: 7 Officers and 83 Enlisted Men comprising Advance Echelon departed Station 413 for Marshalling Area 30 June 1944.

(4) CASUALTIES: (a) 1st Lt. Victor H. Idol, O-671194, missing in action on bombing and strafing mission 17 Jun 44. Lt. Idol was hit by flak and was observed to bail out south of Fariere.

1st Lt. Philip D. Brockus, O-671194, missing in action on bombing and strafing mission 17 Jun 44 near Loray. Lt. Brockus was bounced by FW 190's and was observed to explode in mid air and crash.

1st Lt. John R. Harber O-675768, missing in action on Glidebombing Mission 27 Jun 44. Lt. Harber was shot down by fire from tanks and was last seen making a belly landing near Courtomer.

2nd Lt. Warren R. Lobdell, O-655189, missing in action on Glidebombing and strafing mission 27 June 44. Lt. Lobdell was last reported near Alencon when he reported that he was low on gas. No word was heard from him since.

(5) DECORATIONS: The following named Officers received Air Medals and Oak Leaf Clusters to Air Medals previously awarded, Per Par 1, Sec II GO #10, Hqs XIX TAC, 13 Jun 44: (Incl #1).

AIR MEDALS AND OAK LEAF CLUSTERS TO AIR MEDAL PREVIOUSLY AWARDED:

Captain C. A. (Jr.) AUSTIN, (5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th OLC)
Captain JOHN H. BUCHNER, (5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th OLC)
Captain OLIVER W. DE GRUCHY, (5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th OLC)
Captain ALLAN W. FARLOW, (5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th OLC)
Captain KNUTE N. HYLEN, (5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th OLC)
Captain CHARLES T. KIMBALL, (5th, 6th, 7th, 8th OLC)
Captain ROBERT C. SCHUSTER, (8th, 9th, OLC)
1st Lt. PHILIP D. BROCKUS, (4th, 5th, 6th OLC)
1st Lt. PETER GORSON, (5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th OLC)
1st Lt. WILLIAM DIAN, (5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th OLC)
1st Lt. AUGUSTUS HAMILTON, (5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th OLC)
1st Lt. JOHN R. HARBER, (4th, 5th OLC)
1st Lt. ROBERT F. KRUG, (5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th OLC)
1st Lt. ERIK F. LITTLEJOHN, (5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th OLC)
1st Lt. HAROLD L. MC CLELLAN, (5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th OLC)
1st Lt. MAX W. MC CLURE, (5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th OLC)
1st Lt. MEREDITH L. MC DANIEL, (5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th OLC)
1st Lt. VICTOR H. IDOL, (7th, 8th, 9th OLC)

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1st Lt. CARLILE H. SHOOK, (5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th OLC)
1st Lt. DAVID L. DUKE, (3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th OLC)
2nd Lt. HARVEY H. ALLEN, (Air Medal, 1st, 2nd OLC)
2nd Lt. EDWARD F. ELSEVIUS, (Air Medal, 1st OLC)
2nd Lt. WALTER D. FELTS, (Air Medal, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th OLC)
2nd Lt. ERNEST R. GIVEN, Jr. (Air Medal, 1st OLC)
2nd Lt. EDWARD MATTOREK, (5th, 6th, 7th OLC)
2nd Lt. JOHN J. ROSEMOOR, (7th, 8th, 9th OLC)
2nd Lt. JOHN H. WILLNER, (Air Medal, 1st OLC)

Squadron flew 18 operational missions during month. Missions were of various types, Divebombing, Glidebombing, Patrol, Rammi, and Strafing. Summaries of missions are included as inclosures.

On 9 Jun 44 orders were received promoting Capt Charlton to grade of Major and 1st Lts. Austin, Foster and Hyde to the grade of Captain. One mission was flown. (Incl 4)

Captain Ramon H. Downs was assigned and joined Squadron 7 June 44 to replace Captain Vosbigh as Adjutant. Captain Vosbigh had been transferred to Detachment of Patients at 9th Gen Dep for treatment from injuries received in an automobile accident. Lts. Edward C. Fox, Charles H. Allen, and Ralph C. Nash, Pilots were also assigned 7 Jun 44.

2nd Lt. Philip F. Schuh joined Squadron 8 Jun 44 as Assistant Engineering and Tech. Supply Officer.

Missions were flown on 3rd, 4th, 6th, 7th of June. (Incls Nos 2, 3, 5 & 6)

Two (2) Glidebombing missions were flown 12 Jun 44, objective being Coastal Guns on Cherbourg Peninsula.

Missions flown on 13 Jun (incl 9) & incl 10). Two missions were also flown 14 Jun (incls 11 & 12) and 15 June (incls 13,14,15) 3 missions were flown. 1 Mission flown 16 June 44. (Incl 16).

On 17 Jun 44 1st Lts Brockus and Idol failed to return from Ditebombing and strafing missions. (incl #17). Lt. Brockus' flight was bounced by 12 to 15 FW 190's at Lesay. He dived to the deck to evade his pursuers and was seen to explode in mid air and crash near Carentan.

Lt. Idol was hit by flak and bailed out near Periere. He was seen to land in a clump of bushes. It was hoped that he would be able to make his way back to the allied line.

Lt. Col. Therriault, former Squadron Commander, led Squadron on single mission 18 June 44. (Incl 18).

On 19 June Squdron Commander Major Underwood is transferred to 358th Fighter Group and Captain Robert C. Sthuster assumes command. Captain Schwellenbach is assigned from 358th Fighter Group.

A glide bombing mission is flown on the 20th. (incl #19).

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366th Fighter Squadron History, June 1944 Installment.

Withdrawal Support and Dive Bombing missions were carried out on the 21st of June. (Incls 20 & 21). Glide Bomb and Rocket missions were carried out on the 22nd. (incls 22 & 23).

Squadron designation changed from 366th Fighter-Bomber Squadron to 366th Fighter Squadron.

Orders received 24 June promoting 1st Lt. Robbins, Engineering Officer, to grade of Captain.

Two missions were flown on June 25. (incls 24 & 25). The first as escort for A-20s, second for B-26s.

2nd Lts. Harold C. Stelnike[illegible] are assigned and joined from Hqs 358th Fighter Group. 1st Lt. Harber failed to return from a Glidebombing mission 27 June 44. Lt Harber was shot down by fire from tanks and when last seen was making a belly landing in a clear field in the vicinity of Courtomer. (Incl #26). Lt. Lobuell failed to return from a Glidebombing and Strafing mission also on 27th. (incl #27). Near Alencon he reported that he was low on gas and no word has been heard from him since.

A single mission was carried out on the 28th. (Incl #28).

2nd Lts. Neas and Fox were transferred to the 367th Fighter Squadron on the 29th. One mission was flown (Incl #29). Advance echelon received orders to be ready to move to Marshalling Area.

1st Lt. DeGruchy promoted to Captain and 2nd Lt Williams promoted to 1st Lt. on orders received 30 June 44. Advance Echelon departed early this morning for Marshalling Area. A large number of remainder of Squadron enjoyed U.S.O. Show "Bubbling Over". Two performances were played in Special Service Tent.

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HEADQUARTERS
XIX TACTICAL AIR COMMAND

APO 141, U.S. Army,
13 June 1944.

GENERAL ORDERS)

NUMBER 10)

SECTION I : AWARDS OF AIR MEDAL.
SECTION II : AWARDS OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO AIR MEDAL.
SECTION III : AWARD OF PURPLE HEART.

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 and Ninth Air Force, AIR MEDALS are awarded to the following named Officers and enlisted man of the XIX Tactical Air Command, in recognition of meritorious achievement while participation in aerial flights in the European Theater of Operations, such having participated in the required number of operational sorties against the enemy:

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358TH FIGHTER-BOMBER GROUP

366th Fighter Bomber Squadron

MARTIN E. ALLEN	0814626	2ND LT.	Kannapolis, N. C.
EDWARD P. ELEVINS	0816629	2ND LT	New Orleans, La.
WALTER E. FELTZ	0812788	2ND LT	Mc Henry, Ill.
ERNEST R. GIVEN, JR.	0814678	2ND LT	Clendennin, W. Va.
JOHN H. WHEELER	0815438	2ND LT	Springfield, Mass.

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SECTION II

1. By direction of the President, in addition to the Air Medals awarded in General Orders indicated by sub-paragraphs, the following named officers of the XIX Tactical Air Command, are awarded a BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER 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 and Ninth Air Force, in recognition of meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights in the European Theater of Operations, each having completed the required number of operational sorties against the enemy, or having destroyed an enemy aircraft on the dates indicated:

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358th FIGHTER BOMBER GROUP

r. G.O. No. 10, Hq. XIX Tactical Air Command, 13 June 1944.

366th Fighter Bomber Squadron

MARTIN E. ALLEN (1st, 2nd OLC)	0814626	2ND LT	Kannapolis, N.C.
EDWARD P. ELEVINS (1st OLC)	0816629	2ND LT	Beulah, Miss.
ERNEST R. GIVEN JR. (1st OLC)	0814678	2ND LT	Clendennin, W. Va.
WALTER E. FELTZ (1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th OLC)	0812788	2ND LT	Mc Henry, Ill.
JOHN H. WHEELER (1st OLC)	0815438	2ND LT	Springfield, Mass.

s. G.O. No. 85, Ninth Air Force, 31 March 1944.

366th Fighter Bomber Squadron

PHILIP D. BROCKUS (4th, 5th, 6th OLC)	0671494	1st Lt	Spearman, Texas

t. GO. No. 9, Hq. VIII Fighter Command, 14 February 1944.

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G. C. No. 10, Hq, XX... actical Air Command, 13 June 1... , Contd.

JOHN J. KROPENICK (7th, 8th, 9th OLC)	0688270	2ND LT	Newark, N. J.
EDWARD KANTORSKI (5th, 6th, 7th OLC)	0688269	2ND LT	Jersey City, N. J.

U. GO No. 7 Hq. VIII Fighter Command, 5 February 1944.

366th Fighter Bombe r Squadron

ROBERT C. SCHUSTER (5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th OLC)	0793542	CAPT	Kingston, Pa.
OLIVER W. DE GRUCHY (5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th OLC)	025652	1ST LT	Arlington, Va.
AUGUSTUS HAMILTON JR. (5th, 6th, 7th, 8th 9th OLC)			
JOHN R. HARBER (5th, 5th OLC	0675768	1ST LT	Rocky Mount, N.C.
VICTOR H. IDOL (7th, 8th, 9th OLC)	0666542	1ST LT	Youngstown, Ohio
DAVID B. TUCK (3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th OLC)	0674425	2ND LT	Sebring, Fla.

V. G.O. No. 5, Hq. VIII Fighter Command, 28 January 1944.

366th Fighter Bomber Squadron

JOHN R. BUCKNER (5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th OLC)	025439	CAPT	Cleburne, Texas
ALLAN W. FARLOW (5th, 7..., 8th, 9th, 10th OLC)	0665393	CAPT	Mt Vernon, Ill.
KNUTE N. HYLEN (5th, 6th, 8th, 7th, 9th 10th OLC)	0732257	CAPT	Susanville, Calif.
PETER GORSON (5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th OLC)	0728595	1ST LT	Lockport, N. Y.
ROBERT F. KRUG (6th, 7th, 8th, 9th OLC)	0752776	1ST LT	Chicago, Ill.
ERIK P. LITTLEJOHN (6th, 7th, 8th, 9th OLC)	0449062	1ST LT	Marshall, Texas
MAX ... MC CLURE (5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, OLC)	0675768	1ST LT	Spur, Texas
CARMEL M. SHOCK (6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, OLC)	0521664	1ST LT	Banner Elk, N. C.

W. G. C. No. 4, Hq. IX Air Support Command, 17 January 1944.

366th Fighter Bomber Squadron

C. A. AUSTIN (6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th OLC)	0673297	CAPT	Shellytown, Texas
WILLIAM DIAN (5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th OLC)	0531401	1ST LT	Chicago, Ill.
HAROLD L. MC CLELLAN (7th, 7th, 8th, 9th OLC)	0673409	1ST LT	Warren, Ohio
MEREDITH M. MC DANIEL (6th, 7th, 8th, 9th 10th OLC)		1ST LT	Leipsic, Ohio

X. G.C. No. 3, Hq. IX Air Support Command, 8 January 1944.

366th Fighter Bomber Squadron

CHARLES T. KIMBALL (5th, 6th, 7th, 8th OLC)	0666953	CAPT	Kansas City, MO.

By command of Brigadier General WEYLAND:

RANDOLPH P WILLIAMS
Colonel, Air Corps
Chief of Starr

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JOHN A. HENDRICK
Captain, AC,
Acting ASSt Adj Gen

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ALLAN W. CHARLTON
Major, Air Corps

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Mission No. 95
2 June 1944

Operations Order No. 327
IX Fighter Command
Divebombing

White	Captain Schuster	Yellow	Captain Farlow
	Lt. Kropenick		Lt. McDaniel
	Lt. DeGruchy		Lt. Dian
	Lt. Harber		Lt. Hamilton
Red	Lt. Krug	Blue	Captain Hylen
	Lt. Littlejohn		Lt. Wheeler
	Lt. Prockus		Lt. McClure
	Lt. Kantorski		Lt. McClellan

Squadron took-off at 1736 carrying a 500 pound GP bomb under each wing. Landfall in was made over Cayeux at 13,000 feet at 1813. They arrived over the target, Aubigny, at 1838 but failed to bomb because of dense overcast. They made two 360 degree turns over the target. The squadron left the target at 1848 and made landfall out over Cayeux at 1907 at 13,000 feet and crossed the English coast over Hastings. All aircraft landed at base at 1924 with all bombs on. There was 9/10 cloud cover over target with tops at 4,000 feet and base 2500 feet. The visibility was 2 miles downsun and nil upsun. En route there was a heavy haze layer up to 4,000 feet.

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NCL #2

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Mission No. 96
3 June 1944

Operations Order No. 342
IX Fighter Command
Ramrod

White	Capt. Kimball	Yellow	Capt. Austin
	Lt. Murphy		Lt. Maehrlein
	Lt. Harber		Lt. Brockus
	Lt. Wheeler		Lt. Kantorski
Red	Lt. Krug	Blue	Capt. Farlow
	Lt. Morris		Lt. Godfrey
	Lt. Littlejohn		Lt. McDaniel
	Lt. Feltz		Lt. Given

Squadron took-off at 2008 with Captain Kimball leading to escort bombers whose target was Ault. Made landfall in at 2040. Made rendevous with bombers at 2053. Made landfall out at 2111 leaving bombers at 2115 near English coast. Bombers in good formation. Good pattern of bomb hits observed. One bomber hit by flak. Course as briefed. Intense inaccurate heavy flak encountered from Oriel to Le Treport. Visibility was 15 miles to and from the target. 10/10 cloud cover over the channel, tops 13,000 and base 7,000 feet. Our aircraft landed at 2139.

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Mission No. 97
5 June 1944

Operations Order No. 344
IX Fighter Command
Divebombing

White	Captain Schuster	Yellow	Captain Tylen
	Lt. McCall		Lt. Rice
	Lt. Corson		Lt. Tuck
	Lt. Allen		Lt. Wheeler
Red	Lt. DeGruchy	Blue	Captain Farlow
	Lt. Morris		Lt. Watye
	Lt. Littlejohn		Lt. Hamilton
	Lt. Blevins		Lt. Given

The squadron led by Captain Schuster took-off at 1913 to divebomb a bridge at St. Germaine. Because of flak and weather, the squadron was unable to bomb the primary target but instead, twelve aircraft bombed the Rambouillet marshalling yards with 24 1,000 pound GP bombs, starting large fires. A large concentration of rolling stock was observed. Three aircraft dropped six bombs on a highway bridge of an undetermined location. Two bombs were jettisoned in the channel by Captain Tylen who aborted because of mechanical difficulties. Lt. Blevin's aircraft was hit by flak after he dropped his bombs damaging his wing and fuselage. He landed at Manston. Heavy intense accurate flak was encountered over target and heavy intense and light intense accurate flak from all airdromes in the vicinity of target. 10/10 cloud cover all the way, base 2500, tops 6,000 feet. Visibility excellent above ove cast and good below. Time of squadron over primary target was 2035 and time over secondary was 2040. The squadron landed at 2144.

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Mission No. 98
6 June 1944

Operations Order No. 331
IX Fighter Command
Escort C-47s.

White	Captain Kimball	Yellow	Captain Austin
	Lt. Murphy		Lt. Maehrlein
	Lt. Krug		Lt. Brockus
	Lt. Godfrey		Lt. McCall
Red	Lt. Littlejohn	Blue	Captain Farlow
	Lt. Morris		Lt. Kantorski
	Lt. Dian		Lt. Shook
	Lt. Tuck		Lt. McDaniel

The squadron took off at 2110 with Captain Kimball leading. Flew course as planned. Timings and navigation as planned. Left bombers on turn 3 and proceeded back to base. Flooded area approximately ½ mile inland and one mile deep. Water seems to be shallow. Apparent that troops are beyond flooded area. Inaccurate light flak was encountered by the C-47s at drop zone. There was 4 to 5/10 cloud cover over the drop zone, base 6,000 feet, visibility, CAVU. En route, cloud cover 9/10 with base at 4,000 feet and visibility 1 to 1½ miles. The squadron was over the drop area at 2114 and returned to base at 2250.

INCL #5

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Mission No. 89
7 June 1944

Operations Order No.
IX Fighter Command
Escort B-47s

White	Colonel Wells	Yellow	Captain Schuster
	Lt. Watye		Lt. Allen
	Lt. Hamilton		Lt. Dorson
	Lt. Given		Lt. Rice
Red	Captain Tylen	Blue	Lt. DeTrudy
	Lt. Wheeler		Lt. Kropenick
	Lt. McClellan		Lt. Idol
	Lt. McClure		Lt. Barber

Squadron took-off at 0430 led by Colonel Wells. Reached Bournemouth 0512 at an altitude of 2500 feet. Made rendevous at Portland Hill seven minutes late at 0525 at 500 feet. Reached drop zone on Cherbourg Peninsula at 0628. Encountered machine gun anti-aircraft fire, intense and inaccurate, in drop zone area. About 10 B-47s were seen to force land in drop zone. Several believed due to anti-aircraft. Four B-47s ditched in the channel were seen, one near St. Marcouf Island. A friendly vessel was seen speeding to its rescue. Flooded areas as on previous report. Returned with B-47s to Portland Hill and left them there at 0718. Same course followed back to base. Lt. McClure aborted due to electrical failure and landed at Lashom. Lts. Allen, Given, Idol and Hamilton returned to base early because of failure to rendevous. They circled proposed path of B-47s but did not see them. Weather en route was 10/10 overcast with base varying from 1700 to 2500 feet. Visibility was 3 to 5 miles, rain was encountered east of Southampton and north of the Cherbourg Peninsula. 8/10 cloud cover over drop zone, base 4,000 feet. Visibility about 5 miles.

INCL #6

Mission No. 100
12 June 1944

Operations Order No. 374
IX Fighter Command
Glide-bomb Gun Positions,
Cherbourg Peninsula

1st Effort

White	Lt. Col. Therriault	Yellow	Lt. DeTruchy
	Lt. Rice		Lt. Wheeler
	Lt. McClellan		Lt. Corson
	Lt. Matye		Lt. Blevins
Red	Captain Kimball	Blue	Lt. Idol
	Lt. Given		Lt. McCall
	Lt. McClure		Lt. Kropenick
	Lt. Godfrey		Lt. Allen

Squadron took-off at 1046. Unable to observe hits in target area because of previous bombing or shelling. Three bombs dropped on secondary target. Made landfall-out over Christ Church airdrome at 6,000 feet at 1144. Made landfall-in over Ford airdrome at 7,000 feet at 1225. Over target area 1200-1205. Circled target once before releasing bombs. One submarine conning tower sighted east of Selsey Bill. No ground activity observed. Three bombs jettisoned in channel for failure to release over target. The squadron landed at 1249. There was 5/10 cloud cover with base 3,000 feet and tops 6,000 feet. Visibility 10 miles.

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Mission No. 101
12 June 1944

Operations Order No. 375
IX Fighter Command
Glide-bomb Coastal Guns,
Cherbourg Peninsula

2nd Effort

White	Captain Schuster	Yellow	Captain Austin
	Lt. Morris		Lt. Maehrlein
	Lt. Littlejohn		Lt. Brockus
	Lt. Feltz		Lt. Kantorski
Red	Captain Farlow	Blue	Lt. Krug
	Lt. Lobdell		Lt. Smith
	Lt. Shook		Lt. Tuck
	Lt. Dian		Lt. Murphy

Squadron took-off at 1309. Over target 1720-1740. 44 GP 500 pound bombs were dropped with 8-11 fusing from 4,000 feet at a 30 degree angle releasing bombs at 700 feet. Hits in target area unobserved because of smoke from previous bombings. One radar installation or range finder damaged or destroyed in target area. Lt. Dian bombed railroad yard but missed. Captain Schuster and Lt. Feltz dropped one bomb each on road under alternate target. Captain Farlow seen to land at Beaulieu because of rough engine and oil leak. Landfall-out made over Christ Church airdrome with altitudes varying from 8 to 12,000 feet at 1701. Landfall in by two flights made over Christ Church at 1800. One flight made landfall in north west of Selsey Bill. One flight made landfall in at western tip of Isle of Wight at 5,000 feet. Circled target four times before releasing. Good pattern of bomb hits in target area observed. High overcast, visibility 6 to 8 miles. Squadron landed at 1822.

INCL #8

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Mission No. 102
13 June 1944

Operations Order No. 378
IX Fighter Command
Glide-bomb, strafing

White	Captain Schuster	Yellow	Lt. Shook
	Lt. Fox		Lt. Kantorski
	Lt. Littlejohn		Lt. Hamilton
	Lt. Murphy		Lt. Feltz
Red	Lt. Krug	Blue	Captain Austin
	Lt. Neas		Lt. Maehrlein
	Lt. Tuck		Lt. Brockus
	Lt. Smith		Lt. McDaniel

Squadron took-off at 0551. Over target 0730. 9 GP 500 pound bombs were dropped with instentaneous fuzed nose and 1/10 tail from 5,000 feet at a 25 degree angle releasing bombs at 1,500 feet. Flew courses briefed. Dropped bombs on railroad between Angers and Mans. Observed five direct hits on the railroad track. Lt. Shook destroyed one locomotive. Lt. Brockus and Lt. McDaniel claim one locomotive destroyed and observed fires started among tank cars believed to be oil tanks. Large merchant vessel seen in harbor at Granville. One bomb was left at Manston, four bombs returned to the base, and one bomb is unaccounted for. One bomb was jettisoned in the channel because of failure to release over the target. There was 10/10 cloud cover with base 2,000 feet and tops 6,000 feet over the target. En route, the top was 12,000 feet--low cloud layer gave out beyond target. Visibility was from 8 to 10 miles. The squadron landed at 0915. It was learned later that the unaccounted bomb was dropped over the target.

INCL #9

105

Mission No. 103
13 June 1944

Operations Order No. 379
IX Fighter Command
Bomb military targets

2nd Effort

White	Captain Buckner	Yellow	Captain Hylen
	Lt. Matye		Lt. Rice
	Lt. Barber		Lt. McClellan
	Lt. Given		Lt. Wheeler
Red	Lt. Idol	Blue	Lt. DeGruchy
	Lt. McCall		Lt. Godfrey
	Lt. Corson		Lt. Kropenick
	Lt. Allen		Lt. Blevins

Taking off at 2054 to bomb military targets in Argentan, Angers, Vire areas, the squadron led by Captain Buckner, arrived at the target at 2224 and left the target at 2250. Fifteen GP 500 pound bombs with instantaneous tail and nose fuses were dropped from 9,000 feet and were released from 1,500 feet. Targets hit were a railroad fill east of Mayenne and a Y in a railroad track at Domfront; trucks were strafed on a road near Berenton. Falaise was observed to be on fire with a series of flashes and about 10 tanks were sighted in woods SW of Vire. Course followed as briefed with the exception that Angers was never reached. Turned west at St. Pierre. L/O friendly coast at 5,000 at 2121, L/I over enemy coast at 13,000 feet at 2158, L/O enemy coast at 9,000 feet at 2310, L/I over friendly coast at 2,500 feet at 2324. Observation was hampered because of darkness. Light moderate accurate flak was encountered SW of Vire. Heavy meager accurate flak encountered at Honfleur. Flak from allied convoy reported west of Le Havre. There was a 10/10 cloud cover in the Angers area with its base at 13,000 feet and tops unknown and a visibility of 15 miles. Squadron returned at 2330.

INCL #10

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106

Mission No. 104
14 June 1944

Operations Order No. 381
IX Fighter Command
Glidebomb RR Tracks

1st Effort

White	Captain Kimball	Yellow	Lt. Shook
	Lt. Fox		Lt. Kantorski
	Lt. Littlejohn		Lt. Hamilton
	Lt. Murphy		Lt. Feltz
Red	Lt. Krug	Blue	Captain Austin
	Lt. Neas		Lt. Maehrlein
	Lt. Tuck		Lt. Brockus
	Lt. Smith		Lt. McDaniel

Taking off at 0717 to glidebomb railroad tracks at Aetemps and Gallardon, the squadron led by Captain Kimball dropped 28 GP 500 pound bombs diving from 12,000 feet at a 25 degree angle and releasing from 3,000 feet. All bombs fell in the target area. Bombed tracks between Dourden and Auneau. There were three direct hits on tracks and the rest of the bombs fell in the area along railroad. Yellow section attacked trains on tracks about 2 miles north of Rambouillet. Five cars were left burning from strafing. Large explosions followed indicating that some of the cars were filled with ammunition. The woods in this sector were filled with 3 trains made up of about 20 cars, each loaded with supplies. It appeared to be a supply dump. Light meager fairly accurate flak and small arms fire at Rambouillet was encountered from area along railroad tracks. The squadron arrived over the target at 0833 and left it at 0949. There was 6 to 8/10 cloud cover over the continent with tops 8,000 and base 2 to 3,000 feet and visibility 8 to 10 miles. The squadron returned to base at 0949.

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INCL #11

Mission No. 105
14 June 1944

Operations Order No. 381-J
IX Fighter Command
Bomb and Strafe Rolling Stock

2nd Effort

White	Captain Schuster	Yellow	Captain Hylen
	Lt. Godfrey		Lt. Rice
	Lt. Dian		Lt. McClellan
	Lt. Kropenick		Lt. Wheeler
Red	Lt. Idol	Blue	Lt. DeGruchy
	Lt. Matye		Lt. McCall
	Lt. McClure		Lt. Harber
	Lt. Allen		Lt. Blevins

Taking off at 1713 to bomb and strafe rolling stock at Sille, Sable, and Beaumont, the squadron led by Captain Schuster dropped 32 GP 500 pound bombs from 1,000 feet at an angle of 50 degrees and released bombs at 50 feet. The targets were reached at 1817 and the planes left the target at 1842. All hits were in the target area. L/F in Fecamp at 1759 at 13,000 feet, L/O over Etretat at 1925 1 section at 10,000 feet and 1 section at 4,000 feet. Planes proceeded from Fecamp to Argantan, Alencon, Le Mans, Tours and back to L/C. Railroad cars and locomotives at Marolles were bombed and strafed, also the equipment and vehicles claimed as follows: Yellow flight destroyed concrete bridge at Marolles with 6 direct hits on the target. They also destroyed 1 locomotive and left 8 railroad cars burning. Blue flight destroyed 1 radio truck at Trun, destroyed 1 locomotive at Evron, and damaged 1 locomotive 1 mile north of Sille. White flight destroyed 2 locomotives and left 6 goods wagons burning. One command car was destroyed at Sille and 2 locomotives were damaged and 1 large truck destroyed at Le Mans. Red flight strafed and bombed railroad sidings and tracks between Le Mans and Beaumont. Two trucks were destroyed along a highway and approximately 4 railroad cars were damaged. Armored vehicles were reported as seen from 10,000 feet at 2000. A large amount of activity was apparant along a railroad siding at the same point--it appeared to be contractions of supplys being loaded or unloaded. There was a 7/10 cloud cover with a base of 4,000 feet and tops of 7,000 feet. Visibility was 10 miles above and below clouds. The squadron returned at 1950.

INCL #12

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Mission No. 106
15 June 1944

Operations Order No. 335-1
[redacted] Fighter Command
Divebombing

1st Effort

White	Captain Schuster	Yellow	Captain Tylen
	Lt. Godfrey		Lt. Rice
	Lt. Dian		Lt. McClellan
	Lt. Kropenick		Lt. Wheeler
Red	Lt. Idol	Blue	Lt. DeTruchy
	Lt. Watye		Lt. McCall
	Lt. McClure		Lt. Barber
	Lt. Allen		Lt. Blevins

Taking off at 1601, the squadron, led by Captain Schuster, bombed targets in Coutances, Avranches and Domfront area. They were over the area from 0655 to 0745 and returned to the base at 0844. 28 GP 500 pound bombs were dropped from 50 feet with the dive starting from 2,000 feet at a 40 to 50 degree angle. The course was followed as briefed. Left St. Catherine's Pt. at 0655 at 12,000 feet. Made L/I east of Cherbourg at 12,000 feet. Reached St. Catherine's Pt. at 0808 at 5,000 feet. Coutances area was observed to be on fire. Lt. DeTruchy destroyed or severely damaged 3 armored cars at Cerisy La S. west of Coutances. Captain Tylen destroyed 6 box cars and destroyed a bridge. Lt. McClellan bombed RR fill and strafed RR cars in area resulting in fires. One Me 109 was sighted by Lt. Allen. Lt. McClure and he attempted to find it but were unable to do so. Captain Schuster claims a bridge destroyed SW of Coutances. Because of lack of fuel, Lt. Blevins landed at an A/D north of the Isle of Wight to refuel and returned to base. Lt. Rice jettisoned his bombs in the channel. Meager inaccurate and heavy flak was encountered south of Cherbourg in woods at La Loge. There was 3/10 cloud cover, base 4,000 and tops 6,000 feet with visibility 10 miles.

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Mission No. 107
15 June 1944

Operations Order No. 385-2
IX Fighter Command
Divebombing

2nd Effort

White	Lt. Col. Therriault	Yellow	Captain Darlow
	Lt. Fox		Lt. Lobdell
	Lt. Littlejohn		Lt. Hamilton
	Lt. Murphy		Lt. Feltz
Red	Lt. Krug	Blue	Captain Austin
	Lt. Peas		Lt. Maehrlein
	Lt. Tuck		Lt. Brockus
	Lt. Smith		Lt. McDaniel

The squadron, led by Lt. Col. Therriault, took off at 1256, over the target from 1355 to 1450 and landed at 1520. Followed course as briefed. L/T at C. Levy 11,000 feet at 1252. L/C 4 to 8,000 feet 1450 at Cap Barfleur. Red flight bombed bridge at Periers where 5 hits were seen. Bombed RR tracks and train at the same point and destroyed 5 goods wagons and also one scout car on highway. Yellow flight destroyed a radio tower and RR tracks at Periers and also attacked flak installations. White flight bombed a large highway bridge on highway 57 of Coutances at Hyenville. The bridge was damaged with 2 hits. Blue flight bombed RR tracks and observed 8 direct hits on triple tracks and 8 box-cars. Heavy accurate flak was encountered south of Cherbourg. An ambulance escorted by 2 armored cars was seen on road NE of Coutances. There was 3/10 cloud cover with base 4 to 5,000 feet and CAVU. 50 GP 500 pound bombs were dropped from 75 to 400 feet with the dive starting at 4,000 feet at a 40 degree angle.

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Mission No. 108
15 June 1944

Operations Order No. 385-3
IX Fighter Command
Glidebombing

3rd Effort

White	Captain Kimball	Yellow	Captain Rylen
	Lt. Miller		Lt. Rice
	Lt. Dian		Lt. McClellan
	Lt. Kropenick		Lt. Wheeler
Red	Lt. Idol	Blue	Lt. DeCrochy
	Lt. Morris		Lt. McCall
	Lt. McClure		Lt. Barber
	Lt. Allen		Lt. Given

The squadron with Captain Kimball leading took off at 1854. After flying over the target area from 1951 to 2050, the squadron returned to base and landed at 2135. 32 GP 500 pound bombs were dropped from 200 feet with the dive starting at 3,000 feet at 5 to 20 degree angles. The course was followed as briefed except that penetration did not go further south than Coutances. L/I was at 1946 9,000 feet and L/C at 2055 4,000 feet. Lt. Kropenick destroyed one truck 5 miles NW of target. Gun emplacements were observed at La Couttiere. The bridge that was the main objective was not destroyed. There was 4/10 cloud cover with base 4500 to 7,000 feet and tops unknown. Visibility unknown.

INCL #15

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Mission No. 109
16 June 1944

Operations Order No. 391
IX Fighter Command
Bomb gun positions

White	Captain Kimball	Yellow	Captain Austin
	Lt. Littlejohn		Lt. Maehrlein
	Lt. Corson		Lt. Brockus
	Lt. Murphy		Lt. Kantorski
Red	Lt. Krug	Blue	Captain Farlow
	Lt. Smith		Lt. Lobdell
	Lt. Tuck		Lt. Hamilton
	Lt. Matye		Lt. Feltz

The squadron, led by Captain Kimball, took off at 1835 to bomb gun positions at 342104. The planes flew over the target from 1947 to 1957 and dropped 51 GP 500 pound bombs from 5,000 feet at a 45 degree angle and were released at 300 feet--all hits were in the target area. The course was followed as briefed. L/I and L/O was at St. Pierre at 5,000 feet and the time in was 1944 and the time out was 2000. Machine gun positions at the north end of the field were strafed. One bomb was jettisoned in the channel because it was hung up. Small arms and machine gun fire were encountered over the target. There was a 10/10 cloud cover with a base of 3,000 feet and tops unknown. Visibility was 3 to 4 miles over the target and 2 miles elsewhere. The squadron returned at 2101.

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INCL #16

Mission No. 110-1,2a,2b & 3
17 June 1944

Operations Order No. 592
IX Fighter Command
Bombing and Strafing

White	Colonel Wells	Yellow	Captain Schuster
	Lt. Tuck		Lt. Kropenick
	Lt. Gorson		Capt. Schwellenbach
	Lt. Barber		Lt. McClellan
Red	Captain Austin	Red	Captain Farlow
	Lt. Kantorski		Lt. Hamilton
	Lt. Idol		Lt. Shock
	Lt. Brockus		Lt. McClure

#1 Squadron led by Colonel Wells took-off at 0844 carrying 640 fragmentation bombs that were dropped over an enemy bivouac area southeast of St. Lo. Over the target at 0945, the bombs were released from 1,000 feet and then the squadron strafed the area. Excellent results were obtained. The boys left the target area at 1005. Captain Schuster was hit by light moderate accurate flak 20 miles north of target resulting in category B damage to his aircraft. He force-landed on a friendly emergency landing strip in France. The remainder of the squadron landed at advanced landing strip #2 at 1020 and immediately took-off when realizing their mistake and proceeded to #3 to which they were assigned. Troop concentrations were observed south of St. Lo.

#2a Eight aircraft took-off at 1600 from landing strip #3 with 4 aircraft carrying two 500 pound GP bombs with the road between Lesay and Periere as the target. The other four aircraft acted as top-cover. Reaching the target at 1620, top-cover flight was bounced by 12 to 15 FW 190s and Me 109s at Lesay. A 190 got on the tail of Lt. Brockus who went down to the deck to evade his pursuer and called for assistance. He was observed to explode in mid-air and crash near Carentan. Colonel Wells and Lt. Kropenick attacked this enemy aircraft exhausting their ammunition. While attempting to manuever away from these two aircraft, the 190 stalled, spun in and crashed from 4000 feet. Hits were observed all over the FW 190. Lt. Kantorski attacked a FW 190 and two Me 109s damaging the 190. Captain Austin attacked two FW 190s with one of them probably destroyed. Lt. Tuck attacked a FW 190 at 3000 feet and damaged it. All of the bombs were jettisoned when the enemy aircraft attacked. Light intense accurate flak, barrage type, was encountered at Lesay. The formation left target area at 1640 and landed at landing strip #3 at 1650.

#2b Six aircraft were dispatched on this mission with 3 carrying two 500 pound GP bombs to bomb road between La Haye du Puits to Lesay to Periere. Taking off at 1700 the formation reached the tar-

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get at 1715 attacked 20 to 25 armored vehicles, horse-drawn artillery and trucks on a 4 mile stretch of road from Montreville to Lessy destroying about 50 of them. Lt. Shook made a direct hit and the other four bombs were observed to hit the road. After a dive from 7,000 feet, the bombs were released from 2,000 feet at a 60 degree angle. No flak was encountered. The formation landed at landing strip 28 at 1815.

#3 Thirteen aircraft, nine with a 500 pound GP bomb each on the belly, took-off at 2015 to attack the same convoy in mission #2. The formation arrived over the target area at 2140 but did not locate the vehicles. Anti-aircraft gun positions were attacked along road north of Periere followed by strafing which resulted in silencing the guns. Bombs were dropped from 2,000 feet after a dive from 5,000 feet at a 60 degree angle. Lt. Friel was hit by flak and was observed to bail out south of Periere and land in a clump of bushes. The formation returned to home base and landed at 2 22. A great concentration of light flak and troops appeared in the afternoon near La Haye du Puits which was not observed there in the morning. It is believed the Germans were evacuating troops from the northern end of the peninsula to the southern part. Weather en route was 5/10 cloud cover, base 4-5,000 feet and tops unknown, visibility 2 miles. No cloud cover was over target area and visibility was 2 miles.

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Mission No. 111
18 June 1944

Operations Order No. 594
IX Fighter Command
Escorting and Bombing

White	Lt. Col. Therriault	Yellow	Capt. Kimball
	Lt. Rice		Lt. Allen
	Lt. Littlejohn		Lt. DeGruchy
	Lt. Smith		Lt. Matye
Red	Lt. Krug	Blue	Capt. Hylen
	Lt. Godfrey		Lt. Blevins
	Lt. Dian		Lt. McDaniel
	Lt. Given		Lt. Feltz

Taking off at 1002, our squadron led by Lt. Col. Therriault, flew an escort withdrawal and bombing mission with A-20s to bomb oil supplies and tanks SW of Conches. The squadron flew courses briefed on time and L/I was at 13,000 feet at 1055 and L/O at 11,000 feet at 1130. However, they were unable to identify points of the L/F because of the cloud cover. The rendevous was on time and the squadron was over the target from 1110 to 1130. The planes escorted the bombers until 10 minutes out of enemy territory--the bombers did not drop their bombs. Cloud cover over the target was 10/10 with base at 3,000 feet and tops at 4,500 feet. Visibility was 8 miles air to air and 12 miles air to ground with a slight haze above the clouds. There were broken cumulus clouds en route with the same visibility. The squadron returned to the base with all their bombs at 1204.

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Mission No. 112
20 June 1944

Gin Telephone Order
Wide-bombing

White	Captain Buckner	Yellow	Captain Dylen
	Lt. Godfrey		Lt. Allen
	Lt. Littlejohn		Lt. Krug
	Lt. Smith		Lt. McClure
Red	Captain Austin		
	Lt. Hamilton		
	Lt. DeTruchy		
	Lt. McDaniel		

Taking off at 2056, the squadron led by Captain Buckner dropped 24 GP 500 pound bombs diving from 4,000 feet at a 45 degree angle and releasing the bombs at 1500 feet. Two flights bombed a convoy of ten armored vehicles and ten large trucks moving south at Montblainville, 10 miles north of Pontoise, destroying three armored vehicles and four trucks. One flight bombed marshalling yards at Neru hitting the railroad tracks. About 10 or 12 large lorries observed on highway at Neru headed towards Chaumont. L/I was made at Le Treport 12,000 feet at 2122. Squadron was over the target at 2200 and made L/C at Le Treport 11,000 feet 2242 landing at the base at 2505. Intense inaccurate light flak was encountered over bombing area. Intense moderate inaccurate heavy flak was encountered at Crugil and Etrepagny airdrome. There was 3 to 4/10 cloud cover over target with visibility 2 to 4 miles. There was 8/10 cloud cover en route with visibility 8 miles.

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INCL #19

115

Mission No. 113
21 June 1944

Operations Order No. 403
8th Fighter Command
Ramrod, Withdrawal Support

1st Effort

White	Captain Schuster	Yellow	Lt. DeCrucky
	Lt. Rice		Lt. Fox
	Captain Tylen		Lt. Tropenick
	Lt. Smith		Lt. Feloz
Red	Captain Parlow	Blue	Lt. Borson
	Lt. Godfrey		Lt. McCall
	Lt. McDaniel		Lt. Barber
	Lt. Lobdell		Lt. Maehrlein

Taking off at 0820, the squadron, led by Captain Schuster made R/V at 0956 but could not determine location because of 10/10 overcast which cleared up near Bremen. R/V was made at Bad Oldosloe at 1115 25,000 feet. A straight course was followed to Hanover and then to Hamburg. Escorted bombers until R/C at 1145 28,000 feet, location unknown. Visibility air to air was 12 to 15 miles. Heavy moderate inaccurate flak was encountered over Hamburg and Hemmunster. Intense heavy flak was seen in the distance at Osnabruck and heavy intense accurate flak was encountered over Bremen. The bombers were flying in good formation with only a few stragglers and none in trouble. R/T good. The squadron landed at 1300.

INCL #20

Mission No. 114
21 June 1944

Operations Order No. 403-P
IX Fighter Command
Divebomb and Strafe

2nd Effort

White	Captain Buckner	Yellow	Lt. Littlejohn
	Lt. Keas		Lt. Morris
	Lt. McClure		Lt. Dian
	Lt. Murphy		Lt. Blevins
Red	Lt. Shook	Blue	Captain Schwellenbach
	Lt. Patye		Lt. Mantorski
	Lt. Hamilton		Lt. McClellan
	Lt. Given		Lt. Allen

Diving from 10,000 feet at a 75 degree angle, the squadron, led by Captain Buckner, released 576 fragmentation bombs from 3,000 feet on hangars and living quarters of Peronne A/D and strafed area on way down. Hits were concentrated in living area starting numerous fires and causing a large explosion which was probably caused by a hit on an oil dump. Take-off was at 2017, over target from 2126 to 2156 and landing at 2214. Intense accurate light barrage type flak was encountered over the target. There was 8/10 cloud cover over target and 10/10 en route, base 3 to 4,000 feet, visibility air to air 15 miles above overcast and 3 to 5 miles below.

INCL #21

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Mission No. 115
22 June 1944

Operations Order No. 406
IX Fighter Command
Glide-bomb and strafe

1st Effort

White	Lt. Col. Therriault	Yellow	Lt. McDaniel
	Lt. Maehrlein		Lt. Miller
	Lt. Corson		Capt. Farlow
	Lt. McCall		Lt. Lobdell
Red	Lt. Krug	Blue	Lt. DeGruchy
	Lt. Rice		Lt. Fox
	Lt. Barber		Lt. Kronenick
	Lt. Smith		Lt. Feltz

The squadron, led by Lt. Col. Therriault, took off at 1249 to glide-bomb and strafe target area south of Cherbourg. They reached the target area 1335 and dropped 45 GP 500 pound bombs from 10,000 feet at a 10 degree angle releasing the bombs at 250 to 400 feet. All hits were in the target area. The course was flown as briefed and L/I was at 12,000 feet at 1333 over Cmondville. L/O was at 4,000 feet at 1340 over Pt. de Barfleur. There was a heavy layer of smoke over the target area; possibly coming from smoke generators. Unable to gain sufficient altitude at the take-off, Lt. Miller's aircraft struck trees at the end of the runway damaging his landing-gear. He jettisoned his bombs immediately and proceeded to Manston where he made a successful belly-landing sustaining no injuries. Meager inaccurate heavy flak was encountered going in and coming from Cherbourg. Visibility over the target was 2 to 3 miles through smoke. Cloud cover en route was 3 to 4/10 with a base of 4 to 5,500 feet and visibility of 4 to 8 miles. The squadron returned at 1429.

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INCL # 22

118

Mission No. 116
22 June 1944

Operations Order No. 407 P&Q
IX Fighter Command
Ramrod B-26s

2nd Effort

White	Captain Kimball	Yellow	Lt. Shook
	Lt. Allen		Lt. Given
	Lt. McDlellan		Lt. Kantorski
	Lt. Wheeler		Lt. Intye
Red	Captain Hylen	Blue	Lt. Dien
	Lt. Murphy		Lt. Blevins
	Lt. McClure		Lt. Littlejohn
	Lt. Neas		Lt. Morris

Taking off at 1959, the squadron led by Captain Kimball, escorted bombers to their target at La Chapelle Moche. The course was flown as planned as far as Mortain. The planes then went south until NE of Mayenne and from there proceeded up to their target. Bombers made a wide 360 degree angle over the target area and then bombed. The target was reached at 2030 and the planes left this area at 2220. The bombers then went North and made L/O at Coburg at 2145 at 10,000 feet. L/I was made due North of St. Lo at 12,000 feet at 2059. The bombers were in good formation, laid down an excellent bombing pattern, and none were in difficulty. Visibility over the target area was 5 miles. Cloud cover en route was from 3/10 to 5/10 with a base of 4,000 feet and tops of 8,000 feet. Visibility en route was the same as over the target area. The squadron returned at 2240.

INCL #23

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Mission No. 117
25 June 1944.

Operations Order No. 413 H, I, J
IX Fighter Command
Ramrod A-20s

1st Effort

White	Captain Schuster	Yellow	Lt. DeTruchy
	Lt. Fox		Lt. Rice
	Lt. Kropenick		Lt. Tuck
	Lt. Blevins		Lt. Smith
Red	Lt. Corson	Blue	Captain Farlow
	Lt. McCall		Lt. Miller
	Lt. Kantorski		Lt. Hamilton
	Lt. Maehrlein		Lt. Godfrey

Taking off at 0739, the squadron led by Captain Schuster, escorted A-20s to their target West of La Ferte Mace. The course was flown as briefed and the planes were over the target from 0810 until 0942. The bombers were in good formation and an excellent bombing pattern was observed on both sides of the road in the wood. L/I was over Trouville at 11,000 feet at 0837. L/O was also above Trouville at 0913 at 10,000 feet. The altitude over the target was 10,000 feet. Visibility en route and over the target was 15 miles with a haze at 5,000 feet. There was a cloud cover of 1/10 with a base and tops of 14,000 feet. The squadron returned at 0953.

INCL #24

Mission No. 118
25 June 1944

Operations Order No. 414
IX Fighter Command
Ramrod, B-26s

2nd Effort

White	Lt. Col. Therriault	Yellow	Captain Buckner
	Lt. Morris		Lt. Meas
	Lt. Kropenick		Lt. Kantorski
	Lt. Murphy		Lt. Wheeler
Red	Capt. Schwellenbach	Blue	Lt. Shook
	Lt. Lobdell		Lt. Latye
	Lt. McClellan		Lt. Hamilton
	Lt. Allen		Lt. Given

Providing escort for B-26s who bombed the woods at Senonches, the squadron led by Lt. Colonel Therriault took-off at 1450 and remained with the medium bombers until 1721. The course was followed as briefed as far as the target area. The R/V was made just south of Worthing. L/I on enemy coast was made at 10,000 feet at 1558. Over the target from 1623 to 1633, an excellent bombing pattern was observed resulting in one particularly intense fire and grey smoke in the woods. L/O was made northeast of Dieppe at 10,000 feet 1655. The squadron left the bombers at Rye at 1721. Intense inaccurate heavy flak was encountered over airdromes at Verneuil, Breteuil, Conches and Beaumont. Light meager inaccurate flak was encountered over the same areas, also. There was 2/10 cloud cover over the target with the base 6,000 feet and tops 8,000 feet and visibility 8 to 10 miles. En route to target there was 9/10 cloud cover with haze over the channel and visibility in that area 3 to 5 miles. The squadron landed at 1730.

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Mission No. 119
27 June 1944

Operations Order No. 417-A
[illegible] Fighter Command
Glidebombing

1st Effort

White	Colonel Wells	Top Cover	Captain Schuster
	Lt. Rice		Lt. Blevins
	Lt. McClellan		Captain Tylen
	Lt. Wheeler		Lt. McDaniel
Red	Lt. Krug		
	Lt. Baehrlein		
	Lt. Barber		
	Lt. McCall		

The squadron, led by Colonel Wells, dropped 14 [illegible] 500 pound bombs on fuel dumps at Argentan. Taking off at 1300, the boys were over the target from 1605 to 1620 and returned to base at 1720. The dive was started at 4,000 feet at a 50 degree angle with the bombs released from 1,000 feet. I/I and I/C was made at Fecamp. Fifteen tanks were observed at le Mele Sur S. at 1610 from 100 feet heading southwest. Lt. Barber was shot down by fire from these tanks and was last seen making a belly landing in the vicinity of Courtomer in a clear spot. No fire was seen. Lts. Krug, McCall and Baehrlein claimed that two tanks left burning were destroyed and one probably destroyed. There was 6/10 cloud cover over the target from 4 to [illegible],000 feet and visibility was good. There was 10/10 cloud cover en route from 5 to 12,000 feet and visibility was good.

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Mission No. 120
27 June 1944

Operations Order No. 418
IX Fighter Command
Glidebombing and Strafing

2nd Effort

White	Lt. Col. Therriault	Top Cover	Capt. Schwellenbach
	Lt. Feltz		Lt. Allen
	Lt. Duck		Lt. McClure
	Lt. Miller		Lt. Murphy
Red	Lt. Littlejohn		
	Lt. Morris		
	Lt. Dian		
	Lt. Lobdell		

Seven of our aircraft dropped 14 - 500 pound bombs diving from 1500 feet at a 30 degree angle and releasing the bombs from 500 feet. The bombs were dropped on a road east of Argentan. Lts. Littlejohn, Morris, Feltz and Miller claim each destroyed a truck. Lt. Littlejohn was hit by flak resulting in category B damage to his aircraft and he landed at an advanced landing strip on the Normandy beach-head. Lt. Lobdell reported that he was low on gas and although no word has been heard from him since then, it is believed that he landed at an advanced landing strip in Normandy, also. The squadron took-off at 1838, made R/V at 1952 at 13,000 feet; over the target from 2000 to 2030; made R/D at 2040 at 6,000 feet and R/V on the English coast at 2056 landing on the base at 2110. Light meager accurate flak was encountered over Neufchatel and Echauffour. There was 4/10 cloud cover over the target with its base at 4,000 feet and tops 5,000 feet. Visibility was 8 miles. En route there was 8 to 8/10 cloud cover with its base 3500 feet and tops 5,000 feet and visibility 10 to 15 miles.

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Mission No. 131
28 June 1944

Wing Telephone Order
Patrol

1st Effort

White	Captain Schuster	Yellow	Captain Tylen
	Lt. Kantorski		Lt. Rice
	Lt. McDaniel		Lt. Wheeler
	Lt. McClure		Lt. Murphy
Red	Lt. Krug	Blue	Captain Farlow
	Lt. Haehrlein		Lt. Blevins
	Lt. Kropenick		Lt. Hamilton
	Lt. McCall		Lt. Given

The squadron, led by Captain Schuster, took-off at 0545 to patrol area over Normandy beach-head. R/V was made at 12,000 feet at 0631 and R/C at 11,000 feet at 0816. The area was patrolled from 0640 to 0810. Captain Schuster saw the 365th bounced by Me 109s. Meager heavy accurate flak was encountered over airdrome west of Caen. The squadron landed at 0848. There was 10/10 cloud cover with the base at 15,000 feet and tops 14,000 feet and visibility 10 to 15 miles.

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ITC [illegible]
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366TH FIGHTER SQUADRON
APO 141 U. S. ARMY

1 August 1944

SQUADRON HISTORY, July Installment:

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(1) Organization: Negative.

(2) Strength: 251 Enlisted Men
48 Officers

(3) Movement: Forward echelon consisting of eight (8) officers and eighty-three (83) enlisted men departed Station 411, High Halden, Kent, for Marshalling Yards at Southampton for movement to far shore at 0530, 30 June 1944 and arrived at Marshalling Yards at 1730, same date. Departed Yards at 0945, 1 July 1944 and boarded Liberty ship at Southampton for transport to far shore. Disembarked July 3 and 4 and arrived ALG #14, Cretteville, France, 1730, 4 July 1944. Rear echelon, four (4) officers and one hundred and fifty-two (152) enlisted men, departed Station 411, at 1200, 6 July 1944 arriving at Marshalling Yards at 1245, 7 July 1944; embarked at Southampton on LCI for far shore and disembarked at Omaha beach head at 1730, 8 July 1944 and stayed over night at Transit Site #3, Omaha beach; departed 1430, 9 July 1944 for ALG #14, Cretteville, at 1730, same date. 17 officers, pilots, and planes arrived 16 July and the remainder of pilots and eleven (11) enlisted men arrived by C-47 on 18 July 1944 and arrived this base at 1830, 18 July 1944.

(4) Casualties: Seven. (a) Captain C. A. Austin, 4 July 1944
(b) 2nd Lt. Edward P. Blevins, 12 July 44
(c) 2nd Lt. John H. Wheeler, 14 July 44
(d) 1st Lt. Augustus Hamilton, 14 July 44
(e) Captain Oliver W. DeGruchy, 26 July 44
(f) 2nd Lt. Charles H. Miller, 29 July 44
(g) 2nd Lt. James E. Cuddihee, 29 July 44

(a) Capt Austin was hit by flak at Les Andelys and went out of sight at river north of Hendeville; explosion seen to follow. No chute seen.
(b) Lt Blevins was on dive bombing mission when flight was bounced by 6 plus FW 190s and it is believed he was shot down by a FW 190.
(c) Lt Wheeler was last seen circling in light flak near Alencon and it is believed he was hit. No details known.
(d) Lt Hamilton was lost on same mission as Lt Wheeler. His flight was jumped by 20 plus FW 190s and 15 plus Me 109s. It is believed Lt Hamilton shot down two (2) enemy aircraft before going down. He was last seen diving on four (4) E/A with four (4) on his tail.
(e) Capt DeGruchy was hit by flak on mission to dive bomb troops east of Canisy. Plane caught fire and he was seen to bail out at 1500 feet and was last seen at 500 feet floating just behind enemy lines.

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(f) Lt Miller was hit by flak on fifth mission of 29 July 1944 at the approximate location of T500495. Reported on radio he was badly hit. He did not return and his status is not known.

(g) Lt Cuddihee was reported missing same day as Lt Miller, 29 July, on 6th mission. Was seen to bail out at 25550 and a Frenchman was seen going towards him.

(5) Decorations: (a) The following named officers received Air Medals and Oak Leaf Clusters to Air Medals previously awarded, per General Orders #13, Hq XIX TAC, 27 June 1944. (Incl. #1).

2nd Lt David J. Godfrey, Air Medal
2nd Lt Charles H. Maehrlein, Air Medal
2nd Lt Traian T. Mayte, Air Medal, 1st OLC
2nd Lt Craig C. McCall, Air Medal
2nd Lt James E. Morris, Jr., Air Medal
2nd Lt Henry Murphy, Air Medal
2nd Lt Robert H. Rice, Air Medal
2nd Lt Martin E. Allen, 3rd OLC
1st Lt Walter E. Feltz, 6th OLC
2nd Lt Ernest R. Given, 2nd OLC
2nd Lt John H. Wheeler (MIA), 3rd OLC
1st Lt Philip D. Brockus (MIA), 7th OLC
1st Lt Edward Kantorski, 8th OLC
1st Lt John J. Kropenick, 10th OLC
1st Lt Augustus Hamilton (MIA), 10th OLC
1st Lt John R. Harber (MIA), 6th OLC
1st Lt Victor H. Idol, (MIA), 10th OLC
1st Lt David B. Tuck, 9th OLC
1st Lt Robert F. Krug, 11th OLC
1st Lt Erik P. Littlejohn, 10th OLC
1st Lt Max W. McClure, 10th OLC
1st Lt Carmel M. Shook, 10th OLC
1st Lt William Dian, 11th OLC
1st Lt Harold L. McClellan, 10th OLC
1st Lt Meredith M. McDaniel, 11th OLC
Captain Robert C. Schuster, 10th OLC
Captain Oliver W. DeGruchy (MIA), 10th OLC
Captain Allan W. Farlow, 11th OLC
Captain Knute N. Hylen, 11th OLC
Captain C. A. (MIA) Austin, 11th OLC
Captain Charles T. Kimball, 9th OLC

(b) The following named officers were named lead combat pilots and authorized to wear a 1/8th inch gold border around blue patch now authorized for combat flying personnel, awarded per Section IV, General Orders #16, Hq XIX TAC, 31 July 1944: (Incl. #2).

Captain Robert C. Schuster, Commanding Officer
Captain John H. Buckner, Operations Officer

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Squadron flew thrity-nine (39) operational missions during the month. Missions were of all types; dive-bombing, glide-bombing, skip-bombing, patrol, escort and strafing. Mission reports attached hereto.

On 3 July, 2d lts Brown, Cuddihee, Giamalva, Hammer and Keever, pilots, assigned and joined squadron as replacements. July 3 and 4 will long be remembered as day forward echelon of squadron arrived at new base in France. Captain Austin lost in combat on this day. (4 July 44).

On 6 July, rear echelon departed Station 411 for far shore; arriving at Omaha beach on 8 July and ALG #14 on 9 July. Squadron housed in pyramidal tents, latrines and urinals dug, line and offices set up, mess hall in operation.

2d Lt Blevins shot down by FW 190 near Dreux on 12 July 1944.

On 14 July squadron lost two pilots during combat with enemy aircraft near Alencon; 1st Lt Hamilton and 2d Lt Wheeler being shot down on this date. Squadron is being hard hit by enemy aircraft, flak, anti-aircraft fire and landing accidents. Crews and other line personnel experience difficulty at times getting required number of planes in commission for missions. Two (2) planes lost on ground at Station 411 in addition to losses in air; one by fire on ground and one in landing accident.

Planes and pilots arrived from England on 16 July 1944. Remainder of pilots and enlisted men arrived on 18 July 1944.

Squadron flying average of three (3) missions daily. Still having difficulty keeping enough planes in commission. Due to low altitude missions, many planes being hit by AA fire, flak and tanks.

Orders received 22 July promoting 2d Lts Feltz and Kropenick to 1st Lt; effective 10 July 1944 and 2d Lt Kantorski to 1st Lt., effective 15 July 1944.

On 24 July 1944 first group of pilots return to England for 5 days operational leave. All pilots to receive leave.

Captain DeGruchy reported missing in action on 26 July 1944. 2d Lt Miller hit by flak and did not return from 29 July mission. Exact status still unknown. 2d Lt Cuddihee bailed out same day at approximately T5550.

Squadron flying many missions despite adverse weather conditions. Squadron was harder hit this month than any previous month. Seven (7) pilots reported MIA and approximately fifteen (15) planes lost in addition to many others badly shot up that were repaired in squadron and transferred to service group.

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Summary of missions attached as inclosures, numbered as indicated from No. 3 to #41.

4 July 1944 - 3 missions (1 DB; 2 GB)
5 July 1944 - 2 missions (1 DB and escort; 1 escort)
6 July 1944 - 3 missions (2 escort; 1 DB)
7 July 1944 - 1 mission [redacted] (Escort and patrol)
8 July 1944 - 1 mission (DB)
10 July 1944 - 1 mission (DB)
11 July 1944 - 1 mission (DB)
12 July 1944 - 2 missions (1 DB; 1 GB)
14 July 1944 - 1 mission [redacted] (Armed Recon)
17 July 1944 - 1 mission (DB)
18 July 1944 - 4 missions (4 beach patrols)
19 July 1944 - 1 mission (Escort)
20 July 1944 - 1 mission (Beach Patrol)
24 July 1944 - 3 missions (1GB; 1 DB and S; 1 B)
25 July 1944 - 3 missions (2 GB; 1 DB)
26 July 1944 - 3 missions (2 GB; 1 DB)
27 July 1944 - 3 missions (2 DB; 1 GB)
•28 July 1944 - 1 mission (Bombing)
•29 July 1944 - 1 mission (Bombing)
•30 July 1944 - 1 mission (Bombing)
31 July 1944 - 2 missions (2 DB)

Legend: DB - dive bomb; GB - glide bomb; S - strafe; B - bombing.

• Missions of 28, 29 and 30 July were 1 flight missions, the entire days operation being counted as 1 mission. Five flights flown on 28th; seven on 29th and five on 30 July 1944.

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XIX TACTICAL AIR COMMAND

APO 141, U.S. Army.
11 July 1944.

GENERAL ORDERS)
NUMBER.....16)

EXTRACT

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SECTION IV

1. In accordance with authority delegated by the War Department, the following officers, lead crew combat pilots of organizations indicated, are authorized to wear a 1/8th inch gold border around blue patch now authorized by the War Department for combat flying personnel (WD Memorandum W600-15-43, 20 February 1943)

358TH FIGHTER GROUP

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366TH FIGHTER SQUADRON

CAPT ROBERT C. SCHUSTER	0793542
CAPT JOHN H. BUCKNER	025439

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By command of Brigadier General WEYLAND:

RANDOLPH P WILLIAMS
Colonel, Air Corps,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

/s/ W L KIDD
Major, Air Corps,
Acting Asst Adj Gen.

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MISSION NO. 123
4 JULY 1944

OPERATIONS ORDER NO. 432L
IX FIGHTER COMMAND
BOMB TROOP CONCENTRATIONS

1st Effort

White	Captain Schuster	Yellow	Captain Farlow
	Lt. Stalneker		Lt. Miller
	Lt. Kantorski		Lt. McDaniel
	Lt. Haehrlein		Lt. Godfrey
Red	Lt. Krug		
	Lt. Rice		
	Lt. Tuck		
	Lt. Smith		

The squadron, carrying fragmentation bombs with instantaneous fuses and led by Captain Schuster, took off at 0905 to bomb troop concentrations on the Cherbourg peninsula. The bombs were dropped from 4,000 feet at a 25 degree angle and were released at 1,000 feet--all hits were in the target area. There was a good pattern of hits in the target area--North and North-West of Lacqueville. The course was as briefed, but no troops were observed. L/I was made as briefed at 8,000 feet at 1001 and L/O at 5,000 feet at 1030. Eighteen bombs were jettisoned--6landed at Tenston and 12 in the channel--because of failure to release. There was a cloud cover of 6/10 with a base of 2,000 feet and a tops of 4,000 feet. South of the target area, storm clouds were building up and visibility over the target was 10 miles. Cloud cover en route was 5/10 with a base of 7,000 feet and tops of 8,000 feet. Visibility was 10 miles and over England was 2 to 3 miles. The squadron returned to the base at 1115 after remaining over the target from 1010 until 1020.

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MISSION NO. 124
4 JULY 1944

OPERATIONS ORDER NO. 432v
IX FTR. CMD. 3 FIELD
GLIDE-BOMB ATTACHMENT

2nd Effort

WHITE CAPT. [illegible] AUSTIN
LT. [illegible] WEST
LT. [illegible] HAMILTON
LT. [illegible] ALLEN

YELLOW LT. [illegible] SHOOK
LT. [illegible] HAYES
LT. [illegible] MCCLELLAN
LT. [illegible] HYDE

RED CAPT. [illegible] HYLEN
LT. [illegible] FLEMER
LT. [illegible] MCGILLEN
LT. [illegible] MURPHY

At 1434, our squadron led by Captain Austin, took-off with 500 pound GP bombs to glide-bomb a rail-road embankment E of Chartres. One plane aborted because of an oil leak. Bombs were dropped from an altitude of 8,000 feet at a 30 degree angle and were released at 50 feet. All hits were in the target area and there was one direct hit. Planes were over the target area from 1552 until 1602, although the briefed target was not bombed because Captain Austin was unable to identify it. Lt. Hamilton dropped 2 bombs in a mouth of a tunnel East of Dueil. Lt. Shook destroyed 3 light AA guns and the majority of their crews by strafing at Caudevac, East of Le Havre. Two trucks were destroyed by Lt. Shook's flight North-East of Le Havre. Captain Austin is reported as missing in action as he is believed to have been hit by flak at Les Andelys and was seen to go down out of sight at a river North of Neudebouville. Observers reported that an explosion followed and no parachute opened. The course was followed as briefed as far as the target. Planes made L/I at 1525 at 5,000 feet and went past the briefed target at 1552 as far South as Toury and then turned back. The target was called to the attention of Captain Austin, but he did not believe that it was the correct target. The planes circled the target twice and then went north and dropped their bombs at cross-roads at Houdan. Captain Austin's flight, after he was lost, continued on the briefed course and made L/O East of Dieppe at 1634 at 7,500 feet. Captain Hylen's and Lt. Shook's flights went further east and made L/O over Fecamp at 3,000 feet at 1650. Lt. McClellen released 1 bomb over Les Andelys flak position. Light intense accurate flak was encountered at Les Andelys and Caudebac. Cloud cover over the target was 8/10 to 10/10 with a base of 2,000 feet and a tops of 5,000 feet. Visibility was eight miles with scattered showers. En route there was a cloud cover of 8/10 with a base of from 2,000 to 8,000 feet and tops of from 5,000 to 10,000 feet. Visibility was from ½ to 5 miles with scattered showers. The squadron returned to the base at 1708.

