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558TH SERVICE SQUADRON
43RD SERVICE GROUP
APO 520

1 February 1944.

HISTORICAL DATA FROM 27 DECEMBER 1943 TO 31 JANUARY 1944.

This organization was activated 27 December 1943 at Cerignola, Italy, as per General Order #8, Hqrs XII AFSC (Adv), dated 27 December 1943. The personnel, 168 Enlisted Men, 6 Officers, and 2 Warrant Officers, were obtained from cadres from other organizations, per Special Order #3, Hqrs 43rd Service Group, dated 4 January 1944, and Special Order #2, Hqrs 43rd Service Group, dated 3 January 1944.

The key personnel of the organization are Major Clayton H. Shunk, Commanding, 1st Lieutenant Noel B. Rogers, Adjutant, Captain August Chiary, Engineering Officer, Captain James A. Schmitt, Technical Supply Officer, Warrant Officer (jg) Earl R. Richard, Squadron Supply & Mess Officer, T/Sgt. Odell Tillman, acting First Sergeant, Sgt. Kenton M. Kepner, Supply Sergeant, and Sgt. Lewis W. Lindloff, Mess Sergeant.

Our first camp area was in a park located within the city limits of Cerignola, Italy. (See photograph of camp area attached).

On 27 January 1944 we moved from Cerignola to field #2, which is located approximately seven miles west of the city. Our camp area is located on a grassy ridge on the west side of the field. In spite of the fact that living conditions are only fair, the morale of all personnel seems to be excellent. Everyone is anxious to begin our first job, which is to service the 456th Bombardment Group, Hqrs & Hqrs Squadron, 43rd Service Group, and the 6409th Navigation Aid Squadron.

The strength of the organization as of this date, 1 February 1944, is 171 Enlisted Men, 6 Officers and 3 Warrant Officers. The strength at the beginning of January was 168 Enlisted Men, 6 Officers, and 2 Warrant Officers. The decrease during the month was no Enlisted Men, and one Officer. The increase was one Officer, one Warrant Officer, and 3 Enlisted Men.

Noel B Rogers

NOEL B. ROGERS,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
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555TH SERVICE SQUADRON
43RD SERVICE GROUP
APO 520
NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK

1 April 1944.

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SUBJECT: Historical Records.

TO : Commanding General, Fifteenth Air Force, ATT: Historian.
(Thru Channels)

1. Unit history of the 555th Service Squadron, 43rd Service Group for the period 1 March 1944 to 1 April 1944.

a. The present designation of the unit is 555th Service Squadron, 43rd Service Group.

b. The organization was reorganized on 15 March 1944, per General Order #4, Hq's 43rd Service Group, dated 11 March 1944, in accordance with T/O & E, #1-417, dated 2 January 1944.

c. The strength at the beginning of the period was 175 Enlisted Men, 6 Officers and 2 Warrant Officers. The increase was 23 Enlisted Men, 2 Officers, and the decrease was 9 Enlisted Men and 1 Officer. The strength at the end of the period was 189 Enlisted Men and 6 Officers & 3 Warrant Officers.

d. The organization is located at San Giovanni, Italy. No change of station was involved due to reorganization.

e. No movements have been made by this unit.

f. The Organization is now participating in the Italian Campaign, which is still in progress.

g. During this period the organization repaired two B-24s, and is now in the process of salvaging three others. Much work has been done toward setting up the Engineering Shops and the Technical Supply. They are located in stables, which were repaired, white-washed, fumigated, and spreaded with gravel to protect the machinery from dust.

h. No important operations were commanded by the Commanding Officer.

i. There were no losses in action of Officers and Men.

j. No members of the organization have distinguished themselves.

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2. Enclosed is the war diary of this unit for the period 1 March 1944 to 1 April 1944.

For the Commanding Officer:

NOEL B. ROGERS,
1st. Lt. Air Corps,
Unit Historian.

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558TH SERVICE SQUADRON
43RD SERVICE GROUP
APO 520

1 April 1944.

WAR DIARY BEGINNING 1 MARCH 1944 TO 1 APRIL 1944

1 March 1944.
Three men were put on temporary duty to Cratone, Italy for the purpose of picking up equipment. A number of the boys attended a stage show in Cerignola. The show, which was titled "Jump for Joy" was put on by some colored soldiers.

2 March 1944.
1st Lt. James B. Armstrong was assigned to the organization. He has been attached to the organization and is our Tech Supply Officer.
The Engineering section is repairing two ships which landed from an adjacent field.

3 March 1944.
No activities other than usual routine duties.

4 March 1944.
W/O Richard was put on temporary duty at the Air Force Chemical Depot #5, for the purpose of attending a Chemical Warfare School.

5 March 1944.
Sgt. Cecil Cox was assigned to the organization. T/Sgt. Mizera, S/Sgt. Albright, and Cpl. Dowling was put on temporary duty at Naples, Italy for the purpose of obtaining equipment.

6 March 1944.
Cpl. Kintz, Pfc. England, and Pfc. Melhorn returned from temporary duty at Cratone, Italy.

7 March 1944.
CWO Deckins returned to duty from the 26th General Hospital. No other activities other than usual routine duties.

8 March 1944.
T/Sgt. Mizera, S/Sgt. Albright, and Cpl. Dowling returned from temporary duty at Naples. The Red Cross brought us doughnuts today, but it was by accident. They thought we were the 740th Bomb Squadron.

9 March 1944.
M/Sgt. McGrath and S/Sgt. Kuss were transferred from the organization to the 359th Service Squadron.



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10 March 1944.
No activities other than usual camp duties.

11 March 1944.
The organization is gradually growing. Ten new men were assigned to the unit today. The old timers last little time in having a chat with them, and getting the latest news from the States. We don't agree with them when they say life is better here than at home. Wait till they're here a few months.

12 March 1944.
Rain and more rain - Our Italian employees are busy filling in the "mud puddles" with gravel, but the rain seems to keep ahead of them. The new comers are just about to decide that the States aren't so bad after all, since they woke up this morning and found six inches of water in their tent. They learned the hard way, that a trench around the tent keeps the water out.

13 March 1944.
Our men had fresh eggs for breakfast for the first time since they came overseas. No activities other than usual camp duties. The rains and inclement weather not conductive to efficient operations.

14 March 1944.
No activities other than usual camp duties.

15 March 1944.
The organization was reorganized per General Order #4, Headquarters, 43rd Service Group, dated 11 March 1944, in accordance with new TO & E, No. 1-417, dated 2 January 1944. We are now authorized 236 Enlisted Men and 9 Officers.

16 March 1944.
We woke up this morning and snow had the ground covered. It melted rather quickly though, because the Sun came out in the afternoon. Pvt. McMahan had the misfortune of falling into a hole and breaking his leg, he is now in the 25th General Hospital.
A number of the men attended a show (Its a Date) at the Music Hall in Cerignola. Everyone thought it was the best arranged show they'd seen since they have come to Italy.

17 March 1944.
Major Perneud, our Medical Officer, was transferred from the organization today, and was assigned to the 162nd Medical Dispensary Aviation, per SO # 74, Headquarters XV AFSC, dated 15 March 1944.

18 March 1944.
Our T/O strength is gradually being filled. Eight (8) additional men were assigned to the organization today.

19 March 1944.
Part of the men attended an Opera, titled Rigoletto, at the Music Hall in Cerignola.







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20 March 1944.
Sgt. Brazil was transferred from the organization to the Detachment of Patients, 26th General Hospital, and Pfc. Robinson left to attend a Chemical Warfare School at the AF Chemical Depot # 5. The Enlisted Men's Club was opened this evening. It consists of a bar and day room combined.

21 March 1944.
No activities other than usual routine duties.

22 March 1944.
S/Sgt. Sederis was transferred to the 323rd Service Group, per SO # 78 XV AFSC. The Engineering section now has plenty of work on its hands. Two ships are being salvaged and one is being repaired.

23 March 1944.
Three (3) additional men were assigned to the organization. No activities other than usual routine duties.

24 March 1944.
We now have a Medical Officer, Captain Howard G. Johnson, was assigned to the organization, per SO # 77 par 3, Headquarters XV AFSC, dated 18 March 1944. The weather permitted another mission by the 455th, but no additional work was assigned to our organization.

25 March 1944.
Pvt. McMahan was transferred from the organization to the Detachment of Patients, 26th General Hospital.
Our present strength is 193 Enlisted Men, 6 Officers and 3 Warrant Officers. Cpl. Gilson was assigned today. The bad weather continues with rain, sleet and snow.

26 March 1944.
No activities other than usual routine duties.

27 March 1944.
A number of men from the organization attended an Opera, ("Madame Butterfly") at the Music Hall in Cerignola.

28 March 1944.
A number of the personnel attended a stage show at the Music Hall in Cerignola, John Garfield and a cast of three (3) girls were there in person. Its fair weather again and the Bomb Group is now going on missions daily. Another plane has been assigned to the organization for repairs.

29 March 1944.
The organization now has a P-47 to repair. One (1) came in on it's "belly" but no great deal of damage was done.
Two men came back from being on pass allday. One said to the other, "Van, next time we go on pass we should expand a little bit and go farther than Cerignola". The other one answered and said, "Why should we? I got a good haircut today".







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30 March 1944.
No activities other than usual routine duties.

31 March 1944.
The men were paid at 12:30 hours. Eleven (11) men left to attend the Oxygen School at the AF General Depot # 5. Three (3) men were transferred from the organization to Headquarters 55th Service Group, per SO # 87, Headquarters XV AFSC, dated 28 March 1944.
Sgt. Smith was transferred to Headquarters 62nd Service Group, per SO # 83, Headquarters XV AFSC, dated 24 March 1944.

For the Commanding Officer:

NOEL B. ROGERS,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Adjutant.



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558TH SERVICE SQUADRON
43RD SERVICE GROUP
APO 520

1 March 1944.

HISTORICAL DATA FROM 1 FEBRUARY 1944 TO 29 FEBRUARY 1944

This organization was activated 27 December 1943 at Cerignola, Italy, per General Order #8, Hqrs. XII AFSC (adv), dated 27 December 1943.

The key personnel of the organization are Major Clayton H. Shunk, Commanding, 1st. Lieutenant Noel B. Rogers, Adjutant, Captain Sargent N. Tower, Engineering Officer, 1st. Lieutenant James B. Armstrong, Technical Supply Officer, Warrant Officer (jg) Earl R. Richard, Supply and mess Officer, T/Sgt. Odell Tillman, acting First Sergeant, Sgt. Kenton M. Kepner, Supply Sergeant, and Sergeant Lewis W. Lindloff, Mess Sergeant.

We are still servicing the 455th Bombardment Group, but due to the lack of equipment, the Technical Supply and Transportation Departments are the only one that are able to accomplish much work. However, the Engineering Department is accomplishing a considerable amount of work in the Carpenter and welding Shops.

We have now organized a basket ball team, and have played two games and won both of them. We are "sweating out" some suitable weather so we can also organize a soft ball team.

The strength of the organization, as of this date is 175 Enlisted Men assigned, one Enlisted Man attached, 5 Officers and three Warrant Officers assigned, and One Officer attached. The strength at the beginning of February was 170 Enlisted Men assigned, 1 Enlisted Man attached, 5 Officers adn 3 Warrant Officers assigned, and 2 Officers attached. The decrease during the month was 5 Enlisted Men and 2 Officers. The increase was 10 Enlisted Men and 1 Officer.

Noel B Rogers

NOEL B. ROGERS,
1st. Lt. Air Corps,
Unit Historian.

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558TH SERVICE SQUADRON
43RD SERVICE GROUP
APO 520

1 March 1944

WAR DIARY BEGINNING 1 FEBRUARY 1944 AND ENDING 29 FEBRUARY 1944

1 Feb 1944
Four men from the parachute department were attached to the 2232nd Quartermaster Company, Truck, for rations and quarters, and are to work in the Group Parachute Shop, which is located in Cerignola. Captain James A. Schmitt was transfered to the 560th Service Squadron, per Special Order Number 15. Captain Sargent N. Tower was assigned, per Special Order Number 15.

2 Feb 1944
All personnel are busy making our new home livable. We are located on a grassy ridge, but the ground still gets muddy when it rains.

3 Feb 1944
Major Pernoud was relieved from attached and placed on Detached Service to the 561st Service Squadron. Pvt. Powell returned from the 34th Field Hospital.

4 Feb 1944
Captain August Chairy was transfered to the 561st Service Squadron. The personnel from both Squadron and Technical Supply are busy drawing our T/BA equipment as it becomes available.

5 Feb 1944
Private First Class Gilbert returned from the hospital. The six Enlisted Men that were on Detached Service to the 557th Service Squadron returned to duty. The men were paid, and part of them attended an Italian stage show at the Allied Theater in Cerignola. The weather man has visited us again with some more cold weather and a little rain. The mountains all around us are covered with snow.

6 Feb 1944
Corporal Philip L. Cassetti was assigned to the organization, making the total number of Enlisted Men assigned 171. No other activities except usual camp duties.

7 Feb 1944
No activities other than usual routine duties.

8 Feb 1944
Pvt May was assigned from the 57th Service Squadron, to replace Corporal Kelly who was placed on rotation list. Only routine duties are being performed.

9 Feb 1944
Corporal Cassetti and Cpl. Kelly were transfered to the 57th Service Squadron. No other activities other than usual routine duties.

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10 Feb 1944
No activities other than usual routine duties.

11 Feb 1944
No activities other than usual routine duties.

12 Feb 1944
Three new men were assigned to the organization, making the total number of Enlisted Men assigned 172.

13 Feb 1944
No activities other than routine duties.

14 Feb 1944
Cpl. Lester L. Hottle was assigned to the organization making the total number of Enlisted Men assigned 173.

15 Feb 1944
Sgt. Gennaro D. Fienga was transfered from the organization to the Detachment of Patients, 26th General Hospital. A few of the men attended a party at Group Headquarters. The purpose of which was to celebrate the anniversary of the Group for serving one year overseas.

16 Feb 1944
No activities other than usual camp duties.

17 Feb 1944
Usual camp duties performed.

18 Feb 1944
Usual camp duties performed.

19 Feb 1944
Two additional men were assigned to the organization, making the total number assigned 174. No activities other than usual camp duties.

20 Feb 1944
It's still cloudy and cold weather but no snow and very little rain. The boys are having a good opportunity to use their improvised stoves. We are still "sweating out" the balance of our equipment so we can all go to work on the job that we've been trained for.

21 Feb 1944
Sergeant Nelson left the organization to attend a Chemical Warfare School for a period of ten days.

The 455th Bomb Group now has a movie projector in operation, and we don't have to go to town to see a show. Everyone who went seemed to enjoy "Little Old New York" last night.

22 Feb 1944
Sgt. Benjamin F. Smith was placed on Temporary Duty with the 62nd Service Center for the purpose of helping with some Air Corps Supply problems in that unit.



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23 Feb 1944
Usual camp duties performed.

24 Feb 1944
A medical Officer was assigned to the organization. Namely, Major Flavius G. Pernoud, Jr.
We have now organized a basket ball team and have won ou first victory with the first game played. The defeated team was the 1246th Q.M. Co.

25 Feb 1944
Cpl. Wilde was transfered from the organization to return to the States. No activities other than usual camp duties.

26 Feb 1944
Our basket ball team won another victory over the 557th Service Squadron. Pfc. Deibel was assigned to the organization. Sgt. Smith returned from temporary duty with the 62nd Service Center.

27 Feb 1944
Pvt. McMahan was assigned to the organization. The total strength is now 175 Enlisted Men, 6 Officers and three Warrant Officers.

28 Feb 1944
A number of personnel attended a USO show at the Allied Theater in Cerignola. Harry Barris, Louise Albritton, and June Clyde were there in person.

29 Feb 1944
Troops were paid at 1330. No activities other than usual camp duties.

Noel B Rogers

NOEL B. ROGERS,
1st. Lt. Air Corps,
Unit Historian.





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557TH SERVICE SQUADRON
43RD SERVICE GROUP
APO 520

5 February 1944.

WAR DIARY BEGINNING 27 DECEMBER 1943 AND ENDING 31 JANUARY 1944

27 Dec. 1943-
The organization was activated at Cerignola, Italy, per General Order #8, Hqrs. XII Air Force Service Command (adv) dated 27 December 1943. No Enlisted Men or Officers assigned.

28 Dec. 1943-
No Enlisted Men or Officers Assigned.

29 Dec. 1943-
No Enlisted Men or Officers assigned.

30 Dec. 1943-
No Enlisted Men or Officers assigned.

31 Dec. 1943-
No Enlisted Men or Officers assigned.

1 Jan. 1944-
No Enlisted Men or Officers assigned.

2 Jan. 1944-
No Enlisted Men or Officers assigned.

3. Jan. 1944-
Six Officers and two Warrant Officers assigned, per par. 3, SO #2, Headquarters 43rd Service Group. Their duties are as follows: Major Clayton H. Shunk, Commanding, 1st. Lt. Noel B. Rogers, Adjutant, Captain August Chiary, Engineering officer, Captain James A. Schmitt, Technical Supply Officer, 1st Lt. William H. Dunn, Assistant Engineering Officer, 2nd Lt. Jack S. Clark, Squadron Supply and Mess Officer, CW/O Rex A. Dockins, Engineering and W/O Alphaeus O. Johnston, Technical Supply.

4 Jan 1944-
168 Enlisted Men assigned per par. 2, SO #3, Headquarters 43rd Service Group. All men are attached to the 557th Service Squadron for rations, except four men who are absent sick. T/Sgt Odell Tillman, was appointed acting First Sergeant.

5 Jan 1944-
Part of the men are living in tents in a park which is located within the city limits of Cerignola, part of them are sleeping in an apartment house and the rest are sleeping in Group Headquarters building.

6 Jan 1944-
No activities.

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7 Jan 1944_
Pfc John T Arthur returned from hospital to duty.

8 Jan 1944_
Pvt Archie Allen was assigned making the total number E.M. 169.

9 Jan 1944_
No Activities.

10 Jan 1944_
T/Sgt. Victor L. Cherry was placed on DS to Headquarters 43rd Service Group. T/Sgt. Joseph J. Reiner was assigned, making the total number of E.M. 170. Pvt S.T. Shaw was sent to the 34th Field Hospital.

11 Jan 1944_
Pvt Ralph J. Esposito was sent to the 34th Field Hospital.

12 Jan 1944_
Pvt Frank A. Burgo was sent to the 34th Field Hospital. Nine E.M. were sent on DS to Barletta, Italy, to check and unload freight.

13 Jan 1944_
Cpl. Carl E. Foster was placed on DS to Headquarters, 43rd Service Group. All men moved into tents in the park area.

14 Jan 1944_
S/Sgt. Wayne Thomas was sent to the 34th Field Hospital. 2nd Lt. Jack S. Clark was transferred to Headquarters, 15th Air Force Service Command.

15 Jan 1944_
W/O Earl R. Richard was assigned, per SO #3, Headquarters, 43rd Service Group.

16 Jan 1944_
No activities.

17 Jan 1944_
No activities.

18 Jan 1944_
No activities.

19 Jan 1944_
T/Sgt. Anthony J. Poznack was sent to the 34th Field Hospital.

20 Jan 1944_
Pvt Burgo and Pvt Esposito, returned to duty from the 34th Field Hospital.

21 Jan 1944_
No activities.

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22 Jan 1944-
M/Sgt. Earl E. Redmond returned from Hospital to duty.

23 Jan 1944-
No activities.

24 Jan 1944-
S/Sgt. Roman E. Voyles and Pfc Robert Reid were sent to the 34th Field Hospital.

25 Jan 1944-
No activities.

26 Jan 1944-
Major Flavius G. Pernoud Jr. (MC) was attached for duty, per SO #24 Headquarters, XV AFSC, but did not report. Sgt. Charles s Riggle was attached for duty. T/Sgt. Posnack returned from Hosp. to duty. Sgt. Lewis W. Lindloff was sent to the 34th Field Hospital. A number of the personnel attended an Italian stage show which was conducted at the Allied theatre. Humphry Bogart and his wife were also there in person.

27 Jan 1944-
Pfc Reid returned from the Hosp. to duty. Pvt Richard G. Powell was sent to the 34th Field Hospital. Nine E.M. to duty from DS, Barletta, Italy. The organization moved from the city of Cerignola, to Field #2, which is located approximately seven miles west of the city.

28 Jan 1944-
S/Sgt Thomas returned from hospital to duty. Six Enlisted Men went from duty to DS with the 557th Service Squadron. Seven Enlisted Men went from duty to DS to Headquarter Squadron, 43rd Service Group. Six of them are to be on M.P. duty.

29 Jan 1944-
Sgt. Gennaro D. Fienga from duty to the 34th Field Hospital. Sgt Lindloff returned from hospital to duty. Chapain Chiery was placed on DS with the 561st Service Squadron. (VOCO) A number of personnel attended a special show at the Allied Theater. Joe E. Brown was there in person, who furnished the crowd with plenty of laughs.

30 Jan 1944-
Pfc Pedi returned from hospital to duty.

31 Jan 1944-
Pvt. Antonio P. Garisto was sent to the 34th Field Hospital. We have now been assigned the job of servicing the 455th Bombardment Group, Headquarters Squadron, 43rd Service Group, and the 6449th Navigation Aid Squadron. The planes belonging to the 455th came in today.

NOEL H. ROGERS,
1st Lt. Air Corps,
Unit Historian.



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558TH SERVICE SQUADRON
43RD SERVICE GROUP
APO 520

1 May 1944.

SUBJECT: Historical Records.

TO : Commanding General, Fifteenth Air Force, ATT: Historian.
(Thru Channels)

1. Unit history of the 558th Service Squadron, 43rd Service Group, for the period 1 April 1944 to 1 May 1944.

a. The present designation of the unit is 558th Service Squadron, 43rd Service Group.

b. No changes in organization have been made.

c. The strength at the beginning of the period was 189 Enlisted Men, 6 Officers and 3 Warrant Officers. The increase was 23 Enlisted Men, 1 Officer, and the decrease was 16 Enlisted Men, 1 Officer, and 1 Warrant Officer. The strength at the end of the period was 196 Enlisted Men, 6 Officers, and 2 Warrant Officers.

d. The organization is located at San Giovanni, Italy.

e. No movements have been made by this unit.

f. The organization is participating in the Italian Campaign, which is still in progress.

g. During this period one (1) B-24 was repaired, and six (6) others are in the process of being repaired. One (1) salvage ship was completed and four (4) others are in the process of being salvaged.

h. No important operations were commanded by the Commanding Officer.

i. There were no losses in action of Officers and Enlisted Men.

j. M/Sgt. STANLEY R. WESSELL, distinguished himself for meritorious service while on detached service with the Air Supply Division. A letter of commendation was received from Headquarters, Army Air Force Service Command, MTO, Air Supply Division.

2. Enclosed is the War Diary of this unit for the period 1 April 1944 to 1 May 1944.

For the Commanding Officer:

/s/ Noel B. Rogers
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558TH SERVICE SQUADRON
43RD SERVICE GROUP
APO 520

1 May 1944.

WAR DIARY FROM 1 APRIL 1944 TO 1 MAY 1944

1 April 1944
No activities other than usual routine duties.

2 April 1944
A number of personnel attended a USO show at the music hall in Cerignola.

3 April 1944
We now have a parachute shop set up here in the Squadron. The personnel from that department have been working in a shop set up by the Group, but have now been returned to the Squadron for duty.

4 April 1944
1st Lt. Dunn and CW/O Deckins were transfered from the Organization to the 408th Service Squadron. Weather conditions have improved greatly. The 455th Bomb Group is making missions daily, which keeps the personnel of this Squadron busy, repairing, salvaging, and furnishing parts for planes.

5 April 1944
No activities other than usual routine duties.

6 April 1944
Three medical men were transfered from the organization to the 163rd Medical Dispensary. A letter of commendation for meritous service for M/Sgt Stanley R. Wessell was recieved from Headquarters Army Air Force Service Command, MTO, Air Supply Division. M/Sgt Wessell had completed five (5) days detached service with the Air Supply Division.

7 April 1944
Six (6) men were transfered from the organization to the 408th Service Squadron.

8 April 1944
No activities other than usual routine duties.

9 April 1944
A large number of the men attended Mass and Protestant Services in Cerignola. The Mammoth Easter Services for the Protestants was held in the Music Hall. Some to the boys attended the evening performance of a USO show in the music hall.



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10 April 1944
Only routine duties being performed.

11 April 1944
An additional B-24 has been assigned to the organization for repairs, due to damage caused by flak. The Engineering section is installing a boom on a 2½-ton truck.

12 April 1944
Improvements in the Enlisted Men's Club is progressing rapidly. Since organizing the club very few men care to go to town.

13 April 1944
We are now endeavoring to organize a soft ball team. A league among the units of the Group will begin the 24th.

14 April 1944
2nd Lt. Ernest J. Thompson was assigned to the organization, but is now on Temporary duty at Cerignola, Italy. The weather is still fair and the Bomb Group is flying missions daily, which implies much work to this organization. Due to a shortage of personnel some of the men are working nights.

15 April 1944
Sgt Fienga, who was transfered from the organization, to the detachment of patients, 26th General Hospital, was reassigned to the Squadron. Cpl Pyle was transfered to Hq's 455th Bomb Group.

16 April 1944
No activities other than routine duties.

17 April 1944.
One of the B-24's being repaired by the Squadron was completed and returned to the 455th Bomb Group. An additional ship was assigned for repairs. Our machine shop is now accomplishing all the work for all the Bomb Squadrons being serviced by this Group. We have the only machine shop trailer in the Group.

18 April 1944
Lt. Thompson joined the organization and has been appointed statistical officer. We play our first soft ball game this evening with the 557th Service Squadron. Tomorrow we play the 60th Service Squadron.

19 April 1944
Cpl Kintz was transfered to the detachment of patients, 26th General Hospital, and Pfc Rao was transfered to the 557th Service Squadron. Twenty (20) additional men were assigned to the organization. The ball team lost it's first game of the season with the 557th Service Squadron.

20 April 1944
Another B-24 was assigned to the organization for salvage. The soft ball team played the 60th Service Squadron and lost 7 to 3.



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21 April 1944
No activities other than usual routine duties.

22 April 1944
The boys enjoyed a couple hours of entertainment which was furnished by the 21st Engineers' band. The program was held here in camp, using two flat-beds for the stage.

23 April 1944
Our soft ball team won its first victory with the 743rd Bomb Squadron. Today we play the 1149th Signal Company, which is the first game of the league.

24 April 1944
We lost the first ball game of the league with the 1149th Signal Company. We are also endeavoring to get a volley ball team started. Due to the fact that much work is being done, some of the men are unable to participate in neither base ball or volley ball.

25 April 1944
The volley ball game with the 1149th Signal Company was called off, due to high winds. Two additional men were assigned to the organization. Our total strength is now 200 Enlisted Men, 6 Officers and two Warrant Officers.

26 April 1944
Anly routine duties being performed.

27 April 1944
S/Sgt Juers and W/O Johnston was placed on temporary duty at Naples, Italy for the purpose of picking up organizational equipment for the Group. Bad weather has delayed the league games in both volley ball and soft ball.

28 April 1944
Our soft ball team lost another game with the 557th Service Squadron. Another B-24 was assigned to the Squadron for fuselage repairs.

29 April 1944
No activities other than usual routine duties.

30 April 1944
M/Sgt Wessell, T/Sgt Borgman, and S/Sgt Temple were transfered back to the States. They are to be assigned to B-29 Bomb Groups. The men were paid at 1245 hours.

Noel B Rogers

NOEL B. ROGERS,
1st. Lt. Air Corps,
Unit Historian.





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558TH SERVICE SQUADRON
43RD SERVICE GROUP
APO 520

1 June 1944.

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SUBJECT: Historical Records.

TO : Commanding General, Fifteenth Air Force,(ATTEN: Historian.)
(Thru Channels).

1. Unit history of the 558th Service Squadron, 43rd Service Group, for the period 1 May 1944 to 1 June 1944.

a. The present designation of the unit is 558th Service Squadron, 43rd Service Group.

b. No change in organization have been made. Captain Gilbert L. Small is now Commanding Officer, vice Major Clayton H. Shunk, transferred.

c. The strength at the beginning of the period was 194 Enlisted Men and 6 Officers and 2 Warrant Officers. The net increase during the period was 12 Enlisted Men, 1 Officer, and 1 Warrant Officer and the net decrease was 16 Enlisted Men, 1 Officer and 2 Warrant Officers. The strength at the end of the period was 195 Enlisted Men, 6 Officers and 1 Warrant Officer.

d. The organization is located at San Giovanni, Italy.

e. No movements have been made by this organization.

f. The organization is participating in the Italian Campaign, which is still in progress.

g. During this period the line personnel completed the salvage on three (3) B-24's, and six was repaired and returned to service. Two (2) B-24's are now in the process of being salvaged, and four (4) are undergoing repairs.

h. No important operations were commanded by the Commanding Officer.

i. There were no losses in action of Officers and Enlisted Men.

j. S/Sgt. Anthony Campo distinguished himself for heroic achievements in connection with military operations against the enemy near Thelepte, Tunisia, from 16 - 17 February 1943. He received the Bronze Star Medal.

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2. Enclosed is the War Diary of this unit for the period 1 May 1944 to 1 June 1944.

For the Commanding Officer:

Noel B Rogers 1st Lt.

NOEL B. ROGERS,
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558TH SERVICE SQUADRON
43RD SERVICE GROUP
APO 520

1 June 1944.

WAR DIARY FROM 1 MAY 1944 TO 1 JUNE 1944

1 May 1944.
T/Sgt. Cherry was transferred to the 557th Service Squadron, and will be 1st Sgt. of that organization. Pvt. Schick was transferred to the Detachment of Patients, 26th General Hospital. The men who attended oxygen school have returned. They are now working at the oxygen unit, which is located at the 557th Service Squadron.

2 May 1944
No activities other than usual routine duties.

3 May 1944.
Our baseball team played another league game with the 1437th Ordnance Company, and won 5 to 4. The oxygen unit which is being operated by personnel from this Squadron, now in production.

4 May 1944.
No activities other than usual routine duties.

5 May 1944.
No activities other than usual routine duties.

6 May 1944.
Our softball team played a game with the 561st Service Squadron, and lost 3 to 0. The boys will soon have hot showers here in camp each day after they quit work. They are now in the process of being constructed.

7 May 1944.
No activities other than usual routine duties.

8 May 1944.
Cpl. Prettyman was assigned to the organization from the 2232nd QM Truck Co. Our showers are now completed and are in operation.

9 May 1944.
Our softball team played the 1246th QM Co. and won 5 to 4. Today we play the 743rd Bomb Squadron. No other activities other than usual routine duties.

10 May 1944.
Our ball team lost the game with the 743rd Bomb Squadron.

11 May 1944.
No activities other than usual routine duties.



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12 May 1944.
Sgt. Brazil was reassigned to the organization from the Detachment of Patients, 25th General Hospital. Our passes were cancelled for today, due to the enormous amount of work to be done.

13 May 1944.
Our softball team defeated the 1440th Ordnance Co. 19 to 8.

14 May 1944.
One (1) Warrant Officer and nine (9) Enlisted Men left for the States on rotation.

15 May 1944.
Our ball team won another victory over the 743rd Bomb Squadron. No other activities other than routine duties.

16 May 1944.
No activities other than routine duties.

17 May 1944.
Our softball team won another victory over the 1441st Ord. Co. 4 to 0. Our Mess Hall, which is being built by contractors, is almost completed. The stone building will prove much more suitable than tents.

18 May 1944.
Our ball team lost a game with the 2232nd Truck Co. Two (2) B-24's are being repaired and five (5) others are in the process of being salvaged. Three (3) ships for repair were completed and returned to the Bomb Group during the past week.

19 May 1944.
W/O Richard was transferred from the organization to the Detachment of Patients, 25th General Hospital.

20 May 1944.
S/Sgt. Anthony Campo was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for Heroic achievement in connection with Military operations against the enemy near Thelepte, Tunisia, per General Order #399, dated 9 May 1944.

21 May 1944.
Five (5) additional Privates were assigned to the organization. Quite a number of the men attended a Musical program, which was put on by the 21st Engineers Band in the Music Hall in Cerignola. One Hundred (100) seats were reserved for this organization.

22 May 1944.
Five (5) additional men were assigned to the organization.

23 May 1944.
No activities other than routine duties.



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24 May 1944.
No activities other than routine duties.

25 May 1944.
Our softball team lost a game with the 1103rd Signal Co. An Instrument trailer was drawn from the Depot at Bari.

26 May 1944.
No activities other than routine duties.

27 May 1944.
Warrant Officer George R. Bonney was assigned to the organization, and has taken up his duties as Shop Superintendent.

28 May 1944.
Our softball team won a victory over the 2241st Truck Co. 8 to 0. Captain Gilbert L. Small was assigned to the organization and is to be our new Commanding Officer, vice Major Clayton H. Shunk, who was transferred to Headquarters XV Air Force.

29 May 1944.
Our softball team defeated the 60th Service Squadron 1 to 0. It was the best game they've lost this season.

30 May 1944.
Pvt Russum was assigned to the organization from the 1437th Ord. Co. Supply and Maintanence. Four (4) men from the Squadron are playing in the Group Orchestra. The Orchestra isn't completely organized but practice is being held four times each week. Our soft-ball team lost a league game with the 2233rd Truck Co.

31 May 1944.
The men were paid at 1300 hours. No other activities other than routine duties.

For the Commanding Officer:

Noel B. Rogers 1st Lt.

NOEL B. ROGERS,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Unit Historian.



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558TH SERVICE SQUADRON
43RD SERVICE GROUP
APO 520

RESTRICTED 1 July 1944.

SUBJECT: Historical Records.

TO : Commanding General Fifteenth Air Force. (ATT: Historian)
(Thru Channels)

1. Unit history of the 558th Service Squadron, 43rd Service Group, for the period 1 June 1944 to 1 July 1944.

a. The present designation of the unit is 558th Service Squadron, 43rd Service Group.

b. No changes have been made in organization of unit.

c. The strength at the beginning of the period was 195 Enlisted Men, 6 Officers, and 1 Warrant Officer. The net increase during the month was 31 Enlisted Men, 2 Officers and 1 Warrant Officer, and the net decrease was 7 Enlisted men, and 1 Officer. The strength at the end of the period was 219 Enlisted Men 7 Officer, and 2 Warrant Officers.

d. The Organization is located at San Giovanni, Italy.

e. No Movements have been made by the Organization.

f. The organization is participating in the Italian Campaign which is still in progress.

g. During this period four B-24's were repaired, and two were salvaged. One is now in the process of being salvaged, and five are being repaired.

h. No important operations were commanded by the Commanding Officer.

i. There were no losses in action of Officers or Enlisted Men.

j. No members of the Squadron have distinguished themselves.

2. Enclosed is the War Diary of this unit for the period 1 June 1944 to 1 July 1944.

For the Commanding Officer:

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558TH SERVICE SQUADRON
43RD SERVICE GROUP
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1 July 1944

WAR DIARY FROM 1 June 1944 TO 1 JULY 1944

1 June 1944
A Squadron barber was hired for the organization. Much work is being done toward improving living conditions. New latrines and mess hall have been made.

2 June 1944
Cpl Gulker was assigned to the Organization from the 41st Repair Squadron.

3 June 1944
Pvt Schick was reassigned to the Organization from the Detachment of Patients, 26th General Hospital. The Officers attended a party at the Officers club in Cerignola.

4 June 1944
A French stage show was held here in camp for the benefit of the men in this Squadron and also for the men of the 455th Bomb Group. Two performances were held. One at 1430 hours and the other at 1900 hours.

5 June 1944
Our ball team lost a league game with the 1149th Signal Company 8 to 4.

6 June 1944
Private Touff was assigned to the Organization from Headquarters 43rd Service Group

7 June 1944
The men attended a USO show which was held in the camp area.

8 June 1944
No activities other than routine duties.

9 June 1944
T/Sgt Maguire was assigned to the Organization from the 81st Service Squadron.

10 June 1944
No activities other than routine duties.

11 June 1944
Pfc Gross was transfered from the Organization to the Detachment of Patients, 26th General Hospital, and Pvt Busby was assigned to the Organization from the 1999th Engr. Comp. Plat. FAFC



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12 June 1944
No activities other than routine duties.

13 June 1944
Lt Rogers and 1st Sgt Tillman attended a SJA meeting at Headquarters XV AFSC.

14 June 1944
Pvt Jones was assigned to the Organization from Headquarters 43rd Service Group.

15 June 1944
Six (6) Enlisted Men were transfered to Personnel Center #6 for return to the States on rotation. Sgt Morgan was assigned to the Organization. A number of the men attended an Italian show held here in camp.

16 June 1944
Captain Weeks was assigned to the Organization and has taken up his duties as Squadron Surgeon. A Squadron Party was held in the mess hall. Ice cream, drinks, and sandwiches were served. Music was furnished by the 456th Bomb Group band.

17 June 1944
No activities other than routine duties.

18 June 1944
Pvt Regan was assigned to the Organization from Headquarters, 43rd Service Group.

19 June 1944
Nine (9) additional men were assigned to the Organization. No other activities other than routine duties.

20 June 1944.
Four additional men were assigned to the Organization.

21 June 1944
No activities other than routine duties.

22 June 1944
Pvt Littlemeyer was assigned to the organization from the 563rd Service Squadron. Our strength is now 210 Enlisted Men, 1 Warrant Officer and 6 Officers.

23 June 1944
Cpl Kimery and Cpl Miller left to spend five (5) days at the San Spirito Rest Camp





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24 June 1944
Pvt Lee was assigned to the organization as a replacement for a man who returned to the States on rotation.

25 June 1944
T/Sgt Reiner and Sgt McCullagh left to attend a Bombsight School at XV AF Headquarters.

26 June 1944
No activities other than routine duties.

27 June 1944
Seven (7) additional men were assigned to the Organization.

28 June 1944
Warrant Officer Richard was reassigned to the Organization from the 22nd Replacement Battalion. He will resume his duties as Squadron Supply and Mess Officer.

29 June 1944
Captain Herbert Kahan, was assigned to the Organization. An Italian stage show was held here in camp, useing flatbed for the stage.

30 June 1944
The men were paid at 1300 hours. No other activities other than routine duties.

For the Commanding Officer:

NOEL B. ROGERS,
1st. Lt. Air Corps,
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558TH SERVICE SQUADRON
43RD SERVICE GROUP
APO 520

1 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Historical Records.

TO : Commanding General, Fifteenth Air Force. (ATTEN: Historian)
( Thru Channels)

1. Unit history of the 558th Service Squadron, 43rd Service Group, for the period 1 July 1944 to 1 August 1944.

a. The present designation of the unit is 558th Service Squadron, 43rd Service Group.

b. No changes have been made in organization of unit.

c. The strength at the beginning of the period was 219 Enlisted Men, 7 Officers and 2 Warrant Officers. The unit increase during the month was 7 Enlisted Men and 1 Officer and the unit decrease was 13 Enlisted Men and 1 Officer. The strength at the end of the period was 213 Enlisted Men, 7 Officers and 2 Warrant Officers.

d. The organization is located at San Giovanni, Italy.

e. No movements have been made by the organization.

f. The organization is participating in the Italian Campaign which is still in progress.

g. During this period 14 B-24's, 1 B-38 and 1 B-25 were repaired and 2 were salvaged. 4 B-24's are now in the progress of being salvaged and 6 are being repaired.

h. No important operations were commanded by the Commanding Officer.

i. There were no losses in action of Officers or Enlisted Men.

j. No members of the Squadron have distinguished themselves.

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For the Commanding Officer:

Joel B. Rogers

JOEL B. ROGERS,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Adjutant.


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558TH SERVICE SQUADRON
43RD SERVICE GROUP
APO 520

1 August 1944.

AAF DIARY FROM 1 JULY 1944 TO 1 AUGUST 1944

1 July 1944.
Two of our soft ball players have been selected to play on the Group team. Also, efforts are being made to organize a squadron hard ball team.

2 July 1944.
A number of the men attended a stage show in the music hall at Cerignola.

3 July 1944.
No activities other than routine duties.

4 July 1944.
2nd Lt. Dixon was assigned to the organization from Headquarters XV AF. His duties are Squadron Supply and Mess Officer. Pfc Fernbaugh and Cpl Jankauskas were assigned to the organization, from Hqs 43rd Ser Gp.

5 July 1944.
Captain Weeks was transferred to the 463rd Bomb Group. Pvt Maloney was assigned from Headquarters 43rd Service Group.

6 July 1944.
Captain Tower left to spend a few days at the Villaggio marcuso Rest Camp. A number of the men went to Foggia to attend the show "This is the Army." They also attended the rodeo.

7 July 1944.
An Arabian stage show was held here in camp, featuring the Can Can dance.

8 July 1944.
Six men were transferred to the Personnel Center No. 6, PBS, for return to the states or rotation.

9 July 1944.
No activities other than routine duties.

10 July 1944.
Our engineering section has made a foundry which is in full operation. Picture frames, goblets for the club, salt and pepper shakers and many other useful items are being made.

11 July 1944.
Captain Armstrong was promoted from 1st Lieutenant.

12 July 1944.
Cpl Didieu and Cpl Woods were promoted from T/5. Lt. Rogers left to spend seven days at the Capri Rest Camp.

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13 July 1944.
Sgt. Tuck was assigned from the 306th Service Squadron. No Other activities other than routine duties.

14 July 1944.
No activities other than routine duties.

15 July 1944.
A great number of the EM and a few Officers attended an open house party at the Enlisted men's club of the 455th Bomb Group Headquarters.

16 July 1944.
Pvt Zabudoski was assigned from Headquarters 43rd Service Group. Two men left for a three day period at Rest Camp No. 2, Rome.

17 July 1944.
Pfc Gottlieb was transfered from the organization to Headquarters 21st Engineers Aviat. Regt.

18 July 1944.
Two men left for Rest Camp # 2 at Rome and two men went to the San Spirito Rest Camp.

19 July 1944.
Pvt Meyerson was assigned from the 21st Engineers Aviat. Regt. No other activities other than routine duties.

20 July 1944.
No activities other than routine duties.

21 July 1944.
A number of the EM attended a USO Show in the Music Hall at Cerignola. The title of it was "Over Twenty-one."

22 July 1944.

No activities other than routine duties.

23 July 1944.
No activities other than routine duties.

24 July 1944.
A truck is now being run to the beach daily for the men who are available to go. A First three graders club is also being organized in Cerignola for the men of the 43rd Service Group.

25 July 1944.
No activities other than routine duties..

26 July 1944.
No activities other than routine duties.



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27 July 1944.
Two men left for Rest Camp No. 2, at Rome. Pfc Swyka was assigned from Headquarters 43rd Service Group.

28 July 1944.
Two men left for the San Spirito Rest Camp.

29 July 1944.
No activities other than routine duties.

30 July 1944.
No activities other than routine duties.

31 July 1944.
Five men were transferred to Personnel Center No. 6, PBS, for the purpose of returning to the states on rotation. The men were paid at 1000 hours.

For the Commanding Officer:

Noel B. Rogers

NOEL B. ROGERS,
1st Lt. Air Corps,
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558TH SERVICE SQUADRON
43RD SERVICE GROUP
APO 520

1 September 1944.

SUBJECT: Historical Records.

TO : Commanding General, Fifteenth Air Force. Att: Historian: (Thru Channels)

1. Unit history of the 558th Service Squadron, 43rd Service Group, for the period 1 August 1944 to 1 September 1944.

a. The present designation of the unit is 558th Service Squadron, 43rd Service Group.

b. No changes have been made in organization.

c. The strength at the beginning of the period was 212 Enlisted Men, 7 Officers, and 2 Warrant Officers. The increase during the month was 12 Enlisted Men, and 1 Officer, and the decrease was 13 Enlisted Men, 1 Officer, and 1 Warrant Officer. The strength at the end of the period was 212 Enlisted Men, & Officers, and 1 Warrant Officer.

d. The organization is located at San Giovanni, Italy.

e. No movements have been made by the organization.

f. The organization is participating in the Italian Campaign which is still in progress.

g. During this period 13 B-24's were repaired and 4 were salvaged. 7 B-24's are now being repaired and 1 is being salvaged. The Engineering shops completed the work on 80 work orders. A B-17 is now assigned to the organization and is being crewed by our mechanics.

h. No important operations were commanded by the Commanding Officer.

i. There were no losses in action of Officers or Enlisted Men.

j. 2nd Lt. Raeford G. Dixon was awarded the Air Medal for meritorious achievements in aerial flight from 5 May 1944 to 27 May 1944.

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For the Squadron Commander:

NOEL B. ROGERS,
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43RD SERVICE GROUP
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1 September 1944

WAR DIARY FROM 1 AUGUST 1944 TO 1 SEPTEMBER 1944

1 August 1944
Pvt Sawyer was transfered from the organization to the 455th Bomb Group as an aerial gunner.

2 August 1944
Two men left for Rest Camp #2 at Rome. Seven additional men were assigned to the organization, as replacements for men who have returned to the States on rotation.

3 August 1944
No activities other than routine duties.

4 August 1944
No activities other than routine duties.

5 August 1944
Seventeen (17) men left for four days temporary duty with the 68th Service Squadron. They are to attend a party to celebrate their 24th month overseas.

6 August 1944
No activities other than routine duties.

7 August 1944
No activities other than routine duties.

8 August 1944
A number of the men attended a USO show, which was held in the music hall in Cerignola.

9 August 1944
Captain Tower was transfered to the 455th Bomb Group. Captain Fernsler was assigned to the organization as Engineering officer. Pvt Chapman was transfered to the 455th Bomb Group as an aerial gunner.

10 August 1944
Two men went to rest camp #2 at Rome.

11 August 1944
No activities other than routine duties.

12 August 1944
No activities other than routine duties.



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13 August 1944
Seven Enlisted men were transfered to Replacement Depot #7 to be returned to the States as cadres for very heavy Bomb Groups .

14 August 1944
W/O Richard was transfered to the Detachment of Patients, 26th General Hospital. M/Sgt Reiner was transfered to Personnel Center #6, PBS for return to the States.

15 August 1944
No activities other than routine duties.

16 August 1944
Two men left for Rest Camp #2 at Rome. 2nd Lt. Raeford G. Dixon was awarded the Air Medal for meritorious achievements from 5 May 1944 to 27 May 1944.

17 August 1944
Sgt Greene was transfered to Hq's 323rd Service Group. A number of the men attended a stage show at the 455th Bomb Group Headquarters.

18 August 1944
Lt Dixon and Warrant Officer Bonney left to spend a few days at the Capri Rest Camp. Two men left for the San Spirito Rest camp.

19 August 1944
No activities other than routine duties.

20 August 1944
No activities other than routine duties.

21 August 1944
Pvt Rodriguez was transfered to the Detachment of Patients 26th General Hospital. Our organization is now assigned a B-17.

22 August 1944
Two men went ot Rest Camp #2. Lt. Thompson was promoted from 2nd Lt. to 1st Lt.

23 August 1944
No activities other than routine duties.

24 August 1944
A large number of the men attended the Joe Louis fights at the 459th Bomb Group.

25th August 1944
The Squadron attended a jamboree at the picnic grounds near the 455th Bomb Group Headquarters. They were celebrating the completion of 100 combat missions. There were plenty of eats, drinks, and fun for all.



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26 August 1944
Three additional men were assigned from the 22nd Replacement Battalion.

27 August 1944
Two men left to go to the San Spirito Rest Camp and five men went to Rest Camp #2 at Rome.

28 August 1944
No activities other than routine duties.

29 August 1944
Pvt Winterscheidt was assigned to the organization from the 19th Replacement Battalion. Cpl Daggett was transfered to the 60th Service Group.

30 August 1944
S/Sgt McDonough was assigned from the 22nd Replacement Battalion.

31 August 1944
Three more men went to Rest Camp #2 at Rome. The men were paid at 1000 hours.

For The Squadron Commander:

NOEL B. ROGERS,
1st. Lt. Air Corps,
Adjutant.



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558TH AIR SERVICE SQUADRON
43RD SERVICE GROUP
APO 520

1 October 1944.

SUBJECT: Historical Records.

TO : COMMANDING OFFICER, 43RD SERVICE GROUP, APO 520 U.S. ARMY,
ATT'N: HISTORIAN.

1. Unit History of the 558th Air Service Squadron, 43rd Service Group for the period 1 September 1944 to 1 October 1944.

a. The present designation of the unit is 558th Air Service Squadron, 43rd Service Group.

b. No changes have been made in Organization.

c. The strenght at the beginning of the period was 212 enlisted men, 7 Officers and 1 Warrant Officer. The increase during the month was 17 Enlisted Men. The decrease was 3 Enlisted Men. The strength at the end of the period was 224 Enlisted Men 7 Officers and 1 Warrant Officer.

d. The organization is located at San Giovanni, Italy.

e. No movements have been made by the Organization.

f. The organization is participating in the Italian Campaign which is still in progress.

g. During this period 18 B-24's were repaired and two were salvaged. Four B-24's are now being repaired. The Engineering shops completed the work on 115 work orders. The unit was redesignated as the 558th Air Service Squadron, but no changes were made in the organization. An open house was held in the enlisted men's club and members of various organizations were invited. Good drinks, music and sandwiches were enjoyed by all.

h. No important operations were commanded by the Commanding Officer.

i. There were no losses in action of Officers or Enlisted Men.

j. The entire organization received a letter of commendation which came through channels from the Commanding Officer of the 455th Bomb Group.

For the Commanding Officer:

NOEL B. ROGERS,
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Adjutant.

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558TH AIR SERVICE SQUADRON
43RD SERVICE GROUP
APO 520

31 October 1944.

SUBJECT: Historical Records.

TO : COMMANDING OFFICER, 43RD SERVICE GROUP, APO 520, U.S. ARMY.
ATT'N: HISTORIAN.

1. Unit History of the 558th Air Service Squadron, 43rd Service Group for the period 1 October 1944 to 1 November 1944.

a. The present designation of the unit is 558th Air Service Squadron, 43rd Service Group.

b. No change has been made in organization.

c. The strength at the beginning of the period was 224 Enlisted Men, 7 Officers and 1 Warrant Officer. The increase during the month was 4 Enlisted Men and 1 Officer. The decrease was 5 Enlisted Men and 1 Officer. The strength at the end of the period was 223 Enlisted men, 7 Officers, and 1 Warrant Officer.

d. The organization is located at San Giovanni, Italy.

e. No movements have been made by the organization.

f. The organization is participating in the Italian Campaign, which is still in progress.

g. During this period 12 B-24's were repaired. Five are now in the process of being repaired and 1 is being salvaged. The various shops completed the work on 76 work orders. A squadron dance was held in the sky room at Foggia. There was plenty of eats and drinks. The music was furnished by the 21st Engineers Band.

h. No important operations were commanded by the Commanding Officer.

i. There was no losses in action of Officers or Enlisted Men.

j. No members of the squadron have distinguished themselves.

For the Commanding Officer:

Noel B. Rogers

NOEL B. ROGERS,
1st Lt. Air Corps,
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558TH AIR SERVICE SQUADRON
43RD SERVICE GROUP
APO 520

11 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Supplement to Squadron History.

TO : COMMANDING OFFICER, 43RD SERVICE GROUP APO 520 U.S. ARMY.
ATT'N: HISTORIAN.

1. The following data is a supplement to the Squadron History submitted by this organization for the month of October, 1944.

A. Improvements in Area

a. The improvements in the Squadron Area is continually improving. Stoves have been improvised and installed in all tents that are being used for living quarters. All tents have been completely winterized with floors and side walls. The showers were remodeled and new and larger shower heads were installed.

B. Technical Supply.

a. 128 requisitions were submitted to the Depot.

b. No AOC's were reported during the month.

c. 2,020 cylinders of breathing oxygen were issued.

d. 45 Engines were issued to the 455th Bomb Group.

e. 22 propellers were issued.

f. 1,149,886 gallons of aviation gasoline was issued.

g. 19,570 gallons of oil was issued.

h. 1,816 Form 81's were handled.

C. Planes Repaired and Salvaged.

a. B-24-H Radar Antennae was installed and the auxiliary power unit was relocated.

b. B-24-H Radar Antennae was installed and the auxiliary power unit was relocated.

c. B-24-H Radar Antennae was installed.

d. B-24-J The bombadier and navigators compartment was modified. Also navigator's window was replaced with blister, and a radar antennae was installed.

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e. B-24-G A new magneto was installed, and the left rudder was replaced.

f. B-24-H Bombardier and navigator's compartment was modified. Also auxiliary power unit was relocated.

g. B-24-G Wings and nose section was repaired due to damage done by flak.

h. B-24-H Instruments were checked and replaced. Waist and turret guns were replaced. Nosegear was replaced. Wiring and tubing in nose section was replaced.

i. B-24-H Bombadier and Navigator's Compartment was modified. A blister was installed in the navigator's window. Auxiliary power unit was relocated.

D. Aero Repair

a. Forty-two (42) repairable engines were prepared for storage and sent to the Depot.

E. Parachute Shop

a. Number of parachutes inspected and packed--583.

b. Number of parachutes repaired--142.

F. Electric Shop

a. Number of batteries charged--27.

b. Number of planes on which electrical repairs were done--4.

c. The electric shop also repaired and checked 24 generators and power units, repaired 9 electric drill motors and one valve face grinding motor.

G. Propeller Shop

a. Repairable props put into service -1.

b. Number of props assembled and issued to 455th Bomb Group--14.

c. Number of repairable props sent to depot--21.

For the Commanding Officer:

NOEL B. ROGERS.
1st Lt. Air Corps.
Unit Historian.







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558TH AIR SERVICE SQUADRON
43RD SERVICE GROUP
APO 520

30 November 1944.

SUBJECT: Historical Records.

TO : COMMANDING OFFICER, 43RD SERVICE GROUP, APO 520,U.S. ARMY.
ATT'N: HISTORIAN.

1. Unit History of the 558th Air Service Squadron, 43rd Service Group, for the period of 1 November 1944 to 1 December 1944.

a. The present designation of the unit is, 558th Air Service Squadron, 43rd Service Group.

b. No change has been made in organization.

c. The strength at the beginning of the period was 223 Enlisted men, 7 Officers, and 1 Warrant Officer. The increase during the month was 1 Enlisted Man, 2 Officers and 1 Warrant Officer. The decrease was 11 Enlisted Men and 2 Officers. The strength at the end of the period was 213 Enlisted men, 7 Officers and 2 Warrant Officers.

d. The organization is located at San Giovanni, Italy.

e. No movements have been made by the Organization.

f. The organization is participating in the Italian Campaign, which is still in progress.

g. During this period 13 B-24's were repaired, and 1 was salvaged. Four are now being repaired. The various shops completed the work on 86 work orders. A Squadron Party was held on the night of the 22nd. Free Egg-nog and sandwiches were served. The music was furnished by an Italian Orchestra. The Squadron has organized a basket ball team which is in full swing, although no league games has been played. They are scheduled to start during the first part of December.

h. No important operations were commanded by the Commanding Officer.

i. There was no losses in action of Officers or Enlisted Men.

j. No members of the organization have distinguished themselves.

For the Commanding Officer:

Noel B. Rogers

NOEL B. ROGERS,
1st Lt. Air Corps,
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558TH AIR SERVICE SQUADRON
43RD SERVICE GROUP
APO 520

11 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Supplement to Squadron History.

TO : COMMANDING OFFICER, 43RD SERVICE GROUP, APO 520, U.S. ARMY.
ATT'N: HISTORIAN.

1. The following data is a supplement to the Squadron History submitted by this organization for the month of November:

A. Improvements in Area.

a. Improvements in the camp area is still under way. A garage and dispatch office combined has been built. Fuses were installed in each tent to prevent the light bulbs from burning out so quickly. A tailor shop has been set up for the benefit of all members of the squadron.

B. Technical Supply.

a. 1,865 form 81's were handled.

b. 130 requisitions were submitted to the Depot.

c. No AOC's were reported.

d. 2,120 cylinders of breathing oxygen were issued.

e. 40 Engines were issued to the 455th Bomb Group.

f. 9 propellers were issued.

g. 1,259,587 gallons of aviation gasoline was issued.

h. 20,495 gallons of oil was issued.

C. Planes Repaired and Salvaged.

a. B-24-J Repaired leading edge of horizontal stabilizer. Replaced No. 3 manifold cell, and hydraulic lines in trailing edge of right wing.

b. B-24-J Landing gear pivot was changed and retraction test was made on landing gear.

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c. B-24-J The sheet metal shop repaired the left rudder, left vertical stabilizer, right side of fusilage, and oxygen bottle mounts. The electric shop replaced the relay junction box for No. 3 engine, and repaired damaged wiring in same. The dope and fabric shop repaired damage done to left rudder.

d. B-24-J Tail section was repaired by the sheet metal shop.

e. B-24-J Salvage was completed on the 5th.

f. B-24-J Bombadier and navigator's compartment was modified.

g. B-24-G Damaged fuselage was repaired. Replaced nose gear and made retraction test on same. Tubing in nose section, bomb glass were replaced. Also damaged wiring in nose section was repaired.

h. B-24-H Replaced nose gear and made retraction test on same.

i. B-24-H Repaired damage to outer wing panel, left wing center section, bottom of nose section, bottom of fuselage, rear escape door, tail section, horizontil stabilizer, vertical stabilizers bomb ba doors, and numerous minor repairs.

j. B-24-J Bombadier and navigators compartment was modified. A blister was installed in the navigators window.

k. B-24-H Bombadier and navigators compartment was modified. A blister was installed in the navigators window.

l. B-24-J Bombadier and navigator's compartment was modified. A blister was installed in the navigator's window.

m. B-24-G Salvage of plane was completed on the 16th.

n. B-24-H Bombadier and navigator's compartment was modified. A blister was installed in the navigator's window.

o. B-24-H Right aileron hinge arms were changed.

D. Aero Repair

a. Forty six (46) repairable engines were prepared for storage and sent to the Depot.

E. Parachute Shop

a. Number of parachutes inspected and packed--520.

b. Number of parachutes repaired--113.

F. Electrical Shop

a. Number of batteries charged--37.

b. Number of planes on which electrical repairs were done--7

c. Repaired and checked 28 generators and power units and five



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electric motors. Removed all electrical equipment from two salvaged aircraft.

G. Propeller Shop

a. Repairable props put into service--3

b. Number of props assembled and issued to 455th Bomb Group--9

c. Number of repairable props sent to Depot- 14

For the Commanding Officer:

Noel B. Rogers

NOEL B. ROGERS,
1st Lt. Air Corps
Unit Historian.







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558TH AIR SERVICE SQUADRON
43RD SERVICE GROUP
A.P.O. 520

31 December 1944.

SUBJECT: Historical Records.

TO : COMMANDING OFFICER, 43RD SERVICE GROUP, APO 520, U.S. ARMY.
ATT'N: HISTORIAN.

1. Unit History of the 558th Air Service Squadron, 43rd Service Group, for the period of 1 December 1944 to 1 January 1945.

a. The present designation of the unit is, 558th Air Service Squadron, 43rd Service Group.

b. No change has been made in organization.

c. The strength at the beginning of the period was 213 Enlisted Men, 7 Officers and 2 Warrant Officers. The increase during the month was 9 Enlisted Men and 1 Officer. The decrease was 1 Enlisted Man and 3 Officers. The strength at the end of the period was 221 Enlisted Men 5 Officers and 2 Warrant Officers.

d. The organization is located at San Giovanni, Italy.

e. No movements have been made by the organization.

f. The organization is participating in the Italian Campaign, which is still in progress.

g. During this period 7 B-24's were repaired, and 1 was salvaged. A total of 105 Aircraft were repaired during the entire year, and a total of 17 were salvaged. Three are now undergoing repair and 1 is being salvaged. A total of 154 stoves with modification of the Caliman burner, were made by the welding department. 94 of these were made for the 455th Bomb Group. The various shops completed the work an 87 work orders for the month and a total of 1,145 for the entire year. A squadron party was held in the mess hall on Christmas Eve. On Christmas morning hot Tom and Jerries were served in the Enlisted Men's Club.

h. No important operations were commanded by the Commanding Officer.

i. There were no losses in action of officers or Enlisted men.

j. No members of the organization have distinguished themselves.

For the Commanding Officer:

NOEL B. ROGERS,
1st Lt. Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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558TH AIR SERVICE SQUADRON
43RD SERVICE GROUP
APO 520

11 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Supplement to Squadron History.

TO : COMMANDING OFFICER, 43RD SERVICE GROUP, APO 520, U.S. ARMY.
ATT'N: HISTORIAN.

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1. The following data is a supplement to the Squadron History submitted by this organization for the month of December:

A. Improvements in Area.

a. Improvements in the Squadron area have not ceased by any means. A new electric shop has been built in the Engineering Area. The inside of the kitchen and mess hall has been repainted, adding a more cheerful appearance. Stoves were also installed in the mess hall for heating purposes.

B. Technical Supply

a. 2,065 81's were handled.

b. 163 requisitions were submitted to the depot.

c. No AOC's were reported.

d. 2,092 cylinders of Breathing oxygen were issued.

e. 23 engines were issued to the 455th Bomb Group.

f. 13 propellers were issued.

g. 1,042,082 gallons of aviation gasoline was issued.

h. 10,200 gallons of oil was issued.

C. Planes Repaired and Salvaged.

a. B-24-H Nose turret and tail turret openings covered for cargo plane conversion.

b. B-24-J Bombadier and Navigator's compartment modified. A blister was installed in the navigators window.

c. B-24-J Changed No. 3 engine and replaced propellar.

d. B-24-G Repaired area around right side of ball turret. The turret was removed, checked and replaced.



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e. B-24-J Plane was converted for cargo.

f. B-24-J Tail turret was removed and checked. Tail turret wing was replaced.

g. B-24-J Repaired damaged wiring in nose section. Replaced bottom section of nose. Replaced nose gear, nose gear doors, and made retraction test.

D. Aero Repair

a. 27 repairable engines were prepared for storage and sent to the depot.

E. Parachute Shop.

a. Number of parachutes inspected and repacked--437.

F. Electric Shop

a. Number of batteries charged--28

b. Number of planes on which electrical repairs were done--4.

c. Repaired and checked 23 generator and power units and four electric motors.

G. Propeller Shop.

a. Reparable props put into service--3.

b. Number of props assembled and issued to 455th Bomb Group--12.

c. Number of repairable props and sent to Depot--14.

For the Commanding Officer:

NOEL P. ROGERS
1st Lt. Air Corps.
Historian.







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558TH AIR SERVICE SQUADRON
43RD AIR SERVICE GROUP
APO 520

31 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Historical Data.

TO : COMMANDING OFFICER, 43RD AIR SERVICE GROUP, APO 520, U.S. ARMY.
ATT'N: HISTORIAN.

1. Unit History of the 558th Air Service Squadron, 43rd Air Service Group, for the period of 1 January 1945 to 1 February 1945.

A. Strength

a. The strength at the beginning of the period was 5 Officers, 2 Warrant Officers, and 221 Enlisted Men. The increase during the month was 5 Enlisted Men, and the decrease was one Enlisted Man. The strength at the end of the period was 5 Officers, 2 Warrant Officers and 225 Enlisted Men.

B. Improvements in Area.

a. The Enlisted Men's club is in the process of being remodled. A new bar was constructed, the snack bar reimprovised, and a wall was torn out making one large room. The entire room was repainted and new lighting fixtures were installed. A new barber shop is being built, and is almost completed. A shed and cement flooring has been built around the wash line at the mess hall.

C. Technical Supply.

a. 509,628 gallons of aviation gasoline was consumed.

b. 15,430 gallons of aviation oil was consumed.

c. 35 Engines were issued to the 455th Bomb Group.

d. 7 propellers were issued.

e. 1,227 bottles of breathing oxygen were issued.

f. 1,472 81's were handled.

g. 135 requisitions were submitted to the depot.

h. No AOC's were reported.

D. Planes Repaired and Salvaged.

a. B-24-J changed No. 4 Engine, replaced bomb racks in rear bomb bay, two bomb bay doors, oxygen bottles and flooring around ball turret, nose wheel tire and tube. The sheet metal shop repaired the bottom of the fuselage, bulkheads and replaced the cat walk in rear, bomb bay. Other minor repairs were done by the various shops. The ship was assigned to the organization on the 6th of November 1944 and was released on the 6th of January 1945.

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b. B-24-J. The left wing was repaired, and the fairing on the left main landing gear was replaced. The ship was assigned to the organization on 4 January 1945 and was released on 11 January 1945.

c. B-24-H. The hydraulic line on the right brake and No. 1 and No. 2 throttle cables were replaced. Repairs were done on the left outer wing panel, left wing behind No. 1 engine, left side of nose section, the right nose wheel door, and the right aileron. The ship was assigned to the organization on 27 December 1944 and was released 11 January 1945.

d. B-24-J. Blisters were installed in compliance with current Tech Order regulations. The oxygen lines were rerouted to allow for the installation of the blisters. The ship was assigned to the organization on the 14th of January and released on the 16th of January 1945.

e. B-24-L. The nose landing gear was installed and the guns and bomb sight were removed and prepared for storage. The ship was assigned to the organization on the 18th and was released on the 22nd of January 1945.

f. B-24-L. Navigators blisters were installed. The ship was assigned to the squadron on the 18th of January and was released on the 21st.

g. B-24-L. Repaired nose turret and removed guns for storage. Repaired wiring on left hand bomb rack. The right hand waist window and right hand forward bomb rack were replaced. Also, numerous other repairs were made, due to damage by flak. The ship was assigned to the Squadron on the 4th and was released on the 22nd.

h. B-24-J. Replaced nose gear, bombadiers nose glass, bomb sight mount, nose wheel doors, bottom section of nose, nose turret ammunition boxes and tracks, and oil pressure indicator. Also repaired broken wiring in nose section and chedked all instruments. The ship was assigned to the Squadron on 27 December 1944 and was released 30 January 1945.

i. B-24-H. Salvage was completed 30 January 1945.

j. Four planes are now in the process of being repaired and two are being salvaged.

L. Parachute Shop.

a. No. of parachutes packed and inspected--706.

b. No. of parachutes repaired--40.

c. Tech order changes were made on 71 parachutes.

d. Work was completed on 9 work orders.

e. Miscellanous jobs completed--14.



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F. Electric Shop.

a. No.of batteries charged--21

b. Electrical repairs were made on 3 planes.

c. Two electric motors, 20 Squadron Generators and one Arc welder were repaired.

G. Propeller Shop.

a. Reparable props put into service--7

b. Props assembled and issued to 455th Bomb Group--5

c. Reparable props sent to depot--11.

H. Welding Shop.

a. Completed the work on 25 work orders.

b. 54 miscellaneous jobs were completed for the squadron.

I. Machine Shop.

a. Completed the work on 49 work orders.

b. 9 miscellaneous jobs were completed for the squadron.

J. Carpenter Shop.

a. One work order was completed for the 455th Bomb Group.

b. Work was completed on 34 jobs for the squadron.

K. Dope & Fabric Shop.

a. Painted three path finder airplanes.

b. Completed 6 Aircraft work orders.

c. Completed 40 miscellaneous jobs for the Squadron shops and offices.

L. Decorations

a. No members of the organization have distinguished themselves.

For the Commanding Officer:

Noel B Rogers

NOEL B. ROGERS,
1st Lt. Air Corps,
Unit Historian.



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558TH AIR SERVICE SQUADRON
43RD AIR SERVICE GROUP
APO 520

28 February 1945

SUBJECT: Historical Data.

TO : COMMANDING OFFICER, 43RD AIR SERVICE GROUP, APO 520, U.S. ARMY.
ATT'N: HISTORIAN.

1. Unit History of the 558th Air Service Squadron, 43rd Air Service Group, for the period of 1 February 1945 to 1 March 1945.

A. Strength.

a. The strength at the beginning of the period was 225 Enlisted Men, 5 Officers and 2 Warrant Officers. The increase during the month was 2 Enlisted Men and 2 Officers, and the decrease was 2 Enlisted Men and 1 Officer. The strength at the end of the period was 225 Enlisted Men, 6 Officers and 2 Warrant Officers.

B. Improvements in Area.

a. The new barber shop was completed and is now in operation. The Day Room was remodled and picture shows are being shown every other night. New Showers Heads were installed in the showers and the area around the motor pool was graveled.

C. Technical Supply.

a. 1,441,947 gallons of aviation gasoline was consumed.

b. 14,279 gallons of oil was consumed.

c. 18 Engines were issued to the 455th Bomb Group.

d. 2,312 bottles of breathing oxygen were issued.

e. 2,375 QTR's were handled.

f. 146 requisitions were submitted to the depot.

g. 1 AOC was reported.

D. Planes Repaired and Salvaged.

a. B-24-J Removed tail turret and replaced with stinger type tail. Replaced navigator blister windows with regular windows. Rewired electrical system for tail guns. The ship was assigned to the Squadron on 18 January and was completed on 1 February 1945.



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b. B-24-J Installed hallicrafter mount. The ship was assigned to the Squadron on 30 January 1945 and was completed on 1 February 1945.

c. B-24-J Changed right main landing gear actuating cylinder and made retraction check on right main landing gear. The ship was assigned to the Squadron on 29 January and was completed on 2 February 1945.

d. B-24-H Changed main pivot on left landing gear, and installed new landing gear safety switch. The ship was assigned to the Squadron on 2 February 1945 and was completed on the 3 February 1945.

e. B-24-J Changed flap actuating cylinder and flap selector valve. The ship was assigned to the Squadron on 31 January 1945 and was completed on 8 February 1945.

f. B-24-H Installed new batteries and repaired the wiring system.

g. B-24-J The left engine was checked. The pilot had reported that the engine was cutting out but nothing was found.

h. B-24-L Reinforced auxiliary spar of left wing and replaced all pivots and pulled retraction check on left main landing gear. The ship was assigned to the Squadron on 6 February 1945 and was released on the 13 February 1945.

i. B-24-L Repaired damage to main spar and wing center section. The ship was assigned on 13 February 1945 and was released on the 15 February 1945.

j. B-24-H Reinforced auxiliary spar of right wing, repaired damage to wing center section, replaced all pivots for right main landing gear, and installed new right landing gear and pulled retraction check on it. The ship was assigned to the Squadron on 6 February 1945 and was completed the 12 February 1945.

k. B-24-H Repaired bottom of fuselage. The ship was assigned to the Squadron on 14 February and was released on the 23 February 1945.

l. B-24-L The bottom of the fuselage was repaired and the tail stinger was replaced due to damage caused by flak. The ship was assigned to the Squadron on 13 February 1945 and was released on 23 February 1945.

m. B-24-L Replaced bombadiers' nose glass and bombsight mount, changed Number 3 engine, replaced left rear bomb door control cable, pulled retraction check on nose gear, removed guns and prepared them for storage, replaced nose section, repaired fuselage, and replaced Number 3 propellar. Also many other minor repairs were done due to flak damage. The ship was assigned to the Squadron on 7 February 1945 and was completed on the 27 February 1945.

n. B-24-J Changed collar, side brace pivot and left main landing gear.

o. B-24-J This ship was salvaged due to a crash landing after returning from a mission. It was started on 20 January 1945 and was completed on 10 February 1945.



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b. #-24-L This ship was also salvaged. It ran off the runway while landing when returning from a combat mission. The work was started on 8 January 1945 and was completed on 10 February 1945.

c. 6 Planes are now in the process of repair and none are being salvaged.

D. Parachute Shop.

a. 576 parachutes were inspected and packed.

b. 94 parachutes were repaired.

c. The work on 17 work orders was completed, and 16 miscellaneous jobs were done for the Squadron. Modification was done on 568 flak vests.

E. Electric Shop.

a. 31 batteries were charged.

b. Electrical repairs were done on 4 planes.

c. The electrical equipment was salvaged from 2 aircraft. 5 drill motors and 2 electric heaters were repaired.

d. 20 Squadron generators, compressors and fueling units were checked and repaired.

F. Propeller Shop.

a. 5 repairable propellers were put into service.

b. 5 props were assembled and issued to the 456th Bomb Group.

c. 8 repairable props were sent to the depot.

G. All the other shops contributed greatly to the work that was done on all aircraft that were repaired and salvaged.

H. Decorations.

a. The organization received the Meritorious service Plaque, per General Order No. 431, Hq. XV Air Force, dated 12 February 1945.

For the Commanding Officer

Karl B. Rogers

KARL B. ROGERS
1st Lt. Air Corps
Unit Historian.







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558TH AIR SERVICE SQUADRON
43RD AIR SERVICE GROUP
APO 520

31 March 1945.

SUBJECT: Historical Data.

TO : COMMANDING OFFICER, 43RD AIR SERVICE GROUP, APO 520, U.S. ARMY.
ATT'N: HISTORIAN.

1. Unit History of the 558th Air Service Squadron, 43rd Air Service Group, for the period of 1 March 1945 to 1 April 1945.

A. Strength.

a. The strength at the beginning of the period was 225 Enlisted Men, 6 Officers and 2 Warrant Officers. The increase during the month was 6 Enlisted Men and 1 Officer, and the decrease was 3 Enlisted Men. The strength at the end of the period was 228 Enlisted Men, 7 Officers and 2 Warrant Officers.

B. Improvements in Area.

a. Improvements in the Area are continually under way. During this period a new battery shop was constructed, and the paint shop was enlarged by constructing an additional room. Parts of the Area is being oiled to control the dust. Mess Trays were made for each man in the organization. This was accomplished by the cooperation in the Technical Supply and personnel of the Sheet Metal Shop.

C. Technical Supply.

a. 1,900,927 gallons of aviation gasoline was consumed.

b. 27,045 gallons of oil was consumed.

c. 56 Engines were issued to the 455th Bomb Group.

d. 2,552 bottles of breathing oxygen were issued.

e. 2,465 81's were handled.

f. 152 requisitions were submitted to the Depot

g. No ACC's were reported.



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D. Planes Repaired and Salvaged.

a. B-24 L The bombadiers nose glass was replaced and also an oxygen filler line tank vent line, and fuel hose in bombay. Holes were patched in the fuselage, stabilizer and left wing panel. Also, the radio wiring was repaired. The ship was recieved on the 28th of February and was released on the 3rd of March 1945.

b. B-24 H All aileron gear boxes were changed. The ship was recieved on 27th of February and was released the 4th of March.

c. B-24 J This ship was repaired due to flak damage. The outer wing panel was repaired and the left auxiliary fuel drain vent was replaced. The ship was recieved on the 3rd of March and was released on the 11th of March 1945.

d. B-24 L T.O. 02-1-10 was complied with on all engines. No. 5 main fuel cell was changed, and repaired flak damage above the fuel cells. The ship was recieved on February 28th and was released on March 11th.

e. B-24 J No. 2 and 3 Main fuel cells and aileron trim tab cables were replaced. Also flak damage to right wing panel and fuselage was repaired. The ship was recieved on march 3rd and was released on the 12th of March.

f. B-24 L The following parts were replaced: Hydraulic lines and cables, catwalk brace, bomb salvo rods, damaged cables, door at bulkhead, left rear bomb rack, three oxygen bottles and lines, and lower cowl flat of #3 engine. The following items were repaired: Co-pilots rudder track, right flap, command deck, fuselage, right vertical and horizontal stabilizer, right rear bomb rack and the wiring in the left rear bombay. The ship was recieved on February 28 and was released on March 14th.

g. B-24 J The side brace and side brace pivot of right main landing gear were changed. The ship was recieved on the 13th and was released on the 14th.

h. B-24 L Repaired damage to left and right outer panels, and wrap cowl of #1 engine, and replaced left aileron, left aileron control cables and left aileron hinge. The ship was assigned on the 25th of February and was released on March 10th.

i. B-24 J The fuselage, left and right stabilizer, electrical and radio wiring were repaired, due to flak damage. The following parts were replaced: left rudder trim tab, top escape hatch, right radio compartment window, pilots window, oxygen regulator assembly and upper turret. The ship was recieved on February 22nd and was released on March 16th.



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j. B-24 J The entire aileron system was checked and the left aileron control cable, and the right and left ailerons were replaced. Flak holes in left trailing edge and right side of nose section were patched. The ship was recieved on March 16th and was released on March 22nd.

k. B-24 H The flux gate compass duplicator in nose was installed. The ship was recieved on March 25th and was released the same day.

l. B-24 J Damaged lines in right forward bombay were replaced. Repairs were done to the fuselage, bulkhead right forward bombay door, and electrical wiring.

m. B-24 J Shroud assembly was manufactured andinstalled. The ship was recieved on March 26th and was released on the 27th.

n. B-24 J Replaced damaged skin on fuselage. The ship was recieved on March 20th and was released on the 28th.

o. B-24 L Repaired damage to right outer wing panel, and replaced ball turret door. This damage was the result of flak. The ship was recieved on March 24th and was released on the 29th.

p. B-24 J Repaired flak damage to right outer wing panel. The ship was recieved on March 26th and was released the same day.

q. B-24 L The repeater compass in nose was installed. The ship was recieved on March 29th and was released on the 30th.

r. B-24 J A radar camera mount was installed. The ship was recieved on the 31st of March and was released the same day.

s. B-24 H Salvaged. The ship landed short of the runway while returning from a practice mission. The left landing gear was snapped off and extensive damage was done to the bottom of the fuselage.

t. B-24-H Salvaged. The ship ran into a ditch while taxing and snapped off the left main landing gear.

u. B-24 J Salvaged. The ship crash landed after running out of gas while returning from a combat mission.

v. B-24 H Salvaged. The ship landed without brakes, ran accross a drainage ditch, and snapped off the left main landing gear.

w. Four (4) ships are now in the process of being repaired and none are being salvaged.



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E. Parachute Shop.

a. 737 parachutes were inspected and packed.

b. 151 parachutes were repaired.

c. The work on 8 work orders were completed, and 17 miscellaneous jobs were done for the squadron. Also, Tech Order changes were made on 120 parachutes.

F. Electrical Shop

a. 54 batteries were charged.

b. Electrical repairs were done on three aircraft.

c. The electrical equipment from four aircraft was salvaged.

d. Repaired and checked 15 Squadron generators.

e. Repaired 2 ground heaters.

f. Repaired 15 generators type HRV-28

g. Pickled 3 B-3A generators.

h. Repaired 1 P-1 generators and 6 hand drill motors.

G. Propeller Shop.

a. 14 reparable props were put into service.

b. 7 props ere assembled and issued to the 455th Bomb Group.

c. 18 reparable props were sent to the Depot.

H. Aero Repair.

a. 72 reparable engines were prepared for storage.

b. 19 serviceable engines were prepared for storage.

I. Sheet Metal Shop.

a. Worked on 13 reparable aircraft.

b. Completed the work on 16 work orders.

c. Completed 10 miscellaneous jobs for the squadron.

J. Welding Shop.

a. Completed the work on 35 work orders.

b. Completed 45 miscellaneous jobs for the squadron.



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K. Machine Shop.

a. Completed the work on 35 work orders.

b. Completed 31 miscellaneous jobs for the Squadron, which included the manufacturing of 8 jeep spring shackles, 8 rivet gun plugers, 9 rivet peans and 4 landing gear strut cart wheel assemblies.

L. Radio Shop.

a. Worked on 2 reparable aircraft.

b. Checked all airplanes for radio equipment before they were returned to service.

c. Checked 60 amplifiers.

d. Worked on 4 salvage aircraft.

M. Armament Shop.

a. Worked on 3 reparable aircraft.

b. Checked guns on all aircraft in for less than 72 hours.

c. Removed the armament equipment from four salvage aircraft.

N. Carpenter Shop.

a. Completed the work on 6 work orders.

b. Completed 42 miscellaneous jobs for the Squadron.

O. Instrument Shop.

a. Worked on 3 reparable aircraft.

b. Removed and checked the instruments from 4 salvage aircraft.

c. Installed repeater compass indicator in nose turret of 5 aircraft.

d. Recieved and checked 55 instruments from Technical Supply.

P. Dope & Fabric Shop.

a. Completed the work on 14 Work Orders.

b. Completed 45 miscellaneous jobs for the Squadron.



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C. Outstanding Work.

a. An hydraulic press was designed by Staff Sergeant Vercen L. Rinkenberger, and was manufactured by the personnel of the Welding Shop.

b. The heated flying suit and system was modified by Tech Sergeant Cloyd R. Cooper. It was tried in combat and was found to be very satisfactory.

c. The work accomplished this month by all the departments surpassed any of the previous records. As a result of the Technical Inspection this month, the Technical Supply and Engineering recieved a rating of Excellent.

R. Special Subjects.

a. During the war bond drive this month the personnel of the Squadron Spent $5348.25

For the Commanding Officer:

Noah B. Rogers
NOAH B. ROGERS
1st Lt. Air Corps
Unit Historian.



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558TH AIR SERVICE SQUADRON
43RD AIR SERVICE GROUP
APO 520

30 April 1945.

SUBJECT: Historical Data.

TO : COMMANDING OFFICER, 43RD AIR SERVICE GROUP, APO 520, U.S. ARMY.
ATT'N: HISTORIAN.

1. Unit history of the 558th Air Service Squadron, 43rd Air Service Group, for the period 1 April 1945 to 1 May 1945.

A. Strength.

a. The strength at the beginning of the period was 228 Enlisted Men, 7 Officers and 2 Warrant Officers. The increase during the month was 22 Enlisted Men and 1 Officer, and the decrease was 24 Enlisted Men, 1 Officer and 1 Warrant Officer. The strength at the end of the period was 226 Enlisted Men, 7 Officers and 1 Warrant Officer.

B. Improvements in Area.

a. The area around the Mess Hall and kitchen was graveled. A new hot and cold water system was installed and the interior of the mess hall was repainted, and the outside of the mess hall was white-washed. A Technical Supply Office was constructed, and a new day room is under construction at the present time.

C. Technical Supply.

a. 1,956,700 gallons of gasoline was consumed.

b. 28,150 gallons of oil was consumed.

c. 17 props were issued.

d. 2,216 bottles of oxygen was issued.

e. 100 requisitions were sent to the depot.

f. 170 ACC's were filled.

g. 1,726 form 81's were handled.


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D. Planes Repaired and Salvaged

a. B-24 J Due to flak damage the following parts were replaced: Number 6, main fuel cell, intake and exhaust pipe on Number 1 engine, blister at bottom of fuselage, bombadiers center glass, Navigator's right blister window, damaged section of heating duct, damaged tubing behind No. 3 nacelle, rear piece of cowling on No. 3 nacelle, fitting and tubing on nose gear vee strut, damaged tubing on right side of fuselage, one elevator cable, hydraulic lines for ball turret, and right wing tip light. Also a number of minor repairs were made, and the bulkhead at right main landing gear was reinforced. The ship was assigned on the 24th of March and was released on the 3rd of April.

b. B-24 J The Aero Repair Section replaced No. 1 main fuel cell, left outer panel de-icer boot, oxygen line in right forward bomb bay, and the ven line hose on No. 3 oil tank. The right elevator and left aileron were patched and damage to the following parts were repaired: right wheel wall, right outer wing panel, left flap, left outer wing panel, right vertical stabilizer, and horizontal stabilizer-left upper side.

c. B-24 J The left aileron control cable was replaced. The right rudder and the right aileron were patched. The nose turret was checked to determine damage and the guns were removed for storage. The electrical wiring in nose and in leading edge between No. 1 and No. 2 engines was repaired. Also a number of other minor repairs were made. The ship was assigned on March 24th and was released on April 9th.

d. B-24 J The left aileron was removed to allow for sheet metal repairs. The inboard aileron gear box was replaced, and all aileron rigging tension of cables and gear boxes were checked. The ship was assigned on the 2nd of April and was released on the 9th.

e. B-25 C The following items were installed: flooring in waist section, seats in waist section, training antennae bracket under radio operators table, metal flooring over camera hatch, and the trailing antennae assembly. The cockpit instrument and bombadier compass lights were repaired. A mounting bracket for instrument panel in waist was manufactured. The ship was assigned on March 18th and was released on April 14th.

f. B-24 H The T.O change on the relocation of auxiliary power unit was completed.



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g. B-24 J The following items were replaced: rear cowl former on No. 1 engine, conduit to No. 1 supercharger governor, damaged lines in leading edge between No. 1 and No. 2 engines, damaged supercharger, and one blister window. The guns were removed for storage, and the electrical wiring on the co-pilots side of cockpit was repaired. Also a number of other minor repairs were made. The ship was assigned on April 9th and released on April 17th.

h. B-24 J damage to left side of fuselage to rear of waist window was repaired. Also minor sheet metal repairs were made. The ship was assigned on April 19th and was released on the 23rd.

i. B-24 J Damage to right side of fuselage and to leading edge between No. 3 and No. 4 engines were repaired. Also other minor sheet metal repairs were made.

j. During this month two ships were salvaged.

K. At the present time five ships are being repaired and one is being salvaged.

E. Parachute Shop.

a. 580 parachutes were inspected and packed.

b. 150 parachutes were repaired.

c. The work was completed on 8 work orders.

d. 30 miscellaneous jobs were done for the squadron.

F. Electric Shop.

a. 39 batteries were changed.

b. Electrical repairs were done on 7 aircraft.

c. The electrical equipment from two aircraft was salvaged.

d. 30 P-1 were cleaned and checked.

e. 42 MRU-28 power plants were repaired.

f. Also 3 portable refueling units, 2 water pumps, 4 compressors, 1 hand pump and 2 heaters were repaired.

G. Prop Shop.

a. 5 reparable props were put into service.



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b. 16 props were assembled and issued to the 455th Bomb Group.

c. 24 reparable props were sent to the depot.

H. Aero Repair.

a. 71 reparable engines were prepared for storage.

b. Repair work was done on seven aircraft.

I. Sheet Metal

a. Worked on 9 reparable aircraft.

b. 8 work orders were completed.

c. 10 miscellaneous jobs were done for the Squadron.

J. Welding Shop.

a. The work was completed on 31 work orders.

b. 28 miscellaneous jobs were done for the squadron.

K. Carpenter Shop.

a. Completed the work on 8 work orders.

b. 42 miscellaneous jobs were done for the squadron.

L. Machine Shop.

a. 37 aircraft work orders were completed.

b. 28 miscellaneous work orders were completed.

c. 10 miscellaneous jobs were done for the squadron.

M. Instrument Shop.

a. Removed, checked, and turned in to supply the instruments from two salvaged aircraft.

b. 65 instruments were received and checked from the supply.

c. Worked on three reparable aircraft.

N. Dope and Fabric

a. Completed the work on 19 work orders.

b. Worked on 3 reparable aircraft.

For the Commanding Officer:

Noel B. Rogers

NOEL B. ROGERS,
Capt. Air Corps
Unit Historian.



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DISPENSARY
559th Air Service Squadron
62nd Service Group
APO 520

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13 January, 1945

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SUBJECT: Medical History of the 559th Air Service Squadron, 62nd Service Group (Supplemental Report No. 2 for 1 October, 1944 - 31 December, 1944)

TO : The Surgeon, AAFSC/MTO, APO 528, U.S. Army

Pursuant to the provisions of Memorandum 25-13, Headquarters AAFSC/MTO, dated 12 July, 1944, the following Medical History of the 559th Air Service Squadron, 62nd Service Group for the period 1 October, 1944 thru 31 December, 1944 is herewith submitted:

1. PREVIOUS HISTORY:

The 559th Air Service Squadron was activated on 6 January, 1944 per General Order No. 8, Headquarters XII AFSC (Advanced), dated 27 December, 1943; it was subsequently transferred to the 62nd Service Group per par. #17, Special Order #17, Headquarters XV AFSC, dated 17 January, 1944, with its present T/O and E 1-447.

Medical activities were routine with nothing of particular importance to record. The unit has remained stationed at Lecce Airport, Italy.

2. ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY:

a. There have been no changes in organization.

b. Roster of Medical Personnel on 31 December, 1944:

MANLEY J. WHAM, O-1702401 AUS, Captain, M.C., Squadron Surgeon

Katz, Emanuel MDI, 32240434 AUS, S/Sgt., MOS 673
Van John, Donald A., 37129852 AUS, Cpl., MOS 861
*Korpi, Thomas E., 16020719 AUS, Cpl., MOS 673, assd & jd 12 Oct, 44 fr 62 Sv Gp
*Sifford, Jimmie E., 38274966 AUS, MOS 657, Pvt, assd & jd 20 Nov, 44 fr 62 Sv Gp

c. The 559th Air Service Squadron remained at Lecce Airport, Italy. The squadron was authorized Battle Participation Awards for the Rome - Arno Campaign per letter AG 200.6/400, MTOUSA, dated 10 November, 1944.

d. The basic duties, responsibilities, and activities of this medical section have been to furnish medical care and supervision for its parent organization, the 559th Air Service Squadron, plus the following units attached for medical care:

1924th QM Trucking Co.
1739th Ordnance SM Co.
1250th QM Co.
2084th Engineer Avn. Utility Detachment
837th Engineer Avn Bn, Co A (1 Oct, 44 - 30 Nov, 44)



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Units receiving medical care at this dispensary operated as servicing organizations for the 98th Bombardment Group. There was no particular relationship between their work and the type of medical care required.

e. No additional training of medical personnel was given during this period.

3. ENVIRONMENTAL HISTORY:

After the beginning of December, water for drinking and cooking was obtained from the city supply of Galatina, a few miles from the airdrome, after treatment by a chlorinating unit.

A number of stone huts were constructed during the period as enlisted men's quarters. Winterization has been well provided, individual oil burning stoves providing heat.

Hot and cold running water was installed in the dispensary; a new dining room was constructed for the officers; and the kitchen space was enlarged.

Insects have not been a problem during this period. One new case of Malaria developed in October in a man who had been previously stationed in North Africa and Sicily.

4. OPERATIONAL HISTORY:

a. Medical care continued to be routine, with no incidence of disease or injury unusually attributable to the type of work performed by attached units.

b. The only disease of unusual interest and prevalence was the continuation of Acute Infectious Hepatitis, with 5 cases in October, 15 cases in November, and 2 in December. The incidence of this disease among the service units was comparable to that in tactical units in the same area cared for by their own medical sections.

c. The incidence of venereal disease continued to be low. A total of only 7 cases were seen at this dispensary during the 3 month period.

Rest camp facilities continued to be adequate, with personnel attending rest camps at Lecce, Santa Cesarea, and Rome.

d. Aviation Medicine: no flying personnel attached for medical care.

e. Dental work continued to be done by the 3rd Platoon, 35th Field Hospital at Lecce.

f. Veterinary Activities: none.

5. STATISTICAL HISTORICAL MATERIAL:

Statistics for the period were average, except for those concerned with Acute Infectious Hepatitis:

| | October | November | December |
|---|---|---|---|
| Admission Rate/1000/annum for Jaundice | 141.8 | 382.2 | 73.8 |

6. EVACUATION:

All patients for hospitalization were by ambulance to the 3rd Platoon, 35th Field Hospital, a distance of less than ten miles.

7. MEDICAL SUPPLY:

T/BA equipment is complete. Maintenance items have been satisfactorily supplied by the 68th Medical Supply Platoon (Avn), at Manduria, Italy.



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6. SPECIAL:

Recreational facilities remained plentiful with a Red Cross Club nearby, organized athletics, a basketball court in the squadron hangar, weekly war orientation lectures, movies six or seven times a week, a day room with an organizational bar, and ample reading material.

HANLEY J. WHAM,
Capt., M.C.
Squadron Surgeon



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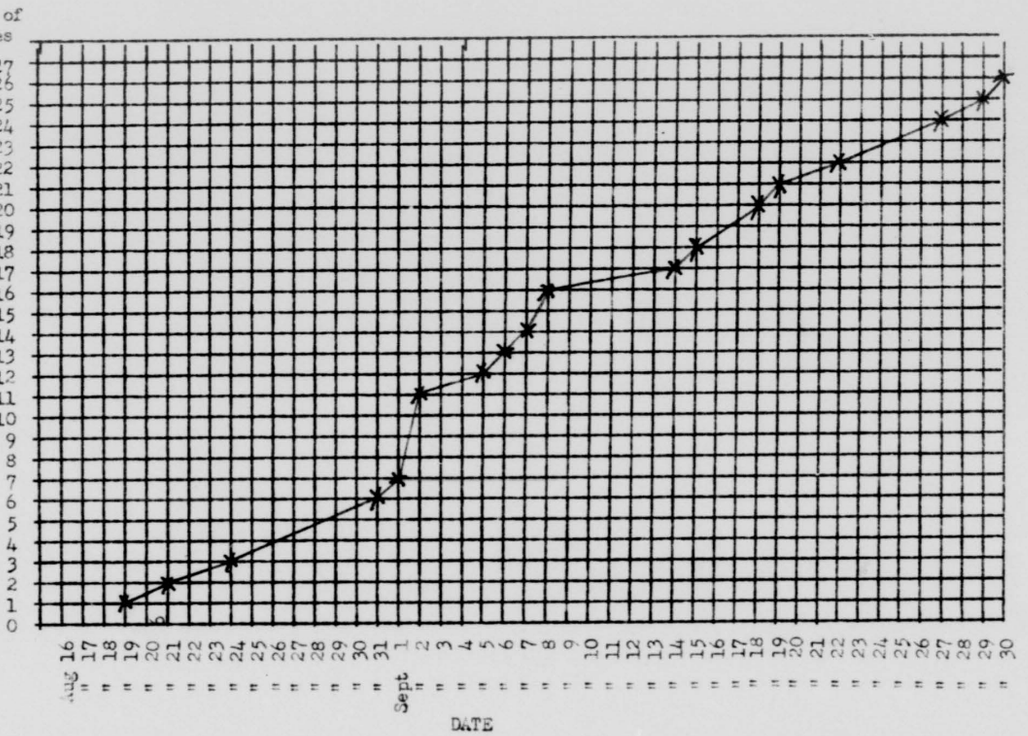
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INCIDENCE (CUMULATIVE)

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History, Medical Section, 350th Air Service Squadron, 42nd Service Group

b. Aviation Medicine: no flying personnel attached for medical care.

c. A dental office was attached for duty until 10 July. Subsequent dental work has been done by the 3rd Platoon, 55th Field Hospital at Lecce.

f. Veterinary Activities: none

g. SANITARY AND TECHNICAL SUMMARY:

| | JULY | AUGUST | SEPTEMBER |
|---|---|---|---|
| a. Sick and Wounded Records | | | |
| (1) Admission Rate/1000/annum for: | | | |
| All causes | 521.[illegible] | 836.0 | 1021.[illegible] |
| All Diseases | [illegible].1 | 590.7 | 1177.[illegible] |
| Injuries | [illegible].2 | 58.3 | 31.7 |
| Battle casualties | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Intestinal diseases | 32.[illegible] | 27.[illegible] | 0 |
| Venereal diseases | 32.6 | 27.[illegible] | 126.[illegible] |
| ... disease | 0 | 0 | 31.7 |
| Dys on respiratory diseases | 32.[illegible] | 27.[illegible] | 31.7 |
| Malaria | 0 | 27.[illegible] | 0 |
| Jaundice | 0 | 83.[illegible] | 603.0 |
| Other diseases of interest | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| (2) Non-effective rate/1000/annum | 0.0 | 1[illegible].2 | 57.2 |
| (3) Patients treated | | | |
| Total patient days - quarters | 6 | 5 | 3 |
| Total patient days - hospital | 112 | 101 | 604 |
| No. of out-patients | 176 | 137 | 213 |
| No. of treatments | 283 | 4[illegible]4 | 433 |
| (4) Physical examinations (no. & type) | 0 | 0 | 1-Insurance |
| (5) Immunizations | | | |
| Smallpox | 1[illegible] | 20 | 26 |
| Typhoid | 83 | 19 | 3 |
| Tetanus | 0 | 2 | 1 |
| Typhus | 1[illegible] | 77 | 40 |
| (6) Admissions to Sick Report | | | |
| No. admissions to quarters | 3 | 3 | 1 |
| No. admissions to hospital | 13 | 10 | 32 |
| (7) Venereal Disease (White only) | | | |
| Total days lost due to V.D. | 6 | 2 | 6 |
| Average days lost due to V.D. | 3 | 1 | 1.2 |
| " " " " " G.O. | 2 | 1 | 1.2 |
| " " " " " Syphilis | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Prophylactics administered | 2 | 8 | 7 |
| (8) Patients Beds Available (quarters) | 0 | 0 | 0 |

b. Dental Statistics: none

c. Laboratory Examinations performed: none

d. X-Ray Exposures: none.

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History, Medical Section, 65th Air Service Squadron, 2nd Service Group

1. EVACUATION:
During this period, all patients for hospitalization were transported by ambulance to the 2nd Platoon, 15th Field Hospital, a distance of less than ten miles.

2. FACILITIES:
W/A continued to operate with adequate facilities. Maintenance requirements have been adequate, and were satisfactorily supplied by the 11th Medical Supply Platoon (Arm) at Naples, Italy.

3. HEALTH:
Theoretical facilities remained plentiful with a fair usage rate reported, considering the [illegible] type location, weather etc. [illegible]

Manley J. Wilson
1st Lt. MC
Section Officer

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DISPENSARY
559th Service Squadron
62nd Service Group
APO 520

20 August, 1944

SUBJECT: History of the Medical Detachment, 559th Service Squadron, 62nd Service Group.

TO : The Surgeon, AAFSC/ETO, APO 528, U. S. Army.

Pursuant to the provisions of Memorandum 25-13, Headquarters, AAFSC/ETO, dated 12 July, 1944, the following History of the Medical Detachment of the 559th Service Squadron, 62nd Service Group, for the period ending 30 June, 1944, is herewith submitted:

1. PREVIOUS HISTORY (Prior to 1 January, 1944): None.

2. ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY.

a. The 559th Service Squadron, including the Medical Detachment, was activated at Carosino, Italy, on 6 January, 1944 per General Order [illegible], Headquarters, Twelfth Air Force Service Command (Advanced), dated 27 December, 1943, as part of the 323rd Service Group. It was subsequently transferred to the 62nd Service Group on 20 January, 1944, per Paragraph 17, Headquarters, [illegible]0 [illegible]17 Fifteenth Air Force Service Command, dated 17 January, 1944.

The original T/O and E, so far as can be ascertained from available records which are very incomplete, were as follows:

Equipment: The usual Service Squadron Aid Station and supplies.

Personnel: Medical Officer - 1 Squadron Surgeon
Enlisted Personnel:

| | |
|---|---|
| Sergeant | 1 |
| Corporals | 3 |
| Privates First Class | 2 |
| Privates | 2 |
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The 559th Service Squadron was reorganized on 10 March, 1944, under T/O and E 1-117, dated 2 January, 1944, and the Medical Detachment T/O was changed to the following:

Squadron Surgeon

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Medical NCO | MOS 673 | S/Sgt | 1 |
| Surgical Technician | " 861 | Cpl | 1 |
| Auto Equip. Operator | " 345 | Pvt | 1 |
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History, Medical Detachment, 559th Service Squadron, 62nd Service Group

b. Quarterly rosters of medical personnel with available information pertaining thereto:

6 January, 1944 (Date of Activation)

Ven John, Donald A., 37129852 AUS, Cpl, MOS 652, Acting Medical NCO, transferred from 350th Serv. Sq.
Burns, Richard E., 37101942 AUS, Pfc, MOS 123, Medical Technician, transferred from 358th Service Squadron
Howlett, Leonard D., 20456002 Nat. Guard, Pfc, MOS 345, Ambulance Driver, transferred from 324 Serv. Sq.

Belote, John E., 34167278 AUS, Sgt., MOS 652, assigned 11 January and transferred to A.C. 4 February, 1944
Stammel, Clifford W., 32170506 AUS, Medical Technician and Clerk, Pfc, assigned 22 February and transferred 27 March, 1944.

31 March, 1944

[redacted] J. WHAM, O-1702401 AUS, Captain, M.C., Squadron Surgeon, assigned 22 February, 1944

Ven John, Donald A., 37129852, Cpl, MOS 652, Acting Medical NCO
Burns, Richard E., 37101942 AUS, Pfc, First Aid, transferred 26 April 1944
Howlett, Leonard D., 20456002 Nat Guard, Pfc, Surgical Technician

30 June, 1944

MANLEY J. WHAM, O-1702401 AUS, Captain, M.C., Squadron Surgeon

*Katz, Emanuel (NMI), 32240434 AUS, Sgt., MOS 673, Medical NCO, transferred from Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, 62nd Serv. Gp. on 22 May, 1944
Ven John, Donald A., 37129852 AUS, Cpl, MOS 861, Surgical Technician
Howlett, Leonard D., 20456002 Nat. Guard, Pfc, MOS 345, Ambulance Driver.

Morale has been consistently good. From the date of activation until the assignment of a Squadron Surgeon, Capt. Manley J. Wham, on 22 February, 1944, medical care was furnished by neighboring units.

c. The 559th Service Squadron was stationed at Carosino, Italy, from the date of activation, 6 January, 1944, until 14 January, 1944. On that date it moved to the Lecce Airdrome, Italy, where it has remained since.

The squadron, including the Medical Detachment, has been authorized Battle Participation Awards for the Italian Campaign per amendment to secret letter AG 200.6/23 Headquarters NATOUSA, Subject "Battle Participation Awards", dated 23 December, 1943.



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d. The basic duties, responsibilities, and activities of this medical unit have been to furnish medical care andsupervision for its parent organization, the 559th Service Squadron, plus the following organizations at one time or another attached for medical care:

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| 675lst Ordnance ADS Co. | 26 February, 19hh - 30 April, 19hh |
| 1150th QM Co. | 21 February, 19hh - 7 March, 19hh |
| 1924th QM Trucking Co. | 21 February, 19hh - present |
| 1739th Ordnance SM Co. | 21 February, 19hh - present |
| 1250th QM Co. | 8 March, 19hh - present |
| 2004th Eng. Avn Utility Det. | 3 June, 19hh - present |

The units to which medical care was furnished operated as servicing organizations, as indicated by their titles, for the 98th Bombardment Group. No special medical problems related to occupation or due to enemy action have arisen in caring for the units.

e. In view of the long experience of assigned personnel of this medical detachment both overseas and in the U.S.A. prior to assignment, no special training has been deemed necessary, except for refreshing on Venereal Disease Prophylaxis and Malaria Control.

One member of the medical detachment attended the Malaria Control School conducted at Manduria, Italy, by Captain Angley; he subsequently attended the Allied Chemical Warfare School at Chemical Depot #5 for instruction in Chemical Warfare from the medical standpoint.

3. ENVIRONMENTAL HISTORY:

Sanitary problems have been minor; those which did arise were solved as necessary with close cooperation between administrative personnel and medical personnel. Due to adequate drainage and consistent dry weather, Malaria Control has presented no difficulty. Lectures on Malaria Discipline were given to attached personnel during the month of May. No new cases of Malaria developed.

4. OPERATIONAL HISTORY:

a. Medical care has been of the type usually encountered with non-combatant troops. There has been no incidence of disease or injury unusually attributable to the type of work performed by attached units.

b. No medical problems of interest as historical material have been encountered. Medical treatment has been more or less routine with nothing unusual to report.

c. Civilian and military authorities made, and continue to make, a concerted effort to suppress prostitution. Emphasis was placed on the individual's responsibility for venereal prophylaxis. Infected contacts were apprehended, hospitalized, and treated through the cooperation of the Medical Department, Military Police, and civilian authorities. This program resulted in a noticeable decrease in the Venereal Disease rate of the command and of other organizations in this area.

Emphasis was placed on th risk taken in eating at civilian homes or unauthorized restaurants. Personnel were constantly kept informed of the necessity for chlorinating drinking water and properly preparing all fruits and vegetables for consumption.

Pressure was brought to bear on all personnel to have all injuries, regardless of apparent triviality, treated by the medical personnel as soon as possible to prevent subsequent infection.



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In several organizations, with the encouragement of the medical department, organizational bars were set up in order to control quality and consumption of intoxicating beverages.

Adequate rest camp facilities were arranged, with rest camps at Lecce and San Cesarea, Italy, for enlisted men, plus another rest camp at San Cesarea for Officers.

d. Aviation Medicine: no flying personnel were attached for medical care.

e. The T/O of this organization does not provide for a dental officer. A dental officer was attached, however, from the 160th Medical Dispensary (Avn) to this unit from 22 April to 10 July, 1944. Previously, dental work was done by the 160th Medical Dispensary (Avn) at Manduria, the 35th Field Hospital at Brcce, and the 4th Field Hospital, 1st Platoon, at Lecce, Italy. The general dental condition of the command at the end of June was very good.

f. Veterinary Activities: none.

5. STATISTICAL HISTORICAL MATERIAL (No statistical records are available for January, 1944.)

| | FEB. | MARCH | APRIL | MAY | JUNE |
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| a. Sick and Wounded Records | | | | | |
| (1) Admission Rates/1000/annum for: | | | | | |
| All causes | 571 | 607 | 680.5 | 1032 | 629 |
| All diseases | 507 | 498 | 471 | 847 | 574 |
| Injuries | 63.4 | 108.2 | 209.5 | 184 | 54.7 |
| Battle casualties | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Intestinal diseases | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 27.4 |
| Venereal diseases | 63.4 | 129.9 | 104.8 | 221 | 54.7 |
| N. P. disease | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Common Respiratory disease | 190.3 | 129.9 | 78.5 | 70.7 | 217 |
| Malaria | 0 | 0 | 0 | 70.7 | 0 |
| Jaundice | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Other disease of interest | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| (2) Non-effective rate/1000/annum | 42.9 | 27.35 | 19.7 | 28.5 | 12.25 |
| (3) Patients treated | | | | | |
| Total patient days-quarters | 33 | 13 | 7 | 0 | 3 |
| Total patient days-hospital | 213 | 448 | 267 | 282 | 160 |
| No. of out-patients | 138 | 163 | 132 | 119 | 179 |
| No. of treatments | 150 | 490 | 264 | 211 | 363 |
| (4) Physical Examinations (No. & type) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2-463 |
| (5) Immunizations | | | | | |
| Smallpox | 36 | 75 | 29 | 20 | 7 |
| Typhoid | 77 | 31 | 6 | 7 | 4 |
| Tetanus | 2 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 1 |
| Typhus | 79 | 42 | 28 | 63 | 49 |



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| (6) Admissions to Sick Report | | | | | |
| No. admissions to quarters | 2 | 6 | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| No. admissions to hospital | 7 | 22 | 24 | 28 | 21 |
| (7) Venereal Disease (White only) | | | | | |
| Total days lost due to V.D. | 44 | 120 | 41 | 7 | 45 |
| Average days lost due to V.D. | 22 | 15 | 4.4 | 2.3 | 9 |
| " " " " " G.C. | 22 | 16.3 | 4 | 2.3 | 4.25 |
| " " " " " Syph. | 0 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 28 |
| Prophylactics administered | 0 | 0 | 3 | 6 | 7 |
| (8) Patients beds available (qtrs) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

b. Dental Statistics: none

c. Laboratory examinations performed: none.

d. X-Ray exposures: none.

6. EVACUATION

During the period under discussion, all hospitalized patients were transported to the nearest hospital by ambulance over roads in good condition. Until the latter part of February, 1944, patients were transported to the 35th Field Hospital at Erece, approximately 45miles from the Lecce Airport, and 35 miles from Carosina. At that time, the 1st Platoon of the 4th Field Hospital arrived at Lecce, Italy, less than 10 miles from Lecce Airdrome; in the latter part of April, the 3rd Platoon of the 35th Field Hospital took over the installations set up by the 4th Field Hospital in Lecce. Hospitalization facilities proved to be satisfactorily available and adequate.

7. MEDICAL SUPPLY

Squadron Aid Station and equipment were issued in February, approximately 90% complete. Medical supplies were issued by the 65th Medical Supply Platoon in Manduria. Maitenance replacements and supplies have been adequate. Missing T/BA equipment has slowly been added until at the end of June organizational medical equipment was considered 95% complete.

8. SPECIAL

Plentiful recreational facilities were made available to all personnel; a Red Cross Club at Lecce, daily swimming parties, organized athletics, weekly War Orientation Lectures, movies 6 or 7 times a week, occasional stage shows, ample reading material, plus a day room with an organizational bar.

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MANLEY J. WHAM,
Capt., M.C.
Squadron Surgeon



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SPECIAL OUTLINE HISTORY
559TH SERVICE SQUADRON
62ND SERVICE GROUP

Prepared by 1st Lt. E. B. WOODBURY

31 January 1944

(a.)

The 559th Service Squadron was activated on 6 January 1944, per General Order #8, Headquarters, XII Air Force Service Command, (Advanced), dated 27 December 1943. This was one squadron of several which were formed in this theater to service the several new tactical units which came from the States.

The 323rd Service Group, commanded by Lt. Col. Leslie D. Johnson, was detailed to the great task of forming some of these new units.

The first headquarters of the 559th was located in an old Italian Marine building in Carosino, Italy. The officers and men came from all parts of the Mediterranean Theater of Operations. A cadre of 39 men came from the 91st Service Squadron which was located at Guataglia and servicing night fighters at the time. This cadre had been overseas not quite five months. The 94th Service Squadron sent nine men from Sardinia who were working on P-38's. Seven men came from the 342nd Service Squadron, 329th Service Group, located at Catania, Sicily, and were spending their time with DC-3's. These two units were only overseas about five months. The 358th Service Squadron, 315th Service Group, sent 42 men and one officer from the front, (i. e. Termali, Italy). These men had been thru the entire desert campaign in the Middle East, and had worked on B-24's, B-25's, and P-40's for a period of seventeen months. The 306th Service Group, located at Foggia, Italy, seems to hold the power, as they sent 39 men from the 303rd Service Squadron and 39 men from the 324th Service Squadron. These men had worked on B-24's, DC43's, P-40's, B-25s, and A-20's. The 324th arrived in Suez sixteen months ago, and came thru the entire Middle East campaign while the 303rd landed in North Africa, and have been overseas for fourteen months. Having men who have worked on so many types of planes should be a great asset in the future of the 559th Service Squadron's operations. Major Kenneth O. Friley, formerly Group Engineering Officer of the 323rd Service Group, was appointed the commanding officer. Seven other officers were assigned to the squadron and were appointed as follows: 1st Lt. Edward B. Woodbury, 358th Service Squadron, 315th Service Group as Adjutant; 1st Lt. Gerald E. Hynan, 306th Service Squadron, 41st Service Group, as Engineering Officer; 1st Lt. George W. Barbet, 324th Service Group, as Technical Supply Officer; 1st Lt. Charles L. Becker, 321st Service Squadron, 332nd Service Group, as Mess and Supply Officer; 2nd Lt. Richard B. Mercer, 68th Service Squadron, 306th Service Group as Statistical Officer; W/O James L. Joseph, 50th Service Squadron, 324th Service Group as ass't Technical Supply Officer; and W/O Guy W. Sterling, 358th Service Squadron, 315th Service Group, as Ass't Engineering Officer.

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(b.)

On 20 January 1944 the 559th was transferred from the 323rd Service Group and assigned to Service Center #62.

(c.)

On activation day the strength of the 559th Service Squadron was eight officers and 154 enlisted men. On 8 January 1944 three men were transferred to the II ASC. Then on 9 January 1944 seven men were assigned from the 342nd Service Squadron. Nine men were assigned and joined on 11 January 1944 from the 94th Service Squadron. This brought the strength up to 167 enlisted men and 8 officers. On 26 January 1944 two men joined in exchange for two men returned to the 324th Service Squadron. This made a net increase for the month of January of 13 enlisted men.

(d.)

Carosino, Italy was the first station of the 559th Service Squadron and the squadron remained there until 14 January 1944. On the 14 January 1944 the 559th moved to Fortunato Cesari Airdrome, located about ten miles from Lecce, Italy; where the squadron is still located.

(e.)

A brief summary of the first month of life for the 559th Service Squadron, showes that the squadron is a very well balanced one as for various duty assigments. The morale is excellent and everyone is striving hard to make the squadron just a little better than their former organization.

The squadron is assigned to service the 98th Bombardment Group (H), which is located on the same field. Some light work has been done already for the tactical unit, but no heavy work has been required as yet.

The supply situation has been good in some instances and only fair in others. Transportation vehicles have been excellent both in quality and quantity. Air Corps Supply has built up the 30 day level necessary for the tactical unit to approximately 87% of the total needed. Engineering has completed many small jobs in the welding and carpenter shops. The parachute shop was completely overtaxed necessitating a 24 hour shift at all times. Approximately 500 parachutes were packed and checked during January. Headquarters has performed the necessary administration work very ably, considering the great lack of typewriters and office equipment. The entire squadron was paid in full on 5 Febuary 1944.

The housekeeping facilities are in very good shape, as are the many work shops. An excellent Day Room has been completed and contains many books, magazines, radio, and games.

The officers and men have worked harmoniously together and are all trying to make the 559th a great asset to the United States Army Air Force.



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Sheet No. 1 War Diary 559th Service Squadron, 82nd Service Center, APO 520.

Month of January, 1944. Prepared by E. B. WOODBURY, 1st Lt., Air Corps, 559th Service Squadron

| DAY | EVENTS |
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| 6 | Today was the day of all days for the 559th Service Squadron, as this was the day we were born. Per General Order #8, Headquarters, XII Air Force Service Command (Advanced), dated 27 December 1943, there were several new service squadrons activated on this day to service the many new tatical units arriving from the states. We were formed under the guidance of the 323rd Service Group at Carosino, Italy, commanded by Lt. Col. Leslie D. Johnson. He was ably assisted by his very good staff of officers in this tremendous undertaking. The men and officers came from far and wide within the Mediterranean Theater of Operations. Some had been overseas for as long as eighteen months, while others have been overseas only five months. A cadre of 39 men came from the 91st Service Squadron which was located at Guidonia and servicing night fighters at the time. This cadre had been overseas not quite five months. The 94th Service Squadron sent nine men from Sardinia who were working on P-38's. Seven men came from the 342nd Service Squadron, 329th Service Group, located at Catania, Sicily, and were spending their time with DC-3's. These two units were only overseas about five months. The 358th Service Squadron, 315th Service Group sent 42 men and one officer from the front, (i. e. Termali, Italy). These men had been thru the entire desert campaign in the Middle East, and had worked on B-24's, B-25's, and P-40's, for a period of seventeen months. The 306th Service Group, located at Foggia, Italy, seems to hold the power, as they sent 39 men from the 303rd Service Squadron and 39 men from the 324th Service Squadron. These men had worked on B-24's, DC-3's, P-40's, B-25's, and A-20's. The 324th arrived in Suez sixteen months ago, and came thru the entire Middle East campaign while the 303rd landed in North Africa, and have been overseas for fourteen months. Having men who have worked on so many types of planes should be a great asset in the future of the 559th Service Squadron's operations. Major Kenneth O. Friley, formerly Group Engineering Officer of the 323rd Service Group, was appointed the commanding officer. Seven other officers were assigned to the squadron and were appointed as follows: 1st Lt. Edward B. Woodbury, 358th Service Squadron, 315th Service Group as Adjutant; 1st Lt. Gerald E. Hynan, 303th Service Squadron, 41st Service Group, as Engineering Officer; 1st Lt. George W. Barbet, 324th Service Group, as Technical Supply Officer; 1st Lt. Charles L. Becker, 321st Service Squadron, 332nd Service Group, as Mess and Supply Officer; 2nd Lt. Richard B. Mercer, 68th Service Squadron, 306th Service Group as Statistical Officer; W/O James L. Joseph, 50th Service Squadron, 324th Service Group as ass't Technical Supply Officer; and W/O Guy W. Sterling, 358th Service Squadron, 315th Service Group, as Ass't Engineering Officer. Our first headquarters and billets were in an old Italian Marine building. The officers and first two graders were quartered on the second floor, while the rest of the men were on the ground floor, with a few in tents at the rear of the building. We had three stoves and kitchen utensils as our sole |

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Sheet No. 2 War Diary 559th Service Squadron, 62nd Service Center, APO 520.

Month of January, 1944. Prepared by E. B. Woodbury, 1st Lt., Air Corps, 559th Service Squadron

| DAY | EVENT |
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| 6 | equipment this first day. All in all, we were a happy group of men and we were all eager to make the 559th Service Squadron a far better squadron than our former ones. |
| 7 | Today, our second day of life, was a beautiful sunny day and we all awoke with the feeling of "let's get going". Soon men were out on a well known"scavenger detail" for lumber, nails, barrells, oxygen, aceteline, and food of course. Things really hummed and three mess kit washers were made, and several mess tables. The orderly room began to function in good order, without even as much as one good pencil. Sanitation was taken in hold and the Marine building soon sparkled with cleanliness. Supply men gathered in forty odd tents, one more stove, and a few small items. Everyone retired early, tired but with a feeling that he had done something to start the 559th rolling. |
| 8 | Higher headquarters gave us no leeway as usual, as today they called on us to transfer three men for MP duty at Bari. Officers in charge of sections met each man indevidually today and talked with them in regards to their experience, likes, and dislikes. By nightfall our first Manning Table was accomplished, even though it was a temporary one. Scrounging and building was still blazing in full force. |
| 9 | Formation was held this morning and the Major spoke some very encouraging and guiding words to all. A squadron fund was started and plans for a super-deluxe PX were formed. Our first piece of transportation arrived today, that is an F-3 unit. Passes were granted today and the men enjoyed the many sights in Taranto. As in any unit, writing, card playing, and "bull sessions" prevailed during the evening. |
| 10 | Transportation number two arrived today in the form of a new F-1 unit. Scrounging and building were really showing results. Passes prevailed and movies were seen at Group Headquarters. |
| 11 | We became a mobile squadron today as five new jeeps put in their appearance. The mess has been very good and the cooks are off to a good start. PX rations were obtained today and everyone received sufficient quantities. |
| 12 | Rumors are running thick and fast as to a near future movement, but the only running prevailing is the five new jeeps, and the two new G.M.C.'s. |
| 13 | The least expected always happens for today we got movement orders to Lecce. Everyone pitched in to prepare for our movement of tomorrow. Mail arrived for some which raised the morale greatly. |
| 14 | Fifteen G.M.C.'s rolled up at 0800 and soon the loading was begun. At 1300 hours the last truck rolled away and the 559th bade farewell to Carisino. At 1500 hours we were saying "Hello Lecce, here comes the fighting 559th". Our station was now Fortunato Cesari Airdrome, one of Italy's finest air fields. Here we found that we were to have a large hanger and three buildings for shops and offices. Our tatical unit was announced to be the 98th Bombardment Group, a unit with a great record. The men were quartered in tents, along with the 359th Service Squadron, which had yet to move out. |

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Sheet No. 3 War Diary 559th Service Squadron, 62nd Service Center, APO 520.

Month of January, 1944. Prepared by E. B. WOODBURY, 1st Lt., Air Corps, 559th Service Squadron

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| 15 | Everyone was up bright and early to investigate their new surroundings. Tents were shifted as the 359th moved out and soon the tents were shaping up as permanent affairs. Stoves were in the limelight and scrounging still prevailed. |
| 16 | We went in to the moving business today for we received three air corps trailers, one cleat track, and two low boys. These were certainly an example of Uncle Sam's finest equipment and supplies. Housekeeping was in full force all day long. |
| 17 | Fortunato Cesari Airdrome looked more like Power today as the old Desert Bomb Group, that is the 98th Bomb Group, moved in in full force today. Many old acquaintances were renewed. |
| 18 | Our shops took on more of an aspect of production today as the carpenters, and painters were busy turning out signs, desks, tables, and closets. The Air Corps Supply section was well organized by nightfall. |
| 19. | The Air Corps Supply trailer was functioning in grand style today as could be seen by a long line of customers. The hangar was givena thorough cleaning out too. |
| 20 | Today was one more big day for our new born squadron, as we left our "Mother Group". We were transferred from the 323rd Service Group to the Service Center #62, per par. 17, Special Orders #17, Headquarters, XV AFSC, dated 17 January 1944. |
| 21 | Two trucks left for Brindisi for a urgently needed supply of lumber. The welding shop has been overtaxed with the necessary stoves to keep up warm in "Sunny" Italy. |
| 22 | Engineering christened their new office in the hangar today with a bottle of "aqua". We got another cleat tractor and a new F-1 unit today. Yes, even a 250 gallon water trailer too. |
| 23 | Air Corps Supply warehouse took on an aspect of business today as much of our OEL and other stock arrived. |
| 24 | The Bomb Group sent in about 200 parachutes to be packed and checked today. The parachute shop went on a 24 hour shift at once. The tables were set up in "jigtime" and silk was soon flying in many directions. |
| 25 | Accident number one, yet minor, accured today as Sgt Tyndall fell from the wing of a B-24, sustaining a broken wrist. The "Rumor Clerks" in the orderly room say he was doing the "Italian oops-a-la" at the time. We grew a little today as we took on a new cook and Air Corps Supply man from the 324th Service Squadron. |
| 26 | A squadron shrinks as fast as it grows for today we bade farewell to S/Sgt Knight and Sgt Lahghlin, who were bound for that foreign country, U. S. A., via the 324th Service Squadron. |
| 27 | S/Sgt Farmer left for his examination by the aviation cadet board in Naples. Here's hoping that he puts the 559th on the map. |
| 28 | "Who said the Special Service Department of the 559th was dead?" Today, Lt. Becker, with his genuine Italian "parley", talked the Italians into several hot and cold showers. The "Rumor Clerks" again have it that 40 plumbers were hired by Lt. Woodbury, the "King of the Ities" to work on the drain pipes. |
| 29 | "Mail, mail", these were the only predominate words heard today. Cadres have |

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S E C R E T

Sheet No. 4 War Diary 559th Service Squadron, 62 Service Center, APO 520

Month of January, 1944. Prepared by E. B. WOODBURY, 1st Lt., Air Corps, 559th Service Squadron

| DAY | EVENT |
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| 29 | their good points, but mail mix-up is it's main fault. |
| 30 | The Squadron Day Room looks more and more each day like a Y. M. C. A. back in the states. We now have a barber and a shine boy. Today we got a new ping-pong table, benches, and games. A new PX counter and magazine rack adorn our day room also. |
| 31 | Our first month drew to a close today with the squadron still in high spirits. Transportation resembles a New York City bus depot; air corps supply gives Depot #5 at Bari a "good run for their money; Engineering asks, "what has Douglas got that we haven't"; and headquarters says, "all we need is General Marshall and typewriter". All in all, our first month has been most successful and a happy one for all. |

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SPECIAL OUTLINE HISTORY
559TH SERVICE SQUADRON
62ND SERVICE CENTER

Prepared by 1st Lt E. B. WOODBURY

29 February 1944.

The 559th Service Squadron is still located at Fortunato Cesario Airdrome, Lecce, Italy and have found this station much to their liking. Many improvements have been made to the base in our first month here, such as better shops, better conditions in the tent area, better sanitary conditions, and the completion of a new mess hall.

The organization has taken on much of a "recruit" appearance this past month due to the many "fillers" arriving from the States. On February first the strength of the Squadron was 170 men and 8 officers. Personnel changes started early in the month for on February second three men were transferred back to the 358th Service Squadron. Three men were assigned and joined from the 324th Service Squadron on February third and the next day three men were transferred to the 324th in exchange. On February ninth an even exchange of one man was made with the 303rd Service Squadron. The first of the "recruits" arrived on February tenth when two men arrived from the 22nd Replacement Battalion, "recruits" in that they left the States late in December, 1943. On February eleventh we finally had a Surgeon assigned and Captain Manley J. Wham, MC, O-1702401 became the Squadron Surgeon. Seven men reported from the 22nd Replacement Battalion on February twelfth. On February fifteenth five more men came from the 22nd Replacement Battalion. The strength figures were raised again on February seventeenth when three more men were assigned by the 22nd Replacement Battalion. February twenty-second brought six men from the Replacement Battalion, these men having left the States in January, 1944. From this same shipment we received nine additional fillers on February twenty-sixth. This brought the strength figures to 9 officers and 199 enlisted men as of February 29, 1944.

During this month Lt Becker and S/Sgt Taylor were sent to Chemical Warfare School to qualify as unit gas officer and non-com; so some time in March the Squadron will be prepared for any chemical attacks.

The O. E. L. arrived from the States during the latter part of the month. Onlyabout sixty-five per cent of the total is on hand at present; but this is all new equipment from the States and is certainly proof of the great War Production going on in the States. It is well this O. E. L. equipment arrived when it did for the Engineering Section has been overtaxed with necessary work for the tactical units, in as much as they are now flying many missions.

The untiring efforts of Lt Barbat, W/O Joseph, and all the men of the Air Corps Supply Section in handling this O. E. L. together with the many A. O. C.s they have had, should not go by without commendation.

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No history would be complete without mention of the food conditions this past month. Every day of February fresh meat from the States was served at noon meal. Turkey, beef, chicken and pork were prevalent. Most every day fresh butter was served also. So, through its history, the 559th Service Squadron salutes the grand U. S. Army Quartermaster Corps, especially the 1150th Quartermaster Company Service Group (Aviation) Detachment station at Galatina.

The morale of the officers andenlisted men is very good and everyone is doing his share to make the 559th Service Squadron Uncle Sam's finest. Much credit for the good morale is due to the untiring effort of Lt Cox, Special Service Officer for the 98th Bombardment Group. Movies are shown every night, stage shows and operas are enjoyed at various intervals. The men that have been overseas for seventeen months are constantly thinking and talking of prospects of return to the U. S. A., and hope that the "Rotation of Personnel to the States" will take on an aspect of reality in the near future.

As the second month of the 559th Service Squadron's life came to a close, both men and officers believe that the experiment of forming new Service Squadrons from old squadrons has proven most successful; and that it means just another little part of this "big scheme" to end the World War II.



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S E C R E T

Sheet No. 1 War Diary 559th Service Squadron, 62nd Service Center, APO 520

Month of February, 1944. Prepared by E. B. WOODBURY, 1st Lt, Air Corps, 559th Service Squadron

| DAY | EVENTS |
|---|---|
| 1 | The first day of February dawned bright and clear finding our Squadron anticipating a month of increased activity. The weather is clear enough but we noted hints of bad weather ahead. It was announced today that Lt Woodbury, our Adjutant, and M/Sgt Mc Dougall, from our Tech Supply department, have been placed on the rotation list for return to the States. We'll be sorry to see them go, but wish them luck, nevertheless. We really had a treat this afternoon. We saw (many of us for the first time) a show given by a famous movie star. Joe E. Brown, in person, and his entire retinue gave a performance in our hangar, and we laughed at Mr. Brown's antics until tears rolled down our cheeks. 98th Bomb Group Special Service assures us that this is only the beginning of a month with plenty of entertainment in store. Our first purchase with our new Squadron Fund couldn't have been better. We bought, at a very reasonable price, a combination radio-phonograph and immediately installed it in our Day Room. Before long strains of "Pistol Packin' Mamma" were wafting from our Day Room door....We're happy. |
| 2 | We lost three men today when S/Sgt Shipley, Cpl Gibson, and Pvt Brown were transferred back to their old outfit, the 358th Service Squadron. Our forebodings of evil concerning the weather are bearing fruit. It's getting colder and windier. |
| 3 | Pfc Carroll, Pfc Carrozza, and Pvt Johnson joined us today from the 324th Service Squadron to replace the three men we lost yesterday, so we broke even; also, amid much hand-shaking and congratulation, S/Sgt Farmer returned from his Aviation Cadet Examinations announcing that he had passed with flying colors and was now "sweating out" orders sending him back to "The Old Country" for flight training. |
| 4 | Our squadron personnel seems to be fluctuating, a condition we realize must exist until the outfit assumes full strength. Pfc Mills, and Pvt Paul Brown, our popular PX man, were transferred to the 324th Service Squadron. We'll miss "Brownie"'s bright smile and cheery remarks in our Day Room. |
| 5 | We had some wonderful Roast Beef for dinner today, Hamburgers yesterday, and Pork Chops the day before and what's more, plenty of fresh butter on our bread. In response to our queries that our meals might be too bood to be true, the Mess Sergeant assured us that we'll have fresh meat and butter daily. We concluded that the food situation is definitely "Buono". |
| 6 | Rumors are prevalent that the 98th Bomb Group is about ready to start on their actual bombing missions. Heretofore they've gone up daily on practice runs. |
| 7 | Special Service's promise concerning entertainment is being fulfilled. We've been having, and will continue to have, movies six nights a week and tonight we saw an Italian vaudeville show in the 98th's theater. |
| 8 | The Army Air Forces gained a new man today when Sgt Belote's long unfullfilled wish to be transferred from the Medical Corps to the Air Corps was granted. |
| 9 | Another even give and take of personnel occurred today when Sgt Broadnax was transferred to the 303rd Service Squadron and was replaced by Sgt Patti. The |



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| DAY | EVENTS |
|---|---|
| 9 | Bomb Group is pulling daily missions now and we have a feeling that through the little help we give them we are doing our share to further the annihilation of our enemies. Our Alert Crews, expecting the worse, await expectantly each time the big Liberators return, but so far they've had no business. The pilots know their job too well. |
| 10 | Our roster increased by two today when replacements, fresh from the States arrived. The new men were besieged with questions about home..."How bad is rationing?"..."Is there still such a thing as BEER?"...."Is it true Frank Sinatra is going to run for President?"...etc, etc, and so far into the night. The new men bring a touch of home to those who have been away for so long. It's a good feeling. |
| 11 | At last we have a "Doc". Captain Manley J. Wham joined us today, assembled his medics in what was the Paint Shop and prepared to hold daily Sick Call in our own Dispensary. |
| 12 | The weather made a definite turn to the nasty today when a cold biting wind blew icy rain across the field grounding all the planes and soaking everything. It's a good day to stay indoors near the stove, but our shops, all located in the hangar building, continue to hum with the usual activity. We gained six more "fresh from the States" men today. More questions and answers about home. .....We're growing. Before long we'll be full strength and then watch our smoke! |
| 13 | Our enterprising Day Room attendant dug up some tar paper and the carpenters went to work immediately putting up a new wind-proof ceiling. This, with the addition of another stove, will make the Day Room more comfortable for readers, writers, and ping-pong players. We also received some new records for our phonograph....We "ain't" complainin'! |
| 14 | The weather has cleared and the Bomb Group has resumed their missions. It's a swell feeling to see the planes load up with their bombs and come back empty. Somebody's catching Hell! |
| 15 | Five more fillers from the States arrived today, among them a Master Sergeant Airplane Inspector. They're wide-eyed at our stories of the Desert and Africa and Sicily and we're equally awed by their new G. I. equipment and stories of home. They've only been overseas a few weeks.....We're still growing. |
| 16 | Lt Mercer, our Statistical Officer, left for a temporary DS today. We had another live vaudeville show in our theater. The weather is still fine for flying. Business as usual. |
| 17 | Three new arrivals reported to us today from the 22nd Replacement Batallion. We're sort of getting used to seeing and talking to men fresh from the States. Forty-three more replacements and we'll be full strength. |
| 18 | With our P X rations today we received two Ronson cigarette lighters and rather than show favoritism we raffled them off at ten lire a chance. The end of the day found Sgts Coalson and Blouin the proud possessors of new lighters and the Squadron Fund richer by fifty dollars. The men crowded the |

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| DAY | EVENTS |
|---|---|
| 18 | the theater to overflowing tonight to see just why so many girls were swooning back home. "Higher and Higher", starring "Swoon-Crooner" Frank Sinatra, was the picture.....No one even felt faint. |
| 19 | The 98th ran another successful mission today. Weather permitting, they've been going out once and sometimes twice daily. Our refueling units have been on duty twenty-four hours a day keeping them well supplied with gas. |
| 20 | S/Sgt Taylor, of our Orderly Room staff, left today for a temporary Detached Service at Chemical Warfare School in Foggia. When he returns we'll have a trained Gas Non-comissioned Officer, should the "Jerries" try using the stuff. |
| 21 | Nothing of unusual interest happened today. Transportation and Tech Supply are humming with activity. The Engineering men are "chomping at the bit" waiting for our O. E. L. equipment to arrive so that they can plunge into work with full force. |
| 22 | Our total strength increased today when six new men arrived from the 22nd Replacement Battalion. We now stand one hundred and ninety Enlisted Men and nine Officers strong. |
| 23 | Today many of our Catholic men attended Ash Wednesday services at the 98th Chapel. Chaplain Duggan has been very cooperative providing Protestant and Catholic Services on Sunday mornings and services for our Jewish personnel on Friday evenings. All services have been well attended. |
| 24 | Fond memories of the dim, dark past were revived today when our PX man returned from drawing rations bearing twenty-three bottles of that almost forgotten commodity---beer, plus two more cigarette lighters. Another raffle was held and there was much ranting, raving, and tearing of hair when a hundred and sixty-five men did not win. |
| 25 | Today was a joyous one for our Engineering department for the bulk of our O. E. L. equipment finally arrived. When the necessary uncrating and sorting have been accomplished, our Squadron will be in full and complete operation.. ...and that's the way we want it! S/Sgt Earl reported to us from the 94th Service Squadron today to replace T/Sgt Kelly who returned to that organization. We had a wonderful double-feature at the Movie Theater tonight. As man of us as could cram in saw the fabulous "This is The Army" and Fred Astaire's latest, "The Sky's The Limit". |
| 26 | Nine more men from the 22nd Replacement Battalion reported for duty today bringing our total strength to a new high: One hundred and ninety-nine. |
| 27 | Sunday dawned bright and clear with manymen attending religious services. The 98th took off on another of its daily raids. The grim business of total War must go on, and the Day of Rest is no exception. |
| 28 | Many of the men attended the opera "La Traviata" in town tonight and from all reports it was enjoyed by all. We must be going "high-hat" for "The Barber of Seville" and "Lucia De Lammermoor" were well attended on previous Monday nights.....or could it be the beautiful Italian "signorinas" who populate the boxes? |
| 29 | Today was the G. I.'s favorite day of any month, for today the Eagle gave forth |

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| DAY | EVENTS |
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| 29 | ----Pay Day. Goodly amounts were "salted" away in Soldiers' Deposits and Postal Money Orders and, as is the usual case, games of chance were in order. Our second month of life has been more productive than the first. Our Squadron personnel has become cognizant of the fact that our job is to "Keep 'Em Flying".....and that's what we pledge ourselves to do! |

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SPECIAL OUTLINE HISTORY
559th SERVICE SQUADRON
62nd SERVICE CENTER

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31 March 1944.

The month of March was an eventful one for the 559th Service Squadron. During the past four weeks our strength has increased by twenty-one Enlisted Men, we have changed First Sergeants twice and we have received a new Adjutant. We are not up to full strength as yet as we had hoped, mainly because the majority of the transfers effected during this month have been of overages. We did receive, however, a few much needed "fillers". The end of the month still finds us lacking twenty-seven men.

During this month our hangar has never been empty of planes needing our attention. Weather permitting, the 98th Bomb Group has pulled daily raids, and as a natural consequence the Engineering Section of the 559th has kept busy patching flak holes, tuning-up engines, repairing and replacing broken and worn-out parts, etc. In short, we have been doing our utmost to keep out of action just as few planes as possible. That, we feel, is The Job of a Service Squadron.

As a result of training received at a Chemical Warfare School in Foggia, Lt Becker and S/Sgt Taylor presented to the squadron personnel this month a series of ten hour-long lectures on Chemical Warfare. All types of gases were discussed; their causes and effects, as well as the various phases of gas attack, as well as preventative and first aid measures.

Surprising to us this month was the fact that a very popular and competent Acting First Sergeant, who has nurtured a new-born squadron through its infancy, was replaced by a First Sergeant newly arrived from the States, who, in turn, was replaced after three weeks. The men, a little bewildered, have taken the rapid changes of Top Kicks somewhat philosophically.

With the transfer of 1st Lt Edward B. Woodbury on the twenty-ninth of this month, the squadron lost an understanding, untiring, and popular Adjutant. Through his fine sense of humor and never-ending efforts he had endeared himself to all who worked under him. In farewell to a fine Officer and a fine man we say, "Good-bye, Lieutenant Woodbury, and best wishes for success in your new job." At the same time we welcome 1st Lt Henry E. Davis, our new Adjutant, and pledge him our fullest cooperation.

The morale of the Squadron personnel is still of the highest. We are continuing to have fresh meat and butter once a day, every day, and with the transfer in of a baker, cakes and pastry are promised for the near future. A tribute is once again paid to Captain Cox and the hard-working Special Service staff of the 98th Bomb Group. The month of March has brought a rapid succession of first-run movies six nights a week with several live stage shows sandwiched in between. On the thirtieth we enjoyed the performance of movie-star John Garfield and company.

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SPECIAL OUTLINE HISTORY, 559th Serv Sqdn, 31 March 44, cont'd.

And so a third month of life has passed for the 559th Service Squadron. For the future we look forward to increased activity, full strength, promotions, news of "Personnel Rotation", the launching of the long-awaited Invasion of Europe, and the sincere hope that through our efforts we are doing our fair share to bring the War to a victorious close.



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Month of March, 1944 Prepared by H. E. DAVIS, 1st Lt, Air Corps
559th Service Squadron

| DAY | EVENTS |
|---|---|
| 1 | The dawn of a new month found the men and officers of the 559th Service Squadron looking forward to four more weeks of increased activity. Our over-worked Sheet Metal department was bolstered by the addition of S/Sgt Gehm who reported to us from the 348th Service Squadron. |
| 2 | Lt Becker and Mr. Sterling left for Detached Service today; Lt Becker to attend Chemical Warfare School at Foggia, Mr. Sterling to Rest Camp. Seven men from the 565th Service Squadron were attached to us for quarters, rations, and duty to help fill our shortage of much-needed Sheet Metal men. |
| 3 | Two "Fresh-from-the-States" fillers reported for duty from the 22nd Replacement Battalion today. One a cook, the other an automobile mechanic. |
| 4 | S/Sgt Taylor returned to the fold today after eleven days of Chemical Warfare School at Air Force Chemical Ammunition Depot #5 in Foggia, sporting knowledge of combat gases and sporting several "experimental" vesicant burns. |
| 5 | Our home-like Day Room took on an even cosier aspect today when a four-foot dark blue border was painted around the wall and the Army Air Force insignia was put in the middle of our bar. |
| 6 | Sgt Gardner returned to us safe and sound today from a short seige in the hospital where a steel splinter was removed from his eye; and Pvt Burns came back after a period of Detached Service at the Pro Station in Lecce. |
| 7 | Two absentees returned today; Mr. Sterling from a week at the Rest Camp at Santa Cesarea and Cpl Casella after a month and a half in the 35th Field Hospital. Seven new men were assigned to us from the 22nd Replacement Battalion, bringing our total strength to 209 Enlisted Men and 9 Officers. |
| 8 | We sent two more men on DS for M. P. duty at the 62nd Service Center today making a total of five of our men doing such work. Sadly missed will be the number one squadron "character", "Gus" Mancuso. Another new man reported from the replacement battalion. |
| 9 | Cpl Byrd and Pfc Farran, after "sweating out" eighteen months overseas, were sent today for a much needed seven day's sojurn at the Rest Camp at Santa Cesarea. Other eighteen-monthers are now waiting their turn. Oh, that it were rotation to The Old Country! |
| 10 | We all received a shock today when a Staff Sergeant Supply Sergeant was assigned from the 22nd Replacement Battalion to replace our industrious Sgt Montgomery and a First Sergeant, newly arrived from the States, reported to take over the duties from our popular T/Sgt Russ Hanstrom, who has done a "bang-up" job for over three months. The general consensus of opinion is that 1st Sgt Dunn will have to be good to be better than "The Ramrod". Our Sheet Metal department seems to have its surplus work under control for the seven men from the 565th Service Squadron were relieved from attached today. |
| 11 | We're all gunning for the "fetched in the head" character who named this God-forsaken country "Sunny" Italy. We can count the sunshiney days we've seen on the fingers of one hand.....Yes, it's raining again today!! |

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Month of March, 1944 Prepared by H. E. DAVIS, 1st Lt, Air Corps
559th Service Squadron

| DAY | EVENTS |
|---|---|
| 12 | After religious services this Sunday morning and work as usual during the day, man of the men could be found in their tents industriously shining shoes, combing hair, straightening ties, for this evening the American Red Cross in Lecce gave us our first dance. There were "molti signorini", refreshments, and "solid licks" dished out by the 345th Bomb Squadron "Jivebombers". Needless to say, a "buona" time was had by all who attended. |
| 13 | Nine new replacements reported today, all new arrivals from the States. Our strength is now 221 Enlisted Men and 9 Officers. S/Sgt Derr and Cpl Casella, having taken sick, were sent off to the 4th Field Hospital. The 98th Bomb Group S-2 Section provided us with strike photographs of the 47th Wing's devastating raid on Toulon, France. The pictures and explanatory notes were immediately installed on our Day Room bulletin board. We look forward eagerly to pictures and information concerning future raids, which have been promised. |
| 14 | Pfc "Doc" Howlett was sent on Detached Service today to the Pro Station in Lecce. |
| 15 | We lost a man and gained a man today when S/Sgt Rainey reported from the 62nd Service Center and Pvt Adkins was transferred to the 348th Service Squadron. Cpl Byrd and Pfc Farran returned after a pleasant week spent at the 62nd Service Center Rest Camp, brimming with stories of soft beds, white sheets, limitless sleep, etc. |
| 16 | Lt Becker returned from Chemical Warfare School today and plans were formulated for a series of Gas lectures to be presented to the Squadron personnel in the near future. |
| 17 | Cpl Davis was transferred to the 60th Service Squadron today, and Pvt Madison was sent to Manduria to take over his M. P. post at 62nd Service Center Headquarters. |
| 18 | The squadron buzzed with excitement today. The big news spread around the tent area like wild-fire. "Gus" was back!! Our own Pvt Daniel V. Mancuso returned to the fold after a brief sojurn on M. P. duty in Manduria. 62nd Headquarters relayed word that they were more than willing for us to have the pleasure of his presence all to ourselves. Aren't we the lucky ones?!! |
| 19 | We feel it worth mentioning that today the sun actually shone in this water-logged land. There was a case of a certain Corporal, name withheld upon request, who emerged from the murky depths of his tent into the unaccustomed brightness of the sunlight and was unable to see for several hours thereafter. This report, however, is unsubstantiated, although a young Italian child was overheard asking its mother what that bright ball of light in the sky was. Sunshine here is like gasoline and bananas in the States....a definite rarity! |
| 20 | Today, for the fifth morning this week, we had fresh fried eggs for breakfast, and many pleasureable "Oh"s and "Ah"s could be heard emanating from our Mess Hall. A few of the regular late-comers whose practice, heretofore it was to hit the chow-line at 7:29, were observed banging on the kitchen |

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| DAY | EVENTS |
|---|---|
| 20 | door clamoring for eggs at 7:01. Our Squadron Bar was officially opened tonight and over seventy of our men took the occasion to celebrate their eighteenth month overseas. In propriety and in keeping with the ethics of good taste, further description of the evening's activities will not be made at this time. |
| 21 | Today no eggs for breakfast, no sunshine, no change on the Morning Report, no nothin'....except plenty of work to be done..... War is Hell!! |
| 22 | All the din, commotion, and shouting for joy in the Squadron area today was traced to S/Sgt Farmer's tent where he had just received the official orders for his transfer into Air Corps Unassigned and shipment to Personnel Center #1 at Casablanca. Next stop: Flight training in the good old U. S. A. The immediate clamor for Aviation Cadet Applications was squelched by the official announcement that they would no longer be accepted by higher headquarters.....The Russians have an expression that covers the situation very aptly. |
| 23 | Sgt Helpling, of our Welding Shop, was on the victim of a freak accident today. He turned his ankle, fell on his leg, broke it. He is recovering in the 4th Field Hospital. T/Sgt Nyberg, Cpl Orr, and Pvt Roberts went to Army Air Forces Depot #5 in Bari today for a three day Detached Service; Sgt Nyberg and Cpl Orr to attend an Air Corps Supply school. |
| 24 | Another new man, Pvt Snook, a baker, was assigned to us today by the 62nd Service Center. Our strength is now 223 Enlisted Men and 9 Officers. |
| 25 | The squadron was saddened today by the news that our popular Adjutant, Lt Woodbury, was leaving us to take over the duties of Air Corps Supply Officer for the 58th Service Squadron. We wish him luck in his new position...we'll miss him. 1st Lt Henry E. Davis was assigned by the 62nd Service Center as our new adjutant. |
| 26 | We lost Pvt Smith and Pvt Branchcomb to the 60th and 331st Service Squadrons respectively today; Pvt Johnson was sent to the 4th Field Hospital; and our three Air Corps Supply men returned from Detached Service in Bari...The Squadron hummed with its usual activity. |
| 27 | Today the 559th Service Squadron assumed the right to occupy a niche in the Army Air Forces Hall of Fame. With the transfer in of 1st Sgt Asher, we lay claim to be the only squadron in the Army with two First Sergeants! Dilemma ran rampant. Who out-ranks who? Will they work on an every-other-day basis? Will this mean we'll get two of every department head? Does this establish a new precedent? Are we asleep and this is all a bad dream? For further details watch tomorrow's entry in the Squadron Diary. |
| 28 | We all breathed a sigh of relief when 1st Sgt Dunn was sent on Detached Service to the 62nd Service Center leaving us with the customary one Top Kick. After straightening out all necessary paper work and other details, Lt Woodbury took off today, leaving Lt Davis in full and complete charge of the Adjutant's duties. Pfc Stammel was transferred to the 160th Medical Detachment. |
| 29 | No events of unusual interest. |

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559th Service Squadron

| DAY | EVENTS |
|---|---|
| 30 | 98th Special Service brought the month's entertainment to a close in a blaze of glory today when they presented to us a stage show starring movie star John Garfield with Eddie Foy, Jr. and company, this in addition to three first-run movies this week, "The Fallen Sparrow", "Madame Curie", and "A Guy Named Joe". Anyone who thinks good entertainment doesn't boost morale....just ask us. |
| 31 | Ah, pay day once more. The honest labor of the past four weeks has its sweet rewards. Long overdue debts repaid were reborrowed ere the night was over....such is life in the United States Army Air Forces. Another month is over. One month closer to the end of the War.....Tomorrow is...April. |

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SPECIAL OUTLINE HISTORY
559th SERVICE SQUADRON
62nd Service Group
APO 520

30 April 1944.

a. Original unit.
(1) Designation - 559th Service Squadron.
(2) Date of organization - 6 January 1944.
(3) Place of organization - Carosino, Italy.
(4) Authority for organization - General Order #8, Hq XII AFSC (Adv), dated 27 December 1943.
(5) Sources from which personnel was obtained - By transfer from other units.

b. Changes in organization - Squadron transferred from 323rd Service Group to 62nd Service Group on 20 January 1944, per Par #17, SO #17, Hq XVAFSC, dated 17 January 1944; Squadron reorganized under T/O & E 1-417 dated January 1944 on 10 March 1944.

c. Strength, commissioned and enlisted.
(1) At beginning of period - 9 Officers and 221 Enlisted Men.
(2) Net decrease - 11 Enlisted Men.
(3) At end of period - 9 Officers, 210 Enlisted Men.

d. Stations .
(1) Stationed at Carosino, Italy from 6 January 1944 until 14 January 1944.
(2) Stationed at Fortunato Cesari Airdrome, Italy from 14 January 1944 until present.

e. Marches.
(1) None.

f. Campaigns.
(1) None.

g. Battles.
(1) None.

h. Commanding officers in important engagements.
(1) None.

i. Losses in action.
(1) None.

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SPECIAL OUTLINE HISTORY, 559th Serv Sq, 30 April 44, cont'd.

j. Former and present members who have distinguished themselves in action.
(1) None.

k. Operational data.

(1) Engineering Department.

a. Armament Shop - Removed and repaired 8 turrets; cleaned guns on all ships in our hands.

b. Carpenter Shop - Manufactured 3 Ping Pong tables; manufactured 400 mosquito T bars.

c. Electric Shop - Serviced 51 batteries for 98th Bomb Group.

d. Instrument Shop - Checked and repaired 134 aircraft instruments; assisted in the repair of electrically heated flying clothing.

e. Paint Shop - Painted insignia and identification on 30 aircraft of 98th Bomb Group.

f. Parachute Shop - Packed 669 parachutes for 98th Bomb Group; hemmed 80 banners for 98th Bomb Group; checked and repaired 229 flying suits, 477 gloves, and 385 shoes.

g. Propeller Shop - Removed and installed 6 propellers; assembled 19 propellers; disassembled 14 propellers.

h. Radio Shop - Checked and repaired radio equipment on 5 aircraft.

i. Sheet Metal Shop - Did necessary sheet metal work on 18 aircraft of 98th Bomb Group.

j. Welding Shop - Manufactured 8 Crew Chief stands.

k. Air Mechanic Crews - Worked on 19 aircraft that were turned over to this squadron for second and third echelon maintenance.

(2) Technical Supply.

a. Issued 38 tons of supplies including 23 engines, but not including gasoline and oil furnished, to the 98th Bomb Group; supplied parts for 62 aircraft.



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Month of April, 1944 Prepared by L. F. MERCER, 2nd Lt, AC
559th Serv Sq

| DAY | EVENTS |
|---|---|
| 1 | And so the fourth month of life begins for the 559th Service Squadron. The Italian sunshine has finally dried up and it looks very much like Spring is full upon us...we hope. Our strength is 221 Enlisted Men and 9 Officers. |
| 2 | Church services were well attended and work continued as usual. |
| 3 | Pvt Dickert and Cpl Reed returned after a brief siege in the hospital. It's rumored that two nurses broke down and cried when they left. |
| 4 & 5 | No events of unusual interest. |
| 6 | Today, for the first time since we've been at this station, we had two red alerts. No instances of fox-hole drowning were reported although one PFC was seen doffing water-wings before hitting his trench. Our over abundance of Top Kicks was solved by the transfer of First Sergeant Dunn to the 408th Service Squadron. First Sergeant Asher remains. We sent still another man to 62nd Headquarters for MP duty and Sgt Derr, of our Engineering Department returned from the hospital. |
| 7 | Sgt Helpling, mending his broken leg at the 26th General Hospital, was transferred to the Detachment of Patients thereof. |
| 8 | We lost seven of our men who were sent as cadre personnel for a brand new Service Squadron, the 408th. Our enlisted strength is now down to 212. |
| 9 | We honored by a visit from Brigadier General Beverly, Commanding General of the 15th Air Force Service Command. For the very first time in our collective overseas careers, we were allowed one bottle of Coca-Cola per man with our PX rations. The men who planned to save theirs as a priceless souvenir were thwarted by the announcement that all bottles would be returned within three days. Very much a case of curing others' ills, but neglecting one's own, was Captain "Doc" Wham who was sent to the 4th Field Hospital with a high fever. |
| 10 | No love, no nothin', from the popular song of the same name. |
| 11 | Cpl Casella returned from the 26th General Hospital, this time, he hopes, for good; Sgt Bendyk was sent to the 4th Field Hospital with bronchitis; and Pfc Burns, of our Medical Staff left for a session of DS at the Pro Station in Lecce. |
| 12 | Today the soft-ball devotees of the 559th Service Squadron held their first unofficial work-out on our newly completed ball diamond. A knock-down and drag-out game was played and the next morning found numberless creaking bones and swollen muscles. Plans are in the offing for an official |



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Sheet No. 2 WAR DIARY 559th Serv Sq, 62nd Serv Gp, APO 520

Month of April, 1944 Prepared by L. F. MERCER, 2nd Lt, AC
559th Serv Sq

| DAY | EVENTS |
|---|---|
| 12 | squadron team to play in a group league. |
| 13 | And still another man was lost to the hospital when Pvt Chastain was packed off to the 4th Field. |
| 14 | 98th Special Service is still definitely "on the ball". This week three more first run pictures were seen and enjoyed by the squadron personnel. |
| 15 | We gained a new man today for the first time in quite a while when Cpl Foster was assigned to us by the 62nd Service Group. Sgt Bendyk returned from the hospital. |
| 16 | Tonight the third in a series of six free operas presented by the Fifteenth Air Force Service Command was presented for the enjoyment of many of the squadron's opera lovers. |
| 17 | News was received today of the promotion of our Squadron Engineering Officer, Lt Hynan, to the rank of Captain. Congratulations were in order. Mr. Joseph, Assistant Tech Supply Officer, left for a seven day stay at the 62nd Rest Camp. Two men were sent to the hospital. |
| 18 | We were treated by the presence of three lovely young ladies at supper in the enlisted men's mess. They, with two men, were appearing in a USO Camp Show which gave two performances in the base theater. At the completion of the meal, the girls dug themselves out from under the "snow" and went daintily on their way, leaving us with ample assurance that American girls were still American girls, and as such, without equal the world over. |
| 19 | Two more men were lost to hospital beds today. Nothing serious, however. |
| 20 | Several men from other organizations who are salvaging the crashed planes across our runway were attached to us for rations. |
| 21 | We have a Doctor once more with the return today of Captain Wham from a short siege in the hospital. |
| 22 | We broke even with the hospital. Pvt Pfeffer returned and Pvt Martinez went. S/Sgt Earl left for Air Forces Chemical Ammunition Depot #5 to be trained as our second Gas Non-Commissioned Officer. |
| 23 | Today proved to be an eventful one for the 559th. For one thing, a new Adjutant, 2nd Lt Lyle F. Mercer, was assigned to us from the 62nd Service Group, and also, the first enlisted men's promotions since the squadron's activation were announced. Two new Master Sergeants were created (Sgts Nyberg and Wojnar) as well as extra stripes awarded to eleven other men. |
| 24 | And still more promotions. Eight Privates were notified that henceforth their Army title would be Private First Class. A dentist, 1st Lt Robert Levin, and his assistant were sent to |

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Month of April, 1944 Prepared by L. F. MERCER, 2nd Lt, AC
559th Serv Sq

| DAY | EVENTS |
|---|---|
| 24 | us on DS to take care of the many men who need dental attention. |
| 25 | The Orderly Room received a coat of snowy white paint and thus became the third squadron room so brightened. Previously annointed were the kitchen and mess hall. Other rooms and offices are on the painter's list. |
| 26 | 1st Lt Henry E. Davis was transferred to 62nd Headquarters leaving the Adjutant's duties in the competent hands of 2nd Lt Lyle F. Mercer. Four men being carried as overages on our T/O were transferred out and distributed among various outfits in the Fifteenth Air Force Service Command. Sgt Blouin was reassigned after recovering from an illness at the 26th General Hospital. |
| 27 | Two of our men who had been doing K. P. duty in Manduria returned to the fold today. |
| 28 | The flashy showing made by our soft ball team in preliminaries seems to be giving results, for our second league game was cancelled, as had been the first. Refusing to accept inclement weather as an excuse we feel confident that our opponents are afraid of us, as they rightly should be. |
| 29 | As the result of an emergency telephone call, Pfc Waszak, of our Radio Shop, shrouded in mystery, was packed and gone within a few hours to Fifteenth Air Force Headquarters to join a newly activated bomb squadron. |
| 30 | The month drew to a close with a blaze of activity. Two of our men were sent for a week's vacation at Rest Camp; a new man was assigned from the 62nd Group; eleven men left for an approximate thirty day training period at Oxygen School in Foggia; our monthly inspection of guns and field equipment was held; and pay-day was with us once more. We are now one month nearer to the end of the War. |



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SPECIAL OUTLINE HISTORY
559TH SERVICE SQUADRON
62nd Service Group
APO 520

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31 May 1944.

a. Original unit.
(1) Designation - 559th Service Squadron.
(2) Date of organization - 6 January 1944.
(3) Place of organization - Carosino, Italy.
(4) Authority for organization - General Order #6, Hq, AAF Sub (Adv), dated 27 December 1943.
(5) Sources from which personnel was obtained - By transfer from other units.

b. Changes in organization - Squadron transferred from 343rd Service Group to 62nd Service Group on 20 January 1944, per Par #17, SO #17, Hq, NW AFSC, dtd 19 January 1944; Squadron reorganized under T/O & E 1-417 dtd January 1944 on 10 March 1944.

c. Strength, commissioned and enlisted.
(1) At beginning of period - 9 Officers and 210 Enlisted Men.
(2) Net increase - 12 Enlisted Men
(3) At end of period - 9 Officers, 222 Enlisted Men.

d. Stations.
(1) Stationed at Carosino, Italy from 6 January 1944 until 14 January 1944.
(2) Stationed at Fortunato Cesari Airdrome, Italy from 14 January 1944 until present.

e. Marches.
(1) None.

f. Campaigns.
(1) Authorized Battle Participation Awards for Italian Campaign per amendment to secret letter, AG 200.6/23, Hq, NATOUSA, subject "Battle Participation Awards", dtd 23 December 1943.

g. Battles.
(1) None.

h. Commanding officers in important engagements.
(1) None.

i. Losses in action.
(1) None.

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SPECIAL OUTLINE HISTORY, 559th Serv Sq, 31 May 1944, cont'd.

j. Former and present members who have distinguished themselves in action.
(1) None.

k. Operational data.
(1) Engineering Department.

a. Armament Shop - Cleaned all aircraft guns on ships in our hands; checked, replaced, and repaired 5 gun turrets.
b. Carpenter Shop - Manufactured 7 platforms for crew chief stands; manufactured 20 signs for 98th Bomb Gp.
c. Electric Shop - Serviced 41 aircraft batteries for 98th.
d. Instrument Shop - Checked and repaired 115 aircraft instruments; repaired 59 watches for 98th.
e. Machine Shop - Manufactured 12 cowling brackets; manufactured 8 sockets for 835th Engineers.
f. Paint Shop - Painted 30 signs for 98th; painted 11 insignias on airplanes; painted 23 airplanes for 98th.
g. Parachute Shop - Checked and repacked 506 parachutes for 98th; manufactured 50 banners for 98th.
h. Propeller Shop - Checked and removed 5 propellers; assembled 9 propellers; disassembled 8 propellers.
i. Repaired electrical equipment on 13 airplanes; repaired 4 interphone amplifiers, in Radio Shop.
j. Sheet Metal Shop - Performed sheet metal work on 18 airplanes.
k. Welding Shop - Manufactured 6 crew chief stands.
l. Electric, Instrument, and Parachute Shops - Checked and repaired 81 electric flying suits, 217 electric flying shoes, and 322 electric flying gloves.

m. Air Mechanic Crews - Removed de-icer boots on 6 airplanes; changed 1 engine; changed 8 tires; removed 24 fuel cells.