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MISSION NO. 125
4 JULY 1944

OPERATIONS ORDER NO. 433
IX FIGHTER COMMAND
GLIDE BOMB RAILROAD

3rd Effort

White	Captain Buckner	Top Cover	Lt. Krug
	Lt. Stalnaker		Lt. Rice
	Lt. Kropenick		Lt. Wheeler
	Lt. Feltz		Lt. Smith
Red	Lt. Corson		
	Lt. Haehrlein		
	Lt. Kantorski		
	Lt. McCall		

Our squadron, led by Captain Buckner, took off at 2027 with 500 pound GP bombs to glide-bomb a railway line between Montfort and Mamers. As a secondary target, the planes were to glide-bomb a single track railroad North of Montagne and a railroad between Nonant and Laigle. The planes were over the target area from 2145 until 2151 and bombs were dropped from 2,000 feet at a 25 degree angle and were released at 200 feet with all hits landing in the target area. There was one category A damage. All hits landed on the rail line between Nonant and Laigle. Fair bombing results were observed. Lt. Corson became separated from the rest of the squadron and bombed other secondary target. The course was as planned except the targets attacked were not as briefed and only went as far south as East of Alencon. Severe ice conditions were encountered over the continent. Planes made L/I at 2122 West of Trouville at 8,000 feet and made L/C over the same place at 7,000 feet at 1002. Troop concentrations are believed to be in woods East of Argentan and North-East of Echauffour. Tanks were seen on the road East of Alencon. Two bombs were jettisoned--one in the channel and one in France--because of failure to release. Light meager inaccurate flak was encountered in woods at Neufchatel. Planes encountered also light accurate intense flak in woods East of Argentan and North-East of Echauffour and heavy moderate inaccurate flak over Lisieux. There was a cloud cover over the target area of 8/10 with a base of 4,000 feet and tops of 10,000 feet with a visibility of 1 mile. There was no cloud cover over the channel, but beyond the channel the cloud cover was the same. Above the overcast, there was a visibility of 10 miles. The squadron returned to the base at 2230.

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MISSION NO. 126
5 JULY 1944

OPERATIONS ORDER NO. 454
IX FIGHTER COMMAND
DIVE-BOMB & RAMROD TO B-26's

1st Effort

White	Captain Hylen	Yellow	Captain DeGruchy
	Lt. Test		Lt. Blevins
	Lt. Littlejohn		Lt. McClure
	Lt. Morris		Lt. Murphy
Red	Captain Schwellenbach		
	Lt. Matye		
	Lt. McClellan		
	Lt. Allen		

Our squadron, led by Captain Hylen, took off at 0809 to dive-bomb flak installations at Caen and act as ramrod to B-26's. Serving as escort from 0900 until 1003, the planes flew over the target area from 0933 until 0938 and dropped 500 pound GP bombs from 11,000 feet at a 70 degree angle and released them at 5,000 feet. All hits were in the target area and there was a good pattern of hits on flak installations East of Colombelles and North-East of Cormelles. Bombers were in good formation, but their bomb hits were undetermined. Course was as briefed and L/I was at Cabourg at 0929 at 11,000 feet and L/C at 0956 at 10,000 feet. Heavy intense accurate flak was encountered over Caen, Colombelles and Cormelles. Visibility over the target was 15 to 20 miles. En route there was a cloud cover of 8/10 with a base of 500 feet and tops of 4,000 feet on the way out, and a base of 1,500 feet and tops of 3,000 feet on the return. Visibility below the overcast was 5 miles and above the overcast visibility was from 15 to 20 miles. The squadron returned to the base at 1027.

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Mission No. 127
5 July 1944

Operations Order No. 4559
IX Fighter Command
Ramrod

2nd Effort

White	Captain Buckner	Yellow	Lt. Feltz
	Lt. McCall		Lt. Stalnaker
	Lt. Kropenick		Lt. Miller
	Lt. Dorson		Lt. Wantorski
Red	Lt. Haehrlein		
	Lt. Dian		
	Lt. Godfrey		
	Lt. Hamilton		

Our squadron, led by Captain Buckner, took off at 1930 on a ramrod mission. The planes escorted the bombers over the target area around Bourg Leonard from 1955 until 2110. Excellent bomb hits were observed S of Beauvais. The squadron made R.V. at Cayeux at 2057 at 11,000 feet and L/T at 14,000 feet at 2015 East of St. Valery. Bombers were in good formation. Intense heavy accurate flak was encountered at Amiens and Abbeville and meager accurate flak was encountered at Le Treport. Visibility over the target area was 8 miles downsun. There was a cloud cover en route of from 6 to 8/10 with a tops of 5,000 feet and base unknown--visibility was also unknown. The squadron returned to the base at 2125.

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Mission No. 188
6 July 1944

Operations Order No. 437-B
IX Fighter Command
Ramrod

1st Effort

White	Captain Hylen	Yellow	Captain Schwellenbach
	Lt. Given		Lt. Allen
	Lt. Shook		Lt. McClellan
	Lt. Matye		Lt. McCall
Red	Lt. Littlejohn		
	Lt. Morris		

Taking off at 0725 to act as ramrod for bombers over Rennes, our squadron was led by Captain Hylen. The planes escorted the bombers over the target area from 0810 until 0940 and a good pattern of bomb hits were observed. Bombers were in good formation and the planes made L/C over Pt. Barfleur at 0926 at 12,000 feet and L/I at the same point and altitude at 0826. Heavy accurate moderate flak was encountered East of Vire and one puff of red flak was observed. There was a cloud cover of 1/10 over the target area with a tops of 12,500 feet and base unknown. Visibility was from 15 to 20 miles. En route there was a cloud cover of 1/10 with the same tops and same visibility. The squadron returned at 1020.

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Mission No. 129
6 July 1944

Operations Order No. 430-A
IX Fighter Command
Divebombing

2nd Effort

White	Lt. Col. Cherriault	Yellow	Captain DeTruchy
	Lt. West		Lt. Spalnaker
	Lt. Smith		Lt. Tropenick
	Lt. Rice		Lt. Feltz
Red	Captain Parlow		
	Lt. Miller		
	Lt. McDaniel		
	Lt. Godfrey		

Taking off at 1245 the squadron, led Lt. Colonel Cherriault, divebombed the railroad track southeast of Laval. Over the target from 1430 to 1450, 25 GP 500 pound bombs with 8-11 second tail fusing, were dropped from 1,000 feet at a 30 degree angle after starting the dive from 3,000 feet. All bombs fell in the target area. Several near misses were observed as well as one direct hit on railway and highway junction southeast of Laval. L/I was made over Trouiville 1[illegible],000 feet at 1400 and L/O at 1505 3,000 feet 10 miles west of Caen. A convoy of Red Cross trucks were seen 5 miles east of Vire. An oil dump southeast of Laval containing railroad tank cars was shot up resulting in an explosion. The squadron landed at 1545. Heavy moderate inaccurate flak was encountered over bomb line at Caumont. There was 5/10 cloud cover over the target, tops 7,000 feet, base 1.000 feet and visibility 20 miles. En route there was 5/10 cloud cover, base 10,000 feet, tops 14,000 feet and visibility 20 miles.

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Mission No. 130
6 July 1944

Operations Order No. 437-
IX Fighter Command
Ramrod

3rd Effort

White	Colonel Wells	Yellow	Lt. Shook
	Lt. Harmer		Lt. Murphy
	Lt. Littlejohn		Lt. Wheeler
	Lt. Blevins		Lt. Brown
Red	Lt. Dian		
	Lt. Diamalva		
	Lt. Given		
	Lt. Keever		

The squadron took off at 1320 with Colonel Wells leading to escort medium bombers bombing a target near Arras. R/V was made over Gravelines 1900 15,000 feet. The aircraft were 10 minutes late over target. Good hits and orange smoke were observed on the target. The bomber formation was poor. R/C was made over Dunkerque at 1950 13,000 feet. The squadron landed at 2015. Heavy accurate moderate flak was encountered over Dunkerque coming out and heavy inaccurate meager flak was encountered going in. Over the target there was haze to 8,000 feet, visibility 10 miles.

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Mission No. 131
7 July 1944

Operations Order No. 453-
IX Fighter Command
Rcmrod and Patrol

White	Captain Schuster	Yellow	Capt. Parlow
	Lt. Tropenick		Lt. Hamilton
	Lt. Trug		Lt. Shook
	Lt. McClure		Lt. McDaniel
Red	Capt. Schwellenbach		
	Lt. McClellan		
	Lt. Corson		
	Lt. Wantorski		

The squadron took-off at 2030 hours with Captain Schuster leading. R/T was made at 2130 hours 10 miles west of Le Havre at 15,000 feet. R/C was made at 2220 hours 10 miles west of Le Havre at 12,000 feet. Bomb hits were seen in Caen resulting in what appeared to be an ammunition dump blowing up or incendiary fires. Caen was burning like hell. Heavy intense inaccurate flak was thrown up over Caen. There was 4/10 cumulus base 2500 to 6,000 feet, tops 10 to 11,000 feet and visibility 20 miles. En route there was 6/10 cloud cover with showers; cloud cover 7 to 7500 feet and visibility 20 miles. The squadron landed at 2300.

#11

Mission No. 132
8 July 1944

Operations Order No. 440-3
[illegible] Fighter Command
Divebombing

White	Captain Schuster	Yellow	Lt. Shook
	Lt. Suddiburo		Lt. Beaver
	Lt. Allen		Lt. Hamilton
	Lt. Moehrlein		Lt. Watye
Red	Captain Buckner		
	Lt. West		
	Lt. Rice		
	Lt. Smith		

The squadron took-off at 1010 hours with Captain Schuster leading to divebomb the Monte-Orleans railroad. Seven 500 pound GP bombs with 8-11 tail fusing were dropped on targets, 4 aircraft bombing marshalling yards 3 miles north of De Mons with all bombs on edge of yards and four aircraft bombing railroad 3 miles north of Segre with all hits in target area. Two direct hits broke tracks at two points. One flak gun position was strafed and destroyed 10 to 15 miles southwest of Caen. The squadron was over the target area from 1115 to 1200. Heavy meager accurate flak was encountered 5 miles west of Caen and light intense accurate flak going in at St. Lo. There was 10/10 cloud cover over target and four layers over the continent. Clouds were scattered below 6,000 feet. The four solid layers were from 5 to 20,000 feet. A large refugee convoy was observed traveling south from St. Lo on road to Vire. The squadron landed at 1300.

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Mission No. 133
10 July 1944

Operations Order No. 443-1
IX Fighter Command
Divebombing

White	Captain Tylen	Yellow	Lt. Krug
	Lt. Hammer		Lt. Morris
	Lt. Peltz		Lt. Wheeler
	Lt. Stelmaker		Lt. Smith
Red	Captain Schwellenbach		
	Lt. Brown		
	Lt. McClellan		
	Lt. McCall		

The squadron took-off at 0810 with Captain Tylen leading to divebomb 8 gun positions and fuel dump east of Lessay. All aircraft brought the 24 X 500 pound bombs back to the base as no visible contact was made with the target. L/I was made at 0915 hours over northeast tip of Cherbourg Peninsula at 1500 feet, over target area from 0920 to 0945 hours, L/O at 7,000 over Bayeux. The squadron landed at 1035. There was 10/10 cloud cover over the target in 3 layers 5 to 7,000 feet, 8,500 to 9,500 feet and 1 to 5,000 feet with visibility 10 miles. There was 10/10 cloud cover en route base 5,000 feet and tops 5,000 feet with visibility 10 miles.

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0913

Mission No. 134
11 July 1944

Operations Order No. 148-
I. Fighter Command
Divebombing

White — Captain Buckner
Lt. Blevins
Lt. Littlejohn
Lt. Dion

Yellow — Lt. McClure
Lt. West
Captain Parlow
Lt. Rice

Red — Lt. Corson
Lt. Cuddihee
Lt. Pantorski
Lt. Baehrlein

The squadron took-off at 1749 hours with Captain Buckner leading to divebomb a gun position east of Massey. Over the target from 1905 to 1915, seven aircraft dropped 14 - 500 pound bombs from 800 feet at a 30 degree angle diving from 1,000 feet with unobserved results. Two bombs failed to release over the target and were brought back to the base. Yellow flight acted as top-cover. Heavy and light meager inaccurate flak was encountered over target. The squadron landed at 2030. There was 3 to 5/10 cloud cover over the target from 1,500 to 13,000 feet and visibility 10 miles.

#14

0914

Mission No. 135
18 July 1944

Operations Order No. 446-7
Mr Fighter Command
Flidebombing

1st Effort

White	Captain Cluster Lt. Cicalva Lt. Civa Lt. Godfrey	Yellow	Captain Schwellenbach Lt. Brown Lt. O'Neil Lt. Allen
Red	Captain DeTrudy Lt. Turner Lt. Thronenick Lt. Stalnaker		

Taking off at 0640 the squadron led by Captain Cluster dropped 12 T.P. 500 pound bombs from 500 feet at a 30 degree angle starting the dive at 5,000 feet. The bombs landed on a double track railroad just east of Cherisy cutting the track and destroying a concrete railway bridge on eastern outskirts of Cherisy. Observed a static train 3 to 4 miles long just north of Senteuil consisting of box cars, flat cars, passenger cars and one locomotive. Heavy guns were on the flatcars. Ten armored vehicles were parked on the road just west of Rambouillet. Six trucks were destroyed on road south of Rambouillet. Meager light inaccurate flak was encountered over the target area. Over the target from 0800 to 0820 the squadron landed at 1010 hours. There was 10/10 cloud cover over the target base 1500 feet, tops 17.0 feet. Visibility was good. There was 10/10 cloud cover en route.

#15

0915

Mission No. 130
20 July 1944

Formation Order No. 130-3
9th Bomber Command
Divebombing

2nd Target

Yellow	Captain Shuster	Yellow	Captain Kimball
	1st Lt. Weaver		1st Lt. Wadsworth
	1st Lt. McDonald		1st Lt. Schmeider
	1st Lt. Meyer		1st Lt. Blevins
Red	1st Lt. Littlejohn		
	1st Lt. Dennis		
	1st Lt. Dion		
	1st Lt. Brildine		

Yellow Flight acting as top cover 9 aircraft dropped 18 TT 500 pound bombs when they were bounced by 8 plus FW 190's, near Dreux. Lt. Dion claimed one FW 190 damaged. Lt. Blevins is believed to have been shot down by a FW 190. The squadron took-off at 1456, made R/V to rendezvous point South of Le Havre at 10,000 feet; over target area from 1445 to 1450; R/D at 1500 hours at 10,000 feet over Le Havre. The squadron landed at 1545. There was 7/10 cloud cover over target, base 2500, tops 4,000 feet and visibility 10 miles with haze.

#16

Mission No. 137
14 July 1944

Operations Order No. 450-J
IX Fighter Command
Armed Reconnaissance

White — Captain Barlow
Lt. Smith
Lt. Hamilton
Lt. Miller

Yellow — Lt. Foltz
Lt. [illegible]lva

Red — Captain DeFruchy
Lt. Lawler
Lt. Tropenick
Lt. Wheeler

The squadron was bounced by 20 plus FW 190's and 15 plus Me 109's at 1440 north of Alencon. The E/A's were zooming in and out of the clouds. White and Yellow Flights attacked the second section of E/A's resulting in the destruction of one FW 190 each by Captain Barlow and Lieutenants Miller and Giarnalva. Lt. Wheeler was last seen circling in light flak. It is believed that Lt. Hamilton was shot down by E/A and also that he shot down one or two E/A. Lt. West shot down a Me 109 and damaged another. Captain Barlow destroyed a mobile flak unit and with the assistance of Lt. Giarnalva, destroyed 3 or 4 tank cars, with bombs and strafing south of Argentan. The E/A's were not flying in a definite formation. Some were in three ship flights. The squadron took-off at 1310 reaching the target at 1419 and landed at 1610. Moderate light flak (fairly accurate) was encountered near Argentan. Moderate light and heavy flak (inaccurate) was encountered near Le Havre. There was 3/10 cloud cover over target from 2500 to 7500 feet and visibility 5 to 10 miles. En route there was 8 to 10/10 cloud cover from 2500 to 5,000 feet.

#17

129

Mission No. 133
17 July 1944

Operations Order No. 84
[redacted] Fighter Command
Divebombing

1st Effort

White	Captain Kimball	Yellow	Captain DeGruchy
	Lt. McClellan		Lt. Diar
	Lt. Frue		Lt. Littlejohn
	Lt. McClure		Lt. Peltz
Red	Captain Marlow		
	Lt. McDaniel		
	Lt. Shook		
	Lt. Given		

Taking off at 1557, the squadron led by Captain Kimball was over the target area near Laval from 1500 to 1510 to bomb fuel installations. 10 500 pound GP bombs with 1/10 nose and 1/40 tail fusing were dropped at 4,000 feet at a 70 degree angle after starting the dive from 7,000 feet. The course was followed as briefed. One direct hit was observed on a fuel tank with several near misses in the target area but no fires were seen to start. En route back to base, Captain DeGruchyobserved a FW 190 being chased by 4 P-51s at 4,000 feet east of Argentan near Brecey. He pursued and attacked the E/A observing strikes in wing and fuselage. The E/A disappeared in the clouds and he later saw him 2 or 3 miles away out of range. There was 4/10 cloud cover over the target with base at 4,000 and tops at 5,000 feet and visibility 15 to 20 miles. En route there was 7/10 cloud cover with base at 4,000 feet and tops at 5,000 with visibility 2 to 5 miles. The squadron landed at 1552.

#18

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0918

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130

Mission No. 139
18 July 1944

Operations Order No. 261-1
IX Fighter Command
Beach Patrol

1st Effort

White — Captain Hylen
Lt. Kantorski
Captain Schwellenbach
Lt. Allen

Red — Lt. Krug
Lt. McClure
Lt. McClellan
Kropenick

Our squadron, led by Captain Hylen, took off at 0652 on a beach patrol mission. The area was patrolled from 0700 until 0830 and during this time a B-24 was seen to spin in and blow up four miles North-East of Bayeux. It had three engines feathered when first observed in flight. No parachutes were seen to open. Every assistance was offered to the aircraft, by buzzing ALG's, but the bomber pilot said over the R/T that he would make it alright. Moderate accurate heavy flak was encountered over St. Lo. There was a cloud cover of 7/10 over the area with a base of 3,500 feet and a tops of 4,500 feet. Visibility was from three to six miles. The squadron returned to the base at 0836.

#19

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0919

131

Mission No. 140
18 July 1944

Operations Order No. Z61-1
IX Fighter Command
Beach Patrol

2nd Effort

White Captain Kimball
Lt. Feltz
Lt. Littlejohn
Lt. Dian

Red Captain Farlow
Lt. Godfrey
Lt. Shook
Lt. Given

Our squadron, led by Captain Kimball, took off at 1149 on a beach patrol mission. The course was as briefed and they remained over the area from 1200 until 1330. The patrol was uneventful. There was a cloud cover of 10/10 over the west coast with a base of 4,000 feet and tops of 6,000 feet to 6,500 feet. There was a visibility to Bayeux with no cloud cover of from 15 to 20 miles. The squadron returned at 1335.

H20

132

ission No. 141
18 July 1944

[illegible] No. 131-2
[illegible] Command
[illegible]

[illegible] Report

[illegible] Lt. [illegible] Buchner
Lt. [illegible] McClellan
Lt. [illegible] Krug
Lt. [illegible] McClure

[illegible] Captain [illegible] Schellerbach
Lt. [illegible] Allen
Lt. [illegible] Gordon
Lt. [illegible] Berquist

[illegible] off at 1825 the squadron, led by Captain Buchner, patrolled the briefed area from 1830 to 1915 hours uneventfully. Enemy tanks were observed to be buried in the ground south of Meriers. There was 10/10 cloud cover over target with the base from 1 to 3,000 feet and tops 6 to 10,000 feet, visibility 2 to 5 miles. The patrol landed at 1925.

#21

Mission No. 142
10 July 1944

Operations Order No. 101-1
Fighter Command
Each Patrol

Fourth Effort

White
Captain Barlow
Lt. McDaniel
Lt. Shook
Lt. Godfrey

Red
Lt. Belt
Lt. Littlejohn
Lt. Dion

Taking off at 2110 Captain Barlow led the squadron over the briefed area from 2110 to 2205. Accurate intense flak was encountered north of Periers which was heavy and light. Lt. Shook went down to the deck and shot up two 40 mm guns and their crews. It is believed that the guns were destroyed and casualties to personnel inflicted. There was 10/10 cloud cover with the base at 3500 feet and tops unknown, visibility 2 miles. The patrol landed at 2212.

422

Mission No. 143
19 July 1944

Operations Order No. 87
IX Fighter Command
Ramrod

White	Captain Buckner	Yellow	Captain Schwellenbach
	Lt. Weever		Lt. Duddlee
	Lt. Smith		Lt. Allen
	Lt. Rice		Lt. McCall
Red	Lt. Shook		
	Lt. Matye		
	Lt. Given		
	Lt. Godfrey		

Our squadron, led by Captain Buckner, took off at 1340 to act as ramrod for A-20's over Tours. Planes were over the target area from 1920 until 2040. Excellent hits on the south end of a bridge at Tours by A-20's. Hits were also observed at a railroad junction South-East of Tours. The central section of the bridge was seen to collapse. The bombers were escorted in until 20 miles out in the channel, but the bombers made the bomb run from the west instead of from the east as planned. The bombers were in good formation, but several of them were hit by flak over the target and straggled for a short while. However, none were seen to go down. Heavy intense accurate flak was encountered over the target, inaccurate meager heavy flak was encountered over Le Havre, and heavy accurate meager flak was encountered over Gorges North-East of Lessay. There was a cloud cover of 6/10 with a base of 3,000 feet and tops of 5,000 feet over the target and en route. The squadron returned at 2114.

H23

0923

Mission No. 144
20 July 1944

Operations No. 261-1
IX Fighter Command
Beach Patrol

White — Captain Buckner
Lt. Hammer
Lt. DeGruchy
Lt. Feltz

Red — Lt. Corson
Lt. Brown
Lt. Kantorski
Lt. Haehrlein

At 1344 our squadron, led by Captain Buckner, took off to patrol the beach-head. They remained over the area from 1350 until 1505, but the patrol was uneventful. The planes flew at an altitude of from 12,000 to 13,000 feet. Cloud cover was 8/10 with a base of 500 feet and tops of 1500 to 2000 feet. Visibility was 5 miles below the clouds and 12 to 15 miles above. The squadron returned at 1514. Two planes aborted--the first because of radio and the second was abortive escort.

#24

Mission No. 145
24 July 1944

Operated no Order No. 28
[redacted] Fighter Command
Wide-berthing

1st Effort

White	Captain Schuster	Yellow	Lt. Shook
	Lt. Shalhoober		Lt. Stye
	Lt. Weltz		Lt. Given
	Lt. Rutledge		Lt. Godfrey
Red	Lt. LeClure		
	Lt. Oberer		
	Lt. Murphy		
	Lt. Brown		

Twelve aircraft loaded with twenty-four 500 pound fragmentation bombs bombed a point approximately [redacted]. Fifteen bombs were dropped from a 65 degree angle from 1,400 feet after starting the dive from 5,000 feet. The target was outlined by red smoke. Red 1 failed to release bombs over target and the rest of his flight followed suit. The eight bombs were jettisoned in the channel. Intense heavy and light accurate flak were encountered over the target. Intense accurate light and heavy flak was encountered in neighboring area. There was 10/10 cloud cover with haze. Visibility was 5 miles. The squadron took-off at 1059; over target from 1140 to 1200 and landed at 1205.

#25

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0925

Mission No. 146
24 July 1944

Operations Order No. 102
IX Fighter Command
Divebomb and Strafe

2nd Effort

White	Captain Buckner Lt. McCall Lt. Allen Lt. Waterlein	Yellow	Captain Schnellenbael Lt. Yost Lt. Smith Lt. Rice
Red	Captain DeTruchy Lt. Morris Lt. Miller		

At 1545 our squadron, led by Captain Buckner and carrying 500 pound bombs, took off to divebomb an airdrome at the Angers area and strafe an airdrome at Jorze. The planes were over the target area from 1633 until 1650--all bombs were dropped in the target area. In a dive from 15,000 feet, the planes released their bombs at 6,000 feet at an angle of from 45 to 60 degrees. Nothing was observed on either target. Trees on the second airdrome were strafed. One bomb hit started a fire in one revetment. The second airdrome at Jorze was strafed; it had gun positions located in it but they did not fire. Moderate accurate light flak was encountered at St. Martin , North East of Coutances. There was a cloud cover over the target area with a base of 4,000 feet and tops of 8,000 feet. Visibility was 1 to 2 miles because of haze below cloud above. En route, there was unrestricted visibility with scattered high clouds. Visibility was from 4 to 5 miles below the clouds. The squadron returned to the base at 1722.

#26

0926

Mission No. 147
24 July 1944

Operations Order No. IV 0-2
IX Fighter Command
Bomb troop Concentrations

3rd Effort

White	Captain Schuster	Yellow	Lt. McClure
	Lt. McCall		Lt. Keever
	Lt. Kantorski		Lt. Murphy
	Lt. Brown		Lt. Godfrey
Red	Lt. Kropenick		
	Lt. Giamalva		
	Lt. Feltz		
	Lt. Stalnaker		

Our squadron, led by Captain Schuster, took off at 2110 carrying 500 pound GP bombs to bomb troop concentrations at Percy. The squadron flew over the area from 2134 until 2140, but failed to bomb because of poor visibility. Heavy intense accurate flak was encountered 10 miles due north of the target--there was one Category A damage. There was a heavy haze at 6000 feet, but no clouds. The visibility up sun was nil and down sun was 1 mile. The squadron returned to the base at 2145.

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0927

Mission No. 148
25 July 1944

Operations Order No. 83
IX Fighter Command
Glide-bomb

1st Effort

White	Colonel Wells	Yellow	Captain DeGruchy
	Lt. Test		Lt. Hammer
	Lt. Shook		Lt. Given
	Lt. Katye		Lt. Murphy
Red	Lt. Corson		
	Lt. Maehrlein		
	Lt. Allen		
	Lt. Cuddihee		

Our squadron took off at 0907, led by Colonel Wells, carrying fragmentation bombs to glide-bomb a target area near St. Lo. At 0950 the planes flew over the target and glided down from an altitude of 6,000 feet to release their bombs at 2,000 feet at an angle of 30 degrees. The mission was uneventful. However, moderate heavy light accurate flak was encountered over Ferriers. All hits were in the target area and the planes flew at an altitude of 6,000 feet with a clear visibility of from 4 to 5 miles. The base of the overcast was estimated at 10,000 feet. The planes returned at 1000.

#28

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Mission No. 149
25 July 1944

Operations Order No. [illegible]
IX Fighter Command
Divebomb Tank Repair Chateau

Good Effort

White	Captain Buckner	Yellow	Lt. Fropenick
	Lt. Dierdlyn		Lt. Reever
	Lt. Godfrey		Lt. Felts
	Lt. Miller		Lt. Stalnaker
Red	Lt. Torson		
	Lt. Brown		
	Lt. Mantorski		
	Lt. McCall		

Taking off at 1402 and carrying 500 pound bombs to divebomb a tank repair chateau at La Haye, our squadron was led by Captain Buckner. The planes were over the target area from 1515 until 1520 and the bombs were released in a dive starting from 9 to 11,000 feet and were released at 5,500 to 7,000 feet at an angle of 70 degrees. There were some very close misses of the chateau and the planes strafed on the way down. A fire started next to the chateau. There was a cloud cover of 10/10 with a base of 12,500 feet. There was a visibility of 15 miles en route and 20 miles over the target. There was a heavy haze locally. The squadron returned at 1558.

#29

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Mission No. 150
25 July 1944

Operations Order No. 94
IX Fighter Command
Glide-Bomb Gun Positions

3rd Effort

White	Captain Schuster	Top Cover	Captain Schwellenbach
	Lt. Test		Lt. Cuddihee
	Lt. McClure		Lt. Allen
	Lt. Murphy		Lt. Baehrlein
Red	Lt. Shook		
	Lt. Hammer		
	Lt. Given		
	Lt. Matye		

Our squadron, led by Captain Schuster, took off at 2008 carrying 500 pound bombs to glide-bomb gun positions South-West of Marigny at T332497. The planes glided from an altitude of 6,000 feet and released their bombs at 2,000 feet at an angle of 70 degrees. The planes bombed the target in a clump of woods--the gun positions were not seen. Roads were well worn entering the woods by motor transport traffic. Four bombs were dropped on crossroads at T305517. One military transport was destroyed under a tree 4 miles South-East of Coutances by Lt. Shook. Heavy light moderate inaccurate flak was encountered at T358495 and Cerisy La Salle was observed to be on fire. There was a cloud cover of 8/10 with a base of 10,000 feet and a visibility of from 8 to 10 miles. The squadron returned to the base at 2125. Two bombs were returned to the base.

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Mission No. 151
26 July 1944

Operations Order No. 94-JYG-18
XX Fighter Command
Glide-bomb Gun Emplacements

1st Effort

White	Captain Buckner	Yellow	Lt. Dorson
	Lt. Beever		Lt. Brown
	Lt. Feltz		Lt. Mentorski
	Lt. Stalnaker		Lt. McCall
Red	Lt. Shook		
	Lt. Gianalva		
	Lt. Miller		

Our squadron, led by Captain Buckner, took off at 0613 carrying 500 pound bombs to glide-bomb enemy gun emplacements, dug in positions at E-614627. The planes reached the target at 0640 and glided down from an altitude of 6,000 feet to release their bombs at 2,000 feet at a 40 degree angle. All bombs hit the target area with excellent results. All of the aircraft strafed the target. Light flak (m. guns) were silenced by the strafing. Dug in positions, observed south of the target in woods, were strafed. Meager inaccurate light and heavy flak was encountered over the target. There was a cloud cover of 5 to 6/10 with a base of 6,000 feet and tops of 7,000 feet and visibility 15 to 20 miles. This was an important mission carried out in close support of the ground troops. Executed in an excellent manner, exceptionally good results were achieved. The squadron reached the target at 0640 and returned to the base at 0713.

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0931

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Memo No. 125
23 July 1946

Operations Order No. 84
[illegible]

Our Effort

White — Major Underwood
Lt. Lasher
Lt. Brownfield
Lt. Allen

Yellow — Captain DeRuchy
Lt. Judkins
Lt. Aron
Lt. Agee

Red — Lt. Williams
Lt. West
Lt. Murphy
Lt. Goldstein

Taking off at 1051 to attack troop concentrations east of Orrisy, the squadron, led by Major Underwood, dropped 18 500 pound GP bombs on the target area. The bombs were released from 3,000 feet at at 30 degree angle after starting the dive from 4,000 feet. Captain DeRuchy's aircraft was hit by flak and burst into flame. A parachute was seen to open near La Chapelle. He bailed out at 1000 feet and was last seen floating [illegible] behind enemy lines at about 500 feet. Light intense and heavy inaccurate flak was encountered at east of Gandy and light intense accurate flak and small arms fire was thrown up east of Tessy. The squadron was over the target from 1115 to 1200 hours and landed at 1225 hours. There was 7/10 cloud cover base 2,000 and tops 3,000 feet, visibility 10 miles.

#32

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0937

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Mission No. 153
26 July 1944

Operations Order No. V-21-4
IX Fighter Command
Divebombing

3rd Effort

White	Captain Schuster	Yellow	Lt. Shook
	Lt. Brown		Lt. Hargalve
	Lt. Veltz		Lt. Godfrey
	Lt. Stalnaker		Lt. Miller
Red	Captain Schwellenbach		
	Lt. Keever		
	Lt. Pastorski		
	Lt. McCall		

Taking off at 1700 to Divebomb three (3) ships in Granville Harbor, the squadron, led by Captain Schuster, dropped 500 lb. GP bombs from 8,000 feet, releasing them at 1,500 feet at a 60 degree angle. Most of the hits were on the edge of the harbor North of locks. One bomb hit in NE corner of deep water basin resulting in a large explosion and black smoke. There were three freighters at NE edge of basin. The planes strafed on the way down. One freighter was damaged. There were barges observed along SE edge. Squadron recommends that it be returned to same target, but the target being locks at NW end. There was light intense, inaccurate flak over Granville. The squadron was over the target from 1736 to 1741 hours and landed at 1801 hours. There was 9/10 cloud cover base 2,000 and tops 6,000 feet, visibility 20 miles.

#33

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Mission No. 134
27 July 1944

Operations Order c. 98
VIII Bomber Command
Hildesheim

1st Effort

White	Captain Wehmer	Top Cover	Lt. McClure
	Lt. Duddlee		Lt. Best
	Lt. Allen		Lt. Tannenbaum
	Lt. Mohrlein		Lt. Murphy
Red	Captain Marlow		
	Lt. Turner		
	Lt. Given		
	Lt. Godfrey		

Taking off at 0940 to Hildesheim bridge between Nerren and Ahrbergen at U473516, the squadron, led by Captain Wehmer, dropped 500 lb. GP bombs on the target area. The bombs were released from 1,500 feet at a 10 degree angle after starting the dive from 2,000 feet. There were 10 plus locomotives destroyed by strafing at U220520. They were not moving or had steam up. One locomotive destroyed at U220525. A/C could not dive-bomb because of 1,500 ft. ceiling. Eight (8) bombs were dropped on bridge at U220520. There were no direct hits. Eight (8) bombs were dropped at U207515 on railroad embankment. One close hit was observed. The squadron was over the target from 1036 to 1040 hours and landed at 1125 hours. There was 9/10 cloud cover base 1,500 and tops 2,000, locally 11,000 feet, visibility 10 to 15 miles,--the cloud cover being 10/10 en route.

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SECRET

Mission No. 155
27 July 1944

Wing Telephone Order
IX Fighter Command
Divebomb Bridge

2nd Effort

White	Captain Schuster	Top Cover	Captain Schwellenbach
	Lt. Brown		Lt. Keever
	Lt. Kantorski		Lt. Godfrey
	Lt. McCall		Lt. Miller
Red	Lt. Corson		
	Lt. Stalnaker		
	Lt. Feltz		
	Lt. Matye		

Our squadron, led by Captain Schuster, took off at 1650 carrying 500 pound GP bombs to divebomb a bridge South-West of Coutances. The planes were over the target from 1710 until 1730 and dropped their bombs from 5,000 feet, releasing them at 1,500 feet at a 45 degree angle. All hits were in the target area and the bridge was destroyed by bombs. Numerous other pontoon bridges were observed from T217522 southward along the river. Light moderate inaccurate flak was encountered over the target—installation believed to be north-west of the target. There was a cloud cover of from 3 to 4/10 with a tops of 7,000 feet and a base of 5,000 feet. Visibility was from 15 to 20 miles. The squadron returned to the base at 1745.

#35

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0935

Mission No. 156
27 July 1944

Operations Order No. 114
IX Fighter Command
Divebomb Command Post

3rd Effort

White	Captain Buchner Lt. Zicnalva Lt. Given Lt. Miller	Yellow	Captain Barlow Lt. Turner Lt. Propenick Lt. Rice
Red	Lt. Shook Lt. Suddiree Lt. Allen Lt. Haehrlein		

Our squadron, led by Captain Buchner, took off at 2017 carrying 500 pound H bombs to divebomb a Command Post South-East of St. Lo and a Communications Center North-West of the primary target. Planes dropped their bombs from 4,000 feet, releasing them at 1,500 feet at an angle of from 30 to 50 degrees. All hits were in the target area and buildings in the Command Post were left in flames. A building in the Communication Center was hit directly. Lt. Shook's flight attempted to bomb a bridge at Pessy sur Vire, but all the bombs missed. A truck was destroyed by Lt. Shook at 75834, and was seen to blow up. There was a direct hit on the road at the same point by two bombs. Tanks were seen on fire and were knocked out in grid box 7580830. Very many ambulances were seen in the vicinity of Pessy sur Vire. There was a cloud cover of 10/10 with a base of 4,500 feet and tops of 5,000 feet with a visibility of from 15 to 30 miles. The squadron returned to the base at 2055.

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0936

Mission No. 127
25 July 1944

Operations Order No. 117
Dive Bomber Command
VMSB-232

1st Flight: Captain Schuster
Lt. Warner
Lt. Hoyre
Lt. Miller

4th Flight: Captain Harlow
Lt. Minalva
Lt. Niven
Lt. Warner

2nd Flight: Captain Schwellenbach
Lt. Horn
Lt. Montcrabi
Lt. Nesbit

5th Flight: Lt. Mock
Lt. Sudiflee
Lt. Allen
Lt. Haehrlein

3rd Flight: Lt. Jorson
Lt. Lindaker
Lt. Delta
Lt. Meeker

1st Mission

Taking off at 0855 and carrying 500 pound GP bombs, the first flight was led by Captain Schuster. The planes dropped their bombs at an altitude of 800 feet and released them at 25 feet at an angle of 20 degrees. Four bombs were returned to the base. One truck and three half tracks were destroyed at T5384820 at 0945-0950. One truck was destroyed by Lt. Hoyre at T4624462. One tank was knocked on its side by bombs. Advanced elements of tank column were observed at T4804468. Mortar fire was seen coming from a hill in grid box T4804450. There were a great many motor transports parked on the road, under trees and in the open. There was a cloud cover en route of 10/10 with a base of 1,000 feet. Visibility was 20 miles. The flight returned at 0945.

2nd Mission

Taking off at 0908 and carrying 500 pound GP bombs, the second flight was led by Captain Schwellenbach. The planes flew over the target from 0950 until 1010 and dropped their bombs from an altitude of 1,000 feet and released them at 50 feet at a 20 degree angle. Two bombs were jettisoned and four were returned to the base. One half track was destroyed by bombs at T5804480. One truck was destroyed--seen to burn in the same place. One truck was destroyed and was seen to burn in the area of T4404480. Captain Schwellenbach was hit by light flak and forced to crash land in a marsh. He returned to the base. Light intense accurate flak was encountered at grid box T4460510. A great many motor transports were seen on the roads.

#37

0937

There was a cloud cover of 8/10 over the target with a base of 1,000 feet and a visibility of 5 miles. En route there was a cloud cover of 10/10 with a base of 3,000 feet. The flight returned to the base at 1025.

3rd Mission

Taking off at 1732, the third flight was led by Lt. Corson. The planes were over the target from 1742 until 1825. One staff car was destroyed at Sevigny at 315585. Meager heavy accurate flak was encountered at 370500 South-West of Marigny. Moderate accurate light flak was encountered at 340500. There was a cloud cover of from 5 to 6/10 with a base of 2,000 feet and tops of 3,000 feet with a visibility of 10 miles. The flight returned at 1832. Lt. Felts--category A damage.

4th Mission

The fourth flight took off at 1808 led by Captain Parlow. Meager heavy accurate flak was encountered at 330335 and concentrated light accurate flak was encountered at Villedieu. There was a cloud cover of from 8 to 10/10. There was a broken layer at 8,000 feet from the base to the. Ceiling was 8,000 feet and visibility was 7 miles. The flight returned to the base at 1930.

5th Mission

The fifth flight took off at 1855 led by Lt. Mack. The planes flew over the target area from 1905 until 1945. Three trucks, one gun carrier, and one tiger tank were destroyed on the road between Villedie Poeles and Granchet. Two light flak emplacements were destroyed at 870470. Meager heavy accurate flak was encountered at 880470. There was a cloud cover of from 3 to 8/10 with a base of 2,000 feet and visibility at 12 miles. The flight returned to the base at 2021. Lt. Allen had a category A damage.

Total Claims

Trucks	7
Half tracks	2
Staff Car	1
Gun Carrier	1
Tiger Tank	1
Light Flak Emplacements	2

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Mission No. 158
29 July 1944

Operation Order No. 118
IX Fighter Command
Y-21-57

1st Flight:	Captain Buckner	5th Flight:	Lt. McClure
	Lt. Keever		Lt. Miller
	Lt. Smith		Lt. Kropenick
	Lt. Rice		Lt. Haehrlein
2nd Flight:	Captain Farlow	6th Flight:	Lt. Shook
	Lt. Keever		Lt. Duddihee
	Lt. Smith		Lt. Patye
	Lt. Rice		Lt. Godfrey
3rd Flight:	Captain Schwellenbach	7th Flight:	Captain Buckner
	Lt. Brown		Lt. Allen
	Lt. Kantorski		Lt. Gorson
	Lt. McCall		Lt. Keever
4th Flight:	Captain Schuster		
	Lt. Stalnaker		
	Lt. Feltz		
	Lt. Larmer		

1st Mission

The first flight, led by Captain Buckner and carrying 500 pound GP bombs, took off at 0618. The planes flew over the target from 0630 until 0720 and dropped their bombs from an altitude of 200 feet, releasing them at the same altitude. Four bombs were returned to the base. Lt. Keever was hit by flak from a convoy resulting in category AC damage. Light accurate flak was encountered at 242332. Bombs were dropped on the convoy at 245331. Planes were unable to contact the controller until just leaving for the base. An armored column of our troops was observed starting south and west out of Carvay and Percy. There was a cloud cover over the base of 10/10 with a base of 400 feet; over the enemy lines it was on deck with a tops of 4,000 feet. The flight returned at 0740.

2nd Mission

The second flight, taking off at 1140 and carrying 500 pound GP bombs, was led by Captain Farlow. The planes flew over the target area from 1150 until 1240 and dropped their bombs at an altitude of 8,000 feet, releasing them at 500 feet at a 15 degree angle. One bomb was returned to the base. Five plus of vehicles, tanks and trucks were destroyed at Montbray. At Villedieu, trucks were observed already shot up. Enemy activity was apparent South-East of Percy. Vehicles were seen parked along covered roads at 480370. Moderate to heavy accurate light flak was encountered at 487370. There was smoke and haze from the ground up to 3 to 4,000 feet.

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Tops was 5,000 feet and was 4 to 5 miles on deck with an 8/10 haze. The flight returned to the base at 1250. There was one category A damage.

3rd Mission

The third flight, led by Captain Schwellenbach and carrying 500 pound GP bombs, took off at 1210. The planes flew over the target area from 1250 until 1320. One bomb was hung up and returned to the base. Two bombs were dropped on tanks, but the results were unobserved. Two tanks and a half-track were strafed. Twelve to fifteen tanks were bounced on a road running North-East of Percy. One truck was destroyed at T3634. Five enemy tanks were observed in woods in grid box T450470. One tank was destroyed and two were damaged by bombing and strafing at T424401. Twenty MM and caliber 50 flak installations at T3634 were bombed and strafed. Moderate inaccurate heavy flak was encountered at T3933 and light intense inaccurate flak at T3634. There was a cloud cover of 8/10 with a base of 3,000 feet and tops of 5,500 feet. The visibility was excellent. The flight returned at 1530.

4th Mission

The fourth flight, led by Captain Schuster and carrying 500 pound GP bombs, took off at 1330. The planes were over the target area from 1345 until 1415 and dropped their bombs in a dive from 2,000 feet, releasing them at 800 feet at a 30 degree angle. Four Tiger Tanks were bombed at T370470, but no hits were made. Light meager inaccurate flak was encountered at T420312. A tank battle was observed at T370470. Tanks were seen along the road to Tranville and Villedieu. Germans were observed retreating down roads radiating out of South-East Villedieu which had just been taken by our armor. There was a cloud cover of 2/10 with a base of 2,000 feet--locally 3 to 4/10. The flight returned to the base at 1435.

5th Mission

The fifth flight took off at 1410, led by Lt. McClure and carrying 500 pound GP bombs. The planes flew over the target from 1435 until 1505 and dropped their bombs in a dive from 1,500 feet, releasing them at 800 feet at an angle of from 45 to 50 degrees. One bomb was returned to the base. The flight was vectored to destroy a bridge at T419537, but failed to find it. One half-track was strafed North-East of Percy. One truck was destroyed, and 4 camouflaged tanks, 1 tank and an ammunition carrier were strafed North East of La Haye de Pesnel. An embedded tank was strafed. Lt. Miller was hit by flak at T500495 and he reported over the R/T that he was badly hit--he has not landed and his status is not known. Bombs were dropped on tanks and trucks at T220570. Light intense accurate flak was encountered at

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T500495. There was a cloud cover over the target of from 4 to 6/10 with a base of 8,000 feet and visibility of 6 to 10 miles. The weather deteriorated southward. The flight returned at 1520.

6th Mission

The sixth flight, led by Lt. Shook and carrying 500 pound GP bombs, took off at 1515. The planes flew over the target from 1620 until 1615 and dropped their bombs in a dive from 6,000 feet, releasing them at 5,000 feet at an angle of 45 degrees. Nine trucks and one command car were destroyed and strafed at T530320--they were seen to burn. Lt. Cuddihee bailed out at T5550--a Frenchman was observed going towards him. Lt. Shook bombed a bridge at Tessy (T513470) and destroyed it. This was excellent bombing on Lt. Shook's part as this bridge was an important target in hampering the enemy routes of transportation. A bridge was also bombed at 520430, but the bombs missed their target. Intense light and heavy accurate flak was encountered at Tessy at T515470. Intense light flak and machine-gun fire was encountered in woods at Foret de St. Lever at T500500. There was a cloud cover of 6/10 with a base of 8,000 feet. Over St. Lo, the clouds were at 5,000 feet. Visibility was 10 miles. The flight returned to the base at 1625.

7th Mission

The seventh flight, led by Captain Buckmer and carrying 500 pound bombs, took off at 1410. The planes flew over the target from 1420 until 1500 and dropped their bombs from an altitude of 6,000 feet, releasing them at 2,500 feet at an angle of 60 degrees. A bridge at Tessy at T514475 was bombed and 75% of it was destroyed. Woods were bombed at 517478 and there was a large explosion--probably an ammunition dump. There was no flak, but flak was observed fired at other ships South of Tessy (514475). Weather was closing in over the target at 1,000 feet with a visibility of about 10 miles. Elsewhere there was a cloud cover of 10/10. The flight returned to the base at 1510.

Total Claims

Tanks	1 des. 2 dam.
Half-tracks	1
Trucks	11
Command Car	1
Bridges	1-3/4
Vehicles, tanks, trucks	5 plus

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Mission No. 159
30 July 1944

Operations Order No. 119
IX Fighter Command
Y-21-2

1st Flight:	Lt. Kropenick	5th Flight:	Lt. Corson
	Lt. Haehrlein		Lt. Brown
	Lt. Feltz		Lt. Given
	Lt. Rice		Lt. Smith
2nd Flight:	Lt. Shook	6th Flight:	Captain Schuster
	Lt. Reever		Lt. Rice
	Lt. Watye		Lt. Feltz
	Lt. Godfrey		Lt. Haehrlein
3rd Flight:	Lt. McClure	7th Flight:	Lt. Shock
	Lt. Stalnaker		Lt. Reever
	Lt. Morris		Lt. Morris
	Lt. Hammer		Lt. Hammer
4th Flight:	Lt. Pantorski	8th Flight:	Captain Schnellenbach
	Lt. Gianalva		Lt. Stalnaker
	Lt. Allen		Lt. Morris
	Lt. McCall		Lt. Hammer

Mission No. 1 to 5

The first flight, led by Lt. Kropenick, took off at 1345. All flights carried 500 pound GP bombs and dropped them in dives from 500 to 5,500 feet, releasing them from 50 to 1,000 feet and at angles from 10 to 45 degrees. Times over the target are as follows: 1st flight--1400-1430, 2nd flight--1430-1500, 3rd flight--1700-1730, 4th flight--1750-1800, 5th flight--1800-1830. One half-track was strafed and damaged at T-368297. One tank was strafed, bombed and destroyed at T-373358. A bomb was dropped on a railroad crossing, ripping up the tracks. One jeep and one motorcycle were destroyed by strafing at T-390340. A column of horse drawn artillery and men 3/4 mile long on the road from Granville to Villedieu les Poeles at T-240330. Sixty-five horses and 20 artillery pieces were destroyed and many troops were killed and wounded. Five trucks were bombed at the same point and were destroyed. Three trucks were strafed and damaged and one half-track and one command car were strafed and destroyed. There was a near miss on a tank at T-260240; it was damaged. Horse-drawn artillery were observed in the vicinity of T-270270. Four artillery pieces were strafed and severely damaged at the same point and numerous horses and troops were killed or wounded. A road was bombed at T-280230 and the embankment was hit. Two trucks were destroyed by strafing at the same point. Tanks were bombed at T-250280, but results

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were unobserved because of long delay fusing. Three tanks were strafed and damaged at T-230300. Two trucks were strafed and damaged at T-230310. Horse-drawn artillery was strafed at the same point and four horses were killed. Three trucks were bombed and strafed and severely damaged at T-230300. Troops were dropped on a truck towing an artillery piece--the truck was destroyed by strafing. Horse-drawn artillery and infantry were bombed on a road at T-170330. Five trucks and one armored car were observed on a road in woods at T-210350. At T-270150, woods that looked like a bivouac area, were bombed and strafed. There was an 8/10 to 10/10 cloud cover with a base of 1,500 feet and an upper deck from 2,000 to 2,500 feet and a visibility of 10 miles. Heavy intermittent flak was encountered at T-190330 and very heavy inaccurate small arms fire was encountered at T-240350. Armored elements of our troops were observed in the vicinity of T-190350. Many tanks are reported moving up from Avranches to Granville. Our tanks are leading into Granville from the north-east at T-190370. Numerous half-tracks were observed at Villedieu les Poeles. The fifth flight landed at 1945.

Mission No. 6 to 8

The sixth flight took off at 1931, led by Captain Schuster. All flights carried 500 pound GP bombs and dropped them in dives from 3 to 4,000 feet, releasing them from 500 to 1,500 feet at angles of from 30 to 45 degrees. Times over the target are as follows: 6th flight--1945-2020, 7th flight--2030-2100, 8th flight--2050-2130. Bombs were dropped on three trucks filled with troops at T-440140, but missed because of delayed fusing. One truck was destroyed at T-370190. Numerous trucks tanks and half-tracks were observed on road at T-230070 where one half-track was damaged and four trucks destroyed. One med'um tank was damaged and left smoking at T-230030. A truck and a motorcycle were destroyed at T-370220. [illegible] type tanks were destroyed and one set afire by direct bomb hits and ten were damaged by strafing. Another strafing in the vicinity of T-190340 resulted in the destruction of eight trucks. Thirty horses hauling artillery pieces were killed at T-2201. Motorcycle was destroyed at T-250250. Three trucks were destroyed by bombs and another two by strafing at T-250290. Fifteen trucks were strafed in the same vicinity destroying two and damaging thirteen.

Avranches was encircled by our tanks and the enemy was observed retreating along roads radiating southward and eastward from Avranches. Our most advanced armored column was on the road running due South from Avranches and just entering the Brest Peninsula.

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Total Claims:

	No. Destroyed	No. Damaged
Half-tracks	1	2
Tanks	5	15
Jeep	1	0
Motorcycles	3	0
Horses	29	0
Artillery Pieces	20	4
Trucks	31	31
Armored Car	1	0
	Tipped up tracks on railroad crossing.	

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Mission No. 130
31 July 1944

Operations Order No. 120
[illegible] Fighter Command
Divebomb

1st Effort

White	Captain Dyllen	Yellow	Lt. Littlejohn
	Lt. Keever		Lt. Carter
	Lt. McClellen		Lt. Allen
	Lt. Smith		Lt. Given
Red	Lt. McDaniel		
	Lt. Giancalva		
	Lt. Latve		
	Lt. Godfrey		

Our squadron, led by Captain Dyllen, took off at 1055 hours carrying 500 pound GP bombs to Divebomb bridges at Vessy and Pont Percy. The pilots could not see the target, therefore the mission was uneventual and they returned with all the bombs. There was a cloud cover of 8/10 to 10/10 with a base of 2000 feet and tops of 4500 feet. It was hazy and the visibility above the clouds was 8 to 10 miles while below clouds it was 5 miles. The squadron returned to the base at 1225 hours.

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ission No. 181
31 July 1944

Operations Order No. 130
[illegible] Bomber Command
Liverton

End Effort

White — Captain Schuster
Lt. Peterson
Lt. Dion
Lt. McCall

Yellow — Lt. Krug
Lt. Goldstein
Lt. McClure
Lt. Rice

Red — Captain Schwellenbach
Lt. Stalnaker
Lt. Morris
Lt. Brown

Our squadron, led by Captain Schuster, took off at 1350 hours carrying 500 pound GP bombs to Liverton Ammunition Dump at Mont Orson. The bombs were released from 5,000 feet at a 70 degree angle after starting the dive from 10,000 feet. All bombs hit the target directly yet no explosion was observed. Reconnaissance was carried out as briefed. Nothing unusual happened to report. No flak was encountered around the target. The squadron was over the target from 1430 to 1440 hours. There was a 8/10 cloud cover, base 3,000, tops 5,000 feet, visibility of 10 miles. The squadron landed at 1513 hours.

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366TH FIGHTER SQUADRON
APO 141 U. S. ARMY

1 September 1944

SQUADRON HISTORY, 366TH FIGHTER SQUADRON, AUGUST INSTALLMENT

(1) ORGANIZATION: Negative.

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(2) STRENGTH : 51 Officers
250 Enlisted Men

(3) MOVEMENT : Squadron moved from AIS #14, Cretteville, France to AIS #28, Pontorson, France. Firsteechelon consisting of eighty-seven (87) enlisted men and eight (8) officers departed Strip 14 at 1030, 14 August, arriving at Strip 28 at 1700, same date. Movement made by Government owned motor transportation. Twenty-one (21) officers (pilots) made movement by military aircraft, departing Strip 14 at 1200, 15 August, arriving Strip 28 at 1300, same date. Second echelon consisting of one hundred sixty-four (164) enlisted men and fifteen (15) officers departed Strip 14, 15 hours, 15 August and arrived Strip 28 at 2000 hours, same date. New grid location: T-1703, Frenchlambret #1.

(4) CASUALTIES ; Three. (a) 2nd Lt Kenneth C. Hammer, 10 August
(b) 2nd Lt Santo A. Giamalva, 14 August
(c) 1st Lt William (NMI)Dian, 18 August

(a) Lt. Hammer's ship was hit by flak at about 1,000 feet on 3rd mission of 10 August. Airplane was seen to go into ground at T-9411. No chute was seen.

(b) Lt. Giamalva is missing from first mission of 14 August. Carrying bombs, Lt. Giamalva was last seen attacking tanks at Ranes. No further information is known.

(c) Lt. Dian was hit by flak at R-5173 on last mission of 18 Aug. His plane was seen to burst into flames. A fire was later seen in the woods in the direction of his flight. No chute was seen to open.

(5) DECORATIONS : (a) The following named officers were awarded Air Medals and Oak Leaf Clusters to Air Medals previously awarded. Awards made per General Orders #23, Hq. XIX TAC, 14 August 1944. (Incl. #1).

2nd Lt. Elmer R. Brown (Air Medal)
2nd Lt. James E. Cuddihee (MIA)(Air Medal)
2nd Lt. Kenneth C. Hammer (MIA) (Air Medal)
2nd Lt. David E. Keever (Air Medal)
2nd Lt. Warren R. Lobdell (MIA)(Air Medal)
2nd Lt. Charles H. Miller (MIA)(Air Medal)
2nd Lt. Hugh J. Smith, Jr. (Air Medal, 1st, 2nd, 3rd OLC)
2nd Lt. Harold G. Stalnaker (Air Medal)
2nd Lt. Joe W. Test (Air Medal)
Captain Thomas W. Schwellenbach (2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th OLC)
2nd Lt. David J. Godfrey (1st, 2nd, 3rd OLC)
2nd Lt. Charles W. Maehrlein (1st, 2nd, 3rd OLC)
2nd Lt. Traian T. Matye (2nd, 3rd OLC)

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(5) DECORATIONS: (Continued).

2nd Lt. Craig C. McCall (1st, 2nd, 3rd OLC)
2nd Lt. James E. Morris, Jr. (1st, 2nd OLC)
2nd Lt. Henry Murphy (1st, 2nd OLC)
1st Lt. Walter E. Feltz (7th, 8th OLC)
2nd Lt. Martin E. Allen (4th, 5th OLC)
2nd Lt. Edward P. Blemins (MIA)(2nd, 3rd OLC)
2nd Lt. Ernest R. Given, Jr. (3rd, 4th, 5th OLC)
2nd Lt. John H. Wheeler (MIA)(4th, 5th OLC)
1st Lt. John J. Kropenick (11th, 12th, 13th OLC)
1st Lt. Edward Kantorski (9th, 10th, 11th OLC)
Captain Oliver W. DeGruchy, Jr. (MIA)(11th, 12th OLC)
1st Lt. Augustus Hamilton, Jr. (MIA)(11th, 12th, 13th OLC)
1st Lt. John R. Harber (MIA)(7th OLC)
1st Lt. David B. Tuck (10th, 11th OLC)
Captain John H. Buckner (10th, 11th, 12th OLC)
Captain Allan W. Farlow (12th, 13th, 14th OLC)
Captain Knute N. Hylen (12th, 13th OLC)
1st Lt. Peter Corson (10th, 11th, 12th OLC)
1st Lt. Robert F. Krug (12th, 13th OLC)
1st Lt. Erik P. Littlejohn (11th, 12th, 13th OLC)
1st Lt. Max W. McClure (11th, 12th, 13th OLC)
1st Lt. Carmel M. Shook (11th, 12th OLC)
1st Lt. William Dian (MIA)(12th, 13th OLC)
1st Lt. Harold L. McClellan (11th, 12th, 13th OLC)
1st Lt. Meredith M. McDaniel (12th, 13th OLC)

(Per General Orders #24, Hq XIX TAC, 17 August 1944).

Captain Robert C. Schuster (11th, 12th, 13th OLC)

(b) The award for Lead-Combat Crews awarded to Captain Robert C. Schuster, Commanding Officer, and Captain John H. Buckner, Operations Officer, per Section IV, General Orders #16, Hq XIX TAC, 11 July 1944 was rescinded per Section V, General Orders #23, Hq XIX TAC, 14 August.

Squadron flew fifty-nine (59) operational missions during August. Missions were all armed reconnaisance with the exception of two days; On 22 August, squadron flew top cover for other squadrons of group. (on this date Lt. Hannold destroyed a Me 109). On 31 August, squadron dive-bombed Brest. Most or damage caused by squadron was to enemy transportation and communications system. Trucks, command cars, staff cars, jeeps, railroad cars and tracks were destroyed in great numbers. Mission reports attached hereto.

Four (4) enlisted men assigned and joined from Group Headquarters on 30 July 1944. Squadron now only one (1) understength in enlisted personnel.

1st Lt. Tuck left for thirty (30) days leave in States. Departed this squadron on 3 August 1944 for England. Will return to squadron upon termination of leave.

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2nd Lts Allan Gilbert, Frank C. Hannold, Alvin D. Johnson and Stephen A. Mannin, Jr., pilots, assigned and joined on 3 August 1944.

Pilots still being granted operational leaves to England. Leaves are for five (5) days.

Captain Knute N. Hylen, 1st Lts. Erik P. Littlejohn, Robert F. Krug and Harold L. McClellan, all pilots who have been assigned to squadron since soon after activation, receive thirty (30) days leave of absence, to be spent in States. Total of five (5) pilots now on leave in States. All to return to squadron upon termination of leave. Departed this station for England on 9 August 1944.

2nd Lt. Hammer, pilot who joined squadron just prior to departure from England, was hit by flak on 10 August. Plane crashed; no chute was seen to open.

1st Lt. Max W. McClure, one of first pilots to join squadron, was transferred to 495th Fighter Training Group, England, on 12 August 1944. A veteran of approximately 100 operational missions against the enemy, Lt. McClure is to be an instructor at new station.

On 12 August, 1st Lt. Peter Corson was leading the last mission of the day. Was last reported acting as top cover for his wing man while he made his bomb run. Did not return from mission and was reported as Missing In Action. On 25 August, Lt. Corson was set free by the first troops to enter Paris. He had bailed out over enemy territory and was captured by the Germans. Had many narrow escapes and was held prisoner in a hotel in Paris. He was returned to American authorities and Group and Squadron officials were notified. This marked the first time a pilot has been reported as MIA and later returned.

Lt. Giamalva, who loined squadron just rpior to departure from England, was reported missing from first mission on 14 August. Was last seen attacking tanks at Ranes.

Movement from ALS #14 to ALS #28 accomplished in two echelons on 14 and 15 August.

M/Sgt Russell C. Sherry, line cheif of squadron since activation, discharged 16 August to accept commission as 2nd Lt. Received commission by direct appointment. Was transferred from squadron to 365th Fighter Squadron and assigned duties as Assistant Engineering Officer.

1st Lt. Dian, one of original pilots assigned squadron, was hit by flak on last mission of 16 August. Was formerly a Staff Sgt. pilot, and later a Flight Officer. Was Flight Leader at time he went down.

Captain John R. Less, Intelligence Officer since activation, was transferred to Group Headquarters on 19 August, and Captain Milton A. Carlton transferred from Group to squadron.

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2nd Lt. Johnson had narrow escape on 22 August when he crashed on landing. He had a bad oil leak and landed "hot" and turned over when hitting soft dirt at end of runway. He was only slightly injured.

2nd Lts. Richard E. Birnie, Dofel J. Brunetti, Roy E. Ireland, Raymond E. Smith, Jr., pilots, assigned and joined from Group Headquarters on 24 August 1944.

2nd Lt. Morris became separated from his flight on last mission of 25 August and had to bail out ue to weather conditions. He was uninjured and returned to base same date.

Squadron carried new type of incendiary bomb for the first time of 26 August. A gas and oil jelly combination carried in belly tansk.

Captain Schwellenbach made an emergency landing at Marloux on 28 August. No real damage was incurred and he flew plane back to base next day.

Major Allan W. Charlton, Squadron Executive, departed squadron on 20 August for Hq XIX TAC. Will be returned to States for release from active duty in accordance with War Department policy for release of over age officers for whom no suitable assignment exists. Captain James S. Craft assigned and joined from Group Headquarters and designated Squadron Executive.

Missions were flown on dates inicated. Reports are attached hereto as inclosures, numbered from #3 to #27, inclusive.

1 August - 2 Missions - Armed Reconnaisance
2 August - 1 mission - Armed Reconnaisance
4 August - 1 mission - Armed Reconnaisance
5 August - 2 missions - Armed Reconnaisance
6 August - 3 missions - Task Force Cover
8 August - 2 missions - Armed Reconnaisance
9 August - 4 missions - Armed Reconnaisance
10 August - 4 missions - Armed Reconnaisance
11 August - 3 missions - Armed Reconnaisance
12 August - 3 missions - Armed Reconnaisance
13 August - 2 missions - Armed Reconnaisance
14 August - 4 missions - Armed Reconnaisance
16 August - 1 mission - Armed Reconnaisance
17 August - 1 mission - Armed Reconnaisance
18 August - 5 missions - Armed Reconnaisance
19 August - 1 mission - Armed Reconnaisance
20 August - 6 missions - Armed Reconnaisance
22 August - 2 missions - Top Cover
23 August - 3 missions - Armed Reconnaisance
25 August - 3 missions - Armed Reconnaisance
26 August - 2 missions - Armed Reconnaisance
27 August - 1 mission Armed Reconnaisance
28 August - 1 mission - Armed Reconnaisance
31 August - 2 missions - Armed Reconnaisance

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HEADQUARTERS
XIX TACTICAL AIR COMMAND

APO 141, U S Army,
14 August 1944.

GENERAL ORDERS,

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SECTION I: AWARDS OF AIR MEDAL.
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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 and Ninth Air Force, AIR MEDALS are awarded to the following named officers of the XIX Tactical Air Command, in recognition of meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights in the European Theater of Operations, each having participated in the required number of operational sorties against the enemy, or having destroyed an enemy aircraft on the dates indicated:

354TH FIGHTER GROUP

353rd Fighter Squadron

CHARLES A. OLMSTED	0821764	2ND LT	Detroit, Mich.
LLOYD J. OWERFIELD	0705569	2ND LT	Leavenworth, Kan.
ANDREW J. RITCHEY	0763734	2ND LT	Boynton, Okla.
FRANKLIN ROSA	0763742	2ND LT	Santa Monica, Calif.

355th Fighter Squadron

RANDALL B. COLEMAN	0745298	2ND LT	Savannah, Ga.
CHARLES E. MEYER	0821527	2ND LT	Newark, N.J.
THOMAS J. NEW	0820671	2ND LT	Blairsville, Pa.
JOHN [illegible] RICHARDS JR	0763739	2ND LT	Tyler, Texas
[illegible] SKOWRONEK	0735625	2ND LT	Chicago, Ill.

356th Fighter Squadron

CLARENCE E. EVANS	0669906	2ND LT	El Paso, Texas

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366th Fighter Squadron

ELMER R. BROWN	0816987	2ND LT	Jersey City, N.J.
JAMES E. CUDDIHEE	0821635	2ND LT	Harrisville, N.H.
KENNETH C. HAMMER	0766309	2ND LT	Chicago, Ill.
DAVID E. KEEVER	0821723	2ND LT	Lincolnton, N.C.
WARREN P. LOBDELL	0695189	2ND LT	Baton Rouge, La. (Missing in action)
CHARLES H. MILLER	0816405	2ND LT	Chicago, Ill.
HUGH J. SMITH	0696717	2ND LT	Hartford, Wis.
HAROLD G. STAINAKER	0702856	2ND LT	Spencer, W.V.
JOE W. TEST	0701823	2ND LT	Gentry, Ark.

365RD FIGHTER GROUP

381st Fighter Squadron

JOHN J. BAIRD	0730332	1ST LT	Cedar Falls, Iowa
LLOYD E. WHEELER	0667764	1ST LT	Joliet Township, Ill.
JOHN E. EARLY	067800	2ND LT	Newburgh, N.Y.
DANIEL E. LOWERS	0821741	2ND LT	Silverton, Ohio

382nd Fighter Squadron

WARREN C. LITTLEFIELD	0793942	1ST LT	Folkston, Georgia
BEDFORD R. UNDERWOOD	0666586	1ST LT	Lincoln, Texas
RALPH W. YOTHERS	0797761	1ST LT	Pittsburg, Penn.
HARRY L. BAILEY	0763461	2ND LT	Medina, N.Y.
CARLETON E. PALMER	0701798	2ND LT	Indianapolis, Ind.
CHARLES M. LOESCH	T-61815	F/O	Baltimore, Md.

371ST FIGHTER GROUP

405th Fighter Squadron

RUSSELL M. MARTIN	0766601	2ND LT	Hannibal, Mo.
GILDAS L. MC DOWELL	0766587	2ND LT	Mannington, W. Va.

10TH PHOTOGRAPHIC GROUP

31st Photographic Reconnaissance Squadron

GUY ACADORY	0763256	2ND LT	Jackson, Miss.
RUSSELL J. MYKYTYN	0763310	2ND LT	Central Falls, R.I.

33rd Photographic Reconnaissance Squadron

WILLIAM J. EVANS	0760161	2ND LT	Cleveland, Ohio

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SECTION II

1. By direction of the President, in addition to the Air Medals awarded in General Orders indicated by the appropriate, the following named officers of the XIX Tactical Air Command, are awarded a SECOND OAK LEAF CLUSTER under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9158 (Bull. 25, WD, 1942), as amended by Executive Order No. 9242-A (Bull. 49, WD, 1944), and in accordance with authority delegated by the War Department and Ninth Air Force, in recognition of meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights in the European Theater of Operations, each having completed the required number of operational sorties against the enemy, or having destroyed an enemy aircraft on the dates indicated:

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

ROBERT L. SIEBELS (19th OLC)	0750650	MAJ	St Louis, Mo.
NICHOLAS E. TURNER (18th, 19th OLC)	0750674	MAJ	Bartlesville, Okla.

b. G.O. No. 8, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 5 June 1944.

LEO E. CLOVER (1st OLC)	0750377	CAPT	Branford, Fla.

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a. G.O. No. 124, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 4 May 1944.

JOHN G. MONTIJO JR (6th OLC)	0720703	1ST LT	Long Beach, Calif.
ROBERT REYNOLDS (6th OLC)	0810228	1ST LT	Orlando, Fla.
WOODFIN M. CALLIVAN (6th, 7th OLC)	0811471	1ST LT	Frostproof, Fla. 12 May 1944.
PRICE W. CRAIG (6th, 7th OLC)	P-611258	F/O	Union Springs, N.Y.

d. G.C. No. 119, Hq., Ninth Air Force, 4 May 1944.

EDWIN D. [illegible] (7th OLC)	0812509	1ST LT	Cranston, R.I.
FRANK E. WEBER (3rd OLC)	0812513	2ND LT	Baltimore Md. (9 April 1944) (Next of kin; Mrs. Pauline F. Weber (Mother) 5405 Evergreen Ave., Baltimore Maryland.)

e. G.O. No. 85, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 31 March 1944.

JAMES G. BURKE (6th OLC)	0683800	1ST LT	Ogden, Utah
CHARLES W. ROENIG (10th OLC)	0750520	1ST LT	Oakland, Calif.

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

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DON C. DEERBOWER (22nd 23rd 24th OLC)	0730341	CAPT	Hill City, Minn. 14 June 1944.
WALLACE N. EMMER (20th, 21st, 22nd OLC)	0730422	CAPT	St Louis, Mo. (1) 12 June 1944 (1) 14 June 1944

g. G.O. No. 23, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 14 August 1944.

LLOYD J. OVERFIELD (1st OLC)	0765509	1ST LT	Leavenworth, Kan.

h. G.O. No. 20, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 23 July 1944.

CLIFFORD H. LEAN (1st OLC)	0726338	1ST LT	Santa Monica, Calif.

i. G.O. No. 19, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 23 July 1944.

JOHN E. BAKER (1st OLC)	0732126	1ST LT	Hammond, Ind.
RICHARD H. BROWN (1st OLC)	0798089	1ST LT	Covington, Va.
IRA J. BUNTING (1st OLC)	0732146	1ST LT	Albion, Ill.
FRANKLIN D. CHAMBERLAIN (1st OLC)	0732157	1ST LT	Sacramento, Calif.
HARVEY H. CRAWLEY (1st, 2nd OLC)	0411691	1ST LT	Richmond, Virginia
KENNETH M. DAHLBERG (1st OLC)	0733636	1ST LT	Wilson, Misc.
EDWIN A. PINKERTON (2nd OLC)	0433896	1ST LT	Santa Paula, Calif.
ORRIN D. RAWLINGS (1st OLC)	0727242	1ST LT	Chicago, Ill.
THEODORE W. SEDVERT (1st OLC)	0732380	1ST LT	Indianapolis, Ind.
RICHARD H. BROWN (2nd OLC)	0798089	2ND LT	Covington, Va.
RUSSELL S. BROWN (2nd OLC)	0818532	2ND LT	Lynn, Mass.
HAYDEN H. HOLTON (1st OLC)	0543824	2ND LT	Kewanee, Ill.

j. G.O. No. 13, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 27 June 1944.

JOHN S. MILLER (2nd OLC)	0816912	2ND LT	Grantwood, N.J.

k. G.O. No. 12, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 21 June 1944.

JAMES S. FORREST (2nd OLC)	0537929	2ND LT	Columbia, S.C.

l. G.O. No. 10, Hq, IX Air Support Command, 16 February 1944.

JAMES P. KELLE (13th, 14th OLC)	0803400	1ST LT	Penllyn, Pa. 14 June 1944

m. G.O. No. 8, XIX Tactical Air Command, 5 June 1944.

FREDERICK B. DEEDS (2nd OLC)	0748589	2ND LT	Osceola, Nebr.

n. G.O. No. 6, Hq, IX Air Support Command, 11 February 1944.

DAVID B. O'HARA (9th, 10th OLC)	0744743	1ST LT	Pittsburgh, Pa.

o. G.O. No. 4, Hq, IX Air Support Command, 17 January 1944.

G.O. No. 23, XIX Tactical Air Command, 14 August 1944, contd.

CAPT C. SIEGEL (12th, 15th OTU) 0744684 1ST LT El Monte, Calif.

By G.O. No. 3, Hq. 2d Air Ferry Command, 2 February 1944.

FELIX D. ROGERS (15th OTU) 0744725 CAPT Brookline, Mass.

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By G.O. No. 140, Hq. Ninth Air Force, 29 May 1944.

LOYCE E. FERGUSON (9th OTU) 0812794 1ST LT Sanford, Fla.
HUSTON H. OTHAN (7th OTU) 0700897 1ST LT Paris, Ind.
ROBERT W. SCHROCK (7th OTU) 0670226 2ND LT Saginaw, Mich.

By G.O. No. 147, Hq. Ninth Air Force, 14 May 1944.

WILLIAM B. KING (9th OTU) 0448441 1ST LT Atlanta, Ga.

By G.O. No. 81, Hq. Ninth Air Force, 31 March 1944.

MAURICE G. LONG (11th, 14th OTU) 0744545 CAPT Long Beach, Calif. 14 June 1944

By G.O. No. 22[illegible], Hq. XIX Tactical Air Command, 2 August 1944.

ANDREW R. CLARK (1st OTU) 0444451 1ST LT Detroit, Mich.

By G.O. No. 20, Hq. XIX Tactical Air Command, 23 July 1944.

ROBERT D. CHERRY (2nd, 3rd OTU) 0448339 1ST LT Phoenix, Ariz.
ROBERT P. FOYL (2nd OTU) 0670811 1ST LT San Francisco, Calif.
JOHN [illegible] (1st OTU) [illegible] 1ST LT Nampa, Idaho
[illegible] (1st OTU) [illegible] 2ND LT Mon Dovi, Wis.
(Nr. Next of kin: Mr. Robert
G. Bilk (Father), Mon Dovi, Wis.

By G.O. No. 14, Hq. XIX Tactical Air Command, 17 June 1944.

GEORGE J. [illegible] (1st OTU) 0744[illegible] 2ND LT Wheatfield, Ind.

By G.O. No. 20, Hq. XIX Tactical Air Command, 13 June 1944.

[illegible] (1st, 11th OTU) [illegible] 1ST LT Albuquerque, N.M.
CHARLES P. [illegible] (3rd OTU) [illegible] 2ND LT Chicago, Ill.

By G.O. No. [illegible], Hq. [illegible] Air Support Command, 17 January 1944.

[illegible] (2nd OTU) [illegible] CAPT Colander, Iowa

By G.O. No. [illegible], Hq. [illegible] Air Support Command, 3 January 1944.

VIRGIL G. [illegible] (9th OTU) [illegible] CAPT Clayton, Kan.

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G.C. No. 23, HQ Tactical Air Command, 24 August 1944, amend.

[illegible] EMERSON (12th CLC)	0730421	1st LT	Lodi, Calif.
[illegible] PETERS (12th CLC	0744746	1st LT	Royal Oak, Mich.
WILLIAM E. STOCKER (6th CLC)	0730597	1ST LT	Spokane, Wash.

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

JUNIOR H. BROWN (12th, 13th, 14th CLC)	0[illegible]512	1ST LT	Spokane, Wash. (a) 11 May 1944. (b) 14 June 1944.

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5a. G.O. No. [illegible], Hq, Ninth Air Force, 2 May 1944.

[illegible] (1st CLC	0694159	2ND LT	Hastings, Minn.
WALTER R. [illegible] (6th CLC)	0815216	2ND LT	St Petersburg, Fla.

5b. G.O. No. [illegible], Hq, IXTAC, Ninth Air Force, 14 May 1944.

JOHN FERGUSON (8th CLC)	0697144	2ND LT	Ogdensburg, N.Y.
CHARLES J. SIMONSON (15th CLC)	0811[illegible]	2ND LT	Long Island, N.Y.
[illegible] O. [illegible] (5th CLC	0[illegible]	2ND LT	Burbank, Calif.
FREDERICK J. [illegible] (6th CLC)	0814[illegible]	2ND LT	Chicago, Ill.
NICHOLAS J. [illegible] (3rd CLC)	0815[illegible]	2ND LT	Hackettstown, N.J.

5c. G.O. No. 169, Ninth Air Force, 21 April 1944.

VERNON G. REESE (6th CLC)	0697614	1ST LT	Lexington, Ky.

5d. G.O. No. 85, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 31 March 1944.

[illegible] L. GILLIS (11th CLC)	0745352	1ST LT	Ontario, Calif.
WALTER B. [illegible]S (9th CLC)	0[illegible]	1ST LT	Picayune, Miss.

5e. G.O. No. 48, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 6 March 1944.

DONALD E. GERMAN (10th CLC)	0[illegible]	1ST LT	Portland, Oregon
[illegible]OLOMEW J. [illegible]CHE (12th CLC)	0[illegible]	1ST LT	Willis, Mich.
ROBERT L. YOUNG (8th CLC)	0[illegible]	1ST LT	Nantucket, Mass.

5f. G.O. No. [illegible], [illegible], 3 March 1944.

[illegible]LEY F. [illegible] (9th CLC)	0[illegible]	1ST LT	Iowa, La.

5g. G.O. No. 42, IX TAC Tactical Air Command, 25 July 1944.

EARL C. BRADWOOD (2nd CLC)	0792100	1ST LT	Moultrie, Ga.
JEREMIAH J. SOMERS JR. (10th, 2nd CLC)	0[illegible]	1ST LT	Boston, Mass.
FRANCIS P. MC INTYRE (2nd CLC)	0797[illegible]	1ST LT	Savannah, Ga.

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G... No. 23, XIX Tactical Air Command, 14 August 1944, contd.

J...S L. S...AM (2nd OIC)	0792753	1ST LT	Jacksonville, Fla.
KEI... R. ...RICH (2nd OIC)	0668292	2ND LT	Ulysses, Nebr.

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

...ert G. REIFERS (12th OIC)	0744752	1ST LT	Washington, D.C.

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

ROBERT J. BROOKS (9th OIC)	0730361	MAJ	Auburn, Washington
VARLIN E. CHAMBERS (11th OIC)	0728584	CAPT	Pocatello, Idaho
ROBERT KROFOTEZ (16th OIC)	0745420	1ST LT	Custer, Wis.
THOMAS F. MILLER (14th, 15th OIC)	0744725	1ST LT	Portland, Oregon
HOWARD B. SMITH (1st OIC)	0744767	1ST LT	Clearfield, Utah
CHARLES H. SIMONSON (7th OIC)	0812501	2ND LT	Long Island, N.Y.

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jj. G.O. No. 4, Hq. IX Air Support Command, 17 January 1944.

DECIL L. WELLS (5th, 6th, 7th, 8th OIC)	022505	COL	Edwardsville, Ill.

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kk. G.O. No. 36, Hq. Ninth Air Force, 25 February 1944.

THOMAS M. SCHWELLENBACH (2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, OIC)	0732375	CAPT	Seattle, Wash.

ll. G.O. No. 43, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 14 August 1944.

HUGH J. SMITH (1st, 2nd, 3rd OIC)	0696717	2ND LT	Hartford, Wis.

mm. G.O. No. 13, Hq. XIX Tactical Air Command, 27 June 1944.

...VID J. GODFREY (1st, 2nd, 3rd OIC)	0695052	2ND LT	Canon City, Colo.
CH...ES H. ...BERLEIN (1st, 2nd OIC)	0813731	2ND LT	Teaneck, N.J.
TH...L T. M...YER (2nd, 3rd OIC)	0697210	2ND LT	Akron, Ohio
CR...IG C. MC CALL (1st, 2nd 3rd OIC)	0815737	2ND LT	Pinmarsburg, Pa.
J...ES E. ...ORRIS JR (1st, 2nd OIC)	0...157745	2ND LT	Richmond, Va.
HENRY MURPHY (1st, 2nd OIC)	0697221	2ND LT	Washington, D.C.
ROBERT H. RICE (1st, 2nd OIC)	0818023	2ND LT	Jonesboro, N.C.

nn. G.O. No. 10, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 13 June 1944.

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G.O. No. 23, XIX Tactical Air Command, 14 August 1944, contd.

WALTER E. PELTZ (7th, 8th OLC)	0812756	1ST LT	Mc Henry, Ill.
MARTIN E. ALLEN (4th, 5th OLC)	0814566	2ND LT	Hannibalic, N.C.
ELWARD T. BIEVINS (2nd, 3rd OLC)	0816629	2ND LT	New Orleans, La. (Missing in action.)
ERNEST R. GIVEN JR (3rd, 4th, 5th OLC)	0814079	2ND LT	Cleveland, W. Va.
JOHN H. WHEELER (4th, 5th OLC)	0813438	2ND LT	Springfield, Mass. (Missing in action)

cc. G.O. No. 9, Hq. VIII Fighter Command, 14 February 1944.

JOHN J. KROPENICK (11th, 12th, 13th OLC)	0688270	1ST LT	Newark, N.J.
EDWARD KANTCRSKY (9th, 10th, 11th OLC)	0688267	2ND LT	Jersey City, N.J.

pp. G.O. No. 7, Hq. VIII Fighter Command, 5 February 1944.

OLIVER W. DEGRUCHY (11th, 12th OLC)	0825852	CAPT	Arlington, Va. (Missing in action.)
AUGUSTUS HAMILTON JR (11th, 12th, 13th OLC)	0675767	1ST LT	Rocky Mount, N.C. (Missing in action.)
JOHN R. HARBER (7th OLC)	0675768	1ST LT	Youngstown, Ohio (Missing in action.)
DAVID B. TUCK (10th, 11th OLC)	0674425	1ST LT	Sebring, Fla.

qq. G.O. No. 5, Hq. VIII Fighter Command, 28 January 1944.

JOHN H. BUCKNER (10th, 11th, 12th OLC)	0825439	CAPT	Cleburne, Texas
ALLAN S. FARLOW (12th, 13th, 14th OLC)	0665393	CAPT	Mt Vernon, Ill.
KNUTE N. HYLEN (12th, 13th OLC)	0732257	CAPT	Susanville, Calif.
PETER GORSON (10th, 11th, 12th OLC)	0728595	1ST LT	Lockport, N.Y.
ROBERT F. KRUG (12th, 13th OLC)	0732276	1ST LT	Chicago, Ill.
ERIK P. LITTLEJOHN (11th, 12th, 13th OLC)	0449002	1ST LT	Marshall, Texas
MAX W. MC CLURE (11th, 12th, 13th OLC)	0675786	1ST LT	Spur, Texas
CARMEL M. SHOOK (11th, 12th OLC)	0521664	1ST LT	Banner Elk, N.C.

rr. G.O. No. 4, Hq. VIII Fighter Command, 28 January 1944.

WILLIAM DIAN (12th, 13th OLC)	0531401	1ST LT	Chicago, Ill.
HAROLD L. MC CLELLAN (11th, 12th, 13th OLC)	0675409	1ST LT	Warren, Ohio
MEREDITH M. MC DANIEL (12th, 13th OLC)	0675789	1ST LT	Leipsic, Ohio

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S.O. No. 23, HQ Tactical Air Command, 14 August 1944, contd.

Ref. T/C No. 83, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 31 March 1944.

[redacted]	[redacted]	CAPT	Santa Ana, Calif.
[redacted]	[redacted]	1ST LT	Shreveport, La.
[redacted]	[redacted]	1ST LT	Las Vegas, N.M.

Ref. [redacted], Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 4 July 1944.

[redacted]	[redacted]	2ND LT	Pensacola, Fla.
[redacted]	[redacted]	F/O	Junction City, Kan.

Ref. [redacted], Hq, [redacted] Air Force, 17 June 1944.

[redacted]	[redacted]	2ND LT	Milwaukee, Wisc.

[redacted] Hq [redacted] Air Command, 5 February 1944.

[redacted]	[redacted]	1ST LT	Rochester, Mich.
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted] LT	Glen Park, Calif.

[redacted] Hq [redacted] Air Command, 25 January 1944.

[redacted]	[redacted]	2 LT	Yancey, Texas
[redacted]	[redacted]	2LT	Paris, Kansas

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Ref. S.O. No. [redacted], Hq [redacted], 14 May 1944.

[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	Dallas, Texas 26 May 1944.

[redacted] Hq [redacted] Air Command, 4 March 1944.

[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	San Francisco, Calif.

[redacted] Hq [redacted] Air Command, 28 March 1944.

[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	Sacramento, Calif. [redacted] May 1944.

[redacted] Hq [redacted] Air Command, [redacted] 1944.

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G.O. No. 23, XIX Tactical Air Command, 14 August 1944, cont'd.

HARRY L. ZNOTINSKI (8th, 9th OLC)	0748682	1ST LT	Visalia, Calif.
ALBERT J. REINHART (5th, 6th OLC)	0810567	2ND LT	Harvard, Mass.
CHARLES E. SHEA (8th OLC)	0813582	2ND LT	Akron, Ohio
CHARLES P. STOLET JR (6th, 7th, 8th OLC)	0813593	2ND LT	Macon, Ga.
JOSEPH J. THERESE (6th, 7th OLC)	0810598	2ND LT	New Brunswick, N.J.
DAVIS R. TUCKER (8th, 9th OLC)	0810603	2ND LT	Stanfield, N.C.

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

CHARLES L. GALLAGHER (7th, 8th OLC)	0685926	1ST LT	New Kensington, Pa.

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

JEREMIAH M. BOLAND (8th, 9th, 10th, 11th OLC)	0748537	1ST LT	Decatur, Ill.
JAMES CARTER JR (7th, 8th, 9th OLC)	0748523	1ST LT	Downey, Calif.
FREDERICK W. MUNDER (6th, 7th, 8th OLC)	0744739	1ST LT	St Louis, Mo.
GEORGE L. REDMOND (9th, 10th, 11th OLC)	0746766	1ST LT	Willits, Calif.

eee. G.O. No. 23, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 14 August 1944.

JOHN J. BAIRD (1st OLC)	0730532	1ST LT	Cedar Falls, Iowa
LLOYD E. WHEELER (1st, 2nd OLC)	0667764	1ST LT	Joliet Township, Ill.
JOHN E. EARLY (1st OLC)	0670006	2ND LT	Newburgh, N.Y.
DANIEL E. LOWERS (1st OLC)	0821741	2ND LT	Silverton, Ohio

fff. G.O. No. 16, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 11 July 1944.

HUGO E. PRESSMALL (1st, 2nd OLC)	0667756	1ST LT	Minneapolis, Minn.
ALEXANDER R. TAIT (1st, 2nd, 3rd OLC)	0793028	1ST LT	Morgantown, W. Va.
JAMES G. RICHARDSON (1st, 2nd OLC)	0754198	2ND LT	Dubuque, Ia.

ggg. G.O. No. 10, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 13 June 1944.

BEN D. WILLIAMS (5th, 6th OLC)	0812523	2ND LT	Memphis, Tenn.

hhh. G.O. No. 6, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 5 June 1944.

PATRICK H. HENRY (5th, 6th, 7th OLC)	0694246	2ND LT	Miami Beach, Fla.
NORMAN H. JACOBSON (6th, 7th OLC)	0694163	2ND LT	Sioux City, Iowa
GERALD B. SCOTT (6th, 7th OLC)	T-01264	F/O	Detroit, Mich.

iii. G.O. No. 6, Iceland Bomber Command, 11 February 1944.

RUSSELL D. FREYERMUTH (1st OLC)	0699006	1ST LT	Meadville, Pa.

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G.O. No. 23, XIX Tactical Air Command, 1a August 1944, Contd.

kkk. G.O. No. 4, Hq, IX Air Support Command, 17 January 1944.

JAMES C. MAGRUDER (11th CIC)	0683127	CAPT	Rome, N.Y.

lll. G.O. No. 3, Hq, IX Air Support Command, 6 January 1944.

JAMES A. ELLIS (2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th CIC)	0442285	1ST LT	Dallas, Texas

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mmm. G.O. No. 134, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 29 May 1944.

JAMES BAKER (9th CIC)	0694162	1ST LT	Wichita, Kansas
FELIX KOZAKEA (8th, 9th CIC)	0694254	1ST LT	New Bedford, Mass.
JACK A. WARNER (8th, 9th CIC)	0693714	1ST LT	Cutbank, Montana

nnn. G.O. No. 134, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 14 May 1944.

ELMER W. ODELL (6th, 7th CIC)	0813555	1ST LT	Hempstead, N.Y.
EDWARD T. TWILAK (5TH CIC)	0740771	1ST LT	Chicago, Ill.
CHARLES H. SHIFF JR (7th CIC)	0812489	1ST LT	Theodore, Ala.
RAYMOND E. SHILLEREFF (6th CIC)	0740[illegible]	1ST LT	Dryden, Wash.
JOHN R. STRICKER (10th CIC)	0810591	1ST LT	Washington, D.C.
LEE E. WEBSTER (9th CIC)	0812549	1ST LT	River Forrest, Ill.

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

RICHARD W. ASBURY (8th CIC)	0801346	1ST LT	Saint Leonard, Md.
BAYARD F. BINGHAM JR (8th CIC)	0740532	1ST LT	Arabi, La.
JAMES H. CLARK (8th CIC)	0740526	1ST LT	Laguna Beach, Calif.
ROBERT M. HENDRICKS (9th CIC)	0748645	1ST LT	Portage, Wis.
JOHN W. SCHMILZ JR (8th, 9th CIC)	074[illegible]81	1ST LT	Lansing, Ill.

ppp. G.O. No. 52, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 1a March 1944.

JAMES N. BRINK (9th CIC)	0749354	1ST LT	Kansas City, Kansas
ROBERT S. MC GEE (9th CIC)	074873[illegible]	1ST LT	Longview, Texas

qqq. G.O. No. 16, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 11 July 1944.

WALTER H. BOEHLE (2nd CIC)	0667641	1ST LT	Oneida, N.Y.
DONALD E. FRYE (2nd CIC)	0442049	1ST LT	Wichita, Kan.
DAVID L. KING (1st CIC)	0674045	2ND LT	Jonnsville, Calif.
ROBERT M. LAIR (1st CIC)	0678066	2ND LT	Augusta, Georgia
CHESTER H. RICE (2nd CIC)	0670826	2ND LT	Frederick, Okla.
HERBERT W. SICKLING (2nd CIC)	0671182	2ND LT	Cleveland Heights, Ohio
DONALD E. WILLIAMS (2nd CIC)	0671621	2ND LT	Waterville, N.Y.

rrr. G.O. No. 13, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 27 June 1944.

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...No. 23, AAF Tactical Air Command, 14 August 1944, Contd.

ROBERT J. [illegible] (9th OLC)	[illegible]	2ND LT	Seattle, Wash.
GLENN E. REEVES (9th OLC)	758[illegible]	2ND LT	Salem, Oregon

...No. 3, Hq, IX Fighter Command, 6 January 1944.

[illegible] (11th, 12th OLC) 38[illegible]97 Capt Lansing, Ill.

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...G.O. No. 24, Hq, IX Tactical Air Command, 24 July 1944.

WILLIAM C. [illegible] (3rd OLC) [illegible] 2ND LT Meridian, Miss.

...G.O. No. 13, Hq, IX Tactical Air Command, 16 June 1944.

RALPH [illegible]. DINWIDDIE III (5th OLC) 0691569 1ST LT Austin, Texas
EDWARD LaPER (5th OLC) [illegible] 2ND LT Passaic, N.J.

...G.O. No. 8, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 5 June 1944.

JAMES W. COLLEY JR (6th OLC) 0816719 2ND LT Mt Vernon, Mo.

...G.O. No. 6, Hq, IX Tactical Air Command, 24 May 1944.

FRANCIS T. EVANS (7th OLC)	0800646	1ST LT	Norfolk, Va.
LEVERETT C. PICKLIN (7th OLC)	0807274	1ST LT	Wichita Falls, Texas
HERSCHEL E. GALYON (7th OLC)	[illegible]07347	1ST LT	Sweetwater, Tenn.
EDWARD J. HAYES (7th OLC)	[illegible]09140	1ST LT	Independence, Ky.
JOHN L. JACKSON (7th OLC)	0802931	1ST LT	Bremerton, Wash.
ERNEST W. LEACH (7th OLC)	[illegible]0[illegible]0	1ST LT	Woburn, Mass.
LAWRENCE L. MOODY (7th OLC)	0803427	1ST LT	Johnston, R.I.
FRED D. NIGHTINGALE (7th OLC)	0808713	1ST LT	Brooklyn, N.Y.
RUSSELL E. POLTEN (6th OLC)	0689891	1ST LT	New Castle, Ind.
JOHN B. SULLIVAN (7th OLC)	0669111	1ST LT	Quanah, Texas
PAUL R. TESTRICK (6th, 7th OLC)	[illegible]0[illegible]17	1ST LT	Greensburg, Ind.
VANCE W. EDINGER (7th OLC)	[illegible]81520[illegible]	2ND LT	(A) 31 July 1944. Middletown, Pa.

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12th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron

...G.O. No. 12, Hq, IX Tactical Air Command, 15 June 1944.

JOHN O. KIHLER (5th OLC) T-223150 F/O Carnduff, Sask, Canada

...G.O. No. 9, Hq, IX Tactical Air Command, 7 June 1944.

JULIAN S. WHITE JR (5th OLC) 0671729 1ST LT Jackson, Miss.

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G.O. No. 23, XIX Tactical Air Command, 14 August 1944, cont'd.

19th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron.

Cit. G.O. No. 67, Hq., SHAEF Air Force, 20 September 1945.

GEORGE R. SHAFFER (2nd OLC) [illegible] 1ST LT Fresno, Calif.

Rec. G.O. No. 32, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 2 August 1944.

JOHN C. WALKER (1st OLC) [illegible] 2ND LT Lubbock, Texas
STEVEN ZONDAK (1st OLC) [illegible] 2ND LT Chicago, Ill.

Cit. G.O. No. 29, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 29 July 1944.

GLADSON A. MESSAMORE (2nd, Dra, 1st OLC) [illegible] 2ND LT Pittsburg, Tex.

Rec. G.O. No. 17, Hq, XX Tactical Air Command, 22 June 1944.

MILTON J. [illegible] (1st OLC) [illegible] 2ND LT Denver, Colo.

Cit. G.O. No. 13, Hq, XX Tactical Air Command, 16 June 1944.

ROGER E. CHAMBERS (1st OLC) [illegible] 2ND LT Shreveport, La.
[illegible] (1st OLC) [illegible] 2ND LT Baldwin, Kans.
RUSSELL W. MILLER (1st, 4th OLC) [illegible] 2ND LT Mt Pleasant, Ill.
JAMES O. MARKSTROM (1st OLC) [illegible] 2ND LT Jacksonville, Tex.

Rec. G.O. No. 11, Hq, IX Tactical Air Command, 11 June 1944.

THOMAS R. MILLER (4th OLC) [illegible] 1ST LT Lincoln Park, Mich.
HAMILTON H. SMITH JR (1st OLC) [illegible] 2ND LT Jacksonville, Fla.
ALFRED C. DRIOR (3rd OLC) [illegible] 2ND LT Galesburg, N.C.
FRED J. TRENKLE (3rd OLC) [illegible] 2ND LT New York, N.Y.

Cit. G.O. No. 9, Hq, IX Tactical Air Command, 7 June 1944.

HENRY A. HANSEN (6th OLC) [illegible] 1ST LT Russell, Kans.
CHARLES F. ZELLE (4th OLC) [illegible] 1ST LT New Orleans, La.
TED E. REMER (2nd OLC) [illegible] 1ST LT Fisherton, Kansas
FRANK W. KOCHLE JR (4th OLC) [illegible] 1ST LT Eau Claire, Wisc. (Mrs. Next of Kin: Mrs. Linda Ristau (Mother), 129 Prichard, Wisc.)
ERNEST H. SCHMIDT (6th OLC) [illegible] 1ST LT Louisville, Ky.
THEODORE M. THIESEN (4th OLC) [illegible] 1ST LT Edgerton, Wisc.
JOHN L. MARTIN (5th OLC) [illegible] 2ND LT Dallas, Texas

Rec. G.O. No. 8, Hq, IX Tactical Air Command, 30 May 1944.

ROBERT L. RAMSEY (2nd OLC) [illegible] 1ST LT Sacramento, Calif.

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adj. G.O. No. 5, Hq, IX Tactical Air Command, 19 May 1944.

JOSEPH S. CONKLIN (5th OLC)	**0668203**	**CAPT**	**Stony Point, N.Y.**
WILLIAM J. BOYLE (6th, 7th OLC)	0668167	1ST LT	Westfield, N.J.
JAMES F. MC CORMICK JR (6th OLC)	0668257	1ST LT	Canton, N.Y.

31st Photographic Reconnaissance Squadron

adj. G.O. No. 144, Hq, NINTH Air Force, 21 May 1944.

DONALD R. DAIN (3rd OLC)	0666519	CAPT	Houston, Texas
PATRICK G. EVERETT (3rd OLC)	0748935	1ST LT	Decatur, Miss.
JOHN N. HUMPHREYS (3rd OLC)	0753649	1ST LT	Bloomfield, Iowa

adj. G.O. No. 154, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 14 May 1944.

MERRIT G. GARNER (3rd OLC)	0671642	CAPT	Bradley, Ark.
ROGER V. WOLCOTT (3rd OLC)	0734437	CAPT	Cleveland Heights, Ohio
WARREN E. REID (3rd OLC)	0737643	1ST LT	Beatrice, Nebr.

adj. G.O. No. 19, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 29 July 1944.

LEMONT I. DURHUM (3rd OLC)	0753627	1ST LT	Seattle, Wash.

33rd Photographic Reconnaissance Squadron

adj. G.O. No. 16, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 11 July 1944.

PAUL R. MILLER (2nd OLC)	0689894	1ST LT	Fayetteville, N.C.
WILLIAM S. SCOTT JR (3rd OLC)	0689951	1ST LT	Waltys, Texas
ABRAM O. WEAVER (2nd OLC)	0751504	1ST LT	Des Moines, Iowa.

SECTION III

1. By direction of the President and in accordance with authority delegated by the War Department and Ninth Air Force, the PURPLE HEART is awarded to the following named officers and enlisted men, having been wounded due to enemy action in the European Theater of Operations:

a. HENRY A. CARUSO, 0855971, 1st Lieutenant, 378th Fighter Squadron, 362nd Fighter Group, wounded on 26 July 1944.

b. Jesse B. Pickens, 39409174, Staff Sergeant, 362nd Fighter Group, 379th Fighter Squadron, wounded on 28 July 1944.

c. Clyde C. Garrison, 13073596, Sergeant, 362nd Fighter Group, 379th Fighter Squadron, wounded on 29th July 1944.

d. Abraham Goleb, 12342687, Corporal, 362nd Fighter Group, 379th Fighter Squadron, wounded on 28 July 1944.

e. Horace A. Roscorl, 12122[illegible], 362nd Fighter Group, 379th Fighter Squadron, wounded on 28 July 1944.

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i. Jose P. Gonzales, 37344749, Headquarters, Det. "A" 1194 M.P. Co. (PH), wounded on 28 July 1944. Prebona rank Private First Class.

j. Luther E. Goode Jr., 34244464, Staff Sergeant, 2064th Engineer Aviation Fire Fighting Platoon, wounded on 5 July 1944.

k. [illegible] L. McKee, 34265734, Technician Fifth Grade, 2064th Engineer Aviation Fire Fighting Platoon, wounded 5 July 1944.

l. Charlie E. Cox, 33670022, 2064th Engineer Aviation Fire Fighting Platoon, Technician Fourth Grade, wounded 5 July 1944.

m. Fleming T. Swift Jr., [illegible], Sergeant, 367th Fighter Squadron, 358th Fighter Group, Wounded 26 July 1944.

n. James P. Owen, 34144332, Private, Headquarters Squadron, XIX Tactical Air Command, wounded 27 June 1944.

SECTION IV

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 2 July 1926, (Bull. 8, WD 1926), and in accordance with authority delegated by the War Department the Ninth Air Force, a SOLDIER'S MEDAL is awarded to the following named officer and enlisted man:

a. Joseph Henry [illegible], 01147069, First Lieutenant, Signal Corps, Composite Company "C", 363rd Signal Aircraft Warning Battalion. For heroism at Portbail, France, on 10 July 1944. Upon receiving information of an explosion resulting from a United States vehicle setting off a mine, Lieutenant Eichblum led a rescue party to within sight of the accident, and when members of the party cautioned him to go no further without a mine detector, he personally led the medical corps man to the seriously wounded man and, expeditiously, transferred him to a hospital. The danger and risk of life involved in Lieutenant Eichblum's act was later substantiated by a search of the area through which he passed, revealing anti-personnel mines and anti-tank mines within inches of his path. Lieutenant Eichblum's heroic action undoubtedly saved the life of the wounded man since he nearly died from loss of blood and severe shock.

b. McCoy Qualls, 6,900,7, 485th Fighter Squadron, 371st Fighter Group. For heroism at Millville, Army Air Base, Millville, N.J., on 25 December 1943. On this date, Sergeant Qualls, in utter disregard for his own personal safety, entered the cockpit of a burning P-47 aircraft whose tanks were filled with 150 octane gasoline and whose guns had a full load of ammunition, and released the locked brakes of the plane. By that act, Sergeant Qualls enabled the plane to be moved from its position on the Flight Line thereby saving from possible destruction much extremely valuable government equipment, including other aircraft parked nearby, as well as adjacent workshops. By his high devotion to duty and great personal courage, Sgt. Qualls reflected great credit upon himself and upon the Army Air Forces. Entered the Military Service from Savannah, Tennessee.

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G.O. No. 23, AAA Tactical Air Command, 14 August 1944, contd.

SECTION V

1. In compliance with letter Ninth Air Force letter, Subject: DISTINCTIVE INSIGNIA FOR LEAD CREWS, dated 24 July 1944, file no. 421.4, Section IV, G.O. No. 16, this Headquarters, dated 11 July 1944, is hereby rescinded.

By command of Brigadier General WEYLAND:

RANDOLPH P WILLIAMS,
Colonel, Air Corps,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

W L KIDD,
Major, Air Corps,
Acting Asst Adj Gen.

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XIX TACTICAL AIR COMMAND

APO 141, U S Army,
17 August 1944.

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SECTION I: AWARDS OF AIR MEDAL.
SECTION II: AWARDS OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO AIR MEDAL.

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SECTION II

1. By direction of the President, in addition to the Air Medals awarded in General Orders indicated by sub-paragraphs, the following named officers of the XIX Tactical Air Command, are awarded a BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9158 (Bull. 25, WD, 1942), as amended by Executive Order No. 0242-A (Bull. 49, WD 1942), and in accordance with authority delegated by the War Department and Ninth Air Force, in recognition of meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights in the European Theater of Operations, each having completed the required number of operational sorties against the enemy, or having destroyed an enemy aircraft on the dates indicated:

358TH FIGHTER GROUP

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n. G.O. No. 7, Hq. VIII Fighter Command, 5 February 1944.

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ROBERT C. SCHUSTER (11th, 12th, 13th OLC)	0793542	CAPT	Kingston, Pa.

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By command of Brigadier General WEYLAND,

RANDOLPH P WILLIAMS,
Colonel, Air Corps,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:
s/
t/ W. L. KIDD,
Major, Air Corps,
Acting Asst Adj Gen.

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Mission No. 168
1 August 1944

Operations Order No. 121
IX Fighter Command
Armed Reconnaissance

1st Effort

White	Captain Kimball	Yellow	Lt. McDaniel
	Lt. Pitt		Lt. Kimalvo
	Lt. McClellan		Lt. Hatye
	Lt. Smith		Lt. Godfrey
Red	Lt. Morris		
	Lt. Stalnaker		
	Lt. Given		
	Lt. Hammer		

Taking off at 1618 for an armed reconnaissance over the eastern half of the Brest Peninsula, eight of our aircraft carried sixteen 500 pound GP bombs and Yellow Flight acted as "top-cover". The squadron flew over the briefed area from 1650 to 1750 hours. Two haywagons concealing AA guns were bombed and strafed at K-4595 but no hits were scored. Two bombs were dropped on railroad tracks at K-8558 hitting the track and knocking cars off of it. Light intense inaccurate flak was encountered in woods at C-2768. The boys returned to base and landed at 1819. There was haze with visibility 10 miles.

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Mission No. 163
August 1944

Operations Order No. 181
IX Fighter Command
Armed Reconnaissance

2nd Effort

White	Captain Schuster	Yellow	Capt. Schwellenbach
	Lt. Peterson		Lt. Murphy
	Lt. Dian		Lt. McClure
	Lt. Rice		Lt. McCall
Red	Lt. Littlejohn		
	Lt. Keever		
	Lt. Taehrlein		
	Lt. Brown		

Taking off at 1939 the squadron made an armed reconnaissance of the eastern half of the Brest Peninsula for the second time to-day. Sixteen 500 pound GP bombs were carried by eight aircraft and Yellow Flight acted as "top-cover". The squadron was recalled after it had already completed the reconnaissance over the briefed area. The mission was uneventful and all bombs were brought back to the Base. Over the briefed area from 2105 to 2053, the squadron landed at 2113. There was haze to 6,000 feet, no clouds and visibility up 8 miles.

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Mission No. 164 — Operations Order No. 2
[illegible] August 1944 — 1st Bomber Command
— Armed Reconnaissance

1st Effort

White	Colonel Wells	Yellow	Capt. Hirschenbach
	Lt. Roberson		Lt. Murphy
	Lt. Dinn		Lt. LaClure
	Lt. Rice		Lt. McCall
Red	Lt. Morris		
	Lt. Weaver		
	Lt. Cedarlair		
	Lt. Swith		

Taking off at 1405 for an armed reconnaissance of the eastern half of the West Peninsula, the Squadron remained over the briefed area from 1554 to 1735. Six bombs were dropped on the Serre T/V hitting trucks and scoring near misses on three locomotives. Lt. Rice destroyed a truck at 7-5803. The course was followed as briefed so far as 6-5874 where the squadron headed for the base as the fuel was low. With the exception of the aforementioned above, the reconnaissance was uneventful. The squadron landed at 1905. Moderate accurate heavy flak was encountered at Bonnes. There was a 5 to 7/10 cloud cover with a 4,000 feet base and tops 7,000 feet and visibility 4 to 5 miles with haze.

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[illegible]
[illegible] Operations Number

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Capt. [illegible] Harlow
Lt. [illegible]
Lt. [illegible]
Lt. [illegible]

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Lt. [illegible]
Lt. [illegible]
Lt. [illegible]
Lt. [illegible]

[illegible] Hoover
Lt. [illegible]
Lt. [illegible]
Lt. [illegible]
Lt. [illegible]

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Lt. [illegible]
Lt. [illegible]
Lt. [illegible]
Lt. [illegible]

Lt. [illegible]
Lt. [illegible]
Lt. [illegible]
Lt. [illegible]

Lt. [illegible]
Lt. oberson
Lt. [illegible]
Lt. [illegible]

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Capt. [illegible] Harlow
Lt. [illegible]
Lt. [illegible]
Lt. [illegible]

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Lt. [illegible]
Lt. [illegible]
Lt. [illegible]
Lt. [illegible]

[illegible] Hoover
Lt. [illegible]
Lt. [illegible]
Lt. [illegible]
Lt. [illegible]

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Lt. [illegible]
Lt. [illegible]
Lt. [illegible]
Lt. [illegible]

Lt. [illegible]
Lt. [illegible]
Lt. Morris
Lt. [illegible]

Lt. [illegible]
Lt. oberson
Lt. Hoover
Lt. [illegible]

Lo-level missions provided aid to the ground forces in the form of an armed reconnaissance from base to Fougeres, Chateaubriant, La Fleche, Le Mans, Laval, and back to the base. Each aircraft carried one 500 pound G.P. bomb. Yellow flight acted as Top Cover for the other two flights.

The first mission took-off at 0707 with Captain Harlow leading, over briefed area from 0730 to 1030 and landed at the base at 1045.

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[illegible] were [illegible] at 6 at [illegible] over area (Target [illegible]) [illegible] and [illegible] to be and from 1,000 feet. All [illegible] were [illegible] back to the base. There was 10/10 clouds over [illegible],000 feet.

The second mission led by Lt. Lorson took-off at 1137, over briefed area from 1225 to 1255 and landed at 1350. All the [illegible] were brought back to the base. Four troops were [illegible] and further out on recon from [illegible]. There was 6/10 cloud cover at 6000 feet, visibility 5 miles.

Captain Wehner led the third mission that took-off at 1447, over briefed area from 1527 to 1619 and landed at 1650. All [illegible] were returned. There were broken clouds from [illegible] to 8,000 feet, visibility [illegible] miles.

Taking off at 1904, the fourth and last mission for the day for the squadron led by Lt. Lock [illegible] over the briefed area from 1930 to 1947 and landed at 2105. Two bombs were dropped from 1,000 feet on a 45 degree angle after diving from 5500 feet on a gun-carrier scoring two near misses. [illegible] at the base there was 8/10 cloud cover at 10,000 feet, and visibility 5 miles.

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Missions No. 177, 178, 179 & 180
10 August 1944

Operations Order No. 10
IX Fighter Command
Armed Reconnaissance

	#1	#2
White	Captain Farlow	Captain Buckner
	Lt. Test	Lt. Roberson
	Lt. Godfrey	Lt. Reever
	Lt. Giamalva	Lt. [illegible]mer
Red	Lt. Dian	Lt. Kantorski
	Lt. Johnson	Lt. Brown
	Lt. McCall	Lt. Rice
	Lt. Gilbert	Lt. Haehrlein
Top Cover	Lt. Feltz	Lt. Brodnick
	Lt. Farmer	Lt. Manning
	Lt. Murphy	Lt. Morris
	Lt. Pitt	Lt. Stalnaker

	#3	#4
White	Lt. Shook	Lt. Gorson
	Lt. Farmer	Lt. Manning
	Lt. Murphy	Lt. Morris
	Lt. Pitt	Lt. Stalnaker
Red	Lt. Hatye	Lt. McDaniel
	Lt. Test	Lt. Roberson
	Lt. Godfrey	Lt. Reever
	Lt. Giamalva	Lt. Hannold
Top Cover	Lt. Dian	Lt. Kantorski
	Lt. Johnson	Lt. Brown
	Lt. McCall	Lt. Rice
	Lt. Gilbert	Lt. Haehrlein

The four missions to-day were armed reconnaisance from the base to Fougeres, Chateaubriant, La Fleche, Le Mans, Laval and back to the base. Each aircraft in White and Red flights carried one 500 pound GP bomb with 1/10 nose and 1/40 tail fusing. Yellow flight acted as Top Cover.

Captain Farlow led the first mission that took-off at 0940, over briefed area from 1014 to 1101, and returned and landed at the base at 1141. The reconnaisance was uneventful. While en

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route home, Lipsew reported 300 enemy tanks in the vicinity northeast of Le Mans. A great many fires were seen in the Le Mans area in grid box Z-2030. There was haze with the base 2,000 and tops 4,000 feet, visibility 4 miles. En route there was 3/10 cloud cover, base 500 and tops 2500 feet, visibility 4 to 5 miles.

The second mission led by Captain Hulmer was also uneventful. The squadron took-off at 1248, over target area from 1514 to 1405 and landed at base at 1620. A great many fires were seen at Le Mans. Over briefed area there was haze from 2 to 4,000 feet, no cloud. There was 9/10 cloud cover en route, base 500, tops 2500 feet, visibility 4 to 5 miles.

Lt. Shook led the third mission that took-off at 1547, over briefed area from 1614 to 1701, and landed at base at 1750. Four gun positions were bombedand strafed at Z-1540. The dive started from 5,000 feet, bombs released at 2,000 feet at a 45 degree angle. A truck was strafed and destroyed at Z-9064. Lt. Hulmer's aircraft was hit by flak at about 1,000 feet. The airplane was seen to go into the ground at Z-9411. No chute was seen to open. Lt. Witt's aircraft was hit by flak forcing him to make a belly landing at another landing strip. Light intense accurate flak was encountered at Z-1825. Light meager inaccurate flak was encountered in grid box Z-0060. Numerous gun positions were observed in grid boxes Z-0030 and Z-0040. There was 3-4/10 cloud cover, base 5,000 feet, tops 3,000 feet, visibility 6 miles.

The fourth and last mission for the day took-off at 1950 but was recalled at about St. Germaine. Much activity was observed in the Le Mans area. Lt. Gorson, who was leading the squadron, brought them back to the base at 1935. En route there was 2/10 cloud cover, base 1500 feet and tops 2,000 feet.

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Missions No. 131, 132 & 133
11 August 1944

Operations Order No. 11
[illegible] Command
Armed Reconnaissance

	#1	#2	#3
White	Lt. Shook	Lt. Gorson	Captain Buckner
	Lt. Johnson	Lt. Brown	Lt. West
	Lt. McCall	Lt. Rice	Lt. Godfrey
	Lt. Gilbert	Lt. Baehrlein	Lt. Pianalva
Red	Lt. Dian	Lt. Dropenick	Lt. Weltz
	Lt. Murphy	Lt. Manning	Lt. Johnson
	Lt. Watye	Lt. Morris	Lt. McCall
	Lt. Pitt	Lt. Stalnaker	Lt. Gilbert
Top Cover	Lt. Weltz	Lt. McDaniel	Lt. Mantorski
	Lt. West	Lt. Keever	Lt. Murphy
	Lt. Godfrey	Lt. Hannold	Lt. Watye
	Lt. Pianalva		Lt. Pitt

The three missions to-day involved the area from base- Nantes- Angers- base and resulted in the destruction of nine trucks, one of which was hauling two trailers carrying two boats that were also destroyed, and damaging three trucks. Each mission carried eight 500 pound GP bombs with 1/10 nose and 1/40 tail fusing, except the second mission that carried only seven.

The first mission led by Lt. Shook, took-off at 1240, over briefed area from 1333 to 1400, and landed at 1445. Two bombs were released from 1500 feet at a 60 degree angle after diving from 3500 feet. Three trucks with troops were strafed and destroyed at C-8337, C-3359 and C-8359. One truck with explosives at C-4358 and another truck at C-7554 were strafed and destroyed and an additional two trucks met the same fate at C-9460. A truck hauling two trailers loaded with two boats was destroyed by strafing and bombing at C-9640. Heavy moderate accurate flak was encountered west of Nantes, light moderate accurate flak near Chemes, D-0563, and light intense accurate flak east of Nantes, C-1054. Our vehicles were observed entering Angers. One large freighter and one that was probably damaged were seen in the Nantes harbor. There was no cloud, haze from 6,000 feet to the ground, visibility 3-4 miles into the sun and 4-5 miles down-sun.

Lt. Gorson led the second mission that took-off at 1533, over briefed area from 1623-1656, and landed at 1745. One truck was strafed and destroyed at D-1546 and three trucks were bombed and strafed at D-1648. One bomb was dropped from 1,000 feet at a 45 degree angle after starting the dive from 3,000 feet. Large fires were seen in woods in grid box C-8060. There was no cloud, haze from 10,000 feet to the ground, visibility 3 miles. Cumulus was

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forming at 5700 feet east of Arsenales.

Captain Buckner led the third and last mission of the day. Take-off was at 1233, over briefed area 1930-2000, and landed at 2043. A train was observed on fire at [illegible]. All bombs were dropped on gun installations at Pt. Galo, [illegible] scoring three direct hits. Diving from 10,000 feet, the bombs were released at 1,000 feet at an 80 degree angle. There was haze from the ground to 10,000 feet, no cloud. Visibility upsun 5 mile and downsun, 3 to 5 miles.

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Lt. Dorson led the third run. Just [illegible] the bay. In formation took-off at 1445, over briefed area from 1500-1510 and landed at 1610. Nine bombs were dropped and strafed at 1-7600 destroying one and damaging severely four of the vehicles destroying one truck. One bomb made a direct hit on the road. The five started from 3,000 feet and the bombs were released at 1,000 feet at a 55 degree angle. Eight to nine trucks and horsedrawn vehicles were damaged on the road at 1-6816. Lt. Dorson was last seen climbing to altitude from his third run and was last heard telling his wingman to make another attack with his bomb that failed to release on the first run. The reconnaissance covered an area to the following points: 1-6119, 1-6110, 1-6141, 1-6176. Heavy intense accurate flak was encountered at 1-7088 and light intense accurate flak and small arms fire in said boxes 1-6010 and 1-6020. All traffic in enemy territory was moving eastward in small groups in evident confusion. Numerous fires were burning in the entire area. There was 1/10 cloud cover, base 5,000 feet and tops 8,000 feet with haze up to 8,000 feet. Visibility air to air was 1 mile, air to ground 4-5 miles.

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	[illegible]	[illegible]

[illegible] the motion-to-dive security took place [illegible] flight [illegible]. There [illegible] group, five [illegible] the [illegible] squadron [illegible] trailer [illegible] destroyed [illegible] hell [illegible] explosion [illegible] was [illegible] Chateaudun. [illegible] aircraft carried a 500 pound [illegible] with 1/10 [illegible] and 1/60 [illegible] fuses.

[illegible]. Check [illegible] the first [illegible] took-off at 1445, over briefed area from 1500 to 1530, and landed at 1655. [illegible] dive from 8,000 feet, six bombs were dropped from 8,000 feet at [illegible] degree angle. Four direct hits were scored on an ammunition depot at Chateaudun and two bombs fused. The following were destroyed: two staff cars at [illegible] and [illegible], one truck at [illegible], one truck at [illegible], two trucks and one gun truck with trailer in area [illegible], one large truck and one command car in area [illegible]. Two buildings were demolished at the north end of Chateaudun. Which towers were strafed at [illegible] and [illegible]. It was evident that the ammunition dump at Chateaudun was severely damaged and destroyed prior to this squadron's attack. A great many vehicles were seen in [illegible] with much traffic going southward to Chateaudun. A large number of fires and smoke was seen east of Chateaudun where there evidently was fighting. There was 2/10 cloud cover, base 8,000 feet, tops 9,000 feet and visibility 15 miles.

The second mission led by [illegible] was uneventful. The squadron took-off at 1745, over briefed area from 1810 to 1900, and landed at 1930. Heavy meager inaccurate flak was encountered over Falaise. Four troops and vehicles were observed going north beyond Dieppe and south near Caleins. Columns of our troops were seen about 20 miles from Paris. There was 1/10 cloud cover and haze base 6,000 feet, visibility air to air 10 miles, air to ground 15 miles.

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Missions No. 189, 190, 191 & 192
14 August 1944

Operations Order No. 14
XIX Fighter Command
Armed Reconnaissance

	#1	#2
White	Lt. Shook Lt. Test Lt. Given Lt. Gianalva	Captain Farlow Lt. Brown Lt. Rice Lt. Pitt
Top Cover	Lt. Peltz Lt. Manning Lt. Allen Lt. Mannold	Lt. Mropenick Lt. Roberson Lt. Keever Lt. Gilbert

	#3	#4
White	Captain Schuster Lt. Stalnaker Lt. Smith Lt. Test	Captain Schwellenbach Lt. Mannold Lt. Keever Lt. Pitt
Top Cover	Colonel Wells Lt. Johnson Lt. Given Lt. Manning	Lt. McDaniel Lt. Brown Lt. Rice Lt. Gilbert

To-day's operations covered an area around Alencon and Argentan. Four aircraft on each mission carried a 500 pound GP bomb with 1/10 nose and 1/40 tail fusing except in the third mission where five bombs were carried. Lt. Gianalva is missing-in-action.

The first mission with Lt. Shook leading took-off at 0930, over briefed area from 0950 to 1050, and landed at 1116. The squadron was vectored to bomb the road between Ranes and Ecouche which was bombed as directed. Enemy tanks were retreating down this road. Two light tanks were strafed and left burning at Ranes. Ten tanks were strafed destroying one at U-1414. Trucks and men were strafed in trees in this area as directed. Lt. Gianalva was last seen attacking tanks at Ranes. Light accurate flak was encountered south of Ranes. There was 8-9/10 cloud cover en route breaking, visibility, 8 to 10 miles.

Captain Farlow led the second mission that took-off at 1200, over briefed area 1220 to 1315, and landed at 1325. Diving from 7,000 feet, fifteen tanks were bombed and strafed from 3,000 feet at a 50 degree angle demaging four and destroying two at U-2328. A truck loaded with troops was destroyed at U-2131. Flak positions were strafed at U-2328. Heavy meager inaccurate flak was encountered-

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over Argentan. Our traffic was moving northwest about 3 to 5 miles southeast of Argentan. Our artillery bursts were seen across neck of bombline northwest of Argentan. There was haze from 5,000 feet to the ground but no cloud, visibility 10 miles.

Captain [illegible] led the third mission that took-off at 1500, over briefed area from 1550 to 1730 and landed at 1840. Poodle 1 was contacted and vectored squadron to attack artillery position on the outskirts of Danes, U-1503 but the position could not be located. Seven trucks were destroyed and two damaged at U-0305. Heavy inaccurate moderate flak was encountered over area at U-0315. Our troops were observed along roads southwest of Danes. Two tanks were seen in Danes. There was haze and smoke to 5,000 feet, no cloud and visibility 10 miles.

The fourth and last mission of the day with Captain Schwellenbach leading took-off at 1730, over briefed area from 1825 to 1915, and landed at 1958. Poodle 1 directed directed squadron to areas U-1003 and U-1010 where half-tracks were strafed and scribed destroying one and damaging four; one truck was destroyed and eight damaged by strafing and one recon strafed and destroyed. Heavy meager inaccurate flak was encountered over Argentan and light intense accurate flak in same area as above. Enemy traffic was observed heading northwest in pocket from Carrouges towards Flers. There was 2-3/10 cloud cover at 10,000 feet and haze 5,000 feet to the ground, visibility 2 to 3 miles. The four bombs were dropped from 8,000 feet at a 70 degree angle after diving from 4300 feet.

Four trucks were damaged, five destroyed; eleven trucks were damaged, eight destroyed; four half-tracks were damaged and 1 destroyed; and one recon was destroyed.

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Mission No. 193
16 August 1944

Operations Order No. 16
8th Fighter Command
Armed Reconnaissance

White	Captain Buckner	Low Cover	Lt. Allen
	Lt. Whitaker		Lt. Johnson
	Lt. Smith		Lt. Niven
	Lt. Best		Lt. Cumming

The squadron with Captain Buckner leading took-off at 1620, over Alencon-Dreux area from 1700 to 1715 and landed at 1849. Four 500 pound GP bombs with 1/10 nose and 1/40 tail fusing were carried by White Flight. Controller directed squadron to dive-bomb gun installations northwest of Argentan, YP-1732 which would be marked by white smoke but the entire area was covered with smoke. The squadron went only as far east as YP-3017. There was 8-9/10 cloud cover, base 2,000 feet, tops 9,000 feet, haze 5,000 feet to the ground and visibility 8 miles.

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#17

Missions No. 198, 199, 197, [illegible] Operations Order No. 18
198, 199 [illegible], Tech. Rpt.
1st August 1944 Armed Reconnaissance

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White	Captain Parker	Lt. [illegible]	Captain Johnston
	Lt. Pitt	Lt. [illegible]	Lt. [illegible]
	Lt. Niven	Lt. [illegible]	Lt. [illegible]
	Lt. Gilbert	Lt. [illegible]	Lt. [illegible]
Top Cover	Lt. Delta	Lt. [illegible]	Lt. [illegible]
	Lt. Roberson	Lt. [illegible]	Lt. [illegible]
	Lt. [illegible]	Lt. [illegible]	Lt. [illegible]
	Lt. [illegible]		Lt. [illegible]

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White	Captain [illegible]	Captain [illegible]
	Lt. Pitt	Lt. [illegible]
	Lt. Niven	Lt. [illegible]
	Lt. Gilbert	Lt. [illegible]
Top Cover	Lt. Delta	Lt. [illegible]
	Lt. Roberson	Lt. [illegible]
	Lt. Allen	Lt. [illegible]
	Lt. [illegible]	Lt. [illegible]

The missions to-day covered an area from base to Lyeum and along to the Rima River where the Germans beat at that point were attempting a retreat across the river. Two staff cars and a bridge were known to be destroyed. Three direct hits were scored on a pontoon bridge across the Rima where enemy vehicles and troops were retreating. Two aircraft in Pilot Officer [illegible] carried one 500 pound 'T' bomb and two carried two 250 pound fragmentation bombs. Lt. Dixon is missing from to-day's operations.

The first mission was uneventful. Captain Parker led the squadron that took-off at 1000, over Benifer area 1020 to 1100, and landed at 1215. Tires were seen in Lyeum and one by airfield. Well camouflaged unidentified vehicles were seen on the road south of Lyeum. An unidentified white vehicle was seen on the road east of Lyeum.

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[redacted] Lt. [redacted] leading the second flight took-off at 1715, over briefed area from 2000 to 1750, and landed at 1930. [redacted] and [redacted] were stroffed and damaged at A-7240 and A-7835. Installation was contacted but the A/C were parked for the squadron. Four trucks were observed at A-6088. The briefed area was filled with our vehicles in areas A-6703, 6875, 5884 and 5481.

The flight in the lead by Lt. [redacted] was uneventful. The squadron took-off at 1644, over briefed area from 1750 to 1915, and landed at 2100.

Captain [redacted] leading the second flight took-off at 1715, over briefed area from 2000 to 1750, and landed at 1930. [redacted] and [redacted] were strafed but did not have a target for the squadron. [redacted] reported over the A/F that the enemy was shifting frequent effort to areas the Seine five but would not permit the squadron to attack. Four solo A/C were observed headed northeast toward the Seine River in the following areas: A-4048, 4040, 4044, and 4042. Four schuns were observed five to ten miles from Buses Montcourt and troops were also observed in the following areas: A-3816, 3830, 3830, and 3820.

With Capt [redacted] leading, the squadron took-off on the fifth and last mission of the day at 1945, over briefed area from 0000 to 2100, and landed at 2200. [redacted] directed squadron to attack a pontoon bridge at A-4178. The bridge was destroyed by three direct hits. Vehicles and enemy personnel were observed on the bridge at the time of the attack. The enemy was being protected by our mechanized cavalry. Lt. [redacted] was hit by flak at A-3175 while strafing a train which he destroyed. His aircraft was seen to burst into flames. A fire was later seen in the woods in the direction of his attack. A chute was seen to open. Two Me 109's were observed at A-3764 at 10,000 feet. The squadron climbed to 11,000 feet but the E/A eyed them from their position southeast. [redacted] reported over the R/T that he had picked up pilot [redacted] who bailed out near 57 and 3 to 5 he was okay. Light moderate to intense flak was encountered in the following areas: A-3671, 5175, 5372, and A-3774. Four schuns were observed heading northeast towards Vernon to Buses Montcourt along the Seine River. A bridge at A-3488 was observed to be intact.

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Mission No. 60.
17 January 1944

Operations Order No. 13
8th Fighter Command
Combat Reconnaissance

White
Lt. Hall
Lt. Oberbeck
Lt. Lee
Lt. Arnold

Red
Lt. Ivey
Lt. Scott
Lt. Allen
Lt. Johnson

Top Cover
Lt. Felts
Lt. Villers
Lt. Yeager
Lt. Landers

In this six hour mission there were destroyed: 1 train, 7 trucks with trailers, 6 trucks, and three staff cars.

Lt. Hall led the squadron thru to K-c 2 at 1114, over briefed area from 1100 to 1130, and landed at 1345. Four aircraft carried one 500 pound G.P. bomb and four carried two 250 pound fragmentation bombs. All the bombs were dropped on convoy that was also strafed at I-3018. One lift truck and 4 trucks with trailers were destroyed. Two trucks were strafed and destroyed at I-3175 and I-3775. Three staff cars were strafed and destroyed at I-1907, I-2969 and I-3089. Yeager had to return because of [illegible] at I-3060. Johnson and Ivey returned in turn at I-3003 and I-3770.

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an eager but uneventful mission.