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Month of May, 1944. Prepared by L. F. MERCER, 2nd Lt, AC, 559th Serv Sq.

| DAY | EVENTS |
|---|---|
| 1 | The first day of a new month found us experiencing a slight recurance of winter weather, notwithstanding the annual herbinger of Summer in the form of good old Atabrine tablets. We choked on our first of the new season with tonight's supper. |
| 2 | Twenty-five promotions were made public knowledge today. The new ranks created were T/Sgts Ernst and Williams to M/Sgt; S/Sgt Baughman to T/Sgt; Sgts Martone, Newsome, and Ruggiero to S/Sgt; Cpls Cantin, Carpenter, Hirsch, Irving, and Willis to Sgt; Pfcs Dunmire, Lyon, Niver, Pilling, Tucek, and Pvts Brown, Kovell, and Reyes to Cpl; and Pvts Catalfemo, Foltz, Gospodinoff, Gudbranson, Mullis, and Zwald to Pfc. We're gradually becoming a well rated outfit. We lost Cpl Siegel to 15th Air Force Headquarters and had Pvt Ift sent to us by the 62nd Service Group. Our present strength is 210 Enlisted Men and 9 Officers. |
| 3 | Two men were sent to the hospital today, one, Mess Sergeant Button, with mumps, of all things. S/Sgt Wallace returned from the 35th Field Hospital. In our first league soft ball game of the season we solidly bested 98th Communications to the tune of 6 to 3. S/Sgt "Slick" Albano starred with a shoestring catch and a lightning-like throw from left field to complete a double-play. In addition he clouted two doubles. |
| 4 | For the fifth successive morning we had fresh fried eggs for breakfast. Fresh eggs, with us, seem to be a monthly affair, since we get them only for several days at the beginning of each month. Italian hens must be tempermental. |
| 5 | Pvt Houser was reassigned to us from the 22nd Replacement Battalion after putting in time in the 26th General Hospital. A painter, Sgt Skupa, was transferred to us by the 331st Service Squadron. The final score of today's soft ball game will not be made public at this time. The umpires were in the employ of our opponents, but unfortunately this can not be proven. |
| 6 | Two Gas Non-Commissioned Officers are now numbered in the Squadron's personnel with the return today of S/Sgt Earl from Gas School at Air Force Chemical Ammunition Depot #5. Two men returned from a week's vacation at Rest Camp. |
| 7 | Because no Technician ratings are authorized in a Service Squadron, T/5 Myers was promoted to Corporal today. Sgt Brown of our cooking staff was transferred to the 485th Bomb Squadron. |
| 8 | Cpl Van John of our Medics was sent on DS to the Pro Station in Lecce. We're wondering, with Lecce Out of Bounds, who will be taking pros. |

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Month of May, 1944 Prepared by L. F. MERCER, 2nd Lt, AC, 559th Serv Sq.

| DAY | EVENTS |
|---|---|
| 9 | Despite the excellent playing of two of the Squadron soft ball team's regular players and the coaching of the Squadron team's manager, the highly touted Air Corps Supply team went down to an ignimonious defeat at the hands of the very much under-rated Headquarters ten on the soft ball diamond today. Final score: Headquarters-3, Air Corps Supply-1. |
| 10 | We were treated to another very excellent USO Camp Show in our theater this evening. Was the luscious blonde singer the reason the first two rows were monopolized by the 559th, or could it have been poor hearing and eyesight, as claimed? |
| 11 | No events of unusual interest. |
| 12 | Rumors ran rampant that the Invasion had been launched at 3:30 this morning. One man reported that he was told by a guy who was told by a friend whose best pal told him that a Lieutenant said that his room-mate had told him that he had gotten it "straight goods" that someone, he didn't know who, had heard it on the radio....or something. On our soft ball diamond, our team soundly trounced the 345th Enlisted Men to the tune of 11 to 7 in a rough and tumble slugging battle. |
| 13 | Pvt Carter was assigned to us by the 62nd Service Group. Our strength is now 212 Enlisted Men and 9 Officers. |
| 14 | An even exchange with the hospital: Pfc Howlett to and Pfc Carroll from. Two more men left for rest camp today. |
| 15 | Our enlisted strength took a substantial leap today with the addition of Cpls Hicks and Marigliani; Pfcs Todd and Urbaniak; and Pvts Orcutt, Parker, Hiett, Apuzzo, Price, and Pitts who were assigned to us by the 62nd Service Group. These men are really fresh from home, having left the States on April 11th. Heavy-hearted, S/Sgt Farmer returned to us, as a result of the program of sending qualified men to the States for Avaition Cadet training being suspended. He had gotten as far as Casablanca. |
| 16 | It was announced that Lt Barbat, our Tech Supply and Transportation Officer was promoted to the rank of Captain. Pvt telford was assigned to us and we sent two truck drivers on temporary duty with the 1924th Quartermaster Truck Company. |
| 17 | One man went to and one man returned from the 35th Field Hospital and Pfc Doherty came to us from the 62nd. Our enlisted strength is now 225. |
| 18 | Another man was sent to the 35th Field Hospital and still another went on Detached Service at the 1660th Ordnance Company. We're now carrying 27 men absent on our Morning Report. |
| 19 | We have two regulation volley ball courts completed now; one in back of the orderly room and the other behind our ball dia- |

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Month of May, 1944 Prepared by L. F. [illegible], 2nd Lt, AC, 559th Serv Sq.

DAY EVENTS

19 Bomb and gun racks are steadily in progress after duty hours.

20 We sent two sheet metal men on DS to the 58th Service Squadron and a man returned from the 35th Field Hospital. Captain Hynan left for a short Temporary Duty in Naples. Quite a few men turned out this evening for the G. I. Amateur Show held at the Red Cross Club in Lecce. Third prize was awarded to whistler par excellence and pride and joy of the 559th, Sgt Arthur W. Bendyke.

21 We're pretty proud today. A letter was received from Headquarters, North African Theater of Operations authorizing Battle Participation Awards for the Italian Campaign for our squadron.

22 A very competent medical man, Sgt Metz, after serving several days with us on DS, was formally assigned. Pfc Cuchranson was sent to the 35th Field Hospital.

23 Pvt Parker returned from DS at the 1660th Ordnance Company and Pvt Crawford was sent to replace him. Pfc Carter was dispatched to the hospital.

24 Pvt Moskunyak returned from temporary duty at; Pvt Jones was sent on DS to; and Pvt Vilhauer was transferred to..the 1824th Quartermaster Truck Company. Sgt Coldman and Pvt Leedy joined the ranks of hospitalized men. Ten of our men now occupy sick beds. Captain Hynan returned from temporary duty in Naples.

25 No events of unusual interest.

26 Pvt Crawford, on DS to the 1660th Ordnance Company, was transferred to that organization. After a pleasant month and a half's rest in the 36th General Hospital, Pfc Martinez returned to the fold. In what was probably the most exciting league games to date, the squadron soft ball team beat the 415th Bomb Squadron Officers, 6 to 5.

27 Sgt Sutton, Sgt Cantin, and Pfc Cuchranson returned from the 35th Field Hospital. The 559th was well represented at the Red Cross' weekly Amateur Show tonight. A good-sized crowd was there to see Sgt Bendyk and Cpl Childers cop the second and third prizes, respectively.

28 Pvt Martinez was transferred to Fifteenth Air Force Headquarters. Pvt "Gus" Mancuso went on DS to the Fifteenth Air Force Service Command, leaving the title of Number One Squadron Character to Johnny "Fatstuff" Friello.

29 Cpl Durazzo and Pvt Carter returned from a short siege in the 35th Field Hospital.

30 Cpl Powell, on DS to the 58th Service Squadron, was transferred to that organization. Pvt Leedy returned from the hospital.

31 Dry day and our fifth month of life has drawn to a close.

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SPECIAL OUTLINE HISTORY
559TH SERVICE SQUADRON
62nd Service Group
APO 520

30 June 1944.

a. Original unit.
(1) Designation - 559th Service Squadron.
(2) Date of organization - 6 January 1944.
(3) Place of organization - Carosino, Italy.
(4) Authority for organization - General Order #8, Hq, XII AFSC (Adv), dtd 27 December 1943.
(5) Sources from which personnel was obtained - By transfer from other units.

b. Changes in organization - Squadron transferred from 323rd Service Group to 62nd Service Group on 20 January 1944, per Par #17, SO #17, Hq, XV AFSC, dtd 17 January 1944; Squadron reorganized under T/O & E 1-417 dtd January 1944 on 10 March 1944.

c. Strength, commissioned and enlisted.
(1) At beginning of period - 9 Officers and 221 Enlisted Men.
(2) Net increase - 13 Enlisted Men.
(3) At end of period - 9 Officers, 234 Enlisted Men.

d. Stations.
(1) Stationed at Carosino, Italy from 6 January 1944 until 14 January 1944.
(2) Stationed at Lecce Airdrome, Italy from 14 January 1944 until present.

e. Marches.
(1) None.

f. Campaigns.
(1) Authorized Battle Participation Awards for Italian Campaign per amendment to secret letter, AG 200.6/23, Hq, NATOUSA, subject, "Battle Participation Awards", dtd 23 December 1943.

g. Battles.
(1) None.

h. Commanding Officers in important engagements.
(1) None.

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i. Losses in action.
(1) None.



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SPECIAL OUTLINE HISTORY, 559th Serv Sq, 30 June 1944, cont'd.

j. Former and present members who have distinguished themselves in action.
(1) None.

k. Operational data.
(1) Engineering Department.
a. Repaired 7 turrets; cleaned guns on all aircraft in our hands, in Armament Shop.
b. Carpenter Shop - Manufactured 62 signs, 65 boxes, 1 ice box, and 1 ice cream freezer.
c. Electric Shop - Serviced 42 batteries for 98th Bomb Group.
d. Instrument Shop - Checked 137 aircraft instruments and 31 clocks and watches for the 98th Bomb Group.
e. Machine Shop - Manufactured 20 emergency nose wheel block retainers and 50 bomb bay rollers.
f. Painted 23 boxes, 35 signs, and 6 airplanes for the 98th Bomb Group in the Paint Shop.
g. Parachute Shop - Checked and repacked 259 parachutes for the 98th Bomb Group; modified 122 parachutes according to technical orders.
h. Propeller Shop - Assembled 25 propellers; disassembled 27 propellers; installed propellers on 6 engines.
i. Radio Shop - Installed new wiring in bomb bay of 1 airplane; tested radio and interphone equipment on 7 aircraft.
j. Sheet Metal Shop - Did necessary sheet metal work on 26 airplanes; manufactured 2 plexiglass turret parts; repaired 4 gun turret domes.
k. Welding Shop - Manufactured 6 drums and repaired 7 ammunition belts.





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Sheet No. 1 WAR DIARY 559th Serv Sq, 62nd Serv Gp, APO 520

Month of June, 1944. Prepared by L. F. MERCER, 2nd Lt, AC, 559th Serv Sq.

| DAY | EVENTS |
|---|---|
| 1 | The first day of a new month found all our departments busily engaged in our year-round task of "Keeping 'Em Flying". We're still stationed at Fortunato Cesari Airdrome, Italy, and our present strength is 221 Enlisted Men and 9 Officers, with an attached Dentist and his assistant. |
| 2 | Special Orders came today from the 62nd Service Group making eighteen promotions. The new ranks created were: Sgts Albino, Goldman, Knight, Morrow, and Waller to S/Sgt; Cpl Cotterman to Sgt; Pfcs Anderson, Englen, Farran, Gittleman, Neumann, Zamrin, and Pvt Fox to Cpl; and Pvts Callahan, Holt, O'Leary, Roberts, and Snook to Pfc. A minor epidemic of tonsillitis has spread through the squadron. Three men were sent to the hospital, making a total of five there with that ailment. |
| 3 | Two more sore throat cases were sent to the 35th Field Hospital. Our mess hall took on an aspect of a transient hotel when 59 Enlisted Men and 2 Officers from the 2084th Engineers were attached to us for rations and quarters. These men have been overseas for five days. |
| 4 | Sgts Albano and Bendyk were sent to the rest camp at Santa Cesarea today. Two tonsillitis cases returned from the hospital. We were overjoyed by the news of the fall of Rome. |
| 5 | M/Sgt Charles R. "Rusty" Williams left for rest camp. His pitching arm will be sorely missed on our squadron soft ball team. Two cured sore throats came back from the 35th Field Hospital. |
| 6 | In the first shut-out game of the current season, our soft ball team solidly trounced the 344th Bomb Squadron Officers to the tune of 13 to 0. Pitcher Cpl Jack "Giacomina" De Pizzo allowed our opponents only one hit. The squadron shook with excitement at the news that the long-awaited invasion of Europe was at last under way. |
| 7 | Cpl Recker, the last of the tonsillitis cases, returned from the hospital, ending the mild epidemic. |
| 8 | Remembered today was the old childhood saying, "When you're good, you're very, very good, but when you're bad, you're HORRID!"..Our soft ball team went down to a 10 to 1 defeat at the hands of the 909th Air Base Securities Battalion. |
| 9 | Cpl Tucek and Pfc Catalfamo became the first members of the squadron to visit Rome, when they helped transport the 835th Engineers to the Eternal City. |
| 10 | T/Sgt Nuss and Cpl Ven John were packed off to the 35th Field Hospital. Word was received of the promotion of Lt Richard B. Mercer, our assistant Engineering Officer, to First Lieutenant. |
| 11 | Three more lucky ones left for rest camp; Sgts Cotterman and Williamson and Pfc Carroll. |

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Sheet No. 2 WAR DIARY 559th Serv Sq, 62nd Serv Gp, APO 520

Month of June, 1944. Prepared by L. F. MERCER, 2nd Lt, AC, 559th Serv Sq.

| DAY | EVENTS |
|---|---|
| 12 | In a nine inning, rough and tumble, touch and go soft ball game, our squadron team won their first tilt of the league play-offs. We downed the 415th Bomb Squadron Officers, 14 to 11. |
| 13 | Our CO, Major Friley and our Air Corps Supply Officer, Captain Barbat left for a five day sojurn at rest camp. It was announced that Mr. Joseph, assistant Air Corps Supply Officer was promoted to the grade of Chief Warrant Officer. |
| 14 | In a gripping pitcher's battle, the 415th Bomb Squadron Officers beat our soft ball team 4 to 2, tying up our three game series. We play them again in two days. |
| 15 | What a month this has been so far!! First the capture of Rome, then the launching of the invasion, the announcement today of the bombing of Japan, and at one o'clock this afternoon this squadron sent its very first man home under the rotation plan. S/Sgt Harold J. Gehm, Jr., with twenty-three months of overseas service to his credit, left for Naples as the first stop in his journey back to the good old U. S. A. |
| 16 | The following is a list of promotions made public knowledge today: Sgt Skupa to S/Sgt; Cpl Nowak to Sgt; Pfcs Bell, Foltz, Henderson, and Pvt Huffman to Cpl; and Pvts Chastain, Curran, and Estes to Pfc. The 415th Officers eliminated us from the league soft ball play-offs by the score of 10 to 8. |
| 17 | A Tech Supply Non-Com, T/Sgt Billie Stiles, was assigned to us by the 62nd Service Group. |
| 18 | Sgt Cotterman, Sgt Williamson, and Pfc Carroll returned from the rest camp at Santa Cesarea and S/Sgts Newsome and Taylor were sent there for a week's rest. |
| 19 | Cpl Tucek returned after spending several days with the 835th Engineers at Rome and Pfc Lima, sent to replace him, was chosen for a job coveted by the entire transportation department. The 2084th Engineers have set up their own kitchen now and they no longer mess with us. |
| 20 | Cpl Ven John returned from the 35th Field Hospital leaving only one man at that venerable institution. |
| 21 | For the first time since this squadron was activated, not a single member of our personnel is in the hospital. T/Sgt Nuss returned from the 35th Field Hospital. |
| 22 | We're getting fresh meat only every other day now instead of daily as heretofor. Fresh meat every day was awfully good while it lasted. To the surprise of all concerned the 1000 per cent Air Corps soft ball team lost its first game of the current intr-squadron season to the Engineering Shops' ten by a score of 5 to 3. |

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Month of June, 1944. Prepared by L. F. MERCER, 2nd Lt, AC, 559th Serv Sq.

| DAY | EVENTS |
|---|---|
| 23 | No events of unusual interest. |
| 24 | T/Sgt Stiles went to Bari as the squadron's only representative in the 15th Air Force Service Command Track Meet. Two men, Sgt James D. Tucker and Pfc Cosmo G. La Braico, were assigned to us by the 62nd. |
| 25 | S/Sgts Newsome and Taylor returned from rest camp and Sgt Button and Pfc Jamerson, of our cooking staff, were sent there for a week of well-deserved rest. |
| 26 | S/Sgt Abolin was sent to the 35th Field Hospital. |
| 27 | Lt Mercer and Cpl Pilling left for a short stay in Bari where they will attend Courts and Boards School for two days. |
| 28 | We sent still another man, Pvt Pitts, for MP duty at 62nd Headquarters. |
| 29 | We enjoyed, for the first time, ice cream made with our own home-made freezer, with the evening meal today. |
| 30 | Pay day, and about three thousand dollars were put into Soldiers' Deposits, this in addition to an undetermined amount sent home in the form of Postal Money Orders, but not everyone was so frugal, "molti Lira" changed hands in the usual pay day night games of chance. |

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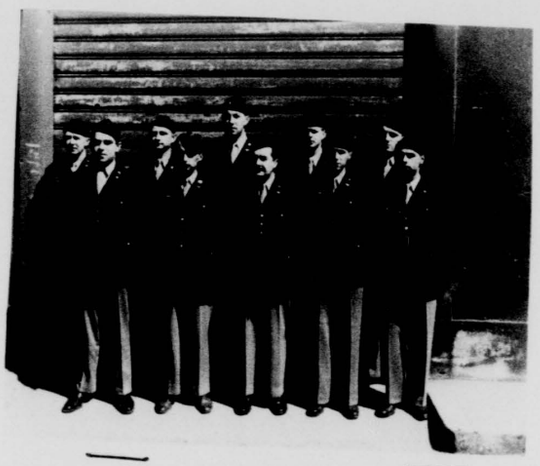
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Left to Right--Sgt Vincent E. Mollet, Sgt Gerard A. Cantin, M/Sgt Harold C. Nyberg, Cpl William N. Graber, and T/Sgt Jess B. Nostrand.

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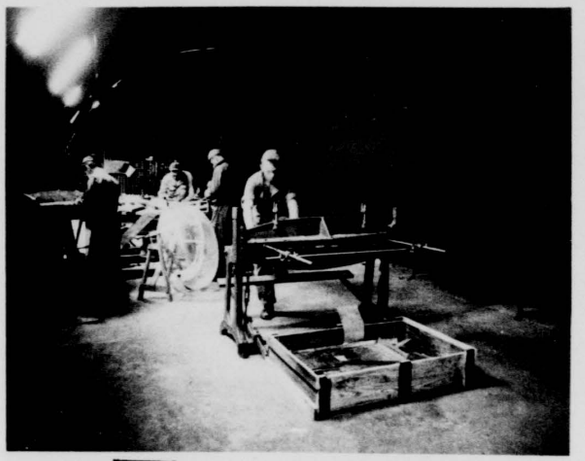
559TH SERVICE SQUADRON OFFICERS

Left to Right, Front Row--1st Lt Robert Levin, Capt Gerald E. Hynan, Capt George W. Barbat, WO(jg) Guy W. Sterling, and CWO James L. Joseph. Left to Right, Back Row--1st Lt Richard B. Mercer, Capt Manley J. Wham, Major Kenneth O. Friley, 1st Lt Charles L. Becker, and 2nd Lt Lyle F. Mercer.

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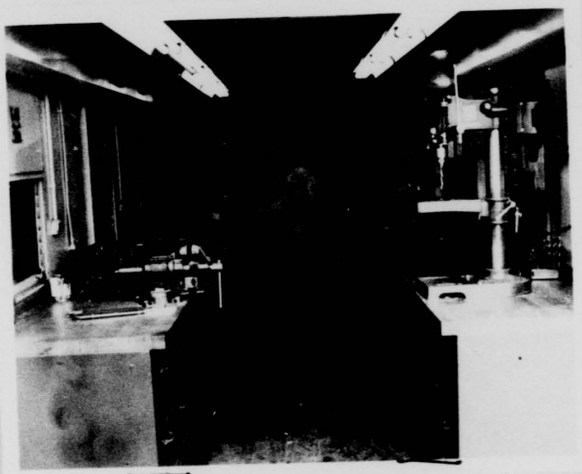
559TH SERVICE SQUADRON
SHEET METAL SHOP

Left to Right--M/Sgt Frank Wojnar, Sgt Russell R. Feverston, Cpl Clifford D. Simpson, and T/Sgt Edwin S. Poole.

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559TH SERVICE SQUADRON
MACHINE SHOP TRAILER

Foreground--S/Sgt Leo R. Fouse.
Backround--Sgt Walter J. Burch
and T/Sgt Raymond W. Nuss.

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559TH SERVICE SQUADRON MECHANICS
REPAIRING A B-24

Left to Right--Cpl Edmond O. Brown,
Sgt Adam R. Shelangaske, and Cpl
Harold M. Beck.

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559TH SERVICE SQUADRON
WELDING SHOP

Left to Right--Sgt Floyd O. Fischer, T/Sgt Billy Allred, S/Sgt Dominick J. Albano, S/Sgt James F. Best, Cpl Frank J. Reed, and Cpl Joffre P. Reyes.



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SPECIAL OUTLINE HISTORY
559TH SERVICE SQUADRON
62nd Service Group
APO 520

31 July 1944.

a. Original unit.
(1) Designation - 559th Service Squadron.
(2) Date of organization - 6 January 1944.
(3) Place of organization - Carosino, Italy.
(4) Authority for organization - General Order #8, Headquarters Twelfth Air Force Service Command (Advanced), dated 27 December 1943.
(5) Sources from which personnel was obtained - By transfer from other units.

b. Changes in organization - Squadron transferred from 323rd Service Group to 62nd Service Group on 20 January 1944, per Paragraph #17, Special Order #17, Headquarters, Fifteenth Air Force Service Command, dated 17 January 1944; Squadron reorganized under T/O & E 1-417, dated January 1944 on 10 March 1944.

c. Strength, commissioned and enlisted.
(1) At beginning of period - 9 Officers and 234 Enlisted Men.
(2) Net increase - 2 Enlisted Men.
(3) At end of period - 9 Officers and 236 Enlisted Men.

d. Stations.
(1) Stationed at Carosino, Italy from 6 January 1944 until 14 January 1944.
(2) Stationed at Lecce Airdrome, Italy from 14 January 1944 until present.

e. Marches.
(1) None.

f. Campaigns.
(1) Authorized Battle Participation Awards for Italian Campaign per amendment to secret letter, AG 200.6/23, Headquarters, North African Theater of Operations United States Army, Subject, "Battle Participation Awards", dated 23 December 1943.

g. Battles.
(1) None.

h. Commanding Officers in important engagements.
(1) None.

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i. Losses in action.
(1) None.

j. Former and present members who have distinguished themselves in action.
(1) Captain Gerald E. Tymon, Technical Sergeant Clarence C. Baughman, and Corporal Herbert W. Foltz awarded the Soldier's Medal per Section VIII, Paragraph 28, General Order #1863, Headquarters, Fifteenth Air Force, dated 15 July 1944.

k. Operational data.
(1) Engineering Department.
a. Armament Shop - Removed, repaired, and replaced 11 gun turrets.
b. Carpenter Shop - Manufactured 135 boxes; planed 1854 board feet of lumber; manufactured 4 tables, 3 cabinets, 12 signs, 6 door frames, and 2 window frames; cut 1814 board feet of lumber.
c. Electric Shop - Serviced 32 batteries; repaired 1 generator; completed electrical assignments on 6 airplanes.
d. Instrument Shop - Checked and repaired 85 instruments, 9 watches, and 2 clocks.
e. Machine Shop - Manufactured 8 wrenches, 60 fittings, 8 bushings, in addition to regular routine work.
f. Paint Shop - Painted 57 airplanes, 5 boxes, 5 drums, and 5 signs.
g. Parachute Shop - Inspected and repacked 585 parachutes; manufactured 5 bags, 100 flaps, 10 covers, and 20 ditching bags.
h. Propeller Shop - Assembled and disassembled 56 propellers; removed and installed 17 propellers.
i. Radio Shop - Installed 3 switches and 5 interphone harnesses.
j. Sheet Metal Shop - Modified 4 airplanes; manufactured 1 bombadier's window, 4 domes, and 356 washers; repaired 6 bomb bay doors and completed sheet metal work on 11 airplanes.
k. Welding Shop - Repaired 1 trailer frame, 2 ammunition trucks, 2 ammunition chutes, 1 waist gun track, 10 safety slides, and 8 braces; manufactured 15 bomb bay door handle extensions, 1 bombsight mount, and completed regular routine work.
l. Line crews - Changed 6 engines, removed and replaced 20 fuel cells, changed 6 wings, and 7 leading edges; completed regular routine work.





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Sheet No. 1 WAR DIARY 559th Serv Sq, 62nd Serv Gp, APO 520

Month of July, 1944. Prepared by L. F. MERCER, 2nd Lt, AC, 559th Serv Sq.

| DAY | EVENTS |
|---|---|
| 1 | Today the 559th Service Squadron started its seventh month of life. Since January we've changed from a disorganized jumble of men and officers from six different service squadrons into a smooth-running, fully-equipped, and almost fully-manned organization. We're still located at Lecce Airdrome, servicing the 98th Bombardment Group (Heavy). Our total strength is now 234 Enlisted Men and 9 officers, not including an attached Dental Officer and his assistant. |
| 2 | Three men were promoted on orders from the 62nd Service Group today: Sgt Katz, our number one Medic, to S/Sgt; Cpl Fox, of Engineering to Sgt; and Pfc Bayerl, from Transportation, to Cpl. |
| 3 | This morning our monthly carbine and field equipment inspection was held. Major Friley cautioned the men to treat their personal equipment with extreme care. |
| 4 | Independence Day was celebrated by a large number of the squadron personnel at a party given by the American Red Cross. It was held at the beach club and featured games, refreshments and fireworks. For the less fortunates, it was a work day as usual. |
| 5 | Pfcs Catalfamo and Lima returned from temporary duty with the 835th Engineers at Rome. A new man, Pvt William J. McGuire, was assigned to us by the 62nd. |
| 6 | The 62nd Service Group assigned us five new men today, bringing our total enlisted strength up to 239, a new high. |
| 7 | No events of unusual interest. |
| 8 | S/Sgt Jack D. Rainey, with 23 months of oversees service to his credit, became the second man from this outfit to go home under the rotation plan. He left for Naples today. S/Sgt Katz was sent to Bari to be trained in the medical end of Chemical Warfare. |
| 9 | And the 559th was twice blessed. S/Sgt George J. Pasko left for the 19th Replacement Battalion as the first leg of his journey to the United States. He is going home as part of a cadre for a B-29 Bombardment Group. |
| 10 | Lt Levin, our attached dental officer, went back to the 160th Medical Dispensary, leaving the squadron in good dental shape. |
| 11 | As a result of a fall during a soft ball game, Cpl Lyon was sent to the 35th Field Hospital with a broken bone in his foot. |
| 12 | No events of unusual interest. |
| 13 | S/Sgt Philip C. Lloyd was assigned to us as a replacement for S/Sgt Rainey who went home recently. S/Sgt Percy M. Farmer was transferred to the 348th Service Squadron. |
| 14 | In accordance with the squadron's new policy of granting passes to Rome, M/Sgt Ernst, T/Sgt Hanstrom, and S/Sgt Pet- |

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Sheet No. 2 WAR DIARY 559th Serv Sq, 62nd Serv Gp, APO 520

Month of July, 1944. Prepared by L. F. MERCER, 2nd Lt, AC, 559th Serv Sq.

| DAY | EVENTS |
|---|---|
| 14 | ersen left for seven days in the Eternal City. |
| 15 | Our Commending Officer, Major Kenneth O. Friley, celebrated his second anniversary of overseas duty today. Two years is a long, long time. |
| 16 | Cpl David R. Davis, a former member of this squadron who was transferred to the 60th Service Squadron several months ago, was reassigned to us. Two men returned from rest camp, and S/Sgts Wallace and Giacomelli ("The Unseparables") left for a week's rest. |
| 17 | Another man, Cpl Howard Foster, saw the end of 24 months of continuous overseas service and celebrated the occaison with his old outfit, the 348th Service Squadron. He came overseas on July 16th, 1942. |
| 18 | Two men, Cpls Sliwoo and Zayac, who were assigned to us while on DS, were transferred without ever joining this organization. Sgt Andrew V. Kelley was assigned by the 62nd. |
| 19 | Our Squadron Surgeon, Captain Wham, returned from a week at rest camp and CWO Joseph came back from a period of detached service at Service Group Headquarters. |
| 20 | Sgts Ernst, Hanstrom, and Petersen are back from a week's pass brimming with stories of the wonder and beauty of Rome. |
| 21 | S/Sgts Marnell and Ruggiero left on a three day pass to visit with their respective brothers in Naples. Pvt Alpert was transferred to the 331st Service Squadron. Our enlisted strength is now 235. |
| 22 | The squadron turned out practically en masse this evening to witness the wigglings and gyrations of one "Rouhia", French-Arabian ceremonial dancer, and they were well rewarded for their loyalty. The young lady gave a performance that will not be soon forgotten in an organization of men so appreciative of feminine pulchritude. Our own T/Sgt "Ramrod" Hanstrom wielded the sledge-hammer that splintered the block of granite on the stiffened body of the self-hypnotized "Yogi". The "Rod" placed his two hundred and ten pounds of solid muscle behind the hammer and it is rumored the "Yogi" was rushed to the hospital soon thereafter. |
| 23 | S/Sgts Giacomelli and Wallace returned from rest camp and Sgts Montgomery and Shelangaske were sent to replace them. |
| 24 | Cpl Byrd was sent on DS to 62nd Headquarters as a replacement for Pfc Rinn who is returning to the squadron. |
| 25 | We had fresh fried eggs at breakfast for the fifth consecutive morning today, and the supply looks as if it will hold out for a few days more. The men generally agree that the old fashioned type of egg is much preferable to the canned variety. |

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Sheet No. 3 WAR DIARY 559th Serv Sq, 62nd Serv Gr, APO 520

Month of July, 1944. Prepared by L. F. MERCER, 2nd Lt, AC, 559th Serv Sq.

| DAY | EVENTS |
|---|---|
| 26 | T/Sgt Poole, S/Sgt Forner, and Pfc Dillon left for a three day pass to visit with the 94th Service Squadron in Foggia. |
| 27 | Cpl Clifford Lumbrook, a veteran of one month's overseas service was assigned to us by the 62nd Service Group. The squadron soft ball team climaxed its post-season winning streak with a 2 to 1 defeat of the base champs, the 909th Air Base Securities Battalion. |
| 28 | Warrant Officer Sterling left for Foggia to attend Chemical Warfare School. |
| 29 | No events of unusual interest. |
| 30 | At a very impressive ceremony held in the squadron hangar this morning, three members of the 559th Service Squadron were awarded the Soldier's Medal for heroism over and above the call of duty. Their citation read as follows:<br><br>"For heroism at great risk of life at an Allied airfield in Italy. On 18 June 1944, observing a heavy bomber crash and burn while on the take-off, these men immediately rushed to the scene of the accident. Heedless of the intense heat from the burning fuel, exploding ammunition and imminent danger of the entire airplane exploding, these men courageously made their way through the burning debris. With complete disregard for their own personal safety, they successfully ripped away a portion of the front of the blazing aircraft, and succeeded in extricating a trapped crew member and carried him to safety. By their conspicious courage and devotion to duty, in risking their lives to save the life of another, these men have upheld the highest traditions of the Military Service, thereby reflecting great credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States of America."<br><br>The men thus honored were Captain Gerald B. Hymen, Technical Sergeant Clarence C. Baughman, and Corporal Herbert W. Foltz. The presentations were made by Lt Colonel Sinclair Baker of the 62nd Service Group who expressed great pride in this organization and men and officers in it. |
| 31 | Pay day was greeted by many smiling faces. The usual generous amounts were distributed among Soldiers' Deposits, Postal Money Orders, PTA, and the inevitable games of chance. Morning found the ever-present mutterings of, "Just wait until next pay day!" |

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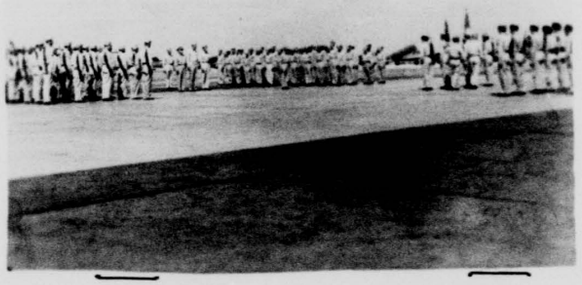


Lt Col Sinclair Baker pinning the Soldier's Medal on the shirt of Cpl Herbert W. Foltz in front of the 559th Service Squadron hangar, 30 July 1944. In the foreground from left to right are Major Kenneth O. Frile:, Commanding Officer of the 559th Service Squadron, Cpl Baker, and Cpl Foltz. In the background are Capt Gerald E. Hynan and T/Sgt Clarence O. Daughman, also recipients of the award.

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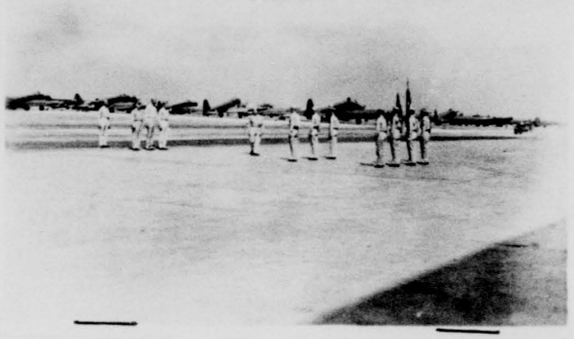


The 559th Service Squadron assembling in preperation for the awarding of the Soldier's Medal to Capt Gerald F. Hyman, T/Sgt Clarence C. Daughron, and Cpl Herbert W. Foltz at a heavy bomber base somewhere in Italy.

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Capt Gerald E. Hynen, T/Sgt Clarence C. Baughman, and Cpl Herbert W. Foltz of the 550th Service Squadron assemble to be awarded the Soldier's Medal by Lt Col Sinclair Baker at a heavy bomber base somewhere in Italy.

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Sheet No. 1 WAR DIARY 559th Serv Sq, 62nd Serv Gp, APO 520

Month of August, 1944. Prepared by L. F. MERCER, 2nd Lt, AC, 559th Serv Sq.

| DAY | EVENTS |
|---|---|
| 1 | The first day of August was not a particularly eventful one. S/Sgt William R. Eddins, Cpl George W. Durazzo, and Cpl Russell J. Mason left for a seven day pass in Rome and Sgt Thurman Montgomery was transferred to the 83rd Service Squadron. The 559th Service Squadron continues to be stationed at Lecce Airdrome, servicing the 98th Bombardment Group (Heavy). Our total strength is 235 Enlisted Men and 9 Officers. |
| 2 | The following promotions were made public knowledge today: S/Sgt Louis J. Janisky to T/Sgt; Sgt Angelo J. Patti to S/Sgt; Cpls Benjamin F. Frame and Ervin A. Nadolski to Sgt; Pfcs Henry W. Caufield, Edward M. Curran, John Lima, Lawrence O'Leary, John W. Walsh, and Arthur B. Waters to Cpl; and Pvts John P. Apuzzo and Roderick E. Barrett to Pfc. Sgt Norbert E. Trottier was assigned to replace Sgt Montgomery. |
| 3 | First Lieutenant Richard B. Mercer, our Assistant Engineering Officer was transferred to the 331st Service Squadron. Popular Lt Mercer will be missed by all who knew and worked with him. |
| 4 | Apparently to clinch the fact that our squadron soft ball team is invincible, we trounced the base champs, the 909th Air Base Securities Battalion in the third successive game by a score of 6 to 0. The scores of the other two games were 2 to 1 and 11 to 1. We're now ready to take on the Wing champions, Headquarters Squadron of the 62nd Service Group. |
| 5 | M/Sgt William E. Richards, who has been on Detached Service at 62nd Service Group almost since his assignment to the 559th was formally transferred to that orgenization. |
| 6 | S/Sgt Leo R. Fouse and Sgt Walter J. Burch returned from rest camp in Lecce and Sgt Ralph E. Skrederstu and William L. Lyon were sent to replace them. T/Sgt Charles A. Henry, Jr was assigned to us and placed on DS at 62nd Headquarters. |
| 7 | One officer and four enlisted men were assigned to us but none of them have joined us as yet. The officer is First Lieutenant William C. Richardson who will assume the duties of Assistant Engineering Officer. Pvt Carmen J. Farlono, while on DS at the 62nd, was transferred to the 58th Service Squadron. |
| 8 | Sgt Charles R. Irving, who applied for Paratrooper training several months ago, was finally called today, and was trans- |

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Month of August, 1944. Prepared by L. F. MERCER, 2nd Lt, AC, 559th Serv Sq.

| DAY | EVENTS |
|---|---|
| 8 | ferred to the 2nd Replacement Battalion for reassignment. |
| 9 | Pfc Joe R. Bently and Pvts Cyril P. Kronenwetter and Lawrence J. Sorice were assigned to us by the 62nd Service Group. Warrant Officer Guy W. Sterling returned from Chemical Warfare School, bringing our total of Gas Officers to two. |
| 10 | S/Sgt Eddins and Cpls Durazzo and Mason, having returned from Rome, M/Sgt Fred M. Gozzi, S/Sgt Robert I. Levine, and Cpl Ralph H. Huffman left for seven days in the Eternal City. |
| 11 | The squadron was entertained by movie stars Jack Haley and Mary Brian appearing with a USO Camp Show. |
| 12 | This evening, with appropriate "Ohs" and "Ahs" the newly renovated Squadron Day Room and Bar was opened for business. The entire room has been painted, the walls decorated with life-size pin-up girls, and soft easy chairs and divans were placed about the floor. The bar was well stocked with alcoholic beverages and free sandwiches were served. Music was supplied by an Italian accordianist and many lusty voices joined in chorus. The men and officers agree that we now have a Day Room and Bar to be proud of. |
| 13 | T/Sgt Billy Allred, S/Sgt John B. Forner, Jr, and Sgt David A. Gardner were transferred today with their ultimate destination B-29 School in the U. S. A. |
| 14 | S/Sgt Stallard I. McNalley and Sgt Albert R. Matassoni left for a short period of temporary duty in Naples. |
| 15 | S/Sgts Melville M. Knight, Jr and Philip C. Lloyd were sent to the Santa Cesarea Rest Camp for seven days. The entire squadron was issued the new lightweight army gas masks today. |
| 16 | Sgt Hansford L. Ayers was assigned to us but placed on DS at 62nd Service Group Headquarters. The three Rome visitors reluctantly returned to the fold today. |
| 17 | Orders were received from 62nd Headquarters today promoting S/Sgt Dominick J. Albano to T/Sgt; Sgt Oscar R. Button to S/Sgt; and Cpls William C. Englen, James H. Gittleman, and John B. Schelter to Sgt. |
| 18 | Cpls Howard Foster and David R. Davis and Pvt James B. Houser, carried on our T/O as overages, were transferred out. Pvt Joseph A. Dennis, Jr was sent on DS to the 62nd Service Group. |

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| DAY | EVENTS |
|---|---|
| 19 | Cpl Henry W. Caufield, an overage on our cooking staff, was transferred to the 306th Fighter Wing. A brand-new radio-phonograph was added to the glory of the Day Room-Bar today. |
| 20 | Sgts William M. Derr and Irvin R. Street went to Rest Camp in Lecce. |
| 21 | Today 47 men from the 91st Service Squadron and 94th Service Squadron cadres celebrated their first year overseas. Some toasted the occasion in the squadron bar, but the majority are saving their celebrating for V Day. |
| 22 | S/Sgt Emanuel Katz, Sgt John B. Schelter, and Pfc Harold F. Eriksen left on a seven day pass to Rome. |
| 23 | Team manager S/Sgt Stallard "Isaac" McNalley called his first work-out this afternoon for all hard ball hopefuls. A baseball team is being formed to compete with other teams on the Base. |
| 24 | Cpl Ted C. Lofstrom returned after several months of DS at Oxygen School. |
| 25 & 26 | No events of unusual interest. |
| 27 | Having spent over a month and a half in the 26th General Hospital, Sgt John E. Belote returned today. Sgts Derr and Street returned from Rest Camp, and T/Sgt Arvid M. Calaway left for temporary duty in Bari. |
| 28 | Cpl Joseph J. Riffel, Cpl Joseph R. Marigliani, Pvt Lawrence J. Sorice, and Pvt James A. Downing were added to our list of men now on DS at Oxygen School in Bari. S/Sgt Hubert M. Bullard and S/Sgt Max Goldman were sent to the 35th Field Hospital. |
| 29 | Cpl John H. Byrd, on DS at 62nd Headquarters, was transferred to the 58th Service Squadron. |
| 30 | No events of unusual interest other than that tomorrow's pay day. That's plenty interesting! |
| 31 | Sgt John N. Vogel, Cpl Robert W. Davis, and Cpl Alex L. Kelenske left for Rest Camp in Rome. Happiness was distributed in the form of pay envelopes and so another month has ended. |

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SPECIAL OUTLINE HISTORY
559TH SERVICE SQUADRON
62nd Service Group
APO 520

31 August 1944.

a. Original unit.
(1) Designation - 559th Service Squadron.
(2) Date of organization - 6 January 1944.
(3) Place of organization - Carosino, Italy.
(4) Authority for organization - General Order #8, Headquarters Twelfth Air Force Service Command (Advanced), dated 27 December 1943.
(5) Sources from which personnel was obtained - By transfer from other units.

b. Changes in organization - Squadron transferred from 323rd Service Group to 62nd Service Group on 20 January 1944, per Paragraph #17, Special Order #17, Headquarters, Fifteenth Air Force Service Command, dated 17 January 1944; Squadron reorganized under T/O & E 1-417, dated January 1944 on 10 March 1944.

c. Strength, commissioned and enlisted.
(1) At beginning of period - 9 Officers and 235 Enlisted Men.
(2) Net decrease - 3 Enlisted Men.
(3) At end of period - 9 Officers and 232 Enlisted Men.

d. Stations.
(1) Stationed at Carosino, Italy from 6 January 1944 until 14 January 1944.
(2) Stationed at Lecce Airdrome, Italy from 14 January 1944 until present.

e. Marches.
(1) None.

f. Campaigns.
(1) Authorized Battle Participation Awards for Italian Campaign per amendment to secret letter, AG 200.6/23, Headquarters, North African Theater of Operations United States Army, Subject, "Battle Participation Awards", dated 23 December 1943.



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g. Battles.
(1) None.

h. Commanding Officers in important engagements.
(1) None.

i. Losses in action.
(1) None.

j. Former and present members who have distinguished themselves in action.
(1) Captain Gerald E. Hynan, Technical Sergeant Clarence O. Baughman, and Corporal Herbert W. Foltz awarded the Soldier's Medal per Section VII, Paragraph #2, General Order #1863, Headquarters, Fifteenth Air Force, dated 15 July 1944.

k. Operational data.
(1) Engineering Department.

a. Armament Shop - Removed and replaced 5 charging handles, 6 tail turret domes; cleaned and repaired 3 tail turrets.
b. Carpenter Shop:- Manufactured 103 boxes, 10 tables, ten chairs and 11 cabinets.
c. Electric Shop - Recharged 15 batteries; repaired 4 generators.
d. Instrument Shop - Checked and repaired 56 instruments.
e. Machine Shop - Manufactured 52 sittings, 48 bushings, 16 brackets, and 27 bolts.
f. Paint Shop - Completed assignments on 84 aircraft; painted 21 boxes and 16 signs.
g. Parachute Shop - Inspected and repacked 158 parachutes; manufactured 400 covers and jeep tops.
h. Propeller Shop - Removed and installed 22 propellers; "pickled" 18 engines.
i. Radio Shop - Repaired and replaced horizontal antennas; installed liasion transmitters and receiver; repaired 4 radios.
j. Sheet Metal Shop - Completed assignments on 28 aircraft; manufactured 20 brackets, 50 air ducts, and 11 turret domes.
k. Welding Shop - Welded 10 braces and 17 gears; manufactured 12 spikes and 3 brackets.



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WAR DIARY

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Sheet No. 1 War Diary 560th Service Sqdn Cerignola (Station)

Month of January, 1944. Prepared by Sgt. Harold B. Fortney, (name, rank, unit)

560th Service Squadron.

INTRODUCTION

Certain Cadres from service squadrons of the XII Air Force Service Command began arriving in Carosina, Italy on 2nd January 1944 with the instructions, "Report to the Commanding Officer of 323rd Service Group." Consisting of approximately 39 enlisted men and 2 officers each, the first few cadres were taken to Roccaforzata , a distance of 2½ miles, where they were quartered in the old rectangular two story stone castle which had previously used by both German and Italian troops. There the cadres were known as 323rd Detachment until 6 January. Capt. Sargeant N. Tower was the commanding officer.

The castle was by far the most conspicious and largest building in that small Italian town located on the highest ridge in the area. Built in 1879, the castle had been used in pre-war times as the town center, and as an apartment for the wealthier people of this town. There about 350 enlisted men were quartered in the halls, the court, and in the 20 large high celling rooms of this building. From the roof of this building an observer could get a commanding view of the region adjacent to the Gulf of Taranto-and area which was one of the leading centers of ancient culture in southern Italy. Such was the setting for the 560th Service Squadron-a squadron activated pursuant to General Order 8 Hq. XII AFSC, dated 27 Dec. 1943.

| DAY | EVENTS |
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| 6 | The acc mplishing order came out today-Special Order 6 Hq. 323rd Service Group assigning personnel to the newly formed 560th Service Squadron. We had been waiting very anxiously since January 2 for this. Many rumors had started as to just how many service squadrons were to be formed, and who would comprise each. According to some rumors each cadre would form the basis f r one squadron, while according to others there would be a combination of several cadres. This special order ended the rumors about the subject. The 560th was to comprise the complete cadres of 4 service squadrons. They were 306th, 321st, 338th, and 341st. In addition to these 3 officers were from the 331st Service Squadron and 2 enlisted men from the 324th. Another cadre, 94th Service Squadron, which arrived later is to be divided between the 560th and the 559th. Thus, this is a very important day for us-in that we are not only in the XV Air Force but that the personnel is being used in activating a new service squadron for that Air Force. |

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6 There has been much activity-this the first day of the new organization. the 323rd Detachment Orderly Room was dissolved, and personnel assigned to the 559th were moved out of the castle to Carosina leaving only the officers and enlisted men assigned to the 560th Service Squadron. Both the kitchen and the squadron supply were located in small rooms on the first floor, while across the court opposite them were the Medics and Orderly Room. With a little moving, the personnel remained on the second floor.

7 This has surely been a cold day. For several days it had been a common sight seeing the fellows go to the roof of the castle, and enjoying the view, or reading in the sunlight. Today, even up there the wind seemed to be colder than inside the castle itself. Having trouble to keep comfortable, many members of this squadron checked out at the orderly room, walked the two miles to San Georgio, and either stayed there or caught a ride to Taranto. Since transportation was very scarce, and we were the only soldiers in Roccaforzata, it was necessary to walk to and from San Georgio when ever we desired to go to Taranto. "Walking does me good. I get warmed up even on such a cold day as this" one private remarked as he finished a climb up the hill from San Georgio to Roccaforzata. "I must let down on my cigarettes, if I have to do this up-hill walking".

8 Formation was held at 8:30 this morning. It was the first for this new organization. Following roll call, all personnel were assigned to one of the four departments, and Medical detachment. Army speciality numbers and recommendations which came with each cadre were used as a basis for this assignment. At the formation the Commanding Officer, Capt. OAKLEY K. MORTON, II, introduced the officers, announcing to the squadron the department to which each had been assigned. Captain SARGEANT N. TOWER, who had acted as detachment commander, was appointed Engineering Officer. Lieutenant HARRY R. LANGHAM and W/O CONIO A. GRIECO were asistant engineering officers. Captain HARRY V. PERCY was the Tech. Supply officer, with Lieutenant JAMES W. BOARD as assistant Tech Supply officer. Lieutenant VIRGIL R. HACKLEMAN, of the 324th Service Squadron cadre, who was being transferred from the 559th, is to be the squadron adjutant arrived later today. W/O CLYDE L. DYER JR. was to be the squadron supply, mess and transportation officer. All personnel met with their respective departmental officers.

9 At formation this morning, the squadron was told to get all personal equipment ready to move into tents tomorrow morning. There is no doubt about it as the squadron supply received tents shortly following the formation.
The squadron is invited to attend both Catholic and Protestant services by the 323rd Group Headquarters. A large number of the squadron attended.

10 We moved from the castle at Roccaforzata to a well kept olive grove located on the North side of the Taranto-Brindisi Highway one mile North west of San Georgio. The tall olive trees, the green and closely cut grass, and the absence of stone makes this a picturesque bivouac area. There our tents were pitched. Being about 200 yards from the main highway, the dirt road near our tents will give us access to the main highway. And as the first sergeant said, "Two hundred yards is just the right distance from that crowded highway."



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10 While pitching our tents, arranging them, and doing various details around the area, we were "entertained" by the singing of women and girls as they picked the olives off the ground. According to some members of our squadron who understood Italian language, they were singing about their "good padrone" for others it was but a monotaneous chant.

11 It was very cold last night and many of the fellows commented this morning about not sleeping very comfortably due to the dampness in their tents. Most of us slept in pyramidical tents for the first time since leaving the States-having used the British desert tent or quartering in buildings instead. It was not uncommon to see fellows looking for material to be used in making some kind of a crude stove for heating the tents.

Our transportation department was a very lucky one today. The first portion of its equipment arrived-five jeeps, a 2½ ton truck, and a F-1 unit. Although much more will be needed in that department alone,to function properly, this is a step toward getting equipment to operate our squadron. The fellows assigned to that department were certainly razzed.

The last of the original cadres to our squadron arrived this evening-15 enlisted men from the 94th Service Squadron, 324th Group. This brought our number to 171 enlisted men.

12 Formation this morning was different from all others we had had previously. The squadron has been divided into platoons and squads, and this new arrangement posted on the bulletin board.

The main activity this morning, and in fact for the entire day, was the gas decontamination lecture and demonstration. Many had been wondering as to just how safe their gas mask were, and they were given an opportunity to find out this morning when the entire squadron "went through" the gas chamber. Supprisingly enough, almost all masks tested "safe". This was followed by the demonstration and lecture both under the supervision and guidance of the Group Chemical Warfare Officer and his assistants..

13 The first service records and allied papers of members of this squadron arrived today-those for the two cadres, 306th Service Squadron and 341st Service Squadron. Our orderly room personnel began compiling more accurate records concerning the various individuals. Then, too Capt. MORTON began interviewing many of us using the form 20's as his guide. Thirty were called into the orderly room today and more will follow later.

For several days there have been requests as just to when we will be issued out PX supplies. These supplies arrived today, and although each of us could buy but 5 packs of cigarettes, there was a variety of items-soap, tobacco, chewing gum, candy, razors and blades, shaving cream, and writing paper. The moral of the squadron was raised!

14 We had not been bothered with the Italian civilians selling fruit, nuts, vino, etc. like we had while at Roccaforzata, but it was different today. We don't know whether they had lost us, or had been too timid the past four days to come to our area. Some of the civilians used a mixture of English and Italian giving the name of the product in English, and the quality



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14 in Italian-"oranges, buona, nuts, molto buona". They did'nt seem to be very succesful as so many of us buy the items at either San Georgio or Taranto.

Today, the squadron had its first physical inspection. All received the "o.k." sign for which we were very thankful.

This evening we had another "first". It was an invitation at Carosina, a distance of two miles to the moving picture"Palm Beach Story" starring Claudette Colbert, in addition to a short. Our truck would'nt accomidate all the men who wished to go, so the group sent us two.

15 A few office supplies arrived today-especially blank forms, paper and two typewriters. It was not possible to return some of the individual equipment which we had been using.

It has been said that "An army travels on its stomach!" Well, for us today, although we did no traveling it is best that at least a sentence be reserved in this record whenwe have a meal featuring chicken on toast and all the trimings. There was a great number of favorable comments-All of them emphizing the desire to have them more often! The menue had been posted on the bulletin board since yesterday, and supprisingly enough the check-out list was very small before this meal.

16 Pfc Foresha and Pfc Allyn, both members of our transportation department, were sent on detached service today with the 1247th QM Co. for the purpose of operating F-3 fuel service units. These enlisted men were the first of our new organization on detached service, but no doubt that is just the beginning.

Today being Sunday, our squadron was again invited to religious services held at the group chapel. This time the number attending was very small.

17 We were very much surprised, and the news quickly got around to all members of our squadron when orders arrived stating that Sgt. Wilson and Morrison of the original 306th Service Squadron cadre were to return to their organization and from hence be sent back to the States. The reason was that they were on the rotation list of that squadron. They left early this afternoon, and were they excited! "What a break for us and I hope you get it too," were the final remarks of Wilson, a vetran of 13 months foreign service. Morrison was too excited to say anything.

18 This morning, Lt. Hickleman, our squadron adjutant, received his notice that he had been promoted to the grade of first lieutenant. He was one happy officer! That was shown in his actions and by the extra broad smile. "Too bad, fellows, those PX supplies hav'nt come in" he was overheard to say to one of the officers.

At lunnh today we surely had a treat! One that most of the squadron had'nt enjoyed for a long time. The American Red Cross had dough nuts for us. Each took his alloted tnree, but quitet a number were seen sneaking back. One of them was overheard to say, "Gee, but it's good to see an american girl again". Upon being questioned, he admitted that he was hungry for dough nuts and was waiting for seconds to be given out.

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19 The personnel staff of the orderly room had worked several days with the records avaliable in attempt to get the initial payroll ready for our squadron. This task was completed, and today all members of the squadron that were present for duty signed it. Some admitted that they did'nt need the money, but would sign just the same, while larger percentage could hard'ly wait their turn.

Although signing the payroll raised the moral of this squadron, it was lowered somewhat when the announcement was made that "No mail would go out no can we expect to get any until we move."

20 323rd Group Hq. moved to Spinazzola today and we were almost certain to be a "Forgotten squadron." This proved to be untrue in several respects when they left a large mobile kitchen for us, and a decontamination truck in place of our small water trailer. Both were immediately put into use.

21 Today marked the 16th month of foreign service for almost half of the squadron. Many were the tales about past experiences, and the hopes that they would soon get back to the States. One person began the rumor that Congress had passed a bill to the effect that after 18 months of overseas duty, all personnel would be returned immediately to the states. It is easy to see why that did spread so quickly. The originator admitted that he thought it a good rumor and appropriate topic for the day. He added, that the next time he was the instigator of such a rumor that he would add "And signed by the President."

22 This was a very warm day for the preparation to move. Orders arrived late last evening that we were to move to an imcompleted airbase near Spinazzola a distance of about 80 miles. These facts were given the squadron by Capt. MORTON this morning. All departmental tents were struck, including the orderly room and the equipment was loaded on trucks that arrived in our area today. We got our personal equipment ready, leaving up only personnel tents. Many members of the squadron were "sweating out" their laundry, but by evening they had either gone after it themselves, or it brought to them. Moral was ver much elated when one of the fellows brought back the news this evening that there was an invasion in the vicinity of Rome. We hope it is correct.

23 This was a very important day for our squadron. There was not only a permanent change of station, our second, but our squadron's first convoy. With most of the preliminaries in moving having been completed yesterday, it required very little time in getting the convoy started this morning. The convoy itself moved very smoothly along the route chartered on our movement order-through Tarranto, Massfra, Gioia Di Colle, Alta-Mura and Gravina, arriving at an incomplete and new airbase dight miles from Spinazzola. We were tiredand very cold but the chicken served by our cooks when we arrived surely hit the spot.



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23 Our new "Station" is a rather unique one located on the dirt road running in a general western direction, and connecting Spinazzola with Bari. About a mile Northward is a high uniform looking ridge parallel with and beyond the railroad. In every other direction the land is comparatively level except for an occasional ridge in the far distance.

It was there that we set up our bivouac area this afternoon. Most of the tents were erected across a rectangular wheat field and near the railroad. The kitchen was established along the dirt road and was near transportation. The prise set-up was the government built, attractive, ten room roadhouse "Casa Cantoniera" with its tile floors, ovens, and [illegible] smooth stucco walls. This house was used for our orderly room, Medics, squadron supply and officers quarters. What seems to bother us-how long will we be here?

24 Although our personnel tanks were erected yesterday after arriving here, each required some additional work. Them, too the first sergeant surely required a large number of details this morning! This was dubbed "detail day" by some of the fellows. Anyway the work had to be done.

It was a surprise to us when we were asked to furnish two guards in Spinazzola tonight. There is a rumor that it will be permanent.

25 Our first sergeant, Ray F. Rutherford of Virginia, was transferred back to his "old outfit", 324th Service Squadron, in order to be sent back to the states. Several month s ago he wasplaced on the rotation list of his squadron, but he had stopped "sweating it out" until Sgt. Wilson and Morrison were returned last week for that purpose. He had become very popular-extremly so for a first sergeant-and we all hated to see him leave.

Technical Sergeant George W. Yohem of Penna. and a member of the 321st Service Squadron cadre, was appointed actng. first sgt. He had served in the same capacity when we were in the 323rd Service Group Detachment at Roccaforzata.

Yes, the guard in Spinazzola is to become permanant according to instructions. It was requested that two volunteers from this squadronreport to the Provost Marshal of the Group. From those that volunteered for this service, Pvt's Winkkler and Bartosik were selected by Capt. MORTON to be M. P.'s.

26 This has been one of those days which we will all remember. It started raining at 10 o'clock this morning and with only a few short intervals, continued until late tonight. The rain and the resulting mud was enough to make it miserable but in addition there was a very strong north wind blowing from the adjacent ridge. We knew that if it rained while we were at this location that it would be very difficult to cross the newly planted wheat field in going to and from our tents and either the Orderly Room or the Mess Hall. And this was the day! When there was the call for physical inspection this afternoon at the Orderly Room some of the fellows said that it was raining too hard to go across the mud and preferred staying in the tents, but anyway, they went!



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27 Captain MORTON announced this morning that due to probably Communist demonstrations, it would not be possible for any of the squadron to leave the area except on official business and then weapons must be carried. As a result, you could see a large number of new decks of cards being used in the tents, while in other tents the "sessions" became rather lengthy. The monotony was relieved when a message came from the 323rd Service Group Special Service Officer stating that the squadron was invited to a moving picture this evening and that two trucks would be furnished. Two trucks were not enough so the truck assigned to our squadron was also used. At least 2/3 of the squadron crowded on these three trucks and all were very much pleased with the attraction-two shorts and the feature, "The Mysterious Doctor".

28 This was a very dull and inactive day for us until notice came this afternoon that we were to move to Cerignola #1 (Gullia), and there report to the Commanding Officer of the 43rd Service Group. It meant that the remaining part of the afternoon, and the evening would be very busy ones for us. And too, we will be in a new group!

29 We were scheduled to leave by 9 O'clock this morning, and in spite of the late notice yesterday, the convoy did "pull out on time", arriving at Cerignola #1 in time to have dinner served at 1330 hours. The convoy covered the 50 miles in remarkably good time even though handicapped by demolished bridges, crooked and rough roads, and numerous hills.

When we arrived at the air base, our bivouc area was in an olive grove just off the north side "taxi strip". This grove is not nearly an ideal spot as the one we had near San Giorgio , but we hear from reliable sources that we will move on this field as soon as the 350th Service Squadron leaves.

30 This has been the warmest day we have had since being stationed at San Giorgio. It is ideal for details and we have been surprised that there has been so "few" today. No doubt our temporary location on this part of the airfield has been the reason for this. Many checked out for Cerignola and Foggia.

According to SO # 15, Headquarters, 43rd Service Group, Captain JAMES A. SCHMITT of the 558th Service Squadron will be our new Commanding Officer. He has not arrived as yet.

31 The moral of this squadron was surely increased this morning with the arrival of one of the largest supplies of mail since the formation of our new squadron. We have surely been "sweating it out"! Today our unit mail clerk was one of the most popular persons in the squadron!

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560TH SERVICE SQUADRON
APO 520

U. S. Army
5 February 1944.

SUBJECT: Historical Data for the Period 6 January 1944 to 31 January 1944.

TO : Commanding Officer, 43rd Service Group, APO 520, U. S. Army.

1. In compliance with Memorandum No. 45-10, Hq., 15th Air Force, dated 25 December 1943, and paragraph 13, AR 345-105, the following report is herewith submitted:

a. Original Units-306th, 321st, 324th, 338th, 341st, and 94th Service Squadrons.
(1) Designation - 560th Service Squadron, 354th Service Group.
(2) Date of Organization - 6 January 1944.[1]
(3) Place of Organization - Roccaforzata, Italy.[2]
(4) Authority for Organization - General Order 8, "Activation of Certain Army Air Force Organizations", Headquarters, XII Air Force Service Command (ADV), dated 27 December 1943, Annex 1 and 2.[3]
(5) Sources from which Personnel Obtained - Initial cadre personnel came from certain service squadrons under XII Air Force Service Command. The enlisted men for this organization were obtained by means of quotas from the following squadrons: 306th Service Squadron, 41st Service Group; 321st Service Squadron, 332nd Service Group; 324th and 341st Service Squadrons, 306th Service Group; 338th Service Squadron, 315th Service Group; and 94th Service Squadron, 324th Service Group. Three officers of this organization came from 331st Service Squadron, 323rd Service Group, two assigned with their cadre from 338th Service Squadron, and one assigned with each of the 321st, 324th and 341st Service Squadron cadres.

b. In accordance with General Order 8, Headquarters, XII Air Force Service Command, dated 27 December 1943, annex 1, the 560th Service Squadron was a part of the 354th Service Group, but the personnel was to report to the Commanding Officer, 323rd Service Group awaiting assignment.[4] The squadron was officially relieved from the 354th Service Group and assigned to Service Center 323 eleven days following its organization.[5] On 27 January 1944, the 560th Service Squadron was assigned to 43rd Service Group.

Although the squadron was designated for XV Air Force,[6] it was not until 9 January that it officially became a part of XV Air Force Service Command.[7]

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| c. Strength - Commissioned or Enlisted | Off. | W/O | EM |
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| (1) At beginning of period (6 Jan. 1944) | 6 | 2 | 159 |
| (2) Net increase during month | 0 | 0 | 13 |
| (3) Net decrease during month | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| (4) At end of month | 6 | 2 | 171 |

| d. Stations - All permanent Change | Date of Arrival | Date of Departure |
|---|---|---|
| (1) Roccaforzata, Italy | 6 January 1944 | 10 January 1944 |
| (2) San Giorgio, Italy | 10 January 1944 | 23 January 1944 |
| (3) Spinazzola, Italy | 23 January 1944 | 29 January 1944 |
| (4) Cerignola, Italy | 29 January 1944 | - - - |

e. Former and present members who have distinguished themselves in action.
None.

f. Photographs of personnel, important scenes or events.
None.

g. Operational data.
Due to the organization of this squadron during the Month of January, there is nothing to report.

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[1] To be organized prior to 30 January 1944 as per GO 8, Hq., XII AFSC, dtd 27 Dec 1943, annex 1; accomplishing order was Special Order 6, Hq., 323rd Service Group, dtd 6 January 1944.

[2] Ibid.

[3] Pursuant to authority in WD Letter, subject "Constitution and Activation of Certain Army Air Force Units", dated 7 December 1943; first indorsement of Heqdquarters, NATOUSA, dated 23 December 1943; and 2nd indorsement, Headquarters, Army Air Forces North Africa Theatre of Operations, dated 24 December 1943.

[4] General Order 1, Headquarters, Army Air Force, Meditarranean Theatre of Operations, dated 24 December 1943.

[5] SO 17, Headquarters, XV Air Force Service Command, dated 17 January 1944.

[6] WD Letter, subject, "Constitution and Activation of Certain Army Air Force Units", dated 7 December 1943.

[7] Par. 14, SO 17 Headquarters, XV Air Force Service Command, Dated 17 January 1944.

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HEADQUARTERS, 560TH SERVICE SQUADRON
APO 520 U. S. Army

5 April 1944.

SUBJECT: Historical Records.

TO : Commanding General, Fifteenth Air Force, Attention: Historian. (Through Channels).

1. Unit history of the 560th Service Squadron for the period 1 March 1944 to 31 March 1944.

a. Facts relating to the origin of the unit.
This information was contained in Historical Data Report for the Month of January 1944. The present designation of the unit is 560th Service Squadron, 43rd Service Group.

b. Changes in organization.
T/O and E 1-417, dated 2 January 1944, effective for this organization 15 March 1944, per General Order # 4, Hq., 43rd Service Group, dated 11 March 1944. No other change.

c. Strength, commissioned and enlisted.

| | O | W/O | EM |
|---|---|---|---|
| (1) Month of March, 1944 | | | |
| (a) At beginning. | 7 | 2 | 192 |
| (b) Net increase. | 0 | 0 | 10 |
| (c) Net decrease. | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| (d) At end. | 7 | 2 | 202 |

d. Stations.
Cerignola # 1, Cerignola, Italy. Permanent station. No change during the month.

e. Movements.
None.

f. Campaigns.
(1) Italian Campaign.
(2) Still in progress.

g. Operations.
Our squadron continues to service the 459th Bomb Group (H), comprising 756tn, 757th, 758th, and 759th Bomb Squadrons, and the 304th Bomb Wing Headquarters. A large amount of equipment arrived for our squadron this month, but there is a great deal we have not as yet received. The T/O and E 1-417 dated 2 January 1944, which was effective for our squadron on 15 March, made numerous changes in our organization.

(1) Planes.
(a) B-24 H, 459th Bomb Group. Engines reworked, and repaired leading edge of left wing. 100 hour inspection. Work completed 8 March 1944.
(b) B-24 H, 459th Bomb Group. Ground looped end of runway resulting in salvage. Not completed.
(c) B-24 H, 459th Bomb Group. Repair of tail strut, skid strut and stringers. Work completed, and plane returned 19 March 1944.



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(d) B-24 H, 459th Bomb Group. Wing change, engine change, and extensive sheet metal repair. Plane turned over to us 21st March. Not Completed.
(e) B-24 H, 459th Bomb Group. New fuselage and other parts. Not completed. This plane was turned over to us in February.
(f) P-40, 504th Bomb Wing. 100 hour inspection completed. Plane returned to 504th Bomb Wing 14 March 1944.
(g) P-40, 504th Bomb Wing. Second echelon maintenance. (100 hour inspection). Work completed 29 March 1944 and returned.

(2) Parachutes inspected and repacked--514.
(3) Aviation gasoline and oil.
(a) Gasoline consumed--1,000,156 gallons.
(b) Oil consumed--6,720 gallons.
(c) Gasoline, emergency supply--106,000 gallons.
(4) Engines and propellers issued.
(a) Engines--7.
(b) Propellers--5.
(5) Breatheing oxygen cylinders issued--1163.
(6) 81's handled by Tech Supply (1 or more item each)--1471.
(7) Requisitions.
(a) ACC Requisitions--93.
(b) Total number of requisitions--774.
(8) Other Data.
(a) Parachute shop repaired flying clothing for 459th Bomb Group.
(b) Carpenter shop enclosed the control tower on this base.

2. Enclosed is the war diary of this unit for the period 1 March 1944 to 31 March 1944. No supporting documents are submitted.

For the Commanding Officer:

Virgil R. Hackleman
VIRGIL R. HACKLEMAN
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Unit Historical Officer.

1 Incl:
War Diary, March, 1944.





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WAR DIARY

Sheet No. 1 War Diary of 560th Service Squadron, 43rd Service Group--Cerignola, (Station)
Italy. Month of ~~February~~ MARCH, 1944. Prepared by Sgt. Harold E. Fortney, 560th Service Squadron under the direction of Lt. VIRGIL R. HACKLEMAN, Unit Historical Officer.

| DAY | EVENTS |
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| 1 | We begin the Month of March at our same location, Cerignola No. 1, Cerignola, Italy, with 9 officers including 2 warrant officers, and 192 enlisted men. The T/O requirements are filled with reference to officers, but we are short 21 EMs. There is a rumor that we are to get a new T/O which would make this a larger squadron.<br>W/O Grieco, Sgt. Mack, Cpl. Agrusa and Pvt. Gleason left for Crotona today. They will be gone several days. We hope that they have luck getting equipment. It is all to be heavy. Lt. Board and Sgt. Dylewski, who have been on a similar mission in Naples, returned today with much less than they had anticipated. |
| 2 | Our basketball team has still been very unlucky. Tonight they lost their third game in succession--this to the 110Grd Quartermaster Company by a margin of 8 points. To date we still have enough men for three teams.<br>PX supplies were sold to members of the squadron this evening. We were just a little disappointed because the rations seemed "slim", and nothing new. Anyway, we are glad that there were 7 packs of cigarettes for each man--1 per day.<br>We lost our first member of the squadron this month when Pfc. Reiman, who worked in our Engineering Department, was transferred today to the Detachment of Patients of the 26th General Hospital.<br>Soldier's Deposit money for the squadron was turned in to the 43rd Group Finance today. There was a slight decrease compared with the other deposits. $1000 this time. |
| 3 | This was a very warm day, and many fellows took advantage of it by putting their blankets, beds and some clothing in the sun. We surely hope that such can be done very often, but we hear from civilians that this will be a rather rainy month.<br>Shower truck left for Cerignola today. 'Twas filled to capacity. In typical GI style, there was much crabbing upon their return as the showers "were too crowded and not enough time was given us". Anyway, they seemed very thankful to get the opportunity of having a shower. That was shown when questions were asked of them. |
| 4 | 5 truck-loads of OML equipment arrived today, so our Tech Supply was kept rather busy. Much of the equipment will be turned over to the Bomb Group, but some will be put in the OML section of our squadron. All of the equipment has been very badly needed.<br>Our Parachute Department has been working overtime with the carpenters in getting the table made so that they can begin inspecting and repacking the parachutes. Due to their inability to get certain issued equipment, it was made by |

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hand when possible.

Today's issue of "The Little Bird", 43rd Service Group weekly, was printed. Personally, we liked it very much better that way and will overlook the fact of it "coming out" later.

5 This has been a very newsy day for our squadron--not that it is so essential to us, but the items of interest for such a diary are varied.

Today, members of our squadron received their first mail from the States addressed 43rd Service Group. All were V mails. Although the V-s were mailed 12 to 15 days ago, that was "better time" than formerly when it was addressed 325rd Service Group, and sometimes also the "ole outfits". We are looking forward to better mail service from the States with mail coming "directly" to us.

Two trucks were again used this Sunday to take EM to both Protestant and Catholic services in Cerignola.

Our Parachute Department began "operations" today in the back and lower part of the Tech Supply building. 21 chutes were packed today. They are to start working on a 24-hour basis in order to get "caught up".

Four more EM arrived today--three of them from the 22nd Replacement Battalion directly, while T/Sgt. Hustead was assigned from the 43rd Service Group Headquarters. T/Sgt. Hustead, a Regular Army administrative clerk who has previously served in Panama, was assigned to Tech Supply after an interview with Capt. Schmitt; Cpl. De La Fuente, draftsman, to our Engineering Department, while Pfc. Fisher and Pvt. McGinn were sent to transportation. These EM left the States 1st February. There is some difficulty "fitting" T/Sgt. Hustead into our present set-up, but the other three are much needed.

W/O Dyer, who has been on TD at AF Chemical Depot # 5 and W/O Briece, Sgt. Mack, Cpl. Agrusa and Pvt. Gleason, who had been at Crotone, all returned today to the squadron. Report--good!

Eleven transients ate chow with us today. They looked very much satisfied!

6 Engineers scraped the ground which will be used as a softball diamond. Following this, a log was pulled over the area by a jeep. Looks good except for numerous small stones. We will scrape them up by hand later.

We were to go to Cerignola for showers, but it was postponed for a few days because of new showers being installed at the water point which we are to use. Sounds like a good "deal" to us.

The same 11 transients ate with us again today. They are members of a crew whose plane is on the field awaiting minor repairs.

7 There was a crack-up at the Northwest end of the runway. This occurred at about 0900 hrs. today, and involved a B-24. In spite of this, the planes continued taking off on their mission. Nobody was hurt very badly, but they were just a little nervous and considered themselves rather lucky. The plane was "towed" to our Engineering area in the late afternoon. It will be salvaged. Now we have four B-24s and a P-40 in this area.

The basketball game at 34th Field Hospital Gym this evening resulted in our first victory, 37 to 21 score over the 557th Service Squadron team. The fellows seemed to be "on their toes". We hope that they continue that way in future games.

Word was received today that Lt. Board, our Assistant Tech Supply Officer, was



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promoted to the rank of 1st Lt. This promotion was effective 16 January 1944 per letter from NATOUSA.

Because of Pvt. Geise being sent to the 20th General Hospital, Pvt. Boom, of our Engineering Department was substited for him at the Oxygen School now being held at AF General Depot # 5.

8 Both the softball diamond and volleyball court were marked off today. Late this evening, several of our squadron, including officers, practiced on the diamond. They did "stay with it" longer than a person might expect. Both softballs and baseballs were used.

The plane, removed to the Engineering area yesterday evening resulting from the crack-up, kept several crews of that department very busy all day. It will aid in supplying needed parts for planes that are to fly in the future.

9 This is the last day of work for the six Italian civilians we use as orderlies and KPs. They were all very good workers, having done this type of work in another squadron, but since their background can't be traced far enough, they must leave.

The Italian family living in the rear of the building we use for our headquarters moved out today. The court, stable and numerous small dwelling rooms will be used by our Tech Supply as soon as it is "cleaned out". We believe that this will be a lot of work, but that it will be worthwhile.

10 Six new Italian civilians were hired today as orderlies and KPs. Also, 10 additional ones came as laborers, and are to begin work on that "set-up" for Tech Supply. All civilians have been approved, and we are to furnish transportation to and from Cerignola each day.

Showers this afternoon at the waterpoint. It looks like a fairly good break for us. Being about a mile from our headquarters, we are given the privilege of using them twice each week (Monday and Friday) from 1400 to 1630 hrs. With the use of one truck and employing the shuttle idea those that can be excused by their department heads and want the shower can have a chance to get it. Only obstacle we faced today was the hours--our squadron being so busy at this time. At that, about 1/4 of the squadron took advantage of the showers.

11 Three more EM, who also left the States the first day of last month, joined our squadron today. They, too, came from the 22nd Replacement Battalion at Bari. One of these fellows, Sgt. Huffmen, had been in the army 26 months, but the other two had been in the service about 1 year and 1½ years. They were Cpl. Csakai and Cpl. Erickson. All three were graduates of an army service school in the States, and were eighter sheet metal or airplane mechanic. All fitted in very well with our Engineering Department "set-up".

Our basketball team was at the 34th Field Hospital Gym this evening ready to play the 561st Service Squadron Team, but there was no game as they failed to appear. We wonder if it is a forfeit game!

Hot rolls for our evening meal and they were surely appreciated! "Real" butter direct from the States made them delicious. The fellows surely did hang around the mess line. No rolls were left--a large percentage had seconds and more.....



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12 This was a very miserable day. It rained and the wind blew practically all day beginning early this morning. In spite of the stones and sand hauled in front of the Headquarters, it was plenty muddy by evening. Many of the personnel tents "seemed" about ready to be flooded and blown away, but the tension was much relieved this evening when the rain stopped and the wind "died down". There has been "a run" on our squadron supply for shovels and long stakes! Several "small ponds" could be seen in our transportation area due to the "low ground" in that vicinity. Even though most of the departments had a very heavy schedule for today, the weather surely "played havoc" with all excepting what could be done inside.

Our new ambulance arrived today and the entire squadron, as well as our Medics, was glad of it. Previously, we, not having an ambulance, were dependent upon the Group and it was very inconvenient. Pvt. Jenkins will be the driver.

13 Several details worked this morning digging ditches to drain the water from our area, straightening tents and walls around latrines, and removing some of the articles which had become wet. Thus, work and the bright rays of the sun today did much to change our situation.

Members of the squadron came to the Orderly Room today in rather large groups. This was the main day for signing the March Pay Roll, and also making applications for Mother's Day flowers to be telegraphed to the States. The latter, a service of the Procurement Division of Army Exchange Service, was patronized by 65 members of the squadron. S/Sgt. Nicketts and Cpl. Browning took care of the ordering.

Breakfast was a treat this morning for us and definitely something new--fried eggs, and "sunny side up" for those who desired them that way. We understand that the eggs came from the States.

Our basketball team continued its winning spree by defeating the 1440th Ordnance Company by the score of 20 to 18. It was a close game, and very exciting!

14 Tech Supply was kept fairly busy today moving all except the OSL section into the rooms in back of the headquarters rooms which were formerly occupied by Italian civilians until a week ago. The "clean up" job had been done by Italian labor under the supervision of Lt. Rice and Acting First Sergeant, T/Sgt. Babicky. The outer rooms, each measuring about 15 feet square are for offices and records of this portion of the department. The OSL section will remain in the engineering area.

15 The P-40 in the engineering area, belonging to the 504th Bomb Wing, was taken for a test hop late this afternoon. Many men in the various sections of the Engineering Department had been responsible for its being ready to fly. It was a very interesting sight to listen to their remarks and watch the expressions on their faces as they stood in chow line watching the "Colonel" do his stuff. They seemed to be sweating it out as it buzzed the area. The report was very commendable.

One of the B-24s belonging to the 459th Bomb Group slipped into a drainage ditch and was taxied to our engineering area for minor repairs. With the P-40 leaving the area, we now still have the same number of planes.

W/O Dyer, who had been on TD at AF Chemical Depot # 5 attending the Chemical Warefare School, returned back to duty. We are looking forward to his giving us instructions.

The reorganization of our squadron under T/O and E 1-417 dated 2 January 1944 was effective at 0001 hours today. This was according to par. 1 GO # 4, Hq., 45rd Service Group, dated 11 March 1944, and "Pursuant to Authority contained in Message TJW M280 Headquarters XV Air Force Service Command, dated 9 March 1944". Although



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in this reorganization, the number of officers will remain the same, the number of enlisted men will be increased from 215 to 236. We now have 198 EM.

16 Italian laborers, together with fellows detailed from our squadron, resumed hauling stone to "fill up" some more of the low spots in our headquarters area. A long and deep drainage ditch was also dug, then partially filled with loose stone.

Our Squadron Supply moved today from the room adjacent to the Orderly Room to the front and upper end of that building vacated by Tech Supply. All of the equipment can now be stored inside. The parachute shop remains in the back and lower portion of this building. W/O Dyer had his squadron supply fellows, S/Sgt. Robert M. Willis, Sgt. James O. Willis and Cpl. John M. Milton, "on the ball" to get moved today.

Sgt. Arthur F. Mack and Cpl. John Agrusa of our transportation section left for Naples today for the purpose of getting some organizational equipment. We hope they are lucky!

The 860th Basketball Team won again tonight in a game played at 34th Field Hospital Gym. The victims were the 1240th Quartermaster Company. They were defeated by the score of 25 to 11. According to observers, our team, composed of S/Sgt. Barbonne and Cpl. Abshire at forward, Sgt. Smuck at center, and Sgt. Bingham and Pvt. Sanborn at guard played one of their best games.

PX rations were sold again this evening. Although there was a higher percentage of the "popular brand" of cigarettes, the rations seemed very "scanty".

17 More moving within our squadron today. This time it was our kitchen. Although it was a matter of changing from one side of the headquarters building to another, the moving required almost all day. The two rooms--one formerly occupied by the Squadron Supply and the other used as a day room--were to be utilized. The former room, 18 x 30 feet will make an ideal place for storage and for officers' mess, while the other, about 2/3 as large, will be used for cooking. The rooms are connected by a "fair-sized" door.

We lost another EM to the Detachment of Patients of the 26th General Hospital--Pfc. Thomas Page who came to us from the 538th Service Squadron. Page was the second one this month being transferred to this hospital.

18 Six more EM, two Cpls. and four Pfcs, arrived today from the 22nd Replacement Battalion. All had left the States either the 1st or 2nd day of February, and were graduates of an AM or Propeller Service School. They were: Cpl. Charles J. Cervenka, Cpl. Charles M. Hector, Pfc. Tress M. Tyler, Pfc. Donald E. Schmidt, Pfc. Herbert L. Raff, and Pfc. Obert S. Mc Cauley. Although these men haven't had the practical experience in the field, their training will be an asset to our engineering section.

Those volunteering for the work were kept very busy today getting the Day Room and Bar ready to open at 6 PM this evening. Their efforts were much appreciated by the large percentage of the organization who attended the opening. In addition to the drinks and various games, the cooks, under the capable guidance of S/Sgt. Edgar M. Foster, had prepared something additional--sandwiches, boiled eggs, doughnuts and coffee.

Sgt. Arthur F. Mack and Cpl. John Agrusa returned from Naples today with a new Tech Supply Trailer. That department is surely pleased! It will "fit in" very well with their work. This equipment will be used with the cabinet and trailer they already have.



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19 More aviation gasoline arrived today for our reserve or emergency supply. We now have our "level", 108,000 gallons.

A list was submitted to the 45rd Service Group Headquarters, entitled, "Rotation of Personnel". This, as requested by the Group, was a record of those EM who came overseas before 1 January 1943. There were 115.

After our softball diamond was cleared of small stones, several men "tried it out". All admitted that it will be a very good diamond.

Some men who went to Cerignola this evening on the show truck attended the opera at the Special Service Music Hall. The report was good. For a few, it was their first opera.

20 For the fourth consecutive day it surely looked like "Sunny Italy". This has been very much appreciated by our Engineering Department in particular who are "loaded down" with work. And today, more work was added when a B-24 belonging to the 450th Bomb Group was taxied to the area for repairs. Yet we are very proud of the fine work this department is doing--sunny days much preferred!

More stone was added to the "low spots" in our area. As one member of our squadron remarked "Getting ready for a rainy day!"

Major Myer Lynsky, S-3 Officer of the 45rd Service Group, inspected our squadron today. We were very glad to have Him with us.

70 EM and 2 officers (Lt. Hackleman and W/O Dyer) spoke of this as a "red letter" day for them. Today they completed 18 months foreign service. Needless to say, many rumors began to circulate among the members of the squadron--and these men seemed to be "welcomed listeners". Already two officers of our squadron, Capt. Schmitt, and W/O Grieco, and four enlisted men, Sgt. Joseph S. Maruda, Pvts. James R. Baker, Joseph J. Bartosik and William G. Cann, have already completed 19 or 20 months of overseas duty.

21 After winning three consecutive games, our basketball team lost tonight to the 2252nd Quartermaster Trucking Company by the score of 16 to 38. Not so good!

This is the first day of Spring and to us it looks very much as though Spring is actually here! Since the days are getting longer, our working schedule has been lengthened 1/2 hour with the evening chow being served at 1700 hrs.

The 45rd Service Group Headquarters, pursuant to high authority, requested names of members of this squadron who could speak the German Language fluently. Sgt. Arthur F. Mack voluntteered. He was able to meet both the linguist and the other qualifications.

22 M/Sgt. Claude P. Daspit, line chief of our Engineering Department, left today for AF Depot # 52 where he is to be given instructions relative to many problems which he faces daily.

It was almost dark when the planes returned from their mission this evening. Our transportation refueling units were ready for them. The same was true of both our Engineering and Tech Supply Departments. Many had to work until late tonight but no complaints from them.

On numerous occasions we have had corn fruters for breakfast, but rarely those together with fried eggs, bacon and cereal. Not bad!



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23 The OEL section of Tech Supply was very busy all day. Much of the smaller equipment is being put into a trailer which that department recently acquired. According to T/Sgt. Yonen, it is a job that will require several days and much planning.

S/Sgt. Nelson P. Norick and S/Sgt. Adam E. Darbonne, Jr. left this evening for AF General Depot # 5 where they will be given instructions which will aid them in "running" a Tech Supply Office.

24 This being Friday, showers were scheduled for members of our squadron from 1400 to 1630 hrs. Due to the cold water reported by the first 15 to go, a relatively small percentage of the squadron didn't take advantage of them.

All pay books of EM in the squadron were returned today after an alteration was made in accordance to AD Circular # 74, dated 18 February 1944.

Several members of the squadron took advantage of the clear weather this evening and practiced on the softball diamond. There was a practice game, halted at the end of the fourth inning on account of darkness.

25 The cooks again "scored" with those at the Day Room this evening when they passed out refreshments consisting of doughnuts, cake and coffee. We had three guests at this party--members of a British Anti-aircraft crew located in our Engineering area. They surely enjoyed themselves!

This was a cold and windy day. So many fellows in the chow-line remarked how they "almost froze" while working on those planes. They seemed like a very "crabby bunch" today.

S/Sgts. Darbonne and Norick returned from the Depot. In the time they were there, they became more acquainted with the set-up at the Depot and its problems.

With the return of Darbonne and Norick, Sgt. Wilton G. Gillespie of the parachute shop left for AF General Depot # 5 where he will be given special instructions pertaining to this department.

26 The carpenter shop, which has been so very busy the past two months, produced another one of its fine projects today--a varnished and well constructed office desk for the Orderly Room. The desk is so built that it can easily be disassembled to aid in moving. Pvt. Stedman was mainly responsible for this project.

Attendance at church services in Gerignola (Protestant and Catholic) was almost doubled that of the past few Sundays.

More attended the opera tonight than went to the first, yet even to this one many tickets allotted to us were not used. Those who attended gave a very favorable report and we are certain that more will attend this form of entertainment tomorrow night.

Pfc. Hoyl L. Boom, an armorer specialist, was transferred to Headquarters & Headquarters Squadron, 324th Service Group. Boom is still at the Oxygen School. He substituted for Pvt. Geise who was sent to the hospital.

27 Our unit barber shop opened for business this evening. It is located in the Day Room with Pfc. James A. Ball of Weston, West Virginia as our barber. He had been unit barber for the 341st Service Squadron, also in addition to his work as a carpenter. The shop will be open three evenings each week from 6 until 10.

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The last of the series of operas was staged this evening at the Special Services Music Hall in Cerignola. This opera entitled, "Madame Butterfly", was a tragedy in three acts. Our allotment of 28 tickets was used, and there were a few disappointed because of lack of tickets.

28 The Italians continued their construction of a building to the side of our headquarters. This building is to be 80 x 20 feet with the walls constructed of stone blocks averaging 6 x 9 x 15 inches. We are going to use it as a mess hall upon completion.

The wind was plenty cold for those who worked outside. In the engineering area, almost all men wore their mechanics jackets and many of them their mechanics pants to protect them from the prevailing north wind. "My hands surely got cold on the wing of that plane", one sheet metal worker said while in snow line.

29 This was a warm day and it was surely welcomed by all members of the squadron. There was so much work which had to be done. "Finishing touches" were made on one plane and it was ready to leave for the 304th Bomb Wing. That was just one of the many projects of the day.

Much excitement was caused late this afternoon when there was an airplane crash to the east of this airport. Our C-2 wrecker and a mobile unit was called there.

30 Major Libbey of the Inspector General's Department, XV Air Force Service Command, inspected our squadron today. He paid particular attention to our defense system, and prevention against possible chemical attacks. In general, he seemed very much satisfied with our squadron and the work it is doing.

PX supplies were sold this evening after chow. We were surely surprised to get a bottle of coca cola (very few had seen one since leaving the States), and a can of fruit juice. And, too, there was a larger amount of candy--10¢ Hersheys in particular. Most of the fellows did "sweat out" the line mainly because of these additional items. One wide-awake GI associated his sweating out the line with Mauldin's cartoon about Coca Cola in today's issue of the Stars and Stripes.

Both M/Sgt. Daspit and Sgt. Gillespie returned today. They said that they had been "sweating out" getting back to the squadron before pay day. And they were doubly glad when they received their bottle of Coca Cola!

31 This was pay day for our squadron. Due to the large amount of work we have, pay call was at 1600 hours. The total figures of the enlisted men's pay roll for this month was $8,989.82. According to reports, much money changed hands before the day ended.

Major Libbey was back with us this morning mainly to give any GI a chance to get his troubles "off his chest".

For the Commanding Officer:

Virgil R. Hackleman
VIRGIL R. HACKLEMAN
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Unit Historical Officer.



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560TH SERVICE SQUADRON
APO 520

U. S. Army
4 March 1944.

SUBJECT: Historical Data for the Period 1 February 1944 to 29 February 1944.

TO : Commanding Officer, 43rd Service Group, APO 520, U. S. Army.

1. In compliance with Memorandum No. 45-10, Hq., 15th Air Force, dated 25 December 1943, and paragraph 13, AR 345-105, the following report is herewith submitted:

a. Original Unit
"This information was contained in Historical Data Report for the Month of January, 1944."

b. Changes in Organization
560th Service Squadron was relieved from assignment to 32nd Service Group and assigned to 43rd Service Group per SO 34, Hq., XV Air Force Service Command, dated 3 February 1944.

c. Strength, Commissioned or Enlisted

| | O | W/O | EM |
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| (1) At the beginning of the period | 6 | 2 | 171 |
| (2) Net increase during the month | 1 | 0 | 21 |
| (3) Net decrease during the month | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| (4) At the end of the month | 7 | 2 | 192 |

d. Stations
Cerignola No. 1, Cerignola, Italy. Permanent Station. No change during the month.

e. Former and present members who have distinguished themselves in action.
None.

f. Photographs of Personnel, important scenes or events.
None.

g. Operational Data
Our squadron is designated to service the 459th Bomb Group (H), comprising the 756th, 757th, 758th, and 759th Bomb Squadrons, and the 304th Bomb Wing. This month a large amount of our needed equipment arrived, but we are still in dire need of a larger amount--equipment which we hope will be available to us very shortly.
Planes
(1) Repair of a B-24J, a transit plane belonging to 98th Bomb Group. Brake trouble. Job completed.
(2) B-24, 459th Bomb Group. Wing repair job. Not complete.
(3) B-24, 459th Bomb Group. New fuselage and other parts. Not complete.
(4) B-24, 456th Bomb Group. Being salvaged. Result of forced landing.
(5) P-40, 304th Bomb Wing. Pulling 100 hour inspection.
(6) Sheet Metal Jobs "on the line". 3 B-24s, 459th Bomb Group. Completed.
(7) Changed super-charger installation on B-24, 459 Bomb Group.

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Gas and Oil

Our Refueling Units, servicing this base, used 8,884 gallons of oil and 387,000 gallons of gasoline during the month.

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WAR DIARY

Sheet No. 1 War Diary 560th Service Squadron, 43rd Service Group-Cerignola (Station)

Month of February, 1944. Prepared by Sgt. Harold B. Fortney, 560th Service Squadron under the direction of Lt. VIRGIL R. MACKLEMAN, Unit Historical Officer.

| DAY | EVENTS |
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| 1 | This has been a very important day for our squadron in several respects; (1) The first pay day for our new squadron--Captain Morton having returned from Spinazzola with the money; (2) our new Commanding Officer, Captain James A. Schmitt of Connellsville, Pennsylvania was transferred to us from the 556th Service Squadron effective 30 January. Captain Schmitt arrived in the area today and has taken charge; (3) Captain Harry V. Percy, our Tech Supply Officer was transferred back to the 328rd Service Group and left our squadron today. He was replaced by Lt. Walter F. Stein, transferred to us from that Group. We hear that Captain Tower will be transferred, but haven't seen the special order as yet. We have surely hated to see these officers leave our squadron, but we know that all will like our replacements. To complete the change of personnel today, Sgt. Wichmann was transferred to us and Cpl. Tampir returned to the 341st Service Squadron.<br>Seventeen members of the squadron deposited a total of $1740 in Soldiers' Deposit--five of them were new accounts. |
| 2 | Captain Sargeant H. Tower, our Engineering Officer, is transferred to the 556th Service Squadron. That is the squadron from which Captain Schmitt came. We received the special order today. It was effective 30th of January. Lt. Harry R. Langham will be "moved up" and be our Engineering Officer.<br>Both the 301st Bomb Wing and 350th Service Squadron moved off the fild today--plenty of commotion with numerous trucks and other vehicles moving about the airfield. We were visited by Colonel Rankin of the 43rd Service Group, and he informed our officers that we were to move tomorrow morning to the area left by the 350th.<br>We were told at a short formation that we were to get ready to move by 8 A.M. in the morning, and that trucks would be here at that time. Although the distance isn't very far, it requires some preparation. We packed all of our personal equipment the afternoon and evening.<br>Thirty-seven members of this squadron took advantage of P. T. A. as a method of getting money to the States. The money handled today totalled $3810. |
| 3 | The five trucks from the 43rd Service Group Headquarters were kept very busy all morning moving the squadron from the olive grove on the north side of the taxi strip to the Northwest end of the runway--a distance of about one mile.<br>It looked very much as though we had "inherited" a grand site! The kitchen, orderly room, squadron supply, and medics were moved into a stone building 120 feet wide. Between us and the Italians, quartered in the rear, is a walled court for the sheep. The second story, located above the Orderly Room, was diverted today into officers' quarters. All rooms are at least 30 feet square and with high pointed ceilings. From there, on slightly raised ground, we have a grand |



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view of the runway and a large portion of the airfield. The long rectangular building near will be used by the Tech Supply Department as soon as the 560th Service Squadron Detachment leaves. Our tent area was divided into two parts--the smaller portion along the road and in front of the buildings. The main part was in a green rectangular meadow between two young olive groves. There we were busy pitching our pyramidal tents most of the day.

Beginning in the early afternoon, combat crews of the 459th Bomb Group began arriving. It was during this time that a costly accident happened--an accident involving two B-24 planes. Nobody was hurt. The result was that one plane's fuselage was almost completely severed by the wing of a second plane. The two planes were turned over to our engineering department. This was our first experience in clearing the runway.

4 Lt. George L. Parkin, Cincinnati, Ohio, our new Medical Officer, arrived today. He had left the States about three weeks ago. The Lt. is a tall, slim, quiet officer and we are sure that he will be very well liked by our squadron. To date, our squadron hadn't a medical officer. The Group Surgeons were taking care of our medical needs.

This was a very busy day for our engineering department--especially the mechanics, sheet metal and instrument sections. The job was examining the B-24 turned over to our squadron last evening and complete the separation of the damaged portion of the fuselage from the main part of the wrecked plane. There was a great deal of "moaning" about the work because of the lack of tools. According to the reports it hasn't been decided whether the plane will be salvaged or repaired. The second B-24 turned over to our Engineering Department will need work done on its wing.

In addition to work on these planes by the Engineering Department, other members of our squadron were rather busy doing more work on their tents and area, helping to get their departments more organized and pulling details. All of this was done in spite of the cold wind.

Guard list was plenty long today mainly because of protecting the planes--26 listed for the day. And, too, because of the 500 additional men our K. P. list was increased to eight.

The chow and mess lines were very long and "monotonous"--we hated to sweat them out.

5 Captain Schmitt gave us an inspiritual talk this morning at formation. He told the squadron what he, as commanding officer, expected of us individually and collectively. He said that we were now operating in a time of emergency--trying to get set up at our new location, feed the crews of the 459th Bomb Group, and doing what we could getting them organized. To us they seemed powerless--not having their ground personnel.

In the late afternoon an announcement came to us that we must make our tents well "staked down" because of a 60 mile gale coming in our direction. At least one person was to stay in the tent at all times until after this ever-prevailing wind "dies down" and the storm passes. Although the wind did blow fairly hard and with a great deal of rain, the main part of the storm went around us.



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6 This has been a rather cold windy day--wind coming from the north. No doubt it was due to that gale we were "scheduled" to have last night.

In spite of the weather, two trucks took members of the squadron to both Catholic and Protestant Services in Cerignola. And, too, trucks were crowded for the stage show and moving picture shown in the two theatres of that town tonight. We are so glad, that even under the circumstances of helping to furnish transportation for the bomb group to and from chow, we could go to town. Since the bomb group arrived, we have had to stay on the post except on official business.

7 The first sex morality lecture given our new squadron came today. It was very interesting in spite of the cool weather. The lecture was divided and presented from three standpoints--Captain Schmitt, as Commanding Officer; Lt. Parkin from the medical standpoint and Chaplain Charlemann from the moral side.

43rd Service Group requested a member of this squadron to be M. P. at Cerignola. Sgt. Richmann was selected and he left on this DS work today. We hope that he likes it.

8 Some QM equipment arrived today. Our Tech Supply was rather busy with it. A portion of it was turned over to the 459th Bomb Group.

All except 10 of the 360th Service Squadron Detachment which was left here moved out today. Those remaining here were attached to us for rations.

Cpl. Farrelly came to us from the 320rd Service Group. This brought the number of enlisted men in our squadron to 170.

9 Daily more men have been attached to us for rations. Today our consolidated mess took care of 794. That has not only made such a long chow line to "sweat out" but the wash lines too have taken plenty of time. We noticed the "sweating" more today because of the cool wind blowing from the north--and too there was some snow with it. There was one consolation for us today--3 Italian K. P.s were hired and that means less K. P.s drawn from our squadron.

10 Passes were resumed today--20 from our squadron during any one day and apportioned between the departments. These are eight hour passes and good for a radius of 50 miles. We use a particular pass form issued by the 43rd Service Group. The quota was easily filled in spite of the cold weather.

11 This has been one of the most miserable days we have had since locating at this base. The wind "settled down" but it rained all day having begun late last night. The formation was abandoned today, and the only work done was that which could be accomplished "under cover".

The area near our kitchen and orderly room became very muddy in spite of stone that had been hauled there.

Chow was eaten in the long narrow stone building vacated by the 360th Service Squadron. Although very crowded, it served as an emergency shelter from the wind and rain.



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12 Almost all of us, including the Bomb Group, felt very weak this morning. The reason was diarrhea which "hit" us last night. It was very common to hear the men talk in chow line this morning (those there), as to how many times they had to "crawl out" of bed last night. All day there has been investigations as to the cause, but although there has been numerous theories, nothing definite has been decided. The Mess Sergeant has surely been razzed.

Something new has been added and we hope that it continues--shower truck left for Cerignola this afternoon. 35 thought it a "good deal" so were excused from their departments. Was the truck crowded!

Shots were given today from 1300 hrs. to 1400 hrs. About 2/3 of the squadron was affected, needing either typhus or typhoid. Smallpox vaccination was given a few. So many were "disappointed" because the tetanus shot was discontinued.

13 Our chow situation was very much relieved today--not because of the diarrhea which was so prevalent yesterday, but because the enlisted men of the bomb group were "relieved from attached to us for rations". Ground crews of that group arrived and with our help yesterday, set up their own mess hall. That means 417 less men in the already long chow line and a relief for our cooks. Our consolidated mess now feeds only 470, which still includs the bomb group officers. Much different from the 849 we have fed the past few days!

Three men arrived today for our Medical Detachment. Although all had been in the army more than one year, they left the States a month ago. The fellows called them "recruits". They were "rushed" with questions about what was happening in the States. These were the first enlisted men assigned to our new squadron who had just come from the States.

14 Eight more new men assigned to our outfit arrived today. Like the men who came yesterday, they, too, left the States a month ago. After an interview by Captain Schmitt, he assigned six of them to our Engineering Department. Almost all of these enlisted men had graduated from a service school, and were less than 25 years of age. The squadron now has 8 officers and 181 enlisted men.

Our detail "set up" was changed effective today. There will be a certain number of enlisted men from the various departments every day for details. In order to cut down the number of men needed every day for guard duty, the tour was increased to four hours.

15 The lighting system in the tent area was changed so that each tent has an opportunity to get electricity from the generators. The telephone wire used by some was replaced. A few don't have bulbs while others have only 10 watt ones. We hope to be able to get bulbs--and large ones soon.

It required almost all afternoon for the Group Dental Officer to check the squadron. He surely did a thorough job!

The unit mail clerk had a mail bag full of letters this afternoon. Most of it was mail forwarded from our old squadrons, but some was addressed "560th Service Squadron, 323rd Service Group" direct from the States. Service will be so much better when the news gets back there that we are in the 43rd Service Group.

16 Captain Schmitt gave us a short talk this morning at formation. He expressed his pleasure in the squadron's cooperation in putting our area in "tip-top" form, the large number of guards and K.P.s necessitated by the arriving of the bomb group. In addition to all of that "we are expecting a larger number of personnel here in a few days. That will again require the utmost energies and cooperation of all of you".



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Tech Supply has been very busy moving from a tent to a long rectangular stone building formerly used by the 450th Service Squadron. This building measures about 140 feet long and 35 feet wide. More than 1/2 of it is 15 feet underground and covered with a stone roof rising about 10 feet. In all, it should be an ideal "spot" for this department.

17 The number of civilians working in the area was increased to six today. They are used as M. P.s and Orderlies. Being previously used in these capacities by another squadron, they all know their work.

PX rations came today for our squadron. They were sold at 5:30 this evening. Besides the 7 packs of cigarettes, there was smoking tobacco, candy, gum, razor blades, shaving cream and soap.

Several officers of the bomb group became very much interested in our PX issue, and being short of the items such as cigarettes asked several of our squadron about buying them. No success.

18 Seven members from our transportation department left for Bari this morning to get transportation, other equipment and parts for both our squadron and the Bomb Group. Mr. Dyer, our transportation officer, was in charge. We hope this equipment is in very good condition. We understand that one is a T-2 Unit which we need very badly.

Passes were resumed today, although the number was reduced to 10 from the squadron at any one time.

19 Tent inspection this morning by Lt. Hackleman and Lt. Parkin our adjutant and medical officer respectively. None of us "heard" from it, so we hope or at least think that they were fairly well pleased.

The Tech Supply Department was busy this afternoon underloading airplane engines and other C&L equipment. We understand that one of the engines was for the P-40 on the field. Besides being stacked outside the building, much of the smaller parts were unwrapped and stored inside their newly occuppied building.

In spite of tent inspection and the arriving of C&L equipment, the main topic of the day has been the officers of the Bomb Group. Today is the last meal for them (353 officers) and they are going to eat at their own mess. That seems to be a matter for discussion by members of our squadron not they don't welcome their eating here, but that we will be better fed and there will be lighter work on our cooks. Thus, this is the last day for our consolidated mess. We had only 20 officers and enlisted men attached to us for rations other than the bomb group.

20 We had a new schedule in effect today which included the following high points; Roll Call was moved up to 0645 hrs; noon chow 1200 hrs; and supper at 1630 hrs. Only 30 minutes was allowed for meals.

Church services today were held in the 459th Service Group area for both Catholic and Protestants. Previously they had been held at Cerignola.

21 A call was made for basketball players to represent our squadron at games to be held at 34th Field Hospital. 15 came out tonight for our first game--a practice one against the Hospital squad. Although we lost, Lt. Hackleman, our coach, says that we will be much better after getting a few games "under our belts".



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22 Our squadron now contains 192 enlisted men and 8 officers as a result of 9 more enlisted men joining our squadron today. These men, like the last 11, left the United States just 5 weeks ago. Unlike the others, however, with one exception, they were basic and privates. They were all assigned either to transportion or engineering.

Another inspection today--this time it was our rifles. Result--very good.

The daily detail surely and plenty of work today-work that we hope will be very much appreciated by those concerned. Some 46 pyramidal tents were pitched in the area between the engineering department and the young olive grove adjacent to our main tent area. This is for crews which we are expecting.

23 There was much commotion today following the announcement that our squadron was to send 11 enlisted men to an oxygen school. Most of the day Captain Schmitt was kept busy, with the aid of Lt. Hackleman, interviewing the candidates. Before the end of the day, the ones were selected from several times the required number. S/Sgt. Higgason was put in charge of them. We understand that they will leave around the first of the month.

24 Our tent area was revised a little today. Three tents were moved from the area in front of the Orderly Room to the main rectangular plot to the north. This vacated spot is to be our athletic ground. It is a level short-grassed section, and will make an ideal spot for sports.

Our basketball team lost its second game--this a league affair. The victors were a tall lanky team representing Group Headquarters. We admit that the best team won.

PX supplies were sold this evening. In addition to the regular issued items, there were some towels, mirrors and sealed roasted peanuts (Planters). Those first in line took advantage of these "new items".

25 This was another exciting day, but of a different nature. At about 1030 hrs. a B-24 made a forced "belly landing" on the runway. None of the crew was injured, but they surely did scatter as soon as possible after landing! The bombs didn't explode luckily. This ship immediately became the "property" of our squadron and will be salvaged. The plane was successfully moved off the runway and to our engineering area by 1300 hrs.

Lt. Board, our Assistant Tech Supply Officer, arrived here today from the hospital. We hope that is his last trip there.

26 Engineering crews began the work of "pickling" the engines and removing vital parts of that B-24 which crash-landed yesterday. This plane will aid materially in the repairing of others which our squadron have been working on almost all month. One of the difficulties has been the getting of new parts for them.

Tent inspection this morning by Lt. Hackleman and Lt. Parkin. Fairly successfulexcept for a few discrepencies.

27 The squadron voted to attend church services in Cerignola rather than those held at the Bomb Group. Two trucks (one Protestant and the other Catholic) were loaded by members desiring to attend the first services of Lent.

2nd Lt. William F. Rice became the new Assistant Engineering Officer of our squadron. He was assigned from the 22nd Replacement Battalion, having left the States about 6 weeks ago. This brings our officer-strength to that of our T/O--9 including 2 W/Os.

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26 Lt. Board and Sgt. Dylewski left for Naples today where they are to get and make arrangements for more equipment. We can surely use it! And, too, Sgt. Dylewski will visit his brother who is wounded and in one of the hospitals there.

Notice came this afternoon that the 11 members from this squadron to attend the oxygen school are to leave tomorrow.

29 This was pay day, so in spite of the rain, the moral of the squadron was very high. The "formalities" were very short this morning, under the supervision of Captain Schmitt and Lt. Hackleman. For 19 members of this squadron, this was their first pay day overseas. 17 enlisted men took advantage of the army's savings system and deposited money in Soldiers Deposit. The amount, $1000.00 was $790 short of that deposited the second day of this month.

The 11 enlisted men left for oxygen school today. They were paid before leaving. We understand that the school will require 30 days.

For the Commanding Officer:

Virgil S. Hackleman

VIRGIL S. HACKLEMAN
1st Lt., Air Corps,
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HEADQUARTERS, 560TH SERVICE SQUADRON
APO 520 U. S. Army

3 May 1944.

SUBJECT: Historical Records.

TO : Commanding General, Fifteenth Air Force, Attention: Historian. (Through Channels).

1. Unit History of the 560th Service Squadron for the period 1 April 1944 to 30 April 1944.

a. Facts relating to the origin of the unit.
This information was given in the Historical Data Report for the Month of January 1944. The present designation of the unit is 560th Service Squadron, 40rd Service Group.

b. Changes in organization.
(1) Changes in designation your unit. None
(2) Transfer of unit as a whole. None
(3) Commanding Officer. No change.
(4) Staff officers: W/O CLYDE L. DYER, Jr., W-2112901, appointed Supply, Mess and Transportation Officer vice 1st Lt. JAMES W. BOARD, per Sq O # 11, this headquarters, dated 10 April 1944.

c. Strength, commissioned and enlisted

| (1) Month of April, 1944. | O | W/O | EM |
|---|---|---|---|
| (a) At beginning | 7 | 2 | 202 |
| (b) Net increase | 0 | 0 | 21 |
| (c) Net decrease | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| (d) At end | 6 | 2 | 223 |

d. Stations.
Cerignola # 1, Cerignola, Italy. Permanent Station. No change during the month.

e. Movements.
None

f. Campaigns
(1) Italian Campaign
(2) Still in progress

g. Operations.
Our squadron continues to service the 459th Bomb Group (H), comprising 756th, 757th, 758th and 759th Bomb Squadrons, and the 304th Bomb Wing Headquarters. A large amount of equipment arrived for our squadron this month, but much has not yet been received. We accomplished a great deal of work this month.

(1) Plans.

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(a) B-24 H, 459th Bomb Group. New fuselage and other parts. Much work has been done on this plane, but not completed as we are waiting for certain essential parts. This plane was received in February.

(b) B-24 H, 459th Bomb Group. Extensive sheet metal work. Plane received 21st March. Work completed and released 3rd April.

(c) B-24 H, 459th Bomb Group. Belly landing on run way resulting in salvage. Plane turned over to us 5th April. Much work was done on it this month.

(d) B-24 H, 459th Bomb Group. Extensive sheet metal repairs. Plane received 6th of April, and work completed and plane released 11th of April.

(e) B-24 H, 459th Bomb Group. Extensive sheet metal repairs. Plane received 3rd April. Work completed and plane released 10th of April.

(f) B-24 H, 459th Bomb Group. Repair numerous flak holes throughout plane, and replace main fuel tanks. Plane released 20th of April after completing this job in four days.

(g) B-24 H, 459th Bomb Group. Sheet metal repairs. Received plane 6th of April, work completed and plane released 17th of April.

(h) B-24 G, 459th Bomb Group. Temporary repairs made to enable it to be flown to depot for more extensive repairs. Work completed 18th of April.

(i) B-24 H, 459th Bomb Group. Sheet metal repairs throughtout fuselage and horizonal stabilizer, replace elevator and main fuel cell. Work completed 26th of April and plane released that day.

(j) B-24 H, 554th Bomb Group. Repair lower nose section, replace nose wheel strut and retracting assembly. Plane received 24th of April, not yet completed.

(k) B-24 H, 459th Bomb Group. Plane flew into high power lines, crashed and burned 26th of April. Salvage. Work done on it.

(l) B-24 H, 459th Bomb Group. Plane crashed short distance from field 26th of April. Salvage. Work done on it also.



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Historical Data of 500th Service Squadron (Continued) (Page 3)

(m) B-24 H, 489th Bomb Group. Sheet metal repairs on main wing panel and throughout fuselage. Plane received 29th of April. Work not completed.

(2) Parachutes inspected and repacked--675

(3) Aviation gasoline and oil.
(a) Gasoline--1,175,[illegible] gallons
(b) Oil consumed--17,[illegible] gallons

(4) Engines and propellers issued
(a) Engines--13
(b) Propellers--18

(5) Breathing oxygen cylinders issued--1,383.

(6) Number of 81's handled by Tech Supply (1 or more items each)--1,518.

(7) Requisitions
(a) AOC requisitions on depot--275
(b) Total number of requisitions on Depot--711.

2. Enclosed is the war diary of this unit for the period 1 April 1944 to 30 April 1944. No supporting documents are submitted.

For the Commanding Officer:

Virgil R. Hackleman

1 Incl:
War Diary, April, 1944.

VIRGIL R. HACKLEMAN
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WAR DIARY

Sheet No. 1 War Diary of 560th Service Squadron, 40rd Service Group--Cerignola, (Station)
Italy. Montn of April, 1944. Prepared by Sgt. Harold B. Fortney, 560th Service
Squadron under the direction of Lt. VIRGIL K. HACKLEMAN, Unit Historical Officer.

DAY EVENTS

1 This is the first day of a new month--April. As was the case for March, we again begin the month at our same location (Guilia Airfield) Cerignola No. 1, Cerignola, Italy. Our personnel, consisting of 9 officers and 202 enlisted men believe that this will be one of our best months since the activation of this squadron the first week of January.

Commonly known as April Fool's Day, much "spice" was added to today's activities by the numerous pranks. None of them, however, involved the work of this squadron nor the duty performed by anyone individual. On several occasions, fellows who generally arrive in the chow line among the last, were seen well up in the front. Several of our high ranking non-coms were standing in breakfast line almost an hour before they should have been. There were others too numerous to mention here, but during the day a person was exceedingly lucky if he wasn't made a "fool" at least once!

12 members of this squadron who attended the Oxygen Gnerator Operator's School at the 11th Air Depot Group since the first of March, returned this afternoon. According to their comments, they were very well pleased with the work they had done and were glad that they were given a chance to learn another speciality. Those attending were: S/Sgt. Clyde R. Higgason, Sgts. Lloyd J. Comann, Kenneth H. Hinton, Edward C. Kennedy, Robert G. Wilson, Cpl. John C. Kiffer, Pfcs. Hoyl L. Doom, Jacob Heifant, Lewis C. Utterback, Pvts. James J. Bartosik, Cyrus W. Geise and Hilary L. Welsh. Sgt. Hinton, Pfc. Doom and Pvt. Geise didn't attend the entire month. They were substitutes or in the hospital.

2 We lost an hour of sleep early this morning when the new army time went into effect at 2 O'clock this morning. Yet, the fellows, although soom looked alittle sleepy this morning, seemed so much in favor of the earlier time because of the additional hour of daylight in the evening.

Cerignola, which was placed out-of-bounds yesterday afternoon because of trouble among the civilians, was placed "in bounds" this morning but the streets must be "cleared" by 8 PM. This restriction was moved up to 10 PM late this afternoon. As a result of this ruling, the scheduled USO Show "was shown" in the Special Service Music Hall. A "full house" attended. The limit of tickets given this squadron--24--were all used.

As a reward for their hard and deligent work, most of the fellows working in the shops of our engineering department were given the afternoon off. 'Twas much appreciated!

F/Sgt. Ray E. Rutherford of 324th Service Squadron visited us this afternoon. He was this squadron's First Sergeant when it was activiated, but was returned to his old outfit because of rotation to the States. We understand that he has been held over for a indefinite period.

3 We lost our first member today, Pvt. Lloyd Harris. All of his records were sent to the 26th General Hospital in accordance with his transfer orders. Formerly a member of

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the 306th Service Squadron, had been in our squadron since activation. His speciality had been as sheet metal worker and according to the head of this department, his service will be greatly missed.

This was "Gas Mask Day". They were worn by all members of the squadron, except when the individuals' duties made this impossible. Then the masks were placed near and in a very convenient place. During the period from 1000 to 1000 hrs., they were worn "adjusted to the face". These are to be the procedures each Monday.

The shower truck was busy "shuttling" between our headquarters and the water point this afternoon. A large number of the squadron took advantage of these showers. The water was fine!

4 The planes returned late this afternoon after bombing the target in Bucharest, Rumania. One of them could get only one landing gear down which necessitated a belly landing. 'Twas a very good landing in spite of the circumstances. The one landing wheel was used. Nobody was hurt. The plane was taken to our engineering area where it is to be salvaged.

5 Engineering crews began work this morning salvaging the B-24 which made the crash landing yesterday. This plane will help furnish parts for planes they have been "working on" for sometime.

In accordance with AAF Regulation 62-6, T/Sgt. Richard E. Piper and S/Sgt. Allen D. Schwarz of our engineering department were selected to "Run Up" and Taxi" the B-24s on this airbase or any other multi-engine aircraft under our jurisdiction. The squadron order came out today. T/Sgt. Piper is our airplane inspector while S/Sgt. Schwarz is one of the crew chiefs. Both are very efficient.

Italian laborers put a roof on the building which is to be used as a Mess Hall. As soon as the doors are built and our carpenters complete the benches and tables, it will be opened. The windows will be screened.

We will have an Inter-squadron Softball League. It is to consist of 4 teams--Headquarters-Transportation, Tech Supply, "Linemen" and "Shopmen". This evening a series of practice games between the teams was begun with the Headquarters-Transportation Team playing Tech Supply. The game ended in a 8 to 8 deadlock, and after an extra inning was played the game was called because of darkness. The deadlock will be settled when the league begins.

6 A new cadre consisting of 15 EM is to be transferred to the newly activated 408th Service Squadron according to SO # 95, Hq., XV AFSC which arrived here today. It was surely a busy day for them --getting their clothes and personal equipment ready, and being cleared through our supply and engineering departments! And, too, the exchanging of greetings with their many friends were surely in order! This was the first group of men transferred out of our squadron. No other single transfer involved more than two men.

A supplementary Pay Roll for the last 17 EM assigned to our squadron was completed and signed today. This included those assigned the latter half of March, all "oxygen men" and a few of those who just returned from the 20th General Hospital. 'Twas the first overseas pay roll the the "new guys" had signed--many hadn't been paid since December and January.

It was an all engineering affair when the "Linemen" played the "Shopmen" in a practice game today. Besides the other members of the squadron on the sidelines, this department was very well represented. The results were very discouraging to the "Linemen" who lost 0 to 14.



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Our new training program began today when Capt. Schmitt, our CO, gave an inspirational talk stressing the good work of the squadron, chemical warfare, drinking, and gave a preview into this program. This talk was given at our assembly-roll call period at 7:30 this morning.

7 14 of the 15 EM transferred to the 406th Service Squadron left this morning. The other one, Cpl. Michael Smith, is still in the 20th General Hospital, but is due to return soon. Of these EM, 5 had been assigned to us from the 321st Service Squadron, 5 from the 341st Service Squadron, 2 had come from 500th Service Squadron, 2 had been members of 24th Service Squadron, 1 from 500th Service Squadron, while the other 2 had left the States only a few months ago. Thus, all our original cadres were represented. This group headed by T/Sgt. Louis W. Froehlich consisted of S/Sgts. Joe C. Fisher and Carmel E. Gower, Sgts; Joseph W. Harmon, James H. Hoffman, Arthur E. Shamaleit, Harold E. Wichmann; Cpls; George W. Englert, Hubert L. Matt, John H. Milton, Michael W. Smith, and Pvts James K. Baker, Donald W. Hayner, Michael Lichwa and Alfred J. Morgalis.

We continued our new training program this morning. W/O Clyde L. Dyer, who recently returned from the Chemical Warfare School, gave a gas mask demonstration and instruction.

Written report arrived today concerning the fellows of our squadron who attended the Oxygen School at 11th Air Depot Group last month. As a group, they received a "Very Good rating. Individually the best rated were; Sgt. Lloyd D. Comann, "Very Good" and recommended as Crew Chief; Sgt. Robert G. Wilson, "Very Good" and recommended as Crew Chief also; Cpl. John C. Keffer, "Very Good" and recommended as Operator; Pfc. Lewis O. Utterback, "Very Good" and recommended as Mechanic; and S/Sgt. Clyde R. Higgason, "Good" and recommended as Plant Chief. Lt. Harold S. Jones, Detachment Commander made the ratings and recommendations.

Pvt. William B. Hill rd, recently transferred from the 43rd Service Group Headquarters was sent to Cerignola as special MP replacing Sgt. Harold E. Wichmann who was transferred. Pvt. Hillard has had much experience in this line of service.

8 A new club was set-up in our squadron and went into effect today--it is known as "Enlisted Men's Club. Lt. Hackleman was appointed by Capt. Schmitt as Officer in Charge. M/Sgt. Claude P. Daspit, selected as a member of the Board of Directors by the fellows in our squadron, became President, with S/Sgt. Francis M. Finley, also a member of the Board becoming Secretary-Treasurer. The club will have charge of our Day Room and Bar. As an added attraction to the formation of the club, doughnuts and coffee were served those who attended the Day Room this evening.

Cpl. Homer D. O'Mara, leading non-com of our Medics Detachment, returned from the 34th Field Hospital today. He had another attack of malaria, but the fellows kidded him today that the fever he had was caused by his desire to again see some nurses!

This evening the Red Cross brought 500 doughnuts for our squadron. We generally have coffee for that meal, so they didn't "bother" bringing it. To make the doughnuts and our coffee "more enjoyable", the two Red Cross girls stood at the end of the serving line and "presented" each with 5 doughnuts and poured his coffee for him. 'Twas a very humorous experience to watch those GIs and listen to them both in chow line and while eating. Of the first 25 who "went through the line", 2 of them forgot their coffee

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after getting both milk and sugar in their canteen cups; 3 got coffee but "missed" doughnuts, and one--a person who generally wants the limit of both milk and sugar, took just plane coffee. No, you guess was wrong--only one of these 6 fellows had been overseas very long!

9 This is Easter Sunday and has been a grand day--so clear and warm! The two trucks used each Sunday morning to take fellows to the church services in Cerignola were surely filled this morning! An additional truck was required to accommodate the 60 to 70 persons who attended the services in the Catholic Church and in the Special Services Music Hall.

Cigars were in order this afternoon when Special Order No. 90 from Hq. NATOUSA, dated 2 April arrived promoting Lt. Harry R. Langham 1st Lt. He is our Engineering Officer. Had an "extra Broad" smile!

The squadron was allotted 50 tickets to the USO show in Cerignola this evening. Needless to say, they were all used and there were many who were disappointed. The same show is scheduled for another performance tomorrow night. Very good report was made!

10 The squadron was allotted 67 more tickets for the second and last performance of the USO show. This announcement was made at formation this morning but by a few minutes following its dismissal, all were given out. About 120 members of the squadron weren't able to get tickets--most of them wanted to go according to requests made at the Orderly Room.

Following formation this morning it began to rain--the first we had had so far this month. Fellows working outside were dismissed but resumed this afternoon after it stopped. According to the fellows--"rained enough to settle the dust".

Formation this morning was the entire 1/2 hour. W/O Clyde O. Dyer continued our training program by giving more gas mask instruction and demonstrations.

There was an "exchange" of personnel today in which our squadron was involved. Pvt. William W. Eldridge of our Medic Detachment left today for the 40rd Service Group Headquarters where he will be in the Medics there. Pvt. Albert B. Salazar, who had been with the 40rd Service Group since August 1942, having come overseas with the Medical Detachment came to us. Eldridge had been with us only 2 months. Pfc. Horace W. Pearson a sheet metal worker who has been overseas less than 3 months arrived today, being transferred from the 500th Service Squadron. Thus, our squadron has again reached 190 EM.

11 Capt. Schmitt have the squadron informational talk at assembly this morning. He told us of what was expected of our squadron, and of problems discussed at the meeting of COs last night at Cerignola such as military courtesy and discipline, uniform worn off the post, drinking etc. It was also announced that ratings are now open for this squadron.

The new type of gas masks came today. All members of the squadron who didn't have this type exchanged their old type for this one. The only fellows that had the new type were those who recently arrivedfrom the States.

The third game of this series of practice softball games between teams within the squadron was palyed this evening between Headquarters-Transportation and the "Linemen". The latter won 9 to 5.

12 Gas mask instruction was resumed this morning. W/O Dyer explained the use and the difference between the new masks issued yesterday and the old ones. We found that the new ones had numerous advantages.



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There had been some criticism among the fellows, many believing that the "heavy meal" should be served in the evening rather than at the noon chow. The vote was in the porportion of aoubt 5 to 4 in favor of the present set-up.

This was the day for the signing of the April Pay roll. That is one of the times during the month in which all are required to come to the Orderly Room.

13 Our new Mess Hall, started last month, was "formally" opened today when the carpenters completed the benches and tables for it. The windows were screened and with heavy cloth on the inside to be used for blackout purposes. The electric shop finished wiring the building yesterday, so it will be a rather cozy place. The squadron radio will be taken out of the Day Room later and placed in the Mess Hall at least for a short period. Yes, we are rather fortunate in this respect.

There was PX rations for us today. The issue was very much like the previous ones with one exception--coca cola. The fellows were surly thirsty for it as evidenced by the length of the line this evening. The bottle of coca cola which they had last month "resumed" the appetites they had back in the States--some 15 to 19 months ago. And, too, our "new fellows" enjoyed it also!

Our squadron softball team played its first game this evening and was victorous by the score of 16 to 1. The victim was the 1999th Fire Fighting Platoon. We had had the advantage of more practice than the Fire Fighters and this was shown by the play of the respective teams.

14 As expressed in formation today, "open season" on mosquitoes begins tomorrow. According to instruction we received mosquito bars were to be over each fellow's bed by inspection-time tomorrow morning. All were rather busy in their spare time today drawing from the squadron supply the bars, and "p" made for them by our carpenter shop.

Cpl. Smith and Pvt. Stewart of the 1999th Fire Fighting Platoon had a bet involving their dessert for noon-chow today. It came about that Smith bet Stewart, an ardent softball palyer, that if the outfit played the 500th they would lose the game by 10 runs. The bet was made yesterday and it referred to the game which was played last night. Before many innings had gone by Cpl. Smith was seen asking of S/Sgt. Foster, our Mess Sergeant, what he was having for dessert today. 'Twas pears--and said Smitty after "collecting" at noon today, "I enjoyed 'em but the bet was for psychology reasons mainly". Stewart, incidently, scored the lone run for the Fire Fighters.

T/Sgt. Babicky, our acting First Sergeant, attended a meeting this afternoon held at Group Headquarters for other Acting First Sergeants and FirstSergeants of the 40rd Service Group. "It was a good idea", said Babicky, "and we can become better acquainted with our problems and how to meet them". We are looking for some "new ideas to come out of" Babicky today!

15 This was a banner day for 21 Privates in our organization when they had the honor of being the squadron's first promotions. For almost all of them, they had been privates since their enlistment or induction 1 to 2 1/2 years ago. 15 of these fellows work in our transportation section, 5 in headquarters, 2 in Engineering while 1 works in Tech Supply. Ten names of the fellows were: Merll F. Bucek, William C. Cann, Dana Coley, George M. Gavin, Vidna M. Gleason, Arthur C. Griffith, Elmo V. Harwell, Thomas F. Hennessey, Harry H. Jenkins, Roy Knight, John C. Krell, Ernest F. Liddicoat, John S. Magyar, Martin McDonnel, John S. McGinn, James Phillips, Alfred N. Pohl, Clatis O. Richarson, Alvea E. Selph, Edwan C. Stedman and Feed H. Stewart.

In addition to mosquito bars, we began combating the mosquito menace by taking atabrine tablet at evening chow today. These tablets are to be taken every day at that time.



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A new addition to our squadron arrived today from Headquarters, 45rd Service Group. He is Pvt. Carl D. Crawford, a sheet metal worker, who not only graduated from a sheet metal service school in the States, but did that kind of work in civilian life for almost 3 years. He can surely use him in our squadron!

16 A special order from Headquarters, 20th General Hospital came today indicating that 1st Lt. James W. Board was transferred to the Detachment of Patients of that hospital. He had been there for several weeks, so this was not a complete shock to us.

Our Day Room and Bar was closed today. The carpenters began the work of making a hole in the top which will aid in ventilation. There will not be any infringement upon blackout rules as it will be much higher than lights and will have a flat raised covering. As soon as this work is completed, the paint shop is going to repaint the day room. This will add to its attractiveness.

Teh 45rd Group Softball schedule arrived today. We are to play 30 games beginning the 24th of this month. As yet, our date has not been decided since the Bomb Group had previously scheduled us in their league. What a set-up!

A shift consisting of 4 EM from Aero Repair began working tonight in the engineering area starting at 6 O'Clock this evening. Their shift will end at 8 AM tomorrow. Each crew is to work for a period of a week.

17 The 4 fellows from Aero Repair who began the night shift yesterday had "company" tonight when 6 from our sheet metal shop worked all night also. Thus, 10 from engineering will work each night as they have so much to do.

The "dust and sand storm" orighed in our area. The wind swept it up from all barren spots on the base. Some compared it with those ones we experienced in Africa yet not coming for such a distance. The mess Hall surely helped us during chow, but there wasn't much help to the planes the fellows were "laboring with" on the line.

The 560th met defeat this evening in softball playing the 757th Bomb Squadron Officers. Coming from behind, the score being 5 to 5 in our favor going into the last half of the 7th inning, the officers scored enough runs to win 6 to 5. We are wanting to get a crack at them on our diamond.

18 Brigadier General G. H. BEVERLEY, Commanding General of the XV AFSC and his Staff inspected our area this morning. We were very honored to have The General with us even though only for a short while. We will have the responsibility of guarding his plane tonight. It is located near our engineering area.

Lt. Parkin and the Medics EM were busy this afternoon having a physical inspection of our squadron and giving 2/3 of them either one or two shots for typhus and typhoid. A few of us were vaccinated for smallpox also.

The softball team started what we hope is a new winning streak--defeating 760th Armament Team by the score of 5 to 2. It was a very close and well played game.

19 Commendation and comment of the 10th when 21 EM became Private First Class, was nothing compared with that today when the Special Order came and was posted on the bulletin board promoting 52 of our squadron. In fact, according to the date of this--SO # 52, Hq. 45rd Service Group, their promotions had been effective for two days. This group headed by the promotion of T/Sgt. William J. Babicky to First Sergeant included 23 new non-coms to our squadron. Besides Babicky, the other 51 were promoted as indicated; M/Sgts. Paul Freid and Richar E. Piper, T/Sgts. Ted H. Felsburg, James E. Foster, Frank J. Gorichanaz, Harold D. Grant, Kermit K. Lipscomb, Allen D. Schwarz, and Vernon L. Shaffer; S/Sgts. Dale V. Boucher, Joseph S. Maruda, Harry E. Scheuneman, James R. Schuck, Arland L. Walker, Thomas



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Thomas P. Webb, Charles B. West and Neol D. Worrell; Sgts. Frank J. Bradley, George D. Crawford, Ralph A. Ferguson, Ruben L. Fernandez, Albert J. Krasinski, Homer D. O'Mara, John F. Overmann, David D. Spence, David H. Stevenson, Donald A. Wentzel, and Glem Zakszewski; Cpls. Herbett W. Abbey, James A. Ball, Herman C. Cross, William E. Ferguson, Albert O. Giddens, Norman E. Greene, Clyde L. Guenseth, Harley L. Hamilton, Dorris Harrison, James Huston, Walter R. Mackowiak, Delwyn M. Morgan, Gerald D. Newberry, Edward M. Reynolds, Stanley B. Rozanski, Thomas C. Scanlon, Cecil C. Scott, Bernard A. Thomas, Henry L. Tillotson, Lewis Utterback, Allen J. Waldrop, Luther W. Wikel and George Wolf.

This list was very much different from the former promotions in that a very large percentage--89 of the 92--were from our engineering section.

The paint shop, headed by Sgt. Albert J. Krasinski, began the work of giving our Day Room a new coat of cream shaded paint. Being one of those on today's promotion list, he was surely "in the groove"!

Another item of much interest and concern to us today was the arriving of 30 new men assigned from Headquarters, 43rd Service Group. They were: Sgts. Halden B. Bizey, Chester Frazier, Ralph W. Fadner, Jr., Cpls. Robert F. Walters, Richard C. Strouse, Charles Toma, Jr. Edward L. Stephens, Jr. George H. Mcallister, Thomas W. Small, Wilbur Riepel, Pfcs. Joseph G. Leto, Salim B. Jaffs, Raymond B. Calvin, Raquel T. Martinez, Emory W. Smith, James W. Glass, Wilbur F. Holder, John J. Ciderone and Pvts. George Pye, Elwood B. Barrett, Ernest Angelos, Benjamin A. Longo, Alexander A. Sauceda, Ray B. Bitsko, Roy Hess, James H. Garrett, John T. Gates, William F. Ryan and Thomas D. Westberry.

20 All other activities and "what not" took a back seat to the discussion and pleasure of eating the noon chow today. There was something very extra special--not celebration of any particular occasion--but just a treat! 20 gallons of ice cream (vanila) and plenty of iced-tea. There were several "helpings" of ice cream and the fellows weren't caught short. For most of the squadron, it was the first for 1 to 1 1/2 years. Others had been most fortunate--having visited the Red Cross at the "right time". The moral was surely raised! Thanks to our cooks.

The PX ration issue this afternoon included a number of new items: knives, towels, envelopes and writing paper, tooth brushes, cigarett cases and sun glasses. There was also more candy and shaving cream. Thus, in at least two respects today had something entirely different.

21 After the third strenuous day, breathing poison into their systems etc., the paint shop completed our Day Room and Bar. Needless to say their work together with that done by the carpenters have been very much appreciated by us. Nothing preventing, the room will be "aired out", rearranged and ready to open tomorrow night. It has a very cheerful appearance!

The small amount of rain which we had late this evening was very much welcomed because it will do much to settle the dust and sand which has been so prevalent this week.

22 Our Day Room and Bar was reopened this evening. In addition to more drinks, magazines, newspapers and games, the cooks added their part by serving cake and coffee.

Even in addition to the reopening of the Day Room, recreation activities flourished this evening--the 560th softball team defeated the 1441st Ordnance Co 16 to 3 on our diamond while a crowd of almost 50 watched; there was a volley ball game in the tent area which also had a number of spectators; and two trucks took some 50 members of our squadron to the Music Hall in Cerignola to see the picture. Very few were inactive!

Notice was posted on the bulletin board concerning the appearance in person of Marlene Dietrich at the Music Hall in town. There were many comments about the notice. The best



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of the comments was made by a slow talking corporal from the South who had seen very few shows of any kind, "Boy, I wanna see her--them legs". He hadn't been overseas very long, incidently!

25 The regular assembly and roll call period, 7:30 to 8:00 was discontinued this morning. The department are to report their absentees by 8:30 each morning, following whatever method they deem logical in checking. Another change which was made effective today was the issuance of passes good from 6AM until 10 PM. This easily took care of those on pass who desired to return from town with the show trucks, possibly, also attending the shows.

Revenge was ours this evening when the softball team had two good innings and then defeated the 756th Bomb Squadron Officers by the score of 10 to 6. The officers scored 1/2 of their runs in the last inning. Easily the outstanding play of the game was a well executed triple play made by the Officers in the fourth inning. They were cheered by the spectators for this outstanding feat!

24 Tickets arrived for the Marlene Dietrich show. The 10 allotted to the entire squadron won't go very far. The situation will be relieved by giving those on pass tomorrow first priority!

Tec 5 Jack D. Lewis, of our Medics, left today for the 157th Medical Dispensary (AVN) as per SO # 111, Hq., XV AFSC. Lewis, a surgical technician, had become very much liked by members of the squadron in spite of his being with us only two months.

In a few weeks our squadron will have another gas non-com. Sgt. James O. Willis, of our squadron supply, left today for the AF Chemical Depot # 5 where he will attend the Chemical Warfare School.

25 The Bomb Group surely had tough luck today. Besides other planes lost on their mission, one exploded and many of its bombs exploded close to the base. The concussion was terrific! Then, too, this evening one made a forced landing in the olive grove near our engineering area. Our Medical men and ambulance, and several crews from the engineering department were there to help out. The plane will be salvaged.

The schedule of the Inter-squadron softball league was arranged and posted on the bulletin board today. The weather preventing, play is to begin Thursday evening with Headquarters playing the "shopmen". The league will consist of 6 teams, including the 1999th Fire Fighting Platoon. Those playing with the squadron team will not be eligible.

Well, the Marlene Dietrich show was postponed indefinitely. Many believe it a good thing since so few of the squadron could attend anyway.

26 Three more new fellows, all privates, arrived today, being assigned to our squadron. In the past week our squadron has 32 more members toward full T/O strength. These fellows, in addition to more assigned only for quarters and rations, they made many new faces around here. But, according to Pfc. Liddicoat who runs the duty roster, "Besides the work they do toward the War Effort, they surely will help me out!"

Many fellows have said that we have been very fortunate this month in having such good weather--weather that is no hinderance to the completion of work. But today, there was a "dampener" to that with many of the hard working crews getting a day off other than going on pass about one day every three or four weeks. The Mess Hall was much more appreciated because of the down-pour at both noon and evening chows.

27 All activity excepting which could be done "under cover" was halted practically the entire day. At no time during this month had we so much mud and rain in one single day. Yet, in spite of this discouraging weather, the fellows were surely cheered up by the ice cream and pie which we had this evening. There was a choice, too, vanilla or



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chocolate--and more than 20 gallons of it! The pie--there was both apple and raisin! And, too, there was the issuing of PX supplies and a good USO show in Cerignola. So actually not such a disagreeable day after all!

28 Well, all of our fellows were back on the job this morning. It was very muddy but no rain. Many of them said that they would much prefer a little mud to the sand and dust which we had been having so regularly.

There has been a great deal of controversary as to what softball league our team will play. We found out today that the schedule of the 456th Bomb Group with us in the league was "turned down" on the basis that we were to play with our group--45rd Service Group. This was confirmed by the Group Special Service Officer, and that we were to play the 561st Service Squadron team this evening. This game was later postponed because of wet grounds.

29 There was a formation this morning at 7:30. It was held on the softball diamond. Capt. Schmitt gave a summary of the work we had completed and were to do in the future with reference to planes. Our defense plan was again rehearsed and explained by him and Lt. Langham.

30 Pay Call was this morning and and according to the talk of so many of the fellows, many were "broke". The total paid to the EM, $9000.68, will surely help this situation! To be sure some "exchanged hands" before the day was over.

The 560th played its first league game this evening. So actually we are in the 45rd Service Group League in spite of difficulties previously mentioned! The 114th Signal Company was defeated 20 to 4 in this game played on our diamond.

For the Commanding Officer:

Virgil R. Hackleman

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1st Lt., Air Corps,
Unit Historian.



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HEADQUARTERS, 560TH SERVICE SQUADRON
APO 520 U. S. Army

3 June 1944.

SUBJECT: Historical Records.

TO : Commanding General, Fifteenth Air Force, Attention: Historian. (Through Channels).

1. Unit history of the 560th Service Squadron for the period 1 May 1944 to 31 May 1944.

a. Facts relating to the origin of the unit.
This information was given in the Historical Data Report for the Month of January 1944. The present designation of the unit is 560th Service Squadron, 43rd Service Group.

b. Changes in organization.
(1) Changes in designation of your unit. None.
(2) Transfer of unit as a while. None.
(3) Commanding Officer. No change.
(4) Staff Officers. No change.

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c. Strength, commissioned and enlisted.

| (1) Month of May, 1944. | Off. | W/O | EM |
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| (a) At beginning | 6 | 2 | 223 |
| (b) Net increase | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| (c) Net decrease | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| (d) At end | 6 | 2 | 223 |

d. Stations.
Cerignola # 1, (Guilia Airfield), Cerignola, Italy. Permanent station. No change during this month.

e. Movements.
None

f. Campaigns.
(1) Italian Campaign.
(2) Still in progress.

g. Operations.
Our squadron continues to service the 459th Bomb Group (H), comprising 756th, 757th, 758th and 759th Bomb Squadrons, and the 304th Bomb Wing Headquarters. A large amount of equipment arrived for our squadron this month, but much has not yet been received. We accomplished a great deal of work during this month as shown in the following sub divisions.

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(1) Planes.

(a) B-24 H, 459th Bomb Group. Temporary repair of plane to enable it to fly to Depot. The plane was received 18 April and released 1 May 1944. Work completed.

(b) B-24 H, 459th Bomb Group. Extensive sheet metal work and change of fuel cells. Received the plane 6th of May and it was released 9th of May with the work completed.

(c) B-24 H, 459th Bomb Group. Extensive sheet metal work and replacing hydraulic system. Received the plane 8th of May and it was released 11th of May. Work completed.

(d) B-24 H, 459th Bomb Group. Changed No. 2 and No. 3 engines and extensive sheet metal repairs were made. Plane was received 7th of May and released 12th of May. Work Completed.

(e) B-24 H, 459th Bomb Group. Repaired nose section and empennage. The plane was received by us 7th of May and was released 17th of May. Work completed.

(f) B-24 H, 454th Bomb Group. Forced landing. Repaired lower nose section, replaced nose wheel strut and retracting assembly. Plane was received 24th of April and it was released with the work completed 17th of May.

(g) B-24 H, 454th Bomb Group. Forced landing. Replaced propeller governor and checked carboration system. Received this plane the 19th of May and completed this work with it being released the following day.

(h) B-24 H, 459th Bomb Group. Repaired nose section. Work was completed and the plane released 22nd of May having received it the previous day.

(i) B-24 G, 459th Bomb Group. Received for salvage 28th of May as a result of crash landing. Work not completed.

(j) B-24 H, 459th Bomb Group. Received the plane the 30th of May. Decision has not been made as to whether it will be a repair or salvage job.

(k) B-24 H, 459th Bomb Group. Received the plane for salvage the 9th of May as a result of a crash landing. Salvage not completed.



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(l) B-24 H, 459th Bomb Group. Repaired No. 2 bulkhead. Work was completed 11th of May after receiving it two days previously.

(m) B-24 H, No. 252516, 459th Bomb Group. Completed the rebuilding of this plane by using the tail section of a salvaged plane and parts requisitioned through the Depot. This plane was received 4th of February and released 25th of May. Photos are submitted showing the steps taken in building it.

(n) B-24 H, 459th Bomb Group. Ground looped at the end of the runway on the 7th of March resulting in salvage. Work completed during the Month of May.

(o) B-24 H, 459th Bomb Group. Forced landing resulting in salvaging this plane. The salvaging of this plane was completed during the Month of May. We received the plane the 25th of February.

(p) B-24 H, 459th Bomb Group. Belly landing on the runway resulting in salvage. The plane was turned over to this squadron the 5th of April. Salvage job was completed during the Month of May.

(q) B-24 H, 459th Bomb Group. Plane flew into high power lines, crashed and burned the 26th of April. Salvage work was completed during the Month of May.

(r) B-24 H, 459th Bomb Group. Plane crashed a short distance from the base on 26th of April. Salvage work was also completed on this plane during the Month of May.

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(2) Parachutes inspected and repacked--620.

(3) Aviation gasoline and oil.
(a) Gasoline consumed--1,742,208 gallons.
(b) Oil consumed--29,175 gallons.
(c) 102,000 gallons of gasoline drawn from Drum Reserve. 90 day rotation plan. 52,450 gallons in reserve at the end of this month.

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(4) Engines and propellers issued by Tech Supply.
(a) Engines--22
(b) Propellers--13



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(5) Breatheing Oxygen.
Our Unit Oxygen Plant began operation 5th of May with a crew of 11 enlisted men. They received training during the entire Month of March at the 11th Air Depot Group, Bari. Beginning the 5th of May, the unit manufactured 1701 bottles of oxygen the remaining portion of the month.

(6) Number of 81's handled by Tech Supply (1 or more items each) 1,634.

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(7) Requisitions.
(a) AOC requisitions on Depot--254.
(b) Total number of requisitions on Depot--622.

h. Members who have distinguished themselves, and the award.
Sgt. John F. Overmann, 35134158, awarded the Soldier's Medal for heroism on 6 September 1943 at Barcelona, Sicily, as per General Order # 21, Headquarters, Army Air Forces, Mediterranean Theater of Operations, APO 650, dated 21 April 1944. This act, in which he saved the lives of two officers while swimming, occurred while he was a corporal and a member of the 321st Service Squadron, 332nd Service Group.

2. Authority.

1 560th Service Squadron Morning Reports--May, 1944.
2 Daily Status Reports and Squadron Work Orders--Engineering Department--May.
3 Records of 560th Service Squadron Parachute Shop.
4 Daily 17 Item Report, 560th Service Squadron Tech Supply. Official Records and files.

3. Enclosed is the War Diary of this unit for the period 1 May 1944 to 31 May 1944. 7 photographs (Plate I, II, III, IV, V, VI and VII) are also enclosed showing the steps in constructing a plane (B-24 H) out of two salvaged ones. One print each.

For the Commanding Officer:

Virgil R. Hackleman
VIRGIL R. HACKLEMAN
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Unit Historian.

8 Incls:
1-War Diary, May, 1944,(3)
2-Rear View of Wrecked Plane, (1)Plate I.
3-Work Begun on this Plane, (1) Plate II.
4-This Plane with fuselage removed, (1) Plate III.
5-Close up view of this Plane and working on it, (1) Plate IV.
6-Another Plane Crash, (1) Plate V.
7-Making one Plane out of two, (1) Plate VI.
8-Work completed and accepted for combat, (1) Plate VII.

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Plate VI. Making one plane out of the two. 9 March 1944.



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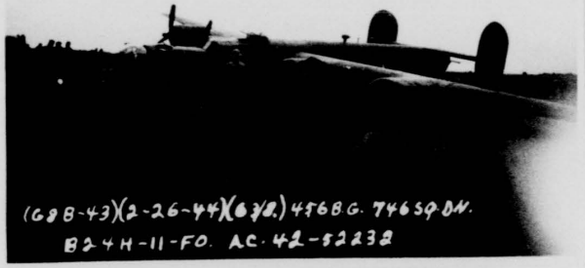
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Plate V. B-24 H, No. 252232. Another plane crash. 26 February 1944.

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Plate IV. B-24 H, No. 252316. Close up view of this plane and work being done 22 February 1944.

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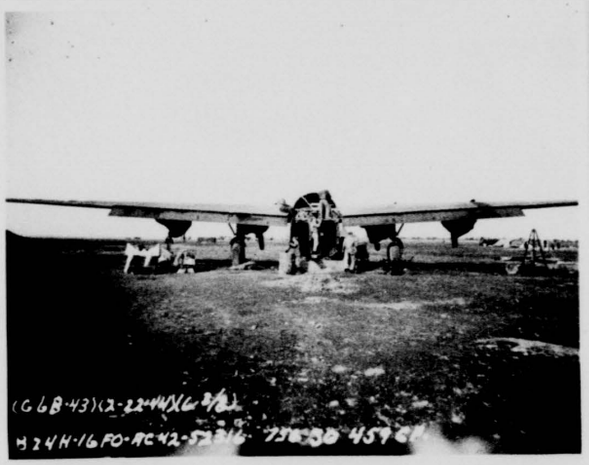
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Plate III. B-24 H, No. 252316. This plane with the fuselage removed 22 February 1944.



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Plate II. B-24 H, No. 252316. Work begun on this plane 4 February 1944.



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Plate I. B-24 H, No. 252316. Wrecked 3 February 1944. Rear view of this wrecked plane taken 4 February 1944.



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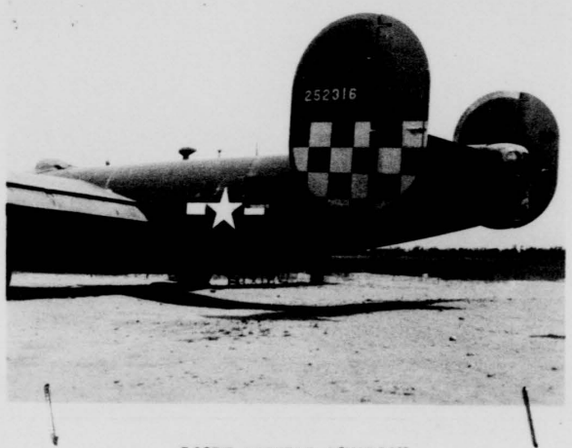
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Plate VII. Work completed. B-24 H, No. 252316 ready to fly 25 May 1944. Plane has passed the test hop and has been accepted for combat. All work has been done by our crews.



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WAR DIARY

Sheet No. 1 War Diary of 560th Service Squadron, 43rd Service Group--Cerignola, (Station)
Italy. Month of May, 1944. Prepared by Sgt. Harold B. Fortney, 560th Service
Squadron under the direction of Lt. VIRGIL R. HACKLEMAN, Unit Historical Officer.

DAY EVENTS

1 We begin another month at the Guilia Airfield, Cerignola, Italy. Gradually we are becoming a well equpped service squadron, but are greatly in need of some essential equipment to function properly. Yet, much work has been done to improve our living and working conditions since the activation of our squadron and more so since locating here. We are hoping to have a very profitable month in doing our part in the war effort. As for personnel, we start this month with 6 officers, 2 W/Os and 223 EM.

There was an "extra-special" formation this morning at 0730hrs. in honor of Sgt. John F. Overmann. Capt. Schmitt, our CO, read General Order # 21, Sec. IV, Hq., Army Air Forces, Mediterranean Theater of Operations, APO 650, dated 21 April 1944 awarding the Soldier's Medal to him. Overmann was awarded this medal "for heroism on 6 September 1943, at xxx Sicily. Residence at enlistment: Covington, Kentucky". While swimming in the Tyrrhenian Sea near Barcelona, Sicily, he and two other EM came to the rescue of two exhausted officers who were caught by the waves and undercurrent some 70 feet off shore. With much difficulty, they were able to "toe" them to shore safely thus saving their lives in spite of the roughness of the water and the undercurrents. Quoting Overmann's account of this incident and in his own words, "I was lying on the bank resting when the call for help came. Two other fellows and myself dived into the rough water swam to the point about 70 feet from shore where two exhausted fellows were struggling trying to stay up. We threw their arms around our shoulders and toed 'em in, just riding the waves. They were two lieutenants of the bomber-fighter group to which we were attached."

2 S/Sgt. Bovay, of our Tech Supply Department finished painting pictures on the walls of our day room and bar. They are very attractive and add a great deal of color to this newly painted room.

Our transportation section was greatly "relieved" today when the eight Refueling Units were turned over to the 459th Bomb Group. This was in accordance with instructions from higher headquarters.

Today our softball team won its second consecutive game (43rd League) played here in two days. We defeated the 1440th Ordnance Co. by a score of 4 to 0 yesterday after winning from 1103rd Signal Co. by a similar score. That is our third victory with no losses.

It looks very much as though we are going to have numerous transients and more men attached to us for rations during the Month of May. Today, we had 6 transients.

3 This was surely a busy day for Tech Supply. For several days plans had been



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made to move the remaining portions of this department to the engineering area. Then all of it would be togetner. Some of the job was started two days ago and more of it yesterday, but this was set as the "deadline day". A large Romney Tin Hut had previously been constructed to house the portion of the department other than the trailers, and sections which due to the nature of the items had to be scattered. Thus, the day room, kitchen, officers' quarters and the Orderly Room are the only parts of this squadron left in the main "farm house" in our area.

4 The "mail situation" was improved at least for this day! When "Rosie" Rozanski brought seven mail-bags full this morning, almost everyone in sight wanted to help. Many fellows of our squadron received mail who hadn't for the longest time. Much of the new mail was the first for our newly assigned personnel. Besides the letters, there were 57 packages, mostly three and five pounds or over. Oddly enough, this was the first day that our officers had "scored" in this respect for several weeks. Six of them received from one to four packages. Spirits much better!

News arrived today that W/O Conio A. Grieco was placed on the rotation list for the 43rd Service Group of the Month of May. The W/O was surely happy and rather talkative, too. "Boy, now when I get back to the States, I'll....." And on he went! Of course he received many complements and in several instances there was a hint about cigars. Others wanted him to do this and that for them when he arrived in the States. W/O Grieco left the States 16 July 1942, came to Palestine and then to Egypt before arriving here in Italy. All of his service until the first of this year had been with the 331st Service Squadron. He is our second on rotation and the first officer!

PX rations, cake and ice cream was a good "ending" to this day. Although our rations were about the same, those that smoke received their seven packs of cigarettes, while others who needed candy, toilet articles and tobacco were generally fairly satisfied. Besides the cake, we were fortunate to have both vanila and chocolate ice cream. This was our first for the Month of May.

5 There were about 25 fellows in the Orderly Room area this afternoon wanting to take showers at the Water Point. They were disappointed "because of work on the water line." There is now some agitation for the squadron to "put in" its own showers.

Something new was rationed this evening when beer was sold at the bar. One "bottle per man" were the instructions but some took advantage of non-drinkers and had more than just one bottle. This was our first received via rations.

With the getting of ice every second or third day, our drinks have been "more pleasant" in face of the warm weather we are now having. An ice box has been built and put underground near our kitchen. An ice water system has also been devised with the use of coils and a small reservoir. We hope the ice "holds out" all summer!

Our squadron now has a new project which went into operation today. That was the manufacturing of Breatheing Oxygen by our newly organized oxygen unit under the direction of the Plant Chief, S/Sgt. Clyde R. Higgason. Our unit, consisting of 11 EM received their training at the 11th Air Depot Group, Bari, during the entire Month of March. The 561st Service Squadron is also establishing their plant near ours and in the same area.

6 There were two inspections today involving all EM of this squadron. At a special formation this morning, W/O Dyer and Sgt. Willis inspected and checked all chemical warfare equipment of each person. This was followed by the regular Saturday tent inspection by Lt. Hackleman and F/Sgt. Babicky. Favorable reports!



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In compliance with an order from the 43rd Service Group Headquarters and other higher authorities, Lt. Langham was appointed Squadron Orientation Officer "in addition to his other duties". This was accomplished by Squadron Order # 12, dated today.

Arrangements are being made to furnish rations and quarters for RAF personnel to be here on a special bombing mission. Having in the early history of this squadron (February) had rations for 650-700 additional personnel and having previously made arrangements for quartering several hundred combat crews, this project will run along rather smoothely.

7 Hours for several engineering crews will be very long beginning today and continuing until the "rush period" is ended. They will work until 9 or 9:30 each evening and in addition to toher crews who work during the night. As a result, lights in the tent area will be "left on" until 11 PM each night (with strict blackout regulations) and both coffee and sandwiches will be served in the Mess Hall at 9:30 for the crews.

This was a very busy week for softball teams (game each evening) in spite of the added work of our squadron. For many it was just one hour of recreation during a long busy day. Most of the activity was in our inter-squadron league where 3 games were played in the last five days. Tech Supply lost the two games played--Linemen 9 to 10 and squadron headquarters 3 to 7. In the other inter-squadron game the 1999th Fire Fighters defeated the Linemen by a score of 13 to 10. Tough luck befell our squadron team, losing to the 557th Service Squadron 3 to 4 and to the 1246th Quartermaster 2 to 3. Both games were decided in the latter frames and were close throughout. All games were played on our diamond.

8 There was an airplane wreck on the runway today--the first of this month. Much damage was done to the plane necessitating it being salvaged. One more plane added to the heavy schedule which we now have. Even then we are glad that all of the personnel were uninjured during this attempted take off.

Two of our trucks were loaded this evening by fellows desiring to see the USO Show at Cerignola with "Pat" Lane and his small group of entertainers. For amny it had been the only recreation they had had in quiet sometime!

9 Our eight refueling units were returned to us by the Bomb Group and will be "run" by the transportation section as formerly. The Bomb Group, however, will furnish a helper for each of them.

More personnel were attached to us beginning today for rations and quarters; from 561st Service Squadron, 10; 9 EM from the 110th MU (British) and 3 officers from the 214th Group and 148th Squadron (both British). This was the first British personnel attached to our squadron. Incidently, they seemingly do enjoy our food very much! We, too, agree that it isn't "half bad".

10 Looks very much now as though we will all wear Khaki clothing exclusively and jut away our OD s until next fall! Our squadron supply issued 2 suits and a cap to those sho were short these items. A few of the squadron began wearing the khaki about a week ago (they said the coming out of the daisies and poppies was the sign), but not all fellows had them.

Pfc. John M. Foresha, of our transportation section was sent on DS to Foggia today. He took "his" oil truck with him and will work for the 53rd Adv Depot there. This is his second DS "tour" he has had since becoming a member of this squadron when it was activated.



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11 'Tis Thursday again and not much happening excepting hard work especially by the fellows in engineering and Tech Supply. Their job of salvaging and repairing airplanes and getting parts for them surely kept their "minds occupied". They were delighted with evening chow when ice cream (vanila and chocolate) and apple pie surely, "hit-the spot". And, too, there were "seconds" on the ice cream. Several expressed their hope that after returning to "the line" and working until 9:30 this evening there would be ice cream for that evening "snack". Yes, there was! Another encouraging "bit-of-interest" was the selling of rationed PX supplies regularily received on Thursdays. The issue was very much the same except personal items as nail clips, octagon soap, and lotion. There was also much candy for those who desired it!

12 After a week of very streneous work--work involving very long hours, our engineering section is gradually getting rid of that extra work given it. Although the hours are back to normal in most instances some crews are still on all night shifts.

Many regularily scheduled softball games were postponed becuse of the rush in our working activities (involving so many players), but beginning this evening all recreation was almost back to normalcy. In an extra inning affair the inter-squadron league resumed with Headquarters defeating the Shopmen 5 to 4.

To date, our mess is accommodating 294 EM and officers. In addition to our own organization, we have 69 attached to us for rations as well as a few transients almost every day. This figure, 294, is the most we have had since late February although the squadron has always had at least 25.

Our day room was patronized more than usual this evening--fellows who are very seldom seen there. The reason was (in many instances) to get their bottle of Coca Cola.

13 This day will be remembered by most members of our squadron at least for one of the three instances listed. Word was received today in the form of Letter Order from XV Air Force dated 11th May that S/Sgt. Nelson F. Worick was to return to the States via rotation. According to the order, he is to leave tomorrow for Personnel Center # 6. Worick, who is Chief Clerk in Tech Supply, joined the squadron from the 341st Service Squadron. His overseas duty dates back to 21 September 1942 when he left New York for Egypt.

There was a wreck on the runway this morning while one of the planes was taking off on a scheduled mission. It crashed near the center of the runway, started burning and after a few minutes some of the bombs and the gasoline exploded. The concussion was very great. One person died. This was the first of this kind happening on the runway while we have been stationed here. Our engineering section has charge of salvaging what remains. Second salvage job for this month so far.

Sgt. Robert G. Wilson, who now works in the Oxygen Unit, left today on a 3-day pass to visit his brother. A 3-day pass must "go through" the Group. This is the first of these 3-day ones in the short history of this squadron.

14 Mother's Day! It required three trucks to take all the fellows who wanted to attend church services in Cerignola today. Catholic services were held in the Cathedral while the Protestants were moved to the Music Hall for this special occasion. About 75 attended from this squadron.

S/Sgt. Worick left for Personnel Center # 6 this afternoon and is to go with other members of the Group. He was "all smiles" as he said parting words to his many friends. A very happy fellow! For the rest of us it means much--rotation is started in this squadron. S/Sgt. Adam E. Darbonne, Jr., will take Worick's place.



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15 There are to be no more OD uniforms worn by members of this squadron at least until next fall. Besides fatigues, only the khaki is "legal". Many of the khaki suits worn on the first "official day" had the earmarks of that familiar barracks bag press.

Besides the men attached and messing with us, we had a visitor today--a person most of us know but he has not been among us too often. That is Chaplain Martin Sharlemann, of our Group. He, too, wore the "sun tans".

16 With the return of Sgt. Wilson last night from that 3-day pass, six more, all from engineering "took off" today, most of them going to Bari. They were: T/Sgt. Schwarz, S/Sgts. Haruda, Mokes and Walker, Sgt. Wentzel and Cpl. Snipes. Now a limited number may leave every 3rd day, but from engineering only for several weeks.

What a day! And no doubt it was for Cpl. Katz. He had been so anxious to take a test hop while overseas that he followed direction even to the "breaking point". He took all day in getting ready--physical exam; oxygen test at 30,000 feet; received instructions as to the duties of an assistant engineer on a B-24; checked out a winter flying suit, and a parachute; and signed an affidavit concelling all insurance, pay and allowances. "Boy, this red tape is gettin' me down. Just a simple matter to get a test hop in the States," he told one of his patient yet eager assistants. Well, the corporal later found out that there also wasn't much to getting a hop while stationed overseas in the Air Corps.