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[illegible] c. [illegible]
[illegible] 42nd

[illegible] Squadron Field O. [illegible]
[illegible] Liberator Ground
Low-Jover

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Lite	Colonel Wells	Lt.	Black
	Lt. Orell	Lt.	Cameron
	Lt. Crum	Lt.	Grady
	Lt. Johnson	Lt.	[illegible]
Red	Lt. Tiver	Lt.	[illegible]
	Lt. Albert	[illegible]	[illegible]
	Lt. Reever	Lt.	Arnold
	Lt. Arnold	Lt.	[illegible]
Yellow	Lt. Jerbozski	Lt.	[illegible]
	Lt. Hamblin	Lt.	Albert
	Lt. [illegible]ape	Lt.	Reever
	Lt. [illegible]ugley	Lt.	Iver

[illegible] the two missions to-day, the squadron acted as low-cover for the other two squadrons in the group. Col. Colonel Wells and Lt. [illegible] [illegible] the 100 area.

Colonel Wells led the [illegible] on what a took-off at 1430, over briefed area from 1440 to 1450, and landed at 1730. Lt. Arnold developed a [illegible] at 1-830021 that was given to bums and crash [illegible] ground. The pilot of the B/A did not bail out. Colonel [illegible] down a [illegible] at 1-8830 and the parachute [illegible] not open. A [illegible] [illegible] struck 4 1-8838. After landing, Lt. Johnson's aircraft turned over [illegible] its back but he was unhurt.

With Lt. Black leading the second mission, the squadron took-off at 1615, over briefed area from 1640 to 1730 and landed at 2140. One B/A was burning on the ground in the middle of the [illegible] of the Orell A/D. Many strikes were observed scored on the A/A on the ground near the middle of the A/D. A fire with greish black smoke was seen just off the northeast edge of the field. Moderate inaccurate flak was encountered over Orell. Intense inaccurate flak was encountered at 1-7035.

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Missions No. 209 thru 211
23 August 1944

Operations Order No. 23
IX Fighter Command
Armed Reconnaissance

	#1	#2	#3
White	Capt. Kimball	Capt. Schuster	Capt. Schwellenbach
	Lt. Brown	Lt. Roberson	Lt. Arnold
	Lt. Godfrey	Lt. Smith	Lt. McCall
	Lt. Roberson	Lt. Brown	Lt. Pitt
Red	Lt. Watye	Lt. Wantorski	Lt. Wantorski
	Lt. Arnold	Lt. Watye	Lt. Manning
	Lt. Maehrlein	Lt. Niven	Lt. Maehrlein
	Lt. Pitt	Lt. Murphy	Lt. Wilbert
Yellow	Lt. Allen	Capt. Schwellenbach	Lt. Keever
	Lt. Wilbert	Lt. Godfrey	Lt. Smith
	Lt. McCall	Lt. Allen	Lt. Murphy
	Lt. Manning	Lt. Keever	

The operations for today covered the following areas: Etampes, Pithiviers, Monterian, Melun, S-2714. 5 bombs were dropped on a gun position at S2714 receiving excellent results.

Captain Kimball led the first mission that took-off at 0918, over briefed area from 1017 to 1042, and landed at 1120 after an uneventful patrol of assigned area. They could not contact either ground controller, calling on C & D channel. A long column of GJ trucks were seen in Fountainebleaux at M4728. Fighting was going on in Melun at S2806.

Captain Schuster led the second mission that took-off at 1245, over briefed area from 1342 to 1506, and landed at 1550. Metro was contacted and told squadron to bomb a gun position on western edge of A/D at S2714. Excellent results were observed. Position was strafed and 6 bombs were dropped. Melun was being shelled by our forces. There were large concentration of our forces observed at S2000 and S0808. 5 white top vehicles were seen going SE on road at S5105.

Captain Schwellenbach led the third and final mission of today that took-off at 1653, over briefed area from 1751 to 1850, and landed at 1945, after an uneventful reconnaissance. Our troops were concentrated at S2000. A bridge at S1515 was observed to be intact.

#22

Missions No. 212 thru 214
25 August 1944

Operations Order No. 25
IX Fighter Command
Armed Reconnaisance

	#1	#2	#3
White	Capt. Schuster	Capt. Farlow	Capt. Kimball
	Lt. Hannold	Lt. Pitt	Lt. Brown
	Lt. McCall	Lt. Morris	Lt. Given
	Lt. Pitt	Lt. Murphy	Lt. Keever
Red	Lt. Allen	Capt. Schwellenbach	Lt. Kantorski
	Lt. Roberson	Lt. Hannold	Lt. Roberson
	Lt. Godfrey	Lt. McCall	Lt. Smith
	Lt. Manning	Lt. Keever	Lt. Murphy
Yellow	Lt. Matye	Lt. Given	Lt. Matye
	Lt. Brown	Lt. Manning	Lt. Gilbert
	Lt. Maehrlein	Lt. Smith	Lt. Morris
	Lt. Gilbert	Lt. Maehrlein	Lt. Godfrey
Blue		Lt. Allen	Capt. Schwellenbach
		Lt. Brown	Lt. Hannold
		Lt. Matye	Lt. Maehrlein
		Lt. Godfrey	Lt. Manning

The operations for today covered the following areas: Portiers, Le Blanc, Chateauroux and Brest. The first mission was on armed reconnaisance carrying no bombs, while the second and third carried bombs. One pilot, Lt. Morris, was separated from his flight and due to bad weather was forced to bail out of his plane. He returned to the base later on in the evening.

Captain Schuster led the first mission that took-off at 0813, being over briefed area from 0850 to 0922 and landed at 1015. The squadron strafed vehicles on road just E of Chanuigny at U6975 and at the same point destroyed 1 jeep and 2 oil trucks. 1 truck was destroyed at L4000. 1 command car was demaged at Q1979. Traffic was seen going E on roads.

Captain Farlow led the second mission that took-off at 1240, being over the briefed area from 1320 to 1420 and landed at 1530. Kleenex, Able & Default were contacted and the squadron was told to attack enemy shipping at V9393. 7 bombs were dropped, near misses being observed. No direct hits were observed. 12 of the A/C were ordered back to the base by squadron leader because of the weather while he continued with his flight. The controllers requested that more air support be sent. There was heavy, weak, inaccurate flak at V9393. Also light, intense, inaccurate flak at the same point. 4 freighters were observed at V9393. 6 other freighters reported in same area. Numerous enemy barges observed along N coast of Crozon peninsula from V9387 to V9986 and on S coast of Brest peninsula in area of V9798. Barges were also seen in inlet at V9188. Fires were observed in locks at Q9500. Shelling was observed in area R0101. Shelling came from end of peninsula at W0295.

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Captain Kimball led the third mission which took-off at 1839, being over briefed area from 1930 to 1955 and returned at 2050. 3 flights contacted controllers and were directed to attack shipping in harbor. Kleenex and Able directed them there. 8 bombs were dropped on a merchant ship at V970935. 8 near misses observed straddling vessel. 8 bombs on merchant ship at V9489, 6 near misses being observed. 7 bombs on ship at V901908, 4 near misses being observed. 6 bombs on target given by "Stanza", an artillery strong point at Q025957. All the bombs hit the position and is believed to be destroyed. Lt. Morris was separated from his flight and due to weather conditions was forced to bail out. He returned to the base later on in the evening.

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Missions No. 215 thru 216
26 August 1944

Operations Order No. 26
IX Fighter Command
Armed Reconnaisance

	#1	#2
White	Lt. Shook	Capt. Schwellenbach
	Lt. Hannold	Lt. Hannold
	Lt. McCall	Lt. McCall
	Lt. Pitt	Lt. Pitt
Red	Lt. Allen	Lt. Matye
	Lt. Roberson	Lt. Murphy
	Lt. Godfrey	Lt. Smith
	Lt. Manning	Lt. Keever
Yellow	Lt. Given	Lt. Given
	Lt. Brown	Lt. Brown
	Lt. Maehrlein	Lt. Maehrlein
	Lt. Gilbert	Lt. Gilbert
Blue	Lt. Kantorski	Lt. Allen
	Lt. Murphy	Lt. Roberson
	Lt. Smith	Lt. Godfrey
	Lt. Keever	Lt. Manning

The operations for today covered the tip of the Brest Peninsula and areas around the city of Brest. The first mission covered the tip of the Brest Peninsula, with the planes carrying 500 lb. GP bombs. On the second mission, the squadron, for the first time in its history carried "Mapo" bombs over targets around the city of Brest. The destruction observed from these new bombs (gasoline jelly) was considerable. They also carried 500 lb. GP bombs.

Lt. Shook led the first mission that took-off at 1122, being over the briefed area from 1200-1230 and landed at 1340. 29 bombs were dropped on 5 ships at V9588 and the planes strafed also. There were many near misses observed. 1 bomb dropped on ship V9793 and also strafed, near miss being observed. 4 A/C strafed gun emplacements at Q9593. The W side of woods was strafed at Q9404 where gun positions were. 2 bombs were returned with the squadron. There was light intense, accurate flak at V9887. Light weak, inaccurate flak at W0294. Light intense, accurate flak at R0100 and W0397. Light moderate , inaccurate flak at V9588. 1 ship observed on fire at V9795 and another at V9387. Numerous fires observed on the Brest waterfront. Shelling was observed in a 2 mile radius of Q8010. Our troops reported alsong west side of Lambezelle at Q9503. Shelling was observed at R0403. There was no activity observed at A/D at V9988. 1 ship believed to be at V8387.

Captain Schwellenbach led the second mission that took-off at 1740, being over briefed area from 1800 to 1910, and landed at 1959. 8 GP bombs were dropped on gun emplacement marked by red smoke at W012993 and was strafed. 4 direct hits were observed. 8 GP bombs were dropped on strong point at Q947025 and good concentration was obtained. 3 Mapo (gasoline jelly) bombs were dropped on artillery position at Q990015; 3 direct hits observed and considerable flame observed. The destruction verified by ground control.

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3 gasoline jelly bombs were dropped on Headquarters and Communications center at Q919019 but results were unobserved. 2 fire bombs were jettisoned. There was intense inaccurate, light flak over targets N of Brest.

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Mission No. 217
27 August 1944

Operations Order No. 27
IX Fighter Command
Armed Reconnaisance

White	Capt. Schwellenbach	Yellow	Lt. Allen
	Lt. Roberson		Lt. Brown
	Lt. Godfrey		Lt. Maehrlein
	Lt. Manning		Lt. Gilbert
Red	Lt. Smith	Blue	Lt. Given
	Lt. Keever		Lt. Hannold
	Lt. Matye		Lt. McCall
	Lt. Murphy		Lt. Pitt

The squadron gave close support to the Ground Forces in the Brest area. Eight 150 gallon Nopalm incendiary bombs and sixteen 500 pound GP bombs were carried. With Captain Schwellenbach leading, the squadron took-off at 1316, over briefed area from 1400 to 1455, and landed at 1533. An artillery strong point at Q-980023 was hit with eight bombs and strafed three times; the ground controller verified the hits. Four Nopalm incendiary bombs were dropped on approximately ten barracks buildings at V-753968 scoring three direct hits with much flame resulting. This target was also strafed. An artillery position marked with red smoke at Q-972027 was hit with four Nopalm incendiary bombs which resulted in much flame. Five near misses with eight bombs were made on an artillery position at W-011993. Intense inaccurate light flak was encountered at V-7398. Moderate accurate heavy flak was encountered at Q-9702. Several concrete emplacements were observed at V-735985.

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Mission No. 218
28 August 1944

Operations Order No. 28
IX Fighter Command
Armed Reconnaisance

White	Capt. Schwellenbach	Yellow	Lt. Kantorski
	Lt. Ireland		Lt. Maehrlein
	Lt. Godfrey		Lt. Brown
	Lt. Manning		Lt. Gilbert
Red	Lt. Smith	Blue	Lt. Allen
	Lt. Keever		Lt. Hannold
	Lt. Matye		Lt. McCall
	Lt. Murphy		Lt. Pitt

The squadron gave close support to the Ground Forces in the Brest area. 32--500 lb GP bombs were carried. With Captain Schwellenbach leading, the squadron took-off at 1749, being over briefed area from 1835 to 1930 and landed at 2007. 8 bombs were dropped on the command post, 15 buildings, at W-003953 but no direct hits were observed, all were near misses. 1 building was fired by strafing. 8 bombs were dropped on an artillery position at V-8997, 6 direct hits and 2 near misses were observed. 8 bombs were dropped on an artillery position at Q-973005 and 3 direct hits were observed. 8 bombs were dropped on an artillery position at Q-950025, 4 direct hits, and 1 near miss were observed. All the controllers were contacted. They laid smoke for identification of targets. All the targets were strafed. Over the target, the flak was weak, inaccurate and light at V-8997 and intense, accurate and light at Q-9502. Captain Schwellenbach landed at Marloux at 1930 hours, making an emergency landing and is all right and will return to squadron tomorrow. He will fly plane back when weather permits.

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Mission No. 219 thru 220.
31 August 1944

Operations Order No. 31
IX Fighter Command
Divebombing

	#1	#2
White	Capt. Buckner	Capt. Schuster
	Lt. Birnie	Lt. Smith, RE
	Lt. Rice	Lt. Maehrlein
	Lt. Test	Lt. Gilbert
Red	Capt. Schwellenbach	Lt. Smith, HJ
	Lt. Manning	Lt. Brunetti
	Lt. Godfrey	Lt. Test
	Lt. Hannold	Lt. Roberson
Yellow	Lt. Feltz	Lt. Given
	Lt. Pitt	Lt. Ireland
	Lt. Murphy	Lt. Metye
	Lt. Stalnaker	Lt. Manning
Blue	Lt. Allen	Lt. Feltz
	Lt. Roberson	Lt. Birnie
	Lt. McCall	Lt. Stalnaker
	Lt. Gilbert	Lt. Pitt

The two missions today covered areas in the Brest Peninsula around Landerneau and Brest.

Capt. Buckner led the first mission that took-off at 0723, being over briefed area from 0835 to 0915 and landed at 0940. The squadron carried twelve Nopalm incendiary bombs and eight 500 lb. GP bombs. Seven (7) Nopalm bombs were dropped on trenches at Q-9902. The squadron could not contact Kleenex or Able. Six (6) 500 lb GP bombs were dropped on gun positions at V-8595 and 1 barracks was destroyed. Three (3) Nopalm bombs were dropped on gun positions and troops at V-950029. Good results were observed. There was light, weak inaccurate flak at V-8595. Two (2) Nopalm bombs were jettisoned and two (2) 500 lb GP bombs were returned. Some fires were observed in Brest. Three (3) coastal guns were observed facing South at V-8595 and four (4) artillery pieces facing North entrance to breakwater of the Brest Harbor.

Captain Schuster led the second and last mission today that took-off at 1304, being over the briefed area from 1350 to 1440 and landed at 1530. The squadron carried with them (24) 500 lb GP bombs, returning with (8) of them and jettisoning (2) and four (4) Nopalm bombs. 6 Artillery positions were bombed at V-8796 with (4) Nopalm bombs and (3) direct hits were observed at V-9398. Shelling was observed at V-8796 and V-8787. (8) 500 lb GP bombs were dropped on artillery positions in woods at W-1082 and (6) were dropped on 2 houses 2000 yards down the road SW of Guipavas at R-0204. 1 flight failed to bomb because of the low ceiling over target assigned. There was light weak inaccurate flak observed at a crossroad at Q-9701 and at V-9297. Fires were observed on coast from Brest going Westward. Enemy marking our troops with white smoke for our A/C to bomb them. (3) separate instances reported.

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HEADQUARTERS
XIX TACTICAL AIR COMMAND

APO 141, U S Army,
25 August 1944.

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NUMBER.....27)

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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 and Ninth Air Force, AIR MEDALS are awarded to the following named officers of the XIX Tactical Air Command, in recognition of meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights in the European Theater of Operations, each having participated in the required number of operational sorties against the enemy, or having destroyed an enemy aircraft on the dates indicated:

354TH FIGHTER GROUP

353rd Fighter Squadron

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355th Fighter Squadron

HAROLD E. GRAY	0756495	2ND LT	South Bend, Ind.
GARLAND N. PAGE JR.	0669906	2ND LT	West Palm Beach, Fla.
ROBERT L. PARKINS	0734731	2ND LT	Independence, Kan.

356th Fighter Squadron

LESTER A. BUTLER	0705238	2ND LT	Birmingham, Ala.

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361th Fighter Squadron

SANTO A. CIRILLO	0820257	2ND LT	Birmingham, Ala.
WENDELL J. ROBERSON	0767385	2ND LT	(Missing in action) Fergus Falls, Minn.

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362ND FIGHTER GROUP

377th Fighter Squadron

A. D. CaLLES	0767038	2ND LT	Arlington, Oregon
ROY CHRISTLaN	0767114	2ND LT	Modesto, Calif.
DONALD R. CLARK	0767115	2ND LT	Lemoore, Calif.
FRaNCIS E. KORCSY	0761126	2ND LT	Sheboygan, Misc.
ROBERT D. MORISON	0767327	2ND LT	Fontana, Calif.
WILLIaM R. ORF	0767344	2ND LT	Hoquiam, Wash.
DOUGLE E. OYSTER	0764726	2ND LT	Alliance, Ohio
ROBERT J. RaGINE	0763855	2ND LT	Los Angeles, Calif.
ROBERT G. REED	0763824	2ND LT	Oakland, Calif.
IRVING G. SLY	0760456	2ND LT	Flint, Mich.
WILLIaM H. DAVIS	T-62269	F/O	Winchester, Mass.

378th Fighter Squadron

KEITH W. NICHOLS	0767639	2ND LT	Webster City, Iowa
JaMES A. PETTIT	0767356	2ND LT	San Gabriel, Calif.
KENNETH E. PLACEK	0767361	2ND LT	Austin, Minn.
CHARLES J. SUMTER	0570449	2ND LT	Ridgewood, N.J.
KENNETH H. WEBER	0820618	2ND LT	Pavilion, N.Y.
DAVID E. WRIGHT	0767336	2ND LT	Riley, Kansas

379th Fighter Squadron

RODNEY W. PERCY	0767353	2ND LT	Portland, Oregon
GUSTAVE A. FLOCHERE	0767365	2ND LT	Montrose, Calif.
RALPH L. SaLLEE	0767394	2ND LT	Los Angeles, Calif.
ROBERT B. SEARL	0763751	2ND LT	Spokane, Wash.
LEO SZARFINSKI	0763778	2ND LT	Los Angeles, Calif.
JACK C. TAYLOR	0764528	2ND LT	Cano, Mich.
JULIaN D. THRING	0766761	2ND LT	Bijou Hills, S.D.
BARTON H. WILLIAMS	0761217	2ND LT	Orr, Minn.
MARVIN K. SaFFORD	T-2637	F/O	Weatherford, Texas

363RD FIGHTER GROUP

380th Fighter Squadron

DOUGLAS O. BEVANS	0751925	1ST LT	Lomita Park, Calif.
GEORGE W. EVANS	0668325	1ST LT	Laurel, Miss.
WILLIaM W. HUFF	0664009	1ST LT	Austin, Texas
THOMAS S. L. aCOLUNG	0793008	1ST LT	Carl, W. Va.
JOHN W. OYLER	0793016	1ST LT	Luzerne, Pa.
HARRY L. SIMPLE JR.	0664061	1ST LT	Houston, Texas
JaMES K. ANDREWS	0689184	2ND LT	Rock Falls, Ill.
ROBERT L. FERRIS	0707678	2ND LT	Guttenberg, Iowa
WALTER W. GRAHAM	0680023	2ND LT	Owosso, Mich.

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JAMES E. [illegible]	0668448	2ND LT	Grover, N.C.
PAUL C. HARROLD	0678042	2ND LT	Galesburg, Kansas
HARRY E. LAVIN	0810550	2ND LT	Elmhurst, Ill.
PAUL C. ROLLAND	0766701	2ND LT	Bode, Iowa
DONALD K. SCHRIBER	0766720	2ND LT	Portland, Oregon
WILLIAM A. SCHUBERT	0692204	2ND LT	Placentia, Calif.
JAMES A. SELLTON	0692240	2ND LT	Pine Bluff, Ark.
HUGH E. FIELDS	T-122256	F/O	De Kalb, Ill.
EUGENE A. MURPHY	T-223107	F/O	Ossining, N.Y.

381st Fighter Squadron

FREDERICK A. TRUMBOWER	0737499	1ST LT	Oak Park, Ill.
HARRY R. PARR	0801453	2ND LT	Jackson, Miss.
AUGUSTUS V. DI ZERGA	0814666	2ND LT	Leesburg, Va.
HENRY R. [illegible]GINS	0737109	2ND LT	Minneapolis, Kansas
RICHARD C. JOHNSON	0764681	2ND LT	Indianapolis, Ind.
[illegible]MES A. JONES	0766547	2ND LT	Los Angeles, Calif.
THOMAS T. KILPATRICK	0766557	2ND LT	Lakewood, Ohio
ROY A. KLEINRICK JR.	0766558	2ND LT	San Bernardino, Calif.
ROBERT A. LEETY	0704689	2ND LT	Glenshaw, Penna.
FULLER G. COWAN	0665323	2ND LT	Uniontown, Penna. (Add. Next of kin: Lida D. Mc Cowan (wife), 180 E. Main St., Uniontown, Penna.)
JAMES C. WHITED	0710214	2ND LT	Birmingham, Ala.
HENRY MECZOREK	0701215	2ND LT	Eagle Pass, Texas

30TH FIGHTER GROUP

23rd Fighter Squadron

JOHN L. L. FOULTIER	0814704	2ND LT	Chicago, Ill.
DON I. HALDEN	0763675	2ND LT	Santa Barbara, Calif.
LEE B. KUEHLER	0727554	1ST LT	Larned, Kansas
RICHARD F. SYMOLT	0810704	2ND LT	Chicago, Ill.

373RD FIGHTER GROUP

411th Fighter Squadron

JOSEPH C. BOTZ II	0700194	2ND LT	Jefferson City, Mo.
EDWARD E. BRADLEY	0700224	2ND LT	Charlevois, Mich.
ROBERT G. BURNS	0821062	2ND LT	Charleston, W. Va.
ROLLAN G. BREED	T-123525	F/O	Cortland, N.Y. (Add. Next of kin: Mr. Calvin T. Breed (Father), 17 Park St., Cortland, N.Y.)

405TH FIGHTER GROUP

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509th Fighter Squadron

MALCOLM J. ERICKSON	0790243	2ND LT	Minneapolis, Minn.
CARL J. HOOPER	0821496	2ND LT	Saugus, Mass.
WARREN E. HUBER	0815341	2ND LT	Milwaukee, Misc.
ALTON L. PERRIN	0701799	2ND LT	Los Angeles, Calif.
JOHN FILLNER, JR.	0816721	2ND LT	Alhambra, Calif.
MILTON W. THOMPSON	0814787	2ND LT	Leroy, N.Y.
GRIFFEN V.R N.LE	0815789	2ND LT	New York, N.Y.

511th Fighter Squadron

JOHN P. BROWN	0818330	2ND LT	Portland, Maine
ROBERT C. HAAS	0821677	2ND LT	Irvington, N.J.
JAMES H. McCAULEY	0818398	2ND LT	Springfield, Mass.
WILLIAM J. NISBETT JR.	0807270	2ND LT	Chicago, Ill.
CARROL J. POE	0809187	2ND LT	San Jose, Calif.
J. W. STONE	0824767	2ND LT	Fulton, N.Y.
RICHARD G. STRICKER	0824770	2ND LT	Baltimore, Md. (Add: Next of kin: Mrs. Mary M. Stricker (wife), 3022 Beverly Rd., East. Md.)
JAMES P. THOMAS JR.	0704353	2ND LT	Saginaw, Mich.

406TH FIGHTER GROUP

513th Fighter Squadron

DWIGHT H. HAGEN	0706381	2ND LT	Watford City, N.D.

10TH PHOTOGRAPHIC GROUP, RECONNAISSANCE

12th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron

JOHN TELLETT JR.	0669535	1ST LT	Charlotte, N.C.
DALE H. SHARON	0695095	2ND LT	Pocahontas, Iowa
RICHARD C. SMILEY	0750417	2ND LT	Los Angeles, Calif.
ROBERT G. WALKER	0697304	2ND LT	Gary, Ind.
THOMAS J. WOODS	0695118	2ND LT	Kansas City, Mo. (Deceased)
EDWARD J. BREJ	T-123201	F/C	Buffalo, N.Y.

SECTION II

1. By direction of the President, in addition to the Air Medals awarded in General Orders indicated by sub-paragraphs, the following named officers of the XIX Tactical Air Command, are awarded a BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER 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 and Ninth Air Force, in recognition of meritorious achievement while

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participating in aerial flights in the European Theater of Operations, each having completed the required number of operational sorties against the enemy, or having destroyed an enemy aircraft on the dates indicated:

354TH FIGHTER GROUP

353rd Fighter Squadron

a. G.O. No. 134, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 14 May 1944.

ROBERT REYNOLDS (9th, 10th OLC)	0813228	1ST LT	Orlando, Fla.
GODFIN M. SULLIVAN (10th OLC)	0810470	1ST LT	Frostproof, Fla.
BRUCE A. CARR (8th OLC)	P-61258	F/O	Union Springs, N.Y.

b. G.O. No. 119, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 1 May 1944.

EDWIN D. URQUHART (8th, 9th OLC)	0812509	1ST LT	Cranston, R.I.

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

WILLIAM Y. ANDERSON (12th, 13th OLC)	0730327	1ST LT	Chicago, Ill.

d. G.O. No. 85, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 31 March 1944.

JAMES G. BURKE (9th OLC)	0689200	1ST LT	Ogden, Utah
CHARLES F. KOENIG (11th OLC)	0730528	1ST LT	Oakland, Calif.

e. G.O. No. 27, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 25 August 1944.

OLAF A. OLSBERTSON (2nd OLC)	0790802	1ST LT	Minneapolis, Minn.

f. G.O. No. 23, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 14 August 1944.

CHARLES A. OLMSTED (1st OLC)	0821764	2ND LT	Detroit, Mich.
ANDREW J. RITCHEY (1st OLC)	0763734	2ND LT	Boynton, Okla.
FRANKLIN ROSE (1st OLC)	0763742	2ND LT	Santa Monica, Calif.

g. G.O. No. 19, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 20 July 1944.

JOHN E. BAKER (2nd OLC)	0732120	1ST LT	Hammond, Ind.
IRA J. BUNTING (2nd, 3rd OLC)	0732146	1ST LT	Albion, Ill.
KENNETH H. DAHLBERG (2nd OLC)	0733836	1ST LT	Wilson, Misc.
EDWIN H. PINKERTON (3rd OLC)	0453896	1ST LT	Santa Paula, Calif.
ORRIN D. RAWLINGS (2nd OLC)	0737242	1ST LT	Chicago, Ill.
THEODORE A. SEDVERT (2nd OLC)	0732380	1ST LT	Indianapolis, Ind.
RUSSELL S. BROWN (3rd OLC)	0818332	2ND LT	Lynn, Mass.
HARLOW R. ELDRED JR. (2nd OLC)	0701081	2ND LT	Chicago, Ill.
HAYLEN H. HOLTON (2nd OLC)	0540824	2ND LT	Kewanee, Ill.

h. G.O. No. 12, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 21 June 1944.

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JAMES B. FORREST (3rd OIC) 0697929 2ND LT Columbia, S. C.

i. G.O. No. 10, Hq, IX Air Support Command, 16 February 19__.

JERRY D. LEACH (3rd, 4th OIC) 0680127 1ST LT Little Rock, Ark.

j. G.O. No. 6, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 2 June 19__.

FREDERICK B. DEEDS (3rd, 4th OIC) 0748589 2ND LT Osceola, Mo.

k. G.O. No. 6, Hq, IX Air Support Command, 12 February 19__.

DAVID B. O'HARA (11th OIC) 0744743 1ST LT Pittsburgh, Pa.

l. G.O. No. 4, Hq, IX Air Support Command, 17 February 19__.

CARL G. BICKEL (14th OIC) 0744683 1ST LT El Monte, Calif.

m. G.O. No. 5, Hq, IX Fighter Command, 2 February 19__.

FELIX A. ROGERS (14th OIC) 0744752 CAPT Brookline, Mass.

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n. G.O. No. 150, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 29 May 19__.

ROBERT A. SCHROCK (8th OIC) 0670123 2ND LT Saginaw, Mich.

o. G.O. No. 134, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 14 May 19__.

HOWARD A. DIRKS (6th OIC) 0815120 1ST LT Harrisburg, S.D.
CHARLES A. HADLEY (8th OIC) 0815154 2ND LT Compton, Calif.

p. G.O. No. 39, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 25 February 19__.

GLENDON J. BUER (9th OIC) 0750518 CAPT Harbor City, Calif.

q. G.O. No. 27, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 25 August 19__.

HAROLD A. GRAY (1st OIC) 0761475 2ND LT South Bend, Ind.
GARNELL N. PAGE JR. (1st OIC) 0669902 2ND LT [illegible], Fla.
ROBERT L. PARKINS (1st OIC) 0744752 2ND LT Independence, Kansas

r. G.O. No. 29, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 14 August 19__.

WALTER F. TAYLOR (1st OIC) 0321327 2ND LT [illegible], N.C.

s. G.O. No. 22, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 8 August 19__.

ANDREW R. CLARK (2nd OIC) 0690491 1ST LT Detroit, Mich.

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G.O. No. 27, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 25 August 1944, contd.

t. G.O. No. 11, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 17 June 1944.

GEORGE J. ROEHM JR. (5th CIC) 0701191 2ND LT Rhoadfield, Ind.

u. G.O. No. 10, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 15 June 1944.

EARL W. KNIER (6th CIC) 0886293 1ST LT Malvern, Penna.
LEWIS A. POWERS (8th CIC) 01289796 1ST LT Albuquerque, N.M.
CARYL P. BONOTTO (6th CIC) 0758758 2ND LT Chicago, Ill.

v. G.O. No. 5, Twelfth Air Force, 28 January 1943.

NORMAN B. WYSE (3rd CIC) 0727595 1ST LT Meridian, Miss.

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

WILLIAM I. DAVIS (12th CIC) 0745313 1ST LT Topeka, Kansas

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

VIRGIL C. DIETERICH (5th CIC) 0730404 CAPT Clayton, Kansas
WILLIAM E. PITCHER (7th CIC) 0730597 1ST LT Spokane, Wash.

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y. G.O. No. 150, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 29 May 1944.

WALTER K. PEMBERTON (7th CIC) 0813218 1ST LT St Petersburg, Fla.

z. G.O. No. 134, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 14 May 1944.

HARRY O. THOMPSON (9th CIC) 0812508 1ST LT Burbank, Calif.
FREDERICK J. WARNER (6th CIC) 0812516 1ST LT Chicago, Ill.

aa. G.O. No. 85, Ninth Air Force, 31 March 1944.

LEONARD E. JACKSON (12th CIC) 0682946 1ST LT Hesperia, Mich.
WALTER B. WILLIAMS (10th CIC) 0686280 1ST LT Picayune, Miss.

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

DONALD E. GEHLER (11th CIC) 0805821 1ST LT Portland, Oregon
ROBERT L. YOUNG (9th CIC) 0805722 1ST LT Nantucket, Mass.

cc. G.O. No. 44, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 3 March 1944.

HOMER R. MITCHELL (11th CIC) 0687393 1ST LT Elmwood, Okla.
ROBERT T. STOLZLE (10th CIC) 0886203 1ST LT Iowa, Ia.

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

ALFRED D. STYNSKY (11th CIC) 0807745 1ST LT Chicago, Ill.

G.O. No. 27, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 25 August 1944, contd.

ee. G.O. No. 19, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 20 July 1944.

EARL C. BRUSHOOL (3rd OLC)	0798100	1ST LT	Poultrie, Ga.
JERE L.E J. COLMORS JR. (3rd OLC)	0800474	1ST LT	Boston, Mass.
CLYDE D. SM.LLEY (3rd OLC)	0792755	1ST LT	Jacksonville, Fla.
KEITH R. MERRICK (4th OLC)	0668292	2ND LT	Ulysses, Kans.

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

ALBERT G. REDFERN (1st OLC)	0744752	1ST LT	Washington, D.C.

gg. G.O. No. 5, Hq, IX Fighter Command, 8 January 1944.

VERLIN E. GRABBERS (1st OLC)	0728564	CAPT	Pocatello, Idaho

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hh. G.O. No. 30, War Ninth Air Force, 25 February 1944.

THOMAS W. SCHNEIDERSICH (9th OLC)	0732575	CAPT	Seattle, Wash.

ii. G.O. Not 27, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 25 August 1944.

SANTO W. GIANNIV. (1st OLC)	0820257	2LT	Birmingham, Ala. (Missing in action)

jj. G.O. No. 25, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 14 August 1944.

ELMER R. BROWN (1st OLC)	0816957	2ND LT	Jersey City, N.J.
KENNETH C. MILLER (1st OLC)	0741509	2ND LT	Chicago, Ill. (KIA)
DAVID E. KEEVER (1st, 2nd OLC)	0821783	2ND LT	Lincolnton, N.C.
CHARLES H. MILLER (1st OLC)	0816402	2ND LT	Chicago, Ill. (Missing in action)
HAROLD G. STOWERS (1st, 2nd OLC)	0702656	2ND LT	Spencer, W. Va.
JOE W. WEST (1st OLC)	0771625	2ND LT	Gentry, Ark.

kk. G.O. No. 13, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 21 June 1944.

DAVID J. GODFREY (4th, 5th OLC)	0793652	2ND LT	Canon City, Colo.
CHARLES F. MERRIMAN (3rd, 4th OLC)	0815731	2ND LT	Teaneck, N.J.
TRAIL T. WHITE (4th OLC)	0697218	2ND LT	Akron, Ohio
CRAIG C. LOCKWELL (4th OLC)	0813737	2ND LT	Palmerstown, Pa.
JAMES E. MORRIS JR. (3rd OLC)	0815745	2ND LT	Richmond, Va.
HENRY MURPHY (3rd, 4th OLC)	0697221	2ND LT	Washington, D.C.
ROBERT H. RICE (3rd, 4th OLC)	0816243	2ND LT	Jonesboro, N.C.

ll. G.O. No. 10, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 13 June 1944.

MARTIN E. ALLEN (6th, 7th OLC)	0814220	2ND LT	Minneapolis, Minn.
WALTER E. FELTZ (9th OLC)	0812760	1ST LT	Mt Henry, Ill.

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G.O. No. 27, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 4 August 1944, contd.

ERNEST A. DIVEY JR. (4th CIC) 0814678 2Lt AC Greensboro, N. C.

Hq. U.S. Air Force, VIII Fighter Command, 14 February 1944.

EDWARD LOFT USNR (12th CIC) 0388267 1Lt AC Jersey City, N.J.
JOHN J. KROPEWNICKI (13th CIC) 0688273 1Lt AC Newark, N.J.

Hq. U.S. Air Force, VIII Fighter Command, 5 February 1944.

VICTOR [illegible] HICKS (11th CIC) 0688[illegible] 1Lt AC Madison, N.C.
(Missing in Action.)

Hq. U.S. Air Force, VIII Fighter Command, 20 January 1944.

JOHN H. FLOHRER (13th CIC) 0[illegible]439 Capt AC Cleburne, Texas
PETER CURSON (13th CIC) 0728595 1Lt AC Rockport, N.Y. (Wia)
[illegible] J. GAINES (14th CIC) 0675782 1Lt AC Spur, Texas
CHARLES SHOOK (13th, 14th CIC) 0[illegible]1404 1Lt AC Elmer Elk, N.C.

Hq. U.S. Air Force, VIII Fighter Command, 29 January 1944.

ARTHUR DIAZ (14th CIC) 0731401 1Lt AC Chicago, Ill.
RAYMOND E. DE GIESLER (14th CIC) 0675429 1Lt AC Akron, Ohio
[illegible] O DANIEL (14th CIC) 0675789 1Lt AC Leipsic, Ohio

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Hq. U.S. Air Force, Ninth Air Force, 31 March 1944.

JAMES [illegible] RIPLEY (11th, 12th, 13th CIC) 025707 Capt AC New London, Conn.

Hq. U.S. Air Force, Ninth Air Force, 22 March 1944.

JOSEPH L. LOCKLIN (12th, 13th CIC) 0696814 1Lt AC Omaha, Nebr.

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Hq. U.S. Air Force, Ninth Air Force, 29 May 1944.

[illegible] L. HILL (9th, 10th CIC) 0745564 1Lt AC Lawson, Ga.
[illegible] S. LEWIS (7th, 8th, 9th, 10th CIC) 0[illegible]942 2Lt AC Anderson, Ind.

Hq. U.S. Air Force, 11 March 1944.

ROBERT [illegible] COLLINS (9th, 10th, 11th CIC) 0[illegible]574 Capt AC Sturgis, Mich.

Hq. U.S. Air Force, 31 March 1944.

JOSEPH [illegible] (10th CIC) 0679[illegible] Capt AC East Hartford, Conn.

G.O. No. 27, Hq. XIX Tactical Air Command, 25 August 1944, contd.

JOHN D. SCHNEIDER (6th, 7th, 8th OLC)	0695111	1st Lt	Lindsay, Okla.
FRANCIS T. CONNOR Jr. (9th, 10th, 11th OLC)	0745302	1st Lt	Melrose, Mass.
ALLEN B. KING (9th, 10th, 11th OLC)	0465214	1st Lt	Knoxville, Tenn.
EDWARD F. ANGLEMIRE (12th OLC)	0681627	1ST LT	Valley Stream, N.Y.

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

THOMAS H. GIBSON (12th, 13th, 14th OLC)	0725515	C.A.F.T	Cornwall-on-Hudson, N.Y.
EDWIN O. FISHER (12th, 13th, 14th, 15th OLC)	0745534	C.A.F.	Portland, Oregon
LOREN A. MERRILL (13th, 14th OLC)	0660535	C.A.F.	Indianola, Iowa
THOMAS J. WELSH (9th, 10th, 11th OLC)	0448976	C.A.F.	Chicago, Ill.
MARVIL L. CHILIF (9th OLC)	0679855	1st Lt	Pendroad, S.D.
FRED L. MCFERRIN (11th, 12th OLC)	0745598	1st Lt	Lombard, Ill.
HARRY A. HAMM (10th, 11th OLC)	0743421	1st Lt	Buffalo, N.Y.
ROY L. PELHAM (12th, 13th, 15th OLC)	0695218	1st Lt	Greenville, S.C.

WW. G.O. No. 47, Hq., XIX Tactical Air Command, 29 August 1944.

FRANCIS E. HORSEY (1st, 2nd OLC)	0701119	2nd Lt	Shotsy n, Miss.
DEWEY E. OLIVER (1st, 2nd OLC)	0704726	2nd Lt	Millington, Ohio
ROBERT J. MCCLAIN (1st, 2nd, 3rd OLC)	0763625	2nd Lt	Los Angeles, Calif.
IRVING G. SALY (1st OLC)	0703458	2nd Lt	Flint, Mich.
WILLIAM L. MATTIS III (1st, 2nd OLC)	T-62269	F/O	Winchester, Miss.

XX. G.O. No. 19, Hq., XIX Tactical Air Command, 26 July 1944.

PETER M. HYBL (2nd, 3rd OLC)	0792399	1st Lt	Lansing, Mich.
ALVIN L. HOGBERG (1st, 2nd, 3rd OLC)	0763625	2nd Lt	Cadillac, Mich.
ERNEST H. JOHNSON (1st, 2nd, 3rd OLC)	0763625	2ND Lt	Pearl, Texas
WILLIAM M. KRAMER (1st, 2nd OLC)	0763648	2ND LT	Texas City, Texas
RICHARD D. TERRIE (1st, 2nd, 3rd OLC)	0820412	2ND Lt	Akron, Ohio (Next of kin: Mr. George Fike (Guardian) 1991 Hawthright St., Akron, Ohio.)

YY. G.O. No. 14, Hq., XIX Tactic l Air Command, 4 July 1944.

JACK R. BRINKERHOFF (1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th OLC)	0693989	2ND LT	Bluffora, Ohio
RAY I. PARKER (1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th OLC)	0696992	2ND Lt	Fresno, Calif.
NEAL O. FORE (1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th OLC)	0814141	2ND LT	Knoxville, Tenn.

ZZ. G.O. No. 12, Hq., XIX Tactic l Air Command, 21 June 1944.

CARVER R. WHITE (4th, 5th, 6th, 7th OLC)	669291	2ND Lt	Vermillion, S.D.

G.O. No. 27, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 25 August 1944, contd.

ROBERT A. DEMOREST (4th, 5th, 6th OLC) 0695298 2nd Lt Sioux City, Iowa

cb. G.O. No. 10, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 15 June 1944.

RUSSELL T. FLAHARTY JR. (7th, 8th, 9th, 10th OLC)	0794928	1ST LT	Sicily Island, La.
ROY I. HARLEY (4th, 5th OLC)	0695294	2nd LT	Muncie, Ind.
WILLIAM J. KUTZ II (4th, 5th, 6th, 7th OLC)	T-125240	F/O	Johnstown, Pa.

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cc. G.O. No. 150, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 29 May 1944.

JAMES D. FERGUSON (7th, 8th, 9th, 10th OLC)	0867163	2ND LT	Texico, Va.
FLOYD R. HILLS (5th OLC)	0694087	2ND LT	Cameron, Ill.

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

SHERMAN G. LEBERG (11th, 12th OLC)	0665765	2nd	Union Hill, Ill.

ee. G.O. No. 65, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 31 March 1944.

ROBERT E. BELL (9th, 10th OLC)	0745204	CAPT	Pasadena, Calif.
JAMES F. HARROLD (12th, 13th, 14th OLC)	0793926	CAPT	Muncie, Ind.
HARRY R. STROH (9th, 10th, 11th OLC)	025809	CAPT	Washington, D.C.
LAWRENCE J. HODGINS JR. (10th, 11th, 12th, 13th OLC)	0745386	1ST LT	College Park, Md.
ROBERT A. KENNEDY (9th, 10th, 11th OLC)	0745413	1ST LT	Indianapolis, Ind.
RICHARD D. LEE (11th, 12th OLC)	0802043	1ST LT	Colorado Springs, Colo.
JESSE Z. LITTLE (10th, 11th OLC)	0693146	1ST LT	Potterland, Texas
HARRY C. LOFTHUS JR. (10th, 11th, 12th OLC)	0678900	1ST LT	Waterloo, Texas
HOWARD C. REIGARD (9th, 10th, 11th OLC)	0745413	2ND LT	Yakima, Wash.

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

RICHARD A. CLINE (11th, 12th OLC)	0665762	CAPT	Miami, Fla.
WILFRED B. CRUTCHFIELD (12th, 13th OLC)	0745309	CAPT	Madisonville, Ky.
CHARLES B. NAREHOOD (10th, 11th, 12th OLC)	0801536	1ST LT	Rome, N.Y. (Mrs. Next of kin: Mrs. Jeanette J. Narehood, 1011 W. Embargo St., Rome, N.Y.)

gg. G.O. No. 27, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 25 August 1944.

ANDREW J. SLATER (1st, 2nd OLC)	0570449	2ND LT	Ridgewood, N.J.

G.O. No. 27, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 25 August 1944, contd.

ah. G.O. No. 19, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 20 July 1944.

JOHN L. BLACK (1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th OLC)	0818324	2ND LT	Swoyerville, Pa.
WILBERT ... EDWARDS (1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th OLC)	0814670	2ND LT	Henderson, N.C.
LAURIE J. GREENLEAF (1st OLC)	0507554	2ND LT	Auburn, Maine
DORWYN D. SHAVER (1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th OLC)	0763753	2ND LT	Portales, N.M.
ROBERT ... SNELL (1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th OLC)	0763760	2ND LT	Houston, Tex.
ARTHUR L. STAPLES (1st, 2nd OLC)	0763765	2ND LT	Owensboro, Ky.
STANLEY E. STEFFITZ (1st, 2nd OLC)	0705639	2ND LT	Decatur, Mich.
CHARLES ... STEWART (1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th OLC)	0763766	2ND LT	Houston, Texas
WALTER C. STEWART (1st, 2nd OLC)	0820346	2ND LT	Philadelphia, Pa.
WILLIAM E. STEWART (1st, 2nd, 3rd OLC)	0763770	2ND LT	Nattituck, L.I. N.Y.
DONALD STOLLARD (1st, 2nd, 3rd OLC)	0763771	2ND LT	Twin Falls, Idaho
ARTHUR G. SYLVESTER (1st, 2nd, 3rd OLC)	0763777	2ND LT	Santaquin, Utah

ai. G.O. No. 14, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 4 July 1944.

LOUIS J. CHURCHVILLE (1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th OLC)	0667654	2ND LT	Worcester, Mass.
ALVIN ... JOHNSON (4th, 5th, 6th, 7th OLC)	0700272	2ND LT	New Kensington, Pa.

aj. G.O. No. 12, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 21 June 1944.

HERBERT H. KRAMER (4th, 5th, 6th OLC)	0697207	2ND LT	Rocky River, Ohio

ak. G.O. No. 10, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 13 June 1944.

GORDON L. STRUCHEN (4th, 5th, 6th, 7th OLC)	0697597	2ND LT	Girard, Pa.

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

WILLIAM J. FLAVIN (13th, 14th, 15th, 16th OLC)	0427712	MAJ	Corona, L.I., N.Y.
JAMES R. ASHFORD (7th, 10th, 11th, 12th OLC)	0745231	CAPT	Honolulu, Hawaii

am. G.O. No. 85, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 31 March 1944.

THURLAN F. MORRISON (7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th OLC)	0437034	CAPT	Tupelo, Miss.

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C..RROLL ... PETERSON (19th OLC)	0732346	C..PT	Grand Rapids, Mich.
GOR..N F. L ROSEN (10th, 11th, 12th OLC)	0745424	1ST LT	Salt Lake City, Utah
GER..LD L. ..DL.. (8th, 9th, 10th OLC)	0745437	1ST LT	South Bend, Ind.
ROBERT E. ..C KEE (6th, 7th, 10th, 11th, 12th OLC)	0678869	1ST LT	Rochester, N.Y.
..RLISON ... PUT.... (8th, 9th, 9th OLC)	0681701	1ST LT	Oakland, Iowa
JOHN A. SHU.. ..Y (11th, 12th, 13th OLC)	0678958	1ST LT	..c Minnville, Oregon
..RTHUR E. ..ILCKE (9th, 10th OLC)	0676649	1ST LT	Bridgeport; Conn.
H..ROLD D. ..OD (9th, 10th, 11th OLC)	0676869	1ST LT	Roscoe, N.Y.

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

KENT C. GEYER (12th 13th, 14th, 15th OLC)	0745949	C..PT	Borger, Texas
C..RROLL ... PETERSON (12th, 13th, 14th OLC)	0732346	C..PT	Grand Rapids, Mich.
ROBERT ... LOTY (11th, 12th, 13th OLC)	0745321	1ST LT	Aliquippa, Pa.
STU..RT ... F..REL (10th, 11th OLC)	0745530	1ST LT	St. Louis, Mo.

..p. G.O. No. 27, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 25 August 1944.

ROBERT D. S..RI (1st OLC)	0703751	2ND LT	Spokane, Wash.
LEO SZ..RFINSKI (1st OLC)	0763778	2ND LT	Los Angeles, Calif.
J..CK C. T..YLOR (1st OLC)	0704526	2ND LT	Cano, Mich.
JULI.. D. HEMING (1st OLC)	0700781	2ND LT	Bijou Hills, S.D.
B..RT.. T. ..ILL..S (1st OLC)	0701217	2ND LT	Orr, Minn.
L..RVIL K. S..FFORD (1st OLC)	T-2037	F/O	Weatherford, Texas

..p. G.O. No. 19, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 20 July 1944.

H..UG..N T. FIGGIS (1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th OLC)	0664510	2ND LT	Orange, N.J.
H..ROLD ..ELLEM (1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th OLC)	0701212	2ND LT	Chicago, Ill.
..RTHUR F. ..ILDERM (1st, 2nd, 3rd OLC)	0699029	2ND LT	Cleveland, Ohio
DON..LD H. ..ILSON (1st, 2nd OLC)	0701220	2ND LT	New C..rlisle, Ind.

..p. G.O. No. 14, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 4 July 1944.

CH..RLES E. BROK.. (1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th OLC)	0667761	1ST LT	Bloomington, Ill.
ROBERT E. KELSO (1st, OLC)	0815350	2ND LT	Jackson, Mich.
WILL..RD G. ..OELST..DT (1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th OLC)	0695198	2ND LT	Chicago, Ill.

..r. G.O. No. 12, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 21 June 1944.

RON..LD H..BY (4th, 5th OLC)	0817934	2ND LT	Boaz, Ala.
ROBERT ... J..CKSON (3rd, 4th, 5th OLC)	0701484	2ND LT	Wichita, Kansas
..ILLIS ... REELY (4th, 5th OLC)	0695199	2ND LT	Houston, Texas
L..WRENCE O. S..W..OE (3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th OLC)	0697829	2ND LT	Little Rock, Arkansas

G.O. No. 27, Hq. XIX Tactical Air Command, 25 August 1944, contd.

HOWARD A. SLOAN (3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th OLC) 0695214 2ND LT Wilkinsburg, Pa.

ROBERT D. THRESHER (4th, 5th, 6th OLC) 0697238 2ND LT Nycok, N.Y.

as. G.O. No. 10, Hq. XIX Tactical Air Command, 31 June 1944.

CHESTER B. KUSI (3rd OLC) 0697208 2ND LT Park Rapids, Minn.

HAROLD J. SULLIVAN (4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th OLC) 0697600 2ND LT Midvale, Utah

NORMAN L. SWIFT (4th, 5th, 6th, 7th OLC) 0696719 2ND LT Indianapolis, Ind.

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at. G.O. No. 150, Hq. Ninth Air Force, 29 May 1944.

GERALD C. CLOUGH JR. (6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th OLC) 0886260 1ST LT Worcester, Mass.

HENRY B. MESSER (4th, 5th, 6th, 7th OLC) 0810547 1ST LT Robstown, Texas

DONALD W. RAY (2nd, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th OLC) 0804226 1ST LT Chico, Calif.

EARL L. SNYDER (4th, 5th, 6th OLC) 0744788 1ST LT Port Townsend, Wash.

BRUCE W. TURNER (4th, 5th, 6th, 7th OLC) 0810603 2ND LT Madison, N.J. (Mrs., Next of kin: Mr. George P. Turner, 17 Grove St., Madison, N.J.)

au. G.O. No. 134, Hq. Ninth Air Force, 14 May 1944.

EDWARD P. BALLINGER (7th, 8th, 9th, 10th OLC) 0743517 1ST LT Corpus Cristi, Texas

EVAN L. MC CALL (3rd, 4th OLC) 0431134 MAJ Canton, Kan.

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

MARTIN L. DELONG (4th, 5th, 6th, 7th OLC) 0791289 CAPT Dansville, N.Y.

RALPH J. TYLER (3rd, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th OLC) 0748848 1ST LT Collinsville, Okla.

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

GORDON T. MC EACHRON (8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th OLC) 0748728 CAPT Los Angeles, Calif. (28 May 1944)

THOMAS J. TILSON (9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th OLC) 0745546 CAPT Teaneck, N.J.

LORTON A. WAGERICHR (6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th OLC) 0748668 1ST LT Hastings, Nebr.

G.O. No. 27, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 25 August 1944, contd.

CHARLES R. REDDIG (6th, 7th, 8th OIC) 0746787 1st Lt Los Angeles, Calif.

ax. G.O. No. 85, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 31 March 1944.

ALEXANDER J. WELLSON JR. (2nd, 3rd, 4th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th OIC) 0666568 Capt San Antonio, Texas

ay. G.O. No. 59, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 10 March 1944.

BURL R. WILLIAMS (2nd, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th OIC) 0804262 O.FT Jenks, Okla.

ERNEST L. NICHOLAS (6th OIC) 0748755 1ST LT Escondido, Calif.
(N.O.K. Mr. John L. Nicholas Route 1, Box 314, Escondido, Calif.)

EDWIN E. VANCE (3rd, 4th OIC) 0744671 1ST LT Long Beach, Calif.
(2) 28 May 1944.
(N.O.K. Next of Kin: Mrs. Jewell E. Vance, 1939½ California Ave., Long Beach, Calif.)

az. G.O. No. 27, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 25 August 1944.

DOUGLAS O. BEVANS (1st, 2nd, 3rd OIC) 0731925 1ST LT Lomita Park, Calif.
WILLIAM T. HUFF JR. (1st, 2nd, 3rd OIC) 0664009 1ST LT Austin, Texas
THOMAS S.L. DE CLUNG (1st, 2nd OIC) 0793008 1ST LT Carl, W. V.
JOHN W. OYLER (1st OIC) 0793016 1ST LT Luzerne, Pa.
(N.O.K. Next of kin: Mrs. Henrietta I. Oyler, 453 Bennett St., Luzerne, Pa.)
WALTER A. GRAHAM (1st OIC) 0680023 2ND LT Owosso, Mich.
HARRY E. LEVIN (1st, 2nd, 3rd OIC) 0810550 2ND LT Elmhurst, Ill.
WILLIAM H. SCHUBERT (1st, 2nd, 3rd OIC) 0692264 2ND LT Placentia, Calif.
JAMES A. SHARTON (1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th OIC) 0692240 2ND LT Pine Bluff, Ark.
EUGENE W. MURPHY (1st OIC) T-223107 F/O Ossining, N.Y.

ba. G.O. No. 12, XIX Tactical Air Command, 21 June 1944.

JOHN E. MOLEN (1st, 2nd, 3rd OIC) 0810550 1ST LT Dayton, Ohio
THOMAS H. KILLINGSWORTH (1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th OIC) 0692165 2ND LT Portsmouth, Va.

bc. G.O. No. 10, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 13 June 1944.

RAYMOND R. WISNER JR. (1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th OIC) 0745558 1ST LT Newton Highlands, Mass.

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G.O. No. 27, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 25 August 1944, contd.

WALTER H. SIEMER JR. (3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th OLC)	0743122	2ND LT	Plymouth, Calif.

bd. G.O. No. 8, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command 5 June 1944.

WILLIAM A. HAYNES (3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th OLC)	0805044	1ST LT	Chicago, Ill.
MERLE M. KELLOGG (5th, 6th, 7th, 8th OLC)	0805067	1ST LT	Elmira, N.Y.
JAMES E. HILL (3rd, 4th, 5th OLC)	0805048	2ND LT	College Park, Ga. (1) 28 May 1944. (1) 30 May 1944. (KIA. Next of kin: Mrs. L.G. Hill, 710 N. Main St., College Park, Ga.)

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be. G.O. No. 134, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 14 May 1944.

ALBERT J. REINHART (7th OLC)	0810567	2ND LT	Harvard, Mass. (KIA. Next of kin: Mrs. Helen C. Reinhart (Mother) Prospect Hill Road, Harvard, Mass.)
CHARLES E. SHEA (9th OLC)	0810580	2ND LT	Akron, Ohio

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

CHARLES L. GALLAGHER (9th OLC)	0805026	1ST LT	New Kensington, Penn.

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

JAMES CARTER JR. (10th OLC)	0749523	1ST LT	Downey, Calif.
FREDERICK A. LUNDER (9th OLC)	0744739	1ST LT	St Louis, Mo.

bh. G.O. No. 27, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 25 August 1944.

HENRY R. HUDGENS (1st OLC)	0737109	2ND LT	Minneapolis, Kan.
FULLER M. COWAN (1st OLC)	0685323	2ND LT	Uniontown, Pa. (KIA. Next of kin: Lida D. Mc Cowan (Wife) 180 N. Main St., Uniontown, Penna.)

bi. G.O. No. 23, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 14 August 1944.

JOHN J. BAIRD (2nd OLC)	0730332	1ST LT	Cedar Falls, Iowa
LLOYD E. MEEKER (3rd OLC)	0667764	1ST LT	Joliet Township, Ill.
JOHN E. EARLY (2nd OLC)	0678000	2ND LT	Newburg, N.Y.
DANIEL E. LOWERS (2nd OLC)	0821741	2ND LT	Silverton, Ohio

G.O. No. 27, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 25 August 1944, contd.

bj. G.O. No. 16, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 11 July 1944.

[illegible] E. PRESSNALL (3rd OLC)	0667756	1ST LT	Minneapolis, Minn.
ALEXANDER H. TAIT (4th OLC)	0793028	1ST LT	Morgantown, W. Va.
JAMES G. RICHARDSON (3rd OLC)	0754198	2ND LT	Dubuque, Iowa

bk. G.O. No. 10, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 13 June 1944.

BEN D. WILLIAMS (7th OLC)	0812523	2ND LT	Memphis, Tenn.

bl. G.O. No. 8, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 5 June 1944.

NORMAN H. JACOBSON (8th, 9th OLC)	0694163	2ND LT	Sioux City, Iowa
GERALD B. SCOTT (8th OLC)	T-61264	F/O	Detroit, Mich.

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bm. G.O. No. 150, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 29 May 1944.

JACK A. KARNER (10th OLC)	0805714	1ST LT	Outbank, Mont.

bn. G.O. No. 134, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 14 May 1944.

DELL P. HOLSON (3rd OLC)	0748657	1ST LT	Oakland, Calif.
EDWARD T. PAWLAK (6th OLC)	0748771	1ST LT	Chicago, Ill.
JOSEPH H. SANTARLASCI (9th OLC)	0810575	1ST LT	Philadelphia, Pa.
RAYMOND E. SCHILLEREFF (7th OLC)	0748809	1ST LT	Dryden, Wash.
CHARLES H. SHIFF JR. (8th OLC)	0812499	1ST LT	Theodore, Ala.
LEE E. WEBSTER (10th OLC)	0812519	1ST LT	River Forrest, Ill.

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

RICHARD W. ASBURY (9th OLC)	0801546	1ST LT	Saint Leonard, Md.
JAMES H. CLARK (9th OLC)	0749526	1ST LT	Laguna Beach, Calif.
ROBERT A. HEBERLEIN (9th OLC)	0748645	1ST LT	Portage, Wisc.

bp. G.O. No. 85, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 31 March 1944.

JOHN R. BROWN JR. (8th, 9th OLC)	0795905	CAPT	St Cloud, Minn. (M.L. Next of kin: John R. Brown Sr., (Father), 201 Ramsey Pl., St Cloud, Minn.)

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

JAMES N. BRINK (10th OLC)	0749354	1ST LT	Kansas City, Kansas
ROBERT B. MC GEE (10th OLC)	0748645	1ST LT	Longview, Texas

br. G.O. No. 23, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 14 August 1944.

G.O. No. 27, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 25 August 1944, contd.

RALPH W. YOTHERS (1st OLC)	0797761	1ST LT	Fitcairn, Pa.
HARRY L. BAILEY (1st OLC)	0763461	2ND LT	Medina, New York

bs. G.O. No. 16, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 11 July 1944.

ROBERT M. LAIR (2nd OLC)	0678066	2ND LT	Augusta, Ga.
CHESTER H. RICE (3rd OLC)	0820526	2ND LT	Frederick, Okla.

bt. G.O. No. 13, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 27 June 1944.

FRANK J. PAVELICH (5th OLC)	0759069	2ND LT	Seattle, Wash.
GORDON E. REEVES (5th OLC)	0758852	2ND LT	Salem, Oregon

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bu. G.O. No. 27, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 25 August 1944.

LANE B. RUEHLEN (1st, 2nd, 3rd OLC)	0727554	1ST LT	Larned, Kansas
RICHARD F. SYNNOTT (1st OLC)	0810764	2ND LT	Chicago, Ill.
JOHN L. LA FOUNTAIN (1st OLC)	0814704	2ND LT	Chicago, Ill.
DONN L. LADDEN (1st, 2nd, 3rd OLC)	0763675	2ND LT	Santa Barbara, Calif.

bv. G.O. No. 13, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 27 June 1944.

FREDDIE HOBRECHT (1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th OLC)	0663729	CAPT	Beeville, Texas
JOHN M. TEEGARDEN (1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th OLC)	01699258	CAPT	Albany, N.Y.
DONALD G. BERGQUIST (1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th OLC)	0736951	1ST LT	Minneapolis, Minn.
ELDON A. ERICSON (1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th OLC)	0666905	1ST LT	Dallas, Texas
PHILIP E. FRANKFORT (1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th OLC)	0390341	1ST LT	Franklin, Va.
JACK F. GREER (1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th OLC)	0808676	1ST LT	Cleveland, Ohio
JAMES C. HOLEKAMP (1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th 5th OLC)	0665561	1ST LT	Comfort, Texas
ALGERD PAVILONIS (1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th OLC)	0737227	1ST LT	Brooklyn, N.Y.
LLOYD R. SCOTT (1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th OLC)	0737269	1ST LT	Washington, Iowa
ROBERT E. SHUMAKER (1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th 5th, 6th OLC)	0737278	1ST LT	Evanston, Ill.
ERNEST L. WALKER (1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th OLC)	0665651	1ST LT	Cleveland, Ohio
ELMER J. LARSON (1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th OLC)	0815357	2ND LT	Grand Forks, N.D.

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G.O. No. 27, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 25 August 1944, contd.

MORRIS N. MAGNUSON (1st, 2nd, 3rd OLC)	0763677	2ND LT	Fosston, Minn.
RAYMOND E. MONTGOMERY (1st, 2nd, 3rd OLC)	0817069	2ND LT	Los Angeles, Calif.
JOHN L. SHOLLEN (1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th OLC)	0814760	2ND LT	Bloomfield, N.J.
WILLIAM F. UHLMAN (1st, 2nd, 3rd OLC)	0818465	2ND LT	Los Angeles, Calif.
RAYMOND A. VOEGTLIN (1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th OLC)	0814797	2ND LT	East Orange, N.J.
DEAN I. WERTS (1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th OLC)	0816188	2ND LT	Russel, Iowa

bw. G.O. No. 11, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 17 June 1944.

NATHAN J. ADAMS (4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th OLC)	0415302	CAPT	Montgomery, Ala.
ROBERT E. DUNBAR (4th, 5th, 6th, 7th OLC)	0432700	CAPT	Birmingham, Ala.
ALFRED A. WEGER (4th, 5th, 6th, 7th OLC)	0661402	CAPT	Monmouth, Ill.
SAMUEL P. COLE (4th, 5th, 6th, 7th OLC)	0794206	1ST LT	Lakeland, Fla.
CLINT E. PARDRIDGE (4th, 5th, 6th, 7th OLC)	053880	1ST LT	Chicago, Ill.
JOHN K. ZIPPERER (4th, 5th, 6th OLC)	0794299	1ST LT	Valdosta, Ga.

bx. G.O. No. 10, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 13 June 1944.

HORACE E. SARBURG (5th, 6th, 7th, 8th OLC)	0789285	CAPT	Coushatta, La.

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by. G.O. No. 16, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 11 July 1944.

WILLIAM A. BUTTNER (1st, 2nd, 3rd OLC)	0462446	1ST LT	Twin Falls, Idaho
RICHARD GIBLIN (1st, 2nd OLC)	0668568	1ST LT	Montgomery, Ala.
FRANK M. THOMAS (1st, 2nd OLC)	0668368	1ST LT	Tallulah, La.
WILBUR T. EVANS (1st, 2nd, 3rd OLC)	0817910	2NL LT	Saybrook, Ill.
CHARLES L. HALLBERG (1st, 2nd, 3rd OLC)	0763579	2NL LT	Choteau, Mont. (N.K. Next of kin: Mr. Louis E. Hallberg (Father) Box 175, Choteau, Mont.)
JAMES M. HANSEN (1st, 2nd, 3rd OLC)	0763582	2NL LT	Spokane, Wash.
CLYDE L. MARSHALL (1st, 2nd, 3rd OLC)	0689915	2NL LT	Zavalla, Texas

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HAL W. DIEFFENWIERTH (2nd, 3rd OLC)	0812390	1ST LT	Dade City, Fla.
CYRIL I. FERRALL (4th, 5th, 6th OLC)	0812402	1ST LT	Midland, N.J.