17 Plans are now underway to install a squadron shower in one of the larger rooms vacated by Tech Supply. The welding, machine and carpenter shops together with "interested individuals" will have charge of guiding the work to completion. Yes, the plans "call for" hot showers!

Captain Schmitt had a meeting of the 1st three graders this morning. It was held in the day room. He commended them upon their good work especially since the first of the month and reminded all present that must do their utmost in training the many fellows recently assigned to our squadron. He emphasized the fact that many would soon be sent home on rotation, but that there must be trained personnel to take their places when the time "does come".

Two more promotions were made today--both as a result of Squadron Order # 16. Pvts. Carl D. Crawford and Harold H. Straub became Pfcs. Of these, Straub has been with us since the squadron was formed while Crawford was assigned about 6 weeks ago. Both work in the Sheet Metal Shop.

18 Our Orderly Room looks very much better now--it is so much whiter and a greater reflection of light rays upon its walls. Today, the Paint Shop, under the supervision of Sgt. Krasinski, white washed "the room" using a spray gun. A much needed job! The same is to be done with the kitchen in the next few days.

We didn't "fare" quiet so well this evening as has been the procedure for several Thursdays. PX supplies were issued with the usual items, but we fellows missed the ice cream and cake! We were assured that it would be next Thursday evening. You would think the fellows were spoiled!

Another plane to the engineering area today. One was damaged in the lower nose section while landing this afternoon. Was just about stopped. Damage wasn't so great.



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19 The main happening of interest for the day--one that should be put into a squadron diary was the promotion of 10 EM of our organization. As a result of these promotions, six of them became new non-coms--corporals. We now have the number "called for" by the T/O. George M. Crankovic became S/Sgt; Cpls. Harold E. Christie and Robert P. McSoila, two of our cooks, became Sgt. together with Howard M. Forsyth, who works as one of our airplane mechanics. Those promoted to Corporal from Pfc. were: Dana A. Coley, John F. Dobrin, Edgar E. Fernsler, Vincent A. Istrico, Horace W. Pearson and Alfred N. Pahh. Four of these fellows work in engineering; 3 in transportation, 2 in Headquarters and 1 in Tech Supply.

Another USO show in Cerignola this evening and as usual was very well attended by members of our squadron.

20 Bronze Stars! A Battle Participation Award given each individual who served faithfully in a designated unit and located in the prescribed combat area at a particular time. Tnese awards were results of secret letters from Headquarters, NATOUSA, AG 200.6?263 P-O and dated each month beginning with last December. This action was in accordance with WD General Orders 75 and 83 dated 1943. So that was the big event of this day! And most talked about! Before the day was over some 250 of these small bronze stars had been presented in the Orderly Room and it was "finis" until a new order has arrived. A few of the fellows were awarded and entitled to 4 of them, while a very large majority received either 2 or 3. With others, it was the Italian Campaign only.

There was a big laugh in the engineering area this morning and was carried farther with many additions before the day ended. Sgt. Howard M. Forsyth, who was promoted yesterday asked M/Sgt. Daspit this morning if he wanted him to go out and work on that salvage job today! Daspit looked at him and with a grin "Sergeant, now do you think you are too good to go out there?" There were many defense remarks by Forsyth but of no avail. Daspit had the "break" "going around" and how!

21 According to Pfc. Foresha, he was glad to get back to his "ole outfit" today after 10 days on DS at Foggia where he was kept busy oiling runways and roads. "'Twasn't bad work", he said, "but the job took me longer than I expected". Now he is back doing his regular job in our squadron.

Attendance was very good at church services again this Sunday. More regular attenders, too! Some are being accused of "being driven to church by their work!" This accusation is centered at a few shops.

22 In compliance with Article of War 110, the AW s were read to all members of our squadron assembled in the day room. From 0730 to 0800 hrs. Captain Schmitt read and explained them. As usual, a common remark was "shall suffer such punishment as a court-martial may direct". Yet, irrespective of remarks afterward, Capt. Schmitt had very eager listeners!

It was just a little windy in this area today. There was just enough to stir up a large amount of the loose sand and dust deposited on the numerous bare spots.

23 Work was begun today mowing our tent area. Consisting of several acres it is not entirely a small job. Although last month the occupients of each tent was required



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to mow the mixture of grass, wheat and oats to within 6 feet of each tent pegs, in many instances it had grown to 3½ to 4 feet high beyond that space. Using a highly improved Italian mowing machine and two teams of oxen, Pietro Ciotta, a former resident of Gary, West Virginia began this job. Although he lived in the States for several years and was able to speak fairly good English, he didn't become an American citizen before returning to his land here in Italy.

The 17 British personnel attached to us for rations and quarters since the 9th of the month returned to their respective organizations today. Their reason for being here never materialized.

24 For 3½ months a B-24 H, commonly referred to as 016, was turned over to the Bomb Group. This plane was rebuilt using the fuselage from a salvaged plane and other parts requisitioned through the Depot. Many thought the job could never be done and if it were, several more months would be required. This is the first of its kind attempted by our squadron. Fellows are looking for it to be sent on a mission soon! Cpl. Roger F. Browning had the honor of being the only passenger on its test hop.

Plans are being made to start a inter-squadron volley ball league. There has been much interest in this game during the past few weeks. The court has been in use almost every night. A number of team rosters consisting of 10 men have already been submitted.

25 Yes, we did have ice cream and cake at our evening chow today. That was in addition to the PX supplies issued in the "new" Post Exchange room--a room formerly vacated by Tech Supply.

No planes in our area today! This is the first since the squadron moved to this location the 3rd day of February. Actually, the "area" looks a little bare and unusual. Salvage crews, however, are still working on wrecked planes located near this area.

WD AGO Forms # 560 arrived today for members of this squadron. A notice has been posted on the bulletin board noting this fact and requesting that those desiring to vote in coming elections get one, fill it out and mail to the Secretary of State in which they reside or hold voting privileges.

26 There was much work today expecially for Tech Supply and refueling unit operators. They had to complete the exhausting of their reserve gasoline supply located near the squadron headquarters. The gasoline was in 50 gallon drums--a 90 day reserve rotating system.

The job of mowing our tent area was completed today. After the "hay" was raked, the next step was to haul it to "Pete's". One of our trucks is being used for that.

Here's hoping that we will soon have showers of our own. That was the opinion of several--especially those whose "shower" was postponed because of work on the "water line". Our showers are nearing completion and should be ready to use in the very near future.

Major Lenke, S-3 Officer of the 43rd Service Group, was here today inspecting the administrative sections of our organization.

27 Our usual tent inspection for the week was held this morning. Very successful considering our living conditions.

There was a change in personnel of the various tents effective today. The change was made to eliminate more than 5 fellows in any one tent. A few tents, due to moving in with various departments and sections had only 3 in them. Thus, with the present strength our our squadron together with EM attached to us for quarters, each pyramidal tent now has either 4 or 5 in it.

Horseshow pitching seems to be one of the comping popular means of recreation



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for both officers and EM. Although there are two courts, the one near the squadron supply is more often "patronized".

For several months now our squadron has been getting news items of the was and on the "home front", mission reports and a few maps. Just recently we received a supply of large maps of Europe, of Italy, and of the Pacific Theater of operations. They have been put on the wall in our day room and Orderly Room. A large bulletin board used exclusively for news is just outside the Headquarters. It is devided into 3 sections--Italian Front, Russian Front, and the South Pacific. Appropriate maps have been added to each.

28 The third airplane crash of this month and one damaged involving those of the 459th Bomb Group occurred this morning. This one, however, was about 8 miles north of our base. Our ambulance and the 1999th Fire Fighters which is attached to us for rations, was on the scene as soon as was possible. What remains of this plane will be turned over to us.

With the playing of the game between the Linemen and Shopmen this evening, the first half of the inter-squadron softball league is ended except for a game between 1999th Fire Fighters and Tech Supply. Headquarters has already captured first half honors with second place and the cellar position depending upon the outcome of this game. With few exceptions all have been very well played games and with close scores.

29 Several mobile reparir unit crews from our engineering section were sent this morning to the scene of yesterday's airplane crash. Previously our squadron was detailed to furnish all the guard needed for any wreck, but today a negro security detachment took over the duties. Effective today, they have also assumed the guarding of the air-drone.

The fellows, especially those in engineering and Tech Supply were surely sweating all day. The 459th Bomb Group made 2 missions today, whereas previously the most had been (in any particular day) only one. Planes didn't need many repairs, however, after these missions to Yugoslavia.

30 Another plane wreck this morning. This happened while one was taking off on the runway. At the present, it has not been decided whether the plane will be salvaged or repaired. It was taken to the engineering section.

This was a banner day for our softball team. They defeated the 43rd Group League leaders, 2232nd Quartermaster Co (AVN) by a score of 5 to 1. The game was played here. After losing to the 2233rd Quartermaster last Wednesday by a score of 6 to 5, they defeated the 43rd Group Officers Sunday 9 to 2.

31 The main event of the day, which incidently is the one so many want, is the receiving of pay exclusive of allotments and insurance. Today, the pay roll of just the EM alone of our squadron totalled $11,871.37. My, was the day room filled this evening! Yes, there was that physical exam today also!

We though there was going to be a crack-up on the runway this afternoon, but the pilot of that B-24 made a very good landing in spite of the flat tire on the nose wheel. Another plane did crash about the same time some 3 miles south of us, but it belonged to another group. Just previous to this , we got our first experience at this base seeing combat crews bail out with their parachutes. This occurred over or near our base.

For the Commanding Officer:

Virgil R. Hackleman

VIRGIL R. HACKLEMAN
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Unit Historian.

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HEADQUARTERS, 560TH SERVICE SQUADRON
APO 520 U. S. Army

3 July 1944.

SUBJECT: Historical Records.

TO : Commanding General, Fifteenth Air Force. Attention: Historian. (Through Channels).

1. Unit history of the 560th Service Squadron for the period 1 June 1944 to 30 June 1944.

a. Facts relating to the origin of the unit.
This information was given in the Historical Data Report for the Month of January 1944. The present designation of this unit, which hasn't changed since 3rd of February, is 560th Service Squadron, 43rd Service Group.

b. Changes in organization.
(1) Changes in designation of your unit. None.
(2) Transfer of unit as a whole. None.
(3) Commanding Officer. No change.
(4) Staff Officers.

W/O Conio A. Grieco, W-2112855, USA, MOS (4823), transferred in grade to Personnel Center No. 6, PBS, for trans-shipment to the U.S. as part of the rotation increment from this theater of operations for the Month of June, 1944. Authority--Letter, subject, "Orders", Hq., Fifteenth Air Force, dated 15 June 1944.

2nd Lt. Francis C. Kelley, O-814333, asgnd and jd 28 June 1944. Vice W/O Dyer, Assistant Tech Supply Officer. VOCO 43rd Service Group.

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c. Strength, commissioned and enlisted.

| (1) Month of June 1944. | Off | W/O | EM |
|---|---|---|---|
| (a) At beginning | 6 | 2 | 223 |
| (b) Net increase | 1 | 0 | 10 |
| (c) Net decrease | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| (d) At end | 7 | 1 | 233 |

d. Stations.
Cerignola # 1 (Guilia Airfield), Cerignola, Italy. Permanent station. No change during this month.

e. Movements.
None.

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Historical Data of 560th Service Squadron--June 1944 (Continued)

f. Campaigns.
(1) Italian Campaign
(2) Still in progress

g. Operations.
Our squadron continues to service the 459th Bomb Group (H), comprising the 756th, 757th, 758th, and 759th Bomb Squadrons and the 304th Bomb Wing Headquarters. During this month, a large amount of equipment and supplies have arrived for our squadron but we are still lacking in a few respects. Much work has been accomplished during this month as shown by the following subdivisions.

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(1) Planes.

(a) B-24 H, 459th Bomb Group. Extensive sheet metal and extensive electrical repairs. This plane was received 1st June with the work completed and the plane released 16th of June.

(b) B-24 H, 459th Bomb Group. Extensive sheet metal repairs were made and the bulkhead was replaced. Plane was received 1 June and the job was completed 14th June.

(c) B-24 J, 459th Bomb Group. Repaired numerous Flak holes throughout the plane and replaced fuel cells. Plane was received 1 June with this work completed 9th June.

(d) B-24 G, 459th Bomb Group. Two engine changes, change fuel cells and sheet metal repairs needed. Plane was received 4th of June with the work completed and the plane released 10 days later.

(e) B-24 H, 459th Bomb Group. Salvage. Much work has been done on this plane since being received 5th of June but not completed.

(f) B-24 H, 459th Bomb Group. Sheet metal repairs on right center wing panel. Plane received 10th June and released to Bomb Group 14th June with the work completed.

(g) B-24 H, 454th Bomb Group. Required sheet metal repairs in upper fuselage. Work completed in two days and the was released 16th June.

(h) B-24 G, 459th Bomb Group. Sheet metal repairs of fuselage, replace main fuel cells and change No. 3 engine. Plane received 14th June and released with the work completed 25th June.

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Historical Data of 560th Service Squadron--June 1944 (Continued)

(i) B-24 G, 459th Bomb Group. Wing and propeller change. Plane was received 15th June with work completed 26th June.

(j) B-24 H, 459th Bomb Group. Extensive sheet metal repairs were made. Plane was received 17th of June with the work being completed four days later.

(k) B-24 H, 459th Bomb Group. Sheet metal and electrical repairs. Plane was received 17th of June and the work was completed 23rd June.

(l) B-24 H, 459th Bomb Group. Replace right landing gear, assemble bulkhead supports, repair right wing and lower fuselage. Plane was received 18th of June but as yet is not ready for release. A large amount of work has been done.

(m) B-24 H, 459th Bomb Group. Salvage. Work has not been completed this month. Plane was received 24th June.

(n) B-24 H, 459th Bomb Group. Repair numerous flak holes throughout the plane, repair elevator wiring, replace left aileron, left rudder, left elevator and flap. Plane was received by us 27th June and as yet this work has not been completed.

(o) B-24 H, 459th Bomb Group. Sheet metal repairs on left vertical stabilizer, throughout top side of fuselage, replace left outboard wing panel and replace No. 3 auxiliary fuel tank. The plane was received 27th June and the work has not been completed.

(p) B-24 G, 459th Bomb Group. Received for salvage 28th of May as a result of a crash landing. Salvage work completed 1st of June.

(q) B-24 H, 459th Bomb Group. Received this plane 30th of May for salvage, but although work was done on it this month the job isn't completed.

(r) B-24 H, 459th Bomb Group. Received the plane for salvage the 9th of May as a result of a crash landing. Salvage work was completed 22nd June.

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(2) Parachutes inspected and repacked--525



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Historical Data of 560th Service Squadron--June 1944 (Continued)

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(3) Aviation gasoline and oil.
(a) Gasoline consumed--1,751,471 gallons.
(b) Oil consumed--88,055 gallons.
(c) Rotated 102,000 gallons of barrel stock aviation gasoline. Received 26,250 additional gallons for this stock.

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(4) Engines and propellers issued by Tech Supply.
(a) Engines--44
(b) Propellers--26

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(5) Breathing Oxygen.
Our Unit Oxygen Plant began operations the 5th of May with a crew of 11 enlisted men. They received training during the entire Month of March at the 11th Air Depot Group. During the Month of June three additional EM Sgt. Ernest D. Free, Cpl. Joseph E. Dare, and Cpl. Marvin M. Feuerstein, former members of Hq., Sq., XV AFSC and trained in the making of oxygen were assigned to our squadron and added to our crew. We now have three units with S/Sgt. Clyde D. Higgason as Plant Chief. During this month, the 560th Unit made 2659 bottles of oxygen. 1223 of these bottles were issued through our Tech Supply during the month.

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(6) Number of SI's handled by Tech Supply (1 or more items each)--1957.

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(7) Requisitions.
(a) ACC requisitions on Depot--436.
(b) Total number of requisitions on Depot--720

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h. Members who have distinguished themselves, and the award.

(1) Captain James A. Schmitt, O-899429, our CO, promoted to the rank of Major (AUS-AC) per Letter, subject, "Promotion", Hq., XV Air Force, dated 8 June 1944.

(2) 57 EM of this squadron awarded the Good Conduct Medal per General Order # 12, Hq., 43rd Service Group, dated 19 June 1944. (Copy of this General Order is enclosed).

2. Although our squadron was activated 27 December 1943, personnel was not assigned until 6 January 1944. The following sections will be devoted to a brief summary of topics outlined in the six consecutive Historical Data Reports and additional information not reported. In general, this may be considered as a six months report of activities of this squadron.

a. Facts relating to the origin of origin of the unit.
The authority for the activation of this squadron was General Order # 8, "Activation of Certain Army Air Force Organizations", Hq. XII Air



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Historical Data of 560th Service Squadron--June 1944 (Continued)

Force Service Command (ADV), dated 27 December 1943, Annex 1 and 2. Personnel was obtained from 306th, 321st, 324th, 338th, 341st and 94th Service Squadrons than under XII Air Force Service Command. This squadron was organized at Roccaforzata, Italy.

b. Changes in organization.
(1) Changes in designation of the unit. None.
(2) Transfer of unit as a whole.
(a) 354th Service Group--Activation Orders.
(b) 323rd Service Group--6 January 1944 awaiting assignment.
(c) 45rd Service Group--3 February 1944.
(3) Commanding Officers.
(a) Captain Oakley K. Morton, Jr.--6 January to 30 January.
(b) Captain (now Major) James A. Schmitt--30 January and since.
(4) Staff Officers.
(a) Lt. Harry R. Langham, vice Capt. Sargeant N. Tower--Engineering Officer.
(b) Lt. Walter F. Stein, vice Capt. Harry V. Percy, Tech Supply Officer.
(c) W/O Clyde L. Dyer, Jr., vice Lt. James W. Board, assistant Tech Supply Officer.
(d) Lt. William M. Rice, vice Lt. Harry R. Langham, assistant Engineering Officer.
(e) Lt. George L. Parkin, now Medical Officer to fill vacancy.
(f) Lt. James W. Board and W/O Conio A. Grieco returned to the United States.
(g) W/O Clyde L. Dyer, Jr. Squadron Supply, Mess and Transportation Officer. To fill vacancy.
(h) Lt. Virgil R. Hackleman, adjutant. To fill vacancy.
(i) Lt. Francis C. Kelley, vice W/O Dyer, Assistant Tech Supply Officer.

c. Strength, commissioned and enlisted

| (1) Months of January through June (6 Months) | Off | W/O | EM |
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| (a) At beginning (6th January) | 6 | 2 | 159 |
| (b) Net increase | 1 | 0 | 74 |
| (c) Net decrease | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| (d) At end of period.(30th June). | 7 | 1 | 233 |

d. Stations and Movements.
(1) Roccaforzata, Italy--6 January 1944 to 10 January 1944.
(2) San Giorgio, Italy--10 January 1944 to 23 January 1944.
(3) Spinazzola, Italy--23 January 1944 to 29 January 1944.
(4) Cerignola, Italy--29 January 1944 to present.



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560th Service Squadron Historical Data--June 1944 (Continued)

e. Campaigns.
(1) Italian Campaign.
(2) Still in progress.

f. Operations.
Our squadron has been servicing the 459th Bomb Group since it arrived at the present location, 3 February of this year, and the 304th Bomb Wing Headquarters for the same period. Due to our being organized and with practically no equipment, this operational data begins with the Month of February except when otherwise indicated.

(1) Planes.
(a) Repaired--35
(b) Salvaged--7 (Completed)
(c) Constructed a B-24 H (now in combat) out of two salvaged ones.

(2) Parachutes inspected and repacked--2334.

(3) Aviation gasoline and oil. (Since 1 February)
(a) Gasoline consumed--6,114,174 gallons.
(b) Oil consumed--95,750 gallons.

(4) Engines and propellers issued by Tech Supply. (Since 1 March)
(a) Engines--86
(b) Propellers--62

(5) Breathing Oxygen (bottles)
(a) Drawn on Depot by Tech Supply (February, March, April)--2546.
(b) Made by 560th Oxygen Unit (5 May to 30 June)--4360

(6) Number of 81's handled by Tech Supply (1 or more items each) 6780.

(7) Requisitions.
(a) AOC requisitions on Depot--1058
(b) Total number of requisitions on Depot--2385.

(8) Our electric shop has repaired 202 airplane generators since 1 February 1944 besides having full charge of the squadron lighting system, and checking landing lights on runway. Also helped in establishing the lighting system for the Bomb Group.



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(9) 560th Propeller Shop has had 121 propeller governors since 1 February, sending only 30 to the Depot and doing the complete job on the others. 95 propellers have been assembled, repaired and checked by this department. And, too, within this period have made a new resistor for governors--one which has received commendations from the Depot and Fifteenth Air Force.

3. Authority.

[1]Letter, subject, "Orders", Hq., XV Air Force, dated 15 June 1944.
Morning Report, 560th Service Squadron (June)
[2]560th Service Squadron Morning Report (June).
[3]Daily Status Reports and Squadron Engineering Work Orders--Engineering Department (June).
[4]Records of 560th Service Squadron Parachute Shop (June).
[5]Daily 17 Item Report, 560th Service Squadron Technical Supply. Official records and files.
[6]Records of 560th Service Squadron Oxygen Unit. Also official files of Technical Supply.
[7]Letter, subject, "Promotion", Hq., XV Air Force, 9 June 1944 and General Order # 12, Hq., 43rd Service Group, 10 June 1944.

4. Enclosed is the War Diary of this unit for the period 1 June to 30 June 1944. Six photographs (Plates I, II, III, IV, V and VI) are also enclosed showing the respective steps taken by a three man crew from our Sheet Metal Shop in repairing a hole in the fuselage of a damaged B-24 H. (3 prints each).

For the Commanding Officer:

Virgil R. Hackleman

VIRGIL R. HACKLEMAN
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Unit Historian.

8 Incls:
1-War Diary, June 1944 (3)
2-GO # 12, Hq., 43rd Service Group (3)
3-Plate I, Damaged B-24 H (3)
4-Plate II, Step 1 of repair job (3)
5-Plate III, Another view of Step 1 (3)
6-Plate IV, Step 2, Sheet Metal Holders (3)
7-Plate V, Step 3, The project completed (3)
8-Plate VI, Another view of the Completed job.



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WAR DIARY

Sheet No. 1 War Diary of 560th Service Squadron, 43rd Service Group--Cerignola, Italy. Month of June 1944. Prepared by Sgt. Harold B. Fortney, 560th Service Squadron under the direction of Lt. VIRGIL R. HACKLEMAN, Unit Historical Officer.

| DAY | EVENTS |
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1 We begin another month at Guilia Airfield, Cerignola, Italy. Gradually we are becoming a well equipped service squadron. Yet we were activated only five months ago--this fact of our service is most outstanding. In spite of the fact that we are still lacking in some essential equipment with which to operate more effectively, we have accomplished much in these few months to aid the War Effort, and are looking forward to another good month. As for personnel, we begin this month with six officers, two W/Os, and 223 Enlisted Men.

Well, after using the hot showers at the Water Point for several months and having so many difficulties and disappointments, our squadron shower was completed today. It is located in one of the small rooms vacated last month by Tech Supply. Not only being in a very convenient location, the shower room is equipped with six spray nozzles, cement floor, good drainage, a large reservoir drum, and facilities to heat the water. In all a very good set-up and it is very much appreciated.

Three fellows of our squadron, Pvts. Roland L. Raunikar, Frank J. Wirth, and Charles L. Byrd were promoted today to the rank of Private First Class per Squadron Order # 15. Wirth and Byrd are from our Engineering section while Raunikar works in Tech Supply.

2 There was a new work schedule for our squadron effective today. Actually, it was similar to the one used during the Month of May except that morning recall was "moved up" to 1130 hrs, noon chow during the period 1145 to 1215 hrs, evening chow beginni g at 1715 hrs. The time for "lights out" was moved up to 2300 hours. This was one hour later than the former schedule.

Two more fellows were assigned and joined our squadron today. That brings the number of EM to 225, a new high for our squadron. The new fellows were Pvt. Erwin H. W. Grone and Arnold C. Skotte from the 2282nd and 2283rd Quartermaster Companies, (AVN) in our group--th 43rd. Although they had previously been in transportation, they are to try their talents in our engineering department.

Hours were set for using our new showers completed yesterday--10 AM until 4 PM and 6 PM until 10 PM. The officers will have the privilege of using the showers from 4 until 5 in the afternoon. Thus, the hot showers are available for 12 hours during the day. Pvt. Martinez has been put in charge.

Our squadron was invited to attend the French Review, a stage show which was held at the 459th Bomb Group. Our part was the furnishing of two flat beds which were used as the stage.

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3 The Bomb Group "flew into" much accurate flak on their mission today so when the planes returned many of them had been unfortunate enough to be "holed" in several places. Three of these planes were "turned over" to our engineering section for the needed repairs.

'Twas Saturday and the day for our weekly tent inspection. Today, it was for two purposes, cleanliness of the "living quarters" and checking upon the individual gas mask equipment. Results--good.

We played a very important softball game this evening--a postponed one with the 561st Service Squadron. Although we were out of the first half honors because of having so many postponed games and losing 3, we had previously (last Thursday) done this squadron team a favor by defeating the 2252nd Quartermaster Co. (AVN). That made a tie for first place and all the 561st had to do was to defeat us today. We received many compliments about this before the game, but their hopes were gone when we, too, defeated them. The score, 2 to 0.

4 The main event of the day was the promotion of 20 members of our squadron. Other than the three promoted two days ago, these were the first since the middle of last month. As a result of this group of promotions, we had three new Staff Sergeants George P. Crawford, Forrest E. Gustafson, and Charles B. Robertson; 13 new Sergeants John W. Abshire, Herman C. Cross, Glenn D. Erickson, Glenn F. Farrelly, Albert O. Giddens, Norman E. Greene, Delwyn M. Morgan, Anthony J. Piedmonte, Edward M. Reynolds, Cecil C. Scott, Curtiss J. Snipes, Walter C. Waggoner and Allen J. Waldrop; and four more non-coms when LLoyd D. Doom, Lloyd D. Hardis, Elmo V. Harwell and Edward H. Sanborn, III were promoted to corporal. 17 of these fellows work in engineering while the other three are in Tech Supply. We now have 27 Staff Sergeants, 51 Sergeants, 60 Corporals and 72 Privates.

5 There was a great deal of talking among members of our squadron concerning the Liberation of Rome. Although we had been expecting this news several days, it came sooner than we had expected. Those that were in Cerignola today reported that there were numerous flags, streamers and banners along the streets in the celebration of this occasion.

6 There was much more commotion, discussion and rumors today. News was broadcast at 7 AM this morning over the German Overseas Service stating that the invasion of France had begun earlier this morning. We didn't believe it, but were tense until 0930 hrs. when the British Broadcasting Company announced it and then followed General Eisenhauer's speech at 0948 hrs. The radios we had in the squadron were kept busy when possible. Some fellows collected items of the news and posted it on the bulletin board for the benefit of the entire squadron.

Chicken for D-Day! Yes, we were all surprised that through coincidence we were served chicken-on-th-bone for our noon chow together with dressing and gravy. This is the first chicken we have had for the longest time!

7 There was a SW wind which swept over our area almost all day picking up a great deal of sand and dust from the many barren places. The fellows in Engineering "noticed it" probably the most. All of us were glad when the wind at last "died down" late in the evening as both planes, equipment and our living quarters were covered with many small particles of sand and dust.

Our squadron supply moved again. This time they again "went into" the headquarters building, occupying two small rooms formerly used by sections of Tech Supply. Although



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their new location seemed crowded as yet, it should be a very convenient set-up for them.

In a secret Letter entitled, "Battle Participation Awards", Hq., NATOUSA, AG 200.6/263 P-O, dated 29 May 1944 were list of squadrons and one group in which a number of our fellows were members during the various campaigns. This included the squadrons in the 310th Service Group for Egypt-Libya and Tunisian Campaigns, and the 306th Service Squadron for the French Morocco-Algeria Campaign. Bronze Stars were ordered afterward and awarded the 71 EM entitled to wear them.

8 With the completion of the pouring of cement over the stone floor in the small room adjoining our kitchen, we will now have more space for storage and for our stoves. This room didn't look as though it could be made into such a model sanitary place, but work and planning did the job very well.

We had generally been having ice cream once each week--Thursday--but there was an o order from the Town Major today prohibiting civilians from making ice cream for military personnel. A plan is underway, according to the order, to requisition all ice cream making machinery in this area for the Air Corps and attached units. Previously, we had had only the freezing process down in town.

9 PX supplies for the squadron were sold this evening, and in its new location just above the parachute shop. Cpl. Wagner, who has charge of this seemed to be well satisified with the facilities. We kidded him by implying that he didn't need a good location to sell the same "stuff" every week! Actually, however, we were well satisified with the supplies and they were sold rather rapidly.

10 New EM were assigned and joined this squadron today. They were Sgt. Ernest D. Free, Cpl. Joseph E. Bare and Cpl. Marvin M. Feuerstein. All of these fellows were former members of Hq & Hq. Sq, XV AFSC and had arrived from the states only about two months ago. Being trained in the manufacturing of breatheing oxygen, they were immediately put to work on our oxygen unit. That brings our crew to 14.

There was a plane wreck about 15 miles north of the area. The plane belonging to the 459th Bomb Group, crashed before it got into formation for the scheduled mission. We are to salvage the plane.

In order to bring the dread of malaria to our fellows and also keeping in the foremost what to do in order to help prevent it, signs have been painted and distributed throughout the area thus, "Take Your Atabrine, Use Mosquito Repellent, Sleep Under Nets". We believe that the idea is psychologically sound and has received numerous very favorable comments.

11 'Twas surely a memorable day for our CO! After a meeting in Cerignola which he attended, Colonel Rankin presented him with two gold leaves symbolizing that he had been promoted to the grade of Major. The authority for this was Letter subject, "promotion", Hq., XV Air Force, dated 8 June 1944. Quoting parts of this letter, it follows: "By direction of the President and under the provisions of Public Law 455, 77th Congress, and cable, HEADQUARTERS MAAF, cite EM 21, 27 January 1944, NATOUSA Circular 251 dated 28 November 1943 and AAF Regulations 35-18, 21 May 1943, you are temporarily promoted effective on the date shown after A above to the grade in the Army of the United States (Air Corps) shown above".....By Command of Major General TWINING."

The Major has surely deserved this recognization of the excellent work which he has performed. Coming overseas with the 57th Service Group two years ago the 30th of



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this month and in the capacity as First Sergeant, he was commissioned 1st Lieutenant in October 1942. Later he received a promotion to Captain before being assigned as our Commanding Officer the 30th of January, just 24 days after the activation of our squadron. Being a very energetic officer possessing wide experience and a clear foresight, we consider ourselves very lucky in having him as our Commanding Officer.

12 My but it was grand to again see the American Flag waving in the breeze! Yes, our plans were actually accomplished today. A tall 35 foot white painted flag pole as the base of which is a mound consisting of white washed rock makes a very colorful sight. To add to this, however, Cpl. Adolph J. Sarna of our Tech Supply designed a large plaque with the Air Corps emblon, our name and group all in red shaded letters on a blue background.

We were at last relieved from the heat this afternoon when it rained a little. Besides cooling the air, just enough rain fell to "settle" the sand and dust which has been blowing so much recently. Oddly enough, this was our first rain this month. It didn't rain enough to interfere very much with our work.

There was a USO Camp Show in Cerignola this evening and both trucks were "actually loaded" by fellows who desired to attend. This show, featuring Pat and Patsy Moran, received many very favorable comments. All fellows were glad they "took" the evening off.

13 With the return of Pvt. Arnold C. Skotte to the 225ord Quartermaster Co.(AVN), our enlisted personnel remained the same today when Pfc. John J. Cauley, formerly of Hq. & Hq. Sq., XV AFSC was assigned to our squadron. He was formerly a member of the 338th Service Squadron, an organization which furnished one of the main cadres in activating the 560th. Thus, Cauley isagain back with a member of his old friends.

We are going to be "relieved" of all our "winter clothing" except blouse and a suit of underwear. That was in accordance with a letter which arrived here today. The fellows have already begun digging into their barracks bags for their overcoat, OD pants and shirts, winter underwear, OD caps and gloves, and all but two of their blankets. All must be returned to squadron supply by the 16th of this month.

14 A check had previously been made and it was found that some of the fellows had lost their "dog tags" and, too, others had "make shift" chains. The former arrived in the Orderly Room and were given out today, while the "chains" were issued from the squadron supply not only to these fellows but to others who were in need of them.

W/O Conio A. Grieco was surely "sweating" all day. It seems that he just couldn't be still and was all over the area, and at each stop telling the fellow in charge where he was going and could be found if needed. Yes, when a fellow has been told, as was the case with him, that he was going to the States in a very few days, he wants to get all of his "business" taken care of, and at the same time be at the particular place where needed. That fitted W/O Grieco exactly!

15 The instructions came late last night that W/O Grieco, who has been our Shop Superintendent since the activation of the squadron, was to report at 43rd Group Headquarters this morning at 9 AM. From there he was to go to Personnel Center # 6, PBS. Needless to say his nervousness and unrest was more than that of yesterday, but we are all glad to see him get the chance to return to the States although he will be greatly missed in our squadron and will be difficult to replace. Coming overseas with



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the 331st Service Squadron (then a part of the 323rd Service Group), he left the Statute of Liberty on 16th of July 1942. 'Twas a very long and tiresome journey for him as the boat took the long about route around the Cape of Good Hope and up to Suez, Egypt. The stop at Durbin, Union of South Africa, was the only break for him. From Suez he was sent to Palestine and at a time when Rommel vowed that his headquarters would soon be in the Shepherd Hotel, Cairo. From Palestine his squadron followed the British Eighth Army as far as Benghasi where it was stationed until coming to Italy in October. Thus, it is easy to conceive the idea that he deserved this break. To date, he was the first officer and the second member of our squadron to be sent home via rotation.

16 There has been a new "supply" of rumors today because of two bits of routine which affected our entire membership. All 30 caliber M1 (1903) rifles now in our possession were to be returned into squadron supply today "By Order of Major Schmitt". Most of the fellows seemed to be ridded of quite a burden while for others....they wanted to keep the weapons longer--having become attached to ti for almost their entire army life. The other source of rumors originated from the idea of returning all OD and winter clothing back to the squadron supply, and this was absolutely the last day! All rumors centered around moving!

In addition to the "Proibito Entrare" signs in the area referring to all civilians, others have been placed in numerous places here and where they can be seen. This sign reads, "Beware of Fire, Extinguish Cigarettes and matches before Discarding". Tod date we have been very fortunate in not having the fire hazard in any portion of our area.

17 During the noon chow there was a rush to the mess hall door as a result of a loud noise on the NW end of the runway..that is the closest part to our area. 'Twas a plane crash, but no casulities. As yet it is not known what action will be taken, repair the the plane or salvage it. The "ship" was dragged some 200 yeards to our engineering area. This was the first airplane crash on the base this month.

The crews hadn't the plane in the repair area too soon. There started what termed (or it would be termed back home) a cloud burst. It was by far the most dashing and damaging rain we had had for several months. Several of the tents in the lower part of the area had up to eight inches of water in them in spite of the ditches around them. Then, too, the transportation section was forced to take another route if they desired to "get out or in". Yet, because of the texture of the soil, the water "soaked through" fairly quickly and with the hot sun which followed, there was only mud remaining by the the end of the day.

18 "Rosie", our mailman, has certainly had it tough by returning with "niente" mail. Then he has been forced to answer so many questions and by "so many", too. "Niente" has been accepted as the suitable word and according to him it takes less energy. Today, not only he was "felling better" temporarily (he doesn't "mind" the work), but the fellow's moral was much higher than usual when he brought four bags of mail on each of the two trips.

Although our bar isn't open on Sunday evening, it was moved out of the Day Room into the large room formerly occupied by our squadron supply. It is now with the PX. With all arrangements made today, it will be o en "for business" in this new location tomorrow evening. Cpl. Ball and Pvt. Saucedo will have charge under the direction of the Enlisted Men's Club. To date, 50 of the profit each month is given to our Mess Sergeant to be used in buying fresh vegetable.



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19 There is a change in our day's routine effective this morning. Because of certain difficulties which have arisen, it has been deemed necessary to have a regular formation each morning at 0745 hours for the purpose of taking the roll and making announcements. For someti e previously they morning roll call was handled by the respective departments. Master and Tech Sergeants are excused from this formation except on specific occasions.

First Sergeant Babicky attended a meeting at Headquarters for all First Sergeants in the 43rd Group. Many fellows have said that they wonder what "new ideas" he has gotten and will put into force. Say them, "We should find out in the next few days".

Four new men were welcomed into our squadron today. Unlike so many previous replacements they came overseas some 10 months ago, left North Africa for Italy 16 November 1943, and thus were not new to duty over here. All came from the 41st Depot Repair squadron, 41st Air Depot Group and have the MOS of 747 (Airplane Mechanic). These four fellows, Cpls. Edward J. Hancock, Tedous (NMI) Grinzyk, Michael Suchodolsky and Adelard E. Girard will be assigned to our engineering section as mechanics.

20 We again received a taste of ice cream today. For several weeks (none this month) we have been without that "refresher" because of previously mentioned orders, but the difficulty has been "ironed out". The entire process was carried out by our "kitchen force" and we appreciate their efforts very much. And for flavors--both butterscotch and chocolate. Incidently, many went back for "seconds"!

It was thought that we were going to have another crash on the runway today, but it turned out to be a false alarm for which we were thankful. The plane had trouble with its nose wheel and ran into a ditch at the end of the NW end of the runway. Thus, just a minor repair job for us.

Under the provisions of AR 600-68, dated 4 May 1943 and NATOUSA Circular No. 111 dated 13 June 1943 and upon the recommendation of Major Schmitt, our CO, 57 members of our squadron were extremely happly today--it was not a promotion for them, but actually it meant a great deal. They were awarded the Good Conduct Medal for Exemplary behavior, efficiency, and fidelity. The authority was General Order # 12, HQ. 43rd Service Group, dated 19 June 1944 which is attached to the Historical Date portion of this report. This was the first of the Group involving members of our squadron. Thus, that brings the number of 104 in our squadron entitled to and awarded this medal.

21 "Those who have not drawn their carbines from Squadron Supply and checked their Clothing Record (WD AGO Form 32) are given today to do so". Such was the notice on our bulletin board. Since all of this required much work on the part of the fellows in our supply, they were plenty tired by the end of the day. And, too, other fellows in our squadron were rather busy in thier spare time checking and wiping the excess amount of oil from their new and lighter weapons.

The notice came to our squadron that there were copies of Sgt. Bill Mauldin's cartoons available at the 43rd Special Service. The cost, 25 lires. 95 fellows purchsed this book entitled, "Mud, Mules and Mountains" while others, before the day ended, had borrowed some of them. Both the cartoons, which can be found under the title, "Up Front", regularily in the Stars and Stripes, and the unique introduction by Ernie Pyle were all very favorably received. After its usefulness has been finished here, many plan to send this book to their folks in the States.



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22 Another new face was added to our squadron today. He was Pfc. Franklin O. Cates, who like the last four was an airplane mecnanic. Being short in this department and under our T/O strength, these assignments will gradually make it possible for us to accomplish more of the essential work daily expected of our squadron. Cates, too, has been overseas for several months.

The order had been at the Quartermaster for several months but not filled until today--Good Conduct Ribbons. Although this requision was for fellows who had been awarded the medal previously to coming to our squadron yet not presented to them, many thought it applied to the 57awarded by our Group the first of this week. So we now have at least 36 fellows in the 560th who have the chance to wear this ribbon if they desire. Others have already been ordered.

Our regular weekly issue of PX supplies arrived today and are to be sold for three consecutive evenings from 5 until 10 PM. T/Sgt. Little has volunteered to have charge of this in addition to his other duties. Cpl. Wagner, who is in the hospital, will be his main assistant. We didn't find anything new in the rations, but just the same they were well enjoyed.

23 As one proof of the excellent set-up for a shower (hot) we have, many officers of the 459th Bomb Group including Colonel Mund, the CO, were our guests this afternoon. All enjoyed the hot shower very much as shown by their smiles and the many favorable comments.

And there is no wonder they believed that a shower was in order--the wind coming as it did from the SW made it extremely hot. To add to our discomfort, the wind picked up what loose dirt, sand and dust it could, may times in a circular whirling manner, and deposited it in the less barren spots.

Thinking that vegetables and non alcholic beverages was a cause of stomach ailment so many have had recently and to help prevent this in the future, an order has been made prohibiting the purchase of these items from sidewalk cafes, street venders and unauthorized Italian establishments.

With so much work being required of members working in our engineering department "line personnel" have been divided into six crews instead of the four used so far. Experienced non-coms have been placed in charge of each crew--M/Sgt. Richard E. Piper, M/Sgt. Paul Fried, T/Sgt. Allen D. Schwarz, T/Sgt. James M. Foster, S/Sgt. Charles B. Robertson, and S/Sgt. Henry E. Scheuneman.

24 There was a forced land on the runway this morning by a B-24 not belonging to the Group we are servicing (459th Bomb Group), but from the neighboring 456th. Coming in at a very critical time, we thought that there would surely be a crash, but the landing was perfect under the conditions and the major damage was caused by the damaged nose wheel and the plane running to a ditch.

While the planes were still on their scheduled mission, it began raining very hard. It was the dashing kind which stopped all outside work for the rest of the day, and flooding several portions of our area including transportation, engineering and portions of the tent areas.

25 We were to play the 1150th Ordnance Company today in softball, but were unable to do so again this evening because of the weather. Thus we were not able to extend our winning streak or have it ended!



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Since the first of June, softball has been a rather popular sport in our squadron. The winning of 13 consecutive leagues games by our team has no doubt been a very deciding factor. That streak includes the last four games of the first half and all of the nine played during the second half to date. Thus, according to the recent published standings, we are tied for the league lead. In most instances, the games have been very closely contested and we consider ourselves very lucky in winning them from such good teams. The climax, and probably one of the best played games(from our standpoint at least) was the no hit, no run game played 17th of June with the 557th Service Squadron. The score was 3 to 0. Van Gemert's pitching arm was in rare form and he was givenfine support. We are not trying to build up our team as unbeatable, but do think that we have one of the many good teams in the 45rd Group.

26 All member of our squadron (except officers) have either carbines or "tommy guns". That was shown this morning at formation when most of the session was taken up by inspection of the weapons. With the completion of the issuance of the carbines and ammunition by our supply, all excepting about 25 have this type of gun. No 30 caliber M1 (1903).

Again there was a stage show at the Bomb Group (the second during the month) and again this squadron was invited to both of the performances--afternoon and evening. Because of the stiff working schedule and the large amount of work expected of the squadron, only the evening session was patronized by us when about 60 attended. Our part was again furnishing two flat beds to be used as the stage.

27 Rumors are numerous among fellows in our squadron concerning the reorganization of service squadrons and other servicing units in the Air Corps. With some information gathered at the various places (in town, from members of the bomb group etc.) it has been used as a core around which have originated a large number of rumors--rumors which because of the typical army exaggeration are unreasonable. But according to the old saying that rumors are many in the army and that helps to keep the fellows' minds occupied, our fellows should be in fine shape.

28 Plans are being made to encourage another form of recreation within our squadron. For several weeks, fellows (including officers) have been seen flinging horseshoes at pegs. Now, as an added impetous, a tournment is being arranged for our squadron with the winner competing in the 45rd Group Tournment to be held next month. According to many reports, there are many good horseshoe players in our squadron.

We had our usual issuance of PX rations this evening, but there was something entirely different..an item which the fellows had not had for the longest time, and the first time that it had been issued the same time as these rations. That was canned American Beer--Schaefer was the brand. There was also orange and grapefruit juice in the rations, and oddly enough there was the old trading game with the non-beer drinkers. So four cans of beer and one of juice was something different!

Our squadron softball team kept up its winning streak this evening when it defeated the 81st Service Squadron here by the score of 7 to 5. Coming from behind in the fifth inning with the score against them 1 to 5, a rally did the desired trick. The spectators...many more than usual!



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29 A new officer arrived today. It was 2nd Lt. Francis C. Kelley, formerly of the 81st Service Squadron, 43rd Service Group. Thus, this transfer was within our group. Lt. Kelley will be Assistant Tech Supply Officer and will serve as an aid to Lt. Stein in that department. As yet, his transfer is only VOCO, but orders are expected in a day or two. That brings the number of officers to 7.

For the first night since the establishment of our squadron electric light system, we didn't have lights in our tent areas. We, however, had lights in the headquarters building, so the Bar and Day Room were well patroniged. The fellows in the tents--well, most of them went to bed a little earlier.

The fellows considered it a treat! The Red Cross girls brought doughnuts out (we already had coffee) and then there was chicken--all for the noon chow. This evening we had ice cream and raisin pie made by Pfc. Cann, our baker. Fuera!

30 'Twas a banner day for those fellows who were broke! Pay day. Exclusive of deductions, our EM were paid $12,014.33. Some others whose records were late in arriving (being recently assigned to this squadron), and those in the hospital will be paid on a supplementary pay roll. Incidently, many of the guys called this "Exchange Day"!

In order to encourage the buying of bonds in the beginning of this new drive, bonds were raffled off this evening after the softball game with the 43rd Officers. Colonel Rankin did the drawing. The chances were taken along with pay call at $1.50 a crack! Several of the fellows who were encouraged to take chances won out. The winning bonds were: $100. bonds, M/Sgt. Paul Fried and Pfc. John J. Calderone; $50. bonds, Pvt. Raymond D. McNabb and Pfc. Fred H. Stewart; while four fellows were lucky in winning the $25 bonds, M/Sgt. Paul Fried, Cpl. Roger F. Browning, T/Sgt. Dilbert H. Tharp and Pvt. Albert B. Salazar.

For the Commanding Officer:

Virgil R. Tackleman
VIRGIL R. TACKLEMAN
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Unit Historian.



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HEADQUARTERS
43RD SERVICE GROUP
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Service Center No. 43.
19 June 1944.

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GENERAL ORDER )
NO. 12 )

1. Under the provisions of AR 600-68, dated 4 May 1943, and NATOUSA Circular No. 111, dated 13 June 1943, and upon the recommendation of their Commanding Officer, "The Good Conduct Medal" is awarded the following named enlisted men, 560th Service Squadron, 43rd Service Group, for Exemplary Behavior, Efficiency, and Fidelity.

1st Sgt William J. Babicky, 6567241
M/Sgt Paul (NMI) Friedl, 12014678
M/Sgt Ray C. Van Genert, 17034174
T/Sgt Ted H. Felsburg, 37456903
T/Sgt James M. Foster, 34036572
T/Sgt P.W. Gibson Jr. (i.c.), 6250864
T/Sgt Frank J. Gorichanaz, 34233302
T/Sgt Harold D. Grant, 16018424
T/Sgt Kermit H. Lipscomb, 35202647
T/Sgt James D. McLeod, 14072730
T/Sgt Allen D. Schwarz, 12018598
T/Sgt Vernon L. Shaffer, 13048189
S/Sgt James J. Bovay Jr., 12072374
S/Sgt Adam E. Darbonne Jr., 14098815
S/Sgt Clyde R. Higginson, 14042241
S/Sgt Robert C. Knott, 13055509
S/Sgt Joseph L. Milkowski, 36042426
S/Sgt Ralph H. Rasler, 17033221
S/Sgt Thomas P. Webb, 16023611
S/Sgt Charles B. West, 11014238
Sgt John W. Abshire, 16045587
Sgt George M. Beaver, 14059057
Sgt Harland D. Etzkorn, 15072686
Sgt Glenn F. Farrelly, 32284669
Sgt Ralph A. Ferguson, 31079208
Sgt Milton G. Gillespie, 14072252
Sgt Norman E. Greene, 12010714
Sgt Duane M. Hadden, 34207486
Sgt Edward E. Heller, 13055427
Sgt Kenneth H. Hinton, 16018331
Sgt Edward C. Kennedy, 34188124
Sgt Delwyn M. Morgan, 33261099
Sgt John F. Overmann, 35134158
Sgt Edward M. Reynolds, 11015595
Cpl Herbert W. Abbey, 19065926
Cpl Lewis D. Adams, 34033418
Cpl Roger F. Browning, 37549949
Cpl Louis P. Csakai, 12131974
Cpl Edgar E. Fernsler, 13047522
Cpl Clyde L. Guenseth, 16018420
Cpl William R. Haggith, 38170092
Cpl Harley L. Hamilton, 37410652
Cpl Dorris (NMI) Harrison, 18085011
Cpl Elmo V. Harwell, 34264296
Cpl Vincent A. Istrico, 12036429
Cpl Eldridge A. Johnson, 34236037
Cpl Walter R. Mackowiak, 37176161
Cpl John (NMI) McCullough, 39406256
Cpl Roland G. Pellerin, 38414367
Cpl Stanley J. Ronie, 39313244
Cpl Stanley E. Rozanski, 32270093
Cpl Thomas C. Scanlon, 32251713
Pvt 1cl George M. Gavin, 33118711
Pvt 1cl Jake J. Loyacano, 14071433
Pfc Martin (NMI) McDonnell, 11037450
Pfc Norman M. Warfle, 33108457
Pvt Vincent (NMI) Grande, 32703760

2. By order of COLONEL RANKIN:

NEIL FRITCHMAN,
Lt Colonel, Air Corps,
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Captain, Air Corps,
Asst Adjutant.

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560th Service Squadron
Plate I. Radar Plane B-24.
Hole in front of cockpit
caused by rocket projectile.
Damage--6 stringers, bulk-
head, petatstatic tube and
plate. A Sheet Metal job.
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560th Service Squadron
Plate II. Step 1. Five stringers and a bulkhead spliced and in place.



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560th Service Squadron
Plate VI. Another view of
completed job. Project was
done by S/Sgt. Boucher and
Cpl. Lobrin and Mackowiak.
48½ man hours. 8-15-44



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66Th Service Squadron
Plate IV. Step 2. Replacement of fuselage and bolts held by sheet metal holder, ready for riveting.
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560th Service Squadron
Plate III. Step 1. Another
view.

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560th Service Squadron
Plate V. Step 3. The gear-
box completed. Fuselage in
place and riveted; replace-
ment of pstatstatic tube
and plate. Cpls. Dubois and
Markowicz. 6-12-44.



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HEADQUARTERS, 560TH SERVICE SQUADRON
APO 520 U. S. Army

31 July 1944.

SUBJECT: Historical Records.

TO : Commanding General, Fifteenth Air Force. Attention: Historian. (Through Channels).

1. Unit history of the 560th Service Squadron for the period 1 July 1944 to 31 July 1944.

a. Facts relating to the origin of the unit.
This information was given in the Historical Data Report for the Month of January 1944. The present designation of this unit, which hasn't changed since 3rd of February 1944, is 560th Service Squadron, 43rd Service Group.

b. Changes in Organization.
(1) Changes in designation of your unit. None.
(2) Transfer of unit as a whole. None.
(3) Commanding Officer. No change.
(4) Staff Officers. 1
(a) CWO Vincent J. Palermo, W-2112878, Shop Superintendent vice W/O Conio A. Grisco returned to the States on Rotation.
(b) 2nd Lt. Francis G. Kelley, Orientation Officer, vice Lt. Harry R. Langham relieved.
(c) 2nd Lt. Francis G. Kelley, Special Service Officer, vice Lt. Virgil R. Hackleman, relieved.

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c. Strength, commissioned and enlisted.

| (1) Month of July 1944 | Off | W/O | EM |
|---|---|---|---|
| (a) At beginning | 7 | 1 | 233 |
| (b) Net increase | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| (c) Net decrease | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| (d) At end | 7 | 2 | 227 |

d. Stations.
Cerignola # 1 (Guilia Airfield), Cerignola, Italy. Permanent change of station. No change during this month.

e. Movements.
None.

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Historical Data of 560th Service Squadron--July 1944 (Continued)

f. Campaigns.
(1) Italian Campaign.
(2) Still in progress.

g. Operations.

Our squadron continues to service the 459th Bomb Group (H), comprising the 756th, 757th, 758th and 759th Bomb Squadrons and the 304th Bomb Wing Headquarters. This is the sixth consecutive month that we have serviced the 459th, and the 304th Bomb Wing Headquarters. Again much work has been accomplished during this month as shown in part by the following subdivisions:

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(1) Planes.

(a) B-24 H, 459th Bomb Group. Salvage. Plane was received 5th of June and this salvage work was completed 15th of July.

(b) B-24 H, 459th Bomb Group. Repair numerous flak holes throughout the plane, repair elevator wiring, replace left aileron, left rudder, left elevator and flap. Plane was received by us 27th of June. Work was completed 8th of July and released.

(c) B-24 H, 459th Bomb Group. Sheet metal repairs on left vertical stabilizer, throughout top side of fuselage, replace left outboard wing panel and replace No. 3 auxiliary fuel tank. This plane was received 27th of June with this work completed and the plane released 3rd of July.

(d) B-24 J, 459th Bomb Group. Sheet metal repairs throughout the plane and replace main fuel cells. This plane was received 3rd of July with the work completed and the plane released six days later.

(e) P-47D, 57th Fighter Group. Change engine and propeller, and repair ring cowling. This plane was received 6th of July and was released to this Group with the job completed 26th of July.

(f) B-24 H, 459th Bomb Group. Replaced electrical wiring and repaired numerous flak holes. Plane was received 8th of July and released 21st of July.



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Historical Data of 560th Service Squadron--July 1944 (Continued)

(g) B-24 H, 459th Bomb Group. Sheet metal repairs throughout fuselage and wing, and replace much of the electrical wiring. Plane was received 9th of July and released with the work completed 3 days later.

(h) B-24 H, 459th Bomb Group. Changed four engines and repaired flak holes throughout fuselage. Plane was received 15th of July and this job completed 20th of July.

(i) B-24 G, 459th Bomb Group. Sheet metal repairs in left wing and fuselage. Plane was received 16th of July and the work was completed 23rd of July.

(j) B-24 J, 178th Bomb Squadron (RAF). Checked No. 2 and 3 engines. Plane was received 24th of July and released the following day.

(k) B-24 H, 459th Bomb Group. Replace right landing gear, assemble bulkhead supports, repair right wing and lower fuselage. Plane was received 18th of June and was released 1 July.

(l) B-24 H, 459th Bomb Group. Salvage. Plane was received 23rd July and although the work isn't completed, much has been done.

(m) B-24 H, 459th Bomb Group. Salvage. Plane was received 22nd of July and the salvage work has not been completed.

(n) B-24 h, 459th Bomb Group. Repair flak holes in wing, stabilizer, right elevator, replace No. 4 bulkhead and repaired rear spark. Plane was received 24th of July and the work was completed 29th of July.

(o) B-24 J, 459th Bomb Group. Extensive sheet metal repairs throughout horizonal stabilizer and right wing, and repair left elevator. Plane was received 25th of July and work was completed 28th of July.

(p) B-24 H, 459th Bomb Group. Repair nose assembly and lower section fuselage. Plane received 8th of July and is not completed.

(q) B-24 H, 459th Bomb Group. Salvage. Plane was received 24th of June and although much work has been done on this plane the job isn't completed.



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Historical Data of 560th Service Squadron--July 1944 (Continued)

(r) B-24 H, 459th Bomb Group. Received this plane 30th of May for salvage, but although work was done on it during June and July, this salvage work isn't completed.

(s) B-24 G, 459th Bomb Group. Replace left outboard wing and three auxiliary fuel tanks. Repair flak holes and left inboard wing and stabilizer. Plane was received 28th of July and the work isn't completed as yet.

(t) B-24 H, 459th Bomb Group. Crash landed on take off resulting in salvage. This plane was received 30th of July and is not yet completed.

(u) B-24 H, 456th Bomb Group. Change No. 2 engine, repair numerous flak holes throughout fuselage and wing. Plane received 29th of July and work isn't completed.

(v) B-24 H, 459th Bomb Group. Replace electric wiring, replace hydraulic lines, repair numerous flak holes throughout fuselage. Plane was received 29th of July and is not completed.

(w) B-24 G, 459th Bomb Group. Change No. 2 engine, replace No. 2 right and No. 2 left main fuel cells, repair several bulkheads, repair flak holes in left and right wings and stabilizer. Plane was received by us 29th of July and this work is not completed.

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(2) Parachutes.
(a) Inspected and repacked--516
(b) Repaired--72
(c) Sewing of many bags and covers during the month.

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(3) Aviation gasoline and oil.
(a) Gasoline consumed--1,757,094 gallons.
(b) Oil consumed--25,125 gallons.

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(4) Engines and propellers issued by Tech Supply.
(a) Engines issued--56
(b) Propellers issued--20

(5) Breatheing Oxygen. 6
(a) Bottles of oxygen made by our plant (3 units)--2421
(b) Bottles of oxygen issued through our Tech Supply--1,472

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(6) Number of 81's handled by Tech Supply (1 or more items each) 1982



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Historical Data of 560th Service Squadron--July 1944 (Continued)

(7) Requisitions.[5]
(A) AOC requisitions on depot--457.
(b) Total number of requisitions on Depot--710.

(8) Electrical work.[7]
(a) 46 batteries charged.
(b) Electrical repairs on 6 planes during this month.
(c) Squadron generators, squadron lighting system and airdrone lighting system kept in good condition.

(9) Propellers.[8]
(a) Reparable propellers put into service by our Propeller shop--8
(b) New propellers checked and issued to the Bomb Group through our propeller shop--14
(c) Reparable propellers sent to the Depot--20.

h. Members who have distinguished themselves, and the award.[9]
(1) 22 EM of this squadron awarded the Good Conduct Medal per General Order # 17, Hq., 43rd Service Group, dated 28 July 1944. (Copy of this General Order is enclosed).

2. Authority.
[1] 560th Service Squadron Morning Report and Squadron Orders, July 1944.
[2] 560th Service Squadron Morning Report, July 1944.
[3] Daily Status Reports and Squadron Engineering Work Orders--Engineering Department of 560th Service Squadron--July 1944.
[4] Records of 560th Service Squadron Parachute Shop, July 1944.
[5] Daily 17 Item Report, 560th Service Squadron Technical Supply. Official Records and Files, July 1944.
[6] Records of 560th Service Squadron Oxygen Unit, July 1944. Also Official Records and Files of Technical Supply.
[7] Records of 560th Service Squadron Electric Shop.
[8] Records of 560th Service Squadron Propeller Shop.
[9] General Order # 17, Hq., 43rd Service Group, 28 July 1944.

3. Enclosed is the War Diary of this unit for the period 1 July 1944 to 31 July 1944.

James A. Schmitt
JAMES A. SCHMITT
Major, Air Corps,
Commanding.

1 Incl:
War Diary, July 1944 (5)



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HEADQUARTERS
43RD SERVICE GROUP
APO 520

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Service Center No. 43
28 July 1944.

GENERAL ORDER )
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NO. 17 )

1. Under the provisions of AR 600-68, dated 4 May 1943, and MATOUSA Circular No. 111, dated 13 June 1943, and upon the recommendation of their Commanding Officer, "The Good Conduct Medal" is awarded the following named enlisted men, 558th Service Squadron 43rd Service Group, for Exemplary Behavior, Efficiency, and Fidelity.

S/Sgt Cloyd R. Cooper, 39171901
Sgt Robert Campbell, 31036611
Sgt Cecil Cox, 35476194
Cpl Kenneth E. Campbell, 36420656
Cpl Frank J. Cianci, 11103483
Cpl Hardin I. Dempsey, 37099940
Cpl Francis T. Nowak, 32003354
Cpl John D. Pennington, 34502980
Cpl Arthur C. Woods, 35596080
Pfc James E. Fallman, 31280222
Pfc Leon R. Holcomb, 33114203
Pvt Clyde M. Wood, 11097709

2. Under the provisions of AR 600-68, dated 4 May 1943, and MATOUSA Circular No. 111, dated 13 June 1943, and upon the recommendation of their Commanding Officer, "The Good Conduct Medal" is awarded the following named enlisted men, 560th Service Squadron, 43rd Service Group, for Exemplary Behavior, Efficiency, and Fidelity.

M/Sgt Claude P. Daspit, 6360755
M/Sgt Frederick G. Stumpp Jr, 6908736
T/Sgt William W. Beinhauer, 6908601
S/Sgt Edgar R. Foster, 6930047
Sgt Harold E. Christie, 14064477
Sgt Robert P. McSolla, 11042403
Sgt David M. Stevenson, 12019431
Sgt David D. Spence, 35427710
Sgt Allen J. Waldrop, 14102971
Sgt Robert G. Wilson, 33102229
Cpl William C. Cann, 11010787
Cpl Charles J. Cervenka, 36349927
Cpl Dana A. Coley, 14066079
Cpl Richard C. DeLaFuente, 38554419
Cpl Wilbur E. Ferguson, Jr, 13076274
Cpl Lloyd D. Harris, 6551709
Cpl Arthur (NMI) Hessler, 36146706
Cpl Charles M. Rector, 38395540
Pfc Thomas F. Hennessey, 12030781
Pfc Roland L. Raunikar, 39606669
Pfc Harold M. Straub, 6991270
Pvt James F. Mobley, 36618968

By order of Colonel RANKIN:

NEIL FRITCHMAN,
Lt. Col., Air Corps,
Executive Officer.

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RICHARD H. GRUNBACHER,
Capt., Air Corps,
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WAR DIARY

Sheet No. 1, War Diary of 560th Service Squadron, 43rd Service Group--Cerignola, Italy. Month of July 1944. Prepared by Sgt. Harold B. Fortney, 560th Service Squadron under the direction of Lt. VIRGIL R. HACKLEMAN, Unit Historical Officer.

DAY EVENTS

1 We begin another month at Guilia, one of the airfields located near Cerignola, Italy. Gradually we are becoming a well equipped service squadron--one devised for heavy bombers. Although we were activated only six months ago here in Italy--this fact of our service is most outstanding. In spite of the fact that we are still lacking in some essential equipment with which to operate more effectively, we have accomplished much in these few months to aid the War Effort, and are looking forward to another good month. As for personnel in our squadron, we begin this month with seven officers, one Warrant Officer and 233 enlisted men.

2nd Lt. Francis G. Kelley, who was assigned to our squadron the last of June, has become assistant Tecnnical Supply Officer. He was formerly a member of the 81st Service Squadron, also a squadron in the 43rd Service Group.

According to a squadron order, 2nd Lt. Kelley was appointed War Bond Officer, while Lt. Hackleman was given two more jobs in addition to his regular duties--Post Exchange Officer and Special Service Officer.

2 The officers' quarters, located on the second floor (with three small rooms) of the headquarters building, is becoming rather crowded and warm, too. To relieve this conjested situation, a GI pyramidal tent has been placed on the top of the building, braced well, and will be occupied by several of our officers.

We have been sweating out "Mud Cat" the B-24 plane which was our first repair job--dating back to last February. After getting this plane back into "combat condition", it flew 59 consecutive missions. Still she has kept on flying and until today had more to her credit. Well, she, today, failed to return and has been give up as lost in enemy territory. And to think, our squadron made these consecutive missions possible.

3 A break for our squadron but actually only for about ⅔ of our members! Word came today that this squadron would be allotted 127 tickedts for the Irving Berlin show at Foggia entitled, "This is the Army". These tickets would be distributed for the various performances with not more than 25-30 for the show at any one time. 25 tickets for the 1st staging--that tomorrow night and actually these few were exhausted in a few minutes---demand great!

4 During the day, 'twas very much like all others with work progressing about the same as usual, passes normal in number, and our 4th of July dinner being postponed until tomorrow. This evening, however, was plenty exciting--something in which a large number took part. Two trucks took about 60 of our squadron to see the Rodeo at Foggia



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while a third truck took 25 more to the show, "This is the Army" at the Flagella Theater in the same city. Both groups enjoyed themselves this evening, and how! Then two more trucks went in to Cerignola--and these trucks, too, were filled. Thus, there weren't many left in our area between 6 and 10 PM.

Before these fellows took off this evening, they were all (and other fellows, too) treated with the first ice cream for several weeks. There was plenty for our evening chow and many had "seconds".

5 Beginning this afternoon we had another break--a break expecially for those who like to swim. A truck has been designated to leave every afternoon at 1 PM and go to the beach near Manfordonia. Several fellows left today and according to indications will continue to take this opportunity. Arrangements will be made through the various departments and will not count as a portion of a day pass.

The first promotions this month involved three privates who became Pfc. as a result of Squadron Order # 18: Roy Hess, George Poye, and William F. Ryan. None of these fellows have been in our squadron nor overseas very long, but they have done excellent work.

Well, we should get a little more squipment! Lt. William M. Rice, M/Sgt. Claude P. Daspit and S/Sgt. Thomas B. Webb left this morning for TD in Naples where they hope to get supplies both for our engineering section and for the day room.

PX supplies today were somewhat more varied than on previous issues. This evening it included beer (four cans), 6 bars of candy, juice, toilet articles (more of a variety), tobacco, cigarettes (7 packs), writing paper and envelopes, and ink. Moral good for the day!

6 'Twas the critical softball game for our squadron team today, and the winning streak of 16 consecutive wins seemed to be too much. We lost to the 2232Quartermaster Company by the score of 1 to 4. We ended their streak at 14 last May. Both teams have now lost one game but we have played more games.

Three more trucks to Foggia this evening--two for the Rodeo and one for those 25 fellows attending "This is the Army". The center of attraction, from our standpoint in the former named attraction is Cpl. Herbert W. Abbey of Lincoln, Montana, who is our only representative to "ride 'em". Abbey's experience dates far back into his civilian life as a miner and a rancher. His job in our transportation section has not helped to put him into shape for this most streneous activity but we hope this slender six foot fellow has the best-of-luck.

A break for four members of our squadron--S/Sgt. Joseph S. Haruda is to return to the States via rotation while M/Sgt. Ray E. Van Gemert, T/Sgt. George W. Yohem and S/Sgt. James M. Bovay are to return to the States on B-29 cadres.

7 In spite of this being a very warm day, it was "Prepare for Inspection!" Major Edwin K. Hillman of the 43rd Service Group was with us about all day. He inspected not only the physical set-up of our various departments and sections, but the administrative side as well. He seemed encouraged, but we are waiting his verdict in writing.



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560th Service Squadron War Diary--July 1944. (Continued)

43rd Service Group SO # 96 did the work of promoting 10 fellows of our squadron. Needless to say, our bulletin board, where this special order was displayed, was well patronized. Frederick G. Stimpp, Jr. became our new Master Sergeant; Homer D. O'Mara was promoted to S/Sgt.; Lewis D. Adams, William R. Haggith and Henry L. Tillotson became Sgt., while the other five--Albert L. Allyn, William C. Cann, William F. Harpold, Herbert L. Raff and Tress H. Tyler became Corporals. All but three of these fellows work in our engineering department--O'Mara, Tillotson and Haggith.

Major James A. Schmitt, our CO, was placed on TD with a chance to visit Rome. During his absence, Lt. Virgil R. Hackleman will be Acting Commander. The Major left early this morning.

8 He was ready! S/Sgt. Joseph S. Haruda of our Sheet Metal Section had all of his papers and clothing ready and had bid his many friends goodbye when time came for him to leave at 1300 hrs today. Almost two years ago, 16th of July to be exact, he left New York and after a voyage covering some 15,000 miles and requiring more than a month, he embarked at Suez, Egypt. He then went to Palestine with his squadron--331st Service Squadron, later returing to Egypt and was stationed at Benghasi before coming to Italy. We are glad to see him get the chance to return to the States on rotation. He will, after stopping at 43rd Group Headquarters, report to Personnel Center # 6, PBS.

Coca Colas today and the fellows exhausted the supply!

9 'Twas one of those windy days, but in spite of that we won our softball game with the 2233rd Quartermaster Co by the score of 5 to 4. This assured us at least a tie for second half 43rd Group League honors.

M/Sgt. Ray E. Van Gemert, foreman of our sheet metal shop, T/Sgt. George R. Yohem and S/Sgt. James M. Bovay both of Tech Supply left today for the States. The first two were assigned to the 88th Service Group, Herbert Small Airport, Macon, Georgia, while Bovay left for 23rd Air Depot Group, Kelly Field, An Antonio, Texas. This was in accordance with Letter Orders, XV Air Force, dated 7 July 1944. All three joined our squadron when it was activated and were immediately assigned to the respective duties. Van Gemert had been overseas about 22 months while the other two "came over" about 18 months ago.

We have been greatful for one item which the squadron supply received today and Major Schmitt made certain that it was used (a good idea, too)--steel wool. The fellows' mess gear, knife, fork and spoon did glisten--that is as much as possible!

10 The rest camp idea became effective for our squadron--our first. According to orders from the XV AFSC, Pfc. Jake J. Loyacano and Pfc. Roland J. Raunikar of our Tech Supply are placed on TD at San Spirito near Bari. We hope that the idea continues for our squadron.

A radio for our squadron! This one (not short wave) was given us by 43rd Service Group Special Service. According to our electrician who is to have charge of installing it, this is a very good radio. Plans are to put it in the bar or in the day room.

There was a First Sergeant's meeting this afternoon called by M/Sgt. Day (Sgt. Major of our Group). F/Sgt. Babicky attended and we are wondering if he has any good rumors or facts to tell us.



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11 Lt. Rice, M/Sgt. Daspit and S/Sgt. Webb have now returned from their TD in Naples. Besides small equipment needed by their department (engineering), they purchased some chairs, tables, a radio, different kinds of drinks and other items needed for our Bar.

Major Schmitt resumed command of our squadron when he returned from Rome today. He was very enthusiastic about this city and gave numerous bits of helpful advice for anybody who has a chance to visit there in the future. And, too, he brought an electric victrola with him--one that can be attached to one of our radios.

In accordance with AAF Regulations 62-6 and upon the recommendation of the Engineering Officer, the following were authorized to run up and taxi multi-engine aircraft; M/Sgt. Richard E. Piper, T/Sgt. Allen D. Schwarz and T/Sgt. Vernon F. Shaffer with the authority just to run up these airplanes given M/Sgt. Claude P. Daspit and M/Sgt. Paul Fried, T/Sgt. James M. Foster, S/Sgts. Lambert D. Jankowski, Henry K. Scheuneman and Noel D. Worrell and Sgt. Albert O. Giddens. Thus, when we have an engine"running up" or a plane taxiing in our engineering area, we know that one of these fellows is testing the work of this department.

12 This was the last of the performances of the show, "This is the Army" being staged at Foggia. The 127 fellows of our squadron who had the opportunity to see it were very much enthused--many claiming it to be the best show they had seen while others said it was by far the best since entering the army.

Several members of our squadron softball team were selected to try out for the 43rd Group All-Star Team which will play in the 15th Air Force elemination tournament. Calderone, who led the team in batting the second half (.425); Csakai at first; Knott, our catcher, and Wilson and Abshire heavy hitting outfielders hope to play a major part of the games.

There being a large amount of dust and sand in this area, we welcomed our first rain this month--rain that not only stopped outside activities but settled this dust.

13 A new officer, CWO Vincent J. Palermo, W-2112878, was assigned to our squadron and joined today. He is not entirely new to the problems of service squadrons operating overseas having come directly from the 55th Service Squadron. He will be our Shop Superintendent vice W/O Grieco who was returned to the States last month through rotation.

There has been a new break for the EM of our squadron. For more than a month we have wondered if there would be an opportunity to see Rome. The opportunity came today when Sgts. Allen D. Wladrop and Harold B. Fortney left for that city with six other members of the 43rd Service Group. They are to be located at the Air Forces Rest Unit # 2, a new scheme of the 14th and 15th Air Forces, and will be there 3 days with an additional 3 for travelling. We would like for the Group's quota to be enlarged so that more could get this grand opportunity. Something for the future!

14 Our Day Room has been remodelled and today it was reopened. The radio and victrola were both placed on separate shelves in one corner; new magazines and games issued by 43rd Special Service were put on racks made by our carpenter shop; new tables and chairs; walls repainted in some places; a ping pong table was placed here and Pvt. Chester Frazier has been put in charge. And, too, all PX supplies including cokes will be issued in the Day Room--that under the supervision of T/Sgt. Reginald Little.



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15 There have been a few minor changes in secondary duties of our officers effective today. 2nd Lt. Francis G. Kelley, who was assigned to our squadron about two weeks ago was designated as Orientation Officer, and also Special Service Officer, both in addition to his other duties. He replaces Lts. Langham and Hackleman respectively.

S/Sgt. Slaon returned from the 163rd Medical Dispensery today after being there for almost a week. The fellows "kid" him no little bit because this time he was treated by GIs and not nurses. And, incidently, they did a good job.

To fullfil the requirements, there was a series of talks to all EM of our squadron combined to made what is termed a Sex Marality Lecture. Just slightly over five months ago we were given our last one.

16 The little tent erected in the area for those ardent photography fans is kept plenty busy--used every night. On several occasions "business" is so rushing that two or more fellows go together in printing and in developing.

After a slight lull, there seems to be more interest in both horseshoe pitching and in playing volley ball. Additional work has been done to improve each court.

17 We now have a new mail room. Although small, it is very conveniently located with each of its two doors opening into the day room and the orderly room. Cpl. Stanley E. "Rosey" Rozanski claims that the set-up is ideal--now for the mail!

For those fellows who like their cokes or have a weakness for candy, they were sold "extras" in the day room this evening. Yes, the supply is now exhausted!

18 With the return of Sgt. Waldrop and Fortney from Rome, two more members of our squadron, Sgts. Anthony J. Piedmonte and Donald A. Wentzel left for a Rest Camp. Their TD isn't taking them to Rome but to the San Spirito Rest Camp near Bari. Both fellows are from our engineering department.

The menu for this evening's chow called for ice cream and that it was! There was plenty--about 25 gallons. The ice cream is mixed in our kitchen and frozen in Cerignola.

19 We were very glad to have Colonel Rankin, Commanding Officer of the 43rd Service Group, with us today. Besides eating dinner here he did a little "checking around".

Looks very much as though all fellows of our squadron will be given an opportunity to vote at the coming November General Election. Lt. Hakleman was appointed as Soldier Voting Officer and will have full charge of seeing that those who desire may vote.

This was exchange day in at least one respect. Three EM were transferred and left today for other organizations while we received but one. According to Letter Trnsfer of 43rd Service Group dated yesterday the following left today; Pvt. Robert J. Berrington to the 1246th Quartermaster Co; Pfc. Vidna M. Gleason to 2233rd Quartermaster Co. (both fellows from our transportation section), and Pvt. Harold Fierer to 163rd Medical Dispensery. All organizations are in the 43rd Service Group also. In"exchange" for Gleason, Pfc. Leslie L. Hirschler, 2233rd Quartermaster Co. came to our squadron and has been assigned to the Sheet Metal department of our engineering section.



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560th Service Squadron War Diary--July 1944 (Continued)

20 The EM are not only ones of our organization who get the opportunity of attending a Rest Camp. The officers do also. Lt. Walter F. Stein left today on TD at Villagio Mancuso Rest Camp for a period of about a week. He is the first of the officers to go. Lt. Kelley will have charge at Tech Supply while Lt. Stein is away.

Fresh eggs for breakfast today--the first we have had for thelongest time other than those the fellows buy from the Italian civilians for "personal consumption". Our Mess Sergeant has been promised by the QM enough for about 5 consecutive breakfasts. We don't "mind" to stand in the chow line a little longer for fresh eggs.

There was a commotion among our squadron this evening when it was announced over BBC that there was an attempt to assassinate Hitler. Many stayed very close the radios in the bar and in the day room until each closed.

21 We didn't think that our squadron's turn would come around so soon in order to send two more to the Air Forces Rest Camp at Rome, but this morning two more left from our squadron--Pvt. Joseph J. Bartosik who works at our Oxygen Unit and Cpl. Hershel F. Crain of the Squadron Orderly Room. Continuing the policy of giving those the chance to go who have the longest foreign service, Crain has more than 22 months while Bartosik left New York more ahan 25 months ago.

We received European, African and Middle East Theater Ribbons today from the QM and the routine of giving them to members of the squadron was started today. Odd as it may seem, there are some fellows who have been overseas more than 1 1/2 years and have never as yet received one. Those are the ones to whom first choice has been given.

Major Schmitt gave a short talk to the squadron while at formation this morning. He congratulated the group upon its good work and soldierly conduct.

22 This was one of the most miserable days we had had in at least one respect--wind. The wind sweeping as it did from the south and southwest gathered up all the loose sand and dirt from the roads, runway and other bare spots and carried it through our area. At times it was almost impossible to see. In a few instances, the sand had a whirling affect and was very annoying. All those working "on the line" and others engaged in outdoor activities had to stop. Fellows were seen closing the flaps of their tents and resetting the stakes. For almost five hours this "went on" and we were glad when it stopped in the evening.

Was the first time for several weeks that there were no lights in the tent areas. This was because of the short in our generator. Fellows either went to the day room, to bed or to the celebration at the bar--an event commorating 22 months foreign service of 78 fellows in our squadron, and the reopening of the Bar. Mess Sergeant had potato salad (with plenty of eggs), coffee, meat and bread for this occasion.

23 Crews of our engineering department returned to the area some three miles south of Cerignola on the Conosa Road. This was because of the plane which crashed there last evening. Although much was done in salvaging this plane, the job was not completed last night. Although this plane was not from the 459th Bomb Group, it was turned over to us by a service squadron in the 37th Group which was unable to do this work because of an emergency.



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Our squadron supply received a geat deal of salvage and shortage for fellows in our squadron. We refer to them (the fellows who work there) as "on the ball". Now if they can get awards and badges that the fellows have listed in their service records.

24 There was a meeting of the first 3 graders in the day room during the noon period today. It was called for the purpose of getting the opinions of these guys as to the methods to be used in furnishing our "quotas" to the Army Air Forces Rest Camp at Rome, and rotation. Plans are now in preparation for both, but not nearly complete.

Following this meeting, Babicky attended a First Sergeant's meeting at Group Headquarters and he took some these "problems and solutions with him.

There was a special formation this morning for the purpose of conducting a physical inspection. Lt. Parkin, our Medical Officer, "presided".

25 Softball is "inito" now--at least for our squadron team. Finishing in a tie with 2232nd Quartermaster for second half honors, the deciding game was palyed this evening here against this team and we lost 5 to 7. There was a large group of spectators present, most of them from our squadron.

Plans are being made to make some additions to our Mess Hall and also improvements. Stones, sand and gravel will be gotten for this job.

26 We still have one officer at the Villigio Mancuso Rest Camp located in the southern part of Italy. Lt. Virgil R. Hackleman left early this morning while Lt. Walter F. Stein returned this evening. Lt. Cooper of the 1999th Fire Fighting Platoon, who has quarters with our officers and is attached to our squadron as is his platoon, left with Lt. Hakleman.

In the absence of Lt. Hackleman, W/O Clyde L. Dyer, Jr. will be acting adjutant and also acting custodian of the squadron fund. Lt. Kelley will be Class "A" Finance Officer for this month and will have charge of payday. Lt. Hackleman has had this job since the activation of this squadron and this is his only "break" in this respect.

27 There was surely one officer who admitted that he would distribute cigars to all if they could be had. That was Lt. Stein. Now we don't speak of him as Lt. (excepting those that do it through habit), but his promotion to the grade of Captain just came in. Lt. Stein (now Captain) is our Tech Supply Officer, a job which has the responsibility of more than a Lt. He joined this squadron the first part of February. He has been overseas 18 months and about all of his work has been in Tech Supply during that time.

Cpl. Crain and Pvt. Bartosik returned last night just in time to give two more the low-down concerning that Rest Camp in Rome. They, M/Sgt. Claude P. Daspit and M/Sgt. Richard E. Piper both of engineering, left for there this morning.

A detail has been selected to help in getting stone blocks for improvements to our Mess Hall. Two trucks of these pblocks were hauled from near Manfordonia today. They are hand-made and should be the real things for building purposes. Our present Mess Hall was constructed of the same material.



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560th Service Squadron War Diary--July 1944 (Continued)

28 We don't know if this is any indication of our "fate" in the future, but there seems to be a "fad" in our squadron--one different from all others and involving so many of our fellows. That is the construction of wooden floors in their tents. This was strictly at a high peak this evening when they exhausted the supply of bomb crates and boxes of the Ordnance Co. Other fellows got wood from different sources.

29 22 fellows of our squadron were awarded the Good Conduct Medal for "exemplary behavior, efficiency and fidelity". The accomplishing order was dated yesterday (GO # 17, Hq., 43rd Service Group) but was not received by us until today. The following received this honor: M/Sgts. Claude P. Daspit, Frederick G. Stumpp, Jr., T/Sgt. William W. Beinhauer, S/Sgt. Edgar R. Foster, Sgts. Harold E. Christie, Robert P. McSolla, David H. Stevenson, David D. Spence, Allen J. Waldrop, Robert G. Wilson, Cpls. William C. Cann, Charles J. Cervenka, Dana A. Coley, Richard C. De La Fuente, Wilbur E. Fergusone, Jr., Lloyd D. Harris, Arthur (NMI) Hessler, Charles M. Rector, Pfcs. Thomas F. Hennessey, Roland L. Raunikar, Harold H. Straub and Pvt. James F. Mobley.

Lt. Francis G. Kelley, now Orientation Officer of our squadron, gave a very interesting talk at a special formation this morning. This talk, concerning the Air Corps, was followed by a rather lengthy discussion.

Plenty of work for our engineering department! Three more planes to our area today. We wonder when all this work will be completed! August should be a big month! (See Historical Data, Operations, pages 3 and 4.

30 A new member to our squadron--S/Sgt. Woodrow F. Doupe, an administrative clerk. He came to us from the 22nd Replacement Battalion and was to replace S/Sgt. Neslon F. Worick who was returned to the States through rotation. Doupe left the States the first of this month and should be able to furnish us with the latest dope!

A rough day for planes on our airdrone! One went on its nose while another crashed. Both were turned over to our engineering department.

A great deal of excitement when news arrived that a German plane crashed east of us at about 1830 hrs.

31 This was a welcomed day for our fellows! Pay day! Many had taken passes this month and were more "financially embarrassed" than usual. Exclusive of deductions, our EM were paid $11,992.50. A supplementary pay roll will "get" the few who weren't paid today.

James A. Schmitt
JAMES A. SCHMITT
Major, Air Corps,
Commanding.



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HEADQUARTERS, 560TH SERVICE SQUADRON
APO 520 U. S. Army

31 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Historical Records.

TO : Commanding General, Fifteenth Air Force. Attention: Historian. (Through Channels).

1. Unit history of the 560th Service Squadron for the period 1 August 1944 to 31 August 1944.

a. Facts relating to the origin of the unit.
This information was given in the Historical Data Report for the Month of January 1944. The present designation of this unit, which hasn't changed since 3rd of February 1944, is 560th Service Squadron, 45rd Service Group.

b. Changes in Organization.
(1) Changes in designation of your unit. None.
(2) Transfer of unit as a whole. None.
(3) Commanding Officer. No change. (Major James A. Schmitt).
(4) Staff Officers.
(a) W/O (jg) Clyde L. Dyer, Jr., W-2112941, AC, designated Acting Adjutant during the temporary absence of 1st Lt. Virgil R. Beckleman, absent sick in hospital (5th of August 1944).
(b) C/O Vincent J. Palermo, W-2112878, appointed Ground Safety Officer in addition to his other duties.
(c) 2nd Lt. Francis X. Kelley, O-814833, AC, appointed Custodian of Squadron Fund, of the Enlisted Men's Bar Fund, and the Squadron Post Exchange Fund in addition to his other duties.
(d) 2nd Lt. Francis X. Kelley, O-814833, AC, designated as Acting Adjutant (19th of August) during the temporary absence of Lt. Virgil R. Beckleman 19th to 29th of August, vice W/O Dyer, relieved.

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c. Strength, commissioned and enlisted.

| (1) Month of August 1944 | Off | W/O | EM |
|---|---|---|---|
| (1) At beginning | 7 | 2 | 227 |
| (2) Net increase | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| (3) Net decrease | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| (4) At end | 7 | 2 | 221 |

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Historical Data of 560th Service Squadron--August 1944 (Continued)

d. Stations.
Cerignola # 1 (Gallic Airfield), Cerignola, Italy. Permanent change of station. No change during this month.

e. Movements.
None.

f. Campaigns.
(1) Italian Campaign.
(2) Still in progress.

g. Operations.
Our squadron continues to service the 459th Bomb Group ( ), comprising the 756th, 757th, 758th, and 760th Bomb Squadrons, and the 304th Bomb Wing Headquarters. This is the seventh consecutive month that we have serviced the 459th Bomb Group ( ) and the 304th Bomb Wing Headquarters. Again much work has been accomplished during this month as shown in part by the following subdivisions:

(1) Planes.

(a) B-24 H, 459th Bomb Group. Repair nose assembly and lower section fuselage. Plane was received 5th of July and the work was completed and the plane released 1st of August.

(b) B-24 D, 456th Bomb Group. Change 3 engines and repair fuselage and nose section. Numerous flak holes. Plane was received 1st of August with the work completed and the plane released to the 456th the 20th of August.

(c) B-24 H, 459th Bomb Group. Change No. 2 engine, repair numerous flak holes throughout fuselage and wing. Plane was turned over to us the 29th of July and the work was completed the 5th of August.

(d) B-24 H, 459th Bomb Group. Replace electric wiring, replace hydraulic lines, repair numerous flak holes throughout fuselage. Plane was received 29th of July with this work completed and the plane released 3rd of August.

(e) B-24 H, 459th Bomb Group. Crash landing resulting in salvage. Salvage work completed the next day--8th of August.

(f) B-24 H, 459th Bomb Group. Change No. 2 engine, replace No. 2 right and No. 2 left main fuel cells, repair several bulkheads, repair flak holes in left and right wings and stabilizer. Plane was received last month on the 29th and the plane was released and completed 15th of August.

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Historical Data of 600th Service Squadron--August 1944 (Continued)

(c) B-24 G, 459th Bomb Group. Plane crashed resulting in salvage. Plane was received the 16th of August and the salvage-work completed the following day.

(n) B-24 G, 459th Bomb Group. Change 3 main fuel cells. Sheet metal repairs in win 2 and throughout fuselage. The plane was received by us on the 19th of August and this work completed 23rd of August.

(l) B-24 J, 459th Bomb Group. Replace left outboard wing and three auxiliary fuel tanks. Repair flak holes and left inboard wing and stabilizer. Plane was received 21th of July with this work completed on the 20th of August.

(l) B-24 H, 459th Bomb Group. Salvage. Plane was received the 23rd of July and the job considered 1st of August.

(w) B-24 J, 459th Bomb Group. Repair underside of fuselage and replace rear longeron. Plane was received 1 August and although much work has been done, it is not completed.

(l) B-24 G, 459th Bomb Group. Crash landed resulting in salvage. Much work has been done and although received 12th of August it hasn't been completed.

(n) B-24 H, 456th Bomb Group. Changed 4 main fuel cells and add a great amount of sheet metal work throughout the plane. Plane was received 18th of August and this work is not all complete as yet.

(r) B-24 H, 459th Bomb Group. Crash landing resulting in salvage. Received this plane the 20th of August and as yet the job isn't complete.

(o) B-24 J, 459th Bomb Group. Extensive sheet metal repairs in right wing and replace main spars. Plane was received 23rd of August and hasn't been completed.

(p) B-24 H, 459th Bomb Group. Replace horizonal stabilizer and repair numerous flak holes throughout fuselage. Plane was received 24th of August with this work completed 27th of August.

(t) B-24 H, 459th Bomb Group. Received this plane on 24th of August for salvage resulting from a crash landing. The slavage is not completed.



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Historical Data of 560th Service Squadron--August 1944 (Continued)

(r) B-24 M, 450th Bomb Group. Aileron modification. Plane was received 25th of August with this work done and the plane released 27th of August.

(s) B-24 M, 450th Bomb Group. Salvage. Plane was received 23rd of July and although much work has been done on it during this month, the job isn't completed.

(t) B-24 M, 450th Bomb Group. Crash landing on take off resulting in salvage 30th of July. This salvage work was completed 29th of August.

(u) B-24 M, 450th Bomb Group. Change main fuel cells and extensive sheet metal repairs throughout wing and fuselage. The plane was received the 28th of August and as yet this work isn't completed.

(1) Parachutes.
(a) Inspected and repacked--406
(b) Repaired--158
(c) Sewing of spare bags and covers during the month.

(2) Aviation gasoline and oil.
(a) Gasoline consumed--1,644,226 gallons
(b) Oil consumed--27,418 gallons

(4) Engines and propellers issued by Tech Supply.
(a) Engines issued--56
(b) Propellers issued--18

(5) Breathing Oxygen.
(a) Bottles of oxygen made by our unit plant--2,884
(b) Bottles of oxygen issued through Tech Supply--1,644

(6) Number of SO's handled by Tech Supply (1 or more items each).
2,067

(7) Requisitions.
(a) ASC requisitions on depot--104
(b) Total number of requisitions on depot--479

(8) Electrical work.
(a) 41 batteries charged.
(b) Electrical repairs on 10 planes during this month
(c) Squadron generators, squadron lighting system and airdrome lighting kept in good condition.



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(8) Propellers.
(a) Reparable propellers put into service by our propeller shop--11
(b) New propellers checked and issued by the propeller shop to the 458th Bomb Group--16
(c) Reparable propellers sent to the depot--28
(d) Number sent to salvage.

h. Deceased.
Private William W. Dick, 36000868, died of cerebral malaria caused by P. falciparum. The death of this soldier occurred at the 54th Field Hospital, Cerignola, Italy on 8 August 1944.

5. Authority.

1. 560th Service Squadron Morning Report and Squadron Orders, August 1944.
2. 560th Service Squadron Morning Report, August 1944.
3. Daily Status Reports and Squadron Progressive Work Orders--Engineering Department of 560th Service Squadron--August 1944.
4. Records of 560th Service Squadron Parachute Shop, August 1944.
5. Daily 17 Item Report, 560th Service Squadron Technical Supply. Official Records and Files, August 1944.
6. Records of 560th Service Squadron Oxygen Unit, August 1944. Also Official Records and Files of Technical Supply.
7. Records of 560th Service Squadron Electric Shop.
8. Records of 560th Service Squadron Propeller Shop.

6. Enclosed is the War Diary of this unit for the period 1 August 1944 to 31 August 1944.

For the Commanding Officer:

Virgil R. Ackleman
VIRGIL R. ACKLEMAN
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Historical Officer.

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WAR DIARY

Sheet No. 1, War Diary of 560th Service Squadron, 43rd Service Group--Cerignola, Italy. Month of August 1944. Prepared by Lt. Harold E. Pantney, 560th Service Squadron.

DAY EVENTS (August, 1944)

1 We began another month--our seventh--at Gaillo, one of the airfields located near Cerignola, Italy. Gradually we are becoming a well equipped service squadron--one devised for heavy bombardment. Although we were activated just seven months ago, our service has been praised in several respects by both the 459th Bomb Group and the 43rd Service Group with whom we have been servicing and a member respectively for the past six months. We are now looking forward to another good month--August, 1944. As for personnel, we begin this new month with seven officers, two Warrant Officers, and 227 enlisted men.

To us, one of the best ways of maintaining morale is"via" our stomachs. This, the first day of the new month "fit the bill" very well--we had three items--all a change and all welcomed by us--fresh fried eggs, watermelon and ice cream for the three meals. Each added "spice" to our respective meals!

With the return of M/Sgts. Claude P. Daspit and Richard B. Piper from the Army Air Forces Rest Camp in Rome, it was decided that drawings would be made to determine the order in which our squadron would send couples when our allotments were given us by the Group. To establish a fair method, only those with the longest overseas service would now be given the opportunity. That in itself involved some 68 fellows who now have over 22 months. Fellows to the other Rest Camps will continue to be selected by departments.

2 Today marked the beginning of a series of lectures termed Orientation Talks. The main purpose is to educate the fellows and give them interesting and valuable information and guidance concerning the army and current topics. Lt. Francis C. Kelley, the youngest officer from the standpoint of service in our squadron, has been given that responsibility in"addition to his other duties." His topic today was about rules and regulations and procedures used by flyers forced down in neutral and occupied territory. It proved to be very interesting.

With the return of Lt. Beckleman from the Rest Camp at Villagio Mancuso, T/Sgt. Little and S.t. Madden kept the "ball rolling" along the Rest Camp set-up when they left today for San Spirito. They commented that for them it was the rest that they needed--being among the oldest in our squadron from the point of foreign service.





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660th Service Squadron War Diary--August 1944 (Continued)

3 Our squadron will soon have the privilege of having adequate mess hall facilities. Today, work was begun in breaking the ground! The work is to done by Italian labor excepting for the roof. This is to be a hewed-stone building along side and with the same diminitions as the one we are now using. It took S/Sgt. Debicky and some of the officers to stop the rumor that it would be only for the "First 3 Graders".

Being fairly successful in softball, a large number of fellows have now "got it in their heads" that they want to have a squadron baseball team. "Now", they argue, "that with the softball season finished there would be no conflict and we have the experience to develope a fairly good team." Some 20 to 25 have indicated that they wish to play with Lts. Kelley and Lanham as the coaches. The meeting today was very successful and plans have been formulated to make a new diamond.

4 Inspection? Yes. This one, however, has been very much different from any we have had since the activation of our squadron--thus the checking of "to me" guns and carbines in our squadron--a check made by the 146last Ordnance Company. It proved to be a successful check with the promise of the fellows getting a chance to later "try out" their weapon on the firing range.

Three Red Cross girls were there at our noon chow, not to get something to eat but to give the fellows doughnuts and coffee. Their appearance was much welcomed by all those "doughnut hounds" and, too, a few fellows desired to "rest their eyes" on an American girl!

The results of the Rome Rest Camp draw paid dividends today when S/Sgt. Fred Debarsky and Cpl. Adloph J. Barns, the recipients of "ticket No. 1" left this morning. The fellows considered the drawing of their names a "lucky break" but they were glad this thing was settled and fellows have left for that city. In each case, they will be given orders by the 4Ord Service Group Headquarters.

5 There was a special formation this morning at 0730 hours. After Major Schmitt, our CO gave a talk concerning military courtesy off the base, Lt. Hacklemen took charge. This day had been set aside for the purpose of the fellows indicating their desire to participate in Soldier Voting. After the roster of the members was initialed, the detailed information about voting laws in the various states was explained and US WSD Form #1 given those who desired it. That form was especially devised for soldier voting and is to be used in getting a ballot.

Just before a hard downpour of rain this evening at about 5 PM, there was an airplane crash just one mile west of our area. Crash truck, ambulance and small rescue parties went in the rain to the scene. They were the first to arrive and discovered almost all of the occupients of the plane dead. This plane of the 459th Bomb Group has been turned over to our squadron for salvage.

1st Lt. George I. Parkin, our medical officer, received notification today of his promotion to Captain. Captain Parkin was very much elated over his promotion and we were glad to see him get this deserving recognition.

6 This was truly one of the sadest days in the short history of our squadron. Pvt. William W. Dick died in the 34th Field Hospital at 1745 hours. His death was caused



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by cerebral Malaria caused by P. Falciparum. Pvt. Dick entered 166rd Medical Dispensary 30th of July and was sent to the 34th Field Hospital two days ago. For several days his condition had been critical.

"His comrades admired him for his energy, honesty, loyalty and unceasing devotion to duty--all of which are admirable features of both an American citizen and of a soldier."..."His devotion to God and Country and loyalty toward this organization will be an inspiration at all times to those members he left behind to carry on". Such was a portion of that very fitting tribute expressed by Major Schmitt, our CO. And the same is heartily applauded by both the officers and us fellows. We knew "Bill" Dick as a hard working mechanic who came into our squadron the 20th of April at a time when we were in dire need of fellows to help in our extra heavy tasks. He filled the position very well! Although he had been in our organization for a comparative short period of time, his intimate association and helpfulness toward us had made him a very popular and well liked member of the 560th. At no time did he consider himself too good to be of service. Although we believe in expressing the worthiness of a person while he is living this short article is a mere duplication of a few of the sentiments of others expressed before his death. "Bill's" death was the first in our squadron.

7 There was a movie in our area this evening--first in the history of the squadron. A screen was placed on the softball diamond with the backstop being utilized for this purpose. The picture, "Round the World" with Kay Kayser was enjoyed a great deal. Fellows hope that it will be possible to have more shows in our area.

First promotion this month was effective today. Pvt. Raymond W. McCabb who works in Tech Supply became Private First Class.

Pvt. Thomas D. Westberry was placed on TD at Naples effective today for the purpose of visiting his brother who recently arrived in Italy. It had been over two years since they had met...the time each "came into" the army. "TOM" had been overseas about five months while his brother had been in foreign service more than 18 months.

8 Some fellows had the chance to "try out" their weapons today for the first time. Most of their weapons, carbines, which were recently issued by our squadron supply, had never been fired. They had been exchanged for the 30 cal. rifle M1903. 25 fellows started this training period when they left for the range this morning under the direction of Lt. Kelley.

We lost a member of our squadron--our first this month. He was Sgt. Harland L. Etzkorn, our transportation section, who was transferred to the 2nd Replacement Depot and attached to the Airborne Training Center for Parachute Training. Etzkorn, who was assigned to this squadron when it was activated, had been in transportation the entire time where he served as head of our refueling units, and as truckmaster. The order transferring him into this branch of the service was SO # 215, Hq., XV Air Forces, dated 2 August 1944.

9 Just one day elapsed between our entertainment this evening and our last movie, but we considered ourselves very lucky to have shows here. The more the better! Tonight, it was classed as "GI", there being a number of shorts--training films and news.

Westberry wasn't the only person in our squadron placed on TD. According to SO # 219, Hq., XV AFSC, dated 7 August 1944, Pvt. Vincent Grande is to go to Catania, Sicily, for a period of one week. While there, he intends to visit his numerous close relatives now living on that island.



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10 Yes, the drawing made during the first week of this month, indicating the order in which the fellows will be sent to the rest camp in Rome, is still very effective and useful. S/Sgt. Jankowski and Sgt. Dylewski--second in that drawing--left today with the other six from the 43rd Service Group and will be away for six days.

Goin to Rome was not nearly the main event of the day..'twas the promotion of 26 enlisted personnel of this squadron. The 43rd Group SO # 118 authorized this promotion list came today and was posted on the Squadron Bulletin Board. William W. Beinhauer and Adam B. D rbonne, Jr. of our Tech Supply joined the ranks of Master and Tech Sergeants respec ively; Frank J. Bradly, Ruben L. Fernandez, Albert J. Krasinski, John P. Overmann, David D. Spence and Allen J. Waldrop each became one of the "First 3 graders"; John P. Dohrin, Jr., Wilbur B. Ferguson, Clyde L. Duenseth, Lloyd D. Ferris, Dorris Harrison, Arthur Hessler, Walter R. Mackowiak, John McCullough, Gerald D. NewBerry, Stanley J. Renie and Luther M. Welkel all working in engineering were promoted to Sgt., John C. Kreil, Albert E. Salazar, Beril P. Bucek, John J. Calderone, Carl D. Crawford, Thomas P. Hennessey and Be ry W. Smith became "new non-coms" as corporals. To date, 139 officers and enlisted men of our squadron have now received one or two promotions since joining this squadron.

11 Since the first of August 25 fellows under the utorship of Lt. Langham and Lt. Kelley have been working and planning in order to have a baseball team that would represent our squadron. Attempting to made up for a late start caused by the softball season, they have done exceedingly well since it was necessary to start from "scratch" For several weeks these fellows interrupted their practice sessions in order to have a diamond--one of which they would be proud. Their objective has now been realized--a level diamond which plenty of space for those"so calledlong hitters." It was completed today. Now for some games! Credit is not only given to Lts. Langham and Kelley but to T/Sgts. C bs H, lipscomb, Darbonne, S/Sgts. Gustafson, Knott, Schaumann and Willis, RW., Sgts. Abshire, Harris, Scott, JW., Wilson, R and Willis JO., Cpls. Bell, Osakai, Calderone, Fernsler, Harpold, Harwell and Petrico, Pfc. Foye, Schuldt, Warfle, and Pvt. Longo o of whom have done their part and are now hoping to represent our squadron in baseball. Most of these fellows were also active in softball.

12 Effective today, our duty roster was changed in order to give more men the chance to be of benefit in this respect and also relieve those in the lower ranks. Now the job as Charge of Quarters will be pulled by Tech Sergeants; Sgt. of the Guard by S/Sgts., and regular "tours" of guard by Sgts., Cpls., Pfc., and Pvts. That change will make it necessary to use 11 EM each day.

The 45 fellows of our squadron who donated Type "O" blood last week, were $10. richer today. They were called into the Group Surgeon's office and received this compensation.

Our program of Orientation was continued today with Lt. Kelley in charge.

13 This was a very joyous day for C fellows in our squadron who hoped that they would be permitted to again set foot on their homeland. Yes, another B-29 csdre, our second representing us, left this morning for the 7th Replacement Depot on Letter Order from the XV Air Force, dated 9 August 1944. Those fellows, T/Sgt. Robert C. Byfield, S/Sgts. George M Sloan, James A. Schuck and William W. Mokes and Sgts.



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Edward C. Keller and Glenn T. Farrelly. All fellows worked in the respective departments of our engineering section--jobs which they had held since the activation of this squadron. We were sorry to have them leave us as they had all been with us since personnel had been assigned to our squadron and had many close friends, but glad that they were given this "break".

16 The main event of the day was the inspection of our squadron--operational and administrative by Major Charles Eberlen, S-3 of the 43rd Service Group. It required almost the entire day but we were glad to have him "give us a check-up".

There was a special formation this morning at 0730 hours. In addition to some pertinent announcements, the pay roll for the month of August was signed and Captain Perrin, our Medical Officer, had a physical inspection.

One of our aircraft, or we should specifically say 450th Bomb Group plane, was forced down at Marie Galante and needed an engine before it could be returned to our base. Lt. Harry W. Lawson, our engineering officer, Brakeman/S/Sgt. Paul Fried, T/Sgt. James L. Foster, S/Sgt. Walter G. Hopper and Alfred O. Giddens from his department and Cpl. Albert L. Allyn and Pvt. Clatis D. Richardson of the transportation section, with him to complete that job. They left today.

15 News arrived of the invasion of southern France this morning. The radios which we have in the squadron were kept fairly busy at all available times. Our squadron war map located in the day room daily kept up by S/Sgt. Rock was very well patronized all day, and especially this evening at chow time.

It is now 1st Lt. William W. Rice. The news of his promotion was given Major Schmitt this afternoon by Colonel Mendin, Commanding Officer of the 43rd Service Group. We are not certain as to the date the promotion was effective, but we do know that it must have been in the past few days. No orders have arrived as yet!

16 With pictures in our area on the average of three nights per week, it was decided that we should take advantage of the headquarters building and the large courtyard in the front. The paint shop, headed by S/Sgt. Krasinski, today painted a large screen on the side of the building enclosing it within a black border. Now we shall have a permanent screen and very good sound.

The second person of our squadron was transferred today. Just eight days ago Sgt. Ekkorn went to the 2nd Replacement Depot for parachute training, but today this was an outright transfer within the Fifteenth Air Force. Pfc. William J. Ryan, who became a member of our squadron just four months ago, was transferred to Headquarters, 36th Service Group.

17 Major Schmitt, our CO, attended a meeting in Bari today of the various commanding officers of service squadrons. We are looking forward to new information about some of our problems.

Tue was the last day to get PX supplies this week--the issuance beginning yesterday. The fellows were issued several bottles of beer--termed "Eyetie".

18 Since about the first of this month, fellows had been gathering what lumber they could get and made floors and side walls for their tents. Today, the situation was greatly relieved when arrangements were made to get "Frag" boxes from the 144lst Ordnance Co. Each tent will be alloted so many boxes with the "liners" to be used for another purpose.



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560th Service Squadron War Diary--August 1944 (Continued)

19 Regular Saturday inspection today conducted by our newly acting adjutant, Lt. Kelley, and T/Sgt. Babicky. In a previous inspection and it was more fully confirmed today, that tent # 47 was the "model home". This fact was posted on the bulletin board and the fellows will be given a three-day pass as soon as they can be spared by their respective departments. This tent has five fellows in it--All joining our squadron just four months ago. They are: Cpls. Charles Toma, Thomas W. Small, Robert T. Walters, Edward J. Stephens, Jr., and Pvt. Elwood L. Barrett.

There was a change today in primary duties of two of our officers--Lt. Francis C. Kelley and W/O Clyde L. Dyer, Jr., W/O Dyer, who expects to return to the States very soon on rotation was made Assistant Tech Supply Officer and Lt. Kelley becoming Acting Adjutant, Custodian of the Squadron Fund of the Enlisted Men's Bar and of Post Exchange Fund. All of these positions he is to hold during the temporary absence of Lt. Virgil R. Mackleman now absent sick in the 26th General Hospite.

20 The fellows surely did come out of the Mess Hall during breakfast this morning. The reason was the airplane crash on this--the northwest end of the runway. This crash occurred when the planes were taking off on their mission for the day, and of course were fully loaded with bombs. Luckly, nobody was hurt and the bombs didn't explode. At only 200 yeards away, the fellows thought it best to get out of the Mess Hall. The plane was towed over to the engineering area.

Yes, our screen was used! And tonight for the first! The movie was a series of shorts known as "U.S". All were instructional shorts and was much appreciated. The sound was very good and the painted screen was grand.

21 Work was begun in the engineering area on that C-54 plane of the 439th Comb Group which crashed yesterday morning. As yet it is not known the exact disposition that will be given it, but the belief is favoring salvage.

A special formation was called this morning for the purpose of listening to another orientation lecture, and a meeting of those fellows who today started on their 24th month in foreign service. It is their plan to have a party near the date they complete two years--that will give them just a month.

22 There were three outstanding events in the squadron today--Pvts. Grande and Knight were sent on attached service at the 1340th QM Co, 43rd Service Group to help as PX guards; a moving picture in our area entitled "No Time for Love", and Memorial Services for the late Pvt. William W. Dick who died 6th of August.

The memorial service was held this evening at 6:15 PM in the courtyard located in front of the headquarters building. It was a solemn and impressive service conducted by Chaplain Martin Charlemann, 43rd Service Group Chaplain, and attended by a large portion of the squadron.

23 Another "First" in the short history of our squadron! It was in the way of sports. This evening our newly organized baseball team was defeated 5 to 10 by the 560th Air Base Security Company. The game was halted at the end of the 6th because of darkness. Our diamond was in excellent shape for this game. We are now looking forward to the beginning of the 43rd Group Baseball League now that this practice game is completed.



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Four fellows, S/Sgt. Evan L. Micketts, Sgt. Wilton J. Gillespie, Cpl. Harley L. Hamilton and Pvt. Emory Merrett returned this evening from the XV Air Force Rest Camps at San Spirito and at San Cesareo. Last leaves S/Sgt. Robert S. Knott and Sgt. Ralph A. Ferguson the only ones from our squadron now at a rest camp--they at Rome.

24 Everyone in the squadron had a chance for this new experience if they so desired. Several trucks shuttled this evening between our area and that of the 459th Bomb Group Headquarters--a distance of about 2 miles. The attraction was the personal appearance of Joe Louis and his "troupe". A very large majority of the squadron attended--in fact our scheduled movie was postponed until tomorrow evening.

25 The classification team from Headquarters, Army Air Force, Mediterranean Theater of Operations was here all day checking upon the classifications and qualifications of fellows in our squadron. Cpl. John Best of Chicago, did most of the work in our squadron and was supervised by Captain Aurelius Grove. The only "flaw" or defect they found was the Oxygen Unit Classification, but that we couldn't help as it is not in our present Table of Organization. According to them, our files and set-up for this work was ideal.

26 We had a party this evening--one that was sponsored by our Enlisted Men's Club. For many, it was a grand success with plenty of cooperation from the kitchen. Thus, there was much to eat and a larger quantity of drinks than usual. It is the plan to make this a monthly affair.

27 Something entirely new today! Excepting for a skelton crew and a few fellows in the various shops, the remaining portion of the squadron was given the "day off". Those desiring a one day pass "signed up" yesterday and so did the fellows desiring to go swimming. For the others, it was a day of rest and an excellent chance to get more work done on flooring their tents. So there was plenty of "noise" around here! All tents are to have floors and side-walls by the middle of next month. A few have already eliminated the center pole!

28 Our new Mess Hall was completed today, and it is a good job. The walls are plastered and painted; tar roofing instead of baked clay shingles so common in this country; a cement floor and the building being fly proofed with screen. Our first meal in it was this noon. The other Mess Hall will be remodelled and completed--a job started this afternoon.

29 There were three main events of the day: (1) Two new EM were assigned and joined our squadron from the 19th Replacement Battalion--Pfc. Donald E. Fader and Pvt. Kenneth O. Sedgwick. The fellows, airplane mechanics and airplane sheet metal worker respectively, left the states the 9th of this month and have been in Italy just one week; Lt. Virgil R. Hackleman, our adjutant, who has been in the 34th Field Hospital and the 26th General Hospital since 8th of this month, returned to our squadron this evening; (3) Movie this evening in our area--one that had more than 200 in attendance. This show entitled "True to Life" was very well received and even by those who had previously seen it.



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30 An event which had not occurred for several months--practice air raid alert this morning at 10 A. M. The fellows "cleaned out" the shops or where they were working; to tents where they picked up their rifles, belts, gas masks, canteens, and helmets; and then made for the slit-trenches. This required only 10 minutes--rather remarkable when the size of our area is considered.

31 Pay call was this morning at 11 A. M. All were present except those few whose duties made it impossible. They were paid this evening. 2nd Lt. Francis S. Kelley, Class "A" Finance Officer for our squadron this month, assisted by Lt. Virgil R. Packlocar, "paid out" $11,886.30 to the enlisted men and $948.29 to the officers. There were numerous instances of fellows "paying back and collecting," even before the card games began this evening. There were more passes than usual this month, and that reduced what surplus the fellows may have had.

This was a very warm and sultry day and even pay day couldn't make them so that this would be unnoticed.

This month of August ends with us having seven officers, two Warrant Officers, and 221 enlisted men. In addition to that, we have 35 AT on DS with us and 26 attached to us for rations.

For the Commanding Officer:

Virgil R. Packlocar
VIRGIL R. PACKLOCAR
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Historical Officer.

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560TH AIR SERVICE SQUADRON
43RD SERVICE GROUP
APO 520

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30 September 1944.

SUBJECT: Unit History--September 1944.

TO : Commanding Officer, 43rd Service Group, APO 520, U. S. Army.

1. In compliance with Daily Bulletin # 113, your Headquarters, dated 12 September 1944, one copy of the Unit History of the 560th Air Service Squadron for the Month of September 1944 is submitted.

2. This record was compiled in accordance with AR 345-125, Letter, Hq., NATOUSA, dated 8 January 1944 and Memorandum 45-3, Hq., XV Air Force Service Command, dated 30 August 1944.

For the Commanding Officer.

Virgil R. Hackleman
VIRGIL R. HACKLEMAN
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Unit Historical Officer.

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UNIT HISTORY OF THE 560th AIR SERVICE SQUADRON

43RD SERVICE GROUP

for the

MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 1944.

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UNIT HISTORY OF THE 560TH AIR SERVICE SQUADRON

43RD SERVICE GROUP

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MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 1944.

I. Organizational Data

A. Facts relating to the origin of the Unit.

This information was given in the Historical Data Report for the Month of January 1944 and summarized in the report of June 1944. The squadron has been in the 43rd Service Group since 3rd of February 1944.

B. Changes in Organization.

1. Changes in designation of the unit.

Redisginated as the 560th Air Service Squadron from 560th Service Squadron per General Order # 46, XV Air Force Service Command, dated 30 August 1944, and effective that date.

2. Transfer of the unit as a whole.

None.

3. Commanding Officer.

No change. Major JAMES A. SCHMITT.

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4. Staff Officers.

a. 2nd Lt. FRANCIS G. KELLEY, O-814333, AC, designated as Acting Adjutant (3 September to 7 September 1944) during the temporary absence of 1st Lt., VIRGIL R. HACKLEMAN, AC, O-559864.

b. Captain WALTER F. STEIN, O-906640, AC, designated as Acting



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Commanding Officer (7 September to 9 September 1944) during the temporary absence of Major JAMES A. SCHMITT, O-885429.

c. 1st Lt., VIRGIL R. HACKLEMAN, O-559864, designated as Acting Commanding Officer (9 September to 13 September 1944) during the temporary absence of Major JAMES A. SCHMITT, vice Captain WALTER F. STEIN.

d. Major JAMES A. SCHMITT, O-885429, appointed Summary Courts-martial in addition to his other duties per SO#166, Hq. 43rd Service Group, dated 8 September 1944.

e. 1st Lt. VIRGIL R. HACKLEMAN, O-559864, appointed Fund Officer, Army Air Force Aid Society in addition to his other duties per Sq O # 30, dated 22 September 1944.

f. W/O CLYDE L. DYER, JR. W-2112941, appointed Acting Group Air Corps Supply Officer in absence of Major ANDREW J. MAES, per SO # 141, Hq. 43rd Service Group, 20 September 1944.

C. Strength, commissioned and enlisted.

| 1. Month of September 1944. | Officers | W/O | EM |
|---|---|---|---|
| a. At beginning | 7 | 2 | 221 |
| b. Net increase | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| c. Net decrease | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| d. At end | 7 | 2 | 227 |

D. Stations.

Cerignola # 1 (Guilia Airfield), Cerignola, Italy. Permanent change of station. No change during this month.

E. Movements.

None.

F. Campaigns.

1. Italian Campaign. Still in progress.



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Unit History of 560th Air Service Squadron--September 1944 (Continued)

II. Personnel

The 560th Air Service Squadron began the Month of September with seven officers, two warrent officers and 221 enlisted man. During the month there were no changes in the officers, but the number of EMs was increased so that at the end of the month there were 227.

During the month, S/Sgt. Andrew J. Walko,[1] a tech supply clerk who joined our squadron when it was activated, was transferred to the Detachment of Patients, 20th General Hospital effective 11th of September. He had been in this hospital more than a month due to an automobile accident. Cpl. Herbert H. Abbey,[2] also another "old" member of our squadron was transferred this month. He was assigned to Headquarters, 501st Bomb Group as a refueling unit operator--a job that he has done during almost all of his army career. The other transfer was Pvt. Vincent Grande,[3] who became a member of our squadron in March of this year as a medical technician. With the new T/O effective 15th of March and the reducing of the number of personel in the medics to three, it was impossible for him to get the kind of work for which he had been qualified.

Since 1st of September, nine fellows have been assigned to our squadron from the 9th Replacement Depot with Sgt. Harland L. Etzkorn[4] giving up his attempt to be a parachutist and returning to his old position in transportation. S/Sgt. Russell W. Adams[5] and Pvt. Peter F. Fontana,[5] general clerks, were assigned to engineering and the Orderly Room respectively; Pfc. Lee W. Meeker, Pvts. Edgar L. Lagman, Harold O. Lingerfelt, Myron C. McCreedy[6] all labors went to engineering with Cpl. William E. Goodman[7] to Tech Supply. The only other new member, Pvt. Dan O. Jordan,[8] was assigned on 16th of September and placed on DS at XV AFSC. With the exception of Sgt. Etzkorn, who joined our squadron 6th of January after being overseas a year, the others left the States about a month ago.



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Lt. WILLIAM W. RICE, our assistant engineering officer, was placed on Temporary duty at Viz where he is supervising the repairing of planes and W/O CLYDE L. DYER, JR. is too working away from the squadron, he serving in the capacity of Acting Group Tech Supply Officer in the temporary absence of Major ANDREW J. MARS. This work began the 20th of this month.

Although Lt. RICE and W/O DYER are serving in other capicities, Major FREDERICK F. BARTLETT, was placed on Detached Duty with us from the 43rd Service Group Headquarters effective 2nd of September.

Since our arrival at Guilia Airfield we have always had a number of fellows from other squadrons attached to us. The month of September has been no exception. Although most of those on Detached Service with us are working in the Oxygen Unit, (three from the 557th Service Squadron, two from the 558th Service Squadron, 13 from the 561st Air Service Squadron and six from 43rd Group Headquarters), we have had one officer and 17 EM from the 1999th Fire Fighting Platoon, two EMs from 1150th QM Trucking Co, 5 EMs from the 1106rd Signal Co. and a various number from the 81st Air Service Squadron attached to us for Rations during this entire period. All organizations are located in the 43rd Service Group.

Not in the short history of the squadron had members been awarded Army Air Force Technician Badges. 38 fellows now in this organization had been awarded respective badges for various skills while in other squadrons before coming to the 560th. Only three of the cadres making up the personnel of the squadron had previously made these awards, but during this month 62 were recognized for the high quality of their work and awarded one to three of the various 16 skills. Having been instigated by the engineering department after checking the various qualifications in compliance with AR 600-80, dated 25 February 1943, and recommended by Major Schmitt, our Commanding Officer, the following were awarded the various



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Technician Badges:

AIRPLANE MECHANIC
M/Sgt. Paul (NMI) Fried
M/Sgt. Frederick G. Stumpp, Jr.
T/Sgt. James E. Amburn
T/Sgt. Harold D. Grant
T/Sgt. Allen D. Schwarz
S/Sgt. Charles B. Robertson
S/Sgt. Charles B. West
Sgt. Louis D. Adams
Sgt. Glenn D. Erickson
Sgt. Clyde L. Guenseth
Sgt. Kenneth H. Hinton
Sgt. John (NMI) McCullough
Sgt. Gerald D. Newberry
Sgt. Armand J. Robillard
Sgt. Curtis J. Snipes
Sgt. Walter C. Waggoner
Cpl. John J. Calderone
Cpl. Louis P. Csakai
Cpl. Martin J. DiSisto
Cpl. William E. Harpold
Cpl. Herbert L. Raff
Cpl. Charles M. Rector
Cpl. Michael (NMI) Suchodolsky
Pfc. Salin E. Jaffa
Pfc. Joseph G. Leto
Pfc. Donald E. Schuldt
Pfc. Frank J. Wirth
Pvt. Benjamin A. Longo
Pvt. Duane C. Morris

AIRPLANE PROPELLER SPECIALIST
S/Sgt. Ruben L. Fernandez
S/Sgt. Charles B. West
Sgt. Glenn D. Erickson
Sgt. Delwyn M. Morgan
Cpl. Charles J. Cervenka
Cpl. Louis P. Csakai
Cpl. Tress H. Tyler
Pfc. Robert S. McCauley
Pfc. Donald E. Schuldt

AIRPLANE MACHINIST
T/Sgt. Harold D. Grant
Sgt. John (NMI) McCullough
Cpl. John C. Kiffer
Pvt. Erwin H. W. Grone

AIRPLANE ELECTRICAL SPECIALIST
T/Sgt. Kermit H. Lipscomb

AIRPLANE HYDRAULIC SPECIALIST
M/Sgt. Paul (NMI) Fried
T/Sgt. James M. Foster
T/Sgt. Allen D. Schwarz

AIRPLANE POWER PLANT SPECIALIST
M/Sgt. Paul (NMI) Fried
M/Sgt. Frederick G. Stumpp, Jr.
T/Sgt. James M. Foster
T/Sgt. Allen D. Schwarz

AIRPLANE BOMBSIGHT MECHANIC
S/Sgt. Allen D. Waldrop

AIRPLANE SHEET METAL WORKER
S/Sgt. Dale V. Boudner
S/Sgt. Frank J. Bradley
Sgt. John F. Dobrin, Jr.
Sgt. Lloyd D. Harris
Sgt. Dorris (NMI) Harrison
Sgt. Walter R. Mackowiak
Cpl. Carl D. Crawford
Cpl. Vincent J. Istrico
Cpl. Horace W. Pearson
Cpl. Edward H. Manborn III
Cpc. Charles L. Byrd
Pvt. Harry (NMI) Breitstein

AIRPLANE INSTRUMENT SPECIALIST
M/Sgt. Frederick G. Stumpp, Jr.
S/Sgt. Allen D. Waldrop
Sgt. Curtis J. Snipes
Sgt. Walter C. Higgoner
Cpl. Martin J. DiSisto

PARACHUTE RIGGER
T/Sgt. F. W. (O) Gibson
Sgt. Milton G. Gillespie
Cpl. Roland G. Pellerin

AIRCRAFT WELDER
Sgt. Louis D. Adams
Pfc. Charles L. Byrd

RADIO MECHANIC
Sgt. Norman E. Greene
Pfc. George (NMI) Poye



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Sgt. Stanley J. Renie
Sgt. Edward M. Reynolds
Cpl. Carl M. Downing
Pfc. George (NMI) Poye

AIRPLANE ARMORER
Sgt. Cecil C. Scott
Cpl. Hoyl L. Doom

POWER TURRET & GUN SIGHT SPECIALIST
T/Sgt. Delbert H. Tharp
Sgt. Cecil C. Scott

During the Month of September, 13 members of this squadron were promoted. They were: 12 To be Technical Sergeant--S/Sgts. Dale V. Boucher, Francis M. Finley and Edgar R. Foster; To be Staff Sergeant--Sgt. Harold B. Fortney; To be Sergeant--Cpls. Richard DeLaFeunte, Carl W. Downing, Harley L. Hamilton, Edward J. Hancock, Vincent A. Istrico, Adolph J. Sarna and Charles Toma; To be Corporal--Pfcs. Harry H. Jenkins and Edwin C. Stedman. Eight of them work in Engineering, two in Tech Supply and the other two in Headquarters.

On the 20th of September, 61 more members of our squadron completed their two years of foreign service. 13 In addition to Lt. Hackleman and W/O Dyer, who incidently "made the trip" together but didn't know it until joining this squadron, there are 59 EMs each former members of one of three service squadrons. In June and August, Major Schmitt, Cpl. Cann and Pvt. Bartosik had completed enough time to be eligible for four of those Overseas Service Stripes. They are; T/Sgt. Babicky, M/Sgts. Daspit, and Piper, T/Sgts. Auburn, Felsburg, Little, McLeod and Tharp; S/Sgts. Babarsky, Fernandez, Jankowski, Knott, Krasinski, Milanowski, O'Mara, Robertson, Scheuneman, Walker, Willis, Robert W. and Worrell; Sgts. Bingham, Davis, Dobrin, Dylewski, Ferguson, Ralph A., Forsyth, Fortney, Giddens, Hadden, Newberry, Piedmonte, Robillard, Scott, Thomas W., Skinner, Tillotson, Wilson, Charlie M., Wilson, Robert G., and Zakszewski; Cpls. Agrusa, Ball, Crain, Krcil, LoDolce, Rozanski, Sarna, Scanlon, Thomas and Wolf; Pfcs. Cawley, Foresna, Griffith, Jenkins, Moore and Wirth, and Pvts. Geise, Richardson, Stewart, Welsh and Willis, James O. Having participated in at least three campaigns, they consider theselves as "veterans".



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III. Morale and Training

In keeping a squadron "on its toes", one of the best way is to improve its morale. This fact has been recognized this month with many procedures continued and other added.

Food! It is recognized by a large number of the fellows that the food in our squadron is by far the best they have had since entering foreign service--this month was no exception. With the profits obtained from the bar, the Enlisted Men's Club has set a policy of giving a fixed amount each month to our mess sergeant and he buying fresh fruits and vegetables in addition to that issued by the quartermaster. It has proved to be very satisfactory and was continued this month. Then we have been very fortunate in getting our regular rations such as chicken, steak, beef and hamburger--all which have added materially to the morale of the squadron. Through the cooperation of the kitchen force and the 45rd Group, it has been possible for us to have ice cream three times during the month.

One of the standard methods of improving morale is recreation. With the formation of the baseball team last month and the beginning of the league season the first of this month, another activity has been added! There weren't very many games until the first of September due to the fact that the team was being organized and an excellent diamond laid out. However, during this month 10 games have been played, we winning 7, tieing 2, and a few practice games. One team, 566th Air Base Security Co. (negro) has been played five times (all practice) beginning the middle of August and we have won three of them. The team is coached by Lts. Hackleman and Langham. It has been difficult to complete many of the games because of the shortness of the evenings and the change of time effective this month.

Another form of recreation from the standpoint of sports is horseshoe pitching. Even with the growing coolness of the evenings, the court in the headquarters has been well patronized.



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Ping pong has been a game that seems to be growing in popularity. Several months ago a table was made within the squadron and it put into the day room. Now it is becoming a rather useful method of recreation for about 30 fellows--the only problem being ping pong balls!

Although many fellows participate in the various sports, the main method of recreation and training has been the movies. We have been very fortunate in having three sources--453th Bomb Group; at the Music Hall and in our own area. Needless to say, the one best patronized has been in our own area. During September we had three GI or Orientation pictures and eight different by enjoyable movies--all of which have been well patronized. The eight include such ones as "Lady Takes a Chance","Bermuda Mystery", "Make Your Own Bed", "Bathing Beauty", "Lost Angel", "Riding High","Coronado". There has been enough variety of instruction, humor and mystery for a well balanced program. Then, too, members of the squadron attended the USO show either at the Music Hall or the Bomb Group.

In addition to the eight orientation lectures during the month (two each week) given by Lt. Kelley, Major Schmitt and Lt. Hackleman, we had a very interesting talk on 12th of September concerning "Safety". It was a very well attended lecture--held as it was after evening chow. The instruction and discussion was led by Captain George G. Maltenfort, Group Safety Officer.

Inspections! Yes, we had several of them and of various types, too. There was the regular Saturday inspection of the tents and certain designated army issued equipment; two physical inspection by Captain Parkin, and a dental inspection survey by Captains Marsailles E. Versteeg, Group Dental Officer and Abe Malkoff of the dental section of the 163rd Medical Dispensary.

During the end of the month (26th to be exact) some seventy fellows received either smallpox vaccination or typhus or typhoid shots. Some were due for only



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one, but others took either two or all three.

The following day 27th the Service Records of the organization were inspected by an officer from Headquarters, Mediterranean Theater of Operations.

In order to help in boosting the morale and spirits of the fellows by improving their sleeping conditions about 127 were equipped with new mattresses made of Kapok. This was made possible through the energies of Lt. Kelley. The fellows furnished the cover and $3.25.

One of the principal comments has been our pass situation. Although the 5-day pass was abandoned by the Group for the purpose of visiting Rome, some 54 were sent to the rest camps (including Rome) and on TD there. This was open especially to those with 18 or more months of foreign service. Then, too, two officers were sent to the Isle of Capri; two enlisted men to the rest camp at San Cesecaro and two enlisted men to the Rest Camp at San Spirito. Then, too, there were the 3-day passes and the one day pass for those who worked on Sunday and could be spared by their departments.

Yet, of all the moral building facilities--one has been neglected--that is mail. On 4th of September the squadron received 9 bags of mail--all packages and but few letters or packages since then. Many consider it a "low" in the mail situation.

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[1] SO#251, Hq., 26th General Hospital, dated 11 September 1944.
[2] SO#228, Hq., Fifth Wing, 31 August 1944.
[3] Letter Order, Hq., 43rd Service Group, dated 5 September 1944.
[4] SO#231, Hq., 19th Replacement Battalion, dated 12 September 1944.
[5] SO#226, Hq., 19th Replacement Battalion, dated 7 September 1944.
[7] Letter Order, Hq. 43rd Service Group, dated 14 September 1944.
[8] SO#259, Hq., XV Air Force Service Command, dated 16 September 1944.
[9] SO#133, Hq., 43rd Service Group, dated 2 September 1944.
[10] 560th Air Service Squadron Morning Report--September 1944.
[11] Letter Order, Hq., 43rd Service Group, dated 18 September 1944.
[12] SO# 145, Hq., 43rd Service Group, dated 28 September 1944.
[13] From Service Records of EM and officers' 201 Files.



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IV. IMPROVEMENT IN AREA

During the month of September this was not neglected. In fact, there was improvement in progress about every day. In the early part of the month, our new mess hall was completed and after we moved in there, the other was remodeled and finished. Now our squadron and the fellows attached to us for rations, have two clean and sanitary mess halls each 20 x 50 feet--buildings that are plastered throughout.

Near the mess halls, the drainage system has been improved and there now being a concrete platform on which are half barrels filled with hot water for the purpose of cleaning the mess gears.

On September 4th, the squadron barber, an Italian from Cerignola, arrived and opened for business with the prices of 10¢ for haircut and 5¢ for a shave. Incidently, he has been very busy during his 10 hour working schedule, especially at noon and in the evening after working hours. The shop was completed 1st of September with the work done by the carpenter shop.

Another big item of improvement was the flooring of our tents using mainly frag boxes acquired from the Ordnance company. The 14th of this month was the deadline and they were all completed with the excess scraps of lumber put into a pile in the headquarters section of our area. Some fellows not only made rafters, thus eliminating the center pole of the pyramidal tents and built up the sides with a framework, but "boarded them up" about three feet and with "built-in closets". In all, a good set-up under the conditions.

And, too, shops in the engineering area and places for the storage of equipment in our tech supply has been greatly improved.



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V. Operations

Our squadron continues to service the 459th Bomb Group (H), comprising the 756th, 757th, 758th and 759th Bomb Squadrons, and 304th Bomb Wing Headquarters. This is the eighth consecutive month that we have serviced the 459th Bomb Group and the 304th Bomb Wing Headquarters. Again, must work has been accomplished during this month as shown in part by the following subdivisions.

A. Planes.

1. B-24J, 456th Bomb Group. Extensive sheet metal repairs throughout wings and fuselage and replace hydraulic lines. Plane was received 1 September with the work completed and plane released 4th of September 1944.
2. B-24 H, 459th Bomb Group. Change main fuel cells and extensive sheet metal repairs throughout wings and fuselage. The plane was received the 28th of August and the work completed 3rd of September.
3. B-24J, 459th Bomb Group. Extensive sheet metal repairs in right wing and replace main spars. Plane was received 23rd of August and this work completed 5th of September.
4. B-24 H, 456th Bomb Group. Changed 4 main fuel cells and a great amount of sheet metal work thoughout the plane. Plane was received 18th of August with the work completed and the plane returned 8th of September.
5. B-24 H, 459th Bomb Group. Salvage. Plane was received 23rd of July with this job completed 9th of September 1944.
6. B-24G, 459th Bomb Group. Crash landed resulting in salvage. Plane was received 12th of August with this work completed 8th of September.

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7. B-24J, 459th Bomb Group. Repair underside of fuselage and replace rear longeron. Plane was received for repairs 1st of August and has not been completed.

8. B-24H, 459th Bomb Group. Crash landing resulting in salvage. Plane was received 20th of August and the work isn't completed although much has been done.

9. B-24J, 459th Bomb Group. Received this plane on 24th of August for salvage resulting from crash landing. The job isn't completed as yet.

10. B-24H, 459th Bomb Group. Repair lower fuselage section and replace complete nose gear assembly. Plane was received 2nd of September and not completed.

11. B-24H, 459th Bomb Group. Crash landing resulting in salvage. This occurred on 6th of September with the work as yet not completed.

12. B-24J, 459th Bomb Group. Change No. 2 engine, and lower wings, and extensive sheet metal repairs. Plane was received 10th of September and isn't complete.

13. B-24J, 459th Bomb Group. Change No. 2 engine, change NO. 2 right fuel cells and numerous sheet metal repairs throughout fuselage. Plane was received on 14th of September and this work completed two weeks later.

14. B-24J, 459th Bomb Group. Tail skid repairs. Plane was received on 14th of September, completed and released ten days later.

15. B-24J, 98th Bomb Group. Change No. 1 and No. 3 engines and with extensive sheet metal repairs throughout wings and fuselage. Plane was received on the 18th of September with the work completed and the plane turned over to that bomb group on the 25th of September.



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16. UC 78, 304th Bomb Wing Headquarters. Change left fuel cell and repair fabric on left inboard wing. Plane was received 19th of September with the work as yet not completed.

17. B-24H, 459th Bomb Group. Change 12 fuel cells, change nose wheel, replace control cable and extensive sheet metal repairs. Plane was received 22nd of September and the work wasn't completed during the remaining eight days of this month.

18. B-24J, 459th Bomb Group. Change three auxiliary fuel cells and extensive sheet metal repairs. Plane was received 25th of September and although much has been done, the work isn't complete.

B. Parachutes.[2]

1. Inspected and repacked--435

2. Repaired--41

3. Sewing of numerous bags and covers during the month. This shop also helped with the making of mattresses for 125 members of the squadron.

C. Aviation Gasoline and Oil.[3]

1. Gasoline consumed--1,644,820 gallons

2. Oil consumed--24,850 gallons

D. Engines and propellers issued by Tech Supply.[5]

1. Engines issued--81

2. Propellers issued--20

E. Breathing Oxygen

1. Bottles of oxygen made by our unit--[4] 524

2. Bottles of oxygen issued through our Tech Supply--[5] (thru unit)

F. Number of 81's handled by Tech Supply (1 or More items each)--[3] 1125

G. Requisitions--[3]

1. AOC requisitions--133



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2. Total number of requisitions on Depot--349[5]

H. Electrical Work.

1. 55 batteries charged.

2. Electrical repairs on 6 airplanes during this month.

3. Squadron generators, squadron lighting system and airdrone lighting kept in good condition.[6]

I. Propellers.

1. Reparable propellers put into service by our propeller shop--17.

2. Number of propellers checked and issued by the propeller shop to the 453th Bomb Group--6.

3. Reparable propellers sent to the depot--27.

4. No. of propellers sent to the depot for salvage--0.

J. Sheet Metal, Welding, Machine, radio, instrument and Dope and Fabric Shops greatly contributed to the repairing of the 18 different planes that were in our area during this month.[1]

For the Commanding Officer:

Virgil K. Hackleman

VIRGIL K. HACKLEMAN
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Unit Historical Officer.

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1 Daily Status Reports and Squadron Engineering Work Orders--Engineering Department of the 560th Service Squadron--September 1944.
2 Records of 560th Service Squadron Parachute Shop, September 1944.
3 Daily 17 Item Report, 560th Air Service Squadron Technical Supply. Official records and files, September 1944.
4 Records of 560th Air Squadron Oxygen Unit--September 1944.
5 Records of 560th Air Service Squadron Electric Shop--September 1944.
6 Records of 560th Air Service Squadron Propeller Shop--September 1944.



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560TH AIR SERVICE SQUADRON
43RD SERVICE GROUP
APO 520

VRH/hbf

31 October 1944.

SUBJECT: Unit History--October 1944.

TO : Commanding Officer, 43rd Service Group, APO 520, U. S. Army.

1. In compliance with Daily Bulletin # 113, your headquarters, dated 12 September 1944, one copy of the Unit History of the 560th Air Service Squadron for the Month of September 1944 is submitted.

2. This record was complied in accordance with AR 345-125, Letter, Hq., MATOUSA, dated 8 January 1944 and Memorandum 48-5, Hq., XV Air Force Service Command, dated 30 August 1944.

For the Commanding Officer:

Virgil R. Hackleman

VIRGIL R. HACKLEMAN
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Unit Historical Officer.

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48TH SERVICE GROUP

for the

MONTH OF OCTOBER 1944.

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UNIT HISTORY OF THE 560TH AIR SERVICE SQUADRON

43RD SERVICE GROUP

for the

MONTH OF OCTOBER 1944.

I. Organizational Data

A. Facts relating to the origin of this Unit.

This information was given in the Historical Data Report for the Month of January 1944 and summarized in the report of June 1944. The squadron has been in the 43rd Service Group since 3rd of February 1944.

B. Changes in Organization.

1. Changes in designation of the unit.

None.

2. Transfer of the unit as a whole.

None.

3. Commanding Officers.

a. Major JAMES A. SCHMITT, O-885429, AC, placed on temporary duty in the United States as part of the rotation increment from this theater for the Month of October 1944. Per Letter Orders, Hq., Fifteenth Air Force, dated 15 October 1944.

b. Major FREDERICK F. BARTLETT, O-346685, AC, designated as Acting Commanding Officer per Sq O # 32, Hq, 560th Air Service Squadron, dated 17 October 1944.



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b. Major FREDERICK P. BARTLETT, O-548685, AC, relieved from assignment to Hq & Hq Sq 43rd Service Group, assigned to and assumed command of this squadron vice Major JAMES A. SCHMITT, relieved. Per par. 5, SO # 156, Hq., 43rd Service Group, dated 19 October 1944.

4. Staff Officers.

a. 2nd Lt. FRANCIS G. KELLEY, O-814538, AC, designated as Acting Adjutant (October 5 to 10) during the temporary absence of 1st Lt. VIRGIL R. MACKLEMAN, AC, O-658864.

b. Major JAMES A. SCHMITT, relieved from appointment to Summary Courts Martial in additional to his other duties per par. 8, SO # 155, Hq., 43rd Service Group, dated 14 October 1944.

C. Strength, Commissioned and Enlisted

| 1. Month of October 1944. | Off | W/O | EM |
|---|---|---|---|
| a. At beginning | 7 | 2 | 227 |
| b. Net increase | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| c. Net decrease | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| d. At end | 7 | 2 | 226 |

D. Stations.

Cerignola # 1 (Guilia Airfield), Cerignola, Italy. Permanent change of station. No change during this month.

E. Movements.

None.

F. Campaign.

Italian Campaign. Still in progress.



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6. Legion of Merit.

1. To S/Sgt. Ruben L. Hernandez per GO # 98, Hq., NATOUSA, dated 28 September 1944.

2. To S/Sgt. Charles B. West per GO # 100, Hq., NATOUSA, dated 30 September 1944.

3. These two awards presented by Brigadier General JAMES A. ROBINSON, Commanding General of XV Air Force Service Command at ceremony held in our area 16 October 1944.

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[1] 560th Air Service Squadron Morning Report--October 1944. Squadron Orders, and Special Order, Hq., 43rd Service Group.

[2] 560th Air Service Squadron Morning Report--October 1944.

* Major Bartlett added to the squadron and becoming Commanding Officer. Major JAMES A. SCHMITT, on temporary duty in the United States per letter order, Hq., Fifteenth Air Force, dated 15 October 1944.



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II. Personnel

The 560th Air Service Squadron began the Month of October with seven officers, two warrant officers and 227 enlisted men. During the Month there was one change in the officers with the number of enlisted men decreasing to 226.[1]

Major JAMES A. SCHMITT, who had been our Commanding Officer since 30 January 1944, was sent to the United States on temporary duty.[2] The letter order was dated 15th of the month with him leaving two days later. This temporary duty status was a portion of the rotation allotment from this theater during the month.

As a result of this temporary duty, Major FREDERICK F. HARTLETT, who had been on DS with our organization since 2nd of September, became acting commanding officer effective that date[3] and assumed full command on the 19th.[4] He came to us from the 37th Service Group where in his long period of service with that group had held such responsible positions as Group Transportation Officer, Group Material Officer, Assistant S-4 Officer, Courts and Boards, and Investigating Officer. He had previously served with the 97th Service Group.

Two fellows, who were originally assigned to our squadron 6 January 1944, were transferred to the 26th General Hospital and with the possibility of returning to the States.[5] They were M/Sgt. Paul (NMI) Fried and Pvt. Cyrus W. Geise.[6] At the time of this transfer, both had completed two years of foreign service--M/Sgt. Fried had had numerous attacks of malaria and with Pvt. Geise it was believed to be medical case.

For the first month in the short history of our squadron, we didn't receive a new member who had just arrived from the States. The only newly assigned person during the month of October was S/Sgt. [redacted] J. Walko and he had formerly been in our organization, coming to us 6th of January when the personnel was assigned to this squadron. Last month this technical supply clerk was transferred to the 26th



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General Hospital (effective 11th of September) and on the 24th of this month was returned to us through the 22nd Replacement Battalion.[7] He was given medical classification of "B".

Three members of our squadron, Lt. William F. Rice, Pvt. William D. Hillard and Pvt. Ben O. Jordan on DS didn't return to this squadron during the month of October. Lt. Rice remained at Viz, Pvt. Hillard with the 1085rd MP Detachment and Pvt. Jordan with the XV Air Force Service Command.

In addition to Major Bennett, S/Sgt. Claude P. Daspit, Pfc. Thomas F. Hennessey and Cpl. Wilbur Riepel were placed on temporary duty during the month. With the AM it was a short period and terminated before the end of the month. The first two were placed on TD at Naples for three days, while Cpl. Riepel attended the Air Force Gas Instructor Non-Com School[8] at AF Chemical Ammunition Depot #5--a period of training that required about 10 days.

Detached service involving our squadron had a great change during this month. In all, it was because of the transfer of the 43rd Service Group Oxygen Units from our area to a new one in Cerignola. As a result, three EM from the 557th Air Service Squadron, two EM from the 558th Air Service Squadron, and 14 EM from the 561st Air Service Squadron attached to us for rations and quarters were relieved effective 7th of October.

Five EM, Sgts. Oliver D. Arten, Delmar H. Broyles, Felice P. Cianciulli and Donald F. Currey and Cpl. Robert C. Mislop, on DS with us from 41st Depot Repair Squadron and Sgt. Ted A. Robbins on DS to us from the 512th Depot Repair Squadron were relieved and placed on DS with the 43rd Service Group Headquarters and attached to the Hq & Hq Sq.[9]

In addition, 10 members of our squadron (3 of them being transferred to us as oxygen specialists) were because of their work in the Oxygen Unit placed on DS with the 43rd Group Headquarters for administration, rations and quarters.[9]



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As a result, their service records and allied papers went with them also. This included; S/Sgt. Clyde L. Higgason, Sgts. Paul T. Noxax, Edward C. Kennedy, Ernest D. Free, Cpls. Marvin Feuerstein, Joseph E. Bare, Jr., Joch C. Keffer, Lewis O. Utterback, Boyl L. Boom and Pfc. Jacob Delfant.

Thus, by the end of October we had only 17 EM and one officer from the 1559th Fire Fighting Platoon, 1103rd Signal and 81st Air Service Squadron attached to us for rations which reduced the number to 34.

There were several promotions during the Month of October, headed by the promotion of 1st Lt., Harry N. Langham our Engineering Officer to the rank of Captain. In addition there were three new master sergeants this month--Adam E. Barbonne, Jr., Frank J. Gorichansz and James D. McLeod all promoted from T/Sgt.; one new T/Sgt.--Lambert D. Jankowski; two more S/Sgts.--Earl J. Bingham and Henry L. Tillotson; three from transportation promoted to corporal--John W. Forosha, George M. Gavin and Arthur C. Griffith; and with James H. Garrett, James F. Mobley and Thomas D. Westberry each becoming Pfc. Thus, during this month there was a total of 12 EM and one officer promoted--8 of them from transportation, 4 from engineering, 3 from tech supply and 1 working in headquarters of this squadron.

In addition to the 61 members of our squadron who completed two years of foreign service 21st of September, on 15th, 23rd and 24th of this month there were 19 EM and one officer who became eligible to wear four overseas service stripes. With the exception of one, Pfc. Lee W. Meeker, the other were formerly members of the 306th Air Service Squadron; M/Sgt. Paul Fried (transferred this month), T/Sgts. Harold D. Grant and Allen D. Schwarz; S/Sgts. Thomas F. Webb and Charles B. West, Sgts. John W. Abshire, Milton G. Gillespie, Herman E. Greene, Clyde L. Guenseth, Kenneth H. Hinton, Vincent A. Istrico, David D. Stevenson, Cpls. Dana A. Coley, Meril F. Bucek, Thomas F. Hennessey, John C. Keffer, George M. Gavin,



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and Pics. Jake J. Lovarne and Lee W. Meeker.

At a very impressive ceremony on Thursday 12th of October, General James A. MOLLISON, Commanding General of the XV Air Force Service Command, bestowed three outstanding awards upon fellows of our squadron--the Legion of Merit awarded to S/Sgts. Ruben L. Fernandez and Charles E. West and the Soldier's Medal to S/Sgt. John F. Overmann. This event, which occurred in our area, will ever remain in the minds of not only the three decorated, but in the officers and enlisted men who graced this impressive occasion with their formal military formation under the command of Colonel Fitzman and Major Mc Fann, with Captain Grubbaeuer as the Adjutant. "For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service in Italy from 15 March to 6 June 1944". Thomas were the opening words of that citation awarding West and Fernandez the Legion of Merit. The outstanding work of these two fellows was the making of a resistor for a generator of an airplane propeller--one far superior to all others. John F. Overmann received the Soldier's Medal for helping to rescue two officers at Barcelona, Sicily on 6 September 1943 and it being awarded 21st of April 1944.

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[1]Morning Report, 560th Air Service Squadron, October 1944.
[2]Letter, Order, Hq., Fifteenth Air Force, dated 15 October 1944.
[3]Sq O # 32, Hq., 560th Air Service Squadron, dated 17 October 1944.
[4]Par. 6, SO # 155, Hq.,45rd Service Group, dated 19 October 1944.
[5]SO # 280, Hq., 26th General Hospital, dated 10 October 1944.
[6]SO # 269, Hq., 26th General Hospital, dated 26 September 1944.
[7]SO # 287, Hq., 22nd Replacement Bn, dated 24 October 1944.
[8]SO # 146, Hq, 45rd Service Group, dated 10 October 1944.
[9]SO # 151, Hq., 45rd Service Group, dated 10 October 1944.
[10]GO # 98, Hq. NATOUSA, dated 28 September 1944; GO # 100, Hq., NATOUSA, dated 30 September 1944; GO # 21, Hq AAF/MTO, dated 21 April 1944.
[11]Par 8, SO # 281, Hq. Fifteenth Air Force, dated 7 October 1944.
[12]SO # 148, Hq, 45rd Service Squadron, dated 5 October 1944; SO # 155, Hq., 45rd Service Group, dated 17 October 1944.



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Unit History of 860th Air Service Squadron-October 1944 (Continued)

In keeping our squadron "on its toes", one of the best ways is to improve its morale. This was accomplished in several different ways.

Food during the month of October was up to the high standard that had existed for several months. In addition to the regular rations issued by the group quartermaster, a designated amount of profits from the Enlisted Men's Bar was used in purchasing more fruits and vegetables. Also in addition to the chicken, steak, beef and hamburger and numerous vegetables, we had ice cream on three different occasions. This was made possible by the Ord Service Group.

One of the standard methods employed in improving morale is recreation. During this month sports was neglected because of the short days and cooler evenings. The baseball team, which was organized in August and played a number of league games during that month and September, was discontinued the first part of this month. In its place, about 30 to 40 different fellows have gathered on the softball diamond in front of our headquarters almost every evening during October and had short practice touch football games. This has been on a voluntary basis with the footballs given the squadron through Special Service.

Ping Pong playing in the day room has been patronized with the fellows using balls sent to them from the States.

Another form of recreation from the standpoint of sports is horseshoe pitching. In spite of the coolness and gradual shortness of the evenings, the court in the headquarters area has been used during the evening.

Although some fellows participate in the various sports, the main method of recreation other than reading the magazines and books supplied by special service, have been the movies. We have been very fortunate in having three sources--459th Bomb Group, at the Music Hall, and in our own area. Even though there wasn't any moving picture in our area during the last ten days of the month because of the



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the projector being broken, it was by far the best patronized of the three. We had two orientation films and four different pictures including "Song of Bernadette", "China", "Submarine Alert", and "Swing Out the Blues". Then, too, members of the squadron attended the USO show staged at the 459th Bomb Group during this month.

In addition to these pictures, including the orientation films, we continued to have a formation of all personnel twice each week at which orientation lectures, explanations, and further announcements were made.

Inspections! We had them and made by different officers and for different purposes. The "real one" was that of October 14th when Brigadier General JAMES A. MORRISON, Commanding General of the XV Air Force Service Command inspected our area after the presentation of awards to three EM of this squadron. Another very important inspection was made by Major CHARLES KUEHLER, S-3 Officer, 43rd Service Group. Then, too, two inspections were made of personnel records by inspectors from the Fifteenth Air Force.

In addition to these inspections made by the various officers outside of our squadron, we had our gas masks both inspected and disinfected and the area checked at least every Saturday.

The medical officer, Captain Parkin, had two physical inspections during October and on the 27th of the month 72 fellows received either smallpox vaccination or typhus or typhoid shots. Some were due for only one, but others took either two or three.

One of the principal comments has been our pass "situation". Although the five day pass was abandoned by the Group for the purpose of visiting Rome, 61 EM and 2 officers were placed on orders of either the 43rd Service Group or 459th Bomb Group and reported to Rest Camp #2 of that city for the purpose of rest and recreation. This was for approximately six days. In addition, three spent six days at the San Spirito Rest Camp while 8 were sent to the rest camp at San Cesara.



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A few three day passes were issued during October with the fellows given three of the four Sunday's "off". The skeleton crews and in the different departments who worked on Sunday were given a day off during the week.

As, of all the moral building facilities and the one over which we have no control, incoming mail, there was much improvement over the preceding month. On two different occasions there was a rather large amount of mail including many packages.



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IV. Improvements in Area

During the month of October this was not neglected. In fact, there was improvement in progress about every day. Last month the mess halls were completed but this month there was a shed built over the concrete platform where the mess gear is being washed, and the vats greatly improved. More mess tables were built and all covered with a hard rubber substance that aided materially in keeping them more sanitary. During the month, also, the kitchen rooms were repainted.

One of the big improvements was the making and installation of stoves both in the personnel tents and in the various departments. The main part of this work was done by our welding shop although ably assisted by the fellows concerned. By the end of this month, almost all tents had stoves--stoves that had been checked for safety.

Work was completed this month on the stone-block building in the tech supply area. Also work was begun on a new orderly room and a new building for our medical department. Both are located in the headquarters area and are to be constructed of stone blocks.

Our area has been kept in such good condition that it has easily passed the numerous inspections we had during the month.



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V. Operations

Our squadron continues to service the 459th Bomb Group (H), comprising the 756th, 757th, 758th and 759th Bomb Squadron, and 304th Bomb Wing Headquarters. This is the ninth consecutive month that we have serviced the 459th Bomb Group (H) and the 304th Bomb Wing Headquarters. Again, much work has been accomplished during this month as shown in part by the following subdivisions.

A. Planes.

1. B-24 J, 459th Bomb Group. Repair underside of fuselage and replace rear longeron. Plane was received for repairs 1st of August and was completed 1 October 1944.

2. UC 78, 304th Bomb Wing Headquarters. Change left fuel cell and repair fabric on left inboard wing. Plane was received 19th of September with this work completed and the plane returned 1 October 1944.

3. B-24 J, 459th Bomb Group. Change three auxiliary fuel cells and extensive sheet metal repairs. Plane was turned over to us 25th of September and the job completed 1 October 1944.

4. B-24 J, 459th Bomb Group. Sheet metal repairs throughout right inboard and left outboard wings. Plane was received 6th of October and this repair job completed six days later.

5. B-24 J, 459th Bomb Group. Change four engines, sheet metal repairs throughout the plane, and extensive electrical wiring. Plane was received 9th of October and completed 18th of October 1944.

6. B-24 J, 459th Bomb Group. Replace nose turret and repair nose section. Plane was turned over to us 19th of October with the work completed 21st of October 1944.



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7. B-24, J, 459th Bomb Group. Sheet metal repairs throughout wings and cowl flaps. This plane was received 15th of October and the work completed taree days later.

8. B-24 H, 459th Bomb Group. Change 12 fuel cells, change nose wheel, replace control cable and extensive sheet metal repairs. Plane was received 22nd of September and this work completed 14th of October 1944.

9. C-47, 328th Ferrying Squadron. Minor repairs made, with the plane continuing it flight 16th of October 1944.

10. B-24 H, 459th Bomb Group. Repair lower fuselage section and replace complete nose grear assembly. Plane was received 2nd of September and completed 22 October 1944.

11. B-24 J, 459th Bomb Group. Change No. 2 engine and lower wings, and extensive sheet metal repairs. Plane was received 10th of September and completed 21st of October 1944.

12. B-24 J, 459th Bomb Group. Repair numerous bulkheads throughout the plane. Received this plane for repairs 10th of October and the job completed 23 October 1944.

13. B-24 J, 459th Bomb Group. Repair No. 5 and 6 bulkhead, repair longeron, left flap, and extensive sheet metal repairs. Plane was received 23rd of October and wasn't completed at the end of this month.

14. B-24 H, 459th Bomb Group. Crash landing resulting in salvage. Plane was received 20th of August and the work isn't completed though much work has been done.



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15. B-24 H, 459th Bomb Group. Received this plane on 24th of August for salvage resulting from crash landing. This job was completed the 31st of this month.

16. B-24 H, 459th Bomb Group. Crash landing resulting in salvage. This occurred on 6th of October with this salvage work completed 26th of October.

17. B-24 J, 459th Bomb Group. Salvage. Plane was received 8th of October and this salvage work completed 28th of October.

18. B-24 J, 459th Bomb Group. Salvage. Plane was received 9th of October and although much work was done on it the remaining part of this month, the job isn't completed.

19. B-24 H, 459th Bomb Group. Repair No. 4 bulkhead, replace hydraulic lines, and sheet metal repairs throughout fuselage. Plane was received for this extensive work on 10th of October and isn't completed.

20. B-24 J, 459th Bomb Group. Sheet metal work throughout fuselage and wings. Plane was turned over to us on the 14th of October and was completed the 25th of this month.

21. B-24 H, 459th Bomb Group. Salvage. Plane was received 18th of October and this salvage job isn't as yet complete.

22. B-24 J, 459th Bomb Group. Sheet metal repairs throughout fuselage and wings, replace hydraulic and oxygen lines and change number 3 engine. This plane was turned over to us on the 29th of October and isn't complete.

23. B-24 H, 459th Bomb Group. This, a pathfinder ship, is to be painted in compliance with a Fifteenth Air Force Memorandum. The plane was received 31st of October with the job not completed at the end of the day.



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B. Parachutes.

1. Inspected and repacked--415

2. Repaired--45

3. Sewing of numerous bags and covers during the month. This shop also helped in repairing and changing clothing.

5
C. Aviation Gasoline and Oil.

1. Gasoline consumed--1,647,526 gallons.

2. Oil consumed--20,930 gallons.

3
D. Engines and propellers issued by Tech Supply.

1. Engines issued--23.

2. Propellers issued--20

E. Breathing Oxygen

3
1. Bottles of oxygen issued through our Tech Supply--1039

3
F. Number of SI's handled by Tech Supply (1 or more items each) --1869

3
G. Requisitions

1. AAC requisitions--122

2. Total number of requisitions on Depot--878

4
H. Electrical Work

1. 61 batteries charged.

2. Electrical repairs on 4 airplanes during this month.

3. Squadron generators, squadron lighting sytem changes and the airdrome lighting kept in good condition.

5
I. Propellers

1. Reparable propellers put into service by our propeller shop--10

2. Number of propellers checked and issued by the propeller shop to the 459th Bomb Group--2



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3. Reparable propellers sent to the depot--11

4. No. of propellers sent to the depot for salvage--4

J. Sheet Metal, Welding, Machine, Radio, Armorment, plexi-glass, carpenter, Instrument and Dope and Fabric Shops greatly contributed to the repairing of the 23 different planes that were in our area during this month,[1] and in the improvement of our area.

For the Commanding Officer:

Virgil R. Hackleman

VIRGIL R. HACKLEMAN
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Unit Historical Officer.

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[1] Daily Status Reports and Squadron Engineering Work Orders--Engineering Department of the 560th Air Service Squadron--October 1944.
[2] Record of 560th Air Service Squadron Parachute Shop--October 1944.
[3] Daily 17 Item Report, 560th Air Service Squadron Technical Supply. Official records and files--October 1944.
[4] Records of 560th Air Service Squadron Electric Sho --October 1944.
[5] Records of 560th Air Service Squadron Propeller Shop--October 1944.



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560TH AIR SERVICE SQUADRON
43RD SERVICE GROUP
APO 520

VRH/rfb

30 November 1944

SUBJECT: Unit History for November 1944.

TO : Commanding Officer, 43rd Service Group, APO 520, U. S. Army.

1. In compliance with Daily Bulletin No. 113, your Headquarters, dated 12 September 1944, one copy of the Unit History of the 560th Air Service Squadron for the Month of November 1944 is submitted herewith.

2. This record was complied in accordance with AR 345-125, Letter, Hq., NATOUSA, dated 8 January 1944 and Memorandum 45-5, Hq., XV Air Force Service Command, dated 30 August 1944.

For the Commanding Officer:

Virgil R. Hackleman

VIRGIL R. HACKLEMAN,
1st. Lt., Air Corps,
Unit Historical Officer.

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43RD SERVICE GROUP

for the

MONTH OF NOVEMBER 1944.

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43RD SERVICE GROUP

for the

MONTH OF NOVEMBER 1944.

I. ORGANIZATIONAL DATA:

A. Facts relating to the Origin of this Unit:

This information was given in the Historical Data Report for the Month of January 1944 and summarized in the report of June 1944. The squadron has been in the 43rd Service Group since 3rd of February 1944.

B. Changes in Organization:

1. Changes in designation of the unit:

None.

2. Transfer of the unit as a whole:

None.

3. Commanding Officers:

None.

4. Staff Officers:

a. W/O(JG) CLYDE L. DYER JR., W-2112941, Assistant Technical Supply Officer, returned to the United States on rotation per Letter Order, Fifteenth Air Force, dated 15 November 1944.

b. 1st. Lt. VIRGIL R. HACKLEMAN, O-559864, designated as Acting Commanding Officer during the temporary absence of Major FREDERICK F. BARTLETT, O-348685, November 23rd to the 27th.

C. Strength, Commissioned and Enlisted:

| 1. Month of November 1944. | Off | W/O | EM |
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| a. At beginning of Month | 8 | 2 | 226 |



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| b. Net increase during the Month | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| c. Net decrease during the Month | 0 | 1 | 10 |
| d. At end of Month | 8 | 1 | 216 |

D. Station:

Cerignola No. 1, Guilia Field, Italy.

E. Movements:

None.

F. Campaign:

Italian Campaign still in progress.

G. Legion of Merit Award:

None.

II. PERSONNEL:

The 560th Air Service Squadron began the Month of November with eight (8) officers, two (2) Warrant Officers and two-hundred twenty-six (226) enlisted men. (1) During the month there was a loss of one (1) Warrant Officer and ten (10) enlisted men.

W/O(JG) CLYDE L. DYER JR., W-2112941, Assistant Technical Supply Officer, was transferred and departed the 16th of November for the 7th Replacement Depot for trans-shipment to the United States as part of the rotation increment from this theater for the month of November 1944 per Letter Order, Fifteenth Air Force, dated the 15th of November 1944. (2)

1st. Lt. WILLIAM M. RICE, O-867470, remains on Detached Service to the 81st Air Service Squadron and is on duty as Assistant Engineering Officer on the Island of Viz.

Private First Class Jacob (NMI) Helfant, 32196972, who was originally assigned to this squadron on the 6th of January 1944 was transferred to the 87th Depot Repair Squadron on the 11th of November 1944 per Par. 4, Special



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Order No. 311, Fifteenth Air Force Service Command, dated the 7th of November 1944. Pfc. Helfant, at the time of his transfer, was on Detached Service to the Hq. and Hq. Squadron, 43rd Service Group, at which place he was a member of the Oxygen Detachment. (3)

Sergeant Gerald D. Newberry, 16014990, Private First Class Leslie L. Hirschler, 37264774, and Private Duane C. Morris, 39550223, were placed on Temporary Duty the 14th of November 1944 to A.P.O. 540 at Bari, Italy per Par. 5, Special Order No. 173, 43rd Service Group, to assist with the distribution of Christmas Mail. (4)

On the 19th Of November 1944 ten (10) enlisted men from the 81st Air Service Squadron who had been working in our area and attached to our organization for the noon meal were relieved from attached for rations. (1)

The following nine (9) enlisted men who were assigned members of this organization and who have been on Detached Service to Hq. and Hq. Squadron, 43rd Service Group as Oxygen Workers since the 12th of October 1944 were transferred the 24th of November 1944 to the organizations indicated below per Par. 7, Special Order No. 320, Army Air Force Service Command, Mediterranean Theater of Operations: (5)

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| S/Sgt. Clyde R. Higgason | 14042241 | 31st Depot Repair Squadron |
| Sgt. Ernest D. Free | 34473921 | 31st Depot Repair Squadron |
| Sgt. Edward C. Kennedy | 34188124 | 36th Depot Repair Squadron |
| Sgt. Paul L. Womax | 19005537 | 36th Depot Repair Squadron |
| Cpl. Marvin Feuerstein | 12155439 | 36th Depot Repair Squadron |
| Cpl. John C. Kiffer | 20385395 | 36th Depot Repair Squadron |
| Cpl. Joseph E. Bare | 19186483 | 85th Depot Repair Squadron |
| Cpl. Hoyl L. Doom | 39236591 | 85th Depot Repair Squadron |
| Cpl. Lewis O. Utterback | 35453628 | 85th Depot Repair Squadron |

On the 26th of November 1944 Private Albert B. Salazar, 39169993, was placed on Detached Service with the 1053rd Military Police Company per Par. 2, Special Order No. 183, 43rd Service Group, this making a total of one (1) officer, 1st. Lt. WILLIAM M. RICE, Detached Service to the 81st Air Service Squadron, and



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three (3) enlisted men, Privates Hillard and Salazar to the 1053rd Military Police Company and Private Dan O. Jordan to the Fifteenth Air Force Service Command Stockade. (6)

There were no promotions during the month of November 1944.

At the present time there are five (5) officers, one (1) Warrant Officer and ninety-three (93) enlisted men who have completed two (2) years or more of foreign service. Captains Harry R. Langham and Walter F. Stein, CWO Vincent J. Palermo, M/Sgt. Frederick G. Stumpp Jr., T/Sgt. Kermit H. Lipscomb, S/Sgts. David D. Spence and Allen J. Waldrop, Sgts. Harold H. Christie, Lloyd D. Harris, Dorris (NMI) Harrison, Walter R. Mackowiak, Robert P. McSolla and Edward M. Reynolds, Cpls. Albert L. Allyn, Edgar E. Fernsler and James (NMI) Huston, and Pfcs. Martin (NMI) McDonnell and Alvea E. Selph all completed two (2) years of foreign service this month.

Overseas Service Bars were issued to the Personnel during the month.

Private Joseph J. Bartosik, 20212147, was awarded the Distinguished Unit Badge for Group Citation of the 301st Bombardment Group (H), Army Air Forces, of which he was formerly a member, per War Department General Order No. 66, dated the 15th of August 1944. (7)

1. Morning Report - 560th Air Serv. Sq.
2. Letter Order - XV Air Force, dated 15 November 1944.
3. Special Order No. 311, XV AFSC, dated 7 November 1944.
4. Special Order No. 173, 43rd Serv. Gp, dated 14 November 1944.
5. Special Order No. 320, AAFSC, MTO, dated 16 November 1944
6. Special Order No. 183, 43rd Serv. Gp, dated 24 November 1944.
7. WD General Order No. 66, dated 15 August 1944.



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II. MORALE AND TRAINING:

The morale in this organization remained high during the month of November. One of the factors which has contributed to the high morale is the new rotation increment from this Theater of Operation, "Temporary Duty to the United States", which will give the men approximately thirty days at home, exclusive of travel time. At the present time our organization has been authorized its first quota of five (5) men. After consideration of length of foreign service and physical condition the five men selected were S/Sgt. Ruben L. Fernandez, S/Sgt. Andrew J. Walko, Cpl. William C. Cann, Cpl. John C. Kreil, and Pfc. John J. Cawley, however, they are still with this organization awaiting orders for departure to the United States.

Food during the month of November equaled its past standards. On four occasions chicken was served at the noon meal and also four times ice cream was our dessert. Thanksgiving Day will be well remembered by the personnel in this organization as having one of the best dinners in their Army career. The menu consisted of Roast Young Turkey, Giblet Dressing, Cranberry Sauce, Snowflake Potatoes, Giblet Gravy, Buttered Spring Peas, Escalloped Corn, Buttered Cauliflower, Persian Beets, Pineapple Cheese Salad, Onion Rings, Ice Cream, Pumpkin Pie, Chocolate Cake, Coffee, Assorted Nuts and Candy.

For recreation the men continued to play touch foot-ball, horseshoes and ping-pong in the evenings after working hours. The organization had its first basket-ball practice at Orta Nova Elementary Gymnasium on the 20th of this month. Fourteen enlisted men turned out for the team with Lt. Hackleman doing the coaching.

Theatrical entertainment was very prominent during the month. Personnel of the organization was given the opportunity of attending three U.S.O. shows at the Music Hall in Cerignola, besides the movies that were shown there.



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Through the compliments of the 81st Air Service Squadron thirteen movies were shown in our Bar and Card Room during the month. The movies shown were "Meet the People", "Rationing", "Desert Victory", "Tampico", "Buffalo Bill", "Moonlight and Cactus", "A Guy named Joe", "Passport to Suez", "The Kansan", "Sweet Rosie O'Grady", "Captive Wild Women", "Orientation Film" and "My Kindom for a Cook". A truck was also sent to the 459th Bomb Group each night so the men could attend the movies there.

In addition to the movies shown, including the Orientation Film, we continued to have a formation of all personnel twice each week at which time Orientation Lectures and discussions were held.

The usual inspections of the organization were made by Squadron and Group Officers.

During the month of November two (2) officers, Major Bartlett and Captain Stein spent several days in Rome, Italy, at Rest Camp Unit No. 2. Fifty-six (56) enlisted men also spent a period at this Rest Camp. Two (2) officers, Lt. Kelley and CWO Palermo had the opportunity of attending the Rest Camp at the Isle of Capri. Five (5) enlisted men attended Rest Camp at San Spirito, Italy and five (5) enlisted men at the San Cesaria Rest Camp.

The officers of this organization spent a considerable period of time each morning censoring the many Christmas Greetings sent by the enlisted men. An Organizational Christmas Greeting Card was designed by First Sergeant William J. Babicky and two thousand of them were made by a printing concern in Bari and sold to the personnel. The picture, donated by an officer from the 459th Bomb Group, is a B-24 Liberator in flight over the Brenner Pass. Other Christmas Cards were made available to the personnel through the American Red Cross and the Post Exchange.

Cpl. Rozanski, the Squadron Mail Orderly, has had a busy month distributing the many Christmas packages, the greatest number of bags delivered in one day



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being eighteen (18).

IV. IMPROVEMENTS IN AREA:

There were several improvements throughout the squadron area during the month. Both the Electric and the Carpenter Shops were moved into a new stone building in the Engineering area which was completed during the month by Italian labor. The Propeller Shop moved into a newly constructed metal building in the Engineering area. The new Medical Dispensary being constructed in the Headquarters area nearly reached completion with the exception of the roof and the inside work. With the installation of stoves in all tents additional fire barrels were placed throughout the area during the month and each tent was furnished with a bucket of sand and a bucket of water as an extra precaution against fire hazards. Drainage ditches have been made throughout the area to secure the correct drainage of water after heavy rains. Some repairs have been made on the showers, the principal one being a newly revised heating system. The squadron area remains in a well policed condition.



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V. OPERATIONS:

Our squadron continues to service the 459th Bomb Group (H), comprising the 756th, 757th and 758th and 759th Bomb Squadrons, and 304th Bomb Wing Headquarters. This is the tenth month that we have serviced both the 459th Bomb Group (H) and the 304th Bomb Wing Headquarters. Again, much work has been accomplished during the month as shown in part by the following subdivisions:

A. Planes: (1)

1 B-24 H, 42-52346, 459th Bomb Group, Crash landing resulting in salvage. Plane was received 20th of August with this work completed the 19th of November 1944.

2 P-40 L, 42-10715, 304th Bomb Wing (H). Salvage. This plane was received the 4th of November with the salvaging completed four days later.

3 B-24 H, 41-28802, 459th Bomb Group. This, a pathfinder ship, is to be painted in compliance with a Fifteenth Air Force Memorandum. This plane was received 31st of October and the paint job completed 2nd of November.

4 B-17 F, 42-29513, 304th Bomb Wing (H). Make modifications and convert into a transport. Plane was received 1st of November with this entire job completed 18th of November.

5 B-24 J, 42-52007, 459th Bomb Group, This,a pathfinder ship, is to be painted in accordance with a Fifteenth Air Force Memorandum. The plane was received 4th of November and completed two days later.

6 B-24 J, 42-51344, 459th Bomb Group. Sheet metal repairs throughout fuselage and wings, replace hydraulic and oxygen lines and change No. 3 engine. This plane was turned over to us on the 29th of October with the work all completed and the plane released 5th of November.

7 B-24 L, 44-49044, 459th Bomb Group. This, a pathfinder ship, is to be



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painted in compliance with a Fifteenth Air Force Memorandum. The plane was received 6th of November and completed by our paint shop 13th of November.

8 B-24 H, 42-95265, 459th Bomb Group. Repair No. 4 bulkhead, replace hydraulic lines, and sheet metal repairs throughout fuselage. Plane was received on 10th of October with the job completed 12th of November.

9 B-24 J, 42-51634, 459th Bomb Group. This, a pathfinder plane, is to be painted in compliance with a Fifteenth Air Force Memorandum. The plane was received 12th of November with the work completed 17th of November.

10 B-24 J, 42-52007,459th Bomb Group. Engine change, replace cables and extensive sheet metal repairs. Plane was received 17th of November and isn't completed as yet.

11 B-24 H, 41-28898, 459th Bomb Group,. Paint plane in compliance with a Fifteenth Air Force Memorandum and make modifications. The plane was received 17th of November with the work completed 24th of November.

12 Beaufighter, 255th Night Fighter Squadron, 205th Night Fighter Group, (British). Crash landing near runway. Removed to our area 22nd of November where it was dismantled and shipped to that Group on the 30th of November.

13 B-24 J, 42-50915, 459th Bomb Group. Engine change and sheet metal work. Received on the 4th of November and completed on the 22nd.

14 B-24 J, 42-51259, 459th Bomb Group. Wing change and sheet metal repairs. This plane was received on the 18th of November and is not yet completed.

15 B-24 J, 42-51416, 459th Bomb Group. Sheet metal repairs throughtout the fuselage and wings. Received on the 22nd of November and is not yet completed.



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16 B-24 L, 44-49042, 459th Bomb Group. Paint plane in compliance with a Fifteenth Air Force Memorandum. Received on the 22nd of November and completed on the 28th.

17 B-24 J, 42-51601, 459th Bomb Group. Sheet metal repair, replace nose turrett. This plane was received on the 24th of November and is not yet completed.

18 B-24 J, 42-51604, 459th Bomb Group. Paint plane in compliance with a Fifteenth Air Force Memorandum. Received on the 28th of November and is not yet completed.

19 B-24 J, 42-78638, 459th Bomb Group. Salvage. Received on the 9th of October and completed on the 27th of November.

B. Parachutes: (2)

1. Inspected and repacked - 457
2. Repaired - 78
3. Sewing of numerous bags and covers during the month.

C. Aviation Gasoline and Oil: (3)

1. Gasoline consumed - 1,445, 246 gallons.
2. Oil consumed - 20, 454 gallons.

D. Engines issued by Technical Supply: (3)

1. Engines issued - 49

E. Breathing Oxygen: (3)

1. Bottles of oxygen issued through Tech Supply - 1,958

F. Number of 81's handled by Technical Supply (1 or more items each):(3)

1. 81's handled - 1,421

G. Requisitions: (3)

1. AOC Requisitions - 115
2. Total number of requisition on Depot - 431



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H. Electrical Work: (4)

1. 82 batteries charged.
2. Electrical repairs on 4 airplanes during the month.
3. Squadron generators and lighting system kept in condition.

I. Propellers: (5)

1. Reparable propellers put into service - 7
2. Number of propellers checked and issued by the propeller shop to the 459th Bomb Group - 6
3. Reparable propellers sent to the depot - 8
4. Number of propellers sent to the depot for salvage - 0

J. Shops:

1. Sheet Metal, Welding, Machine, Radio, Armorment, Plexi-glass, Carpenter, Instrument, and Dope and Fabric Shops greatly contributed to the repairing of all planes.

For the Commanding Officer:

Virgil R. Hackleman

VIRGIL R. HACKLEMAN,
1st. Lt., Air Corps,
Unit Historical Officer.

1. Daily Status Reports and Squadron Engineering Work Orders of the 560th Air Service Squadron for November 1944.
2. Record of 560th Air Service Squadron Parachute Shop for November 1944.
3. Daily 17 Item Report, 560th Air Service Squadron Technical Supply. Official records and files for November 1944.
4. Records of 560th Air Service Squadron Electric Shop for November 1944.
5. Records of 560th Air Service Squadron Propeller Shop for November 1944.



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560TH AIR SERVICE SQUADRON
43RD SERVICE GROUP
APO 520

FGK/rfb

31 December 1944

SUBJECT: Unit History for December 1944.

TO : Commanding Officer, 43rd Service Group, APO 520, US Army.
(Attn: Group Historical Officer).

1. In compliance with Daily Bulletin No. 113, your Headquarters, dated 12 September 1944, one copy of the Unit History of the 560th Air Service Squadron for the month of December 1944 is submitted herewith.

2. This record was complied in accordance with AR 345-125, Letter, Hq., NATOUSA, dated 8 January 1944 and Memorandum 45-6, Hq., XV Air Force Service Command, dated 30 August 1944.

For the Commanding Officer:

FRANCIS G. KELLEY,
2nd. Lt., Air Corps,
Unit Historical Officer.

1 Incl:
1 - Unit History for December 1944.



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UNIT HISTORY OF THE 560TH AIR SERVICE SQUADRON

43RD SERVICE GROUP

for the

MONTH OF DECEMBER 1944.

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UNIT HISTORY OF THE 560TH AIR SERVICE SQUADRON

43RD SERVICE GROUP

for the

MONTH OF DECEMBER 1944.

I. ORGANIZATIONAL DATA:

A. Facts relating to the Origin of this Unit.

This information was given in the Historical Data Report for the Month of January 1944 and summarized in the report of June 1944. The squadron has been in the 43rd Service Group since 3rd of February 1944.

B. Changes in Organization:

1. Changes in designation of the unit:

None.

2. Transfer of the unit as a whole:

None.

3. Commanding Officers:

None.

4. Staff Officers:

a. 2nd. Lt. FRANCIS G. KELLEY, O-814333, was designated Squadron Adjutant of this organization vice 1st Lt. VIRGIL R. HACKLEMAN, relieved.

b. 1st. Lt. VIRGIL R. HACKLEMAN, O-559864, was designated Mess, Supply and Transportation Officer of this organization vice 2nd. Lt. FRANCIS G. KELLEY, relieved.

c. 2nd. Lt. FRANCIS G. KELLEY, O-814333, was designated Unit Historical Officer of this organization vice 1st. Lt. VIRGIL R. HACKLEMAN, relieved.



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C. Strength, Commissioned and Enlisted:

| 1. Month of December 1944. | Off | W/O | EM |
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| a. At beginning of Month | 8 | 1 | 216 |
| b. Net increase during the Month | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| c. Net decrease during the Month | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| d. At end of Month | 8 | 1 | 214 |

D. Station:

Cerignola No. 1, Guilia Field, Italy.

E. Movements:

None.

F. Campaign:

Italian Campaign still in progress - (Rome-Arno Campaign).

II. PERSONNEL:

The 560th Air Service Squadron began the Month of December with eight (8) officers, one (1) Warrant Officer and two hundred sixteen (216) enlisted men. During the month two (2) enlisted men joined our organization while we lost a total of four (4) enlisted men. (1)

Corporal Horace W. Pearson, 39907260, a member of our Sheet Metal Shop was transferred to the 759th Bomb Squadron, 459th Bomb Group per par. 9, Special Order No. 334, Hq., Fifteenth Air Force and left on the 5th of the month. (2)

Private First Class John S. McGinn, 12142788, who was taken sick the early part of December was transferred to the Detachment of Patients, 26th General Hospital per par. 2, Special Order No. 334, that Headquarters, dated 5 December 1944. (3)



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Staff Sergeant Frank J. Bradley, 36505536, was also taken sick and was transferred to the Detachment of Patients, 26th General Hospital per par. 4, Special Order No. 340, that Headquarters. (4)

Technical Sergeant Reginald (NMI) Little, 33077063, Truck Master of our Transportation Section was transferred to the 454th Bomb Group on the 27th of this month per par. 4, Special Order No. 359, Hq., XV Air Force Service Command, dated 25 December 1944 (5)

Private Albert J. Mack, 32371299, formerly a member of the XV Air Force Service Command, joined our organization from Hq., 43rd Service Group, on the 9th of this month per Letter Order, that Headquarters. (6)

Sergeant Roy B. Miller, 6824364, was assigned to our squadron from Hq., 43rd Service Group, but before he had the opportunity of seeing our organization he was placed back on Detached Service to the 43rd Service Group per par. 4, Special Order No. 199, that Headquarters. (7)

Staff Sergeants Ruben L. Fernandez and Andrew J. Walko, Corporals William C. Cann and John C. Krcil and Private First Class John J. Cawley were placed on Temporary Duty to the United States per Letter Order, Fifteenth Air Force and left the 17th. (8)

1st. Lt. WILLIAM M. RICE remains on Detached Service with the 81st Air Service Squadron while Privates Hillard and Salazar are still with the 1053rd Military Police Company, Private Jordan with the XV Air Force Service Command Stockade and Sergeant Newberry, Pfc. Hirschler and Pvt. Morris are still working with the Postal Unit at A.P.O. 540 in Bari, Italy.

During the month there were thirteen (13) Sergeants promoted to the grade of Staff Sergeant, seven Corporals promoted to the grade of Sergeant, eight (8) Privates First Class promoted to the grade of Corporal, nine (9) Privates promoted to the grade of Corporal and one (1) Private promoted to



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the grade of Private First Class per Special Order No. 208, par. 2, Hq., 43rd Service Group, making a total of thirty-four (34) promotions during the month of December 1944. (9)

M/Sgt. Adam E. Darbonne Jr., Sgt. Arthur Hessler and Cpl. Harold H. Straub completed two (2) years of foreign service this month while Corporal Roland G. Pellerin and Pfc. Norman M. Warfle completed their first year of overseas duty.

1. Morning Report - 560th Air Serv. Sq.
2. Special Order No. 334, Hq., XV Air Force, dated 30 November 1944.
3. Special Order No. 334, 26th General Hospital, dated 5 December 1944.
4. Special Order No. 340, 26th General Hospital, dated 9 December 1944.
5. Special Order No. 359, XVAPSC, dated 25 December 1944.
6. Letter Order, Hq., 43rd Serv. Gp.
7. Special Order No. 199, 43rd Serv. Gp., dated 11 December 1944.
8. Letter Order, Fifteenth Air Force.
9. Special Order No. 208, 43rd Serv. Gp., dated 17 December 1944.



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III. MORALE AND TRAINING:

The morale in this organization remained high during the month of December 1944. A contributing factor was the fact that the five enlisted men, who were selected last month for Temporary Duty in the United States, left the 17th of the month for their homes after a tour of foreign service extending well over two years. Our squadron was authorized a quota of six (6) enlisted men this month for Temporary Duty in the United States. M/Sgt. James D. McLeod, T/Sgt. Lambert D. Jankowski, S/Sgts. Harold B. Fortney and Howard M. Forsyth, and Sgts. George H. Davis and Clem Zakszewski were selected and are now awaiting their orders for departure from this organization.

Christmas was made as pleasant as possible for our men. The Day Room, Bar, Mess Hall and a few departments were decorated with trees, holly and tinsil, and various other trimmings. Special pains were given to the decorating of our Mess Hall. The tree was trimmed with tinsil, artificial snow and several sets of red and white lights. A radio was also placed in the Mess Hall for the Holidays which added extra entertainment during chow. Our Christmas dinner equaled in all standards the one we had for Thanksgiving.

1944 was ushered out and 1945 brought in with a squadron party in our Bar Room.

Recreation slacked to a certain extent during the months due to the change in climate and the rainy season. Basket-ball practice continued throughout the month at the new gymnasium in Cerignola. Our team played its first game on the 26th and came out victorious by defeating the 1441st Ordnance Company by a score of 30 to 12.

We lost the opportunity of having movies in our squadron area, but the personnel still attended the Little Theater in Cerignola and also at the 459th Bomb



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Group each night.

On two occasions this month the organization was shown Venereal Desease films and also given sex morality lectures. All personnel were read the Articals of War on the 20th. The organization was given a two hour Chemical Warfare lecture and demonstrated the protection against smoke and phosphorus Gernades and incendiary Bombs conducted by Lt. Seigel from Group.

The usual inspections of the organization were made by Squadron and Group Officers. We had an Administrative and Technical Inspection on the 1st of the month held by Major Kuenlen, S-3 Officer of the 43rd Service Group.

Three day passes have come back into the high light since the Rome trips were cancelled the 5th of December. The organization was only allowed a small quota of personnel to attend the various other Rest Camps during the month. Lt. Hackleman spent five days in Rome, Italy at Rest Unit No. 2, while only five of our enlisted men enjoyed the sight of that City. Four enlisted men spent several days at the Rest Camp in Bari, Italy, and two others attended the Rest Camp at San Ceseria, Italy.

Cpl. Rozanski, our Mail Orderly, spent most of the month distributing the many Christmas packages, however, the first class mail took a decrease during the month.

IV. IMPROVEMENTS IN AREA:

Our Squadron Supply was completely redecorated this month. A new system for storage and efficient maintainence of supplies has been made possible thru Lt. Hackleman, our new Mess, Supply and Transportation Officer.

Our new Dispensary was completed during the month. The Medical Personnel have moved in and have everything operating efficiently under their new set up. The Dispensary consists of a reception hall, medical treatment room, office, two store rooms, a large sick bar for personnel on quarters status and a living quar-



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ters for the Medical Personnel.

Much work was done on our new day room, but it will not be completed until next month.

An addition was added to our recently built Carpenter and Electric Shops and it has been taken over by our Armament Shop. Also in our Engineering Area we have a new Engineering Office being constructed by the Italian laborers. This building will be completed in the near future.

Our squadron area remains in a well policed condition.



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V. OPERATIONS:

Our squadron continues to service the 459th Bomb Group (H), comprising the 756th, 757th, 758th, and 759th Bomb Squadron, and the 304th Bomb Wing Headquarters. This is the eleventh month that we have serviced both the 459th Bomb Group (H) and the 304th Bomb Wing Headquarters. Again Much work has been accomplished during the month as shown in part by the following subdivisions.

A. Planes: (1)

1. B-24 J, 42-51416, 459th Bomb Group. Sheet Metal repairs throughtout the aircraft. This plane was recieved on the 22nd of November 1944 and completed on the 1st of December 1944.
2. B-24 J, 42-52007, 459th Bomb Group. Engine change, and sheet metal work. Aircraft was received on the 17th of November 1944 and released on the 3rd of December 1944.
3. B-24 J, 42-51601, 459th Bomb Group. Sheet metal repairs and replaced the nose turret. This plane was received on the 24the November 1944 and all the work was completed on the 4th of December 1944.
4. B-24 J, 42-51604, 459th Bomb Group. This, a pathfinder ship, was modified and painted in compliance with a Fifteenth Air Force Memorandum. This aircraft was received on the 28th of November and released on the 4th of December 1944:
5. B-24 J, 42-51259, 459th Bomb Group. Changed left wing. Aircraft was received on the 18th of November 1944 and completed on the 4th of December.
6. B-24 L, 44-49429, 459th Bomb Group. This, a pathfinder ship, was modified and painted in compliance with a Fifteenth Air Force Memo-



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randum. This aircraft was received on the 5th of December and released on the 8th.

7. B-24 J, 44-10627, 459th Bomb Group. Sheet metal repairs. The plane was received on the 5th of this month and the work completed on the 7th of December.

8. B-24 J, 42-51985, 459th Bomb Group. Repaired left landing gear. This aircraft was received on the 6th and released on the 8th of December 1944.

9. B-24 J, 42-95572, 459th Bomb Group. This, a pathfinder ship, was modified and painted in compliance with a Fifteenth Air Force Memorandum. This aircraft was recieved on the 7th of December and released on the 16th.

10. B-24 J, 42-51553, 449th Bomb Group. Replaced No. 2 Propeller Governor, and replaced right magnito. Aircraft was received on the 12th and completed on the 13th of December 1944.

11. B-24 H, 42-52329, 459th Bomb Group. Salvage - Plane was received on the 16th of December and completed on the 23rd of tne month.

12. B-24 J, 42-51277, 485th Bomb Group. Replaced No. 2, 3 and 4 Propeller governors, replace bomb bay doors and replaced No. 2 turbo amplifier and left inboard brake. The aircraft was received on the 17th and completed on the 19th.

13. B-24 G, 42-78451, 459th Bomb Group. Sheet metal repairs. This aircraft was received on the 18th of December and released on the 20th.

14. B-24 L, 44-49608, 459th Bomb Group. This, a pathfinder ship, was modified and painted in compliance with a Fifteenth Air Force Memorandum. This aircraft was received on the 20th and completed on the 27th.



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15. B-24 L, 44-49044, 459th Bomb Group. Made modifications on this aircraft. The plane was received on the 22nd and completed on the 23rd of this month.

16. B-24 L, 44-49042, 459th Bomb Group. Made modifications on this aircraft. The plane was received on the 22nd and completed on the 23rd of this month.

17. B-24 L, 44-49429, 459th Bomb Group. Made modifications on this aircraft. The plane was received on the 23rd and completed on the 24th of this month.

18. B-24 J, 44-41075, 459th Bomb Group. Change all 4 engines. Plane was received on the 24th of December and as yet is not completed.

19. B-24 J, 42-95572, 459th Bomb Group. Salvage - Aircraft was received on the 24th but is not yet completed.

20. B-24 J, 44-40485, 456th Bomb Group. Replace carberator on No. 4 engine, meshing solenoid on No. 2 engine. Aircraft was received on the 26th and released on the 27th of this month.

21. B-24 J, 42-78377, 454th Bomb Group. Replaced No. 1 supercharger. Aircraft was received on the 26th and released on the 27th.

22. B-24 G, 42-78393, 456th Bomb Group. Engine change and main fuel cell changed. Plane was received on the 29th of December and is not yet completed.

23. B-24 G, 42-78393, 456th Bomb Group. Change Propeller and replace magnito. Aircraft received on the 27th and completed on the 28th.

24. B-24 J, 44-40926, 459th Bomb Group. Sheet metal repairs on right wing and flap. Aircraft was received on the 27th but is not yet completed.



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25. B-24 L, 44-49573, 459th Bomb Group. This, a pathfinder ship, was modified and painted in compliance with a Fifteenth Air Force Memorandum. This aircraft was received on the 29th of December but is not yet completed.

B. Parachutes: (2)

1. Inspected and repacked - 483

2. Repaired - 65

3. Sewing of numerous bags and covers during the month.

C. Aviation Gasoline and Oil: (3)

1. Gasoline consumed - 1,321,488 gallons.

2. Oil consumed - 21,495 gallons.

D. Engines issued by Technical Supply: (3)

1. Engines issued - 44

E. Breathing Oxygen: (3)

1. Bottles of oxygen issued through Tech Supply - 2,221 cylinders.

F. Number of 81's handled by Technical Supply (1 or more items each);(3)

1. 81's handled - 1,925.

G. Requisitions: (3)

1. AOC Requisitions - 74.

2. Total number of requisition on Depot - 409.

H. Electrical Work: (4)

1. 75 batteries charged.

2. Electrical repairs on 3 airplanes during the months.

3. Squadron generators and lighting system kept in condition.





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I. Propellers: (5)

1. Reparable propellers put into service - 2
2. Number of propellers checked and issued by the propeller shop to the 459th Bomb Group - 10.
3. Reparable propellers sent to the depot - 8
4. Number of propellers sent to the depot for salvage - 0

J. Shops:

1. Sheet Metal, Welding, Machine, Radio, Armorment, Plexi-glass, Carpenter, Instrument, and Dope and Fabric Shops greatly contributed to the repairing of the planes.

For the Commanding Officer:

FRANCIS G. KELLEY,
2nd. Lt., Air Corps,
Adjutant.

1. Daily Status Reports and Squadron Engineering Work Orders of the 560th Air Service Squadron for December 1944.
2. Record of 560th Air Service Squadron Parachute Shop for December 1944.
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560TH AIR SERVICE SQUADRON
43RD AIR SERVICE GROUP
APO 520

FGK/rfb

31 January 1945

SUBJECT: Unit History for January 1945.

TO : Commanding Officer, 43rd Service Group, APO 520, US Army.
(Attn: Group Historical Officer).

1. In compliance with Daily Bulletin No. 113, your Headquarters, dated 12 September 1944, one copy of the Unit History of the 560th Air Service Squadron for the month of January 1945 is submitted herewith.

2. This record was complied in accordance with AR 345-125, Letter, Hq., NATOUSA, dated 6 January 1944 and Memorandum 45-5, Hq., XV Air Force Service Command, dated 30 August 1944.

For the Commanding Officer:

FRANCIS G. KELLEY,
2nd. Lt., Air Corps,
Unit Historical Officer.

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43RD AIR SERVICE GROUP

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43RD AIR SERVICE GROUP

FOR THE

MONTH OF JANUARY 1945

I. ORGANIZATIONAL DATA:

A. Facts relating to the Origin of the Unit:

This information was given in the Historical Data Report for the Month of January 1944 and summarized in the report of June 1944. The squadron has been in the 43rd Air Service Group since 3rd of February 1944.

B. Changes in Organization:

1. Changes in designation of the unit:

None.

2. Transfer of the unit as a whole:

None.

3. Commanding Officers:

a. Major FREDERICK F. BARTLETT, O-348685, AC, our Commanding Officer was relieved from assigned and command of this organization and transferred to Hq. and Hq. Squadron, 43rd Air Service Group on the 16th of January per par. 4 Special Order No. 12, 43rd Service Group dated 15 January 1945.

b. Captain ROGER W. VAN BUSKIRK, O-393816, AC, was assigned our organization from the 43rd Service Group and assumed command on the 16th of the month per par. 5 Special Order No. 12, that Headquarters dated 15 January 1945.



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4. Staff Officers:

a. 1st. Lt. VIRGIL R. HACKLEMAN, O-559864, AC, was relieved of his principal duties as Mess, Supply and Transportation Officer and all other additional duties on the 10th of January 1945. 1st Lt. HACKLEMAN was relieved from assignment this organization and departed via rotation to the United States per Letter Order, par. 7, Fifteenth Air Force, dated 15 January 1945.

b. 2nd. Lt. FRANCIS C. KELLEY, O-814333, AC, was designated Mess, Supply and Transportation Officer, Public Relations Officer and Fund Officer for Army Air Force Aid Society in addition to his other duties, vice 1st. Lt. VIRGIL R. HACKLEMAN, relieved.

c. W/O(JG) RONALD R. CANN, W-2121871, AC, joined our organization on the 9th of the month per par. 12, Special Order No. 3, 19th Replacement Battalian and was designated Assistant Technical Supply Officer - Air of this organization.

C. Strength, Commissioned and Enlisted:

| 1. Month of January 1945. | Off | W/O | EM |
|---|---|---|---|
| a. At beginning of Month | 8 | 1 | 214 |
| b. Net increase during the Month | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| c. Net decrease during the Month | 2 | 0 | 1 |
| d. At end of Month | 7 | 2 | 216 |

D. Station:

Cerignola No. 1, Guilia Field, Italy.

E. Movements:

None.



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F. Campaign:

Italian Campaign still in progress - (Rome-Arno Campaign).

II. PERSONNEL:

The 560th Air Service Squadron began the Month of January with eight (8) officers, one (1) Warrant Officer and two hundred fourteen (214) enlisted men. During the month one (1) officer, one (1) Warrant Officer and three enlisted men joined our organization while we lost a total of two (2) officer and one (1) enlisted man. (1)

Sergeant Arthur F. Mack, 6622279, a member of our Transportation Section was transferred to the 1668th Ordnance S & M Company (Aviation) per par. 16 Special Order No. 3, Fifteenth Air Force Service Command and departed from this organization on the 4th of January. (2)

Privates Richard F. Bass, ASN - 34772869, and Samuel E. Cochran, ASN - 14104114, were assigned to our organization from the 81st Air Service Squadron per Letter Order, from 43rd Service Group dated 13 January 1945 and were immediately placed on Detached Service to the 1053rd Military Police Company per par 3 SO # 10, 43rd Service Group, dated 12 January 1945. (3 and 4)

Private First Class Alvea E. Selph, 6980955, was placed on Detached Service to the 1053rd Military Police Company on the 23rd of the month per par 2, Special Order No. 18, 43rd Service Group, dated 23 January 1945 to replace Private Samuel E. Cochran who requested to return to our organization and is now working in our Engineering Section. (5)

Sergeant Ralph W. Fadner Jr., 19055216 was placed on Detached Service to Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, Fifteenth Air Force Service Command for approximately thirty (30) days to assist with the



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filing at that Headquarters per par. 12, Special Order No. 22, that Headquarters, dated 22 January 1945. (6)

Master Sergeant James D. McLeod, Technical Sergeant Lambert D. Jankowski, Staff Sergeants Howard M. Forsyth and Harold B. Fortney, Sergeants George H. Davis and Clem Zaks,ewski and Corporal Frank J. Wirth were placed on Temporary Duty to the United States per Letter Order, Headquarters Fifteenth Air Force, dated 15 January 1945 and left this organization on the 16th. (7)

Private Hilary L. Welsh, 39091643 was placed on Detached Service to the 1440th Ordnance S & M Company, 43rd Air Service Group early in the month per par 3, Special Order No. 4, 43rd Service Group, dated 5 January 1945 and returned to our squadron on the 26th. (8)

Sergeant Horace C. Dail, ASN - 33851768, joined our organization from Hq., 43rd Air Service Group on the 22 of January per Letter Order, that Headquarters, dated 24 January 1945 and was assigned to our Transportation Section. (9)

Privates Duane C. Morris, 39550223 and Blackford Herring, 33442196 were placed on Temporary Duty to the 1246th Quartermaster Company on the 14th per par. 1, Special Order No. 13, 43rd Service Group, dated 16 January 1945 as temporary guards and returned to our organization on the 23rd. (10)

Sergeant Gerald D. Newberry, Pfc. Leslie L. Hirschler and Private Duane C. Morris finally returned to our squadron early in the month after being on duty with the Postal Unit at APU 540 in Bari, Italy for over a month.



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There were but few promotions during the month. Staff Sergeant Joseph L. Milanowski was promoted to the grade of Technical Sergeant, Sergeants John F. Dobrin Jr., Duane M. Madden and Thomas W. Scott made the grade of Staff, Elmo V. Harwell, Roger F. Browning and Hershel F. Crain went from Corporal to Sergeant and Pfc. Martin McDonnell made Corporal making a total of eight (8) promotions for the month of January 1945. (11 and 12)

This month changed the status on our enlisted personnel's overseas' time with twenty-eight (28) completing two years on the 13th and Captain Parkin, Lt. Kelley and seventeen (17) enlisted men came into the "B" class by completing their first year of foreign service. Our organization now has a total of 123 enlisted men with two years and over and to date 39 are growing on the second year mark, however some of the "old timers" have returned to the States on Temporary Duty, but are still carried under this classification.

1. Morning Report - 560th Air Serv. Sq.
2. Special Order No. 3, Fifteenth Air Force Service Command,
3. Letter Order, Hq., 43rd Serv. Gp.
4. Special Order No. 10, Hq., 43rd Service Group, dated 12 January 1945
5. Special Order No. 18, Hq., 43rd Service Group, dated 23 January 1945
6. Special Order No. 22, XV Air Force Service Command, dated 22 Jan. 45
7. Letter Order, Fifteenth Air Force, dated 15 January 1945
8. Special Order No. 4, Hq., 43rd Service Group, dated 5 January 1945
9. Letter Order, Hq., 43rd Service Group, dated 24 January 1945
10. Special Order No. 13, Hq., 43rd Service Group, dated 16 January 1945
11. Special Order No. 1, Hq., 43rd Service Group, dated 1 January 1945
12. Special Order No. 12, Hq., 43rd Service Group, dated 15 January 1945



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III. MORALS AND TRAINING:

With Major Bartlett, Lt. Hackleman returning to the States on rotation, the six enlisted men leaving on Temporary Duty to the United States and next month quota being filled by M/Sgt. Frederick G. Stumpp, S/Sgt. Duane M. Hadden, S/Sgt. Thomas W. Scott, Sgt. Adolph J. Sarna and Cpl. John M. Foresha the morale in the squadron remained high during the month of January 1945. The new gains on all the fighting fronts has also encouraged the men greatly with a view that this war will end in the near future.

Now that our new day room has been finished you see new faces running in and out that were never seen in our old day room. The men all enjoy the equipment the Special Service has donated our Squadron for their entertainment. The ping-pong table hardly sees a dull moment since we received our last issue of balls, and the personnel are enjoying the inside sports much more since it has turned cold.

Our basket-ball team continued its practice during the month and have shown much improvement. The "Night Team" are in the top markings, however the "Early Birds" are in the lower brackets at present but hope to be in the higher margin in the near future.

Our personnel still had the opportunity of attending the Little Theater in Cerignola, Italy each night and also at the 459th Bomb Group. Several good stage shows were made available for the personnel during the month.

Orientation lectures were given to our personnel and also on several occasions our Ground Safety Officer gave the squadron lectures.

The usual inspections of the organization were made by Squadron and



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Group Officers. We had an Administrative and Technical Inspection on the 1st of the month held by Major Kuenlen, S-3 Officer of the 43rd Service Group.

The men continued to have their three day passes during the month, exclusive of their one day each week. Several attempts were made for the personnel to attend the various Rest Camps, but unfortunately the weather held them back. Sergeants Browning, Waggoner and Snipes all enjoyed a ten day rest at Santa Cesaria, in the toe of Italy.

We are all hoping for an increase in mail now that the Christmas rush is over. During the month of January the letters were few and far between.

IV. IMPROVEMENTS IN AREA:

Under the leadership of Captain ROGER W. VAN BUSKIRK, our new Commanding Officer, our squadron has already shown an improvement. Plans are being made for a better squadron area and living condition for the enlisted personnel.

Our day room was completed this month. In the rear of the building a room was partitioned off for our mail room and also the Post Exchange. In the day room we have a ping-pong table, several writing tables, a library, radio, records and games issued to us by the Special Service and comfortable chairs so the men can sit and read.

Our Technical Supply has been completely remodeled during the month. The offices were partitioned off with beaver board, floors put in, new files, and now inables a better heating system besides the good appearance. Storage tents have been erected beside the Technical Supply building for



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the storage of tires and such items and for the preparation of serviceable and repairable parts shipment to the Depot. Also during the month a complete inventory was taken of the stock and all the bins were remarked.

Our new Engineering Office was completed during the month. Its new varnished desks add greatly to the neat appearance as you enter the door. Charts have been placed on the walls with diagrams of the B-24 aircraft. A new Status Chart and pertection precautions against aircraft are also placed where the personnel can plainly see them.

The garage in the Transportation Area showed great improvement this month and should be completed in the near future. When this building is completed their will be two working stalls for the vehicles, grease pit, a battery room, tool room and office.

Tents were rearranged to a certain extent during the month. A uniform arrangement of bunks, footlockers and clothes-racks has been accomplished in each of the tents. An inspection was made during the month to insure that each tent had sand buckets and water buckets for protection against fire hazards.

Throughout the squadron area crushed rock has been placed in the mud holes and has helped greatly since the rainy season. Low rock walls have been made around the flag pole, day room and in front of the Orderly Room which adds to the appearance of our squadron area.

Much work was done in our old day room which is being converted into a new Orderly Room. This accomplishment should be completed in the next few weeks.



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V. OPERATIONS:

Our squadron continues to service the 459th Bomb Group (H), comprising the 758th, 757th, 758th, and 759th Bomb Squadrons, and the 304th Bomb Wing Headquarters. This is the twelfth month that we have serviced both the 459th Bomb Group (H) and the 304th Bomb Wing Headquarters. Again much work has been accomplished during the month as shown in part by the following subdivisions:

A. Planes: (1)

1. B-24 L, 44-49675, 459th Bomb Group. This, a pathfinder ship, was modified and painted in compliance with a Fifteenth Air Force Memorandum. This aircraft was received on the 29th of December 1944 and completed on the 5th of January 1945.
2. B-24 J, 44-40926, 459th Bomb Group. Sheet metal repairs on right wing and right wing flap. This aircraft was received on the 27th of December 1944 and completed on the 4th of January 1945.
3. B-24 J, 42-51960, 459th Bomb Group. Change fuel cells, sheet metal repairs. The aircraft was received on the 5th of January and released on the 12th.
4. B-24 L, 44-49532, 459th Bomb Group. This, a pathfinder ship, was modified and painted in compliance with a Fifteenth Air Force Memorandum. This aircraft was received on the 5th of January and completed on the 9th of the month.
5. B-24 L, 44-49042, 459th Bomb Group. Changed on engine, changed two main fuel cells, made sheet metal repairs. This aircraft was received on the 27th of December 1944 and released on the 6th of January 1945.



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6. B-24 J, 44-41075, 459th Bomb Group. Changed four (4) engines. This aircraft was received on the 24th of December 1944 and completed on the 6th of January 1945.

7. B-24 J, 42-51986, 98th Bomb Group. Changed No. 4 engine, sheet metal repairs. The aircraft was received on the 9th of January and completed on the 14th

8. B-24 L, 44-49053, 459th Bomb Group. This, a pathfinder ship, was modified and painted in compliance with a Fifteenth Air Force Memorandum. This aircraft was received on the 9th of January and completed on the 16th.

9. B-24 J, 42-51978, 459th Bomb Group. Replaced nose turret. The aircraft was recieved on the 11th of January and completed on the 14th of this month.

10. B-24 H, 41-28898, 459th Bomb Group. Radio modifications. This aircraft was received on the 10th and released on the 12th.

11. B-24 J, 42-52007, 459th Bomb Group. Repaired nose section, right main spar and tail section. This aircraft was received on the 16th but is not yet completed.

12. B-24 J, 42-78612, 459th Bomb Group. Sheet metal repairs, received on the 21st of January and completed on the 24th of this month.

13. B-24 H, 42-50275, 459th Bomb Group. Sheet metal repair in horizontal stabilizer right elevator left and right outer wing panel. This air craft was received on the 22nd but is not yet completed.



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14. B-25 D, 41-29694, 22nd Tactical Command. Replaced life raft door assymbly, left elevator, horizontal stabilizer. This aircraft was received on the 28th of January and completed on the 31st.

B. Parachutes: (2)

1. Inspected and repacked - 462

2. Repaired - 43

3. Sewing on numerous bags and modified 15 parachutes.

C. Aviation Gasoline and Oil: (3)

1. Gasoline consumed - 692,472 gallons.

2. Oil consumed - 12,555 gallons.

D. Engines issued by Technical Supply: (3)

1. Engines issued - 35

E. Breathing Oxygen: (3)

1. Bottles of oxygen issued through Tech Supply - 1,494 cylinders.

F. Number of 81's handled by Technical Supply (1 or more items each): (3)

1. 81's handled - 1,594

G. Requisitions: (3)

1. AOC Requisitions - 87

2. Total number of requisitions on Depot - 462.

H. Electrical Work: (4)

1. 64 batteries charged.

2. Electrical repairs on 4 airplanes during the months.

3. Put lighting system in new buildings.

4. Squadron generators and lighting system kept in condition.



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I. Propellers: (5)

1. Reparable propellers put into service - 13
2. Number of propellers checked and issued by the propeller shop to the 459th Bomb Group - 6
3. Reparable propellers sent to the depot - 10
4. Number of propellers sent to the depot for salvage - 0

J. Shops:

Sheet Metal, Welding, Machine, Radio, Armorment, Plexi-glass, Carpenter, Instrument, and Dope and Fabric Shops greatly contricuted to the repairing of the planes.

For the Commanding Officer:

FRANCIS G. KELLEY,
2nd. Lt., Air Corps,
Unit Historical Officer.

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560TH AIR SERVICE SQUADRON
43RD AIR SERVICE GROUP
APO 520

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28 February 1945

SUBJECT: Unit History for February 1945.

TO : Commanding Officer, 43rd Air Service Group, APO 520, US Army, (Attn: Group Historical Officer).

1. In compliance with Daily Bulletin No. 113, your Headquarters, dated 12 September 1944, one complete copy of the Unit History of the 560th Air Service Squadron for the month of February 1945 is submitted herewith.

2. This record was complied in accordance with AR 345-125, Letter, Hq., NATOUSA, dated 6 January 1944 and Memorandum 45-5, Hq., XV Air Force Service Command, dated 30 August 1944.

For the Commanding Officer:

Francis G. Kelley

FRANCIS G. KELLEY,
1st. Lt., Air Corps,
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FOR THE

MONTH OF FEBRUARY 1945

I. ORGANIZATIONAL DATA:

A. Facts relating to the Origin of the Unit:

This information was given in the Historical Data Report for the Month of January 1944 and summarized in the report of June 1944. The squadron has been in the 43rd Air Service Group since 3rd February 1944.

B. Changes in Organization.

1. Changes in designation of the unit:

None.

2. Transfer of the unit as a whole:

None.

3. Commanding Officers:

Major JAMES A. SCHMITT, O-885429, AC, on Temporary Duty in the United States, was transferred to Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, 43rd Air Service Group per Par 2, Special Order No. 21, that Headquarters. This transfer was effective in January 1945.

4. Staff Officers:

a. Capt. HARRY R. LANGHAM, O-2053922, AC, was relieved of his duty as Transportation Officer effective 28 February 1945.

b. 1st Lt FRANCIS G. KELLEY, O-814333, AC was relieved of his duty as Squadron Supply Officer effective 28 February 1945.





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c. 2nd Lt. RAEFORD G. DIXON, O-678842, AC, joined our organization from the 558th Air Service Squadron on the 22nd of this month per Par 4, Special Order No. 39, Hq., 43rd Air Service Group and was designated Transportation and Squadron Supply Officer.

C. Strength, Commissioned and Enlisted:

| 1. Month of February 1945 | Off | W/O | EM |
|---|---|---|---|
| a. At beginning of Month | 6 | 2 | 216 |
| b. Net increase during the Month | 1 | 0 | 4 |
| c. Net decrease during the Month | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| d. At end of Month | 7 | 2 | 218 |

D. Station:

Cerignola No. 1, Guilia Field, Italy.

E. Movements: None

F. Campaign:

Italian Campaign still in progress.

II. PERSONNEL:

The 560th Air Service Squadron began the Month of February with six (6) Officers, two (2) Warrant Officers and two hundred sixteen (216) Enlisted Men. During the month one (1) Officer and four (4) Enlisted Men joined our organization while we lost a total of two (2) Enlisted Men.

Staff Sergeant Lloyd J. Zimmerman, 16030182, joined our squadron on February 2nd, fresh from the States, per Par. 10, Special Order No. 30, Hq., 19th Replacement Battalion. He was assigned to our sheet metal shop.



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Pfc. Joseph G. Leto, 20310676, was transferred on the 6th of this month to the Detachment of Patients, 26th General Hospital, Per Par. 2, Special Order No. 34, that Headquarters and then was reasigned to our organization on the 25th per Par 7, Special Order No. 56, that Headquarters.

M/Sgt. Richard E. Piper, S/Sgts. John F. Dobrin, Glenn D. Brickson, Clyde L. Guenseth, Walter R. Mackowiak, Arland L. Walker, Sgts. Lewis D. Adams, Herbert L. Raff, Cpl. Charles L. Byrd and Pfc. John I. Gates were placed on Temporary Duty to the 360th Air Service Squadron for approximately fourteen (14) days per Par. 6, Special Order No. 41, Hq., Fifteenth Air Force Service Command.

Staff Sergeants Duane M. Madden, Thomas W. Scott, Robert W. Willis, Sergeant Adolph J. Sarna, and Corporal John M. Foresha were placed on Temporary Duty to the United States per Letter Order, Headquarters, Fifteenth Air Force, dated 15 February 1945, and left this organization on the 16th.

Corporal Michael Dudovich, 33159407, was assigned to our organization on the 21st, but remained on Detached Service to the Fifteenth Air Force per Par. 3, Special Order No. 41, Hq., Fifteenth Air Force.

Pfc. Benedict Schnirring, 32701985, was assigned to our organization from the 98th Bomb Group and placed on Detached Service to Hq., Fifteenth Air Force Per Par. 3, Special Order No. 41, Hq., XV AF.

Private James O. Willis, 35259050, was transferred on the 22nd to the Detachment of Patients, 26th General Hospital, per Par. 5, SO No. 51, that Headquarters.



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During the month of February 2nd. Lt., Francis G. Kelley was promoted to the rank of 1st. Lt., Air Corps, per Par. 10 Special Order No. 38, Headquarters, Fifteenth Air Force. Also during the month John T. Gates, Leslie L. Hirschler, Salim E. Jaffs, Robert S. McCauly, Lee W. Meeker, George Foye, and Donald E. Schuldt and Benjamin A. Longo were promoted to the grade of Corporal and Harry Breitstein was promoted to the grade of Private First Class making a total of ten (10) promotions for the month of February 1945.

Cpl. Franklin O. Gates, Cpl. Erwin H. W. Grone, Private Albert E. Salazar came into the "D" class this month by completing 24 months of foreign service, and also completing their first year overseas were Charles L. Cervenka, Carl D. Crawford, Richard C. DeLaFuente, Glenn D. Erickson, Leo R. Fisher, Herbert F. Raff and Roy Knight, leaving a total of only 43 of our enlisted men with less then a year of Foreign Service.

III. MORALE AND TRAINING:

The morale in the squadron remained high during the month of February. An increasing factor was that Special Service has given us the use of a movie projector and film and now once again we have movies right on our base.

Our new bar and sandwich counter has also interested more personnel, and now the men are finding themselves contented to stay in camp and enjoy the entertainment furnished them here.

A ping-pong tournament was started throught out the Group and now we stand with four wins and one loss to Hq & Hq Sq. S/Sgt. Earl



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J. Bingham, Sgt. Roger F. Browning, Cpl. Stanley J. Rozanski, and Pfcs. Norman M. Warfle and Raquel R. Martinez are representing the 560th.

In addition to the Orientation Lectures this month the personnel were given a Chemical Warfare Lecture and Demonstration by Lt. Seigel from 43rd Air Service Group. Also serveral Training Films were shown on our base.

The usual inspections of the organization were made by Squadron and Group Officers. We had an Administrative and Technical Inspection on the 1st of the month held by Major Kuenlen, S-3 Officer of the Group. Also this month we had an inspection by the Inspector General from Fifteenth Air Force Service Command.

The personnel were still given three day passes during the month, but Lt. Kelley was the only member of this organization to attend a Rest Camp.

IV. IMPROVEMENTS IN AREA:

Once again much work was done throughout the squadron to improve the area. Our new Orderly Room was completed on the 27th. One side was partitioned off for the Commanding Officer and Adjutant and another partition was made for our Mail Orderly.

The old Orderly Room was converted into a lounge for the officers. Our old ping-pong table was placed in there along with card tables and comfortable chairs.

Our bar was completely redecorated during the month. A snack bar was also established and now the men can get hot toasted sandwiches, coffee or juices.



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V. OPERATIONS:

Our squadron continues to service the 459th Bomb Group (H), comprising the 756th, 757th, 758th and 759th Bomb Squadron, and the 304th Bomb Wing Headquarters. This is the thirteenth month that we have serviced both the 459th Bomb Group (H) and the 304th Bomb Wing Headquarters. Again much work has been accomplished during the month as shown in part by the following subdivisions:

A. Planes: (1)

1. B-24 J, 42-78693, 450th Bomb Group. Replaced No. 2 propeller switch, trouble chute and No. 2 engine. This aircraft was received on the 1st and completed on the 2nd.
2. B-24 J, 42-51416,459 th Bomb Group. Repaired left wing and replaced left aileron. This aircraft was received on the 2nd and released on the 4th of February.
3. B-24 J, 42-52007, 459th Bomb Group. Repaired nose section, tail section, right main spar. This aircraft was received on the 16th of January and completed on the 2nd of February.
4. B-24 H, 42-50295, 459th Bomb Group. Repaired horizontal stabilizer right elevator, left and right outer wing panels and made modifications. This aircraft was recieved on the 22nd of January and released on the 2nd of February.
5. B-24 L, 44-10626, 459th Bomb Group. Replaced right landing gear assembly. This aircraft was received on the 3rd and completed on the 6th.



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6. B-24 J, 44-10569, 454th Bomb Group. Salvage. This aircraft was received on the 6th and completed on the 15th.

7. B-24 J, 44-49608, 459th Bomb Group. Sheet metal repairs on wings, throughout the fuselage, changed No. 2 engine, replaced air ducts in No. 4 engine. This aircraft was received on the 8th and completed on the 14th.

8. B-24 J, 42-52007, 459th Bomb Group. Camera mount modifications. Received on the 13th and released on the 16th.

9. B-24 J, 42-51418, 459th Bomb Group. Replaced cables, sheet metal repairs, installed radio compass. This aircraft was received on the 14th and completed on the 16th.

10. B-24 L, 44-49311, 459th Bomb Group. Repaired flak damage in the horizontal and vertical stabilizer, made radio instillations, Received on the 15th and released on the 22nd.

11. B-17 G, 44-8123, 97th Bomb Group. Changed No. 2 engine and replaced the brakes. Received on the 15th and released on the 22nd.

12. B-24 J, 42-51634, 459th Bomb Group. Changes No. 4 engine, repaired right side of fuselage and repaired the front and rear bomb bay doors. This aircraft was received on the 16th and released on the 25th.

13. B-24 J, 42-51416, 459th Bomb Group. Changed main fuel cells, changed No. 1 engine, sheet metal repairs. Received on the 18th and completed on the 27th.





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14. B-24 L, 44-49608, 459th Bomb Group. Replaced the wiring and repaired right side of fuselage. This aircraft was received on the 19th and completed on the 22nd.

15. B-24 L, 44-49748, 459th Bomb Group. Repair left and right wings, horizontal stabilizer and the aileron and fuselage. This aircraft was received on the 26th, but is not yet completed.

16. B-24 L, 44-49748, 459th Bomb Group. Radar modifications, Received on the 20th and completed on the 24th.

17. B-24 L, 44-49053, 459th Bomb Group. Sheet metal repairs, install camera mount, replace main fuel cells. This aircraft was received on the 20th, but is not yet completed.

18. B-24 J, 42-51528, 459th Bomb Group. Sheet metal repairs in the right wing and throughout the fuselage. This aircraft was received on the 23rd and completed on the 28th.

19. B-24 L, 44-49822, 459th Bomb Group. Sheet metal repairs on left wing and throughout the fuselage. Received on the 23rd and completed on the 28th.

20. B-24 J, 42-51985, 459th Bomb Group. Salvage. This aircraft was received on the 25th, but is not yet completed.

21. B-24 H, 42-95350, 459th Bomb Group. Change main landing gears, change main fuel cells, sheet metal repairs. Received on the 26th, but is not yet completed.

22. B-24 J, 42-51582, 459th Bomb Group. Repair left wing and flap, left and right side of fuselage. Received on the 26th, not yet completed.



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B. Parachutes: (2)

1. Inspected and repacked - 539

2. Repaired - 51

C. Aviation Gasoline and Oil: (3)

1. Gasoline consumed - 1,748,734 gallons.

2. Oil consumed - 32,585

D. Engines issued by Technical Supply: (3)

1. Engines issued - 46

E. Breathing Oxygen: (3)

1. Bottles of oxygen issued through Tech Supply - 2,297 cylinders.

F. Number of 81's handled by Technical Supply (1 or more items each);(3)

1. 81's handled - 2,233

G. Requisitions: (3)

1. AOC Requisitions - 151

2. Total number of requisitions on Depot - 429

H. Electrical Work: (4)

1. 71 batteries charged.

2. Electrical repairs on 8 airplanes during the months.

I. Propellers: (5)

1. Reparable propellers put into service - 18

2. Number of propellers checked and issued by the propeller shop to the 459th Bomb Group - 8

3. Reparable propellers sent to the depot - 11

4. Number of propellers sent to the depot for salvage - 0





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J. Shops:

Sheet Metal, Welding, Machine, Radio, Armorment, Plexi-glass, Carpenter, Instrument, and Dope and Fabric Shops greatly contributed to the repairing of the planes.

For the Commanding Officer:

Francis G. Kelley

FRANCIS G. KELLEY,
1st. Lt., Air Corps,
Unit Historical Officer.

1. Daily Status Reports and Squadron Engineering Work Orders of the 560th Air Service Squadron for February 1945.
2. Record of 560th Air Service Squadron Parachute Shop for February 1945.
3. Daily 17 Item Report, 560th Air Service Squadron Technical Supply, Official records and files for February 1945.
4. Records of 560th Air Service Squadron Electric Shop for February 1945.
5. Records of 560th Air Service Squadron Propeller Shop for February 1945.



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560TH AIR SERVICE SQUADRON
43RD AIR SERVICE GROUP
APO 520

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4 April 1945

SUBJECT: Unit History For March 1945.

TO : Commanding Officer, 43rd Air Service Group, APO 520, US Army.
(Attn: Group Historical Officer).

1. In compliance with Daily Bulletin No. 113, your Headquarters, dtd 12 September 1944, one complete copy of the Unit History of the 560th Air Service Squadron for the month of March 1945 is submitted herewith.

2. This record was complied in accordance with AR 345-125, Letter, Hq., NATOUSA, dated 6 January 1944 and Memorandum 45-5, Hq., XV Air Force Service Command, dated 30 August 1944.

For the Commanding Officer:

Francis G. Kelley
FRANCIS G. KELLEY,
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UNIT HISTORY OF THE 560TH AIR SERVICE SQUADRON

43RD AIR SERVICE GROUP

FOR THE

MONTH OF MARCH 1945

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43RD AIR SERVICE GROUP

FOR THE

MONTH OF MARCH 1945

I. ORGANIZATIONAL DATA:

A. Facts relating to the Origin of the Unit.

This information was given in the Historical Data Report for the Month of January 1944 and summarized in the report of June 1944. The squadron has been in the 43rd Air Service Group since 3rd February 1944.

B. Changes in Organization.

1. Changes in designation of the unit:

None.

2. Transfer of the unit as a whole:

None.

3. Commanding Officers:

None.

4. Staff Officers:

a. Captain GEORGE L. PARKIN, O-517872, MC, our Squadron Surgeon was relelved from assignment this organization and transferred to the 7th Replacement Depot for trans-shipment to the United States per Letter Order, Headquarters Fifteenth Air Force, dated 26 March 1945 and left this organization on the 29th of March.

C. Strength, Commissioned and Enlisted:

| 1. Month of March 1945 | Off | W/O | EM |
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| a. At beginning of Month | 7 | 2 | 218 |



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| b. Net increase during the Month | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| c. Net decrease during the Month | 1 | 0 | 3 |
| d. At end of Month | 6 | 2 | 220 |

D. Station:

Cerignola No. 1, Guilia Field, Italy.

E. Movements: None

F. Campaign:

Italian Campaign still in progress.

II. PERSONNEL:

The 560th Air Service Squadron began the Month of March with seven (7) Officers, two (2) Warrant Officers and two hundred eighteen (218) Enlisted Men. During the month five (5) enlisted men joined our organization while we lost a total of one (1) Officer and three (3) Enlisted Men.

Private Charles W. Reilly, 33715600, joined our squadron on the 11th from the 1150th Quartermaster Company per Letter Order, 43rd Air Service Group, and was assigned to our Engineering Section.

Private Adelard E. Girard, 39526113, a member of our Transportation Section, was relelved from assignment this squadron and transferred to the 2232nd Quartermaster Truck Company on the 14th per Letter Order, Hq, 43rd Air Service Group.

Corporal Harley B. Hanes, 38086691, joined our organization on the 14th from the 2232nd Quartermaster Truck Company per Letter Order, Hq., 43rd Air Service Group. He was warded to the Transportation Section.

F/Sgt. William J. Babicky, T/Sgts. James E. Amburn and Delbert H. Tharp, S/Sgt. Earl J. Bingham and Cpl. George Wolf were placed on Tempor-



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ary Duty to the United States per Letter Order, Headquarters, Fifteenth Air Force, dated 15 March 1945, and left this organization on the 15th.

Pfc. Joseph J. Bartosik, 21212147, was relieved from assignment this organization and transferred to the 7th Replacement Depot for transshipment to the United States via "Permanent Rotation", per Letter Order, Headquarters, Fifteenth Air Force, dated 15 March 1945. He left this organization on the 15th.

Master Sergeants James H. Haynes and John Kitzak were assigned to our squadron on the 20th from Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, Fifteenth Air Force and placed on Detached Service to the 81st Air Service Squadron per paragraph 4, Special Order No. 71, Headquarters, 22nd Replacement Battalian.

Private Dan O. Jordan, 34043687, Detached Service to Headquarters Squadron, XV Air Force Service Command, was relieved from assignment this organization and transferred to the 7th Replacement Depot for return to the United States per paragraph 5, Special Order No. 81, Hq., XV Air Force Service Command.

Private Albert B. Salazar, 39169993, finally returned to our squadron after being on Detached Service to the 1053rd Military Police Company for several months.

1st Lt. WILLIAM M. RICE, O-867270, was placed on Detached Service to the 81st Air Service Squadron on the 27th for an indeterminate period per paragraph 10, Special Order No. 85, Hq., XV Air Force Service Command.

M/Sgt. Richard E. Piper, and S/Sgts. Glenn D. Erickson, Clyde L. Guenseth and Charles B. Robertson were placed on Detached Service to Oper-





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ation "B" for an indeterminate period per paragraph 1, Special Order No. 62, Hq., 43rd Air Service Group and left this organization on the 27th.

S/Sgt. Andrew J. Walko, Cpl. John C. Krcil and Pfc. John J. Cawley rejoined our organization on the 29th after being on Temporary Duty to the United States since December of 1944.

Private Lloyd R. McFarlin, 19073331, joined our organization on the 30 March per Letter order, 43rd Air Service Group and was assigned to our Sheet Metal Shop.

There were very few promotions during the month of March. Technician 5th grade Harley B. Hanes was promoted to Corporal and Privates Kenneth O. Davidson, Duane C. Morris, and Alexander A. Saucedo were promoted to the grade of Private First Class per paragraph 4, Special Order No. 51, Hq., 43rd Air Service Group.

Fifty-seven (57) of our Enlisted Personnel completed thirty (30) months of Foreign Service on the 21st of March, although some of them have returned to the United States on Temporary Duty. Also this month twenty-nine (29) of our Enlisted Men completed their first year of Foreign Service.

III. MORALE:

The morale in this organization remained high during the month of March. On two occasions the 43rd Air Service Group ochestra visited our bar. The USA USO Show (Noveliers) also came to our squadron and gave our men the biggest entertainment of the month.

Ourside sports are again becomming popular with the men. A base-ball team has been organized, but to date haven't played any games. The men played volley-ball during their noon hour and after working hours all thru the month. A soft-ball team is to be organized in the near future.



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Chemical Warefare was stressed strongly during the month. Every Monday the personnel carried their masks to work and at 11:20 hours we had a "Gas Alert". CWO Palermo gave gas lectures every week during the month in place of our regular orientation lectures.

Lt. Thompson from the 1440th Ordnance Company gave the personnel an orientation lecture on the "War in the Pacific" and on another occasion the men heard an orientation lecture on "Japan and her people" by Mr. Janway from the American Red Cross.

The usual inspections of the organization were made by Squadron and Group Officers. Major Schmitt, Air Inspector of the 45rd Air Service Group, made an inspection of the squadron early in the month.

Personnel were still given three day pass during the month, however, they could only visit Cerignola and had to report back to camp each night. CWO Palermo and W/O (JG) Carr both visited the Rest Camp in Rome this month and during the monthof April our enlisted men will have the opportunity of visiting that Rest Camp.

IV. IMPROVEMENTS IN AREA:

There have been so many improvements in the Squadron Area during the past year that there wasn't much that could be done during the month of March. Gas alarms were placed throughout the area and also gas detectors. A baseball diamond was made in back of our engineering office.



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V. OPERATIONS:

Our squadron continues to service the 459th Bomb Group (H), comprising the 756th, 757th, 758th and 759th Bomb Squadrons, and the 304th Bomb Wing Headquarters. This is the fourteenth month that we have serviced both the 459th Bomb Group (H) and the 304th Bomb Wing Headquarters. Again much work has been accomplished during the month as shown in part by the following subdivisions:

A. Planes: (1)

1. B-24 J, 42-51816, 459th Bomb Group. Repaired flak damage in left and right wing. This aircraft was received on the 1st of March and completed on the 8th.
2. B-24 J, 42-51528, 459th Bomb Group. Sheet metal repairs on right wing and throughout fuselage. This aircraft was received on the 23rd of February and completed on the 1st of March.
3. B-24 L, 44-49822, 459th Bomb Group. Sheet metal repairs on left wing and throughout fuselage. Received on the 23rd of February and completed on the 1st of March.
4. B-24 L, 44-49632, 459th Bomb Group. Sheet metal repairs, replaced hydraulic tubing, replaced electrical wiring. This aircraft was received on the 2nd of March and completed on the 9th.
5. B-24 L, 44-49788, 459th Bomb Group. Changed left wing, replaced aileron cables, repared flak damages. This aircraft was received on the 2nd of March and released on the 23rd.
6. B-24 L, 44-49748, 459th Bomb Group. Repaired left and right wing, horizontal stabilizer and aileron. This aircraft was received on the 27th of February and completed on the 3rd of March.



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7. B-24 L, 44-49053, 459th Bomb Group. Repaired flak damages throughout fuselage, made camera mount instillation. This aircraft was received on the 20th of February and released on the 3rd of March.

8. B-24 H, 42-95350, 459th Bomb Group. Changed main landing gear, two main fuel cells, repaired flak damages. Aircraft received on the 27 February and released on the 4th of March.

9. B-24 J, 42-51582, 459th Bomb Group. Repaired left wing and flap, repaired left and right side of fuselage. Received on the 27th of February and completed the 4th of March.

10. B-24 M, 44-50559, 459th Bomb Group. Made antenna instillations. This aircraft was received on the 6th of March and released the same day.

11. B-24 L, 44-49521, 459th Bomb Group. Made antenna instillations. This aircraft was received on the 6th of March and released the same day.

12. B-24 L, 44-47795, 459th Bomb Group. Made antenna instillations. This aircraft was received on the 7th of March and releas ed the same day.

13. B-24 J, 42-51634, 459th Bomb Group. Made camera mount instillation, and antenna instillations. This aircraft was received on the 10th and completed the same day.

14. B-24 J, 42-51978, 459th Bomb Group. Repaired right and left wing flak damages and throughout the fuselage. This aircraft was received on the 12th of March and completed on the 21st.



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15. B-24 L, 44-49795, 459th Bomb Group. Radar modifications and made radio instillations. This aircraft was received on the 14th of March and completed on the 15th.

16. B-24 L, 44-49397, 454th Bomb Group. Repaired left wing, repaired rear main spar, repaird flak damages in fuselage. This aircraft was received on the 16th and completed on the 19th.

17. B-24 G, 42-79214, 459th Bomb Group. Replaced main landing gear. This aircraft was received on the 16th of March and completed on the 22nd.

18. B-24 M, 44-50559, 459th Bomb Group. Repaired and replaced wheel gear assembly. Received on the 22nd and completed on the 31st.

19. B-24 J, 42-50487, 459th Bomb Group. Removed radar jammer system. This aircraft was received and released on the 23rd of March.

20. B-24 M, 44-50433, 459th Bomb Group. Replaced three auxillary fuel cells, replaced super charger on No. 1 engine, made sheet metal repairs. This aircraft was received on the 24th of March and released on the 30th.

21. B-24 H, 41-21984. 459th Bomb Group. Repaired hydraulic system and flak damages in right wing. Aircraft was recieved on the 24th and completed on the 29th.

22. B-24 J, 41-20585, 459th Bomb Group. Sheet metal repairs on right wing and fuselage and replaced 3 main fuel cells. Aircraft was received on the 25th of March and completed on the 31st.

23. B-24 J, 42-51416, 459th Bomb Group. Replaced rear turret. Aircraft was received on the 27th of March and released on the 29th.



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24. B-24, 44-49788, 459th Bomb Group. Repaired hydraulic system, repaired flak damages in fuselage and wing, replaced No. 2 engine. This aircraft was received on the 27th, but is not yet completed.

25. B-24 H, 41-29510, 456th Bomb Group. Replaced front bombay door, checked No. 2 engine. This aircraft was recieved 28th and completed on the 29th of March.

26. B-24 H, 42-52475, 459th Bomb Group. Made antenna instillations. This aircraft was received on the 28th of Marchand released the same day.

27. P-51 B, 43-24880, 33rd Fighter Group. Replaced tail wheel, tire and tube, trouble chute. This aircraft was received on the 30th of March and released on the 31st.

28. B-24 J, 42-51985, 459th Bomb Group. Salvage. This aircraft was received on the 22nd of February and completed on the 28th of March.

29. B-24 J, 42-51989, 343rd Bomb Squadron, 98th Bomb Group. Changed No. 3 engine, changed oil cooler, repaired flak damages in right rear bombay door.

30. B-24 J, 42-51543, 743rd Bomb Squadron, 455th Bomb Group. Replaced No. 2 and 4. engines, replaced No. 2 propeller governor, replaced No. 4 propeller, repaired right out-board wing panel.

31. B-24 J, 44-41089, 746th Bomb Squadron, 456th Bomb Group. Changed No. 1 and 2 engines, changed No. 3 propeller, changed left tire.

32. B-24 J, 42-78511, 782nd Bomb Squadron, 465th Bomb Group. Changed No. 1 engine, repaired flak damages throughout wing and fuselage.





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33. B-24 H, 42-52371, 824th Bomb Squadron, 484th Bomb Group. Changed No. engine, super charger and propeller, replaced right tire, removed ball turret.

B. Parachutes: (2)

1. Inspected and repacked - 606

2. Repaired - 60

C. Aviation Gasoline and Oil: (3)

1. Gasoline consumed - 2,258,810 gallons.

2. Oil consumed - 31,315 gallons

D. Engines issued by Technical Supply: (3)

1. Engines issued - 55

E. Breathing Oxygen: (3)

1. Bottles of oxygen issued through Tech Supply - 2,739 cylinders.

F. Number of 81's handled by Tech Supply (1 or more items each): (3)

1. 81's handled - 2,433

G. Requisitions: (3)

1. AOC Requisitions - 181

2. Total number of requisitions on Depot - 495

H. Electrical Work: (4)

1. 60 batteries charged.

2. Electrical repairs on 7 airplanes during the months.

I. Propellers: (5)

1. Reparable propellers put into service - 16

2. Number of propellers checked and issued by the propeller shop to the 459th Bomb Group - 6





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3. Reparable propellers sent to the depot - 7

4. Number of propellers sent to the depot for salvage - 0

J. Shops:

Sheet Metal, Welding, Machine, Radio, Armorment, Flexi-glass, Carpenter, Instrument, and Dope and Fabric Shops greatly contributed to the repairing of the planes.

For the Commanding Officer:

Francis G. Kelley

FRANCIS G. KELLEY,
1st. Lt., Air Corps,
Unit Historical Officer.

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560TH AIR SERVICE SQUADRON
43RD AIR SERVICE GROUP
APO 520

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4 May 1945.

SUBJECT: Unit History For April 1945.

TO : Commanding Officer, 43rd Air Service Group, APO 520, US Army.
(ATTN: Group Historical Officer).

1. In compliance with Daily Bulletin No. 113, your Headquarters, dated 12 September 1944, one complete copy of the Unit History ofthe 560th Air Service Squadron for the month of April 1945 is submitted herewith.

2. This record was compiled in accordance with AR 345-125, Letter, Hq., NATOUSA, dated 6 January 1944 and Memorandum 45-5, Hq., XV Air Force Service Command, dated 30 August 1944.

For the Commanding Officer:

JOHN S. SCOTCHLAS
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Unit Historical Officer.

1 Incl:
1 - Unit History for April 1945.



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UNIT HISTORY OF THE 560TH AIR SERVICE SQUADRON

43RD AIR SERVICE GROUP

FOR THE

MONTH OF APRIL 1945

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43RD AIR SERVICE GROUP

FOR THE

MONTH OF APRIL 1945

I. ORGANIZATIONAL DATA:

A. Facts relating to the Origin of the Unit.

This information was given in the Historical Data Report for the Month of January 1944 and summarized in the report of June 1944. The squadron has been in the 43rd Air Service Group since 3rd of February 1944.

B. Changes in Organization.

1. Changes in designation of the unit:

None.

2. Transfer of the unit as a whole:

None

3. Commanding Officers:

Captain ROGER W. VAN BUSKIRK, O-393816, our Commanding Officer, was promoted to the rank of Major, 27 April 1945.

4. Staff Officers:

1st. Lt. JOHN S. SCOTCHLAS, O-573304, AC, was assigned and joined the organization on 12 April 1945, from the 19th Replacement Battalion, and was designated Squadron Adjutant. Lt. SCOTCHLAS was sent to this organization as a replacement for 1st. Lt. VIRGIL R. HACKLEMAN, who was relieved of all duties and departed via permanent rotation to the United States in January.



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Captain HARRY R. LANGHAM, O-2053922, AC, who has been the Squadron Engineering Officer since the activation of the organization in January of 1944, was relieved of his duties and transferred to the Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, 43rd Air Service Group, on 13 April 1945, where he has taken over the duties of Group Engineering Officer.

1st. Lt. FRANCIS G. KELLEY, O-814333, AC, who has been the Squadron Adjutant since the middle of December, 1944, was relieved of his duties with this organization and transferred to the 558th Air Service Squadron, 43rd Air Service Group, on 25 April 1945.

1st. Lt. WILLIAM M. RICE, O-867270, AC, was designated Squadron Engineering Officer on 13 April 1945,vice Captain HARRY R. LANGHAM, relieved.

C. Strength, Commissioned and Enlisted:

| 1. Month of April 1945: | Off | W/O | EM |
|---|---|---|---|
| a. At beginning of Month | 6 | 2 | 220 |
| b. Net increase during the Month | 1 | 0 | 21 |
| c. Net decrease during the Month | 2 | 0 | 18 |
| d. At end of Month | 5 | 2 | 223 |

D. Station:

Cerignola No. 1, Guilia Field, Italy.

E. Movements:

None

F. Campaign:

Italian Campaign still in progress.



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G. Awards:

The Squadron was awarded the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque per General Order 1912, Headquarters, Fifteenth Air Force, dated 30 March 1945, for meritorious and outstanding service in support of combat operations against the enemy for the period 1 July 1944 to 31 December 1944.

II. PERSONNEL:

A. The 560th Air Service Squadron began the Month of April with six (6) Officers, two (2) Warrant Officers and two hundred twenty (220) Enlisted Men. During the month one (1) Officer and twenty-one (21) Enlisted Men joined the organization while a total of two (2) Officers and eighteen (18) Enlisted Men were transferred to other units.

Private Jack P. Morello, 32318018, was assigned this organization 4 April 1945, from the 58th Air Service Squadron, and placed on Detached Service with the Fifteenth Air Force Stockade.

1st. Lt. William M. Rice, O-867270, AC, who has been on Detached Service with the 81st Air Service Squadron on the Island of Viz returned to duty on 7 April 1945.

Private First Class Kenneth N. Frank, 36660167, was assigned this organization and joined the 9th of April 1945, from the 19th Replacement Battalion and was assigned to duty in the Electric Shop. Pfc. Frank was sent as a replacement for Pfc. Joseph J. Bartosik, who went home on permanent rotation during the month of March.

On 10 April 1945, Staff Sergeants John F. Dobrin, Albert O. Giddens, Albert J. Krasinski, Armand J. Robillard, Sergeant Charlie M. Wilson and



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Private First Class Ralph E. Moore left for Temporary Duty to the United States for rehabilitation, recuperation and recovery purposes per letter orders, Headquarters, Fifteenth Air Force.

Corporal James A. Ball, 35376112, left the organization 11 April 1945, for Temporary Duty with Headquarters, Fifteenth Air Force Service Command, for an indefinite period for duty as carpenter.

Private First Class Alvea E. Selph, 6980955, and Private William B. Hillard, 35726659, who have been on Temporary Duty with the 1053rd Military Police Company returned to duty 14 April 1945, both enlisted men being assigned to the Transportation Section.

Master Sergeant Richard E. Piper, Staff Sergeants Glenn D. Erickson, Clyde L. Guenseth and Charles B. Robertson returned to duty, 15 April 1945, having been on Temporary Duty in Yugoslavia since 27 March 1945.

On 15 April 1945, Privates Francis L. Barnes, 31255353, and Carl W. Carter, 36176656, limited service, were assigned this organization from the 43rd Air Service Group and placed on Temporary Duty to Headquarters, 43rd Air Service Group for duty with the Special Military Police .

On 21 April 1945, the following seventeen (17) enlisted men were relieved of assignment to this organization and transferred to the First Replacement Battalion for training and duty with the Infantry: Staff Sergeant Russell W. Adams, Corporals Ray E. Bitsko, Raymond H. Mc Nabb and Bernard A. Thomas, Privates First Class Horace C. Dail, Leo R. Fisher, Roy Knight and Alvea E. Selph, Privates Ernest Angelos, Donald E. Fader, Chester Frazier, James W. Glass, Blackford Herring, Harold D. Lingerfelt, Raquel R. Martinez, Albert B. Salazar and Fred H. Stewart.



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On the same date, 21 April 1945, the following seventeen (17) enlisted men, limited service, former Infantry Men, arrived and were assigned to the organization and given duties with the various Squadron Sections: Sergeant Murray R. Hageman, Tec 4 Carl M. Di Paolo, Corporal Frank S. Fabiano, Tec 5 Frank J. Albanito, Privates First Class Edward Andersen, William H. Brombacher, Richard S. Erdman, Joseph Quinn, Anthony Sole, Ernest H. Stanley and Arthur J. Symington, and Privates Willard C. Ferrell, John D. Fisher, Paris H. Jones, Stanley A. Kudasik, Jr., Paul L. Regenos and Robert F. Shepanek.

Sergeant Lloyd D. Harris, 6551709, who has been absent sick was relieved from assigned and transferred to Detachment of Patients, 26th General Hospital on 24 April 1945.

B. The only promotion of the month was that of Charles W. Reilly, who was promoted to the grade of Private First Class on 4 April 1945.

C. As of the last day of this month the Foreign Service Status of the organization stands as follows:

| TIME | OFFICERS & WARRANT O's | ENLISTED MEN |
|---|---|---|
| Less than one year | 2 | 18 |
| 12 to 18 months | 2 | 57 |
| 18 to 24 months | 1 | 22 |
| Over two years | 2 | 126 |
| TOTAL | 7 | 223 |

D. Awards:

The following sixteen (16) enlisted men of this organization were awarded the Good Conduct Medal per General Order No. 21, Headquarters, 43rd



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Air Service Group, dated 4 April 1945, for exemplary behavior, efficiency and fidelity:

| | |
|---|---|
| T/Sgt. | Frank H. Hustead |
| S/Sgt. | Glenn D. Erickson |
| C | Charles B. Robertson |
| | Curtis J. Snipes |
| | Walter C. Waggoner |
| Sgt. | Martin J. Di Sisto |
| | Gerald D. Newberry |
| | Anthony J. Piedmonte |
| | Herbert L. Raff |
| Cpl. | Charles L. Byrd |
| | Robert S. Mc Cauley |
| | Alfred N. Pohl |
| | Edward H. Sanborn, III |
| | Donald E. Schuldt |
| | Tress H. Tyler |
| Pfc. | Harry Breitstein |

Staff Sergeant Norman E. Greene, 12010714, was awarded the Bronze Star Medal per General Order No. 2041, Headquarters, Fifteenth Air Force, dated 2 April 1945, for meritorious achievement in connection with Military Operations against the enemy between the period of 1 December 1944 to 1 March 1945. Sergeant Greene was awarded this honor for the modeling and construction of a battery charging control panel by which four (4) aircraft storage batteries and or any multiple of four (4) up to and including twelve (12) batteries may be charged at a controlled rate. The current can vary in each of the four (4) charging lines allowing some of the storage batteries to be on full charge and the other batteries on finishing charge. By the use of this charging control panel Sergeant Greene and the entire Battery Shop Crew are able to devote more time to other electrical work and experiments.



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III. MORALE AND TRAINING:

The morale of all personnel remained at a high level during the month due to several underlying factors:

A. Baseball and Softball had a high place in the recreation of the men during the entire month. Both teams are well organized and have been entered in the Group League as well as Intra-Squadron Leagues. Practice and games have been held nearly every evening after supper.

B. Movies have been held every other night except for a time when the movie projector was undergoing an overhaul.

C. Orientation has had its place throughout the month and with the looking forward to V-E Day much interest has been shown in the War Maps and daily news.

A Mechanics' School was organized during the month by CWO Vincent J. Palermo, Shop Superintendent. An airplane motor has been obtained for the mechanical experience, but as yet most of the time has been devoted to Class Room Technique.

Chemical Warfare and Ground Safety has had a part in the Training Program. A Gas Chamber was set up on the 4th of April and each man had his mask tested and was given an opportunity to get a smell of the gas.

A survey was started during the month to determine the educational desires of each individual enlisted man. As a result approximately twenty (20) new applications were processed for courses in the Armed Forces Institute.

D. Many of the men took advantage of the three day passes and rest camps. 2nd. Lt. Dixon and eight (8) enlisted men went to Rome, Sixteen (16) enlisted men went to Capri and two (2) to Santa Cesaria.



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V. OPERATIONS:

Our Squadron continues to service the 459th Bomb Group (H), comprising the 756th, 757th, 758th and 759th Bomb Squadrons, and the 304th Bomb Wing Headquarters. This is the fifteenth month that we have serviced both the 459th Bomb Group (H) and the 304th Bomb Wing Headquarters. Again much work has been accomplished during the month as shown in part by the following subdivisions:

A. Planes: (1)

1. B-24 L, 44-49392, 459th Bomb Group. Radar installation. This aircraft was received on the 5th of April and completed on the 6th.

2. B-24 L, 44-49788, 459th Bomb Group. Repaired hydraulic system and flak damages in fuselage and wing. Replaced No. 2 engine. This aircraft was received on the 27th of March and completed April 6th.

3. B-24 L, 44-49384, 459th Bomb Group. 459th Bomb Group. Replaced right wheel and did trouble shooting. This aircraft was received on the 11th and completed on the 13th of the month.

4. B-24 L, 44-49988, 459th Bomb Group. Sheet metal repair to right wing. This aircraft received on the 12th of April and completed on the 14th.

5. B-24 M, 44-50418, 459th Bomb Group. Repaired flak damage to right wing and right side of fuselage. This aircraft received on the 12th of April and completed on the 19th.

6. B-24 H, 42-50295, 459th Bomb Group. Repaired flak damage to main spar of right wing. Received on the 16th of April and completed on the 18th.

7. B-24 J, 42-51640, 459th Bomb Group. Repaired fuselage from





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station 7.1 to station 9.1. This aircraft received the 17th of April and completed the 25th.

8. B-24 H, 42-52475, 459th Bomb Group. Changed four (4) engines. This aircraft received the 20th of April and completed the 30th.

9. B-24 L, 44-49053, 459th Bomb Group. Sheet metal repair to left side fuselage and replaced electrical wiring. This aircraft received on the 21st of April and completed on the 28th.

10. B-24 L, 44-49988, 459th Bomb Group. Extensive sheet metal repair through-out fuselage. This aircraft received on the 21st of April and completed on the 26th.

11. B-24 J, 42-51582, 459th Bomb Group. Still in process of being salvaged. This aircraft received on the 22nd of April.

12. B-24 M, 44-50559, 459th Bomb Group. Repaired horizontal stabilizer. This aircraft received on the 24th of April and completed on the 26th.

13. Minor maintenance was accomplished on thirty-six (36) Type B-24 airplanes such as antenna installations. Total man hours spent on planes was two hundred eighty-four (284).

B. Parachutes: (2)

1. Insspected and repacked - 547
2. Repaired - 63

C. Aviation Gasoline and Oil:

1. Gasoline consumed - 2,339,770 gallons
2. Oil consumed - 32,375 gallons



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D. Engines issued by Technical Supply: (3)

1. Engines issued - 47

E. Breathing Oxygen: (3)

1. Bottles of oxygen issued through Tech Supply - 2,502 cylinders.

F. Number of 81's handled by Tech Supply (1 or more items each): (3)

1. 81's handled - 2,193

G. Requisitions: (3)

1. AOC Requisitions - 93

2. Total number of requisitions on Depot - 328

H. Electrical Work: (4)

1. Batteries charged - 58

2. Electrical repairs on 1 airplane during the month

3. HRU-2B's repaired - 10

I. Propellers: (5)

1. Reparable propellers put into service - 13

2. Number of propellers checked and issued by the Propeller Shop to the 459th Bomb Group - 8

3. Reparable propellers sent to the depot - 9

J. Shops:

Sheet Metal, Welding, Machine, Radio, Armament, Plexi-glass, Carpenter, Instrument, and Dope and Fabric Shops greatly contributed to the repairing of the planes.

For the Commanding Officer:

John S. Scotchlas

JOHN S. SCOTCHLAS,
1st. Lt., Air Corps,
Adjutant.





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561st SERVICE SQUADRON
A.P.O. #520
U.S. Army

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LR/ac
4 February 1944

SUBJECT: Unit Historical Record.

TO : Commanding General, XV Air Force, (THRU: Commanding Officer, Service Center #43, APO#520).

1. The 561st Service Squadron was activated at Lucera, Italy, on 15 January 1944, per G.O. #8, XII Air Force Service Command, dated 27 December 1943. A total of 115 EM being assigned to this organization from cadres of the 94th, 304th, 339th, 345th, 346th, 350th, 351st Service Squadrons, per SO #7, Hq, Service Center #36, dated 15 January 1944. Captain William S. Pound, O-312363, AC, attached from Hq & Hq Sqdn, 30th Service Group, temporary duty as Commanding Officer. Only Officer in this organization, duties as Supply Officer, Censor, Personnel Officer, etc: only a few of the duties which being done by him alone. On 16 January 1944, 19 EM from 350th Service Squadronattached temporarily, awaiting orders from Service Center #36 assigning them to this organization. On 18 January 1944 , 8 EM attached from 456th Service Squadron, awaiting orders from Service Center #38 assigning them. On 19 January 1944, 18 EM attached from 354th Service Squadron, also awaiting assignment orders. On 20 January 1944 all EM attached here have been assigned per SO #8, Hq, Service Center #38, dated 16 January 1944. On 26 January preparations were made for 34 EM to depart as an advance echelon to Cerignola #4, Italy. This echelon departed by truck convoy at 1530 hours, traveling a distance of about 30 miles. On 27 January 1944, the rest of the Squadron left by truck for Cerignola #4, Italy. Captain William S. Pound relieved from attachment and Captain August Chiary assumed command. Last echelon arrived at Stornara, (Cerignola #4) at 1100 hours, 27 January1944. On permanent assumption of command, functioning of each department is being started on paper. On 28 January, 1st Lt. William D. Packard, O-729219, AC, assigned and joined per VOCO, 43rd Service Group. This organization now operating on a satellite field under the command of Service Center #43. Equipment is being received slowly but surely. Field operations are being held up because Bomb Group air echelon has not arrived. Nor has all of usual engineering equipment been received. 1st Lt. William D. Packard, O-729219, AC, appointed Engineering Officer. From date of arrival to present date, bivouac area has been set up, and necessary paper work, such as requisitioning supplies and equipment is being thru Service Center #43.

2. On 31 January 1944, 1st Lt. Louis Rezek, O-226769, AC, and 1st Lt. Earl T. Akin, O-2044021, AC, assigned and joined per VOCO, Service Center #43. Lt. Rezek's principal duty- Adjutant and Mess Officer. Lt Akin's principal duty- Tech Supply Officer. Usual duties performed; i.e. getting supplies and eqipment for field operation upon arrival of forward air echelon of 456th Bomb Group.

For the Commanding Officer:

Louis Rezek

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LOUIS REZEK,
1st Lt., A.C.,
Unit Historian.

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561st SERVICE SQUADRON
43rd SERVICE GROUP
APO # 520

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AG/apc
31 March 1944

SUBJECT: Historical Record.

TO : Commanding General, Fifteenth Air Force, Attention: Historian, (Through Channels).

1. Unit history of the 561st Service Squadron, 43rd Service Group for the period from 1 March 1944 to 31 March 1944.

a. The present designation of the unit is 561st Service Squadron, 43rd Service Group.

b. Changes in organization.
(1) Unit reorganized under new TO & E 1-417, dated 2 January 1944.
(2) Transfer of unit as a whole - none.
(3) 1st Lt Yezek appointed Public Relation Officer, additional duty. 2nd Lt Nathanson appointed Fire Marshal, additional duty.

c. Strength, commissioned and enlisted.
(1) Beginning - 180 EM 2 WOJG 6 officers
(2) Net Increase - 18 EM
(3) Net Decrease - not applicable
(4) End - 198 EM 2WOJG 6 officers

d. Station - Cerignola #4, Italy

e. Movements - None

f. Campaigns.
(1) Italian campaign - still in progress.

g. Operations.
(1) This organization is principally concerned with 2nd & 3rd echelon repair of combat aircraft and the supply of aircraft parts and allied equipment to the tactical organization being serviced. This month the engineering department of this unit has performed the following work: Salvaged one airplane and began the salvage of another, repaired one airplane and partially repaired three others.

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(2) The Technical Supply section has been extremely busy receiving, classifying and issuing the many parts needed for the maintenance of the aircraft on this field. Lack of storage space has been a definite handicap, however the acquisition of a farm house has help alleviate this condition. In addition to aircraft parts and equipment the technical supply section section also provides aviation fuel and oil. Since the tactical organization hasn't yet procured refueling units the refueling section has been working long hours servicing all the aircraft on this field. The problem of insufficient personnel to operate all the units has been partially solved by the ground personnel in the tactical group for assistance.

h. Awards and Decorations.

(1) Sgt Paul .. Martin awarded the Soldiers Medal. Presented to soldier by the Commanding Officer of his former Service Group at a Military formation.

(2) Announcement was made through General Orders issued by the 43rd Service Group that Pvt. Clarence D. Bebo was awarded the Purple Heart.

2. Enclosed is the war diary for this organization for the period 1 March 1944 to 31 March 1944.

August Swarz SR

AUGUST SWARTZ,
Captain, Air Corps,
Commanding.

1 Incl:
War Diary.



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WAR DIARY

SHEET NO. 1 ORGANIZATION 561st SERVICE SQUADRON, APO # 520, US ARMY

MONTH OF March, 1944 PREPARED BY LOUIS RUZEK, 1st Lt. AC, Unit Historian

DAYS: EVENTS

1. Eleven enlisted men were sent on DS to attend oxygen school at APO # 5, Bari. They will be gone for approximately 30 days. Two more enlisted men were sent to Crotone to pick up special purpose vehicles.

Tonight our smoothly rolling basketball team added the 1246th QM to its list of victims; They kept their record clean to the tune of 46-11 in the most lopsided game to date.

2. One man returned to duty from the 34th Field Hospital. A combination day room and mess hall is being built of cement blocks in the vicinity of the present mess tent. Native labor is being used, and the building is going up faster than anyone expected. It is about 45 feet long, 20 feet wide, and of sufficient height, even at the sides, to permit the men to move about freely without bumping their heads. Also a wooden frame for a kitchen has been erected. This will be built around with stone blocks to some extent, and should be an immense improvement over the existing facilities provided by a pyramidal tent. The chaplain paid the squadron another visit and gave another speech, in which he held up continence and temperance as virtues of primary importance, without which a man is not all a man should be. The men listened courteously to his talk.

3. The main course for dinner today included steak, The food served by the cooks at the present time is without doubt the best the majority of men have eaten while overseas. Fresh meat has been served every day, and only on very few occasions has the supply of fresh butter been insufficient. Sugar is also plentiful enough to satisfy the demands of all of the men. Much of the mail now received has been originally addressed to this squadron. This expedites the receipt of mail from home and friends. For a change, the weather was bright and sunny all day.

Tonight our basketball team played and won the most difficult game of any up to date. The Truck Companies extended them through the four regular periods and one overtime period, at the end of which the score was deadlocked at 16-16. It took a "sudden death" period for our boys to emerge victorious, 18-16. The teams' record is still perfect (5 won-0 lost) in this tournament, and considering a 1 games played, their record is 13 won and none lost. Barring misfortunes, this team should go places.

4. PX rations issued today. Severe shortage of matches and cigarettes lighters still prevails also candy is not received in adequate amounts to produce satisfaction. Rations were as good as average. The sun absolutely refuses to shine three consecutive days in this section of Italy. The weather has been rather damp and cloudy and very disagreeable. Personnel wondering and waiting for the sunny weather to set in.

Usual generator trouble, caused by the low voltage output of those we have at present. The number is sufficient but the kilo-volt amperage produced by each generator is not adequate to supply the present demand. Lights are continually cutting off because of this. It is fervently hoped this discrepancy will be corrected in the near future. Still, all efforts to procure good generators have met with rebuffs.



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WAR DIARY

SHEET NO 2 ORGANIZATION 561ST SERVICE SQUADRON, APO # 520, US ARMY

MONTH OF March, 1944 PREPARED BY LOUIS REZEK 1st Lt. AC., Unit Historian

| DAYS: | EVENTS |
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5. The day room is now nearly complete. This will be a direct benefit to the men, and therefore to the squadron in many ways. More men will stay on the base, and an enlisted mens' club is visualized as an excellent use for this building in the near future. This will provide safe, if not somewhat better wine for the men to drink, and also a better place to pass leisure hours. One sergeant was assigned from the 43rd Service Group. The two enlisted men who went to Crotone on 1 March after special purpose vehicles returned from there today. Their trip was a success. One man returned from the 34th Field Hospital. Four refueling operators went on DS to the 456th Bomb Group

Someone has kindly shipped us a pin up girl under the nomenclature of "Squadron Sweetheart". So the picture of a fluffy headed, fetching gal, attired in a somewhat revealing something-or-other, with the amorous inscription, "My Everlasting Love, Jo", written on an alluring shoulder in a hand that looks suspiciously masculine, now adorns the wall of Squadron Headquarters. A technicolor picture of General Douglas MacArthur, the study of which will reveal the markings of nearly all army medals and ribbons issued to date, hangs adjacent. From the stern look on the countenance of this highly respected general and brilliant tactician, it is wondered whether or not he approves his present company.

6. One more man went to the 34th Field Hospital, and the organization dropped a private from the rolls who has been at the 26th General Hospital for some time. A large load of mail came in, an event that caused much satisfaction among the men. The three calls on which morale seems to fluctuate directly are mail call, pay call and mess call. The weather is still miserable, but that is one discrepancy that cannot be corrected by any headquarters. Most men wish, though, that Jupe Pluvius would take an extended leave of absence.

Some men have been complaining that the rotation of personnel is going too slowly. Perhaps John L. Lewis is behind it. He's the only one who might have his existence endangered by a large and sudden influx of ETO soldiers, or any other soldiers returning to the continental limits from foreign service.

7. Two enlisted men returned from the 34th Field Hospital, and one was sent to AFSD, Bari to oxygen school. At 6:30 this evening our basketball team lined up against the 558th Service Squadron. When the tumult and shouting had subsided, we had emerged victorious from one of the roughest and least closely contested games to date.

The combination day room and mess hall is now complete except for the floor. A discussion has arisen at this time as to whether itwill be made of boards or concrete. Owing to the scarcity of cement in this area, boards seem a logical winner. The controversy will not cause any unnecessary delay in construction, because procurement of either boards of cement is still necessary.



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8. A Nelssen hut has been erected for the Engineering section and another one is being put up for Air Corps Supply. These will facilitate storage at present and furnish reasonable facsimiles of buildings for the shops later on.

One S/Sgt went to the 34th Field Hospital. The generator situation is still a sorry one. Something drastic will have to be done before the slops get set up and running. Some of the more cynical men are getting suspicious because the food continues to be nothing but the best. They are suggesting that we are being fattened up for a trip to India. The rumor has a tainted source. C'est la guerre.

9. Four men were slightly AWOL (about 2 hours) today. In their spare time they will be awarded a few odd jobs around the area for the next few days in addition to their regular duties.

Tonight our basketball team won the right to represent the 43rd Service Group in the 15th Air Force basketball tournament to be held at Foggia. To do this they had to defeat the 1103rd QM Truck Co. In direct contrast with the last game, when the issue was hardly in doubt after the first half, these QM boys served notice with two baskets at the outset that they would be in the game all the way. They were . In fact, they were ahead most of the way. The final score, however, was still the only important factor. Our boys won in the last quarter going away. This team is one that apparently has no scoring stars and every man is a potential threat when near the basket. It will be a difficult task to beat a team like this, a squad on which the team interest is paramount. Being on the long end of the final score means more to these men than winning the plaudits of the spectators, which are few, and, at best, are only second guessers.

10. A long desired and much requested item was received from the PX. For the first time in several months beer was made available to the members of this organization. Not much, but then, no one expected much. In fact, no one expected any. Matches still are the nearest thing to a necessity that is not provided in sufficient quantities by the exchange. The weather is still wet, and the ground accordingly muddy, but the food is still too good to be true and the mail is coming through satisfactorily. One man returned to duty from the 34th Field Hospital. Work is a bit slack, as the Bomb Group doesn't go on missions on days like today. Setting up is still in process, and the hardest job is to obtain equipment due. We sincerely hope that no one coming over from the States expects a decline in the amount of paper-work to be accomplished over here.

11. Seven new men reported here today from the 43rd Service Group. They have been given tents to live in. Being fresh from the States, they were questioned as to conditions there. One said it was rough. A soldier with 19 months across said, "You'll probably like it better over here. It's not too bad". We hope it's not too rough. Might be forced to go back there someday.

The squadron assumed, in conjunction with the Bomb Group, control of a new

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11. cont'd water point that will save much travel and time in the hauling of water. As it is now, the water point is nine miles away. This new water source will cut off approximately two-thirds of this distance.

12. The basketball team left today for Foggia to play in the tournament there. The ultimate winner of this tournament will represent AAF/MTO in the Algiers play-offs. Our team slid through the first round at 0930 hours by defeating the 450th Bomb Group. The game was very close all the way as a final score of 28-27 would indicate. Tonight we won another close game from the team representing the 323rd Service Group. The score this time was 30-27. The game was clean and fast. Winning this game put the team into the semifinals which are to be played on the 14th. Somebody stole the weapons carrier used by the team. No doubt it will be recovered, but, with the present vehicle shortage here, it hurt more than it would under other circumstances.

13. A 5 KVA generator was procured today. All we need is about 2 more or a 7½ KVA, and we will be set. However, the outlook is still gloomy in regards to generators. The outlook is also very gloomy in regards to vehicles. This squadron has two jeeps. The lack of this type of vehicle makes it necessary to send GMC trucks out on errands that could be accomplished just as easily with a jeep, and also holds up work supposed to be done by the trucks. The situation has not become too serious to date, but, as more work for the trucks comes in, existing lack of vehicles may prove a serious handicap in accomplishment of imperative tasks.

14. This morning the basketball team met its first setback in the semi-finals of the Foggia tournament. It was knocked off by the 82nd Fighter Group, who later went on to win the 15th Air Force Championship. Although both teams were shooting poorly, our opponents had a tremendous advantage in height. Nevertheless, they were the best team, and deserved to win. The final score was 31-20. The game was rough, one of our men received a nasty bump on the head, and another a sprained finger. So we lost all around. The only redeeming feature of the day was the recovery of the weapons carrier lost two days previously.

15. This organization was reactivated per General Order # 4, Hq 43rd Service Group. A new T/O & E, 1-417, dated 2 January 1944, was the cause of reactivation. Final and initial rosters were submitted, and things are gradually getting back to normal. The new squadron day room was opened this evening. The opening could be described as very successful. Forty-five dollars ($45.00) worth of wine was purchased by Captain Chiary at the 43rd Officers' Mess as a starter. Only two bottles of wine remained after the bar had closed. The kitchen was moved into a more suitable location, a stone and wood frame with canvas covering. The process of erecting a suitable shower has been started. This will prove a blessing to all the men, and will also save a great deal of time later on when work has increased.

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16. A man went to the 34th Field Hospital, and another was sent on Temporary Duty to Naples for the purpose of getting some equipment. The weather, already established as the most miserable yet encountered, went from worse to worst. Above 2 inches of wet, slushy snow greeted the men this morning when they opened their tent flaps. Some men predict a cyclone in the near future, while others say we'll have two consecutive days of pleasant, sunny weather. The former seems the more likely. Two more field telephones were requested. They could be put to good use.

There is only one factor that is undermining the morale of this squadron. Passes are limited to eight hours. Not so bad in itself, but when mens' buddies from other groups come to visit them and happily display 24 hour, and even three day passes, the resulting comments reflect legitimate discontent and speculations are rife as to the reason why passes are limited here, while men under other commands roam about more freely.

17. Two men returned from the 26th General Hospital. This organization is extremely and justly proud of the fact that there have been no new cases of venereal disease contracted by its members since its activation on 15 January 1944. The precautions now being taken against VD were devised and executed by Captain Chiery, (the Commanding Officer) and have proven most effective to say the least. The rapid manner in which directives pertaining to control of VD are received here and the rates quoted would indicate that few other organizations can truthfully make the above statement. The sun was out today for a while.

18. Another jeep was acquired today, making a grand total of three now posessed by this organization. We are due only eleven more under the new T/O & E. The other Nissen hut was completed and moved over to the Engineering section. One typewriter was returned to the 556th from which it was borrowed sometime ago. Not that we didn't need it. They needed it worse, and it was theirs. The defense plan is nearly completed. It was a great deal of work, and should cover defense against any kind of enemy action. Three more EM assigned, making the total 190. The man sent to Naples to procure equipment returned.

19. Lt. Nezek, the adjutant went to Bari for a court-martial case. This organization has been saddled with the unwelcome but necessary problem of Malaria control in nearby Stornara. This should prove to be an arduous task. A good grease pit is almost completed. The engineers blasted it deeper for us. It should be sufficient to more than serve it's purpose. The town mayor of Stornara was consulted concerning the hiring of more native labor and enough were hired to meet immediate needs.



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19th-Cont'd- "Rigoletto" was presented by an itinerant troupe, under the auspices of the Fifteenth Air Force Service Command at the Music Hall in Cerignola. Printed sheets showing the plot, passed out before the start of the performance, facilitated comprehension of the opera. One enlisted man returned from the 26th General Hospital, and another was sent to the 34th Field Hospital.

20. A barber shop is being erected in the squadron area, and the service of a barber is assured. An approved procedure of drawing rations for the Italian mess attendants has been found. The present strength of this organization is 190 enlisted men and eight officers, including two warrant officers. One more officer and 47 enlisted men will bring us up to TO strength.

There is a shortage of hand tools here that should be remedied at the earliest possible time. AOCs are bubbling up merrily and causing more headaches than local vino.

Another theatre has been made available for use by our men. The 456th Bomb Group has graciously offered to let our men attend any and all attractions that show at their group theatre..

21. Five enlisted men were placed on temporary duty with the 354th Service Squadron for the purpose of acquiring airplane parts. The squadron received a visit from Lt Col Rankin and Major Hillman, the commanding officer and engineering officer, respectively, of the 43rd Service Group. They evinced an interest in our Tech Supply section, and were apparently satisfied with the existing conditions in that department.

Our portion of the defense plan was turned in to the Bomb Group.

The food here has been excellent for such a long period of time that the men are beginning to take it for granted.

Our day room, mess hall and bar has been functioning for some time, and sufficient stone has been acquired to erect another building of similar dimensions.

22. Twelve more Italian workmen of various occupations were hired today, making a total of eighteen now employed by this organization. However, a carpenter who reported without tools was fired.

Lt Nathanson made a trip to Bari today, and returned with some much-needed electric wire and another supply of wine for the squadron day room.

Another enlisted man went to the 34th Field Hospital. Every time a man comes to duty one goes to the hospital.



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29. The five enlisted men came back from the 354th Service Squadron, having completed the temporary duty on which they were dispatched.

Three new men were assigned here from the 369rd Service Squadron, two privates and one private first class. One man went to the hospital and one returned. We'll never get all our men here at this rate. A spot inspection of slit trenches was made, and a few were found to be of insufficient depth or width. Nothing serious came to light, however.

24. Fire barrels are being painted red in accordance with some directive from higher up. They look very pretty in the daytime.

The Group Air Corps Supply Officer was here today for a visit. Lack of hand tools was brought to his attention. Also a long list of tools sent with the cadre personnel was typed up and submitted. If suitable action is taken on this list in the very near future, the pressure may be somewhat relieved.

The weather was good today for a change, although still somewhat colder than expected for this time of year.

25. Another day without rain, but still cold again. The carpenter shop is building a wooden house for a better work shop. The shower for squadron use is completed with the exception of the roof over the building and the water pipes. A policing detail has been started each morning and consequently the area has a cleaner, neater appearance.

Another enlisted man joined the organization. A dope and Fabric worker. If he is a competent workman he'll be of great value to us. This makes the fourteenth new man received since the eleventh of March. It won't take long to get filled up at this rate.

Sports are coming in with spring. A baseball diamond has been laid out and the men are already playing pick-up games. A schedule for all types of organized athletics is being worked out, and all men will participate in one sport or another in the near future. This will insure an athletic program that will accomodate everyone, and at the same time keep the mens leisure time filled to some extent.

26. Another inspection of slit trenches today. This one revealed a few minor discrepancies as to length and depth. For the most part, however, the trenches in good shape.

The squadron received a visit from Mr. Moore, the Red Cross Field Director for this area. Mr Moore appears to have an accurate knowledge of the ANC functions that pertain to the Men.



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27. The squadron had an expected visitor. Major Libbey of the I. G. D. for the 15th Air Force. He appears to be clever, intelligent and very observing, as all I.G.D. men are reputed to be. This time he will cover everything but administration.

Same old story as far as the hospital is concerned. One enlisted man returned and another went. This is getting monotonous.

28. Major Hoffman was contacted today about generators and a Bonney hut. We believe and hope something will happen along these lines in the near future.

The men had an opportunity to voice their complaints to Major Libbey. It took quite some time, and considering the amount of complaints that should have been made, we believe that Major Libbey took plenty of time with each individual and each complaint. It is strongly suspected that many gripes put forward were about time ration of passes to eight hours. We strongly hope someone will do something to remedy this condition in the near future.

29. We finally got one head of the hospital. A man returned to duty without anyone leaving for the hospital. Another man joined the squadron from the 43rd Service Group. Major Libbey finished up here, but will remain for a few more days while inspecting other squadrons. He has proven very helpfull here, offering much constructive criticism. He also seemed to know all the answers in regard to administrative matters that were in doubt.

30. Three more men assigned and joined here from diferent organizations.
The first class on ground defense and gas mask drill was held this evening in the day room. This program is in conjunction with the defense plan worked out for the entire air field. Five men went out to salvage a B-24.

31. Today was payday and everyone was busy. A supplemental pay roll will be made as this organization does everything possible to keep men paid in full up to date.
At this time our strength is 6 Officers , 2 Warrent Officers and 198 Enlisted Men.

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561ST SERVICE SQUADRON
43RD SERVICE GROUP
A.P.O. #520

2 March 1944

UNIT HISTORICAL RECORD

1. On the 1st of February 1944 the total strength of this organization was four (4) officers and 164 enlisted men. Tentage at present is adequate, but more will be needed when the replacements arrive. Messing facilities are good considering the fact that the squadron is two weeks old, and in it's first permanent bivouac. On 4 February 1944, the squadron received its first sex morale lecture from the group chaplain, and the squadron surgeon. On the 4 February 1944 a letter was sent to the 43rd Service Group, requesting two sets of council books, 2 sets of magazines, and 2 "A" kits. We hope that this will have some of the desired effect upon the men. Post Exchange rations were sold this date too. More matches are needed. On 5 February 1944 a letter requesting an examiner's stamp, was forwarded to the Chief Base Censor, and another letter to the 43rd Service Group requesting replacements for men who were on DS and absent sick at time of transfer here. Also a medical officer, Major Flavius G. Pernoud, O-3808889 was attached to this squadron from the 558th Service Squadron. On 5 February 1944, trucks from the 21st Engineers brought several loads of gravel for the road over which the heavy refueling units must travel to get to the airplanes.

2. There is a shortage of T/BA and OEL equipment, and a bad shortage of electric light bulbs. The obtaining of both these items are absolute "musts" in order that this squadron may function in the required manner. Men are constantly going to and coming from hospitals to duty. Mostly going to. Two of these men have venereal diseases, these men were sent as cadre personnel from other organizations. This practice is believed to be a flagrant violation of all existing regulations pertaining to transfer of enlisted cadres. Furthermore, it unfairly reflects discredit upon this organization. The Articles of War were read to the squadron at 1400 hours, 12 February 1944. On 13 February 1944 five EM and WO (jg) Martin M. Giles, W-2118959, were assigned. Mr Giles' principal duty was ass't Engr Officer. Two trucks are now being sent in to Cerignola each afternoon to the cinema. These are heavily crowded as most of the other towns are off limits. At 1500 hours 7 February 1944 a red alert was phoned in. Forty minutes later it was changed to yellow, and twenty minutes later it was lifted.

3. On the 15th February 1944, two EM were sent on DS to Crotone to procure special purpose vehicles. Too many AOC's have been coming in. Fifteen were placed back in commision today. Tool kits brought by the cadre personnel were not adequate, as prescribed by directives. Action is being taken to correct these deficiencies, and action from higher up is anticipated.

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Unless these tools are forwarded, this organization will have insufficient tools to carry out its necessary functions. On 17 February 1944 the men of this organization were informed that they could send Easter greetings home in the form of flowers. The men took advantage of this to the tune of $575.15. A basketball schedule for all teams of the group who had made known their desires to participate in a tournament was forwarded to this organization on 18 February 1944. A team is organized and should do well.

4. A drive has been launched to combat venereal disease. It is now mandatory for each man to have a condom and V-packet in his possession before going on pass, and when returning, if he has had sexual intercourse, to report to the medical department for sulfa pills. This process should prove very effective if the men are truthfull in their statements about contact.

5. The evening of February 19, 1944 the basketball team won their first practice game by such a convincing score that they may be recognized as a better than average team. On 20th February 1944 Major Pernoud, the competent and pleasant medical officer attached here was returned to the 558th Service Squadron, 43rd Service Group. At 0800 hours 20th February 1944 a member of this organization passed away in his bed, and on 22nd February 1944 another death occurred in a similar fashion. Poisoned wine was a suspected cause of death, so all wine in the area was collected, and turned in to the proper authorities for examination. Two more men were sent to the 34th Field Hospital on the 20th February 1944. On the 21st February 1944 a good mess kit washer was set up, and was met with hearty approval.

6. On the 24th February 1944, action was taken on the letter of the 5th, requesting replacements for men ab sk and DS, and two new men were assigned to the organization as replacements. The basketball team won it's first scheduled tournament game on the night of the 24th February 1944. On the 24th February 1944, the group chaplain addressed the entire squadron, for the purpose of paying respects to the two men of the organization who had died. The simple touching talk he gave was highly approved by all. 1st Lt Aaron Schwinger, O-527904, MC, Squadron Surgeon, and 2nd Lt. Theodore Nathanson, O-1994817 AC, Mess and Supply Officer, were assigned from the Personnel Replacement Center Number 7-C, and joined the organization. More generators are needed for this squadron. The ones we have will not suffice when the shops are added on, because they are inadequate at present.

7. Payday came on the 29th this month, and every man in the organization was paid, with the exception of those in the 26th General Hospital.

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1. A scarcity of officers exists in this organization. Lt Rezek, the newly appointed adjutant, is overloaded with duties, having assumed most of those formerly held by Captain Pound. The duty of Unit Censor is assuming vast proportions. Air echelon of Bomb Gp is now nearly all here. Air Corps Supply is set up now, and beginning to function in smooth fashion. Lt Akin, the new Air Corps Supply Officer, has had much experience with that type of work, as have some of the senior NCO's.

2. Men are using the special service donated equipment received last month to the best possible advantage. Until all the shops are set up, some of the men are not working, and they may be seen playing football and softball. A volley ball net has been erected, a court marked off, and although the weather is inclement, some volleyball players may be observed also. Food is good and plentiful.

A three hundred (300) lb. EPIP (British) tent was set up as an Engineering Office; it was located so far from the Squadron area that a couple of men wanted to know whether they should be telephoned on the Gable, Norge, or Native exchange.

3. The morale of this squadron may be termed excellent. Men consider themselves fortunate to be in a newly activated unit where they may have a chance for promotion. Also it means a new start for many.

The bomb Gp air echelons are commencing to go on familiarization flights, and more sections are starting to work. Two refueling units are being used by this squadron at present, and a need for more is becoming realized.

A dire need for electric light bulbs exists at present. Not even the offices, including squadron headquarters, have the necessary bulbs. All efforts to procure them seem to be in vain.

4. The organization received its' first sex morale lecture at 1700 hours today. The chaplain spoke first, as usual, and with the exception of a suggestion that American troops might be overseas for five (5) years more, (this statement brought out some caustic comments) was received in good spirits. Then the medical officer supplemented the chaplain's talk with one of his own; a frank recital of facts, which, inasmuch as they pertained to the men and their welfare, were received with interest, and, by the expressions on the mens' faces, were given much serious thought.

Post Exchange rations were sold today. The men keep wondering why the NATOUSA ration cards list such tempting items as beer and soft drinks when the exchange does not have them available. Outside of an acute shortage of matches, rations were good as to be expected.

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5. There has been some rain at Cerignola #4, and mud is becoming a nasty and unwelcome factor. Big trucks are starting to handle less easily, and at 1600 hours several large engineering trucks started hauling gravel to give the road sufficient body to carry the heavy refueling units. This work was not completed until late that evening. A Show truck (2 when necessary) has been running regularly to the theatre in Cerignola, and some of the men enjoy the movies immensely.

6. All of the 20 books so kindly donated by the 45rd Special Service Officer are well read by this time. A request has been sent to the N.Y.P.E. for all the literature and recreational equipment due this organization from date of activation. These would be exceedingly helpful at the present time, inasmuch as many of the men are not working. However, it is realized that there have been many other newly activated organizations and the necessary equipment will be forwarded as soon as possible.

7. Squadron Headquarters was moved today across the road into a 300 lb British tent which was found to be much more roomy and practical for a Squadron Headquarters location. Two more E/M joined the squadron today. One man arrived from DS. Casablanca, and another from a station hospital. This brings the organization strength up to 159 E/M, and 5 Officers, one medical officer, a major, who is attached for duty only.

8. One man returned from the 34th Field Hospital and two more went there. There is rain and wind today, and added to the mud and excessively cold weather is further substantiating the suspicion that "Sunny Italy" applies only to Naples and the west coast. One British 180 lb. tent was ripped by the wind and is well on its way toward being unserviceable. Many men have been heard to say that the food served by this organization is a vast improvement over that (fed) in their last squadron.

A company council book has been requested, and a fund will be set up in the prescribed manner when it is received.

Mail has not been coming through in the expected fashion, but the note of discord caused by this fact is the only one heard to indicate that the morale of the men in this organization is excellent, despite the slow manner in which mail is being forwarded to the men.

9. Everything is fine but the weather and the mail situation. Certain departments in Engineering are busy now that the Bomb Gp has regular familiarization flights, daily weather permitting. The weather hasn't permitted any for the last two days, so the work should be caught up soon. Aircraft out of commission are beginning to give Squadron Air Corps Supply their share of worries. One item sorely needed is light bulbs. The personnel of this organization are utilizing the old saying of "early to bed and early to rise".

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10. A letter has been initiated requesting that two men (one D.S. Pantelleria and one D.S. unknown) who were assigned to this organization as part of a cadre, be relieved from assignment, and suitable replacements be sent to us. Sheet metal started to make mounts for airplane cameras, a difficult task considering the present lack of facilities and equipment. One man was placed on DS (M.P. duty) with Hq & Hq Sqdn, 43rd Serv Gp. The 456th Bomb Gp accomplished their first mission today. There will be plenty of work for this Squadron in the future.

11. Today the weather was unfavorable again. A raw, biting wind swept across the camp area, a wind that terminated all outdoor activities, such as softball, baseball and volleyball. Post Exchange rations were sold again for this week. There is still an acute shortage of matches. The receipt of one cigarette lighterfor an entire organization is not sufficient to supplement this deficiency in a satisfactory manner. Otherwise, rations were good as usual with enough cigarettes to last the personnel until the following ration day. Candy, also, was as good as usual, but there never has been enough to even approach the demand of the men. Carpenters have been exceedingly busy for the last few days, building all sorts of devices for use by the squadron and a few for the convenience of the men. The supply of lumber is limited, but they are doing the best they can with the supply.

12. The Articles of War were read to all the men in the Squadron by the Commanding Officer this afternoon. The men listened quite attentively, and asked more questions than usual. Specific instances were cited and the questions were answered quite definitely, leaving little room for doubt in the minds of the questioners. Mail has been coming through a little more regularly, fact which makes the men very happy. Previously this had been the only deciding factor concerning morale which could not be termed excellent. The parachute shop has been working long hours, repacking and drying 'chutes, a daily and apparently endless routine, and not facilitated by the lack of a drying tower.

13. Five more enlisted men were assigned, whose principal duties ranged from utility repairman to airplane mechanics. A WOJG was assigned- principal duty is that of assistant engineering officer. These latest additions bring the strength of the organization up to 175, including six officer, eight of the enlisted men being absent, either on DS or in a hospital. The number of trucks running daily to the theatre in Cerignola has been increased to two. The movies are very popular, especially since there is so little entertainment around Cerignola, and most of the small surrounding towns are "Off Limits" for sanitary reasons.

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WAR DIARY

SHEET NO. 4 ORGANIZATION 561st SERVICE SQUADRON, APO#520, US Army.

Month of February, 1944 PREPARED BY LOUIS REZEK, 1st Lt., AC, Unit Historian.

| DAY: | EVENTS |
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14. At 1500 hours there was a red alert. At 1545 hours it turned yellow, and at 1605 hour the alert was lifted. The weather was still cold and windy, with occasional drizzles of rain. Food is still good and also plentiful, mess tents have been put up, a vast improvement over eating outside, and mail has been coming in fairly well. There is a rumor about concerning as approaching basketball tournament, but nothing official has materialized.

15. Two (2) enlisted men were sent on Detach Service to Crotone, Italy, for the purpose of securing special purpose vehicles. Six (6) enlisted men from the 1999th Engineer Composite Command were attached to this organization for rations only. The food has been exceptionally good for the past few days. The constant presence of fresh meat is warmly appreciated. The only deplorable fact in the entire situation is that, as usual, the cooks get no credit whatever

16. Plenty of AOC's have been coming in,so many that the definition of AOC has come up, and is being defined exactly. Another man went to the 34th Field hospital. Air Corps Supply has been getting in equipment quite rapidly, as has Squadron Supply, and arrival of material with which to work have facilitated numerous tasks already. A question has arisen about the number of tools which the men were permitted to bring with them. They were definitely not enough.

17. One Sergeant returned from the 34th Field Hospital to duty. Air Corps Supply has decidedly been working overtime. A very grand total of fifteen AOC's (15) were effectively taken care of this date. It has been made possible by the Special Service section and the Army Exchange Service for the men of this and other organizations to send Easter Greetings to their loved ones in the form of flowers. Considering the location the choice is nothing less than extensive. Everything is available from gardenias to orchids.

18. The rumor about the basketball tournament has become a substianted fact. One will be conducted for the teams of the Cerignola district. A schedule will be put out in the near future, and all organization have been warned to have their teams ready on short notice. However, no uniforms are available and no suitable shoes either. We have no basketball to practice with, but have some men with many hours spent on a court, so the prospects shape up fairly well. PX rations again today. Supply of matches still insufficient, but the rest of the articles were up to par.

A drive has been instigated by the Commanding Officer to prevent any venereal cases in this organization. Any personnel on Liberty Pass must have in his possession a V-packet and a rubber condom. If none are in his possession they are provided on a cash or credit basis.

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WAR DIARY

SHEET NO 5 ORGANIZATION 561ST SERVICE SQUADRON, APO 520, U.S. ARMY

MONTH OF FEBRUARY 1944 PREPARED BY LOUIS REZEK, 1st Lt. A.C.; Unit Historian

| DAY: | EVENTS |
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19. The basketball team has shown their worth. Without either practice or uniforms, they soundly drubbed a team from one of the other units of the Group. With a reasonable amount of practice, this group of men should round out into a fine team. Today the "Little Bird" was received. A paper published by the 43rd Service Group containing the news of the different units assigned to the 43rd Service Center. A big writeup was attributed to the 1st Sergeant and the Commanding Officer of this organization. This paper contains the latest news and most accurate news of any in the vicinity and is immensely appreciated by members of this organization. The Italy edition of the Stars and Stripes is received daily by this organization and gives an excellent summary of the war news on all fronts. There has been a constant demand for the return of the comic strip "Male Call", as this was the most popular comic strip that ever appeared in this paper according to the belief of most of the "G.I.s'". Little Abner does not have the appeal that "Male Call" did.

20. Major Pernoud, Squadron Surgeon for the time being, has shown the initiative for the setting up of a competent Medical Aid Station. The Major is extremely well thought of by all personnel of this organization, and highly respected for both his medical ability and the frank air of good fellowship with which he speaks with men. He is a medium built man in good health as all doctors should be, with a twinkling eye, a fuller brush mustache and a ready smile. It is fervently hoped that the Major will be allowed to remain with the Squadron, but because of his present rank it is doubtful that he will remain. He is very persistent concerning matters of sanitation, a matter soley for the protection of the personnel, a fact of which most of them are aware inasmuch as sanitary conditions in this country are very bad. Today has been a daythat many in the squadron will never forget, but that few will care to remember. The Dark Angel (whose angelic qualities have often been questioned) came upon a member of this squadron. A man passed away in bed, failing to awake from the slumber which had claimed him the previous night. Although this way of passing could not be termed as horrible as many others, nevertheless death in any form is terrible enough, and this fact could be proved by the sober manner and low voices of the personnel, a manner of reflecting respect for the deceased, wonderment as to the cause, and serious consideration of the fact that no one is immune to sudden transfer from this known world to another unknown one.

21. The privilege of sending flowers home for Easter has been fully utilized by the men of this organization. Five hundred and seventy five dollars and fifty five cents worth of flowers have sold under this plan. These flowers should arrive at the stipulated places shortly before Easter and cause fathers, mothers, and others dear the hearts of the men to realize that we overseas are constantly thinking of those back home. This plan for sending flowers as an Easter Greeting is an excellent one and the men were glad to have this opportunity and took full advantage of it.

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SHEET NO 6 ORGANIZATION 561ST SERVICE SQUADRON, APO 520, U.S. ARMY

MONTH OF FEBRUARY 1944 PREPARED BY LOUIS ROZEK, 1st Lt. A.C., Unit Historian

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21. cont. A mess kit washer, a rather elaborate contraption was set up, and is a decided improvement over barrels set in the open where the smoke and soot is at liberty to fly all over the mess area. Tonight our basketball team upset the highly touted group Hq. team. This was the type of game that could be won by either team and the loser would have no justified complaints. But someone has to lose. This organizations' basketball team should go far with a little practice, as they exhibit excellent coordination and teamwork

22. This morning the second terrible catastrophe within a period of three days befell this squadron when another man passed away in bed. These two deaths, especially since they occured within such a short time, caused much sorrow among the personnel of the squadron. Not as great as in some cases where the organization is an old one and all the men know each other well, but nevertheless, serious and sorrowful looks and tones could be detected on the faces and in the voices of the men during their usual duties. The second bereavement emphasized the facts brought out by the first; that death is not only terrible and inevitable, but that it strikes swiftly and utterly without warning.

23. Biscuits and steak were served for dinner today and along with this we also had the ever luscious brown gravy to match. The chow has been, shall we say, excellent ever since this organization was activated and due to this we can proudly say that the morale of the entire organization has been up to par right along.

24. The basketball team emerged victorious from another close contest this evening. The score was 21 to 20 and once again it was anybodys' game right up to the final whistle. This was the second one point victory against no reverses. Sporting authorities claim a team that wins most of its close ones is hard to beat. We believe this may prove true in our case, and the excellent competitive spirit which our men possess should prove a deciding factor in games to come.

In a simple ceremony in front of the orderly room the Chaplain paid the respects of the Army to the two members of this squadron who recently passed into the great beyond. His words seemed to echo a quotation from Longfellows' "Psalm of Life", in which the author says "Dust thou art, to dust returneth, was not spoken of the soul", rather than place stress on the link of close camraderie that existed between the deceased and some of those present. He advised all listeners to make their spiritual peace, and to be right in their hearts at all times, lest when their time comes, they find themselves unprepared to meet their Maker. The silence that followed his speech, even after the men were dismissed, showed they were quite impressed.

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WAR DIARY

SHEET NO. 7 ORGANIZATION 561st SERVICE SQUADRON, APO #520, US ARMY.

MONTH OF February, 1944 PREPARED BY LOUIS REZEK, 1st Lt, AC, Unit Historian

DAY: EVENTS

25. Two officers joined the organization. 1st Lt Aaron Schwinger, who is to be the Squadron Surgeon, and 2nd Lt Theodore Nathanson, who wins the combined tasks of Mess and Supply. Two E/M were sent to the 34th Field Hospital. The kitchen grease-pits were completed. Urinals have been erected throughout the area (about a dozen) in such a manner that nearly all the odor will be eliminated. There is a very urgent need of more cots in this organization, as some replacements are coming in, and there will be more to follow before the organization is up to strength. Today the food was worthy of mention in any War Diary. For dinner we had beef-steak, and for supper we had the first chocolate pie the organization has been given. The light bulb shortage was relieved when Captain Chiary brought in a half dozen American bulbs. Equipment shortage is still somewhat acute, and efforts to procure equipment, whether through or over channels have met with only fair success.

26. The generators which this organization possesses are not adequate. The lights are constantly cutting off, despite the electricians determined efforts to keep them on, and the First Sergeants constant denunciations of the hapless and not so efficient generators. At the present time, the shops, which will pull the greater part of the load are not functioning, and everyone aware of the situation, from the Commanding Officer on down, is wondering how an added strain can be borne by the already over-loaded machines. Three 5-KVA generators plus what the organization has now should prove adequate to cope with the situation in the future.

A load of mail came in today. The men have been getting mail addressed direct to them at this squadron, and constantly arriving much faster. The morale of this squadron varies almost directly with the arrival of mail, and in most squadrons, the latter is also a vital factor in determining the ultimate standard.

27. The squadron is still in need of CEL and TBA equipment. It is impossible for a Service Squadron to function properly without this.

The organization suffered a severe loss when Major Pernoud was relieved from duty here and assigned to the 558th Service Squadron. He was admired and respected by everyone. The strength of the Squadron is now 8 officers and 167 E/M present for duty.

28. A T/Sgt went to the 34th Field Hospital. Several missions have been flown by the Bomb Group. This statement could be pointed with pride, except for the fact as yet this organization with no equipment has not had the opportunity to work on those planes.

No new cases of Venerial Desease have come up in this organization. Except for the fact that three men, immediately upon joining this organization from others, turned into the dispesary, and, local treatments not having the desired results, were ultimately sent to hospitals. These proceedings place a stigma on the squadron's escutcheon, thru no falts of its own. It is believed that one or more of these cases were deliberately transferred to this organization in order that other organizations might have a lowere venerial rate. If such is the case transfers are illegal and should be revoked.

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SHEET NO. 8 ORGANIZATION 561st SERVICE SQUADRON, APO #520, US Army

MONTH OF February, 1944 PREPARED BY LOUIS REZEK, 1st Lt, AC, Unit Historian.

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29. Pay day, second month for payment of troops since this organization was activated. Captain Chiery was Class "A" Agent Finance Officer, just one of his many duties. Men not put on pay roll were paid on individual vouchers and everyone in the organization, with the exception of those in the 26th General Hospital is paid in full up to date.

Intermittent rains prevailed during the entire day. The men in this organization are still wondering where the "Sun" is in "Sunny" Italy. Perhaps it will shine this summer.

Louis Rezek

LOUIS REZEK,
1st Lieut, AC,
Unit Historian.

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WAR DIARY

SHEET NO 1 ORGANIZATION 561st SERVICE SQUADRON, APO#520, US Army

MONTH OF January 19hh PREPARED BY LOUIS REZEK, 1st Lt., AC, Unit Historian

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15. Squadron activated per G.O. #8, Hq, XII Air Force Command dated 27 December 19h3. 115 EM assigned from cadres of the 9hth, 30hth, 339th, 3h5th, 3h8th, 350th and 351st Service Squadrons. Captain William S. Pound on temporary duty from Hq & Hq Sodn, 38th Service Group, duty- commanding Officer.

Bivouaced temporarily in school building, Lucera, Italy and messing with 38th Service Group.

16. 19 EM from 331st Service Squadron and 1 EM from 351st Service Squadron attached to this organization, awaiting assignment orders from Service Center #38.

Three movie theatres provide entertainment for officers and enlisted men.

Moved to pyramidal tents, many of the enlisted men much more satisfied. Location of bivouac area in local park in Lucera, Italy. Soldiers have built themselves stoves, cots, and many other "Rube Goldberg" inventions to make life more comfortable.

17. Equipment is being received, not much, but it's a start towards the operation of this unit. Men seem to be in good spirits and are very willing to start work. Morale is good, a basketball court and movie pictures providing enjoyment for officers and enlisted men of this command.

18. Hospital tent is set up for mess hall. Kitchen is being prepared for operation for this unit. Men seem to be in good spirits and happy to hear that we are going to mess by ourselves.

Morale much better due to shower provisions. Basketball tournament sponsered by Special Service and the shaping up a basketball team is under the supervision of M/Sgt. Cordell Arnold.

19. 18 EM from 35hth Service Squadron and 1 EM from 350th Service Squadron attached, awaiting orders ontheir assignment to this unit.

Meals enjoyed very much, first cooked in Squadron and everyone somewhat eased, feeling sure that the cooks are okay.

20. EM who were attached have been assigned, boosting Squadron strength up to 16h.

EM interviewed, classified and placed in their respective departments.

Morale excellent, although the weather conditions are not as good as can be expected.

21. Enlisted Men given permission to visit Lucera, Italy. Only essential men retained in Squadron that are really needed.

Orderly Room functioning normally, service records and allied papers being received of enlisted men assigned to this unit. Preparations for a partial payment to EM now under way. Necessary re orts being submitted on time giving the assurance that this unit will be in full operation whenever the equipment is received.

22. PRO-RATA share of Squadron Fund requested from organizations sending cadres, from all indications Squadron Fund if and when received will be a large sum.

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SHEET NO 2 ORGANIZATION 561st SERVICE SQUADRON, APO #520, US Army

MONTH OF January 1944 PREPARED BY LOUIS REZEK, 1st Lt., AC, Unit Historian

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22. Usual movie pictures shown, morale excellent for that of a newly activated unit.
Request was also made for service records and allied papers from organizations which had not forwarded them with enlisted men.

23. PX rations issued today. Cigarettes, candy, chewing gum, towels, a few of the items given to enlisted men, one of the items listed on ration card was beer, causing many of the soldiers to wonder just when they would be able to get any. Usual duties for that of a newly activated unit.

24. Wind storm blew down Tech Supply storage tent scattering Tech Orders and light equipment through out the area. Many Tech Orders were later recovered from the branches of nearby trees. Tent was a total loss. Matters were not helped any by the rain which accompanied the wind.
Captain William S. Pound slightly overworked, being the only officer on duty with this unit. Combined duties of Supply, Mess, Commanding, and Censoring Officer are more than enough work for anyone.

25. Weather took a turn for the best. Sun shining making the day a pleasing one. Clerks and cooks being only persons working. Others applying for passes to visit Lucera, Italy, a few attending the afternoon moving pictures, and others playing basketball at the Headquarters gymnasium. Basketball team is coming along nicely, first games to be played will be 28 January 1944.

26. Advance echelon of 34 E/M departed by truck convoy for Cerignola #4, Italy. These enlisted men sent ahead to set up tents for the last echelon will leave the following day. The remainder of the personnel given instructions for departure for the following morning at 0730 hours. Ten trucks borrowed from the 811th QM Co Trk (Avn) for movement of the advance echelon. A excellent day for movement was experienced.

27. Last echelon of 124 EM departed Lucera, Italy by truck convoy and arrived at Cerignola #4, Italy at 1100 hours. Captain William S. Pound relieved as Commanding Officer and Captain August Chiary assuming command. New tents, cots, and stoves have been set, aluxury never experienced by many of the soldiers. All cots, stoves, and chimney pipe that enlisted men built themselves given to soldiers of the Bomb Gp. It is said that stoves were sold to the highest bidder and prices paid for some of them were as high as twenty dollars.
This unit relieved from assignment to Service Center #38 and reassigned to Service Center #43.
Advance air echelon of the Bomb Group bivouaced in olive groves across the road from our site.
Weather ideal for movement.

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WAR DIARY

SHEET NO 3 ORGANIZATION 561st SERVICE SQUADRON, APO 520, US Army

MONTH OF January 1944 PREPARED BY LOUIS REZEK, 1st Lt., AC, Unit Historian

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28. Bivouac area located eight miles from Cerignola. Site is an excellent one from everyone's point of view.

Some of the men are obviously disappointed due their training for an excellent basketball team which they unable to play against anyone.

Special Service equipment received today. Horseshoes, baseball gloves, boxing gloves, books, bats and games were given to us by the Group Special Officer. Special Service Officer seems to be more than willing to provide us with Special Service equipment for personnel of this unit.

1st Lt William D. Packard assigned and joined per VOCO, Service Center. Principal duty - Engineering Officer.

29. 2 EM attached from 21st Engineers for rations only. Men are detailed to operate Aviation gas refuel point.

Orders received on mutual transfer of two EM from this organization for two EM of Hq & Hq Sqdn, 38th Service Group.

Personnel enjoying meals prepared by cooks. Everyone praising them for the wonderful meals they cooked thus far.

30. Truck is sent in to Cerignola for showers at the 34th Field Hospital. For the time being a truck will be sent there until the Engineering is set up and a shower rig of our own is built. Showers were enjoyed by EM and Officers, unfortunately dust from the road on the way back to bivouac area was very thick making one feel dusty say the least.

Items of Air Corps equipment plus Quartermaster equipment, especially vehicles, arriving at a promising rate. Some vehicles received while under command of Service Center #38.

31. 1st Lt. Louis Rezek and 1st Lt. Hart T. Akin assigned and joined Service Center #43. Lt Rezek's principal duty is Squadron Adjutant and Mess Officer. Lt Akin's principal duty is Tech Supply Officer.

Squadron shaping up nicely as air echelon of 456th Bomb Group arrives. Men looking forward to the day when they will be able to service planes.

Morale excellent, food seems to be very good at the present time.

"THE END"

Louis Rezek

LOUIS REZEK,
1st Lieut, AC,
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561ST AIR SERVICE SQUADRON
43RD SERVICE GROUP
APO 520 US ARMY

AC/wlb

7 October 1944

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SUBJECT: Summary of Historical and Operational Data of the 561st Air Service Squadron.

TO : CO, 456th Bombardment Group (H).

1. This organization, comprised of cadre personnel from other service units, was activated under the 38th Service Group at Lucera, Italy, 15 January 1944. On 27 January 1944, the Squadron moved to Stornara, Italy, and was assigned to the 43rd Service Group. A few days later the air echelon of your Group arrived and operational activities began.

2. This organization has serviced your Bomb Group for a period of approximately eight (8) months from about 1 February 1944 to the present date. During these eight (8) months this unit has repaired fifty-five (55) B-24 airplanes and salvaged fourteen (14).

3. a. Men assigned are as follows:

(1) Officers--------9.

(2) Enlisted Men--230.

b. Men attached are as follows:

(1) Officers--------1.

(2) Enlisted men--39.

4. A member of this organization, S/Sgt. Warren F. Talken, 19065065, has been recommended for the Bronze Star Medal for developing and installing a superior type of camera mount for B-24 aircraft.

AUGUST CHIARY,
Major, Air Corps,
Commanding.

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561st SERVICE SQUADRON
43rd SERVICE GROUP
APO # 520

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8 May 1944

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SUBJECT: Historical Record.

TO : Commanding General, XV Air Force, Attention: Historian, (through channels)

1. Unit history of the 561st Service Squadron for the period 1 April 1944 to 30 April 1944.

a. The present designation of this unit is 561st Service Squadron, 43rd Service Group, XV Air Force Service Command.

b. Changes in organization.
(1) No change in designation of this unit.
(2) No transfer of this unit as a whole.
(3) Lt Rezek transferred to 557th Serv Sqdn; Lt Nathanson became Squadron Adjutant vice Lt Rezek, 15 April 1944.

c. Strength, commissioned and enlisted.
(1) Month of April 1944
(a) 1 April 1944 206
(b) Net increase 27
(c) 30 April 1944 233

d. Station - Cerignola #4, Stornora, Italy.

e. Movements - None.

f. Campaigns
(1) Italian campaign - still in progress.

g. Operations.
(1) Engineering department is working full time. Lack of machine shop is retarding work to some extent. Several times during the month Mobile Repair crews have salvaged substantial quantities of much needed parts from planes crashed in this vicinity and assigned to this squadron.

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(2) Air Corps Supply has obtained some much needed equipment and is working overtime to keep pace with demands from Squadron Engineering and 456th Bomb Group. Lack of transportation and dearth of some highly necessary A.O.C. parts are obstacles that should receive immediate attention from higher commands.

2. Enclosed is the war diary of this unit for the period 1 April 1944 to 30 April 1944.

For the Commanding Officer:

Theodore Hathaway

THEODORE HATHAWAY,
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
Unit Historian.

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WAR DIARY

SHEET NO 1 ORGANIZATION 561ST SERVICE SQUADRON, APO 520, US ARMY

MONTH OF APRIL 1944 PREPARED BY THEODORE NATHANSON, 2nd Lt, U. MIST.

DAYS: EVENTS

1. The sun was out today, bright and shining in all its glory, giving a lovely day to start off the month of April with. In accordance with the old custom that holds sway the weather acted just the opposite from what one usually expects. Everyone expected rain, and the weather man really slipped one over by sending out Old Sol instead of Jupe Pluvius. The day was uneventful except for countless reports that were submitted in compliance with countless directives..... Twelve enlisted men returned from oxygen school.

2. An inter-departmental softball league is being started, probably with an ultimate view toward moulding together a squadron softball team that will enter outside competition when and if any leagues are initiated. The games within departments should provide a good deal of much needed exercise for all in the squadron, and expedite acquaintance between all its members. The teams will all take nicknames and play under them.

3. There are still far from enough vehicles assigned to this outfit. Until adequate transportation is provided, this squadron cannot be expected to operate in its most efficient manner. Three men went to the hospital (34th Field) this morning. Our men at oxygen school made a good record.

4. Another man went to the 34th Field Hospital today. The inter-departmental softball league started today. Both teams looked rather poor in the field which may be attributed to lack of practice. On the other hand, batting eyes were a bit sharper than expected. These games furnish exercise and in many respects are better than a squadron team, on which everyone will not get a chance to play.

5. One man returned from TD AFGD #5, Bari, to duty with the sqdn. The weather is still unbelievably good and food also. Pleasant days and plenty of fresh meat make life seem somewhat decent over here. There are now 206 men (including officers) assigned here.

6. A squadron shower is rapidly nearing completion. This will save both transportation (which is none too plentiful) and man-hours. One other item that has the attention of the personnel is the dayroom. At present it is being built at a rapid rate and the day of opening will be welcomed with open arms. Plans at the present moment include a bar at one end, tables for writing and playing ping pong.

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WAR DIARY

SHEET NO. 2 ORGN 561st SERVICE SQUADRON, APO 520, US Army

MONTH OF APRIL 1944 PREPARED BY T. NATHANSON, 2nd LT, AC, U.Hist.

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7-Air Corps Supply is having a very busy time these days. During the last 7 days they have filled 72 out of 74 ACOs. Their main difficulty seems to be in obtaining tires(56" casing) and turret parts. Lack of transportation is also causing a bit of trouble. However, considering some adverse factors and conditions in general, the record is good, if not somewhat enviable.

Six (6) enlisted men were transferred to the 408th Serv Sqdn as cadre personnel for activation of this squadron.

One man returned from the 26th General Hospital. This man was placed in Class "B".

8-Frozen promotions in the Fifteenth Air Force have finally thawed. This action is a distinct boost to morale, as a man will always work harder when there is a chance for advancement.

Orchids to someone: The eight hour pass, an institution justly subject to much criticism, has finally been replaced with a fifteen hour pass.

Two more men returned to duty-for a change no one left-from the 34th Field Hospital.

9-Five enlisted men returned from DS, Cerignola, their task of salvaging a B-24 now completed.

Another man returned from the 34th Field Hospital to duty.

The food situation is still good, but fresh meat every day is far more agreeable than every other day. Some of the men remarked at the time that the food was too good to last. However, fresh meat every other day is still far, far better than Spam and its immediate family every day.

10-Three men were transferred to the 163rd Medical Dispensary (Avn). This step was probably taken in conjunction with the new TO & E, which slices the strength of our medics-formerly seven- to three.

The sun has been out now, consistently, for several days. The writer hereby retracts all the unkind remarks made on that score, and furthermore predicts that "Dusty Italy" will be an appropriate nickname in the immediate future, especially for this area.

11-The squadron shower is now completed and working very satisfactorily. We have hot and cold water. The boys are proud of this shower and delighted with the results. They all maintain it's the best shower they've had the privilege of showering under since coming overseas.



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WAR DIARY

SHEET NO. 3 ORGN 561ST SERVICE SQUADRON, APO 520, US Army.

MONTH OF APRIL 1944 PREPARED BY T. MATHANSON, 2nd Lt, AC, U. Hist.

| DAY: | EVENTS: |
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11(Cont'd)-The inter-squadron softball league is now in full swing. Participation in these games provides a great deal of recreation and healthful exercise. Also the men who show unusual ability will be chosen to represent the squadron in future league games. Some more Special Service equipment was received today.

12-The fickle Dame Fortune turned an exceedingly favorable countenance toward the person of Pvt Clarence B. Bebo. This soldier was appointed Private First Class today, and was awarded the Purple Heart for injuries sustained as a result of enemy action, i.e., the disastrous Bari raid of 2 December 1943. The promotion is not to be credited to Dame Fortune. The Purple Heart may be. Any recipient of this award for that particular raid really earned it, the fortunate part being that he didn't receive a wooden box in lieu thereof.

13-The squadron day room-a building erected solely for that purpose, was completed except for the tile floor, which will be installed in the near future, and will open tomorrow. A ping pong table and an excellent bar are the present installations. Local beverages and games of ping pong should prove and amusing mixture.

In the Engineering section, the prop shop has been extended, and a salvage and reclamation shop has been started too.

14-Three day passes for Naples are in style now for those who have a good reason for such (relatives or wounded friends in that vicinity). One man has already gone there and returned with glowing accounts concerning the abundance of all things dear to G. I. hearts All the men fervently hope that Naples will remain 'On Limits' for some time to come.

The squadron went through a tent serving as a gas chamber and full of tear gas. Masks were worn throughout the time spent in the improvised chamber and no ill effects were observed afterward.

15-There is still a shortage of aircraft parts, particularly the 56" tire casings and turret parts. Out of 78 AOCs in the last 7 days, 19 were for these parts, and it was not possible to complete them all.

The affable, highly respected and immensely popular squadron Adjutant, 1st Lt Louis Rezek, was transferred to the 557th Service Squadron. We hope his new organization will derive as much benefit from this very competent administrative officer as this one has.

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SHEET NO 4 ORGANIZATION 561ST SERVICE SQUADRON, APO 520, US Army.

MONTH OF APRIL 1944 PREPARED BY THEODORE MATHIASON, 2nd Lt, U. Hist.

| DAYS: | EVENTS |
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16-One man returned from the 34th Field Hospital, leaving only nine (9) men absent out of one hundred-ninety eight(198). This is a good percentage and we hope it may be maintained.

The tile floor is being put in the day room very rapidly. Pin-up girls adorn the wall over and around an excellent bar, and a morale-boosting mural or two lights up the wall to the right and left of the pinups. The men are all quite proud of this bar and day room.

17-Decided proof was furnished today that the new day room and other buildings similarly constructed are not suitable for blockhouses. A truck was being backed toward the building when the parties concerned got their signals crossed. The result was a dull thud, and several stones knocked out of the day room's side. Nothing serious, and the damage should be repaired in two or three hours. The truck wasn't even scratched.

18-Four (4) pin-up girls were received from MGM as the result of a letter written some time ago. There were three(3) starlets and one (1) star. No Sheridans or Grables though. Either MGM must be running low or a Service Squadron's priority is none too exalted. In any case we may try another studio.

19-The foxholes here are really in good shape, and an excellent ground defense plan has been formulated by our Commanding Officer. (These facts should be noted by Luftwaffe and German Airborne Infantry commanders who have any funny ideas about dispatching their minions to attack Cerignola #4.

Two (2) more men went to the 34th Field Hospital today.

20-Two (2) more men attached here from the 1999th Comp Engr Bn(Fire fighters) to this squadron for rations and quarters. Their duty is to combat any fires on or around the airfield.

The food and mail situation is still pretty good, but the cut in the issuance of fresh meat merely substaintated the remarks previously made to the effect that "This food is too good to last". However, it was good while it did last.

21-This organization was on the receiving end of thirty-five(35) new men from the States-via the 22nd Repl Bn and the 43rd Serv Gp. The boys said things were pretty rough in the States-couldn't get any whiskey at all-just rum and gin-too bad...

Twelve (12) privates were appointed Pfcs, and more promotions are rumored to be in the wind.



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SHEET NO 5 ORGANIZATION 561ST SERVICE SQUADRON, APO 520, US Army

MONTH OF APRIL 1944 PREPARED BY THEODORE NATHANSON, 2nd Lt. U. Hist.

| DAYS: | EVENTS |
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22-Two more medical enlisted men were transferred out today. They were sent to the 41st Air Depot Group. This cuts our medical detachment down to four. A mutual transfer was also effected. Two clerks were sent here, and two truck drivers, previously assigned here, were sent to the 1246th QM Co. Another man went to the 34th Field Hospital.

23-Obtaining casings, rivets and plexiglass is still proving something of a bottleneck to our Air Corps Supply department. Most of the eight AOC's they were unable to complete during the last seven days may be traced to lack of these accessories.

Ice cream was served for dinner today. Although it probably did not have alll the ingredients of that served in the U.S., it tasted as good as any ice cream ever did.

24-A photographic laboratory--a darkened tent--has been set up in the squadron area. The Public Relations NCO, formerly a newspaper photographer, is both the director and operator. Some good photographic work should be forthcoming.

The weather is bright and sunny, a large quantity of mail came in and everything is pretty good in general.

25-One man went to the hospital, but one returned. Also a man returned from furlough. He had been to Sicily to see his family. Three more men were assigned--2Cpls and one Pvt.

The tile floor is being installed rather slowly in the dayroom. It is rather an exacting task, but the results should be well worth waiting for.

26-The rumored promotions came out today. One T/Sgt made M/Sgt, one S/Sgt made Tech and five sergeants made staff. Three Cpls made sergeant, and eight Pfcs made Cpls.

Two men returned from three day passes, and two more men were assigned. Each day this organization is getting closer and closer to TO strength.

27-Our softball team shows definite promise of good things to come. Tonight they defeated the 163rd Medical Dispensary (Avn) 12-5. The game went on fairly evenly for four innings, but our boys broke loose in the last three innings for eight runs. This game may be a fairly good indication of what the team will do in future games.



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SHEET NO 6 ORGANIZATION 561ST SERVICE SQUADRON, APO 520, US Army

MONTH OF APRIL 1944 PREPARED BY THEODORE NATHANSON, 2nd Lt, U. Mist

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28-The same story with the hospital--one came-one went. We're getting somewhat ahead of the hospital, but there is always someone there.

Air Corps Supply is getting a few parts in, but many more will be necessary.

Engineering has been very busy, too, as the bombers are flying almost daily, and nearly every day they come back with several damaged.

29-Another man back from the 34th Field Hospital. Two more men returned from three day passes. Ice cream was served again today, somewhat more copiously than before.

The P.X. rations (especially candy) are up in standard. And the quality is very good. Matches are again becoming scarce after a few weeks of plentitude.

30-One man was sent back to the States as cadre personnel for formation of Very Heavy Bombardment group, at Kelly Field, Texas. Lucky fellow!

AOC's are still coming in and can be fixed in entirety except for turret parts, casings and plexiglass.

Today was payday, and everybody was happy--at least 'til after the games of chance had ended for the night.

Theodore Nathanson

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2nd Lt, Air Corps,
Unit Historian.



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301st SERVICE SQUADRON
45rd SERVICE GROUP
APO 520 US ARMY

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9 June 1944

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SUBJECT: Historical Record.

TO : Commanding General, XV Air Force, Attention: Historian, (through channels).

1. Unit History of the 301st Service Squadron for the period 1 May 1944 to 31 May 1944.

a. The present designation of this unit is 301st Service Squadron, 45rd Service Group, XV Air Force Service Command.

b. Changes in organization.
(1) No change in designation of this unit.
(2) No transfer of this unit as a whole.
(3) 2d Lt [redacted], O-[redacted], asgd fr 45rd Serv Gp, 1 May 1944. WOjg [redacted] reld as Asst Engr Officer and asgd as Shop Superintendant. 2d Lt [redacted] asgd Asst Engr Officer, principal duty and Supply, Mess & Transportation Officer, additional duties.

c. Strength, commissioned and Enlisted Men.
(1) Month of May 1944
(a) 1 May 1944 - 334
(b) Net decrease - 4
(c) 31 May 1944- 330

d. Station - Cerignola #4, Stornara, Italy.

e. Movements - None.

f. Campaigns.
(1) Italian campaign - still in progress.

g. Operations.
(1) Engineering - All shops are busy doing work for both Squadron and Bomb Gp. A watch repair shop has been erected separate from the rest of the instrument shop, and nearly 100 UR's have been completed. Seven planes have been repaired and one salvaged. Fifteen airplanes have been repaired by Sheet Metal Shop. Welding shop has been very busy on prop stands and other Engineering equipment and has also been working on boom trucks. The carpenter shop has been making necessary articles for the Squadron and Bomb Gp.

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(2) Air Corps Supply - Out of 365 ACC's turned over to them our Air Corps Supply completed 255 for the month. They are complaining about the service given them in filling bi-monthly requisitions. They also submitted 238 reports this month. When necessary parts come thru the ACC's received and completed will be about the same.

2. Enclosed is the war diary of this unit for the period 1 May 1944 to 31 May 1944.

For the Commanding Officer:

Theodore Nathanson

THEODORE NATHANSON,
2d Lt., Air Corps,
Unit Historian.

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WAR DIARY

SHEET NO 1 ORGN 561ST SERVICE SQUADRON, APO 520, US Army.

MONTH OF MAY 1944 PREPARED BY T. NATHANSON, 2d Lt, AC,U. List.

| DAY: | EVENTS: |
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1 - This merry month started off very nicely as far as the weather was concerned. Machine shop tools-in fact a machine shop-may be available before the month is out. This will make everyone connected with Engineering exceedingly happy.

Another flying officer, 2d lieut Keith O. Bush, has been assigned to the Squadron. A pleasant chap who smiles easily, he will inherit the duties of Squadron Supply and Transportation officer.

2 - Two men went on three day passes this morning. These passes are an excellent institution, affording the men a break from the usual routine duties. The men will all be very happy when Naples is put back "On Limits"-if it ever is. Stories have circulated by the grapevine (started by GIs who have visited the city) that it is by far the best city to go to on pass.

3 - Three more men on three day passes-they're now really in style.

The hopes of our squadron softball team for an undefeated season received a rude setback tonight when the 283Snd QM Truck Co, sporting a pitcher with a ferris-wheel windup and a fine array of hitters, trounced us to the humiliating tune of 8 to 0. No excuses The better team won, and will win again the next time we meet. The unsettled question here here is-who will be the better team at that time?

4 - Two men returned from three day passes this morning, and two from the 54th Field Hospital.

Another B-24 was completed today by the Engineering section, and will once more lay eggs on Vedeschi and his minions.

A few more promotions were put out here. Our acte First Sergeant was promoted to the full pay status that goes with the job; one technical sergeant made master, and a corporal was upped to sergeant. Still more to come.

5 - To night the enlisted men's club of this unit opened-and opened with a bang. There was a scarcity of girls, as expected, but three Red Cross girls and a WAC were good enough to attend. Their presence was appreciated by all. It seems rather strange to see American girls over here, even in small quantities.

The men are justly proud of this club. No efforts were spared in procuring materials, either by men or officers



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WAR DIARY

SQDN NO 2 ORGN 561ST SERVICE SQUADRON, APO 520, US ARMY.

MONTH OF MAY 1944 PREPARED BY T. NATHANSON, 2d Lt. AC, Hist.

DAY: NOTES:

6 - Our squadron softball team showed a direct reversal of form from the last game. This evening, instead of being blanked, they did the blanking. Corporal Jesse Miller, aided and abetted by the nine other men, applied a very artistic coat of whitewash to the 558th Service Squadron '10' in no uncertain fashion. Hits were as scarce as runs. This is the first no-hit no-run game of a young season in this league. We got only three runs, but they were as good as a hundred.

7 - Air Corps Supply did a bang-up job on ACCs this week, completing sixty-five (65) out of sixty-seven (67) submitted. This is an enviable record.

Three more men went on three day passes, and one was fortunate enough to get a twelve (12) day furlough to go to Sicily and visit his folks, whom he had not seen in several years. This is really an item of importance as furloughs in this area are scarcer than local bambinoes who don't want 'caramelli'!

Four refueling operators returned from DS with the 456th Bomb Group, probably in conjunction with the new program of relieving Service squadrons of refueling duties.

The influx of mail could be more plentiful than it has been of late.

8 - There was no mail again today. This makes three days without this important item, and is definitely not good. The food, however, has shown a decided increase in quality for the last week. This is definitely good.

More machinery is coming in for the Machine Shop, an essential function if any service squadron is to perform its functions in a satisfactory manner.

9 - One man was transferred from our overage list to Hq Sq, 485th Bomb Group.

There were several B-24s handed over to squadron engineering today, the results of enemy flak-apparently quite heavy and too accurate, if holes are any indication.

Ice cream was served for supper tonight. The cooks seem to improve their ice cream making technique with each new attempt.

10 - Ten members of this squadron went to Guil[illegible] airfield on the Group oxygen project. Substantially the same men who attended the school at Bari are the ones who went. Oxygen business must be good.



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WAR DIARY

SHEET NO 3 ORGN 561st SERVICE SQUADRON, APO 520, US Army

MONTH OF MAY 1944 PREPARED BY T. NATHANSON, 2d Lt, AC, U.Mist.

EVENTS:

10.cont'd - Some unique chairs were donated by Mr. Moore, the area A.R.C. Field Director. They really are barrels with one half of the top half cut out. The squadron is highly appreciative of these and undoubtedly will put them to good use.

11. - One refueler was transferred to the 557th Service Sqdn. These refueling men are overages in the T/O, now that refueling here has finished. Also a man was sent to the 25th General Hospital recommended for transfer to the Continental Zone. He apparently had something resembling "Chronic asthma".

We got another man back from the 34th Fld Hospital, and for a change no one went absent sick. We only have 3 men absent now. Hope it keeps up.

12. - Most of the various departments in this organization are in need of materials. Watches that cannot be repaired here are forwarded to the United States. Parts for repair of these watches are very scarce over here. Watch oil is practically unknown, and suitable substitutes fall in the same category. Soft solder and solder paste, essential supplies of the Welding Shop are too hard to procure.

13. - A mutual transfer was effected today. 2 E/M from this organization transferred to 1346th QM Trk Co and 2 EM from the 1346th transferred to this organization.

Usual repairing of airplanes continued, sheet metal holding first place. Air Corps Supply issuing their parts keeping them very busy through out the day.

14. - It has finally happened! One enlisted man has left for home on the Rotation plan. The unbelievable has happened to this organization and many of the skeptics have been convinced that there is such a thing. As to their individual chance of getting home - there are those who are figuring out how many years it will be before their turn comes up, very optimistic!!!