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PAUL E. HOLLAND (3rd, 4th, 5th OLC)	0689840	1ST LT	Uniontown, Penna.
RICHARD D. JENNINGS (3rd OLC)	0689664	1ST LT	Visalia, Calif.
JOHN E. MILLER (2nd, 3rd OLC)	0689697	1ST LT	Malone, N.Y.
RALPH P. SCOBEL (3rd, 4th, 5th OLC)	0689825	1ST LT	Bronx, N.Y.
MELVIN L. SIEWARD (4th, 5th OLC)	0691594	1ST LT	Oglivie, Minn.
JACK A. WENTZ (3rd, 4th OLC)	0689832	1ST LT	Spokane, Wash.
EDWARD B. WILLIAMS (3rd, 4th, 5th OLC)	0816076	2ND LT	Landsdale, Penna.
FRANK E. TULLER (3rd, 4th OLC)	0814792	2ND LT	Arcade, N.Y.
ROY F. GOBB (2nd, 3rd OLC)	T-61486	F/O	Tonawanda, N.Y.

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HARRY L. DOWNING JR (4th, 5th, 6th OLC)	0437990	2nd	Philadelphia, Pa.
KENNETH L. GARRETT (6th, 7th, 8th OLC)	024485	CAPT	Chicago, Ill.
EDWIN V. KING (5th, 6th, 7th OLC)	0449053	CAPT	Columbus, Ga.
EVERETT G. KING (6th, 7th, 8th OLC)	0449054	CAPT	Columbus, Ga.

ob. G.O. No. 10, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 15 June 1944.

CHARLES C. LEMLON (4th, 5th, 6th OLC)	0390580	CAPT	Winnsboro, S.C.
BRUCE A. PERCIFIELD (7th, 8th OLC)	0732345	CAPT	Portland, Oregon
JAMES K. FORREST (3rd, 4th, 5th OLC)	0689755	1ST LT	Springfield Gardens, N.Y.
IRA A. HECKATHORN JR. (5th, 6th OLC)	0745529	1ST LT	New Brighton, Penn.
SAMUEL F. MARSHALL (4th, 5th OLC)	0689790	1ST LT	Savannah, Ga.
RAYMOND D. MARTINI (4th, 5th OLC)	0689789	1ST LT	Moss Beach, Calif.
THOMAS A. MC HENRY JR. (4th, 5th OLC)	0689794	1ST LT	Houston, Texas
EDWARD C. MILLER (2nd, 3rd OLC)	0689880	1ST LT	Rock Springs, Texas
RICHARD E. FLEMMING (3rd, 4th OLC)	0689934	1ST LT	Hartford, Conn.

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od. G.O. No. 44, Hq, IX Tactical Air Command, 9 August 1944.

CHARLES ... APPEL (3rd, 4th, 5th OLC)	0661176	CAPT	Gillette, Wyoming

oa. G.O. No. 5, Hq, IX Tactical Air Command, 19 May 1944.

RICHARD C. BENDER (10th, 11th, 12th OLC)	0426469	2nd	Keokuk, Iowa
THOMAS A. BOHR (8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th OLC)	0440096	2nd	Highland Park, Mich.
WILLIAM C. COLEMAN (12th, 13th, 14th, 15th OLC)	0411960	2nd	Jackson, Miss. (N/K. Next of kin: Mrs. Mildred Coleman (Wife), 422 East Madison St., Yazoo City, Miss.)
FREDERICK B. KINNE (11th, 12th, 13th, 14th OLC)	0661330	2nd	San Diego, Calif.

G.O. No. 27, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 25 August 1944, Contd.

RALPH C. JENKINS (12th, 13th, 14th, 15th CLC)	0442514	CAPT	Seattle, Wash.

509th Fighter Squadron

cf. G.O. No. 43, Hq, IX Tactical Air Command, 6 August 1944.

SHELDON ANDERSON (1st, 2nd, 3rd CLC)	0702739	2ND LT	El Paso, Texas
HENRY BAKKEN (1st, 2nd, 3rd CLC)	0700829	2ND LT	Seattle, Wash.
THOMAS W. O'DONNELL (1st, 2nd, 3rd CLC)	0818005	2ND LT	Kane, Pa.
ARTHUR J. ROEHLING (1st, 2nd, 3rd CLC)	0701806	2ND LT	Buffalo, N.Y.
LAWRENCE F. RYAN (1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th CLC)	0701692	2ND LT	Ishpeming, Mich.

cg. G.O. No. 27, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 25 August 1944.

MALCOLM J. ERICKSON (1st, 2nd CLC)	0700243	2ND LT	Minneapolis, Minn.
ALTON L. PERRIN (1st, 2nd CLC)	0701799	2ND LT	Los Angeles, Calif.

ch. G.O. No. 19, Hq, IX Tactical Air Command, 19 June 1944.

SAMUEL D. AREY (4th, 5th CLC)	0815953	2ND LT	Lattimer Mines, Pa.
EUGENE F. GRAY (6th, 7th, 8th CLC)	0817927	2ND LT	Cleveland, Ohio
JOHN H. NIELSEN (5th, 6th CLC)	0818002	2ND LT	Oakland, Calif.
JOSEPH J. O'NEIL (5th CLC)	0700318	2ND LT	Roselle, Ill.
OSCAR E. THEIS (6th, 7th CLC)	0526046	2ND LT	Thorndale, Texas

ci. G.O. No. 11, Hq, IX Tactical Air Command, 11 June 1944.

JESSE T. MOUNTJOY (5th CLC)	0810399	2ND LT	Versailles, Ky.

cj. G.O. No. 9, Hq, IX Tactical Air Command, 7 June 1944.

WILLIAM A. BARROW (8th, 9th, 10th CLC)	0810293	2ND LT	Panama City, Fla.
BURTON W. COLE (8th, CLC)	0687364	2ND LT	Chanute Field, Ill.
DELMAR R. DAHN (7th, 8th, 9th CLC)	0544095	2ND LT	Stockton, Calif.
CHARLES D. DOONEY (8th CLC)	0810333	2ND LT	New York, N.Y.
PAUL E. HUFF (9th CLC)	0685991	2ND LT	Oklahoma City, Okla.
DONALD B. MACKAY (8th, 9th CLC)	0808294	2ND LT	Lansing, Mich.
JACK R. STAPLEY (9th, 10th, 11th CLC)	0808319	2ND LT	Little Rock, Ark.
NORMAN E. WYLES (8th, 9th, 10th CLC)	0687464	2ND LT	Fredericksburg, Va.

ck. G.O. No. 8, Hq, IX Tactical Air Command, 30 May 1944.

PAUL R. MASSEY (9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th CLC)	0808296	1ST LT	Cleveland, Ohio

cl. G.O. No. 5, Hq, IX Tactical Air Command, 19 May 1944.

ROBERT M. BLACKBURN (13th, 14th, 15th, 16th CLC)	0727390	CAPT	Des Moines, Iowa

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G.O. No. 27, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 25 August 1944, contd.

THOMAS E. COLLINS (11th, 12th, 13th OLC)	0798097	CAPT	Lexington, Ky.
WAYNE H. STOLT (10th, 11th, 12th, 13th OLC)	0799672	CAPT	Washington, D.C.
ALEX KEDROCK (8th, 9th OLC)	0808276	1ST LT	Lansing, Mich.
ROBERT V. LINSCOMB (8th, 9th, 10th, 11th OLC)	0808290	1ST LT	Yakima, Wash.
ROLAND E. PETER (8th, 9th, OLC)	0751426	1ST LT	Fort Snelling, Minn.
THOMAS K. SANFORD JR. (9th OLC)	0686668	1ST LT	San Antonio, Texas
WARREN S. NOIROT (8th, 9th, 10th, 11th OLC)	0806330	1ST LT	Cincinnati, Ohio
WILLIAM C. DOYLE (9th, 10th, 11th OLC)	0810334	2ND LT	Memphis, Tenn.

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cm. G.O. No. 27, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 25 August 1944.

JOHN F. BROWN (1st, 2nd OLC)	0816930	2ND LT	Portland, Maine
ROBERT G. HASS (1st, 2nd, 3rd OLC)	0821697	2ND LT	Irvington, N.J. (Add. Next of kin: Mrs. Hazel Hass (Mother), 1293 Springfield, Irvington, New Jersey.)
WILLIAM J. WILBETT (1st, 2nd, 3rd OLC)	0887270	2ND LT	Chicago, Ill.
CARROL J. POE (1st, 2nd, 3rd OLC)	0809187	2ND LT	San Jose, Calif.
JAMES F. THOMAS JR. (1st, 2nd, 3rd OLC)	0704353	2ND LT	Saginaw, Mich.

cn. G.O. No. 18, Hq, IX Tactical Air Command, 24 June 1944.

JOHN O. CANFIELD (2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th OLC)	0816992	2ND LT	Blue Creek, Utah
GEORGE W. JANOVITZ (2nd, 3rd, 4th OLC)	01171205	2ND LT	Hillside, N.J.
HAROLD J. FRESHA (2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th OLC)	0817096	2ND LT	Setauket, N.Y.
HOMER SMITH JR. (2nd, 3rd, 4th OLC)	0695215	2ND LT	Chicago, Ill.

co. G.O. No. 15, Hq, IX Tactical Air Command, 19 June 1944.

FOSTER C. MOYER (2nd, 3rd, 4th OLC)	0816978	2ND LT	Baldwinville, N.Y.
GLESSNER A. REIMER (2nd, 3rd, 4th OLC)	0701805	2ND LT	Kansas City, Mo. (Add. Next of kin: Mrs. John E. Reimer (Mother), 2820 Tracey Ave., Kansas City, Mo.)
JAMES R. TAYLOR (2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th)	0698235	2ND LT	Eureka, Calif.

cp. G.O. No. 12, Hq, IX Tactical Air Command, 15 June 1944.

FRANK A. GREENE (2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th OLC)	0815655	2ND LT	Suffern, N.Y.
GABRIEL N. GREENWOOD (3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th OLC)	0815686	2ND LT	Boston, Mass.

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ROBERT R. SCHMIT (3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th OLC)	0810425	2ND LT	La Crosse, Wisc.
FREDERICK F. WILSON (3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th OLC)	0808529	2ND LT	Boston, Mass.

cr. G.O. No. 9, Hq. IX Tactical Air Command, 7 June 1944.

JOSEPH E. BENSON (6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th OLC)	0796979	1ST LT	Raleigh, N.C.
RICHARD F. FLAA (5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th OLC)	0686634	1ST LT	St Paul, Minn.
ELLIS F. LYONS (6th, 7th, 8th, 9th OLC)	0685998	1ST LT	Vanderbilt, Texas
JULIAN S. LORFORD (5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th OLC)	0751491	1ST LT	Charlotte, N.C.
JOE R. YOUNG (5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th OLC)	0810451	1ST LT	Moreland, Ga.
GEORGE W. ARNOLD JR. (5th, 6th, 7th OLC)	0686801	2ND LT	El Paso, Texas
RELE R. BURGLIN (3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th OLC)	0810388	2ND LT	Bronx, N.Y.
BILLY D. ELSTY (5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th OLC)	0688286	2ND LT	Hollandersburg, Pa.
BILL E. MYERS (6th, 7th, 8th, 9th OLC)	0751410	2ND LT	Buffalo Creek, Colo.
CHARLES D. MACHLAND JR. (5th, 6th, 7th, 8th OLC)	0752228	2ND LT	Jeffersonville, Ind.
LLOYD V. NEE (6th, 7th, 8th, 9th OLC)	0751414	2ND LT	Russell, Kansas
DONALD P. SIEF (5th, 6th, 7th, 8th OLC)	0688286	2ND LT	Altoona, Pa.

cr. G.O. No. 5, Hq. IX Tactical Air Command, 19 May 1944.

MONROE S. SMITH (8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th OLC)	0796804	CAPT	Tampa, Fla.
JOHN R. WILLINGHAM JR. (8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th OLC)	0799298	CAPT	Tuscaloosa, Ala.
CHARLES E. BROWN (7th, 8th, 9th, 10th OLC)	0865557	1ST LT	Billings, Mont.
THOMAS C. BROWNFIELD (6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th OLC)	0799122	1ST LT	Marshall, Mich.
ARNOLD COLLINS (6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th OLC)	0752223	1ST LT	Big Shoal, Ky.
ROBERT J. PATE (6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th OLC)	0752234	1ST LT	Cleveland, Ohio
MARION J. WARING (7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th OLC)	0687406	1ST LT	Monroe, La.
HENRY J. MOREL (5th, 6th, 7th, 8th OLC)	0752223	2ND LT	Hammond, La.
DONALD W. MILNELL (5th, 6th, 7th OLC)	0810045	2ND LT	Buffalo, N.Y.

G.O. No. 27, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 25 August 1944, contd.

19TH PHOTOGRAPHIC GROUP, RECONNAISSANCE

12th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron

cs. G.O. No. 133, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 14 May 1944.

EDWARD L. BISHOP (8th, 9th, 10th OIC) 0886222 1ST LT York, Penna.

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cu. G.O. No. 33, Hq, Air Support Command, 1 October 1943.

JAMES L. ROSE (7th OIC) 0439643 MAJ Council Grove, Kan.

cu. G.O. No. 27, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 25 August 1944.

JOHN TILLETT JR. (1st OIC)	0669539	1ST LT	Charlotte, N.C.
DALE H. SHLOM (1st, 2nd OIC)	0695095	2ND LT	Poonhontas, Iowa
RICHARD G. SHILEY (1st, 2nd OIC)	0736417	2ND LT	Los Angeles, Calif.
ROBERT G. WALKER (1st, 2nd OIC)	0697504	2ND LT	Gary, Ind.
THOMAS J. WOODS (1st OIC)	0695118	2ND LT	Kansas City, Mo. (Deceased)
EDWARD J. BAEV (1st, 2nd OIC)	T-132201	F/O	Buffalo, N.Y.

cv. G.O. No. 24, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 27 July 1944.

EDWARD B. CROW (3rd, 4th OIC)	0800480	2ND LT	West Palm Beach, Fla.
LAWRENCE R. LEONARD (2nd, 3rd OIC)	0754041	2ND LT	Mantic, Ill.

cw. G.O. No. 15, Hq, IX Tactical Air Command, 13 June 1944.

KARL E. BRANDT (6th, 7th OIC)	0802608	2ND LT	Newport, Pa.
RICHARD C. HEEIG (6th OIC)	0809770	2ND LT	Lakewood, Ohio
ELMER E. WAGNER (3rd, 4th OIC)	0887467	2ND LT	Rochester, N.Y.

cx. G.O. No. 12, Hq, IX Tactical Air Command, 15 June 1944.

RALPH M. NELSON (5th, 6th, 7th OIC)	0471648	1ST LT	Los Angeles, Calif.
WARD F. KIEFNER (6th, 7th OIC)	0810384	2ND LT	Fiffin, Ohio
JOHN G. KINZER (6th, 7th OIC)	T-22150	F/O	Carnduff, Sask. Canada

cy. G.O. No. 9, Hq, IX Tactical Air Command, 7 June 1944.

JAMES M. MCLENNON (6th, 7th OIC)	0665694	1ST LT	Skuggs, Miss.
EDWARD J. CRAZE (7th, 8th OIC)	0682600	1ST LT	Olyphant, Pa.
LEO F. SHEEHY (5th, 6th, 7th, 8th O.C)	0797921	1ST LT	Providence, R.I.
JULIAN S. WHITE JR. (6th OIC)	0671720	1ST LT	Jackson, Miss.
LONNIE E. GRISHAM (6th, 7th, 8th OIC)	0808250	2ND LT	Birmingham, Ala.
CHARLES M. KINYON (7th, 8th, 9th OIC)	0689865	2ND LT	Rochester, N.Y.

cz. G.O. No. 8, IX Tactical Air Command, 30 May 1944.

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G.O. No. 67, Hq. XIX Tactical Air Command, 25 August 1944, contd.

[illegible] Chick (7th, [illegible] OIC)	0688612	1st Lt	Salt Lake City, Utah
WILLIAM E. [illegible] JR. (7th [illegible] C,	0671003	1st Lt	Toledo, Ohio (Missing in action.)

db. G.O. No. 5, Hq. IX Tactical Air Command, 19 May 1944.

BLAIR A. DICKINSON (6th, [illegible] OIC)	0674093	1ST LT	[illegible]tesville, Ind.

db. G.O. No. 4, Hq. VIII Air Support Command, 7 September 1943.

ROBERT S. [illegible]RS (7th OIC)	0439747	[illegible]J	Montclair, N.J.

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

FRANK S. [illegible]ERIDGE JR (9th, [illegible]0th, 11th OIC)	0797765	1ST LT	Greenville, Miss.

SECTION III

1. By direction of the President and in accordance with authority delegated by the War Department and Ninth Air Force, the PURPLE HEART is awarded to the following named officers and enlisted men, having been wounded due to enemy action in the European Theater of Operations:

a. JOE [illegible]NDELL, 0701123, 2nd Lieutenant, 366th Fighter Squadron, 358th Fighter Group, wounded 14 July 1944.

b. [illegible]LLEN J. SUNIER, 0570449, 2nd Lieutenant, 378th Fighter Squadron, 362nd Fighter Group, wounded 30 July 1944.

c. NORBERT [illegible] HEIZER, 16169995, Private, 378th Fighter Squadron, 362nd Fighter Group, wounded 2 August 1944.

d. CHARLES H. [illegible]ONE, 19006358, Staff Sergeant, 378th Fighter Squadron, 362nd Fighter Group, wounded 2 August 1944.

e. CHARLES H. FREE[illegible], 0793605, 1st Lieutenant, 377th Fighter Squadron, 362nd Fighter Group, wounded 11 June 1944.

f. THOMAS H. BEESON, 0235107, Captain, 377th Fighter Squadron, 362nd Fighter Group, wounded 5 March 194[illegible].

g. FRED C. FORD, 0694141, 2nd Lieutenant, 377th Fighter Squadron, 362nd Fighter Group, wounded 27 July 1944.

h. FRANCIS E. HORSEY, 0701119, 2nd Lieutenant, 377th Fighter Squadron, 362nd Fighter Group, wounded 4 August 1944.

i. ROBERT [illegible] EADE, 0689678, 2nd Lieutenant, 404th Fighter Squadron, 371st Fighter Group, wounded 6 June 1944.

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j. J..YNN STONE, J.., 0824767, 2nd Lieutenant, 511th Fighter Squadron, 405th Fighter Group, wounded 10 August 1944.

k. LUTHER B. COOPER, 0810757, 2nd Lieutenant, 513th Fighter Squadron, 406th Fighter Group, wounded 6 August 1944.

l. RICHARD .. PLUMLEY, 0799245, 1st Lieutenant, 513th Fighter Squadron, 406th Fighter Group, wounded 3 August 1944.

SECTION IV

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 2 July 1926, (Bull. 8, WD 1926), and in accordance with authority delegated by the War Department and Army Air Forces, a SOLDIER'S MEDAL is awarded to the following named enlisted men:

a. RAYMOND E. MIELE, 35463846, Private, 22nd Fighter Squadron, 36th Fighter Group. At the risk of his life entered the burning wreckage of an airplane which had crashed, to extricate the unconscious pilot. This act was accomplished despite the hazard of fire and exploding ammunition.

b. BRUNO F. MIELE, 36167067, Corporal, Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron 36th Fighter Group. At the risk of his own life Corporal Miele entered the burning wreckage of an airplane, which had crashed, to extricate the unconscious pilot. This act was accomplished despite the hazard of fire and exploding ammunition.

c. JAMES L. MAURER, 33761939, Corporal, 22nd Fighter Squadron, 36th Fighter Group. At the risk of his life Corporal Maurer entered the burning wreckage of an airplane which had crashed, to extricate the unconscious pilot. This act accomplished despite the hazard of fire and exploding ammunition.

d. OWEN H. SMITH, 37357307, Sergeant, 2154th Engineer Aviation Fire Fighter Platoon. At the risk of his life entered the burning wreckage of an airplane which had crashed, to extricate the unconscious pilot. This act was accomplished despite the hazard of fire and exploding ammunition.

e. GILBERT E. MARTINEZ, 39655163, Staff Sergeant, 57th Fighter Squadron, 362nd Fighter Group. Distinguished himself by heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy, on 31 July 1944. Staff Sergeant Martinez observed a fellow soldier running from a hedgerow across a field with his coveralls burning from gasoline. with complete disregard for his own personal safety, S/Sgt Martinez caught the soldier and threw him to the ground beating out the flames with his bare hands. his courageous act and quick thinking saved the soldier from severe burns which might have been fatal. Entered Military Service from Phoenix, Arizona.

SECTION V

1. So much of paragraph 1, Section I, General Orders No. 14, this Headquarters dated 4 July 1944, as reads:

G.O. No. 27, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 25 August 1944, contd.

362ND FIGHTER GROUP

377th Fighter Squadron

JOEL J. DREEK	0696677	2ND LT	Cicero, Ill.
JOHN G. LAHIN	0802041	2ND LT	Rock Island, Ill.

is rescinded as the above named officers were awarded the Air Medals per General Orders No. 12, this headquarters, dated 21 June 1944.

SECTION VI

1. So much of paragraph 1, General Orders No. 13, this headquarters, dated 27 June 1944, pertaining to 1ST LT HAROLD H. BLOCH and 1ST LT JOSEPH BELTZER as reads:

36TH FIGHTER GROUP

Headquarters

be amended to read:

303RD FIGHTER WING

Headquarters

By command of Brigadier General WEYLAND:

RANDOLPH F MILLIS,
Colonel, Air Corps,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL: Neil M Matzger

NEIL M MATZGER,
Lt Col, AGD,
Adjutant General.

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366TH FIGHTER SQUADRON
APO 141 U. S. ARMY

1 October 44

SQUADRON HISTORY, SEPTEMBER INSTALLMENT.

(1) ORGANIZATION: Negative.

(2) STRENGTH : 61 Officers
256 Enlisted Men.

(3) MOVEMENT : Squadron moved from ALS #28, Pontorson, to ALS #67, Vitry en Perthois, France. First echelon departed ALS #28 on 15th and 16th of September 1944. Convoy of nine (9) vehicles with 22 Officers and enlisted men leaving on 15th and 81 Officers and enlisted men departed by military aircraft on 16th. Equipment was transported by cargo planes over a period of several days. Several transports loaded with men were also dispatched. Last convoy of men and equipment departed Pontorson 21 Sept and arrived ALS #67 on 23 Sept. Entire move took nine (9) days, due to length of move and fact that weather hampered movement by air.

(4) CASUALTIES : None.

(5) DECORATIONS : (a) The following named Officers were awarded Air Medals and Oak Leaf Clusters to Air Medals previously awarded. Awards made per General Orders #27, #28, #30, Headquarters, XIX TAC, dated 25 August, 4 and 11 September, respectively. (Incls. #1, #2, #3).

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2nd Lt. Santo A. Giamalva (MIA)(AM, 1st OLC)
2nd Lt. Wendell J. Roberson (AM, 1st OLC)
2nd Lt. Elmer R. Brown (1st, 2nd, 3rd OLC)
2nd Lt. Kenneth C. Hammer (MIA)(1st OLC)
2nd Lt. David E. Keever (1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th OLC)
2nd Lt. Charles H. Miller (MIA)(1st OLC)
2nd Lt. Harold G. Stalnaker (1st, 2nd, 3rd OLC)
2nd Lt. Joe W. Test (1st, 2nd OLC)
2nd Lt. David J. Godfrey (4th, 5th, 6th OLC)
2nd Lt. Charles H. Maerhlein (3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th OLC)
2nd Lt. Traian T. Matye (4th, 5th, 6th OLC)
2nd Lt. Craig C. McCall (4th, 5th, 6th OLC)
2nd Lt. James E. Morris, Jr. (3rd, 4th OLC)
2nd Lt. Henry Murphy (3rd, 4th, 5th OLC).
2nd Lt. Robert H. Rice (3rd, 4th, 5th OLC)
2nd Lt. Martin E. Allen (6th, 7th, 8th OLC)
2nd Lt. Ernest R. Given, Jr. (6th, 7th, 8th OLC)
2nd Lt. Allen Gilbert (AM, 1st OLC)
2nd Lt. Frank C. Hannold (AM, 1st OLC)

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2nd Lt. Alvin D. Johnson (AM)
2nd Lt. Howard C. Pitt (AM, 1st OLC)
2nd Lt. Stephen A. Manning, Jr. (AM, 1st OLC)
2nd Lt. Hugh J. Smith (4th, 5th OLC)
1st Lt. Walter E. Feltz (9th, 10th OLC)
1st Lt. Edward Kantorski (12th, 13th OLC)
1st Lt. John J. Kropenick (14th, 15th OLC)
1st Lt. Victor H. Idol (MIA)(11th OLC)
1st Lt. Peter Corson (13th OLC)
1st Lt. Max W. McClure (14th OLC)
1st Lt. Carmel M. Shook (13th, 14th, 15th OLC)
1st Lt. William Dian (MIA)(14th, 15th OLC)
1st Lt. Harold L. McClellan (14th OLC)
1st Lt. Meredith M. McDaniel (14th, 15th OLC)
Captain Thomas W. Schwellenbach (9th, 10th OLC)
Captain John H. Buckner (13th OLC)
Captain Allan W. Farlow (15th OLC)
Major Robert C. Schuster (14th OLC)

(b) The following named Officers were awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in action against the enemy, per Section V, General Orders #32, Hq XIX TAC, and Section I, General Orders #64, Hq USSTAF, respectively. (Incl. #4, #5).

2nd Lt. Joe W. Test
1st Lt. Peter Corson

(c) Section IV, General Orders #16, Headquarters XIX TAC, 11 July authorizing Major Robert C. Schuster and Captain John H. Buckner to wear Distinctive Lead Crew Insignia, rescinded by Sec V, General Orders #23, same Headquarters, 14 August 1944, reinstated per Sec V, General Orders #30, Hq XIX TAC, 11 Sept 1944. (Incl #3).

Squadron Flew Thirty-six (36) operational missions during September. Missions were of all types - armed reconnaissance, dive-bombing, strafing, support of ground forces, ground force cover, glider train escort and tash force cover. Several of the planes were hit by flak but all returned to base and no planes or pilots were lost during month.

Capt Fred L. Hillis, 2d Lts Lyle M. Lovell, Stanley J. Stepanek, Paul E. Williams and F/O Robert A. Perry, pilots, assigned and joined from Group Hq on 31 Aug 1944.

1st Lt Krug, on leave in States, promoted to Captain, effective 10 Aug 1944. Capt Schuster, Squadron Commander, promoted to Major, effective 25 August 1944.

1st Lt Lawrence S. Kiernan, Ord Dept, assigned and joined 1 Sept, assigned duties as Squadron Transportation Officer and Assistant Armament-Ordnance Officer.

Capt Ransom H. Doyon, Squadron Adjutant, relieved from assignment and departed 5 Sept for Hq XIX TAC. Capt Doyon will be retruned to States and relieved from active duty. 1st Lt. Yarid, former Supply officer, designated Adjutant, and 2nd Lt. Jack L. Haddock, former Asst Armament-Ordnance Officer and Transportation Officer, designated Supply Officer.

1st Lts. Harry E. Black, Jr., Harry E. Lavin, Jr., 2nd Lts. Thomas T. Kilfoyle, Jr., Roy L. Kilpatrick, Jr., Robert M. Leety, Fuller McCowan and F/O Eugene W. Murphy, pilots, assigned and joined 4 Sept. Pfc David D. and Donald G. Van Fossen, Twins, both welders, Pfc John J. Noon, ammunition worker, and Pvt Frank Woloscsuk, truck driver, assigned and joined from Group Hq, 4 Sept. Cpl Anthony J. Zalewski, armorer, assigned and joined 5 Sept.

2nd Lt Roy L. Kilpatrick, Jr., promoted to 1st Lt., effective 1 Sept 1944.

Pilots still being granted operational leaves of absence to London. Days off for enlisted men again being granted. Morale: Excellent.

F/O Murphy discharged effective 8 Sept to accept appointment as 2nd Lt., effective 9 September 44.

Captain Kimball, one of original pilots of squadron, transferred to 8th AF Composite Sq., U.K., and is awaiting transportation to States.

Tri-Annual inspection by Inspector General, XIX TAC, held on 13 Sept. All records and areas were in excellent condition. Squadron was rated excellent by Inspector General.

Pvts Charles N. Bechtel and Walter J. Koscielski, basics, assigned and joined 12 Sept.

From 15 Sept to 23 Sept echelons of squadron were moving from ALS #28 to ALS #67. New location very well situated and laid out, but continued rains have made quagmires of all areas and roads and made living and flying conditions only fair.

Much work is being done on areas and roads in living and technical sites. Sawdust and gravel being spread around mess area, living sites and on roads.

2nd Lt Gilbert transferred to Hq XIX TAC, eff 21 Sept.

Capt Carlton, Intelligence Officer, transferred to Group Hq as Asst Group Intelligence Officer, and Capt Less, Asst Group Intelligence Officer, assigned to squadron.

2ND Lt Wilfoyle promot ed to 1st Lt., effective 1 Sept; 2nd Lt Bendt, Assistant Engineering Officer, to 1st Lt., effective 15 Sept 1944.

Colonel Cecil L. Wells, Group Commander since activation, was killed in bailing out after being hit by flak on mission of 16 September. Details unknown. Colonel Tipton, former Commanding Officer of 363rd Fighter Group, assigned as Group C.O.

Days off and night passes still in effect at new base and daily liberty runs to Reims are being made. Morale: Excellent.

Missions were flown on dates indicated with types of missions also shown. Reports of missions attached as Incls. #6 to #24, inclusive.

1 Sept - 2 missions - Armed Reconnaissance
3 Sept - 2 missions - Support of Ground Forces
5 Sept - 2 missions - Task Force Support
6 Sept - 2 missions - Task Force Support
8 Sept - 3 missions - Task Force Cover
9 Sept - 2 missions - Task Force Cover
10 Sept - 1 mission - Task Force Support
11 Sept - 4 missions - Task Force Cover
12 Sept - 2 missions - Task Force Support
13 Sept - 2 missions - Armed Reconnaissance
14 Sept - 2 missions - Task Force Support
16 Sept - 1 mission - Armed Reconnaissance
19 Sept - 1 mission - Glider Train Support
20 Sept - 1 mission - Armed Reconnaissance
21 Sept - 1 mission - Strafing
22 Sept - 1 mission - Dive Bombing
24 Sept - 1 mission - Armed Reconnaissance
27 Sept - 4 missions - Armed Reconnaissance
28 Sept - 2 missions - Dive Bombing

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XIX TACTICAL AIR COMMAND (REAR)

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4 September 1944.

GENERAL ORDERS)
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SECTION I: AWARDS OF AIR MEDAL.
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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 and Ninth Air Force, AIR MEDALS are awarded to the following named officers and enlisted men of the XIX Tactical Air Command, in recognition of meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights in the European Theater of Operations, each having participated in the required number of operational sorties against the enemy, or having destroyed an enemy aircraft on the dates indicated:

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358TH FIGHTER GROUP

Headquarters

RANDALL D. KENTON	0412276	LT COL	Campti, La.

365th Fighter Squadron

ALLEN GILBERT	0803967	2ND LT	New York City, N. Y.
FRANK C. HANNOLD	0824485	2ND LT	Elmer, N. J.
ALVIN D. JOHNSON	0823202	2ND LT	Nashville, Tenn.
HOWARD E. PITT	0767360	2ND LT	Glendale, Calif.
STEPHEN A. MANNINO JR.	0822223	2ND LT	Marlboro, Mass.

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363RD FIGHTER GROUP

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380th Fighter Squadron

FRED E. SELBY	0708764	2ND LT	Port Lavaca, Texas
EDWARD S. SHANTZ	0766728	2ND LT	Glencoe, Mo.

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SECTION II

1. By direction of the President, in addition to the Air Medals awarded in General Orders indicated by sub-paragraphs, the following named officers of the XIX Tactical Air Command, are awarded a BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER 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 and Ninth Air Force, in recognition of meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights in the European Theater of Operations, each having completed the required number of operational sorties against the enemy, or having destroyed an enemy aircraft on the dates indicated:

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358TH FIGHTER GROUP

366th Fighter Squadron

p. G.O. No. 36, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 25 February 1944.

THOMAS W. SCHWELLENBACH (10th OLC)	0732375	CAPT	Seattle, Wash.

q. G.O. No. 28, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 4 Sept 1944.

ALLAN GILBERT (1st OLC)	0803967	2ND LT	New York City, N. Y.
FLINN C. HANNOLD (1st OLC)	0824485	2ND LT	Elmer, N. J.
STEPHEN A. MANNING JR. (1st OLC)	0822223	2ND LT	Marlboro, Mass.
HOWARD C. PITT (1st OLC)	0767360	2ND LT	Glendale, Calif.

r. G.O. No. 27, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 25 August 1944.

WENDELL J. ROBERSON (1st OLC)	0767385	2ND LT	Fergus Falls, Minn.

s. G.O. No. 23, XIX Tactical Air Command, 14 August 1944.

ELMER R. BROWN (2nd, 3rd OLC)	0816987	2ND LT	Jersey City, N. J.
DAVID E. KEEVER (3rd, 4th OLC)	0821723	2ND LT	Lincolnton, N. C.
HUGH J. SMITH (4th, 5th OLC)	0696717	2ND LT	Hartford, Wisc.
HAROLD G. STALNAKER (3rd OLC)	0702856	2ND LT	Spencer, W. Va.
JOE W. TEST (2nd OLC)	0701823	2ND LT	Gentry, Ark.

...Air Command, 4 September 1944. contd.

...G.O. No. ..., Hq. AAF Tactical Air Command, 20 June 1944.

DAVID J. GODFREY (6th OLC)	0695052	2ND LT	Canon City, Colo.
CHARLES N. KAEHRLEIN (5th, 6th OLC)	0815731	2ND LT	Teaneck, N. J.
TR...Y E. M...E (5th, 6th OLC)	0697218	2ND LT	Akron, Ohio
CR...G. MCCALL (5th, 6th OLC)	0815737	2ND LT	Rimersbourg, Pa.
JAMES E. MO...D (5th OLC)	0815745	2ND LT	Richmond, Va.
H... MURPHY (5th	0697221	2ND LT	Washington, D. C.
RO... H. RICE (5th	0818023	2ND LT	Jonesboro, N. C.

...G.O. No. ... Hq. XIX ...ctical Air Command, 13 June 1944.

WALTER E. SALTZ (1st OLC)	0812788	1ST LT	McHenry, Ill.
M... E. ... (5th OLC)	0814624	2ND LT	Kannapolis, N. C.
WR...H. ...EN JR. (5th, 6th OLC)	081...78	2ND LT	Clendenin, W. Va.

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

EDWARD KANTORSKI (1st OLC)	0682365	1ST LT	Jersey City, N. J.
JOHN J. KROPENICK (1st OLC)	0688270	1ST LT	Newark, N. J.

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

ALLAN S. BARLOW (15th OLC)	...65303	CAPT	Mt. Vernon, Ill.
SAMUEL M. J...OK (15th OLC)	0...21664	1ST LT	Banner Elk, N. C.

...G.O. No. ..., Hq. VIII Fighter Command, 10 January 1944.

WILLIAM DEAN (1st OLC)	0531401	1ST LT	Chicago, Ill. (Missing in Action)
MEREDITH M. ...DAMEL (15th OLC)	0675789	1ST LT	Leipsic, Ohio.

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362ND FIGHTER GROUP

Headquarters

...G.O. No. 109, Hq. Ninth Air Force, 21 April 1944.

JAMES B. TIPTON (10th OLC)	022554	COL	Blytheville, Ark.

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...G.O. No. 27, Hq. IX Tactical Air Command, 25 August 1944.

THOMAS S. L. MCCLUNG (3rd OLC)	0793008	1ST LT	Carl, West Virginia
HARRY E. LEVIN JR. (4th OLC)	0810580	2ND LT	Elmhurst, Ill.
DONALD W. SCHRIBER (1st OLC)	0766720	2ND LT	Portland, Oregon
WILLIAM F. SCHUBERT (4th OLC)	0692204	2ND LT	Placentia, Calif.
JAMES N. WINGERTON (5th OLC)	0692240	2ND LT	Pine Bluff, Ark.

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G.O. No. 28 Extract, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 8 September 1944, contd.

EUGENE M. MURPHY (2nd Clc) T-223107 FLT O Ossining, N. Y.

By command of Brigadier General WEYLAND:

RANDOLPH P. WILLIAMS,
Colonel, Air Corps,
Chief of Staff.

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1st Lt., Air Corps,

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HEADQUARTERS
XIX TACTICAL AIR COMMAND
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GENERAL ORDERS)
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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 and Ninth Air Force, AIR MEDALS are awarded to the following named officers of the XIX Tactical Air Command, in recognition of meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights in the European Theater of Operations, each having participated in the required number of operational aerial sorties against the enemy, or having destroyed an enemy aircraft on the dates indicated:

364TH FIGHTER GROUP

386th Fighter Squadron

HARRY F. MC CLURE	0697207	2ND LT	Corbin, Kentucky (Mil. Next of kin: Mrs. Victoria Mc Clure (Wife), 409 East Main, Corbin, Ky.)
THOMAS G. HEINE	0707689	2ND LT	Detroit, Mich.

386th Fighter Squadron

NOLAN E. DAVIS	0735557	2ND LT	Indianapolis, Ind.
ROBERT G. FESTER	0736805	2ND LT	Ft Wayne, Ind.
JOSEPH W. SUTHERLAND	0739715	2ND LT	Beaumont, Texas

365TH FIGHTER GROUP

385th Fighter Squadron

NORMAN BENT	0684375	2ND LT	Milwaukee, Wisc.

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G.O. No. 30, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 14 September 1944, contd.

FREDERICK C. BISHOP	0787532	2ND LT	Wilmette, Ill.
DONALD E. CHILDS	0824666	2ND LT	Walkerton, Ind. (14 July 1944) (KIA. Next of kin: Mrs. Dollie M. Childs Buron (Mother), RFD #3, Walkerton, Indiana.)
HOWARD B. COOK	07[illegible]	2ND LT	Chester, S.C.)
CHARLES G. DICKERSON	0711963	2ND LT	Dover, N.J.
RUSSELL C. MANN	0823222	2ND LT	Bellerose, N.Y.
WADSWORTH S. STONE	0824769	2ND LT	Long Meadow, Mass.
ORIN [illegible]. WAHL	0824798	2ND LT	Dallas, Wis.

367th Fighter Squadron

ROBERT F. WEECH	0742768	2ND LT	North Hopkins, Minn.
JOHN J. YERMAK	0818535	2ND LT	Wall, Pa.

368TH FIGHTER GROUP

368th Fighter Squadron

PAUL P. CLARK	0810473	2ND LT	Chattanooga, Penn.
HOWARD H. MARKS JR.	0708727	2ND LT	San Antonio, Texas
JACK A. MARLETTE	0708728	2ND LT	Huntington, Ind.
JAMES G. NEWMAN	0708749	2ND LT	Dallas, Texas

371ST FIGHTER GROUP

406th Fighter Squadron

RICHARD E. KYTE	0766565	2ND LT	W. Hartford, Conn.
JAMES H. LANDRUM	0702816	2ND LT	Dallas, Texas
ROBERT J. MILLER	0700310	2ND LT	Los Angeles, Calif.
JAMES PIPPES	0699001	2ND LT	Kansas City, Mo.

405TH FIGHTER GROUP

509th Fighter Squadron

CHESTER L. VAN ETTEN	0665412	CAPT	Los Angeles, Calif.
ROBERT HARTMAN	0823066	2ND LT	Camden, N.J.
ROBERT J. REESE	0887277	2ND LT	Chicago, Ill.
ROBERT L. WHITEHEAD	T-62409	FIT O	Bessemer, Ala.

10TH PHOTOGRAPHIC GROUP, RECONNAISSANCE

12TH Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron

CARL H. JOHNSON JR.	0810666	2ND LT	Mechanicsburg, Ind.
MINGO V. LOGOPHETIS	0816892	2ND LT	East Elmhurst, N.Y.

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H.Q. U. S., No., AIR Tactic l Air Command, 14 September 1944, Order.

DONALD D. LYNCH	[illegible]776	2ND LT	Bay l City, Mich.
DOUGLAS D. MC CORM...	[illegible]432	2ND LT	Eatontown, N.J.
ELMER T. C...SON	[illegible]731	2ND LT	Gra... Meadow, Minn.

[illegible] Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron

EUGENE F. B...CHUCHKI,	[illegible]76	2ND LT	[illegible], Pa.
EDWARD G. EDWARDS	[illegible]076	2ND LT	Prescott, Arizona
L...E W. GOODENOUGH	[illegible]658	2ND LT	Monrovi..., Md.
SEYMOUR GOVEN	[illegible]655	2ND LT	N... ray, N.J.
ROBERT H. HUGHES	[illegible]797	2ND LT	Chic...go, Ill.
ROBERT G. M...LERS	[illegible]685	2ND LT	Pittsburgh, Pa.
NORBERT A. TROLL...	[illegible]79	2ND LT	Baltimore, Md.
RAYMOND J. MONTES JR.	[illegible]664	FLT O	San Francisco, Calif.

[illegible] Photographic Reconnaissance Squadron

HOMER M. DAVIS	[illegible]285	2ND LT	Dallas, Texas
IRIS I. DILLO	[illegible]269	2ND LT	San Diego, Calif.
JAMES G. M...THEWS	[illegible]95	2ND LT	Elmira, N.Y.

SECTION II

1. By direction of the President, in addition to the Air Medal as awarded in General Orders [illegible] by the Commanding General, the following named officers of the XIX Tactical Air Command, [illegible] ARCHER C.M. LINE OF DUTY under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9158 (Bull. #3, WD, 1942), as amended by Executive Order No. 9242-A (Bull. #9, WD, 1942), [illegible] in force and with authority delegated by the War Department and Ninth Air Force, in recognition of meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights in the European Theater of Operations, having completed the required number of operational sorties against the enemy, or having destroyed an enemy aircraft on the ground [illegible]:

[illegible] Fighter Group

Headquarters

a. G.O. No. [illegible], H., Ninth Air Force, 26 [illegible] 1944.

CHARLES C. [illegible]SSLER (10th OLC)	[illegible]960	LT COL	Vincennes, Ind.

b. G.O. No. 27, IX Fighter Command, 31 December 1943.

GEORGE F. BICKELL (5th, 6th OLC)	[illegible]737	COL	Hatboro, Pa.

c. G.O. No. 5, Hq, IX Fighter Command, 1 January 1944.

ROBERT J. BROOKS (7th OLC)	[illegible]61	COL	Little Rock, Ark.

[illegible]rd Fighter Squadron

d. G.O. No. 134, H., Ninth Air Force, 14 May 1944.

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A W A R D S

G.O. No. 30, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 11 September 1944, awarded.

JOHN F. MONTOOD JR. (7th CIC)	[illegible]	1ST LT	Los Gatos, Calif.
ROBERT REYNOLDS (11th CIC)	0513221	1ST LT	Ord Add, Fla.

a. G.O. No. 27, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 15 August 1944.

OLER W. OHLBERGSON (1st, 3rd CIC)	0790602	1ST LT	Minneapolis, Minn.

b. G.O. No. 29, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 14 August 1944.

CHARLES A. CLIESTED (2nd CIC)	0541764	2ND LT	Detroit, Mich.

c. G.O. No. 29, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 25 July 1944.

SIDNEY L. DEAN (2nd CIC)	0726538	1ST LT	Santa Monica, Calif.

d. G.O. No. 19, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 22 July 1944.

RICHARD A. BROWN (3rd CIC)	[illegible]	1ST LT	Covington, Va.
FRANK L. CHAMBERLAIN (2nd CIC)	0541257	1ST LT	Beverly Hills, Calif.
HARVEY H. CHAPMAN (3rd CIC)	0411694	1ST LT	Richmond, Va.
ORRIN D. RAWLINGS (3rd CIC)	0737248	1ST LT	Chicago, Ill.
RUSSELL S. BROWN (4th CIC)	0618512	2ND LT	Lynn, Mass.
HARLOW R. EBERED JR. (3rd CIC)	0701281	2ND LT	Chicago, Ill.

e. G.C. No. 25, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 27 June 1944.

JOHN S. MILLER (4th CIC)	0516912	2ND LT	Brentwood, N.J.

f. G.O. No. 12, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 21 June 1944.

JAMES B. FORREST (4th CIC)	0537929	2ND LT	Columbia, S.C.

g. G.O. No. 19, IX Air Support Command, 16 February 1944.

JERRY L. BEACH (5th CIC)	0886127	1ST LT	Little Rock, Ark.

h. G.O. No. 8, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 5 June 1944.

FREDERICK B. BEERS (5th CIC)	0748589	2ND LT	Osceola, Nebr.

i. G.O. No. 5, Hq, IX Tactical Air Command, 19 May 1944.

CHARLES E. BROWN (11th CIC)	0855557	2 LT	Billings, Mont.

j. G.O. No. 5, IX Fighter Command, 2 February 1944.

FELIX L. ROGERS (15th CIC)	0744759	2 LT	Brookline, Mass.

k. G.O. No. 138, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 29 May 1944.
355th Fighter Squadron

LOYCE E. FORGISON (10th CIC)	0812794	1ST LT	Sanford, Fla.

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G.O. No. 51, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 11 September 1944, cont'd.

z. G.O. No. 144, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 14 May 1944.

CHARLES E. HANLEY (9th OLC) 0681164 1LT AC Compton, Calif.

aa. G.O. No. 28, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 4 September 1944.

HOWARD A. LESSE JR. (1st OLC) 0668493 2ND LT Rutland, Vermont

bb. G.O. No. 47, Hq, IX Fighter Command, 5th December 1943.

ROBERT [illegible] (10th, 10th OLC) 0730655 1st Lt St Louis, Mo.

cc. G.C. No. 47, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 25 August 1944.

[illegible] GRAY (2nd OLC) 0776495 2ND LT South Bend, Ind.
(NOK: Next of Kin: Mrs. Clara K. Gray (Wife), 925 S. 36th St., South Bend, Ind.,

dd. G.C. No. 63, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 14 August 1944.

SHEPARD B. COLEMAN (1st OLC) 0743295 2ND LT Statesboro, Ga.

ee. G.O. No. 10, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 19 June 1944.

LEWIS W. TOWLES (10th OLC) 0121979 1ST LT Albuquerque, N.M.

ff. G.C. No. 9, Hq, IX Fighter Command, 8 January 1944.

GILBERT F. TARPOI (11th OLC) 0744[illegible] 2LET Claremore, Oregon
LOREN E. LONG (6th OLC) 0744728 1ST LT Peola, Kansas
WILLIAM E. PITCHER (9th OLC) 0738597 1ST LT Spokane, Wash.
RICHARD R. [illegible]M (5th, 6th OLC) 0744764 2ND LT Los Angeles, Calif.

365th Fighter Squadron

gg. G.O. No. 154, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 29 May 1944.

ARTHUR V. M[illegible]RES (10th OLC) 0694149 1ST LT Hasting, Minn.
(NOK: Next of Kin: Mrs. Helen Deissell (Sister), 1159 E. Third St., Hasting, Minn.)

hh. G.O. No. 144, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 14 May 1944.

[illegible] J. THOMPSON (10th OLC) 0816906 1ST LT Burbank, Calif.
FREDERICK J. M[illegible]ER (4th, 7th, 10th OLC) 0816916 1ST LT Chicago, Ill.
THOMAS R. W[illegible]LLIAM (9th OLC) 0813272 1ST LT Hocketstown, N.J.

G.O. No. 30, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 11 September 1944, contd.

JOHN FERGUSON (4th, 10th OLC) 0687140 2ND LT Bayside, N.Y.

v. G.O. No. 109, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 21 April 1944.

VERNON G. REECE (7th OLC) 0807314 1ST LT Lexington, Ky.

w. G.O. No. 85, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 31 March 1944.

MARLOW L. GILLIS (12th, 13th OLC) 0745352 1ST LT Ontario, Calif.
LEONARD E. JACKSON (11th OLC) 0682946 1ST LT Hesperia, Mich.
MICHAEL HORNUT (7th, 8th OLC) 0805942 1ST LT Bedford, Ohio
WALTER S. WILLIAMS (5th, 11th OLC) 0686650 1ST LT Picayune, Miss.

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

BARTHOLOMEW G. TENORE (13th, 14th OLC) 0886204 1ST LT Willis, Mich.
ROBERT I. YOUNG (10th OLC) 0805722 1ST LT Nantucket, Mass.

bb. G.O. No. 44, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 5 March 1944.

HOMER R. MITCHELL (10th, 12th OLC) 0687393 1ST LT Elmwood, Okla.
ROBERT T. SICKLE (11th OLC) 0886255 1ST LT Iowa, La.

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

ALFRED B. STYRSKY (11th, 12th OLC) 0807645 1ST LT Chicago, Ill.

dd. G.O. No. 30, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 11 September 1944.

NORMAN E. DAVIS (1st, 2nd OLC) 0705557 2ND LT Indianapolis, Ind.
ROBERT C. LESTER (1st OLC) 0706426 2ND LT Ft Wayne, Ind.
JOSEPH W. LITTERLAND (1st OLC) 0709715 2ND LT Beaumont, Texas

ee. G.O. No. 28, Hq, XII Air Support Command, 17 August 1943.

ARTHUR E. SORTORE JR. (8th, 9th, 10th, 11th OLC) 0792887 CAPT Avondale Estates, Ga.

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

RICHARD E. TURNER (11th, 17th OLC) 0730674 MAJ Bartlesville, Okla.

gg. G.O. No. 27, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 25 August 1944.

LESTER L. BUTLER (1st OLC) 0705538 2ND LT Birmingham, Ala.

hh. G.O. No. 19, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 20 July 1944.

KEITH R. ALDRICH (3rd, 5th OLC) 0668293 1ST LT Ulysses, Nebr.

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G.C. No. 301, Hq. VIII Fighter Command, 11 September 1944, contd.

E. H. C. BRUSHWOOD (4th, 5th OLC)	0792100	1LT AC	Moultrie, Ga.
JENKINS C. CONKLIN JR. (4th, 5th OLC)	0808474	1ST LT	Boston, Mass.
FRANCIS P. MC ILVAIN (4th OLC)	0792753	1ST LT	Savannah, Ga.
CLYDE L. SHARMAN JR. (4th OLC)	0792755	1ST LT	Jacksonville, Fla.
CHARLES E. EVANS (1st, 2nd OLC)	0809[illegible]	2ND LT	El Paso, Texas

11. G.C. No. 3, Hq. IX Fighter Command, 8 January 1944.

ROBERT J. BACON (10th OLC)	0729961	MAJ	Little Rock, Ark.
VERLIN E. CHAMBERS (14th OLC)	0726584	CAPT	Pocatello, Idaho
EARL G. DEFNER (10th OLC)	0[illegible]	CAPT	Billings, Montana
ROBERT D. WEAVER (11th OLC)	0[illegible]672	1ST LT	Lewiston, Mont.

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11. G.O. No. [illegible], Hq. VIII Fighter Command, 5 February 1944.

ROBERT C. SCHUSTER (12th OLC)	[illegible]	COL	Kingston, Pa.
JAMES F. GAGNER JR. (10th OLC)	[illegible]57	CAPT	Wilmington, N.C.

KK. G.C. No. [illegible], Hq. VIII Fighter Command, 23 January 1944.

ROBERT R. FISHER (14th, [illegible] OLC)	[illegible]	CAPT	Denver, Colo. 28 August 1944.

11. G.C. No. 3, Hq. VIII Fighter Command, 17 January 1944.

GEORGE W. HUNT JR. (14th OLC)	[illegible]	MAJ	Angleton, Texas
JAMES F. SCHICK (15th, 16th OLC)	[illegible]	MAJ	Milwaukee, Wis.

[illegible] Fighter Group

mm. G.C. No. 154, Hq. Eighth Air Force, 14 June 1944.

STEPHEN A. BRAY (9th, 10th OLC)	0[illegible]74	1ST LT	Chicago, Ill.

mm. G.C. No. 83, Hq. Eighth Air Force, 21 March 1944.

JOSEPH ATKINSON (12th, 13th OLC)	0[illegible]7	1ST LT	La Bois, Pa.
HARRY D. BESSLER (12th, 13th, 14th OLC)	[illegible]37	1ST LT	Chicago, Ill. 17 July 1944. (Wm. Next of kin: Col. & Mrs. H.R. Bessler, 6355 S. Glenwood Ave., Chicago, Ill.)
JOSEPH A. GRELL JR. (13th OLC)	[illegible]	1ST LT	Charleston, W. V.

55. G.O. No. 3, [illegible] Air Force, 20 January 1944.

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A R T I L L E R Y

G.O. No. 3, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 11 September 1944, contd.

FRED A. TEY (13th, 14th CLC)	0675736	1ST LT	Salt Lake City, Utah

pp. G.O. No. 34, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 24 September 1944.

NORMAN KENZ (1st CLC)	0[illegible]	2ND LT	Milwaukee, Wis.
FREDERICK S. SIGNOR (1st, 2nd CLC)	0[illegible]	2ND LT	Wilmette, Ill.
HOWARD E. OLSON (1st, 2nd CLC)	0[illegible]	2ND LT	Chester, S.C.
RUSSELL S. MOON (1st CLC)	0[illegible]	2ND LT	Hillsdale, N.Y.
ORIN M. WAHL (1st CLC)	0[illegible]	2ND LT	Beloit, Wis.
WASHBURN E. STONE (1st CLC)	0[illegible]	2ND LT	Los Angeles, Calif.
CHARLES C. ELDERSON (1st CLC)	0711[illegible]	2ND LT	Dover, N.J.

gg. G.O. No. 24, Hq, I Tactical Air Command, 17 August 1944.

GEORGE H. BLOOD (1st, 2nd, 3rd CLC)	0[illegible]	2ND LT	New York City, N.Y.
LESLIE C. POLE (1st, 2nd CLC)	0[illegible]	2ND LT	Waterloo, Ia.
CHARLES S. CLARK (4th, 5th CLC)	0697[illegible]	2ND LT	Bunker Hill, W. Va.
PETER J. IOTLOW (3rd, 4th, 5th CLC)	0697[illegible]	2ND LT	Buffalo, N.Y.
CHARLES H. HERN (4th CLC)	0[illegible]	2ND LT	Jamaica Estates, L.I., N.Y. (Mail: Next of kin: Mrs. Charles H. Horn (Wife), 14419 108th St., Jamaica South, L.I., N.Y.)
GERALD G. WESLEY (3rd, 4th CLC)	0[illegible]	2ND LT	Ventura, Calif.
JOHN A. MILLER (4th CLC)	0[illegible]	2ND LT	Depew, N.Y. (Mail: Next of kin: Mr. Roy Minard, 532 Gould Ave., Depew, N.Y.)
DANIEL S. REIMER (1st, 2nd, 3rd CLC)	07[illegible]	2ND LT	Akron, Ohio
NORMAN A. SCHWABE (3rd, 4th CLC)	0[illegible]	2ND LT	White Plains, N.Y.
WILLIAM A. SNELL (1st, 2nd, 3rd CLC)	07[illegible]	2ND LT	Sacramento, Calif.

rr. G.O. No. 42, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 21 June 1944.

ROBERT E. SPEH (5th, 6th CLC)	0[illegible]	2ND LT	Peoria, Ill.
JOHN A. MC LEVITT (6th, 7th CLC)	0[illegible]	2ND LT	Lincoln Heights, L.C.
CLARENCE C. WRIGHT (6th, 7th, 8th CLC)	0[illegible]	2ND LT	Covington, Ky. 22 August 1944.

ss. G.O. No. 7, Hq, VIII Fighter Command, 14 February 1944.

DAVID W. JOHNSTON JR. (11th CLC)	0[illegible]	1ST LT	Youngstown, Ohio

tt. G.O. No. 8, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 5 June 1944.

GERALD D. SMITH (9th, 10th, 11th CLC)	0693[illegible]	1ST LT	Elton, Ind.
ALBERT E. ZIEGLE (7th, 8th CLC)	0[illegible]	2ND LT	Lancaster, N.Y.
CYRIC M. SCARCELLA (6th, 7th CLC)	0[illegible]	2ND LT	Davenport, Iowa

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G.O. No. 30, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 11 September 1944, Contd.

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

HOWARD L. CURLEY (13th OLC)	0673695	CAPT	Brooklyn Park, Md.

VV. G.O. No. 9, Hq, VIII Fighter Command, 26 January 1944.

JACK S. COULTER (1st, 17th, 18th OLC)	0523271	CAPT	Sweet Home, Oregon (1) 14 July 1944, (1) 17 July
ALBERT P. GSELL (14th OLC)	0675752	1ST LT	Hampton, Va.

WW. G.O. No. 4, Hq, VIII Fighter Command, 26 January 1944.

JESSE H. WOODYARD JR. (14th OLC)	0672731	CAPT	Newark, Ohio

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XX. G.O. No. 65, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 31 March 1944.

LEWIS F. SHERMAN (12th OLC)	0732383	CAPT	Santa Ana, Calif.
JOE R. HOLLOWAY JR. (13th OLC)	0671744	1ST LT	Shreveport, La.
OWEN S. PARRISH JR. (11th OLC)	0672662	1ST LT	Las Vegas, N.M.
RAE E. PRESTON (11th, 12th OLC)	0810362	1ST LT	Macon, Ga.
ROBERT P. ALWARD (9th, 10th OLC)	0810725	2ND LT	Pittsburgh, Pa. (KIA. Next of kin: Mrs. Margaret J. Alward (mother) 4733 Centre Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa.)

VV. G.O. No. 30, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 11 September 1944.

ROBERT R. WEECK (1st, 2nd OLC)	0744766	2ND LT	North Hopkins, Minn.
JOHN J. YEDINAK (1st, 2nd OLC)	0746525	2ND LT	Wall, Pa.

ZZ. G.O. No. 24, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 17 August 1944.

SALVATORE L. ALESSI (3rd, 4th OLC)	0807271	2ND LT	Rochester, N.Y.
FRED E. COY JR. (1st, 2nd, 3rd OLC)	0706358	2ND LT	Louisville, Ky.
EDWARD J. FOX (3rd, 4th, 5th OLC)	0815303	2ND LT	Euclid, Ohio
EUGENE E. GARRETT (3rd OLC)	0697195	2ND LT	New York, N.Y. (KIA. Mr. Charles Garrett (Father) 37 - 27 Sixteenth St., Woodside, L.I., N.Y.)
ROBERT J. LICKTEIG (3rd, 4th OLC)	0816624	2ND LT	Minneapolis, Minn.
DONALD F. MC KENNA (1st, 2nd, 3rd OLC)	0701781	2ND LT	Storm Lake, Iowa
RALPH G. NEAS (3rd, 4th OLC)	0817080	2ND LT	Dedham, Mass.
WAYNE E. OWENS (1st, 2nd, 3rd OLC)	0201765	2ND LT	Menlo, N.J.
JOHN W. SMITH (1st, 2nd OLC)	0741616	2ND LT	Wilcox, Nebr. (KIA. Next of kin: Mrs. Shirley Smith (Wife), 2706 La Salle St., Los Angeles, Calif.)

G.O. No. 30, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 11 September 1944, contd.

BILLIE SNELL (1st, 2nd, 3rd CLC)	0701119	2ND LT	Tallassee, Okla.
JESSE L. THOMPSON (3rd, 4th, 5th CLC)	0697275	2ND LT	Saginaw, Mich.

ab. G.O. No. 14, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 4 July 1944.

LAVID W. LOVELESS (3rd, 4th, 5th CLC)	0697274	2ND LT	Junction City, Kansas
DOYLE F. MEE (5th, 6th CLC)	0697222	2ND LT	Pensacola, Fla.
JOHN J. PETROSKY (3rd, 4th CLC)	0716931	2ND LT	Roswell, Pa.
ROBERT E. POWELL (3rd, 4th CLC)	0697226	2NL LT	Rochester, N.Y.
WILLIAM G. WETHERILL (3rd, 4th CLC)	0695224	2ND LT	Rydal, Pa.

ac. G.O. No. 12, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 21 June 1944.

FRANK L. BUCKIS JR. (6th, 7th CLC)	0697137	2ND LT	Woodsfield, Ohio

ad. G.O. No. 11, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 17 June 1944.

RICHARD B. LAMBARING (6th, 7th CLC)	0815359	2ND LT	Hunters, Ind.
HOLBERT E. WARL (7th CLC)	0815485	2ND LT	Sellers, S.C.

ae. G.O. No. 7, Hq, VIII Fighter Command, 3 February 1944.

MILFORD C. PETERSON (11th CLC)	0542319	1ST LT	Ocean Park, Calif.

af. G.O. No. 5, Hq, VIII Fighter Command, 26 January 1944.

VICTOR BEACH (13th, 14th CLC)	0522154	1ST LT	Muncey, Texas
ALVIN W. SIEGEL (13th CLC)	0732365	1ST LT	San Francisco, Calif.

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

JAMES J. MC GEE (14th CLC)	0672636	1ST LT	St Louis, Mo.
ALEX V. VOORHEES (12th CLC)	0360590	1ST LT	Battle Creek, Mich.
LAWRENCE W. POOL (12th CLC)	0666570	CAPT	Abilene, Texas
LOUIS L. WILSON JR. (13th CLC)	0525625	CAPT	Hurricane, W. Va.

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

FREDERICK L. MUNDER (10th CLC)	0744799	CAPT	St Louis, Mo.

ai. G.O. No. 3, Hq, IX Air Support Command, 8 January 1944.

CHARLES W. LASKO (20th CLC)	0730548	CAPT	Nazareth, Pa.

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G.O. No. 30, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 11 September 1944, contd.

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Ad. G.O. No. 1[illegible], Hq, Ninth Air Force, 25 May 1944.

BENJ. O. DAVIS JR. (1st, 2nd OLC)	[illegible]	1ST LT	Tuskegee, Ala.
BERRY A. HOWARD (99th OLC)	[illegible]	1ST LT	Robstown, Texas

Ad. G.O. No. 27, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 25 August 1944.

WILLIAM T. PUTE JR. (1st OLC)	[illegible]	1ST LT	Austin, Texas
HARRY E. DAVIS JR. (1st OLC)	[illegible]	1ST LT	Elmhurst, Ill.
WALKER M. GRAHAM (3rd OLC)	[illegible]	2ND LT	Owosso, Mich.
DONALD W. SCHREINER (2nd OLC)	[illegible]	2ND LT	Portland, Oregon
EUGENE W. KNIGHT (3rd OLC)	I-[illegible]-7	FLT O	Cushing, N.Y.

Ad. G.O. No. 12, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 21 June 1944.

JOHN E. MOLEN (4th OLC)	[illegible]	1ST LT	Dayton, Ohio

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Ad. G.O. No. 10[illegible], Hq, Ninth Air Force, 25 May 1944.

CHARLES E. SHEA (2nd, 3rd, 4th OLC)	[illegible]	1ST LT	Akron, Ohio
CHARLES F. STUART JR. (3rd OLC)	[illegible]	1ST LT	Macon, Ga.
JOSEPH J. IPPOLITO (3rd OLC)	[illegible]	1ST LT	New Brunswick, N.J.
LEWIS A. PURNELL (1st, 2nd, 3rd OLC)	[illegible]	1ST LT	Smithfield, N.C.

Ad. G.O. No. 5, Hq, IX Tactical Air Command, 21 September 1944.

HOWARD T. WOODS JR. (1st OLC)	[illegible]	2ND LT	San Antonio, Texas
JOHN W. MARINELLI (1st OLC)	[illegible]	2ND LT	Huntington, Ind.
JAMES G. NEWMAN (1st OLC)	[illegible]	2ND LT	Dallas, Texas

Ad. G.O. No. 27, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 25 August 1944.

FREDERICK W. CRAWFORD (1st, 2nd OLC)	[illegible]	1ST LT	Oak Park, Ill.
HARRY R. SHEA (1st, 2nd OLC)	[illegible]	2ND LT	Jackson, Miss.
AUGUSTUS W. DI ZEREGA (1st, 2nd OLC)	[illegible]	2ND LT	Leesburg, Va.
HENRY R. HUGGINS (2nd OLC)	[illegible]	2ND LT	Minneapolis, Kansas
RICHARD C. JOHNSON (1st, 2nd OLC)	[illegible]	2ND LT	Indianapolis, Ind.
WARREN A. JONES (1st, 2nd OLC)	[illegible]	2ND LT	San Angelo, Calif.
THOMAS T. KELLEVILE (1st OLC)	[illegible]	2ND LT	Lakewood, Ohio
ROY L. MILLIKIN JR. (1st OLC)	[illegible]	2ND LT	San Bernadino, Calif.
ROBERT H. MEETY (1st, 2nd OLC)	[illegible]	2ND LT	Greenshaw, Penn.
WALTER C. WEITED (1st OLC)	[illegible]	2ND LT	Birmingham, Ala.
HENRY NIEDZOREK (1st, 2nd OLC)	[illegible]	2ND LT	Eagle Pass, Texas

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G.O. No. 30, Hq. XIX Tactical Air Command, 11 September 1944, contd.

ap. G.O. No. 23, Hq. XIX Tactical Air Command, 14 August 1944.