One E/M on DS with Medical section of the 43rd Service Gp.

One civilian laborer relieved as squadron duty laborer and assigned to the kitchen.

15. - The weather seems to have taken a turn for the worse. A high wind with plenty of dust has made it a day very miserable for all concerned. Dust seems to have settled over everything and work had been delayed.

Meals for today were very satisfactory. Breakfast consisting of French toast, cereal and coffee, Dinner - "Swiss steak" with gravy fit for a king. Supper - hash patties camouflaged so well and so tasty that seconds was asked by many.

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SHEET NO 4 ORGN 561st SERVICE SQUADRON, APO 520, US Army.

MONTH OF MAY 1944 PREPARED BY T. NATHANSON, 2d Lt, AC, U Hist.

EVENTS:

16. - Engineering department is working fervently to repair airplanes. Sheet metal shop have their share of the work and are really doing a wonderful job. Aero-repair in next in line and the salvaging of a B-24 is an added headache. Electrical department is doing a good job also. Rewiring of airplanes that has had their electrical system ruined through flak bursts and bullets is not a pleasant job.

Air Corps Supply is another department that should receive commendation. They were decidely on the ball this week. Out of 53 AOCs, 50 were completed. The million and one reports needed to keep parts flowing in without any hitchs is being carried out very satisfactorily.

17. - A good many personnel attended the movie "Miracle of Morgan Creek" at the "Music Hall" in Cerignola. The human interest angle conveyed by the picture scored a definite hit with very nearly all the GIs in attendance.

We have a good collection of books in the Squadron library, which, supplemented occasionally by books donated by various members of the Squadron and is holding it's own in number of books. Some have been received from the Port of Embarkation and they help too. However, more literature is always welcome.

18. - We got an even break with the 54th Field Hospital when one man went and one returned.

Sheet metal needs some more rivets to finish up their work on some flak-riddled B-24s.

Squadron Supply has acquired some carbines and it is possible for rifles for the men of this organization to exchange "03" rifles for them. Let's hope we can all get carbines soon.

19. - A new custom has been initiated. The Squadron, as a supplement to the ground defense drill of each Thursday (somewhat facetiously but quite inappropriately dubbed "Commando Training", by some wags), will stand retreat each Thursday night; sort of a polite reminder that this is the army.

Each Thursday a certain number of men are going to the firing range to familiarize themselves with shooting their weapon. This training and small amount of drilling never hurt anyone, and sounds like a good idea inasmuch as quite authentic rumors have it that a great deal of discipline and spit and polish now prevail in the states, a place we all hope to go sometime.

20. - Post exchange supplies were sold to day and in comparison with past standards, were very satisfactory. As a matter of fact, the only conceivable complaint was a shortage of matches. However, cigarette lighters are being received in more abundant quantities.

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WAR DIARY

SHEET NO 5 ORGN 561st SERVICE SQUADRON, APO 520, US ARMY

MONTH OF MAY 1944 PREPARED BY T. NATHANSON, 2d Lt, AC, Asst.

DAY: EVENTS:

21. - There has been a new deal started over at the Bomb Group theatre. In the interest of malaria control, it is now necessary to wear leggings when attending their theatre. If this will prevent malaria to any extent it is a very good idea. There have been some very good movies over there, and it is well worth wearing leggings to see them.

22. - Much work still remains to be done on the Service Records of the men assigned to this organization. Quite a few were still in Africa (according to the S/Rs) and it is necessary to bring them to Italy. That accomplished, other necessary changes on such subjects as Awards, Battle Participation Awards and MOS numbers. By that time something else will be required.

23. - A Pfc went on DS to the Bomb Gp to work on one of their refueling units, recently transferred from our squadron.

Two sergeants went on three day passes. There seem to be many places to go around this vicinity.

A wooden frame has been put around the sides of the Orderly Room making it possible to roll the sides. We plan to put mosquito netting around the frame.

24. - Some sketches have been received of the Commanding Generals of the AAF/MTO, XV AF and XV AFSC; Generals Eaker, Twining, and Beverley respectively. One adorns the Orderly Room in a very nice frame. The boys in there will know enough to keep busy with all that rank observing their movements. The carpenter shop built the frame, and the first soldier did the printing.

25. - The screening mentioned two days ago has been put around half the Orderly Room. The other half should be completed soon. The 34th Field Hospital got one up on us when another man departed for that institution.

One of our oxygen men returned from Guillá airfield. This makes nine oxygen boys still over there, and that should be enough.

26. - The 26th of May was promotion day and several members of this squadron profited thereby. From the top down - four S/Sgts made Tech, 1 sgt made Staff, and 3 Cpls were appointed Sgt, and 2 Pfcs were made Cpls. Promotions are very good for the morale of the men. There should be more shortly.

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SHEET NO 6 ORGN 561st SERVICE SQUADRON, APO 530, US ARMY

MONTH OF MAY 1944 PREPARED BY T. NATHANSON, 2d Lt, AC, U. Hist.

| DAY: | EVENTS: |
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27. - The men of this organization are going for the Armed Forces Institute courses in a big way. Several are taking each type. The men seem to be fully cognizant of the fact that this is absolutely the best opportunity ever offered to service men to obtain excellent education at a hitherto unheard of low price. We hope and sincerely believe that more soldiers will become aware of this fine opportunity as time goes on.

28. - We had a gas alarm drill to-day. We do every Monday for that matter. It simply consists of wearing the gas mask for one half hour from 1000 hrs to 1030 hrs. This procedure is not too bad now, but when the weather gets hot it will be anything but pleasant, and then the half hour should be moved back to a much cooler time.

29. - Invasion rumors are rife and plentiful. Speculations as to when, in how may places and how conducted, with the whys and wherefors punctuated with many gesticulations, are floating all over the area. Hope there are no enemy agents about as some of these rumors are bound to be true. Still and all, military strategy is a strange function.

30. - The day before payday, and some men are now investing their leftover cash in games of chance commonly classified as cards and dice. These are two very popular pastimes with GIs (some dice should be distributed)for parchesi) and inasmuch as the ghost will walk tomorrow they figure they won't need what they have at present.

31. - Payday and lots of work foreverybody. But nobody seems to mind a bit. In fact everybody is quite happy about the whole thing and looking forward with anticipation to 1300 hours.

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561ST SERVICE SQUADRON
43RD SERVICE GROUP
APO 520 U S ARMY

314.7 6 July 1944

SUBJECT: Historical Record.

TO : Commanding General, 15th Air Force, (Att'n: Historian) (THRU CHANNELS)

1. Unit history of the 561st Service Squadron for the period 1 June to 30 June 1944.

a. The present designation of this unit is 561st Service Squadron, 43rd Service Group, XV Air Force Service Command.

b. Changes in organization.
(1) No change in designation of this unit.
(2) No transfer of this unit as a whole.

c. Strength, commissioned and enlisted men.
(1) Month of June 1944
(a) 1 June 1944 - 232
(b) Net increase - 4
(c) 31 June 1944 - 236

d. Station - Cerignola #4, Stornara, Italy.

e. Movements - None

f. Campaigns.
(1) Italian campaign - still in progress.

g. Operations.
(1) Air Corps Supply - This department has been as busy as usual this month. Two hundred sixty (260) AOCs have been completed.
(2) Engineering - Repaired seven (7) B-24 airplanes, and salvaged three (3). Also erected machine shop which will greatly facilitate many future repair jobs.

2. Enclosed is War Diary for June 1944.

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THEODORE NATHANSON,
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Unit Historian.

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WAR DIARY

SHEET NO 1 ORGANIZATION 561ST SERVICE SQUADRON,APO.520,U.S.ARMY.

MONTH OF JUNE 1944 PREPARED BY:T.NATHANSON,2d Lt.,AC.,UNIT HIST.

| DAY: | EVENTS: |
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1 - The Personal Transfer Account is being used here extensively as a means of sending money home. Those supposedly in the know, all claim that this method is more expedious than money orders.

Two new men were assigned here from 2233rd QM Trk Co.(Avn).

Twenty-two (22) Privates were appointed Privates First-Class and consequently are very happy.

2 - Many soldiers are taking advantage of the opportunity of investing their money with Uncle Sam at 4 per-cent interest in the Soldiers Deposit. This appears to be the most advantagous investment offered at the present time and members of this Squadron deposited a total of $1030.00.

3 - One S/Sgt was transferred to the Detachment of Patients,26th General Hospital and one soldier returned from the 34th Field Hospital. We are catching up with them one way or another.

4 - Our Engineering Department completed salvage of a B-24 that had crashed the day before.

Two more men went on three day passes.

A Pfc. was assigned to Headquarters today waiting for a broken arm to heal.

Required malaria lectures were given this evening by both the Surgeon and the Commanding Officer. They were planned so that one complemented the other. This Squadron has been very fortunate on malaria cases so far, as there have been very few mosquitoes. The ones that have attached themselves of late for "Rations" must be more hungry than malarious, as our only cases have been recurrent.

5 - Another Squadron party was held in the Dayroom tonight. We had a band that was really good, on both the hot and sweet music. The drinks seemed better than usual and the only discord was the lack of femmes. Prevailing customs around here are not conductive to getting many women to dances. Concerning three day passes: one man returned and one left today.



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| DAY: | EVENTS: |
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6 - The team lost a game today that all the team with the possible exception of the pitcher deserved to lose. The infield committed enough errors to lose a double-header and the entire team evidently left their batting punch in the Dayroom. The 560th Service Gp. just played good ball and we didn't.

7 - Our Air Corps Supply came out with one AOC on the positive side of the ledger this week. Out of sixty-one (61) they completed sixty (60).

8 - The machine shop in Engineering is nearing completion and so soon it should show a marked effect on the effectiveness of this Squadron as this has long been a holdup, slowing down production.

One hundred and twenty 9120) URs completed this date by the Engineering Section.

Twenty-two (22) enlisted men were promoted. Two (2) T/Sgts. were made M/Sgts. Two (2) Sgts were promoted to S/Sgts. Twelve (12) Cpls were appointed Sgts and seven (7) Pfcs were appointed Cpls.

Our ball team lost another game tonight, this time to 1246th QM Co. The score was close enough (2-1) that either of us might have won, but the sad part of it is that we didn't.

9 - P.X. supplies came in today in pretty good quantities. They have been more generous, especially with the candy bars in the last couple of months. We are and were getting enough cigarettes, but it is a copious amount of candy that really makes a good P.X. Coca-colas are fine too, and we've received them quite often of late.

Seven (7) more men went on three day passes today.

10- Nice weather today, a slight breeze keeping things cooler, but not enough to bring so much dust. The fly on top of our Orderly tent is proving it's worth as the hot weather comes on. Our top-kick, Sgt. Shelly was plenty on the beam to get it put up here.



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DIARY

DAY: EVENTS:

16- Newspapers are being received regularly from the Special Service Department, New York Port of Embarkation. These are placed in the Squadron Day Room where they will be available to all members at any time. Among the newspapers being received were copies of "Look" "Newsweek" and "Time"; the latter two being tabloid. The newspapers were of late issue and were perused by all with much satisfaction.

The weather is still very warm and the only thing that might bring relief is June Flynn'.

17- The Engineering Department received two B-17's from the 100th Bomb Group and turned back one which had been repaired. Necessary sheet metal work had been completed. No.4 engine was changed and a new propellor put on as well as a propellor governor installed. The electrical system had been repaired and the superchargers on engines No. 1 and 4, put back into working order.

The steak served for Dinner today was excellent, as steak usually seems over here.

A S/Sgt joined the organization today. A replacement for S/Sgt Craig, our first notes.

18- We still seem unable to get ahead of the hospitals. One man returned to the Squadron from the 34th Field Hospital, but another one went to take his place.

Engineering has plenty of planes to work on at the present. In fact from the number, it is hard to tell which is the Bomb Group and which is the Service Command. We have almost as many planes.

19- Stifling heat waves seemed to sweep over this part of the land. At least the part of the country we are in. The sun beat down most mercilessly during the entire day and evening too. There was no relief for either the wicked or the righteous until well after 2200 hours. Added to this was our everpresent dust. This was apparent in little whirlwinds that seemed to rotate all over the area today.

20- Two more men went on three day passes. The last few days has shown a noticeable slackening of demand for passes, whereas when Naples and other larger towns were open, there was great demand. It is perfectly logical however, that those towns will not accomodate all the troops who could visit there if permitted to do so. Some of the places around here however still have admirers.



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| DAY: | EVENTS: |
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21- Chicken was served for dinner during this day and tasted good. It is quite rare and always a welcome treat. However, the cooks were no doubt very gratified by the expressions as the men enjoyed their meal and commented upon it.

Good reading material has been arriving of late. Quite a few of the books (pocket size) and magazines of fairly recent dates. This gives the men other opportunities for relaxation besides in town.

22- P.X. rations were sold again today. They were a little short on comparision with recent months, but on the whole very good.

The ball team lost another close one today. They were in a position to win or lose very easily, but the other team although winning, was not handed the game on a silver platter.

Coca-colas appeared this week on the bill of fare, and made every one very happy by their appearance. These drinks are very definately on the side of morale services and more would be nice.

23- Rotation rumors are truly floating around in a promiscuous fashion, now that three men have finally gone home for here. Movement rumors also hold their share of the conversation. We are going almost everwhere except the United States. Norther Italy, India and Russia, (the first and third mentioned, somewhat as favorites- the second with some misgivings) seem to be the main new topics. The choice is definately Russia, although the hot weather here may have something to do with that. Anyhow.....we're still here!

24- We finally got one man back from the hospital without sending anyone there in exchange. It this keeps up we'll get our men back.

Everyone is now sweating out the new "Materiel Squadron"setup. A rumor that is evidentally much more than mere fiction. The only uncertainty is the time when it will become effective. Many guesses are hazarded as to that time, but it's time remains a scientific army secret.

25- Some of the Italian laborers decided yesterday that they were to valuable to the war effort to fire, but could act as they want-to. So to show how valuable they were, we released them. We hired some former Italian soldiers to take the job and they are happy now.

One man was sent to the American Red Cross in Foggiea on DS.

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| DAY: | EVENTS: |
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26- The new laborers are really doing their work efficiently now. They are ex-soldiers and after being there in the Italian army they no doubt should be speedy enough..if we can get them going in the right direction...forward! They are used to going in reverse.
The hospital got even with us today. Another man went and no one returned.

27- Today was hot and dusty, like so many of it's predecessors. Jupe Pluvius was greatly in demand, but put in no appearance.
There seems to be a great deal of trouble gettin sufficient ice for the kitchen and bar too. The drinks would be good with ice, but without it, the shouldn't even be classed as such. There should be some way of getting ice from this country somehow.

28- Five more enlisted men were assigned to this organization, but they were just as suddenly sent to the oxygen detachment before they even put in an appearance here. There were two sergeants and three corporals. Also two men were placed on DS from the 21st Engineers for the purpose of working at the water point.
The machine shop is now set up in Engineering and working at full time.
The month of June has had it's share of hot weather, with rain coming very rarely. Nobody anticipates that July will be much better, but everyone hopes so.

29- The Bomb Group hit the well known jack-pot and got back three airplanes today. The planes had been with us for repairs for between ten days and two weeks. A large amount of work had to be done in sheet-metal. Also an aileron or two had to be replaced.

30- The machinery in Air Corps Supply is really humming. Mainly in filling AOC's. Two hundred fifty-eight went out from two hundred sixty in the thirty day period.
Pay-day and everybody happy..for a while at least. Card and other games lasted far into, if not through the night, and the click of the galloping dominoes perservered nearly as long. The last of the month is still the best day in the Army.

Theodore Nathanson
THEODORE NATHANSON,
2d Lt., Air Corps,
Unit Historian.



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561ST SERVICE SQUADRON PAX/lsf
463RD SERVICE GROUP
APO 520

S14.7 11 August 1944

SUBJECT: Historical Record.

TO : Commanding General, Fifteenth Air Force, APO 520, (Att'n: Historian) (THRU: Channels).

1. Unit History of the 561st Service Squadron for the period 1 July to 31 July 1944.

a. The present designation of this unit is 561st Service Squadron, 463rd Service Group, XV Air Force Service Command.

b. Changes in organization.
(1) No change in designation of this unit.
(2) No transfer of this unit as a whole.

c. Strength, commissioned and enlisted men.
(1) Month of July 1944.
(a) 1 July 1944 - 328
(b) Net Increase - 3
(c) 31 July 1944- 331

d. Station-Serignola 4, Stornara, Italy.

e. Movements - None.

f. Campaigns.
(1) Italian campaign-still in progress.

g. Operations.
(1) Air Corps Supply-This department has been busier than usual, completing 284 AOCs and submitting about 240 reports.
(2) Engineering - Repaired eight (8) B-24 airplanes and salvaged one (1). Mobile repair units went to Foggia Airdrome to repair a plane on two different occasions.

2. Enclosed herewith is War Diary for July 1944.

Paxton A. Klaus
PAXTON A. KLAUS,
1st Lt, Air Corps,
Unit Historian.

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WAR DIARY

SHEET NO: 1 ORGANIZATION: 561st Service Squadron, APO 520.

MONTH OF: July 1944. PREPARED BY: PAXTON A. KLAUS, 1st Lt., Hist.

| DAY: | EVENT: |
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| 1 | - Everything running according to schedule todey. Very warm and dusty around the area today. Payday yesterday and there is a flood of Money Orders being purchased to send home. More men seem to be saving money than before. Quite a few AOC's are being received in Air Corps Supply and are being filled as rapidly as possible. |
| 2 | - One man was taken sick and sent to the 34th Field Hospital today. Storm clouds gathering so perhaps we will get a welcome relief from this heat and dust. Sheet metal is keeping very busy repairing flak and bullet holes lately. |
| 3 | - Engineering received another B-24 today. The left landing gear folded up on landing, necessitating the repair of the entire bottom of the fuselage, left wing to be repaired and damaging the propellors and engines so that No. 1 and 2 engines had to be changed. One man came back from the hospital. That promised rain has so far failed to materialize. Weather still very hot and dusty. |
| 4 | - We are trying to get enough equipment together to fit out a baseball team at the present. Received a new supply of magazines through the Army Special Service Divison today. The ones received were Time, Life and Look magazines and were joyfully received by the men as they were of recent issue. |
| 5 | - The mean of the Squadron are all sweating out the newly authorized trips to Rome that are being alloted now. Unfortunately however, the entire group has a very small quota and ours will only be around two men every couple of weeks. Had some steak from the QM for dinner today and as always, the line for "seconds" far exceeded the supply. A slight rain, just enough to lay down the dust, but making the air seem ever more hot and sultry. |



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WAR DIARY

SHEET NO: 2 ORGANIZATION: 561st Service Squadron, APO. 520.

MONTH OF: July 1944. PREPARED BY: PAXTON A. KLAUS, 1st Lt., Hist.

| DAY: | EVENT: |
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| 6 | - Some replacements came in today to replace two men who are going home on rotation. One is a S/Sgt and the other a Private. The present month's chances are very slight for rotatees here, since other Squadrons have men with more service that are due to go first. It is hotter than ever since the little rain we had last night. |
| 7 | - More ACC's received by Air Corps Supply. These are all being filled as promptly as supplies in stock will permit. The real promised rain broke this evening right after supper. One of the usual driving downpours mixed with huge hail-stones. One more B-24 received from Group today for repairs due to failure of the hydraulic system, flak and enemy fighter action. The hail-stones today also made more work on the planes for the dope and fabric workers. |
| 8 | - In spite of the pessimistic views, one man did come up for rotation. He was sent from Headquarters this morning to await transportation for Personnel Center No.6, PBS, to await transportation back to the States. One more man was sent to the hospital today. |
| 9 | - Finally got two men back from the hospital, but another one went there. Two men are walking around with expansive smiles since being appointed Pfcs. today. Starting to get quite dusty again already. |
| 10 | - A B-17 landed here at the field today with the tail section damaged. Engineering will have to work on it for some time as there is lots of work involved. The whole tail section and gun turret to be repaired as well as the right and left expander brakes to be fixed. This particular job will be test hopped by Colonel Brown after work completed. |
| 11 | - Another B-24 received from Group today. Tail section shot up quite badly and plenty of flak hole to be repaired by the Sheet Metal Department. Very hot here again today. |



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WAR DIARY

UNIT NO:3.ORGANIZATION: 301st Service Squadron, APO. 520.

MONTH OF:July 1944.PREPARED BY:PATTON A. KLAUS, 1st Lt., Mist.

| DAY: | SWORN: |
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18 - A new officer reported for duty with the Squadron this morning. Lt. Blair Elder; formerly a bomber navigator. He will be appointed as the new Squadron Supply Officer. One B-24 was turned in for salvage on this date.

13 - Two more men were sent to the hospital today. Most of our cases however, are just minor ailments, nothing too serious. One B-24 received by the Engineering Section. Right wing filled with flak and bullet holes. Fuel cells to be replaced, voltage regulator replaced and engines No. 1 and 2 checked for damage.

14 - The B-17 was returned to the 301st Bomb Group today. Two more men sent to the hospital today. Planes flying on practice missions today.

15- One B-24 received for repair of left outer wing; flak damage. Another received for replacement of elevator and rudder controls. Very hot today with a strong cross wind past the runways to blanket our area in dust.

16 - Our Air Corps Supply Officer was pronoted today to the rank of Captain. Two men were finally chosen to go on the three day tour of Rome. One man was able to return from the hospital. Two Pvts were appointed Pfcs today. One civilian was fired from the kitchen.

17 - A new officer reported to the Squadron today; 1st Lt. PATTON A. KLAUS. He is evidently going to be our new Adjutant. Also received another new man as a replacement. Three old men were lost from the Squadron however. Point to other Service Squadrons to replace trained men who were sent home on rotation.



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WAR DIARY

SHEET NO: 4 ORGANIZATION: 561st Service Squadron, APO 520.

MONTH OF: July 1944. PREPARED BY: PAXTON A. KLAUS, 1st Lt. Hist.

| DAY: | EVENT: |
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| 18 - | Our old Adjutant; Lt. Nathanson was transferred this morning to the 43rd Wg and Wg Squadron. Another rain settling the dust for a few days at least. The boys are fairly well equipped now with baseball material and each evening finds a good new group out for some practice. The ping-pong table in the dayroom is also proving very popular, but there is a definate shortage of balls at the present. |
| 19 - | Today Engineering recived one P-24 for right hand landing gear repair. Also needed a general check, and a No.6 and 7 stations repaired as well as the right wing replaced. |
| 20 - | The two men returned from Rome with glowing stories to twll about the Eternal City. Too bad that our quota isn't more liberal. Naples and the other nice cities are still out of bounds as far as the XV.AFSC. is concerned. |
| 21 - | The malaria control program seems to be very efficient. No one here has contacted the disease and it is even very unusual to even sight one of the carrier mosquitoes around the area. The mess hall has been completed and now the cooks are very happy in their new kitchen. The snack bar in the Dayroom is opened every other night and is one of the most popular "night-spots"; rivalling the bar itself for customers. The main attractions are egg sandwitches, tomatoes, coffee and melons. |
| 22 - | Order received sending Lt. Bush and seven men to the Airdrome at Marciglian to repair a plane forced down there. Very hot today, sultry and little wind. The latest talk is about whether or not there will be an invasion and armchair strategists are racking their brains as to when and where the next blow will fall. |



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WAR DIARY

SHEET NO: 5 ORGANIZATION: 561st Service Squadron, APO 520.

MONTH OF: July 1944. PREPARED BY: PAXTON A. HLAVS, 1st Lt., Hist.

| DAY: | EVENT: |
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| 23 - | Two men left this morning for a visit at the San Spirito Rest Camp near Bari. One man returned from the hospital today. Several new magazines were received in the mail today from Special Services Division. Also able to get a few new Pocket Books from 43rd Group. |
| 24 - | Two men returned from the hospital. The mail is now arriving in much better time and in greater quantity. Very hot and dusty again today. Typewriters must be cleaned daily and closely covered each night to be kept in working condition. All departments are being kept very busy and are getting out the work in good time where supplies make it possible. |
| 25 - | Gradually we are getting all our men back from the hospitals, one more returning today. One B-24 was repaired and turned back for the Group today. Although Engineering is busy all the time, they never seem to run out of planes to work on. Most of the jobs however, are not to complicated, but consist of engine changes or sheet metal work due to flak or bullet holes from enemy aircraft. |
| 26 - | Another practice mission again by the Group. Seems as if they are running out of important targets to work on. A least one advantage to Engineering is that none of them come back shot up from these trips. One more B-24 finished and turned back to the group. The seven EM and Lt Bush reported back from the Marcigliano Airdrome today. The new kitchen setup is working nicely at present. |
| 27 - | Another man assigned to the Squadron today. He is a new Bombsight Specialist however, so may be placed on DS at one of the Bomb Squadrons. No change in the Morning Report today. Weather is still very hot, but with storm clouds gathering on the horizen. About time for a storm. |



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SHEET NO: 6 ORGANIZATION: 561st Service Squadron, AAC, 520.

MONTH OF: July 1944. PREPARED BY: PAXTON A. KLAUS, 1st Lt., Hist.

| D.N. | EVENT: |
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| 28 | The two men returned today from the Rest Camp and were very enthusiastic in praise of the whole setup there. Must be almost the next thing to civilian life from their story. Only complaint; the time there was much to short. One S/Sgt was made in the Orderly Room and One Sgt and two Cpls in Air Corps Supply. |
| 29 | Two more men left for the three day tour of Rome today. A fairly heavy sprinkle of rain just about chow time this evening, but only enough to settle the dust. Now several men are gone on three day passes, but Naples, Rome and the northern cities are still out of bounds for this command. |
| 30 | One officer left for Rome today. One officer and three EM left to go near there, but for work instead of pleasure; being sent to repair a plane at the Marcigliano Airdrome. Our Squadron always seems to get "volunteered" for work up there. Must be a shortage of 15th AF Service Squadrons in that vincinity. |
| 31 | Two hundred and ninety (290) AOC's were received at Air Corps Supply this month. Two hundred and eighty-four being filled and six cancelled. |

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561ST AIR SERVICE SQUADRON PAE/wlb.
43RD SERVICE GROUP
APO 520

314.7 12 Sept 1944.

SUBJECT: Historical Record.

TO : Commanding Officer,43rd Service Group, APO.520.

1. Unit history of the 561st Air Service Squadron for the period 1 August 1944 to 31 August 1944.

a. The present designation of this unit is 561st Air Service Squadron, 43rd Service Group, XV Air Force Service Command.

b. Changes in Organization:
(1) Redesignated 561st Air Service Squadron per GO #46,Hq XV AFSC,dtd 30 August 1944.
(2) No transfer of this unit as a whole.
(3) 1st Lt PAYTON A. KLAUS designated Unit Historian, additional duty.

c. Strength, commissioned and enlisted men.
(1) Month of August 1944:
(a) 1 August 1944-----238.
(b) Net decrease------ 5.
(c) 31 August 1944----233.

d. Station - Cerignola #4, Stornara, Italy.

e. Movements - None.

f. Campaigns - Italian campaign, still in progress.

g. Operations:
(1) Engineering - Salvaged four (4) B-24s and repaired twelve (12). The shops, mainly sheet metal shop, are quite busy.
(2) Air Corps Supply - A sharp decrease in AOCs was indicated this month when only fifty three (53) were received and fifty-two (52) were completed.

2. Enclosed is war diary of this unit for the period 1 August to 31 August 1944.

Payton A. Klaus
PAYTON A. KLAUS,
1st Lt.,Air Corps,
Unit Historian.

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WAR DIARY

SHEET NO: 1 ORGANIZATION: 831st Air Service Squadron, APO 520.

MONTH: August 1944. PREPARED BY: PAXTON A. KLAUS, 1st Lt., Hist.

| DAY | SUMMARY |
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1 - Our Commanding Officer, Major Chiary was placed on TD to the 304th Wing today for a visit to the Capri Rest Camp. Lt Packard, the Engineering Officer has returned back to the Squadron after being in charge of a detachment of men who have been repairing one B-24 at Marciglino Airdrome near Rome. One man on DD to Naples. The weather of late has been very warm and sultry. Each afternoon, when possible to spare the men, a truck is dispatched to the beach where they can enjoy swimming, a relief from this heat and dust. This has been received with much enthusiasm and does much to hold morale at a high level. Nightly movies are held at Bomb Group Hq.

2 - One man was sent to the hospital today--nothing of a serious nature however. Squadron Engineering received another plane to work on today when a B-24 crashed while landing. Cause of the accident was the buckling of one landing gear. The plane was completely demolished and is now in the process of being salvaged. Weather still quite hot, although each evening a goodly number of men may be found engaged in a very spirited game of baseball on the Squadron diamond. Whenever possible games are always scheduled with nearby Squadrons. Ping-pong still has it's disciples and the one table is in continual use every night. Still a very decided shortage of balls, so they are carefully rationed.

3- One new man was assigned to, and joined the Squadron today. No doubt he too will get used to the conditions here, although it must be quite rough to change from the good old States and come out to these field conditions here. One man returned to the Squadron from TD at Naples. Three men returned from their repair job at Marciglino Airdrome. Two men returned to duty from a visit of Rome. Our Mess Officer has changed the main meal of the day from noon to evening. Too many men have been taking advantage of our transit facilities and consequently making our rations run rather short.

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WAR DIARY

SHEET NO:2 ORGANIZATION:561st Air Service Squadron, APO.520.

MONTH:August 1944.PREPARED BY:PAXTON A.KLAUS,1st Lt., Hist.

| DAY: | EVENT: |
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4 - Captain Akin assumed command of the Squadron during the absence of Major Chiary. The Squadron Medical Officer, Lt Schwinger returned from TD in Rome on this date. Seven new men were attached today for rations from a newly arrived Fire Fighter Platoon. Two more men left for a tour of roaming in the Eternal City. One man left for TD to Naples and one returned. Slightly cooler this evening with a slight sprinkle; hardly enough to settle the dust, but at least cooling the air a bit.

5 - One more man went to the hospital today. The Rome quota for our Squadron has been stepped up considerable of late and it looks as if all the men will be fortunate enough to get to view the Eternal City in the very near future. Rotation this month, however, seems to have come to a definate standstill. Arrangements are being worked out for the building of a new Orderly Room and Dispensary as soon as it is possible to obtain the necessary materials. We hope this will eliminate some of the dust. Not only is it uncomfortable and hot in the tent, but the office machines take lots of abuse in spite of being kept covered when not in actual use. Mail has been coming in rather slowly of late. One truck is sent into town every other night for the movie and also one each night to the Group movie here on the field.

6 - Weather still quite hot in the daytime, but the evenings are starting to get quite chilly now as the fall approaches. Work at Engineering is not as rushing as last month as many times the planes only go out on practice missions. The number of AOC's handled by our Air Corps Supply section has also fallen off due to this same reason, but still the men are kept quite busy.



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WAR DIARY

SHEET NO: 3 ORGANIZATION: 561st Air Service Squadron, APO.520.

MONTH: August 1944. PREPARED BY: [redacted], 1st Lt., Mist.

| Date. | Events. |
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7 - One man placed on DS to the 43rd Service Group today. The new searchlight man has been placed on DS to the 45th Scat Group where his services can be more fully utilized. Two men and one officer to hospital. Two more men left for the San Spirito Rest Camp. This morning a B-24 crashed and burned after two of it's engines failed on the takeoff. Salvage started and completed by the twenty-fourth.

8 - Our new messhall setup is really proving satisfactory and the cooks are finding it much simpler to prepare meals than in the old tent. Ration issue is as good as ever and we are even able to save enough to have ice cream made about every other week. The Red Cross Mobile Canteen came out tonight and we enjoyed coffee and doughnuts at the Dayroom. One man left for training as a Paratrooper and several others are "sweating out" their call now.

9 - Our Medical Officer returned from absent sick to a duty status today. The planes from the field here have been practicing extensive night flying in a close formation. Have a new U.S. searchlight crew now stationed at the end of the field to aid them in taking off. One T/Sgt was promoted today and now has 'em "Three up and three down". Weather is slightly cooler today. Dust still quite bad, but it helped conditions when we oiled the road here.

10 - Two men returned from Rome today. One man who was on DS has been transferred in grade to the 43rd Service Group. One man transferred to a Postal Unit. Three day passes are now being issued direct by our C.O. instead of having to be approved by the Group. As XV AFSC has formulated a liberal pass policy now a goodly number of men are taking full advantage of this to visit parts of Italy.

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WAR DIARY

SHEET NO.4 ORGANIZATION:301st Air Service Squadron, APO.520.

MONTH:August 1944..RECORDED BY:[illegible] 2nd Lt., Hist.

| DATE | SUMMARY |
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11 - Cloudy all morning and threatening rain. Our weekly P.X. issue continues to be quite good with the passing exception of not a very great amount of face or laundry soap. A beer issue this time of six bottles per man; issued in the new type plastic bottles. A light sprinkle of rain this evening cooling the air.

12 - One man returned from the hospital to duty on this date. Our baseball team is rounding into good condition and the infield is better than average. The wash line has received another water heater for a better rinse job. Also a germicidal rinse is now at the corner of the hall to dip the mess kits in. Work on the new Dispensary and Orderly Room is just about ready to start as we have some materials now.

13 - The rumors have for once proven true that men were being picked out as cadre for training in the new B-29 schools. Today we had six men transferred to Replacement Depot #7 for a return to the States. Two men were sent to the Rome Rest Camp and two to the one near Bari. One man returned from the hospital. Engineering received another plane today that will require much sheet metal and fabric work due to extensive flak damage. Also required an engine change on number one and four. This was all completed by the 23rd of the month.

14 - One man was sent on DS to the 1053rd Military Police Company in Cerignola today. Another plane was received by Engineering Section for sheet metal work caused by flak. Also hydraulic system badly damaged necessitating replacement and repair. This ship was returned to the Bomb Squadron on the 19th. Our photo-lab men are trying to rig up and improvise an enlarger for turning out of PRC pictures of the required size but are hardpressed for material.

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WAR DIARY

UNIT NO: 5 CRO... ...TION: 554st Air Service Squadron, APO.520.

MONTH: August 1944. ...AND BY: ...TON ...T.AS, 1st Lt., Mist.

| DAY. | REMARKS: |
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15 - Lost one man to the hospital and one returned. Hot and dusty with quite a bit of wind today. One plane crashed on the takeoff and was reduced to a total wreck. Salvage started today and completed on the nineteenth. Also one B-24 received for replacement of twelve fuel cells and a change on number two and three engines.

16 - One man was transferred to the 38th Service Group to replace a "rotatee". So far this month we have not sent anyone back to the States and it looks very much as if we won't. Arrangements have been made to get blocks and cement for the new Orderly Room and preliminary work has been started already.

17 - Most of the men have been doing quite a bit of work on their tents in anticipation of the coming rainy season. Enough flooring was obtained from salvaged lumber, bomb boxes, etc. to go around. The Squadron carpenter shop has also completed rifle racks for all the tents and they now are much more uniform in appearance. Mail has been coming in very slow now. Weather so far this month has been quite hot and windy in the daytime and chilly each night.

18 - One man sent to the hospital and one returned. One S/Sgt was appointed T/Sgt. Two men returned from Rest Camp. In view of the rapid drive through the land of France the main topic has to do with any future moves of the Squadron and whether we will be sent to the Pacific zone soon.

19 - Two men were sent to the Rome Rest Camp under the newly authorized larger quota. Five men have taken advantage of TD and gone to Sardinia for five days. Two men sent to the Bari Rest Camp. WO Giles left on TD to the 304th Wing Rest Camp. One man sent to the hospital today. Slight sprinkle this night.

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WAR DIARY

SHEET NO: 6 ORGANIZATION: 561st Air Service Squadron, APO.520.

MONTH: August 1944. PREPARED BY: PAXTON A. KLAUS, 1st Lt., Hist.

| DAY: | EVENT: |
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20 - Another man sent to the hospital. Engineering received another plane today for installation of number two and three generators and a preflight of all engines. This ship was completed on the twenty-third. Two more B-24s in this date for repair of right landing gears. These were completed on the twenty-first and twenty-fourth respectively.

21 - One of our men returned from DS to the 456th Bomb Group. One man was reduced to the grade of Private from Private First-Class for misconduct. AOC's are coming into Air Corps Supply, but continue to be a great deal below last month's level.

22 - Two of our 1st Lts are sporting twin bars today having been appointed Captains. So now it is Captain Packard, the Engineering Officer and Captain Sowhinger our Medical Officer. Mr Giles returned to duty from his time at the Rest Camp. Engineering received one plane for salvage today. Failure of two engines on the takeoff caused it to crash and as usual it was a complete wreck.

23 - Two men went to Rest Camp and two returned this date. One man was transferred to the 557th Service Squadron Medics. One plane received by sheet metal shop for work on a damaged wing due to action of flak. This was only a minor job and was finished on the twenty-fourth. Cooler this date, but still no rain coming.

24 - Captain Akin, the Air Corps Supply officer has been placed on TD to Barletta. Two men returned from the Bari Rest Camp. Five men were promoted from Private to Private First-Class today.

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WAR DIARY

SHEET NO: 7 ORGANIZATION:561st Air Service Squadron, APO.520.

MONTH:August 1944.PREPARED BY:PAXTON A.KLAUS,1st Lt., Hist.

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25 - One man returned from hospital. Magazines received today from Special Services Divisons. Men have rigged up radio speakers and are hooked on to the few sets we have here.

26 - Lt Elder appointed Investigating Officer for 43rd Group. Actual building work started on Orderly and Dispensary buildings, using "dobie" type blocks and salvage lumber. Work being done by Italian masons and men on duty hours.

27 - Five men returned from their sojourn on the Isle of Sardinia. Captain Akin returned to duty from Barletta. Two more men left for Bari Rest Camp. Usual Squadron duties performed. Lots of packages, but little First-Class mail today.

28 - Captain Packard sent on TD to 15th AFSC. One man on DS to 43rd Group. Five men sent to Rome. Two planes this date received by Engineering. One required work on the belly; from nose to bomb bay due to extensive flak damage and buckling of nose-wheel when landing. The other plane received is in need of left rudder change; flak damage to one wing and harness change on number three engine.

29 - Two men returned from hospital. Six Sgts promotted to S/Sgt, ten Cpls to Sgts and 16 Pfcs to Cpl. Plane on this date for sheet metal work due to flak. Rudder cables needed repair. Ship still in process of repair.

30 - Two new men assigned and joined the Squadron today. One Cpl and one Pvt. One man returned from DS to 43rd. Air Corps Supply received less than the usual amount of AOCs this month; 53 coming in and 52 completed by them.

31 - Men follow the war maps closely and they are kept in up-to-date conditions. A few more balls for the ping-pong table would not be amiss and we could always use more books and magazines. Morale however is very good.

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561ST AIR SERVICE SQUADRON
43RD SERVICE GROUP
APO 520

314.7 14 October 1944

SUBJECT: Historical Record.

TO : Commanding Officer, 43rd Service Group, APO 520.

1. Unit history of the 561st Air Service Squadron for the month of September 1944.

a. The present designation of this unit is 561st Air Service Squadron, 43rd Service Group, XV Air Force Service Command.

b. Changes in Organization: None.

c. Strength, commissioned and enlisted.
(1) Month of September 1944:
(a) 1 September 1944------231
(b) Net increase----------9
(c) 30 September 1944-----240

d. Station-Cerignola #4, Stornara, Italy.

e. Movements: None.

f. Campaigns-Italian campaign-still in progress.

2. Pertinent data submitted in lieu of War Diary.

a. Engineering - Repaired ten (10) airplanes, one of which was a B-25, and the remainder were B24s. No planes were salvaged. The shops are as busy as usual, and winterization is in process, as elsewhere.

b. Air Corps Supply- There has been indeed an increase in AOCs this month. One hundred thirty eight (138) have been received and completed 100%.

c. General. Thirty nine (39) enlisted men and three (3) officers were sent to Air Force Rest Unit #2, at Rome, Italy. Two (2) officers were sent to Air Force Rest Unit #1, at Capri. Three (3) enlisted men went to rest camp near Lecce, and eight (8) to San Spirito rest camp. Eight (8) other enlisted men were placed on TD for a period not exceeding five (5) days to various parts of Italy. Thirty two (32) enlisted men were promoted in grades between Corporal and M/Sgt.



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The ratio of rainy days has increased, making work on the line harder to accomplish. The area is being winterized as fast as materials can be obtained, which is none too rapidly. All the tents have floors, and nearly all have wooden or tin sides, depending on which part of the frag boxes the occupants managed to acquire. Lumber is a 'frozen'item which seems very unlikely to thaw.

The morale of this unit seems very good, especially for men used to moving who have been confined to one spot for such a length of time. An excellent day room, nightly movies, baseball for those who wish to participate and constant rumors in the affirmative as to an early cessation of hostilities are deciding factors in keeping morale up.

PAXTON A. KLAUS,
1st Lieut, Air Corps,
Unit Historian.

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561ST AIR SERVICE SQUADRON
43RD SERVICE GROUP
APO 520 US ARMY

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314.7

8 November 1944.

SUBJECT: Historical Record.

TO : Commanding Officer, 43rd Service Group, APO.520, US Army.

1. Unit history of the 561st Air Service Squadron for the month of October 1944.

a. The present designation of this unit is; 561st Air Service Squadron, 43rd Service Group, XV Air Force Service Command.

b. Changes in Organization: None.

c. Strength; commissioned and enlisted.

(1) Month of October 1944:
(a) 1 October 1944----240.
(b) Net decrease------ 1.
(c) 31 October 1944---239.

d. Station - Cerignola #4, Stornara, Italy.

e. Movements: None.

f. Campaigns: Italian Campaign--still in progress.

2. Pertinent data submitted in lieu of War Diary:

a. Engineering: Repaired nine (9) B-24 airplanes. Two more in process of being repaired. Two B-24s were salvage during this month. Shops are busy and running smoothly. Electric shop handled seventy-five (75) battery rechargings and received ten (10) new ones which had electrolite fluid added before charging. Battery shop also distilled approximately twenty (20) gallons of distilled water for use in batteries. Engineering office has been moved into stone building in readiness for the winter season.

b. Air Corps Supply: Handled just a few less AOCs this month than in September. One hundred twenty-one (121) being received and only twenty-four (24) unfilled in twenty-four (24) hours.



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c. Parachute Shop: This shop has been very busy this month. A total of five hundred twenty-one (521) parachutes were packed. Thirty-four (34) parachutes were also given TO modifications and thirty-five (35) life-vests were also modified.

d. General: Three (3) officers and thirty-six (36) enlisted men were sent to Air Force Rest Unit #2 at Rome, Italy. One officer went to the Air Force Rest Unit #1 at Capri. Two officers visited Pascara. Ten (10) enlisted men went to the Rest Camp at San Spirito and five (5) to the Camp at Lecce. One T/5 was rerated as Corporal and one Sgt was promoted to Staff Sergeant. One man was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for devising a new type of camera mount for the B-24 airplane. One WO (jg) and one S/Sgt were awarded the Soldiers Medal for bravery in rescuing the crew of a burning airplane.

Winter weather is making the work more difficult on the line. Practically all winterizing has been completed on all the tents in the Squadron. They are fixed with sidewalls and floors.

Morale has been good especially since mail delivery has speeded up and Christmas packages are starting to arrive. The Group movie and Squadron Dayroom are the most popular night-spots. Many men are showing inventive genius by fixing up their tents as homelike as possible. Some even have wash basins complete with hot and cold running water.

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561ST AIR SERVICE SQUADRON
43RD SERVICE GROUP
APO 520

BRE/hb

11 January 1945

SUBJECT: Unit History.

TO: Commanding Officer, 43rd Service Group, APO 520, US Army (ATTN: Group Historian).

In compliance with letter your headquarters dated 8 January 1945, subject: "Group History", the following information is submitted for the month of October 1944:

1. Improvements in area:

a. Winterization of quarters was continued. Tents are having floors and frames installed. 75% have floors and 70% have frames or sidewalls. Stoves were installed.

b. Two stone houses were erected by EM of this organization for quarters.

c. Two new latrines built.

d. Stone building erected to house Squadron Supply.

2. Operations:

a. Planes: Nine (9) planes repaired by Engineering Department. Two planes were salvaged. Two (2) additional planes were in process of being repaired.

b. Parachutes: Five hundred twenty one (521) parachutes were packed. Thirty four (34) parachutes were also given TO modifications and thirty five (35) life vests were modified.

c. Aviation Gas & Oil: Air Corps Supply received 1,281,004 gallons of aviation gas and 17,186 gallons of oil.

d. Engines & Propellers: Air Corps Supply received 36 B-24 type aircraft engines and eight (8) propellers.

e. Breathing Oxygen: Received and issued 1,753 bottles of breathing oxygen.

f. Air Corps Supply issued 1,719 Form No. 81's.

g. Requisitions: Air Corps Supply submitted 103 requisitions.



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h. Electrical Shops: Made major and minor repairs on the electrical system of three (3) aircraft damaged by enemy flak. Undamaged wireing was removed and replaced so that sheet metal workers could work freely on flak holes. These three (3) aircraft had entire electrical system checked before being put on flying status.

i. Sheet Metal Shop: Repaired eight (8) aircraft. Cones were constructed for tents of Squadron.

j. Welding shop: Two hundred thirty six (236) work orders were issued and completed. Most of work orders issued for month were for building of stoves and welding of shell cases for stove pipes.

k. Machine Shop: Numerous routine engineering maintenance jobs were performed by this shop and in addition minor jobs were done to aid in winterization of the squadron such as making door hinges and manufacturing valves for stoves etc.

l. Radio Shop: Repaired and checked out radios on four (4) airplanes. Worked on one radio.

m. Carpenter Shop: Fifteen (15) work orders were completed by this shop for the month. Work done included making of tables, work benches, packing boxes etc. Work was also done on housing of Paint Shop, Orderly Room and Supply Room for the Kitchen.

n. Instrument Shop: Received 97 instruments. 136 instruments were turned out. 74 of these were serviceable and 62 were reparable.

o. Paint and Dope Shop: Fifteen (15) work orders were completed. These included painting of jeeps, trucks, road signs etc.

p. Battery Shop: 53 batteries were charged. Minor repairs were made on 4 batteries.

q. Propeller Shop: In addition to routine duties this shop constructed a building for housing the shop in their spare time.

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2d Lt., Air Corps,
Unit Historian.



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561ST AIR SERVICE SQUADRON
43RD SERVICE GROUP
APO 520 US ARMY

BRE/w.l.b.

314.7

14 December 1944.

SUBJECT: Historical Record.

TO : Commanding Officer, 43rd Service Group, APO.520, U.S.Army.

1. Unit history of the 561st Air Service Squadron for the month of November 1944.

2. The present designation of this unit is; 561st Air Service Squadron, 43rd Service Group, XV Air Force Service Command.

a. Changes in Organization: None.

b. Strength: Commissioned and enlisted.

(1) Month of November 1944:
(a) 1 November 1944-----239.
(b) Net decrease-------- 16.
(c) 30 November 1944----223.

c. Station - Cerignola # 4, Stornara, Italy.

d. Movements: None.

e. Campaigns: Italian campaign--still in progress.

3. Pertinent data submitted in lieu of War Diary:

a. Engineering: Repaired seven (7) B-24 type aircraft. Three (3) more in process of being repaired. Four (4) B-24s were modified this month. Five (5) B-24s repainted by paint shop. Electric shop busy with checking and rewiring planes. Battery shop recharged seventy-one (71) batteries. Line work is more difficult at present, the stormy weather slowing outside work.

b. Air Corps Supply: The number of AOCs handled this month showed a marked decrease. Fifty-six (56) being received and the same number completed.

c. A total of five hundred thirty (530) parachutes were packed. Also a number of modifications on electric flying suits.

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BLAIR R. ELDER,
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561ST AIR SERVICE SQUADRON
43RD SERVICE GROUP
APO 520

EMB/hb

11 January 1945

SUBJECT: Unit History.

TO: Commanding Officer, 43rd Service Group, APO 520, US Army (ATTN: Group Historian).

In compliance with letter your headquarters dated 8 January 1945, subject: "Group History", the following information is submitted for the month of November 1944.

1. Improvements in area:

a. Mess Hall refurbished. New Mess Kit laundry constructed.

b. Stone building for officer's quarters constructed.

c. Winterization of tents continued. 100% completion of floors. 90% complete with sidewalls or frames.

2. Operations:

a. Planes: Repaired (7) seven B-24 type aircraft. Three (3) more in process of being repaired. No aircraft were salvaged.

b. Parachutes: Five hundred thirty (530) parachutes were packed. In addition to packing chutes a number of modifications on electric flying suits were made.

c. Aviation Gas & Oil: Air Corps Supply received 1,281,005 gallons of aviation gas and 17,186 gallons of oil.

d. Engines & Propellers: Thirty six (36) engines for B-24 type aircraft were received and eight propellers.

e. Breathing Oxygen: Received and issued 1,753 bottles of breathing oxygen.

f. Air Corps Supply issued 1,612 Form No. 81's,

g. Requisitions: 102 Requisitions were submitted.



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h. Electrical Shops: Two aircraft were repaired by the electrical shop. Damage was due to enemy flak and crash landing. Entire electrical system was checked before planes were again placed on flying status.

i. Sheet Metal Shop: Thirty two (32) work orders were completed by this shop. Ten aircraft were worked on. In addition to work done on aircraft many jobs were done for the winterization of the squadron.

j. Welding Shop: One hundred sixty one (161) work orders were put out by the welding shop. These included work on aircraft, motor vehicles and miscellaneous jobs such as work on tools, stoves, pipes, etc.

k. Machine Shop: twenty eight (28) work orders completed. Work done on aircraft, sharpening of tools, drilling holes for different shops, threading pipes, etc.

l. Radio Shop: Checked out radios on one ship and repaired three radios.

m. Carpenter Shop: In addition to thirteen work orders for routine jobs the carpenter shop built floors, roofs, windows, doors etc. for Mess Hall, Propeller Shop and Salvage Shop.

n. Instrument Shop: Received 54 instruments. Turned out 59 reparables and 78 serviceable instruments.

o. Paint and Dope Shop: Six (6) planes were painted and repaired. Thirteen (13) work orders finished. These included painting of signs, trucks, jeeps, etc. Stencils were cut in addition to miscellaneous work.

p. Battery Shop: Forty eight (48) batteries were charged and minor repairs done on seven (7).

q. Propeller Shop: Routine duties were carried out by this Shop. A new idea was developed for oil testing props before they were installed on the engine.

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2d Lt., Air Corps,
Unit Historian.





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561ST AIR SERVICE SQUADRON
43RD SERVICE GROUP
APO 520 US ARMY

14 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Historical Record.

TO : Commanding Officer,43rd Service Group,APO.520,US Army.

1. Unit history of the 561st Air Service Squadron for the month of December 1944.

2. The present designation of this unit is; 561st Air Service Squadron, 43rd Service Group, XV Air Force Service Command.

a. Changes in Organization: None.

b. Strength: Commissioned and Enlisted:

(1) Month of December 1944:
(a) 1 December 1944----223.
(b) Net decrease------- 5.
(c) 31 December 1944---218.

c. Station - Cerignola #4, Stornara, Italy.

d. Movements - None.

e. Campaigns - Italian campaign--still in progress.

3. Pertinent data submitted in lieu of War Diary:

a. Engineering: Fourteen (14) planes repaired. Three (3) in process of repair. Electric shop rewired two (2) planes. Complete area rewired by electric shop. Five planes repainted. One hundred sixteen (116) work orders completed by welding shop. Sheet metal completed thirty two (32) work orders.

b. Air Corps Supply: One hundred six (106) requisitions handled. Completed two thousand one hundred sixteen (2,116) Form 81's. Five hundred fifty five (555) parachutes prepaired and repacked. Two hundred eighty nine (289) electrically heated trousers were modified. Thirty nine (39) parachute modifications.

For the Commanding Officer:

Blair R. Elder
BLAIR R. ELDER,
2d Lt., Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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561ST AIR SERVICE SQUADRON
43RD SERVICE GROUP
APO 520

BRL/hb

11 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Unit History.

TO: Commanding Officer, 43rd Service Group, APO 520, US Army (ATTN: Group Historian).

In compliance with letter your headquarters dated 8 January 1945, subject: "Group History", the following information is submitted for the month of December 1944.

1. Improvements in area:

a. Day room modified. Two sections added. One section completed and one partially completed.

b. Air Corps Supply office remodeled, warehouse addition constructed. Signal building erected.

c. Squadron area decorated for Xmas.

d. Sand hauled to area to eliminate mud.

e. Winterization 100% complete.

f. Showers were modified.

2. Operations:

a. Planes: Fourteen (14) planes were repaired, three (3) planes were in process of being repaired. One (1) plane was salvaged. Salvage work on plane began in October.

b. Parachutes: Five hundred fifty five (555) parachutes were repacked. Two hundred eighty nine (289) F3 electrically heated trousers were modified to comply with TO 13-1-18. Thirty nine (39) parachute modifications were made and thirty (30) safety belts were tested.

c. Aviation gas & Oil: Received 1,281,004 gallons of aviation gas and 17, 186 gallons of oil.

d. Engines & Propellers: Received 38 engines for B-24 type aircraft and 9 propellers.



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e. Breathing Oxygen: Received and issued 1, 754 bottles of breathing oxygen.

f. Air Corps Supply issued 2,160 Forms No. 81.

g. Requisitions: 108 requisitions were submitted.

h. Electrical Shops: Two (2) aircraft damaged by enemy flak were repaired by the electric shop. Checking out of the entire electrical system was made before returning aircraft to flying status. Completed wiring (overhead) of squadron area. Good results were obtained by overhead wiring. Saving of electric power showed immediate improvement.

i. Sheet Metal Shop: Thirty two (32) work orders were completed by this shop. Seven (7) aircraft were repaired. Other work orders included tent tops, boxes etc.

j. Welding Shop: One hundred sixteen (116) work orders completed by welding shop. Orders included work on aircraft, tools, stoves, vehicles, pipes, etc.

k. Machine Shop: Eighteen (18) work orders were put out by this shop. Routine aircraft maintenance jobs were performed and minor jobs for engineering department and other squadron departments.

l. Radio Shop: Repaired radio wireing on two aircraft. Removed wireing for Sheet Metal Shop.

m. Carpenter Shop: Completed fifteen (15) work orders. Work orders included making of tables, cabinets, cutting lumber, making signs, etc. In addition to work orders an addition to the day room was constructed and work done on a new barber shop being constructed in squadron area.

n. Instrument Shop: Received eighty (80) instruments. Turned out 26 reparable and 31 serviceable instruments.

o. Paint and Dope Shop: Five airplanes were painted and fifteen (15) work orders completed. Day room was painted.

p. Battery Shop: sixty five (65) batterys were charged and minor repairs made to four (4) batteries.

q. Propeller Shop: Few prop changes made this month. Routine duties performed.

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561ST AIR SERVICE SQUADRON
43RD AIR SERVICE GROUP
APO 520 US ARMY

BRE/wlb.

354.1

10 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Historical Record.

TO : Commanding Officer,43rd Air Service Group,APO. 520.

1. Unit history of the 561st Air Service Squadron for the month of Janua ry 1945.

2. The present designation of this unit is; 561st Air Service Squadron, 43rd Air Service Group, XV Air Force Service Command.

a. Changes in Organization: None.

b. Strength: Commissioned and Enlisted:

(1) Month of January 1945:
(a) 1 January 1945----218.
(b) Net decrease------ 2.
(c) 31 January 1945---216

c. Station: Cerignola #4, Stornara, Italy.

d. Movements: None.

e. Campaigns: Italian campaign, still in progress.

3. Pertinent data submitted:

a. Engineering: Seventeen (17) planes repaired. Three (3) in process of repair. Electric shop repaired two (2) aircraft by rewiring jobs. One hundred thirty-nine (139) work orders handled by welding shop. Sheet metal completed eleven (11) work orders.

b. Air Corps Supply: One hundred seventy-nine (179) requisitions handled. One thousand, five hundred and three (1,503) different issues on Form 81's. Five hundred fifty-five (555) parachutes prepared and repacked. Two hundred thirty (230) flak suits modified.

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For the Commanding Officer:

BLAIR R. ELDER,
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43RD AIR SERVICE GROUP
APO 520 US ARMY

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354.1

10 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Unit History

TO : Commanding Officer, 43rd Air Service Group, APO. 520, U.S.Army. (ATTN: Group Historian).

In compliance with letter your headquarters dated 8 January 1945, Subject: "Group History", the following information is submitted for the month of January 1945.

1. Improvements in area:

a. Gravel hauled around messhall and Orderly Room to eliminate muddy conditions.

b. Mess kit laundry modified.

c. Stone windscreen at kitchen door to shelter personnel in line.

d. Stone barber shop and tailor shop erected and in operation.

e. New cement floor and duckboards in shower house.

2. Operations:

a. Planes: Seventeen (17) planes were repaired. Three (3) planes in process of being repaired. Line very busy this month.

b. Parachutes: Five hundred fifty-nine (559) parachutes were repacked. One hundred twenty-nine (129) minor repairs were made in chutes and life-vests. Two hundred thirty (230) flak suits were modified.

c. Aviation gasoline and oil: Received 665,804 gallons of aviation gasoline and 11,300 gallons of oil.

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d. Engines & Propellers: Received twenty-nine (29) type "63" engines and three (3) type "43" engines. Issued twenty-three (23) type "63" engines and seven (7) type "43" engines. Received twelve (12) propellers and issued nine (9).

e. Breathing Oxygen: Received 1,385 bottles and issued 1,444 bottles of breathing oxygen.

f. Air Corps Supply sent out 1,503 different issues on Form 81's.

g. One hundred seventy-nine (179) requisitions were submitted.

h. Sheet metal: During January the sheet metal shop completed eleven (11) work orders and returned six (6) completed aircraft to operational status. Work orders were of all types and pertained very little to aircraft. The two following pertained to aircraft: One (1) set braces for nose-turret door and two (2) racks for radio mounting. One one work order pertained to flak damage and that was entirely general. Three were for a change from Sperry to to Norden bombsight mounts. One called for installing of blisters and the remaining one was made to comply with T.O. 01-5-104, which is the changing of the rudder-hinge gusset.

i. Electrical Shops: Five work orders were handled. Two (2) aircraft were repaired and a rewiring check was made before returning two (2) other aircraft to flying status. Complete monthly check of wiring in squadron area. The generators were moved and placed under cover in the area.

j. Welding Shop: One hundred thirty-nine (139) work orders completed by this shop. Routine maintenance jobs were performed on tools, vehicles, pipes, etc.

k. Machine Shop: Thirty (30) work orders were put out by this shop in January. Work carried out on two (2) aircraft held over from December. Routine work.

l. Radio Shop: Repaired radio wiring on one (1) aircraft. Salvaged wire from one aircraft.



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Unit History, dtd 10 February 1945 (Cont'd),

m. Carpenter Shop: Completed fifteen (15) work orders. Work orders included work on aircraft, making of tables, benches, cutting lumber and making signs. Interior works in Dayroom and Barber shop were completed.

n. Instrument Shop: Two hundred twenty-four (224) instruments were turned out as serviceable and fifty-six (56) were listed as reparable.

o. Paint Shop: Two (2) aircraft were repainted and a total of twenty-five (25) work orders completed. The dope and fabric section repaired some holes in tents in the squadron area.

p. Battery Shop: Twenty-eight batteries were charged. Minor repairs were made to seven (7) batteries.

q. One propeller change and three new propellers installed on new motors. Routine cleaning and repairing jobs were completed.

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561ST AIR SERVICE SQUADRON
43RD AIR SERVICE GROUP
APO 520 US ARMY

BRE/wlb.

354.1

11 March 1945.

SUBJECT: Historical Record.

TO : Commanding Officer,43rd Air Service Group, APO. # 520.

1. Unit history of the 561st Air Service Squadron for the month of February 1945.

2. The present designation of this unit is; 561st Air Service Squadron, 43rd Air Service Group, XV Air Force Service Command.

a. Changes in Organization: None.

b. Strength: Commissioned and Enlisted.

(1) Month of February 1945.
(a) 1 February 1945.....218.
(b) Net decrease..... 1.
(c) 28 February 1945....217.

c. Station: Cerignola #4, Stornara, Italy.

d. Movements: None.

e. Campaigns: Italian campaign, still in progress.

3. Pertinent data submitted:

a. Engineering: Eleven (11) planes repaired. One (1) in process of repair. Two (2) salvaged. Carpenter shop handled twenty three (23) work orders. Paint shop completed thirty (30) work orders. Electric shop made repairs on five (5) aircraft. A power unit was put up for Gunnery practice turrets. Instrument shop turned out one hundred and nineteen (119) serviceable instruments and fifty-three (53) as reparable. Sheet metal repaired thirteen (13) planes.

b. Air Corps Supply: One thousand nine hundred and thirty four (1934) issues on Forms 81. Four hundred ninety (490) paracutes repacked. Four hundred eighty-eight (488) modifications.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

Blair R. Elder
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561ST AIR SERVICE SQUADRON
43RD AIR SERVICE GROUP
APO 520 US ARMY

BRE/wlb.

354.1

11 March 1945.

SUBJECT: Unit History, Month of February.

TO : Commanding Officer,43rd Air Service Group, APO.520, U.S.Army. (ATTN: Group Historian.)

1. Improvements in area:

a. Small evergreen trees planted along walk to the Orderly Room and lining the highway.

b. Gravel hauled around Orderly Room and area to eliminate muddy conditions.

c. Addition built to Day Room and Snack Bar is in process of being set up.

d. New battery-shop completed.

e. Salvage shop modified.

f. Air Corps Supply warehouse installing wooden floor, painted and new lighting fixtures installed. New oxygen bottle racks built. Both Supply offices repainted. New shipping office converted from what was formerly a pig-pen. Cement floor in parachute shop. Racks installed for each separate Squadron.

2. Operations:

a. Planes: Twelve (12) planes were repaired. Three (3) planes in process of being repaired. Two (2) planes salvaged and One (1) in process of salvage.

b. Parachute Shop: Four hundred ninety (490) paracutes repacked. Four hundred eighty-eight (488) modifications on flak suits, life vests and paracutes. Three (3) packs changed. Thirty repairs on parachutes. Thirty five (35) work orders handled. During the month of February several changes were accomplished in the shop. A cement floor was laid over the coble-stones for greater walking comfort and cleaning purposes. Tables were shifted for a greater efficiency and to conserve space



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Unit History, dated 11 March 1945, (Cont'd),
Parachute Shop, Cont'd;

b. An individual rack made made for each Bomb Squadron to keep parachutes stored safely and make them easilly accessable at all times without disturbing working personnel. A new system for holding parachutes on tables while packing was initiated. To keep weather from the hot air blowers and enclosed stand was erected at the side of the towers.

c. Aviation gasoline and oil: Received 1770934 gallons of aviation gasoline and 21,600 gallons of oil. Issued 1770934 gallons of aviation gasoline and 21,600 gallons of oil

d. Engines and Propellers: Received twenty-one (21) type R-1830-45 engines and Forty-two (42) type R-1830-65 engines. Issued Twenty (20) type R-1830-45 engines and Forty-four (44) type R-1830-65. Received no (0) propellers and issued Five (5)

e. Breathing Oxygen: Received 2,167 bottles and issued 2,167 bottles of oxygen in February. Issues largest since any month since activation.

f. Air Corps Supply sent out 1,934 different issues on Forms 81.

g. Sheet Metal Shop: During the month of February the sheet-metal shop completed 18 work orders and 13 aircraft were worked on. Every plane worked on was damaged in battle. Eleven aircraft were returned to operation and two were still being worked on at the end of the month. Eight aircraft had general flak damage, one was the changing of rudder gusset plates in compliance with T.O 01-5-104, one was the change of bombsight mounts and one called for the installing of radio recorder mounts. Of the two ships carried over one was to rebuild the nose section and one was general flak damage. The work-orders varied and were mostly general work. The aircraft work was as follows: Mgfd four (4) sets of brackets for T.O.11-60AA-9, Mgfd one hundred fifty (150) fast feathering line brackets, mfgd nine (9) shock obsorber mounts for flux-gate compass. The general work-orders were for boxes, cans, tent tops and such.

f. Instrument Shop: Eleven (11) instruments were received. One hundred nineteen (119) instruments were turned out as serviceable. Fifty-three (53) instruments were turned out as reparable. Seven '7) work orders were handled for Bomb Group.



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i. Welding Shop: Handled a total of one hundred nineteen work orders. Work ranged over a wide variety of jobs; cutting barrles, making stoves, working on a floating-target and work on modification and repair of aircraft.

j. Machine Shop: Twenty-seven(27) work orders completed. Threading bolts, manufacturing bushings, pulleys, rivet-sets and keys. The shop has gained the services of one machinist who was badly needed.

k. Propeller Shop: Eight (8) propellers were removed from salvaged ships. Servicable props were cleaned and placed on ships on the line. Reparable ones were disasembled and sent to the Depot. Four (4) props were removed for engine changes and before being replaced were partially disasembled and worn parts replaced where needed.

l. Carpenter Shop: For February the shop handled twenty-three (23) work orders. Miscellaneous jobs, such as; gun-racks, repairing chairs, ripping lumber, etc. Two larger jobs were constructing a new Battery Shop and Oil Shed. The worst problem of the month was securing material for building. All jobs were done mainly with salvaged and second hand lumber and nails. It is impossible to do a first-class work with second-hand material.

m. Paint Shop: Completed a total of thirty (30) work orders in February. Four (4) trucks, two (2) Jeeps and two (2) refueling units were painted. Forty (40) large signs painted for Bomb Group and our Squadron. Stenciled numbers on trucks and other equipment. Also repaired four (4) aierons, three (3) rudders and five (5) elevators.

n. Electric Shop: Repairs were made on five (5) aircraft during this month of February. Each of these was checked out electrically. Damage was caused by flak. An entire 24v generator system was set up to be used by the Bomb Group for power in operating Gunnery practice turrets. Lighting and power systems were installed and repaired in engineering and squadron area.

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561ST AIR SERVICE SQUADRON
43RD AIR SERVICE GROUP
APO 520 US ARMY

BRE/wb.

354.1 8 April 1945.

SUBJECT: Historical Record.

TO : Commanding Officer, 43rd Air Service Group, APO. 520. (ATTN: Group Historian).

1. Unit history of the 561st Air Service Squadron for the month of March 1945.

2. The present designation of this unit is: 561st Air Service Squadron, 43rd Air Service Group, XV Air Force Service Command.

a. Changes in Organization: None.

b. Strength: Commissioned and Enlisted.

(1) Month of March 1945:
(a) 1 March 1945.....217
(b) Net increase..... 6
(c) 31 March 1945.....223

c. Station: Cerignola #4, Stornara, Italy.

d. Movements: None.

e. Campaigns: Italian campaign, still in progress.

3. Pertinent data submitted:

a. Engineering: Eleven (11) aircraft repaired and two (2) salvaged. Machine shop completed twenty eight (28) work orders. Paint and Fabric Shop handled forty seven (47) work orders. Sheet metal shop completed twenty six (26) work orders. Electric shop made repairs and checked out twelve aircraft during March. The instrument shop received forty five (45) reparable instruments and returned forty five (45) serviceable ones.

b. Air Corps Supply: One thousand six hundred and forty nine (1649) issues were made on Forms 81. One hundred ninety seven (197) requisitions submitted. Five hundred sixty three (563) parachutes repacked. Thirty one (31) work orders filled.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

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Unit Historian.

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561ST AIR SERVICE SQUADRON
43RD AIR SERVICE GROUP
APO 520 US ARMY

BRE/wlb.

354.1

8 April 1945.

SUBJECT: Unit History, Month of March.

TO : Commanding Officer 43rd Air Service Group, APO 520, U.S.Army. (ATTN: Group Historian.).

1. Improvements in area:

a. Walls and floor of Day Room being replastered and painted.

b. Mess hall walls being replastered and painted.

c. Hanger completed at Engineering. Bomb Group to set up their movie hall in the hanger.

d. New racks built in the parachute shop to hold the 561st OEL parachutes.

e. New baseball diamond marked out and backstop set up.

2. Operations:

a. Planes: Eleven planes were repaired. Two were salvaged and one carried over into April.

b. Parachute Shop: Five hundred sixty three (563) parachutes were packed. Eight (8) packs were modified. Sixty parachutes repaired. A total of thirty one (31) work orders were completed.

c. Aviation Gasoline and Oil: Air Corps Supply section received 2,184,128 gallons of aviation gasoline and issued the same amount. This was 413,194 gallons over the February figures. 24,610 gallons of oil was received and a total of 17,400 gallons issued.

d. Engines and Propellors: Received sixty one (61) engines and issued fifty(50) for month of march. Received twenty (20) propellors and issued thirteen (13).

e. Air Corps Supply sent out 1,649 issues on Forms 81. A total of one hundred ninety seven (197) requisitions were submitted during



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f. Breathing Oxygen: A total of 2,513 bottles were received and 2,557 bottles issued during March.

g. Welding Shop: The work in this shop was general maintenance work. Constituting aircraft, airchucks, ammunition chutes and auxillary nose-wheel locks. Repaired road grader for 21st Engineers. Manufactured floating target for the 304th Bomb Wing. Maintained and repaired trucks for motor pool. Did work for the Squadron, including snack-bar stove, stone grill and a new grill for mess-hall. Work done for the 456th Bomb Group were in general maintenance work, repair and modification of operational equipment.

h. Electric Shop: This shop made repairs on twelve (12) aircraft this month. Each of these were electrically checked out before being realeased. Squadron B-17 has been kept electrically fit. Revised wiring in Mobile repair truck. All electrical equipment in the Squadron has been kept up. Repairs were made and system checked on the runway lights. Hanger was wired and lighting system put in.

i. Instrument Shop: Completed seven (7) work orders for 456th Bomb Group. Received forty five (45) reparable instruments from Air Corps Supply and returned forty five (45) as servicable. Thirty nine (39) reparable instruments were send to the Depot. Began painting interior of instrument shop and started work on a mock-up for testing the Gyro Fluxgate Compass.

j. Machine Shop: Completed thirty eight (38) work orders. These ranged all the way from threading pipe to modification work on aircraft.

k. Paint and Fabric Shop: Forty seven (47) work orders were made out to this shop. All were completed. A total of thirty five (35) signs were painted and lettered. Holes were patched in rudders, elevators and ailerons. Three hundred fifty (350) stencils cut for various Squadrons. Four (4) trucks, two (2)OEL trailers and one Jeep repainted. Serial numbers were repainted on every vehicle in the Squadron. Miscellaneous work was done in the mess-hall and club.



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l. Sheet Metal Shop: During the month of March the shop completed twenty six (26) work orders and completed work on eleven (11) aircraft; one being held over into April. The work orders were varied and generally pertained to work other than aircraft with the exception of installing antenna blisters. Of the eleven (11) aircraft returned to operations, one (1) required the rebuilding of the nose section and the other ten (10) required general flak damage repair. The aircraft carried over into April requires a new nose section job.

m. Propeller Shop: Ten (10) propellers were installed. Five (5) servicable propellers were disasembled, checked and replaced.

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561ST AIR SERVICE SQUADRON
43RD AIR SERVICE GROUP
APO 520 US ARMY

354.1 9 May 1945

SUBJECT: Historical Record.

TO : Commanding Officer, 43rd Air Service Group, APO 520. (ATTN: Group Historian).

1. Unit history of the 561st Air Service Squadron for the month of April 1945.

2. The present designation of this unit is: 561st Air Service Squadron, 43rd Air Service Group, XV Air Force Service Command.

a. Changes in Organization: None.

b. Strength: Commissioned and Enlisted.

(1) Month of April 1945:
(a) 1 April 1945.....223
(b) Net increase..... 5
(c) 31 April 1945.....228

c. Station: Cerignola #4, Stornara, Italy.

d. Movements: None.

e. Campaigns: Italian campaign, still in progress.

3. Pertinent data submitted:

a. Engineering: Sixteen (16) aircraft repaired. Machine shop completed thirty six (36) work orders. Paint and Fabric shop handled thirty four (34) work orders. Sheet Metal shop completed thirteen (13) work orders. Electric made repairs and checked out sixteen (16) aircraft during April. The instrument shop received forty one (41) reparable instruments and returned forty one (41) serviceable ones.

b. Air Corps Supply: One thousand three hundred seventy eight (1378) issues were made on Forms 81. One hundred sixty three (163) requisitions submitted. Four hundred ninety six (496) parachutes inspected and repacked.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

BLAIR R. ELDER,
1st Lt., A.C.
Unit Historian.

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561ST AIR SERVICE SQUADRON
43RD AIR SERVICE GROUP
APO 520 US ARMY

354.1

9 May 1945

SUBJECT: Unit History, Month of April.

TO : Commanding Officer, 43rd Air Service Group, APO 520, U.S.Army. (ATTN: Group Historian).

1. Improvements in area.

a. New horseshoe pits made. Badminton and volley ball courts made.

b. Icebox built into kitchen.

c. Cover constructed for oxygen rack at Air Corps Supply.

d. Mosquito screens installed in all buildings.

2. Operations:

a. Planes: Sixteen (16) planes were repaired. One carried over into May.

b. Parachute Shop: Four hundred ninety six (496) Parachutes were packed. Twenty (20) packs were modified. Five work orders were completed.

c. Aviation Gasoline and Oil: Air Corps Supply section received 1,674,945 gallons of aviation gasoline and issued the same amount. 35,400 gallons of oil were received and a total of 25,850 gallons issued.

d. Tubes and Casings : Air Corps Supply section received 66 casings and issued 61, tubes received 6,issued 19.

e. Breathing Oxygen: A total of 1,863 bottles were received and 1,870 bottles issued during April

f. Welding Shop: A camera sling and bracket was devised by this shop to aid aerial photographers in swinging camera into position through bomb bay. Except for this special job work was general run.

g. Machine Shop: Work was general maintenance work.



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Unit History, dated 9 May 1945, (Cont'd).

g. cont'd. Work consisted of manufacturing adapters of several types, making of bolts, bushings, several types of small hand tools, cutting and threading of pipe, etc.

h. Paint and Fabric Shop: Thirty six work orders were completed. These consisted of cutting of stencils, painting signs, and repairing holes in rudders, elevators and ailerons.

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562ND SERVICE SQUADRON
APO 520

U. S. Army
9 February 1944.

SUBJECT: Historical Data for the Period 15 Jan 44 to 31 Jan 44, Inclusive.

TO : Commanding Officer, 323rd Service Group.

1. In compliance with Ltr, your Hq, dated 25 January 1944, Memorandum No. 45-10, Hq, 15th Air Force, dated 24 December 1943, and paragraph 13, AR 345-105, the following report is herewith submitted:

a. Original Unit.
(1) Designation: 562nd Service Squadron.
(2) Date of Organization: 15 January 1944.
(3) Place of Organization: Lucera, Italy.
(4) Authority for Organization: GO #8, Hq, XII AFSC (Adv) dtd 27 December 1943.
(5) Personnel obtained from the following Units:
(a) 94th Service Squadron
(b) 304th Service Squadron
(c) 331st Service Squadron
(d) 339th Service Squadron
(e) 345th Service Squadron
(f) 348th Service Squadron
(g) 350th Service Squadron
(h) 351st Service Squadron
(i) 354th Service Squadron
(j) 456th Service Squadron

b. Changes in organization: None.

c. Strength, Commissioned or Enlisted:

| | O | WO | EM |
|---|---|---|---|
| (1) At beginning of period | 1 | | 115 |
| (2) Net increase during month | | | 46 |
| (3) Net decrease during month | 1 | | |
| (4) At end of month | | | 161 |

d. Stations, (Permanent or temporary): No change.

e. Former and present members who have distinguished themselves in action: None.

f. Photographs: None.

g. Operational data: Not in operation at this date.

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CHARLES W. PRIEST,
Capt., Air Corps,
Unit Historical Officer.

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Sheet No. 1 War Diary 562nd Service Squadron Spinazzola, Italy
(Station)

Month of January, 1944. Prepared by
CHARLES W. PRIEST, Capt. 562nd

| DAY | EVENTS |
|---|---|
| | Lucera, Italy |
| 15 | Squadron activated per GO #8, Hq, XII AFSC (Adv) dtd 27 December 43 and personnel assigned per SO #7 and #8 Service Center #38, dtd 15th and 16th Jan 44. Total personnel 1 Officer 161 Enlisted Men. Men moved into large brick building which at one time was a hospital. Rooms are large with high ceilings making comfortable heating impractical. About two-thirds of men are sleeping either on the floor ar on improvised cots. Weather very cold. |
| 16 | Nothing for personnel to do but visit in town which is just a two minute walk from barracks. At night there are two picture shows, one Canadian, one American. Admittance can be gained to either one. The Canadian theatre has shows in the afternoon which quite a few fellows attend. Commanding Officer was first introduced to Squadron personnel this morning at our first formation. |
| 17 | Emergency requisition for clothing shortages submitted this morning. Some of the fellows are bad off for shoes and such, they are pulling guard and MP duty. This little town of Lucera, Italy where we are located is surrounded by mountains on three sides and these hills are covered in a deep blanket of snow. |
| 18 | Today we received our first mail delivery which raised everyone's moral a couple of notches. This morning a truck was sent to obtain some coal and wood. An attempt is being made to fire the furnace for steam heat for rooms. 1 GMC 6 x 6, and two 4 x 4 ¼ ton trucks assigned squadron, our transportation section. |
| 19 | Personnel were interviewed during the day and classiffied for different departments. The boys are asking when PX rations are to be issued and get an answer "in the near future". |
| 20. | Personnel have been visiting nearby points of interest. There is an old fortress castle close by. It stands on a high point overlooking the valley. Every evening the sun sinks behind the bastions making a beautiful picture. The weather is very agreeable. |
| 21 | Fresh pork chops for dinner were served the boys. No one seemed to be very unhappy over the issue as they all clamored for more. PX supplies were issued in the afternoon. The American Red Cross girls came from Bari and distributed coffee and doughnuts. |
| 22 | Initial shipment of Air Corps Supplies received from Depot No. Five. |



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Sheet No. 2 War Diary 562nd Service Squadron Spinazzola, Italy (Station)

Month of January, 1944. Prepared by CHARLES W. PRIEST, Capt., AC, 562nd

| DAY | EVENTS |
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| 23 | M/Sgt Pappy Stair has invented a new drink while spending a little free time in the local Wine Shoppe. After four drinks of this concoction even the heaviest indulger starts to weave. Personnel in each department were assigned at formation this morning. Sgt Shields is trying hard to organize a Sq basketball team to play in the Gp tournament. The gym is in Hq bldg an old school house. |
| 24 | Several truck drivers sent to Foggia to pick up new trucks for outfit. On way backPvt Martin co-pilot in a weapons carrier was thrown clear when the vehicle skidded and hit a stone fence, just bruised up a bit. Sq basketball team held first practice scrimmage this evening. The bread pudding is getting to be a by-word we have it so often. Scarcity of mail is causing some complaints. |
| 25 | Pfc Weems assigned to outfit today. Strength now 161. Shipment of QM supplies received, consisted of needed cots, tents, etc. A high wind came up during night and blew out a few panes of glass. |
| 26 | Weather is now cold and stormy. QM equipment still coming in. 561st has received orders to move. They were activated same time as we. |
| 27 | Snow fell during night covering surrounding hills with still more snow. Joe E Brown is reported to make a personal appearance here Saturday. |
| 28. | First AWOL cases today Pvts Fanning and Bagwell. PX rations were issued during evening. A roit squad has been appointed and is on the alert to go into action if any trouble starts brewing during the political gatherings now going on in town. |
| 29 | Roit squad did not go into action and situation is now clear. Squadron turned out nearly 100% to see Joe E. Brown. He put on a one man show which every one enjoyed. A real G.I. Joey is. Clothing shortages received from QM. |
| 30 | Sgt Isenhart has been selected as the one man quota for the monthly Rotation of Personnel. Luckey guy. Clothing issued. |
| 31 | A Canadian last night shot and killed an Italian woman and injured four men. An extra guard shift was posted during night as a precautionary measure. The American Red Cross honored us with another visit of coffee and doughnuts. We still have practically no equipment with which to operate and as yet no one to operate on. |



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SECRET

562nd Service Squadron
323rd Service Group
APO 520

U.S. Army
5 March, 1944

SUBJECT: Historical Data for the Period 1 February/44 to 29 February/44.

TO : Commanding Officer, 323rd Service Group.

1. In compliance with Ltr., your Hq., dated 25 January, 1944, and Memorandum # 45-10, Hq., 15th Air Force, dated 24 December, 1943, and paragraph 13, AR 345-105, the following report is hereby submitted:

a. Original Unit.
This information was contained in Historical Data Report for the month of January, 1944.

b. Changes in Organization:
Relieved from assignment to Service Center # 38, Lucero, Italy and assigned to Service Center # 323, Spinazzola, Italy. Authority, Par 13, SO 35, XVAFSC, dated 4 February/44.

c. Strength, Commissioned and Enlisted.

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| (1) At beginning of period: | 0 | 0 | 161 |
| (2) Net increase during month: | 5 | 2 | 21 |
| (3) Net decrease during month: | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| (4) At end of month: | 5 | 2 | 182 |

d. Stations of Unit or parts thereof.
Departed from Lucero, Italy, 7 February/44, 1015 hours. Arrived at Spinazzola, Italy, at 1400 hours, same date. Traveled approximately Seventy-Five Miles by GMC Truck Convoy. Authority: Par 2 Movement Order, # 13, XVAFSC, dated 4 Febraury/44.

e. Former and present members who have distinguished themselves in action: None.

f. Photographs of personnel, important scenes or events: None.

g. Operational Data: (Approximate figures).
(1) Transportation: Serviced vehicles from the Bomb Group, Dispensed Oil and Gas to vehicles, Hauled Gravel for Engineering Section, A.C. Suplly and Motor Pool. Hauled Building Blocks for Engineering Section also T/BA and OEL Equipment from the various depots for both the Bomb Group and this organization.
(2) Engineering: Completed erection of building for Engineering Offices, gravelled roadway from taxi-strip to Engineering Section, assisted in getting three(3) planes back on the runway, salvaged all possible parts of the plane that crashed in the hills some twenty miles away from the base.

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(2) Engineering Cont'd: Welding Shop has been continously employed in the manufacture of Mess Kit Washers and stoves for the 460th Bomb Group.

(3) Air Corps Supply: Received about 15 per cent of Organizational OEL, uncrated and listed approximately 50 per cent of material received. Received 19 Cletracs from the Depot and have issued 9. Gasoline Detail from this section has hauled and dispersed on this base approximately 200,000 gallons of 100 Octanes Gasoline also some 35,000 gallons of Airplane Oil.

(4) Heavy Equipment: Two Low Boys have been engaged in hauling OEL Equipment and Cletracs from the Depot at Bari, a total of twelve trips have been made. Considerable trouble has been experienced due to the muddy condition of the roads and loading and unloading areas. The C-2 Wrecker has been used to unload Bombs for the Ordanance Section, haul planes (3) back on the runway, and to unload equipment at Group Headquarters Warehouse. Cletrac has been used at odd times to drag mired vehicles and planes clear.

(5) Other sections of this Squadron have not been engaged in their regular capacity due to lack of necessary equipment, they have been used to aid the departments now working in the fulfillment of their duties.

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Sheet No. 1 War Diary 562nd Service Squadron Spinazzola, Italy

Month of February, 1944. Prepared by Russell G. Bollinger
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DAY EVENTS

Lucero, Italy.

1. From the Bulletin Board: "Stage Show Tonight" "Basketball Game at the Group Gym" this will be our first game. Comments after the show indicated that the Leg Art was a little corny, while the Acrobats were very good. We lost our Basketball game by one point, close, but not close enough.

2. Equipment is still coming in, we got two 6 x 6 's and two 1 ton trailers today. We had an exchange of personnel with Hq & Hq Sq today, we lost four clerks and got three airplane mechanics in exchange, leaves us a bit short on clerks.

3. Snow Storm today, it turned into slush immediately upon striking the ground, making a very sloppy mess in the building. The general opinion indicates that this town is not very different from the average town of N. Africa. It has the same dirty alleys, same dirty faces and kids asking for caramellas instead of bon-bons. Most everybody stayed in today.

4. Clothing Shortages were issued today, for those fellows that were in the Bari Raid, this is a Godsend also a chance to really get cleaned up for a change. Our two AWOL's returned today, acting like a couple of innocent children.

5. Weather clear today, so we had a little recruit training, seems funny after being overseas for over a year and a half to have to go through this again. It did'nt hurt tho, everbody seemed to eat a little more at the noon meal.

6. Orders came in today relieving us from assignment to the 38th Service Group and assigning us to the 323rd Service Group. We leave tomorrow so everyone is busy packing. Looks like our three week vacation is over, it was the longest stretch of doing nothing that many of us have had since leaving the States.

7. This day started with good news, Captain Priest has been relieved from attached and assigned as C.O. We left Lucero at 1015 for dur change of Station. 811th Q.M. Trucking Co furnished us with transportation. After a cold and wet ride we arrived at Spinazzola at 1400 hours. Set up Bivouac Area ina stiff Snow Storm, many a tent blew down twice before they were finnally pegged down. Set up the Mess and Headquarters in one of those buildings that are used to house the road repair gangs. Chow was really good tonight.

8. It was a cold night, it will be better tonight tho, stoves are being issued and the scramble for fuel is on. The Oxygen School Detail returned yesterday but was overlooked in the scramble to get set up. It seems that there was no Oxygen School at Manduria, and nobody had any knowledge of one. It appears as if somebody got their wires crossed. Still raining and snowing and getting muddier all the time.

9. First chance to look around today, we are at a brand new field, the Engineers are still working on it, the runway is finished but not the hard stands, it is said that the planes are due in a couple of days. Two men were sent to town to act as M.P.'s. Men are to go to show tonight at the Group Theater.



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Day Events

10. More rumors about the arrival of the Bomb Group, nothing definite tho. The field is pretty soft, hope that none of the planes miss the runway. We have set up a sort of a Crash Crew with a weapons carrier as their mode of transportation.

11. Air Corps Supply Section is hauling Gasoline from Gravina Railhead. Most of the personnel available are being used on this detail. Checked at the depot at Bari today in search of some of our equipment. No luck.

12. We have sent seven men to the 34th Station Hospital in thelast few days. It must be the weather. Those Engineers, they are really men, they work in all sorts pf weather and at all hours of the day or night. It looks like the field will be ready when and if the Bomb Group arrives.

13. Details are being used to set up Quartermaster Supply Dumps for the Bomb Group, we are to set up tents for them tomorrow. They certainly are getting all the breaks. Weather is still cold and rainy. The mud is of course getting worse all the time.

14. All available men were used to set up the tent area at the Bomb Group today. We set up some 42 tents, not a bad days work considering the weather.

15. Word from town indicates that the Bomb Group has arrived. They are fresh from the States and we are all curious, we have been away now for over a year and a half and are wondering what goes on in the states.

16. Nothing much today. We are just trying to keep warm, while we sweat out the first cry for help from the Bomb Group. Sure enough, late this afternoon they were here looking for some stoves and a means to heat water for their mess kits. We are doing our best, but are hampered by the lack of tools and material.

17. The ground echelon for the Bomb Group arrived this afternoon, they were a sad looking bunch of boys when they stopped here for information. They were cold and hungry, also a little bit confused. One fellow asked where the hangers were. We are trying to cover some of the mud with fill from the field.

18. Got two more trucks today, now have a total of eight, one will have to go to the Ordnance tho, it is a class B vehicle and has broken down already. One more Officer came in today, he is a Medical Officer, now we won't have to send our sick call to the Group. Some of the fellows are having trouble with their teeth, looks like we need a Dentist close by for awhile.

19. Completed filling the Motor Pool today, but the mud is still pretty bad, it rains so much that the ground just can't get a chance to dry out. We have a movie at the Group Theater every other night, most of the pictures are pretty old, we have seen them either in the States before we left or else while we were in Africa.



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Day Events

20. Twelve man detail was sent to the scene of the plane Crash.(One of the new planes cracked up on a nearby Mountain while trying to find the field late yesterday). A British Mosquito was grounded by the weather thisafternoon, the two RAF men are spending the night with our Officers. Word came back from the wreck to the effect that they would stay overnight. The plane was scattered all over the hills .

21. The Mosquito left this morning after giving us a good buzz job in thanks for our hospitality. Things are beginning to look up, our tents are drying out and we have managed to get our stoves set up as oil burners. Mail is starting to come in regularlly as is fresh meat. Our chow has been the best that we have had in almost a year.

22. Four new men assigned today, three of them were immediately placed on DS at Venosa to guard the equipment left by the 563rd Service Squadron which moved to a new field. Our Combination Mess Hall,Day Room is almost finished it looks like we are about set, all we need now is some equipment to go to work with. The men returned from the wreck this evening, from the story they tell, it was quite a mess, the plane was scattered all over the hillside. Very little of the plane was salvageable.

23. The squadron switchboard has been giving us a little trouble, called the Signal Company and they changed the board, new one works fine. We have been collecting musical instruments, if our luck holds out we shall have a band one of these days. We have the personnel but still need a few good instruments.

24. There are rumors of Beer in the P.X. tomorrow. Could be. The Medical Officer has been going around with a happy smile all day, he got his Medical Chests today, now he can cut up all the G.I.'s he wants.

25. The rumor of Beer was no rumor, it was a fact, the Beer was pretty good too. Now comes the trouble of getting the bottles back in good condition. We had two Warrant Officers assigned today, they arrived this evening and were shown their quarters.

26. Eighteen enlisted men were assigned today, all fresh from the States also a new officer, 1st Lt Ralph Fridel. First Squadron Order was published today assigning the various Officers to their duties. Our so-called orchestra has practicing much to the disgust of the rest of the men, it seems that they play the same number over and over, trying to get it down pat.

27. A P-39 dropped in this afternoon, too much weather, he will spend the night and try to get over the hump in the morning.

28. No more trouble from the switchboard. Ten enlisted men departed on Detached Service to one of the trucking companies who are short of drivers. They now pass the squadron on the average of one every twenty minutes, they are



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really doing some driving. From somewhere a Turkey has appeared, just who it belongs to is hard to find out, somebody is thinking up quite a meal.

29 This is the day that occurs just once every four years, it is also Pay Day as far as we could find out there was'nt even one crap game, it was really a quiet pay day. This has been an unusual month, the organization was thrown together last month, moved out to the field after a week or so of laying around, the various Cadres broke up and the fellows started to get acquainted, after being in the field for a month the general feeling is that we have a good outfit. All of the fellows are anxious to get to work but we are still without equipment. Our OEL has started to come in but has not as yet been sorted out for issue. We have had a fairly hard time getting set up in the field but the experience and patience of the men and Officers have surmounted all of the difficulties and things are definitely on the bright side.

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323rd Service Group
APO 520, U.S.Army

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5 April, 1944

SUBJECT: Historical Data for the Period 1 March/44 to 31 March/44.

TO : Commanding Officer, 323rd Service Group, APO 520, U.S.Army.

1. In compliance with Ltr., your Hq., dtd 25 Jan/44 and Memo #45-10, Hq., 15th Air Force, dtd 24 Dec/43, and Par 13, AR 345-105, the following report is submitted:

a. ORIGINAL UNIT: This information was contained in the Historical Data Report for the month of January, 1944.

b. CHANGES IN ORGANIZATION: None.

c. STRENGTH, COMMISSIONED & ENLISTED:

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| (1) At beginning of period: | 6 | 2 | 179 |
| (2) Net increase during month: | 0 | 0 | 27 |
| (3) Net decrease during month: | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| (4) At end of month: | 6 | 2 | 206 |

d. STATION OF UNIT OR PARTS THEREOF: Spinazzola, Italy.

e. FORMER OR PRESENT MEMBERS WHO HAVE DISTINGUISHED THEMSELVES IN ACTION: None.

f. PHOTOGRAPHS OF PERSONNEL, IMPORTANT SCENES OR EVENTS: None.

g. OPERATIONAL DATA:(Approximate figures)
(1) TRANSPORTATION: Received three Reo Tractors and six F-1 Units during the month, these are all in operation at this time. Flatbeds have been occupied all month hauling OEL equipment from the Depot, we are maintaining a dump for several of the newly activated units. Two of the 2½ ton GMC's have been assigned to Engineering for use as Mobile Repair Units. All of the other vehicles assigned to the Squadron are being used daily in our efforts to take advantage of the good weather and get the Squadron operating. The vehicles have been hauling rations, Air Corps Supplies, Personnel, Fill for the various sections of the Squadron,(the mud is still our biggest and most troublesome problem) T/BA equipment and some salvage has been carried to the Group Quartermaster.Even with the most careful planing of trips it is impossible to have a vehicle in reserve. All of the vehicles have been deadlined for routine checkup and with the exception of one 6x6 which had to have a brake job have been operating fairly well. The C-2 has been one of our busiest vehicles, it has been in constant demand by the Bomb Group to tow out the planes from the mud. We had one accident during the month, a 6x6 ran into the rear of a British Lorry on the Bari road, there was considerable damage to the front end of the 6x6, it was sent to Ordnance and was back on the road in no time, just as good as ever.

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g. OPERATIONAL DATA: Transportation Cont'd.

We received four jeeps from the depot at Manfredonia, all four were immediately deadlined for check, it was found that one had practically no brakes and another had a cracked block, these two were sent to the Ordnance for repair. The other two were serviced and after a few minor adjustaments were put into service. One was assigned to Engineering and the other to the Orderly Room for the mail and distribution run. One Autocar Tractor and Tech Supply Trailer was obtained from Naples near the end of the month, the Tractor is being used on one of the F-1 Units to make for easier handling of the Gas problem. All drivers were issued drivers permits and all vehicles were equipped with accident report forms. The vehicles of this Squadron have completed 73,000 miles during the month, this seems like a great deal of mileage for one month.

(2) Air Corps Supply: OEL Equipment is coming in and everywhere you go you find somebody uncrating or stocking this equipment. The Engineers have finally started to build our Supply Building, this will be a great help, we have been hampered by the rain and mud somuch that very little has been accomplished. The Gas Line is almost complete and we expect to have the gas delivered to our door is a week or so, we are still haul-it in from the railhead at Spinazzola.Received our Oxygen unit and am now sweating out the return of the Oxygen Crew from School at Bari, it should solve our oxygen problem for once and for all. Classes 04, 29, 08 and 30 are now set up and functioning. Tech Supply Trailer was received and is being set up, we have to put in all the sheeves and drawers. A large portion of the Cletracs and Fuel Units that we have been holding for these new Service Squadrons is being claimed, it leaves great gaps in our stock yard when they are taken away. Since the Bomb Group has not been on operations for most of the month we have had very little trouble in meeting their needs, they have a bad habit tho, they insist on coming in for their stuff at night, that means a night job is going to be tossed at somebody. Two of our men attended the Supply Personnel Confernece at at the Depot, nothing much of news to be had on that subject, just a series of talks and a trip around the Depot, which we all know having been there hundreds of times. Our Supply Building is just about finished, we will move in the 1st of the month. Engineering has takem over the distribution of all of the OEL , most all the men have tool kits and are using them.

(3) Engineering. Engineering Office and Stock Room building has been completed, we are now using the office and issuing OEL Tools from the stock room. One of the planes cracked up on the runway, the nose wheel folded up, Emergency repairs will be made on this plane and it will be turned into the depot. The engineering area is slowly drying up and the shops are being laid out. A P-47 crashed about twenty miles away, we are salvaging what is left, and will turn it into the depot in a couple of days. The shops are slowly being set up now that the weather has clear-ed. Sheet-Metal, Carpentar Shop, Prop Shop are now set up, not very much work has come in as yet. Sheet Metal is doing some work on the plane that had the nose wheel fold up. On the 27th another B-24 cracked up while taxing and will be completely dismantled.All of the Aerial Repair section is working on this ship. They look like flies when you approach the ship, they are all over it.



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g.OPERATIONAL DATA CONT'D.

Headquarters: The opportunity to send flowers home for Easter proved to be very popular, about 80 of the men took advantage of this and as a result a lot of people should be happy on Easter Morning. Captain Peccy was relvd from assignment to Hq & Hq Sq 323 Serv Gp and assigned to this Organization, he was immediately put on orders as Air Corps Supply Officer. We had four men transferred to the 62nd Service Gp to start the month off. The Oxygen detail got off again to the Depot for schooling, it is the real thing this time. The Orderly Room staff is busily engaged in assigning the personnel to their various jobs, reclassifing all the personnel in accordance with the new specification numbers on the new TO. 10 men were put on DS to the 2234th QM Trucking Company to solve their driving prob ems, they are hauling Bombs passed the Squadron every day. Some detail: 3 men were sent to Bari tothe Trade School to,learn about Turrets and Hydraulics, that sounds like a good detail. 4 men were to sent to Naple to bring back a Tech Supply Trailer, they came back in four days, dirty, cold and tired. Captain OAKLEY MORTON was relvd from attached and returned to Hq & Hq Sq at Group. All month long we have been getting men assigned one or two at a time, we have also transferred a few, the result is that we are now about twenty-seven men stronger than we were at the beginning of the month. We have averaged about five men in the Hospital all month, the bad weather has kept the boys just a little of color, most of them have had heavy colds, two of the boys have had infections in their hands, there has been no VD this month, altho we have sweated out a couple, it looks like they are taking care of themselves and using the Pro and other preventive measures. The Squadron as a whole has been seriously hampered by the bad, very bad weather, cold, rain and snow, black snow too, a result of the Volcano at Naples blowing it's top. At the end of the month the weather changed and things immediately started to look up, Engineering is really getting set up, Air Corps Supply which has been working all the time is now having it fairly easy, they can at least keep the stuff dry and clean. Supplies are coming in regularly. P.X. Rations and the movies which we have three times a week have kept the men very happy and easy to handle, the chow has been excellent, the best we have had since coming overseas. A program of Sports is in the making and should proove successful as long as the weather remains good. We had our first Administrative Inspection this month and got a Very Satisfactory Rating, we hope to do better the next time, if this Personnal Data System ever gets cleared up.

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DAY EVENTS

Spinazzola, Italy.

1- Most of the day was spent Interviewing our 18 new men, they are all fresh from the States, mostly just out of school and with no real experience, we will have to train them here. One of the planes pulled a Mexican Jumping Bean Act this morning,took of from the hard stand and jumped the taxi strip and crashed into another plane, Sheet Metal should have some work. Rained all day so there was not much activity. Capt Percy was relvd from attached and assigned. Oxygen detail got off to Bari for school this morning. Four men
2- were transferred to the 62nd Service Group and left this morning also.

2- Day broke clear and cold for a change. OEL is still srriving at A.C.Supply S/Sgt Larison is talking about moving to Bari, he has been there most every day now for several weeks loading and checking the OEL Equipment. Capt Percy was assigned as ACS Officer on Squadron Orders. Lt Bolinger was relved of Transportation, Mess & Supply and assigned as Adjutant on the same Order. Lt Fridel was given Transportation and Mess in addition to his other duties as Asst Engineering Officer.

3- More rain and cold today. Lt Bolinger took over as Adjutant, Sgt Lender our 2nd cook was placed on DS with Group to cook for the Officers of the 55th Wing, they are just seting up in town, he makes 35 men that are on DS now, we are slightly DS happy. Sgt Smith came in from Group to help out in ACS, he is also on DS, they say he is a pretty good Supply man, we shall see.

4- Another mess on the field today, one of the planes slid off the taxi strip and got mired. The Bomb Group tried for five hours to get it loose but with no success, they turned it over to us at 1730 and we had it out and back on the hard stand at 2000 hours, not a bad job. Our Mess hall is still unfinished the Italians don't get very much done in a day, besides which we are still waiting for roofing material. ACS is very busy unpacking the OEL equipment. The nose wheel on another plane folded this morning, we are going to make emergency repairs and turn it over to the Depot, Sheet Metal has pretty much finished the Jumping Bean job, it was'nt too badly messed up.

5- Sunday, most of the boys went to church this morning so not much activity, Engineering is still working on the Nose wheel job. It is rumored that we are to have Movies here Tuesday evening, also that we will have the machine loaned to us for a show every other night, good deal,if it is true.

6- The Italians are starting on the ACS building today, but have not finished our mess hall yet, so it goes. Had a new man assigned today, a Staff Sgt McFarlane, he is a supply man but we have all we need now, just another name for the overage list I guess. One of our Autocars has been deadlined for possible rear end job, lots of noise from it. Had a couple of visitors from the Depot getting our opinion on the Supply set-up at the depot. From what was said there are no complaints from this Squadron, we get what we need when we need it.



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DAY EVENTS

7—Received two Reo Tractors and four F-1 Units from the Depot today, the Autocar has a broken axel, it sounded liks a rear or at least that was the rumor, now it is definitely the axel. Quite a few of the boys have turned in sick sick in thelast couple of days, mostly colds, this bad weather is getting the men down, it has rained alomost everyday since we have been here, just three days of nice weather.

8- It is still raining, the mud is getting deeper every day, pretty soon we shall have a foot of it. Three men returned from DS with the 2234th QM Trucking Company, the bomb hauling job is done. A temporary Parachute Shop has been set up in town, we have several hundred chutes to repack. The low boys have been hauling in Cletracs, we have enough of them around now to have a small tank battle.

9- Still hauling OEL Equipment from Bari, several of our trucks have been on run for a couple of weeks now. A P-47 crashed about twenty miles in the hills we sent a truck and some mechanics out to salvage what was left, it was'nt very much, he really dove that one into the ground. Two men returned from the hospital today. It is rumored that hte bomb group is about ready for their first mission, we are going to sweat that out.

10—We reorganizaed under the new T/O today, there will be quite a bit of work cut out for the Orderly Room what with all the changes in the MOS numbers and the submission of a overage report. Completed the loading of the wreck of the P-47, will send it down to the depot tomorrow, the C-2 was busy all day on this job. The gas pipe line is nearing completeion, we should have gas flowing thru it in a week or so. 6 men returned from DS with the 2235th QM Trucking Company.

11—Four more men returned from the Hospital today, we also had 21 new enlisted men assigned, more recruits from the states. Transportation is still hauling equipment from Bari, we really keep those trucks of ours on the road. The rumor about the movies was no rumor, we had our first show and it was pretty good, we are also going to have shows every other day, this will be great as we have been unable to have any activity outside after hours on account of the weather. It is still raining and the mud is getting deeper.

12—Air Corps Supply put up some more tents today, they have so much stuff down there now that they are getting behind in the opening and sorting of the boxes. 3 men were sent to Bari to go to Trade School for Hydraulics and Turret School. 3 men went to the hospital with Malaria, Sgt J.A. Smith was releived from attached and assigned to the Squadron, he will remain in ACS, he is pretty good at the supply business.



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13-Received our Oxygen Unit today from the Depot, it should solve our Oxygen problems once the Oxygen detail comes back from school and starts to operate the unit. Autocar tractor came up with a leaky raidiator today, it was taken off and sent over to the M.M. Ord for repair. Engineering is very busy setting up the tents for their shops.

14-Four jeeps came in today from Manfredonia, they look pretty well beat up, tney have been deadlined for complete check. Engineering still setting up their area, a new road has been completed by the Engineers to our Engineering section we won't have to cut thru the mud any longer to get there. ACS set up a large Hospital tent today and consolidated three prymadil tents in this one tent.

15-Two men went to the Hospital today, colds being the cause. One man left for Manduria to get some things to set up the Prop Shop with, had the Provost Marshall in from town to see if he could develope anthing on the strange case of the disappearing F-3 units, it seems that in the last two night the units have developed the habit of disappearing for a coule of hours at a stretch. He has'nt developed anything from what was said at Guard Mount this evening. Transportation is still sending their daily quota of vehicles to Bari to bring back the OEL equipment.

16-Air Corps Supply has set up three small tents and Classes 04, 29, 08 and 30 are being handled in these tents. Sgt Holzer is in charge. Another F-3 Unit came in from the depot today, hope this one does'nt develope any bad habits like the other ones did.

17-Our F-1 Units came in today and were put to work hauling gas from the rail-head at Spinazzola all night, we ran short onthe field and the Bomb Group was supposed to take off at 1100 hours. Weather grounded them tho so every-thing worked out alright. Pipe line for the Gas is still unfinished, it will take another week or so it seems. One jeep and four men went to Naples to pick up our Tech Supply Trailer, they will probally run into some nasty weather on the way over, it is still raining here, sometimes, especially in the early hours of the morning it snows,Transportation received the standard lubrication chart today. Capt Morton was relieved from attached and was ordered to report back to Hq & Hq Sq for duty as S-3, he was acting Enginnering Officer for awhile.

18-The pipe line was tested today with water, it has a few leaks, maybe another week before it will begin to operate. Transportation reported it's first accident today, Pvt Kabakov ran his 6x6 into the rear of a British Lorry that stopped short on him on the Bari road. Not very much damage. the movies are proving to be the best sort of entertainment, we have had a few old shows but most of them are new and are pretty good.

19-Tech Supply Trailer arriverd today, it will take some time to put the bins and shelves in,repairs were completed on the low-boy that had the bad axel, it is



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DAY EVENTS

19-Cont'd: back on the road again. Actual checking of the jeeps we got the othr other day begun this morning. One more new man assigned today.

20-We are having a lot of trouble with he small generators(C-1B & C-11) they just won't behave, must be toomuch dirt in the gasoilne. One 6x6 deadlined for bad clutch. Tractor from ACS Trailer was turned in today with the engine missing very badly, might be valves. One more man assigned today, he is not a recruit he has been overseas for almost a year. Pvt Fanning went over the hill after getting a good reaming from the Transportation Officer and the 1st Sgt.

21-Another accident today, Pvt Wilson was sideswiped by a British Truck, not very much damage, from his story he never had a chance, all he could do was sit and take it. One of the new jeeps has a cracked block, another has no brakes to speak of, both were sent to Ordnance for repair. The other two are to be serviced and assigned to Engineering and the Orderly Room. Two 6x6's were assigned to engineering for use as Mobile Repair Units, this will leave us short on our transportation. It snowed again this morning, this is supposed to be the first day of spring too. Two men returned from the hospital today. Two more men were assigned, both joined and are going to work in the morning. Pvt Pvt Fanning returned from his vacation over the hill and was placed in arrest of quarters.

22- One more man assigned today, other than that nothing much new, spent most of the day policing the entire area, since the sun was out for a change.

23- Sheet Metal, Carpenter Shop and the Prop Shops are now set up and functioning the only trouble is that with the exception of the Sheet Metal Shop there is no work. Air Corps Supply turned all of the OEL equipment over to the Engineering section, they will issue all of the tools up there, pretty nice for the Supply section. Five new men assigned today, we are slowly getting there. Two men went on DS today Group Hqs as Military Police. Another 6x6 turned up with a miss, must be a valve they say.

24-Rain again today, it don't look like we will ever get this place dried up. 5 men were transferred today, 2 to the 324th Serv Gp, one to the 62nd Serv Gp and two to the 566th Serv Sq, we don't know what Group.

25-Mr Witter relieved Lt Fridel as transportation officer. Some of the new Service Squadrons came in today and picked up some of their equipment, mostly Cletracs. Three of our men returned from Detached Service, we still have a lot out tho.

26- The entire area is slowly drying up despite the rain nearly every day, if we have a couple of nice days it should help immensely.Another man assigned today he is a clerk, something that we need very badly, ACS too I think.



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Month of March, 1944 Prepared by Russell G. Bolinger
RUSSELL G. BOLINGER, 2nd Lt., A.C.
562nd Service Squadron.

DAY EVENTS

27-Received a 6x6x from the maintence with a new set of brakes, they were adjusted too tight, our mechanics readjusted them and now they are fine. One man came back from the Hospital and another went, no gain no loss. Another man went on DS to Hqs for work in the Group Photo Lab. The Air Corps Supply Building is just about complete, the roof went on this afternoon and it will be finished tomorrow morning. Another plane cracked up on the taxi strip, this one will have to be salvaged, the Bomb Group is all over us for spare parts, they even come in at midnight looking for stuff.

28-Transportation has completed the new drivway, it will help to eliminate the mud in the area. One weapons carrier has been repaired, it had a miss, caused by fouled plugs. Pvt Dawson went over [redacted] the hill from pass. Work of salvaging the B-24 is progressing. Another swap with the hospital, one came out and one went in. Another man, T/Sgt Williams assigned today.

29-Still hauling gravel for the motor pool and squadron area proper. The floor was laid in the air corps supply building today, the building should be ready by the first. The epidemic of colds finally caught the Doctor, he went into the hospital today.

30-Nothing much today, just the usual details, everybody was working at some routine job.

31-Routine day with the exception that it was pay day, pay formation sort of knocked everything out. A couple of the boys got a little too much vino, but went to bed peacefully. The things that stand out most during the past month are the bad weather, the [redacted] unusaly bad luck of the bomb group, it seems that they loose a ship every time they try to take off.

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HEADQUARTERS, 562nd SERVICE SQUADRON RGB/jjc
Army Post Office# 520, U.S.Army

6 May, 1944

SUBJECT: Historical Records.

TO : Commanding General, XV Air Force, APO 520, U.S.Army
(Att: Historian) THRU: Channels.

1. Unit history of the 562nd Service Squadron for the period of April 1/44 to April 30/44.

a. Facts relating to the origin of the unit were contained in the Historical Data Report for the month of Jan/44. The present designation of the unit is "562nd Service Squadron, 323rd Service Group".

b. Changes in organization:
(1) None.
(2) None.
(3) Captain CHARLES W. PRIEST, O-224927, AC, has been the Commanding Officer since the unit was activated.
(4) Captain WILLIAM A. PETER, O-429572, AC, was assigned on the 12 Feb/44 and designated as Engineering Officer by Squadron Order # 1, dtd 26 Feb/44.
2nd Lt RUSSELL G. BOLINGER, O-567366, AC, was assigned on the 7 Feb/44 and designated as Sq Supply & Mess Officer by Sq Order # 1, dtd 26 Feb/44.
Captain HARRY V. PERCY, O-423102, AC, was attached from Hq & Hq Sq 323rd Serv Gp for TD as Air Corps Supply Officer on 7 Feb/44, he was relvd from atchd and assigned on the 1 Mar/44, Sq Order # 3 dtd 1 Mar/44 designated him as Air Corps Supply Officer.
Chief Warrant Officer CLIFFORD ALLEN, W-2107432 and Warrant Officer JG JOHN A. WITTER, W-2123933, were assigned on the 25 Feb/44 and designated as Engineering Shop Superintendent and Asst Air Foce Tech Supply Officer, by Sq Order # 1, dtd 26 Feb/44.
1st Lt RALPH T. FRIEDEL, O-574646, AC, was assigned on the 26 Feb/44 and designated as Statistical Officer and Asst Engineering Officer by Sq Order # 2, dtd 27 Feb/44.
1st Lt DANIEL D. LICATA, O-536096, MC, was assigned on the 17 Feb/44 as Squadron Surgeon.
2nd Lt RUSSELL G. BOLINGER, O-567366, was in addition to his other duties designated War Bonds & Insurance Officer, EFM Officer and Transportation Officer by Sq Order # 1, dtd 26 Feb/44.
On the 1 Mar/44 2nd Lt RUSSELL G. BOLINGER was relvd of his duties as Sq Supply & Mess Officer and designated as Sq Adjutant, vice 2nd Lt MICHAEL F. MATTIA, O-569342, AC, who had been on TD from Hq & Hq Sq, 323rd Serv Gp as Sq Adjutant.

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1st Lt RALPH T. FRIEDEL was in addition to his other duties designated Sq Supply & Mess Officer and Transportation Officer, vice 2nd Lt BOLINGER relvd.
On the 21 Mar/44 2nd Lt BOLINGER was designated as Public Relations Officer, per Sq Order # 4.
On the 23 Mar/44 2nd Lt Bolinger was in addition to his other duties designated Sq Supply Officer vice 1st Lt RALPH T. FRIEDEL, relvd. Warrant Officer JG JOHN A. WITTER, was in addition to his other duties designated as Transportation Officer, vice 1st Lt FRIEDEL, relvd. Also on the 23 Mar/44 Capt WILLIAM A. PETER and Captain HARRY V. PERCY were aptd Sect'y and Tres., respectively of the Unit Council.
On the 22 & 24th of April CWO CLIFFORD ALLEN was aptd Malaria Discipline and Squadron Sanitation Officer, these duties are in addition to his other duties.
On the 2nd of April/44 1st Lt DANIEL D LICATA WAS relvd from asgd and trfd to the 565th Serv Sq. 1st Lt DAVID W. DAVIS, O-521575, was asgd as Sq Surgeon.
On the 29th April WOJG JOHN A. WITTER, was relvd from asgd and trfd to the 563rd Serv Sq. WOJG FELIX F. PERILLOUX, W-2109111 was asgd and immediately aptd Asst Air Force Tech Supply Officer, vice WOJG JOHN A. WITTER, trfd.

c. Strength, commissioned and enlisted:

| 1. Month of April/44 | Officers | Enlisted Men |
|---|---|---|
| (a) at beginning | 8 | 206 |
| (b) net increase | 0 | 000 |
| (c) net decrease | 0 | 15 |
| (d) at end of month | 8 | 191 |

d. Station: Spinazzola, Italy.

e. Movements: None.

f. Campaigns: This organization having been activated in Italy, the only campaign that we have been part of has been the Italian, which at this date is still in progress. However, the Cadres which formed this unit have taken part in all of the major campaigns of the European War, the men have been thru the Middle East and the initial landings in French North Africa, Pantelleria, Sicily and Italy. Approximately Forty per cent of the organization have completed 18 or more months of overseas service. The men have serviced most every type of ship that has been used in this theater, from the stories they tell their greatest difficulty has been the weather and lack of proper equipment, but in most cases the lack of equipment has been met and overcome by what is often referred to as "Yankee Ingenuity". It appears from their stories that they have been able to keep the ships flying with a minimum of lost time and effort. Probally the most noteworthy of the battles that some of the man have had a hand in was the Ploesti Raid of 1943, the cadres from the 331st and 348th Service Squadrons serviced the planes that



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took part in this raid. Others of the various Cadres had a part in the Tunisian Campaign, also the Sicialin and the initial landins on the Italian mainland.

g. Operations: The tactical group to which we are presently attached are taking part in the round the clock bombing of France, Germany and the Balkan countries, from all reports they are doing their bit, losses have been light insofar as we know, they have had a little trouble on the field and have washed out several ships that we had to salvage, our largest effort seems to be in the sheetmetal line, we have done considerable repair work on their ships. Our Air Corps Supply has done a land office business in AOC's, they (the Bomb Group) have just started to become acquainted with the supply set up in an overseas area of operations. Our transportation section has been engaged continously in hauling the required supplies from the depot, also in bringing our own CEL and Kelly Kit in. Our transportation has been handicapped to some extent by the fact that we have several Class B vehicles assigned and they are almost constantly in need of some form of repair, also the roads in this area are very poor and as a result the vehicles take quite a bit of punishment. Our refueling units are doing a good job, they are in operation constantly and so far no complaints have been registered. Our C-2 wrecker is about the busiest vehicle we have, it works all hours of the day and night, hauling planes out of the mud, wrecks of the runway, and loading equipment for both this and the Tactical group.

h. Commanding Officers in outstanding operations: Capt CHARLES W. PRIEST has been our Commanding Officer since activation, but so far we have not taken part in any outstanding operation.

i. Losses in action: None.

j. Members who have distinguished themselves: Six of our enlisted men were recently awarded the Purple Heart for having been wounded in action when landing in this theater, the enemy raided the harbor of Bari, and sunk the ship that was carrying this particular group of men, none of them were seriously injured, however they lost all of their equipment and had a difficult time getting to a safe area. The men who received this award are here listed in order of their rank:
S/Sgt Oscar G. Lynch, 14058896, 331st Service Sq.
S/Sgt Fred Morris, 35127533, 331st Service Sq.
Sgt Ernest L. Koop, 14099842, 331st Service Sq.
Pvt lcl Travis P. Bray, 14023182, 331st Service Sq.
Pvt lcl William L. Loughlin, 11018315, 331st Service Sq.
Pvt lcl William E. Peterson, 37132264, 331st Service Squadron.



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Brigadier General GEORGE H. BEVERLY, here on a tour of Inspection, made the award of the Purple Heart to thses men at an informal formation of the Squadron. Pictures of the presentation were taken but a yet are not available for submission with this report, they will be submitted with the report for the month of May/44.

2. Enclosed is the war diary of this unit for the period 1 April, 1944 to 30 April, 1944, no speciall accounts or doouments are being sent forward with this report.

For the Commanding Officer:

Russell G. Bolinger

RUSSELL G. BOLINGER
2nd Lt., Air Corps
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Month of April, 1944 Prepared by Russell G. Bolinger
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562nd Service Squadron

DAY EVENTS

Spinazzola, Italy.

1-Our Oxygen detail returned from school at Bari, this morning, all the men except one, he has been in confinement at the XV AFSC Stockade, having been sentenced to thirty days for Violation of the 96th A.W. Transportation set up two new tents, they will now have some room to work protected from the weather. Engineering has been engaged in salvaging the wrecked B-24H, salvage is about 90% complete.

2-Air Corps Supply has an unusual amount of AOC's on hand the last few days, it may be the result of the two crashes, the tactical unit is trying to get some of the salvage parts. Transportation has just completed a new grease pit and the vehicles are being rechecked. Engineering is just about finished with the two sheetmetal jobs that they have been on for the past counle of days.

3-AC Supply is starting to move into their new building, it is quite an improvement over a tent, they have a counter and all sorts of shelves to stock their stuff in and to work over. It will afford them an opportunity to get a real set up working. Several minor repair jobs were completed by the mechanics in transportation this morning. All of our trucks are once again on the road. Squadron Headquarters has finally been assigned a jeep, we will now be able to make all of our runs without any trouble.

4-This started out our fourth day in a row without any rain, it is possible that the rainy season has passed. A C Supply was hollering this morning, someone got into the office last night and stole all the light bulbs, the Guard did not see them or hear them. Transportation submitted a tool shortage list this morning, hope that they are able to get some of this shortage as they are having a difficult time trying to get their work done without the proper tools. A B-24H cracked up this morning while taking off it was so badly wrecked that it is going to be salvaged, all the personnel got out but several were very badly burned. It was noticed that several men were outstanding in their efforts to aid the men to get out of the burning ship, just who these men were is not known, they were from the tactical unit, is all that is known. We changed Doctors today, Lt Licata was transferred and we were assigned a Lt Davis, he seems like a nice guy, we will miss Doc Licata and his stories about Mass., and the advantages of a fish diet.

5-The remains of the wrecked ship were removed from the end of the runway this morning, and work resumed it's normal pace. Pvt Fred A Wolfe was trfd this morning and left the organization at 0900 hours. Transportation is again hauling gravel to top off the transportation section now that it has dried up. AC Supply is crowing like a bunch of s oiled chickens about their new building, they really like the set up.

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562nd Service Squadron

DAY EVENTS

6-Mechanics working on the new Reo tractor say that the cylinders have at least forty thousands clearence, this tractor has only 150) miles on it, it looks like some of the stuff must be tossed together in the States. A 6 x 6 that was at the Ordnance for a brake job was returned as completed, a test hop on the road out to the field revealed that the brakes had not been adjusted after they were put on. Our Mechanics completed this and the truck is now in first class shape. Reorganization of the Engineering section took place this morning and all personnel are now assigned according to their respective MOS numbers, the Mobile Repair section was assigned crews and they are now set for operation. Pvt Dawson forgot to return from pass at the proper time and is now sweating out a visit to the C.O., looks like we will have a new Latrine in a couple of days. Rumor has it that two of our ships collided in mid-air and are considered lost.

7-The rumor about the two ships colliding was true, all personnel were lost. Another crash at take-off time this morning, the ship is a complete loss and will have to be salvaged, all personnel got out and nobody was hurt. Another 6x6 was sent into the Ordnance for a brake job. Air Corps Supply inaaugurated Charge of Quarters last night to fill the needs of the bomb group, they still show up at three o'clock in the morning looking for parts. Five men were trfd this morning to the 408th Serv Sq, a new outfit that is being formed at a field in this vicinity.

8-All available personnel of the Engineering Section are occupied in salvaging the two wrecks that we now have, they have also upset our Guard roster and the First Sgt is tearing his hair looking for men to put on guard. All of the woodwork in the Engineering Office was painted today, it looks pretty good. Air Corps Supply has finally got a shipment of binders for their T.O's and they are now putting them into the binders, it will be a two week job for S/Sgt Marsden/Smith, J.E., Motor pool is beginning to look like a pretty nice spot, all of the mud is just about covered up with this Tuffi rock, it will be a good deal if it starts to rain again. By the way the weather has been grand, just one cloudy afternoon in a week.

9-It was noticed that we are haveing the same trouble this month, every day or so a man goes into the hospital for a touch of the grippe or fever of unknown origin. This being Easter Sunday, not much in the way of work was done today, quite a number of the boys went to town to church this morning and after the Services they made a stop, so dinner today was an uproarious affair. The meal itself was a grand one, we had Roast Beef and all of the trimming including Ice Cream, this on top of Cherry Pie was really worthy of comment.

10-Work orders in the Engineering section have taken a decided jump, the welding shop, paint shop and the carpenters are doing the bulk of the work that appears on paper. Weather was grand today, nobody could be found that did'nt have a touch of spring fever. One of the 6x6's is still giving us trouble, it had a brake job done on it recently but the brakes never last very long, can't seem to find the trouble either.



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562nd Service Squadron

DAY EVENTS

11-One of the jeeps came in for a ring job, after being inspected by the Inspecting Ordnance Officer he told us to turn it in for a new engine, we shall have a good jeep when that is done. We are now being bothered by the dust kicked up from the road, since the weather has changed it has become very dry and the trucks are tearing up the road. A C Supply has accumulated a large box of stock record cards, they are really working full time aiding the bomb group to fulfill their needs. We were finally relieved of Cpl Pace, he was assigned as part of the original cadre and has never reported, he has been on DS with Air Marshall Cunningham of the British Air Force as his personal mechanic. He is now trfd to the Theater Base Section for administration.

12-A casual inspection of the Engineering section this morning indicated that they are now just about set, all that they need is the rest of their equipment and they will be 100% operative. All of the shops are set up and ready to function. M/Sgt Newton of AC Supply has his hands full with the arrival of our Melly Kit, he has boxes all over the place. Every vehicl in the motor pool was out on a long run of some kind or another today, it is a good thing that we had no sudden demands for transportation.

13-At take-off time this morning another of the ships ran off the taxi strip and we spent most of the morning getting it free from the mud. New system of roll call adopted at Engineering this morning, it seems that some of the boys are making themselves hard to find after they once report to work in the morning. Most all the Officers swapped jobs this morning, that is the jobs that are assigned in addition to their regular TO job. There has been a hot rumor going the rounds this morning that we are about to be relieved from here and shipped to India, the land of dark and mysterious happenings. The jeep with the new motor came back from Ordnance this afternoon, it is now throwing water like a fountain.

14-General police of the area this morning, it was beginning to get a little shabby around the edges. New rumor this morning, a cadre is going home for the new B-29 Squadrons, all the high rank is sweating a chance tomake this assignment. Roll Call system at Engineering worked very well this morning, it looks like we have a lot of men that needed a little kick where it would do them the most good.

15-We finally got a generator that will furnish us enough power to light all of the Squadron installations, it is a 6-3kv, I believe. Special Service Photographer from the 15th AFSC was here today to take pictures for the Public Relations Section, we all prettied up and I think made a fairly good batch of models, I will be very anxious to see the results. Engineering is still working on those cracked up planes, we have a really messy looking junk pile up there, it will all be ready for shipment to the depot in a day or so. Air Corps Supply had a really big day, all of the boys were glad to see five o'clock come arpund.



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Month of April, 1944 Prepared by Russell G. Bolinger
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562nd Service Squadron

DAY EVENTS

16-Our daily swapping of patients with the hospital continues at the same old pace, one in and one out, most every day, none of them are seriously ill however. Had a surprise inspection by Officers of the 55th Bomb Wing, it seemed to go well and no comments of an unfavorable nature were made. We started to put up a building this morning for a day room and enlisted men's club, if all goes well it should be finished about ten days from now. Pvt Dawson while driving in a weapons carrier was sideswiped by another weapons carrier from the Bomb Group, one of the men riding in that vehicle had his finger pretty well torn away. There was no damage to the vehicles. Air Corps Supply is still busy setting up a tech order file, they are about half way thru now.

17-Air Corps Supply has requisitioned every truck we have today to take parts into the depot, we are now praying that nobody wants anything in a hurry. Electric Shop is building a trailer to house all of their equipment, it looks like it will be a very good set-up when finished. Report of the Inspection by the Technical Inspector of the XV AFSC is very favorable, what minor points that were criticized were overshadowed by the good reports on the rest of the Engineering set-up.

18-T/Sgt Harvey of Air Corps Supply took over the tech-supply trailer today, he will now operate from the trailer rather than from a tent. Some improvement. Pvt Porter was pushed off the road by an italian wagon on the road from Gravina, at least that is what he says, the reall story is that he went into the curve too fast and could'nt make the turn when he saw the wagon in the middle of the road. Result, one more man to work in the grease pit, he has been grounded for an indefinite period. Dawson completed his report on his accident the other night and from the information contained therein, the soldier that had his finger hurt is ok now. The bomb group is like a xxxxx bunch of vultures, the minute a plane cracks up they are all over the place trying to get spare parts, even far into the night they keep on trying. The work on the salvaging of the crashed planes continues.

19-Transportation has devised what they think will be a orderly system of having two vehicles grounded each day for check, they say that with the drivers and the mechanic s working at the same time they will have the trucks ready for the road in two to four hours. Kelly Kits are still arriving at Air Corps Supply, Sgt Holzer is bolt and nut happy, he says. Engineering has completed a shelter for all of their vehicles, they won't have to ride in wet seats anymore. Three men were attched today from the Group Signal to run our switchboard, Twig Terwilliger can now have a day off, he has had no more than a few hours off in over a month.

20-The new systen in transportation worked out well today, they got their two vehicles completely checked and ready for service again in four hours. All other installations had a routine day, nothing at all unusual for a change.

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Month of April, 1944 Prepared by Russell C. Bolinger
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562nd Service Squadron

DAY EVENTS

21- The carpenter shop and the welding shop are still carrying the load of Work Orders that come thru the Engineering office. We were informed this morning that General Beverly will make an ins ection here on the 22nd, everybody was immediately put to work sprucing up the entire squadron, by four o'clock the place looked mighty good. Oxygen is still in demand at Air Corps Supply.

22- The Instrument trailer finally arrived, to-morrow the Engineering section will receive it and then they will be busy for a day or so getting it in shape to be used. We had to remove and return to the Engineers all of the runway iron that we had used to fix up hard stands for our engineering section and motor pool, some job, it never pays to use something that does'nt belong to you.Everybody was sweating out General'Beverly's visit, but he did'nt show, it seems that bad weather grounded him and he will be here tomorrow.

23- Had an informal award of the Purple Heart by General Beverly, there was some sixty members of the organization that formed an honor guard for the General and the men receiving the medal, immediately after the award he took off on a rapid inspection of the Squadron.Lt Bolinger made the speech introducing the General and then read the orders awarding the medal to the six men, S/Sgts Lynch, Morris, Sgt Koop, Pvt lcl Loughlin, Peterson, Bray. After the formation the men went to church and the day resumed it's normal passing. A shortage of Tech Orders was sent in today, we hope to receive these shortages soon and thereby fill our file. Air Corps Supply informs us that the Bomb Group has a couple of Hanger Queens hidden away, they do not keep a record of the parts that they swap and as a result nobody knows what the score is.

24- Usual inspection of the vehicles today, nothing that requires any drastic action came to light. The boys are all sweating out shovels, we have been ordered to dig fox-holes. A new shop was set up at engineering today, a hydraulic and turrett shop. T/Sgt McVay is in charge having just recently returned from school at Bari. The oxygen unit is still lying out in the tech supply area, it seems that an authorized representative has to come from Bari to break the seals, and as yet he has not arrived.

25- Entire personnel attended a unscheduled formation at noon hour to test the new gas mask that we have been issued, it is a lot lighter but not as easy to use, the hose is considerably shorter and the men will have to learn how to use this mask all over again. The gas chamber was a complete success, only a couple of masks leaked and they did so because they were not fitted properly.

26- Rained today for the first time in a couple of weeks, what a mess thatvrain makes, the whole place turned to a sea of mud in an hour.Five men were trfd this morning and left for their new Squadrons at 0900hours.Not much activity today due to the heavy rain.



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562nd Service Squadron

DAY EVENTS

27-Rosters for days off were submitted by all functions of the squadron today, it means that all is going well when we get days off in that manner. Mr Witter our transportation Officer went to Bari today to try and get some parts for the forty foot flat that has been laid up for the last couple of days.

28-The first-Sergeant has been working on some typewriters tha' we got in [illegible] reports that they will be in working order in a day or so. The Group Engineering Officer an his report of his inspection of the area complimented the men on their efforts to overcome the shortage of regular equipment. Mr Witter our transportation Officer is trfd and the whole transportation section is unhappy about it, he was the best that they have had, he certainly did get his work done with the least trouble.

29-On their return from a mission one of our ships ran out of gas and crashed just over the hill from the field, all personnel got out but the ship is a total loss, complete wreck, nothing very much can be salvaged the Engineering Officer says.

30-T/Sgts Good and Jones left this morning to go back to the states, they are the first men to go on this Heavy Bombardment Cadre business, boy were they a couple of happy men. Neither one slept very much last night. Pvt Icl Lang was trfd ona hurry up order from Hqs, he was gone before he even knew what was going on. Cpl Litler from the 351st Service Sq was assigned and joined late this afternoon. Air Corps Supply checked the oxygen bottles a little closer than usual yesterday and discovered that the bomb group was returning them only half empty, one bottle had over 350 lbs left in it.

RESUME OF MONTHS ACTIVITIES

This has been an uneventful month, things are going along in the usual patteren for a Service Squadron, we are way understrength but always seem to get over those spots where the shortage of personnel hurt us. We still need equipment, notably Sheet Metal equipment, especially as there is going to be a school for sheet metal workers started in this squadron.at the orders of the group. Special Service Equipment and shows are keeping the men well satisfied on the entertainment side, the new day room will be finished very soon and that will add a great deal to the morale lifting factors. The main topic of conversation among the older men is the Rotation Plan, everbody is sweating out their turn but at the same time none of them are too anxious to go home, mostly because they know that they will soon be on their way over again and then to a strange outfit, and different theater of action.

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HEADQUARTERS, 562ND SERVICE SQUADRON
Army Post Office # 520, U. S. Army RGB/rgb

6 June 1944

SUBJECT: Historical Records.

TO : Commanding General, XV Air Force, APO 520, U. S. Army.
(Att: Historian) THRU: Channels.

1. Unit history of the 562nd Service Squadron for the period of May 1/44 to May 31/44.

a. Facts relating to the origin of the unit were contained in the Historical Data Report for the month of Jan/44. The present designation of the unit is "562nd Service Squadron, 323rd Service Group".

b. Changes in organization:
(1) None
(2) None

(3) Captain CHARLES W. PRIEST, O-224927, AC, has been the Commanding Officer since the unit was activated.
(4) Captain WILLIAM A. PETER, O-429572, AC, our Engineering Officer was relieved from assignment and transferred to 37th Service Group to assume command of a Service Squadron, per Paragraph 8, Special order 127, Hq XV AFSC, dtd 7th May 1944.
(5) 1st Lt. Jerome N. Goodman O-434288, AC, a Vetran of another theater was assigned per SO 99, Hq 323rd Serv. Gp., dated 6 May /44, and was inturn designated Asst Engineering Officer. Upon Captain PETERS departure, Lt. Goodman was designated Squadron Engineering Officer, per Par 2, Order #10, dated 11 May/44.
(6) 2nd Lt. PHILIP C. ELLIS, O-864298, AC, was assigned per SO 93, Hq 323 Service Group, DS enroute to join, but at a later date was relieved from assignment per Par 3, SO 145, Hq XV AFSC, dtd 25 May /44.

c. Strength, commissioned and enlisted:

| 1. Month of May/44 | Officers | Enlisted men |
|---|---|---|
| (a) at beginning | 8 | 191 |
| (b) net increase | 0 | 000 |
| (c) net decrease | 0 | 4 |
| (d) at end of month | 8 | 187 |

d. Station: Spinazzola, Italy.

e. Movements: None



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f. Campaigns: This organization having been activated in Italy, the only campaign that we have been part of has been the Italian, which at this date is still in progress. However, the cadres which formed this unit have taken part in all the major campaigns of the European War, the man have been through the middle East, and the initial landing in French North Africa, Pantelleria, Sicily and Italy. Approximately forty per cent of the organization personnel have completed 18 or more months of overseas service. The men have serviced most every type of ship that has been used in this theater, from the stories they tell, their greatest difficulties has been the weather and lack of proper equipment, but, seemingly, all cases of lack of equipment has soon been altered. It just seems that the Yank's cant be held down. From all indications, and reports, we've kept our ships flying with a minimum of lost time. Probably the best remembered action that any members of this organization participated in was the boys from the 331st and 348th Service Squadrons, servicing the planes that took part in the Ploesti Raid in 1943, but the other boys have some mighty tall tales and they stick by them too.

g. Operations: The tactical group which we are at the present servicing are certainly doing their share of the battering. Their losses have been comparatively light and the boys say they are getting easier all the time. This is very good news to our boys, especially from the sheet metal shop, they seem to be our most busy department. Our C-2 wrecker has been in the hospital for a time, there seems to be just a bit too much heavy work for it, but Ordnance has done her part and everything is fine once again. We shipped all our refueling equipment to the tactical units, so now we have men released to other departments. A sheet metal school has been operating within the Squadron and the result is; we have several more men to take some of the load off the men that have been going steadily.

h. Commanding Officers in outstanding operations: Capt CHARLES W. PRIEST HAS been our Commanding Officer since the organization was activated, and to date we have not participated in any outstanding operations.

i. Losses in action: None

j. Members who have distinguished themselves: None

2. Enclosed is the war diary of this unit for the period 1 May, 1944 to 31 May, 1944, no special accounts or documents are being sent forward with this report.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:



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Month of May 1944 Prepared by Russell G Bolinger
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562nd Service Squadron.

DAY EVENTS

Spinazzola, Italy.

1-Capt. Percy, our Tech Supply Officer started the month off in the proper manner, by taking a five day trip to the Isle of Capri. W/O Perilloux taking over the duties of Tech Supply in Capt Percy's absense. Nothing unusual happened in the Motor Pool. Engineering section was active, in that one plane that crashed some distance from air-field, in the mountains, was burned to destroy all secret equipment.

2-Our propeller shop has underwent some change, in that an addition has been made, consisting of an additional up-right (angle iron) pulley support, and another storage was joined with the original shop, thus making a nice sized shop. The motor pool performed the usual work of making the oxygen run to the Adriatic Depot. The Tech Supply trailer was moved to a more suitable location, centralizing their area a bit more. Private Ollie E. Mathews is on the sick list at the 34th Field Hospital.

3-The Squadron received another Officer, 2nd Lt. Philip C. Ellis, but only on paper. We seriously doubt his arrival. Reports are that he is being used at one of the Depots. The Motor Pool was quiet, only performing routine duties. Capt Percy is giving out fatherly advice to new Service Squadrons, and of course doing his bit to furnish necessary items, and other necessary help. Master Sgt. Martin, line chief, from Engineering Section has constructed a secret gadget which he believes will be of much benefit to the Squadron. To date, his is not giving out any information.

4-Tech Supply was rather quiet, except for issuing a few minor parts to the Bomb Group. Motor Pool is rather active. One of our Auto Cars, being driven by Cpl May, connected with an English lorry. The damage was relatively slight, but vehicle will be on the sick list for a few days. Sorp Matt Miller is deservant of most of the credit for the homemade trailer to be used to house our electrical testing equipment. Our drafting Sgt is quite happy in having received some new furniture. We had a bit of excitement this PM, when a flight of P-38's decided to give a little treat. They swarmed over our area at least 20 or 30 feet off the ground.

5-Our welding shop came through today, constructing boom supports for all three mobile units. Engineering office is opening up a bit by having a window put in north end of building. No news from Tech Supply, maybe its their day off. Motor pool was active, in painting one jeep, overhailing put-put motors and towing our sick Auto-Car to Ordnance. We had several promotions within our Sqdn.



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562nd Service Squadron.

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Including S/Sgt A. J. Bloch to Tech Sgt., Sgt S. Mizerski to S/Sgt., Cpl A. J. Perry to Sgt., Pfc's Joe Market, Bill Loughlin, James Patterson and John Slover to Cpl. W/O Allen from Engineering Section, made an official trip to Naples today. We lost one man yesterday, having been absent sick at 26th Gen Hosp, was transferred to detachment of patients.

6-1st Lt. JEROME N. GOODMAN, arrived and was assigned to Squadron, and should be of good aid in Engineering Section. Pvt Walter G. Zitzman was assigned to our organization, and we lost another man to the hospital today, Travis Bray, Pfc. The Motor Pool was rather busy in repairing flat tires, and started overhaul of Orderly Room jeep. Engineering is once again busy, in that two planes crashed nearby. Jerry was shooting abit straighter today. Tech Supply states that the crashes will help them to put two other planes back in the air.

7-Due to extra work for Engineering, pass privileges are changed, a man is now only allowed a pass every ten (10) days. When work lets up a bit, perhaps we will get back to the old routine--we hope. Tech Supply boasts that their office is cool regardless of how hot it gets outside, perhaps they have a secret cooling system. Our Motor Pool is being kept pretty busy hauling oxygen bottles for Tech Supply and responding to Engineerings distress calls. One man absent sick at 26th Gen Hosp. He will be back soon. The Group Signal Officer decided our telephone operator was having it too easy here with us, so a change was made.

8-Capt Percy returned from Capri today, and was rather heavily laden with the usual line of souvineers. He reports that a good time can be had on the Isle and it isn't all resting. Pfc Stein and Pvt Warren have gone on DS to Group to act as Military Police. Pvt M. M. Brannon was relieved from attached to assigned, and five more men have arrived from the 565th Service Squadron. It is anticipated that they will be first line sheet metal workers when they leave here. W/O Perilloux was one of the unfortunate ones today, in that his vehicle was side-swiped on the main highway. He will be away at the hospital for a few days. Engineering announces that S/Sgt Liles will instruct the Sheet Metal Class consisting of men from the 408th, 562nd and 565th Service Squadrons.

9-Capt PETER is breaking Lt. GOODMAN in as Engineering Officer, and expects to leave in a day or two. And additional Squad Tent was set up today, to be utilized by the Sheet Metal Class. Engineering Section is quite happy after having a Tech Inspection from XV Serv Command inspector, and receiving a nice rating. And, the secret "gadget" previously announced by M/Sgt Martin is now revealed and is nothing other than a substitute landing gear to aid in salvaging crashed ships. Tech Supply is complaining a bit, in that critical



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562nd Service Squadron.

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are still critical, and there is seemingly no end to their work. There is no change in the Squadron, excepting the arrival of men for Sheet Metal School. The Motor Pool is busy keeping their vehicles in good order. The rough roads and heavy loads on vehicles seem to always give cause for some needed repair. Squadron Supply is busy keeping the fellows supplied with clothes and personal equipment.

10-Engineering Section has just about reached their permanent stock level, but feel a bit uneasy about the rumor that the Bomb Group will soon start two missions per day. Tech Supply too, is a bit on edge, but everything will come out alright. Capt PETER gave the Engineering fellows a little farewell talk, and introduced Lt GOODMAN, as their new officer in charge. Two more planes crashed today, so there is more work for Engineering. The Motor Pool was busy for the day, servicing and tuning up a couple of GMC's.

11-Engineering section has constructed a large informational chart to be posted in office. This will contain information pertaining to all shops and respective personnel. And will, save the clerks considerable time in preparing reports. And, an aircraft status board has been constructed. This too, will be a great help to all. Mobile repair crews worked quite late in removing crashed planes off edge of runway. Tech Supply says this is the kind of day we like, not too busy, and getting warm enough that one gets a bit sleepy after dinner. No doubt, some of the men will be slipping off to the coast for a dip in the briny deep. It is even noted that some men have discarded their shirts for a nice coat of tan. The Motor Pool is sticking it out, and seemingly are being kept busy keeping our vehicles in good running order. And, lets not forget, the orderly room personnel is being kept quite busy, and with summer here for sure and it being nice and warm, it is pretty nice to hang around the office, for it is really nice and cool.

12-M/Sgt Crutsinger is now chief clerk in Engineering supply and is supervising the handling and turning in of salvagable parts from wrecked aircraft. He has a big job, but with proper cooperation can do a good job. Tech Supply is now boasting that they have a new tug-tractor. It is a very handy little item and readily accessable to all sections of Tech Supply. Electric testing equipment is being installed in shop trailer having been constructed by electrical shop personnel. The Motor Pool is being kept plenty busy from all indications they will stay that way. We have a new member in our organization, Francis E. Carboni, Pfc.

13-Several members of Engineering have been authorized to pre-flight aircraft, including M/Sgt Martin, T/Sgt Cholewa, T/Sgt Williams, T/Sgt English, S/Sgt Gallagher, S/Sgt Sander, S/Sgt Shepardson, Sgt Rich, Pfc LaRosa. One of our men is absent sick at the 34th Field Hosp, entertaining "Miss Malaria". Tech Supply was entirely too busy to give any special announcement. Perhaps, they will



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562nd Service Squadron.

DAY EVENTS

be around tomorrow. But, they are a pretty busy bunch of men in taking care of A.O.C. duties.

14-There are vicious rumors floating around the Squadron pertaining only to Engineering and Tech Supply, but that is a common occurence, so, there is no particular worry. Both sections are running routine today, maybe they are all caught up with their work, and perhaps its a three day pass. The Motor Pool gang is quite busy, making their regular runs to the depot. One of our orderly room boys has contacted his brother who is stationed in the vicinity of Naples, he has high hopes of getting a pass to make a social call. And, not to be left unmentioned, after working hours, personnel of this squadron has worked out a pretty favorable looking soft-ball team. Soon, there shall be some challenges flying about.

15-Almost failed to make mention, that only yesterday, three of our men started on their first leg of the trip back to good old U. S. A. They have been selected for rotation, and were mighty eager fellows to be off. There names are, Sgt Donald D. Isenhart, Pfc Charles I. Gibbs and Edward R. Evans. Tech Supply says this was a very dull day, but failed to give cause for same. T/Sgt Bloch of our parachute department decided he should test one of the chutes he had packed. There is nothing to say, but he is back with us again, but had a bit of difficulty in landing at the previously selected location. Engineering Section is doing a bit of house cleaning in arranging their shops to a better advantage to all concerned. It is reported by rumor that the Motor Pool was entirely too busy at work to submit a favorable report on activities for the day.

16-It is reported that Engineering Section will probably have a distinguished visit tomorrow, yes, the Commanding GENERAL XV AFSC. Of course, everyone is rushing around trying to make the best showing. Really is strange what effect such rumors have on an organization. Machinists of the Eng. Section are all aflutter today. At last, they have received their Machine Shop Trailer, fully equipped. Sgt (Staff) is designated shop foreman. Tech Supply announces that Pfc Bray is now foreman of the Aircraft Fuel Dump, Sgt Loughney having been sent to the hospital. Pvts Dawson and Wilson from the Motor Pool (Drivers) have gone to Hq Motor Pool to do chauffeuring, it is rumored that we may lose them altogether. Our orderly room staff just reported that the Administrative Inspector is going to have a bit of difficulty in finding anything wrong with their files and records upon his next inspection.

17-Engineering Section has given up their oxygen unit, to the 565th Serv Sqdn. There really is no hard feelings involved, so rumor has it. We of course, lost ten of our men to accompany the unit and to operate it. And, that expected and rumored visitor was present for a general inspection of the Engineering Section. Everyone was happy when the General left without making any unfavorable comments.



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Sheet No. 5 War Diary 562nd Service Squadron, Spinazzola, Italy.

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562nd Service Squadron.

DAY EVENTS

18-Tech Supply indicates that the Bomb Group is using an abnormal amount of oxygen, so they must be flying high. As long as they continue their fine work, I'm, or we are quite certain there will not be too many complaints. Engineering is quite busy nursing the ships that were over a hot target yesterday. There was the usual sights yesterday, feathered props, flak holes, and the medical section was active, with some crew members being injured. Transportation tells us their troubles are still around. One 6x6 has been grounded, with a blown head gasket, and there are seemingly plenty of nails around, even though the natives all live in stone houses. Some of the fellows suggest a lot of spring planting has been going on. Our F-3 oiler is in the hospital again, complaining of small holes in the outlet pipe.

19-Pvt Porter had the usual number of flat tires today, two is not out of the ordinary. Tech Supply personnel must have been working in the garden today. They report nothing unusual. Of course, Eng Section, being our busy bees have just about completed dismantling their last salvage plane, and have encountered a bit of difficulties, it seems everyone wants to help remove the wing xxx-cells. Its getting bad when a portion of our Medical Section goes to the hospital, but T/5 Daniel Gaul is reported to have stomach ulcers.

20-M/Sgt Newton of Tech Supply is in the process of building a small shower "expressly" for Tech Supply. It is reported that the Carpenter, welding and dope & fabric shops have been carrying the load in Eng. Section today. Transportation had its bit of trouble last night, some one seemingly had a social call to make and needed a jeep. It was found this morning with a bad water pump, and one of of our 6x6 trucks reported in today with a cracked head.

21-Other than usual duties, transportation is back to normal today. Eng. Section has finally completed their spring housecleaning and are now boasting of a very nice area, including good dispersal. Tech Supply states they are being short-changed on Tech Order Indexes. They of course, are blaming higher headquarters. Many of our men have no difficulty to find a topic of conversation of an evening--"I wonder when I'm going home on rotation, or words to that effect".

22-Eng Section personnel has high hopes of being on the front lines of the hometown newspaper in the near future. Representatives of our Group Photo Section was active in various shops and on the line today. Tech Supply is anticipating a move some time in the future, for they have been making plans for a box building campaign, perhaps at heart they are just a bunch of boy scouts. Two of our men returned from the hospital today, back on the job. Two vehicles turned in this morning with broken front springs.



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23-Tech Supply started their Bi-monthly consumption report, and from appearances it will be a bit lighter this month. Our Machine Shop trailer is now operating in full swing, after getting a thorough cleaning. Another plane made a crash landing last night, so Eng will once more have a job to take care of. Transportation Section is of course complaining, stating that if they had parts, they could have a deadlined GMC back on the road in no time. It Collins and Pfc Granados from 49th Bomb Wg. are attached to our organization while they are preparing a practise bomb range nearby.

24-55th Wing Flight Section is now without their pet, a B-25, it had a slight mishap yesterday and wont be back in the air. One of our heavies was lost during the night, an unknown fire was the cause. There was some excitement among our men when the bombs started going off. Tech Supply had a routine day, checking stock and issuing a few items. Transportation is busy servicing and repairing their vehicles. One jeep and our F-3 oiler is on the sick list.

25-Eng Section is still quite busy with their crash jobs, and will be so for some time. It is reported that pass priviledges have been cancelled for a few days. That will be a good topic of conversation, not to forget the invariable topic "ROTATION". Harvest is in full swing around the Engineering and Tech Supply areas. This is being done to cope with existing fire hazards. Pvt Zilinskas one of our drivers was transferred to the kitchen, our present cooks state they are working shorthanded and needed another man.

26-Routine day with Transportation, adjusted brakes on all vehicles, made a trip to Ordnance for spare parts, came back empty handed. Our battery and utilities shops have been moved to a better location. Native laborers are still busy getting the Engineering area cleaned of cut grain. Tech Supply is coming along nicely, with their usual difficulties.

27-S/Sgt Liles Sheet Metal School Instructor reports that his students are coming along nicely and hopes to turn out several good men. Col Johnston, our Group Commander paid us a little routine visit. Were glad to see him around again. Capt Percy and one of his right hand men have gone out today, in search of a likeable rest camp site. Lets wish them luck. We are quite busy completing a Enlisted Men's Club, and when finished we can boast that its one of the nicest in this area.

28-Transportation section turned in one GMC for replacement of faulty braking system. One Truck-tractor broke down on road Bron Depot, and had to be pulled in. Engineering section lost a number of personnel today, to the trip to Barletta beach for swimming and of course for church services. An ice-cream machine is in the process of construction for Squadron. Nothing unusual happened withing Tech Supply.



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DAY EVENTS

29-Tech Supply reports A.O.C.'s remain about the same, Critical items remain about the same, new type generators, nose wheel doors, prop governors and aircraft casings are still difficult to procure. Eng Section Pait and Febric shop, Carpenter, and Welding shops are quite busy in an attempt at having the club finished by the first of the month. The ice-cream mixer is almost completed. Transportation is busy repairing flat tires, painting on Weapons Carrier and woodwork of 6x6 GMC.

30-Tech Supply has uncovered a new rumor, and it is reported that the morale of their personnel is has improved considerably. They of course are quite busy keeping the Bomb Group supplied with varied parts. Engineering is still up and coming, in doing their part in having the club finished for a grand opening this week-end. We have been fortunate of late, in not having any more aircraft crashes. Transportation had a routine day of repairing and tuning up vehicles, and the usual number of flat tires.

31-Engineering and Tech Supply had the usual routine mornings, and of course the afternoon was more or less a vacation, the men have to have their pay. Motor Section was quite busy in servicing jeeps, repairing braking system on on GMC. One jeep was sent to Ordnance for replacement of clutch. The orderly room staff had a busy day, making payment and collections.

RESUME OF MONTHS ACTIVITIES

Considering the fact that we are working shorthanded, it is believed by all that we have made a great showing. Aircraft has been kept in the air with a minimum of loss of time, and without an excess of complaints from men for having to work extra hours to keep our end up. A sheet metal school has been functioning within the Squadron, and has turned out several good men to help take the load off the shoulders of this particular departement, as this shop is hit the hardest by shortage of personnel, and always have plenty to do, as Jerry still shoots pretty straight. We have almost completed one of the nicest Enlisted Men's dayrooms to be found in this area, and the men are all quite proudof it, and it is quite evident that it will be used plenty upon completion. It is evident that the boys from the bomb Group are getting pretty good, as there is a noted depreciation in number of crack-ups in landings.

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HEADQUARTERS
562nd Service Squadron
323rd Service Group
APO 520

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6 July, 1944

SUBJECT: Historical Records.

TO : Commanding General, XV Air Force, APO 520, U.S.Army.
Att; Historian. THRU: Commanding Officer, 323rd Service Group.

1. Unit History of the 562nd Service Squadron for the period June 1, 1944 to June 30, 1944.

a. Facts relating to the origin of the unit were contained in the Historical Data Report for the month of January, 1944. The present designation of the unit is "562nd Service Squadron, 323rd Service Group."

b. Changes in organization:
(1) None.
(2) None.
(3) None.
(4) None.

c. Strength, commissioned and enlisted.

| (1) Month of June/44. | Officers | WO | Enlisted Men |
|---|---|---|---|
| (a) at beginning | 8 | 2 | 190 |
| (b) net increase | 0 | 0 | 22 |
| (c) net decrease | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| (d) at end of month | 8 | 2 | 212 |

d. Station: Spinazzola, Italy.

e. Movements: None.

f. Campaigns: This information has been reported previously with the exception that our present assignment on the Italian mainland has enabled us to contribute to the all out assault on the German Fortress of Europe, our planes have bombed all of the major cities and installations of the German Army from the French Coast to the Russian Battle line. In accomplishing this,a great number of ships have been severely damaged and as a result our Engineering Section is overloaded with work. Our Sheet Metal Section has been working from Ten to Sixteen hours a day, our Aerial Repair Section has been engaged in salvaging ships that were so severely damaged that repair was out of the question. Our biggest problem in the performance of this work has been the shortage of trained personnel, personnel shortages are still confined to these two groups but we are getting along.

g. Our equipment on the average seems to be adequate, Air Corps Supply does not have too much dificulty obtaining parts, their only headache is Oxygen, the tactical unit is using about seventy bottles a day and we find it difficult to obtain this amount daily.

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g. Operations cont'd:
Engineering is almost completely equipped, this equipment is satisfactory, the difficulty being that we do not have personnel enough to use this to it's best advantage. Transportation is as always the biggest headache, most of our vehicles are Class B vehicles and as such are almost always in need of some major repair, in addition to this the road conditions in this area are of the poorest type, the vehicles are therefore subjected to a great deal of punishment in their daily use.

h. Commanding Officers in outstanding operations:
Captain CHARLES W. PRIEST has been our Commanding Officer since the organization was activated, to date we have not participated in any outstanding operation.

i. Losses in Action, Officers and Enlisted Men.
(1) None.

j. Members who have distinguished themselves:
(1) None.

2. Enclosed is the War Diary of this Unit for the period 1 June, 1944 to 30 June, 1944. No special accounts or documents are being sent forward with this report.

For the Commanding Officer:

Russell G. Bolinger

RUSSELL G. BOLINGER
2nd Lt., Air Corps
Unit History Officer

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562nd Service Squadron

Day Events

Spinazzola, Italy.

1-Air Corps Supply Section officially openedtheir private shower this afternoon, since it was a very warm day everybody enjoyed the shower very much, it is a definite improvement over the Squadron shower which is troubled by a lack of water supply. There was an increase in the Squadron today, we had three new men assigned from the Replacement Pool at Bari, one of them Sgt Hibbert is an excellent all-around clerk, he can really type.

2-The unusual heat that we have been experiencing continued today and Shorts made their first appearence, even the 1st Sgt joined the parade. Another new man was assigned today, it begins to look as if we were going to get up to strength soon, we are still under Two Hundred tho. We has a rather hot Volley Ball match tonight, the boys were betting their Beer on the game. The winners really diserved the Beer that they won. Things have been rather quiet lately, Air Corps Supply, Engineering and Transportation have been having routine days, something will bust wide open soon, things are much too quite.

3-Things are still quite, no action, just routine work, in both the Engineering Section and Air Corps Supply. Another new man assigned from the Replacement Pool at Bari today, this makes a total of five this month and the month is only three days old. Two of the trucks assigned to the Bari run came home in need of repair tonight, they will be deadlined for a couple of days, since wheel bearings are hard to get.

4-Fourteen new men assigned this morning, these men will just about fill our Clerical shortages. We should be able to get all our paper work done on time from here on. M/Sgt Martin and Sgt Brady left this morning for a week at San Spirito Rest Camp, we shall anxiously await their return to find out how much rest may be had at this camp. We have a number of men who have been overseas Twenty-Two and Twenty-Three months, a little rest would be welcomed by these men. Air Corps Supply has taken over the making up of Section 4 of SCU Form 110 for this field, this will provide much better control of the A.O.C.'s from the Bomb Group.

5-Rome fell today but strangely it did not cause much comment here in the Squadron, everybody is trying to guess what date the Invasion will take place, it can't be far off, that is if it is going to take place at all. The Sheet Metal class has been concluded and all the men have been returned to their units, the class was brief but it should enable the men to start work in the Sheet Metal Sections with at least a theoretic knowledge of what goes on in the Sheet Metal Shop. The two trucks are still deadlined, can't get the parts.

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Day Events

6-Today the Invasion finally came, it brought forth a real batch of rumors, most of them to the effect that we would go to Russia next for servicing of the Shuttle Bombers. Engineering reports that our Ice Cream Freezer is ready for a test run, if it works we will have a little ice cream for a change on Sundays. They also report that they are working at full speed to complete salvage work on three ships and to rebuild three Nose Sections on ships that crash landed. Transportation has finally got the necessary parts and the two trucks deadlined for wheel bearings are now operational. Pvt Brannon is now definitely AWOL having been absent for twenty four hours at 0730 hours this morning. The C-2 Wrecker that had been sent to Ordnance last month was returned today, check of the vehicle revealed that several items were missing and an unsatisfactory report is being submitted.

7-Special Orders from Group promoting thirty four of the men in this Squadron came in today, there are a lot of smiling faces to be seen this evening. Air Corps Supply Section was griping to-day because they have not received any Technical Orders for the B-24 G, H or J models, they have considerable difficulty in finding the correct parts because they are using the B24 E Tech Order. M/Sgt Martin and Sgt Brady returned from the rest camp today and report that a good time may be had by all men able to go, there is complete freedom from the usual Military restraint and you can sleep as late as you please. Sounds good.

8-Received five new men today, they are of mixed MOS numbers and will help to fill some of the remaining vacancies in the T/O. Engineering reports that construction of another hard-stand has started and that it will be finished in a couple of days. This hard-stand will enable us to spread our work a little more and all the planes will not be crowed together on the one hard-stand we now have. Transportation is being lucky, there has been no trouble with any of the vehicles now for a week.

9-Five new men assigned today, they are all Oxygen Plant Personnel since we do not have an Oxygen Plant these men will remain on Detached Service with the units they are presently attached to. A classificationcheck is being made of the Engineering Section, we hope to have every man properly assigned at the conclusion of this check, we have had a constant problem in this section due to the constant coming and going of men, the section seems to be fairly well stb now and this check should show the actual status. Air Corps Supply has had another building put up for the storing of OEL equipment, this building went up in the record time of three days, compared to the three weeks it took to put up the Office building. Transportation is running full time again they are hauling salvaged planes to the depot, it was noted today that not one vehicle was in the pool from nine o'clock this morning until after five o'clock this evening.



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10-Engineering has instituted the practice of weekly inspections, today the first one was held, all of the shops were in good order and working at full capacity. Air Corps Supply has started to haul Oxygen from the units now working at the next field, this will eliminate the long haul from Bari. Our AWOL came home this morning, looking much the worse for wear, he was sent to bed to sleep it off and will receive his due in the morning. Transportation was all out again today, the dispatcher really had an easy day.

11-Engineering was out this morning picking up the remains of a P-47 that crashed yesterday, the Pilot bailed out at 500 feet and landed safely, the plane was a complete washout. Church services this morning seemed to be the most popular. Almost half the Squadron went to church, the regular Sunday Morning beach truck did not have any passengers at all. Orders came in today transferring T4th Thomson from the Medical Corps to the Air Corps, he will be reclassified to a 502 and assigned to Engineering for clerical work; this action solves the overage problem in the Medical Section.

12-Eight men were reclassified to 719 (Oxygen Operators), these men had received training in the operation of the oxygen plant at Bari; they are now operating two plants at the other Service Squadron assigned to this group. All of the personnel received were assigned today, Engineering caught most of them. Air Corps Supply ran into trouble getting oxygen today; it took nine (9) hours to get one load (70 bottles) from the other Service Squadron. Transportation is having radiator trouble, several new radiators were obtained and placed on the vehicles.

13-We had a small epidemic of dysentery today; five men were put on quarters. It rained today, one of those sudden mountain squalls so common in this area, the first in several weeks, it helped to acquaint the new men with the famous Italian mud. Transportation performed their weekly check on vehicles and the few minor defects found were repaired.

14-There has been a lot of talk today of moving to Russia to service these Shuttle Bombers. A detail departed today to check on B-24 which crashed several months ago; no trace of this plane could be found at the time it was reported missing. Just recently word was received from higher headquarters that a plane had been found in the mountains near Potenza; the detail will endeavor to identify this plane. In Transportation, one of the Auto-Car tractors developed valve trouble and was sent to medium maintenance for check and repair. Four men were reclassified to sheetmetal workers; they attended sheetmetal school conducted by this squadron and were reclassified on the basis of their ability to absorb sheetmetal training. One new man was assigned today; he is a painter, and will help to lighten the load on the present personnel at the paint shop.



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15-Air Corps Supply was in high glee today; they finally received enough chairs to enable everybody in the office to sit down. The mail orderly's jeep went hay-wire today, and had to be towed from town; required installation of a new coil. The dysentery epidemic of a few days ago has at last fizzled out. Two happy boys left for home on rotation today; at the rate of two a month it is going to take us a year and a half to get the rest of our boys home. We have at present some eighty men edging on twenty four months service, overseas.

16-M/Sgt. Minor Williams was relieved from assignment and assigned to Headquarters Squadron, to assume duties of Group Technical Inspector. M/Sgt. Bill T. Holland was assigned from 387th Service Squadron to take Sgt. William's place. Our ships returned today from a mission very badly shot up; the A.O.C.'s will be very heavy tonight and tomorrow. Our second Auto-Car had to be towed in today; the rear bearings froze.

17-Three men were relieved from assignment and transferredto 122nd Bomb Group which is supposed to be in North Affica. The detail which had went on the search for the missing B-24 returned today. They were successful in finding the plane and recovering most of the personal papers and belongings of the crew. The ship was a total loss, scattered over some five hundred yards of mountain side. Air Corps Supply has now installed scores of signs so that now it is possible to find any one section by just glancing around.

18-Two of our men left today for San Spirito rest camp for five days vacation. We seemed to have a good representation at Church Services in town today. Engineering has installed new Tech Order cabinets which are a great improvement over the old boxes. We had a small dust storm today, reminded us of North African days.

19-Our AWOL case of a few days back was courtmartialed and sentenced to four months confinement, starting today. Mobile repair crews and the Sheetmetal Shopwas overloaded with work as a result of the hard luck our ships had on their mission the other day. A.O.C.'s are back to normal after a hectic twenty four hours. Transportation Section is being kept busy making minor repairs on vehicles, most of this work is caused by the deplorable condition of the roads in this area.

20-W/O Felix F. Perilloux departed for a week's stay at Villagio Mancuso Rest Camp. Transportation is continuing their check on vehicles with two to go, for completeion of the week of check. Engineering received a drafting chest today which will enable the draftsman to do a better type of work. One plane crashed on take-off due to failure of the nose wheel, and was removed from the runway by our mobile unit crew. Air corps Supply is again receiving gas in large quantities.



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Day Events.

21-The mobile crew had difficulty removing a crashed B-24 from the runway today, due to the cables on the C-2 continually snapping. The plane is a salvage job. Sgt. Hibbert was transferred to 15th Air Force Headquarters. He will do statistical work. Transportation vehicles were again out all day. The pool looks empty on days like this, but it is a good sign of work being done in furthering the war effort.

22-Considerable speculation among personnel in Engineering Section due to the order requiring cubic measurements and weight of all the equipment now in the shops be tabulated for submission to Squadron Headquarters, occupied the minds of many of the personnel today, as there has been a rumor circulating that we might move to Russia. There was another crash landing today due to nose wheel failure caused by enemy action. A second ship came in with the top of the nose turret completely shot off, probably by a 20 M.M. shell. Transportation sent the GMC Boom Truck to Ordinance for flywheel and valve check, and the Auto Car for a new rear end.

23-A new surgeon was assigned today, Capt. James B. Kittrell. Lt. Davis, our present surgeon is being transferred to a tactical unit. Due to the pressure of work, passes were discontinued in Engineering section for the time being. There are now nine ships on the hardstands undergoing repairs and salvage. Sgt. Mullins and Spl. Miller returned from rest camp today, and reported as having had a swell time.

24-A new man came in today, and was assigned to Engineering as an A.M. Mechanics in Transportation Section are really putting out the work in 1st and 2nd Echelon Repair, our Class "B" vehicles are not able to stand the incessant pounding they have to take on these roads. We have been further troubled by an epidemic of flat tires. Every vehicle that goes out comes in with at least one flat caused by nails. It is definitely established that Air Corps Supply is our main source of rumor, which brings to mind that these people have been warned that rumors are not considered essential to the war effort.

25-Lt. Davis departed for his new assignment today, and the new surgeon, Capt. Kittrell, took over the Medical Section. Our two boys who were on DS at the Depot doing Bomb Sight work were finally returned to us today. We also had four men attached from the 41st Depot for salvage work on two of the ships we have in Engineering. The Motor Pool is engaged in painting vehicles. Engineering is swamped with work and as a result we have started working evenings. We are getting considerable laughs out of the marital difficulties of one of our Italian laborers. It seems that he is getting married, at long last to the mother of his five children!

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Day Events.

26-Three more crashes today for Engineering Section to repair. We are definitely in over our heads, having enough work now for three Service Squadrons. The griping about the amount of work has ceased and the men have started to take it with a shrug of the shoulders and a grin as they see more crashes coming in. Eight men were reclassified today to MOS numbers suiting their particular assignments and abilities.

27-Nineteen more reclassifications in MOS numbers were recorded today. This is as a result of a personnel survey in Engineering taken earlier in the month. Sgt. Nemetz was assigned from the 15th Air Force to replace Sgt. Hibbert who was transferred earlier in the month. Photographs were taken of all the shops in the Engineering Section today. These pictures will become part of the Squadron History File, copies will be forwarded to higher headquarters upon completion. One ship was released to its squadron today, ready for combat. Capt. Percy, our Air Corps Supply Officer, has a garden in front of his office which is now giving signs of productivity. For the first time in weeks several vehicles were in the Motor Pool all day, and not undergoing repairs.

28-Terrific heat slowed up the whole squadron today. It was impossible to handle tools and touch the ships without gloves in the hot sun. Col. O'Neal was transferred to the 387th Service Squadron today. Air Corps Supply is having oxygen trouble again, they can't get enough Oxygen to fill the orders of the Bomb Group.

29-W/O Perilloux returned from the Rest Camp today and stated that he had a wonderful rest, he is all ready for another years work. The terrific heat continued today and work was at a standstill from 1300 hrs until 1500 hrs. Engineering again resumed giving daily passes, it was found that the men worked a lot better if they had a day off once in awhile to look forward to. Air Corps Supply is still having Oxygen trouble, it seems that the units located in this area cannot meet the demands of all the squadrons in the area. Transportation is back on the ball again, all the vehicles were out again today.

30-In accordance with a change of the T/O the decontam operator was reclassified to an 809 MOS today, this also gives him an opportunity to make Sergeant. Engineering has started to break a window thru the office building wall, the heat has been too much for the office personnel and they had to do something. Four members of our Parachute Department made a jump this afternoon, it was the first time for three of them and to say that they were nervous would be putting it mildly, the jump was a success tho and everybody is satisfied.



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Resume of the Month

Transportation is greatly handicapped by having to use Class "B" vehicles also by the very poor condition of the roads in this area. Flat tires and the daily beating given to the vehicles causes an unusual amount of work to be done in the Motor Pool. Engineering has been hard put to keep the ships ready for combat duty, the unusual number of crash landings seems to be the prime cause of the amount of work. Air Corps Supply has been running very smoothly, except for their difficulty in obtaining Oxygen they have no troubles at all. The Squadron as a whole is really settleing down, the men are getting set in their proper places and the efficiency is rising steadilly. Softball is the most popular means of exercise; our team is fairly good; we have won about twenty-five games and lost five, Horseshoes seems to be the game the older fellows have taken up; they play until long after dark; we have even considered ways and means of putting up a floodlight for them but the Blackout regulations prevent any such set-up.

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323rd Service Group, APO #520
Gragnola, Italy

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20 June 1944

REPORT ON TRIP TO SOUTHERN ITALY - PROVINCE OF POTENZA, ACCRUED DATES - 14, 15, 16, 1944

Wednesday, 14th

Through instructions from the Engineering Officer, 323rd Service Center, Mr. Allen, CWO, was detailed to make a trip to southern Italy for the purpose of taking photographs and gather all bits of identification concerning the crashed B-24 and its crew members. Accompaning party to assist were; M Sgt Martin (Line Chief), M Sgt Cholewa (Mobile Crew Chief), and S Sgt Gitto (Interpreter). It was expected to complete this mission today, but _____.

With photographic equipment, road maps, and padded cushions to absorb the jarrs of the tough dirt roads; the party left in a weapon's carrier early this morning. Directly south to Gravina, thence onward southwest to towns of Irsina, Tolve, and the city of Potenza. The roads, winding, some treacherously through the mountains kept us all on edge. The country side with its patched acreage of crops and beautiful scenery was a definite treat to witness. To add to it all, the weather was perfect with a tinging breeze hitting us just right to off-set the strong sun. Mr. Allen was at the wheel with Sgt Martin as co-driver. Cholewa and Gitto were kept occupied changing sitting positions occasionally to find one a bit more comfortable for the short time, and then to another. Enroute to this locality, Martin and Cholewa with cameras took a number of pictures. One especially of the picturesque city of Potenza, a modern and cosmopolitan metropolis. It is said that prior to the war Potenza was a very popular summer resort. Gratifying to see that the allies did an accurate job in bombing all bridges for there were diversions, roads and bridges under repair. Southeast hereon to Anzi, Laurenzana and Corleto. Had dinner of eggs, salad, and wine at the latter town. There is desperation everywhere, especially so in the smaller towns. This restaurant barely had enough bread for her family that day. Directions from the native Italians and few scattering of American born Italians led us on again southeast to S. Arrangelo, Roccanova, and S. Chirico the last town and step-on to the approximate locality of the crashed B-24. Questioning as to the crash, inhabitants which have been to it, and means of reaching same were formulated. Guides could be provided with mules, donkeys, estimated at least a three hour trek (this required consideration) for the time was pacing-on, gas tank almost dry, the next fueling station was at Moliterno approximately 50 kilometres. Decision made; chance and hopes to make it to Moliterno for gasoline, supper, and a place to sleep for the night and return the following morning. Arrived there about 1730 finding Moliterno a very clean and hospitable town. We were well received; tank filled, arrangements made for hotel accommodations, and a well needed supper. We literally made our order with keen appetite. Home made macroni with cheese and tomatoe sauce, lamb (fried in olive oil), lettuce salad, and wine. We had our fill and left the remains which was well devoured by the family. Hit the sack about 2400 tired and hoping for a good nights rest. There were some interruptions as was expected - crop of bed bugs.


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Thursday, 15th

Martin got us up early at 0700 and on-the-ball. It was a pleasure to sleep in a bed replete with linen, cushion, mattress; and to use once again a toilet. Fresh and ready to go, we proceeded on to S. Chirico. The weather again was pleasant as we journeyed east. Hitting Spinosa and usual questioning of the whereabouts of the crash, the people recommended that we start at this point by foot which they claimed is closer than S. Chirico. A number of Americanized citizens greeted us anxious to assist in any way, and to serve as guides. Many were the people whom had visited this country before the war for reasons of family problems, vacation, etc., the out-break found them unable to gain passage to the States. They are as we all so aptly put it "Sweating it Out". Mr.Allen decided to start here. We hired a mule and guide,tied the equipment on the mule securely,and journeyed on to an unseen point which they said is the mountain peak where the plane crashed. We surmissed and estimated that it would take at least three (3) hours to reach there. It was not very long that we had a party of eleven (11) five (5) others have volunteered to follow of which two had been to the crash. The hike up grade was a slow one, tired bodies lingered, staggered, resting occasionally and bracing up with a few slugs of really fresh mountain water. This drink is by far the most refreshing, and kept us going. Mr. Allen and Gitto tried riding the mule which was novel and lots of fun. Martin and Cholewa flatly refused to hit the back preferring to ride by foot. From mountain range to mountain range we held - on vainly. Took a break, and all shared the little bread, salami, cheese, and wine that we carried. It was hardly enough for our appetites were wild, but it did satisfy us temporarily. Shortly on we could barely see parts of the scattered plane in the distance. Relieved we hit the path with zest. Parts were seen within a radius of at least a mile. Papers consisting of travel orders, special orders, personnel records, clothing records, classification forms, personal letters, and many others were gathered. These served the purpose of identification of the crew members. Martin took a series of photographs of the parts and terrain. The Italians said that it crashed late February, and that they buried the bodies in a common grave (what they could find) and held special funeral services for the deceased. The grave was nicely secluded neath the shading of a few trees. The stench was terrific, a few bones with decaying flesh were seen nearby which were evidently overlooked. We were told that the bodies were removed, placed in coffins,and reburied at the military cemetery in Bari. Rumor has it that there was a woman aboard, a nurse or military personnel, but this could hardly be established for there were no papers to be found. Just the crew were accounted for. Our return to the town of Spinosa was a happy one for it was over, photographs were taken, and generally a success. We were definitely hungry, tired, and longing for rest. Total time expended was at least eight (8) hours in the mountains alone. We were graciously invited to homes for coffee, pastries, and wine. Had a terrific supper: fresh fried chicken in olive oil, cottage cheese, various concoctions of salads, bread, wine, fresh fruits, etc. To another home for a bracer of wine and chatter. An American Citizen put us up for the night in his well kept and cultured home. Individual beds for Mr. Allen and Cholewa, and a twin type for Martin and Gitto. Comfortable beyond description, clean linen, and well assured that the beds were free from insects. We just knew that hereon until morning we were going to be O. K.



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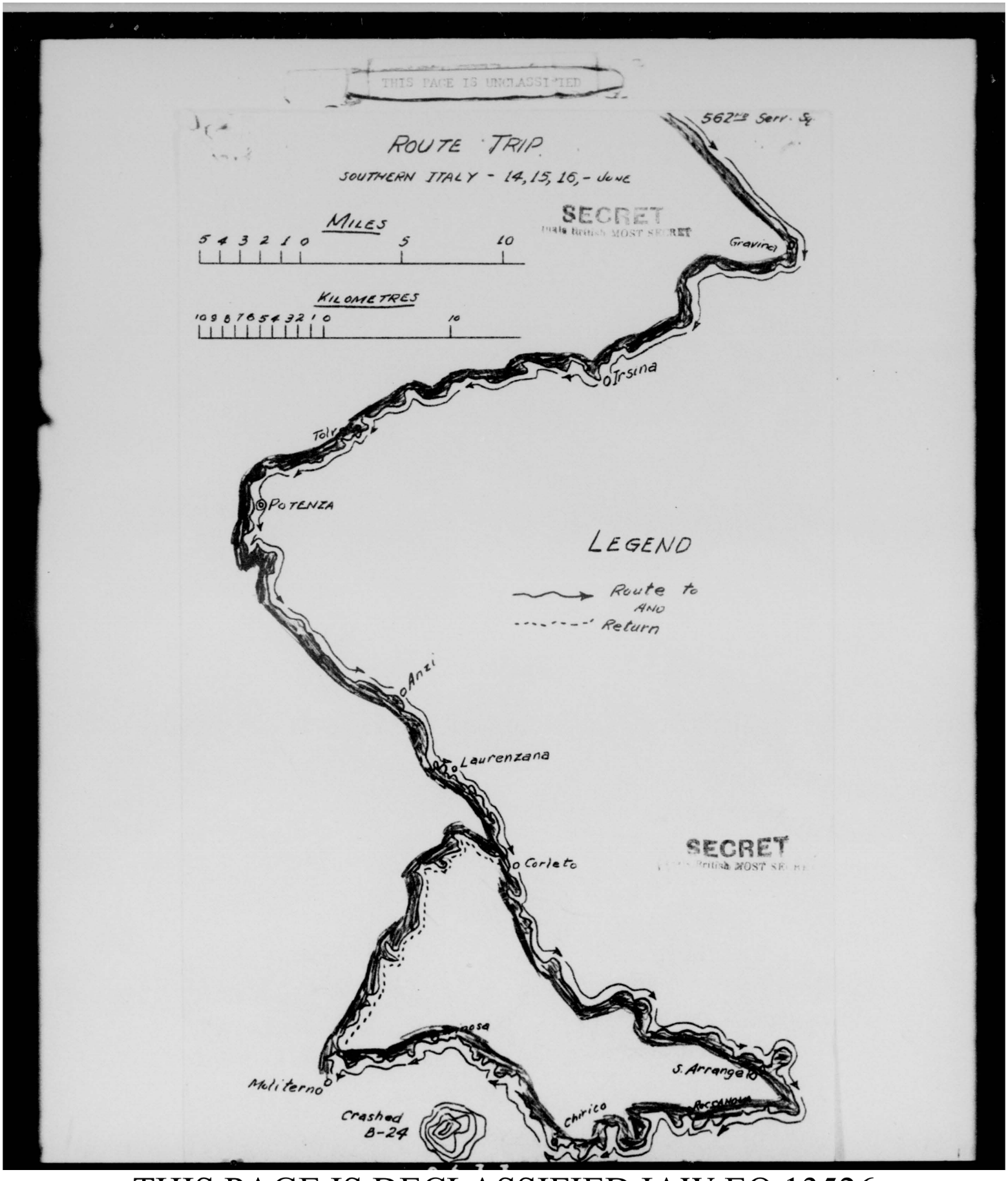
Friday, 16th

Awake and well refreshed at 0900, the hosts' daughter prepared a cup of coffee and a dash of good cougnac. To be sure we were well attended to in every respect. A treat to once again be in a home. Everyone, that is practically everyone here out to bid us farewell. We said good-bye and were very happy with joy that here we could once again feel the essence of living. Indirectly we served in that important capacity as representatives of a democratic country. It was a privilege and likewise a pleasure. Martin took the wheel on our return and followed a new route going directly north to Corleto, Laurenzana, Anzi, and Potenza. At Potenza we had dinner at a transit hotel and restaurant for allied personnel. With a group of five (5) RAF officers we enjoyed a well balanced American style dinner, but with tea. Left at approximately 1400 from Potenza, through Tolve, on to Irsina, Gravina, and home. What we estimated to be a one (1) day trip, ran into three (3).



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HEADQUARTERS
563rd SERVICE SQUADRON
323rd SERVICE GROUP
A.P.O. #520

15 February 1944

SUBJECT: Historical Data for the Period 15 January 1944 (Activation Date) to 31 January 1944.

TO : Commanding Officer, 323rd Service Group, A.P.O. #520.

1. In compliance with letter your headquarters, dated 25 January 1944, Memo #45-10, Hq XV AF, dated 24 December 1943, and paragraph 13, AR 345-105, the following report is herewith submitted:

a. Original Unit.

(1). Designation - ltr dated 7 December 1943, Subject: Constitution and Activation of Certain Army Air Force Units. To: CG NATO and issued by the Secretary of War, Constituted and assigned this, the 563rd Service Squadron, to the XV AF, who in turn assigned this unit to the 37th Service Group. Above ltr also authorized T/O or T/O & E 1-417, 1 July 1942, C1 and Ind. 2 with 7 Off, 2 WO, and 227 EM, and T/BA 1 and changes.

(2). Date of Organization - 15 January 1944 complying with GO 5 Hq XV AFSC dated 16 January 1944.

(3). Place of Organization - Hq & Hq 37th Serv Gp, A.P.O. #520, Foggia, Italy, complying with GO 5 Hq XV AFSC dated 16 January 1944.

(4). Authority for Organization - GO 8 Hq XII AFSC (Adv) dated 27 December 1943.

(5). Source from which personnel was obtained - by transfer from other units.

(a). The Squadron was formed from Cadres of 5 Service Sqdrns, with title of Cadre. The strength, date of arrival, and 37 Serv Gp SO following:

| Title of Cadre | Off | WO | EM | Arrival Date & 37th SO |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. 368th Serv Sq | 0 | 0 | 37 | 13 Jan '44, SO 4 par 6 dtd 14 Jan |
| 2. 456th Serv Sq | 0 | 1 | 22 | 17 Jan '44, SO 7 par 5 dtd 17 Jan |
| 3. 42nd Serv Sq | 0 | 0 | 39 | 17 Jan '44, SO 7 par 6 dtd 17 Jan |
| 4. 77th Serv Sq | 0 | 0 | 37 | 19 Jan '44, SO 9 par 5 dtd 19 Jan |
| 5. 80th Serv Sq | 2 | 0 | 37 | 22 Jan '44, SO 12 par 3 dtd 22 Jan |
| Totals | 2 | 1 | 172 | |

(b). The personnel of this Sqdrn, with this basic cadre as a starter, are all seasoned troops, eager and anxious to do their part, and look forward with confidence to whatever the future holds for them. Approximately 35% of the EM personnel are volunteers.

(c). George Mickerson, Major AC, O-342062, having been attached as temporary CO, since activation of Sqdrn, by SO 6 par 3 Hq 37th Serv Gp dated 16 Jan '44, was relieved by William R. Wells, Major AC, O-205621, who assumed command on 22 Jan '44 per SO 12 par 11 Hq 37th Serv Gp. Major Wells, and George J. Kohut, Capt MC, Sqdrn Surgeon, both came from the 80th Cadre, and jd the Sqdrn on 22 Jan per SO 12 par 3 Hq 37th Serv Gp

b. Changes in Organization - none.

c. Strength, commissioned and enlisted:

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| | Off | WO | EM |
|---|---|---|---|
| (1). Beginning of period | 0 | 0 | 37 |
| (2). Net increase during month | 2 | 1 | 135 |
| (3). Net decrease during month | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| (h). End of month | 2 | 1 | 172 |

d. Stations - The Sqdrn was activated in most part, especially pertaining to personnel, at Hq 37th Serv Gp, situated about 12 miles SE of Foggia, Italy, on the Rome Highway. This was a temporary staging area for the activation of this unit and was evidently not to be considered as permanent station. During the time covered by this report the Sqdrn lived in pyramidal tents some 200 yds from 37th Hq bldg. Stoves were in all of the tents, and all men had straw in their mattress covers. Quite a few had folding cots. The two sqdrn streets were covered with gravel, and the tents were neatly pitched along them. There were no lights at night, and only a few candles were obtainable from sqdrn supply. The mess tent and kitchen were easily accessible to all. The weather was disagreeable, but not too rainy.

e. Present members who have distinguished themselves and their citations:

(1). Engagement - All members of this command are entitled to wear the EAME Campaign Ribbon. Few have been denied the Good Conduct Ribbon. Many have seen service in England, North Africa (French Morocco, Algeria, and Tunisia), and Sicily, as well as the present Italian Campaign. All but 9 men from the h2nd Serv Sq Cadre are entitled to wear a Bronze Battle Star on their EAME Ribbon, for the Algerian, French Morocco Combat Zone. All the men with the exception of one of the 368th Serv Sq Cadre are entitled to two Bronze Battle Stars for the Tunisian Conbat Zone, and the Italian Combat Zone. Approximate length of service for members of this command serving outside the Continental limits of the United States ranges from h to 16 months.

f. Photographs - none.

g. Operational Data - As the unit has been newly activated it is not now fully organized. However, as a unit it can fulfill any mission the CO may call upon it to accomplish. It is not at present servicing any planes. On 18 Jan members of this organization then present for duty were interviewed by Major Nickerson, who temporarily set up the Sq on paper by assigning men to their proper departments.

h. Equipment - The Sq has practically none of its authorized equipment and at present is short everything from typewriters to an Instrument Trailer. Each EM, of course, arrived with his own personal equipment including arms and tools he was instructed to bring from his old organization, completely equipped with such compulsory items as tentage, a few necessary tools, and vehicles.

For the Commanding Officer:

Nathan H. Garvin

NATHAN H. GARVIN
1st Lt., Air Corps
Adjutant

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HEADQUARTERS
563rd SERVICE SQUADRON
323rd SERVICE GROUP
A.P.O. #520

NHG/psj

15 February 1944

SUBJECT: War Diary

TO : Commanding Officer, 323rd Service Group, A.P.O. #520.

1. In compliance with ltr your hq dtd 25 Jan '44, the following rept is submitted:

Sheet No. 1, War Diary, 563rd Service Squadron, Foggia, Italy.
Month of January 1944. Prepared by Fontaine (NMI) Weyman, Corporal, 34261818.

| Day: | Events: |
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| 15th | (Activation Date) The Activation of this Sq was commencec this date at Hq 37th Serv Gp, 12 miles NE of Foggia, Italy. The nucleus for this Sq was drawn from 5 Serv Sqs, all serving in this theatre. |
| 16th | Enlisted men started arriving today and were housed in a large two story stucco bldg which had been taken over by the 37th Gp. Construction of this and two adjacent bldgs had not been completed, consequently enough scrap lumber could be found for the making of wooden bunks for the EM. The bldg occupied was of excellent construction, and looks, as though it possibly was intended to be used as a school or perhaps a hospital. |
| 17th | There is nothing in the way of a squadron here today. No equipment. Nothing. Only 37 men. |
| 18th | A number of EM, and WO Quindlen, arrived today. Rumor has it that we may soon have to move into tents in a vacant field some 300 yds from Gp Hq. Mr Quindlen is endeavoring to find such items as pyramidal tents, stoves, an Orderly Room desk, and etc, in contemplation of such a move. |
| 19th | Major George Nickerson, acting CO, interviewed all EM for classification purposes. |
| 20th | All available hands were busy today pitching tents in our new camp area. The tents are arranged facing on another along two Sq streets, and are about 6 ft apart. There are no stoves as yet, and it is quite cold. |
| 21st | Most of the men are in tents now, and through out the day many chimneys appeared, as the EM proceeded to build stoves. |
| 22nd | Quite a few of the men have cots. Those that don't, have been busy depleting a nearby hay stack with hay for their mattress covers. |
| 23rd | Major William R. Wells arrived yesterday, and assumed command. |
| 24th | No change mentionable except that it is very muddy, and has been raining constantly. |
| 25th | By VOCO tents were neatly arranged some 18 ft apart down each side of the Sq streets. |



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| 26th | WO Quindlen departed for Bari for purpose of obtaining Sq equipment, and to try to get a few essential office supplies. A typewriter for the Orderly Room is badly missed. |
| 27th | No change. |
| 28th | A gravel detail has been busy all day and most of yesterday making the Sq streets, and the area more attractive and livable as seas of mud are everywhere. |
| 29th | A rifle inspection was held today in order to find who, if any, were short their arms. A check was also made of the men's tools. Many were short. |
| 30th | Usual field duties. The mess tent was moved closer to the Sq area for the convenience of all. |
| 31st | Activation of this Sq continues, and a glance at today's M/R shows 2 Off, 1 WO, and 123 EM. |

For the Commanding Officer:

NATHAN H. GARWIN
1st Lt., Air Corps
Adjutant



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563rd SERVICE SQUADRON
37th SERVICE GP. APO 520

MEDICAL HISTORY

For the Period Beginning 15 January 1944 to 30 June 1944

1. ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY.

a. The 563rd Service Squadron is one of the newest squadrons activated overseas here in Italy. It was activated on 15 January 1944 at Foggia, Italy and assigned to the 37th Service Group. The nucleus of the Squadron was formed by cadre personnel, with experience, from various Squadrons within this theatre and the remainder of personnel just arrived from the United States. The authority for organization of this Squadron was General Order #8, Headquarters XII A.F.S.C. (adv) dated 27 December 1943. The Squadron being assigned to function under the XVAAF. The Squadron, since February, has been located at Toretta Field, Italy servicing the 461st Bomb Group of the 49th Wing.

b. The medical personnel of this Squadron were drawn from various units in this theatre and from the United States. The personnel of the medical department consisted of six enlisted men and one medical officer as of 31 January 1944. Roster for this date follows:

George J. Kohut, Capt., M.C., ASN O-495903, assigned to 37th Service Group from 80th Service Squadron per Spec. O. #8 Para. #9 Headquarters I ASAC dated 14 January 1944. Tranferred from 37th Service Gp. to 563rd Service Squadron as Squadron Surgeon per Spec. O. #12 Para. #12 dated 22 January 1944 Headquarters, 37th Service Group.

Sgt. Robert G. DeRoller, ASN 32548821 and Pvt. Jerome O. Friedlander, ASN 32611812, transferred from 77th Service Squadron per Spec. O. #8 Para. #8 Headquarters I-ASAC dated 14 January 1944. Both men transferred from 37th Service Gp. to 563rd Service Squadron per Spec. O. #9 Para. #5 dated 14 January 1944.

P.F.C. Charles R. Hart, ASN 15374531, transferred from 456th Service Squadron to 37th Service Gp. per Spec. O. #6 Para. #3 Headquarters 322nd Service Gp. dated 14 January 1944. Transferred from 37th Service Group to 563rd Service Squadron per Spec. O. #7 Para. #5 Headquarters 37th Service Group.

T/5 Alfred W. Pautz, ASN 36232835, transferred from 42nd Service Squadron per Teletype A-193 Commanding Officer A.F. Depot #1 to 37th Service Gp. Transferred from 37th Service Gp. to 563rd Service S. per Spec. O. #7 Para #6 Headquarters 37th Service Gp. dated 14 Jan. 1944.

Pvt. Alfredo (NMI) Rendon, ASN 38158089, assigned from 80th Service Squadron to 37th Service Gp. per Spec. O. #8 dated 14 January 1944. Transferred from 37th Service Gp. to 563rd Service Squadron per Spec. O. #12 Para. #3, Headquarters 37th Service Gp. dated 22 January 1944.

P.F.C. Andrew W. Turkovic, ASN 33288988, assigned from 368th Service Squadron, 324th Service Gp. to 37th Service Gp. per Spec. O. #8 Headquarters XII AFSC dated 27 December 1944. Transferred from 37th Service Gp. to 563rd Service Squadron Per Spec. O. #4 37th Service Gp. dated 14 January 1944

On 31 March 1944 the Squadron Medical personnel consisted of the following:

Capt. George J. Kohut, Squadron Surgeon; Sgt. Robert G. DeRoller, Medical Technican, T/5 Alfred W. Pautz, Surgical Technican and Pvt. Alfredo (NMI) Rendon, Ambulance Driver. The remaining enlisted



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men were transferred to comply with T.O. & E. 1-147 dated 2 January 1944 as follows:

P.F.C. Charles R. Hart, ASN 15374531, transferred per Spec. O. #82 XV A.F.S.C. dated 23 March 1944.

Pvt. Jerome O. Friedlander, ASN 32611812 and P.F.C. Andrew W. Turkovic, ASN 33288988 transferred by Spec. O. #79 XV A.F.S.C. dated 20 March 1944.

Following is roster as of 30 June 1944:
George J. Kohut, Capt., M.C., ASN O-495903, Squadron Surgeon
Robert G. DeRoller, S/Sgt., ASN 32548821, Medical Technican
Alfred W. Pautz, Cpl., ASN 36232835, Surgical Technican
Alfredo (NMI) Rendon, P.F.C., ASN 38158089, Ambulance Driver

The morale of the medical personnel was very good. All were enthusiastic in building up the new medical department in this newly formed Squadron, so it would function properly in the shortest space of time. Since then the following promotions have been given in the medical department: Sgt. Robert G. DeRoller to S/Sgt. 15 April 1944. T/5 Alfred W. Pautz to Cpl. and Pvt. Alfredo (NMI) Rendon to P.F.C. on 13 April 1944.

c. The Squadron from the date of activation, 15 January 1944 to 3 February 1944, was located at Incoronata, Italy, the 37th Service Group Headquarters. From 4 February 1944 to 21 February 1944 was temporarily stationed at Venosa, Italy (Venosa Field), assigned to 323rd Service Group, which has headquarters at Spinnazola, Italy. On 22 February 1944 to present date of this report have been stationed at Toretta Field, Italy and reassigned to the 37th Service Group. The Squadron during this time has been servicing B-24 Liberators of the 461st Bomb Group of the 49th Wing. The Italian campaign battle star was awarded the unit on 9 June 1944 per NATOUSA File A.G. 200-6/263 dated 29 May 1944.

d. The medical department of this Squadron takes care not only of its own personnel but also of the 2239th Q.M. Truck. Co. and 2088th Engr. Comp. Pl. (Det) since 22 February 1944. It also cares for a company of 200 Italian military personnel that are assigned to work on this field. The Squadron surgeon supervises all the medical duties for these units. The sick call being held daily at 0730 hrs. for all units. The routine duties of daily kitchen and mess inspection, inspection of mess personnel, latrine and general sanitary inspection of the squadron and other unit areas. This sanitary co nditio n is also strictly adhered to the Italian Company area as it is adjacent to the squadron area. The Squadron surgeon has inforced all sanitary regulations as practised by the U.S. Army on the Italian personnel and which have been carried out with good cooperation from the Commanding Officer of this Italian Company. The Squadron Dispensary is so run that there is one man available for every twenty-four hours for duty. Monthly inspections of the medical department, sanitary conditions and administrative duties, also supply inventory was given the medical department by the Group Surgeon, 37th Service Group. An administrative and supply inventory was given the medical department on 15 April 1944 by Major W.J. Libby of I.D.G. and all was found to be in proper order.

e. The present medical personnel all had good basic training in the medical department not only in the United States but also with their repective units previous to being assigned to this Squadron. Lectures and demonstrations have been given the medical personnel on venereal diseases, proper method of administering a prophylaxis, first-aid treatment for burns and other injuries, malaria and malaria control measures to be carried out in this area. Films on malaria and venereal diseases have



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been shown not only to the medical personnel but also to all units attached to the Squadron for medical care. S/Sgt. Robert G. DeRoller has attended a course in chemical warfare and treatment of gas casualties conducted by the Chemical Warfare section of the XV Air Force at Foggia Italy. The course was completed in June 1944. Cpl. Alfred W. Pautz attended the school on malaria and malaria control measures at eh school held in Foggia, Italy. This course being completed in April 1944. He is the medical N.C.O. in charge of the malaria control personnel of this Squadron.

2. ENVIRONMENTAL HISTORY.

At the time of activation and a short period thereafter, there were numerous cases of upper respiratory infections with very few serious cases. These were all due to the men having to sleep on the ground due to lack of lumber to make appropriate beds or procure cots. This especially was noticable in February while at Venosa Field where it was cold and very damp. After lumber or cots were available to the men a sharp decrease of these cases was noted. The recommendation of procuring these cots and furnishing or building small stoves for tents was very promptly carried through by the organization and should be noted.

During the month of April, also May and June 1944 there were sporadic outbreaks of common diarrhea among the personnel. There were eight cases in April, twelve in May and eleven in June that had to be confined to quarters. Though small in proportion it was a constant threat of further spreading. All sources were checked for the cause but none were found that definitely could be stated as the cause of these outbreaks. Kitchen personnel were doubly checked, sanitary measures were checked. The only conclusion the Squadron surgeon could attribute this to was that these men usually got diarrhea after a day on pass in town where some ate at private homes. After this was stopped the diarrhea cases were noted to drop in number. Also screening of the kitchen, mess hall and latrines were carried out as soon as screening material was available. Rigid fly control was also adhered to; fly traps constructed, fly sprays used. The washing facilities for mess kits are sufficient and sufficient hot water is available at meal times.

Malaria control in this area is efficiently supervised with daily inspections by either the medical officer or one of the medical personnel. The small stream near the area has been cleared of all debris for a distance of three miles above the camp area, and oil drip cans installed. All depressions in the camp area have been filled and drainage ditches have been dug. The personnel all were given four hours of instruction on malaria and control measures to be used for prevention as required by Memorandum 25-7A and was completed on 24 June 1944. The film on malaria was also shown to all units attached here for medical care. Atabrine is passed out daily every day of the week by a medical man at the mess line to insure that every individual takes the tablets and not left to the individual to help himself, whenever he thinks of it. To date no cases of malaria have occured in this outfit. Two cases of recurrent attacks of malaria were recorded in March and April 1944. One contracted malaria in Africa, the other in Sicily, before joining this Squadron.

All recommendations as to sanitation and all verbal suggestions from the medical department have been carried out by the commanding officers of units in a short time and with the fullest of cooperation. All suggestions gladly carried out with rapidity and is to be noted that the Commanding Officers have given their fullest cooperation and personal attention that the measures recommended were carried out.



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4. OPERATIONAL HISTORY.

a. During a small part in April 1944 ambulance duty on the line was done for the 484th Bomb Group, due to their lack of ambulances. This duty consisted only of the presence of the Squadron ambulance on the line at time of take off and return of the planes from their missions. At the present only routine duty is done for the Squadron and the units attached for medical care. The men on the line that work on planes have very few o occupational accidents, also a very small sick call daily.

b. The problem of the reduction of medical personnel from eight to three enlisted men causes a slight difficulty in the work of the medical department. It is the opinion of the Squadron surgeon that the reduction was too great. The personnel should consist instead, of four or five enlisted medical personnel per Squadron. This would give a little leeway for proper functioning if one or two of the men became ill or are absent from duty due to a day off or at rest camp. The only other problem was the outbreak of diarrhea as stated previously in the report. This disease has been completely stopped due to forbidding of meals at certain restaurants in town and all private homes and strict sanitary conditions around the camp.

c. There are no medical problems to discuss at the present time. The venereal diseases found in this Squadron were but two cases. One being gonorrhea the other chancroid. Only one other case was recorded, this also being chancroid contracted by an enlisted man of the 2239th Q.M. Truck. Co. The personnel have been greatly impressed by the venereal disease talks and films on venereal disease and so practise all necessary precautions. A rest camp is available to all the men of this Squadron, which is available also to all the men of the 37th Service Group. This rest camp is operated by the 37th Service Group. Quite a few physical activities in the line of sport such as softball, baseball, volley ball and table tennis are available to the men here in the Squadron area. Showers with sufficient warm water are available for all to keep body cleanliness at the best.

5. STATISTICAL HISTORICAL MATERIAL.

This statistical information is all given on the attached graphic charts.

6. EVACUATION.

The evacuation of patients presents no serious problem. All patients are evacuated by ambulance to the 34th Field Hospital, which is located about ten miles distance from this unit. The only inconvenience to patients is the rough roads that have to be traveled to reach the hospital. The conditions of these roads are such that only speed of five to ten miles per hour can be maintained to give the patient any semblance of comfortable transportation. There were fifty-one patients evacuated to the hospital, all by ambulance covering the time of this report.

7. MEDICAL SUPPLY.

Medical equipment and sufficient supplies within 90% of the T/E were obtained within one month after activation of this Squadron. 100% of T/E was reached within less than three months time after activation. All medical equipment was in excellent condition on receipt. The medical unit was in complete independent operation within one month after activation.

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Expendable medical supplies are readily and easily obtainable from the medical supply platoon. The supplies are of good quality and show no deterioration or damage from storage.

8. SPECIAL.

Recreational facilities are sufficient for the Squadron. Baseball, softball, volley ball, table tennis, also swimming facilities in the sea is available. A day room with reading material, radio and indoor games are also available. Motion pictures are shown nightly in the outdoor theatre built in the Squadron area are shown nightly.

George J. Kohut
GEORGE J. KOHUT
Captain, M.C.
Squadron Surgeon.



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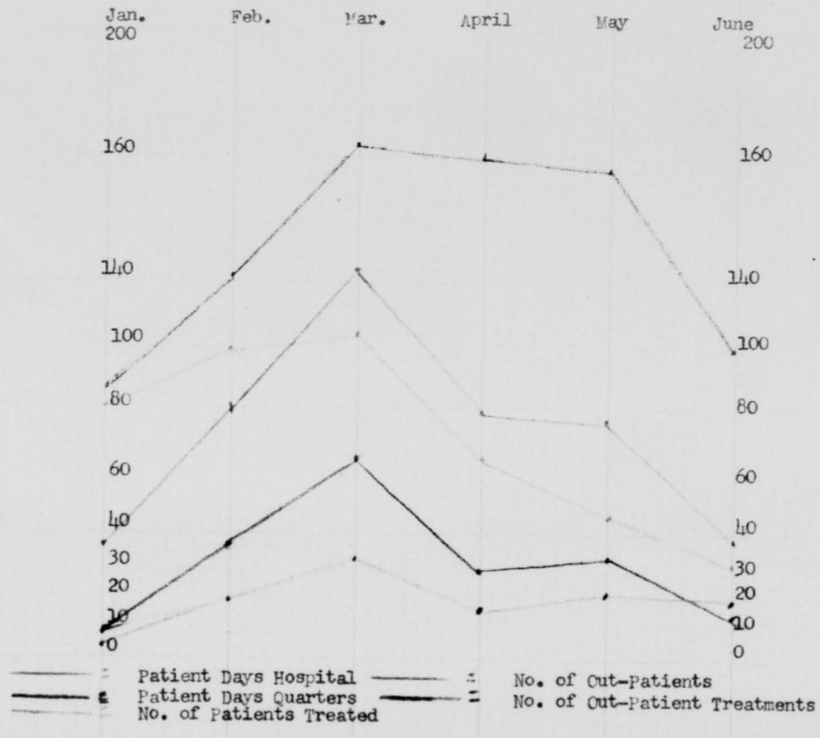
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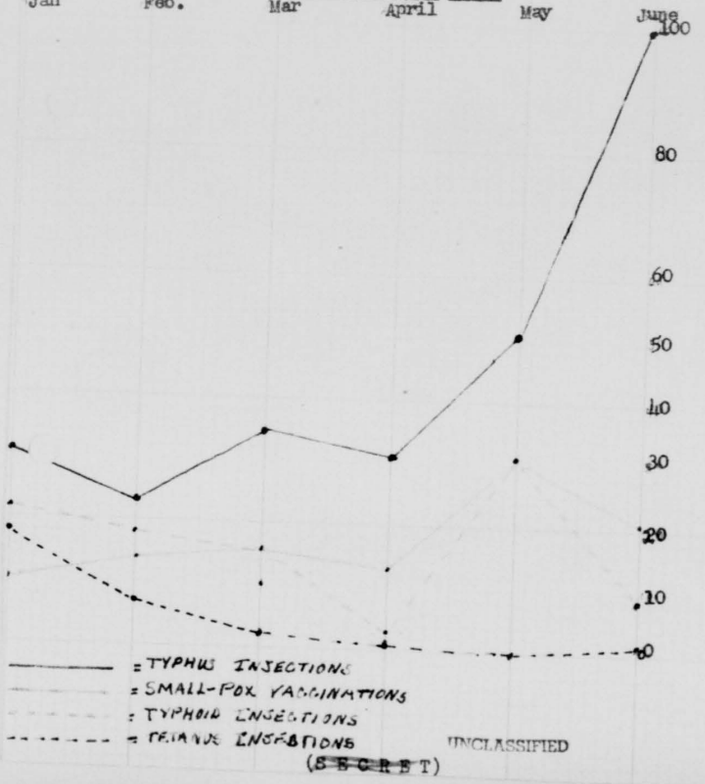
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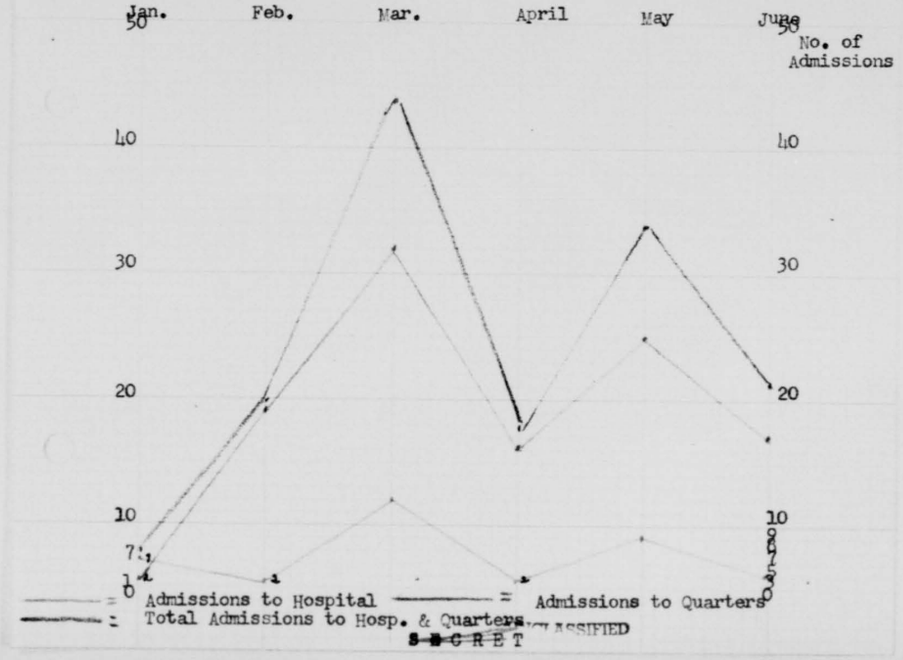
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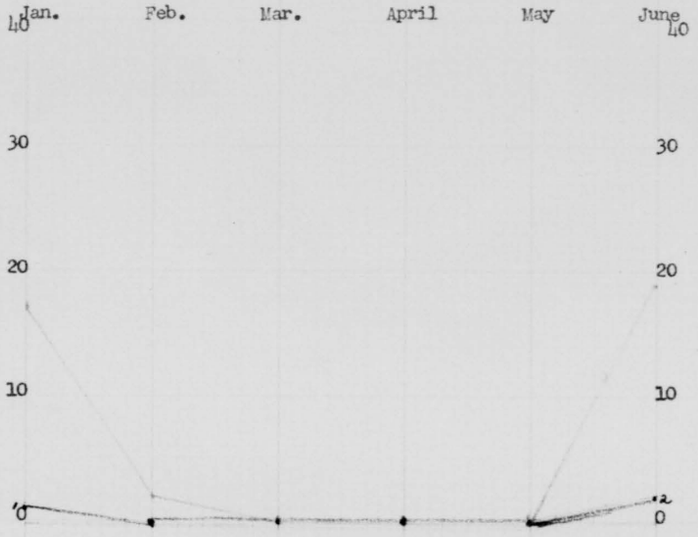
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HISTORICAL STATISTICAL MATERIAL

Venereal Disease

(4) Physical Examinations: Bi-monthly physical given each month of period. Six (6) Form 63 Exams given.




*All White Troops

6 Vernereal prophylaxis administered in June. None in other months.

*No. of Cases of Venereal Disease
Days lost due to Gonorrhea
Days lost due to Chancroid
No. Syphilis. No Venereal cases in Feb., Mar., April & May

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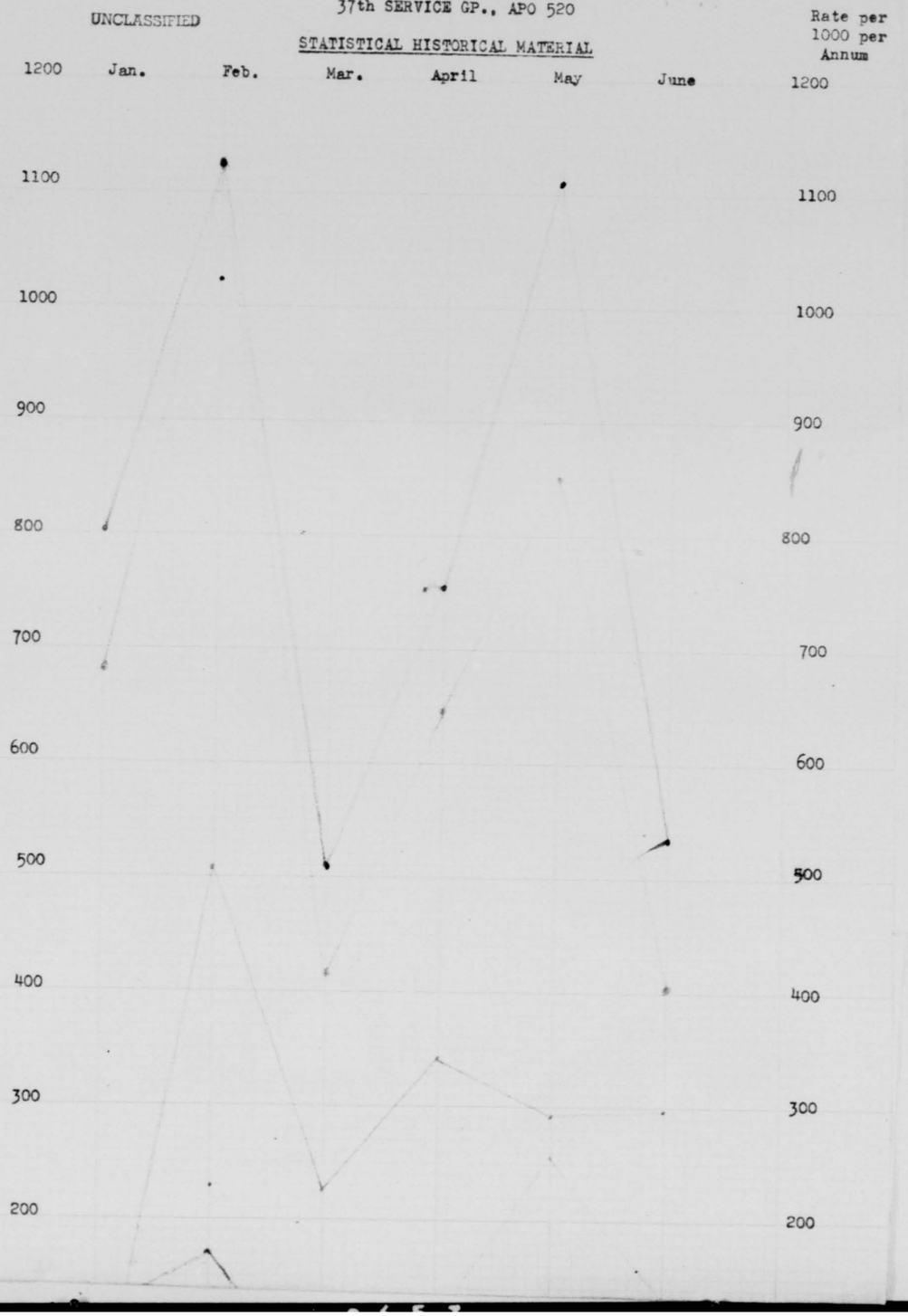
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*Malaria: Both cases recurrent and contracted outside Italy.

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37th SERVICE GP., APO 520, U.S. ARMY

MEDICAL HISTORY

For the period beginning 1 July 1944 to 30 September 1944

1. ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY.

a. This squadron, the 563rd Air Service Squadron, since the last report has had no changes in administration of this department or in the medical department personnel.

b. During this period the medical department personnel consisted of the following: Captain George J. Kohut, M.C., ASN O-495903, Squadron Surgeon; S/Sgt. Robert G. De Roller, ASN 32548821, Medical Technican; Cpl. Alfred W. Pautz, ASN 36232835, Surgical Technican; P.F.C. Alfredo (NMI) Rendon, ASN 38158089, Ambulance Driver. There was no change in Medical Department personnel for the period.
The unit's quarterly strength was two hundred twenty-eight (228) officers and men.

c. The Squadron has remained during this period at the same field, Torretta Field, Italy from which previous report had been made. The Squadron, assigned to the 37th Service Group, services the 461st Bomb Group of the 49th Wing located on this field.

d. The Medical Department of this Squadron services the 2088th Engr. Comp. Pl. (Det.) and a Company of two hundred (200) Italian soldiers assigned to work on this field. Sick Call is held daily at 0730 hours for all personnel.
The routine medical duties are carried out in the Italian camp area such as: mess inspection, latrine inspection and physical inspection, the same as in our own Squadron according to regulations.

2. ENVIRONMENTAL HISTORY.

The climatic conditions in this area have been ideal. There were very few cases of diarrhea during this period and almost all of them were of a mild nature. Sanitary conditions were rigidly carried out and found to be very satisfactory. Rigid malarial control was carried out during this period. There was but one case of malaria among the personnel for the period. Full and immediate cooperation has been given by the Commanding Officer on all sanitary problems and suggestions as to the improvement of existing conditions.

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3. OPERATIONAL HISTORY.

There has been no outstanding material for this heading; routine duties being the every-day schedule. The accident rate on the working line or in the shops has been exceptionally low. This low rate is due mainly to carefullness on the part of personnel handling heavy equipment and machinery. Venereal disease rate in this Squadron has had a slight increase. Most of these cases occurred among men transferred into this Squadron. Venereal disease talks were given at least once a month at the time of physical inspections. During the semi-monthly inspections no venereal diseases were found.

4. STATISTICAL HISTORICAL MATERIAL.

Statistical information is given on the attached graphic charts.

5. EVACUATION.

The evacuation of patients has presented a slight problem during this period. The ambulance of this Squadron has been out of use for a period of two months due to an accident at which time it skidded on wet pavement and partially overturned. The parts not being available for the repair of same was the cause of this delay. Cooperation from a nearby Squadron also servicing this field, aided in the evacuation of patients for hospitalization for this period when the ambulance was not available. During this period there were thirty-three (33) patients evacuated to the hospital from this Squadron.

6. MEDICAL SUPPLY.

Medical equipment is up to 100% of the T/E. Medical supplies are of sufficient quantity and of good quality. Supplies are easily obtained from the 14th Medical Supply Pl. (Avn.) located in this area.

7. SPECIAL.

Recreational facilities are satisfactory and sporting equipment issued is sufficient. Baseball, volley ball, soft ball and table tennis are the sports available. There are nightly motion pictures and at other intervals U.S.O. and Red Cross shows were given here at this field.

George J. Kohut

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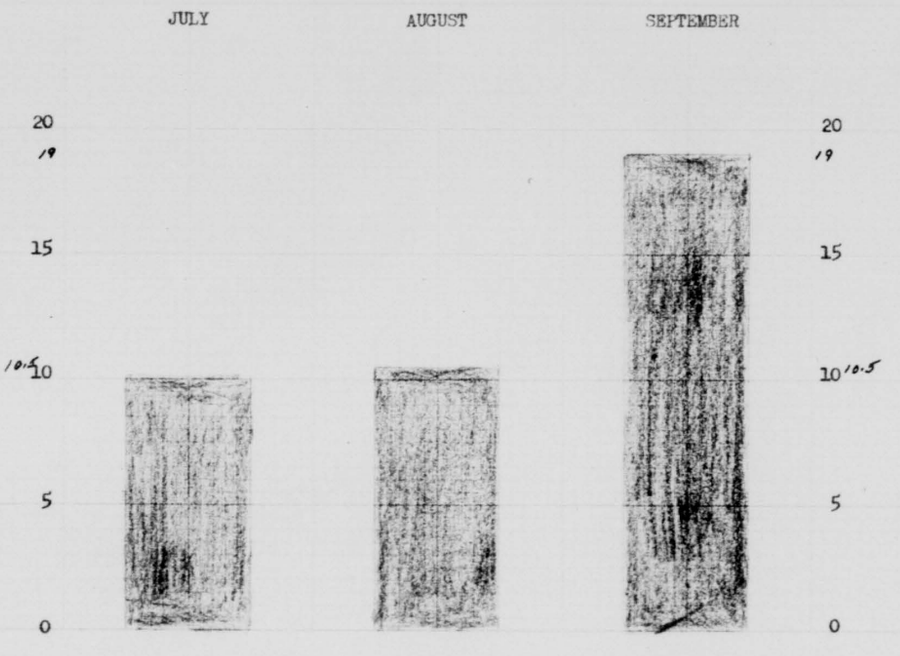
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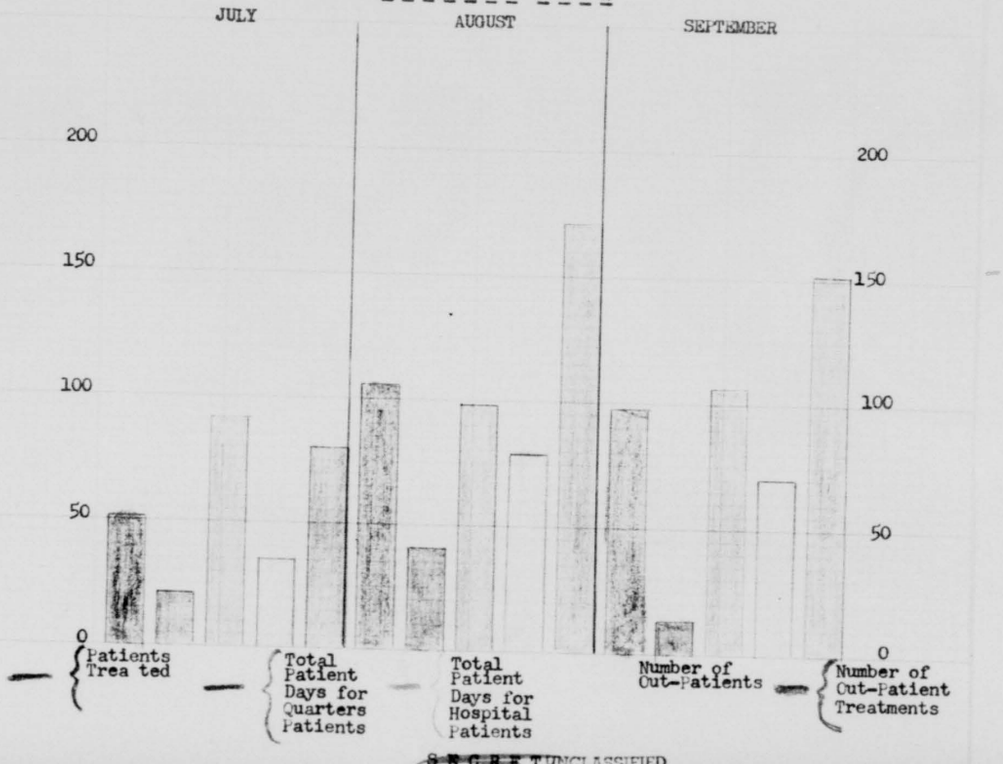
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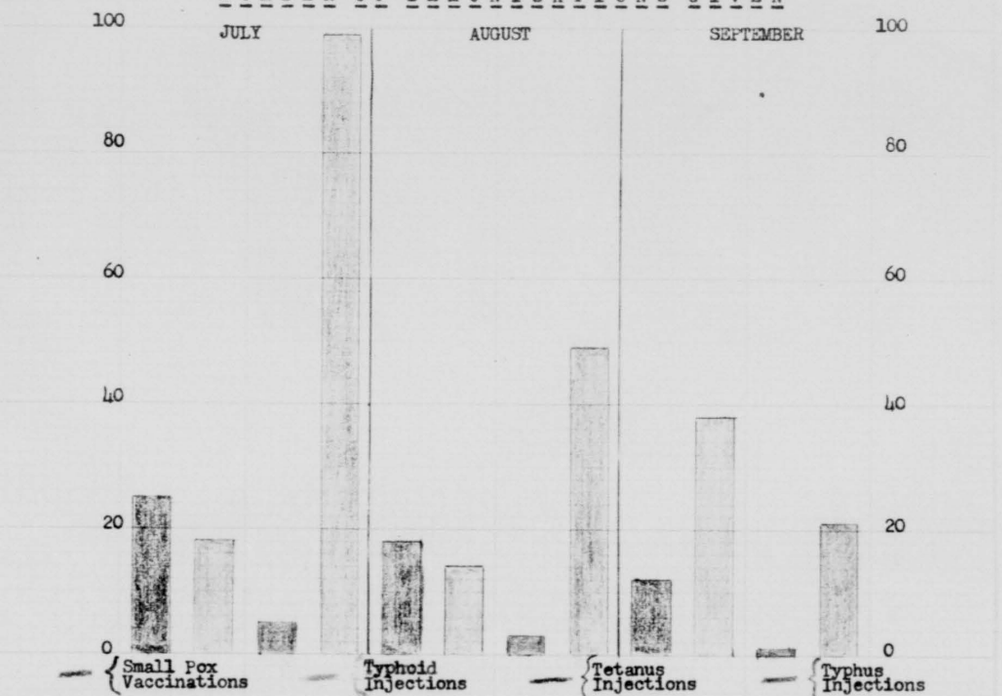
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NUMBER OF IMMUNIZATIONS GIVEN




(4) Physical Examinations given semi-monthly to entire command.

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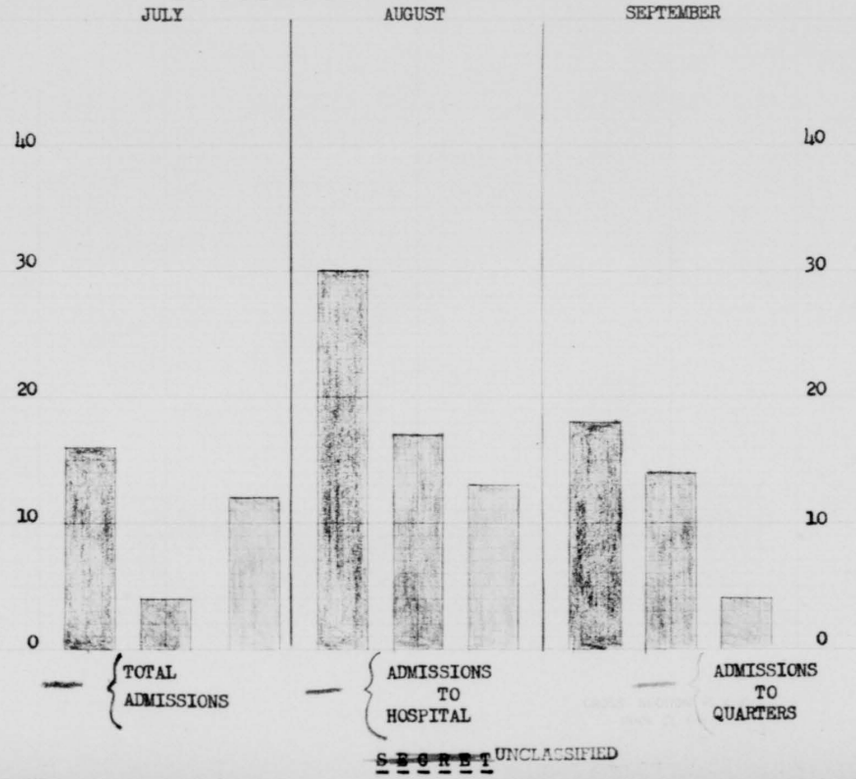
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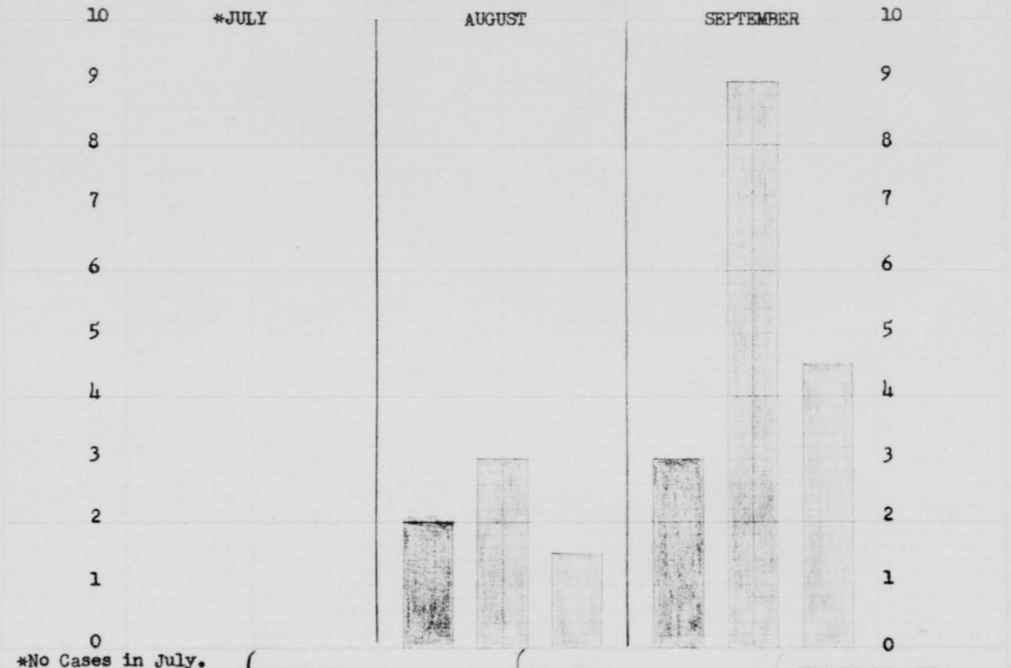
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## VENEREAL DISEASE




*No Cases in July.

CASES OF VENEREAL DISEASE — NO. OF DAYS LOST — AVERAGE NO. OF DAYS LOST FOR EACH PATIENT

All Cases are Gonorrhea

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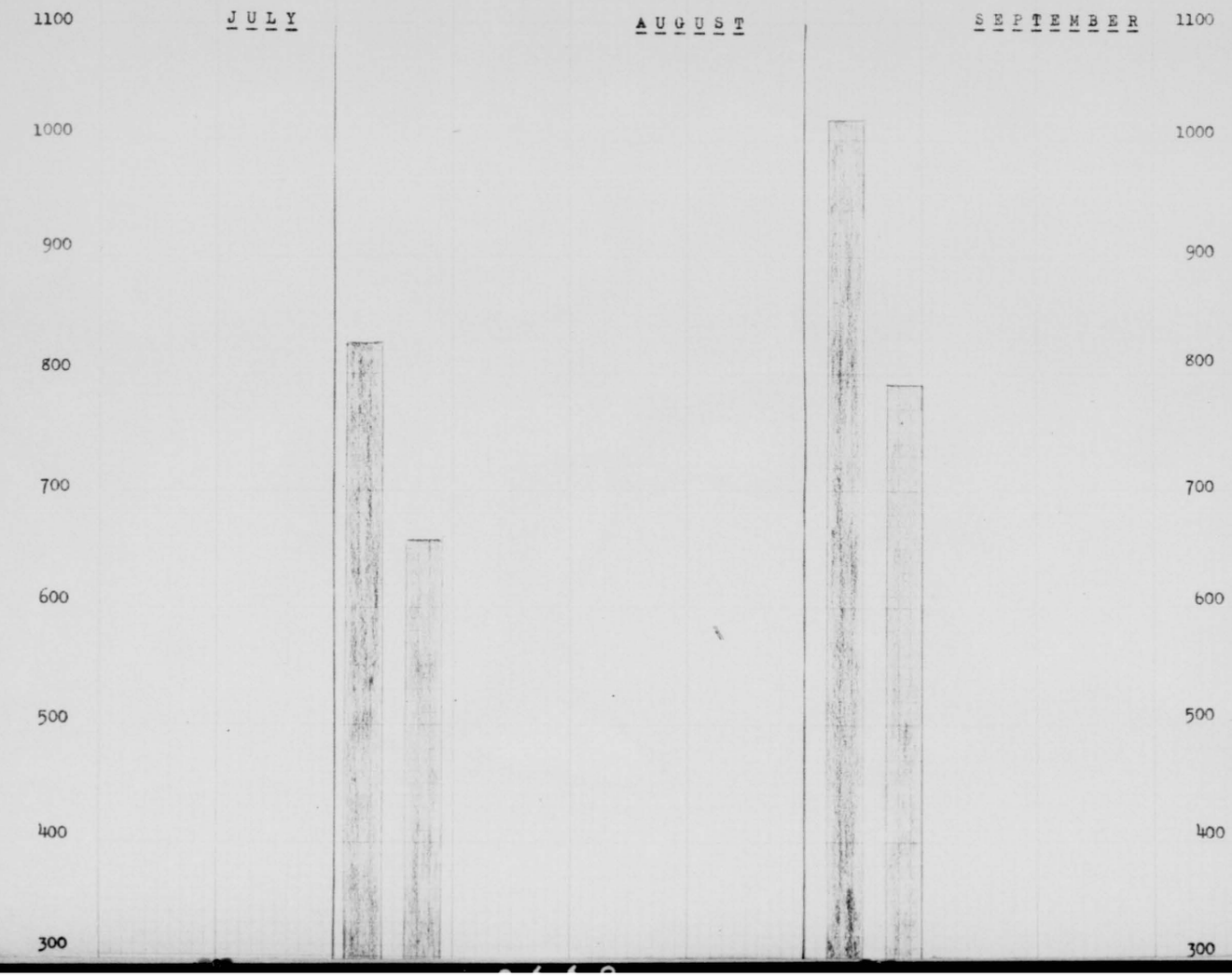
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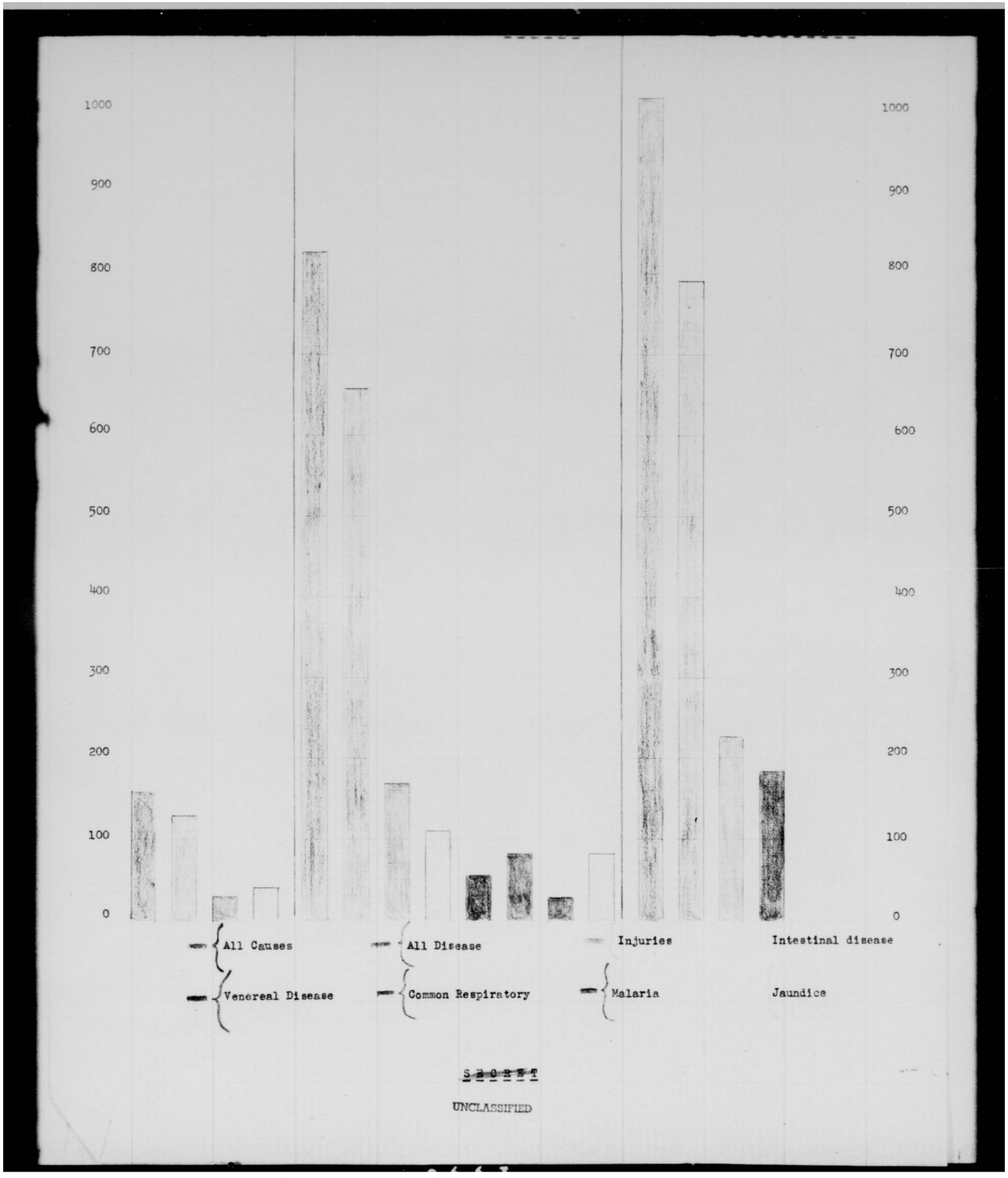
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MEDICAL HISTORY
(Supplemental Report No. 2 for 1 October 1944 - 31 December 1944.)
(Includes summation of major developments during 1944.)

1. ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY.

a. There have been no changes in administration within the squadron or in the medical section.

b. The medical department during this period consisted of: Captain George J. Kohut, M.C., ASN O-495903, Squadron Surgeon; S/Sgt. Robert G. De Roller, ASN 32548821, Med. Adm. Spec.; Cpl. Alfred W. Pautz, ASN 36232835, Surgical Technican; P.F.C. Alfredo (NMI) Rendon, ASN 38158089, Ambulance Driver. On 15 December 1944, Cpl. Alfred W. Pautz departed for the United States for Temporary Duty (thirty-day furlough) per letter dated 15 Dec. 1944, Headquarters, Fifteenth Air Force. This leaves but two enlisted men in the medical department which is a great handicap in running the dispensary.

c. The squadron is still on the same field, Torretta Field, Italy. It is assigned to the 37th Service Group and attached to the 461st Bomb Group.

d. The squadron dispensary takes care also of the 2088th Engr. Comp. Pl. (Det.), the company of two hundred (200) Italian soldiers assigned to work on this field, and also of Co. "B" 910 A.B.S. (colored). Total personnel receiving medical care from this dispensary number over five-hundred. Sick call is held at 0730 hours for the squadron and the other units listed above, daily. Company "B" 910 A.B.S. is a colored guard company, its main function being the guarding of aircraft for the bomb groups on this field. An administrative inspection was made of this squadron on 6 January 1945 by Lt. Col. Bowman of Headquarters, XV AAFSC, at which time the medical section was also inspected.

2. ENVIRONMENTAL HISTORY.

The climatic conditions, for this period, have not been ideal. A large amount of rainy weather has prevailed, which has caused a slight increase in upper respiratory infections. Inspections of area, mess hall and kitchen has been satisfactory for this period. Recommendations as to improvement of sanitary measures have been carried out promptly as possible with good cooperation.

3. OPERATIONAL HISTORY.

No outstanding material for this heading. The accident rate, among the personnel working on aircraft, has been exceptionally low. Two accidental deaths occurred during this period.



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one being due to an automobile accident, the other due to drowning. The venereal rate during this period has shown an increase, especially during the month of November. Most of these cases contacted the disease while visiting Rome. Talks on venereal diseases were given, also films were shown during this period. On semi-monthly physical inspections no venereal diseases were detected.

4. STATISTICAL HISTORICAL MATERIAL.

All information is given on attached graphic charts.

5. EVACUATION.

The transporting of patients has not presented any problem during this period. The conditions of roads, due to rains, is the only problem for the ambulance. During this period thirty-nine patients were transported to the hospital for treatment from this squadron.

6. MEDICAL SUPPLY.

Medical supplies are easily obtained from the medical supply platoon (Avn.). They are of sufficient quantity and of good quality, showing no deterioration. All medical equipment is in excellent condition and up to 100% of the T/E.

7. SPECIAL.

Recreational facilities are slightly curtailed now due to the inclement weather. Motion pictures are shown nightly. U.S.O. and Red Cross shows are available to the men in this area at times on this field.

8. SUMMATION FOR 1944.

In summation of major developments in this squadron during the year, 1944: The sanitary conditions were greatly improved throughout the year. The mess hall and kitchen had cement floors put in to improve the conditions as previously the floors were of cobblestone. Ditches were dug for proper drainage for the rainy season. Malaria control was rigidly carried out in filling depressions, cleaning vegetation from the creek which runs through the area and the installation of oil drip cans on same. Good results of the control showed in that even though the squadron is in a high malaria area only two cases of malaria occurred in the squadron. Venereal disease control was emphasized with frequent talks and motion pictures available throughout the year. The venereal rate for the entire year was fairly low. Motion pictures seem to impress more firmly the results of venereal disease if precautions are not adhered to, than talks.

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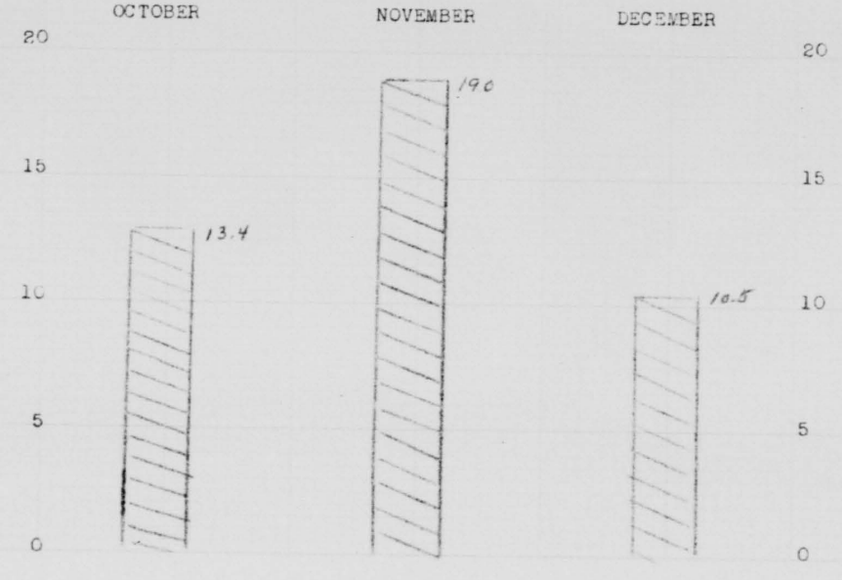
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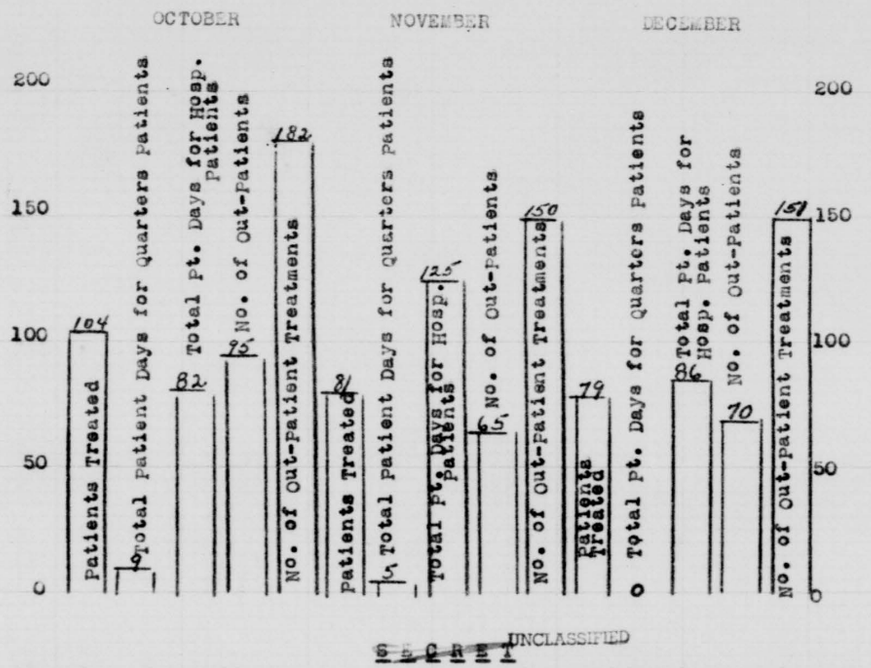
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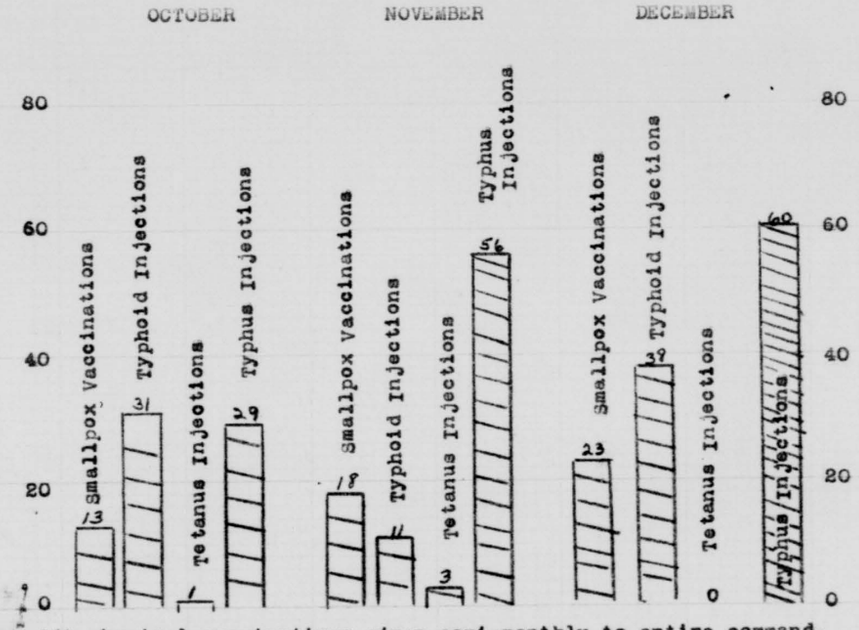
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NUMBER OF IMMUNIZATIONS GIVEN




(4) Physical examinations given semi-monthly to entire command. Twelve "63" and one "64" exams given in December

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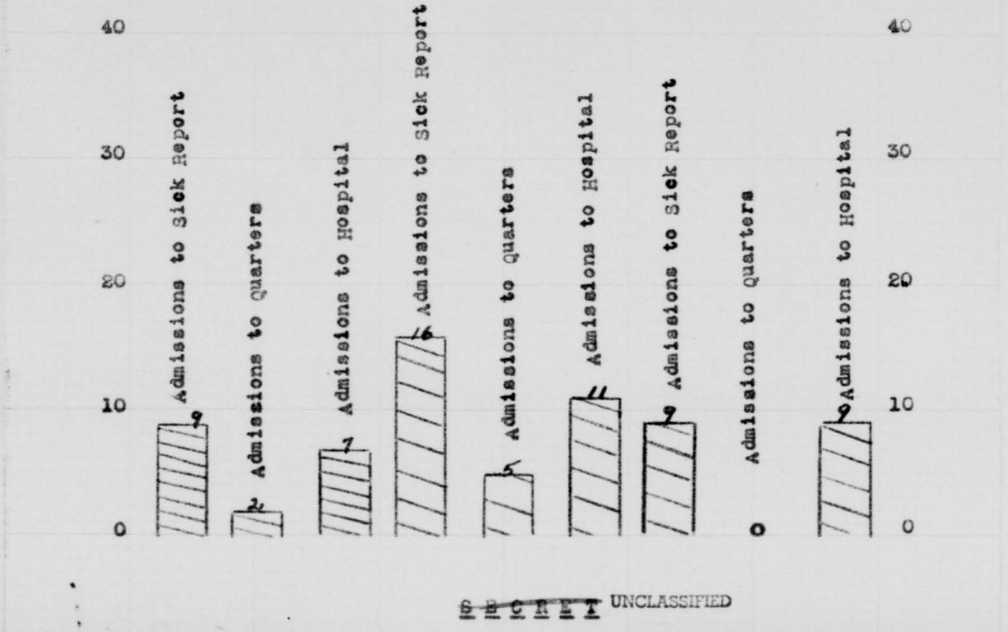
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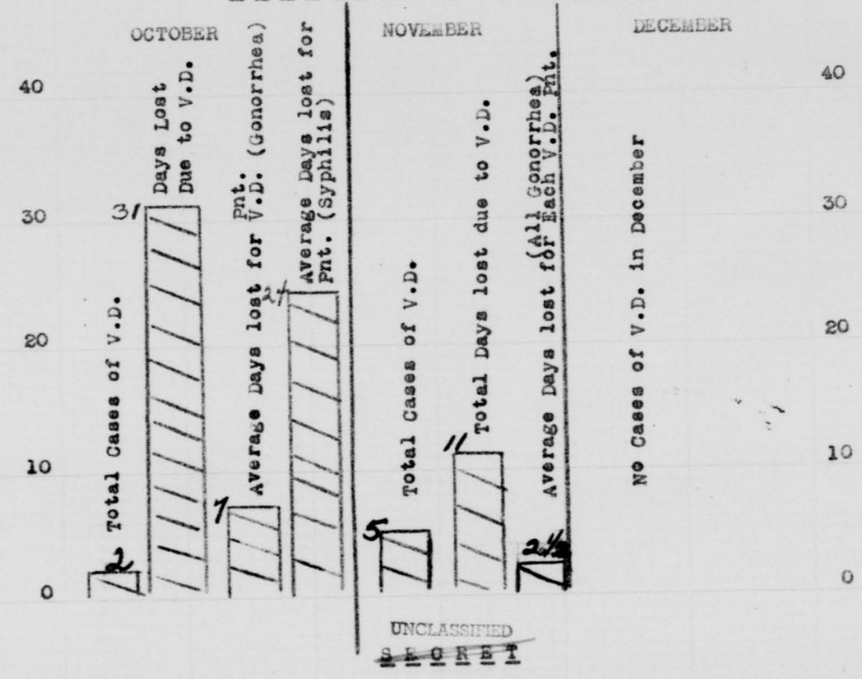
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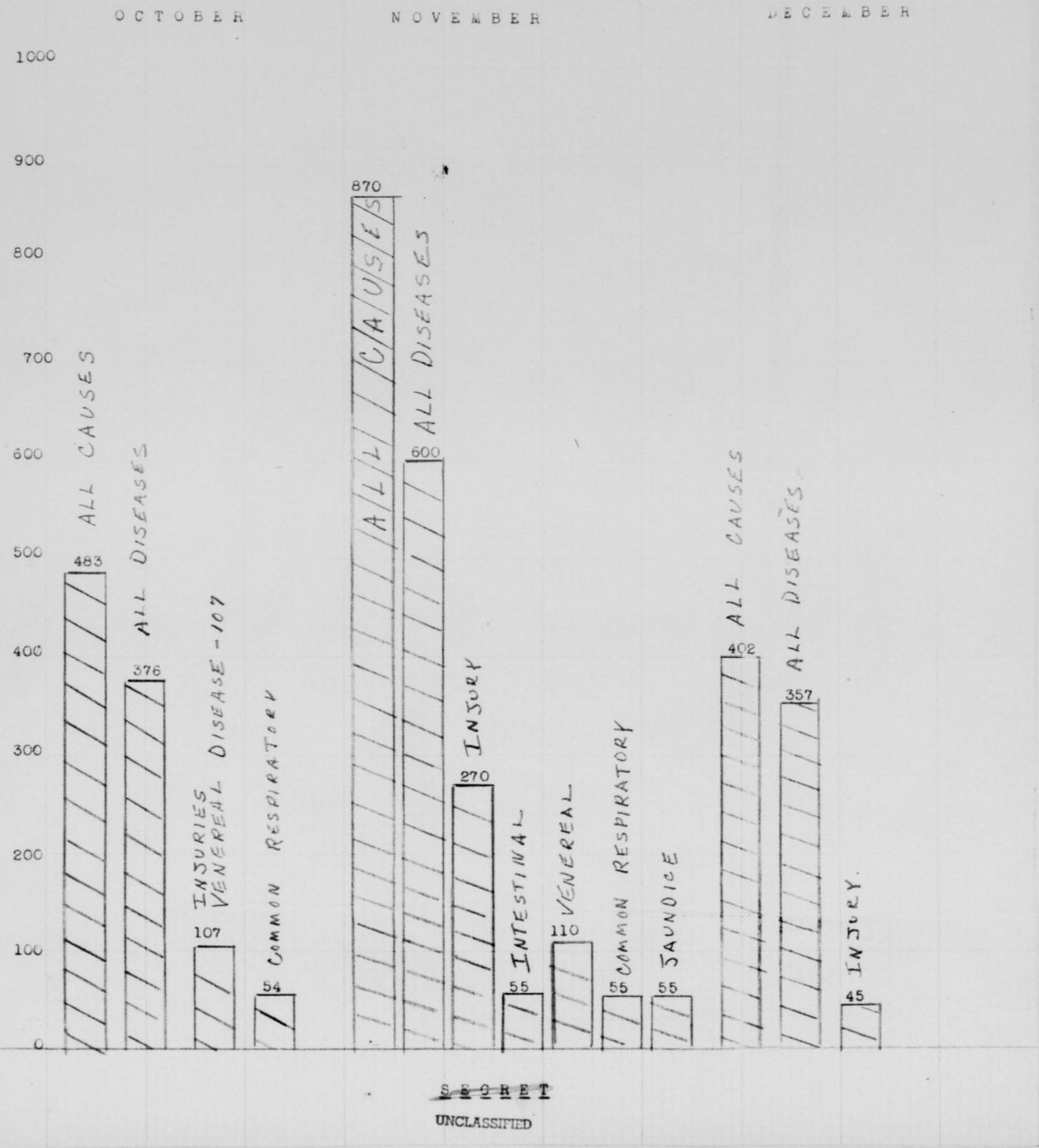
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MEDICAL HISTORY
(Supplemental Report No. 3 for 1 January 1945 - 31 March 1945)

1. ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY.

A. There have been no changes in administration within the squadron or in the medical section.

b. The medical department during this period consisted of: Captain George J. Kohut, M.C, ASN O-495903, Squadron Surgeon; S/Sgt. Robert G. De Roller, ASN 32548821, Med. Adm Spec; Cpl. Alfred W. Pautz, ASN 36232835, Surgical Technican; P.F.C. Alfredo (NMI) Rendon, ASN 38158089, Ambulance Driver. Cpl. Pautz returned from furlough (TD) in the United States 31 March 1945.

c. The squadron is stationed still at Torretta Field, Italy, as at the time of last report. Assigned to the 37th Air Service Group and attached to the 461st Bomb. Group of the 49th Bomb. Wing.

d. The medical section at the present time takes care of the 2088th Engr. Comp. Pl. (Det.) consisting of 18 EM and one officer, the 644th M.P. Co. (Avn.) (Col.) consisting of 85 EM (colored) and 3 white officers. The 563rd Air Service Squadron consists of 222 EM and 6 officers also 2 warrant officers. The 910 A.B.S. Bn. Co. "B" (Col.) has moved to a new location as of March 1945. The company of 200 Italian soldiers now receive medical care from their own medical officer. Total personnel receiving care from this dispensary number about three hundred. Sick call is held daily at 0730 hours.

2. ENVIRONMENTAL HISTORY.

Climatic conditions during the period has improved steadily. Very little rain has fallen during the latter part of the period. Inspection of area, mess hall and kitchen for sanitary conditions have been found in general to be satisfactory. Recommendations for improvements of sanitary conditions have been carried out whenever made.

3. OPERATIONAL HISTORY.

There is nothing of importance under this heading. The accident rate for the squadron has been fairly low. The venereal rate for this period has taken a noticable drop in comparison to the previous period. The rate still is not too satisfactory. No venereal diseases were detected on the semi-monthly physical inspections. Monthly V.D. talks are given all the personnel by different squadron surgeons of the group. This rotating of medical officers has given the men different talk, from the one always given their own squadron surgeon. During the period also

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there has been a film shown on venereal disease to all the personnel.

4. STATISTICAL HISTORICAL MATERIAL.

The following data is for the 644th M.P. Co. (Avn.) (Col.) which received medical care from this squadron:

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| I. | Admission Rate (All Causes) | 473 |
| | Admission Rate (Disease) | 473 |
| II. | Non-effective rate | 12.7 |
| III. | Patients treated (col) | 38 |
| | Patient days (Quarters) | 0 |
| | Patient days (Hospital) | 32 |
| | No. of Out-patients | 35 |
| IV. | Physical inspection of unit | semi-monthly. |
| V. | Immunizations: | Smallpox 28, Typhoid 16, Tetanus 1, Typhus 14. |
| VI. | Total Admissions to sick report | 3 |
| | Admissions to Quarters | 0 |
| | Admissions to Hospital | 3 |
| VII. | Venereal Disease (Gonorrhea) | 1 case |

The above figures are for the month of March 1945 only. Data for the 563rd Air Service Squadron is on attached graphical charts.

5. EVACUATION.

Evacuation of patients presents no serious problem. Due to the poor road conditions in the area there is frequent breakdowns of the ambulance: The condition of same is poor, due to being an old ambulance that has seen plenty of service. During this period seventeen patients have been transported to the hospital (34th Field) for hospitalization and thirty-five have been transported for out-patient treatment. The hospital is a distance of 10 - 12 miles from the squadron.

6. MEDICAL SUPPLY.

Medical equipment in excellent condition and up to 100% of the T/E. Medical supplies are readily and easily obtained from the 14th Medical Supply Pl. (Avn.). Supplies are in good condition and of good quality.

7. SPECIAL.

The recreational facilities for personnel is very satisfactory. A baseball diamond has been built for both baseball and softball games. A tennis court is available in the squadron area also. Volley ball and horseshoe pitching equipment is available. A new enlisted men's club has been constructed.


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The club is well furnished with writing tables, upholtered chairs, radio, and reading material. The snack-bar is an added attraction.

George J. Kohut

GEORGE J. KOHUT
Captain, M.C.
Squadron Surgeon



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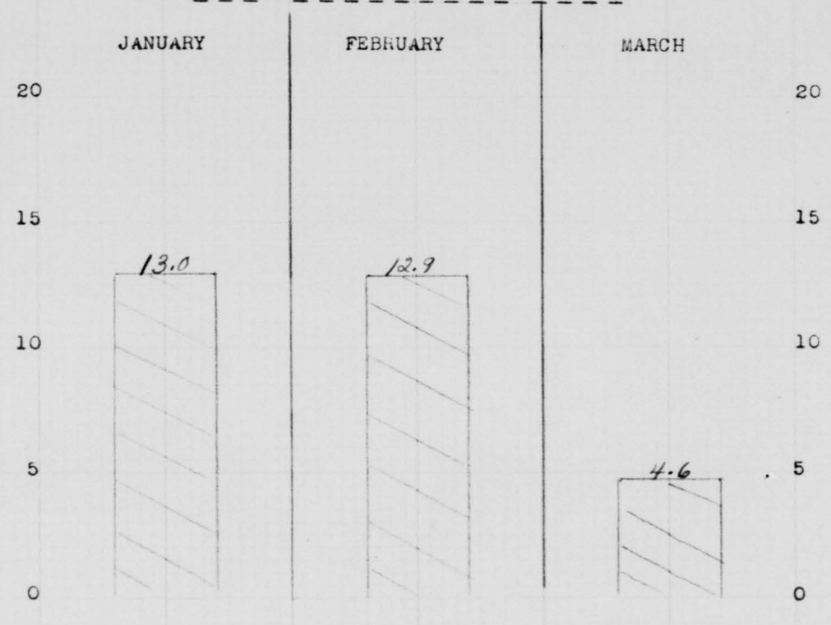
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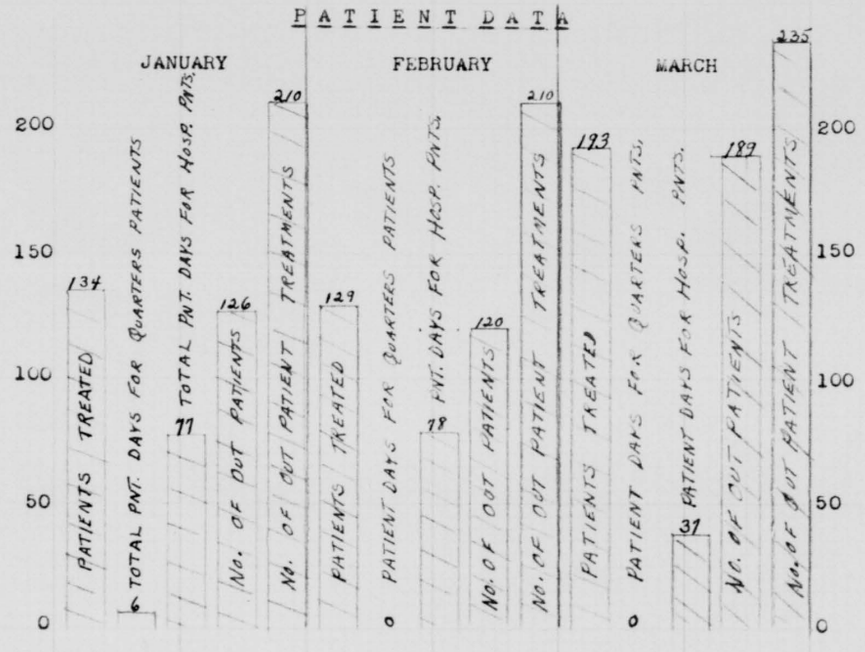
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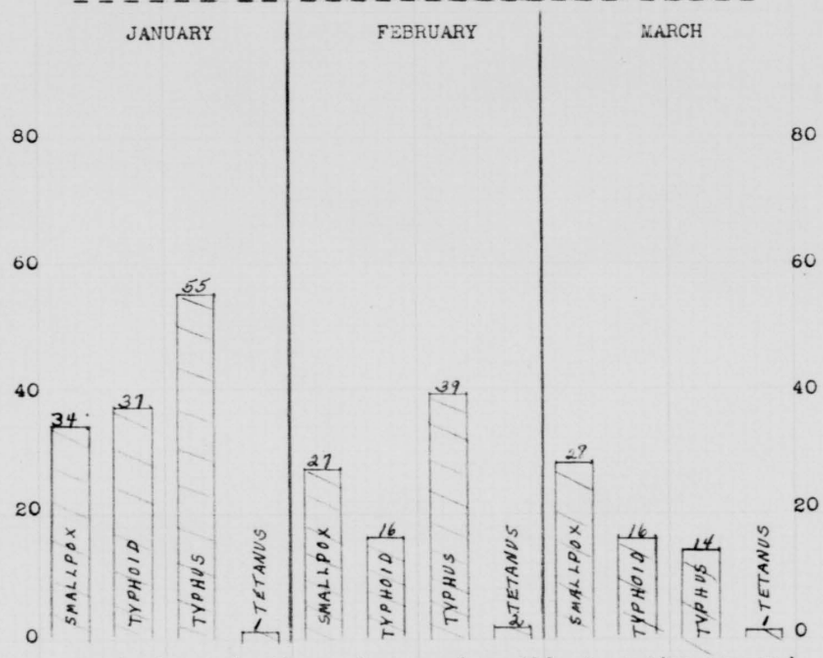
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NUMBER OF IMMUNIZATIONS GIVEN




#4 physical examinations given semi-monthly to entire command
Eight "63" examinations given in March

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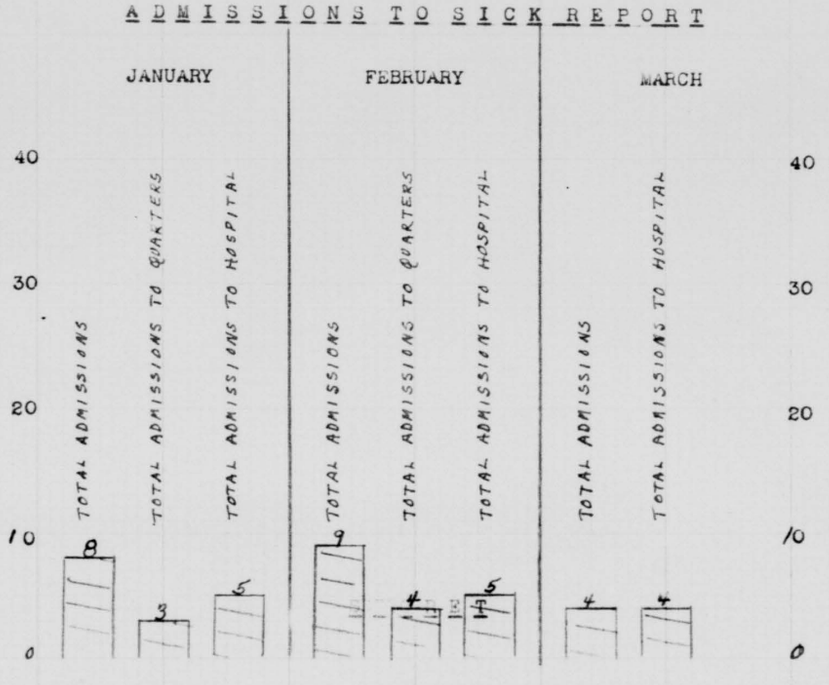
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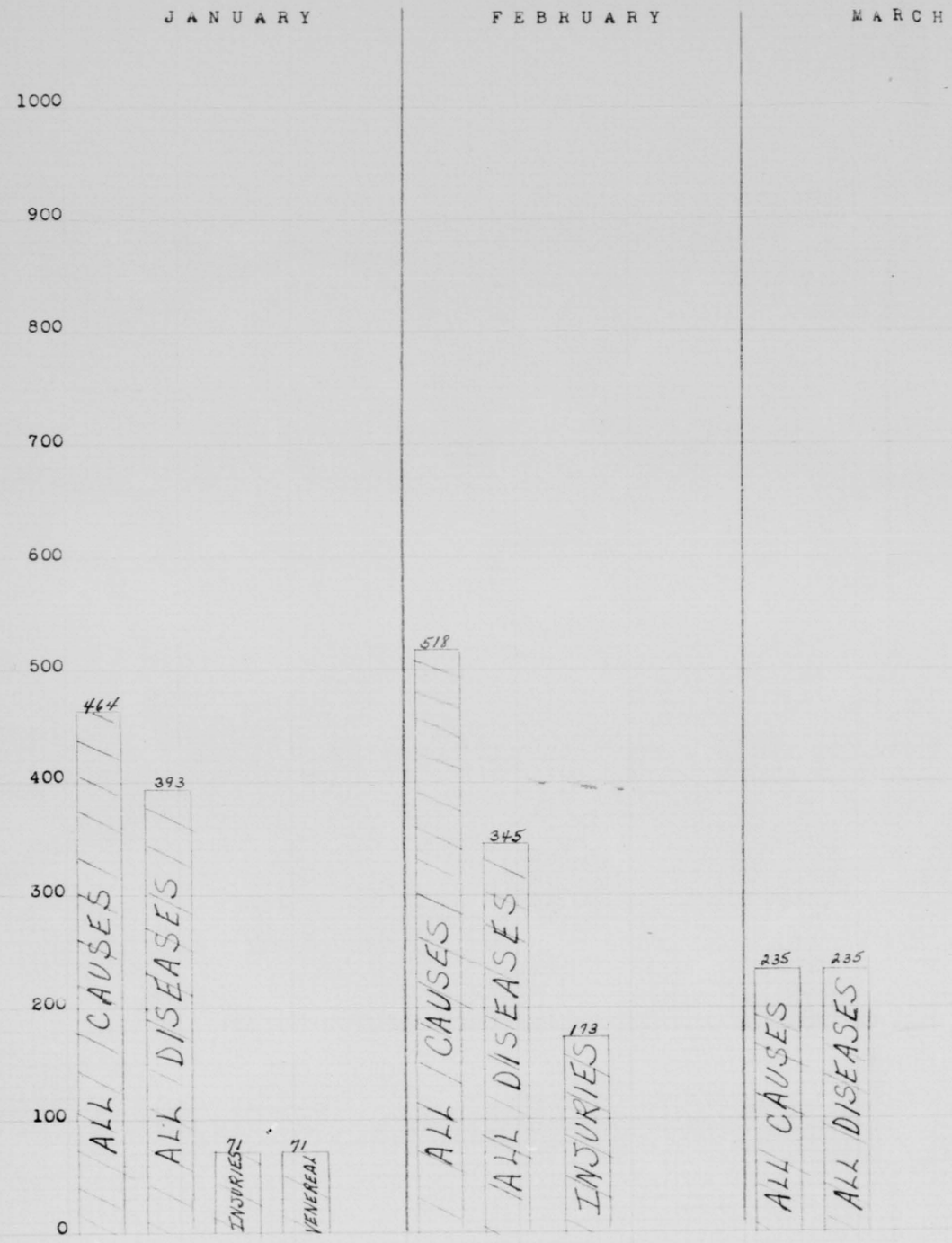
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563rd AIR SERVICE SQUADRON
37th AIR SERVICE GP, APO 520, U.S. ARMY

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MEDICAL HISTORY

FINAL REPORT (Supplement No. 4 for the period: 1 April - 12 May 1945.)
The 563rd Air Service Squadron dibanded as per General Order #33, dated 11 May 1945, Hq., XV AFSC, APO 520, U.S. Army.

1. ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY.

a. No changes in administration within the squadron.

b. The medical department personnel consisted of the following except for the changes as noted: Captain George J. Kohut, M.C., ASN O-495903, Squadron Surgeon; S/Sgt. Robert G. DeRoller, ASN 32548821, Med. Adm. Spec.; Cpl. Alfred W. Pautz, ASN 36232835, Surgical Technican; P.F.C. Alfredo (NMI) Rendon, ASN 38158089, Ambulance Driver. Note: P.F.C. Rendon transferred from 563rd Air Service Squadron per Spec. O. #97, par. #1, Hq., 37th Air Service Group, dated 2 May 1945. Cpl. Pautz transferred from 563rd Air Service Squadron per Ltr. O., Hq., XV Air Force dated 6 May 1945.

c. The squadron, up to this report, has been stationed at Torretta Field, Italy, assigned to the 37th Air Service Group and attached to the 461st Bomb. Group of the 49th Bomb. Wing.

d. The medical section during the period took care of the 2088th Engr. Comp. Pl. (Det.) consisting of 18 EM and one officer, the 644th M.P. Co. Avn. (Col.) consisting of 65 EM and 3 white officers. The 563rd Air Service Squadron consisted of 222 EM with 5 officers and one warrant officer.

2. ENVIRONMENTAL HISTORY.

Climatic conditions during the period have been ideal. Inspection of area, mess hall and kitchen for sanitary conditions have been found, in general, satisfactory. Shower facilities are available with sufficient hot water for all personnel.

3. OPERATIONAL HISTORY.

Nothing of great imprtance occurred during this period, just routine medical treatment. The accident rate for the period has been fairly low compared to the work done. The venereal rate has dropped noticeably since the last period report. No venereal diseases were found on any of the semi-monthly inspections. Venereal disease talks were given and film on this subject was also shown to all personnel.

4. STATISTICAL HISTORICAL MATERIAL.

The following data for the 563rd Air Service Squadron is for the month of April and the first two weeks of May 1945:



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| | | April | May |
|---|---|---|---|
| I. | Admission Rate (All Causes) | ~~928~~ | ~~232~~ |
| | Admission Rate (Diseases) | 750 | 232 |
| | Admission Rate (Injuries) | 178 | 0 |
| II. | Non-Effective Rate | 25.6 | 8.3 |
| III. | Total Patients Treated | 235 | 122 |
| | Patient Days (Quarters) | 36 | 0 |
| | Patient Days (Hospital) | 124 | 28 |
| | No. of Out-Patients | 220 | 120 |
| | No. of Out-Patient Treatments | 295 | 200 |
| IV. | Physical examinations for entire personnel given semi-monthly. P.O.M. exam given entire command, 7 May 1945. | | |
| V. | Immunizations for April: Smallpox 45, Typhoid 49, Tetanus 3, Typhus 100. None given in May. | | |
| VI. | Total Admissions to sick report | 17 | 6 |
| | Admissions to quarters | 2 | 0 |
| | Admissions to hospital | 15 | 6 |
| VII. | Venereal Disease Cases | 1 | 0 |
| | Syphilis Cases | 1 | 0 |
| | Days lost due to syphilis case | 21 | 0 |
| | "New" cases of Malaria | 5 | 1 |
| | Days lost due to malaria | 53 | 9 |
| | Venereal Disease Rate | 61 | 0 |

HISTORICAL MATERIAL FOR 644th M.P. CO. AVN. (COL.):

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| I. | Admission Rate (All Causes) | 200 | 400 |
| | Admission Rate (Diseases) | 200 | 400 |
| II. | Non-Effective Rate | 3.3 | 15.3 |
| III. | Patients Treated | 45 | 18 |
| | Patient Days (Quarters) | 0 | 0 |
| | Patient Days (Hospital) | 5 | 14 |
| | No. of out patients | 44 | 17 |
| IV. | Physical examinations for entire company given semi-monthly. P.O.M. exam given 7 May 1945. | | |
| V. | Immunizations given: Smallpox 12, Typhoid 29, Tetanus 1, Typhus 32. | | |
| VI. | Total Admissions to sick report | 1 | 1 |
| | Admissions to quarters | 0 | 0 |
| | Admissions to hospital | 1 | 1 |
| | Venereal Disease (Gonorrhea) | 0 | 1 |
| | Venereal Disease Rate | 0 | 400 |

5. EVACUATION.

Hospitalization of patients presented no serious problem as far as transportation. All patients are hospitalized at the 34th Field Hospital a distance of ten miles from the camp. During this period twenty-three patients have been transported to the hospital.



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6. MEDICAL SUPPLIES.

Supplies and equipment on hand are in good condition. The medical equipment is in excellent condition and 100% of the T/E. Supplies are readily obtainable from the 14th Medical Supply Pl. (Avn.).

7. SPECIAL.

Facilities for recreational purposes are sufficient. There is a tennis court, baseball diamond for either softball or baseball, theater for moving pictures and other games. An enlisted men's club with a day room containing plenty of reading material, radio, table tennis, is also available.

George J. Kohut

GEORGE J. KOHUT
Captain, M.C.
Squadron Surgeon

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HEADQUARTERS
563rd SERVICE SQUADRON
37th SERVICE GROUP
A.P.O. #520, U.S. ARMY

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5 March 1944

SUBJECT: Historical Data for the Period 1 February through 29 February 1944.

TO : Commanding Officer, 37th Service Group, APO 520.

1. In compliance with Memorandum No.48-10, Hq. 15th Air Force, dated 24 December 1943, and paragraph 10, AR 345-105, the following report is herewith submitted:

a. Original Unit.

(1). Designation.
(2). Date of Organization.
(3). Place of Organization.
(4). Authority for Organization.

(a). Information requested in (1) through (4) above was submitted in Historical Data Report for the month of January 1944.

(5). Sources from which personnel was obtained- During the month 62 EM were assigned to the Squadron. 58 of these replacements came from the 2nd Replacement Battalion, Personnel Replacement Center No 7-C, Bari, Italy. A majority of them have been in the Army only since our country went to war. A few have two or more years service. Overseas duty is new to all of them as this is their first assignment. In grade they range from M/Sgt. to Pvt.

(a). Number of EM assigned during the month, Date of arrival, and SO assigning them as follows:

| No of EM asgd. | Date asgd and joined | Authority |
|---|---|---|
| 7 | 6-2-44 | SO 24, par 8 Repl Ct 7-C |
| 7 | 10-2-44 | SO 31, par 85 " " " |
| 1 | 11-2-44 | SO 31, par 46 " " " |
| 4 | 16-2-44 | SO 36, par 36 " " " |
| 5 | 19-2-44 | SO 38, par 7 " " " |

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| No of EM asgd | Date asgd and joined | Authority |
|---|---|---|
| 12 | 23-2-44 | SO 42, par 2 Rpl Ct 7-C |
| 1 | 24-2-44 | SO 43, par 21 " " " |
| 16 | 27-2-44 | SO 45, par 36 " " " |

(b). Five EM, being Aerial Engineers, were transferred to 15th AFSC per SO 31, par 12, Hq., 15th AFSC on 2 February. Three Em were transferred to Hq., 62nd Service Group on 25th of February per SO 32, 15th AFSC. The Squadron was at full authorized strength of 127 EM on 27 of Feb.

(c). Name of Officers assigned during the month, their principle duty, date of arrival and SO assigning them Follows:

| Name of Officer | Principal Duty | Date arrived | Authority |
|---|---|---|---|
| O-413381 Lefferts, Arthur F. Opt. | Tech Supply Officer | 6-2-44 | SO 24 37 Sv Gp |
| O-447208 Maxwell, Robert L., 1st Lt. | Eng. Officer | 6-2-44 | SO 31 328 Sv Gp |
| O-575588 Slater, Donald L., 2nd Lt. | Asst Eng. Off | 25-2-44 | SO 46 37 Sv Gp |
| O-859782 Risinger, Clifford K., 2nd Lt | Adjutant | 25-2-44 | SO 44 37 Sv Gp |
| #W-2107523 Quindlen, Wilton D., WO Jg | Asst Eng. Off. | 17-1-44 | SO 7 37 Sv Gp |

#WO Quindlen's name should have appeared in Historical Data Report for month of January 1944.

b. Changes in Organization - On 4 Feb. the Squadron was relieved from assignment 37th Service Group and assigned to the 328rd Service Group, per SO 35, par 12, 15th AFSC. On 21st of Febuary the Squadron was relieved from assignment 328rd Service Group, per SO 51, par 6, 15th AFSC.

c. Strength, Commissioned or enlisted. Of WO EM

(1). At beginning of period. 2 1 173
(2). Net increase during month. 4 54

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c. Strength (con't).

(3). Net decrease during month. 6 1 227
(4). At end of month.

d. Stations - On 4 Feb. the Squadron proceeded to move from Hq., 37th Service Group to Air Force General Depot #5 Bari, Italy, with all its personnel and equipment. Authority for this permanent change of station was Movement Order #11, Hq., 15th AFSC, dated 1 February. The following schedule was adhered to:

1st Echelon Departed 37 Sv Gp 0715, arrived Bari, 1000.
2nd Echelon Departed 37 Sv Gp 1030, arrived Bari, 1430
3rd Echelon Departed 37 Sv Gp 1200, arrived Bari, 1730

(1). On reaching General Depot #5, Bari, each echelon proceeded immediately for 332nd Service Group, Spinazzola, Italy. Authority is Movement Order #13, Hq., 15th AFSC, dated 4 February. On reporting to Commanding Officer, 332nd Service Group at 0430 5 February, the echelons, now joined or nearly so, were directed to proceed immediately for Venosa Field, (Spenizzola Area).

(2). From the schedule set forth in the paragraph above it is evident that the Squa. traveled many a mile between the 37th Service Group (Foggia, Italy) and Spinizzola .. Some of the men rode atop their barracks bags, others in empty 2½ ton trucks. There were plenty of vehicles on hand for the movement, so space wasn't a problem, but the weather was was as it was very cold. It was a most uncomfortable ride. Many before sun down had their blankets out in order to protect themselves from the wind and slow drizzle, as it rained a bit during the last quarter of the journey. A cold meal of sliced Bologney sandwiches and fruit juice was served about 1400 the afternoon we left the 37th. This was our only meal until breakfast the next morning

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ing at 62ord Service Group. Some of the EM slept in the basement of Hq., 62ord Service building which is situated in the heart of Spenizzola, while others slept on the pavement near the trucks. Most of the men had brought their mattress covers stuffed with straw. A few hovered around the hot fire in a guard tent just in front of Hq. building, preferring not to go to bed. All men after enjoying a hot breakfast at the 62Sqt's mess hall proceeded immediately for Venosa Field arriving there at noon 5 February.

(3). Venosa Field is situated on a plateau of about one thousand feet elevation just on the outskirts of the small village of Montemilone and about 18 miles NW of Spenizzola. From the field mountains can be seen in the distance many of which are snow capped. As far as the eye can see the land is flat as palm of your hand. There are few trees. The earth is black, and a green mat of stubby grass covers the ground. The Sqdn. arrived at Venosa during a mild windstorm which didn't hinder the men from putting up enough tents by sundown, so that every man at least had a shelter for the night. The occupants of a few tents had their gasoline stoves in operation before retiring.

(4). We took over a one room lime stone building as our Orderly Room. It had not been quite completed when we arrived, but local labor finished it a few days afterward. It was about 20 x 50 ft. and had no floor. One end of this rectangular building served as our dispensary. A gasoline stove built by one of the Squadron welders was installed in the Orderly Room end. A short distance from this building are three more buildings identical with this one. They were at various phases of completion when we arrived. There is a two story farm house near by. The civilian Italian occupants were told to move. A portable barracks was being constructed some 50 yards away. The men's tents were within easy walking distance of the Orderly Room which was the center of everything there. Venosa is a

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brand new Army Air Base. The 21st Engineers were working 24 hours a day on the yet incompleted runways which was situated about a mile from the Squadron. When we arrived the steel matting had just been laid.

(5). On 14 February at 1320 a B-24 of the 451st Bomb Group was the first plane to land at Venosa Field.

(6). It seems that Venosa's runways are unsuitable just yet for B-24s, so on 22 February the Squadron proceeded to move to Toretta Field which is situated some 8 miles from Cherignola, Italy, and only about 25 miles from H.Q., Service Center No. 57. Authority for this permanent change of station is teletype Cite 10MB 1558, 15th AFSC. The Squadron left Venosa in two echelons both traveling by motor convoy. First echelon departed at 0800 and arrived at new station at 1000. This was an advance detail of about 30 EM and included the Commanding Officer. They proceeded to get the new camp area properly laid out so that men in the main body could immediately proceed to put up their tents upon arrival. The second echelon departed at 1100 and arrived Toretta at 1300. A light lunch of sandwiches at noon was the only stop. The drive was short and uneventful. A rear echelon of 1 Officer and 14 EM remained at Venosa and did not join the Squadron until 22 of February.

(7). Toretta Field is quite large. Our Squadron is just one unit of many Air Corps units in this vicinity. The Squadron area and camp sight surrounds a large, two story, brick, farm house, or stable, with a court yard in the center. The house has a brilliant red slate roof. The terrain is rolling and there are no trees. Men are living by platoons and their tents are somewhat scattered for security, but are neatly arranged some

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70 feet apart. Upon arriving at Toretta the farm house was requisitioned, and by the end of the month our Orderly Room, Mess Hall, Kitchen, and Dispensary, and Squadron Supply were all located in the building.

e. Former and present members who have distinguished themselves in action. - None

f. Photographs - None.

g. Operational Data -

(1). The Squadron is still in the activation stage and few operational missions were carried out. We are still short many kinds of equipment.

For the Commanding Officer:

CLIFFORD R. ALLINGER
2nd Lt., AC
Adjutant

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HEADQUARTERS
563RD SERVICE SQUADRON
APO 520

Service Center No. 37
14 April 1944

SUBJECT: Historical Records.

TO : Commanding General, Fifteenth Air Force, Attention: Historian (through channels).

1. Unit History of the 563rd Service Squadron for period 1 to 31, March 1944.

a. Facts relating to the origin of the unit:

(1) Original designation.
(2) Place and date of activation.
(3) Authority for activation.
(4) Sources from which personnel were obtained.

Information requested in (1) through (4) above was submitted in Historical Records Report for month of Jan. 1944.

(5) Present designation of this unit is 563rd. Service Squadron, 37th. Service Group, 15th. Air Force Service Command.

b. Changes in organization:

(1) Changes in designation of unit: None
(2) Transfer of units as a whole: None
(3) The Squadron was reorganized the 10th of March under new T/O 1-417 dated 2 Jan. 1944 per teletype: "Cite tare jig mike easy two five charlie."
(4) Commanding Officer: No change.
(5) Staff Officers: During the month the following officers were assigned additional duties as per Squadron Order Number 4 as follows:

Capt. Arthur F. Lefferts, designated Summary Court Officer.

1st. Lt. Robert L. Maxwell, designated Squadron Camouflage Officer.

2nd Lt. Donald L. Slater, designated: (a) Special Service Officer, (b) PX Officer, (c) War Bond and Life Insurance Officer.

2nd. Lt. Clifford K. Ridinger, designated: (a) EFM Officer, (b) Mess Officer, (c) Intelligence Officer (d) PCA Officer, (e) Squadron Supply Officer, (f) Squadron Historian.

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WO (Jg) Milton D. Quindlen, designated Transportation Officer.

c. Strength, commissioned and enlisted.

| | | O | WO | EM |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| (1) | Month of March | | | |
| (a) | at beginning | 6 | 1 | 227 |
| (b) | net increase | | | 4 |
| (c) | net decrease | | | |
| (d) | at end | 6 | 1 | 231 |

d. Stations: No change in station.

e. Movements: None.

f. Campaigns:

(1) Name: Italian only.
(2) Duration: From activation of this Squadron until expiration of this report; campaign is still in progress.

g. Operations: This Squadron is at present servicing the 461st. Bomb Group.

2. Enclosed is War Diary of this unit for the period 1 to 31 March 1944.

For the Commanding Officer:

C. E. RIDINGER
2nd. Lt., Air Corps
Adjutant

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HEADQUARTERS
563RD SERVICE SQUADRON
APO 520

Service Center No. 37
5 April 1944.

SUBJECT: War Diary.

TO : Commanding Officer, 37th Service Group, APO 520.

SHEET NO. 1 WAR DIARY 563rd Service Squadron, Toretta, Italy.

MONTH OF March 1944. PREPARED BY Fontaine (NMI) Heyman, Corporal, 32401810.

| DAY | EVENTS |
|---|---|
| 1st | Today the Sqdn Orderly Room was moved from a near by pyramidial tent to a large room 24 by 27ft. located on the ground floor of a recently vacated farm house, which is serving as our Hq. building. This house is badly in need of repairs and the roof leaks a bit. Its size though is to our advantage. We have our Orderly Room, Carpenter Shop, Dispensary, Sqdn Supply, Mess Hall and Kitchen, Mail Room, and a small bar on ta ground floor. Officers have their quarters and mess hall upstairs. There is no space wasted and all of it is used in some manner. |
| 2nd | Most of the day was spent moving equipment into the new Orderly Room. |
| 3rd | The Sqdn Bar was opened tonight at 1930 hours. Every one seemed to enjoy themselves. Prices are very reasonable. A committee composed of one member from each enlisted grade supervise its operation. |
| 4th | Men had their first meal today in their new mess hall in Hq. buiding. We have tables now, but no chairs. |
| 5th | First edition of "The Snooper", the Sqdn paper, edited by Pvt. Milton Conn and under the supervision of Lt. Slater, appeared on our bulletin board today. |
| 6th | No change. |
| 7th | Alterations and repairs were made today on the Mess Hall and Kitchen. |
| 8th | No change. |
| 9th | Articles of War were read to the Sqdn today by Lt. Ridinger. |
| 10th | The Sqdn was reorganized today under new T/O. |



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SHEET NO. 2 WAR DIARY 523rd Service Squadron, Poretta, Italy.

MONTH OF March 1944. PREPARED BY Fontaine (NMI) Weyman, Corporal, 34261018.

| DAY | EVENT |
|---|---|
| 11th | A gravel detail has been busy for the past day or so working on the muddy roads around the Sqdn. Hq. building. |
| 12th | A courier has been installed by the Group. This proves very convenient for the better functioning of the Sqdn as it facilitates getting reports in promptly. |
| 13th | In spite of continued inclement weather, improvements in Sqdn Area, particularly roads, and in Hq. builing continues. |
| 14th | Raining and snowing intermitantly today and most outdoor work ceased. |
| 15th | Slit trenches were dug. |
| 16th | No change. |
| 17th | Our Engineering Department has been busy working on a B-24 which ran off the runway. |
| 18th | No change. |
| 19th | Today being Sunday the Group Chaplain held a service for all enlisted personnel in the Mess Hall. About 25 men were present. |
| 20th | No change. |
| 21st | A new training schedule for the Sqdn appeared on the bulletin board today. All concerned abided accordingly. S/Sgt. Kitchens gave a lecture and instructions on the U. S. Carbine, Caliber 30, M-1. Half the Sqdn drilled for an hour. |
| 22nd | Walls of the Orderly Room were white washed. All holes were cemented. The roof was patched. |
| 23rd | Quite a few men have been transferred out of the Sqdn in the past few days. |
| 24th | The Sqdn is being awakened at 0545 hours now instead of 0615 hours, enabling Work Call to held at 0720 hours. |
| 25th | No change. |



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SHEET NO. #3 WAR DIARY 253rd Service Squadron, Toretta, Italy

MONTH OF March 1944. PREPARED BY Fontaine (NMI) Weyman, Cpl. 34261816.

| DAY | EVENTS |
|---|---|
| 26th | No change. |
| 27th | No change. |
| 28th | No change. |
| 29th | Major Wells, Commanding Officer, gave a lecture which was quite interesting and informative on "Interior Guard". |
| 30th | Everyone enjoyed a Coca-Cola today at the PX bar. The first days of spring and a few men were seen in the 3Qdn area this afternoon tossing a football. |
| 31st | Men were in Class "A" uniform yesterday when they received their pay envelopes. |

For the Commanding Officer:

6 APR 1944 HQ 57th 282

C. H. RIDINGER
2nd Lt., Air Corps
Adjutant

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HEADQUARTERS
563RD SERVICE SQUADRON
APO 520

Service Center No. 37
4 May 1944

SUBJECT: Historical Records.

TO : Commanding General, Fifteenth Air Force, Attention: Historian (through channels.)

1. Unit History of the 563rd Service Squadron for the period 1 to 30 April 1944.

a. Facts relating to the origin of the unit:

(1) Original designation.
(2) Place and date of activation.
(3) Authority for activation.
(4) Sources from which personnel were obtained.

Information requested in (1) through (4) above was submitted in Historical Records Report for month of Jan. 1944

(5) Present designation of this unit is 563rd. Service Squadron, 37th. Service Group, 15th. Air Force Service Command.

b. Changes in Oganization:

(1) Changes in designation of Unit: None
(2) Transfer of units as a whole; None
(3) Commanding Officer: No change
(4) Staff Officers:

2nd Lt. Donald L. Slater was appointed Adjutant, vice 2nd Lt. Clifrod K. Ridinger, who was transferred.

1st Lt. John R. Lord, Jr. assigned and joined Squadron from Hq. 37th. Serv. Gp. He was appointed Tech-Supply Officer vice Capt. Arthur F. Lefferts, transferred.

WO jg Edwin M. Wilson assigned and joined Squadron from Hq. 37th Serv Gp, and appointed Ast. Tech-Supply Officer.

c. Strength, commissioned and enlisted.

| | | O | WO | EM |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| (1) | Month of April | | | |
| | (a) At beginning | 6 | 1 | 231 |
| | (b) Net increase | | 1 | 1 |
| | (c) Net decrease | 1 | | |
| | (d) At end | 5 | 2 | 230 |

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P. 2 Historical Records for month of April 1944., 563rd Serv Sq.

d. Stations: No change in station.

e. Movements: None.

f. Campaigns:

(1) Name: Italian only.
(2) Duration: From activation of this Squadon until expiration of this report; campaign is still in progress.

g. Operations: This squadron is a. present serviceing the 461st. Bomb Group.

2. Inclosed is war diary of this unit for the period 1 to 30 April 1944.

For the Commanding Officer:

D. I. SLATER.
2nd. Lt. Air Corps,
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HEADQUARTERS
563RD SERVICE SQUADRON
APO 520

Service Center No. 37
4 May 1944

SUBJECT: War Diary.

TO : Commanding Officer, 37th Service Group, APO 520.

SHEET NO. 1 WAR DIARY 563rd Service Squadron, Torretta, Italy.

MONTH OF April 1944. PREPARED BY Fontaine (nmi) Weyman, Corporal, 34261818.

DAY EVENTS

1st The C. O. cancelled pass priviledge for an indefinate period today. Probably a week.

Our Day Room opened for the first time tonight. It is located in Hq. building on the ground floor, and will surely become very popular. We have a sofa and several cushioned chairs. Badly missed at the moment are some magazines, books, and other reading material.

2nd Today, being Sunday, a truck was sent to the nearby city of Cherignola for Protestant and Catholic services, as there was no service held here.

Showers, located in a small building adjacent to Hq. building, were open for the first time tonight. There was plenty of hot water and customers.

3rd Another issue of the Squadron paper "Snooper" was out today. Copies are given out at mail call. All read it with much interest to find what's new in the 563rd. Hats off to Lt. Slater and Pfc Cohn for the swell job they are doing.

4th Our new day room is proving to be most popular as we have a Victrola there now.

Today was our first day of Spring weather. Many of the boys were out in the sun shine after supper playing soft ball.

5th Soft ball teams are being organized among the various departments.

Those who wished attended a movie tonight at the 461st. Bomb Group.

Today being Wednesday the Squadron training program was carried out according to schedule. Major Wells continued his lecture on "Interior Guard". After the lecture men drilled for an hour.

6th Members of this Squadron along with a few guests from nearby organizations enjoyed their first Movie tonight in the Squadron mess hall.

7th Torretta field seems quite a lively place these days as new units arrive daily. A new Bomb Group is expected.

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MONTH OF April 1944 PREPARED BY Fontaine (nmi) Heyman, Corporal, 34261818.

DAY EVENT

8th Several men left this morning for a three day trip to Pompeii and Naples. Every one who is lucky enough to get to go on one of these excursions seems to enjoy them, for they talk about their experiances afterward for days on end. How the names are picked puzzles many a G. I.

9th A new supply of Special Service books were noted in the day room today.

10th The restriction on passes was lifted today, but as it has been raining steadily few took advantage of it. No outdoor activities.

11th We had a good size "Mail Call" tonight after supper. Mail has been arriving very slowly so every one thinks. However, as the Squadron has moved so frequently since its acivation, it may be that the mail is just beginning to arrive in what might be called half decent time from the States. First class air mail seems to reach us from two to three weeks. V letters are a bit faster.

12th At the training period this after-noon Lt. Ridinger, our Adjutant, gave a lecture on "Military Courtesy".

Our weapons carrier was stolen tonight while parked in Foggia. The driver, Pvt. Hawthorne, had taken a few of our men to hear "Madam Butterfly". Such mishaps are unavoidable occasionally. This can indeed be called an unlucky day, for today Pvt. Blanford burned his leg bad enough to be marked quarters for a few days. He was on K. P. when the accident occured. Pvts. Evans and Walker, having been over the hill for a week or so, were sentenced to six months in the stockade. This is the first serious offense by a member of this command, and all hope the last.

13th The following 15 EM were promoted from Pvt. to Pfc:

Delaney C. Amos, Croydon W. Campbell, Milton (nmi) Cohn, Joseph A. Doria, Leo M. Fives, Richard H. Gruber, Myrl H. Jett, Donald E. Jones, Paul S. Jones, Ewell B. McCoy, Herbert (nmi) Nechin, Alfredo (nmi) Rendon, John D. Rynn, Herbert A. Wik, and Nathan (nmi) Lerner.

These are the first promotions granted to any member of this Squadron since its activation 15 Jan. 1944. Every one sincerely trusts there will be more to follow shortly. Pfc Nathan Lerner was so elated he covered the whole Squadron area after supper giving away cigarettes.

Many men, who have been over seas a year or more, are enjoying the better than average "Chow" at our mess hall these days. For instance, today we had fresh roast beef as well as vanilla ice cream for dessert. Such delicies were unheard of during long days in N. Africa last year. There we were lucky to have fresh meat once a week. Here we have been getting it at least once every three days.

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DAY EVENT

A walk to our tech-supply and engineering sections shows much improvement in recent weeks. A new brick building for a parachute shop has recently been completed. Things look to be in tip-top shape. The place looks as busy as a bee hive. The simplest way to make a G. I. happy is to give him work. Our boys on the line have been seeing plenty of it.

14th- A representative of the Inspector General's department, Major Libbey, arrived this afternoon. He is expected to be here several days. One remark he made, which comes incidentally by way of the grape vine, and which we trust was true, was that this Squadron was jam up on "Military Courtesy". In fact better than he had seen in his wanderings in this vicinity.

Our carpenter shop, having vacated the large room on the ground floor of Hq. building, has been transformed into a Theater Hall. Moving pictures are held there now twice a week. It is quite a large room and invitations have been extended to all units in this immediate vicinity. Each picture is shown for two consecative nights. An invitation has also been extended to the 3rd. Italian Guard Co., who live in the area just beyond ours. Twenty-five Italian troops are invited for each performance. Last night the picture was "Northern Persuit" with Erroll Flynn.

Our monthly ration of one Coca-Cola per man was served at the PX last night. Coca-Cola sells better than wine.

Pfc. Carl Fahlstrom, really quite a talented artist, has painted several gorgeous, seductive looking damsels on the walls of our day room. Incidentally, he has just returned from DS Hq. 37th. Service Group, where he has beautified their Officers Club and EM's lounge.

15th General Order #3, Hq. 37th. Service Group, dated 15 April 1944 awarded the Good Conduct ribbon to 40 of our EM today.

16th A few more promotions came out today. T/Sgt. John F. Gray was promoted to 1st. Sgt. He was previously acting "Le Primo Soldato" , and is well liked by all. The following promotions were also announced, Robert G. DeRoller from Sgt. to S/Sgt, Albert R. Maynard, from Cpl. to Sgt, Alfred W. Pautz from T/5 to Cpl., Robert D. Study from Pfc to Cpl., Wayne J. Macki from Pvt to Cpl.

There was at least $100 on the red hot soft ball game after supper tonight between the Hq. "Softies" and the Motor Pool "Blow Hard's". The score tells who was "Soft" and who could "Blow the hardst", for Hq. won 3 and 2.

17th No change.

18th Soft ball games these days are moreor less an every day occurance for those who care to play. Most games are scheduled and plaid by de-

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DAY EVENT

partments, but occasionally when there is no other game scheduled for our small diamond, the boys choose up sides and have a little fun before dark. Such was the case tonight.

19th Col. Kelly of "Kelly Kits" fame was noted in Hq. building this afternoon. It is seldom we see one who can boast of an eagle in the 563rd.

20th U. S. O. stage show #185 was held on the lawn this afternoon in front of Hq. building. It lasted about an hour and a half and was really swell. Of course, besides our men others from near by organizations were here. It is very seldom we get a chance to hear as well as see an American girl sing. That in itself was a big treat. In addition a movie, "His Butler's Sister", is scheduled for tonight. The day has more or less turned into a half holiday for the Squadron.

21st One of the maine topics of conversation among the EM these days, besides who is the best looking pin-up girl and how long will the war last, is when will "Rotation" begin for us. This weeks issue of 37th. Group's "SNAFU" carried a feature story along this line and gave the names of two of Hq. men who had already left for the Promised Land. Purpose in this being mentioned here is that it is talked about so frequently.

Much hard work is going toward conditioning the soft ball diamond in front of Hq. building. It is in pretty good shape now, and a goodly crowd can be found in this vicinity after supper just any night.

22nd Tonight we had our first out of doors movie. It was a bit chilly, but not cold enough to be uncomfortable with an overcoat. Whether mosquitoes will eat us up or not remains to be seen. However, this may be only a temporary arrangement, as our old picture show room is having quite a few beneficial alterations.

Several new books arrived today by post to addto out now growing Squadron library.

23rd No change. But there is a rumor that a few men are to be transferred very soon. All G. I's discuss these rumors pro and con . It is common knowledge that the Squadron has an overage list, but you can't get a thing out of that tight lipped orderly room crowd.

24th No change.

25th Ten EM transferred today. A couple of them have been with us since the activation of this unit. All trust that this move will be to their advantage. We also loose, with much regret, our Adjutant Lt. Ridinger, who was a real friend to all the EM of this organization especially the orderly room personnel. Our new Adjutant is Lt. Slater, who previously



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| | was assistant Engineering Officer. We are sure he will be just as pupular. |
| 26th | It has been very disagreable, cold and rained intermittently. The picture was held in the mess hall. Few attended it for two reasons. First, the weather, and then a grade "B" picture. |
| | The past couple of days the Squadron has enjoyed quite a bit of mail. |
| | We now have the most attractive day room in the Group. Certainly the most spacious as it is the largest room in Hq. building. Redecorating it has just been completed. The floor has been sprinkled with crushed rocks, and there are many chairs and tables about. Electric lights in abundance and reading and writing material very handy. This will be a swell spot for the EM this summer, as the walls are quite thick. It will be cooler here than outside. |
| 27th | No change. |
| 28th | Big mail call today. |
| | The movie tonight was "Tornado" with Chester Morris. |
| | We had iced cream for dessert at the noon meal, so all in all it was not a bad day. Even had three bars of chocolate with out PX ration which is very extraordinary. |
| 29th | No change. |
| 30th | Pay day is always a big day. Today was no exception. A poker game could be found in every other tent after work, and a sizable dice game in the tailor shop. |
| | Wallace Berry in "Rationing" tonight. Really excellent entertainment. |

For the Commanding Officer:

D. L. Slater
D. L. SLATER,
2nd. Lt. Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS
563RD SERVICE SQUADRON
APO 520

Service Center No. 37
4 June 1944

SUBJECT: Historical Records.

TO : Commanding General, Fifteenth Air Force, Attention: Historician (through channels.)

1. Unit History of the 563rd Service Squadron for the period 1 to 31 May 1944.

a. Facts relating to the origin of the unit:

(1) Original designation.
(2) Place and date of activation.
(3) Authority for activation.
(4) Sources from which personnel were obtained.

Information requested in (1) through (4) above was submitted in Historical Records report for month of Jan. 1944.

(5) Present designation of this unit is 563rd. Service Squadron, 37th. Service Group, 15th. Air Force Service Command.

b. Changes in Organization:

(1) Changes in designation of Unit; None
(2) Transfer of unit as a whole; None
(3) Commanding Officer: On 12 May, Captain William A. Peter, assigned and joined the Squadron per SO 108, Par 1, Hq. 37th. Serv. Gp., dated 12 May, and was appointed EO. On 29 May he was appointed Commanding Officer, per Squadron Order 12, vice Major William R. Wells, who was transferred to Service Center No. 37, per SO 124, par 3, Hq. 37th. Service Group, dated 28 May.

(4) Staff Officers: 1st. Lt. Robert L Maxwell appointed EO, per Squadron Order 13, 29 May.

c. Strength, Commissioned and enlisted:

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| (1) | Month of May | O | WO | EM |
| | (a) At beginning | 5 | 2 | 230 |
| | (b) Net increase | | | 39 |
| | (c) Net decrease | | | |
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d. Stations: No change in station.

e. Movements: None.

f. Campaigns:

(1) Name: Italian only.
(2) Duration: From activation of this Squadron until expiration of this report; campaign is still in progress.

g. Operations: This squadron is at present servicing the 401st. Bomb Group.

h. Commendations: On 9 May, in accordance with the provisions of Change 13, AR 260-10, and Paragraph 7, Circular 26, Headquarters NATOUSA, dated 6 March 1944, it has been determined that the 563rd. Service Squadron is entitled to credit for the Battle Participitation Award for the Italian Campaign.

The Squadron on 11 May received an indirect commendation from a higher Headquarters when Colonel Frederic E. Glantzberg, Commanding Officer of the 461st. Bombardment Group (H), wrote a letter to the Officers and EM of his Group. His letter verbatum follows:

1. I take great pride in noting the comments of the 49th Wing (H) on the outstanding job that the 461st. Bombardment Group (H) did on the Pitesti M/Y Bombing mission, as well as the excellent work done during the remainder of the weeks missions.

2. I wish to commend all of the personnel, aircrews and ground crews who have made the past week such an outstanding one for the Group. Let's work even harder to keep the 461st. Bombardment Group out in the front.

The Squadron received another indirect commendation on the 26th. of the month in the form of a letter, Subject: Commendation for Bombardment Accuracy, from Colonel Glantzberg.

The letter disclosed the 461st's excellent standing with the 15th. Air Force as follows:

Bombing Accuracy

a. With the 15th. Air Force, the 461st. is first with 46.8%.
b. With the 49th. Bomb Wing, the 461st. is first with 46.8%.
c. The 49th. Wing, of which the 461st. is a part, stands third with the 15th. Air Force with 23.8%.

The following paragraphs quoted from his leter are of particular interest to the 563rd.

"This record would have been impossible to achieve without



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the whole hearted cooperation and enthusiastic support of all members of the command and supporting services.

"It is my desire to commend each and every individual or this group and of the organizations on this basis working with the group. It is an attainment which merits justifiable pride for every officer and enlisted man in this command and supporting units.

"To maintain this excellent standing, it is necessary for all of us to "Keep up the good work". Your outstanding performance of duty has proven to me that we all share ambition to attain not only the best record in the 15th. Air Force, but the best in the entire Army Air Forces".

A direct commendation came to us on the 26th. by way of a final letter from Colonel Glantzberg. It is addressed directly to the Commanding Officer of this Squadron, through the 37th. Group Commander, Lt. Col. Herbert F. deBuys.

This letter and its first indorsement follows:

1. It has come to my attention that you are leaving the 563rd Service Squadron for a new assignment.

2. For the past three and one-half months the 563rd Service Squadron has been associated with this Group. In spite of bad weather, shortages of equipment, and one change of station for both organizations, the 461st Bombardment Group, with the excellent assistance rendered by your Service Squadron, was able to get established in a very comfortable camp area and start combat missions on schedule. The present fine combat record which is being maintained by this Group is due in no small degree to the splendid help and cooperation received from the 563rd Service Squadron.

3. I should like to express to you and all members of your Service Squadron my sincere appreciation for a job well done.

FREDERIC E GLANTZBERG
Colonel, Air Corps
Commanding

1st. Ind.

Hq, 37th Service Group, APO 520, 29 May 1944

TO: CO, 563rd Service Squadron, 37th Serv Gp. (Attn: Maj Wells)

In recognition of the splendid help and cooperation rendered by your organization to the 461st Bombardment Group during the period of their initiation into this theater, I wish to add my commendation to you and to the entire personnel of the 563rd Service Squadron.



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p. 4 Historical Records for month of May 1944, 563rd Serv Sq.

HERVERT F. deBUYS,
Lieut Col., Air Corps,
Commanding.

2. Attached is War Diary of this unit for the period 1 to 31 May 1944.

For the Commanding Officer:

D. L. SLATER
2nd. Lt. Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS
563RD SERVICE SQUADRON
APO 520

Service Center No. 37

SUBJECT: War Diary

TO : Commanding General, Fifteenth Air Force, Attention: Historian (through channels.)

SHEET NO. 1 WAR DIARY 563rd Service Squadron, Torretta, Italy

MONTH OF May 1944 PREPARED BY Fontaine Weyman (nmi), Corporal, 34261818

DAY EVENTS

1st It is very cold to be the first month of Spring. Life has become very dull and uninteresting. There is a feeling of lassitude about the Squadron. Perhaps a sizable Mail Call would help, or a good Stage show.

2nd It has warmed up enough to permit a ball game to be played tonight after supper between Headquarters and Transportation.

Cpl. Cash, our mail orderly, has advised that he has bought $1,500 in money orders belonging to EM of this Unit. The boys of course will send them home. Instances such as this, together with our allotments, it can truthfully be said we are financing the war as well as fighting it.

As is usually the case after pay-day, there was a steep poker game in the Day Room tonight. It may or may not be a notable fact that there is little gambling toward mid-month.

3rd The movie was cancelled because of a defective tube in our projector. An attempt was made to get a replacement from "The Line", but to no avail.

Ten EM were assigned to the Squadron from Hq. 37th Service Group.

A rarity with us are fresh eggs for breakfast. We had them this morning.

4th Some T/BA equipment which we have been with out since the Squadron was activated arrived today. Not immediately essential items, but things we are glad to have such as small folding tables, a safe, and a few more typewriters.

We hit the jack-pot today. Six bags of mail.

The film was "Jack London".

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DAY EVENTS

5th For breakfast this morning we had fresh eggs again. Not one, but as many as each man desired. This desire was not generally satisfied with less than three per head. That's quite a few eggs,,for a glance at our Morning Report shows 232 Officers and EM present for duty.

There was quite a bit of excitement in front of Hq. building this morning. It wasn't a serious accident, but might have been. The gasoline tank for heating water for our showers caught fire and luckily did not explode. Mr. Quindlen, answering our emergency call with a CC-2, had the fire out in a jiffy.

The men of the Squadron have organized a soft-ball team composed of the best players from each department. The team is managed by Sgt. Robert G. Jones Jr., who in civil life played professional ball with Toledo, Ohio. Our boys defeated Hq. Squadron on their home diamond 3 and 2.

6th The Squadron has a Mascot, a little puppy, species unknown, but cute as they come belonging to our Adjutant Lt. Slater, and appropriately named C. Q. by Mr. Wilson, because he sleeps in the Orderly Room with the Charge of Quarters.

7th The Group Chaplain, Capt. W. F. Junk, made his innitial appearance in the Squadron by holding services this Sunday in our Theater area.

8th Many of us were awakened this morning about 0400 hours by a terrific explosion. One of the B-24's of the 461st. Bomb Group, whose planes we are servicing, had blown up damaging 3 others and luckily injuring nobody seriously.

9th There was no entertainment for the boys tonight, as there was no movie. So we entertained ourselves as every G. I. must learn to do chewing the rag, playing cards, reading, or writing letters home. Just these little things keep us from going nutty as a fruit cake after so long a time.

10th EM of this organization have contributed 75¢ toward the construction of an out-of-doors-theater in which will be held our movies as well as any U. S. O. or Red Cross stage shows we are lucky enough to get.

11th Bombers by the score, hundreds of them, have been flying over Torretta Field today. They seem more numerous than on past days. Every one feels kinda tense. There is lots of conversation and rumor around the Squadron about great events in the making. Many believe that the opening phase for the liberation of "Festung Europo" is not far off. Anyway when a bunch of G. I.'s feel that way it is worth noting.

12th From the Stars and Stripes we learn of the big offensive in Italy.

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DAY EVENTS

That and that alone is the topic of conversation everywhere just now.

13th We have a new Engineering Officer, Capt. William A. Peter. Lt. Maxwell, who was previously Engineering Officer, will act as his able assistant. Incidentally, although not assigned Capt. Peter has been with this Squadron previously when the Unit was activated at Hq. 37th Service Group. So, he isn't a complete stranger to us.

14th There are many strange faces about the Squadron these days. Attempting to learn all the men by name is almost an impossibility as they are transferred in and out so fast. Then too there are some 30 EM here on TD just now which makes it all the more confusing. Our Squadron supply Sgt. R. G. Jones informes he is having a "Helluva" time tenting and equipping all the new comers.

15th Many smiling faces and additional stripes were noted today. Here is the list: From S/Sgt. to T/Sgt, Rollin T. Shellaberger and Valentine J. Vogel. From Sgt. to S/Sgt, William O. Knight and McDade H. Myers. From Cpl. to Sgt, Flavio J. Caserta, Joseph W. Dillon, Le Roy A. Knuth, Jack J. Ross, and Albert E. Stokes. From Pfc. to Cpl, Robert L Adams, Milson (nmi) Cohn, Graham L. Donald, Thomas F. Granfield Jr., Paul S. Jones, Elmer F. Marquardt, Wesley F. Pierce, Joseph P. Smurl, Joseph P. Van Domelen, Robert L. Varley, and Russell H. Zornes.

16th Everyone turned out in their khaki uniforms this morning.

17th Hq. had another game with Transportation last night. A double header this time. A tie, as each team won a game.

18th No Change.

19th This is Friday and PX day. PX ration for this week consisted of 7 packages of cigarettes, two packages of chewing gum, three bars of chocolate, and one Coca-Cola per man. Of course, there was the usual supply of sundry toilet articles.

Here is a bit of news from "The Line" which is really the heart of any Service Squadron. This article appeared in 19 May issue of our Group's publication SNAUF, and was contributed my Pfc. Herbert Nechin of this Squadron:

"The missionis completed and the planes are coming in. The ground crews stand ready and waiting for their planes to land.

"It's a tuff job at its best--this business of being ready to make repairs of whatever type may aise, but around-the-clock bombing must continue--if we want to shorten the path to victory. And it's during the jittery hours of darkness that our men do most of thier work.

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And it's during the jittery hours of darkness that our men do most of their work.

"As you pass down the line you'll hear fellows remark, "That's number 13. She always makes it back." The day I heard this remark Number 13 came back a little shot up, but you can bet your boots they had her flying the next morning.

"Starting down the line you first run across Transportation, capably handled by S/Sgt Charnholm. Next you come to Air Corps Supply taken care of by M/Sgts. Juhl and Holmes. Engineering is sometimes worth seeing. The machinery is kept spotless looking as though it were fresh off a production line in the States. Also among their equipment is an instrument trailer run by T/Sgt. Hooton. That too is at its best.

"With grim determination these men are doing their best as they know air victory begins on the line. They may not make the headlines in your home-town papers back in the States, and many are not mentioned in this article, but they all are helping make those victories possible. In other words they, "Keep Them Flying."

20th There was a red alert a little after noon. This is the first daylight alert we have had. It was over in a few minuets and was known to only a few of our 250 odd EM. Perhaps it is best we do not know whether or now these alerts are practice only.

Tonight the greatest thing that can happen to us, besides being told we are headed for home, happened. The Squadron had mail from home in abundance. Some of our boys received as many as 25 letters. Pvt Churchill has received more than 50 letters in the past three days. Of all the things that help over here, mail from home heads the list.

21st On the 9th. of May, the 563rd. Service Squadron was cited for the "Battle Participitation Award" for the Italian Campaign per amendment to secret letter AG 200.6/263 Headquarters NATOUSA, dated 23 December 1943.

22nd Another issue of the "Snooper", the Squadron weekly is out today. It is read with much interest and enjoyment by all. Again the editors and staff composed of Lt. D. L. Slater, Cpl. Milton Cohn, Cpl. Paul Jones, Cpl. Wayne Harland and Pvt. T. E. Bettie are commended for their time, efforts, and achievements.

A few extracts of interest follow:

"Our plans for a Squadron Photo Shop are being materialized. Squadron Officers approved the addition of a little room onto Air Corps



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DAY EVENTS

supply building. Volunteers may be needed for actually laying the brick. Those interested in sharing the benefits of the lab should be on hand when the time comes.

"As one wonders around the engineering line of the 563rd he gets the impression that at last we have come of age. There is an unmistakable breeze of activity and industriousness in every shop and section. Our latest addition to the line is a new type Instrument trailer.

"Although your correspondent has not yet seen the self-contained unit, he has interviewed the experts in the Instrument Section, and is convinced that their work will be so much better because of the decrease in dust conditions which is a great trouble maker when it comes to the dissembly and subsequent assembly of the delicate inner workings of instruments.

"Submit your names to Cpl. Harlan, or Cpl Cohn, if you would like to enter a table tennis (Ping-Pong) to youse guys Tournament--to determine who is going to be on the 1st. and 2nd. teams."

Before a training film on Malaria, and the feature picture "Behind the Rising Sun" were shown, Pvt. Christopher C. Waldrum, quite a gifted pianist, gave for our amusement an excellent recital. He stole the show.

23rd Our out of doors theater "The Roxy" is now completed. Benches are arranged in a semi-circle around the screen andthe ground has been elevated toward the rear enabling every one to see perfectly. A wooden stage, also just completed, is a new addition. All we need now for its christening is a good U. S. O. or red Cross stage show.

You can't beat these American soldiers for originality. They are always doing something to improve their living conditions, or to make their life more comfortable. Stoves were not issued for every tent last winter, but each tent had a stove. A stove and chimney each of which we shared in building. The Material. Well, it was more or less confiscated on the sly. Now the latest novelty is to enlarge your pyramidial tent. Some one over on the line found some old delapotated unsalvagable tents and by cutting off the lower portion of the wall at the seam and raising the flap of his tent, and sewing the two together, the floor space is enlarged by a quarter.

So each day one can see while wondering about the Squadron area, another tent with a new addition.

24th Additional improvements have been begun on the Day Room. Concrete blocks cemented in place are being laid on top of the gravel floor. This should do away with most of the dust.



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DAY EVENTS

25th Italian stage Show Unit #3 was presented here on our new stage at 1830 hours, after which a movie, "Melody in Vermont", was shown.

26th We had something unusual with the evening meal. A Coca-Cola. On the house!

The usual weekly PX ration of tobacco, candy, chewing gum, and sundry toilet articles was sold tonight.

37th. Service Group's SANUF latest edition announces plans for a summer rest camp. What every one wants to know is when can we go?

Sgt. Botello, our special service non-com in charge of the Squadron bar, advised that beer would be obtainable tonight. Beer like Coca-Cola is quite a luxury with us, because we get it so seldom. He also advised that there probably would be one bottle per man.

28th At the usual revilee formation this morning our Squadron Commander, Major William R. Wells, who has been the CO of this unit since shortly after its activation, advised that he would shortly be transfered to Hq. 37th. Service Group.

It is with a feeling of deep regret that we say farewell to the Major. He held the respect and admiration of all. Although a bit older than we, he has been soldering and living with us under what at times might be called rather adverse circumstances. For instance, when it was so cold, rainy, and sloppy at Venosa. In adition the many improvements that can be noted around our Toretta base here today, roeds, theater, Hq. building improvements, and many more, credit for them being here should rightly go to him.

His policy with us was first you are a soldier, then you are in the Air Corps. He carried out the former to the letter, all probably to our advantage, and toward the benefit of the service. Finally all will agree that he is leaving many friends here. Service Center 37's gain is our loss.

Captain William A. Peter is to take over the reins as our Commanding Officer.

29th Our soft-ball team tonight dfeated the 461st. Bomb Group in a snappy game 3 and 2.

The floor has almost been completed in the Squadron Day Room now. One corner has been partitioned off and the bar is being installed there.

30th Our new Commanding Officer Capt. William A. Peter assumed command of the Squadron today. He was commsiisoned a 2nd. Lt. 25 September 1941. He is a licenced pilot and wears the American Defense Ribbon.

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SHEET NO. 7 WAR DIARY 563rd Service Squadron, Torretta, Italy

MONTH OF May 1944 PREPARED BY Fontaine Weyman (nmi) Corporal, 34261818

DAY EVENTS

He left the U. S. 24 December 1943, and arrived in this theater 22 January 1944.

This morning after work call he said a few words to the men. The speech was short, smappy, and to the point. Briefly summarized, "You do your part, and I'll do mine." It can truthfully be said that Capt. Peter will be very popular with his men.

A few minor changes are already coming into effect. Guards will be cut down considerably. Those walking post will be Pvts, Pfcs, and Sgts. only. Corporals of the Guard will be Sergeants. Charge of Quarters will be S/Sgts. and T/Sgts. Reveilee will be at the usual hour of 0600, but there will be no role call at that formation. The uniform for pay will be arbitrary.

31st As this is the last day of the month, EM were paid this afternoon. Few did not contribute $1.00 toward a mess fund ith which we intend to purchase fresh vegetables and fruit. Our Mess Officer, and Adjutant, Lt. Slater is to be commended for seeing that our food is more tasty and nourishing than that which our Mess Sgt. draws from the QM. To the joy of all the EM of this organization benches are appearing in the mess hall, and we soon are lead to believe there will be enough seats for every man.

D. L. Slater

D. L. SLATER
2nd. Lt., Air Corps
Adjutant

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563RD SERVICE SQUADRON

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Service Center No. 37
2 July 1944

SUBJECT: Historical Records.

TO : Commanding General, Fifteenth Air Force, Attention: Historian (through channels.)

1. Unit History of the 563rd Service Squadron for the period 1 to 30 June 1944.

a. Facts relating to the origin of the unit:

(1) Original designation.
(2) Place and date of activation.
(3) Authority for activation.
(4) Sources from which personnel was obtained.

Information requested in (1) through (4) above was submitted in Historical Records for month of Jan. 1944.

(5) Present designation of this unit is 563rd. Service Squadron, 37th. Service Group, 15th. Air Force Service Command.

b. Changes in Organization:

(1) Changes in designation of Unit: None
(2) Transfer of unit as a whole: None
(3) Commanding Officer: No change
(4) Staff Officers: No change

c. Strength, Commissioned and enlisted:

| | | O | WO | EM |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| (1) | Month of June | | | |
| | (a) At beginning | 5 | 2 | 269 |
| | (b) Net increase | | | 2 |
| | (c) Net decrease | | | |
| | (d) At end | 5 | 2 | 271 |

d. Stations: No change in station.

e. Movements: None.

f. Campaigns:

(1) Name: Italian only.
(2) Duration: From activation of this Squadron until expiration of this report; campaign is still in progress.

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p. 2 Historical Records for month of June 1944: 563rd Service Squadron

g. Operations: This Squadron is at present servicing the 461st Bomb Group.

(1) Tech Supply:

(a) Received 11 cases of O. E. L. Equipment.
(b) Received 75 packing cases consisting of 4 Nesting boxes..
(c) Kept Squadron Engineering section supplied with equipment.

(2) Air Corps Supply:

(a) At beginning of month principal shortages of critical items was casings 56". This was corrected by the middle of the month. Superchargers were also a shortage that was corrected.
(b) Volume of business over previous month was approximately 50%.
(c) Approximate number of 81s submitted from the Bomb Group was 2,800.
(d) Estimate of A. O. Cs filled was 325.
(e) Present supply of 100 octane gasoline is 225,000 gallons.

(3) Engineering:

(a) Rewired an Aircraft Completely.
(b) Repared flak damage on 3 aircraft.
(c) Checked 176 instruments.
(d) Installed 4 engines, picked up 14 Engines from Bomb Gp and delivered 6 engines.
(e) Removed turret from 3 aircraft.
(f) Packed over 200 parachutes.
(g) Installed and repared 5 propellers.

2. Attached is War Diary for the period 1 to 30 June 1944.

For the Commanding Officer:

D. L. SLATER
2nd. Lt., Air Corps
Adjutant

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HEADQUARTERS
563RD SERVICE SQUADRON
AP O 520

Service Center No. 37
2 July 1944

SUBJECT: WAR DIARY

TO : Commanding General, Fifteenth Air Force, Attention: Historian (through channels.)

SHEET NO. 1 WAR DIARY 563rd Service Squadron, Torretta, Italy

MONTH OF June 1944 PREPARED BY Fontaine Weyman (nmi) Corporal, 34261818

DAY EVENTS

1st The Squadron bar was open for business tonight after having a few improvements made in its new location in the Day Room. As it is the day after pay day a goodly crowd was gathered around our new dice-table.