JOHN J. BAIRD (3rd OLC)	0750332	1ST LT	Cedar Falls, Iowa
JOHN E. EARLY (3rd OLC)	0670060	1ST LT	Newburg, N.Y.
DANIEL E. LOWERS (3rd, 4th OLC)	0821741	2ND LT	Silverton, Ohio

aq. G.O. No. 16, Hq. XIX Tactical Air Command, 11 July 1944.

HUGO E. KRESSWALL (4th, 5th OLC)	0667756	1ST LT	Minneapolis, Minn.
ALEXANDER H. TAIT (5th OLC)	0798026	1ST LT	Morgantown, W. Va.
JAMES G. RICHARDSON (4th OLC)	0754190	2ND LT	Dubuque, Iowa

ar. G.O. No. 10, Hq. XIX Tactical Air Command, 13 June 1944.

BEN D. WILLIAMS (5th OLC)	0812563	1ST LT	Memphis, Tenn.

as. G.O. No. 8, Hq. XIX Tactical Air Command, 5 June 1944.

PATRICK H. HENRY (5th OLC)	0694246	1ST LT	Miami Beach, Fla. (MIA. Next of kin: Mr. Homer N. Henry (Father) 1015 Lenox Ave., Miami Beach, Florida)
GERALD B. SCOTT (9th OLC)	T-61264	FLT O	Detroit, Mich.

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at. G.O. No. 44, Hq. IX Tactical Air Command, 9 August 1944.

BERNARD I. FLORY (1st, 2nd OLC)	0702784	2ND LT	Napoleon, Ohio

au. G.O. No. 37, Hq. IX Tactical Air Command, 27 July 1944.

WILLIAM T. BAILES JR. (5th, 6th OLC)	0792709	1ST LT	Chattanooga, Tenn.
LAWRENCE D. DAMEWOOD (4th, 5th, 6th OLC)	0817901	2ND LT	Roanoke, Va.
WILLIAM M. BAUGHTON (4th, 5th, 6th OLC)	0816990	2ND LT	Poughkeepsie, N.Y.
JAMES W. RODGERS (3rd OLC)	0695060	2ND LT	Toledo, Ohio

av. G.O. No. 30, Hq. XIX Tactical Air Command, 11 September 1944.

RICHARD E. KYLE (1st OLC)	0766565	2ND LT	W. Hartford, Conn.
JAMES M. LANDRUM (1st OLC)	0702818	2ND LT	Dallas, Texas
ROBERT J. MILLER (1st, 2nd OLC)	0700316	2ND LT	Los Angeles, Calif.
JAMES PIPPES (1st, 2nd OLC)	0699001	2NL LT	Kansas City, Mo.

aw. G.O. No. 12, Hq. IX Tactical Air Command, 15 June 1944.

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G.O. No. 30, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 11 September 1944, contd.

SAMUEL R.M. KENNEDY (5th, 7th, 8th OLC)	0792696	1ST LT	Lynnewood, Penn.
JOHN J. BURNS (5th, 6th, 7th OLC)	0816951	2ND LT	Bayonne, N.J.

ex. G.O. No. 9, IX Tactical Air Command, 7 June 1944.

SANDERS E. DELANEY (7th, 8th, 9th OLC)	0411038	MAJ	Litchfield, Ill.
HARRY H. ILIT JR. (6th, 7th, 8th OLC)	0437052	1ST LT	Townley, Ala.
ROBERT A. SVENDSEN (6th, 7th OLC)	0816045	2ND LT	St Petersburg, Fla.
SUMNER J. CALISH (7th OLC)	0810048	2ND LT	Brighton, Mass. (KIA. Next of kin: Mrs. Ethel Calish (Mother), 25 South St., Brighton, Mass.)
FRANCIS E. LAMPIRE (6th, 9th OLC)	0803454	2ND LT	Davison, Mich.
ROBERT W. HEALE (4th, 5th, 6th OLC)	0800178	2ND LT	Vineland, N.J.

ex. G.O. No. 6, Hq, IX Tactical Air Command, 24 May 1944.

EDMOND A. BOURGEOIS (9th, 10th OLC)	0433546	MAJ	Beaumont, Texas
ERIC DOOLEY (9th, 10th OLC)	0803937	CAPT	Garden City, N.Y.
LEONARD S. MARSHALL (1st, 2nd, 3rd OLC)	024977	CAPT	Chicago, Ill.
CHARLES C. BORLEN (7th OLC)	0691063	1ST LT	Alameda, Calif.
CHARLES H. CHAFFIN (7th OLC)	0801606	1ST LT	Savannah, Ga.
GRANT DAVIS JR. (6th, 7th OLC)	0800655	1ST LT	Memphis, Tenn.
WALTER L. FARRIS JR. 7th, 8th OLC)	0809875	1ST LT	Grand Island, Nebr.
CHARLES E. FIRESTONE (7th OLC)	0806649	1ST LT	Canton, Ohio
PAUL J. HURLEY (8th, 9th OLC)	026294	1ST LT	Milton, Mass.
FORREST A. KINSORE JR. (8th, 9th OLC)	0809240	1ST LT	Orlando, Fla.
ROBERT R. MEYER (7th OLC)	0809930	1ST LT	St Louis, Mo.
HENRY A. PAK (7th, 8th OLC)	0806721	1ST LT	New Boston, Ohio
ROBERT J. NILSONEL (7th, 8th, 9th OLC)	0803459	1ST LT	Washington, D.C.
D NAIT ROSS (7th, 8th, 9th OLC)	0803468	1ST LT	Evanston, Ill.
CHARLES F. SPARKS (7th, 8th OLC)	0809946	1ST LT	Swayzee, Ind.
JOHN E. SULLIVAN (7th, 8th OLC)	0803134	1ST LT	Hamilton, Ohio
WARREN H. TAUNT (6th, 7th, 8th OLC)	0809916	1ST LT	Tacoma, Wash.
J. ORLIN TELLAM (7th, 8th OLC)	026275	1ST LT	Brockway, Pa.
JAMES F. THIELE (8th OLC)	0809918	1ST LT	Evansville, Ind.
LEWIS F. WEBSTER (7th, 8th OLC)	026287	1ST LT	Jackson, Miss.
THOMAS F. WHITEFIELD JR. (5th, 6th OLC)	0806716	1ST LT	Corsicanna, Texas
GEORGE G. ALLOW JR. (7th OLC)	[illegible]8672	2ND LT	Oceanside, N.Y.
JOHN P. WELLER (6th, 7th OLC)	0811844	2ND LT	Chicago, Ill. (KIA. Next of kin: Mr. Archie G. Weller (Father), 402 N. Richmond Ave., Chicago, Illinois.)

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G.O. No. 30, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 11 September 1944, contd.

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aa. G.O. No. 5, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 5 June 1944.

WILLIAM H. SCHWARTZ JR. (3rd, 4th CLC)	022506	COL	Houston, Texas

509th Fighter Squadron

ba. G.O. No. 43, Hq, IX Tactical Air Command, 6 August 1944.

SHELDON ANDERSON (4th, 5th, 6th CLC)	0702739	2ND LT	Elpaso, Texas
HENRY BARKEN (4th, 5th CLC)	0700829	2ND LT	Seattle, Wash.
ARTHUR J. ROEHLING (4th CLC)	0701006	2ND LT	Buffalo, N.Y.
LAWRENCE F. RYAN (5th CLC)	0701692	2ND LT	Ishpeming, Mich.

bc. G.O. No. 27, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 25 August 1944.

MALCOLM J. ERICKSON (3rd CLC)	0700243	2ND LT	Minneapolis, Minn.
CARL J. HOOVER (1st CLC)	0021496	2ND LT	Saugus, Mass.
ALTON M. PERRIN (3rd CLC)	0701795	2ND LT	Los Angeles, Calif.
JOHN PLATNER JR. (1st, 2nd CLC)	0016721	2ND LT	Alhambra, Calif.
MILTON W. THOMPSON (1st CLC)	0014787	2ND LT	Le Roy, N.Y.
GRIFFEN VAN NAME (1st, 2nd CLC)	0015789	2ND LT	New York, N.Y.

bd. G.O. No. 15, Hq, IX Tactical Air Command, 19 June 1944.

SAMUEL D. ADEY (8th CLC)	0815953	2ND LT	Lattimer Mines, Pa.
EUGENE F. GRAY (9th CLC)	0817927	2ND LT	Cleveland, Ohio
JOHN H. NIELSON (7th CLC)	0816002	2ND LT	Oakland, Calif.
OSCAR E. THEIS (8th CLC)	0526046	2ND LT	Thorndale, Texas

be. G.O. No. 9, Hq, IX Tactical Air Command, 7 June 1944.

WILLIAM A. BARROW (11th CLC)	0813293	1ST LT	Panama City, Fla.
BURTON W. COLE (9th CLC)	0817364	1ST LT	Chanute Field, Ill.
CHARLES D. DOONEY (9th, 10th CLC)	0816033	1ST LT	New York, N.Y.
PAUL E. HUFF (10th CLC)	0815991	1ST LT	Oklahoma City, Okla.
DONALD B. MAC KAY (10th, 11th CLC)	0808294	1ST LT	Lansing, Mich.
JACK R. STAMPLEY (12th, 13th CLC)	0808319	1ST LT	Little Rock, Ark.
NORMAN E. WYMBS (11th, 12th CLC)	0817464	1ST LT	Fredericksburg, Va.

bf. G.O. No. 8, Hq, IX Tactical Air Command, 30 May 1944.

PAUL R. MASSEY (14th CLC)	0808296	1ST LT	Cleveland, Ohio

bg. G.O. No. 5, Hq, IX Tactical Air Command, 19 May 1944.

G.O. No. 30, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 11 September 1944.

ROBERT M. BLACKBURN (17th, 18th OLC)	0767390	CAPT	Des Moines, Iowa
THOMAS E. COLLINS (14th, 15th OLC)	0798697	CAPT	Lexington, Ky.
WAYNE H. SPOUT (14th, 15th OLC)	0799478	CAPT	Washington, D.C.
ALEX KEDROCK (10th, 11th OLC)	0808278	1ST LT	Lansing, Mich.
ROBERT V. LIPSCOMB (12th OLC)	0800298	1ST LT	Yakima, Wash.
THOMAS R. SAMFORD JR. (13th OLC)	0666668	1ST LT	San Antonio, Texas
WARREN S. TCIROL (12th OLC)	0808390	1ST LT	Cincinnati, Ohio

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bh. G.O. No.74, WD, Washington, D.C., 29 October 1943.

GEORGE T. WALKER (5th OLC)	0421692	LT COL	Lancaster, Wisc.

12th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron

bi. G.O. No. 103, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 14 May 1944.

EDWARD L. BISHOP (11th OLC)	0686[illegible]	1ST LT	York, Pa.

bj. G.O. No. 28, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 4 September 1944.

EARL F. HITNER (1st OLC)	0[illegible]	2ND LT	Wichita, Kansas

bk. G.O. No. 27, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 28 August 1944.

JOHN TILLETT JR. (4th OLC)	0669525	1ST LT	Charlotte, N.C.
DALE H. SIMMON (4th OLC)	0695095	2ND LT	Pocahontas, Iowa
RICHARD C. SAILEY (3rd OLC)	0756417	2ND LT	Los Angeles, Calif.
ROBERT G. WARNER (3rd, 4th OLC)	0697[illegible]4	2ND LT	Gary, Indiana

bl. G.O. No. 21, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 27 July 1944.

EDWARD L. CROW (2nd, 3th OLC)	0[illegible]0	2ND LT	West Palm Beach, Fla.
LAWRENCE R. LEONARD (3th OLC)	0754641	2ND LT	Mlantic, Ill.

bm. G.O. No. 17, Hq, IX Tactical Air Command, 22 June 1944.

ELBERT L. GARR (6th, 7th OLC)	0682629	2ND LT	Ogden, Utah

bn. G.O. No. 19, Hq, IX Tactical Air Command, 16 June 1944.

ELMER E. WARNER (5th OLC)	0687407	2ND LT	Rochester, N.Y.

bo. G.O. No. 18, Hq, IX Tactical Air Command, 15 June 1944.

RALPH M. HANSON (6th OLC)	0671546	1ST LT	Los Angeles, Calif.

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G.O. No. 58, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 11 September 1944.

ELMER H. BENTZEN (7th OLC)	0689756	2ND LT	Cleveland, Ohio
LLOYD F. KIEFFER (8th, 9th OLC)	0816344	2ND LT	Tiffin, Ohio
JOHN O. KINLER (8th OLC)	T-22515	FLT O	Carnduff, Sask., Canada

bp G.O. No. 9, Hq, IX Tactical Air Command, 7 June 1944.

JAMES M. MC LEHON (8th, 9th OLC)	0668994	1ST LT	Saugus, Mass.
LEO F. SHENYON (9th OLC)	0797921	1ST LT	Providence, R.I.
JULIUS S. WHITE JR. (7th OLC)	0671720	1ST LT	Jackson, Miss.
LONNIE E. GRISHAM (10th OLC)	0806258	2ND LT	Birmingham, Ala.
CHARLES W. KINYON (6th, 10th, 11th OLC)	0669865	2ND LT	Rochester, N.Y.

bq. G.O. No. 5, Hq, IX Tactical Air Command, 19 May 1944.

ELMER T. DIECKMANN (11th OLC)	0674693	1ST LT	Batesville, Ind.

br. G.O. No. 2, Hq, IX Fighter Command, 8 January 1944.

FRANK S. ALDRIDGE JR. (13th OLC)	797765	1ST LT	Greenville, Miss.

15th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron

bs. G.O. No. 67, Hq, Sixth Air Force, 21 September 1943.

GEORGE R. SHAEFFER (3rd, 4th OLC)	681364	1ST LT	Fraser, Iowa

bt. G.O. No. 58, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 11 September 1944.

DONALD G. LOWELL (1st OLC)	0696676	2ND LT	Prescott, Arizona
DALE N. GOODERMOTE (1st OLC)	0816852	2ND LT	Menasha, Wisc.
EDWARD GOVEL (1st OLC)	0816853	2ND LT	Kearny, N.J.
HUBERT H. HUGHES (1st OLC)	0813767	2ND LT	Chicago, Ill.

bu. G.O. No. 20, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 23 July 1944.

JACKSON A. MARSHALL (5th, 6th, 7th OLC)	0815188	2ND LT	Pittsburgh, Pa.

bv. G.O. No. 22, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 2 August 1944.

STEVE A. ZONDLO (2nd, 3rd OLC)	0814262	2ND LT	Chicago, Ill.

bw. G.O. No. 17, IX Tactical Air Command, 22 June 1944.

RICHARD C. YOULL (5th, 6th, 7th OLC)	0694275	2ND LT	Denver, Colo.

bx. G.O. No. 15, IX Tactical Air Command, 16 June 1944.

ROBERT E. CULBERTSON (5th OLC)	0689744	1ST LT	Shreveport, La.
FRANK G. KHARE (5th, 6th OLC)	0689762	1ST LT	Baldwin, N.Y.

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G.O. No. 30, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 11 September 1944, contd:

JOHN F. MIEFERT (4th, 5th OLC)	0465974	1ST LT	Dayton, Ohio
JAMES O. [illegible] SKJOLD (6th, 7th, 8th OLC)	0819934	1ST LT	Cleburne, Texas

By. G.O. No. 11, Hq, IX Tactical Air Command, 11 June 1944.

ALFRED C. FRIOK (4th OLC)	0676[illegible]	1ST LT	Goldsboro, N.C.
THOMAS N. MILNER (5th, 6th, 7th OLC)	0671678	1ST LT	Lincoln Park, Mich.
FRED J. TREMMER (6th, 7th OLC	0686031	1ST LT	New York, N.Y.

bz. G.O. No. 9, Hq, IX Tactical Air Command, 17 June 1944.

HENRY [illegible]. HUSEN (7th, 8th OLC)	0660261	1ST LT	Russell, Kansas
TED E. REGER (7th OLC)	0528993	1ST LT	Nickerson, Kansas
ERNEST [illegible]. SCHOMAKER (7th, 8th OLC)	0529.13	1ST LT	Louisville, Ky.
THEODORE L. THOMSON (7th, 8th OLC)	0674072	1ST LT	Edgerton, Wisc.

ca. G.O. No. 8, Hq, IX Tactical Air Command, 30 May 1944.

ROBERT L. R[illegible]OFF (8th OLC)	0532952	1ST LT	Carruthers, Calif.

31st Photographic Reconnaissance Squadron

cb. G.O. No. 156, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 2 June 1944.

ALBERT LANKER (4th OLC)	0753[illegible]05	1ST LT	Petaluma, Calif.
JAMES M. POOLE JR. (3rd, 4th OLC)	0749052	1ST LT	Oklahoma City, Okla.
RUFUS WOODY (4th OLC)	0672919	1ST LT	Forest City, Ark.

cd. G.O. No. 144, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 21 May 1944.

DONALD R. D[illegible]N (4th OLC)	0[illegible]0519	CAPT	Houston, Texas

ce. G.O. No. 134, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 14 May 1944.

RUDOLPH B. WALTERS (4th OLC)	0436070	1ST COL	Goldsboro, N.C.
ROBERT J. AVERBURY (4th OLC)	0737579	CAPT	Pontiac, Mich.
WILLIAM A. JOHNSTON (4th OLC)	0737584	CAPT	Chicago, Ill.
ROGER V. WOLCOTT (4th OLC)	0454456	CAPT	Cleveland Heights, Ohio
HARRY A. BUTLER (4th OLC)	0750531	1ST LT	Seattle, Wash.

cf. G.O. No. 30, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 11 September 1944.

HOMER A. DAVIS (1st OLC)	0760263	2ND LT	Dallas, Texas

cg. G.O. No. 23, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 14 August 1944.

GUY MC GLORY (1st OLC)	0763256	2ND LT	Jackson, Miss.

G.O. No. 34, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 11 September 1944, contd.

Sh. G.O. No. 19, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 26 July 1944.

LEROY I. DUNCAN (4th OLC) 0759427 1ST LT Seattle, Washington

cji. G.O. No. 16, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 11 July 1944.

ELLIOTT R. BENTON (2nd OLC) 0755040 2ND LT Wyzata, Minn.

57TH FIGHTER GROUP

65th Fighter Squadron

cji. G.O. No. 65, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 31 July 1944.

*DONALD R. BENNETT (2nd OLC) 0-23365 LT COL San Angelo, Texas (Kin. Next of kin: Mrs. Margaret S. Bennett, (Wife) San Angelo, Texas.)

* Not a member of this command.

SECTION III

1. By direction of the President and in accordance with authority delegated by the War Department and Ninth Air Force, the PURPLE HEART is awarded to the following named officers and enlisted men, having been wounded due to enemy action in the European Theater of Operations:

a. CHARLES S. BROWN, 0885557, Captain, 353rd Fighter Squadron, 354th Fighter Group, wounded 16 August 1944.

b. LLOYD J. OVERFIELD, 0765509, 2nd Lieutenant, 353rd Fighter Squadron, 354th Fighter Group, wounded 7 August 1944.

c. CARYL P. BONOTTO, 0750750, 2nd Lieutenant, 355th Fighter Squadron, 354th Fighter Group, wounded 26 August 1944.

d. STANLEY E. STEFANITZ, 0765639, 2nd Lieutenant, 378th Fighter Squadron, 362nd Fighter Group, wounded 28 August 1944.

e. FRANK L. QUINN, 14029780, Sergeant, 379th Fighter Squadron, 362nd Fighter Group, wounded 29 June 1944.

f. VINCENT SABOSKIE, 32403110, Corporal, 411th Fighter Squadron, 373rd Fighter Group, wounded 1 June 1944.

g. WILLIAM B. WILSON, 0795970, Captain, 412th Fighter Squadron, 373rd Fighter Group, wounded 18 August 1944.

h. JESSE W. UNDERWOOD, 0803799, Captain, 512th Fighter Squadron, 406th Fighter Group, wounded 19 August 1944.

S.O. No. 3[illegible], Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 11 September 1944, contd.

i. [illegible]ARRIS, 0[illegible], 2nd Lieutenant, 512th Fighter Squadron, 406th Fighter Group, wounded 31 August 1944.

j. [illegible]ERSON, LEMUEL R., 0[illegible]745, 1st Lieutenant, 514th Fighter Squadron 406th Fighter Group, wounded [illegible] June 1944.

k. FRANK E. SHROM, 0[illegible]97, 2nd Lieutenant, 514th Fighter Squadron, 406th Fighter Group, wounded 1 September 1944.

l. ORVILLE R. KING, 0[illegible]91[illegible], 1st Lieutenant, Headquarters Squadron, XIX Tactical Air Command, wounded 25 July 1944.

SECTION IV

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 2 July 1926, (Bull. 2, WD 1926), and in accordance with authority delegated by the War Department the Distinguished Flying Cross is awarded to the following named enlisted men:

a. JOHN J. KOZICH, 3[illegible]47[illegible], Staff Sergeant, 154th Photographic Reconnaissance Squadron, 10th Photographic Group, Reconnaissance, (Then a C-7a type aircraft crashed, these members, S/Sgt John J. Kozich, and Sgt William E. Patterson, being the only persons present, rushed to the scene of the accident and despite the eminent danger from possible fire and explosion of fuel tanks, succeeded in extricating the injured pilot and co-pilot pinned beneath the wreckage of the overturned plane. Their courageous actions and unhesitating devotion to duty reflects great credit both to themselves and to the Service.

b. WILLIAM E. PATTERSON, 6[illegible]195, Sergeant, 154th Photographic Reconnaissance Squadron, 10th Photographic Group, Reconnaissance. When a C-7a type aircraft crashed, these members, S/Sgt John J. Kozich, and Sgt William E. Patterson, being the only persons present, rushed to the scene of the accident and despite the eminent danger from possible fire and explosion of fuel tanks, succeeded in extricating the injured pilot and co-pilot pinned beneath the wreckage of the overturned plane. Their courageous actions and unhesitating devotion to duty reflects great credit both to themselves and to the Service.

SECTION V

1. Section IV, paragraph 1, General Orders No. 16, this Headquarters, dated 11 July 1944 rescinded in Section V, paragraph 1, General Orders No. 28, this headquarters, dated 14 August 1944, is hereby reinstated.

SECTION VI

1. In accordance with authority delegated by the War Department, JAMES F. HARKINS, 0793[illegible], Captain, Operations Officer - 370th Fighter Squadron, 362nd Fighter Group, is authorized to wear a 1/4th inch gold border around blue patch now authorized by the War Department for combat flying personnel (WD Memorandum W600-15-43, 26 February 1943).

[illegible] AMENDED

G.O. [illegible], Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 11 September 1944, contd.

SECTION VII

1. So much of paragraph 2a, Section II, General Orders No. 24, this Headquarters, dated 17 August 1944, which reads:

RAYMOND A. TAYLOR (1stLt, 11th CAC) 0-664749 CAVI Long Island, N.Y.

is amended to read:

RAYMOND A. TAYLOR (1stLt, 11th CAC) 0-664749 CAVT Long Island, N.Y.

SECTION VIII

1. The award of the Purple Heart to 1st Lt Richard A. Plumley, 0793245, AC, per paragraph 1, Section III, General Orders No. 27, this Headquarters, dated 25 August 1944, is hereby rescinded.

By command of Brigadier General [illegible]:

[illegible]
Colonel, AC,
Executive Officer.

OFFICIAL:

NEIL M. MCTAGUE,
Lt Col, AGD,
Adjutant General.

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SECTION V

1. So much of sub-paragraph 1, Section III, Paragraph 1, General Orders No. 27, this headquarters, dated 25 August 1944, as reads:

a. JOE WENDELL, 0701823, 2nd Lieutenant, 366th Fighter Squadron, 358th Fighter Group, wounded 30 July 1944.

be amended to read:

a. JOE WENDELL TEST, 0701823, 2nd Lieutenant, 366th Fighter Squadron, 358th Fighter Group, wounded 30 July 1944.

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By command of Brigadier General [redacted]:

[redacted]
Colonel, AC.
Acting C of S.

OFFICIAL:

s/ Neil M Matzger
t/ NEIL M. MATZGER,
Lt Col, AGD,
Adjutant General.

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1st Lt., Air Corps.

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EXTRACT

AWARDS OF PURPLE HEART* * * *

Mission No. 221 & 222
1 September 1944

Operations Order No. 32
IX Fighter Command
Armed Reconnaisance

	#1	#2
White	Captain Kimball	Lt. McDaniel
	Lt. R.C. Smith	Lt. Manning
	Lt. Murphy	Lt. Matye
	Lt. Stalnaker	Lt. Hannold
Red	Lt. Allen	Lt. Feltz
	Lt. Birnie	Lt. Johnson
	Lt. McCall	Lt. Morris
	Lt. Maehrlein	Lt. Pitt
Yellow	Lt. H.J. Smith	Lt. McCall
	Lt. Brunetti	Lt. Birnie
	Lt. Rice	Lt. Maehrlein
	Lt. Test	Lt. Gilbert

Both close in support to the ground troops attacking enemy troops at Brest, the two missions were led by Captain Kimball and Lt. McDaniel respectively.

The first mission took-off at 0900, over briefed area from 0945 to 1045, and landed at 1120. Eight bombs were dropped on a gun position and trenches at Q-991019 with fair results. Eight bombs were dropped on four gun positions at V-842954 with excellent results. A house at V-8496 was strafed and was observed to be burning fiercely. Gun and troop concentrations were bombed with fair results. Shelling was observed on road at Q-9802.

The second mission took-off at 1500 but was recalled because of the weather and landed with all 24 bombs at 1625.

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Missions No. 223 & 224
3 September 1944

Operations Order No. 34
IX Fighter Command
Support of Ground Forces

	#1	#2
White	Captain Kimball	Captain Buckner
	Lt. Brunetti	Lt. Birnie
	Lt. Rice	Lt. McCall
	Lt. Test	Lt. Gilbert
Red	Capt. Schwellenbach	Lt. H.J. Smith
	Lt. Ireland	Lt. Brunetti
	Lt. Matye	Lt. Test
	Lt. Godfrey	Lt. Roberson
Yellow	Lt. Murphy	Lt. Godfrey
	Lt. R.E. Smith	Lt. Hannold
	Lt. Morris	Lt. Given
	Lt. Stalnaker	Lt. Manning
Blue	Lt. Allen	Lt. Feltz
	Lt. Birnie	Lt. Johnson
	Lt. Maehrlein	Lt. Stalnaker
	Lt. McCall	Lt. Pitt

Again, to-day, the two missions were in close support to the ground troops attacking the Brest area. Each flight upon reaching its assigned point was vectored to active enemy positions for attack. Sixteen aircraft on each mission carried two each 500 pound GP bombs.

With Captain Kimball leading the first mission, the squadron took-off at 0720, over briefed area from 0800 to 0845, and landed at 0935. Seven bombs were dropped on gun positions at V-7597 scoring seven hits. Fourteen bombs were dropped in a concentrated area at Q-967010 which was composed of buildings, a gun position, and motor pool. Eight bombs were dropped on buildings at Q-981018 scoring six hits. All targets were marked with smoke. Moderate inaccurate light flak was encounterd at V-980995; moderate inaccurate light flak and machine gun fire at V-7397; and weak inaccurate light flak at Q-9801.

The second mission, led by Captain Buckner, took-off at 1320, over briefed area from 1400 to 1500 and landed at 1543. With Stanza giving the targets, eight bombs were dropped on a gun position at Q-935009 scoring two direct hits. This position was also strafed. Eight bombs were dropped on a gun position at Q-947004 scoring two hits. Default vectored squadron to attack a fort at V-852946 where sixteen bombs were dropped scoring two hits and five near misses. This target was strafed, also. Four aircraft strafed a gun position at V-852946 with strikes observed. Weak inaccurate light flak was encountered at Q-935009 and V-755965.

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Missions No. 225 & 226
5 September 1944

Operations Order No. 36
IX Fighter Command
Task Force Support

	#1	#2
White	Captain Kimball	Captain Schwellenbach
	Lt. Williams	Lt. Lovell
	Lt. Morris	Lt. Godfrey
	Lt. Johnson	Lt. Manning
Red	Lt. Allen	Lt. Feltz
	Lt. Stepanek	Lt. Pitt
	Lt. Maehrlein	Lt. Morris
	Lt. Gilbert	Lt. Stalnaker
Yellow	Lt. Kropenick	Lt. McCall
	Lt. Roberson	Captain Hillis
	Lt. H.J. Smith	Lt. Maehrlein
	Lt. Rice	Lt. Birnie

Each mission to-day consisted of 12 aircraft carrying one 150 gallon Napalm bombs and provided "task force support" on the Crozon Peninsula in the Brest area.

With Captain Kimball leading, the first mission took-off at 1345, over briefed area from 1530 to 1400, and landed at 1440. 12 Napalm bombs were dropped on gun positions at V-888755 scoring 5 direct hits and setting afire a building on the east side of installations. This area was also strafed and much flame was observed. Three aircraft strafed 8 flak positions at V-883772. Weak inaccurate light flak was encountered over target at V-883772.

Captain Schwellenbach led the second mission that took-off at 1714, over briefed area from 1800 to 1835, and landed at 1920. Kleenex Able was contacted but did not have target for squadron and squadron was referred to Stanza which gave target consisting of 4 gun positions in a square and barracks at Q-960014. Ten bombs were dropped on the target scoring 5 hits on barracks and 4 hits on gun positions. Weak inaccurate light flak was encountered over target at Q-960014.

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Missions No. 227 & 228
6 September 1944

Operations Order No. 37
IX Fighter Command
Task Force Support

	#1	#2
White	Captain Kimball	Captain Buckner
	Captain Hillis	Lt. Stepanek
	Lt. H.J. Smith	Lt. Maehrlein
	Lt. Roberson	Lt. Birnie
Red	Lt. Given	Lt. H.J. Smith
	Lt. Williams	Captain Hillis
	Lt. Matye	Lt. Rice
	Lt. Hannold	Lt. Brunetti
Yellow	Lt. Murphy	Lt. Godfrey
	Lt. R.E. Smith	Lt. Ireland
	Lt. Morris	Lt. Matye
	Lt. Pitt	Lt. Manning

Twelve aircraft were dispatched on both missions to-day, each carrying two 500 pound GP bombs. The Crozon Peninsula in the Brest Area was the assignment again for the squadron.

The first mission led by Captain Kimball took-off at 0839, over briefed area from 0930 to 1010, and landed at 1040. Two aircraft aborted, one mechanical and one escort, and returned to the base with their bombs. Three gun positions were bombed and strafed at Q-998003 with an excellent bombing pattern observed.

Captain Buckner led the second mission that took-off at 1309, over briefed area from 1400 to 1440, and landed at 1515. Kleenex Able assigned squadron to bomb 12 gun positions at V-988834 where the target was strafed and six bombs dropped probably destroying 3 gun positions. Hoptide assigned two flights to attack 5 or 6 fortified buildings at Q-968012. 16 bombs were dropped and the target was strafed three times, probably destroying 4 buildings. Moderate inaccurate light flak was encountered at Q-968012.

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Missions No. 229, 230 & 231
8 September 1944

Operations Order No. 39
IX Fighter Command
Task Force Cover

	#1	#2	#3
White	Capt. Schwellenbach	Lt. Shook	Lt. McDaniel
	Lt. Leety	Lt. Kilfoyle	Lt. Stepanek
	Lt. Godfrey	Lt. Test	Lt. Allen
	Lt. Keever	Lt. Brunetti	Lt. Gilbert
Red	Lt. Feltz	Lt. Given	Lt. Rice
	Lt. McCowan	Lt. Williams	Capt. Hillis
	Lt. Morris	Lt. Matye	Lt. Keever
	Lt. Stalnaker	Lt. Ireland	Lt. Brunetti
Yellow	Lt. McCall	Lt. Morris	Lt. Godfrey
	Lt. Stepanek	Lt. R.E. Smith	Lt. Lovell
	Lt. Maehrlein	Lt. H. Murphy	Lt. Given
	Lt. Birnie	Lt. Johnson	Lt. Ireland

On the three missions to-day, two groups of buildings and a gun position were their targets resulting in damaging the gun position and four buildings and the probable destruction of three buildings. Each of the 12 aircraft carried two 500 lb GP bombs.

Captain Schwellenbach led the first mission that took-off at 0751, over briefed area from 0845 to 0920, and landed 1000. Twenty bombs were dropped on a gun position at road junction at Q-966007 which was located in a large building north of road junction. Numerous near misses were observed damaging the gun position. One bomb accidentally fell off at R-1011.

With Lt. Shook leading, the second mission took-off at 1226, over briefed area from 1315 to 1330 and landed at 1420. Hoptide assigned targets to the squadron. 23 bombs were dropped on a group of buildings at R-985002 damaging four of them. Very close misses were observed. One large explosion was observed as a result of strafing in woods. The target was marked by smoke. Numerous foxholes were observed on small peninsula in grid box V-980990.

Lt. McDaniel led the third mission that took-off at 1656, over briefed area from 1745 to 1815 and landed at1848. Hoptide assigned squadron to bomb buildings at Q-976006 where twenty-two bombs were dropped with excellent results with numerous probable direct hits resulting in the destruction of three buildings. The target was also strafed and was marked by smoke.

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Missions No. 232 & 233
9 September 1944

Operations Order No. 40
IX Fighter Command
Task Force Cover

	#1	#2
White	Captain Farlow	Captain Schwellenbach
	Lt. R.E. Smith	Lt. Lovell
	Lt. Morris	Lt. Matye
	Lt. Stalnaker	Lt. Ireland
Red	Lt. Kantorski	Lt. H. Murphy
	Lt. Stepanek	Lt. McCowan
	Lt. McCall	Lt. Morris
	Lt. Brown	Lt. Johnson

Only eight aircraft carrying two 500 pound bombs each were used on each of the two missions to-day. The squadron operated in support of the 2nd Infantry Division in the Brest area.

Captain Farlow led the first mission that took-off at 1118, over briefed area from 1200 to 1240, and landed at 1320. Hoptide gave target but artillery smoke fell short about 1/4 mile. Two aircraft dropped four bombs before error was discovered. The correction was made and seven bomb hits were made on a fort at Q-971000. Hoptide verified good results.

The second mission led by Captain Schwellenbach took-off at 1719, over briefed area from 1755 to 1825 and landed at 1905. Default vectored squadron to attack a radio station in a group of buildings at V-903983. Sixteen bombs were dropped on the target scoring two direct hits and two near misses. Intense strafing silenced small arms fire from target area. Moderate inaccurate small arms fire was encountered at V-903983.

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Mission No. 234
10 September 1944

Operations Order No. 41
IX Fighter Command
Task Force Support

White	Capt. Schwellenbach	Yellow	Lt. Feltz
	Captain Hillis		Lt. R.E. Smith
	Lt. Keever		Lt. Stalnaker
	Lt. Brunetti		Lt. Johnson
Red	Lt. Given	Blue	Lt. Allen
	Lt. Lovell		Lt. Lavin
	Lt. Godfrey		Lt. Maehrlein
	Lt. Leety		Lt. Gilbert

Providing "task force support" for the ground troops in the Brest area, the squadron, led by Captain Schwellenbach, took-off at 1615, over briefed area from 1700 to 1750, and landed at 1840. Two 500 pound GP bombs were carried by each aircraft. Twenty bombs were dropped on an artillery position at V-915980 in an excellent which was claimed damaged. Default vectored squadron to a target not marked by smoke. Twelve bombs were dropped on an artillery position and pill boxes at V-971990 scoring three direct hits. This target was bombed because gun-flashes were observed at that point. A fuel storage dump was observed at V-915 974. Fires were observed in railyards at V-968993. Two hospitals were observed at (1) V-915974 and (2) V-930877.

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Missions No. 235 thru 238
11 September 1944

Operations Order No. 42
IX Fighter Command
Task Force Cover

	#1	#2
White	Captain Kimball	Captain Schwellenbach
	Lt. Lavin	Lt. Ireland
	Lt. Maehrlein	Lt. Matye
	Lt. Gilbert	Lt. Williams
Red	Lt. H.J. Smith	Lt. Feltz
	Lt. Black	Lt. R.E. Smith
	Lt. Test	Lt. Stalnaker
	Lt. Kilfoyle	Lt. Johnson
White	Captain Farlow	Lt. Shook
	Lt. Stepanek	Lt. McCowan
	Lt. McCall	Lt. H. Murphy
	Lt. Brown	Lt. Stalnaker
Red	Lt. Rice	Lt. Godfrey
	Captain Hillis	Lt. Lovell
	Lt. Keever	Lt. Given
	Lt. Brunetti	Lt. Leety

To-day's missions were in close support of the ground forces in the Brest area. The four missions consisted of eight aircraft apiece, each carrying two 500 pound GP bombs.

Captain Kimball led the first mission that took-off at 0817, over briefed area from 0850 to 0950 and landed at 1025. Sixteen bombs were dropped on two barracks buildings at V-900974 scoring three direct hits and five near misses. The target was strafed in the dive. Moderate inaccurate light flak was encountered over target at V-9094. A freighter flying a red flag with blue cross and white border was seen in bay V-925899.

The second mission led by Captain Schwellenbach took-off at 1117, over briefed area from 1200 to 1240 and landed at 1325. Default assigned squadron to bomb gun position at V-858891 that was not marked by smoke. Twelve direct hits were observed. A gun position was strafed at V-871872. Strafed buildings with gun flashes at V-871861 resulting in intense fire.

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With Captain Farlow leading, the third mission of the day took-off at 1412, over briefed area from 1455 to 1540, and landed at 1625. Default assigned targets to squadron that were marked by smoke. A gun position at V-908979 and a town at V-909972 were bombed with fair results. Two of our aircraft were damaged by flak, category A. Light moderate accurate flak was encountered over target at V-909972.

Lt. Shook led the fourth and last mission for the day that took-off at 1727, over briefed area from 1759 to 1840 and landed at 1925. Sixteen bombs were dropped on a group of five buildings at V-900993 scoring six direct hits and six near misses. The target is believed destroyed. The target given by Default was strafed in the dive. Weak inaccurate light flak was encountered over the target at V-9099.

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Missions No. 239 & 240
12 September 1944

Operations Order No. 43
IX Fighter Command
Task Force Support

	#1	#2
White	Captain Kimball Lt. Ireland Lt. Godfrey Lt. Leety	Lt. Allen Lt. Birnie Lt. Maehrlein Lt. Lavin
Red	Lt. Feltz Lt. Smith, R.E. Lt. Stalnaker Lt. Johnson	Captain Schwellenbach Lt. Brunetti Lt. Keever Lt. Kilfoyle

Today's missions were in close support of the ground forces in the Brest area. The two missions consisted of eight aircraft apiece, each carrying two 500 pound GP bombs.

Captain Kimball led the first mission that took-off at 0728, over briefed area from 0800 to 0845 and landed at 0935. Sixteen bombs were dropped on a gun position at V-841873--fourteen bombs landed inside the position and the gun position is believed to have been destroyed. The target was given by Default who said that the position had been silenced. A headquarters building was strafed at V-845875 and many strikes were observed.

The second mission led by Lt. Allen took-off at 1328, over briefed area from 1400 to 1435 and landed at 1525. Eight bombs were dropped on a gun position at V-846882 and four direct hits were observed. The position was also strafed. Eight bombs were dropped on headquarters in a cave at V-921972. There was a good concentration of hits obtained by the mouth of the tunnel--no results were observed. Targets were given by Default.

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Missions No. 241 & 242
13 September 1944

Operations Order No. 44
IX Fighter Command
Armed Reconnaisance

White	Lt. McDaniel	Yellow	Lt. H. Murphy
	Lt. Black		Lt. McCowan
	Lt. Test		Lt. Morris
	Captain Hillis		Lt. Leety
Red	Lt. Given		
	Lt. Williams		
	Lt. Katye		
	Lt. Lovell		

A group of twelve aircraft led by Lt. McDaniel flew to ALG no. 58 where they took-off on two missions of armed reconnaisance from there to Thienville, Saarbrucken, Nancy and Metz. On the first mission, each aircraft carried two 500 pound GP bombs and one on the second mission.

The first mission took-off at 1052, over briefed area from 1150 to 1145 and landed at 1225. Vetrag was contacted and marked gun positions at U-8259 with white smoke where twentyone bombs were dropped and area strafed with good results. Light intense inaccurate flak was encountered over target and heavy meager inaccurate flak at U-8987.

the second mission took-off at 1330, over briefed area from 1410 to 1450 and landed at 1550. Vetrag contacted and vectored squadron to attack gun positions at U-8257 where eleven bombs were dropped and area strafed with good results. The target was marked with white smoke. Light intense inaccurate flak was encountered over target and heavy inaccurate meager flak at Bionville.

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Missions No. 243 & 244
14 September 1944

Operations Order No. 45
III Fighter Command
Task Force Support

	#1	#2
White	Lt. Shock	Captain Farlow
	Lt. Birnie	F/O Perry
	Lt. Lavin	Lt. Godfrey
	Lt. Kilfoyle	Lt. Ireland
Red	Lt. Rice	Lt. Feltz
	Lt. Brunetti	Lt. R.E. Smith
	Lt. Keever	Lt. Stalnaker
	Lt. Stepanek	Lt. Johnson

Conducting task-force support with the ground forces on the Brest Peninsula, the squadron performed two missions of eight aircraft each carrying two 500 pound GP bombs.

The first mission led by Lt. Shock took-off at 1209, over briefed area from 1300 to 1400, and landed at 1434. Default vectored squadron to attack gun positions at V-907979 where sixteen bombs were dropped. All bombs fell in the target area that was marked by smoke scoring four direct hits. Hedgegrows, trenches, and buildings at the same point were strafed systematically and completely. One staff car was destroyed here. Light moderate inaccurate flak was encountered over target at V-907979.

The second mission led by Captain Farlow took-off at 1809, over briefed area from 1900 to 1940, and landed at 2020. Default vectored squadron to attack troop concentrations in valley at V-910975. Fifteen bombs were dropped with excellent results scoring three direct hits on a road and one on an empty gas tank. The valley was thoroughly strafed. Three 75 or 88 mm artillery pieces were strafed at the same point. Controllers requested squadron to bring incendiary clusters on the next mission. Light meager accurate flak was encountered at V-923970 and one 20 mm on top of submarine pens. One aircraft was damaged by flak, Category A.

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Mission No. 245
16 September 1944

Operations Order No. 47
IX Fighter Command
Armed Reconnaisance

White	Captain Schwellenbach
	Lt. Matye
	Lt. Given
	Lt. Godfrey
Red	Lt. Maehrlein
	Lt. Gilbert
	Lt. Brown
	Lt. Birnie
Yellow	Lt. Morris
	Lt. Johnson
	Lt. H. Murphy
	Lt. Stalnaker

With Captain Schwellenbach leading, the squadron took-off for another advanced landing strip, A-76, where they refueled and proceeded on their mission to cut railroad lines in Germany. Eight aircraft carried one 500 pound bomb each and four aircraft acted as top-cover. The squadron took-off at 1605, over briefed area from 1700 to 1715, and landed at 1815. One bomb was dropped on a railroad track at R-4150 scoring a direct hit. Two bombs were dropped on tracks at R-6245 where a direct hit and a near miss were observed. A train was strafed at R-7935 and the locomotive was seen to burst into steam. One bomb was dropped at R-7935 with a near miss. One bomb was dropped 10 miles west of Haguenau and one bomb was dropped 15 miles east of Haguenau.

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Mission No. 246
19 September 1944

Operations Order No. 50
IX Fighter Command
Glider Train Support

White	Lt. Kropenick
	Capt. Hillis
	Lt. Rice
	Lt. Keever
Red	Lt. Hayte
	Lt. Ireland
	Lt. Godfrey
	Lt. Manning
Yellow	Lt. Feltz
	Lt. McCowan
	Lt. Stalnaker
	Lt. Smith, R.E.

Conducting Glider Train support in Holland, the squadron performed one mission of twelve aircraft carrying no bombs.

The mission was led by Lt. Kropenick and took-off at 1330 hours but was recalled due to weather conditions at target areas.

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Mission No. 247
20 September 1944

Operations Order No. 51
IX Fighter Command
Armed Reconnaisance

White	Captain Buckner
	Lt. Lovell
	Lt. Hannold
	Lt. Manning
Red	Lt. H. Murphy
	F/O Perry
	Lt. Morris
	Lt. Pitt
Yellow	Lt. McCall
	Lt. Stepanek
	Lt. Maehrlein
	Lt. Lavin

Taking off at 1450 on an armed reconnaisance mission over the Ruhr Valley, the squadron led by Captain Buckner was over the briefed area from 1555 to 1625 and landed at 1700. Four aircraft carried one 500 pound GP bomb each and eight acted as top cover. Three trains were strafed and bombed at F-4510 and two locomotives were seen to explode. There were approximately 60 cars in the trains. Six trucks and one staff car were strafed within a 2 mile radius of Bruch. Heavy and light intense inaccurate flak were encountered in woods in areas F-1505, F-2505, L 5078 and L-5578. Two of our aircraft were damaged, category A. Trenches were observed being dug at F-4505 on east bank of river.

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Mission No. 248
21 September 1944

Operations Order No. 52
IX Fighter Command
Strafing

White	Lt. Kropenick
	Captain Hillis
	Lt. Rice
	Lt. Keever
Red	Lt. Matye
	Lt. E. Murphy
	Lt. Ireland
	Lt. Williams
Yellow	Lt. Feltz
	Lt. McCowan
	Lt. Stalnaker
	Lt. R.E. Smith

Taking off at 1705, the squadron led by Lt. Kropenick was over briefed area from 1820 to 1827 and landed at 1929 as darkness was closing in. Due to the thick haze on the ground, the primary target, the Gemersheim airfield, could not be found. Instead, trains found in that area were attacked. The strafing resulted in the following damage: one locomotive damaged at Heidelberg, R-6891, one locomotive blew up at Neustadt, R-3085, one locomotive set on fire at R-3571, one locomotive damaged by many strikes at R-2929, and an unknown number of cars were damaged. Intense inaccurate light flak was encountered over trains at R-6891, R-3085, R-3571, and R-2969. Over the target there were no clouds with heavy haze to 8,000 feet and visibility one mile.

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Mission No. 249
22 September 1944

Operations Order No. 53
IX Fighter Command
Divebombing

White	Captain Farlow
	F/O Perry
	Lt. Morris
	Lt. Lovell
Red	Lt. Maehrlein
	Lt. Kilpatrick
	Lt. Brown
	Lt. Birnie
Yellow	Lt. Rice
	Lt. Black
	Lt. Test
	Lt. Brunetti

With each aircraft carrying two 500 pound GP bombs, the squadron, led by Captain Farlow, took-off at 1225 to attack ordnance arsenals southwest of Saarbrucken. The squadron was over the briefed area from 1205 to 1230 and landed at 1305. Sixteen bombs were dropped on ordnance arsenal at Q-283657 scoring six direct hits with the remainder of the bombs landing in the target area. Eight bombs were dropped on ordnance arsenal at Q-283657 scoring three direct hits, three in target area and two on the road. One locomotive was strafed on railroad siding and exploded in vicinity of Q-260640. Four aircraft strafed a truck at Q-260640, probably destroyed. Heavy moderate inaccurate flak was encountered over Saarbrucken and light intense accurate flak at Q-260240. There was 10/10 cloud cover, base 4,000 feet, visibility 10 miles.

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Mission No. 250
24 September 1944

Operations Order No. 55
IX Fighter Command
Armed Rec.

White	Lt. Shook	Yellow	Lt. Rice
	Lt. Stepanek		Captain Hillis
	Lt. McCall		Lt. Roberson
	Lt. Lavin		Lt. Black
Red	Lt. Godfrey		
	Lt. Hennold		
	Lt. Maehrlein		
	Lt. Williams		

The squadron, led by Lt. Shook and carrying one 500 pound GP bomb, took off at 1700 on an armed reconnaissance mission. The target area was around Luneville, Hageneau, Strassbourg and Epinal and the planes remained over this area from 1735 until 1820. Eight bombs were dropped on a train eight miles North of Selestat, scoring four direct hits (V-8065) Headed north, ten cars were strafed and bombed and destroyed. Four bombs were dropped on a train of six cars going north-west, south-east of Saarbourg at Q-5316--two direct hits were observed. Two locomotives were destroyed. The squadron landed at 1910.

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Missions No. 251 thru 254
27 September 1944

Operations Order No. 58
IX Fighter Command
Armed Reconnaisance

	#1	#2
White	Lt. McDaniel	Captain Buckner
	Lt. E. Murphy	Lt. Stalnaker
	Lt. Matye	Lt. Morris
	Lt. Lovell	Lt. Manning
Red	Lt. H. Murphy	Lt. Keever
	F/O Perry	Lt. Birnie
	Lt. McCowan	Lt. Brown
	Lt. R.E. Smith	Lt. Kilpatrick

	#3	#4
White	Lt. Kropenick	Captain Farlow
	Lt. Roberson	Lt. Leety
	Lt. Test	Lt. Hannold
	Lt. Brunetti	Lt. Ireland
Red	Lt. McCall	Lt. Rice
	Lt. Stepanek	Captain Hillis
	Lt. Lavin	Lt. Keever
		Lt. Black

The four missions of to-day's operations were over the Saar area. The eight aircraft of each mission (except the third mission which consisted of only seven aircraft) carried two 500 pound GP bombs each. Ten trucks were destroyed, four probably destroyed and one damaged. One tank was destroyed, four damaged and flak positions were strafed.

Taking off at 0940, the first mission led by Lt. McDaniel was over briefed area from 1030 to 1100 and landed at 1125. "Ersatz" was contacted and gave squadron a target of tanks and infantry positions at Q-168180 but the target could not be found. "Ironclad could not be contacted. Heavy intense accurate flak was encountered at Q-1512, 20 miles northeast of Nancy and light inaccurate weak flak at Q-3322, 30 miles northeast of Nancy.

The second mission led by Captain Buckner took-off at 1145, over briefed area from 1220 to 1305 and landed at 1335. Fourteen bombs were dropped on tanks that were also strafed with unobserved results. The areas were in small towns at V-5889, 3992, 3591, and 4291 south of Saarbrucken. A great many camouflaged tanks were observed in fields in area V-3805, 6085, 3005, and 6005, south of Saarbrucken.

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Taking off at 1547, the third mission led by Lt. Kropenick was over the briefed area from 1400 to 1500 and landed at 1548. "Ironclad" could not be contacted but "Upstart" was contacted. One truck was strafed and destroyed at Q-492980, 8 miles northwest of Saarebourg. Two trucks were strafed, destroying one and damaging the other at Q-462410, 5 miles northwest of Saarebourg. Light weak inaccurate flak was encountered at Q-1525, 20 miles northeast of Nancy. Three barges were observed in canal at Q-4122, 8 miles east of Saarebourg. Trenches were seen facing North in area of Q-1727, 21 miles northeast of Nancy.

The fourth and last mission of the day was led by Captain Farlow. The squadron took-off at 1551, over briefed area from 1620 to 1705 and landed at 1740. Six bombs were dropped on tanks at Q-4624 scoring a direct hit. A truck was strafed and destroyed at Q-4929. Another truck was destroyed by strafing at Q-4624. Flak positions were strafed along road at Q-1231. A truck was strafed and destroyed at Q-0832. 8 tanks were strafed and damaged at Q-1724. Three trucks were strafed and probably destroyed at Q-1724 and Q-1125. Three trucks were strafed and destroyed at Q-1029. Two trucks were strafed and destroyed at Q-1332. Two tanks were damaged by four bombs at Q-0652. A truck was strafed and damaged at Q-2226. One light tank was strafed and damaged at Q-0826. Two bombs were dropped on two tanks at Q-1924 damaging both. Light intense accurate flak was encountered within 3 mile radius of Q-1025, Chateau-Salins.

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Missions No. 255 & 256
28 September 1944

Operations Order No. 59
IX Fighter Command
Divebombing

	#1	#2
White	Lt. Shook	Lt. McDaniel
	Lt. Leety	Captain Hillis
	Lt. Hannold	Lt. Roberson
	Lt. Williams	Lt. Kilfoyle
Red	Lt. Feltz	Lt. Lavin
	F/O Perry	Lt. Birnie
	Lt. Stalnaker	Lt. Brown
	Lt. R.E. Smith	Lt. Kilpatrick
Yellow	Lt. Rice	Lt. Keever
	Lt. Black	Lt. Stepanek
	Lt. Test	Lt. Ireland
	Lt. Brunetti	Lt. Lovell
Blue		Lt. Stalnaker
		Lt. Manning

Attacking forts west of Metz, the squadron on the two missions to-day with the Group scored many direct hits and near misses on pillboxes and blockhouses.

On the first mission led by Lt. Shook, eight aircraft carried one Napalm bomb each and four aircraft carried two 1,000 pound GP bombs each. The squadron took-off at 0940, over briefed area from 1030 to 1125 and landed at 1147. Chaseform was contacted and targets were marked. Three direct hits were scored on pillboxes and blockhouses with Napalm bombs and four directs on blockhouse with GP's. Six other bombs fell in the target area.

Fourteen aircraft from this squadron and two aircraft from the 367th Fighter Squadron were loaded with a Napalm bomb each. The squadron led by Lt. McDaniel took-off at 1558, over briefed area at 1634 and landed at 1755. Chaseform was contacted and the target was marked with green smoke. Six direct hits were observed on targets at 775560, 775565, 775555, and a pillbox at 774552 that was also strafed.

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366TH FIGHTER SQUADRON
APO 141 US ARMY

1 November 1944

SQUADRON HISTORY, OCTOBER INSTALLMENT.

(1) ORGANIZATION: Negative.

(2) STRENGTH : 65 Officers.
256 Enlisted Men.

(3) MOVEMENT : Squadron moved from AAS #67, Vitry en Perthois to AAS #80 Mourmelon, France. First echelon of 5 Officers and 125 Enlisted Men departed AAS #67, 16 October 44. The remainder of the squadron arrived AAS 80 on the 19th, 20th and 21st. The lastconvoy arrived AAS #80 at 1730 hours 21 Oct 1944. Movement was made by Government Owned Motor Transportation and Military Aircraft.

(4) CASUALTIES : None.

(5) DECORATIONS: (a) The following named Officers were awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross per GO #234, Hq Ninth Air Force, 4 Oct 1944. (Incl #1)

Captain John H. Buckner
Captain Allan W. Farlow
Captain Robert C. Schuster
1st Lt. Edward Kantorski
1st Lt. John J. Kropenick
1st Lt. Meredith M. McDaniel
1st Lt. Carmel M. Shook
Captain Thomas W. Schwellenbach

(b) The following named Officers and Enlisted Men were awarded Air Medals, Oak Leaf Clusters to Air Medals previously awarded and Bronze Star Medals per General Orders #36, #40, #43, Hq XIX Tactacal Air Command, dated 1 October, 6 October and 18 October, respectively. (Incls #2, #3, and #4.)

Captain Thomas W. Schwellenbach (11th, 12th, 13th OLC)
Captain John H. Buckner (14th, 15th OLC)
Captain Charles T. Kimball (10th, 11th OLC)
Captain Robert F. Krug (14th OLC)
Captain Allan W. Farlow (16th, 17th OLC)
Captain Oliver W. Degruchy (13th OLC)
Captain Fred L. Hillis (1st OLC)
1st Lt. Walter E. Feltz (11th, 12th, 13th 14th OLC)
1st Lt. Edward Kantorski (14th, 15th OLC)
1st Lt. Carmel M. Shook (16th, 17th, 18th OLC)
1st Lt. Meredith M. McDaniel (16th OLC)

SQUADRON HISTORY, CONTINUED INSTALLMENT.

1st Lt. Max W. McClure (15th OLC)
1st Lt. Peter Gerson (14th OLC)
1st Lt. John J. Krepenick (16th OLC)
2nd Lt. Richard T. Birnie (AM)
2nd Lt. Dafel J. Brunetti (AM, 1st OLC)
2nd Lt. Roy E. Ireland (AM, 1st OLC)
2nd Lt. Raymond E. Smith, Jr. (AM, 1st OLC)
2nd Lt. Allan Gilbert (2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th OLC)
2nd Lt. Frank C. Hannold, 2nd , 3rd, 4th, 5th OLC)
2nd Lt. Alvin D. Johnson (1st, 2nd, 3rd OLC)
2nd Lt. Stephen Manning Jr. (1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th OLC)
2nd Lt. Howard C. Pitt (2nd, 3rd, 4th OLC)
2nd Lt. Wendell J. Roberson, (2nd, 3rd, 4th OLC)
2nd Lt. Harold G. Stalnaker (4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th OLC)
2nd Lt. Joe W. West (3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th OLC)
2nd Lt. David J. Goifrey (7th, 8th, 9th, 10th OLC)
2nd Lt. Charles H. Maehrlein (7th, 8th, 9th, 10th OLC)
2nd Lt. Tredan T. Matye (7th, 8th, 9th, 10th)
2nd Lt. Craig C. McCall (7th, 8th, 9th, 10th OLC)
2nd Lt. James E. Morris Jr. (5th, 6th, 7th, 8th OLC)
2nd Lt. Henry Murphy (6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, OLC)
2nd Lt. Robert H. Rice (6th, 8th, 9th OLC)
2nd Lt. Martin E. Allen (9th OLC)
2nd Lt. Ernest R. Given, Jr. (9th, 10th, 11th OLC)
2nd Lt. Hugh J. Smith (6th, 7th OLC)
2nd Lt. Charles H. Miller (2nd OLC) (KIA)
2nd Lt. David E. Keever (5th, 6th, 7th, 8th OLC)
2nd Lt. Kenneth E. Harmer (2nd OLC) (KIA)
2nd Lt. James E. Cuddihee (1st OLC) KIA)
2nd Lt. Elmer R. Brown (4th, 5th, 6th, 7th OLC)
2nd Lt. Fuller McCowan (2nd OLC)
2nd Lt. Robert M. Leevy (3rd OLC)
2nd Lt. Harry E. Lavin (6th OLC)
2nd Lt. Santo A. Giamalva (2nd, 3rd OLC) (KIA)
2nd Lt. Thomas T. Kilfoyle (2nd OLC)
2nd Lt. Lyle M. Lovell (1st OLC)
S/Sgt. Donald A. Groves (BSM)
S/Sgt. Zeke B. Marchant (BSM)
S/Sgt. Merton F. Olson (BSM)
S/Sgt. John Paczak (BSM)
S/Sgt. James F. Robinson (BSM)

Squadron flew twenty eight (28) operational missions during the month of October. Missions were of various types, dive-bombing, medium escort, armed reconnaissance, drop leaflets, strafing, cargo escort and weather reconnaissance. Several airplanes were badly shot up by flak but all managed to return safely with the exception of one piloted by Lt. Kilpatrick. Returning from a mission the motor failed and he crash landed near St. Dizier. Lt. Kilpatrick was uninjured.

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SQUADRON HISTORY, OCTOBER INSTALLMENT.

Captain Andrew J. Monchick, Pilot, assigned and joined from Group Hq 1 Oct 44. Captain Allen J. Fraiken, 1st Lts Carmel H. Block and Meredith M. McDaniel transferred to Station 394, U.K. to await transportation to the Zone of the Interior.

The squadron held a party to celebrate the completion of one year of overseas duty 5 Oct 44. The party was attended by Col. Tipton, Group Commander, Lt. Col. Bartnick, Group Executive Officer and all Officers and Enlisted Men of the Squadron. Refreshments of champagne, beer and sandwiches were served.

2nd Lt. Scott R. Allard, Pilot, was assigned and joined from Group Headquarters 11 Oct 44. Orders were received promoting 2nd Lts. Giver, Mabre, Godfrey, McCall, Smith, H. J., and Allen to 1st Lieutenant effective 1 October 1944.

Captain Thomas M. Herbert, 1st Lt. Donald G. Scherer and 2nd Lt Henry H. Jones, Pilots, were assigned and joined from Group Hq 14 Oct 44.

Squadron Commander, Major Schuster, 1st Lts Kantorski and Kropenick were transferred to the U. K. to await transportation to the Zone of Interior. 19 Oct 44.

Captain James E. Hackler assigned and joined from Group Hq 20 Oct 44, assumes command. Captain Buckner, Operations Officer, relieved from assignment and duty and assigned to 365th Fighter Squadron. Capt Louis L. Wilson assigned and joined from Group Hq is appointed Operations Officer. Captain Schwellenbach is transferred to Hq 358th Fighter Group.

2nd Lts. Maehrlein, Murphy, Henry, Stalnaker, Morris, Rice and Fest promoted to 1st Lieutenant effective 15 Oct 1944.

Captains Hylen, Krug, 1st Lieutenants Littlejohn and McClellan and Tuck returned to the squadron after 30 days leave in the U. S. Men enthusiastic about their return as they are the only original pilots still with the squadron.

2nd Lt. Pitt and T/Sgt. Brengartner transferred.

Squadron is temporarily housed in barracks for the first time since before leaving England. Day off passes are being issued to Reims and Chalons, night passes to Mourmelon. Morale, Excellent.

Missions were flown on dates indicated with type of mission shown. Mission reports attached as Inclosures #5 to #32 inclusive.

1 Oct 44 - 1 Mission - Weather reconnaissance
2 Oct 44 - 2 Missions - Dive-Bombing
3 Oct 44 - 1 Mission - Dive-Bombing
4 Oct 44 - 1 Mission - Dive-Bombing

SQUADRON HISTORY, OCTOBER INSTALLMENT.

6 Oct 44	-	2 Missions	- Dive-Bombing Medium Escort Weather Reconnaissance
7 Oct 44	-	1 Mission	- Medium Escort
8 Oct 44	-	3 Missions	- Strafing Cargo Escort
11 Oct 44	-	1 Mission	- Dive-Bombing
12 Oct 44	-	1 Mission	- Medium Escort
13 Oct 44	-	2 Missions	- Dive-Bombing Drop Leaflets
14 Oct 44	-	2 Missions	- Escort Dive-Bombing
15 Oct 44	-	1 Mission	- Reconnaissance
20 Oct 44	-	1 Mission	- Dive-Bombing
21 Oct 44	-	1 Mission	- Dive-Bombing
22 Oct 44	-	1 Mission	- Dive-Bombing
26 Oct 44	-	1 Mission	- Escort
28 Oct 44	-	2 Missions	- Escort Dive-Bombing
29 Oct 44	-	2 Missions	- Dive-Bombing
30 Oct 44	-	1 Mission	- Escort

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1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 2 July 1926 (44 Stat. 780, 10 U.S.C. 1396), and in accordance with authority delegated by the War Department, the Distinguished Flying Cross is awarded to the following-named officers:

[redacted], 0-751[illegible], Captain, 366th Fighter Squadron, 358th Fighter Group. For outstanding achievement while participating in aerial flight against the enemy in the European Theater of Operations from December 1943 to August 1944. Throughout a large number of arduous missions deep over enemy territory, Captain [redacted] has led his squadron with rare ability and unusual flying skill. He has constantly displayed an enviable tactical proficiency and rendered vigorous support to our ground forces in their successful advances against the enemy. His forceful leadership and high devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the service. Entered military service from West Point, New York.

[redacted], 0-665[illegible], Captain, 366th Fighter Squadron, 358th Fighter Group. For outstanding achievement while participating in aerial flight against the enemy in the European Theater of Operations from December 1943 to August 1944. Throughout a large number of hazardous missions deep over enemy territory, Captain [redacted] has led his flight with distinction and unusual flying skill. In the face of difficult weather conditions and the hazards of enemy aircraft and strong ground installations, he has displayed an enviable tactical proficiency in bringing home his attacks against the enemy, and thereby contributed in large measure to the successful advances of our ground forces against the enemy. The high sense of service and devotion to duty which Captain [redacted] has displayed on numerous occasions reflects great credit to both himself and to the Army Air Forces. Entered military service from Mt. Vernon, Illinois.