2nd The following promotions were announced the first of the month, and from them it can be seen that our new CO Capt. Peter is getting off to a good start. From Sgt. to S/Sgt. James D. LaFollette and Seymour Seplow; from Cpl. to Sgt. James F. Ayers, Raul Botello, John S. Jennings, Ray T. Ladd and Joe P. Monroe; from Pfc. to Cpl. Croydon W. Campbell, Graham L. Donald, Herbert A. Wik; and from Pvt. To Pfc. Jack Armstrong, Thomas E. Beattie, Philip S. Carlton Jr, Raymond C. Dickerson, Howard E. Grace and Fred F. Wall.

3rd Lt. Maxwell left today for a rest camp at Capri while two EM Sgts. Leroy A. Knuth and Robert Casavant, departed for the 15th AF Rest Camp San Spirito. They are the first members of this organization who have so far been allowed this privilege. It is understood that names for the Rest Camp will be chosen by length of time over seas, which is certainly fair enough.

4th Today being Sunday the Group Chaplain held Protestant services here in our theater area at 1300 hours. As usual a truck was dispatched to Cerignola for these wishing to attend the Catholic services there.

All EM are now equipped with light Carbines in place of their old heavy M 1903 rifles. This swap suits the guard walking post to a T.

5th In order to give an idea of the Chow we are enjoying these days at Torretta, here is a day's menu picked at random: (Supper) Meat and Vegetable Hash, Boiled Beans, Salad, Fruit Cocktail, Bread and Jam, Coffee, Cream and Sugar; (Dinner) Hamburger Loaf Potatoes with Gravy, String Beans, Salad, Apple Cobler, Bread and Butter, Iced Tea; (Breakfast) Grape-fruit Juice, Wheat Cereal, Fried Bacon, French Toast, Coffee, Cream and Sugar.

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SHEET NO. 2 WAR DIARY 563rd Service Squadron, Torretta, Italy

MONTH OF June 1944 PREPARED BY Fontaine Weyman (nmi) Corporal 34261818

DAY EVENTS

In order to give an idea of the health of the 563rd. "Sick Call" averages approximately 5 EM per day. This includes those marked Quarters and Hospital. Dare say this is far below the average.

There has been little mail lately.

6th There was no movie tonight so many of the men gathered in the Day Room around the radio and listened to the latest news about the invasion of northern France. Heard various commentaries from BBC, and the King of England's short address. It is only natural that such a great event caused much talk and speculation as to future developments.

7th Our "Roxy Theater" has been mentioned haphazardly in this history. Here is an excellent description by an appreciative visitor:

ROXY THEATER TRANSPORTED TO ITALY

"At an Air Base in "Sunny Italy", a bit of home greets the eye and brings back nostalgic memories of former days. It's only a small unpretentious sign with no gilt or neon light but it manages to strike just the right chord for the lonely G. I. over here in this strange land.

The out-door theater is the brain child of the energetic commander of a Service Squadron and his men. Although kept more than busy with their job servicing the 461st. Bomb Group, the men of the 563rd. have managed to construct this theater in their spare time.

Using ingenious men and their methods, known only to G. I. 's, of bartering with the local natives, Italian bricks and cement were obtained to form the back wall. Scrap lumber from various sources was used in constructing the stage. From a nearby bomb dump, casings were obtained and turned over to the welding shop. The result is row after row of small, neat seats which afford a seating capacity of over twelve hundred. Two small wall tents serve each side of the stage as dressing rooms for the fair damsels from U. S. O. shows who grace the stage from time to time.

The "Roxy Theater" here in Italy may not have the elegance and comfort of its worthy predecessor but it affords nightly entertainment and relaxation so necessary to soldiers far from home. The capacity crowds vouch for the appreciation which is felt for the efforts of these men who made this mecca of entertainment possible."

8th For the past two nights the movie at the "Roxy" has been "Tornado". This picture has been shown here before some few months ago, con-

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SHEET NO. 3 WAR DIARY 86Brd Service Squadron, Torretta, Italy

MONTH OF June 1944 PREPARED BY Fontaine Weyman (nmi) Corporal, 36261616

DAY EVENTS

sequently attendance was rather negligible.

Sgts. Chauvent and Knuth have just returned from the 15th AF Rest Camp, San Spirito. They have many tales to tell about the swell time they had doing the following: Sleeping in a bed with sheets, no whistles or roll calls, bicycling, swimming, reading, and listening to the radio while reclining in cushioned chairs. Sounds kinda like "Shangra-La". Doesn't it?

9th This comes by way of the Grape-Vine, so take it at face value. Night before last a meeting of the 1st. two Graders was held. The Sqdn has 18 such MM. The subject under discussion was whether or not the first two graders would segregate themselves by having a seperate mess and tent area. Two men voted for and 16 against.

10th Today Saturday brings us another edition of the Squadron paper "The Snooper". The following extracts are of interest concerning our new well liked CO Capt. William A. Peter, and a report from the place where a greater majority of the members of this organization spend their days --"The Line";

"Captain William A. Peter is the 86Brd new Commanding Officer. Towering almost as tall as the trees from his home state of Wisconsin our new young former Engineering Officer took over the reins of the Squadron on 29 May, 1944 after Maj. W. R. Wells was transferred to the 37th Service Center.

With over 3000 hours logged on his flying record Capt. Peter is a particularly well qualified to lead the 86Brd through bigger and better jobs ahead as Engineering Officer he was doing a bang-up job and his new position will give him a greater scope for his fine leadership abilities. The Squadron is behind the Capt 100% and--- if there's any doubt---just watch our smoke!!!"

"The Parachute Dept is proud to announce that they have two new additions. They are Pvts. Abbott and Blianovicz formerly of the Motor Pool, who are now wandering around understanding to comprehend the fine art of packing silk.

Before long the line will possess an airplane hanger, which is now under construction. It's dimensions will be 135 by 190 ft.

The line welcomes back T/Sgt Parker and S/Sgt Wood, both of whom left the Squadron to return to the U. S. for Cadet training, but unfortunately could not get transportation from Casablanca.

The AM shop is celebrating its first wing Change. Good work gang.

The line looks naked now that all the salvaged ships have been stripped and disposed of.

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SHEET NO. 4 WAR DIARY 563rd Service Squadron, Torretta, Italy

MONTH OF June 1944 PREPARED BY Fontaine Weyman (nmi) Corporal 34261818

DAY EVENTS

Meet the Maine Warehouse gang: M/Sgt Homes, NCO in charge, T/Sgt Vogel, Warehouse Supt., and classmen S/Sgt Campman, S/Sgt (Nick) Dinoia, Cpl Rogers. These are the lads who make the wheels go round when it comes to such supplies as engine parts, fuel cells, casings, and the jillion other items which go to make classes 01, 03, 04, etc.

Over Campman's head are perched a bevy of nude beauties. He tells us they're up there to distract the stock chasers. Confidentially, however they're Campman's pet and may account for his broken dreams of recent days."

11th The CO gave a short talk explaining the "Defense Plan of Torretta Field" after which each individual of each Platoon was told what to do in case of a red alert.

The Squadron soft-ball team defeated the 496th Serv Sq again tonight 16 to 8. Looks as though we defeat them every game now.

12th Summer is really here now and it is awfully hot in spite of the splendid breeze that always seems to be blowing over Torretta.

13th At the morning formation our CO, Capt. Peter, gave a short talk about a few subjects he wished passed on to the men. Subjects which had been brought to his attention from time to time, such as confiscation of property, reckless driving, cleanliness, etc. He also advised that he, with Lt. Col. deBuys, had visited a few Serv. Squadrons in this area, and that the 563rd had more on the ball than others he had visited in every respect, but that we still had plenty of room for improvement. Of course, patting on the back isn't rightly an Army policy, but reading between the lines we kinda feel proud of our outfit and believe that others are too.

14th The greatest thing that can happen to a G. I. happened to one of our old timers Pvt. Bennie Gifford. He left for home on rotation after being over seas roughly 21 months.

15th Everybody wants to know, "What in Hell is the matter with the mail?"

16th We now have a Squadron Barber so that one can get a hair cut and shave most any old time. He is a G. I. not a civilian and his name is Cpl Rogers.

17th Our small shed adjacent to the shower hut which has been serving as a laundry caught fire this morning. The washing machine along with such equipment as would ordinarily be found in a small laundry are perhaps not reparable. By using fire extinguishers, gathered from around Hq. building, the fire was under control by the time the fire fighters got here. It was a pretty good show while it lasted and will give those around Hq. something to talk about all morning.

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SHEET NO. 5 WAR DIARY 563rd Service Squadron, Torretta, Italy

MONTH OF June 1944 PREPARED BY Fontaine Weyman (nmi) Corporal, 35261818

DAY EVENTS

18th All EM have now turned in their woolen clothing except their blouse and two blankets. And ironically is has suddenly turned cool and rainy.

Mail that every one has been grumbling about finally got here today.

19th A policy has been established whereby EM going on pass weekly are allowed to pick up their passes the night before and visit some of the nearby towns such as Barletta or Bari. Quite a few men take advantage of this opportunity if just to sleep one night on a bed with a mattress, springs, and a pillow.

At BBC news broadcast times which are several times a day, one can't get near the radio for the G. I.'s, who are sweating out the latest news from the French beachhead.

20th No Change.

21st The 563rd scored their 27th soft-ball victory tonight by defeating the 484th Bomb Gp 6 and 4.

22nd PX rations today. A gala weekly occasion for the G. Is. Cokes, "The Drink that Satisfies", were served at 1730 hrs.

23rd Tonight an Italian U. S. O. Unit consisting of about 35 members entertained the boys from 2000 to 2130. What a show! Swell band, a gorgeous sample of Italian and English songs (pretty too). A juggler with beacoup talent, comedians, and a flock of dancing girls with a scarcity of clothes and plenty of curves. Undoubtedly a good many went to bed with high blood pressure. Attendance for the show approximately 1200.

24th No Change.

25th No Change.

26th There was another stage show tonight, but compared to the winner we had on the 23rd it wasn't much.

27th 5 EM returned and 5 EM departed today for the 37th and 461st Rest Camp. The Camp is for the Off and EM of the 37th Service Group and the 461st Bomb Group. It has recently been opened and there are a few minor alterations which are going on now; however, it is perfectly livable at the moment with a few exceptions such as running water, and lack of electricity in a few rooms. Lack of these luxuries are only temporary. Those returning say they had a big time swimming, boating, mountain climbing, and just taking it easy for 5 days.

28th No Change.

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SHEET NO. 6 WAR DIARY 563rd Service Squadron, Torretta, Italy

MONTH OF June 1944 PREPARED BY Fontaine Weyman (nmi) Corporal, 34261818

| DAY | EVENTS |
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| 29th | Congratulations to WO(jg) Miton D. Quindlen, who was premoted to Chief WO, the 14th. |
| | A new training schedule was inaugurated today. EM drilled for half an hour after which there was a 30 minute lecture on Military Courtesy. |
| 30th | As usual we were paid today, it being the last day of the month. The bar was open after supper; however, there was little gambling due to the fact that there was a movie "Larceny with Music" at our "Roxy Theater." Everyone was tickled pink with 4 cans of "Shaffer's" beer served after chow tonight along with our usual PX rations. |
| | GO 15, Hq. 37th Serv Gp, dated 24 June awarded the Drivers Medal to the following EM of this Squadron: Cpl William S. Campbell, Cpl Walter R. Johnson, Cpl Walter M. Markowski, Cpl Thomas F. Vannatter, Pfc Howard E. Grace, Pfc Myrl H. Jett, Pfc Donald E. Jones, Pfc Louis W. Mazurek, Pfc John H. Ogle and Pfc Hugh (nmi) Webb. The Same GO awarded the Mechanics Medal to Cpl Robert D. Study, Cpl Elmer P. Marquardt and Cpl Henry L. Griffith, Jr. |

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2nd. Lt., Air Corps
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HEADQUARTERS
563rd SERVICE SQUADRON
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Service Center No. 37
8 August 1944

SUBJECT: Historical Records

TO : Commanding General, Fifteenth Air Force, Attention: Historian (through Channels)

1. Unit History of the 563rd Service Squadron for the period 1 to 31 July 1944.

a. Facts relating to the origin of the Unit:

(1) Original designation.
(2) Place and date of activation.
(3) Authority for activation.
(4) Sources from which personnel was obtained.

Information requested in (1) through (4) above was submitted in Historical Records for month of Jan. 1944.

(5) Present designation of this unit is 563rd. Service Squadron, 37th. Service Group, 15th. Air Force Service Command.

b. Changes in Organization:

(1) Changes in designation of Unit: None
(2) Transfer of unit as a whole: None
(3) Commanding Officer: No change
(4) Staff Officers: 1st. Lt. Thomas L. Butler asgd & Jd Org., per SO 156 par 4, Hq. 37th Serv Gp, on 2 July and was aptd Asst Eng Ofcr per Squadron Order 17, the 16th.

c. Strength, Commissioned and enlisted:

| | | O | WO | EM |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| (1) | Month of July | | | |
| | (a) At beginning | 5 | 2 | 271 |
| | (b) Net increase | 1 | | |
| | (c) Net decrease | | | 1 |
| | (c) At end | 6 | 2 | 270 |

d. Stations: No change in station.

e. Movements: None.

f. Campaigns:

(1) Name: Italian only.
(2) Duration: From activation of this Squadron until expiration of this report; campaign is still in progress.

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g. Operations: This Squadron is at present servicing the 461st. Bombardment Group.

(1) Engineering:

(a) Propeller Shop:

Removed 25 propellers from ships.
Cleaned and dismanteled 50.
Balanced 34.
Prepared for Shipment to Dep. 15.
Cleaned and Checked Distribution valves on 50.
Installed 9 in ships.

(b) Instrument Shop

Checked and repaired 75.
Cleaned and turned into A. C. Supply as Servicable 232.
Cleaned and turned into A. C. Supply as Repairable 53.
Installed 16 on ships.

(c) Electric Shop:

Charged 51 Batteries.
Repaired 55 Generators.
Repaired 11 Power plants.
Repaired Battle damage to 4 ships.
Modified 24 Generators.

(d) Parachute Shop

Repacked 386 parachutes.

(e) Paint, Dope & Fabric Shop

Repaired 13 ships from Battle damage.

(f) Airplane Mechanic & EM Shop

Changed 6 engines.
Installed 2.
Pickled 83 engines.
Shipped 7 to Depot.
Picked up 20 from Squadrons.

(g) Sheet Metal Shop

Repaired battle damage to 8 ships.

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(2) Air Corps Supply:

(a) An A. O. C. status board was constructed and erected in the office.

(b) Tech supply received additional O. E. L. equipment and returned some unneeded equipment to the depot.

(c) 6,000 empty 5 ga. oil cans were returned to the P O. L. Dump for reuse.

(d) Wind blew down and ripped tent housing classes 06B, 07, and 24. A new large tent was erected on the old area.

(e) Had very satisfactory report from the Tech Inspection.

(f) Erected additional storage tent for housing of rubber casings.

(g) Warehouse was rearranged and shelves renumbered.

(h) Tech Order Files were completed and rearranged. Also checked against a new index.

(i) Volume of supplies is increasing both from the Depots and to the Tactical Unit.

(j) AOC's have been kept at an absolute minimum.

2. Attached is war Diary for the period 1 to 31 July 1944.

For the Commanding Officer:

D. L. SLATER
1st. Lt., Air Corps
Adjutant

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HEADQUARTERS
563RD SERVICE SQUADRON
APO 520

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Service Center No. 37
8 August 1944.

SUBJECT: WAR DIARY.

TO : Commanding General, Fifteenth Air Force, Attention: Historian (through channels).

SHEET NO. 1 WAR DIARY 563rd Service Squadron, Torrette, Italy.

MONTH OF July 1944 PREPARED BY Fontaine Weyman (NMI) Corporal, 34261818.

DAY EVENTS

1st The following EM, are getting off to a good start this month, for each can boast a new stripe: From S/Sgt to T/Sgt Frank J. Adams, who is our Mess Sergeant. No one doubts that we have the best "Grub" in all of Italy these days, and much of this is due to the efforts of this quiet unassuming chap from Phoenix, Arizona. Not to underrate these other promotions too, 'cause seldom one gets a stripe that doesn't deserve it. From Pfc to Cpl Raymond C. Dickerson, Thomas E. Beattie (How did you like "The Editor's Easy Chair", in the 563rd's "Snooper". That's his baby), DeLaney C. Amos (who can drive a jeep like nobody's business); and from Pvt to Pfc Howard Scully, John D. Rynn, and Stanley A. Bills.

2nd The Squadron welcomes 1st Lt. Thomas J. Butler from Ft. Worth, Texas. But lets see what the "Snooper" says about him;

"We're might proud to announce the arrival of our new Asst. Engineering Officer, 1st Lt. Butler, who joined the outfit on the 3rd of July. He cut his eye teeth around Fort Worth, Texas and earned his wings at the ripe old age of 20. He celebrates his 22nd birthday next month.

With over 300 flying hours logged in both single and 4 engine ships, Lt Butler has taken part in a number of combat missions at the controls of a B-17. His knowledge and experience gained through 18 months of rugged overseas duty will be a big asset to both the Engineering Dept., and the Squadron as a whole".

3rd It is seldom a G.I. gets an opportunity to hear an eminent violinist such as Joshua Heifetz, and free at that. Such high-falutting entertainment would cost from ten bucks upward at Carnegie Hall. Eight men went from here and had only one complaint to make. The performance was too short. That Guy could move his fingers up and down the shaft of that violin so fast 'till it kinda reminded one of a streak of greased lightning or one of our mechanics patching up a B-24.

Our boys trounced the 2239th 12 to 6 again tonight in softball.

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SHEET NO. 2 WAR DIARY 563rd Service Squadron, Torretta, Italy

MONTH OF July 1944 PREPARED BY Fontaine Weyman (nmi) Corporal, 34261816

| DAY | EVENTS |
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| 4th | Independence Day, 4th of July, has come and gone. It was spent more or less as any other for the personnel of the 563rd.<br><br>A raffle was held in the Mess Hall for tickets to the Irving Berlin stage show now being held in Foggia. The Squadron's allotment was about 100, and a truck was dispatched with the lucky boys at 1800 hours. Of course, all will not go at one time. Some will go tomorrow and the day after for the Matinee and Evening performances.<br><br>Boy, it was a swell show. Irving Berlin was there in person and there was an all G. I. cast. Anyone who didn't thoroughly enjoy "this is the Army" has a nut loose somewhere. The special service division of the AAF, the Red Cross, and the U. S. O. are making every effort to see that we have the finest entertainment obtainable here, and bet your boots everyone appreciates it no end. |
| 5th | Special Services advises the Squadron in this week's "Snooper" that the 563rd can soon boast of a Tennis Court. |
| 6th | It is a shame that every thing of interest can not be good news, because here is a little to the contrary. The following Em were given squadron punishment and reduced to Pvt. for misconduct; T/Sgt Robert L. Hutchins, Sgt P. E. Piskolich, Sgt A. W. Smith, Sgt J. L. Zaring, Cpl G. D. Furrow and Cpl R. L. Varley. It seems they were caught "off limits" during duty hours. |
| 7th | There was a full house at the "Roxy" tonight to see "What's Buzzin Cousin". |
| 8th | We recently put an ada in the "Snooper" challenging the Hq Squadron to a soft-ball game. They answered the challenge by getting trounced tonight 4 to 6. |
| 9th | The movie tonight was "The Fallen Sparrow". |
| 10th | It is seldom we have the priviledge to see a pretty American girl here at the 563rd, but such was the case yesterday. She was with the Red Cross and appeared for our benefit with ice-cold Lemonade and Doughnuts. |
| 11th | Tonight at 1900 hours Captain Leicester, Co of the 105lst Signal Co. gave a very interesting lecture on "The War" from the last World War until the present. About 50 men were present, some from adjoining organizations. This is more or less an experiment and every one hopes these "Orientation Lectures" will be continued. After the lecture there were several G. I. movies at the "Roxy", so all in all Tuesday, generally a night with little to do in way of amusement, turned into a very informative evening. |

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SHEET NO. 3 WAR DIARY 563RD Service Squadron, Torretta, Italy.

MONTH OF July 1944 PREPARED BY Fontaine Weyman (NMI) Corporal, 34261818.

| DAY | EVENTS |
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| 12th | It is raining to "beat the band" here for the first time in two months, consequently all outdoor athletics have been cancelled for the day. |
| 13th | Every one is very much disappointed to learn that the War Department has cancelled the Readers Digest, Colliers, and Saturday Evening Post subscriptions which appeared periodically in our Italian edition of the Stars and Stripes. |
| 14th | S/Sgt LeRoy G. Secrist is probably one of the luckiest boys in the Squadron for today he was selected to get a 5 day trip to Rome. This is one city of historical interest that everyone would like to see provided the opportunity affords itself.<br><br>PX day today and each man got his 4 cans of beer. Sadly lacking this week are Coca-Colas.<br><br>Things are very quiet and uneventful around Torretta these days. There isn't even a good rumor circulating that we'll move. |
| 15th | No change. |
| 16th | "As Thousands Cheer" in technicolor at the "Roxy" tonight. There was not a vacant seat.<br><br>A visit to a couple of the nearby Army hospitals to have a few of our men who were sick there sign the payroll, brought out the fact that our men could not have better care while ill than is offered them. Besides the cleanliness of the hospital and all the modern equipment, the convalescent patient have lots to amuse them, such as the latest publications and movies. |
| 17th | Coca-Colas were given away at chow tonight. |
| 18th | After the morning formation, The Articles of War were read to the Squadron by Lt. Slater, and Capt. Kohut, our Medical Officer, gave a talk on venereal diseases.<br><br>Capt. Leicester of the 1051st Signal Co. continued his lecture series tonight. It was quite an informative speech and there was about 100 EM present. After the lecture the movie "Prelude to War" was shown. |
| 19th | Capt. Peter, our Commanding Officer, gave us a pep talk after the morning formation. He seemed dissatisfied with the boys for the following reasons and advised if steps were not taken to correct them it would go much harder with everyone. (1). There was a laxity in Military Courtesy, (2). tents and area were not properly policed, (3). men were not falling out for formation and work calls, and (4). men have taken advantage of pass priviledges and missing transportation back to camp. It is a shame that all must be penalized for the misconduct of a few, but that's the way the army operates. |

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SHEET NO. 4 WAR DIARY 563rd Service Squadron, Torretta, Italy

MONTH OF July 1944 PREPARED BY Fontaine Weyman (nmi) Corporal, 34261818

| DAY | EVENTS |
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| 21st | A rifle inspection was held this morning. Only a few G. I.'s were "Gigged" for a dirty piece. |
| | It has been stifling hot this afternoon, as there has been no breeze. This is quite unusual for Torretta Field, as it is generally very cool and pleasant. The mechanics on the line complain particularly of the heat these hot summer days, and to hear them talk they envy every clerk who is not exposed to this baking Italian sun all day. |
| 22nd | This afternoon shortly after the mid day meal a fire was seen some two or three miles from the Squadron Area. A very stiff wind was blowing towards the Sqadron Area. Its velocity was probably 40 miles an hour. As it blew it swept the fire before it. At first the fire was not taken seriously, but as it slowly worked its way towards our tents every one went out to try to extinguish it. The nearby Fire Fighters were called. On account of the speed of the wind the fire was soon out of control and swept through half of the Squadron Area demolishing every thing before it. 13 tents were burned completely and 6 escaped with minor damage. Of course, every one who lived in these burned out tents lost all their personal equipment. Some men lost two or three hundred dollars worth of irreplacable camera equipment, besides an indeterminable amount of money and things of a sentimental nature. Torretta Field had been covered by a vast wheat field which had recently been harvested. These wheat stalks ankle high were an abundent amount of fuel for the blaze. The fire jumped accross a nearby road to an adjacent area and caught a dump of incendiary bombs which, of course, immediately exploded. A survey is being conducted, but it is yet impossible to determine the amount of damage to equipment of the 563rd. A few of our men had minor burns, but no one was seriously injured. The Medics inform that they treated quite a few for burning eyes caused by the smoke. It is undoubtedly worth noting that many of our tents were saved due to the fact that precautionary measures had been taken by having a 25 ft. fire break cleared around each tent. |
| | The Squadron today welcomes its new 1st. Sgt. Santi L. Salaria. Although new in this Theatre, he has had lots of experience over seas elsewhere as well as in the States. He had been in the army a number of years before Pearl Harbor. |
| 23rd | Every one seems to thoroughly enjoy the fresh eggs we have had for 5 mornings in sucession now. |
| | Most of the day was spent by the boys who were burned out in yesterdays fire drawing new equipment from Sq. supply. |
| | All that can afford it contributed tobacco to those without. |

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SHEET NO. 5 WAR DIARY 563rd Service Squadron, Torretta, Italy

MONTH OF July 1944 PREPARED BY Fontaine Heyman (nmi) Corporal, 34261818

| DAY | EVENTS |
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| 24th | Hearty Congratulations to our Adjutant Lt. Slater, who yesterday donned a "Silver Bar". He is the first Commissioned Officer of the 563rd to be premoted. |
| 25th | A two reel G. I. movie tonight. |
| | There are several rest camps in operation now as well as sight seeing trips to Naples and Rome. It looks as though all members of the 563rd will eventually get a short vacation from what we all have come to know as "Living in The Field". Such relaxation at least relieves the monotony of this life. |
| | On their off day EM of the Squadron who desire can go to Barletta for swimming and sailing in the blue waters of the Adriatic. Quite a few of our men are doing this as getting a ride is never a problem. |
| 27th | PX at the usual hour this evening and sadly missed this week were Coca-Colas. |
| 28th | Our 1st. Sgt., Santi L. Salafia has voluntarily taken a break to T/Sgt. and is being transferred to Hq. Squadron. There is a great deal of speculation among the EM as to who will fill this important position. |
| 29th | A hard rain and sleet tonight, consequently it was too wet for the second night showing of "Swing Fever" with Key Kiser and his band at the "Roxy". |
| | The Squadron bar has been closed for an indefinate period for a number of reasons. The wine and liquor have not been of the best quality. |
| 30th | Sgt. George R. Fox is without a doubt today the happiest man in the Squadron, for he is being sent to the States tomorrow on rotation having been over seas some 25 months. Sgt. Fox is the first man to be rotated from the 563rd except for Pvt. Bennie Gifford, who was sent home by way of rotation for emergency reasons. |
| 31st | Today was pay day and customary poker games were going on in many tents and in the day room, where incidentally our bar has reopened. |
| | Cpl. Alvin F. Funk was premoted to Sgt. today. |

D. L. Slater
D. L. SLATER
1st. Lt., Air Corps
Adjutant

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HEADQUARTERS
563RD AIR SERVICE SQUADRON
APO 520

Service Center No. 37
8 September 1944.

SUBJECT: Historical Records.

TO : Commanding General, Fifteenth Air Force, Attention: Historian (through channels).

1. Unit History of the 563rd Air Service Squadron for the period 1 through 31 August 1944.

a. Facts relating to the origin of the Unit:

(1). Original designation.
(2). Place and date of activation.
(3). Authority for activation.
(4). Sources from which personnel was obtained.

Information requested in (1) through (4) above was submitted in Historical Records for month of January 1944.

(5). Present designation of this unit is 563rd Air Service Squadron, 37th Service Group, 15th Air Force Service Command.

b. Changes in Organization:

(1). Changes in designation of Unit: Unit was redesignated 563rd Air Service Squadron by GO 46, Hq., 15th AFSC effective 31 August 1944.
(2). Transfer of unit as a whole: None
(3). Commanding Officer: No change
(4). Staff Officers: No change

c. Strength, Commissioned and enlisted:

| (1). Month of August | O | WO | EM |
|---|---|---|---|
| (a). At beginning | 6 | 2 | 270 |
| (b). Net increase | | | |
| (c). Net decrease | | | 13 |
| (d). At end | 6 | 2 | 257 |

d. Stations: No change in station.

e. Movements: None

f. Campaigns:

(1). Name: Italian only.
(2). Duration: From activation of this Squadron until expiration of this report; campaign is still in progress.

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s. 2 Historical Records, 58th Air Serv Sq for month of August 1944.

g. Operations: This Squadron is at present servicing the 461st Bombardment Group.

(1) Engineering:

(a). Propeller Shop:

1. Removed 9 propellers from ships.
2. Balanced 8.
3. Cleanse and dismanteled 20 ships.
4. Prepared for shipment to Depot 13.
5. Cleaned and checked 15 Distribution valves.
6. Installed 10 in ships.
7. Serviced 14 on ships.

(b). Instrument Shop

1. Checked and repaired 75.
2. Cleaned and turned into AC Supply as Serviceable 400.
3. Cleaned and turned into AC Supply as Repairable 74.
4. Installed 10 in ships.

(c). Electric Shop

1. Charged 60 batteries.
2. Repaired 10 generators.
3. Repaired 1 power plant.
4. Repaired battle damage to 6 ships.
5. Modified 11 generators.

(d). Parachute Shop

1. Repacked 186 parachutes.
2. Inspected and repaired 135 parachutes.
3. Modified 128 life vests.

(e). Paint, Dope & Fabric Shop

1. Repaired 10 ships from battle damage.
2. Painted ring cowlings on 3 ships.

(f). Airplane Mechanic & MR Shop

1. Changed 15 engines.
2. Installed 2.
3. Pickled 24 engines.
4. Shipped 18 to Depot.
5. Picked up 4 from Squadrons.

(g). Sheet Metal Shop

1. Repaired battle damage to 2 ships.
2. Repaired 7 bomb bay doors.
3. Manufactured 75 brackets.



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p. 3 Historical Records, 563rd Air Serv Sq, for month of August 1944.

(h). Armament Shop

1. Salvaged all armament on 1 ship.
2. Repair battle damage to 2 ships.

(i). Carpenter Shop

1. Manufactured floor board for 1 ship.
2. Manufactured 26 spark plug racks.
3. Manufactured 36 engine cover plates.

(j). Machine Shop

1. Manufactured 232 bolts.
2. Manufactured 62 bushings.
3. Manufactured 19 waste gate arms.
4. Manufactured 4 rivet cutters.
5. Manufactured 12 cleaning rods.

(k). Welding Shop

1. Cut up 4 salvaged ships.
2. Modified 30 waste gate arms.
3. Manufactured 6 ammo chutes.
4. Manufactured 4 clevis rests.

(2). Air Corps Supply:

(a). Supply operated as usual during the month. Men being allowed the one day a week off, and working from 0730 to 1700 hours each day. Two men work each night until midnight and one remains all night.

(b). Reported AOG's have been lowered considerably during the last fifteen days due to a change in reporting methods.

(c). Tech Supply reports that additional OSL equipment arrived during the last month.

(d). 2,680 SI's submitted during the month by the Bomb Group.

(e). The average was 84.8 submitted each day.

(f). We submitted 32% SI's to AFAD #53 during the month receiving approximately 72% of the items requisitioned.

2. Attached is War Diary for the period 1 to 31 August 1944.

For the Commanding Officer:

D. L. SLATER
1st Lt., Air Corps
Adjutant





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HEADQUARTERS
563rd AIR SERVICE SQUADRON
APO 520

Service Center No. 37
8 September 1944.

SUBJECT: WAR DIARY

TO : Commanding General, Fifteenth Air Force, Attention: Historian (through channels).

SHEET NO. 1 WAR DIARY 563rd Air Service Squadron, Iowrsith, Italy

MONTH OF August 1944 PREPARED BY Fontaine Meyman (NMI) Corporal, 34261818

DAY EVENTS

1st We hear that in the near future several of our mechanics will be chosen to attend a M-G school in the States, and that they shortly will be sent home for the purpose. Boy, that's about as good a break as one could possibly hope for.

The Red Cross has contributed many toilet articles and other such usable items to our EM who lost every thing except the clothes on their back in the recent fire which swept through the Squadron.

2nd A few changes have taken place in the Orderly Room. S/Sgt Anderson has been transferred from Squadron Supply and, as the highest ranking Non-Com, is acting the capacity of Sgt. Major. Cpl. Paul S. Jones has been appointed acting First Sergeant.

3rd PX was distributed today. The usual assortment of rations.

At the "Roxy" was the melancholy but thoroughly enjoyable picture "The Song of Bernadette".

T/5 James D. Cash, our mail orderly, has been transferred to an Army Postal Unit. As he is classified as a Postal Clerk, this should be right down his alley. Cpl. Hampton W. Lane is our new mail man.

Our Squadron weekly, "The Snooper", has a new Editor, Cpl. Fontaine Meyman, who has replaced Cpl. Milton Cohn. Milton was transferred to the Finance Detachment of Hq., 38th Service Group.

4th Promotions of EM of the 563rd are generally announced once a month. Here is the July list just out. From Sgt to S/Sgt. R. G. Jones, Jr., our Squadron Supply Sergeant and manager of our superb soft-ball team which wins many more ball games than it loses. Also from Sgt. to S/Sgt. S. W. Nester and S. R. Hiernay. These two men are bosom companions both being inducted 16 July 1941 at Fort George Meade, Maryland. From Cpl. to Sgt. G. J. Johnson, our service record clerk, and incidentally, the hardest worker in the orderly room; and T. E. Beattie, a wizard with his pen and a big asset to the editorial staff



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SHEET NO. 2 WAR DIARY Third Air Service Squadron, Forretta, Italy

MONTH OF August 1944 PREPARED BY Fontaine Weaver (NMI) Corporal, 34261618

| DAY | NEWS |
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| | of "The Snooper". From Pfc to Cpl., M. C. Courtney, who received the good news in the 30th Field Hospital. He was inducted at Ft. Jackson, S. C. in April 1943 and is an A & E mechanic. He likes motorcycling and horseback riding. Also from Pfc to Cpl., J. A. Soria, M. C. Gillen and J. D. Hynn. Soria was a sheet metal worker in civilian life and follows the same trade in his G.I. career. Speaks Italian about as well as English and is somewhat of a model airplane builder. Cpl Gillen is a comparative newcomer to the Squadron, as he spent last Christmas in the States. In civilian life he was a longshoreman but the Army has made quite a mechanic out of him as he attended an AT school of General Motors. He also is a newcomer having joined the Squadron in March. Cpl Hynn, an old-timer who has seen service all over the Mediterranean theater. He's an A-1 hydraulic specialist, likes fishing, and was captain of his High School football team at Oak Park, Ill. Pvts. R. L. Hutchins, T. E. Miskolich, and A. W. Smith got a stripe they have had before. To all congratulations! |
| 5th | By order of the C. O. the Squadron Bar will henceforth be opened only every other night. |
| 6th | Today being Sunday, the Group Chaplain was out for services this afternoon.<br><br>Edward G. Robison and Victor McLaughlin in "Tampico" was shown at the "Roxy" tonight. Life seems to be rather dull and uninteresting of late. The days and nights have been unusually cold and windy for the first of August. |
| 7th | A "Suggestion Box" has been placed in the Day Room for use by EM of the Squadron. This can be of great benefit to the Squadron if the men will only take advantage of it and not abuse it with foolish suggestions. |
| 8th | A G.I. movie at the "Roxy" last night. They are shown every Tuesday. Many prefer them to the feature pictures.<br><br>A notice has been placed on the bulletin board calling all to the attention of a Bond Raffle which is contemplated; that is, if enough men seem to be interested by signing up for it.<br><br>The boys seem to be very anxious for some decision to be reached on this B-29 deal. |
| 9th | The mail man seems to have forgotten us, for there has been very little the past week or so. Also sadly needed and missed is a new supply of books and magazines. |

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SHEET NO. 1 WAR DIARY 463rd Service Squadron, Torretta, Italy

MONTH OF August 1944 PREPARED BY Fontaine Weyman (NMI) Corporal, 34261818

| DAY | EVENTS |
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| 10th | Seven of our boys are expected to leave shortly for B-29 training. Naturally they are excited, because a few of them have been overseas 22 months, and a couple of them may be called overseas "Rookies". |
| 11th | A series of articles by Sgt. Beattie on the "G.I. Bill of Rights" are appearing each week in "The Snooper". They should be very interesting and informative for the Bill certainly will effect all of us in one way or another. |
| 12th | Last night we had a ball game with the 496th Service Squadron. It was nip and tuck all the way and in the end was a 4 to 4 tie.<br><br>Everyone seemed to enjoy the movie "My Kingdom for a Cook" which was shown here for the last time tonight. |
| 13th | The following men, mechanics and sheet metal workers, left for the long awaited B-29 training today: M/Sgt. T. H. Smith, T/Sgt. G. E. Brown, S/Sgts. L. G. Humphreys, L. D. Robbins and G. E. Bowman, Sgts. L. G. Stevens and A. E. Funk, and Cpls. T. J. Mullady and R. W. Powers. They are all tickled to death by the thought of a furlough which they are sure to get. Their opinion was that they would surely end up in the Pacific. Of course, in the Army all a G.I. can do is guess. Regardless, the best of luck to you fellows! |
| 14th | August is half gone, and the Diary seems dull and uninteresting so far this month. Life seems to drag along without much variation from day to day. The men work at their assigned jobs during the day with each man having one day off a week. The Day Room is, of course, open each night for reading, writing, playing ping pong, listening to the radio, or just "Chewing the Fat". One can usually find a poker game in any of the tents which are living quarters and which surround Hq. Building. Lights go out nightly between 2230 and 2300 hours, but by candle light, many games continue until the wee hours of the morning. Everyone seems to be on good terms and there is no friction. |
| 15th | Quite a few of our men have been talking this morning about several planes that were supposed to have blown up last night. In any event, the search lights which surround Torretta Field were on most of the night and flares were shot up occasionally. These explosions are not an uncommon sound here and the cause to most of us is generally unknown.<br><br>Only this afternoon did we learn of the invasion of Southern France. Undoubtedly this was the cause of most of the commotion last night. Life may seem dull to the 563rd, at the moment, but for the boys flying the planes it must be very exciting. |



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SHEET NO. 4 WAR DIARY Squird Air Service Squadron, Torre...e, Italy

MONTH OF August 1944 PREPARED BY Fontaine Wayman (NMI) Corporal, 34261818

| DAY | EVENTS |
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| 15th | Naturally the new front is the topic of conversation for all just now. Perhaps it won't be long now!<br><br>Tonight being Tuesday we had a G.I. film which this time turned out to be excellent. "The Story of the Red Army." |
| 16th | Acting 1st Sgt. Cpl. Paul S. Jones was promoted to Sgt. today. Sgts. Beattie and Jones have gone from Pvt. to Sgt. in six months. Quite a phenomenal rise! Nice going boys, nice going!<br><br>The following men were promoted from Pfc to Cpl: R. L. Hutchins, A. W. Smith and J. L. Baring.<br><br>Enlisted personnel often talk about promotions among themselves. In all fairness it can be said that the Army's system is often difficult to understand. |
| 17th | No change |
| 18th | Every one around the area is delighted, and needless to say, greatly encouraged by the good news from all fronts. |
| 19th | Rain has stopped all outdoor athletics. |
| 20th | No change. |
| 21st | The Squadron has about $900.00 in the Squadron Fund. It was decided to have a Committee composed of a representative of each grade take the necessary steps towards making arrangements to spend this money for the benefit of all. Nominees are now being chosen and each EM can vote by secret ballot for whomever he wishes. It is an excellent idea, so all say, to dispose of this fund instead of allowing it to accumulate. Experience in some instances has shown that when an EM is transferred from one Squadron to another he seldom gets his pro-rata share of the Squadron fund although he has contributed towards building it up. So probably it is best that the money is spent. |
| 22nd | Mail has been unusually slow. |
| 23rd | Here is a list of men on the Entertainment Committee: M/Sgt Marshall, T/Sgt. McMaster, S/Sgt. St. Helens, Sgt. Finn, Cpl. Hutchins and Pfc McCoy. They will serve for two months, after which they will select a succeeding Committee. |
| 24th | "Stars in Battle Dress", an English Stage Show, with an all male cast, was presented at the "Roxy" last night. The show was full of laughs and everyone seemed to enjoy it. |

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SHEET NO. 5 WAR DIARY 563rd Air Service Squadron, Torretta, Italy

MONTH OF August 1944 PREPARED BY Fontaine Weynan (NMI) Corporal, 34261818

25th Pfc Andrew Christ pulled the rabbit out of the hat, and what a rabbit! He won a trip to Cairo. He'll go by plane and can loll in the Egyptian sun under the ancient Pyramids and the Sphinx for seven days. All men participated in this drawing who have not gone to a Rest Camp.

At a meeting at Group Hq., Lt. Hoppe, Public Relations Officer, suggested that each unit forward a story or so each month from their respective organizations for transmittal to newspapers in the States.

26th "Madame Curie" with Greer Garson was shown here tonight.

The staff of the "Snooper" are getting out a better edition each week. The men seem to enjoy reading about the many things of interest in the Squadron, not to mention the splendid editorials and cartoons so adroitly drawn by Lt. Slater. What shapely figures!

27th The Entertainment Committee had their first meeting. With our excess "Capital" it was decided to throw a dance shortly. All are looking forward to it. Details to be announced later.

28th Mail has ceased altogether.

29th The following men left today for XV AFSC Oxygen Detachment School: T/Sgt. Lawrence Hunter, Pvt. David Dilly, Pvt. A. Wenrick, Pvt. J. L. Jeffres, Pvt. R. E. Connolly, Pvt. E. L. Hawthorn, and Sgt. Benjamin Koslofsky.

This is the second group of our men to attend this school. The previous group like their new assignment with the 37th Group Oxygen Detachment very much. Perhaps it will be a break and mean an advancement for all men concerned.

The Squadron also welcomes 5 "Rookies" today fresh from the States: Pfc. W. G. Garrett, Pvt. H. W. Tinder, Pvt. D. J. Trust, Pvt. Bonham Walker and Pvt. S. J. Yazel. What stories they have to tell of life at home these days!

30th A tragic accident happened this morning. T/Sgt James J. Hurley, an ace mechanic and probably one of the best liked men in the 563rd was instantly killed by S/Sgt James J. Dougherty, Jr. at 0900 hours, in the Engineering Office of the Squadron. It seems that S/Sgt Dougherty got hold of a loaded pistol and in some way the weapon went off and struck T/Sgt Hurley in the chest. There was no pain and he died instantly. Funeral will be held tomorrow at Bari, Italy.





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SHEET NO. 6 WAR DIARY 58Third Air Service Squadron, Torretta, Italy

MONTH OF August 1944 PREPARED BY Fontaine Maxman (NMI) Corporal, 14261618

| DAY | EVENTS |
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| 31st | S/Sgt. LaFollette, a close friend of T/Sgt. Hurley, wrote the following: |

"The war was over for our good friend and buddy, Jim Hurley, at approximately 0900 hours, Wednesday, 30 August. All of us have deep regret for the loss of Hurley, who was a happy go lucky fellow and a friend of all.

He was born in Philadelphia, Pa., in January 1924. After completing High School in 1939, he immediately entered the service. He served all over the U.S. before coming to Africa in May 1943, and over to Italy in January 1944.

His father is in the Merchant Marines as is a younger brother. He also has a brother at home in Philadelphia.

A very impressive military funeral was given for Hurley by his friends and buddies at 1200 hours Thursday, 31 August at the U.S. Military Cemetery, Bari. A beautiful day it was and with our flag flying at half mast, a firing squad: T/Sgt. Shellabarger, T/Sgt. Parker, S/Sgt. Lingnau, Sgt. Finn, Sgt. Modesto, Sgt. Malbovsky, Sgt. Ayers and Cpl. Berg marched to and formed at one side of the grave. Following them the casket was carried to the grave by S/Sgt. LaFollette, S/Sgt. Ripple, S/Sgt. Berry, S/Sgt. Mulligan, S/Sgt. Campman and Pfc. Goldhorn. Proceeding in a double file came the honorary pall bearers: M/Sgt. Marshall, M/Sgt. Brock, S/Sgt. DeRoller, Pfc Kramer, Pvt. DuPont and Pvt. Malzner.

Father Junk stood at the head of the grave and gave a very nice ceremony, Hurley being of the Catholic religion. As soon as Father Junk finished, the firing squad, commanded by Lt. Maxwell, fired three volleys, then as the echo died away, the playing of Taps gently floated through the quiet air. The flag was then removed from the casket, folded, and the casket was lowered into the grave.

That will be his final resting place, and though he be far from home, we will often think of him and remember him as he was. All of our sympathy goes to the ones who loved him, may they comfort themselves to know that he was a good soldier and died while in the service of his country."

A preliminary investigation is being conducted by the 37th Service Group. The investigation is very intense and thorough in every respect. Every effort is being made by the investigating officers to throw all available light on the subject.

A General Courts Martial will undoubtedly be left to determine the degree of guilt on the part of S/Sgt. Dougherty.



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UNIT NO. 7 WAR DIARY 64th Air Service Squadron, Terracina, Italy

MONTH OF August 1944 PREPARED BY Fontaine Maymon (ASN) Corporal, 34261818

| DATE | REMARKS |
|---|---|
| 31st | Today being the last day of the month, men were paid tonight, after which PX was distributed. Besides tobacco, candy and other incidentals each man received six cans of beer and three Coca-Colas.<br><br>Girls from the Red Cross appeared around dusk with coffee and dough-nuts.<br><br>Everyone has commented on this weeks edition of "The Snooper" four pages just out. |

W. L. BLAPER
1st Lt., Air Corps
Adjutant





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HEADQUARTERS
563RD AIR SERVICE SQUADRON
APO 520

Service Center No. 37
10 October 1944

SUBJECT: Historical Records.

TO : Commanding Officer, 37th. Service Group, Attention: Historian

1. Unit history of the 563rd. Air Service Squadron for the period 1 through 30 September 1944.

a. Facts relating to the origin of the unit:

(1) Original designation.
(2) Place and date of activation.
(3) Authority for activation.
(4) Sources from which personnel was obtained.

Information requested in (1) through (4) above was submitted in Historical Records for month of January 1944.

b. Changes in Organization:

(1) Changes in designation of Unit: None.
(2) Transfer of unit as a whole: None.
(3) Commanding Officer: No change.
(4) Staff Officers: 1st. Lt. Desire L. Broussard, assigned and joined the Squadron on 9 September per. par. 3, SO 221 Hq. 37th. Service Group, and was appointed Squadron Engineering Officer per. Squadron Order 22, vice, 1st. Lt. Robert L. Maxwell, transferred to the 60th. Air Service Squadron per. par. 3, SO 219 Hq. 37th. Service Group.

c. Strength, commissioned and enlisted:

| | O | WO | EM |
|---|---|---|---|
| (1) Month of September | | | |
| (a) At beginning | 6 | 2 | 257 |
| (b) Net increase | | | 4 |
| (c) Net decrease | | | |
| (d) At end | 6 | 2 | 261 |

d. Stations: No change in station.

e. Movements: None.

f. Campaigns:

(1) Name: Italian only.
(2) Duration: From activation of this Squadron until expiration of this report; campaign is still in progress.

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p. 2 Historical Records, [illegible] Sq., Month of Sept. 1944

g. Operations: This Squadron is at present servicing the 46lst. Bombardment Group.

| WORK | | THIS MONTH | LAST MONTH | OVER. AVERAGE |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| (1) | PROPELLER: | | | |
| | (a) Props installed on ships. | 10 | 12 | 8 |
| | (b) Props balanced. | 19 | 19 | 12 |
| | (c) Props disassembled and cleaned. | 30 | 32 | 20 |
| | (d) Props Pickled. | 6 | 15 | 6 |
| | (e) Domes disassembled and cleaned. | 30 | 33 | 20 |
| | (f) Distributor valves checked and cleaned | 33 | 32 | 20 |
| (2) | INSTRUMENT: | | | |
| | (a) Instruments checked. | 282 | 500 | 200 |
| | (b) Instruments repaired. The above includes Instruments removed from salvaged ships. | 74 | 70 | 35 |
| (3) | ELECTRIC: | | | |
| | (a) Batteries charged. | 53 | 86 | 40 |
| | (b) Starters repaired. | 14 | 8 | 9 |
| | (c) Generators repaired. | 38 | 15 | 20 |
| | (d) Generator conduits modified. | 52 | 19 | 25 |
| | (e) Cowl flap motors repaired. | 9 | 29 | 10 |
| | (f) Number of ships repaired. | 6 | 8 | 5 |
| (4) | PARACHUTE: | | | |
| | (a) Packed. | 528 | 448 | 450 |
| | (b) Life vests repaired. | 160 | 188 | 150 |
| (5) | PAINT, DOPE AND FABRIC: | | | |
| | (a) Vehicles painted. | 19 | 5 | 7 |
| | (b) Number of ships fabric repaired. | 8 | 9 | 8 |
| | (c) Number of ships on which ring cowlings painted. | 7 | 6 | 5 |
| | (d) Number of ships tail assemblies painted. | 4 | 4 | 3 |
| (6) | AIRPLANE MECHANIC & EN: | | | |
| | (a) Engines pickled and shipped to Depot. | 27 | 56 | 34 |
| | (b) Number of ships repaired. | 11 | 7 | 12 |
| | (c) Number of engines picked up from Squadron. | 4 | 9 | 10 |
| | (d) Number of ships salvaged | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| | (e) Number of engines changed. | 5 | 4 | 3 |



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U. S. District Records, [illegible] Ferry Co., Month of Sept. 1[illegible].

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| (c) Number of shower valves manufactured. | 17 | | |
| (d) Number of propeller's manufactured. | 1 | | |
| (e) Number of shower heads manufactured. | 12 | | |
| Shop generally works on verbal orders. Operational average of small items manufactured not available. | | | |

(12) A. C. SUPPLY FORM 67'S:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| (a) Total submitted to supply. | [illegible] | [illegible] | |
| (b) Total N.I.S.'D by supply. | 441 | 584 | |
| (c) Total submitted to A.F.A.O. [illegible] | 100 | [illegible] | |
| (d) Approximate percentage of total submitted to A.F.A.O. [illegible] received. | 686 | 736 | |
| (e) Number A.C.'S on form #110. Operational average not available. | 0 | 64 | |

(13) A. C. SUPPLY FORM 109'S:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| (a) Number requisitions submitted to Depot. | 134 | 124 | 197 |

(14) A. C. SUPPLY FORM 109'S:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| (a) Number shipping tickets. | 671 | 765 | 541 |
| (b) Action copies (109's) received from Depot. Operational average not available. | 123 | 115 | |

(15) A. C. SUPPLY OXYGEN:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| (a) Bottles consumed. | 1172 | 1906 | 1750 |

(16) A. C. SUPPLY ACETYLENE:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| (a) Bottles consumed. | 29 | 15 | 16 |

(17) A. C. SUPPLY OIL AVIATION #1120:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| (a) Gallons consumed. | 33,177 | 20,242 | 20,647 |

(18) A. C. SUPPLY GAS GASOLINE:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| (a) Gallons consumed. | 1,019,100 | 1,563,000 | 1,250,000 |

(19) A. C. SUPPLY GAS (Other):

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| (a) Gallons consumed. | 184,000 | 0 | |
| (b) Reserve stock present level is 150,000 gallons. Operational average not available. | | | |

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| SUBJECT | THIS MONTH. | PREV. MONTH | OVER. AVERAGE |
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| (20) A. C. SUPPLY WORK ORDERS: | | | |
| (a) Work orders initiated | 134 | 109 | 121 |
| (b) Work orders filled | 120 | 109 | 121 |

h. Commanding Officer in important operations: None.

i. Loss in action (Officers and Enlisted Men): None.

j. Members who have distinguished themselves: None.

k. Living conditions, recreational and orientation activities, and morale:

(1) Living conditions:

(a) Plans in process for completion of construction of two more buildings. One for a Dry Teller Shop, and the other for combination Airplane mechanic and Electric Shop.

(b) During the month a Squadron street was laid out, and finished, with drainage facilities provided. Tent frames and cement floors for all tents completed. Shed for gas and water trailers now under construction. Squadron outdoor Theater being winterized.

(2) Recreational:

(a) Physical: The Squadron's soft ball team has completed a most successful season and participated in the Base elimination tournament. Intra-squadron football games are being organized by the different departments.

(b) Entertainment: Day room equipped with books, dard and writing tables, a Ping-Pong table, and chairs is open to enlisted personnel.

Quality of moving pictures improving regularly. Interest noted by increased attendance of which the average is about 800.

(3) Orientation: Entire Squadron attends a lecture each Tuesday night. One lecture on German Youth Movement covered the following points: Introduction to the background of German military outlook, organization and activities fo Nazi Youth organizations; psychology of the modern German soldier; and post war problems of re-education of Germans.



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Another lecture was given on Alaska and what this country offers post war soldiers.

These lectures are under the supervision of our Adjutant and Orientation Officer, Lt. Slater. Sgt. Postle and Cpl. Carlton have been instrumental towards arranging and planning the programs. All personnel of the Squadron have been invited to participate in them.

(b) Morale: Morale within the unit has remained at a consistently good level. Factors which have affected this status either way have been negligible during the month. Such things as unusual scarcity of mail over a prolonged period, no stage or variety show, and poor grade moving pictures, which have been of better quality of late, contributed toward lowering it to some degree. Opposite factors such as good food, good living quarters, well planned recreational activities, and encouraging reports on progress of the war, plus efficient time off, etc. has counter-balanced the morale status, and has kept it at a constant level.

For the Commanding Officer:

D. L. SLATER
1st. Lt., Air Corps
Adjutant



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HEADQUARTERS
563RD AIR SERVICE SQUADRON
APO 520

Service Center No. 37
6 October 1944

SUBJECT: Monthly Diary.

TO : Cpl. Weyman, Squadron Historian.

1. The statistics listed below have been computed from Air Corps Supply Records.

FORM 81'S:

Total submitted to Supply (September) 2254
Total N.I.S.'D by Supply (September) 441
Total submitted to Supply (August) 2680
Total N.I.S.'D by Supply (August) 584

Total submitted to A.F.A.D. #53 (September) - 190
Note: Received approximately 65% of items requisitioned.
Total submitted to A.F.A.D. #53 (August) - 328
Note: Received approximately 72% of items requisitioned.

Number A.O.C.'S on Form #110 (September) - 0
Number A.O.C.'S on Form #110 (August) - 64

FORM 102'S:

Number requisitions submitted to Depot (September) - 134
Number requisitions submitted to Depot (August) -124
Monthly Average -197

FORM 104'S:

Number Shipping Tickets (September) -671
Number Shipping Tickets (August) -765
Monthly Average -541

Action Copies (102's) received from Depot (Sept.) -123
Action Copies (102's) received from Depot (Aug.) -115

OXYGEN:

Bottles consumed (September) - 1172
Bottles consumed (August) - 1926
Monthly Average - 1750

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ACETYLENE:

Bottles consumed (September) - 29
Bottles consumed (August) - 16
Monthly Average - 16

OIL AVIATION # 1120:

Gallons consumed (September) - 33,177
Gallons consumed (August) - 20,242
Monthly Average - 20,647

GAS PIPELINE:

Gallons consumed (September) - 1,019,100
Gallons consumed (August) - 1,563,500
Monthly Average - 1,250,000

GAS (PKGD):

Gallons consumed (September) - 144,000
Reserve Stock Level present - 150,000

WORK ORDERS:

Number work orders initiated (September) - 134
Number work orders filled (September) - 120
Number work orders initiated (August) - 109
Number work orders filled (August) - 109
Monthly Average - 121

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M. PARTINGTON,
Sgt., AC Supply Clerk.

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HEADQUARTERS
563RD AIR SERVICE SQUADRON

Service Center No. 37
7 November 1944

AO 274

SUBJECT: Historical Records.

TO : Commanding Officer, 37th. Service Group, Attention: Historian

1. Unit History of the 563rd. Air Service Squadron for the period 1 through 31 October 1944.

a. Facts relating to the origin of the unit:

(1) Original designation.
(2) Place and date of activation.
(3) Authority for activation.
(4) Sources from which personnel was obtained.

Information requested in (1) through (4) above was submitted in Historical Records for month of January 1944.

b. Changes in Organization:

(1) Change in designation of unit: None.
(2) Transfer of unit as a whole: None.
(3) Commanding Officer: No change.
(4) Staff Officers: No change.

c. Strength, commissioned and enlisted:

| | | O | WO | EM |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| (1) | Month of October: | | | |
| | (a) At beginning. | 6 | 2 | 261 |
| | (b) Net increase. | | | |
| | (c) Net decrease. | | | 1 |
| | (d) At end. | 6 | 2 | 260 |

d. Stations: No change in station.

e. Movements: None.

f. Campaigns:

(1) Name: Italian only.
(2) Duration: From activation of this Squadron until expiration of this report; campaign is still in progress.

g. Operations: This Squadron is at present servicing the 461st. Bombardment Group.

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| SHOP | | PRES. MONTH | PREV. MONTH | OPER. AVERAGE |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| (1) | PROPELLER: | | | |
| | (a) Props installed in ships. | 24 | 10 | 15 |
| | (b) Props balanced. | 4 | 19 | 14 |
| | (c) Props disassembled and cleaned. | 8 | 30 | 23 |
| | (d) Props pickled. | 10 | 6 | 10 |
| | (e) Domes disassembled and cleaned. | 26 | 30 | 29 |
| | (f) Distributor valves checked and cleaned. | 28 | 33 | 31 |
| | (g) Props pulled from ships. | 16 | 0 | Not available |
| | (h) Number of Work Orders issued. | 5 | N. A. | N. A. |
| | (i) Number of Work Orders completed. | 5 | N. A. | N. A. |
| | (j) Number of Work Orders in process: None. | | | |
| (2) | INSTRUMENT: | | | |
| | (a) Instruments checked & turned into A. C. Supply as serviceable. | 324 | 282 | 386 |
| | (b) Instruments checked & turned into A. C. Supply as repairable. | 58 | 74 | 67 |
| | (c) Work orders issued. | 25 | N. A. | N. A. |
| | (d) Work orders completed. | 33 | N. A. | N. A. |
| | (e) Work orders in process: Two | | | |
| (3) | ELECTRIC: | | | |
| | (a) Batteries charged. | 50 | 53 | 63 |
| | (b) Starters repaired. | 0 | 14 | 9 |
| | (c) Generators repaired. | 44 | 38 | 32 |
| | (d) Generator conduits modified. | 6 | 52 | 25 |
| | (e) Cowl flap motors repaired. | 0 | 9 | 12 |
| | (f) Number of ships repaired. | 4 | 6 | 6 |
| | (g) Number of reverse current relays checked and repaired. | 20 | 0 | N. A. |
| | (h) Number of voltage regulators repaired. | 17 | 0 | N. A. |
| | (i) Number of electric drills repaired. | 2 | 0 | N. A. |
| | (j) Number of breeck heater assemblies repaired. | 4 | 0 | N. A. |
| | (k) Work Orders issued. | 26 | N. A. | N. A. |
| | (l) Work Orders completed. | 28 | N. A. | N. A. |
| | (m) Work Orders in process: One. | | | |
| (4) | PARACHUTE: | | | |
| | (a) Packed. | 385 | 528 | 450 |
| | (b) Life vests repaired. | 60 | 160 | 136 |
| | (c) Safety belts weight tested. | 10 | 0 | N. A. |
| | (d) Flying pants repaired. | 22 | 0 | N. A. |
| | (e) Escape kits manufactured. | 66 | 0 | N. A. |
| | (f) Pilot covers manufactured. | 36 | 0 | N. A. |
| | (g) Work Orders issued. | 50 | N. A. | N. A. |
| | (h) Work Orders completed. | 63 | N. A. | N. A. |



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| SHOP | | PRES. MONTH | PREV. MONTH | OPER. AVERAGE |
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| | PARACHUTE: (Cont.) | | | |
| | (i) Work Orders in process: Three. | | | |
| (5) | PAINT, DOPE AND FABRIC: | | | |
| | (a) Vehicles painted. | 8 | 19 | 11 |
| | (b) Number of ships fabric repaired. | 7 | 8 | 8 |
| | (c) Number of ships on which ring cowling painted. | 6 | 7 | 6 |
| | (d) Number of ships tail assemblies painted. | 0 | 4 | 4 |
| | (e) Number of venturi tubes manufactured. | 17 | 0 | N. A. |
| | (f) Work Orders issued. | 35 | N. A. | N. A. |
| | (g) Work Orders completed. | 38 | N. A. | N. A. |
| | (h) Work orders in process: None. | | | |
| (6) | AIRPLANE MECHANIC & EM: | | | |
| | (a) Engines pickled and shipped to Depot. | 44 | 27 | 42 |
| | (b) Number of ships repaired. | 8 | 11 | 8 |
| | (c) Number of engines picked up from Squadron. | 0 | 4 | 4 |
| | (d) Number of ships salvaged. | 4 | 1 | 2 |
| | (e) Number of engines changed. | 4 | 3 | 4 |
| | (f) Pulled 100 hr. inspection on 1 ship. Note: This ship works on verbal orders. | | | |
| (7) | SHEET METAL: | | | |
| | (a) Bomb day doors repaired. | 23 | 24 | 26 |
| | (b) Ammo. Chutes repaired. | 2 | 12 | 13 |
| | (c) Number of ships repaired of Battle damage. | 3 | 3 | 4 |
| | (d) Number of Ammo. boxes repaired; or manufactured. | 0 | 3 | 4 |
| | (e) Number of Pilot chute clips manufactured. | 90 | 0 | N. A. |
| | (f) Number of static ground wires manufactured. | 50 | 0 | N. A. |
| | (g) Number of leading edges repaired. | 3 | 0 | N. A. |
| | (h) Number of stabilizers repaired. | 1 | 0 | N. A. |
| | (i) Number of discs manufactured. | 300 | 0 | N. A. |
| | (j) Number of brackets manufactured. | 40 | 0 | N. A. |
| | (k) Number of hydraulic tubes manufactured. | 3 | 0 | N. A. |
| | (l) Work Orders issued. | 67 | N. A. | N. A. |
| | (m) Work Orders completed. | 68 | N. A. | N. A. |
| | (n) Work Orders in process: Ten. | | | |



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| SHOP | | PRES. MONTH | PREV. MONTH | OPER. AVERAGE |
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| (8) | ARMAMENT: | | | |
| | (a) Turrets installed. | 1 | 3 | 2 |
| | (b) Turrets removed from ships. | 0 | 8 | 8 |
| | (c) Number of ships on which guns and armament were checked and cleaned. | 8 | 8 | 8 |
| | (d) Number of ships on which armament was salvaged. | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| | (e) Inspected armament in all ships in Service Squadron Area. Note: This ship works on verbal orders. | | | |
| (9) | CARPENTER: | | | |
| | (a) Number of ships for which floor boards were manufactured. | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| | (b) Number of Personnel status boards manufactured. | 2 | 3 | 2 |
| | (c) Number of Navigator's tables manufactured. | 0 | 1 | N. A. |
| | (d) Number of super charge cover plates manufactured. | 36 | 42 | 26 |
| | (e) Number of turret hole covers manufactured. | 0 | 60 | 20 |
| | (f) Number of fuel pump plates manufactured. | 0 | 24 | 8 |
| | (g) Number of fuel junctin boxes manufactured. | 1 | 0 | N. A. |
| | (h) Number of forming blocks manufactured. | 2 | 0 | N. A. |
| | (i) Number of sign standards manufactured. | 4 | 0 | N. A. |
| | (j) Number of gaskets manufactured. | 82 | 0 | N. A. |
| | (k) Work Orders issued. | 31 | N. A. | N. A. |
| | (l) Work Orders completed. | 36 | N. A. | N. A. |
| | (m) Work Orders in process: Seven. | | | |
| (10) | MACHINE: | | | |
| | (a) Number of belts manufactured. | 107 | 271 | 232 |
| | (b) Number of bushings manufactured. | 47 | 29 | 46 |
| | (c) Number of waste gate arms manufactured. | 47 | 46 | 37 |
| | (d) Number of rivet covers manufactured. | 0 | 4 | 2 |
| | (e) Number of clevis rods manufactured. | 0 | 4 | 2 |
| | (f) Number of fuel sight gages manufactured. | 12 | 0 | N. A. |
| | (g) Number of generator couplings manufactured. | 2 | 0 | N. A. |
| | (h) Number of shear pins manufactured. | 24 | 0 | N. A. |
| | (i) Number of governor arms manufactured. | 1 | 0 | N. A. |
| | (j) Number of ships on which landing gears manufactured. | 2 | 0 | N. A. |



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| SHOP | PRES. MONTH | PREV. MONTH | OPER. AVERAGE |
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| MACHINE: (Cont.) | | | |
| (k) Number of pipe plugs threaded. | 12 | 0 | N. A. |
| (l) Number of needle valves manufactured. | 4 | 0 | N. A. |
| (m) Number of charging brackets manufactured. | 24 | 0 | N. A. |
| (n) Work Orders issued. | 122 | N. A. | N. A. |
| (o) Work Orders completed. | 134 | N. A. | N. A. |
| (11) WELDING: | | | |
| (a) Number of ships cut up. | 2 | 6 | 3 |
| (b) Number of waste gate arms modified. | 0 | 5 | 11 |
| (c) Number of vehicles repaired. | 56 | 48 | 24 |
| (d) Number of trawlers on which welded handles. | 0 | 5 | 1 |
| (e) Number of stoves manufactured. | 27 | 17 | 13 |
| (f) Number of prop dollys manufactured. | 0 | 1 | N. A. |
| (g) Number of shower heads manufactured. | 0 | 12 | N. A. |
| (h) Number of static lines welded. | 24 | 0 | N. A. |
| (i) Number of fire buckets manufactured. | 50 | 0 | N. A. |
| (j) Number of Work Orders issued. | 113 | N. A. | N. A. |
| (k) Number of Work Orders completed. | 110 | N. A. | N. A. |
| (l) Number of Work Orders in process: None. | | | |
| (12) A. C. SUPPLY FORM 81'S: | | | |
| (a) Total submitted to supply. | 2041 | 2254 | 2325 |
| (b) Total N.I.S.'D by supply. | 414 | 441 | 479 |
| (c) Total submitted to A.F.A.D. #53. | 201 | 190 | 239 |
| (d) Approximate percentage of total submitted to A.F.A.D. #53 received. | 67% | 65% | 68% |
| (e) Number of A.O.C.'S on form #110. | 0 | 0 | N. A. |
| (f) Total Number A.O.C.'S submitted to 563rd. Sv. Sq. | 38 | N. A. | N. A. |
| (13) A. C. SUPPLY FORM 102'S: | | | |
| (a) Number requisitions submitted to Depot. | 188 | 134 | 196 |
| (14) A. C. SUPPLY FORM 104'S: | | | |
| (a) Number shipping tickets. | 646 | 671 | 556 |
| (15) A. C. SUPPLY OXYGEN: | | | |
| (a) Bottles consumed. | 1629 | 1172 | 1733 |
| (16) A. C. SUPPLY ACETYLENE: | | | |
| (a) Bottles consumed. | 14 | 29 | 16 |



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| SHOP | | PRES. MONTH | PREV. MONTH | OPER. AVERAGE |
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| (17) | A. G. SUPPLY OIL AVIATION #1120: | | | |
| | (a) Gallons consumed. | 18,644 | 33,177 | 19,104 |
| (18) | A. G. SUPPLY GAS PIPELINE: | | | |
| | (a) Gallons consumed. | 1,218,150 | 1,019,100 | 1,245,450 |
| (19) | A. G. SUPPLY GAS (PACKARD): | | | |
| | (a) Gallons consumed. | 145,400 | 144,000 | 148,700 |
| | (b) Reserve Stock Level at Present is 226,400 gallons. | | | |
| (20) | A. G. SUPPLY WORK ORDERS: | | | |
| | (a) Work Orders initiated. | 85 | 134 | 109 |
| | (b) Work Orders filled. | 70 | 120 | 109 |

h. Commanding Officer in important operations: None.

i. Loss in action (Officers and Enlisted Men): None.

j. Members who have distinguished themselves: None.

k. Living conditions, recreational and orientation activities, and morale:

(1) Living Conditions:

(a) Work with Italian labor continues on the Propeller and combination Airplane Mechanic and electric shops.

(b) Winterization of the Squadron tent area has been completed. The Squadron streets have been covered with stone. Hot water showers available to all. Shed for gas and water trailer has been completed. A new roof has been added to Headquarters building. Winterization of Squadron outdoor theater continues.

(2) Recreational:

(a) Physical: During most of the month the Squadron's outdoor activities were limited to a few touch football games among small groups because of inclement weather. However, the 563rd. Air Service Squadron's soft-ball team has been undefeated in five (5) contests of a tournament conducted by the 48ist. Bombardment Group. The series was called off because of bad weather. Badminton and horse-shoe games are played occasionally after the evening meal.

(b) Entertainment: Day Room in Headquarters building



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equipped with books, card and writing tables, a ping pong table, and several ~~acres~~ open to enlisted personnel. Three movin, pict res are now being held here weekly.

Two stage shows for all personnel were held at the 461st. Bomb Group's indoor theater. One the night of the 25th, and the other the afternoon of the 27th. The first was sponsored by the Red Cross. Afterward hot coffee and dough nuts were served. The other was sponsored by the U. S. O, and had a fourteen (14) piece band. Italian personnel constituted the cast of both.

(c). Furloughs: Enlisted men being allowed five (5) day furlough in accordance with XV AFSC letter, 2 August 1944, Subject: "Leaves and Furloughs for Rest and Recreation." Copy of letter attached.

(3) Orientation:

Entire Squadron attends a lecture each Tuesday night. These lectures are prepared well in advance so as to make them as interesting as possible. Consequently, all men seem to enjoy them.

On 11 October the lecture was supervised by Sgt. Thomas E. Beattie. T/Sgt. Robert L. Hutchins gave the lecture on "Should We Have Compulsary Military Training after the War/" The Sergeant gave his views as seen by a member of the Regular Army. S/Sgt. Hollin T. Shellabarger followed with a few words as seen by a representative of the Volunteer class. Afterward a short question and discussion period was held. The opinion of a majority of the men present was that in post war years there whould be compulsary military training of all boys and that the nucleus for this training should be conducted by members of the Regular Army. Orientation movies were presented after this lecture.

Lecture held on 17 of the month was presented by Cpl. Wayne Harlan and had as its subject: "The Japanese Soldier". Before the meeting was thrown open to general discussion, the principal speaker, appearing for the first time on the 563rd's Orientation Program, outlined briefly the following points regarding the Son's of Nippon as soldiers: Their general home life and military training, their characteristics and appearances, their beliefs and customs, their methods of fighting and carrying on warfare, their government and army organization.

Lt. Slater added briefly a few additional remarks on the intense and thorough military training accorded the Jap soldier.

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Ensuing discussion was varied and touched on such diversified angles as hara-kiri, Banzai raids, psychological warfare of the Jap, Japanese trade with Russia, and the Jap soldier's willingness to die for an Emperor. This lecture lasted an hour and ten minuets.

Several English pilots of the Jett propelled "Beau-Fighter" demonstrated their plane and how it works to our men on the line Tuesday, the 24th. They had many things of interest to tell about this fast night fighter such as, maximum speed of approximately 350 M. P. H., its manouverability, number of guns and so forth. There was no question our boys could ask which they couldn't answer. This demonstration was substituted for Tuesday night's lecture.

On the last night of the month Cpl Philip P. Carlton gave a short lecture on a subject that is of vital interest to all of us, "Demobilization". The War Department's plan was explained as best it could be from the information on hand. The following points of the program were brought out: Demobilization plans take into consideration first those individuals considered surplus to the needs of the service and having the greatest amount of points. Value of the points to be announced at approximate downfall of Germany at which time each soldier will be given a demobolization card. Points will be obtained by a soldier based on his qualifications as to: (1) Length of Service since 16 September 1940; (2) Length of Over Seas Duty; (3) Individual Citations or Combat Credit; (4) Parenthood Credit.

Demobolization, at the present or near future, is for the personnel of the Army only as none will be released from the Navy or Marines until end of war with Japan. It is probable that men will be released from the Army in the following order: First Army Ground Forces; second Army Service Forces; and third Army Air Forces.

Under the plan one can be discharged in a U. S. Army Seperation Center forth-eight (48) hours after arriving there.

(4) Morale:

Morale within the Unit has remained at a consistently good level. Factors which might have affected this situation either way have been negligible during the month. With an unusual amount of mail coming in and a couple of Stage Shows we had this month added to good food, good living quarters, well planned recreational activities, encouraging reports on the progress of the war, furloughs and sufficent time off, etc. counterbalance the morale status and have kept it at a constant level.

1. Unit Citations:

(1) In compliance with WD Circular No. 345, 23 August 1944,



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P. 9 Historical Records, 563rd Air Serv Sqdn, month Of Octobe 194[illegible].

Subject "Award of Unit Plaque" The Squadron Commanding Officer, Major William A. Peter, requested in a letter, 3 October 194[illegible] Subject "Unit Request for Meritorious Service Plaque", that the 563rd. Air Service Squadron be considered for the award. Supporting copies of documents attached.

(2) Lt. Col. Walter E. Lawrence commended the Squadron in his farewell message of 23 October 1944 after he had been relieved as Commanding Officer of the 5/th Service Center. Copy of letter attached.

(3) A noteworthy commendation comes to the Squadron in the form of a letter from the Commanding General XV AAFSC, 7 Oct. 1944, Subject "Distribution of AOC's", and 1st. Ind. thereon from the Group Commander. The Squadron takes pride in its AOC reduction and notes with interest that the 49th Wing in conjunction with the 5/th Service Group is instrumental in most of the reduction. Supporting Copies of documents attached.

For the Commanding Officer:

D. L. SLATER
1st. Lt., Air Corps
Adjutant

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C O P Y

23 October 1944

TO:All Personnel, 57th Service Group.

I wish to express my deepest appreciation to each and and every one of you for the loyal, efficient and whole-hearted cooperation extended to me during my command of this Service Center. I have enjoyed my service whih you and you have come through in a manner in which you man take great pride.

In parting, [redacted]tate that I f el confident that you will continue to operate on the high level that you have chosen.

WALTER E. LAWRENCE
Lt. Col., Air Corps



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HEADQUARTERS
563RD AIR SERVICE SQUADRON
APO 520

Service Center No. 37.
3 November 1944.

SUBJECT: Monthly Diary.

TO : Cpl. Weyman, Squadron Historian.

1. The statistics listed below have been computed from Air Corps Supply Records.

FORM 81'S:

| | |
|---|---|
| Total submitted to Supply (October) | 2041 |
| Total number 81's marked "N.I.S." | 414 |
| Total number 81's submitted to A.F.A.D. # 53 (October) | 201 |
| Note: Received approximately 67% of items requisitioned. | |
| Number A.O.C.'s on Form # 110 (October) | 0 |
| Total Number A.O.C.'s submitted to 563 (October) | 38 |

FORM 102'S:

| | |
|---|---|
| Number requsitions submitted to Depot (October) | 188 |
| Monthly Average | 196 |

FORM 104'S:

| | |
|---|---|
| Number Shipping Tickets | 646 |
| Monthly Average | 556 |

OXYGEN:

| | |
|---|---|
| Bottles consumed (October) | 1629 |
| Monthly Average | 1733 |

ACETYLENE:

| | |
|---|---|
| Bottles consumed (October) | 14 |
| Monthly Average | 16 |

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OIL, AVIATION # 1120:

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|---|---|
| Gallons consumed (October) | 18,644 ~~7859~~ |
| Monthly Average | 19104 |

GAS, PIPELINE:

| | |
|---|---|
| Gallons consumed (October) | 1,218,150 |
| Monthly Average | 1,245,450 |

GAS, PACKAGED:

| | |
|---|---|
| Gallons consumed (October) | 145,400 |
| Monthly Average | 144,700 |
| Reserve Stock Level (Present) | 226,400 |

WORK ORDERS:

| | |
|---|---|
| Number work orders initiated (October) | 85 |
| Number work orders filled | 70 |
| Monthly Average | 109 |

Melvin E. Partington

MELVIN E. PARTINGTON, 37419594
Sgt., 563rd Air Sv. Sq.

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HEADQUARTERS
563RD AIR SERVICE SUQADRON
APO 520

Service Center No. 37
7 December 1944

SUBJECT: Historical Records.

TO : Commanding Officer, 37th. Service Group, Attention: Historian

1. Unit History of the 563rd. Air Service Squadron for the period 1 through 30 November 1944.

a. Facts relating to the origin of the unit:

(1) Original designation.
(2) Place and date of activation.
(3) Authority for activation.
(4) Sources from which personnel was obtained.

Information requested in (1) through (4) above was submitted in Historical Records for month of January 1944.

b. Changes in Organization:

(1) Change in designation of unit: None.
(2) Transfer of unit as a whole: None
(3) Commanding Officer: No change.
(4) Staff Officers: 1st. Lt. Thomas L. Butler, Engineering Officer, was transferred on 12 November to 60th. Air Service Squadron by par 1, SO 274, Hq. 37th Service Group. Extract of SO atchd.

c. Strength, commissioned and enlisted:

| | | O | WO | EM |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| (1) | Month of November: | | | |
| (a) | At beginning. | 6 | 2 | 260 |
| (b) | Net increase. | | | |
| (c) | Net decrease. | 1 | | 14 |
| (d) | At end. | 5 | 2 | 246 |

d. Stations: No change in station.

e. Movements: None.

f. Campaigns:

(1) Name:

1. Both Campaings of the Italian Campaign as prescribed in WD cable WX 40460 dated 3 October 1944. The names and dates of each are shown below.

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a. Naples-Foggia from 15 January 1944 (Activation date of this Unit) until 21 January 1944.

b. Rome-Arno, 22 January 1944 to final date to be announced.

2. The combat zone of both campaigns has been defined as:

a. Italy (exclusive of Sicily and Sardinia), Corsica and adjacent waters to 15 August 1944.

b. Beginning 16 August 1944, the Campaign Zone of the Rome-Arno Campaign is that portion of Italy and adjacent waters north of 42° North Latitude. (Supporting documents attached.)

(2) Duration: From activation of this Squadron until expiration of this report; campaign is still in progress.

5. Operations: This Squadron is at present servicing the 46lst. Bombardment Group.

| SHOP | PRES. MONTH | PREV. MONTH | OPER. AVERAGE |
|---|---|---|---|
| (1) PROPELLER: | | | |
| (a) Props installed in ships. | 7 | 24 | 15 |
| (b) props balanced. | 11 | 4 | 7 |
| (c) Props disassembled and cleaned. | 27 | 8 | 12 |
| (d) Props pickled. | 0 | 10 | 5 |
| (e) Domes disassembled and cleaned. | 29 | 26 | 27 |
| (f) Distributor valves checked and cleaned. | 31 | 28 | 19 |
| (g) Props pulled from ships. | 8 | 16 | 12 |
| (h) Work Orders issued | 24 | 5 | 14 |
| (i) Work Orders Completed | 18 | 5 | 11 |
| (j) Work Orders in process: Two | | | |
| (2) INSTRUMENT | | | |
| (a) Instruments checked & turned into A. C. Supply as servicable | 336 | 324 | 330 |
| (b) Instruments checked & turned into A. C. Supply as repairable. | 44 | 58 | 51 |
| (c) Number lf ships on which repaired all instruments. | 4 | N. A. | Not Available |
| (d) Work Orders issued. | 42 | 25 | 33 |
| (e) Work Orders completed. | 42 | 33 | 32 |
| (f) Work Orders in Process: Three | | | |
| (3) ELECTRIC | | | |
| (a) Batteries charged. | 64 | 50 | 57 |
| (b) Generators repaired. | 5 | 44 | 24 |



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| SHOP | | PRES. MONTH | PREV. MONTH | OPER. AVERAGE |
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| | ELECTRIC (CONT'D) | | | |
| | (c) Generator conduits modified. | 2 | 6 | 4 |
| | (d) Number of ships repaired | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| | (e) Number of reverse current relays checked and repaired. | 9 | 20 | 14 |
| | (f) Number of voltage regulators repaired. | 39 | 17 | 28 |
| | (g) Work Orders issued | 39 | 26 | 32 |
| | (h) Work Orders completed. | 34 | 28 | 31 |
| | (i) Work orders in Process: Seven | | | |
| (4) | PARACHUTE | | | |
| | (a) Packed. | 524 | 385 | 454 |
| | (b) Number of escape kits repaired. | 35 | N. A. | N. A. |
| | (c) Number of waste gun covers manufactured. | 30 | N. A. | N. A. |
| | (d) Work Orders issued. | 38 | 50 | 44 |
| | (e) Work Orders completed. | 39 | 63 | 51 |
| | (f) Work Orders in process: Twelve | | | |
| (5) | PAINT, DOPE AND FABRIC: | | | |
| | (a) Vehicles painted. | 6 | 8 | 7 |
| | (b) Number of ships painted. | 4 | 6 | 3 |
| | (c) Number of ships fabric repaired. | 8 | 7 | 7 |
| | (d) Work Orders issued. | 41 | 38 | 38 |
| | (e) Work Orders completed. | 39 | 38 | 38 |
| | (f) Work Orders in process: One. | | | |
| (6) | AIRPLANE MECHANIC | | | |
| | (a) Engines pickled and shipped to Depot. | 51 | 44 | 47 |
| | (b) Number of ships repaired. | 11 | 8 | 9 |
| | (c) Number of ships salvaged. | 8 | 4 | 6 |
| | Note this shop works on verbal orders. | | | |
| (7) | SHEET METAL: | | | |
| | (a) Bomb bay doors repaired. | 5 | 23 | 14 |
| | (b) Number of ships repaired of Battle damage. | 8 | 3 | 5 |
| | (c) Number of Pilot chute clips manufactured. | 150 | 90 | 170 |
| | (d) Number of Work Orders issued. | 70 | 67 | 68 |
| | (e) Number of Work Orders completed. | 59 | 68 | 63 |
| | (f) Number of Work Orders in process: Ten | | | |
| (8) | ARMAMENT: | | | |
| | (a) Turrets installed. | 4 | 1 | 2 |



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| SHOP | PRES. MONTH | PREV. MONTH | OPER. AVERAGE |
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| ARMAMENT(CONT'D) | | | |
| (b) Turrets removed from ships. | 3 | 0 | 1 |
| (c) Number of ships on which guns and armament were checked and cleaned. | 1 | 8 | 4 |
| (d) Inspected armament in all ships in Service Squadron Area. | | | |
| Note: This shop works on verbal orders. | | | |
| (9) CARPENTER | | | |
| (a) Number of forming blocks manufactured. | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| (b) Work Orders issued. | 51 | 31 | 41 |
| (c) Work Orders completed. | 49 | 36 | 42 |
| (d) Work Orders in process: Six. | | | |
| (10) MACHINE: | | | |
| (a) Number of bolts manufactured. | 170 | 107 | 138 |
| (b) Number of bushings manufactured. | 86 | 47 | 66 |
| (c) Number of waste gate arms manufactured. | 24 | 47 | 35 |
| (d) Number of rivet covers manufactured. | 4 | 0 | N. A. |
| (e) Number of generator couplings manufactured. | 14 | 2 | 8 |
| (f) Number of ships on which landing gears manufactured. | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| (g) Number of Work Orders issued. | 132 | 122 | 127 |
| (h) Number of work Orders completed. | 116 | 124 | 125 |
| (i) Work Orders in Process: Seven | | | |
| (11) WELDING: | | | |
| (a) Number of ships cut up | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| (b) Number of vehicles repaired. | 32 | 36 | 34 |
| (c) Number of fire buckets manufactured. | 2 | 50 | 25 |
| (d) Number of stoves manufactured. | 42 | 27 | 34 |
| (e) Work Orders issued. | 123 | 113 | 118 |
| (f) Work Orders completed. | 124 | 110 | 117 |
| (g) Work Orders in process: Seven. | | | |
| (12) A. C. SUPPLY FORM 81'S: | | | |
| (a) Total submitted to supply. | 2018 | 2041 | 2248 |
| (b) Total marked N. I. S. | 380 | 414 | 454 |
| (c) Total submitted to A.F.A.D. #53. | 194 | 201 | 228 |
| (d) Approximate percentage of total submitted to A.F.A.D. #53 received | 58% | 67% | 65% |
| (e) Number of A.O.C'S on form #110. | 0 | 0 | 0 |

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| SHOP | | PRES. MONTH | PREV. MONTH | OPER. AVERAGE |
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| | A. C. SUPPLY FORM 81'S:(CONT'D) | | | |
| | (f) Total Number of A.L.C.'S submitted to 563rd. Sv. Sq. | 70 | 38 | 54 |
| (13) | A. C. SUPPLY FORM 102'S: | | | |
| | (a) Number requisitions submitted to Depot. | 149 | 188 | 228 |
| (14) | A. C. SUPPLY FORM 104'S: | | | |
| | (a) Shipping tickets. | 714 | 646 | 699 |
| (15) | A. C. SUPPLY OXYGEN: | | | |
| | (a) Bottles consumed. | 1339 | 1629 | 1514 |
| (16) | A. C. SUPPLY ACETYLENE: | | | |
| | (a) Bottles consumed. | 11 | 14 | 17 |
| (17) | A. C. SUPPLY OIL AVIATION #1120: | | | |
| | (a) Gallons consumed. | 14,552 | 18,644 | 22,154 |
| (18) | A. C. SUPPLY GAS FLUID: | | | |
| | (a) Gallons consumed. | 1,221,000 | 1,218,150 | 1,253,600 |
| (19) | A. C. SUPPLY (PACKAGE GAS): | | | |
| | (a) Gallons on hand. | 226,400 | 226,400 | N. A. |
| | (b) Reserve Stock Level. | 225,000 | 225,000 | N. A. |
| (20) | A. C. SUPPLY WORK ORDERS: | | | |
| | (a) Work Orders initiated. | 110 | 85 | 109 |
| | (b) Work Orders Filled. | 91 | 70 | 97 |

h. Commanding Officer in important operations: None.

i. Loss in action (Officers and Enlisted Men): None.

j. Members who have distinguished themselves: 2nd. Lt. Desire L. Broussard O-863521 (Now 1st. Lieutenant and assigned this Squadron), was assigned to the 461st. Bombardment Group Hv. on 13 April 1944 and is, pursuant to authority contained in par 4a (1) War Department Circular 333 (1943), authorized to wear the Distinguished Unit Badge. (Supporting documents attached.)



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k. Living conditions, recreational and orientation activities, and morale:

(1) Living Conditions:

(a) Sundry improvements being made, with the object of winterization in the Squadron Shower, Orderly Room and Mess Hall. Maximum amount of work possible being done on all roads in Area.

(b) Construction of two (2) buildings on line one for Propeller Shop and the other for combination Airplane Mechanic and Electric Shop with help of twenty (20) civilian laborers continues. These buildings are not far from completion.

(2) Recreational:

(a), The Squadron has organized a basketball team and has been practicing twice weekly at Foggia. After several weeks practice it is planned to schedule games with other teams from nearby units.

In addition to the basketball team many "pick-up" touch football teams have been playing this game on off-duty hours. A touch football team has been organized and to date has played one game which ended in a tie 13-13. This game was played with the 1051st. Signal Company.

(b) Entertainment: The projector was out of order for a few days in the early part of the month, but is back in order now.

All passes, except for one three hour pass per week, have been indefinately cancelled by virture of a decided increase in veneral disease rate.

(3) Orientation:

The Lecture on the night of the 7th of November was on the subject, "Armed Forces Institute". Our Adjutant, Lt. Slater, gave the talk. The Armed Forces Institute was explained to all personnel of this Squadron. A resume of all courses offered was explained as well as the method of submitting applications. Fee is only ($2.00) per course and a group course of 5 EM can be obtained free of charge. It is hoped that as a result of these enlightening remarks some of our men will take advantage of this opportunity and get a bit of post war schooling on subjects in which they are interested during their leasure hours at Torretta Field.

G. I. "Shorts" constituted the Orientation program for



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the evening of Tuesday, 14 November. Pictures relating to the breakthrough of the Seigfried Line, War in Italy and South Pacific, Home front news and development for Post War security compromised the film. Program time: Two (2) hours.

One of the most interesting orientation lectures this Squadron has enjoyed in the current series was presented Tuesday, the 21st.

Major Lott and M/Sgts. Gillespi and Wilson of the 486lst. Bomb Group were the principal speakers. The Subject under discussion was: "Functions of the Heavy Bombardment Group."

Major Lott, an S-2 Officer, first explained the chain of Command from the Squadron to the Air Force.

The remainder of his talk was devoted to "The Mission." The great care and amount of work required for each air raid. The functions of the S-2 and S-4 Officer before, during, and after each mission. How the crews of each plane were briefed before and after every take off. Target priorities and so forth. The major part played by the Weather Officer, and how the lives of the crew depends upon all information being properly compiled before the plane leaves the ground. Of course, this is a tremendous field and only the high lights could be mentioned in an hour and a half lecture.

M/Sgt. Gillespi explained the work of the Ground Crews before and after the take off; while M/Sgt. Wilson, a Photographer, explained the Squadron's use of the Reconnaissance photograph.

A few remarks were also made about the "Pathfinder".

On the evening of the 28th two reels of U. I. movies were presented in place of an Orientation Lecture. Some remarkable shots were shown of American Fighters in action over occupied Europe before the French invasion. The planes were shown strifing air fields, trains, munitions dumps and troop columns, as well as enemy planes. The remainder of the program was devoted to sundry short subjects. Length of film: One hour.

(4) Morale:

The morale of the unit has been at a decidedly low level. Factors contributing to this condition were: (a) A restriction imposed on the entire unit as a result of a sharp increase in VD rate during the past month. Restriction covered everything except 3 hour passes on individuals day off. (b) Extremely sporadic mail delivery. (c) An unavoidable breakdown in unit's



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motion picture projector, which resulted in a week's shut down on pictures. (d) A noticable decrease in the amount of work to be done on the Engineering Line, as a result of few missions and slighter repair work involved.

Circumstances which did much to alleviate the morale status and raise it from what threatened to become an all time low were: (a) Arrival of an abundance of Christmas packages. (b) News of an anticipated rotation of twenty-two (22) men from the unit on TD to the United States next month. (c) Improved living conditions and good food.

1. Unit Citations: The Squadron received an indirect commendation by means of a letter file 201.2, Subject: Commendation, dated 10 November 1944 from CG XV AF to CG XV AFSC. Copy of letter with 1st. Ind. from CG XV AFSC to all Units, this Command is attached.

For the Commanding Officer:

D. L. SLATER
1st. Lt., Air Corps
Adjutant



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FIFTEENTH AIR FORCE
Office of the Commanding General
APO 520

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201.2

10 November 1944

SUBJECT: Commendation.

TO : Commanding General, XV Air Force Service Command, APO 520, U. S. Army

1. The excellent manner in which you and your organization have supported the operations of this Air Force is to be highly commended. Due to their devotion to duty and wholehearted cooperation, personnel of the Air Service Command have, to a very great extent, made possible Air Force operations on a much greater scale than had ever been contemplated.

2. I am particularly impressed by the present low levels of aircraft out of commission for lack of parts. In recent months this figure has marked a low level never before obtained in this Theater. The decline from the levels of earlier this year reflects the excellence of the ordering of supplies. In view of the change in models of aircraft and the number of modifications which have been made, this is an outstanding accomplishment.

3. Such an achievement has required long hours on the job and the hardest kind of work by your personnel, and I assure you it is a source of deep gratification to me.

/s/N. F. Twining
/t/N. F. TWINING
Major General, USA
Commanding

201.2 A-1-2 1st Ind.
Hq, XV AFSC, APO 520, 22 Nov 44.

TO: All Units, this Command.

It is with extreme gratification that I forward this commendation. To merit such remarks from our Commanding General, means that each and every one has contributed his share to the splendid accomplishments which are the subject of this letter. I would like to feel that this recognition of a job well done will spur us on to bigger and better things which will enable us to place at the disposal of the combat crews, an increasingly larger percentage of operational aircraft.

JAMES A. MOLLISON
Brig General, USA
Commanding

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563rd. Air Service Squadron

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HEADQUARTERS
461ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (Hv) AAF

APO 520 c/o PM NY NY
8 November 1944

SUBJECT: Unit Citation

TO : All Concerned

1. The 461st Bombardment Group (Hv) was cited in General Orders 4115, Headquarters Fifteenth Air Force, APO 520, US Army, dated 23 October 1944, for outstanding performance of duty in armed conflict with the enemy on 13 April 1944. This citation was approved by classified letter 330.13 AAF/WG/mr Subject: Unit Citation, Headquarters United States Army Air Forces Mediteranean Theater of Operations United States Army, APO 650, dated 2 November 1944. Whereupon pursuant to authority contained in War Department Circular 333 (1943) the inclusion of Unit Citation in War Department General Orders becames automatic. The plain blue streamer was presented to the 461st Bombardment Group (Hv) on 6 November 1944 by Major General Nathan F. Twining, Commanding General Fifteenth Air Force.

2. 2nd Lt/, Desire L. Broussard O-863521 was assigned to this Group on 13 April 1944 and is, pursuant to authority contained in par 4a (1) War Department Circular 333 (1943), authorized to wear the Distinguished Unit Badge.

By order of Lieutenant Colonel HAWKES:

R. FOSTER SCOTT
Major, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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R E S T R I C T E D

HEADQUARTERS
NORTH AFRICAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY
APO 534

AG 200.6/040 P-O 15 October 1944.

SUBJECT: Battle Participation Award (Italian Campaign).

TO : All Concerned.

1. War Department, by cable WX 40460, dated 3 October 1944, divided the Italian Campaign into two seperate campaigns and authorized seperate recognition of units for participation in each campaign. The names and dates of each are shown below:

a. Naples-Foggia, 9 September 1943 - 21 January 1944.

b. Rome-Arno, 22 January to final date to be announced.

2. The combat zones of both campaigns have been defined as:

a. Italy (exclusive of Sicily and Sardinia), Corsica, and adjacent waters to 15 August 1944.

b. Beginning 16 August 1944, the campaign zone for the Rome-Arno Campaign is that portion of Italy and adjacent waters north of 42° North Latitude.

3. a. To expediate the recognition of units entitled to these battle honors, it is desired that units under your command be informed of their eligibility and directed to make appropriate entries in individual personnel records.

b. To reduct the probability of oversight it is desired that your command, by 5 November 1944, report the following information on units otherwise eligible under the provisions of AR 260-10, as amended, who are assigned or attached for administration to your command.

(1) Numerical listings of units eligible for both Campaigns.

(2) Numerical listing of units eligible only for the Rome-Arno Campaign.

4. Upon receipt of the above letters by this headquarters, confirming letters will be issued extending recognition to those units.

5. All commanders will insure that positive action is taken by custodians of personnel records to credit battle participation recognition





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Ltr Hq NATOUSA, AG 200.6/040 P-O, 15 October 1944, subj: Battle Participation Award (Italian Campaign) (Cont'd).

as required by paragraph 8, Circular 62, War Department, 1944, also to insure that proper recognition is credited to those individuals who were not assigned or attached to a unit which is being recognized, but who are eligible for such credit under the provisions of Circular 195, War Department, 18 May 1944. It is especially desired that units and installations processing personnel transhipments to the Zone of Interior or to another theater of operations thoroughly check personnel records involved for proper entries.

6. Beginning 10 December 1944 and continuing until the announcement of the termination date of the Rome-Arno Campaign, each major command or unit listed as an addressee hereon will submit a monthly report, listing units entering the delimited area and for which recognition is desired. This report will list units not previously reported which are assigned to each command or attached for administration and otherwise eligible for such credit and will be submitted so as to reach this headquarters by the 10th of each month.

By command of Lieutenant General Devers:

s/ H. V. Roberts,
t/ H. V. ROBERTS,
Colonel, AGD,
Adjutant General.

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D. L. SLATER
1st. Lt., Air Corps
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HEADQUARTERS
37TH SERVICE GROUP
APO 520

WLM/eg

Service Center No. 37
11 November 1944.

SPECIAL ORDERS )
:
NO. 274 )

EXTRACT

1. 1ST LIEUT (4821) THOMAS L. BUTLER, 0673314, AC, 563rd Air Serv Sqnd, 37th Serv Gp is hereby reld fr asgmt thereto and asgd to the 60th Air Serv Sqdn, 37th Serv Gp and will report to the CO for dy. CO, 563rd Air Serv Sqdn will furn nec T. TDN.

By Order of Lieutenant Colonel HILL:

WILLIAM L. MOYNIHAN,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

OFFICIAL:

WILLIAM L. MOYNIHAN,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS
563RD AIR SERVICE SQUADRON
APO 520

Service Center No. 37.
1 December 1944.

SUBJECT: Monthly Diary.

TO : Cpl. Weyman, Squadron Historian.

1. The statistics listed below have been computed from Air Corps Supply Records.

| Item | | Nov. Tot. | Oct. Tot. | Mo. Aver. | Basis |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Form # 81 - | Submitted to ACS | 2018 | 2041 | 2248 | 4 mo. |
| | Marked N.I.S. | 380 | 414 | 454 | 4 mo. |
| | Submitted by ACS to A.F.A.D. # 53 | 194 | 201 | 228 | 4 mo. |
| | Approx. % of Items Rec'd | 58% | 67% | 65% | 4 mo. |
| | AOC on Form 110 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 mo. |
| | AOC's submitted to ACS which were N.I.S. | 70 | 38 | 54 | 2 mo. |
| Form # 102 - | Requisitions submitted to depots | 149 | 188 | 228 | 4 mo. |
| Form # 104 - | Shipping Tickets | 714 | 646 | 699 | 4 mo. |
| Oxygen - | Bottles consumed | 1339 | 1629 | 1514 | 4 mo. |
| Acetylene - | Bottles consumed | 11 | 14 | 17 | 4 mo. |
| Oil, Aviation # 1120 - | Gallons consumed | 16552 | 18644 | 22154 | 4 mo. |
| Gas, Pipeline - | Consumed (Gallons) | 1,221,000 | 1,218,150 | 1,253,600 | 4 mo. |
| Gas, Packaged - | Gallons On Hand | 226,400 | 226,400 | - | - |
| | Reserve Stock Level | 225,000 | 225,000 | - | - |
| Work Orders - | Number Initiated | 110 | 85 | 109 | 4 mo. |
| | Number Filled | 91 | 70 | 97 | 4 mo. |

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HEADQUARTERS
563RD AIR SERVICE SQUADRON
APO 520

Service Center No. 37
7 January 1945

SUBJECT: Historical Records.

TO : Commanding Officer, 37th Service Group, Attention: Historian.

1. Unit History of the 563rd Air Service Squadron for the period 1 through 31 December 1944.

a. Facts relating to the origin of the unit:

(1). Original designation.
(2). Place and date of activation.
(3). Authority for activation.
(4). Sources from which personnel was obtained.

Information requested in (1) through (4) above was submitted in Historical Records for month of January 1944.

b. Changes in Organization:

(1). Change in designation of unit: None
(2). Transfer of unit as a whole: None
(3). Commanding Officer: No change
(4). Staff Officers: No change.

c. Strength, commissioned and enlisted:

| (1). Month of December: | O | WO | EM |
|---|---|---|---|
| (a). at beginning | 5 | 2 | 246 |
| (b). Net increase | | | |
| (c). Net decrease | | | 1 |
| (d). At end | 5 | 2 | 245 |

d. Stations: No change in station.

e. Movements: None

f. Campaigns:

(1). Name:



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(a). Both Campaigns of the Italian Campaign as prescribed in WD cable WX 40460 dated 3 October 1944. The names and dates of each are shown below.

(1). Naples-Foggia from 15 January 1944 (Activation date of this Unit) until 21 January 1944.

(2). Rome-Arno, 22 January 1944 to final date to be announced.

(b). The combat zone of both campaigns has been defined as:

(1). Italy (exclusive of Sicily and Sardinia), Corsica and adjacent waters to 15 August 1944.

(2). Beginning 16 August 1944, the Campaign Zone of the Rome-Arno Campaign is that portion of Italy and adjacent waters north of 42° North Latitude. (Supporting documents attached.)

(2). Duration: From activation of this Squadron until expiration of this report; campaign is still in progress.

g. Operations: This Squadron is at present servicing the 461st Bombardment Group.

| SHOP | PRES. MONTH | PREV MONTH | OPER. AVERAGE |
|---|---|---|---|
| (1) **PROPELLER:** | | | |
| (a). Props installed in ships | 3 | 7 | 5 |
| (b). Props balanced. | 10 | 11 | 10 |
| (c). Props disassembled and cleaned. | 26 | 27 | 26 |
| (d). Props serviced on ships. | 5 | 4 | 4 |
| (e). Domes disassembled and cleaned. | 29 | 29 | 29 |
| (f). Distributor valves checked and cleaned. | 31 | 31 | 31 |
| (g). Props pulled from ships. | 12 | 8 | 10 |
| (h). Props prepared for shipment to Depot. | 14 | 4 | 9 |
| (i). Props prepared for painting. | 11 | N.A. | Not Available |
| (j). Work Orders issued. | 27 | 24 | 25 |
| (k). Work Orders completed. | 29 | 18 | 28 |
| (l). Work Orders in process. | None | None | None |
| (2) **INSTRUMENT:** | | | |
| (a). Instruments checked & turned into A. C. Supply as servicable | 389 | 336 | 362 |
| (b). Instruments checked & turned into A. C. Supply as repairable. | 45 | 44 | 44 |
| (c). Number of ships on which repaired all instruments. | 0 | 4 | 2 |



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| SHOP | PRES. MONTH | PREV. MONTH | OPER. AVERAGES |
|---|---|---|---|
| (2). INSTRUMENT: (CONT'D) | | | |
| (d). Checked and repaired instruments for Bomb Squadron | 18 | N.A. | N.A. |
| (e). Instruments installed on ships | 6 | N.A. | N.A. |
| (f). Cleaned & repaired typewriters | 2 | N.A. | N.A. |
| (g). Work Orders issued | 63 | 42 | 52 |
| (h). Work Orders completed | 62 | 42 | 52 |
| (i). Work Orders in process: Four. | | | |
| (3). ELECTRIC: | | | |
| (a). Batteries charged | 84 | 64 | 74 |
| (b). Generators repaired | 5 | 44 | 24 |
| (c). Generator conduits modified | 0 | 2 | 1 |
| (d). Number of ships repaired | 2 | 4 | 3 |
| (e). Number of reverse current relays checked and repaired | 4 | 9 | 6 |
| (f). Number of voltage regulators repaired | 68 | 39 | 53 |
| (g). Flying suits repaired | 43 | N.A. | N.A. |
| (h). Number of Starters Repaired | 5 | N.A. | N.A. |
| (i). Work Orders Issued | 53 | 39 | 46 |
| (j). Work Orders completed | 59 | 34 | 46 |
| (k). Work Orders in progress: Four | | | |
| (4). PARACHUTE: | | | |
| (a). Packed | 459 | 524 | 491 |
| (b). Number of escape kits repaired | 99 | 35 | 67 |
| (c). Mae Wests modified | 142 | N.A. | N.A. |
| (d). Rip Cord pockets replaced | 30 | N.A. | N.A |
| (e). Flying Suits Repaired | 55 | N.A. | N.A. |
| (f). Work Orders issued | 67 | 38 | 52 |
| (g). Work Orders completed | 66 | 39 | 52 |
| (h). Work Orders in process: Twelve | | | |
| (5) PAINT, DOPE AND FABRIC: | | | |
| (a). Vehicles Painted | 2 | 6 | 4 |
| (b). Number of ships painted | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| (c). Number of ships fabric repaired | 8 | 8 | 8 |
| (d). Propellers painted | 11 | N.A. | N.A. |
| (e). Work Orders issued | 54 | 41 | 47 |
| (f). Work Orders Completed | 48 | 39 | 48 |
| (g). Work Orders in process: Seven | | | |
| (6) AIRPLANE MECHANIC | | | |
| (a). Number of Engines pickled | 53 | 55 | 54 |
| (b). Number of Engines shipped to Depot | 54 | 35 | 44 |



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| SHOP | PRES. MONTH | PREV. MONTH | OPER. AVERAGES |
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| (6) AIRPLANE MECHANIC: (CONT'D) | | | |
| (c). Number of ships repaired | 6 | 11 | 8 |
| (d). Number of ships salvaged | 3 | 8 | 5 |
| (e). Note: This shop works on verbal orders. | | | |
| (7) SHEET METAL: | | | |
| (a). Bomb bay doors repaired | 4 | 5 | 4 |
| (b). Number of ships repaired of Battle damage | 6 | 8 | 7 |
| (c). Number of Pilot chute clips manufactured | 200 | 150 | 175 |
| (d). Work Orders issued | 59 | 70 | 64 |
| (e). Work Orders completed | 58 | 59 | 58 |
| (f). Work Orders in process: Eleven | | | |
| (8) ARMAMENT: | | | |
| (a). Turrets installed | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| (b). Turrets removed from ships | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| (c). Number of ships on which guns and armament were checked and cleaned. | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| (d). Inspected armament in all ships in Service Squadron Area. | | | |
| Note: This shop works on verbal orders. | | | |
| (9) CARPENTER: | | | |
| (a). Manufactured Engine Cover plates | 280 | N.A. | N.A. |
| (b). Manufactured Fuel Cell Crates | 42 | N.A. | N.A. |
| (c). Manufactured Carburetor Plates | 16 | N.A. | N.A. |
| (d). Work Orders issued | 64 | 51 | 57 |
| (e). Work Orders completed | 54 | 49 | 51 |
| (f). Work Orders in process: Ten | | | |
| (10) MACHINE: | | | |
| (a). Number of bolts manufactured | 241 | 170 | 151 |
| (b). Number of bushings manufactured | 134 | 86 | 110 |
| (c). Number of Waste Gate arms manufactured | 12 | 24 | 18 |
| (d). Number of washers manufactured | 8 | N.A. | N.A. |
| (e). Number of Air Chucks manufactured | 6 | N.A. | N.A. |
| (f). Number of Heater Take-off fittings manufactured | 21 | N.A. | N.A. |
| (g). Number of Spacers manufactured | 16 | N.A. | N.A. |



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| SHOP | | PRES. MONTH | PREV. MONTH | OPER. AVERAGES |
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| (10) | MACHINE: (CONT'D) | | | |
| | (h). Number of Gun Charger Levers & Gun Charger Arms manufactured | 14 | N.A. | N.A. |
| | (i). Number of B-10 Shackles manufactured | 41 | N.A. | N.A. |
| | (j). Work Orders issued | 118 | 132 | 125 |
| | (k). Work Orders completed | 129 | 116 | 122 |
| | (l). Work Orders in process: Two | | | |
| (11) | WELDING: | | | |
| | (a). Number of ships cut up | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| | (b). Number of vehicles repaired | 40 | 32 | 36 |
| | (c). Number of fire buckets manufactured | 0 | 2 | 1 |
| | (d). Number of stoves manufactured | 50 | 42 | 114 |
| | (e). Work Orders issued | 105 | 123 | 69 |
| | (f). Work Orders completed | 114 | 124 | 119 |
| | (g). Work Orders in process: Two | | | |
| (12) | A. C. SUPPLY FORM 81'S: | | | |
| | (a). Total submitted to supply | 2071 | 2018 | 2213 |
| | (b). Total marked N. I. S. | 499 | 380 | 464 |
| | (c). Total submitted to A.F.A.D. #53 | 308 | 194 | 244 |
| | (d). Approximate percentage of total submitted to A.F.A.D. #53 received | 60% | 58% | 64% |
| | (e). Number of A.O.C'S on Form #110. | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | (f). Total number of A.L.C'S submitted to 563rd Air Serv Sq. | 89 | 70 | 66 |
| (13) | A. C. SUPPLY FORM 102'S: | | | |
| | (a). Number of requisitions submitted to Depot | 168 | 149 | 152 |
| (14) | A. C. SUPPLY FORM 104'S: | | | |
| | (a). Shipping tickets | 493 | 714 | 657 |
| (15) | A. C. SUPPLY OXYGEN: | | | |
| | (a). Bottles consumed. | 1404 | 1339 | 1492 |
| (16) | A. C. SUPPLY ACETYLENE: | | | |
| | (a). Bottles consumed | 22 | 11 | 18 |
| (17) | A. C. SUPPLY OIL AVIATION #1120: | | | |
| | (a). Gallons consumed | 7914 | 16552 | 19306 |



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| SHOP | | PRES. MONTH | PREV. MONTH | OPER. AVERAGES |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| (18) | A. C. SUPPLY GAS PIPELINE: | | | |
| | (a). Gallons consumed | 979,100 | 1,221,000 | 1,198,770 |
| (19) | A. C. SUPPLY (PACKAGED GAS): | | | |
| | (a). Gallons on hand | 225,000 | 226,400 | N.A. |
| | (b). Reserve Stock Level | 225,000 | 225,000 | N.A. |
| (20) | A. C. SUPPLY WORK ORDERS: | | | |
| | (a). Work Orders initiated | 86 | 110 | 105 |
| | (b). Work Orders Filled | 78 | 91 | 94 |

h. Commanding Officer in important operations: None.

i. Loss in action (Officers and Enlisted Men): None.

j. A letter of congratulation and commendation was received from the 37th Service Group Commander for reducing the number of AOG's to the absolute minimum during the past month. (Supporting documents attached.)

k. Living conditions, recreational and orientation activities, and morale:

(1). Living Conditions:

(a). Improvements are being made in the Squadron Mess Hall. A double door entrance to the kitchen has been constructed, which will assist the mess personnel in performing their duties. The Mess Hall ceiling is being sealed off with water proofing paper to prevent soot and dirt from falling into the Mess Hall. The addition of a few large dishes and cream pitchers has recently been made. Individual metal trays have replaced mess-kits. Crockery cups are now being used instead of canteen cups. New set up has proven very successful.

(b). Construction of a building in the Squadron Area with the help of Italian civilians is in progress. This building is to be used as a Squadron Day Room. This building will include a Bar, and Barber Shop, and other recreational facilities. The building is now nearly half completed.

Additional drainage facilities are being installed in the tent area. The improvement of all roads in the Squadron area, by placing gravel on them, is still in progress.



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(2). Recreational:

(a). Inclement weather during this period made outdoor sports almost an impossiblity. A few touch football games were played among the squadron personnel. One game was played with the 1051st Signal Co., in which the Signal boys oundly beat our team. In addition to the touch football games, the squadron has organized a basketball team and has been practicing at Foggia. After several weeks practice it is planned to schedule games with other teams from nearby units.

(b). Entertainment: A Christmas program made up by a energetic enlisted men's committee, was enjoyed by the personnel of this Squadron. The program mainly consisted of a play which was made up of enlisted personnel of the 563rd Air Service Squadron. The play was presented in the Squadron Indoor Theatre where a huge gaily decorated Christmas Tree had been put up.

Moving pictures are the main source of entertainment at the present time. A schedule of three (3) changes of pictures a week is being maintained.

(3). Orientation:

On the evening of 28 November two (2) reels of G.I. movies were presented in place of an Orientation Lecture. Some remarkable combat films were shown that had been taken by American Fighters in action over occupied parts of Europe. The planes where shown strafing air fields, trains, munitions dumps and troop columns, as well as engaging enemy planes. The remainder of the program was devoted to sundry short subjects. Program time: One and one half (1½) hours.

On the eveing of the 5th of December 1944 a series of G.I. reels were presented in place of the Orientation Lecture ordinarily scheduled for Tuesday evenings.

The feature film was "Preparation for D-day in France". This film depicted the great amount of preparation necessary to launch the offensive. Of particular interest was the work of the Air Force in bombing coastal objectives before the arrival of our troops.

Several silent reels, photographed by numerous fighter planes, showed the results of their strafing assignments over Germany and Austria during the early fall.

A few short subjects were also presented. Program time: One and one half (1½) hours.

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(3). Orientation: (Cont'd)

On the evening of 12 December 1944 three (3) reels of G.I. movies were shown in place of an Orientation Lecture.

The first period was devoted to short subjects, and the review of the latest news. An Army and Navy Informational film was also shown, which consisted of pictures of captured enemy material. A combat film was shown, which showed pictures of the bombing of Ploesti Oil Fields. and some pictures on advances of the 5th and 7th Army. Program time: Two (2) hours.

On the evening of the 19th December 1944 a series of G.I. movies were presented in place of the regular Orientation Lecture scheduled for Tuesday evenings.

An interesting and educational film on First Aid, Non-Combatant Accidents, was shown.

A few short subjects were also presented, which included a review on Sports. Part of the film was devoted to a discussion on post war planning, "The World We Want to Live In".

The feature film was "Preparation for the Invasion of the Philippine Islands". Program time: Two and One half (2½) hours.

(4). Morale:

The morale of this unit for the month of December could be considered very good. Dispatching an initial increment of twenty-two (22) men home on temporary rotation, with the stated policy of sending more when they return, it had the effect of being a decided morale booster. Living conditions are constantly being bettered and improvements in the tent area and in the Enlisted Men's mess hall during this month were the biggest gains along this line. Work is nearly completed on a good sized recreation room and bar to displace a large tent that has been utilized as a day room. The volume of mail and packages received by the Squadron this month contributed much to generally keeping up the mens morale during the holiday season.

1. Unit Citations: The Squadron received an inderect commendation by means of a letter, Subject: Service Record Inspection, dated 6 December 1944 from the 37th Service Group. This Squadron was commended for an excellent showing in a recent inspection by NATOUSA personnel on Service Records and General Office set up of the Orderly Room. (Copy of letter attached.)

W. A. PETER
Major, Air Corps
Commanding

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HEADQUARTERS
37TH SERVICE GROUP
APO 520

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Service Center No. 37
6 December 1944

SUBJECT: Report on AOC's.

TO : All Organization Commanders and Staff, 37th Service Group, APO 520.

1. The Reports of AOC's received from Headquarters, XV Air Force Service Command shows the following percentages of AOC's on the 49th Wing:

| | |
|---|---|
| August ---------- | 17. % |
| September ------- | .25% |
| October --------- | 0. % |
| November -------- | 0. % |

2. This report is extremely gratifying to me. The officers and men of this Group may be proud of such splendid results ans accomplishments, which have been brought about by a high standard of efficiency, exemplary attention to duty. and a laudable spirit of cooperation on the part of all concerned.

3. I desire to congratulate and commend the officers and men of this Group for this spledid record of achievement and it is my desire that the contents of the report and of this letter br brought to the attention of all officers and men.

/s/ William M. Hill
WILLIAM M. HILL
Lt. Col., Air Corps
Commanding

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HEADQUARTERS
37TH SERVICE GROUP
APO 520

Service Center No. 37
6 December 1944

SUBJECT: Service Record Inspection.

TO : Commanding Officer, 563rd Air Serv Sq., 37th Serv Gp., APO 520, U. S. Army.

1. The following are excerpts taken from the recent inspection as pertains to your organization.

a. Rating

| OFFICE SET-UP | SUPERVISION | CONDITION OF S/R |
|---|---|---|
| Excellent | Excellent | Excellent |

b. "Most errors occurring in records of the 563rd Air Serv Sq were due to misinterpretation of NATOUSA Circular 100 or receipt of records with improper intries. After explanation of inspector-instructor, corrections were initiated."

2. Your organization is to be commended for the excellent report from the inspector.

/s/ William M. Hill
WILLIAM M. HILL
Lt. Col., A. C.
Commanding.

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HEADQUARTERS
563RD AIR SERVICE SQUADRON
APO 520

Service Center No. 37
6 February 1945

SUBJECT: Historical Records.

TO : Commanding Officer, 37th Air Service Group. Attention: Historian.

1. Unit History of the 563rd Air Service Squadron for the period 1 through 31 January 1945.

a. Facts relating to the origin of the unit:

(1). Original designation.
(2). Place and date of activation.
(3). Authority for activation.
(4). Sources from which personnel was obtained.

Information requested in (1) through (4) above was submitted in Historical Records for month of January 1944.

b. Changes in Organization:

(1). Change in designation of unit: None
(2). Transfer of unit as a whole: None
(3). Commanding Officer: No change
(4). Staff Officers: No change

c. Strength, commissioned and enlisted:

| (1). Month of January: | O | WO | EM |
|---|---|---|---|
| (a). At beginning | 5 | 2 | 245 |
| (b). Net increase | | | |
| (c). Net decrease | | | 3 |
| (d). At end | 5 | 2 | 242 |

d. Stations: No change in station.

e. Movements: None

f. Campaigns:

(1). Name:

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(a). Both Campaigns of the Italian Campaign as prescribed in WD cable WX 40460 dated 3 October 1944. The names and dates of each are shown below.

(1). Naples-Foggia from 15 January 1944 (Activation date of this Unit) until 21 January 1944.

(2). Rome Arno, 22 January 1944 to final date to be announced.

(b). The combat zone of both campaigns has been defined as:

(1). Italy (exclusive of Sicily and Sardinia), Corsica and adjacent waters to 15 August 1944.

(2). Beginning 16 August 1944 the Campaign Zone of the Rome-Arno Campaign is that portion of Italy and adjacent waters north of 42° North Latitude. (Supporting documents attached.)

(2). Duration: From activation of this Squadron until expiration of this report; campaign is still in progress.

g. Operations: This Squadron is at present servicing the 461st Bombardment Group.

| SHOP | PRES. MONTH | PREV. MONTH | OPER AVERAGE |
|---|---|---|---|
| (1) PROPELLER: | | | |
| (a). Props installed in ships | 2 | 3 | 2 |
| (b). Props balanced | 7 | 10 | 8 |
| (c). Props disassembled and cleaned | 20 | 26 | 23 |
| (d). Props serviced on ships | 6 | 5 | 5 |
| (e). Domes disassembled and cleaned. | 22 | 29 | 25 |
| (f). Distributor valves checked and cleaned. | 19 | 31 | 25 |
| (g). Props pulled from ships | 6 | 12 | 9 |
| (h). Props prepared for shipment to Depot & Storage | 10 | 14 | 12 |
| (i). Props assembled | 11 | N.A. | N.A. |
| (j). Props prepared for painting | 7 | 11 | 9 |
| (k). Work Orders issued | 16 | 27 | 21 |
| (l). Work Orders completed | 15 | 29 | 22 |
| (m). Work Orders in process: Two | | | |
| (2) INSTRUMENT: | | | |
| (a). Instruments checked & turned into A. C. Supply as servicable | 186 | 389 | 287 |
| (b). Instruments checked & turned into A. C. Supply as repairable | 44 | 45 | 44 |



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| SHOP | | PRES. MONTH | PREV. MONTH | OPER. AVERAGES |
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| (2) | INSTRUMENT: (CONT'D) | | | |
| | (c). Checked and repaired instruments for Bomb Squadrons | 0 | 18 | 9 |
| | (d). Instruments installed on ships | 2 | 6 | 4 |
| | (e). Cleaned & repaired typewriters | 5 | 2 | 3 |
| | (f). Work Orders issued | 29 | 63 | 46 |
| | (g). Work Orders completed | 28 | 62 | 48 |
| | (h). Work Orders in process: Five | | | |
| (3) | ELECTRIC: | | | |
| | (a). Batteries charged | 71 | 84 | 77 |
| | (b). Generators repaired | 9 | 4 | 6 |
| | (c). Generator conduits modified | 2 | 0 | 1 |
| | (d). Number of intercooler motors repaired | 11 | N.A. | N.A. |
| | (e). Number of ships repaired | 4 | 2 | 3 |
| | (f). Number of de-icing system motors checked | 11 | N.A. | N.A. |
| | (g). Number of reverse current relays checked and repaired | 17 | 4 | 10 |
| | (h). Number of voltage regulators repaired | 39 | 68 | 53 |
| | (i). Flying suits repaired | 0 | 43 | 21 |
| | (j). Number of Starters repaired | 2 | 5 | 3 |
| | (k). Work Orders Issued | 24 | 53 | 38 |
| | (l). Work Orders Completed | 22 | 59 | 40 |
| | (m). Work Orders in Progress: Four | | | |
| (4) | PARACHUTE: | | | |
| | (a). Number of parachutes checked and repacked. | 333 | 459 | 396 |
| | (b). Number of escape kits repaired | 50 | 99 | 74 |
| | (c). Mae Wests modified | 135 | 142 | 138 |
| | (d). Safety belts checked & weight tested | 59 | N.A. | N.A. |
| | (e). Flying Suits repaired or modified | 31 | 55 | 43 |
| | (f). Work Orders issued | 32 | 67 | 49 |
| | (g). Work Orders completed | 35 | 66 | 50 |
| | (h). Work Orders in process: Nine | | | |
| (5) | PAINT, DOPE AND FABRIC: | | | |
| | (a). Vehicles painted | 3 | 2 | 2 |
| | (b). Number of ships painted | 25 | 4 | 14 |
| | (c). Number of ships fabric repaired | 9 | 8 | 8 |
| | (d). Propellers painted | 5 | 11 | 8 |
| | (e). Work Orders issued | 44 | 54 | 49 |
| | (f). Work Orders completed | 45 | 48 | 46 |
| | (g). Work Orders in process: Six | | | |



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| SHOP | | PRES. MONTH | PREV. MONTH | OPER. AVERAGES |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| (6) | AIRPLANE MECHANIC: | | | |
| | (a). Number of Engines pickled | 22 | 53 | 37 |
| | (b). Number of Engines shipped to Depot | 31 | 54 | 42 |
| | (c). Number of ships repaired | 3 | 6 | 4 |
| | (d). Number of ships salvaged | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| | (e). Note: This shop works on verbal orders. | | | |
| (7) | SHEET METAL: | | | |
| | (a). Bomb bay doors repaired | 2 | 4 | 3 |
| | (b). Number of ships repaired of Battle damage | 2 | 6 | 4 |
| | (c). Number of Pilot chute clips manufactured | 0 | 200 | 100 |
| | (d). Work Orders issued | 59 | 59 | 59 |
| | (e). Work Orders completed | 55 | 58 | 56 |
| | (f). Work Orders in process: Eleven. | | | |
| (8) | ARMAMENT: | | | |
| | (a). Turrets installed | 0 | 1 | |
| | (b). Turrets removed from ships | 1 | 3 | 2 |
| | (c). Number of ships on which guns and armament were checked and cleaned | 0 | 2 | 1 |
| | (d). Inspected armament in all ships in Service Squadron Area | | | |
| | Note: This shop works on verbal orders. | | | |
| (9) | CARPENTER: | | | |
| | (a). Manufactured Engine Cover plates | 0 | 280 | 140 |
| | (b). Manufactured Fuel Cell Crates | 37 | 42 | 39 |
| | (c). Manufactured Carburetor Plates | 0 | 16 | 8 |
| | (d). Work Orders issued | 35 | 64 | 49 |
| | (e). Work Orders completed | 32 | 54 | 43 |
| | (f). Work Orders in process: Ten | | | |
| (10) | MACHINE: | | | |
| | (a). Number of bolts manufactured | 374 | 341 | 307 |
| | (b). Number of bushings manufactured | 150 | 134 | 142 |
| | (c). Number of Waste Gate arms manufactured | 8 | 12 | 10 |
| | (d). Number of washers manufactured | 6 | 8 | 7 |
| | (e). Number of Air Chucks manufactured | 2 | 6 | 4 |
| | (f). Number of Heater Fuel line fittings manufactured | 10 | N.A. | N.A. |



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| | | PRES. MONTH | PREV. MONTH | OPER. AVERAGES |
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| (10) | MACHINE: (CONT'D) | | | |
| | (g). Number of studs manufactured | 17 | N.A. | N.A. |
| | (h). Number of clutch handles manufactured | 10 | N.A. | N.A. |
| | (i). Number of clamps manufactured | 6 | N.A. | N.A. |
| | (j) Work Orders issued | 61 | 118 | 89 |
| | (k). Work Orders completed | 68 | 129 | 197 |
| | (l). Work Orders in process: Six | | | |
| (11) | WELDING: | | | |
| | (a). Number of ships cut up | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| | (b). Number of vehicles repaired | 49 | 40 | 44 |
| | (c). Number of Carburetor Air Scoops repaired | 17 | N.A. | N.A. |
| | (d). Number of stoves manufactured | 12 | 50 | 31 |
| | (e). Work Orders issued | 69 | 105 | 87 |
| | (f). Work Orders completed | 71 | 114 | 94 |
| | (g). Work Orders in process: Three | | | |
| (12) | A. C. SUPPLY FORM 81'S: | | | |
| | (a). Total submitted to supply | 1958 | 2071 | 2014 |
| | (b). Total marked N.I.S. | 486 | 499 | 492 |
| | (c). Total submitted to A.F.A.D. #53 | 275 | 308 | 251 |
| | (d). Approximate percentage of total submitted to A.F.A.D. #53 received | 61% | 60% | 60% |
| | (e). Number of A.O.C'S on Form #110 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | (f). Total number of A.O.C'S submitted to 563rd Air Serv Sq. | 154 | 89 | 121 |
| (13) | A. C. SUPPLY FORM 104'S: | | | |
| | (a). Shipping tickets | 394 | 493 | 443 |
| (14) | A. C. SUPPLY FORM 102'S: | | | |
| | (a). Number of requisitions submitted to Depot | 144 | 168 | 156 |
| (15) | A. C. SUPPLY OXYGEN: | | | |
| | (a). Bottles consumed | 852 | 1404 | 1126 |
| (16) | A. C. SUPPLY ACETYLENE: | | | |
| | (a). Bottles consumed | 18 | 22 | 21 |



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| | | PRES. MONTH | PREV. MONTH | OPER AVERAGES |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| (17) | A. C. SUPPLY OIL AVIATION #1120 | | | |
| | (a). Gallons consumed | 11914 | 7914 | 10165 |
| (18) | A. C. SUPPLY GAS PIPELINE: | | | |
| | (a). Gallons consumed | 664360 | 979100 | 821730 |
| (19) | A. C. SUPPLY (PACKAGED GAS): | | | |
| | (a). Gallons on hand | 150000 | 225000 | N.A. |
| | (b). Reserve Stock Level | 150000 | 225000 | N.A. |
| (20) | A. C. SUPPLY WORK ORDERS: | | | |
| | (a). Work Orders initiated | 48 | 86 | 67 |
| | (b). Work Orders Filled | 39 | 78 | 59 |

h. Commanding Officer in important operations: None

i. Loss in action (Officers and Enlisted Men): None

j. Living conditions, recreational and orientation activities, and morale:

(1). Living Conditions:

(a). A stove has been added to the Squadron indoor theatre which is being used to take the chill out of the building before the picture begins.

(b). Construction of a building in the Squadron Area with the help of Italian civilians continues. This building is to be used as a Squadron Day Room. This building will include a Bar, and Barber Shop, and other recreational facilities. The building is now nearly half completed.

Additional drainage facilities are being installed in the tent area. The improvement of all roads in the Squadron area, by placing gravel on them, is still in progress.

(2). Recreational:

(a). The squadron basketball team played in four (4) games during the month, winning two (2) and losing two (2). The closest and best played game was the loss to the 2239th Q.M. Truck Co., which the Truckers won in the closing seconds of the game, 34-32. The hardest



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(2). Recreational: (Cont'd)

(a). (Cont'd).
fought game was with the squadrons game with the 105lst Signal Co., which we won 33-28. The close rivalry is probably a carry-over from our hard fought softball games of last summer with the Signal boys. The smoothest team met was the 60th Air Service Squadron team to whom we lost 34-23. Cpl Kixmoeller, team manager for the 563'rs scored 14 points in the game. In the opening game of the elimination the Oxygen Detachment were the victims and were downed 31-10.

(b). Entertainment: Moving pictures are the main source of entertainment at the present time. A schedule of three (3) changes of pictures a week is being maintained.

(3). Orientation:

G.I. Shorts constituted Orientation program for the evening of Tuesday, the 2nd of January 1945. Two (2) reels of G.I. movies were shown. The first period being devoted to a selection of Short Subjects.

The feature film was a A.A.F. Combat Weekly Digest Film.

The Commanding Officer gave a short lecture on "Safety Precautions" in the operation of Motor Vehicles. Program time: One and one half (1½) hours.

On the evening of 9 January 1945 five (5) reels of G.I. movies took the place of an Orientation Lecture formally scheduled for Tuesday evenings.

The first period was devoted to a selection of short subjects which included a review of the News of the Day. Some interesting pictures were shown of General Clark's Negro Troops in action on the Italian front, also some interesting pictures of the R.A.F. blasting a Nazi Convoy.

A Combat Film was shown, which gave an interesting account of the parachute landings around the town of Lae, also the capture of same.

The last period was devoted to the showing of two (2) reels on Sex Morality. Program time: Two and three quarters (2 3/4) hours.

Orientation for 16th of January, 23 January and 29th January 1945 was constituted by selections of G.I. movies. Average program time for all three sessions was one and

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(3). Orientation: (Cont'd)

three quarters (1 3/4) hours.

(4). Morale:

The morale of the personnel is not at the usual high level probably due to the lack of entertainment and the inclement weather which confines the personnel to their tents with no outdoor sports possible. Movies, mostly of class "B" variety seem to be getting monotonous. There is a definite need of some vaudeville entertainment during the winter months.

k. Unit Citations: The Squadron received a commendation by means of a letter, Subject: Commendation, dated 13 January 1945, from the 37th Air Service Group. This squadron was commended for an excellent Unit Activities Report. (Copy of letter attached)

l. Others: Two copies of the "Monthly Sanitary Report" are hereby attached as per request. (See Exhibit one (1))

W. A. PETER
Major, Air Corps
Commanding

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HEADQUARTERS
37TH SERVICE GROUP
APO 520

Service Center No. 37
13 January 1945.

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SUBJECT: Commendation.

TO : Commanding Officer, 563rd Air Service Squadron, 37th Service Group, APO 520.

I wish to commend you for your excellent Unit Activities Report for the period 25 December 1944 to 10 January 1945. It is my hope that you will continue your fine activities' program.

/s/ William M. Hill
WILLIAM M. HILL
Lt Col, Air Corps
Commanding

A TRUE COPY:

D. L. SLATER
1st Lt., Air Corps
Adjutant

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Service Center No. 7
2 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Monthly Diary.

TO : Pvt. Johnson, Squadron Historian.

1. The statistics below have been taken from Air Corps Supply records.

| Item. | Jan. 1945. | Dec. 1944. | Total Nov. & Dec. 1944. (2 mo) |
|---|---|---|---|
| Form # 81 - Submitted to ACS | 197 | 207 | 404 |
| Marked T.... | 183 | 109 | 292 |
| Submitted to AC to ASAF ACS | 475 | 206 | 251 |
| Approx. % of Items Rec'd | 61% | 50% | 56% |
| ACO on Form 110 | 0 | 0 | 0(5 no) |
| ACO's submitted to ACS which were NIS | 154 | 69 | 121 |
| Form # 102 - Requisition submitted to depots. | 144 | 168 | 156 |
| Form # 104 - Shipping Tickets | 394 | 499 | 443 |
| Oxygen - Bottles consumed | 852 | 1404 | 1128 |
| Acetylene - Bottles consumed | 18 | 22 | 21 |
| Oil, Aviation # 1120 - Gallons consumed | 1191 | 791 | 10165 |
| Gas, Packaged - Gallons on hand | 150000 | 225000 | |
| Reserve Stock Level | 150000 | 225000 | |
| Gas, Pipeline - Consumed (Gallons) | 661360 | 979100 | 821730 |
| Work Orders - Number Initiated | 48 | 86 | 67 |
| Number Filled | 38 | 78 | 59 |



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2. Activities of AC Supply During January.

a. Level of packaged gasoline was decreased to 150,000 gallons from 217,000. Gasoline was hauled to railhead five days.

b. Air Corps Supply Warehouse rented.

c. Further consolidated stock in warehouse. Class II was moved into main warehouse.

John C. Lindsley

Captain, Air Corps,
AC Supply Officer.



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HEADQUARTERS
563RD AIR SERVICE SQUADRON
APO 520

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Service Center No. 37
2 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Monthly Diary.

TO : Pvt. Johnson, Squadron Historian.

1. The satistics below have been taken form Air Corps Supply records.

| Item. | | Jan. Tot. | Dec. Tot. | Total Mo. Aver.(2 mo) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Form # 81 - | Submitted to ACS | 1958 | 2071 | 2014 |
| | Marked N.I.S. | 486 | 499 | 492 |
| | Submitted by ACS to AFAD #53 | 275 | 308 | 251 |
| | Approx. % of Items Rec'd | 61% | 60% | 60% |
| | AOC on Form 110 | 0 | 0 | 0(5 mo) |
| | AOC's submitted to ACS which were NIS | 154 | 89 | 121 |
| Form # 102 - | Requisition submitted to depots. | 144 | 168 | 156 |
| Form # 104 - | Shipping Tickets | 394 | 493 | 443 |
| Oxygen - | Bottles consumed | 852 | 1404 | 1126 |
| Acetylene - | Bottles consumed | 18 | 22 | 21 |
| Oil, Aviation # 1120 - | Gallons consumed | 11914 | 7914 | 10165 |
| Gas, Packaged - | Gallons on hand | 150000 | 225000 | |
| | Reserve Stock Level | 150000 | 225000 | |
| Gas, Pipeline - | Consumed (Gallons) | 664360 | 979100 | 821730 |
| Work Orders - | Number Initiated | 48 | 86 | 67 |
| | Number Filled | 39 | 78 | 59 |



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2. Activities of AC Supply During January.

a. Level of packaged gasoline was decreased to 150,000 gallons from 217,400. Gasoline was hauled to railhead five days.

b. Air Corps Supply Warehouse rewired.

c. Further consolidated stock in warehouse. Class 11 was moved into main warehouse.

JOHN R. LORD, JR.,
Captain, Air Corps,
AC Supply Officer.



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HEADQUARTERS
563RD AIR SERVICE SQUADRON
APO 520

Service Center No. 37
7 March 1945

SUBJECT: Historical Records.

TO : Commanding Officer, 37th Air Service Group. Attention: Historian.

1. Unit History of the 563rd Air Service Squadron for the period 1 through 28 February 1945.

a. Facts relating to the origin of the unit:

(1). Original designation.
(2). Place and date of activation.
(3). Authority for activation.
(4). Sources from which personnel was obtained.

Information requested in (1) through (4) above was submitted in Historical Records for month of January 1944.

b. Changes in Organization:

(1). Change in designation of Unit: None
(2). Transfer of unit as a whole: None
(3). Commanding Officer: No change
(4). Staff Officers: No change

c. Strength, commissioned and enlisted:

| | | O | WO | EM |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| (1). | Month of February: | | | |
| (a). | At beginning | 5 | 2 | 242 |
| (b). | Net increase | 1 | | |
| (c). | Net decrease | | | |
| (d). | At end | 6 | 2 | 242 |

d. Stations: No change in station.

e. Movements: None

f. Campaigns:

(1). Name:



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(a). Both Campaigns of the Italian Campaign as prescribed in WD cable WX 40460 dated 3 October 1944. The names and dates of each are shown below.

(1). Naples-Foggia from 15 January 1944 (Activation date of this Unit) until 21 January 1944.

(2). Rome Arno, 22 January 1944 to final date to be announced.

(b). The combat zone of both campaigns has been defined as:

(1). Italy (exclusive of Sicily and Sardinia), Corsica and adjacent waters to 15 August 1944.

(2). Duration: From activation of this Squadron until expiration of this report; campaign is still in progress.

6. Operations: This Squadron is at present servicing the 461st Bombardment Group.

| SHOP | PRES. MONTH | PREV. MONTH | OPER AVERAGE |
|---|---|---|---|
| (1) PROPELLER: | | | |
| (a). Props installed in ships | 3 | 2 | 2 |
| (b). Props balanced | 8 | 7 | 7 |
| (c). Props disassembled and cleaned | 22 | 20 | 21 |
| (d). Props serviced on ships | 6 | 6 | 6 |
| (e). Domes disassembled and cleaned | 21 | 22 | 21 |
| (f). Distributor valves checked and cleaned. | 20 | 19 | 19 |
| (g). Props pulled from ships | 9 | 6 | 7 |
| (h). Props prepared for shipment to Depot & Storage | 14 | 10 | 12 |
| (i). Props assembled | 25 | 11 | 18 |
| (j). Props prepared for painting | 4 | 7 | 5 |
| Note: This shop work largely on verbal orders. | | | |
| (2) INSTRUMENT: | | | |
| (a). Instruments checked & turned into A. C. Supply as servicable | 437 | 186 | 311 |
| (b). Instruments checked & turned into A. C. Supply as fepairable | 41 | 44 | 42 |



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| SHOP | | PRES. MONTH | PREV. MONTH | OPER. AVERAGES |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| (2) | INSTRUMENT: (CONT'D) | | | |
| | (c). Instruments installed on ships | 4 | 2 | 3 |
| | (d). Cleaned & repaired typewriters | 3 | 5 | 4 |
| | (e). Work Orders issued | 38 | 29 | 33 |
| | (f). Work Orders Completed | 43 | 28 | 35 |
| | (g). Work Orders in process: None. | | | |
| (3) | ELECTRIC: | | | |
| | (a). Batteries charged | 102 | 71 | 96 |
| | (b). Generators repaired | 19 | 9 | 14 |
| | (c). Number of reverse current relays checked and repaired | 24 | 17 | 20 |
| | (d). Number of voltage regulators repaired | 56 | 39 | 47 |
| | (e). Number of Starters repaired | 11 | 2 | 6 |
| | (f). Work Orders Issued | 22 | 23 | 22 |
| | (g). Work Orders Completed | 23 | 22 | 22 |
| | (h). Work Orders in Process: None | | | |
| (4) | PARACHUTE: | | | |
| | (a). Number of parachutes checked and repacked. | 465 | 333 | 399 |
| | (b). Number of Escape Kits repaired | 49 | 50 | 49 |
| | (c). Parachutes modified | 148 | N.A. | N.A. |
| | (d). Safety belts checked & weight tested | 12 | 59 | 35 |
| | (e). Flying Suits repaired or modified | 2 | 31 | 15 |
| | (f). Work Orders Issued. | 39 | 32 | 35 |
| | (g). Work Orders completed | 44 | 35 | 39 |
| | (h). Work Orders in process: Nine | | | |
| (5) | PAINT, DOPE AND FABRIC: | | | |
| | (a). Vehicles painted | 4 | 3 | 3 |
| | (b). Number of ships painted | 12 | 25 | 18 |
| | (c). Number of ships fabric repaired | 17 | 9 | 13 |
| | (d). Propellers painted | 10 | 5 | 7 |
| | (e). Work Orders Issued | 73 | 44 | 58 |
| | (f). Work Orders completed | 69 | 45 | 57 |
| | (g). Work Orders in process: Five | | | |
| (6) | AIRPLANE MECHANIC: | | | |
| | (a). Number of Engines pickled | 51 | 22 | 36 |
| | (b). Number of Engines shipped to Depot | 24 | 31 | 27 |
| | (c). Number of ships repaired | 7 | 3 | 5 |
| | (d). Number of ships salvaged | 1 | 3 | 2 |
| | (e). Note: This shop works on verbal orders. | | | |



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| SHOP | PRES. MONTH | PREV. MONTH | OPER. AVERAGES |
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| (7) SHEET METAL: | | | |
| (a). Bomb bay doors repaired | 4 | 2 | 3 |
| (b). Number of ships repaired of battle damage | 17 | 2 | 9 |
| (c). Work Orders issued | 70 | 59 | 64 |
| (d). Work Orders completed | 70 | 55 | 62 |
| (e). Work Orders in process: Fifteen | | | |
| (8) ARMAMENT: | | | |
| (a). Turrets removed from ships | 11 | 1 | 6 |
| (b). Number of ships on which guns and armament were checked and cleaned | 3 | 0 | 1 |
| (c). Inspected armament in all ships in Service Squadron Area | | | |
| Note: This shop works on verbal orders. | | | |
| (9) CARPENTER: | | | |
| (a). Manufactured Fuel Cell Crates | 30 | 37 | 33 |
| (b). Manufactured Carburetor Plates | 12 | 0 | 6 |
| (c). Work Orders issued | 47 | 35 | 41 |
| (d). Work Orders completed | 56 | 32 | 44 |
| (e). Work Orders in process: | Eight | | |
| (10) MACHINE: | | | |
| (a). Number of bolts manufactured | 126 | 344 | 250 |
| (b). Number of bushings manufactured | 10 | 150 | 80 |
| (c). Number of Waste Gate arms manufactured | 12 | 8 | 10 |
| (d). Number of washers manufactured | 31 | 6 | 18 |
| (e). Number of B-10 Bomb Shackcles manufactured | 100 | N. A. | N. A. |
| (f). Work Orders issued | 97 | 61 | 79 |
| (g). Work Orders completed | 96 | 68 | 82 |
| (h). Work Orders in process: Seven | | | |
| (11) WELDING: | | | |
| (a). Number of ships cut up | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| (b). Number of vehicles repaired | 65 | 49 | 57 |
| (c). Number of stoves manufactured | 9 | 12 | 10 |
| (d). Work Orders issued | 68 | 69 | 68 |
| (e). Work Orders completed | 68 | 71 | 69 |
| (f). Work Orders in process: Three | | | |



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| SHOP | | PRES. MONTH | PREV. MONTH | OPER. AVERAGES |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| (12) | A. C. SUPPLY FORM 81'S | | | |
| | (a). Total submitted to supply | 2182 | 1958 | 2070 |
| | (b). Total marked N.I.S. | 522 | 486 | 504 |
| | (c). Total submitted to A.F.A.D. # 53 | 240 | 275 | 257 |
| | (d). Approximate percentage of total submitted to A.F.A.D. # 53 Received | 73% | 61% | 67% |
| | (e). Number of A.O.C'S on Form # 110 | 0 | 0 | 0 (7 Mo) |
| | (f). Total number of A.O.C'S submitted to 563rd Air Serv Sqdn. | 63 | 154 | 108 |
| (13) | A. C. SUPPLY FORM 104'S: | | | |
| | (a). Shipping tickets | 394 | 394 | 394 |
| (14) | A.C. SUPPLY FORM 102'S | | | |
| | (a) Number of requisitions submitted to Depot | 140 | 144 | 142 |
| (15) | A. C. SUPPLY OXYGEN: | | | |
| | (a). Bottles consumed | 1837 | 852 | 1344 |
| (16) | A. C. SUPPLY ACETYLENE: | | | |
| | (a). Bottles consumed | 18 | 18 | 18 |
| (17) | A. C. SUPPLY OIL AVIATION # 1120 | | | |
| | (a). Gallons consumed | 17623 | 11914 | 14768 |
| (18) | A. C. SUPPLY GAS PIPELINE: | | | |
| | (a) Gallons consumed | 1559200 | 664360 | 1111780 |
| (19) | A. C. SUPPLY (PACKAGED GAS): | | | |
| | (a) Gallons on hand | 150000 | 150000 | 150000 |
| (20) | A. C. SUPPLY WORK ORDERS: | | | |
| | (a) Work Orders initiated | 94 | 48 | 71 |
| | (b) Work Orders Filled | 69 | 39 | 54 |

h. Commanding Officer in important operations: None

i. Loss in action (Officers and Enlisted Men): None



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j. Living conditions, recreational and orientation activities, and morale:

(1). Living Conditions:

(a). A new cement floor to replace the old broken up floor in the kitchen of the squadron mess hall has been added. This improvement will greatly increase the sanitary conditions of the kitchen.

(b) Construction of a building in the squadron area with the help of Italian Civilians continues. This building is to be used as a Squadron Day Room and will include a bar, Barber Shop and other recreational facilities. The building is now about three quarters completed.

(c). Improvement of all roads and drainage facilities in the squadron tent area is still in progress.

(2). Recreational:

(a). The squadron basketball team played two games during the month and won one from the 1153rd Sig. Co. by forfeit. Best game of the month was with the 496th Air Serv Sqdn. This contest was closely fought for the first half of the game but the 563rd pulled away in the second half final score 38 to 21. T/Sgt Parker was high man with 16 points followed by Cpl Kixmoeller with 10. The 2238th Q. M. Truck Co were the victims in the other game, falling by the lop-sided score of 64-10.

Plans are underway to organize a softball team and practise will start soon if the present warm weather continues.

(b). Entertainment: Moving pictures provides the main source of entertainment at present, however Special Service Stage shows in Foggia and Cerignola have provided a considerable amount of entertainment for a great percentage of the squadron's personnel.

(3). Orientation:

Orientation for themonth of February consisted of showing O. I. Shorts on Monday evenings of the 5th and 12th of February 1945. Average program time for both evenings was two (2) hours.

On monday evening 19 February 1945, a lecture on Venereal Disease was conducted. A medical officer from the 60th Service Squadron gave a short talk. Chaplain Junk also gave



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(3). Orientation: (Cont'd)

a short, but interesting talk on Control of Venereal Disease. He stressed in his talk the Moral side of self control and will power for the Control of Venereal Disease. His talk was very much enjoyed by all. Program time: One and one half (1½) hours.

(4). Morale:

The morale of the personnel was slightly higher among the majority. This was probably due to the excellent weather which enabled the men to get outdoor exercise and the showing of several vaudville acts and orchestras which themmen were able to attend. Some men were in low spirit because of the talk of the transfer of men into the infantry. The majority, however, were in good spirit with the increase TD furloughs to the U. S. being the main factor of their high morale. The awarding of Good Conduct Medals, after a prolong period of no awards, has also contributed to raising of morale of the personnel in the squadron.

k. Unit Citations: This squadron received a Letter of Commendation, Subject: Commendation of 563rd Service Squadron, dated 31 January 1945, from 461st Bombardment Group. This entire squadron was commented for the outstanding assistance and cooperation which it has rendered to this Group.

l. Others: Two copies of the " Monthly Sanitary Report" are hereby attached as per request. (See Exhibit nn. (1))

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Major, Air Corps
Commanding





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OFFICE OF THE SURGEON
563RD AIR SERVICE SQUADRON
APO 520

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Air Service Center No. 37
28 February 1945

SUBJECT: Monthly Sanitary Report.

TO : Commanding Officer, 563rd Air Service Squadron.

Pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 1c, AR 40-275, the following sanitary report is submitted for the month of February 1945:

1. Environmental Sanitation. The conditions within and surrounding area of the squadron were found to be satisfactory during the past month. The ditches for drainage are in good condition and found to be sufficient for drainage. The supply of water is ample for all needs, such as for the kitchen, showers and individual needs. Water is hauled from the water point three miles away and is chlorinated at the water point. The disposal of liquid and solid garbage is satisfactory. Food supplies issued are adequate and storage of same is satisfactory. Hot water for kitchen and mess kit washing is sufficient for the necessary cleaning. The floor having been repaired and cemented improved greatly the sanitary condition of the kitchen. Latrine sanitation is very good, all latrines well winterized. Shower facilities are very good with plenty of hot water for all personnel of the squadron. Now that the days are warmer and clear more frequent airing of bedding should be done by the men. No insects of disease bearing or other origin were found on inspections. Anti-malaria lectures were completed 24 June 1944.

2. Personal Hygiene. The entire personnel of the squadron are in exellent physical condition. The semi-monthly physical examinations were held on 12 February 1945 and 27 February 1945 for the entire squadron and for the 2088th Engr. Comp. pl. (Det.). The percentage of personnel present but not examined was 0. No venereal or any other fungus infections of the skin was noted at this time. A venereal disease lecture was given to the ent entire personnel on 19 February 1945 by the medical officer of the 60th Air Service Squadron. The feet and shoes of the men are in good condition. Immunizations were given that were due during the past month bringing all records up to date.

3. Undue prevalence of Acute Communicable or other Diseases. None to report.

4. New or Improved Administrative Measures or Sanitary Appliances. None to report.

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5. Subjects Not Covered Under Other Headings.

a. Veterinary Sanitary Report. None required.

b. Nutrition. The food rations issued and received were adequate in quantity and in good condition. The fresh meats received were also well refrigerated and of good quality. The preparation of the food was satisfactory, adequate in portions served and palatable. Nutritional condition of the personnel is very good. Caloric value per men per day is sufficient.

c. Climate. The climatic conditions during the greater part of the month have been very good. Drainage around tents very good; tents are dry and heated. The change in weather has shown in the decrease of upper respiratory infections.

d. Evacuation of Casualties. Patients are hospitalized at the 34th Field Hospital when necessary and presents no great difficulty as the hospital is about ten miles from the camp.

e. Equipment and Supplies. Equipment is in excellent condition and up to 100% of the T/E. Medical supplies are adequate, of good quality and easily obtainable from the 14th Medical Supply pl. (Avn.).

6. Recommendations. The weather being better, more frequent airing of all bedding should be enforced. This should be done at least twice a week.

/s/ George J. Kohut
GEORGE J. KOHUT
Captain, M.C.
Squadron Surgeon

TRUE COPY:

D. L. SLATER
1st Lt., Air Corps
Adjutant

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HEADQUARTERS
563RD AIR SERVICE SQUADRON
APO 520

Air Service Center No. 37
7 April 1945

SUBJECT: Historical Records.

TO : Commanding Officer, 37th Air Service Group. Attention: Historian.

1. Unit History of the 563rd Air Service Squadron for the period 1 through 31 March 1945.

a. Facts relating to the origin of the unit:

(1). Original designation.
(2). Place and date of activation.
(3). Authority for activation.
(4). Sources from which personnel was obtained.

Information requested in (1) through (4) above was submitted in Historical Records for Month of January 1944.

b. Changes in Organization:

(1). Change in designation of Unit: None
(2). Transfer of unit as a whole: None
(3). Commanding Officer: No change
(4). Staff Officers: No change.

c. Strength, commissioned and enlisted:

| (1). Month of March: | O | WO | EM |
|---|---|---|---|
| (a). At beginning | 6 | 2 | 242 |
| (b). Net increase | | | |
| (c). Net decrease | | | 1 |
| (d). At end | 6 | 2 | 241 |

d. Stations: No change in station.

e. Movements: None

f. Campaigns:

(1). Name:



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(a). Both Campaigns of the Italian Campaign as prescribed in WD cable WX 40460 dated 3 October 1944. The names and dates of each are shown below.

(1). Naples-Foggia from 15 January 1944 (Activation date of this Unit) until 21 January 1944.

(2). Rome Arno, 22 January 1944 to final date to be announced.

(b). The combat zone of both campaings has been defined as:

(1). Italy (exclusive of Sicily and Sardinia), Corsica and adjacent waters to 15 August 1944.

(2). Duration: From activation of this Squadron until expiration of this report; campaign is still in progress.

c. Operations: This Squadron is at present servicing the 461st Bombardment Group.

| SHOP | PRES. MONTH | PREV. MONTH | OPER. AVERAGE |
|---|---|---|---|
| (1) PROPELLER: | | | |
| (a). Props installed in ships | 9 | 3 | 6 |
| (b). Props balanced | 12 | 8 | 10 |
| (c). Props disassembled and cleaned | 43 | 22 | 32 |
| (d). Props serviced on ships | 3 | 6 | 4 |
| (e). Domes disassembled and cleaned | 58 | 21 | 39 |
| (f). Distributor valves checked and cleaned | 40 | 20 | 30 |
| (g). Props pulled from ships | 8 | 9 | 8 |
| (h). Props prepared for shipment to Depot & Storage | 20 | 14 | 17 |
| (i). Props assembled | 35 | 25 | 30 |
| (j). Props prepared for painting | 10 | 4 | 7 |
| (k). Blades refaced | 35 | N.A. | N.A. |
| Note: This shop work largely on verbal orders. | | | |
| (2) INSTRUMENT: | | | |
| (a). Instruments checked & turned into A.C. Supply as repairable | 73 | 41 | 57 |
| (b). Instruments checked & turned into A.C. Supply as serviceable | 310 | 437 | 373 |



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| SHOP | | PRES. MONTH | PREV. MONTH | OPER. AVERAGE |
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| (2) | INSTRUMENT: (CONT'D) | | | |
| | (c). Instruments installed on ships | 7 | 4 | 5 |
| | (d). Cleaned & repaired typewriters | 4 | 3 | 3 |
| | (e). Work Orders issued | 54 | 38 | 46 |
| | (f). Work Orders completed | 52 | 43 | 47 |
| | (g). Work Orders in process: Two. | | | |
| (3) | ELECTRIC: | | | |
| | (a). Batteries charged | 134 | 102 | 116 |
| | (b). Generators repaired | 17 | 19 | 18 |
| | (c). Number of reverse current relays checked and repaired | 19 | 24 | 21 |
| | (d). Number of voltage regulators repaired | 87 | 56 | 71 |
| | (e). Number of Starters repaired | 11 | 11 | 11 |
| | (f). Number of Power Plants repaired | 19 | N.A. | N.A. |
| | (g). Work Orders issued | 35 | 22 | 28 |
| | (h). Work Orders completed | 32 | 23 | 27 |
| (4) | PARACHUTE: | | | |
| | (a). Number of parachutes checked and repacked. | 621 | 465 | 543 |
| | (b). Number of Escape Kits repaired | 24 | 49 | 36 |
| | (c). Parachutes modified | 156 | 148 | 152 |
| | (d). Safety belts checked & weight tested | 11 | 12 | 11 |
| | (e). Flying Suits repaired or modified | 3 | 2 | 2 |
| | (f). Work Orders Issued | 70 | 39 | 54 |
| | (g). Work Orders completed | 72 | 44 | 58 |
| | (h). Work Orders in process: Nine | | | |
| (5) | PAINT, DOPE AND FABRIC: | | | |
| | (a). Vehicles painted | 16 | 4 | 10 |
| | (b). Number of ships painted | 7 | 12 | 9 |
| | (c). Number of ships fabric repaired | 15 | 17 | 16 |
| | (d). Propellers painted | 13 | 10 | 11 |
| | (e). Work Orders Issued | 79 | 73 | 76 |
| | (f). Work Orders Completed | 83 | 69 | 76 |
| | (g). Work Orders in process: Two. | | | |
| (6) | AIRPLANE MECHANIC: | | | |
| | (a). Number of Engines pickled | 88 | 51 | 69 |
| | (b). Number of Engines shipped to Depot | 67 | 24 | 45 |
| | (c). Number of ships repaired | 5 | 7 | 6 |
| | (d). Number of ships salvaged | 4 | 1 | 2 |
| | (e). Note: This shop works on verbal orders | | | |



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| SHOP | | PRES. MONTH. | PREV. MONTH | OPER. AVERAGES |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| (7) | SHEET METAL: | | | |
| | (a). Bomb bay doors repaired | 13 | 4 | 8 |
| | (b). Number of ships repaired of battle damage | 13 | 17 | 15 |
| | (c). Work Orders issued | 93 | 70 | 81 |
| | (d). Work Orders completed | 89 | 70 | 79 |
| | (e). Work Orders in process: Fourteen | | | |
| (8) | ARMAMENT: | | | |
| | (a). Turrets removed from ships | 1 | 11 | 6 |
| | (b). Number of ships on which guns and armament were checked and cleaned | 11 | 3 | 7 |
| | (c). Turrets installed on ships | 3 | N.A. | N.A. |
| | (d). Number of ships on which guns were removed. Note: This shop works on verbal orders. | 3 | N.A. | N.A. |
| (9) | CARPENTER: | | | |
| | (a). Manufactured Fuel Cell Crates | 0 | 30 | 15 |
| | (b). Manufactured Generator & Supercharger plates | 84 | N.A. | N.A. |
| | (c). Work Orders issued | 48 | 47 | 47 |
| | (d). Work Orders completed | 56 | 56 | 56 |
| | (e). Work Orders in process: Two | | | |
| (10) | MACHINE: | | | |
| | (a). Number of bolts manufactured | 319 | 126 | 222 |
| | (b). Number of bushings manufactured | 35 | 10 | 22 |
| | (c). Number of Waste Gate arms manufactured | 8 | 12 | 10 |
| | (d). Number of washers manufactured | 0 | 31 | 15 |
| | (e). Number of B-10 Bomb Shackles manufactured | 0 | 100 | 50 |
| | (f). Work Orders issued | 146 | 97 | 121 |
| | (g). Work Orders completed | 145 | 96 | 122 |
| | (h). Work Orders in Process: Fourteen | | | |
| (11) | WELDING: | | | |
| | (a). Number of B-10 Shackles modified | 116 | N.A. | N.A. |
| | (b). Number of vehicles repaired | 76 | 65 | 70 |
| | (c). Number of stoves manufactured | 3 | 9 | 6 |
| | (d). Work Orders issued | 100 | 68 | 84 |
| | (e). Work Orders completed | 116 | 68 | 92 |
| | (f). Work Orders in process: Three | | | |



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| SHOP | | PRES. MONTH | PREV. MONTH | OPER. AVERAGES |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| (12) | A. C. SUPPLY FORM 81'S: | | | |
| | (a). Total submitted to supply | 2634 | 2182 | 2408 |
| | (b). Total marked N.I.S. | 482 | 522 | 502 |
| | (c). Total submitted to A.F.A.D. #53 | 334 | 240 | 287 |
| | (d). Approximate percentage of total submitted to A.F.A.D. #53 | 86% | 73% | 79% |
| | (e). Number of A.O.C.'s on Form #110 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | (f). Total number of A.O.C.'s submitted to 563rd Air Serv Sq | 112 | 63 | 87 |
| (13) | A. C. SUPPLY FORM 102'S: | | | |
| | (a). Shipping tickets | 153 | 140 | 147 |
| (14) | A. C. SUPPLY FORM 104'S: | | | |
| | (a). Number of requisitions submitted to Depot | 446 | 394 | 420 |
| (15) | A. C. SUPPLY OXYGEN: | | | |
| | (a). Bottles consumed | 2196 | 1837 | 2016 |
| (16) | A. C. SUPPLY ACETYLENE: | | | |
| | (a). Bottles consumed | 24 | 18 | 21 |
| (17) | A. C. SUPPLY OIL AVIATION #1120 | | | |
| | (a). Gallons consumed | 28380 | 17623 | 23001 |
| (18) | A. C. SUPPLY GAS PIPELINE: | | | |
| | (a). Gallons consumed | 1894300 | 1559200 | 1726750 |
| (19) | A. C. SUPPLY (PACKAGED GAS): | | | |
| | (a). Gallons on hand | 196100 | 150000 | 173050 |
| | (b). Reserve stock level | 196100 | 150000 | 173050 |
| (20) | A. C. SUPPLY WORK ORDERS: | | | |
| | (a). Work Orders initiated | 116 | 94 | 105 |
| | (b). Work Orders filled | 97 | 69 | 83 |

h. Commanding Officer in important operations: None

i. Loss in action (Officers and Enlisted Men): None





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j. Living conditions, recreational and orientation activities, and morale:

(1). Living Conditions:

(a). Improvements are being made in the Squadron Area which include landscaping around Day Room, and additional drainage facilities.

(b). Construction of building for purpose of a Day Room and Bar is now completed. The building is now in use. Opening night was on the 31st of March 1945.