[redacted], 0-739542, Captain, 366th Fighter Squadron, 358th Fighter Group. For outstanding achievement while participating in aerial flight against the enemy in the European Theater of Operations from December 1943 to August 1944. Captain [redacted] has repeatedly led his squadron with distinction in a large number of difficult combat missions, maintaining the highest operational efficiency and tactical technique in the destruction of vital enemy installations and objectives. On numerous occasions he has pressed home attacks upon enemy resistance points in close support of our ground forces. Through his courageous leadership and utter disregard for his own safety he has contributed in large measure to the successes achieved by his group. The out-

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standing ability and deep devotion to duty displayed by ... on many occasions is in keeping with the highest traditions of the Service. Entered military service from ..., Pennsylvania.

..., 0-..., First Lieutenant, 366th Fighter Squadron, 358th Fighter Group. For outstanding achievement while participating in aerial flight against the enemy in the European Theater of Operations, from ... to September 1944. In his capacity as ... leader and flight leader, Lieutenant ... has repeatedly led the pilots under him with high distinction in a large number of deep penetration bomber-escort and dive-bombing missions over enemy territory. By his aggressive leadership in the face of difficult flying conditions and the hazards of enemy fire and fighter aircraft, he has instilled in the pilots of his command that confidence in his sound judgment which is the prerequisite of combat efficiency. Through his high sense of service and deep devotion to duty Lieutenant ... has brought great credit to both himself and to his organization. Entered military service from Jersey City, New Jersey.

... J. KNOWLTON, 0-..., First Lieutenant, 366th Fighter Squadron, 358th Fighter Group. For outstanding achievement while participating in aerial flight against the enemy in the European Theater of Operations from January to August 1944. As leader of squadron, flight and section combat formations, Lieutenant ... has demonstrated rare ability and unusual flying skill. In the face of difficult weather conditions and the hazards of enemy aircraft and strong ground installations, he has always displayed an enviable tactical proficiency and aggressive fighting spirit in bringing home his attacks upon enemy aircraft and installations, which contributed to great measure to the successful operations of our ground forces. Entered military service from Newark, New Jersey.

... McC..., 0-675789, First Lieutenant, 366th Fighter Squadron, 358th Fighter Group. For outstanding achievement while participating in aerial flight against the enemy in the European Theater of Operations from December 1943 to September 1944. As pilot, leader of flights, sections and squadron formations, Lieutenant McC... successfully and courageously carried out numerous bomber-escort and dive-bombing missions, in direct support of the ground forces in their assaults against the enemy. His deep devotion to duty and high sense of service are in keeping with the highest traditions of the Service. Entered military service from Leipsic, Ohio.

... E. SMOCK, 0-521664, First Lieutenant, 366th Fighter Squadron, 358th Fighter Group. For outstanding achievement while participating in aerial flight against the enemy in the European Theater of Operations from December 1943 to August 1944. In his capacity as pilot, leader of flights, sections, and squadron formations, Lieutenant SMOCK has distinguished himself by unusual aggressiveness and bravery, and has on numerous ground support missions pressed bombing and strafing attacks against the enemy with telling effect, all of which contributed in great measure to the successful achievements of his group. The high devotion to duty and outstanding leadership displayed by Lieutenant SMOCK on numerous occasions are in keeping with the highest traditions of the Service. Entered military service from Beach Creek, North Carolina.

By command of Major General ...:

... L. MILLARD,
Colonel, GSC,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

s/
C. M. STEVENS,
Colonel, AGD
Adjutant General.

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HEADQUARTERS (REAR)
XIX TACTICAL AIR COMMAND

APO 142, U S Army,
1 October 1944

GENERAL ORDERS)
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NUMBER.....36)

SECTION I: AWARDS OF AIR MEDAL.
SECTION II: AWARDS OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO AIR MEDAL.

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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 and Ninth Air Force, AIR MEDALS are awarded to the following named officers of the XIX Tactical Air Command, in recognition of meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights in the European Theater of Operations, each having participated in the required number of aerial operational sorties against the enemy, or having destroyed an enemy aircraft on the dates indicated:

3 56TH FIGHTER GROUP

366th Fighter Squadron

RICHARD T. BIRTH	0706316	2ND LT	Geneva, Ill.
DOREL J BRUNETTI	0770162	2ND LT	San Francisco, Calif.
ROY E. IRELAND	0710118	2ND LT	Wadena, Minn.
RAYMOND E. SLEEK, JR.	0710154	2ND LT	Waukegan, Ill.

SECTION II

1. By direction of the President, in addition to the Air Medals awarded in General orders indicated by sub-paragraphs, the following named officers of the XIX Tactical Air Command, are awarded a BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER 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 and Ninth Air Force, in recognition of meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights in the European Theater of Operations, each having completed the required number of operational sorties against the enemy, or having destroyed an enemy aircraft on the dates indicated:

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366th Fighter Squadron

a. G.O. No. 36, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 25 Feb 1944.

THOMAS W. SCHWELLENBACH (11th OLC)	0732375	CAPT	Seattle, Wash.

b. G.O. No. 28, Hq XIX Tactical Air Command, 4 September 1944.

ALLAN GILBERT (2nd OLC)	0803967	2ND LT	New York City, N. Y.

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FRANK C. HANNOLD (2nd OLC)	0821485	2ND LT	Elmer, N. J.
ALVIN D. JOHNSON (1st OLC)	0823282	2ND LT	Nashville, Tenn.
STEPHEN A. MANNING JR (1st OLC, 2nd OLC)	0822223	2ND LT	Marlboro, Mass.
HOWARD C. PITT (2nd OLC)	0767360	2ND LT	Glendale, Calif.

c. G.O. No. 27, Hq XIX Tactical Air Command, 25 August 1944.

WENDELL J. ROBERSON (2nd OLC)	0767385	2ND LT	Fergus Falls, Minn.

d. G.O. No. 23, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 14 August 1944.

HAROLD G. STAINAKER (4th OLC)	0702856	2ND LT	Spencer, W. Va.
JOE W. TEST (3rd OLC)	0701823	2ND LT	Gentry, Ark.

e. G.O. No. 13, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 27 June 1944.

DAVID J. GADBERRY (7th OLC)	0695052	2ND LT	Canon City, Colo.
CHARLES H. MAHRLEIN (7th OLC)	0815731	2ND LT	Teaneck, N. J.
TRAIAN T. MATYE (7th OLC)	0697218	2ND LT	Akron, Ohio
CRAIG C. McCALL (7th OLC)	0815737	2ND LT	Rimersburg, Pa.
JAMES E. MORRIS JR (5th OLC)	0815745	2ND LT	Richmond, Va.
HENRY MURPHY (6th OLC)	0697221	2ND LT	Washington, D. C.
ROBERT H. RICE (6th OLC)	0816023	2ND LT	Jonesboro, N. C.

f. G. O. No. 10, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 13 June 1944.

WALTER B. FEEMS (11th OLC)	0812780	1ST LT	McHenry, Ill.
MARTIN E. ALLEN (9th OLC)	0814622	2ND LT	Kannapolis, N. C.
ERNEST R. GIVEN JR (9th OLC)	0814678	2ND LT	Clendenin, W. Va.

g. G.O. No. 9, Hq VIII Fighter Command, 14 February 1944.

EDWARD KANTORSKI (14th OLC)	0688267	1ST LT	Jersey City, N. J.

h. G. O. No. 5, Hq VIII Fighter Command, 28 January 1944.

JOHN H. BUCKNER (14th OLC)	025139	CAPT	Cleburne, Texas
CARMEL M. SHOCK (16th OLC)	0821664	1st LT	Banner Elk, N. C.

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

CHARLES T. KIMBALL (10th OLC)	0666953	Capt	Kansas City, Mo.

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By command of Brigadier General WEYLAND:

DON F MATHIS
Colonel, AC,
Acting C of S.

OFFICIAL: /s/ Neil M. Matzger,
Lt Col, AGD,
Adjutant General

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J. S. CRAFT,
Captain, Air Corps

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HEADQUARTERS
XIX TACTICAL AIR COMMAND (Rear)

APO 142, U S Army,
6 October 1944.

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SECTION V: AWARDS OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

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SECTION V

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II, Bull. 3 WD, 1944), and in accordance with authority delegated by the War Department and Hqs. Air Force, a BRONZE STAR MEDAL is awarded to the following named officers and enlisted men in recognition of meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy:

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366th Fighter Squadron

S/Sgt	Donald A. Groves	38126254
S/Sgt	Zeke S. Marchant	38213059
S/Sgt	Merton F. Olson	36413788
S/Sgt	John Pacnak	36325189
S/Sgt	James F. Robinson	39237178

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By command of Brigadier General WEYLAND:

Roland J. [illegible],
Colonel, AG,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

/s/ Neil H. Matzger
NEIL H. MATZGER
Lt Col, AGD,
Adjutant General.

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J. S. GRANT, Capt. AG

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HEADQUARTERS
XIX TACTICAL AIR COMMAND (Rear)

APO 141, U S Army
16 October 1944.

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SECTION I: AWARDS OF AIR MEDAL.
SECTION II: AWARDS OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO AIR MEDAL.
SECTION III: AWARDS OF PURPLE HEART.
SECTION IV: AWARD OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL.
SECTION V: AWARDS OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL.
SECTION VI: REVOCATIONS TO GENERAL ORDERS.
SECTION VII: AMENDMENTS TO GENERAL ORDERS.

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 and Ninth Air Force, AIR MEDALS are awarded to the following named officers and enlisted men of the XIX Tactical Air Command, in recognition of meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights in the European Theater of Operations, each having participated in the required number of operational sorties against the enemy, or having destroyed an enemy aircraft on the dates indicated;

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366th Fighter Squadron

FRED L. HILLIS	0666175	Capt	Nepton, Mo.
IVIE M. LOVELL	0710136	2nd Lt	Waukenis, Okla.
STANLEY J. STEFANEK, JR	0715051	2nd Lt	Omaha, Nebr.
PAUL E. [illegible]	0713587	2nd Lt	Wichita, Kan

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ad. GO No 43, Hq XIX Tactical Air Command, 16 October 1944.

FRED L HILLIS (1st OLC)	0666175	Capt	Nepton, Mo.
IVIE M. LOVELL (1st OLC)	0710136	2d Lt	Waukenis, Okla.
STANLEY J. STEFANEK, JR.	0715051	2d Lt.	Omaha, Nebr.

ae. GO No 36, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 25 February 1944.

THOMAS W. SCHWEIKERBACH (13th,	0732375	Capt	Seattle, Wash.

af. GO No 36, Hq XIX Tactical Air Command, 1 October 1944.

DOREL J. BRUNETTI (1st OLC)	0770162	2d Lt	San Francisco, Calif.
ROY E. IRELAND (1st OLC)	0710118	2d Lt	Madona, Minn.
RAYMOND E. SMITH, JR (1st OLC)	0710194	2d Lt	Waukegan, Ill.

ag. GO No 30, Hq. XIX Tactical Air Command, 11 September 1944.

ALLAN GILBERT (3rd, 4th, 5th CLC)	0803967	2d Lt	Burbank, Calif.
FRANK S. MANNOLD (3rd, 4th, 5th CLC)	0824485	2d Lt	Elmer, N. J.
ALVIN D. JOHNSON (3d, 3rd CLC)	0821[illegible]2	2d Lt	Nashville, Tenn.
STEPHEN A. MANNING JR. (3rd, 4th, 5th CLC)	0817202	2d Lt	Marlboro, Mass.
HOWARD C. PITT (3rd, 4th CLC)	0767360	2d Lt	Glendale, Calif.

ai. GO No 27, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 25 August 1944.

SANTO A. GIAMALVA (2d, 3rd CLC)	0820257	2d Lt	Birmingham, Ala. (KIA)
HARRY E. LEVIN (4th CLC)	0810680	2d Lt	Elmhurst, Ill.
ROBERT L. LEWIS (3rd CLC)	0794[illegible]9	2d Lt	Glenshaw, Pa.
FULLER MCCOMAN (2d CLC)	0835323	2d Lt	Uniontown, Pa.
WENDELL J. ROBERSON (3rd, 4th CLC)	0767385	2d Lt	Fergus Falls, Minn.

aj. GO No 23, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 14 August 1944.

ALLEN R. BROWN (4th, 5th, 6th, 7th CLC)	0816987	2d Lt	Jersey City, N. J.
JAMES E. CUDDIHEE (1st CLC)	0821[illegible]35	2d Lt	Peterborough, N. H. (KIA)
KENNETH C. HAGNER (2d CLC)	0766509	2d Lt	Chicago, ILL. (KIA)
DAVID E. KELVER (5th, 6th, 7th, 8th CLC)	0821723	2d Lt	Lincolnton, N. C.
CHARLES H. MILLER (2d CLC)	0818405	2d Lt	Chicago, Ill (KIA)
HUGH J. SLEEN (6th, 7th CLC)	0702856	2d Lt	Hartford, Misc.
HAROLD F. STAUFFER (5th, 6th, 7th, 8th CLC)	0702856	2d Lt	Spencer, W. Va.
JOE J. TASP (4th, 5th, 6th CLC)	0701823	2d Lt	Gentry, Ark.

ak. GO No 13, HQ. XIX Tactical Air Command, 27 June 1944.

DAVID F. GODFREY (8th, 9th, 10th, 11th CLC)	0695452	2d Lt	Canon City, Colo.
CHARLES H. LAUERMANN (8th, 9th, 10th, 11th CLC)	0815731	2d Lt	Teaneck, N. J.
TRAIAN T. MATYE (8th, 9th, 10th, 11th CLC)	0697218	2d Lt	Akron, Ohio
CRAIG C. LOCALL (8th, 9th, 10th, ~~11th~~-CLC)	0815737	2d Lt	Rimersburg, Pa.
JAMES E. MORRIS, JR (6th, 7th, 8th CLC)	0815745	2d Lt	Richmond, Va.
HENRY MURPHY (6th, 7th, 8th, 9th CLC)	0679221	2d Lt	Washington, D. C.
ROBERT M. RICE (7th, 8th, 9th CLC)	0813023	2d Lt	Jonesboro, N. C.

al. GO No 10, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 19 June 1944.

WALTER L. FREEZ (12th, 13th, 14th CLC)	0812788	1st Lt	McHenry, Ill.
ERNEST R. GIVEN JR. (13th, 14th CLC)	0814670	2d Lt	Glendenin, W. Va.

am. GO No 9, Hq, VIII Fighter Command, 11 February 1944.

JOHN J. MCFARLAND (16th CLC)	0688270	1st Lt	Newark, N. J.
EDWARD KANTORSKI (15th CLC)	0688267	1st Lt	Jersey City, N. J.

an. GO No 7, Hq, VIII Fighter Command, 5 February 1944.

CLEVER W. DOROUGHY (13th CLC)	0[illegible]32	Capt	Arlington, Va. (KIA)

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Sec. GO No 4, Hq, VIII [illegible] Command, 20 January 1944.

JOHN F. KUMMER (16th CLC)	[illegible]25129	Capt	Cleburne, Texas
ALLAN W. EARLEY (16th, 17th CLC)	0665993	Capt	Mt. Vernon, Ill.
ROBERT F. KRUG (14th CLC)	47[illegible]27[illegible]	Capt	Chicago, Ill.
FELIX GORDON (14th CLC)	0[illegible]2[illegible]	1st Lt	Lockport, N. Y.
EARL W. MCCLURE (17th CLC)	0[illegible]6	1st Lt	Sparr, Penna
CARLOS M. SHOCK (17th, 18th CLC)	[illegible]21164	1st Lt	Banner Elk, N. C.

Sec. GO No 4, Hq, VIII Fighter Command, 20 January 1944.

LAWRENCE L. MCDANIEL (16th CLC)	0[illegible]9	1st Lt	Leipsic, Ohio

Sec. GO No 7, Hq, VIII Fighter Command, 27 January 1944

CHARLES F. KELLEHER, (11th CLC)	0665955	Capt	Kansas City, Mo.

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By command of Brigadier General WILLIAMS:

ROBERT J. BACHER,
Colonel, AC.
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

/s/ W. A. Dunn
W. A. DUNN,
1st Lt, AGD
Asst Adj Gen.

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JAMES S. CRAFT
Captain, Air Corps

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Missions No. 257 & 258
2 October 1944

Operations Order No. 63
IX Fighter Command
Divebombing

	#1	#2
White	Captain Buckner	Captain Schwellenbach
	Lt. Lovell	Lt. Birnie
	Lt. Test	Lt. Brown
	Lt. Wilfoyle	Lt. Stepanek
Red	Lt. Given	Lt. R.J. Smith
	Lt. Ireland	Lt. Brunetti
	Lt. Hannold	Lt. Roberson
	Lt. Leety	Captain Willis
Yellow	Lt. Deltz	Lt. Lavin
	F/O Perry	Lt. Lovell
	Lt. Stelnaker	Lt. Fanning
	Lt. R.E. Smith	Lt. Williams

Captain Buckner led the first mission that took off at 0902 to cut railray tracks at Homburg. The squadron was over the briefed area from 1000 to 1025 and landed at 1116. Twenty-two bombs were dropped on railway yards at Q-716819 with all bombs landing in the yard on a supply dump on the northern edge and good hits in the yard itself. This target was northeast of Homburg and was believed to be severely damaged. There was R/T jamming on "A" channel at 10,000 feet. "Ripsaw" V was contacted and vectored squadron. Light weak accurate flak was encountered east of Saarbrucken at Q-6572. Two bombs cut railway track at Q-6572, east of Saarbrucken.

Captain Schwellenbach led the second mission that took-off 1548 to attack targets north of Nancy. The squadron was over the briefed area from 1625 to 1720 and landed at 1745. Squadron could not contact "Eggcup" but was intercepted by "Ironclad" who told squadron to attack trucks on secondary road at U-8933, 15 miles northeast of Nancy and to disregard briefed target as this one had higher priorty. The squadron was unable to find the trucks and was given another target at U-9030 on edge of woods, 12 miles northeast of Nancy. All twenty-four bombs were dropped on this target. Two bombs overshot and landed in an open field southwest of target resulting in unsual column of white smoke. Three Me 109's were sighted at 16,000 feet orbitting in vicinity of Q-1010, 75 miles east of Nancy. No hostile action was taken. Heavy and light intense accurate flak was encountered in area U-9533, 14 miles northeast of Nancy. Light weak inaccurate flak was encountered at Q-2721 and heavy accurate flak at Q-2323, east of Nancy. Light flak positions were observed to be dug into ground.

Mission No. 259
3 October 1944

Operations Order No. 64
IX Fighter Command
Armed Reconnaisance

White	Colonel Tipton
	F/O Perry
	Lt. Stalnaker
	Lt. R.E. Smith
Red	Lt. Allen
	Lt. Lavin
	Lt. Kilpatrick
	Lt. Birnie
Yellow	Lt. Test
	Lt. Keever
	Captain Hillis
	Lt. Kilfoyle

The squadron, led by Colonel Tipton for the first time, took-off at 1208 with each aircraft carrying one Napalm bomb. "Ripsaw" V gave target, a fort at U-7558 where eleven bombs fell in the area on and around the fort but its destructive effects are unknown. However, the bombs hit on the nose. Arriving at the target area at 1245, the squadron remained until 1345 and returned to base at 1410. Weak fairly accurate flak and heavy barrage type were encountered in the areas.

Mission No. 260
4 October 1944

Operations Order No. 65
IX Fighter Command
Divebombing

White	Lt. Feltz
	Lt. Ireland
	Lt. Hannold
	Lt. Leety
Red	Lt. Stalnaker
	Lt. Perry
	Lt. R.E. Smith
	Lt. Williams
Yellow	Lt. Brown
	Lt. Stepanek
	Lt. Lavin
	Lt. Birnie

In close support of troops in the Metz area, the squadron took-off at 1625 with each aircraft carrying two 500 GP bombs and Lt. Feltz carrying one Napalm bomb in addition. Over briefed area from 1712 to 1757, "Gasket" vectored the squadron to attack enemy troop, truck and gun positions at U-770550. All bombs were dropped in this area in the woods with concentrated hits. Two farm houses were strafed which resulted in a large explosion that was believed to have been caused by a fuel truck being hit. Our tanks were seen one mile south of woods displaying panels. Intense concentrated light flak in cone form was encountered at U-810550, demaging one of our aircraft, category A. The squadron landed at 1825.

Missions No. 261 & 262
6 October 1944

Operations Order No. 67
IX Fighter Command
Bomber Escort & Divebombing

	#1	#2
White	Lt. Given	Lt. Allen
	Lt. Brunetti	Lt. Kilpatrick
	Lt. Smith, H.J.	Lt. Rice
	Lt. Kilfoyle	Lt. Brown
Red	Lt. Manning	Lt. Keever
	Lt. Ireland	Lt. Black
	Lt. Williams	Lt. Roberson
	Lt. Lovell	Lt. Birnie
Yellow	Lt. Stalnaker	Lt. Lavin
	Lt. Perry	Lt. Leety
	Lt. Test	Lt. Lovell
	Lt. Johnson	Lt. Williams

Lt. Given led the first mission that took off at 1010 hours on escort of light and medium bombers. The squadron was over the area of Duren from 1100 to 1200 hours. The bombers were in good formation. There was an excellent bombing pattern observed and great fires were left burning. Several of the bombers were hit by flak but none were seen to go down. Over the target, heavy intense accurate flak was observed at F-1136, 8 miles S of Duren. Heavy weak inaccurate flak was observed at F-2212, 20 miles SE of Duren. The squadron observed an ALO at F-1848, 4 miles E of Duren. The squadron landed at 1255 hours.

Lt. Allen led the second mission that took off at 1455 hours, being over the briefed area from 1544 to 1624 and landed at 1705. The squadron was instructed by Ripsaw V to contact Jenny who had a priority target. Jenny instructed the squadron to attack a town called Wincheringen at L-0514, 15 miles E of Luxenbourg. the squadron carrying 24 (500 lb GP) bombs, dropped 16 bombs and strafed the target causing numerous fires. All 16 of the bombs were dropped in the town. 1 flight had previously attacked the M/Y in Blierhastel at Q-6471, 10 miles E of Saarbrucken. 8 bombs were dropped and they strafed the M/Y. Tracks were cut and several warehouses on the side were hit directly. 1 train strafed at Q-6573, 11 miles E of Saarbrucken. 1 locomotive destroyed and 15 flat cars loaded with tanks severely damaged and 10 tank cars destroyed. There was heavy & light intense accurate flak at U-8050 and heavy and light moderate accurate at Q-3575.

CLAIMS FOR 6 OCTOBER 1944:	DESTROYED	PROBABLY DEST.	DAMAGED
Locomotives	1		
Railroad Cars	10	15	
Tanks		15	
Buildings	4		
Railroad (cut)	1		

Mission No. 263
7 October 1944

Operations Order No. 68
IX Fighter Command
Bomber Escort

White Lt. Kropenick
Capt. Nemsihck
Lt. Hannold
Lt. Smith, R.E.

Red Lt. Lavin
Lt. Stepanek
Lt. Manning
Lt. Birnie

Yellow Maj. Schuster
Lt. Kilfoyle
Lt. Roberson
Lt. Brunetti

Lt. Kropenick led the mission for today that took off at 1452 hours on escort of bombers. Our squadron was over the briefed area from 1600 to 1620 and landed at 1652 hours. The squadron made rendezvous with the bombers 20 miles N of Triers. The bombers were in good formation. There was excellent concentration of bomb hits in factory area in Eastern end of Trier at L-2332. The bridge was not hit. The squadron did not make rendezvous with the bombers over Dillengen at Q-2585, 12 miles NE of Saarbrucken. There were great fires burning in area. Ripsaw told the squadron that the bombers were coming to Dillengen late when they were approaching Triers. 1 flight mistakenly escorted bombers attacking a bridge at either L-5752 or L-5960, 30 miles NE of Triers. The bridge was believed to have been hit. Over the target there was heavy intense accurate flak at Trier L-2332 and elsewhere, heavy intense accurate along Saar River Valley between Q-2585 and Triers at L-2332. Large tank trap ditches were observed running along the entire E bank of the Saar river. Bridges were observed across the Saar river between Dillingen and Triers as being intact. Large fires and smoke were observed 8 miles NW of Saarbrucken in vicinity of Q-3075.

Missions No. 264, 265, & 266
8 October 1944

Operations Order No. 69
IX Fighter Command
Escort and Strafing

	#1	#2	#3
White	Lt. Kropenick Capt. Nemsihck Lt. Hannold Lt. Smith, R.E.	Lt. Kantorski Lt. Lovell Lt. Leety Lt. Williams	Capt. Buckner Capt. Nemsihck Lt. Smith, H.J. Lt. Brunetti
Red		Lt. Stalnaker F/O Perry Lt. Test Lt. Johnson	Lt. Godfrey Lt. Black Lt. Ireland Lt. Lovell
Yellow		Lt. Allen Lt. Kilpatrick Lt. Rice Lt. Brown	Lt. Test F/O Perry Lt. Smith, R.E. Lt. Johnson

Lt. Kropenick led the first mission today which took off at 0740 on Escort of a C-47 and landed at 1230 hours. There was two (2) take-off accidents and one (1) landing accident on this mission. Landing accident: Lt. Kropenick and his wingman Lt. Hannold were escorting a C-47 into a British Airdrome. The C-47 had to make 5 passes before it successfully landed. By this time the runway was completely obscured by the ground fog. Lt. Kropenick made a pass at the field, but was unable to find the runway and he pulled up. Lt. Hannold also made a pass at the field attempting to find the runway but hit the ground while turning with wheels and flaps down. Since it hit on the wing, the A/C cartwheeled, the engine came off immediately and the plane landed on its back in flames. The wrecking crew put the fire out and extricated the pilot, Lt. Hannold, from the wreckage. Lt. Hannold received slight injuries consisting of first degree burns to the face and slight laceration of the hand. Take-off accident: The flight of 4 P-47's in which Captain Nemshick was flying no. 3 position landed on a short, narrow landing strip at Verdun. Lt. Smith got stuck in the mud slightly to the left of the middle and near the end of the runway. Lt. Smith's plane was still on the runway at the time of take-off. Captain Nemshick gave full throttle, released the brakes, and had about 100 MPH airspeed when he had to pull the A/C off to avoid hitting Lt. Smith's A/C. His left wheel struck the tail surface and rear of the fuselage of the other A/C. He looked out and saw the pitot tube laying back on the wing and was unable to determine any further damage. After gaining 500 feet of altitude, Captain Nemshick retracted the wheels, called the flight leader who instructed him to return to the base. He landed with the left tire flat. Take-off accident: During the landing of his A/C, one of a flight of 4, on a short grass field at Verdun(A-62), Lt. Smith became stuck about 3/4 of the way down the R/W. The A/C veered slightly to the left of the center of the R/W and immediately went in up to the hubs. The time of the take-off was delayed in an effort to dig his A/C out, but lack of facilities made this impossible. It was then decided to take-off with said A/C still on the R/W. A C-47 took-off and came almost overhead. The 3 P-47's were then to take-off in the following order: Lt. Kropenick, Capt. Nemshick, and Lt. Hannold. Lt. Kropenick got off very short. It was noted that he

pulled streamers gettir off the ground. At this t e Lt. Smith was in the A/C making another attempt to get the plane off the ground. Capt. Nemshick could not get off short enough and his landing gear struck the rudder and elevators, tearing the rudder completely off and twisting the fuselage up to the intercooler doors. The impact did not even budge Lt. Smith's A/C, so thoroughly was it mired in. Lt. Hannold was able to get off by going far to the right and beyond Lt. Smith's A/C, very nearly off the R/W.

Lt. Kantorski led the second mission today which took-off at 0913 being over the briefed area from 1020 to 1025 and landed at 1105 hours. The target was the airdrome at Sachsenheim at R-960395 and all our aircraft attacked it. Three E/A were destroyed and five damaged on the ground. They were all twin engine planes namely Me 110's and Do 217's. There were 10 to 15 E/A observed on the field. 2 trains were strafed at R-9740 in vicinity 15 miles NW of Stuttgart. Both of the trains were heading E and both locomotives were destroyed. 1 train had 50 cars and the other 10 cars. 2 trains were observed 2 to 8 miles N of Stuttgart in vicinity of S-0528, heading South. 5 others in the same vicinity were standing still. Lt. Williams has not returned to this base for he is reported to have landed at A-96 with flak damage. Over the target the flak was heavy & light intense accurate and heavy intense accurate over Stuttgart, heavy moderate accurate from Eastern edge of Karlruhe. There were a great many barges observed on the Rhine heading S, 10 to 30 miles NE of Strasbourg. There was a great deal of rail traffic headed in both directions in 10 to 15 mile radius of Hagueman at R-0424.

Captain Buckner led the third and last mission today which took-off at 1423 and landed at 1555 hours. The squadron did not reach the target for it was bounced by 30 + Me 109's in vicinity of Q-1020, 20 miles NE of Nancy. The E/A were at 20,000 feet and our A/C at 17,000 feet. The Me 109's were coming West out of a cloud layer running N to S, 6 to 9 miles beyond our own A/C. Our squadron climbed to the attack but the E/A dropped their belly tanks like mad and turned sharply going S climbing to 27,000 feet. Our squadron could not catch them. One E/A acting as decoy dove to the deck while remainder climbed. All the E/A had silver wings and the fuselage appeared to be black. The squadron chased the E/A to within 20 miles W of Belfort and then returned to the base.

CLAIMS FOR 8 OCTOBER 1944	DESTROYED	DAMAGED
Do 217's	1--Lt. Rice	3--Lt's Stalneker, Kantorski, F/O Perry.
Me 110's	2--Lt's Allen, and Brown	2--Lt's Johnson, and Test
Locomotives	2--Squadron	

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Mission No. 267
11 October 1944

Wing Telephone Order
Armed Reconnaisance

White Lt. Kropenick
Lt. Brown
Lt. Manning
Lt. Birnie

Red Lt. Ireland
Lt. Roberson

Six of our aircraft and six aircraft from the 365th Fighter Squadron formed the nucleus for an armed reconnaisance to Saarbrucken, Landau and Kaiserlautern. Each aircraft carried two 500 pound GP bombs. The mission, led by Lt. Kropenick, took-off at 1700 from St. Dizier airdrome, over briefed area from 1805 to 1815, and landed at 1905. Heavy haze, clouds and darkness around the Metz area caused the mission to be shortened. "Ripsaw" gave target which was a railway gun at Q-0744, southeast of Metz. The area was strafed intensively. Four bombs were dropped on camouflaged installation on tracks scoring three direct hits, cutting the track. Large columns of white smoke were seen. Four bombs were dropped on Y in railway at Q-0545 cutting the track and destroying a light flak position. Intense accurate heavy and light and medium accurate light flak were encountered. Flak was also encountered from our own troops. Two Ju 88's were reported in the area.

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Mission No. 268
12 October 1944

Operations Order No. 75
IX Fighter Command
Ramrod

White	Lt. H.J. Smith
	Lt. Stepanek
	Lt. Brown
	Lt. Kilpatrick
Red	Lt. Keever
	Lt. E. Murphy
	Lt. Kilfoyle
	Lt. Brunetti
Yellow	Lt. Godfrey
	Captain Kinshick
	Lt. Lovell
	Lt. Leety

Escorting A-20's that bombed a target two miles east of Bitche, the squadron Led by Lt. H. J. Smith took-off at 0328, with the bombers from 0940 to 1040, and landed at 1100. The bombers were in excellent formation and good bombing results were observed. The squadron left the bombers 10 miles southwest of Metz. Heavy weak inaccurate flak was encountered. A supply dump was seen on edge of Strassburg adjacent to a railroad loading platform at V-9897. A concealed landing strip with buildings and vehicles under trees were seen in vicinity of Q-7208 18 miles northwest of Strassburg.

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Missions No. 269 & 270
13 October 1944

Operations Order No. 74
IX Fighter Command
Divebombing & Bombing

	#1	#2
White	Lt. Stalnaker	Lt. Roberson
	F/O Berry	Lt. Williams
	Lt. Johnson	Lt. Milfoyle
	Lt. McGowan	Lt. Brunetti
Red	Lt. Maehrlein	Lt. Weever
	Lt. Birmie	Capt. Hemslick
	Lt. Canning	Lt. Lovell
	Lt. Murphy, E.W.	

Lt. Stalnaker led the first mission today that took-off at 1547, being over the briefed area from 1635 to 1650 and landed at 1730 hours. The mission was to attack by divebombing barges along the Rhine at St. Goar. There were 12 near hits on the barges in the canal at L-9746 and 3 direct hits on a barge. There were 8 hits in a town at the edge of the canal at L-9746. The squadron also strafed the barges and observed many hits but none seemed to be burning. Lt. Johnson and Lt. Canning the direct hits. Personnel of the enemy were strafed in the trenches and many were observed to be killed. The flak around Metz was heavy, accurate, intense on the way over the city. There was some flak of Trier along route to the target and elsewhere it was light, weak and inaccurate. In the target area there was 20 and 40 mm guns and what they were shooting was light intense and moderate. There was a gun emplacement approximately 4 miles N to NE of Triers in a field at L-1724.

Lt. Roberson led the second mission today that took-off at 1604 being over the briefed area from 1630 to 1645 and landed at 1704 hours. The squadron dropped [illegible] bombs SW of Metz at the following points: U-7849, 7853, 8046 and U-8049, 8253, 8453, and 8443. The leaflet bombs exploded at 500 feet. From Jouey to Marly Sur Seille, 10 miles SW of Metz the flak was weak and inaccurate at U-8053 and U-8755.

CLAIMS FOR 13 OCTOBER 1944	DESTROYED	PROB. DESTROYED
Barges	2	4

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Missions No. 271 & 272
14 October 1944

Operations Order No. 75
IX Fighter Command
Bomber Escort & Divebombing

	#1	#2
White	Lt. Stalnaker	Captain Schwellenbach
	Lt. Murphy, E	Lt. Roberson
	Lt. Matye	Lt. Keever
	Lt. Leety	Lt. Kilfoyle
Red	Lt. Murphy, H	Lt. Godfrey
	F/O Perry	Captain Kemshick
	Lt. McCowan	Lt. Lovell
	Lt. Johnson	Lt. Murphy, E
Yellow	Lt. McCall	Lt. McCowan
	Lt. Stepanek	F/O Perry
	Lt. Brown	Lt. Leety
	Lt. Kilpatrick	Lt. Johnson

Lt. Stalnaker led the first mission today that took-off at 0933, being over the briefed area from 1015 to 1100 and landed at 1118 hours. The squadron escorted bombers on this mission. The bombers were in good formation. The bombing results were unobserved because of the solid overcast. Our yellow flight mistakenly attached itself to the 367th squadron in climbing through the overcast and completed the mission with them. Our red flight escorted bomber formation with call sign "Consume". Lt. Kilpatrick's engine quit on him and he bellied A/C in 6 to 8 minutes from the base. White flight never made the rendezvous. There were 4 to 8 jet propelled enemy A/C 20 miles N of Metz flying at 20 to 25,000 feet and 3 jet propelled enemy A/C observed at 20,000 feet in the vicinity of L-1850. There was no hostile action taken however.

Captain Schwellenbach led the second mission today that took-off at 1503, being over the briefed area from 1650 to 1730 and landed at 1815 hours. The squadron was carrying 2 (500 lb GP bombs) to a plane and all the bombs were dropped in the target area. There was 1 direct hit on the edge of one end of a bridge NE of Trier, and 22 bombs were dropped there. 1 train, with 15 flat cars was destroyed at L-9068, 20 miles S of Koblenz and 2 bombs were dropped there. The squadron strafed in the dive. The flak over the target was heavy & light, intense, inaccurate over Trier. Elsewhere the flak was heavy, intense accurate in the vicinity of L-3000.

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Mission No. 275
15 October 1944

Operations Order No. 73
IX Fighter Command
Divebombing

White
Lt. Allen
Lt. Allard
Lt. Maehrlein
Lt. Canning

Red
Lt. R.J. Smith
Lt. Birnie
Lt. Brunetti
Lt. Kilfoyle

Yellow
Lt. Watye
Lt. Williams
Lt. Godfrey
Lt. Lovell

Taking off at 0851 to attack targets in Germany, the squadron led by Lt. Allen was over the briefed area from 0940 to 1030. A 10/10 overcast covered the entire route hampering visibility. However, the marshalling yards at Lahnstein Qb, L-9190, 5 miles south of Koblenz, was bombed through a hole in the overcast. Although this target was strafed and 16 bombs fell smack into it, because of the limited observation, only two tank cars were seen to explode. A string of 8 to 10 barges in the river at the same point were strafed and bombed (eight bombs) but no hits were observed. A flak barge was observed and light moderate inaccurate flak was encountered over the target. Heavy weak accurate flak was encountered in the vicinity of L-6550, 14 miles east of Triers. While our aircraft were flying at 8,000 feet in Germany in the vicinity of L-6550, silver objects the size of a base ball were seen passing our aircraft. It believed that the objects were dropped by heavy bombers from above. The squadron landed at 1104.

Mission No. 274
20 October 1944

Operations Order No. 81
IX Fighter Command
Divebombing

White	Lt. Allen	Yellow	Captain Hergert
	Lt. Stepanek		Lt. McCowan
	Lt. McCall		F/O Perry
	Lt. Brown		
Red	Lt. Keever		
	Lt. Roberson		
	Lt. Kilfoyle		
	Lt. Brunetti		

At 1234 the squadron, led by Lt. Allen, took-off to divebomb targets over Germany. The planes remained over the target area from 1320 until 1340--all bombs were dropped in the target area except one which was returned. Two bombs were dropped on three barges which were pulled by a tug at R-2833 in the Rhine River. Two barges were hit directly and destroyed while the tug, after being strafed, spouted steam and caught fire. Five empty tank cars were strafed and destroyed at R-1223. Two bombs were dropped on 15 box cars, cutting the rails and severely damaging the cars--the cars were also strafed. One locomotive attached to a train at R-3023, was strafed and destroyed. One bomb was dropped on a train at R-0426 destroying the locomotive; the train was then strafed. Five bombs were dropped on a marshalling yard with the following results: 4 bombs hit buildings on the edge of the marshalling yard, 1 landed in the marshalling yard, 10 passenger cars were probably destroyed and 3 trains in the marshalling yard were strafed. One locomotive was destroyed by strafing at R-3544. Eight to ten cars and a locomotive were destroyed by strafing at R-1325. Eleven bombs were dropped on 15 freight cars and a locomotive which was also strafed at R-2126. There were six near misses, but all were destroyed. Light weak inaccurate flak was encountered at R-3344, while light intense inaccurate flak was encountered at R-2728. Twelve barges were observed at R-2833 in the Rhine River. A railroad bridge over the Rhine at R-2728 and a pontoon bridge on the side of it were observed intact. There was considerable barge traffic observed in the same vicinity of the Rhine River and a great deal of rail traffic was observed East of the Rhine. The squadron returned at 1428.

Mission No. 276
22 October 1944

Operations Order No. 83
IX Fighter Command
Divebomb

White Colonel Tipton
Lt. Allard
Lt. Smith, R.J.
Lt. Lovell

Red Lt. Williams
Captain Mergert
Lt. H. Murphy

Taking off at 0950 to divebomb enemy targets, the squadron and group led by Colonel Tipton were over the briefed area from 1040 to 1055. Bombing through a hole in the clouds, the main double track runnin' South in marshalling yard at Q-357603 was hit with 10 bombs which destroyed 15 box cars. Four to six 20 mm gun positions along the tracks at the same point were strafed and destroyed. Heavy weak inaccurate flak was encountered at Q-2060 and concentrated light accurate flak at Q-357603. There was 8-9/10 cloud cover, bottom 1500 feet and tops 2500 feet. The squadron landed at 1135.

Mission No. 275
21 October 1944

Operations Order No. 82
IX Fighter Command
Rail-Cutting.

White	Lt. Godfrey	Yellow	Lt. Lavin
	Lt. Scherer		Lt. Birnie
	Lt. Ireland		Lt. Maehrlein
	Lt. Murphy		Lt. Manning
Red	Lt. Stalnaker		
	F/O Perry		
	Lt. Murphy, E.		
	Lt. Johnson		

The squadron, led by Lt. Godfrey, took off at 1330 carrying 500 pound GP bombs (two per plane) on a rail-cutting mission. The planes flew over their target from 1400 until 1445. A train consisting of one locomotive and 15 freight cars was observed heading west in a marshalling yard at L 2858. Eighteen bombs were dropped on the train and it was also strafed. The train was destroyed by two direct hits on the train and two hits on the rails--the rest of the bombs fell in the marshalling yards. Four bombs were on a railroad fill at approximately L 3748--four direct hits were observed. Heavy weak inaccurate flak was encountered over Trier. The squadron returned at 1532.

Mission No. 277
30 October 1944

Operations Order No. 97
8th Fighter Command
Escort

White	Lt. Peltz	Yellow	Lt. McCrary
	Lt. [illegible]		Lt. [illegible]
	Lt. Gehrlein		Lt. [illegible]
	Lt. [illegible]		Lt. Ireland
Red	Lt. J.J. Smith	Blue	Lt. [illegible]
	Lt. Allard		Capt. [illegible]
	Lt. Wilfong		Lt. [illegible]
	Lt. Beck		Lt. Fennold

Providing top-cover for the other two squadrons of the group, the squadron led by Lt. Peltz took-off at 1114, over the briefed area from 1130 to 1215 and landed at 1305. Because of bad weather, the squadrons did not bomb. One enemy jet-propelled aircraft was seen over Hermeskeil but made no attempt to attack. Lt. Fennold landed at another landing strip as his engine was losing power. Heavy inaccurate flak was encountered over the target area at I-430180.

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Missions No. 278 and 279
28 October 1944

Operations Order No. 89
IX Fighter Command
Escort and Divebombing

	#1	#2
White	Lt. Murphy, H. Capt. Hergert Lt. McCowan Lt. Johnson	Col. Tipton Lt. Scherer Lt. Hatye Lt. Lovell
Red	Lt. McCall Lt. Jones Lt. Brown Lt. Stepanek	Lt. Stalnaker Lt. Smith, R.E. Lt. Test F/O Perry
Yellow	Lt. Allen	Lt. Lavin Lt. Jones Lt. Haehrlein Lt. McCall
Blue		Lt. Smith, R.J. Lt. Allard Lt. Brunetti Lt. Black

The first mission today which was led by Lt. H. Murphy took-off at 1115 being over the briefed area from 1205 to 1235 and landed at 1335 hours. Visibility over the target was very restricted due to the bad weather. There were no direct hits observed but there were some hits observed on the tracks. The flak was heavy, moderate and accurate.

The second mission today was led by Col. Tipton and took-off at 1530 being over the briefed area from 1635 to 1650 and landed at 1745 hours. The squadron was carrying 1,000 lb GP bombs (two to a plane) and dropped all in the target area. A bridge was destroyed with 3 direct hits on it reported. 1 train was strafed at Q-415856 which was heading NE with 20 box cars and 1 locomotive and 5 box cars were destroyed. 1 train heading W was strafed at Q-4491 and 1 locomotive and 12 freight cars were destroyed. Rinsaw V vectored squadron to bandits going S at 13,000 feet in direction of Q-0043, but the squadron could not find them. The flak was light, weak, inaccurate at the following points: R-115936, R-120987, R-130955 and R-135955. There was heavy, weak, inaccurate flak in the vicinity of U-9095.

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Mission No. 282
30 October 1944

Operations Order No. 91
1st Fighter Command
Escort

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White	Lt. Murphy, R. Capt. Hergert Lt. McCowen Lt. Johnson	Yellow	Lt. Smith, R.J. Lt. Black Lt. Roberson Lt. Allard
Red	Lt. Levin Lt. Jones Lt. Canning Lt. Brown	Blue	Lt. Godfrey Lt. Lovell Lt. Murphy, E.T. Lt. Ireland

Lt. R. Murphy led the first and only mission today which took-off at 0900 and landed 0956. The squadron was recalled by Wipsaw. The mission was scrubbed.

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MEMORANDUM)

23 November 1944

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ADMINISTRATIVE PRACTICES

Unit Histories

1. Objective: To provide the necessary basic data required for the official record of each unit of the Army Air Forces, for a comprehensive history of this Air Force and for the overall record of the participation of the Army Air Forces in the present war.

2. Organization: Historical activities in this Air Force shall be organized in accordance with the provisions of AR 345-105, amended 9 March 1943, AAF Regulation No. 208, 19 July 1943 and Overseas Historical Officers Circular No. 1, Hq., AAF AC/AS Intelligence, Historical Division, 19 March 1943. It is the responsibility of the commander at each level to insure that a complete history of his organization is being maintained by a properly designated historical officer. The Historical Section at this headquarters is responsible for the preparation of the history of this Air Force and the co-ordination of historical activities in subordinate units.

3. Co-operation: Commanders and Staff Officers will give full co-operation to historical officers in making available all information of historical importance throug access to all files and by interview. Historical Officers will be furnished copies of such documents as are requested for inclusion in the unit history. No documents, diaries, memoranda, charts, etc. will be disposed of without examination by the Historical Officer for items of historical significance. Historical work will be regarded as Secret, and adequate facilities provided to ensure compliance with AR 380-5.

4. Preparation of Histories: Detailed instructions may be issued by a Command Historian. The following will be adhered to in the preparation of all histories:

a. Histories of units below the command level will be prepared on a monthly basis. Command histories will be prepared on a quarterly basis.

b. Histories will be prepared in sufficient copies to provide this headquarters with two copies, each complete with all supporting documents, one to be held by the Historical Section, one to go forward to Washington.

c. The historical narrative shall contain a complete and accurate record of activities, to include operations, individual achievements, living conditions, administrative changes, and a daily diary of events.

d. Supporting documents will be annexed to and considered an integral fact of the histories. They shall include copies of all pertinent orders, bulletins, memoranda, operations orders and reports, intelligence reports and appreciations, organization charts, directives and photographs. Documents issued by higher headquarters need not be included.

e. It is essential that each history have a table of contents and title sheet showing under the name of the unit, the chain of command and date in the following form:

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Air Force _____
Command _____
Wing _____
Group _____
Squadron _____
Dates Incl'd _____

5. Disposition of Histories: Histories will be forwarded through channels to reach this headquarters by the 21st of the month following their closing date. They will be addressed to the Commanding General, First Tactical Air Force (Prov) Attention: Historical Section.

By command of Major General ROYCE:

RUSSELL L. PUTMAN
Lt. Colonel, Air Corps,
Chief of Staff

OFFICIAL:

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Colonel, AGD,
Adjutant General.

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Inclosure 2 - Format (Outline History.

SECTION I, _____(Unit) _____(month and year)

a. Present designation: _____(Give assignment to group and/or wing, if applicable.)

b. Changes in organization. (Give DATE and AUTHORITY in each case, and attach the authorizing document to each copy of the history.)

(1) Changes in designation, assignment, or attachment (of unit itself, not of subordinate units).

(a) Changes in designation.

(b) Changes in assignment.

(c) Changes in attachment.

(2) Subordinate units.

(a) Units assigned or transferred.

(b) Units attached to other headquarters. (Show type of attachment, e.g., TD, operational control, administrative control, etc.)

(c) Units redesignated.

(d) Units inactivated.

(3) Changes in Command.

(4) Changes of Staff officers. (Executive, S-1, S-2, S-4, Adjutant or their equivalents at Wing level - also O/C, DO/C if applicable)

(5) Changes in T/O or manning table. (Give date of change, also date and number of both old and new T/O or manning table.)

c. Strength (on last day of each month covered): _____officers; _____enlisted men.

d. Present station: _____since_____(date of arrival)

e. Movements. (If unit moves in more than one party or echelon, list each separately; very small groups need not be mentioned.)

(1) From_____to_____on_____(date).

(2) etc.

Incl part I (continued)

f. Summaries (during period covered).

g. Operations. (Service units will omit (2) and (3).)

(1) Nature of operations. (Patrol, dive bombing, level bombing, etc. Indic te which type(s) predominated. Show the types of target to which major effort was directed, and the proportion of total effort so directed. Service units will briefly describe their activities.)

(2) Number of missions and sorties: _____.

(3) Outstanding missions.

(a) Mission of _____(date) against _____(target).

1. Nature and importance of target.

2. Visual observation.

3. Photographic evidence. (Attach duplicate if available)

(b) etc.

h. Leaders of outstanding missions. (as reason for g(3)(a) above)

i. Losses in action.

(1) Killed.

(2) Wounded.

(3) Missing.

(4) Taken prisoner.

j. Awards received during period.

(1) _____(name)

(a) Mission (or engagement).

(b) Act

(c) Award.

(2) etc.

Inclosure 1 (continued)

NOTE

In the special cases the heading and content of paragraph c. will appear as follows:

1. When activation is reported. (This should appear only in the first installment of a unit's history.)

"c. Original unit.

(1) Original designation: _____.

(2) Place of activation: _____.

(3) Date of activation: _____.

(4) Authority _____.

(5) Source of personnel: _____"

2. When unit is disbanded.

"c. Inactivation: _____(name of unit) inactivated at _____(place) by authority of _____(usually a general order of higher echelon)."

Inclosure 3 - Sample War Diary Sheet.

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...r Diary, _____Ftr Sq, _____Ftr Gp. Peretta Air Base, Corsica, July 1944

10 The new echelon arrived at Porto Vecchio, Corsica today after an extremely rough night on the water. A good many of the men lost all the good food they had savored while on the boat. Landed about 0830 and proceeded to the staging area leaving Capt. Calkins and a detail of 2 men to unload the unloaded equipment. Proceeded from staging area towards Peretta following the coastal road. Most of us were amazed at the amount of air power along the coast. Arrived at our new home, Peretta Air Base, at 1330. The first impression is mud. The new field consists of a dirt strip with steel matting at both ends. A British Spitfire outfit occupies it now but are expecting to move in a few days. The dust problem reminds us of our days in North Africa at first. We have the line sections, with the exception of Operations and Intelligence, in a two story building which looks as though it might have been a combination house and stable. Operations and Intelligence have a prison Hut. The bivouac area is about one half mile from the North end of the runway in an open field. Tents are spread regularly throughout the field. At the other end of the runway there is a small stream which we have begun to use as bathing facilities. The men have stated that they have never seen such barren country and they are looking forward to "pre-fighting" parties. Major Voigt was presented the Croix de Guerre for his part in the support of French troops during the "Struggle" Operation.

11 Lt. Taylor crashed at Cretteville Air Base while landing a P-47. He suffered minor injuries. The advanced party spent day getting settled at Peretta. To our amazement we discovered the P.X. facilities are better than we have ever encountered. One item considered rarer than rare is the 3 bottles of American beer allotted to each man each week. Another pilot has been assigned to the Squadron, Captain Luhl.

12 Pilots flew our P-47's to Peretta, Corsica today. As always on a move, there was much confusion as the pilots looked for their baggage which had come with the advanced echelon. The usual claims of lost baggage were finally settled as usual with no loss. We were given a stand-down from combat flying today and probably for the next 10 days to prepare for combat in the P-47. There is still much weeping and wailing about flying the P-47 and not the P-51 that everyone had hoped we would get.

13 Continued transition flying today. The rear echelon moved from Cretteville, Italy to staging area at Civitavecchia, Italy. The men of the line are being worked very hard, getting used to the new type airplane, with the continuous flying and having only half of the personnel here.

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Inclosure 4 - Guide to Preparation of War Diaries

1. GOC

a. Kept by calendar months, with daily entries, as in Inclosure 3.

b. Classified in accordance with AR 380-5.

2. CONTENT

a. Military

(1) Status of the unit
(2) Difficulties in keeping aircraft operational.
(3) Visits or exercises involving support of military or political visitors.
(4) Important missions, with results.

(a) Exclude routine missions, unless exceptional result.
(b) Let the war diary show, at a glance, which days are marked by really important operational results.

b. Daily life of unit

(1) State of morale
(2) Kind of food
(3) When are movies shown?
(4) What other unit recreational facilities exist?
(5) Living conditions

(a) Is light available?
(b) Is heating available?
(c) Are bedding and bed-clothes available?
(d) Are tents or buildings used?

(6) What are working conditions?

c. Unusual happenings, essentially non-military.
d. Annex 2

(1) Any story about a member of the unit that is worth telling.

e. Relations with local population.

(1) Are relations good?
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366TH FIGHTER SQUADRON

APO 374, U S Army.
1 December 1944

SQUADRON HISTORY, NOVEMBER INSTALMENT.

(1) ORGANIZATION: Negative.

(2) STRENGTH: 64 officers.
252 enlisted Men.

(3) MOVEMENT: Squadron moved from ALG #80 Mourmelon, France to ALG #90, two (2) miles N.E. of Toul, France. The advance echelon consisting of thirty (30) enlisted men and one (1) officer departed ALG #80, Mourmelon, France, approximately 1100 hrs 20 Oct 44, arrived ALG #82 Etain, France approximately 1400 hrs 20 Oct 44. Advance echelon above departed A-82 Etain, 9 Nov and arrived at A-90 9 Nov 44. Subsequent movement was made on 20, 21 and move was completed 22 Nov 44. All movement made by GOMT and Military Aircraft.

(4) CASUALTIES:

1st Lt. Harry A. Black, missing in action 9 Nov while participating in combat aerial flight.

2nd Lt. Fuller McGowan, injured while participating in aerial combat flight, 3 Nov 44.

1st Lt. David B. Tuck, killed while participating in non-operational flight, 18 Nov 44.

1st Lt. Henry Murphy, injured while participating in aerial combat flight, 25 Nov 44.

(5) DECORATIONS: 1st Lt. Walter E. Feltz was awarded the DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS per Par 1, GO #261, Hq Ninth Air Force 7 Nov 44. (Incl. #1).

The following named officers and enlisted men were awarded AIR MEDALS, OAK LEAF CLUSTERS to Air Medals previously awarded and BRONZE STAR MEDALS per General Orders No. 44, 45, 50, and 52 Hq XIX Tactical Air Command 25 October, 27 October, 16 November and 23 November 1944 respectively. (Incls. #2, #3, #4 and #5).

Captain George Robbins (BSM)
1st Lt Thomas T. Milfoyle, Jr. (3rd OLC)
1st Lt Harry E. Lavin (7th OLC)
1st Lt Hugh J. Smith (8th OLC)
1st Lt Harold G. Stalnaker (9th, 10th OLC)
1st Lt Joe W. Test (7th, 8th OLC)
1st Lt David J. Godfrey (12th OLC)
1st Lt Charles H. Maehrlein (11th, 12th OLC)
1st Lt Craig C. McCall (11th OLC)
1st Lt Henry (nmi) Murphy (10th OLC)
1st Lt Martin E. Allen (10th, 11th, 12th OLC)
1st Lt Walter E. Feltz (15th OLC)
1st Lt Ernest R. Given, Jr. (12th OLC)
1st Lt Edward Kantorski (16th OLC)
1st Lt John J. Kropeniek (17th OLC)

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SQUADRON HISTORY, 366TH FIGHTER SQUADRON, NOVEMBER INSTALLMENT.

2nd Lt	Harry A. Black, Jr. (AM, 1st OLC) MIA
2nd Lt.	Dofel J. Brunetti (2nd, 3rd OLC)
2nd Lt	Roy E. Ireland (2nd OLC)
2nd Lt	Lyle M. Lovell (2nd, 3rd OLC)
2nd Lt	Raymond E. Smith, Jr. (2nd OLC)
2nd Lt	Stanley J. Stepanke, Jr (2nd OLC)
2nd Lt	Paul E. Williams (1st, 2nd OLC)
2nd Lt	Richard T. Birnie (1st, 2nd, 3rd OLC)
2nd Lt	Eugene W. Murphy (4th OLC)
2nd Lt	Alvin B. Johnson (4th OLC)
2nd Lt	Stephen A. Manning, Jr. (6th OLC)
2nd Lt	Robert M. Leety (4th, 5th OLC)
2nd Lt	Fuller McCowan (3rd OLC)
2nd Lt	Wendell J. Roberson (5th OLC)
2nd Lt	Elmer R. Brown (8th OLC)
2nd Lt	David E. Keever (9th, 10th OLC)
Flt O	Robert A. Perry (AM, 1st OLC)
M/Sgt	Alfred J. Gouba (BSM)
T/Sgt	Morton E. Benson (BSM)
S/Sgt	Harold W. Getz (BSM)
S/Sgt	Alton E. Hazel (BSM)
S/Sgt	Edward F. Hobza (BSM)
S/Sgt	Woodrow Nims (BSM)
S/Sgt	Robert V. Lentz (BSM)
Cpl	Epke, Fred E. (BSM)

A Non-Commissioned Officer's Club was organized the 1st of November. A large number of squadron personnel have become active members and enthusiastically support the Club as it is the first N.C.O. Club to be organized within the 358th Fighter Group.

1st Lt George H. Veldboon, 2nd Lts James O. Hall, George M. Graber, James T. Hamrick and Flight Officer John H. Horst (all Pilots) were assigned and joined from Group Headquarters 4 November 1944.

2nd Lt Joseph Urdang, assistant intelligence officer, promoted to rank of 1st Lieutenant effective 1 Nov 44.

Flight Officer Robert A. Perry discharged to accept commission as 2nd Lieutenant 9 November 1944. Flight Officer Perry sworn in as 2nd Lieutenant 10 November 44. 2nd Lts Harold D. Wayham and John Weinning Jr. (pilots) asgd and joined from Group Hq 10 Nov.

Captain Robert F. Krug is transferred to Hq 358th Fighter Group 12 Nov 44.

2nd Lts Thomas P. Halloran, Jr. Gregory C. Frese, Paul M. Hughes, Domenick A. Coppolino assigned and joined from Group Hq 12 Nov 44.

1st Lts Martin E. Allen, Walter E. Feltz, David J. Godfrey, Traian T. Matye and 2nd Lt. Eugene W. Murphy are transferred to the United Kingdom to await transportation to the United States.

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SQUADRON HISTORY, 366TH FIGHTER SQUADRON, CHELMSFORD

2nd Lt Allan Gilbert assigned and joined from HQ XIX Tactical Air Command 17 Nov 44.

Move to A-99 completed 22 November. Work is immediately begun to improve condition of living quarters and area. Area is very muddy and much work is necessary to winterize area, building floors, doors, laying walks etc.

2nd Lt Vernon O. Bayus, Flight Officers Warren G. McCord and Albert Bayus (pilots) assigned and joined from Hq 353th Fighter Group, 30 Nov 44.

Much improvement has been made in living quarters and area. With the aid of French laborers the problem of mud control has practically been solved by the building of walks. Tents are winterized. However, there is the possibility that approximately half of the squadron will live in barracks in Toul this winter.

Evening passes are being issuedagain. Morale of men, excellent.

Squadron flew 23 combat missions during the month. Missions were of various types (Incls 26 to 29 inclusive)

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HEADQUARTERS
NINTH AIR FORCE

APO 696, U S Army,
7 November 1944.

GENERAL ORDERS)
:
NUMBER.....261)

AWARDS OF THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 2 July 1926 (Bull. 8, WD, 1926), and in accordance with authority delegated by the War Department, the following-named officers are awarded the DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS:

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WALTER E. FELTZ, O-812788, First Lieutenant, 358th Fighter Group. For outstanding achievement while participating in aerial combat in the European Theater of Operations from April to September 1944. Lt FELTZ has demonstrated a superior degree of aggressiveness and aerial proficiency while leading his flight of P-47 type aircraft on a large number of hazardous missionsover enemy occupied territory. The unusual tactical skill and intense fighting spirit which he has shown in directing the execution of numerous fighter sweep and dive-bombing attacks have provided an inspiring example for his fellow pilots; his sustained courage and professional ability have contributed in large measure to the maintenance of an exemplary combat record in his organization. Entered military service from Illinois.

By command of Major General VANDENBERG:

W W MILLARD
Col. G S C
C of S

OFFICIAL:

/s/C. M. Seebach
C. M. SEEBACH
Colonel, AGD
Adjutant General

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J. S. CRAFT
Captain, Air Corps

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HEADQUARTERS (REAR)
XIX TACTICAL AIR COMMAND

APO 141, U S Army.
25 October 1944.

GENERAL ORDERS)
NUMBER.....44)

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SECTION IV. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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SECTION IV

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II, Bull. 3, WD, 1944), and in accordance with authority delegated by the War Department and Ninth Air Force, a BRONZE STAR MEDAL is awarded to the following named enlisted men in recognition of meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy:

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c. ALFRED J. GOUBA, 6853720, Master Sergeant, AC, 366th Fighter Squadron, 358th Fighter Group, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 20 December 1943 to 12 April 1944.

d. ROBERT V. LENTZ, 35135294, Staff Sergeant, AC, 366th Fighter Squadron, 358th Fighter Group, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 20 December 1943 to 29 September 1944.

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BY command of Brigadier General WEYLAND:

ROGER J BROWNE,
Colonel, AC,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

/s/ W A Dunn
W A DUNN,
1st Lt, AGD,
Asst Adj Gen.

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J. S. CRAFT
Captain, Air Corps

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HEADQUARTERS
XIX TACTICAL AIR COMMAND (REAR)

APO 141, U S Army.
27 October 1944.

GENERAL ORDERS)
NUMBER.....45)

SECTION IV; AWARDS OF SILVER STAR MEDAL.

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SECTION IV

1. By direction of the president, under the provisions of executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II, Bull. 7, WD, 1944), and in accordance with authority delegated by the War Department and Army Air Forces, a Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following named officers and enlisted men for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy:

* * * *

a. Harold R. Getz, 35243477, Staff Sergeant, 363th Fighter Squadron, 358th Fighter Group, for meritorious service in connection with military operations from 20 December 1943 to 27 September 1944.

a. Alton A. Hazel, 37033491, Staff Sergeant, 363th Fighter Squadron, 358th Fighter Group, for meritorious service in connection with military operations from 20 December 1943 to 27 September 1944.

By command of Brigadier General WINLAND:

Colonel, AC.
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

/s/ T. A. Dunn
T. A. DUNN,
1st Lt, AGD.
Asst Adj Gen

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HEADQUARTERS
XIX TACTICAL AIR COMMAND (Adv.)

APO 141, U S Army.
16 November 1944.

GENERAL ORDERS)
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NUMBER.....50)

SECTION II: AWARDS OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL.
SECTION III: AWARDS OF AIR MEDAL.
SECTION IV: AWARDS OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO AIR MEDAL.

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SECTION II

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II, Bull. 3 WD. 1944), and in accordance with authority delegated by the War Department and Ninth Air Force, a BRONZE STAR MEDAL is awarded to the following named officers and enlisted men in recognition of meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy:

* * *

c. GEORGE ROBBINS, 0860160, Captain, AC, 366th Fighter Squadron, 358th Fighter Group, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 20 December 1943 to 28 October 1944.

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j. Morton E. Benson, 36170201, Technical Sergeant, 366th Fighter Squadron, 358th Fighter Group, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 20 December 1943 to 20 October 1944.

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x. Fred E. Epke, 32586191, Corporal, 366th Fighter Squadron, 358th Fighter Group, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 20 December 1943 to 30 October 1944.

SECTION III

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 and Ninth Air Force, AIR MEDALS are awarded to the following named officers and enlisted man of the XIX Tactical Air Command, in recognition of meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights in the European Theater of Operations, each having participated in the required number of operational sorties against the enemy, or having destroyed an enemy aircraft on the dates indicated:

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358TH FIGHTER GROUP

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GO No 50, Hq. XIX Tactical Air Command (Rear), 16 November 1944, Cont'd.

366th Fighter Squadron

HARRY A. BLACK, JR	0116672	1st Lt	Aliquippa, Pa.
ROBERT A. PERRY	T-62168	Flt O	Westfield, N. J.

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SECTION IV

1. By direction of the President, in addition to the Air Medals awarded in General Orders indicated by sub-paragraphs, the following named officers of the XIX Tactical Air Command, are awarded a BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER 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 and Ninth Air Force, in recognition of meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights in the European Theater of Operations, each having completed the required number of operational sorties against the enemy, or having destroyed an enemy aircraft on the dates indicated;

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366th Fighter Squadron

ll. GO No 30, Hq XIX Tactical Air Command, 16 November 1944.

HARRY A BLACK, JR (1st OLC)	0770162	2d Lt	San Francisco, Calif.
ROBERT A. PERRY (1st, 2nd OLC)	T-62168	Flt O	Westfield, N.J.

mm. GO No 43, Hq XIX Tactical Air Command, 18 October 1944.

DOYEL J. BRUNETTI (2nd, 3rd OLC)	0770162	2d Lt	San Francisco, Calif.
ROY E. IRELAND (2nd OLC)	0710118	2d Lt	Wadena, Minn.
LYLE M. LOVELL (2nd, 3rd OLC)	0710136	2d Lt	Waukomis, Okla.
RAYMOND J SMITH, JR (2nd OLC)	0710194	2d Lt	Waukegan, Ill.
STANLEY J STEPANEK, JR (2nd OLC)	0710513	2d Lt	Omaha, Nebr.
PAUL L. WILLIAMS (1st 2nd OLC)	0713537	2d Lt	Wichita, Kans.

nn. GO No 36, Hq. XIX Tactical Air Command 1 October 1944.

RICHARD T. BIRNIE (1st, 2nd, 3rd OLC)	0708316	2d Lt	Geneva, Ill.

oo. Go No 30, Hq. XIX Tactical Air Command, 11 September 1944.

THOMAS T KILFOYLE, JR (3rd OLC)	0766557	1st Lt	Lakewood, Ohio
EUGENE W MURPHY (4th OLC)	0887307	2d Lt	Ossining, N.Y.

pp. GO No 28, Hq. XIX Tactical Air Command, 4 September 1944.

ALVIN D. JOHNSON (4th OLC)	0823202	2d Lt	Nashville, Tenn.
STEPHEN A MANNING, JR. (6th OLC)	0822223	2d Lt	Marlboro, Mass.

qq. GO No 27, Hq. XIX Tactical Air Command, 29 August 1944.

HARRY A LAVLN (7th OLC)	0810680	1st Lt	Elmhurst, Ill
ROBERT M LESTY (4th, 5th OLC)	0704683	2d Lt	Glenshaw, Pa.
FULLER McCONAL (3rd OLC)	0685323	2d Lt	Uniontown, Pa.
RANDALL J. ROBINSON (5th OLC)	0767385	2d Lt	Fergus Falls, Minn.

rr. GO No 23, Hq XIX Tactical Air Command, 14 August 1944.

HUGH J SMITH (8th OLC)	0696717	1st Lt	Hartford, Misc.
HAROLD G. STAINAKER (9th 10th OLC)	0702856	1st Lt	Spencer, W. Va.
JOE W. TEST (7th, 8th OLC)	0701823	1st Lt	Gentry, Ark.
ELMER R BROWN (8th OLC)	0816987	2d Lt	Jersey City, N.J.
DAVID L. KLEVEN (9th, 10th OLC)	0821723	2d Lt	Lincolnton, N.C.

ss. GO No 13, Hq XIX Tactical Air Command, 27 June 1944.

DAVID J GODFREY (12th OLC)	0693052	1st Lt	Canon City, Colo.
CHARLES N MANNLEIN (11th, 12th OLC)	0857311	1st Lt	Teaneck, N. J.
CRAIG C McCALL (11th OLC)	0815737	1st Lt	Rimersburg, Pa.
HENRY MURPHY (10th OLC)	5679221	1st Lt	Washington, D.C.

tt. GO No 10, Hq XIX Tactical Air Command, 13 June 1944.

MARTIN L. A[illegible] (10th, 11th, 12th OLC)	0814626	1st Lt	Annapolis, Md.
WALTER E FLETZ (15th OLC)	0812743	1st Lt	Mc Henry, Ill.
ERNEST R GIVEN, JR. (12th OLC)	0814678	1st Lt	Glendenin, W. Va.

uu. GO No 9, Hq. VIII Fighter Command, 14 February 1944.

EDWARD KANTOROWSKI (16th OLC)	0688267	1st Lt	Jersey City, N.J.
JOHN J KROPENICK (17th OLC)	0688270	1st Lt	Newark, N.J.

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By command of Brigadier General [illegible],

ROGER J. BROWN,
Colonel AC.
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

/s/Neil M. Matzger,
NEIL M MATZGER,
Lt Col. AGD.
Adjutant General.

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Headquarters
[redacted] (Rear)

APO 141, U S Army.
23 November 1944

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SECTION I: AWARDS OF ARMED FORCES MEDAL.

SECTION I

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II Bulletin 3, WD, 1944), and in accordance with authority delegated by the War Department and Ninth Air Force, a CERTIFICATE FOR MERIT is awarded to the following named officers and enlisted men in recognition of meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy:

* * * *

Edward F. Houze, 37126799, Staff Sergeant, 366th Fighter Squadron, 358th Fighter Group. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 20 December 1943 to 30 October 1944.

Woodrow Nine, 35043130, Staff Sergeant, 366th Fighter Squadron, 358th Fighter Group. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 20 December 1943 to 30 October 1944.

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By command of Brigadier General [redacted]:

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Colonel, AG
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

/s/ Neil H. Matzger
NEIL H MATZGER,
Lt Col, AGD.
Adjutant General.

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Operations Order No. 93
IX Fighter Command
Divebomb

Mission No. 283
1 November 1944

White	Lt Godfrey	Yellow	Lt McCall
	Lt Murphy, E.		Lt Brown
	Lt Leety		Lt Maehrlein
	Lt Ireland		Lt Kilpatrick
Red	Lt Murphy, H.	Blue	Lt Smith, H
	Capt Hergert		Lt Kilfoyle
	Lt McCowan		Lt Roberson
	Lt Johnson		Lt Black

Our squadron took off at 1336, led by Lt Godfrey, to divebomb a supply depot. The planes were carrying two 500 pound bombs apiece and they remained over the target area from 1430 until 1500—all bombs were dropped in the target area. Two bombs were dropped on the target at Q-5649--one was a direct hit on the buildings and the other landed on the tracks cutting the rails. Twelve bombs were dropped on a large factory at Q-5548 with ten direct hits and two very near misses—most of the factory is believed to have been destroyed. Eight bombs were dropped on a railroad junction at Q-5447 with two direct hits observed cutting the rails. Ten bombs were dropped on the town of Wittringen at Q-5751 causing tremendous fires. Lt. McCowan was hit by flak in the vicinity of Q-3555 and was heard over the R/T asking for help. He was forced to belly-land and is suffering personal injuries.. One of our aircraft suffered a category A damage and one of our aircraft is missing. Heavy and light weak inaccurate flak was encountered at Q-5852 and a continous belt of heavy moderate inaccurate flak was encountered in an area 15 miles east and west from Q-3053. The squadron returned to the base at 1555.

Mission No. 284
4 November 1944

Operations Order No. 56
Lt. Gilmore Jayne
Escort

White	Lt. Weber	Yellow	Lt. Peck
	Lt. Allard		Lt. Perry
	Lt. Rice		Lt. Beck
	Lt. Beaver		Sgt. Herbert
Red	Lt. McClellan	Blue	Lt. Given
	Sgt. Meschief		Lt. Fitzpatrick
	Lt. Steve		Lt. McDall
	Lt. Beaty		Lt. [illegible]

Our squadron, led by Lt. Weber, took off at 1248 to escort medium bombers and provide area support. Bombers were in good formation and bombed through solid overcast--no results observed due to overcast. The bombers were met to the target on time at 18,000 feet. Heavy to moderate intense flak was encountered at Briers. There was a solid overcast with tops of 9,000 feet all the way to the target. The squadron returned at 1530 after remaining over the target area from 1350 until 1450.

Mission No. 235
5 November 1944

Operations Order No. 97
IX Fighter Command
Namrod

White	Lt. McClellan	Yellow	Lt. Littlejohn
	Lt. Stepanek		Lt. Ireland
	Lt. Wilpatrick		Lt. Latye
	Lt. Birnie		Lt. Williams
Red	Lt. Meever	Blue	Lt. Buck
	Lt. Allard		F/ Berry
	Lt. Brunetti		Lt. Best
	Captain Willis		Lt. Mannold

Taking off at 1338 the squadron led by Lt. McClellan escorted B-26 Marauders bombing targets in Germany. With the bombers from 1534 to 1415 the squadron saw the mediums bomb through the overcast which prevented observation of results. A-30's were escorted at first but this group was left after B-26's were seen on course. The squadron landed at 1434.

Mission No. 286 & 287
8 November 1944

Operations Order No. 100
IX Fighter Command
Armed Reconnaisance

	#1	#2
White	Lt Tuck	Capt Wilson
	Capt Hergert	Lt Scherer
	Lt Stalnaker	Lt Matye
	F/O Perry	Lt Ireland
Red	Lt Lavin	Lt Test
	Lt Manning	Lt R.E.Smith
	Lt Brown	Lt Hannold
	Lt Jones	Lt Johnson
Yellow	Lt Keever	Lt Rice
	Lt Kilfoyle	Lt Stepanek
	Capt Hillis	Lt Kilpatrick
	Lt Black	Lt Birnie
Blue	Lt Given	Lt H.J.Smith
	Lt Williams	Lt Allard
	Lt Leety	Capt Hillis
	Capt Nemshick	Lt Brunetti

The squadron led by Lt Tuck took-off at 1104, over briefed area from 1135 to 1230, and landed at 1305. Four aircraft carried four Napolm bombs, four carried two 500 GP's, four carried three frag clusters and four aircraft provided escort. "Flabby" directed squadron to contact "Bluejacket" who vectored flights to bomb gun and mortar emplacements at Q-2313. Three Napolms and 12 frags were dropped on northeast edge of woods in an excellent pattern. Eight 500 pound GP bombs were dropped in woods at Q-1912. Four light AA guns were strafed and destroyed at Q-2524. Two trucks were strafed and destroyed at Q-2524. One Napolm bomb was hit by flak after it was dropped and it failed to explode. Two Napolms dropped caused three fires although, the cause of the third fire is not known but it was much greater than Napolm. Light moderate inaccurate flak was encountered over the target area. Heavy enemy guns were observed in woods on western edge at Q-2212. Our tanks were seen at Q-2114. One P-47 with an orange tail on the ground at Q-1813.

Taking off at 1420 with the same bomb loadings and escort as the first mission the squadron led by Captain Wilson was over the briefed area from 1455 1555, and because of the weather, landed at Etain at 1615. "Flabby" was contacted and turned squadron over to "Bluejacket" controller who vectored squadron to bomb town of Hampont, Q-151247. All bombs were dropped at this point which resulted in three huge fires with flames to 300 feet in the air. Gun positions were strafed in the southeast section of the town. A great number of barges were seen in the canal in this vicinity. The countryside in this area was under water in flooded condition. R/T with ground controller was extremely good. Heavy moderate accurate and light weak inaccurate flak were encountered at Q-151274

DESTROYED
4 AA guns
2 M/T

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Sections No. [illegible]
9 September 1944

Operations Order No. 101
[illegible] Bomber Command
[illegible] Reconnaissance

	1	2
White	Lt. Given	Lt. [illegible], J. T.
	Lt. McFeyle	Lt. Stemmel
	Lt. Emerson	Lt. Kilpatrick
	Lt. Black	Lt. Arnie
Red	Lt. O'Hellen	Capt. Meckler
	Lt. Williams	Lt. Willard
	Lt. Looby	Lt. Weaver
	Capt. Swalish	Lt. Brunetti
Yellow	Lt. Stalmaker	Lt. [illegible]
	Lt. [illegible], J. T.	Lt. Meyer
	Capt. Gilbert	Lt. Ireland
	F/O Perry	Lt. Lovell
Blue		Lt. Stalmaker
		Lt. Hamrick
		Lt. West
		Lt. Johnson

Lt. Given led the first mission today which took-off at 1730 being over the briefed area from 1830 to 1920. 4 landed at 1950 and 7 landed at 1950. 1 aircraft piloted by Lt. Black did not return to the base and is listed as missing. The squadron carried 8 (500 lb) GP Bombs and 11 Frags. There were 4 aircraft as escort. Yellow flight being the cover flight stayed at 9,000 feet for 1 hour over the target area but did not observe anything. White and Red flights contacted Flabby and they were sent to Ironclad who vectored them to 3-0037 but due to the heavy overcast they could not find the target. They bombed 10 to 15 trucks on a road at 3-105500 and destroyed 2 and damaged 2. They cut rails at 2 places in vicinity of 3-140490. They did not use the photos. No friendly or enemy action was observed. Lt. Black is believed to have been lost over the target area but the cause is unknown.

Lt. [illegible] J. Smith led the second mission today which took-off at 1629 and landed at 1800 hours. The squadron was carrying 8 (500 lb) GP bombs and 12 Frags. They dropped their belly frags in a lake near Toul. Ripsaw sent the squadron back due to the weather and darkness.

[illegible] 9 [illegible] 1944	DESTROYED	DAMAGED
Trucks	2	2
Rails cut	2	

[illegible] 9 [illegible] 1944

1 Aircraft--Lt. Black

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Mission No. 290
11 November 1944

Operations Order No. 103
IX Fighter Command
Armed Reconnaissance

White	Lt Feltz	Yellow	Lt Keever
	Lt Smith, R.E.		Lt Allard
	Lt Test		Lt Kilfoyle
	Capt Hergert		Lt Roberson
Red	Lt Lavin	Blue	Lt Given
	Lt Jones		Lt Williams
	Lt Brown		Lt Leety
	Lt Manning		Capt Nemshick

Lt Feltz led todays mission that took-off at 1539, being over the briefed area from 1615 to 1725 and landed at 1750 hours. The squadron carried sixteen (16) 500 lb GP 4 to 5 second delay bombs and 12 frags. The squadron dropped 8 (500 lb) bombs on an explosive factory at Bous at Q-315755, being all direct hits in the buildings and 7 buildings were destroyed. They strafed and destroyed 10 motor trucks at Q-2468. They destroyed 1 flak gun at Q-3375. The squadron observed 1 E/A jet at Q-2468 but could not make contact. They dropped 2 (500 lb) bombs at Q-088445 at Herny and destroyed 2 large trucks. They dropped 9 frags and 2 (500 lb) bombs on flak positions in town and woods at Q-155410 and 1 large fire was started. They dropped 4 Napalms and 2 (500 lb) bombs on flak positions in woods at Q-215465 and 2 large fires were started. They observed 1 ME 163 in vicinity of Sarreguemines at Q-510570 climbing at a 45 degree angle. It used the jet to about 15000 feet. Our tanks at Q-0562 were proceeding NE, also entering Foret de Remilly in large numbers from the W and SW. There was extremely heavy traffic on highways at Q-2468 proceeding NE. The flak was heavy, concentrated, and accurate on N side of Bous at Q-315755 and light, concentrated, accurate at Q-2468. Light and heavy, concentrated and accurate at Q-215465. Heavy, concentrated, accurate in area from Vatimont to Faulgumont to Fouligny—both light and heavy at the following points: Q-070430, 170500, and 102556.

ission : 6. 765
16 ovember 1944

Attack order No. 16
(2nd Lt.)
.rmed Reconnaissance

hite	Lt. Irvin	Yellow	Lt. Niven
	Lt. Waldorn		Lt. Graber
	Sgt. Herbert		Sgt. Mitchell
	Lt. Jones		Lt. Ireland
ed	Lt. Beever	Blue	Lt. McLuskey
	Lt. Forst		Lt. Murph
	Lt. Roberson		Lt. McGill
	Lt. Brunetti		Lt. Wheeler

Lt. Irvin led the mission today which took-off at 1[illegible], being over the briefed area from 1710 to 1930 and landed at 1[illegible] hours. They were to shoot out gun positions and to run an .rmed Reconnaissance from the garrao to the [illegible] area. They carried 24 (500 lb. G, Inst.) and 4 [illegible]. 2 (500 lb) were returned due to a mechanical failure. The first encountered was road, bridge and lines at 2-[illegible]. The squadron bombed [illegible] with the 4 [illegible] scattered [illegible] 8 miles N of Armavir, destroying 15 [illegible], probably destroying 4 and cut tracks in three (3) different places. 1 locomotive was destroyed at [illegible]. They bombed bridge in A canal at [illegible], destroying A and saved the bank of the canal. They also bombed bridge in A canal at [illegible], destroying A and saved the bank of the canal. There was a 8/10ths cloud cover, bottom 800 feet and tops 6,000 feet and the visibility was 5 miles. The clouds were in three layers from 500 to 3,000 feet.

[illegible]	Destroyed	[illegible]
[illegible] Cars	12	4
Locomotives	1	
Tracks Cut	3	
Bridges	4	

[illegible]

[illegible]

1	2
White	[illegible]
	[illegible]
	[illegible]
	[illegible]
Red	[illegible]
	[illegible]
	[illegible]
	[illegible]
Yellow	[illegible]
	[illegible]
	[illegible]
	[illegible]
Blue	[illegible]
	[illegible]
	[illegible]
	[illegible]

[illegible]

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[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

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Missions No. 293 and 297
18 November 1944

Attack Orders No. 43 and 45
12th TAC
Rearrod and Divebomb

	#1	#2
White	Major Hackler	Lt. McClellan
	Lt. Hall	Lt. Hall
	Lt. Milfoyle	Lt. Milfoyle
	Lt. Allard	Lt. Allard
Red	Lt. Riven	
	Lt. Mayhem	Lt. Weinnig
	Lt. Mannold	Capt. Hemshick
	Lt. Lovell	Lt. Scherer
Yellow	Lt. Stalnaker	Lt. Riven
	Lt. Weinnig	Lt. Mayhem
	Capt. Hemshick	Lt. Mannold
	Lt. Scherer	

Major Hackler led the first mission today which took-off at 1123 on escort of medium bombers and landed at 1315 hours. They R/V with the bombers at Neufchateau. They went from Neufchateau to Sehweiler at V-6124 to target at Brusach V-8357, a bridge and back to Neufchateau. The bombers were in good formation. None of them were seen to have been hit by flak. The northern road bridge was hit and seen to collaspe into the river. Great fires were seen burning in vicinity of Gerardmer, V-3744. The weather was hazy and thin cloud layers up to 20,000 feet. The visibility was 10 miles.

Lt. McClellen led the second mission today which took-off at 1425, being over the briefed area from 1445 to 1630 and landed at 1700 hours. They carried 10 (500 lb GP) bombs. They flew from A-90 to the target which was radio towers & radar installations, 12 miles S of Karlsruhe at V-380350 and back to A-80. The flak was intense, accurate, light and heavy at Rastatt, V-340285. The bombs were dropped on the wrong target (a farm house) but no hits were observed. The squadron strafed the following: Primary target at V-380330, damaged; 1 locomotive and 20 RR cars at V-390310, destroyed; 2 locomotives and 10 RR cars S of Seltz at V-260520, destroyed; 1 tug at V-290310, destroyed; 1 truck at V-380350, destroyed; 1 switch house at V-395350, destroyed; 1 repair barge at V-290310, damaged; and 2 radio towers at V-270260, damaged. There was a slight haze and the visibility was 15 miles.

CLAIMS FOR 18 NOVEMBER 1944	DESTROYED	DAMAGED
Radio Towers		2
Locomotives	3	
RR Cars	30	
Trucks	1	
Tugs & Repair barge	1	1
Switch house	1	

Missions No. 298 & 299
19 November 1944

Air Operations Order No. 47 & 51
12 [illegible] Gp
Ramrod

	#1	#2
White	Lt. Levin Lt. Feldboon Capt. Hergert Lt. Birnie	Lt. Smith, H.J. Lt. Hannold Lt. Ireland Lt. Lovell
Red	Lt. Smith, H.J. Lt. Ball Capt. Willis Lt. Willard	Lt. Morris Lt. Johnson Lt. McCall Lt. Berry
Yellow	Lt. Poehrlein Lt. Mayhem Capt. Hemshick Lt. Williams	Lt. Mice Lt. Jones Capt. Hergert Capt. Hemshick
Blue	Lt. Murphy, M. Lt. Herrick Lt. Hannold Lt. Scherer	Lt. Murphy, T. Lt. Horst Capt. Willis Lt. Brunetti

The squadron took off at 0917, led by Lt. Levin, to escort B-26's from Neufchateau to a bridge ten miles NE of Pulhouse and returned to the base at 1115. The planes were over the target from 0955 until 1110 and the bombers were in good formation--none were observed hit. At least four direct hits were observed on the east end of the bridge and there were numerous hits on approaches. Heavy intense accurate flak was encountered at F-8514. There was a cloud cover of from 8 to 7/10 from 7 to 9,000 feet until 25 miles East of Epinal--from there on, there were no clouds. Visibility was from 5 to 7 miles.

The squadron took off at 1449, led by Lt. Smith, to escort medium bombers. Course was flown as briefed and the planes remained over the target from 1635 until 1651 and landed at 1710. The planes patrolled the area assigned, but the bombers were above the overcast and arrived 25 minutes late. Two trains were strafed at Forbach in marshalling yards at F-4518. A large concentration of supplies was observed and 40 to 50 tank cars were seen on a railroad siding at Freudenstedt at F-5065. Intense heavy, light accurate flak was encountered at Bischwiller (F-0019), and Tapenau (F-0524). There was one attempt 1 damage which landed at Poul. There was ceiling of 12,000 feet from base to target with scattered clouds below--visibility was 10 miles. In the target area, there was a cloud cover of 10/10 with a base of 7,000 feet and tops of 13,000 feet--visibility was from 3 to 4 miles.

CLAIMS FOR 19 NOVEMBER 1944	DESTROYED
Locomotives	2
Motor Vehicles	2
RR Cars	6

Mission No. 400 & 401
21 November 1944

Air Operations Order No. 84 & 49
12th AAF
Armed Reconnaissance

	A	B
White	Lt. Stalnaker	Lt. Smith, M.J.
	Lt. Brunetti	Lt. Jones
	Lt. Best	Capt. Hergert
	Lt. Milfoyle	Lt. Milpetrick
Red	Lt. Given	Lt. Reever
	Lt. Harnold	Lt. Allard
	Lt. Leety	Lt. Horst
	Lt. Ireland	
Yellow	Lt. Morris	Lt. Rice
	Lt. Perry	Lt. Williams
	Lt. Johnson	Capt. Meshick
	Lt. Brick, R.E.	Lt. Lovell
Blue	Lt. Lavin	Lt. Brown
	Lt. Veldhorn	Lt. Weinnig
	Lt. Manning	Lt. Scherer
	Lt. Stepanek	Lt. Patrick

The squadron, led by Lt. Stalnaker, took off at 1000 on an armed reconnaisance mission. Eight bombs were dropped on a marshalling yard at Freiburg (U-1033) destroying two locomotives and twenty box cars which were then strafed and cutting the tracks in five places. One locomotive and twenty box cars heading north, were destroyed by strafing at U-1242. Five trucks were strafed and destroyed at the following points: 1 at Q-5304, 1 at Q-6318, 2 at Q-6010, and 1 at Q-6030. Eight bombs were dropped on a locomotive and 10 box cars and flat cars destroying the cars and damaging the locomotive at V-7142. Two trucks were strafed and destroyed at V-6544. One truck heading north was destroyed and about ten personnel were killed at R-0405. Four bombs were dropped on five trucks heading NE destroying three at V-9381. One truck and two horse-drawn ammunition carriers were destroyed by strafing at Q-6219. The ammunition carriers blew up. One locomotive and fifteen cars heading north were destroyed by strafing and eight bombs at V-7352. A convoy of from 40 to 50 ambulances were observed heading west. The squadron remained over the area from 1030 until 1145 and landed at 1155. Light moderate accurate flak was encountered at U-1033, heavy intense accurate flak was encountered at Strasbourg, and light accurate flak was encountered at V-8065 -- we had one category A damage. There was a cloud cover of 9/10 with a base of 4,000 feet and tops of from 6 to 7,000 feet.

The squadron took off at 1410, led by Lt. Smith, on an armed reconnaisance mission. The planes went 25 to 30 miles East of Luneville and heard "Gatepost" report bad weather in the

interior so they turned back and landed at the base at 1500. There was a cloud cover of 10/10 with a base of 8,000 feet and visibility was from 2 to 4 miles.

CLAIMS FOR 21 OCTOBER 1944	DESTROYED	PROBABLES	DAMAGED
Military Transports	15	0	0
Locomotives	6	0	0
RR Cars	60	0	1
Horse-Drawn Vehicles	2	0	0
Rails Cut	5		

Sections No. [illegible]
[illegible] November 1944

Operations Officer
[illegible]
Name of Issue and Number

	1	2
Pilots	Lt. L. Murphy	2Lt. Ian [illegible]
	Lt. [illegible]	2Lt. Norm [illegible]
	Lt. Schreiber	2Lt. Curtis [illegible]
	Lt. Berry	2Lt. Jones
Navigators	Lt. Levin	
	Lt. Smith	
	Lt. Cousins	
	Lt. Kruger	

	3	4
Pilots	Lt. J. Sullivan	Lt. Starr
	Lt. Weaver	Lt. [illegible]
		Captain [illegible]
		Lt. Jones
Navigators	Lt. Schmidt	Lt. Curtis
	Lt. Fisher	Lt. Cousins
	Captain Carmichael	Lt. Goldman
	Lt. Williams	Lt. Sullivan

Twelve a/c of the 1035 Squadron Recce Group, the Squadron led by Lt. Murphy was over the briefed area from 1115 to 1250 and bombed at 1410. Two bombs were dropped on five trucks with unobserved results at [illegible]-5820. Photographic interpretation were compatible with my Navigator's log in route at [illegible]-1514 on east side of the mine. Lt. Murphy was hit by flak at [illegible]-5820 and he believes out of the aircraft at [illegible]-4817. Slight intense accurate flak was encountered in the area where he was hit. Five trucks were observed at Amer and Lumpe a and jet aircraft were observed at 30,000 feet in the vicinity of Ameraure. The area was 3/10 cloud cover, base 1500 feet and tops 7,000 feet. Visibility 7 miles.

Lt. Mac Lean [illegible] Squadron to cover the withdrawal.

[illegible] and a third rendezvous had before 0[illegible]-0[illegible]2, only 10 aircraft were on the second armed reconnaissance. Lt. Lt. [illegible], the squadron took-off at 1[illegible]0, over the briefed area, from 1[illegible]0 to 1405, [illegible] to 1500. No locations [illegible] 10 feet to [illegible] the form of [illegible] at [illegible]-5827 which [illegible] out the [illegible] and mount. A locomotive pulling 7 [illegible] [illegible] pulled [illegible]-5800 was [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. One [illegible] engaged in marshalling [illegible] [illegible]-5720 [illegible] locomotive and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] left. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

1	2
[illegible]	[illegible]

Lt. [illegible] led the 2nd [illegible] at 1545, 8 [illegible] at 1555, [illegible] the bombers were [illegible] at 1640 hours. They flak [illegible] target (L-5540) and were [illegible] the target. [illegible] the bombers were [illegible] the [illegible] but the target was [illegible]. [illegible] Lt. [illegible] at 1555. The flak was [illegible] at L-8741 [illegible], [illegible] at L-8644. 1 [illegible] [illegible] at L-8555. 1 locomotive [illegible] at L-4175. 2 M. [illegible] [illegible] L-4078. 1 [illegible] at L-8548. 4 to 6 [illegible] [illegible] at L-8740. 1 [illegible] at L-8461. 1 truck [illegible] at L-8151 and [illegible] was killed. 1 bicycle [illegible] at L-8038. There was 9/10ths cloud cover, base 10,0', tops 8000', 2nd layer 9 to 10,000' and [illegible] 10 miles.

Lt. [illegible] led the second [illegible] at 1545, [illegible] the briefed [illegible] at 1715 and landed at 1755 hours. 2 jet contrails were seen [illegible] at 16,000'. Truck and A/A traffic was observed at Leuterhausen [illegible] at L-855470. "Tore was [illegible] by "angels". 1 dive-bomber was damaged at [illegible] (L-415819) with 3 direct hits. 1 dive bomber was destroyed at L-855475. 6 A/C were destroyed at L-855475 (flak gers). They bombed a T/T at L-400430 but no results were observed. There was a 10/10ths cloud cover, base 7,000' and tops 8,500'.

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[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
[redacted]	1		1
[redacted]	2	4	
[redacted]			1
[redacted]	4		1
[redacted]			5

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[redacted]

Mission No. 308
27 November 1944

Air Operations Order No. 16
12TH TAC
Armed Reconnaissance

White	Lt. Lavin	Red	Lt. Test
	Lt. Manning		Lt. Hall
	Lt. Rice		Lt. Brunetti
	Lt. Milpatrick		Lt. Allard
Blue	Lt. Leety		
	Lt. Mayhem		
	Lt. Hannold		
	Lt. Ireland		

Lt. Lavin led the squadron on todays mission which took-off at 1453, being over the briefed area from 1515 to 1615, and landed at 1655 hours. Stables instructed the squadron to bomb a troop concentration in a woods South of Mackwiller at Q-5834. They dropped 24 (500 lb) GP bombs, inst. fusing, on the target and the 12 aircraft made 5 strafing passes on the target. By strafing, 4 light flak positions at Q-5838 were severely damaged. 1 tank was strafed and destroyed in Mackwiller at Q-5836. 1 house with a AA position in it was strafed and severely damaged at Q-5937. 1 AA position was strafed and probably destroyed at Q-6036. 1 gun position was strafed and destroyed at Q-5954. 2 S/Cars were strafed and destroyed at Q-5935. The flak was light and intense in a 2 mile radius of Mackwiller (Q-5935). The ground forces commended the excellent manner of execution performed on this mission by this squadron, as the target was only 1,000 yards from our own troops. There was a 2/10ths cloud cover, base 4,000', tops 5,000' and the visibility was approximately 3 miles.

CLAIMS FOR 27 NOVEMBER 1944	DESTROYED	D/D	DAMAGED
Tanks	1		
Motor Vehicles	2		
Buildings	1		
Gun Positions	1	1	5

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NINTH AIR FORCE

APO 696, U S Army,
7 November 1944.

GENERAL ORDERS)
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NUMBER....261)

AWARDS OF THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS

I. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 2 July 1926 (Bull. 8, WD, 1926), and in accordance with authority delegated by the War Department, the following-named officers are awarded the DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS:

* * * * *

WALTER E. FELTZ, O-812788, First Lieutenant, 358th Fighter Group. For outstanding achievement while participating in aerial combat in the European Theater of Operations from April to September 1944. Lt FELTZ has demonstrated a superior degree of aggressiveness and aerial proficiency while leading his flight of P-47 type aircraft on a large number of hazardous missionsover enemy occupied territory. The unusual tactical skill and intense fighting spirit which he has shown in directing the execution of numerous fighter sweep and dive-bombing attacks have provided an inspiring example for his fellow pilots; his sustained courage and professional ability have contributed in large measure to the maintenance of an exemplary combat record in his organization. Entered military service from Illinois.

By command of Major General VANDENBERG:

W W MILLARD
Col, G S C
C of S

OFFICIAL:

/s/C. M. Seebach
C. M. SEEBACH
Colonel, AGD
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XIX TACTICAL AIR COMMAND

APO 141, U S Army,
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SECTION IV: AWARDS OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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SECTION IV

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II, Bull, 3, WD, 1944), and in accordance with authority delegated by the War Department and Ninth Air Force, a BRONZE STAR MEDAL is awarded to the following named enlisted men in recognition of meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy:

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c. ALFRED J. GOUBA, 6853720, Master Sergeant, AC, 366th Fighter Squadron, 358th Fighter Group, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 20 December 1943 to 12 April 1944.

d. ROBERT V. LENTZ, 35135294, Staff Sergeant, AC, 366th Fighter Squadron, 358th Fighter Group, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 20 December 1943 to 29 September 1944.

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BY command of Brigadier General WEYLAND:

ROGER J BROWNE,
Colonel, AC,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

/s/ W A Dunn
W A DUNN,
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XIX TACTICAL AIR COMMAND (REAR)

APO 141, U S Army,
27 October 1944.

GENERAL ORDERS)
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SECTION IV, AWARDS OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

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SECTION IV

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II, Bull. 3 WD, 1944), and in accordance with authority delegated by the War Department and Ninth Air Force, a BRONZE STAR MEDAL is awarded to the following named enlisted men in recognition of meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy:

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d. Harold W. Getz, 35043477, Staff Sergeant, 366th Fighter Squadron, 358th Fighter Group, for meritorious service in connection with military operations from 20 December 1943 to 29 September 1944.

e. Alton E. Hazel, 37038491, Staff Sergeant, 366th Fighter Squadron, 358th Fighter Group, for meritorious service in connection with military operations from 20 December 1943 to 29 September 1944.

By command of Brigadier General WEYLAND:

ROGER J. BROWNE,
Colonel, AC,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

/s/ W. A. Dunn
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1st Lt. AGD,
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HEADQUARTERS
XIX TACTICAL AIR COMMAND (REAR)

APO 141, U S Army,
16 November 1944.

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SECTION II: AWARDS OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL.
SECTION III: AWARDS OF AIR MEDAL.
SECTION IV: AWARDS OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO AIR MEDAL.

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SECTION II

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II, Bull. 3 WD, 1944), and in accordance with authority delegated by the War Department and Ninth Air Force, a BRONZE STAR MEDAL is awarded to the following namedofficers and enlisted men in recognition of meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy:

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e. GEORGE ROBBINS, 0860160, Captain, AC, 366th Fighter Squadron, 358th Fighter Group, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 20 December 1943 to 28 October 1944.

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j. Morton E. Benson, 36170201, Technical Sergeant, 366th Fighter Squadron, 358th Fighter Group, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 20 December 1943 to 20 October 1944.

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x. Fred E. Epke, 32586191, Corporal, 366th Fighter Squadron, 358th Fighter Group, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 20 December 1943 to 30 October 1944.

SECTION III

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9158 (Bull. 25, WD, 1942), as amended by Executive Order No. 9242A (Bull. 49, WD, 1942), and in accordance with authority delegated by the War Department and Ninth Air Force, AIR MEDALS are awarded to the following named officers and enlisted man of the XIX Tactical Air Command, in recognition of meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights in the European Theater of Operations, each having participated in the required number of operational sorties against the enemy, or having destroyed an enemy aircraft on the dates indicated:

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358TH FIGHTER GROUP

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GO No 50, Hq. XIX Tactical Air Command (Rear), 16 November 1944. Cont'd.

366th Fighter Squadron

HARRY A. BLACK, JR	0116672	1st Lt	Aliquippa, Pa.
ROBERT A. PERRY	T-62168	Flt O	Westfield, N. J.

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SECTION IV

1. By direction of the President, in addition to the Air Medals awarded in General Orders indicated by sub-paragraphs, the following named officers of the XIX Tactical Air Command, are awarded a BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER 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 and Ninth Air Force, in recognition of meritorious achievement while participating in aerail flights in the European Theater of Operations, each having completed the required number of operational sorties against the enemy, or having destroyed an enemy aircraft on the dates indicated:

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366th Fighter Squadron

11. GO No 50, Hq XIX Tactical Air Command, 16 November 1944.

HARRY A BLACK, JR (1st OLC)	0770162	2d Lt	San Francisco, Calif.
ROBERT A. PERRY (1st, 2nd OLC)	T-62168	Flt O	Westfield, N.J.

mm. GO No 43, Hq XIX Tactical Air Command, 18 October 1944.

DOFEL J. BRUNETTI (2nd, 3rd OLC)	0770162	2d Lt	San Francisco, Calif.
ROY E. IRELAND (2nd OLC)	0710118	2d Lt	Wadena, Minn.
LYLE M. LOVELL (2nd, 3rd OLC)	0710136	2d Lt	Waukomis, Okla.
RAYMOND E SMITH, JR (2nd OLC)	0710194	2d Lt	Waukegan, Ill.
STANLEY J STEPANEK, JR (2nd OLC)	0710515	2d Lt	Omaha, Nebr.
PAUL E. WILLIAMS (1st 2nd OLC)	0713587	2d Lt	Wichita, Kans.

nn. GO No 36, Hq. XIX Tactical Air Command 1 October 1944.

RICHARD T. BIRNIE (1st, 2nd, 3rd OLC)	0708316	2d Lt	Geneva, Ill.

oo. Go No 30, Hq. XIX Tactical Air Command, 11 September 1944.

THOMAS T KILFOYLE, JR (3rd OLC)	0766557	1st Lt	Lakewood, Ohio
EUGENE W MURPHY (4th OLC)	0887307	2d Lt	Ossining, N.Y.

pp. GO No 28, Hq. XIX Tactical Air Command, 4 September 1944.

ALVIN D. JOHNSON (4th OLC)	0823202	2d Lt	Nashville, Tenn.
STEPHEN A MANNING, JR. (6th OLC)	0822223	2d Lt	Marlboro, Mass.

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qq. GO No 27, Hq, XIX Tactical Air Command, 25 August 1944.

HARRY E LAVIN (7th OLC)	0810680	1st Lt	Elmhurst, Ill
ROBERT M LEETY (4th, 5th OLC)	0704689	2d Lt	Glenshaw, Pa.
FULLER McCOWAN (3rd OLC)	0685323	2d Lt	Uniontown, Pa.
WENDELL J. ROBERSON (5th OLC)	0767385	2d Lt	Fergus Falls, Minn.

rr. GO No 23, Hq XIX Tactical Air Command, 14 August 1944.

HUGH J SMITH (8th OLC)	0696717	1st Lt	Hartford, Wisc.
HAROLD G. STALNAKER (9th 10th OLC)	0702856	1st Lt	Spencer, W. Va.
JOE W. TEST (7th, 8th OLC)	0701823	1st Lt	Gentry, Ark.
ELMER R BROWN (8th OLC)	0816987	2d Lt	Jersey City, N.J.
DAVID E. KEEVER (9th, 10th OLC)	0821723	2d Lt	Lincolnton, N.C.

ss. GO No 13, Hq XIX Tactical Air Command, 27 June 1944.

DAVID J GODFREY (12th OLC)	0695052	1st Lt	Canon City, Colo.
CHARLES N MAEHRLEIN (11th, 12th OLC)	0857311	1st Lt	Teaneck, N. J.
CRAIG C McCALL (11th OLC)	0815737	1st Lt	Rimersburg, Pa.
HENRY MURPHY (10th OLC)	0679221	1st Lt	Washington, D.C.

tt. GO No 10, Hq XIX Tactical Air Command, 13 June 1944.

MARTIN E. ALLEN (10th, 11th, 12th OLC)	0814626	1st Lt	Kannapolis, N.C.
WALTER E FELTZ (15th OLC)	0812788	1st Lt	Mc Henry, Ill.
ERNEST R GIVEN, JR. (12th OLC)	0814678	1st Lt	Clendenin, W. Va.

uu. GO No 9, Hq, VIII Fighter Command, 14 February 1944.

EDWARD KANTORSKI (16th OLC)	0688267	1st Lt	Jersey City, N.J.
JOHN J KROPENICK (17th OLC)	0688270	1st Lt	Newark, N.J.

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By command of Brigadier General WEYLAND:

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XIX TACTICAL AIR COMMAND (REAR)

APO 141, U S Army,
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SECTION I: AWARDS OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

SECTION I

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9449, 4 February 1944 (Sec II Bulletin 3, WD, 1944), and in accordance with authority delegated by the War Department and Ninth Air Force, a BRONZE STAR MEDAL is awarded to the following named officers and enlisted men in recognition of meritorious services in connection with military operations against the enemy:

* * * *

Edward F. Hobam, 37126799, Staff Sergeant, 366th Fighter Squadron, 353th Fighter Group, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 20 December 1943 to 30 October 1944.

Woodrow Nime, 35043158, Staff Sergeant, 366th Fighter Squadron, 358th Fighter Group, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operationsagainst the enemy from 20 December 1943 to 30 October 1944.

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366TH FIGHTER SQUADRON

APO 374, U S Army,
1 December 1944

SQUADRON HISTORY, NOVEMBER INSTALIMENT.

(1) ORGANIZATION: Negative.

(2) STRENGTH: 64 officers.
252 Enlisted Men.

(3) MOVEMENT: Squadron moved from ALS #80 Mourmelon, France to ALS #90, two (2) miles N.E. of Toul, France. The advance echelon consisting of thirty (30) enlisted men and one (1) officer departed ALS #80, Mourmelon, France, approximately 1100 hrs 20 Oct 44, arrived ALS #82 Etain, France approximately 1400 hrs 20 Oct 44. Advance echelon above departed A-82 Etain, 9 Nov and arrived at A-90 9 Nov 44. Subsequent movement was made on 20, 21 and move was completed 22 Nov 44. All movement made by GOMT and Military Aircraft.

(4) CASUALTIES:

1st Lt. Harry A. Black, missing in action 9 Nov while participating in combat aerial flight.
2nd Lt. Fuller McCowan, injured while participating in aerial combat flight, 8 Nov 44.
1st Lt. David B. Tuck, killed while participating in non-operational flight, 18 Nov 44.
1st Lt. Henry Murphy, injured while participating in aerial combat flight, 25 Nov 44.

(5) DECORATIONS: 1st Lt. Walter E. Feltz was awarded the DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS per Par 1, GO #261, Hq Ninth Air Force 7 Nov 44. (Incl. #1).

The following named officers and enlisted men were awarded AIR MEDALS, OAK LEAF CLUSTERS to Air Medals previously awarded and BRONZE STAR MEDALS per General Orders No. 44, 45, 50, and 52 Hq XIX Tactical Air Command 25 October, 27 October, 16 November and 23 November 1944 respectively. (Incls. #2, #3, #4 and #5).

Captain George Robbins (BSM)
1st Lt Thomas T. Milfoyle, Jr. (3rd OLC)
1st Lt Harry E. Lavin (7th OLC)
1st Lt Hugh J. Smith (8th OLC)
1st Lt Harold G. Stalnaker (9th, 10th OLC)
1st Lt Joe W. Test (7th, 8th OLC)
1st Lt David J. Godfrey (12th OLC)
1st Lt Charles H. Maehrlein (11th, 12th OLC)
1st Lt Craig C. McCall (11th OLC)
1st Lt Henry (nmi) Murphy (10th OLC)
1st Lt Martin E. Allen (10th, 11th, 12th OLC)
1st Lt Walter E. Feltz (15th OLC)
1st Lt Ernest R. Given, Jr. (12th OLC)
1st Lt Edward Kantorski (16th OLC)
1st Lt John J. Kropenick (17th OLC)

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SQUADRON HISTORY, 366TH FIGHTER SQUADRON, NOVEMBER INSTALLMENT.

2nd Lt Harry A. Black, Jr. (AM, 1st OLC) MIA
2nd Lt. Dofel J. Brunetti (2nd, 3rd OLC)
2nd Lt Roy E. Ireland (2nd OLC)
2nd Lt Lyle M. Lovell (2nd, 3rd OLC)
2nd Lt Raymond E. Smith, Jr. (2nd OLC)
2nd Lt Stanley J. Stepanke, Jr (2nd OLC)
2nd Lt Paul E. Williams (1st, 2nd OLC)
2nd Lt Richard T. Birnie (1st, 2nd, 3rd OLC)
2nd Lt Eugene W. Murphy (4th OLC)
2nd Lt Alvin D. Johnson (4th OLC)
2nd Lt Stephen A. Manning, Jr. (6th OLC)
2nd Lt Robert M. Leety (4th, 5th OLC)
2nd Lt Fuller McCowan (3rd OLC)
2nd Lt Wendell J. Roberson (5th OLC)
2nd Lt Elmer R. Brown (8th OLC)
2nd Lt David E. Keever (9th, 10th OLC)
Flt O Robert A. Perry (AM, 1st OLC)
M/Sgt Alfred J. Gouba (BSM)
T/Sgt Morton E. Benson (BSM)
S/Sgt Harold W. Getz (BSM)
S/Sgt Alton E. Hazel (BSM)
S/Sgt Edward F. Hobza (BSM)
S/Sgt Woodrow Nime (BSM)
S/Sgt Robert V. Lentz (BSM)
Cpl Epke, Fred E. (BSM)

A Non-Commissioned Officer's Club was organized the 1st of November. A large number of squadron personnel have become active members and enthusiastically support the Club as it is the first N.C.O. Club to be organized within the 358th Fighter Group.

1st Lt George H. Veldboon, 2nd Lts James O. Hall, George M. Graber, James T. Hamrick and Flight Officer John H. Horst (all pilots) were assigned and joined from Group Headquarters 4 November 1944.

2nd Lt Joseph Urdang, assistant intelligence officer, promoted to rank of 1st Lieutenant effective 1 Nov 44.

Flight Officer Robert A. Perry discharged to accept commission as 2nd Lieutenant 9 November 1944. Flight Officer Perry sworn in as 2nd Lieutenant 10 November 44. 2nd Lts Harold D. Wayham and John Weinning Jr. (pilots) asgd and joined from Group Hq 10 Nov.

Captain Robert F. Krug is transferred to Hq 358th Fighter Group 12 Nov 44.

2nd Lts Thomas P. Halloran, Jr, Gregory C. Frese, Paul M. Hughes, Domenick A. Coppolino assigned and joined from Group Hq 12 Nov 44.

1st Lts Martin E. Allen, Walter E. Feltz, David J. Godfrey, Traian T. Matye and 2nd Lt. Eugene W. Murphy are transferred to the United Kingdom to await transportation to the United States.

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SQUADRON HISTORY, 366TH FIGHTER SQUADRON. CONTINUED

2nd Lt Allan Gilbert assigned and joined from Hq XIX Tactical Air Command 17 Nov 44.

Move to A-90 completed 22 November. Work is immediately begun to improve condition of living quarters and area. Area is very muddy and much work is necessary to winterize area, building floors, doors, laying walks etc.

2nd Lt Vernon O. Bayus, Flight Officers Warren G. McCord and Albert Bayus (Pilots) assigned and joined from Hq 358th Fighter Group, 30 Nov 44.

Much improvement has been made in living quarters and area. With the aid of French laborers the problem of mud control has practically been solved by the building of walks. Tents are winterized. However, there is the possibility that approximately half of the squadron will live in barracks in Toul this winter.

Evening passes are being issuedagain. Morale of men, excellent.

Squadron flew 23 combat missions during the month. Missions were of various types (Incls #6 to 29 inclusive)

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OUTLINE HISTORY, 366th Fighter Squadron, December 1944.

a. Present designation: 358th Fighter Group, 64th Fighter Wing.

b. Changes in organization. Negative.

c. Strength: 60 Officers, 252 Enlisted Men.

d. Present Station: A-90, 2 Miles NE of Toul, France, since 11 Nov 44.

e. Movements: Negative.

f. Campaigns: Negative.

g. Operations.

(1) Squadron flew 49 missions during December. Missions were of various types; armed reconnaissance, dive bombing in close support of ground troops and a combination of armed reconnaissance and close support of ground troops with armed reconnaissance predominating. Approximately 2/3rds of missions flown were of this type. One escort mission was also flown.

(2) Number of missions, 49 . Number of sorties, 566 .

(3) Outstanding missions.

(a) Mission of 19 December against the town of SCHAIDT.

1. The target was enemy troop concentration and ammunition depot in the townof SCHAIDT. Troops in the town were holding up advance of our troops and due to adverse weather conditions air support was almost nil, however, this squadron managed to get planes through the overcast and bombed and strafed the town. Our efforts enabled ground troops to take the town and continue advance. A telephone message of commendation from the Commanding General of ground forces in the attack revealed the importance of target and the value of air support of ground troops.

2. The ground troops marked the target with smoke shells and our planes dropped twenty (20) bombs scoring twenty (20) direct hits. The number of damaged buildings were so many that they could not be estimated. The squadron, however, claimed forty (40) buildings destroyed and many damaged among them an ammunition depot.

3. No photographic evidence available.

(b) Mission of 30 December against enemy Railroads and Aircraft.

1. After dive-bombing enemy Railroad and Rolling Stock at Bingen in which a locomotive, ten (10) box cars were destroyed and 1 locomotive and six (6) coaches were damaged and tracks cut the squadron was bounced by twenty (20) Me 109's. During the ensuing combat five (5) enemy aircraft were destroyed, two (2) probably destroyed, and one (1) damaged. Our losses were one (1) P-47 damaged, Pilot okay.

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2. Lt. Given, 1 ME 109 destroyed; Lt. Rice, 1 Me 109 destroyed; Lt Allard, 1 Me 109 destroyed and one probably destroyed; Lt. Williams, 1 Me 109 destroyed, Lt. Scherer, 1 Me 109 damaged; Lt Halloran, 1 Me 109 probably destroyed; Lt Stepanek, 1 Me 109 Destroyed. The remaining enemy aircraft disappeared in the overcast.

3. Photographic evidence not available.

(c) Mission of 16 December against enemy pill boxes.

1. Several enemy pill boxes located in a woods at Q-7355 were giving our ground forces considerable trouble in trying to take them. "Atmir" called on this squadron for support and 16 bombs were dropped on the pill boxes most of them direct hits, two strafing passes were also made. The pill boxes were rendered ineffective and our ground troops immediately advanced. Before squadron landed telephone message of commendation had been received praising the squadron for the excellence of bombing on a pin point target.

2. All but 2 bombs fell in the target area.

3. Photographic evidence not available.

Mission of 18 December against enemy troop concentrations.

(d) The target was enemy troop concentrations, flak positions and enemy occupied buildings. Of 16 bombs dropped, 14 were direct hits and 2 near misses. At R-0555 8 bombs were dropped scoring 5 direct hits and 3 near misses. All the above in very close support of our ground troops.

(2) 15 buildings were destroyed and 15 damaged at R-097. 1 Flak position was destroyed and 4 damaged and 12 buildings damaged by strafing at R-0555. "Elite" called Wing and commended the 366th on the very successful results of the mission.

h. Leaders of outstanding missions.

(a) Lt. Allen Gilbert, Mission of 19 December.
(b) Lt. Ernest R. Given, Jr., Mission of 30 December.
(c) Capt. Louis L. Wilson, Jr., Mission of 16 December.
(d) Lt. Harold G. Stalnaker, Mission of 18 December.

i. Losses in action.

(1) Killed. None known.

(2) Wounded.

a. 2nd Lt. Thomas P. Halloran, Jr. 10 December 44.

b. 1st Lt. Thomas T. Kilfoyle, 10 December 44.

(3) Missing.

a. 1st Lt. Harry E. Lavin, Jr. 2 December 44.

b. 1st Lt. Harold G. Stalnaker, 23 Dec 44.

c. 2nd Lt. Alvin D. Johnson, 24 Dec 44.

d. F/O Warren G. McCord, 24 Dec 44.

(4) Taken prisoner. None definitely known.

J. Awards. Received during period.

(1) Capt. Louis L. Wilson, Jr.

(a) Attack on strongly fortified bridge in France.

(b) Act. On 5 Jun 44, Capt Wilson demonstrated unusual aggressiveness and determination in attacking a strongly defended bridge in France. Disregarding intense anti-airdraft fire Capt Wilson, displaying unswerving courage, kept his plane on the bombing run and released bombs with devastating effect on the bridge. Battle damage sustained by his plane made flight both difficult and hazardous, but he skilfully maintained control and landed it safely at an emergency field.

(c) Award. Distinguished Flying Cross.

War Diary, 366th Fighter Squadron, 358th Fighter Group, A-90 Toul, France
December 1944.

1 We began using our new mess hall today. The new mess hall is quite an improvement over the hastily put-up one which we put up on arrival at this field. It is quite an elaborate affair with wood floors and sidewalls. EM's mess is in a hospital ward tent connected to the kitchen which is a squad tent. The officer's mess is a squad tent and we have a pyramidal tent for storage. With steam tables to keep the food warm and a nice place to eat our mess is very good.

2 Lt. Lavin failed to return from our first mission today. Captain Pearlman, Squadron Medical Officer is very proud of the dispensary he had built on a captured German truck and today he had pictures made of it. It is a nice job, compact and very suitable especially suited for an outfit like ours that moves quite a bit. Lt. Rice destroyed 2 Me 109's.

3 Much work is being done to improve the living area which at first was not much more than a sea of mud. Work is also being done to finish winterizing tents. Some of the tents are very nice inside as the Celotex-like squares in ammunition boxes are used to line sidewalls. It has good insulating qualities and looks well also.

4. Campaign started today to raise 20.000 Francs within the squadron to sponsor French War Orphan.

5. Approximately 1/3rd of enlisted men moved into barracks in Toul. It rained again today which certainly doesn't help to ease the muddy situation we have to cope with.

6 The photo department distributed to all personnel Christmas Cards they made of photographs of our squadron insignia and a P-47 airplane taking off with two 500 lb. bombs. The two photographs stapled together make a novel Christmas card and are inscribed with "Season's Greetings, France 1944."

7 Captain Hylen, one of the first pilots assigned to the squadron, was transferred to the 63rd Fighter Wing.

8 The Engineers moved out of the Chateau and work is started get NCO Club in operation. Carpenters are building an extension to the bar, repairing blackout screens etc.

9. A large number of squadron personnel attended the G. I. Show "For Men Only" at the theater in the Red Cross building. Movies are shown each night unless there is a stage show.

10 Lt. Kilfoyle and Lt Halloran were slightly wounded in action. Neither were wounded seriously enough to require hospitalization, but Lt Kilfoyle had a close call. He was leaning forward when a bullet grazed his back, had he been sitting up straight as usual the bullet would have gone through him.

War Diary, 366th Fighter Squadron, 358th Fighter Group, A-90 Toul, France
December 1944.

11 No mission flown today. Pilots get a rest from almost continuous operation for the past couple of weeks and also gives the ground crews time take care of many things which cannot be done if airplanes are operated several missions a day over an extended period.

12 Christmas packages are coming in regularly now, everyone is hoping they will get them all before Christmas. Likewise the fellows are making a last minute effort to get their packages of souvenirs, perfume etc. homeward bound.

13 Lt. Veldboon shot down his first Me 109 today. The Luftwaffe seems to be getting more active as pilots are more and more getting in the victory column lately.

14 Plans are getting underway for a Christmas dance at the Red Cross Aero Club. Sign-up sheets were posted for both Christmas and New Years dance and needless to say they were filled with names quickly.

15 The NCO Club opened and many members of the squadron were present for the opening. The Club has a Bar room, Game Room, Library and Card Room.

16 Several members of the squadron participated in a 358th Group Football game with the 101st Airborne Division. The score was 9 to 0 in favor of the 101st. Considering this was our first game of the season it was a good game and the 101st offered some real opposition.

17 A new road and hardstand was completed today. Surely is a big help in relieving the situation as far as mud is concerned. Many improvements have been made, but there is still much to be done. Lts Given and Lovell each destroyed a Me 109 today. Captain Nemschick probably destroyed one.

18 Line personnel have completed a "sweat shack" or a place in which to wait while they are "sweating out" the airplanes to return from a mission. The shack has a dice table, card tables, magazines, coffee urn and the squadron barber has set up his shop there.

19 Lt Gilbert led a very successful mission today against an enemy troop concentration and ammunition depot in the town of Schaidt. The Commanding General of the ground forces highly commended the squadron for the excellent support given the ground troops.

20 Donations of candy, gum etc. were made to the Red Cross for a children's Christmas party to be held on the 25th of Dec. The theater was decorated with boughs of spruce, tinsle etc. for the Christmas dance which is to be held on Dec 22nd.

21 Pilots have practically completed their lounge. They obtained a prefabricated house and set it up near the line, built a fireplace, bar and painted it inside. In the center of the ceiling they spread a parachute which adds greatly to the attractiveness of the building. To celebrate the grand opening they held a dance.

22 Sixty members of the squadron attended a Christmas dance at the Red Cross Aero Club. Approximately 150 French girls attended the dance plus about 15 chaperones. The laugauge difference didn't seem to be a barrier because the dance was very successful and everyone had a swell time. Coffee, cake and doughnuts were served.

23 The officers gave an open-house beer party for the enlisted men at the officers lounge. The party began at 1300 hrs and lasted until approximately 1700. Lts Birnie and Jones each destroyed a Me 109 on the first mission of the day. Lt Stalnaker was shot down by 4 to 6 P-47 aircraft on the second mission. The attacking aircraft had 2 white stripes near wing roots, black square on the wings with a white star in the center, white nose and numbered E4. Lt. Coppolino was also fired upon so he returned fire and shot one of the attackers down.

24 Lt Johnson and Flt O McCord are both missing from todays first mission. Christmas Eve and practically everyone silently wishing they were at home for Christmas, at least hoping for an early end to the war so they may be able to get home by the next one. Fellows who had the will power to keep their packages until Christmas open them and everyone has plenty of fruit cake, candy etc. Most of the packages contained things to eat.

25 Three missions were flown today without mishap. Several fellows assisted the Red Cross in entertaining approximately 300 French children at a party in the Aero Club. A number of the children were war orphans. They were treated to a movie, a performance by a magician, fed and each given a present of goodies donated by members of the Group.

26 The weather is much colder than previously and all are enjoying a respite from the mud which is frozen hard. For the first time in weeks one can dispense with wearing boots. Vehicles are being put back in shape and cleaned. All hope it will stay frozen until spring.

27 General Barcus visited the Group and presented The Distinguished Flying Cross to Captain Wilson, the Bronze Star Medal to Captain Robbins, T/Sgt Benson, S/Sgt Hobza, S/Sgt Nime and Cpl Epke.

28 Due to the possibility of paratrooper attack during the current enemy drives and counter attacks the number of guards has been doubled and a squadron defense plan worked out to handle emergency situations should they arise.

29 Two G. I. Shows not mentioned above were held during the month. The show "Laughs Incorporated" was held on Dec 14 and Roscoe Ates and his Gang were here 15 Dec.

30 Three missions were flown today. The third mission was very successful as 5 Me 109's were destroyed, 2 probably destroyed and 1 damaged. Lt Given led the squadron.

31 The New Years Eve dance scheduled for tonight was cancelled. Naturally it caused a bit of disappointment because activities of that sort are few and far between but everyone realized that adverse conditions caused postponement.

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Caboose Cut	1		
Other Vehicles (Trucks)	1		
Carts			1
Large Guns			1
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3 December 1944

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Capt. [illegible]
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No. 1 Squadron led the Third Mission Survey which took-off at 0750, being over the briefed area (0041 at 0810 and landed at 1011 hours. 16 bombs were dropped on a marshalling Yards at R-4164 and it was fires started. 7 locomotives were damaged by strafing; 4 bombs hit to the west and of the yard; 6 bombs were duds, and 15 cars destroyed by direct hits. 2 barges were bombed at R-0650 hitting the bank but not the barges, and dropping 4 bombs. 1 train heading Northwest was attacked at R-3194 damaging 1 locomotive and 20 coaches. 4 bombs were dropped on a train until heading Northwest with 24 cars at R-9477 scoring direct hits on the train and destroying 6 to 8 cars and cut the tracks. 1 locomotive and 17 cars were damaged at the same point. 7 bombs were dropped on a train at R-8697 heading Southeast. 1 locomotive and 3 to 10 cars were destroyed by strafing. 1 bomb was dropped on the Marshalling yards at R-8697 destroying 1 locomotive and 4 to 5 box cars. [illegible] strafed 2 trains in the [illegible] Marshalling Yards at R-8135 damaging 2 locomotives. 1 train heading Southeast at R-4691 was strafed and 1 locomotive was destroyed for it blew up. 1 locomotive and 40 cars in the Marshalling Yards at R-8135 was strafed destroying 1 locomotive and damaging 3 to 5 cars. 1 locomotive was damaged by strafing at R-9650. 1 locomotive strafed and damaged at R-9479. 2 trains were [illegible], damaging 5 of them. 3 locomotives and 25 to 30 cars were observed in a Marshalling Yards at R-4194. 1 train heading [illegible] at R-9650. [illegible] was light, intense at R-8397; heavy, moderate over Yawata; light, intense at R-3194, and light, intense and heavy, moderate over Hirasens. The cloud cover was 3 to 4/10ths to 10/10ths, base 2,000 feet and tops 5,000 feet. The visibility was below 3 miles and above 10 miles.

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Missions-No. 617 [illegible]
9 December 1944

[illegible] Air Corps Form No. 10 [illegible]
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Pilots: [illegible] Klock
[illegible] Williams
[illegible] Phillips
[illegible] Cobb

Lead: Lt. Rice
[illegible] Olsen
[illegible] Whitbeck
Lt. [illegible]

Deputy: Lt. Tenney
Lt. [illegible]
[illegible] Hedgpeth
[illegible] Hull

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Mission No. 510
6 December 1944

Air Operations Order No. [illegible]
1st [illegible]
Armed Recce

White	Lt. [illegible]	Yellow	Lt. Albert
	Lt. Miller		Lt. Gilcrest
	Lt. Kilfoyle		Lt. Greer
			Lt. Wells
Red	Lt. Beaty	Blue	Capt. Burgert
	Lt. Graber		Lt. Jones
	Lt. Yanchick		Lt. Kilpatrick
	Lt. Lovell		Lt. Wagoner

Taking off at 1048 with each aircraft carrying two 500 pound G bombs, the squadron led by Lt. [illegible] attacked targets in Germany. The course flown was from Kleve to Uden-Asch to a point 15 miles south of Arnhem. Very moderate light intense flak was encountered at 1-3000 and light intense at Speyer and also, heavy weak flak at Speyer. Fires were seen on the railroads to the east embankments from the route. Four bombs were dropped at Speyer at Ludwigshafen at 1-4000 with direct hits but the bombs failed to explode. Thirteen bombs were dropped on Germersheim yard at Speyer where eight locomotives and 100 plus cars were seen. One direct hit destroyed three cars at the mail houses. One locomotive and ten cars were strafed and damaged. Some light flak gun was strafed and exploded at 1-4000. Eight bombs were dropped on a bridge at 1-3770 but the bombs failed to explode. One of our aircraft was damaged, enemy A. Above was 6/10 cloud cover with a thin layer at 1,000 feet; also, 10/10 cloud cover with tops 8,000 feet and base 5,000 feet, visibility 10 miles.

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Missions No. 371 [illegible]
10 December 1944

[illegible] Operations Order No. 37
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[illegible] Escort and Close Support

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White	Lt. Balmer	Colonel Tipton
	Lt. Garish	Lt. Dyhan
	Lt. Petty	Captain Hemslick
	Lt. R.L. Smith	Lt. Lovell
Red	Captain Herbert	Lt. Harris
	Lt. Doppelino	Lt. [illegible]
	Lt. [illegible]	Lt. Garner
	Lt. Combs	Lt. Tillotson
Yellow	Lt. Weaver	Lt. Ice
	Lt. Bell	Lt. Pollard
	Captain Billis	Lt. Hilfoyle
	Lt. Roberson	Lt. Nelsonan

The squadron led by Lt. Balmer took-off at 0930, over target area from 0950 to 1050 and landed at 1230. 150 to 200 railroad cars were seen in marshalling yard at Offenburg. One red cross train with 10 cars was observed at R-1100. A open bridge was observed across the Rhine at R-0596 and one pontoon bridge 3/4 across at R-0592. Eight bombs were dropped on a powerhouse at R-1734 but all missed. Two of the bombs destroyed a bank upon which 3 machine-guns were mounted blowing up the bank. Three light flak positions were strafed and damaged in the marshalling at Offenburg. 20 bombs were dropped on railroad bridge across canal at R-1586. The bridge eastern approach to the bridge was severely damaged by 3 hits. Two bombs hit a factory 100 yards northeast of bridge destroying one building. One bomb was dropped in the Offenburg marshalling yards but no results were observed. Heavy moderate light intense flak was encountered at Offenburg. There was 6 - 7/10 cloud cover, base 6,500 feet, tops 7,000 feet and visibility 10 miles.

Colonel Tipton led the squadron on the second mission taking off at 1352, over the target area from 1500 to 1613 and landed at 1400. Squadron contacted "Elite George" who vectored them to roads North and northeast of Hagenau. A hospital in permanent buildings was observed at R-9715. Eight bombs were dropped at R-2505. Eight bombs were dropped at R-0822 (flak positions) destroying six gun emplacements. Eight bombs were dropped on gun positions at R-0951 but no results were observed. The woods at R-037, north of Hagenau, were particularly well defended by anti-aircraft fire. Light flak gun positions were destroyed at R-0838, a marshalling yard damaged at R-2505, one truck and one tank were destroyed at R-0822, 1 building

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[redacted] proved at 1-8000, seven P-51Ms destroyed on the ground at 1-8000. Breaks were cut at a point at 1-8000. One of our aircraft was destroyed but the pilot, Lt. [redacted], reported safe. There was 10/10 cloud cover, 2 - 3,000 feet bottoms, and tops 6 - 9,000 feet.

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Gun Positions	2		2
Bridge			1
Buildings	5		1
Dispersal Parks			1
A/C Transport	6		
Fighters	7		10
Aircraft out	3		

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