(2). Recreational:

(a). An intra-squadron softball league has been organized with teams representing Headquarters, Motor Pool, Air Corps Supply and two (2) teams from Engineering. The first few games have already been played in this league and keen competition is promised.

A tennis court is nearing completion in squadron area.

(b). Entertainment: Moving pictures provides the main source of entertainment at present. The opening of the Day Room will be of great help in providing entertainment in the Squadron. Constructional improvements on Squadron out door theatre are nearing completion and it should be ready for operation shortly.

(3). Orientation:

On the evening of 5 March 1945 a squadron meeting took the place of the regular Orientation program formally scheduled for Monday evenings. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss plans for an Enlisted Men's Club. A Constitution which had been drawn up by a group of enlisted men, each grade represented, who are interested in getting a club organized, was read and voted upon. The Constitution was voted into effect by over two thirds (2/3) majority vote. The meeting continued with opening of nominations for members of the enlisted men's council. The members of the enlisted men's council were voted in by secret ballot, each grade being represented. The meeting was then adjourned. Program time: One and one half (1½) hours.

On the evening of 12 March 1945 a series of G.I. Movies was presented in place of an orientation lecture





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A short squadron meeting was held for the purpose of selecting a name for the Enlisted Men's Club. A group of names which had been received through a suggestion box system were voted upon. The name that was voted in is "The Merry Makers." The meeting was then adjourned. Program time: Two (2) hours.

A series of G.I. Movies constituted the Orientation program for 19 March 1945. Program time: One and one half (1½) hours.

A Venereal Disease lecture by a Medical Officer from the 57th Air Service Group in addition to selected G.I. Movies constituted the orientation lecture for Monday 19 March 1945. Program time: Two (2) hours.

A series of G.I. Movies, which included a film on Venereal Disease was shown on the 26th of March 1945, in place of a Orientation lecture. Program time: Two (2) hours.

(h). Morale

The Morale of the men is very high probably due to the pleasant weather which enabled the men to get out of doors more often. The new Day Room was completed and opened to the men and an inter-squadron softball league in which all departments are represented has been organized. The keen competition amongst the teams has helped the men pass off duty time with something interesting to do. Increase of TDY furloughs also have raised the morale of the men.

k. Unit Citations: None

l. Others: Two copies of the "Monthly Sanitary Report" are hereby attached as per request. (See Exhibit one (1)).

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Major, Air Corps
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HEADQUARTERS
563RD AIR SERVICE SQUADRON
APO 520

Air Service Center No. 37
7 May 1945

SUBJECT: Historical Records.

TO : Commanding Officer, 37th Air Service Group. Attention: Historian.

1. Unit History of the 563rd Air Service Squadron for the period 1 through 30 April 1945.

a. Facts relating to the origin of the unit:

(1). Original designation.
(2). Place and date of activation.
(3). Authority for activation.
(4). Sources from which personnel was obtained.

Information requested in (1) through (4) above was submitted in Historical Records for Month of January 1944.

b. Changes in Organization:

(1). Change in designation of unit: None
(2). Transfer of unit as a whole: None
(3). Commanding Officer: No change
(4). Staff Officers: No change.

c. Strength, commissioned and enlisted:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| (1). Month of April: | O | WO | EM |
| (a). At beginning | 6 | 2 | 241 |
| (b). Net increase | | | |
| (c). Net decrease | 1 | | |
| (d). At end | 5 | 2 | 241 |

d. Stations: No change in station.

e. Movements: None

f. Campaigns:

(1). Name:



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(a). Both Campaigns of the Italian Campaign as prescribed in WD cable WX 40460 dated 3 October 1944. The names and dates of each are shown below.

(1). Naples-Foggia from 15 January 1944 (Activation date of this Unit) until 21 January 1944.

(2). Rome-Arno, 22 January 1944 to final date to be announced.

(b). The combat zone of both campaigns has been defined as:

(1). Italy (exclusive of Sicily and Sardinia), Corsica and adjacent waters to 15 August 1944.

(2). Duration: From activation of this Squadron until expiration of this report; campaign is still in progress.

g. Operations: This Squadron is at present servicing the 461st Bombardment Group.

| SHOP | PRES MONTH | PREV MONTH | OPER AVERAGE |
|---|---|---|---|
| (1) PROPELLER: | | | |
| (a). Props installed in ships | 3 | 9 | 6 |
| (b). Props balanced | 14 | 12 | 13 |
| (c). Props disassembled and cleaned | 30 | 43 | 36 |
| (d). Props serviced on ships | 0 | 3 | 1 |
| (e). Domes disassembled and cleaned. | 31 | 58 | 45 |
| (f). Distributor valves checked and cleaned | 31 | 40 | 35 |
| (g). Props pulled from ships | 20 | 8 | 14 |
| (h). Props prepared for shipment to Depot & Storage | 17 | 20 | 18 |
| (i). Props assembled | 21 | 35 | 28 |
| (j). Props prepared for painting | 7 | 10 | 8 |
| (k). Blades refaced | 30 | 35 | 32 |
| Note: This shop works largely on verbal orders. | | | |
| (2) INSTRUMENT: | | | |
| (a). Instruments checked & turned into A.C. Supply as repairable | 28 | 73 | 50 |
| (b). Instruments checked & turned into A.C. Supply as serviceable | 231 | 310 | 270 |





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| SHOP | PRES MONTH | PREV MONTH | OPER AVERAGE |
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| (2) INSTRUMENT: (CONT'D) | | | |
| (c). Instruments installed on ships | 12 | 7 | 9 |
| (d). Cleaned & repaird typewriters | 1 | 4 | 2 |
| (e). Work Orders issued | 16 | 54 | 35 |
| (f). Work Orders completed | 23 | 52 | 32 |
| (g). Work Orders in process: Three | | | |
| (3) ELECTRIC: | | | |
| (a). Batteries charged | 28 | 73 | 50 |
| (b). Generators repaired | 8 | 17 | 12 |
| (c). Number of reverse current relays checked and repaired | 5 | 19 | 12 |
| (d). Number of voltage regulators repaired | 50 | 87 | 68 |
| (e). Number of Starters repaired | 6 | 11 | 8 |
| (f). Number of Power Plants repaired | 7 | 19 | 13 |
| (g). Work Orders issued | 32 | 35 | 33 |
| (h). Work Orders completed | 34 | 32 | 33 |
| (4). PARACHUTE: | | | |
| (a). Number of parachutes checked and repacked. | 460 | 621 | 540 |
| (b). Number of Escape Kits repaired | 0 | 24 | 12 |
| (c). Parachutes modified | 42 | 156 | 99 |
| (d). Safety belts checked & weight tested | 12 | 11 | 11 |
| (e). Flying suits repaired or modified | 0 | 3 | N.A. |
| (f). Work Orders issued | 46 | 70 | 58 |
| (g). Work Orders completed | 51 | 72 | 61 |
| (h). Work Orders in process: Thirty-two. | | | |
| (5) PAINT, DOPE AND FABRIC: | | | |
| (a). Vehicles painted | 3 | 16 | 9 |
| (b). Number of ships painted | 14 | 7 | 10 |
| (c). Number of ships fabric repaired | 9 | 15 | 12 |
| (d). Propellers painted | 9 | 13 | 11 |
| (e). Work Orders issued | 61 | 79 | 70 |
| (f). Work Orders completed | 55 | 83 | 69 |
| (g). Work Orders in process: Sixteen | | | |
| (6) AIRPLANE MECHANIC: | | | |
| (a). Number of Engines pickled | 70 | 88 | 79 |
| (b). Number of Engines hipped to Depot | 57 | 67 | 62 |
| (c). Number of ships repaired | 12 | 5 | 8 |
| (d). Number of ships salvaged | 1 | 4 | 2 |
| (e). Note: This shop works on verbal orders. | | | |



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| SHOP | | PRES MONTH | PREV MONTH | OPER AVERAGE |
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| (7) | SHEET METAL: | | | |
| | (a). Bomb bay doors repaired | 6 | 13 | 9 |
| | (b). Number of ships repaired of battle damage | 8 | 13 | 10 |
| | (c). Work Orders issued | 61 | 93 | 67 |
| | (d). Work Orders completed | 72 | 89 | 80 |
| | (e). Work Orders in process: Thirty. | | | |
| (8) | ARMAMENT: | | | |
| | (a). Turrets removed from ships | 4 | 1 | 2 |
| | (b). Number of ships on which guns and armament were checked and cleaned | 9 | 11 | 10 |
| | (c). Turrets installed on ships | 2 | 3 | 2 |
| | (d). Number of ships on which guns were removed | 9 | 3 | 6 |
| | Note: This shop works on verbal orders. | | | |
| (9) | CARPENTER: | | | |
| | (a). Manufactured governor Crates | 12 | N.A. | N.A. |
| | (b). Manufactured Carburetor Plates | 12 | N.A. | N.A. |
| | (c). Work Orders issued | 33 | 48 | 40 |
| | (d). Work Orders completed | 34 | 56 | 45 |
| | (e). Work Orders in process: Nine | | | |
| (10) | MACHINE: | | | |
| | (a). Number of bolts manufactured | 576 | 319 | 447 |
| | (b). Number of bushings manufactured | 0 | 35 | 17 |
| | (c). Number of Waste Gate arms manufactured | 8 | 8 | 8 |
| | (d). Number of washers manufactured | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | (e). Number of B-10 Bomb Shackles manufactured | 50 | N.A. | N.A. |
| | (f). Work Orders issued | 98 | 146 | 122 |
| | (g). Work Orders completed | 83 | 145 | 114 |
| | (h). Work Orders in process: Twenty three | | | |
| (11) | WELDING: | | | |
| | (a). Number of B-10 Shackles modified | 0 | 116 | 58 |
| | (b). Number of vehicles repaired | 42 | 76 | 59 |
| | (c). Number of stoves manufactured | 1 | 3 | 2 |
| | (d). Work Orders issued | 43 | 100 | 71 |
| | (e). Work Orders completed | 46 | 116 | 81 |
| | (f). Work Orders in process: Four | | | |



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| (12) | A. C. SUPPLY FORM 81'S: | | | |
| | (a). Total submitted to supply | 2169 | 2634 | 2402 |
| | (b). Total marked N.I.S. | 360 | 482 | 421 |
| | (c). Total submitted to A.F.A.D. #53 | 283 | 334 | 308 |
| | (d). Approximate percentage of total submitted to A.F.A.D. #53 | 91% | 86% | 88% |
| | (e). Number of A.O.C.'s on Form #110 | 3 | 0 | 1½ |
| | (f). Total number of A.O.C.'s submitted to 563rd Air Serv Sq | 107 | 112 | 109 |
| (13) | A.C. SUPPLY FORM 102'S: | | | |
| | (a). Requisition submitted to depots | 147 | 153 | 150 |
| (14) | A. C. SUPPLY FORM 104'S: | | | |
| | (a). Shipping tickets | 589 | 446 | 517 |
| (15) | A.C. SUPPLY OXYGEN: | | | |
| | (a). Bottles consumed | 2016 | 2196 | 2106 |
| (16). | A.C. SUPPLY ACETYLENE: | | | |
| | (a). Bottles consumed | 21 | 24 | 22 |
| (17) | A.C. SUPPLY OIL AVIATION #1120 | | | |
| | (a). Gallons consumed | 39270 | 28380 | 33825 |
| (18) | A.C. SUPPLY GAS PIPELINE: | | | |
| | (a). Gallons consumed | 1860000 | 1894300 | 1877150 |
| (19) | A.C. SUPPLY (PACKAGED GAS): | | | |
| | (a). Gallons on hand | 196100 | 196100 | 196100 |
| | (b). Reserve stock level | 196100 | 196100 | 196100 |
| (20) | A.C. SUPPLY WORK ORDERS: | | | |
| | (a). Work Orders initiated | 90 | 116 | 103 |
| | (b). Work Orders filled | 80 | 97 | 88 |

h. Commanding Officer in important operations: None

i. Loss in action (Officer and Enlisted Men): None



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P. 6, Historical Record, Month of April 1945, 563rd A. Serv Sq.

j. Living conditions, recreational and orientation activities, and morale.

(1). Living Conditions:

(a). Improvements are being made in the Squadron Area which include landscaping around Day Room, and additional drainage facilities.

(b). Tents are now being prepared for hot weather.

(2). Recreational:

(a). An intra-squadron softball league has been organized with teams representing Headquarters, Motor Pool, Air Corps Supply and two (2) teams from Engineering. The first round of games have been completed. A squadron baseball team has been formed and a few games have been played.

Tennis court has been completed and is in use hourly.

(b). Entertainment: Moving pictures and Day Room facilities are the only source of entertainment. Outdoor theatre has been completed.

(3). Orientation:

Squadron meetings were held in the Theatre, on the evenings of 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 April 1945. G.I. Movies were shown and short reports on Enlisted Men's Activities were given. Program time: 7½ hours.

(4). Morale:

The morale of the men is very high, due to increased recreational time, additional facilities for entertainment available in Day Room, completion of Tennis court and competitive spirit in intra-squadron softball games.

k. Unit Citations: None

l. Others: Two (2) copies of the "Monthly Sanitary Report" are hereby attached as per request. (See Exhibit one (1)).

W. A. PETER
Major, Air Corps
Commanding





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OFFICE OF THE SURGEON
563RD AIR SERVICE SQUADRON
APO 520

Air Service Center No. 37
30 April 1945

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SUBJECT: Monthly Sanitary Report

TO : Group Surgeon, 37th Air Service Group

Pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 1c, AR 40-275, the following sanitary report is submitted for the month of April 1945:

1. Environmental Sanitation. Drainage ditches within area are in good condition and sufficient. The water supply is hauled in from a nearby waterpoint and is sufficient for the squadron needs. Chlorination of the water is done at the water point. Disposal of solid and liquid garbage is satisfactory, being hauled away twice daily. All cans are smashed and burned before being hauled to garbage dump. Hot water for use in kitchen and washing of mess kits has been sufficient and satisfactory throughout the month. Food supplies have been adequate and the storage of same is satisfactorily done. Latrines were screened in during the month for summer use. Sanitary conditions were very good. Shower facilities are adequate with plenty of hot water available for all personnel. On inspection of tents and bedding no insects of disease bearing or other origin was found. Mosquito bars have been issued to all personnel and were in good condition at time of issue. All men are to sleep under same from 1 May 1945. Anti-malaria talks were completed 24 June 1944. A malaria film "Clinical Malaria" was shown to all personnel.

2. Personal Hygiene. The entire personnel of the squadron are in excellent physical condition. The physical inspections were held on 11 April 1945 and 28 April 1945 for the squadron, 2088th Engr Comp. Pl. (Det.) and the 644th M.P. Co. (Avn.) (Col.). The percentage present but not examined was 0. No venereal or other communicable diseases were found on these inspections. No scabies, fungus infections of the skin were found at this time. A venereal lecture was given to the personnel by the squadron surgeon. The feet and shoes of the men are in good condition. Immunization were given bringing all records up to day.

3. Undue Prevalence of Acute Communicable or other Diseases. During the past month six (6) "new" cases of malaria were diagnosed and treated at the 34th Field Hospital. All of these were sent in as "fever, cause undetermined". It is believed that these cases were infected last summer.

4. New or Improved Administrative Measures or Sanitary Appliances. None to report.

5. Subjects Not Covered Under Other Headings:



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a. Veterinary Sanitary Report. None Required.

b. Nutrition. The food rations issued were adequate in amount and nutritional value, sufficient in variety and in good condition. The preparation, palatability and serving was very good. Caloric value per man per day is sufficient.

c. Climate. Climatic conditions were excellent during the past month and had no abnormal effects on the men.

d. Evacuation of Casualties. All patients in need of hospital care are sent to the 3[illegible]th Field Hospital. The transportation of the cases present no problem. The hospital being a distance of ten miles from the squadron area.

e. Equipment and Supplies. The equipment is 100% of the T/E and in excellent condition. Supplies are adequate, readily obtainable from the 1[illegible]th Medical Supply Pl. (Avn.)

6. Recommendations: None

GEORGE J. KOBUT
Captain, M.C.
Squadron Surgeon





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[illegible]rd SERVICE SQUADRON
57th SERVICE GROUP
A.P.O. #[illegible], U.S. ARMY

CKR/tmk

5 March 1944

SUBJECT: War Diary.

TO : Commanding Officer, 57th Service Group, APO 52 .

1. In compliance with Letter, Army Air Forces dated 19 November 1943, the following War Diary is submitted:

Sheet No. 1, War Diary, 563rd Service Squadron, Torretta, Italy for Month of February 1944. Prepared by Fontaine (NMI) Weyman, Corporal, 34261818.

| Day | Events |
|---|---|
| 1st | Gravel detail has been busy all day working on Sqdn. streets. |
| 2nd | No change. |
| 3rd | The Squadron is to move tomorrow and preparations for it are being made. |
| 4th | The Squadron departed in 3 echelons for Bari, Italy. Everything usable was taken and piled on trucks as there was ample room. As night approached it became quite cold. Arrived Bari, Italy at about sundown and instructed to proceed at once to 563rd Service Group located at Spinizzola, Italy. Arrived destination at 0430 the 5th. |
| 5th | Few slept much last night. Sleeping accomodations were nil and we were on the move again by 0600. Some men slept in trucks, others in basement of 326rd Hq. Building, a lucky few in guard tent in front of Hq. bldg. that had a hot fire. After a good breakfast at 326rd mess hall we departed for Venosa Field. Venosa looked pretty dismal in the rain as the convoy arrived at about 1000. Venosa is near the small Italian village of Montemilone. |
| 6th | Men were busy most of the day putting up their pyramidal tents during quite a wind storm. Our Orderly Room is in a line stone bldg. consisting of just one room. It hasn't been completed yet, but local labor should have it in good shape in a few days. There are 3 other bldg. same size, 30 x 50 ft, a short distance away. They are in early stages of construction. |

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7th This is a brand new Army Air Base and the 21st Engineers are working day and night on the unfinished runways. The steel mat is being laid now and rumor has it that it is scheduled to be completed by the 10th, the day the Nth Bomb Group is expected. This Sqdn. now assigned to the 382nd Serv. Gp. and relieved from assignment the 387th Serv. Gp. This change was effective the 4th.

8th Activation of the Sqdn. continues and new personnel are being assigned and joining the organization each day. So far we have very little equipment.

9th Our Tech Supply Officer, Captain A. F. Lefferts, and our Engineering Officer, 1st Lt. R. L. Maxwell joined the Sqdn today. Miserable weather, raining cats and dogs and there are seas of mud everywhere. A fewof the men have no overshoes. Switchboard was installed in Orderly Room.

10th All the tents for the EM are up now and most of them are arranged in two long lines facing one another and some 70 ft. apart. A saunter down this wide muddy Sqdn. boulevard will show a column of smoke coming from each tent as all now have gasoline stoves. The stoves are made from old gas drums and chimneys from old German shell cases. This was a great day for the EM. All men without folding canvas cots were issued one. Some of these men have been over seas 17 months without this luxury.

11th New replacements are coming into the Sqdn. fresh from the States. It is quite interesting to talk with them about how things are back there. Our only source of information is "Stars and Stripes." We have no radio.

12th The 378th Light Ack-Ack Regiment, British, with 12 unit aircraft guns arrived today for the defense of this field.

13th Many of the men have been busy today helping and supervising the arrival of gasoline which the past day or two has been pouring in by truck. A drive around the field which incidentally is quite large reveals 50 gal drum upon 50 gal drum of aviation gasoline dumped in unorderly fashion along the road side. It is so muddy the trucks would not reach the gas dump, but had to unload their trucks along the curb. Our men have been installing tents for the personnel of expected bomb group. Their area is a mile or so from our Sqdn. A detail has been busy spreading gravel in front of the Orderly Room and mess tent today. The weather continues to be disagreeable and it is snowing some.

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14th The 1st bomber of the 401st Bomb Gp. landed 1320.

15th A great deal of gasoline continues to arrive. About 200,000 gallons of aviation gas now. It is coming in at rate of about 40,000 gal per day. Foundation for portable barracks is being laid by civilian labor.

16th Lots of activity around the Orderly Room today. Many flying Officers appearing now. Lots of rank has visited Venosa. Two full Colonels today. Several more men transferred into the Sqdn. fresh from the states. We are slowly gaining strength in enlisted personnel. T Three of our EM departed today to appear before Aviation Cadet Board at Foggia, Italy. A mess Sgt. arrived to set up a transient mess for the bomb group. This mess will not conflict with ours in any way. Improvement in camp area continues. Some of the flying personnel of the 401st Bomb Gp. are sleeping in our Orderly Room.

17th A few men were seen this afternoon throwing a foot-ball.

18th Quite a few are messing with us now who are not assigned. Most of these are personnel from the 401st Bomb Gp. It is no secret that we are to move shortly. Reason being that runway here is unsuitable for B-24.

19th No change.

20th No change.

21st At the morning formation the CO told us where we were going and why we were going to move, and to be especially careful of our equipment.

22nd The Sqdn. left Venosa Field in two echelons both traveling by motor convoy. First departed 0800 and arrived at our new station, Toretta Field near Cherignola at 1000. This was an advanced echelon of about 30 EM and the CO They proceeded to get the new area laid out so that men in the main body consisting of the balance of the Sqdn. with the exception of a rear echelon of 1 Officer and 14 EM could immediately proceed to pitch their tents. Last echelon left Venosa at 1100 and arrived Torretta at 1800. A rear echelon remained at Venosa. A light luncheon of sandwiches was eaten at noon. This was our only stop. The drive was short only about 25 miles an was quite univentful.

Torretta Field is quite large and our unit is just one of many units around here. Our Sqdn area and camp sight is placed around a large two story brick farm house which we intend to take over shortly. Men are living in tents by platoons. The tents are somewhat scattered for security. Men spent most of the afternoon getting their home site liveable. There are no end of improvements to be made here. There are many planes about. Most of them are B-24s. A few are just across the field from us. About a mile off.

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23rd Everyone busy getting comfortable as possible. The weather is noticably warmer than Venosa. A switchboard was installed in the Orderly Room today. We are still short most of our equipment. Lots of work to be done in Squadron area. Latrines to be dug, gravel to be hauled and unloaded etc. Gasoline and oil began to arrive today. It was unloaded by our men during a slight rain.

24th No change.

25th Renovation of farm house continues. 150 Italian soldiers appeared today and are living just beyond Sqdn. area.

26th No change.

27th For the first time since its activation the Sqdn. is today at its fully authorized strength of 297 EM. All replacments have come from the 482nd Replacement Battalion, Personnel Replacement Center #7-C located at Bari, Italy. Lt. Maxwell returned today from a two day stay at Naples with some heavy equipment.

28th No change.

29th The Italian farmer and his family having vacated the farm house, the Sqdn. today moved in. Mess Hall, Kitchen, Orderly Room, Dispensary, Sqdn. Supply are all located in the downstairs rooms while the Officers have their living quarters and dining room upstairs.

For the Commanding Officer:

C. K. Ridings

C. K. RIDINGS
2nd Lt., AC
Adjutant

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OFFICE OF THE SURGEON
564TH SERVICE SQUADRON
APO 520

5 August 1944

SUBJECT: Medical History.

TO : The Surgeon, AAFSC/MTO, APO 528, U. S. Army.

In compliance with AAFSC/MTO, Memorandum No. 25-13, the following is submitted.

1. Previous History: (Prior to 1 January 1944)

None

2. Administrative History:

a.
(1) Date of activation - December 1943.

(2) Original designation of unit - 564th Ser. Sq., 37th Serv. Gp., APO 520.

(3) Place of organization - Foggia, Italy

(4) Authority for organization - War Department Letter, Subject; Constitution And Activation Of Certain Air Force Units, 7 December 43, File AG 322 (20 November 43)

(5) Original T/O & E for operation - 1-417, 1 July 42, C-1 & Incl. 2.

(6) T/O & E changes - 1-417, 2 January 1944, has changed by change 1, 24 March 1944.

b. Personal Matters:

(1) Personnel for the organization was obtained from the following organizations:

55th Service Squadron
81st Service Squadron
317th Service Squadron
387th Service Squadron
ASC Replacement Depot # 2, Kelly Field, Texas
42nd Service Squadron



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(2) Quarterly Roster:

31 January 1944

Strength - 10

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| * | Lt. Metz, Paul | O-497568 | Squadron Surgeon |
| * | Sgt. Zelinskas, Leonard P. | 35266696 | Medical Technician |
| * | Cpl. Gregory, John A. | 38268090 | Surgical Technician |
| * | Cpl. Kuismi, Gust M. | 36232801 | Surgical Technician |
| * | Pfc. Bennett, Myrl H. | 37438615 | Ambulance Driver |
| * | Pfc. Dinger, George W. | 35384027 | Ambulance Driver |
| * | Pvt. Dutchover, Jim | 38213029 | Ambulance Driver |
| * | Pvt. Willnow, Melvin R. | 16149328 | Ambulance Driver |
| * | Pvt. Young, Van B. | 34421039 | Medical Technician |
| * | Pvt. Zornik, Mitchell J. | 37440463 | Ambulance Driver |

31 March 1944

Strength - 6

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|---|---|---|---|
| | Lt. Metz, Paul | O-497568 | Squadron Surgeon |
| | Sgt. Zelinskas, Leonard P. | 35266696 | Medical Technician |
| | Cpl. Gregory, John A. | 38268090 | Surgical Technician |
| | Pfc. Bennett, Myrl H. | 37438615 | Ambulance Driver |
| * | Pfc. Clifton, George W. Jr. | 34707739 | Surgical Technician |
| | Pvt. Young, Van B. | 34421039 | Medical Technician |

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| Cpl. Kuismi, Gust M. | 36232801 | Surgical Technician |
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30 June 1944

Strength - 4

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| Lt. Metz, Paul | O-497568 | Squadron Surgeon |
| Sgt. Zelinskas, Leonard P. | 35266696 | Medical Technician |
| Pfc. Clifton, George W. Jr. | 34707739 | Surgical Technician |
| Pvt. Young, Van B. | 34421039 | Medical Technician |

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|---|---|---|
| Cpl. Gregory, John A. | 38268090 | Surgical Technician |
| Pfc. Bennett, Myrl H. | 37438615 | Ambulance Driver |

(3) Usage Of Civilian Personnel: None

(4) Special Citations And Awards: Commendation as enclosed.

(5) General Morale: Superior

(6) Promotion Problems:

| | | Date of Rank | Vacancy |
|---|---|---|---|
| Lt. Metz, Paul | O-497568 | 9/7/42 | Captain |
| Sgt. Zelinskas, Leonard P. | 35266696 | 6/1/44 | S/Sgt |
| Pfc. Clifton, George W. Jr. | 34707739 | 5/4/43 | Cpl. |
| Pvt. Young, Van B. | 34421039 | 8/28/42 | Pfc. |

c.

(1) Temporary And Permanent Stations:

Organized - January 1944 - Foggia, Italy

Left Foggia - 4 February 1944
Arrived Bari - 4 February 1944

Left Bari - 16 March 1944
Arrived Foggia - 16 March 1944

(2) Campaign And Battle Awards: Bronze Star for the Italian Campaign. Authority: Per NATOUSA Letter, 9 May 1944.



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d. Functional Activites And Conduct Of Medical Department Affairs:

(1) Basic Duties:

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|---|---|---|
| Lt. Metz, Paul | O-497568 | Squadron Surgeon |
| Sgt. Zelinskas, Leonard P. | 35266696 | Medical Technician |
| Pfc. Clifton, George W. Jr. | 34707739 | Surgical Technician |
| Pvt. Young, Van B. | 34421039 | Ambulance Driver |

(2) Administrative Problems: Routine.

(3) Letter Orders, Memorandums, Bulletins, Circulars, Letter Directives Prepared For Publication: None.

(4) Special Inspections: None.

(5) Organizations Provided Medical Service: 1433rd Ordnance S & M Co., (19 March 1944) service still being provided. Nature of medical coverage is routine illness and injury, no battle casualties.

e. Training Data:

(1) Status Of Training At Activation Of Unit:

(a) Lt. Metz, Paul, O-497568, attended the following schools:

Completion of the prescribed course at the School of Medicine, Randolph Field, Texas evidenced by certificate No. 2012 dated 11 March 1943.

Completion of the Special Course in High Altitude Physiology and Oxygen Equipment at the School of Aviation Medicine, Randolph Field, Texas evidenced by certificate No. 220 dated 12 July 1943.

(b) Pfc. Clifton, George W. Jr., 34707739, attended the following schools:

Medical Enlisted Technical School, O'Reilly G.H. (Surgical Technician course was pursued)

Gas School at the A. F. Chemical Ammunition Depot # 5.





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(2) Courses In Training Conducted:

(a) Prophylaxis Lectures: Literature used (Hqs. North African Theater of Operations, 7 June 1944, Circular)

(b) Venereal Disease Lectures: Literature used (Routine circulars and memorandums issued by higher Headquarters) Also venereal training films were shown.

(c) Malaria Control Lectures: Literature used (Routine circulars and memorandums issued by higher Headquarters) A film was shown on malaria control.

(d) Gas Casuality School: Instructions in First Aid against various gaseous.

3. Environmental History: Environmental sanitation has presented no problem. Camp site while in Bari was extremely muddy but this was due to a combination of weather and the necessity of bringing vehicles in the area. The camp site at present is excellent. Housing facilities are good, pyramidal tents are used, there is no overcrowding and all the command sleeps on folding cots. The latrines are seat type wooden structures fly-proofed. There are seventeen (17) men per urinal within the area. Latrines and urinals are limed daily. The kitchen consists of a stone building. Mess kit washing facilities are excellent. Mess gear is treated according to specifications. Food supply is adequate, nourishing, appetizing, and vitamin efficient. Native labor has been hired for kitchen police duty. These men have been inspected and found free from contagious or communicable disease. They have been immunized for typhus. Garbage disposal is satisfactory. The refuse is trucked to a central garbage disposal area. Waste water is discarded in grease traps about 300 yards from the mess hall, Water is trucked in from a central water disbursing area, supply is adequate and precautions are taken to see that it is kept clean. Chlorination is unnecessary. Strict sanitation, a well functioning anti-malarial campaign, immediate isolation of personnel sick with infectious or contagious diseases, and bi-weekly physical inspections constitute the chief measures of controlling disease bearing insects. Malaria control activities consists in training films supplied by higher Headquarters, lectures, instruction posters, individual and group measures for mosquito control, and individual precautions recommended in Army circulars. Co-operation to correct sanitary deficiences is good.





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4. Operational History:

(a) Medical activities for the 564th Service Squadron have been routine Medical and Surgical cases of a minor nature. Personal hygiene is excellent, medical inspection is held bi-monthly on Army personnel, civilian personnel working in the area. There has been no undue prevalence of acute communicable disease. There have been two (2) cases hepatitis, acute, infectious jaundice, three (3) cases of gonorrhea, acute, (new), no malaria or typhus since the organization of the unit. To keep communicable diseases at a minimum the measures employed are:

1. Early recognition and isolation.
2. Instructions on oral hygiene.
3. Rigid adherence to strict anti-malarial discipline.
4. Posting anti-venereal posters and posters on oral hygiene in conspicuous places.

(b) Aviation Medicine: None.

(c) Dental Activities: Adequate.

* 5. Statistical Historical Material:

(a) February admission rates per 1000 per annum for the following:

| | |
|---|---|
| All causes - 2250 | N. P. Disease - 0 |
| All diseases - 2250 | Common Respiratory Disease - 0 |
| Injuries - 0 | Malaria - 0 |
| Battle Casualties - 0 | Jaundice - 0 |
| Intestional Disease - 300 | Other disease of unusual |
| Venereal Disease - 0 | interest - 0 |

(b) March admission rates per 1000 per annum for the following:

| | |
|---|---|
| All causes - 1421.3 | N.P. Disease - 0 |
| All diseases - 1023.2 | Common Respiratory Disease - 113.7 |
| Injuries - 398.1 | Malaria - 0 |
| Battle casualties - 0 | Jaundice - 0 |
| Intestional Disease - 119 | Other disease of unusual |
| Venereal disease - 0 | interest - 0 |

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c. April admission rates per 1000 per annum for the following:

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| All causes - 760 | N. P. Disease - 0 |
| All diseases - 520 | Common Respiratory Disease - 100 |
| Injuries - 240 | Malaria - 0 |
| Battle casualties - 0 | Jaundice - 0 |
| Intestional disease - 100 | Other disease of unusual |
| Venereal disease - 0 | interest - 0 |

d. May admission rates per 1000 per annum for the following:

| | |
|---|---|
| All causes - 784.3 | N.P. Disease - 0 |
| All diseases - 588.2 | Common Respiratory Disease - 78.4 |
| Injuries - 196.0 | Malaria - 0 |
| Battle casualties - 0 | Jaundice - 0 |
| Intestional disease - 156 | Other disease of unusual |
| Venereal disease - 39.2 | interest - 0 |

e. June admission rates per 1000 per annum for the following:

| | |
|---|---|
| All causes - 768.6 | N. P. Disease - 0 |
| All diseases - 512.3 | Common Respiratory Disease - 0 |
| Injuries - 256.4 | Malaria - 0 |
| Battle casualties - 0 | Jaundice - 0 |
| Intestional disease - 203 | Other disease of unusual |
| Venereal disease - 0 | interest - 0 |

* (2) Non-effective rate per 1000 per annum for unit:
(Hospital and Quarters)

a. February 9000.0
b. March -- 6843.6
c. April -- 5560.0
d. May ---- 3568.0
e. June ---- 7794.8

* (3)

a. Patients Treated: (Hospital and Quarters)

February 30
March --- 25
April --- 19
May ----- 20
June ---- 16

b. Total Patient Days For Quarters Patients:

February 85
March --- 26
April --- 17
May ----- 18
June ---- 16

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c. Total Patient Days For Hospital Patients:

February--35
March --- 94
April -- 122
May ----- 73
June --- 136

d. No. Of Out-Patients:

February- 10
March --- 13
April --- 20
May ----- 45
June ---- 30

e. No. Of Out-Patient Treatments Administered:

February- 25
March --- 22
April --- 30
May ----- 62
June ---- 49

(4) Physical Examinations:

February- 0
March --- 0
April --- 0
May ----- 6

Insurance Examination - Three (3)
63 Examination (Aerial Gunnery) - Two (2)
63 Examination (Warrant Officer) - One (1)

June ---- 5

63 Examination (Paratroopers) - Five (5)

(5) Immunizations:

| | Smallpox | Typhoid | Tetanus | Typhus |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| February ---------- | 23 | 54 | 20 | 123 |
| March ---------- | 45 | 28 | 26 | 26 |
| April ---------- | 72 | 23 | 2 | 26 |
| May ---------- | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| June ---------- | 39 | 28 | 5 | 277 |

(6) Admissions To Sick Report: (Hospital and Quarters)

| | H | Q |
|---|---|---|
| February ---- | 7 | 23 |
| March ------ | 10 | 15 |
| April ------- | 9 | 10 |
| May --------- | 8 | 12 |
| June -------- | 9 | 7 |

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(7) Venereal Disease:

(a) Total Number Of Days Lost Due To V. D:

| | H | Q |
|---|---|---|
| February | 0 | 0 |
| March | 0 | 0 |
| April | 0 | 0 |
| May | 3 | 0 |
| June | 0 | 0 |

(b) Average Number Of Days Lost For Each Venereal Patient:

| | Venereal Disease | Gonorrhea | Syphilis |
|---|---|---|---|
| February | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| March | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| April | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| May | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| June | 0 | 0 | 0 |

(c) Prophylatics Administered:

| | |
|---|---|
| February | 0 |
| March | 0 |
| April | 0 |
| May | 1 |
| June | 2 |

(d) All the above data is on white troops.

(8) Patients Beds: (Quarters)

(a) Number Available: None. (Patient's own bed is used as quarters bed)

(b) Average Number Occupied: 1.1

(c) Dental Statistics: Consolidated by the 324th Service Group, APO 520.

(d) Laboratory Examinations:

| | Feb. | Mar. | Apr. | May | June | Tot. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Urinalysis | 1 | 0 | 4 | 7 | 6 | 18 |
| Serology | 8 | 2 | 4 | 7 | 10 | 31 |
| Icterus Indices | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 4 |
| Stool Exams | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 6 |
| Urethral Smears | 0 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 9 | 16 |
| Gastric Analysis | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Darkfields | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Prostatic Smears | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Blood Smear (Malaria) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |



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(d) X-Ray Exposures:

February ---- 3
March ------- 1
April ------- 3
May --------- 6
June -------- 5

(e) Veterinary: None.

6. Evacuation: Hospital facilities for the organization has always been excellent, there always having been at least three hospitals within a nearby radius, the nearest one is within seven (7) miles distance.

7. Medical Supply:

(a) Complete organizational TBA was received 5 February 1944, except for the following items which have not yet been obtained through on requisition:

NCO Kits Two (2)
Officer Kit One (1)
Motor Vehicle Kits Eighteen (18)

(b) Expendable items for adequate operational activity have been readily obtainable in adequate quantities.

8. Recreational facilities within the area consist of a softball diamond, horse-shoe pit, badminton court, volley-ball court, outdoor and indoor theater, and a stone building dayroom containing bar, stage, library, tables, indoor game facilities, and dancing facilities. Special Service material is obtained in adequate quantities and morale is excellent.

Paul Metz

PAUL METZ,
1st Lt., M. C., F/S
Squadron Surgeon.



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HEADQUARTERS
XV AIR FORCE SERVICE COMMAND
APO 520

201.22 x-1-1 20 July 1944.

SUBJECT: Commendation.

TO : Commanding Officer, 564th Service Squadron, APO 520.
THRU: Commanding Officer, 324th Service Group, APO 520.

1. I wish to commend your officers and enlisted personnel for the outstanding manner in which they have rendered service to the 463rd Bombardment Group during the period from 1 May to 19 July 1944.

2. Technical Inspections of your organization indicate that since activation of your unit, you have used many ingenious devices in the Engineering Shops to accomplish the job when standard O.E.L. equipment could not be readily obtained.

3. It should be brought to the attention of all personnel performing Supply and Maintenance work that their untiring efforts have contributed in a major way to the successful prosecution of the war effort. Continued co-operation and service, such as you are now rendering, will hasten the defeat of our enemies.

/s/ G. H. Beverley
G. H. BEVERLEY,
Brig General, USA,
Commanding.

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HQ, 324 SERV GP, APO 520, 23 Jul 44.

TO: CO, 564 Serv Sq, APO 520.

1. It is indeed a pleasure to pass the above commendation on to you and the personnel of your organization.

2. I wish to add my appreciation for the splendid work and co-operation referred to.

/s/ Y. B. Kuykendall
Y. B. KUYKENDALL
Lieutenant Colonel, Air Corps
Commanding

"A TRUE COPY"
William L. Moynihan
WILLIAM L. MOYNIHAN,
1st Lt, Air Corps,
Adjutant, 564th Serv Sq.

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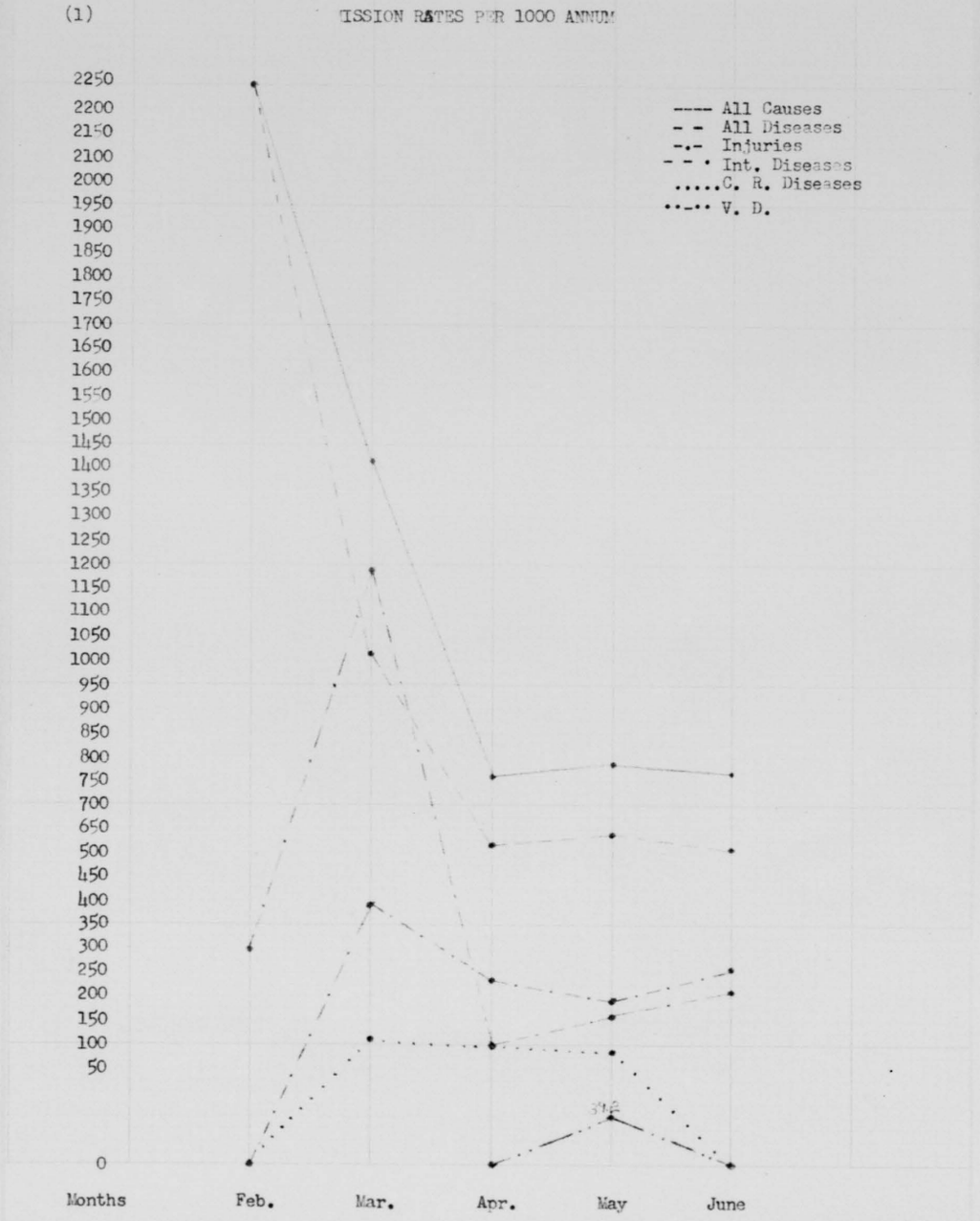
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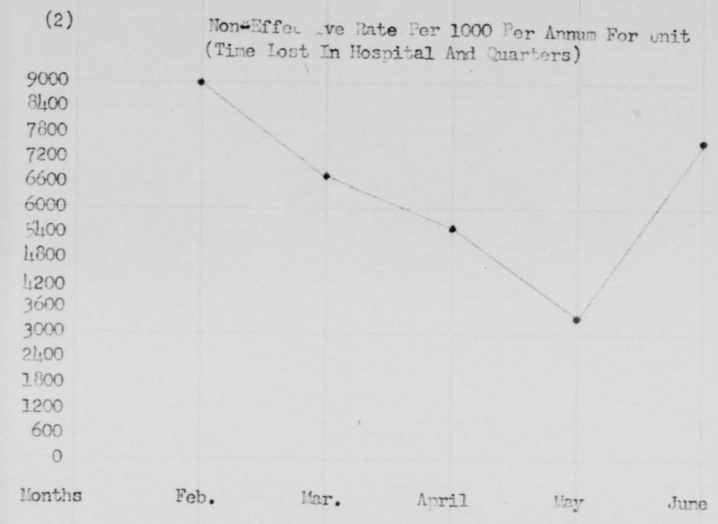



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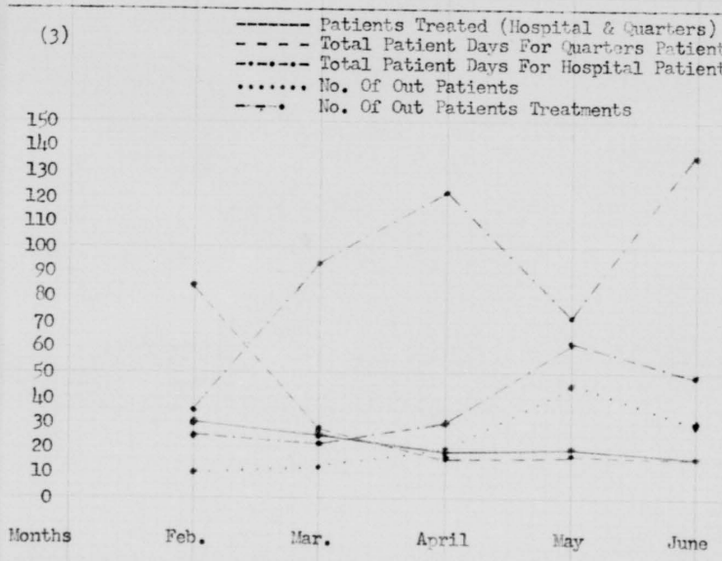
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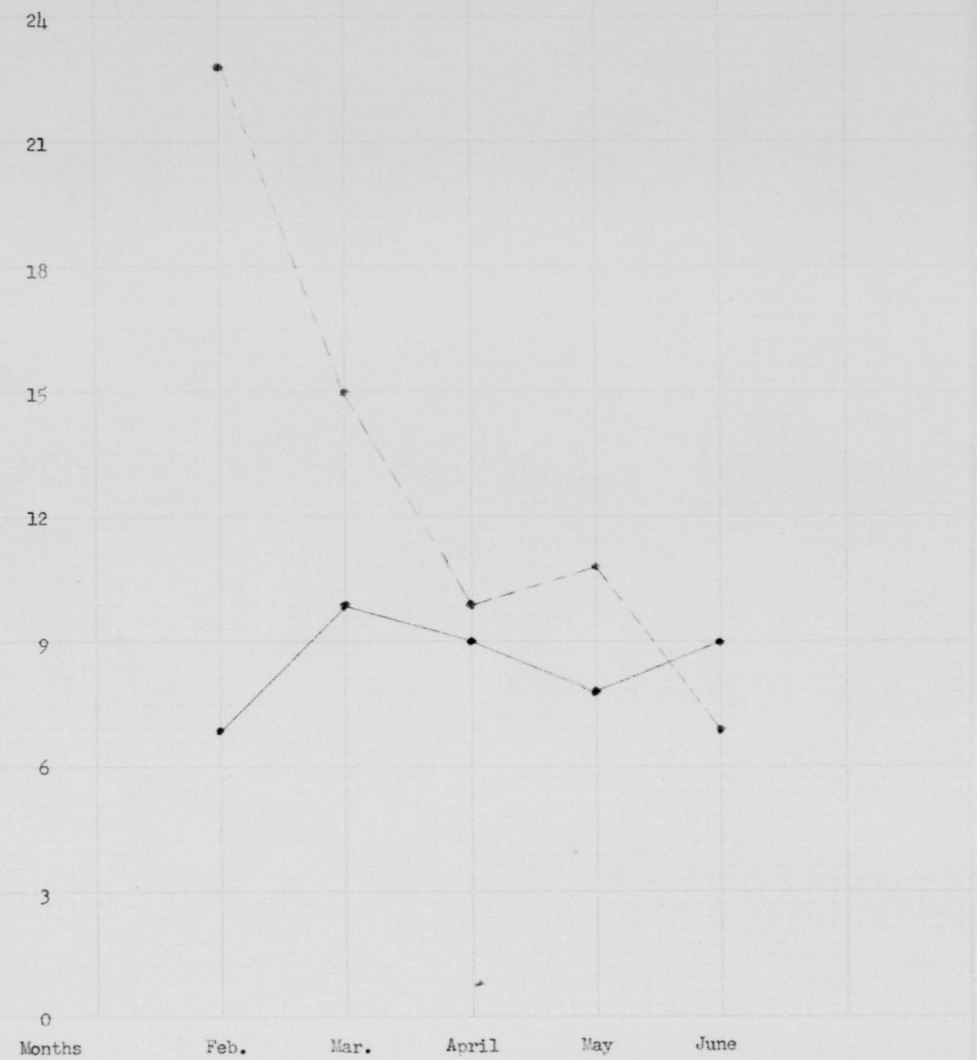
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Admis ons To Sick Reprt (Hospital & arters)

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OFFICE OF THE SURGEON
564TH AIR SERVICE SQUADRON
APO 520

15 January 1945

SUBJECT: Medical History Of 564th Air Service Squadron, APO 520, U. S. Army.
( Supplemental Report No. 2 From 1 October 1944 to 31 December 1944 )

TO : The Surgeon, AAFSC/MTO, APO 528, U. S. Army.

In compliance with AAFSC/MTO, Memorandum No. 25-13, the following is submitted.

3. Environmental History:

Rainy season has begun but presents no major problem at the present time. Stoves are present in every tent and all tents are winterized. Clothing is adequate for the cool weather.

4. Operational History:

(a) There has been no undue prevalence of acute communicable disease. There has been three (3) new cases of gonorrhea and one (1) case of chancroid, acute (new) in the 564th Air Service Squadron. There has been one (1) case Syphilis, Acute (new) and one (1) case chanroid, acute (new) in the 1433rd Ordnance S & M Co. There was one (1) case of hepatitis, acute, infectious, jaundice in the 564th Air Service Squadron. There has been no malaria or typhus since the organization of the unit.

* 5. Statistical Historical Material:

(a) October Admission Rates Per 1000 Per Annum For The Following:

| | |
|---|---|
| All Causes - 1000 | N. P. Disease - 0 |
| All Diseases - 727 | Common Respiratory Disease - 45 |
| Injuries - 273 | Malaria - 0 |
| Battle Casualties - 0 | Jaundice - 0 |
| Intestional Disease - 90 | Other Disease Of Unusual |
| Venereal Disease - 126 | Interest - 0 |

(b) November Admission Rates Per 1000 Per Annum For The Following:

| | |
|---|---|
| All Causes - 703 | N. P. Disease - 0 |
| All Diseases - 440 | Common Respiratory Disease - 0 |
| Injuries - 264 | Malaria - 0 |
| Battle Casualties - 0 | Jaundice - 0 |
| Intestional Disease - 48 | Other Disease Of Unusual |
| Venereal Disease - 48 | Interest - 0 |

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(c) December Admission Rates Per 1000 Per Annum For The Following:

| | |
|---|---|
| All Causes - 1435 | N. P. Disease - 0 |
| All Diseases - 1261 | Common Respiratory Disease - 174 |
| Injuries - 174 | Malaria - 0 |
| Battle Casualties - 0 | Jaundice - 44 |
| Intestional Disease - 0 | Other Disease Of Unusual |
| Venereal Disease - 87 | Interest - 0 |

* (2) Non-effective Rate Per 1000 Per Annum For Unit:
( Hospital and Quarters )

a. October —— 18
b. November —— 16
c. December —— 21

* (3)

a. Patients Treated: ( Hospital and Quarters )

October —— 22
November —— 16
December —— 30

b. Total Patient Days For Quarter Patients:

October —— 63
November —— 28
December —— 54

c. Total Patient Days For Hospital Patients:

October —— 97
November —— 107
December —— 124

d. Number Of Out-patients:

October —— 117
November —— 106
December —— 90

e. No. Of Out-patient Treatments Administered:

October —— 327
November —— 247
December —— 197

(4) Physical Examinations:

October —— 0
November —— 1 ( 63 Examination for M.A.C.)
December —— 2 ( 63 Examination for W.O. )

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(5) Immunizations:

| | Smallpox | Typhoid | Tetanus | Typhus |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| October | 0 | 3 | 1 | 16 |
| November | 57 | 6 | 0 | 14 |
| December | 40 | 67 | 0 | 251 |

* (6) Admissions To Sick Report: ( Hospital and Quarters )

| | H | Q |
|---|---|---|
| October | 8 | 15 |
| November | 7 | 10 |
| December | 9 | 22 |

(7) Venereal Disease:

(a) Total Number Of Days Lost Due To V. D:

| | H | Q |
|---|---|---|
| October | 0 | 1 |
| November | 10 | 0 |
| December | 9 | 6 |

(b) Average Number Of Days Lost For Each Venereal Patient:

| | Venereal Diseases | Gonorrhea | Syphilis |
|---|---|---|---|
| October | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| November | 0 | 0 | 10 |
| December | 0 | 7.5 | 0 |

(c) Prophylaxis Administered:

October — 4
November — 8
December — 14

(d) All the above data is on white troops.

(8) Patient Beds: (Quarters)

(a) Number Available: Three (3)

(b) Average Number Occupied:

October — 2
November — 1
December — 1.7

(c) Dental Statistics: Consolidated by the 324th Air Service Group, APO 520.

(d) Laboratory Examinations:

| | October | November | December |
|---|---|---|---|
| Urinalysis | 6 | 5 | 6 |
| Urethral Smear | 5 | 4 | 10 |
| Serology | 5 | 12 | 34 |
| Dark Field | 3 | 3 | 0 |
| Stool Exam | 0 | 1 | 0 |

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(e) X-Ray Exposures:

October ---- 3
November ---- 3
December ---- 0

(f) Veterinary: None.

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Capt., M. C., F/S
Squadron Surgeon.



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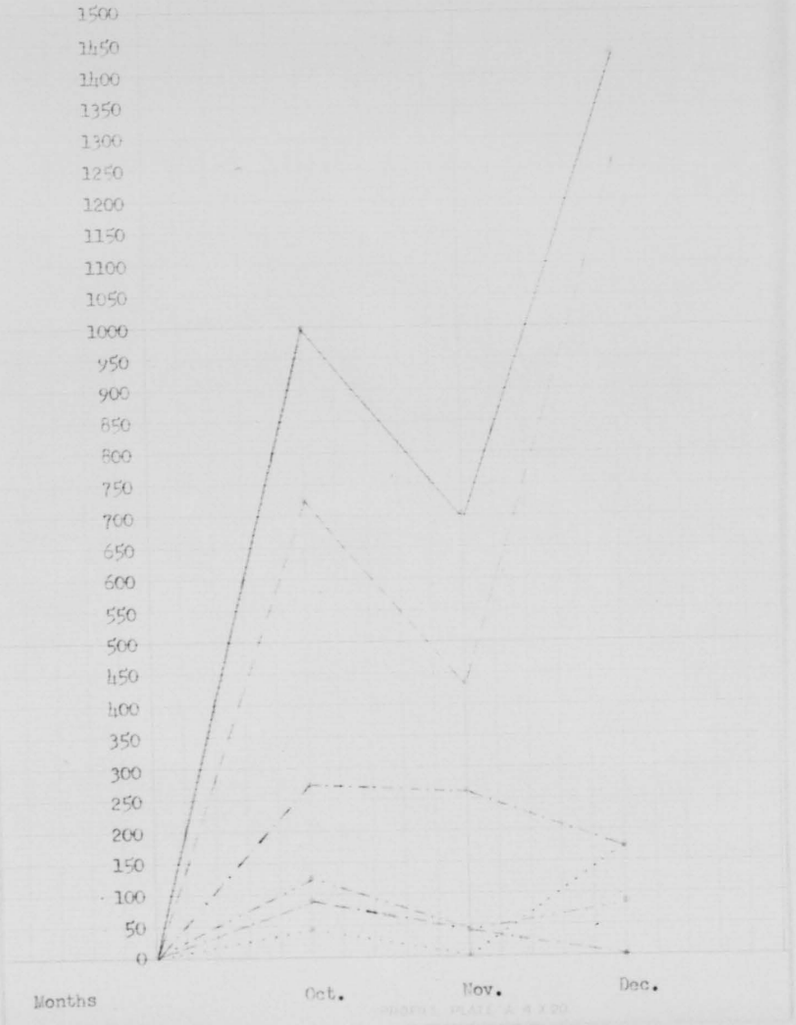
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ADMISSION RATES PER 1000 ANNUM

ALL CAUSES ——
ALL DISEASES - - -
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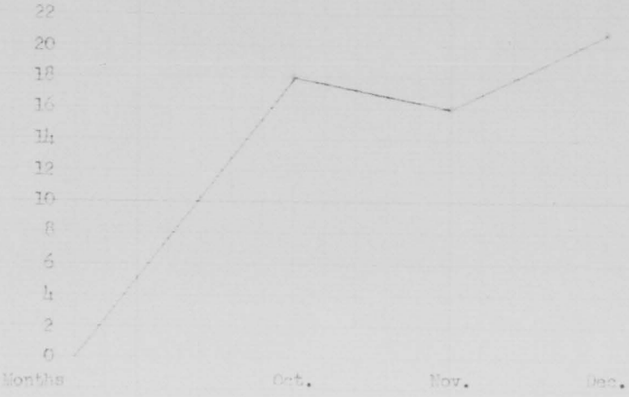
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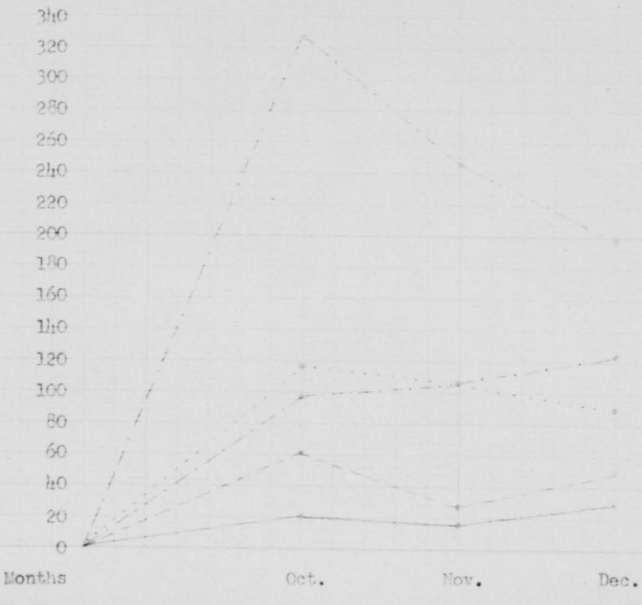
NON-EFFECTIVE RATE PER 1000 MEN ANNUM FOR UNITS

( Time Lo: In Hospital & Quarters )




3

—— Patients treated (Hospital & Quarters)
- - - Total Patient Days For Quarter Patients
—·— Total Patient Days For Hospital Patients
····· No. Of Out Patients
- ·· - No. Of Out Patient Treatments



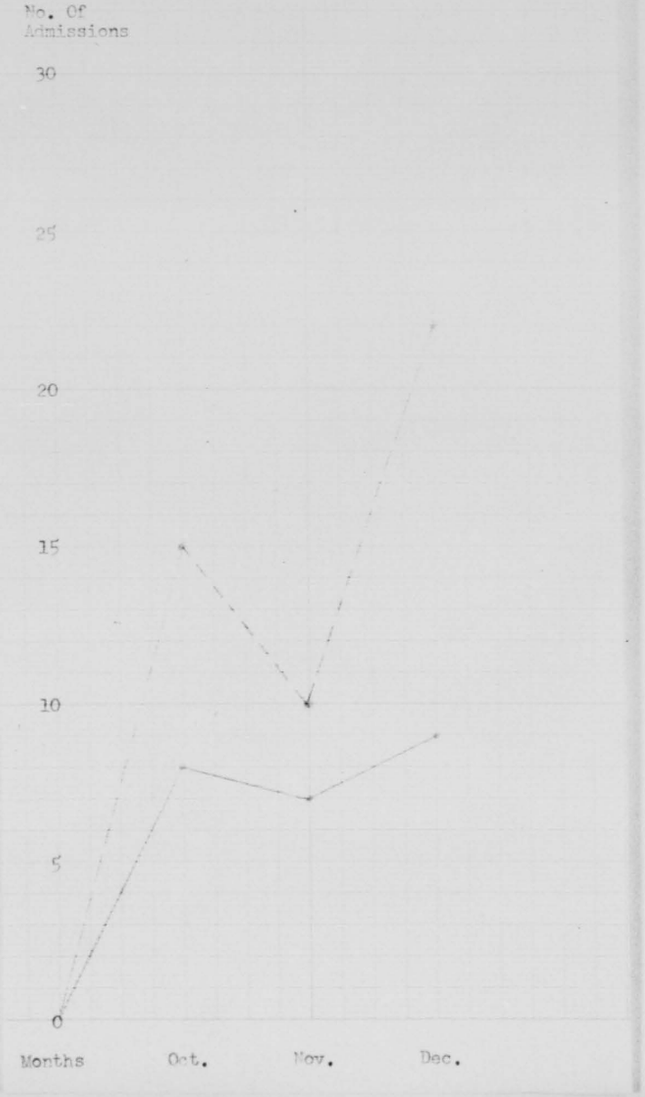

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----- Hospital
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OFFICE OF THE SURGEON
564TH AIR SERVICE SQUADRON
APO 520

8 October 1944

SUBJECT: Supplement To Medical History Dated 5 August 1944.

TO : The Surgeon, AAFSC/MTO, APO 528, U. S. Army.

In compliance with AAFSC/MTO, Memorandum No. 25-13, the following is submitted.

2. Administrative History:

a.

(6) T.O & E changes - 1-417, 2 January 1944, has changed by change 2, 15 July 1944.

b. Personal Matters:

(3) Usage Of Civilian Personnel: None.

(4) Special Citations and Awards: None.

(5) General Morale: Superior.

(6) Promotion Problems: Paul Metz, 1st Lt., M. C., has been promoted to the rank of Captain, 7 September 1944, Special Order # 251, Headquarters, XV Air Force, APO 520, U. S. Army.

The following Enlisted Men received promotions on 11 August 1944, Special Order # 120, Headquarters, 324th Air Service Group, APO 520, U. S. Army.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Zelinskas, Leonard P. | 35266696 | Sgt to S/Sgt |
| Clifton, George W. Jr. | 34707739 | Pfc to Cpl |
| Young, Van B. | 34421039 | Pvt to Pfc |

3. Environmental History:

Rainy season has begun but presents no major problem at the present time. Stoves are being provided for individual tents and the tents have been winterized. Sufficient clothing is being provided for the cold weather.

4. Operational History:

(a) Medical activities for the 564th Air Service Squadron have been routine Medical and Surgical cases of a minor nature. Personal hygiene is excellent, medical inspection is held bi-monthly on Army personnel, civilian personnel working in the area.

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There has been no undue prevalence of acute communicable disease. There have been two (2) cases of gonorrhea, acute, (new) in the 564th Air Service Squadron, one (1) case of gonorrhea, acute, (new) in the 1433rd Ordnance S & M Co., no malaria or typhus since the organization of the unit. To keep communicable diseases at a minimum the measures employed are:

1. Early recognition and isolation.
2. Instructions on oral hygiene.
3. Rigid adherence to strict anti-malarial discipline.
4. Posting anti-venereal posters and posters on oral hygiene in conspicuous places.

(b) Aviation Medicine: None.

(c) Dental Activities: Adequate.

* 5. Statistical Historical Material:

(a) July Admission Rates Per 1000 Per Annum For The Following:

| | |
|---|---|
| All causes - 1109 | N. P. disease - 0 |
| All diseases - 1017 | Common respiratory disease - 185 |
| Injuries - 93 | Malaria - 0 |
| Battle casualties - 0 | Jaundice - 0 |
| Intestional disease - 139 | Other disease of unusual |
| Venereal disease - 93 | interest - 0 |

(b) August Admission Rates Per 1000 Per Annum For The Following:

| | |
|---|---|
| All causes - 1231 | N. P. disease - 0 |
| All diseases - 1199 | Common respiratory disease - 92 |
| Injuries - 138 | Malaria - 0 |
| Battle casualties - 0 | Jaundice - 0 |
| Intestional disease - 184 | Other disease of unusual |
| Venereal disease - 0 | interest - 0 |

(c) September Admission Rates Per 1000 Per Annum For The Following:

| | |
|---|---|
| All causes - 1522 | N. P. disease - 0 |
| All diseases - 1174 | Common respiratory disease - 217 |
| Injuries - 348 | Malaria - 0 |
| Battle casualties - 0 | Jaundice - 0 |
| Intestional disease - 131 | Other disease of unusual |
| Venereal disease - 44 | interest - 0 |

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* (2) Non-effective Rate Per 1000 Per Annum For Unit: (Hospital and Quarters)

a. July ------ 17
b. August ---- 16
c. September - 14

* (3)

a. Patients Treated: (Hospital and Quarters)

July ------ 24
August ---- 29
September - 35

b. Total Patient Days For Quarter Patients:

July ------ 24
August ---- 35
September - 77

c. Total Patient Days For Hospital Patients:

July ------ 111
August ---- 96
September - 38

d. Number Of Out-patients:

July ------ 217
August ---- 100
September - 102

e. No. Of out-patient Treatments Administered:

July ------ 397
August ---- 216
September - 224

(4) Physical Examinations:

July ------ 0
August ---- 0
September - 0

(5) Immunizations:

| | Smallpox | Typhoid | Tetanus | Typhus |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| July ---------- | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| August -------- | 1 | 0 | 5 | 12 |
| September ----- | 0 | 101 | 2 | 28 |

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* (6) Admissions To Sick Report: (Hospital and Quarters)

| | H | Q |
|---|---|---|
| July | 8 | 14 |
| August | 9 | 20 |
| September | 6 | 28 |

(7) Venereal Disease:

(a) Total Number Of Days Lost Due To V. D:

| | H | Q |
|---|---|---|
| July | 1 | 0 |
| August | 0 | 1 |
| September | 0 | 2 |

(b) Average Number Of Days Lost For Each Venereal Patient:

| | Venereal Diseases | Gonorrhea | Syphilis |
|---|---|---|---|
| July | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| August | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| September | 0 | 1 | 0 |

(c) Prophylaxis Administered:

| | |
|---|---|
| July | 0 |
| August | 0 |
| September | 2 |

(d) All the above data is on white troops.

(8) Patients Beds: (Quarters)

(a) Number Available: None. (Patient's own bed is used as quarters bed)

(b) Average Number Occupied: 1.5

(c) Dental Statistics: Consolidated by the 324th Air Service Group, APO 520.

(d) Laboratory Examinations:

| | July | August | September |
|---|---|---|---|
| Urinalysis | 1 | 5 | 2 |
| Serology | 4 | 1 | 4 |
| Urethral Smear | 10 | 4 | 3 |
| Gastric Analysis | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Gall Bladder Study | 0 | 1 | 0 |

(e) X-Ray Exposures:

| | |
|---|---|
| July | 4 |
| August | 3 |
| September | 1 |

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(f) Veterinary: None.

6. Evacuation: Hospital facilities for the organization has always been excellent, there always having been at least three hospitals within a nearby radius, the nearest one is within seven (7) miles distance.

7. Medical Supply:

(a) Complete organizational TBA has been received.

(b) Expendable items for adequate operational activity have been readily obtainable in adequate quantities.

8. Recreational facilities within the area consist of a softball diamond, horse-shoe pit, badminton court, volley-ball court, outdoor and indoor theater, and a stone building dayroom containing bar, stage, library, tables, indoor game facilities, and dancing facilities. Special Service material is obtained in adequate quantities and morale is excellent.

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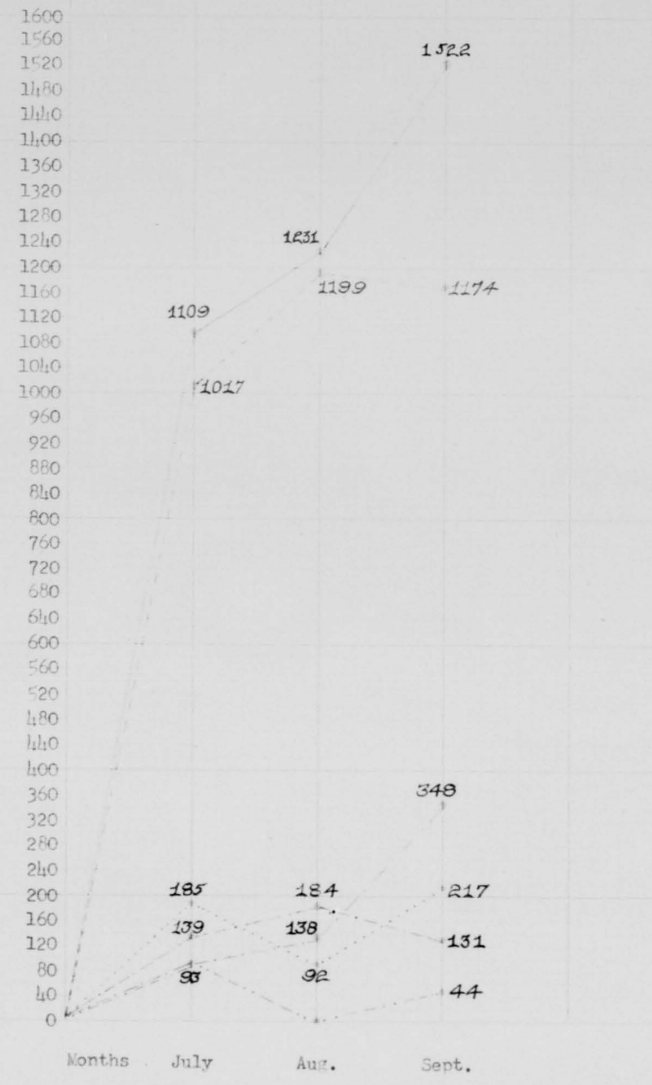
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ADMISSION RATES PER 1000 ANNUM

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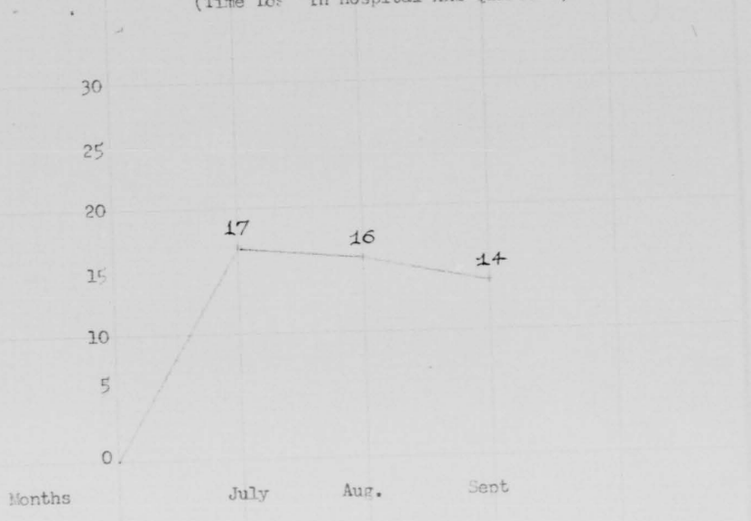



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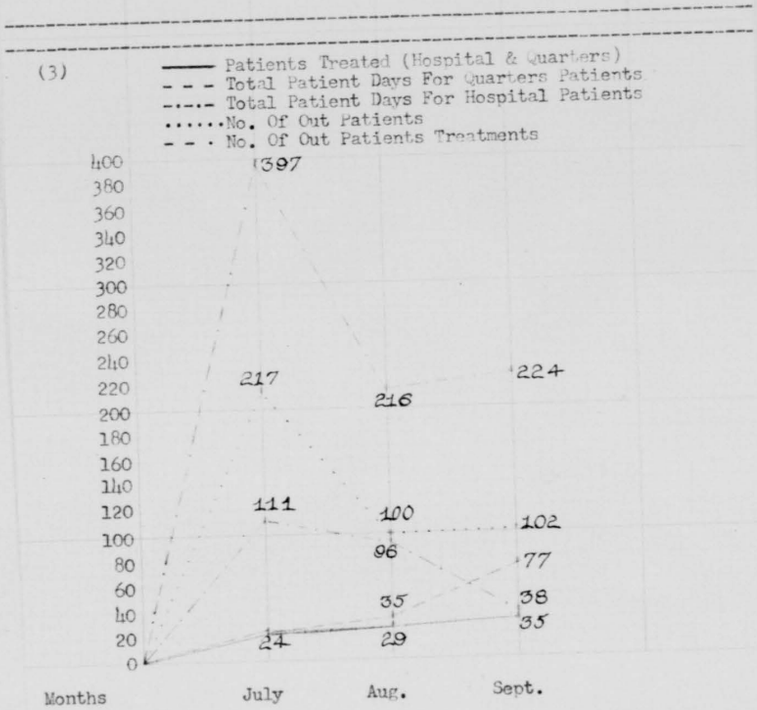
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(2) Non-Effective Rate Per 1000 Per Annum For Unit
(Time Lost In Hospital And Quarters)




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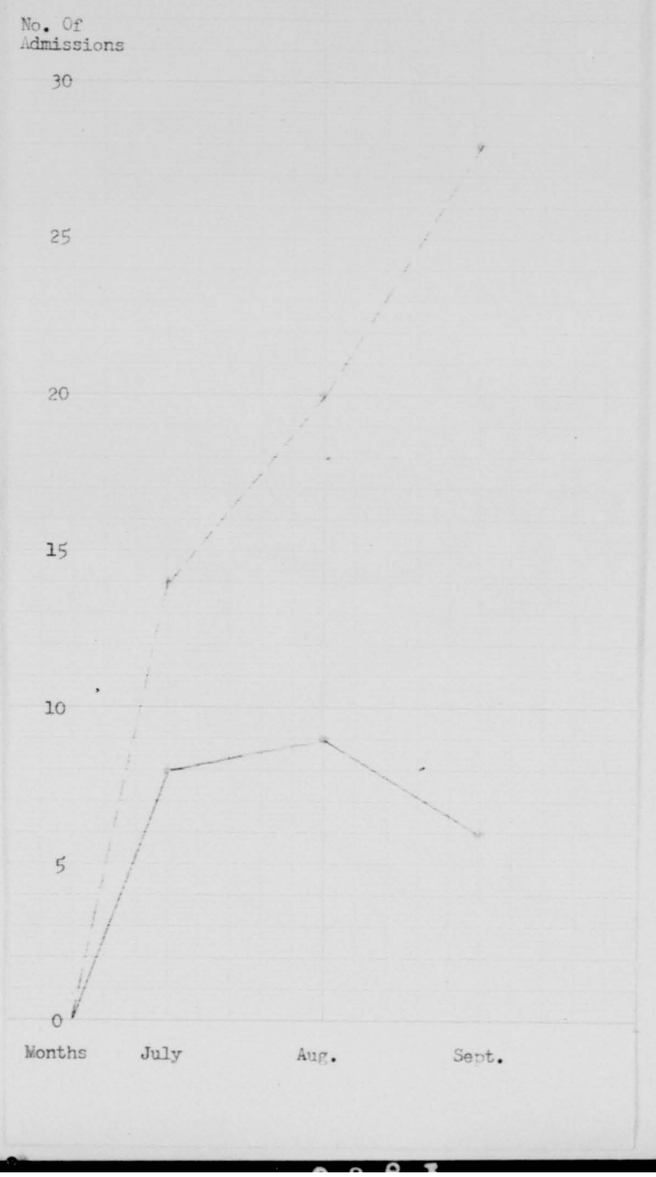



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OFFICE OF THE SURGEON
564TH AIR SERVICE SQUADRON
APO 520

10 April 1945

SUBJECT: Medical History Of 564th Air Service Squadron, APO 520, U. S. Army.
( Supplemental Report No. 3 From 1 January 1945 to 31 March 1945)

TO : The Surgeon, AAFSC/MTO, APO 528, U.S. Army.

In compliance with AAFSC/MTO, Memorandum No. 25-13, the following is submitted.

2. Administrative History:

b. Personnel Matters:

(2) Quarterly Roster:

31 January 1945

Strength - 4

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Capt. Metz, Paul | 0-497568 | Sqdn. Surg. |
| S/Sgt. Zelinskas, Leonard P. | 35266696 | Med. Tech. |
| Cpl. Clifton, George W. Jr. | 34707739 | Surg. Tech. |
| Pfc. Young, Van B. | 34421039 | Amb. Driv. |

28 February 1945

Strength - 3

( Same personnel as of 31 January 1945 except that S/Sgt. Zelinskas, Leonard P. 35266696 returned to the States on TD by Letter Orders 15AF dated 15 February 1945)

31 March 1945

Strength - 4

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Capt. | Metz, Paul | 0-497568 | Sqdn. Surg. |
| Cpl. | Clifton, George W. Jr. | 34707739 | Surg. Tech. |
| Pfc. | Young, Van B. | 34421039 | Amb. Driv. |
| * Pfc. | Fietz, Walter H. | 36408346 | Med. Corpsman (Skilled) |

* New Arrival.


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3. Environmental History:

The climate is mild and presents no problem.

4. Operational History:

(a) There has been no undue prevalence of acute communicable disease. In the 564th Air Service Squadron there have been Two (2) cases of Gonorrhea acute, new; One (1) case of Chancroid acute, new; One (1) case of Syphilis sero-positive asymptomatic; Three (3) cases of non specific Urethritis; One (1) case of non specific Ulcer on the penis. In the 1433rd Ordnance S & M Co. there have occurred One (1) case of Gonorrhea acute, new; and One (1) case of Chancroid new, acute. There were Two (2) cases of Hepatitis, acute, infectious Jaundice in the 564th Air Service Squadron. There occurred One (1) case of recurrent Malarial unclassified in the 1433rd Ordnance S & M Co. There has been no Typhus since the organization of the unit.

5. Statistical Historical Material:

(1)

(a) January Admission Rates Per 1000 Per Annum For The Following:

| | |
|---|---|
| All Causes - 1661 | N. P. Disease - 0 |
| All Diseases - 1329 | Common Respiratory Disease - 374 |
| All Injuries - 332 | Malaria - 0 |
| Battle Casualties - 0 | Jaundice - 83 |
| Intestional Disease - 83 | Other Disease Of Unusual |
| Venereal Disease - 116 | Interest - 0 |

(b) February Admission Rates Per 1000 Per Annum For The Following:

| | |
|---|---|
| All Causes - 1042 | N. P. Disease - 0 |
| All Diseases - 951 | Common Respiratory Disease - 272 |
| Injuries - 91 | Malaria - 0 |
| Battle Casualties - 0 | Jaundice - 0 |
| Intestional Disease - 91 | Other Disease Of Unusual |
| Venereal Disease - 45 | Interest - 0 |

(c) March Admission Rates Per 1000 Per Annum For The Following:

| | |
|---|---|
| All Causes - 1177 | N. P. Disease - 0 |
| All Diseases - 996 | Common Respiratory Disease - 232 |
| Injuries - 181 | Malaria - 45 |
| Battle Casualties - 0 | Jaundice - 0 |
| Intestional Disease - 0 | Other Disease Of Unusual |
| Venereal Disease - 90 | Interest - 0 |

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(2) Non-effective Rate Per 1000 Per Annum For Unit:
( Hospital and Quarters )

a. January ---- 8095
b. February --- 1131
c. March ------ 1177

(3)

a. Patients Treated: ( Hospital and Quarters )

January ----- 40
February ---- 23
March ------- 26

b. Total Patient Days For Quarters Patients:

January ---- 62
February --- 29
March ------ 29

c. Total Patient Days For Hospital Patients:

January ----- 194
February ---- 122
March ------- 116

d. Number Of Out-patients:

January ----- 92
February ---- 100
March ------- 112

e. No. Of Out-patient Treatments Administered:

January ----- 250
February ---- 225
March ------- 300

(4) Physical Examinations:

January ----- 0
February ---- 12 ( For possible reclassifacation )
March ------- 4 ( 63 examination (OTS) infantry -- 2,
National Life Insurance ---2 )

(5) Immunizations:

| | Smallpox | Typhoid | Tetanus | Typhus |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| January ------ | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| February ------ | 81 | 86 | 0 | 23 |
| March --------- | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 |



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(6) Admissions To Sick Report: ( Hospital and Quarters )

| | H | Q |
|---|---|---|
| January | 14 | 26 |
| February | 9 | 14 |
| March | 12 | 14 |

(7) Venereal Disease:

(a) Total Number Of Days Lost Due To V. D:

| | H | Q |
|---|---|---|
| January | 0 | 1 |
| February | 11 | 2 |
| March | 12 | 1 |

(b) Average Number Of Days Lost For Each Venereal Patient:

| | Venereal Disease | Gonorrhea | Syphilis |
|---|---|---|---|
| January | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| February | 0 | 13 | 0 |
| March | 0 | 1 | 12 |

(c) Prophylaxis Administered:

| | |
|---|---|
| January | 20 |
| February | 15 |
| March | 12 |

(d) All the above data is on white troops.

(8) Patient Beds: (Quarters)

(a) Number Available: Three(3)

(b) Average Number Occupied:

| | |
|---|---|
| January | 2 |
| February | 1 |
| March | 1 |

(c) Dental Statistics: Consolidated by the 324th Air Service Group, APO 520.

(d) Laboratory Examinations:

| | January | February | March | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Urinalysis | 3 | 3 | 5 | 11 |
| Urethral Smear | 6 | 6 | 4 | 16 |
| Serology | 18 | 21 | 19 | 58 |
| Dark Field | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |

(e) X-Ray Exposures:

| | |
|---|---|
| January | 4 |
| February | 0 |
| March | 5 |

Paul Metz

PAUL METZ,
Capt., M. C., F/S
Squadron Surgeon.



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OFFICE OF THE SURGEON
564TH AIR SERVICE SQUADRON
APO 520

10 April 1945

SUBJECT: Correction For Supplemental To Medical History Dated 8 October 1944, and 15 January 1945.

To : The Surgeon, AAFSC/MTO, APO 528, U. S. Army.

1. Correction for supplement dated 8 October 1944.

Paragraph 5, (2)
(a) Corr. figure for July: 6305
(b) Corr. figure for Aug.: 5940
(c) Corr. figure for Sept; 4210

2. Correction for supplement dated 15 January 1945.

Paragraph 5, (2)
(a) Corr. figure for Oct. : 6670
(b) Corr. figure for Nov. : 5940
(c) Corr. figure for Dec. : 7765

Paul Metz

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OFFICE OF THE SURGEON
564TH AIR SERVICE SQUADRON
APO 520

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24 May 1945

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By:
Date:

SUBJECT: Medical History Of 564th Air Service Squadron, APO 520, U. S. Army.
( Supplemental Report No. 4 From 1 April to 23 May 1945 )

This is a final report, Auth : Gen Orders No. 37, C. G., XV AFSC, 16 May 1945.

TO : The Surgeon, AAFSC/MTO, APO 528, U. S. Army.

In compliance with AAFSC/MTO, Memorandum No. 25-13, the following is submitted.

2. Administrative History:

b. Personnel Matters:

(2) Quarterly Roster:

30 April 1945

Strength - 4

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Capt. Metz, Paul | O-497568 | Sq. Surg. |
| Cpl. Clifton, George | 34707739 | Surg. Tech. |
| Pfc. Fietz, Walter | 36408346 | Med. Corpsman |
| Pfc. Young, Van B | 34421039 | Amb. Driver |

23 May 1945

Strength - 3

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Capt., Metz, Paul | O-497568 | Sq. Surg. |
| Cpl. Clifton, George | 34707739 | Surg. Tech. |
| Pfc. Fietz, Walter | 36428346 | Med. Corpsman |

S/Sgt Zelinskas, Leonard P. 35266696, was transferred to the United States Per Auth: Special Orders No. 96 Par 4 Headquarters, 324th Air Sv Gp APO 520, dated 20 May 1945.

Pfc Young, Van B. 34421039, was transferred to 517th Air Sv Gp Per Auth: Special Orders No. 92 Par 8 Headquarters, 324th Air Sv Gp APO 520, dated 15 May 1945.


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3. Environmental History:

The climate is mild and presents no problems.

4. Operational History:

a. There has been no undue prevalence of acute communicable disease. There were no cases of venereal disease. There were no cases of hepatitis, acute infectious jaundice. There have been no cases of typhus.

5. Statistical Historical Material:

1.

a. April Admission Rates Per 1000 Per Annum For The Following:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| All Causes | 897 | N. P. Disease | 41 |
| All Disease | 729 | Common Respiratory Disease | 168 |
| Injuries | 168 | Malaria | 0 |
| Battle Casualties | 0 | Jaundice | 0 |
| Intestional Disease | 112 | Other Disease Of Unusual Interest | 0 |
| Venereal Disease | 0 | | |

b. May Admission Rates Per 1000 Per Annum For The Following:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| All Causes | 619 | N. P. Disease | 77 |
| All Disease | 465 | Common Respiratory Disease | 0 |
| Injuries | 154 | Malaria | 77 |
| Battle Casualties | 0 | Jaundice | 0 |
| Intestional Disease | 77 | Other Disease Of Unusual Interest | 0 |
| Venereal Disease | 0 | | |

2. Non-effective Rate Per 1000 Per Annum For Unit: ( Hospital and Quarters )

a. April ---- 6561
b. May ------ 4570

3.

a. Patients Treated: ( Hospital and Quarters )

April ------ 16
May -------- 8

b. Total Patient Days For Quarters Patients:

April ------- 12
May --------- 10



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c. Total Patient Days For Hospital Patients:

April ------- 105
May --------- 49

d. Number Of Out-patients:

April -------- 90
May ---------- 42

e. Number Of Out-patient Treatments Administered:

April ------- 248
May --------- ,92

4. Physical Examination:

April --- 4 (National Life Insurance)
May ----- 0

5. Immunization:

| | Smallpox | Typhoid | Tetanus | Typhus |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| April --- | 71 | 10 | 2 | 21 |
| May ----- | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |

6. Admissions To Sick Report: (Hospital and Quarters)

| | Hosp. | Qtrs. |
|---|---|---|
| April -------- | 9 | 6 |
| May ---------- | 5 | 3 |

7. Venereal Disease:

a. Total Number Of Days Lost Due To V. D. :

| | Hosp | Qtrs |
|---|---|---|
| April ----- | 0 | 0 |
| May ------- | 0 | 0 |

b. Average Number Of Days Lost For Each Venereal Patient:

| | Venereal D. | Gonorrhea | Syphilis |
|---|---|---|---|
| April ------ | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| May -------- | 0 | 0 | 0 |

c. Prophylaxis Administered:

April ------ 0
May -------- 0

d. All The Above Data Is On White Troops.



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8. Patient Beds: (Quarters)

a. Number Available: Three (3)

b. Average Number Occupied:

April ------ 1
May -------- 1

c. Dental Statistics: Consolidated by the 324th Air Service Group, APO 520.

d. Laboratory Examination:

| | April | May | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| Urinalysis | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Urethral Smear | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Serology | 12 | 4 | 16 |
| Dark Field | 0 | 0 | 0 |

e. X-Ray Exposures:

April ----- 0
May --------0

PAUL METZ,
Capt., M. C.,
Squadron Surgeon.



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12 JAN 1944

HEADQUARTERS
564TH SERVICE SQUADRON
A.P.O. # 520

15 February 1944.

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Records

TO : Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington, D.C.
Attn: Ass't Chief of Air Staff, Intelligence, Historical Division (Thru Channels)

1. Transmitted herewith is Record or Unit History of the 564th Service Squadron, covering the period from 1st January to 15 February 1944. Record forwarded your Headquarters in compliance with Overseas Historical Officers Circular No. 1, Headquarters, Army Air Forces, dated 18 November 1943.

2. The inclosed record is the initial record of this unit.

For the Commanding Officer:

1 Incl:
History, 564th Serv Sq.
(In duplicate)

[redacted]
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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HISTORY
564th SERVICE SQUADRON

The 564th Service Squadron first saw the light of day, or in Army terminology, was activated on January 21, 1944 at Service Center # 37, Foggia, Italy. The authority for its coming into being was General Order # 8, Headquarters, XII Air Force Service Command (Adv), dated 27 December 1943. The aforesaid order, however, got the 564th off to a rather confused start as it was designated therein as the 356th Service Squadron. This situation was promptly corrected by Special Orders # 17, paragraph 16, Headquarters XV Air Force Service Command, which relieved the embryo squadron from assignment to the 356th Service Group and assigned it to Service Center # 37 under the designation of 564th.

So much for the actual birth of the 564th. Now let us look briefly to the parents of this budding infant. The 317th Service Squadron, stationed at Marrakech, French Morocco, sent forty enlisted men and one officer; the 81st Service Squadron, stationed at Tunis, Tunisia, sent forty-seven enlisted men, one officer, and one Warrant Officer (jg); and the 387th Service Squadron, stationed at Djdedia, Tunisia, sent forty enlisted men, one officer, and one Warrant Officer (jg). These several parts which went to make the whole, arrived at Bari, Italy in the traditional manner, that is, by air. However, the old fashioned and outmoded stork was supplanted by the more modern C-47 transport plane. The 317th cadre flew in from Marrakech by way of Algiers, while the 81st and 387th cadres came in by way of Catania, Sicily.

To the 81st and 387th went the honors of being the first of the new squadron to set foot on Italian soil as they arrived in Bari on the morning of January 21st. The 317th cadre wasn't far behind, however, arriving that same afternoon.

The first and foremost question in the minds and mouths of all upon arriving at the airport was " Where do we go from here ?" In due course, it was ascertained by the several officers in charge that Bari was not our ultimate destination, but that we were scheduled to proceed seventy miles north of Foggia. In answer to questions concerning the mode of transportation, all hands were informed that the trip would be made by trucks, said trucks were only then being dispatched from Foggia and would not arrive before evening, so that meant the seventy mile ride would be made in the cool (sic) of the night. This announcement was met with loud moans and groans, in Army parience called by another name. The only consolation was that at least it was better than walking.



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The trucks arrived as scheduled, about seven in number, to the tune of more loud moans and groans when it was discovered that they were open trucks. The ride, as expected, was cool (sic)- but definitely. We arrived at the 37th Headquarters, Foggia about 2300 hours in various stages of congealment - mostly advanced.

The 37th Headquarters & Headquarters Squadron met us with cordial hospitality, having chow ready - C rations, " nuff sed " and hot coffee which really hit the spot. Having partaken of this repast, we were directed to sleeping chambers - large, empty room in an uncomplete hospital building. It had four walls and a roof, windows without glass and lovely radiators, positively without heat. All hands bedded down for the nigh - twenty or so to a room on the hardest, coldest tile floors ever laid by man. All slept as well as could be expected.

The morning of the 22nd of January, after the aforesaid labor pains, the 564th came into being, a trifle weakly, and well chilled. The chill was quickly worked out as all hands " turned out " to pitch tents and set up a bivouac area out in the middle of a nice green, if somewhat, soggy wheat field in the shadow of a towering, high tension line.

Out of the ensuing struggle and growing pains as the lusty infant labored to assume its own individuality and personality, Captain Arthur J. Must emerged as Commanding Officer, First Lieutenant Bruno Antonietti as Adjutant, First Lieutenant Myron J. Wurdeman as Engineering Officer, First Lieutenant Paul Metz as Surgeon, Warrant Officer (jg) Martin W. Giles as Engineering Shop Superintendent and Transportation Officer, From the ranks of the enlisted men, Tech. Sergeant Donald R. Walters took on the arduous and thankless duties of acting First Sergeant. And " lest we forget " the lowly Privates and P.F.C.'s with an able assistance from Corporals assumed, or rather had thrust upon them the duties of Formal Base Guard.

During the brief fourteen day stay in the wheat field, the new squadron accumulated several vehicles, a generator, lighting equipment, and stoves, and miscellaneous kitchen equipment. So much for official squadron items. The men themselves acquired through the use of Yankee ingenuity, stoves from German bomb cases, stove pipe from empty shell cases, and devised from salvaged airplanes, tubing and parts, oil burners to furnish the essential element of any stove - the fire.

Along with the " chow line ", a few of the things " sweated out" during life in the wheatfield were a heavy rain or two, a breeze of wind that was either a gale or a reasonably accurate



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facsimile of same, a shower at the public baths in Foggia, and the arrival of a mysterious fourth cadre, rumored to be on the way from somewhere, to arrive sometime.

Throughout its sojourn in the Foggia wheat field the new squadron was expectantly awaiting orders assigning it to some combatant flying group. Needless to say Dame Rumor reigned supreme and a tally of all the various and sundry opinions, if ever substantiated would have seen the squadron operating in every theatre of this global war, any movement seemed to be dependent upon the arrival of the mysterious missing cadre, therefore, when on February 2nd the announcement was made that the outfit was to move to Bari, it came as considerable surprise. The surprise was not altogether of the pleasant variety when it was learned that the outfit was to be attached to the 11th Air Depot Group, per par. # 2, XV Headquarters, Air Force Service Command, dated February 1, 1944, permanent change of station, squadron manhandling boxes rather than servicing planes.

An advance group moved out of Foggia on February 3rd, taking half the tents, most of the kitchen setup, and miscellaneous items to set up a new bivouac area at Bari. The remainder of the squadron followed the next morning after restoring the wheat field to some semblance of its former self. The accomplishment of which entailed filling in some nice new fox holes that had been completed a scant twenty-four hours previously, and were certainly none the worse for wear.

The bivouac area in Bari is located in sort of an overgrown sunken garden, The entrance to which is a tortuous, twisting cart path which runs precipitously close to the edge of an overgrown canal, minus water. The turn off the main road onto aforesaid cart path is exceedingly sharp and narrow, and is sharply banked in the direction of forsaid canal. On rainy days the odds run as high as ten to one that one of the vehicles in negotiating it will slide into the canal. Personnel on the work trucks after successfully making the turns heave a sigh of relief, and feel that another hazardous mission has been completed.

To the west, the new bivouac area is bordered by a main line railroad and siding where every incoming train stops and announces its arrival with a long loud screaming blast of its whistle. The later the hour at night, the longer the blast. All of which is very condusive to quiet and peaceful slumber for the weary G.I.'s who have manhandled cases at the Depot from 7:15A.M. to 5:00P.M. every day.

Latest flash ! The mysterious missing cadre is rumored to be arriving in the near future - a rumor somewhat substantiated by the fact that several untenanted tents have been pitched.

Bruno Antonietti

BRUNO ANTONIETTI
1st Lieut., Air Corps
Historical Officer





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HEADQUARTERS
564TH SERVICE SQUADRON
APO 520
U.S. ARMY

7 May 1944.

SUBJECT: Historical Records.

TO : Commanding General, Fifteenth Air Force, Attention: Historian (THRU: Channels).

1. Unit history of the 564th Service Squadron, 324th Service Group, for the period 1 April 1944 to 30 April 1944.

a. The present designation of the unit is: 564th Service Squadron, 324th Service Group.

b. Changes in organization:

(1) Changes in designation of unit: None

(2) Transfers of unit: None

(3) Commanding Officer: No change

(4) Staff Officers: 1st Lt Paul Metz, O-497568 designated Flight Surgeon, per paragraph 62, Personnel Orders No. 35, Headquarters of the Army Air Forces, Washington, D. C., dated 10 February 1944.

c. Strength, commissioned and enlisted:

(1) Month of April 1944

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| (a) At beginning | - | 226 |
| (b) Net increase | - | 3 |
| (c) Net decrease | - | |
| (d) At end | - | 229 |

d. Station: Celone, Italy

e. Movements: None

f. Campaigns:

(1) Name: Italian

(2) Duration, from 22 January 1944 to (still in progress)

g. Operations: The main operational function of the 564th Service Squadron is to aid in keeping the airplanes of the 463rd Bombardment Group (H) flying every possible hour. In fulfilling this mission we utilize the technical knowledge of our men, our modern machinery, and the channels of supply. When a plane returns from an encounter with the enemy, damaged by flak or cannon, it is turned over to the service squadron for 3rd echelon maintenance. The service squadron is in a better position to perform 3rd echelon maintenance than the bomb group because of its complete equipment and highly trained personnel. In this manner the service squadron aids the bomb group to keep a large percentage of its planes fit for combat. As a typical example, during the month of April 1944, eighteen (18) airplanes were returned to flying status by this squadron. It is apparent that through the efforts of this squadron to repair and maintain these airplanes a definite contribution to thewar effort has been made.

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(historical records cont'd)

h. Commanding Officer in important operations: None

i. Losses in action (officers and men): None

j. Members who have distinguished themselves: None

2. Enclosed is the war diary of this unit for the period 1 April 1944 to 30 April 1944.

For the Commanding Officer:

William L. Moynihan

WILLIAM L. MOYNIHAN,
1st Lt, Air Corps,
Squadron Historian.



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Sheet #1, War Diary, 564th Service Squadron, Bari, Italy.

Period of 22 January, 1944 to 29 February 1944. Prepared by 1st Lt., William L. Moynihan, Squadron Historian.

| DAY | EVENTS |
|---|---|
| Jan. 22, | Organization activated 22 January 1944, consisting of six (6) Officers and one hundred twenty seven (127) enlisted men. Cadres of officers and enlisted men from all parts of the Mediterranean Theater of Operations, such as 81st, 317th and 387th Service Squadrons were assigned and joined the unit. Capt., Arthur J. Must, was appointed to carry the job as commanding officer, his staff of officers consisted of 1st Lt., Bruno Antonietti, S-1, squadron Adjutant, 1st Lt., Paul Metz, squadron surgeon, W/O (JG) Martin M. Giles, squadron shop superintendent, and W/O (JG) Robert D. McCoy, Tech supply superintendent and squadron supply Officer. The authority for the activation of the 564th Service Squadron was per, GO# 8, Hq., XII AFSC (Adv) dated December 27, 1943. Relieving the organization from assignment to the 356th Service Group and assigning them to the 37 Service Center, was SO# 17, par 16, Hq., XV AFSC. |
| Jan. 23, | Usual field duties. |
| Jan. 24, | Usual field duties. |
| Jan. 25, | W/O (JG), Martin M. Giles, (Engineering Shop Superintendent) left for detached service to Bari, Italy for approximately two (2) days. |
| Jan. 26, | Usual field duties. |
| Jan. 27, | W/O (JG), Martin M. Giles returned from DS (Bari, Italy). W/O (JG), Robert D. McCoy, accompanied by two enlisted men left for DS (Bari). |
| Jan. 28, | W/O (JG), Robert D. McCoy, and two enlisted men return to the unit from DS (Bari). |
| Jan. 29, | Usual field duties. |
| Jan. 30, | Usual field duties. |
| Jan. 31, | Usual field duties. |
| Feb. 1, | Usual field duties. |
| Feb. 2, | Usual field duties. |
| Feb. 3, | Usual field duties. |
| Feb. 4, | Organization consisting of six (6) Officer and one hundred twenty one (121) enlisted men made their first pernament change of station as a whole, from Foggia, Italy to Bari, Italy. Six (6) enlisted men of this organization failed to make the movement, four (4) remained in the hospital at Foggia, and the other two (2) in the hospital in North Africa. Personnel departed Foggia, Italy, Approximately 1100 hours and proceeded 110 kilometere to Bari, Italy arriving at 1500 hours the same date. |

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Sheet #2, War Diary, 564th Service Squadron, Bari, Italy.

Period of 22 January 1944 to 29 February 1944. Prepared by 1st Lt., William L. Moynihan, Squadron Historian.

| DAY | EVENTS |
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| Feb. 5, | Usual field duties. |
| Feb. 6, | Usual field duties. |
| Feb. 7, | Usual field duties. |
| Feb. 8, | Usual field duties. |
| Feb. 9, | Squadron received their first two (2) civilian employees to use as mess attendants. |
| Feb. 10, | Usual field duties. |
| Feb. 11, | Capt., Arthur J. Must, assigned as Tech Supply Officer S-4 (Add dty), 1st Lt., Bruno Antonietti, assigned squadron Adjutant S-1(Prim dty), also squadron Mess Officer and Trans Officer, (Add dty). 1st Lt., Paul (MI) Metz, was assigned as squadron surgeon, (Prim dty), 1st Lt., Myron J. Wurdeman, assigned Eng. Officer (Prim dty) and squadron S-3 Officer (Add dty), W/O (JG)., Robert D. McCoy, was assigned Tech Supply superintendent (Prim dty), also squadron supply Officer and squadron S-2 Officer (Add dty), Capt., Arthur J. Must, accompanied with four (4) enlisted men left for DS to Naples, Italy. |
| Feb. 12, | Usual field duties. |
| Feb. 13, | Capt., Arthur J. Must and four (4) enlisted men returned to the organization from DS in Naples, Italy. |
| Feb. 14, | Usual field duties. |
| Feb. 15, | Usual field duties. |
| Feb. 16, | One (1) enlisted man transferred from this organization to Det of Pats, 61st Station Hospital. |
| Feb. 17, | Usual field duties. |
| Feb. 18, | Usual field duties. |
| Feb. 19, | Usual field duties. |
| Feb. 20, | One (1) enlisted man transferred in grade to 68th Tact Recon Group. |
| Feb. 21, | Usual field duties. |
| Feb. 22, | Usual field duties. |
| Feb. 23, | Usual field duties. |
| Feb. 24, | Usual field duties. |

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| Feb. 25, | 1st Lt., William L moynihan, assigned and joined the squadron from 22nd Replacement Depot, his duties will be that of squadron Adjutant S-1, (Prim dty). Thirty three (33) enlisted men were assigned and joined the organization from the 55th Service Squadron. |
| Feb. 26, | 1st Lt., Bruno Antonietti, was releived as squadron Adjutant and assumed (Prim dty) as Tech Supply Officer. |
| Feb. 27, | Usual field duties. |
| Feb. 28, | Usual field duties. |
| Feb. 29, | Usual field duties. |

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HEADQUARTERS
564TH SERVICE SQUADRON
A.P.O. 520

3 May 1944

SUBJECT: Historical Records

TO : Commanding Officer, 324th Service Group, APO 520
324th Service Group,

1. Unit history of the 564th Service Squadron for the period of 22 January 1944 to 29 February 1944.

a. Facts relating to the origin of the unit.

1. Original designation was 564th Service Squadron.
2. Date of activation was 22 January 1944, at Foggia, Italy.
3. Authority for activation was General Order # 8, Hq., 12th AFSC (Adv), dated 27 December 1943.
4. Personnel obtained to build the organization came from cadres of experienced Service Squadrons, each of which had spent from 15 to 18 months doing a great job in the African Campaign and the Mediterranean Theater of Operation. The first to arrive was the cadre from the 317th Service Squadron, stationed in Marrakech, French Morroco, which was followed by the cadre from the 81st Service Squadron, stationed at Tunis, Tunisia, and the cadre from 387th Service Squadron, which was stationed at Djdedia, Tunisia.

b. Changes in organization

1. Changes in designation of unit, None.
2. Organization as a whole made permanent change of station from Foggia, Italy, to Bari, Italy 4 February 1944.
3. Capt., Arthur J. Must, was assigned as Commanding Officer, (Prim duty), per par 13, SO# 12, Hq., 37th Service Group, also assigned S-4 Officer, Tech Supply Officer, (Add duty), per par 1 SO# 3, dated 27 January 1944, Hq., 37th Service Group.
4. Staff Officers: 1st Lt., Bruno Antonietti, was assigned squadron Adjutant, S-1 (Prim duty) per par 1, SO# 2, dated 23 January 1944, also squadron Mess Officer (Add duty) per par 2, SO# 3, dated 27 January 1944, and squadron Trans Officer, (Add duty) per par 1, SO# 5, dated 7 February 1944. 1st Lt., Paul (MMI) Metz, was assigned squadron surgeon (Prim duty) per par 3, SO# 3, dated 27 January 1944. 1st Lt., Myron J. Wurdeman, was assigned Eng Officer (Prim duty) per par 4, SO# 3, dated 27 January 1944. 1st Lt., William L. Moynihan, became squadron Adjutant, S-1 Officer, vice 1st Lt., Bruno Antonietti, per SO# 46, dated 25 February 1944, 22nd Replacement Depot. W/O (JG)., Robert D. McCoy, was assigned Tech Supply Superintendent (Prim duty) and squadron supply Officer (Add duty) per par 5, SO# 3, dated 27 January 1944.

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c. Strength of Unit.
Period of 22 January 1944 to 29 February 1944
Beginning of period - 6 Officers - 127 EM - 133 Total
End of period 6 Officers - 158 EM - 164 Total
Squadron increased 31 EM - 31 Tatal

d. Station Of Unit
1. February 3, 1944 the organisation received their orders of the permanent change of their station from Foggia, Italy to Bari, Italy. The unit spent the earlier part of the morning loading equipment, then at approximately 1100 hours proceeded by motor convoy, 110 kilometers, to their new station Bari, Italy, arriving at 1500 hours the same date.

e. Personnel at other stations
1. At the time of the change of station, six (6) EM remained. Four (4) were in the hospital at Foggia, Italy and two (2) were in the hospital in North Africa.

f. Campaigns: Italian campaign from 21 January 1944 to present date.

g. Casualties - None.

h. Individuals who have distinguished themselves in action - None.

i. Other information of Historical Value:

Briefly the parents of this organization were the 317th Service Squadron, stationed in Marrakech, French Morroco, which sent 40 enlisted men and one officer, 31st Service Squadron stationed at Tunis, Tunisia, which sent 47 enlisted men, one officer, and one Warrant Officer, and the 337th Service Squadron, stationed at Djdedia, Tunisia, which sent forty enlisted men and one officer and warrant officer. These several parts which went to make the whole, arrived at Bari, Italy in the traditional manner, that is by air. However the old fashioned and out-moded stork was supplanted by the more modern C-47 transport plane. Bari was not our ultimate destination, and we proceeded seventy miles north to Foggia, Italy. The only consolation in the seventy mile ride in trucks in the cool of the night, was that it was better than walking.

We arrived at 37th Hq., Foggia and immediately ate cold "C" rations and went to bed on the hardest, coldest tile floors ever laid by man. After a brief fourteen day stay in a wheat field, which was our bivouac area, we received orders taking us back to Bari, Italy but instead of servicing aircraft we were to manhandle boxes. Our bivouac area was located in sort of an overgrown sunken garden, to the west the area was bordered by a main railroad and siding where every incoming train stopped and blew the whistle. On the east was the sea, with a never ending breeze, and the combination of both, made for endless nights of no sleep and cool labor during the day.

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Sheet No. 1 War Diary, 564th Serv Sqdn. Celone, Italy. (Station)

Month of April, 1944. Prepared by WILLIAM L. MOYNIHAN, 1st Lt, AC.

DAY EVENTS

1. Today was a usual run of the mill day, nothing transpiring with the exception of the usual squadron duties. The Engineering Section picked up some work from the Sheet Metal Shop and the Bomb Squadron turned over two ships that had met up with some Jerry flak. It has been a long haul for the members of the Air Corps and Tech Supply Departments, from one tent and a couple of clerks, to the present supply setup, which now consists of three warehouses and a supply office in the form of a rebuilt boxcar. Famous words heard about on this celebrated day; "This department will function efficiently, we will work hard and play hard", thus Capt Arthur J. Must, Air Corps Supply Officer, starts his thirty enlisted men on the road to fame.
2. The moral of the squadron was boosted slightly today with an exceptionally good picture being shown in our little theater in the evening. Cheers, aroused from the boys when they heard of the new movie schedule which went into effect today. This gives the old feeling of home, "Sunday Movies", Hum! Lt Ivey with the able assistance of the other officers instigated plans for a squadron soft ball team to compete with neighboring squadrons. Had an inspection of tents today which as a whole proved very satisfactory.
3. Started expansion of our area today which is a decided improvement over former conditions. The usual moans and groans were heard from the boys because of the moving of tents and the re-digging of new fox holes. Seven men left today for DS, while seven others returned each and everyone saying, "No place like home".
4. Orchids to the mess hall this morning for those lovely eggs - - the first fried eggs the organization has had in quite some time. The boys in Engineering are finding much work and headaches, with the sheet metal department bearing most of the brunt, but time will heal all wounds and wound all heels, as Hitler will soon find out.
5. The movement of the tents was completed today and everyone seems more or less satisfied with the change. Building was started on a new orderly room and shower room today. To be utilized in this construction work are a couple more old box cars, which were salvaged down in the Foggia freight yards. Today the squadron has its first tragedy. The newly constructed Engineering Office, which was highly praised by the officers and men, caught fire. The estimated damage was slight but the moral of Engineering Office personnel dropped considerably. The Office was really a masterpiece of workmanship, but now its all forgotten and work has started on building a new and much better office. The Medical Department gave forth today with the not so painful but terrifying shots.... a necessary evil the boys say.
6. The baseball league seems to be shaping up, with Lt (John McGraw) Ivey, giving the boys the once over for potential stars. With the able assistance of Cpl J. J. O'Donnell, who is our ball team what McCarthy is to the Yanks, it looks like a good season. The Civilians hired by the squadron are proving to be a big help. Plans are being instigated to build an extension on the messhall, also the building of a day room for the benefit of all concerned.
7. The squadron lost seven men today to a new organization which was recently activated. The men involved in the transfer will be missed but t'will further the war effort, or so they say. One of the biggest moral builders the army has --- PX rations were given out today. Cigarettes, to the relief of constant smokers....Candy for those with a sweet tooth and Cokes for the thirsty. A spirit of close cooperation and willingness seems to prevail among the members of Air Corps and Tech Supply. Under the guidance of M/Sgt Bill Whisenhunt, Warehouse Sup't, the arranging and functioning of the warehouses in an efficient manner is becoming fast a reality. Orchids to all the members of the supply who have done a very good job of arranging their OEL equipment and paving the way for the issuance of equipment and tools to the boys on the Engineering Line.

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Month of April, 1944. Prepared by WILLIAM L. MOYNIHAN, 1st Lt, AC.

DAY EVENTS

8. The building of the orderly room is shaping up and rumor has it that the pencil pushers will soon have a new home. T'is amazing what a little hard work and paint will do. Engineering's work continues. Days off for the boys have not started as yet, but to coin a phrase, "work before pleasure", unquote. Tech Supply is really beginning to operate, with the construction of new buildings being planned in addition to those already up. Again the old box-car comes into good use with Tech Supply falling in with Engineering in the use of these cars as offices.

9. Easter Sunday morning finds the boys sporting the newest in Easter fashions, namely one each, pair of G.I. coveralls. Work has rather slowed down today as the weather conditions have kept our planes grounded for the past few days. Most of the men attended church services with the civilians in town and all claimed it to be one of the best they have attended for some time. The Catholic services were conducted by the "Bishop of Foggia", which pleased our boys very much and gave them something to write home about. The Moral of the boys jumped 100% this afternoon when they were notified that work was finished for the day and they could all join in the Easter Parade down town.

10. Work is progressing as usual with the normal amount of confusion and questions as to why the Air Force doesn't have more men in supply. Busy days for the boys of the requisition section edited by Sgt Kunisauskas and Sgt DePalo. Their Motto being,"If at first you don't succeed, try try again". .... and so the second sheets and carbon paper fly on our replenishment requisitions. Our technical inspector, Sgt "Crash" Raling is hard at work today refurnishing his office, in box car #2. His new desk, by courtesy of the carpenter shop, is having waterproof paper hung over it by none other than our tech order clerk, "Ollie" Olsen. Ollie is imitating Herr Hitler before he became famous. He predicts that the Fueher will wish he had remained a paperhanger before many more moons have passed.

11. Squadron has its first inspection today by none other than Colonel Kaufman, CO of the 324th Service Group. Everyone was on their toes as is true army fashon during an inspection. The inspection as a whole proved very satisfactory. Cigarettes were being passed around today, in place of the old fashioned cigars, by T/Sgt Donald R. Walters, who was promoted to the grade of 1st Sergeant. Willard H. Bauer, now S/Sgt, Harry A. Fries, now Cpl and Albert Melet, now Pfc were all promoted on the same order.

12. A great pandomania of new systems and improvements is the order of the day, resulting from the inspection by Col Kaufman. Minor details and ideas are cleared up with a resolution to work both night and day until everything is in tip top shape. A Charge of Quarters is now on duty in supply 24 hours a day. The OAC section is kept hard at it securing parts for the flak ridden ships of the bomb squadrons. A system originated by S/Sgt "Hot Lips" Sykes, which is entirely different from any other known AOC system, is approved by local authorities as being successful.

13. Three ripe olives: To the mess hall for the fried eggs again this morning. Today has been a day of inspections. First we had our inspection of tents and the area, then "Doc" Metz had his regular fifteen day physical inspection. Work has slowed up again due to bad weather conditions.

14. Softball has become the main topic of the squadron today, with each department planning to beat the next one. Highlights of todays games was when Engineering beat their ever tried and true rivals, Tech Supply, by a score of 14 to 16. Five of our men that have been on DS with the 566th Service Squadron came back today. We were glad to see them of course.

15. Supply was visited by Colonel Kelly today. He is the originator of the famous Kelly "Pack Ups". Everything was in order and compliments passed out to Supply on their equipment and distributing of same. Work has picked up considerably on the Engineering Line. Extensive flak damage sustained by the planes placed such a load on our sheet metal department that even the night shift is having a hard time keeping up.

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Month of April, 1944. Prepared by William L. Moynihan, 1st Lt, AC.

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16. Again to day appears a new system in AirCorps Supply, which is this time sure to be the lasting one. The first real worries of keeping the various squadrons of the 463rd Bomb Group well stocked is laid upon the department along with the setting up of personnel assignments and arranging of our equipment. The realization of just how big a job is ahead of us comes as a bolt out of the blue to the various and sundry members of the Army Air Forces "leathel weapon", Supply. The conversation ranges from "what is a form 81 and if so move it over here" to "but I've never done it that way before, who did it?". Seen around and about during the melee is one vertible man of action, known to one and all of this department as Mr. McCoy, WO (jg), whose official capacity is that of Warehouse Sup't.

17. Lt Ivey, our Engineering Officer, has called for volunteers to take up sheet metal work. The "grapevine" reports that there will be plenty of "takers" from among the ranks of the pencil pushers and stock clerks to whom the opportunity to emerge from the dim confines of their offices and warehouses in to the Spring sun-shine and the great open spaces of the "line" is too good to miss. One of our men returned from the hospital today with tales that he heard from his bed mates of flak wounds and truck accidents. Miss Madeline Carroll, of Hollywood, was there as a Red Cross hostess. The boys shouldn't mind being laid up so much, now that she is there to hold their hand. Lt Metz has taken over the duties of Special Service Officer and plans are for more and better entertainment. One of our Italian Civilian Employees entered the dispensayy this afternoon to receive treatment for a bruised knuckle that he received while pounding stakes into the ground, He was told to soak his hand in hot water, wasn't satisfied with this treatment, so he walked off.....Guess he wanted some G.I. pills.

18. The "grapevine" proved correct, as seven "pencil pushers" indicated their willingness to exchange the pencil and typewriter for the electric drill and pneumatic rivet gun. The big surprize was that two of Lt "Doc" Metz boys volunteered to give up the needle for the drill. If they can punch rivets holes in sheet metal as well as they can punch serum into us, S/Sgt "Pappy" Hambright bett r watch his foremans job. Our new orderly room was completed today, the honors going to the squadron carpenters. They sure did a swell job of converting an old box car into a very nice office... The boys finally found a name for it..."Joe's Diner". Three Cheers for the Red Cross for paying us a visit this afternoon and passing out those good old "homemade style" dough-nuts. The fellows really go for them and look forward to visits of this kind more often.

19. Construction has finally gotten under way of our Transportation garage after weeks of preparation and planning by our worthy Transportation Dept. Lt Moynihan and Lt Decker left for Naples today for a short stay and already we miss them. Hope they soon return. The boys are wondering whether or not 1st Sgt Walters will forget to punch his ration card when he catches the mouse that has been stealing the PX chocolate. Many sighs and ahs were heard today when the boys learned that the stag show, scheduled for this afternoon was called off, As good soldiers we've learned to take all sort of disappointments with a grain of salt.

20. The moral of the squadron hit an all time high today when each and every man, in the PX ration line, received as part of his ration for the week, one bottle of beer brewed in Bari under the supervision of the military. Didn't taste exactly like "Bud" or "Pabst" but hit the spot never the less. Moved into the new orderly room today. Certainly is a great improvement over the old setup. Received a shipment of new men; S Sgt Schiller, Sgt Buckley, Cpls Vellutello and Winnick, Pfc's Conley and Haberern and Pvt Reed. Glad to have them with us. S/Sgt Pheral transferred to the 566th Service Sq. Also lost Sgt Basa to rotation. Seems that Uncle Sam thinks he needs a rest, which is no doubt true, but Frank seemed kinda disappointed because he was leaving before the show is over.

21. Had an unusually large sick call this morning. Wonder if the high life we led yesterday by getting on the outside of that bottle of beer had anything to do with it. We're not used to all these luxuries. The movie for tonight at our "Little Theater" is Kay Kyser and his band in "Around the World. We are all looking forward to this picture as it will no doubt be much better than some of the GI Movies and Training Films we have been getting.

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Sheet No. 4, War Diary, 564th Service Sqdn. Celone, Italy

Month of April, 1944, Prepared by William L. Moynihan, 1st Lt, AC.

| DAY | EVENTS |
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| 22. | Lt Moynihan and Lt. Decker returned from Naples today. Said they had a real nice time. Another Special Service event was cancelled-- this time we were to have had a swing band come out to the area to serenade us, but due to some difficulty encountered in obtaining a piano, it had to be postponed. Major Thompson said, "The 564th will have a good soft ball team or else!" Lt Ivey and Cpl J.J. "Miller Huggins" O'Donnell are taking over the management. "Two Senoritas from Chicago" is playing at the "Cinema" this evening. Pictures are getting better and better. Rumor has it that the kitchen will produce a pie, also that a Squadron dance is being contemplated by Special Service. Hope these rumors didn't originate in the latrine. |
| 23. | A new addition has just been completed on the Orderly Room. Major Thomson's private office, you know, a place to spread the well known carpet for the boys who can't seem to stay on the beam. This new office was built out of old Belly Tank boxes and the windows remind us of port holes on a ship. The "Battleship Grey" paint it has been done up in, lends a nautical atmosphere to such an extent, that you can almost feel the spray from the sea on your brow every time you are called in. |
| 24. | All Squadron personnel were ordered to have Mosquito Netting up by dusk tonight. We have been lectured on "Malaria Controll" for the past few days to an extent that we feel as if we could recognize the Anopheles Mosquito at 100 yards. Atabrine is being given each member of the Squadron at the rate of 6 pills a week. It has been decided that this serving will be at the supper meal each day except Sundays, when we should have something better for desert. Another softball game is scheduled to be played tonight with the 566th Service Squadron furnishing our opposition. If we don't win this one, Major Thomson is going to be awful mad. |
| 25. | Lost one man to DS today while two came back. At that rate we'll eventually gather all of our men back into the fold. T/Sgt Lalush, Sgt Jacobellis and Sgt Herzer are new members of the squadron as of today. Our Engineering Department can certainly make good use of these boys as business has been rather good, ---- well, not good, shall we say, rushing for the past few days. Frequent trips to Depot No. 5 at Bari, Italy is hastening the flow of supplies and equipment which is enabling our Engineering Section to "Keep em Flying" in a very efficient manner. Hollywood glitterbug, Marlene Dietrich is scheduled to appear in person at Foggia tomorrow night. This organizations allotment of tickets numbers only twelve, so in true democratic style, we are drawing the names of the lucky twelve out of the old hat. |
| 26. | Started raining last night and much to the dismay of the Major and the Squadron Carpenter the new addition to the orderly room which is the Major's Office was pretty well drenched. It seems that the boys who put the roofing on laid it from port to starboard instead of from stem to stern as it should have been. This all added up to an even more nautical atmosphere than before within the "Skippers Office". The Tech Supply Clerks were pretty well P.O.'d too, because it so happened that they hadn't as yet gotten around to putting a roof on one of their new warehouses. The rain didn't do their office supplies any good either. Incidently they had already moved in. |
| 27. | Another new man was assigned to the outfit today, a welder. Engineering was very much pleased to add him to their force, as they have quite a bit of "putting togethering again" to do over there. The band which was to serenade us during the evening has just sent in their second apologies for not being able to appear. This is the last straw. They have promised to come out again on a future date but this time we are not advertising it. PX rations were again distributed today. Coca Cola was the special "treat" today. Quartermaster says we can have more next week if we are especially good about returning the bottles, and I don't think there's any doubt about whether or not we'll do that. |
| 28. | A phone call came in this morning from Group Headquarters instructing us to pick up some mattresses for our little hospital. Its a pity they didn't |

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Month of April, 1944. Prepared by William L. Moynihan, 1st Lt, AC.

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instruct us to pick up mattresses for the entire squadron, then there wouldn't be a tendency for the boys to get sick so easily. Its rumored that the hospital is also to be furnished with sheets. If that happens we might require a much larger hospital to accommodate all the customers. The mail is coming in rather slowly at present, hope it presages the invasion.

29. Last night Lt Ivey's Ball Club met the boys from the 1679th Ordnance Co. The 564th Flyers went down to the tune of 4 to 2. Bad breaks decided the game, was the conclusions being drawn by members of the squadron this morning. It has been further decided that they really got only one earned run. Set backs like this one only serve to strengthen our determination to win the next one. Work is really progressing in ernest in the making of a shower bath which will be for the benefit of the entire squadron. We have used our helmits for bath tubs long enough and now its practically a reality that in the very near future it won't be impracticable for any man in the squadron to have a shower bath any time he wants one. This will really prove to be a moral raiser when it comes to pass.

30. And so we come to the end of another month, and if the wind gets any stronger than its blowing right now, it may be the end of a lot of other things around here. The First Joe's tent has already blown down along with several other tents. Guess the boys were a little weak the day they drove those stakes in the ground. The wind did a very good job of cleaning a lot of obsolete bulletins from the bulletin board in addition to a few current items, which may turn out to be a blessing in disguise since we are expecting a visit from Brig Gen Beverley, who is the Commanding General of the XV Air Force Service Command. You could hardly refer to a bare bulletin board as a "Messy" bulletin board. Of course everyone was busy trying to police things up for the General and try to make as good an impression as possible. To the dismay of the boys in the orderly room he failed to pay us a visit, but went right on by hell bent for the Engineering Line. The General was apparently satisfied as the "grapevine" didn't report any grave discrepencies.

For the Commanding Officer:

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HEADQUARTERS
564TH SERVICE SQUADRON
324TH SERVICE GROUP
A.P.O. # 520

Service Center # 324
6 April 1944.

UNIT HISTORY - Month of March 1944

1. Strength:
   Beginning of Month - 6 Officers - 158 EM - 164 Total
   End of Month - 7 Officers - 219 EM - 226 Total
   Changes - Increased 1 Officer - 61 EM - 62 Total

2. Station of Unit:
   a. Left Bari, Italy on 16 March 1944, arrived at Celone, Italy, on 16 March 1944. Traveled by motor convoy.

3. Personnel at other stations:
   a. 7 Enlisted Men on Detached Service at Foggia, Italy. Departed 1 March 1944. Not returned.
   b. 10 Enlisted Men on Detached Service at Foggia, Italy. Departed 2 March 1944. Not returned.
   c. 1 Officer, 2 Enlisted Men on Detached Service, Bari, Italy. Departed 23 March 1944. Returned 26 March 1944.
   d. 2 Enlisted Men on Detached Service, Foggia, Italy. Departed 26 March 1944. Not returned.

4. Marches:
   None

5. Campaigns, Battles or Contact with the Enemy:
   None

6. a. Casualties - none
   b. Individuals who have distinguished themselves in action:
   None

7. Any other information of Historical Value: Squadron reorganized under new T/O & E, 1-417, dtd 2 Jan/44. Captain Arthur J. Must relieved of command, Major James W. Thomson assumes command the 10th. 1st Lt. Myron J. Wurdeman, relieved as Eng. Off. and transferred to 26th General Hospital, 1st Lt., Henry D. Ivey assumes duty as Eng. Off. the 10th. Thirty-eight EM joined organization from 22nd Replacement Center the 10th. Approximately 12 to 14 EM transferred from squadron between 11th and 25th, 35 to 37 EM joined squadron over same period. 1st Lt. Bruno Antonietti, transferred to 83rd Serv Sq the 20th.. 2nd Lt. Carl W. Decker joined squadron and assigned duty as Ass't Eng. Off. the 18th.

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Sheet No. 1, War Diary, 664th Service Squadron, 324th Service Group, Celone, Italy.

Month of March 1944. Prepared by 1st Lt., William I. Moynihan, Squadron Historian

| Day | EVENTS |
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| 1. | Seven EM placed on DS with the 324th Service Group, Foggia, Italy. Necessitated by shortage of Sheet Metal Workers in the Foggia Theatre. |
| 2. | Ten (10) EM placed on DS with the 324th Service Group, Foggia, Italy. Necessitated by shortage of Airplane & Engine Mechanics in Foggia Theatre. |
| 3. | Usual field duties. |
| 4. | Usual field duties |
| 5. | Usual field duties |
| 6. | Usual field duties |
| 7. | 1st Lt. Myron J. Wurdeman (Engineering Officer) from duty to 36th General Hospital |
| 8. | Usual field duties |
| 9. | Usual field duties |
| 10. | Thirty-Eight EM assigned to organization from 22nd Replacement Center, two EM assigned to organization from 60th Service Squadron and 348th Service Squadron. Squadron Party held in Bari, Italy. First party of the organization and an excellent time was had by all concerned. Squadron reorganized under new T/O & E No. 1-417, dated 2 January 1944. Unit enlisted strength increased from 227 to 336 EM. Major James W. Thomson and 1st Lt., Henry D. Ivey assigned to organization, but not joined. 1st Lt., Myron J. Wurdeman, absent sick 36th General Hospital, transferred to 368th Service Squadron. |
| 11. | Usual field duties |
| 12. | Usual field duties |
| 13. | Usual field duties |
| 14. | Usual field duties |
| 15. | Usual field duties |
| 16. | Five Officers and one hundred and seventy-eight (178) EM, with organizational equipment, transferred from Bari, Italy to Celone, Italy, approximately five miles north of Foggia, Italy. This was a permanent change of station. New camp site was discovered to be a great improvement over recently vacated area. Major Thomson and Lt Ivey joined organization upon arrival at new squadron area. Major Thomson assumed command of unit following the relief of Captain Arthur J. Must of command. Captain Must assigned as Technical Supply Officer. Lt Ivey assumed duty as Engineering Officer. |
| 17. | Usual field duties |
| 18. | Seventeen EM assigned and joined organization from Headquarters, 324th Service Group. |

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Sheet No. 2, War Diary, 564th Service Squadron, 324th Service Group, Celone, Italy.

Month of March 1944. Prepared by 1st Lt., William L. Moynihan, Squadron Historian

| Day | EVENTS |
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| 19. | Usual field duties |
| 20. | 1st Lt., Bruno Antonietti, relieved of duty and transferred to 83rd Service Squadron. Six (6) EM assigned and joined organization. One (1) EM transferred to 83rd Service Squadron |
| 21. | Usual field duties. |
| 22. | Usual field duties |
| 23. | One(1) Warrant Officer and two (2) EM placed on detached service with Air Force General Depot No. 5, to procure necessary supplies and OML equipment. |
| 24. | Two (2) EM assigned and joined organization from Headquarters, 324th Service Group. One (1) EM transferred 183rd Quartermaster Co., Depot Supply. |
| 25. | Two (2) EM transferred to 303rd Service Group, four (4) EM transferred to 62nd Service Group. |
| 26. | Two (2) EM placed on detached service with Headquarters, 324th Service Group, Foggia, Italy. Duties consist guarding and checking supplies in and out of warehouse which is under the supervision of the Group Headquarters. One (1) Warrant Officer and two (2) EM returned from detached service with the Air Force General Depot No. 5, Bari, Italy. |
| 27. | One (1) EM assigned and joined organization from the 368th Service Squadron. |
| 28. | Two (2) EM transferred to Headquarters, 324th Service Group, to be assigned to Guard Squadron. |
| 29. | Four (4) EM attached to organization for quarters and rations from the 1150th Signal Company to operate and maintain communications on the base. Base switchboard installed in squadron area and redesignated 564th Exchange. |
| 30. | Usual field duties. |
| 31. | Usual field duties. |

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HEADQUARTERS
564TH SERVICE SQUADRON
APO 520
U.S. ARMY

6 June 1944

SUBJECT: Historical Records

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, Fifteenth Air Force, Attention: Historian. (THRU: Channels)

1. Unit history of the 564th Service Squadron, 324th Service Group for the period 1 May 1944 to 31 May 1944.

a. The present designation of the unit is 564th Service Squadron, 324th Service Group.

b. Changes in organization:

(1) Changes in designation of unit: None

(2) Transfers of unit: None

(3) Commanding Officer: No change

(4) Staff Officers: No change

c. Strength, commissioned and enlisted:

(1) Month of May 1944
(a) At beginning - 229
(b) Net increase -
(c) Net decrease - 4
(d) At end - 225

d. Station: Celone, Italy

e. Movements: None

f. Campaigns:

(1) Name: Italian

(2) Duration: From 22 January 1944 to (still in progress)

g. Operations: During the month of May nine airplanes were repaired and put back on combat status. Eight of these were from the 463rd Bombardment Group (H) and one was a radar ship

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from the Second Bombardment Group (H). Several inspections were made by higher command and in general, the inspectors were satisfied with the arrangement of the area and the methods of operation of the squadron. The squadron has been turning out planes on an average of two days ahead of schedule. The Air Corps Supply and Technical Supply sections have been instrumental in furnishing the necessary parts and equipment to enable the squadron to hold up it's contribution to the war effort and the eventual defeat of the enemy.

h. Commanding Officer in important operations: None

i. Losses in action (officers and men): None

j. Members who have distinguished themselves: None

2. Enclosed is the war diary of this unit for the period 1 May 1944 to 31 May 1944.

For the Commanding Officer:

William L. Moynihan

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Sheet No. 1 War Diary, 564th Sqdn. Sqdn. Celone, Italy (Station)

Month of May, 1944. Prepared by WILLIAM L. MOYNIHAN, 1st Lt., AC.

DAY EVENTS

1. The month dawned clear and beautiful as only an Italian morning in spring can. Lt. Metz, the squadron medical officer, gave his semi-monthly physical inspection today and was gratified to see that his lectures on disease control and hygiene seemed to have a good effect. The Squadron Engineering Section is very proud of the fact that they returned eighteen out of twenty one airplanes to flying status for the month of April.

2. The Air Corps Supply office looks very much like spring today, what with a new coat of green paint. They call it camouflage. It seems that they will come back from the missions with a flak hole or two. The kitchen did themselves proud today by serving steak and French-fried potatoes. This dinner was acclaimed by all to be the best meal we've had. The medics were occupied with minor surgery today: the removal of a steel splinter from the leg of a mechanic.

3. Helmets as bathtubs went into the Limbo of uselessness with the advent of our new showers. Completely equipped with tile floor, shower curtains and duckboards, the converted boxcar was adjudged to be the best shower room overseas and comparable to any hotel shower in the "good ol' States." The Administrative Inspector was in the area today and found nothing amiss.

4. Sad faces were in evidence in the squadron this morning due to the 7 to 2 defeat of the 564th "Flyers" by 350th Service Squadron softball team. Enthusiastic support by the spectators seemed to be of no avail. The Tech Order section of Air Corps Supply is now complete through the efforts of Private Nelson Mentch, in charge. The weekly PX ration was distributed today and every one of the men was happy to see so much candy. Beer will be forthcoming for dinner tomorrow for dinner. As if to prove that the Army Air Forces are not completely motorized, we were given the chance to turn in our shoes for repair. Worn clothing can be salvaged today, too.

5. The squadron was full of good cheer today. Promotions came out as follows: T/Sgt. Charles J. Vernetti to Master Sergeant; S/Sgt. Henry R. Cole to Technical Sergeant; Sgts. John S. Adams, Carl R. Collins, Vernon W. Eckstien, James Kyrmas, James A. Maker, Orville C. Metcalfe, Max R. McMahon, and Robert J. Scott to Staff Sergeant; Cpls. Hubert W. Barnes, William H. DeForge, William E. Gallaher, James O. Melton, Joseph E. Popach, William J. Powers, and Robert C. Thomas to Sergeant; Privates First Class Lloyd B. Anderson, Paul E. Leake, Anthony J. O'Trompke, James E. Peabody, Michael Pszyk, Perry J. Rowland, Charles M. Williams and Roman J. Wiza to Corporal; Privates Howard F. Clemons, Drew A. Dula, Earl G. Eggler, Manuel Fortuna, Grover C. Gilmen, Maynard R. Thompson, to Corporal; and Private Thurman E. Sagness to Private First Class. Congratulations, men. This is the army way of saying "a job well done."

6. The transportation Section, Charlie E. McDaniel, S/Sgt., incharge moved into their new dispatch hut today. The personnel of the Engineering Section were depressed by the news that two planes were missing in action as a result of yesterday's raid. They "sweat out" the missions just as much as the Bomb Group. Not only are they concerned with putting the planes back in shape for combat but their most important consideration is the safety of the crews. Squadron Supply looked like a ragpickers idea of Heaven, being filled with old clothes to be salvaged.

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DAY EVENTS

7. A half holiday was in order today to give all those of religious inclination a chance to go to church. Surprisingly enough, the church attendance was good; most of the men realizing that religion has definite place in the life of the soldier. Pvt. J.N. Cooper, one of our cooks, broke all existing records for the number of times a man can cut his hand. Therefore, iced tea was served in celebration of this event. The Bomb Group sent over some pictures taken on missions. Those pictures are gratifying to all of us, letting us know that we are contributing in some small measure to the war effort.

8. The orderly room was cheerless today after the transfer of S/Sgt. Stanley R. Zack to the 486th Bomb Group. He was replaced by S/Sgt. Louis V. Warlaumont. Corporal Albert Green, service records clerk, tried to lift the gloom by presenting a bouquet of beautiful red poppies to the adjutant, Lt. William L. Moynihan. For the umteenth time the roof on the mess hall had to be fastened down after the wind had completed it's weekly destructive chore.

9. Rotation reared it's lovely head today. Pvt. John M. Connors left for Naples this morning on the first leg of his trip home. At last we can see some concrete results of the thousands of rumors that have been floating through the army for the last year. But at the rate the men will be going home there doesn't seem to be much hope that many will be leaving very soon. The 1st Sergeant, Donald R. Walters and S/Sgt Cecil C. Saied drove Pvt. Connors to the Personnel Center at Naples. Invasion was the main topic of discussion today. We are sweating out the invasion even more than rotation. Bad luck was encountered in the operation of the movies tonight. During the second show the sound went bad. Thus "cinema finita", as the Italians say.

10. Today was a busy day for Engineering and Tech Supply. On the mission for today the Bomb Group lost seven planes and had three more damaged badly enough to be turned over to us for repairs. This makes a total of six planes in our lot. And then orders came through to have them out as soon as possible in order to be prepared for any possible emergency. As a result, both sections were hard at it till the wee hours of the morning. Everyone rejoiced with the tail gunner who downed three enemy ships. Sort of a one man air force. Captain A.J. Must, Air Corps Supply Officer, was in the area today with an aerial camera taking pictures of everything within range.

11. Tech Supply and Engineering came through with flying colors today by accomplishing almost everything necessary to put the planes back in shape after yesterday's disasterous mission. In addition, Tech Supply got warehouse number three in order after the windstorm of May 8th. After evening chow a four piece band, Bellamy's Boys from the 1902nd Quartermaster Truck Co. appeared in the mess hall for a jam session that had all the hep cats and square johns on the beam. For pure, unadulterated jive, these boys left nothing to be desired.

12. Rumors of invasion flying thick and fast but no definite information as to when or where it will start. Both Engineering and Tech Supply were complimented by Colonel Randolph of the 463rd Bomb Group for their good work in in putting the planes back in the air after the heavy damage done on the mission over Weiner Neustat, Austria, May 10th. We moved the movies outdoors tonight. Despite the cool breeze everyone enjoyed the picture and seemed to be highly satisfied with the outdoor theatre. Thanks to S/Sgt



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Sheet No. 3 War Diary, SECRET Sqdn. Celone, Italy (Station)

Month of May 1944 Prepared by WILLIAM L. MOYNIHAN, 1st Lt., AC.

DAY EVENTS

Vernon Eckstein, Sgts. Cecil Wilburn and Orle Zuidema, and Cpl. Grover C. Gilman, carpenters and Cpl. Earl G. Eggler, electrician, we are now equipped to show movies to any number of men with comfortable facilities for all.

13. We were entertained this evening by Italian USO Unit #3 in our outdoor theatre. The show consisted of a hot band, three woman dancers, a man dancer, a balancing act by a young lad, a tap dancer, a comedian and some feats of strength by a woman. The show was arranged by Lt. Paul Metz, our Special Services Officer, and presented by the Special Services Division of the Fifteenth Air Service Command. We all enjoyed this show very much because it is not often that we have flesh entertainment. After the performance the entertainers were fed by the mess hall crew. What with brick floors, new painting all around and general policing up in the area, Tech Supply looks like the garden spot of Italy.

14. Today was a very quiet Sunday. All personnel, with the exception of skeleton crews in the departments, had the morning off to attend church or stay in bead as their hearts desired. The church attendance was about average. In the afternoon all the men were on their jobs as usual. Even with the half day off, Engineering got out another plane to be used in combat. Dust control was much in evidence with a road oiling truck patrolling the roads in the area.

15. Today was the official day for all men to be attired in suntan uniform. As a result, every man that works in class A uniform or has any other reason to appear in class A's will be in the light summer uniform until some time in the fall. Needless to say, not a man did any griping about the order. With hot weather here and all indications of hotter weather, the OD uniform is definitely not suitable for summer use in this climate. To make things even better, Squadron Supply issued canvas cots to all the men who didn't have them. This does away with the homemade bunks that most of the men have had since joining the outfit. The 564th "Flyers" came through with a 6 to 5 win over the 1673th Ordnance team. The game was a thriller from beginning to end.

16. White blossoms in the sky. This afternoon three parachutes were seen to open after a B-17 passed over the field. Upon investigation they proved to be two men from the Bomb Group and a testing dummy. And the chutes were packed by our parachute department. The packers were Pfc O.Z. Miles and Pvt. Robert J. Wallace, Jr. In the morning we were paid a visit by Lt. Col. John A. Rogers, Jr. and Captain George Bodo of the Fifteenth Air Force Air Inspector's Office. They made an inspection of the mess hall, kitchen, rations, and morning report. Everything inspected was said to be in good order. After the inspection, they stayed for dinner and complimented the mess personnel on the food.

17. Engineering and Tech Supply were going around with their heads in the clouds. The occassion was a commendation on their good work in keeping as many planes as possible fit for combat. The commendation came from the Fifth Wing through the 324th Service Group. Everyone in the organization was pleased to see that the efforts of the line personnel are recognized as being superlative and are appreciated by higher command. Our transportation section acquired a command car today. The weekly PX ration was distributed today with all the men satisfied with the candy and cigarettes, but no matches again this week. And matches are truly one of the scarcest items we have.

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Sheet No. 3 War Diary, 334th Serv. Sqdn. Celone, Italy (Station)

Month of May 1944 Prepared by WILLIAM L. MOYNIHAN, 1st Lt., AC.

DAY EVENTS

18. Engineering furnished the big news of the day. First, the Bomb Group went on a very dangerous mission and came back with five planes missing and several of the surviving planes were severly damaged by flak and enemy aircraft. Orchids to the combat crews for an unofficial record of thirty-six enemy ships downed. Late in the afternoon, a plane, while being taxied up to our line for repairs, was found to have faulty brakes. And this only a few feet from our hangar. Net result: extensive damage to one wing tip, a hole in our hangar wall and damage to a wing that was being repaired in our sheet metal shop.

19. Blood went at a fairly high price today. Approximately thirty men generously donated blood to the British Army as the result of a call for the life fluid. As compensation the men received a large glass of ale and ten dollars. Whether the men went for the ale or the money is not known. But we like to believe that regardless of compensation, just as many men would have participated in this worthy cause. Engineering was inspected by Major Thompson of the Fifteenth Air Service Command and came through with a clean bill of health. The semi-monthly physical examination was held today and no man was found to be infected with an infectios disease. To day marked the seventh day that no one was confined to quarters on account of sickness or sent to the hospital. A good record.

20. We had our first daytime air raid alert today. It came on about four o'clock in the afternoon and lasted about twenty minutes. As usual it was a false alarm but it gave the organization some good practice. The completion of our permanent buildings for latrines was hailed by everyone as a step forward. These buildings are made of crates off belly tanks. Painted white and grey on the inside and green on the outside, they present a very sanitary appearance.

21. We had our weekly half holiday today to allow as many men as possible to attend religious services. As usual, the attendance was good. The organization was cited to day with the Bronze Star for participation in the Italian Campaign. Now all men in the outfit can wear another star on their theatre ribbons.

22. We had our weekly windstorm today and as usual the roof of the mess hall was blown off. These windstorms come with such regularity that they can almost be predicted exactly. It is a titanic struggle between our carpenters and the wind to see who is going to control that roof. So far the wind leads by a neck. Engineering still has four planes in the lot and expects to get one more tomorrow as the Bomb Group went on two missions today and at least one ship came in damaged.

23. Today was strictly a quiet day. We had a terrific rainstorm in the late afternoon, but it only lasted a short while, and the ground soaked up the moisture as fast as it fell. In the evening we had our usual movie. The men sat in the cold to see it and the picture was entertaining to hold their attention to the last. Several men took a physical examination to see if they were fit to join the paratroopers. So far none of the results have been published.

24. The Bomb Group went on a mission over Ploesti, Roumania, today and returned

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Sheet No. 4 War Diary, 564th Serv. Sqdn. Celone, Italy
(Station)

Month of May ,1944 Prepared by WILLIAM L. MCKNIGHT, 1st Lt., AC.

DAY EVENTS

with lots of combat marks on them. These seem inevitable when Ploesti is the target. Also a B-24 landed on our field today with one engine shot up and the electrical and hydraulic systems shot out. Our Engineering Section will get this ship for repair. It is bound to give our men a little variety in the daily routine. During the dinner hour we were visited a Red Cross clubmobile unit. These welcome girls passed out doughnuts to all the men. Needless to say, the doughnuts were a welcome addition to the meal.

25. This afternoon as part of our PX ration ice cold Coca Cola was distributed to all the men. Many comments were heard from the men on how they appreciated the refreshment. Too bad that we cannot have it every day. A chemical warfare school was outlined for the squadron by Lt. Carl W. Decker, Assistant Engineering Officer. Men having previous training in this phase of the war will form a nucleus of the school.

26. Our softball team lost a heartbreaking game to the 566th Service Squadron team by a score of 1 to 0. The winning run was a homer scored in the last half of the last inning. Our boys had no alibis for the loss, but it does seem that the breaks are against them. But as some anonymous soul has said, "You can't win 'em all". Better luck next time,fellas.

27. All woolen clothes were turned into Squadron Supply today to be returned to Quartermaster. This should give every man beaucoup room in his baggage. Also all fleece lined mechanics clothes were returned to Tech Supply for summer storage. Also all stoves, both GI and homemade, were turned in for the summer. This will undoubtedly contribute to the neatness of the tents.

28. Lt. Col. Harold H. Kaufmann, Commanding Officer of the 334th Service Group, spent the entire day with us, making a complete inspection of the area and the line. No adverse results were forthcoming from the inspection. As usual, most of the men had the morning off to attend church. A peculiar coincidence is the fact that sick call is always very small on Sunday morning. Or is it a coincidence? Engineering turned out another ship today. This leaves them with four B-17's and one B-24 in the lot.

29. Our "Flyers" won a game tonight. They beat the APO by the comfortable margin of 7 to 1. Lots of volunteers turned out to work on the dayroom this evening after work.At that rate, it will soon be ready for the grand opening. The mail man gave us a bad time today. He was very short of mail. The new mess hall was used today for the first time. It is a stone building with a corrugated metal roof. And the beauty of it is that the roof is firmly enough fixed on so that it won't blow off in the weekly windstorm. We had a treat for dinner today. One of the cooks, Sgt. Harvey A. Fries, tried his hand at a batch of oatmeal cookies. Very tasty.

30. We all experienced a visit to the chamber of horrors this morning when we had to go through the gas chamber. We were exposed to tear gas and many watery eyes were in evidence for the rest of the morning. We also had our personal chemical warfare equipment inspected by the unit gas officer, Lt. Decker. Most of the equipment was in good shape although some shortages were discovered. The dispensary was inspected by the Group Sur-

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Sheet No. 5 War Diary, 564th Serv. Sqdn. Celone, Italy
(Station)

Month of May, 1944 Prepared by WILLIAM L. MOYNIHAN, 1st Lt., AC.

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| | been today. Everything shipshape. The dayroom is rapidly nearing completion. The volunteer laborers are doing "multo" work. |
| 31. | Another month has drawn to a close. And in the eyes of the enlisted men it is the most important day of the month. Payday. The men were paid by Lt. Moynihan assisted by Sgt. James P. Lewis, payroll clerk. And in the evening, the soft shuffle of the pasteboards could be heard emanating from many tents. And the mutter of many voices. "Gimme two cards." "Who's short?" And so far, far into the night. |

For the Commanding Officer:

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HEADQUARTERS
564TH SERVICE SQUADRON
APO 520
U.S.ARMY

6 July 1944

SUBJECT: Historical Records

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, Fifteenth Air Force, Attention: Historian. (THRU: Channels).

1. Unit history of the 564th Service Squadron, 324th Service Group for the period 1 June 1944 to 30 June 1944.

a. The present designation of the unit is 564th Service Squadron, 324th Service Group.

b. Changes in organization:

(1) Changes in designation of unit: None.

(2) Transfers of unit: None.

(3) Commanding Officer: No change.

(4) Staff Officers: Elmer H. Chaddick, M/Sgt. 6268169 appointed Warrant Officer (jg) per par 2 SO #161, Headquarters Fifteenth Air Service Command, dated 10 June 1944. Elmer H. Chaddick, W.O. (jg), assigned organization per par 2 SO #161, Headquarters Fifteenth Air Force Service Command dated 10 June 1944. Assigned Primary Duty Assistant engineering Officer (SSN 4823) Sq O #20 dated 12 June 1944. Date of Rank 11 June 1944.

c. Strength, Commissioned and enlisted:

(1) Month of June 1944
(a) At beginning - 225
(b) Net increase -
(c) Net decrease - 1
(d) At end - 224

d. Station: Celone, Italy

e. Movements: None

f. Campaigns:

(1) Name: Italian

(2) Duration: From 22 January 1944 to (still in progress)

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g. Operations: During the month of June seven airplanes were repaired by the 564th Service Squadron. At the beginning of June four planes were on the line and at the end of the month six airplanes were on the line. All of these airplanes were from the 463rd Bombardment Group (H). They had been on missions over Germany, Austria, Roumania, France and other Occupied Territory. Air Force Supply and Tech Supply were instrumental in furnishing supplies and equipment for the repair and maintenance of aircraft turned over to the Engineering section of the squadron. All inspections made of the area and operations were passed satisfactorily.

h. Commanding Officer in important operations: None

i. Losses in action (officers and men): None

j. Members who have distinguished themselves: None

2. Enclosed is the war diary of this unit for the period 1 June 1944 to 30 June 1944.

For the Commanding Officer:

William L. Moynihan

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Sheet No. 1 War Diary, 564th Serv. Sqdn. Celone, Italy

Month of June ,1944. Prepared by WILLIAM L. MOYNIHAN, 1st Lt., A.C.

DAY EVENTS

1. Promotions were the big news of the day. They were as follows: S/Sgts John J. Hambright and George M. Krell to T/Sgt; Sgt Roy A. Morgan to S/Sgt; Corporals Arthur C. Clouser, Frederick A. Cropper, Merwin C. Morrison and Leonard P. Zelinskas to Sergeant; T/5's William O. Crain and Richard H. Wallis to Corporal; Pfc Myrl H. Bennett to Corporal, Pvts. Jack D. McMichael and Clarence G. Travis to Corporal; Pvts James S. Ackerman, Harold E. Davis, Nelson E. Mentch, Frank C. Micit, Edward J. Smith and Glen M. Walters to Private First Class. Profit sharing has entered the confines of our PX. The weekly ration of beer and Coca-Cola were distributed to the men today. It is unavoidable for the PX to make money so these items were distributed free as the means of returning the profits to the men.

2. We had our monthly or rather semi-monthly physical inspection today and as usual everyone passed with flying colors. The Squadron area looks a lot better now that it is being landscaped. Trees have been planted around the orderly room, mess hall and the day room. This should make all the dogs that are attached to the outfit for rations and quarters very happy. On this treeless plain that is our homestead there are very few trees.

3. The regular Saturday inspection took place today. Things were mostly satisfactory throughout the area, transportation, in Tech Supply and on the line. Of course, some of the men were gigged but that is nothing new. There would be some of that if the CO stood over them every minute. Squadron Supply called for all the .30 cal. rifles in order to exchange them for carbines, thereby making all the men that walk guard posts happy. Those rifles do get heavy after walking a tour of guard duty.

4. Sunday again. And as usual the men had half of the day off to go to church. Skeleton crews were on duty in all departments. Everyone was thrilled to hear of the capture of Rome. "Wait 'til we get those three day passes." The morale of the men went up at least 50%, this being the first axis capitol to fall to the onslaught of the Allied forces. Major Thomsons pick-up soft ball team defeated the regulars to the tune of 10-6. It was a hard fought game even if the score doesn't show it. Sparkling plays were pulled off by both sides and the pickups deserved everything they got.

5. Blue Monday. After the noon meal we had a lecture by Lt. Metz, Squadron Surgeon on the dangers of heat exaustion, heat prostration and sunburn. The tendency of the men to want to get a healthy tan is only natural but can be dangerous if carried to extremes. In the regular league softball game, the 350th Service Squadron defeated our Flyers 7 to 2. This is one hurdle that we don't seem to be able to get over. Tragedy struck the carpenter's shop today. They worked hard puttin up a building for the dope and fabric shop. Just as the last nail was driven, the whole building collapsed. O tempore, O mores. Death where is thy sting.

6. INVASION!! Hitler couldn't have been any more surprised than we were. After two years of preparation, the realization of the hopes of every man east of the AtlanticOcean came to a climax. From the time the first word came at 9:00 A.M. there was no other topic of conversation and nothing else of interest to anyone. This will inevitably bring the war to an end sooner than the enemy or anyone else expected. Sgt Zelinskas turned up looking like Frankenstien's monster in the afternoon. Seems that while he was pouring alcohol into one of the burners in the dispensary and it exploded in his face



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| DAY | EVENTS |
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| 7. | The mail situation was improved some today by the receipt of ten sacks of packages. This gave nearly everyone in the organization a package. But the letters were very few. No beer or coke in the PX ration distribution today. Why? The invasion, of course. Why must everything be blamed on the invasion? The cooks were busy baking apple pie and spaghetti for our dinner tomorrow. Hope it tastes as good as it looks. |
| 8. | A very routine day. Thanks to one of the Italian kitchen helpers we had genuine Italian spaghetti for our dinner today and to make matters better we had apple pie for dessert. It was the unanimous opinion of the squadron that the pie was just like the pie mother used to make. And after she was grown up, too. |
| 9. | We had a lecture on the manner of soldiers voting by Lt. Metz after our noon meal. Every man in the squadron was interested. They all realize that the privilege of voting is one that should not be abused by non-participation. By such negligence dictators are born. Merchandise books for the Enlisted Men's Club went on sale today and considering the small amount of publicity they received the sales were terrific. |
| 10. | The day we all have been looking for finally arrived. The 564th Enlisted Men's Club opened with a figurative bang. The club rooms consist of a bar, lounging room, reading room, game room and a stage. All these can be converted into a dance floor if the occasion demands. For the grand opening liquor flowed freely and games of chance were much in evidence. In one corner a dice table provided the means for many to indulge in a ses ion with the rounded cuboids. Anothe corner had a couple of games going with cards. Poker, pinochle, or anything the heart desired. And all this to the accompaniment of the swing band from the 1902nd Quartermaster Truck Co. The music was jivey enough to suit the most avid swing fan. |
| 11. | Lots of big heads this morning, after the big night of the club openign. Good thing we had the usual half day off for Sunday. The mess hall came equipped with a water cooler that delivers any amount of ice water upon demand. Needless to say full advantage was taken of this facility today. In the afternoon Master Sergeant Chaddick was informed that he had been promoted to the rank of Warrant Officer, Junior Grade. Congratulations, sir. The Administrative Inspector of the 324th Service Group was around today to look over the area. Nothing amiss. |
| 12. | Engineering was very happy today that there were no planes in the lot and none in imminent danger of being laid up for repairs at this time. The personnel that is not busy is occupied with cleaning up the area nad making such improvements that are necessary. All very noticeable. The mess personnel received the plaudits of the mob on their excellent presentation of a delicious chicken dinner. |
| 13. | Engineering's happiness was short lived today with the receipt of some ships from the Bomb Group that had been damaged on a mission. Seems as if Jerry will get a hit now and then on one of our planes. At an election to select a president for the Enlisted Men's Club to replace Warrant Officer Chaddick, Sergeant Merwin Morrison was advanced from Vice-President to President. S/SGt Carl Ritchey was elected to the Vice Presidency. |

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14. Private First Class James Ackerman finished the day with a bang. And a big bang it was,too. For he had spent about one hour looking for the monthly cannon report, when the First Sergeant asked him to procure from Engineering a gallon of green prop wash to finish the mess hall roof painting. So between Ackerman and Corporal Clarence G. Travis the scene was enlivened by their demands for prop wash. Corporal Travis is the assistant chief engineering clerk for the squadron. Finally these two intrepid searchers found out that prop wash is a high priority item and is only available to Bomb Groups. But they took it all in fun and laughed as hard as everyone else.

15. Lack of ice forced the postponment of the serving of PX beer and coke. The beer came at supper and indications were good that the coke would be forthcoming tomorrow at two P.M. in all the various sections. Corporal Meckler and Sergeant Morrison made the weekly trip to restock the Enlisted Men's Club Bar and arrived back at a late hour. Therefore many thirsts went unquenched. The semi-monthly physical inspection was conducted today and as usual nothing was found to be the matter with anyone. In the afternoon our dispensary was visited by some Italian girls that are employed by the 1433rd Ordnance Co. The occasion was their series of shots to make them fit to work in the kitchen.

16. The coke came as scheduled at two P.M. today and was a welcome treat for the men. Of course, it was distributed free and this made a hit with all concerned. The kitchen came through with pigs in blankets for supper. In other words, weiners in pie crust. Thats one way of fixing C rations to make them a little more palatable. And the certainly need the fixing. Major Thomson's Pickups fell in defeat befor the 1433rd Ordnance Company's softball team. The score was 3 to 2. Tough luck, boys.

17. Sergeant Charles L Walker left our happy little group to day via the transfer route. The traffic situation in the general area is becoming serious judging from the amount of directives that are coming in. Without a doubt traffic violations are on th upswing.

18. We had the usual Sunday mornig off today. And the church attendence was about normal. Much hustle and bustle to get ready for an inspection by the new Commanding Officer of the 342th Service Group, Lieutenant Colonel Kuykendall. But it all went for naught as the Colonel failed to put in an appearance.

19. Lieutenant Colonel Kuykendall made his initial inspection of the Squadron and Engineering areas today and was satisfied with all operations and activities. He was especially enthusiastic about the day room and made several recommendations about social entertainments and activities. Revenge was sweet for Major Thomson's Pickups tonight. They trounced their arch rivals, the 1433rd Ordnance Co. team 3 to 4. The game was hard fought from beginning to end with the lead seesawing between the teams every inning. The few spectators that turned out came away marveling at what our boys can do in a pinch. This game opened the old rivalry between the Pickups and the Regulars. So in the near future, some hard games can be expected.

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| 20. | Come one! Come all! See the beautiful Rouhia, the Sultan's favorite, do the mysterious dances fo the harem. She shimmies, she shakes, she's got what it takes. The stage of the Enlisted Men's Club took on a carnival atmosphere tonight when we were entertained by an Arabian dancer and her troupe of native (?) musicians. Also on the bill was a disciple of Yogiism. He performed all the ususal stunts of pushing pins through his flesh, reclining on a bed of spikes and having a large stone crushed on his chest by the sledge hammer blows of one of the audience. Sort of an Arabian Superman. All were pleased by the show and hated to see it close. After the stage show we were entertained by the movie "As Thousands Cheer". Even with the lateness of the hour the audience stayed until the end. |
| 21. | Engineering still had two ships in the lot today and will have them for some time from all present indications. They were heavily damaged in a recent raid. Weekly PX rations were distributed again today. Many groans heard at the appearance of Raleigh cigarettes for the second straight week. Seems as if they are not the most popular brand in the world. |
| 22. | The weekly pause that refreshes came off this afternoon with the distribution of iced Coca-Cola. And for free, too. In the evening Major Thomson asked to meet with any of the men who had a legitimate complaint or suggestion to make to better conditions. But all the men must be satisfied. At any rate, noone put in an appearance. Of course there is the normal amount of griping that is found in any army organization but it never seems to mean much. |
| 23. | Not much news today. Two men went on DS to the 324th Group Headquarters. They were Sgt. Phillip J. Herzer and Cpl. William C. (Ichabod) Grain. Both men are from Engineering and were sent to do some necessary work at Headquarters. Most of the men were happy to hear that they could mention the names of towns in Italy that they have visited. Looks as if the censors will get a real workout for the next couple of days. |
| 24. | Six men that were on their way to join us on a DS status from the 224lst Quartermaster Truck Co. (Avn) had their orders cancelled before arrival. They were coming to take care of the needs of some shuttle bombing crews due from the Eighth Air Force. But bad weather up the line cancelled the mission. The usual Saturday Night Bender was in evidence for a few of the habitues of the 564th Enlisted Men's Club bar. There will be big heads tomorrow. |
| 25. | The usual Sunday morning off. In the evening we were entertained by an Italian stage show. The program consisted of several numbers by a swing band, some dancers, singers, jugglers and comedians. The girls were as scantily clad as ever and made a big hit with the men. The outstanding feature was the swing singing of one of the Italian girls. Men from all nearby organizations attended and roundly applauded every number. All together the audience numbered well over five hundred men. The show was presented by the Special Service Section of the Fifteenth Air Service Command and the Special Service Section of the 324th Service Group. |
| 26. | Lt. Henry D. Ivey, Squadron Engineering Officer, was off to Tunis today on an unannounced mission. Engineering received one ship from the 463rd Bomb Group today making a total of three in the lot at the present time. At the start of the new softball league the 564th Flyers trimmed the 1002nd Signal Co 17 to 2 in a loosely played game. |

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| 27. | The six truck drivers from the 224lst Quartermaster Truck Co. arrived today. They are here on DS to take care of the transportation needs of some shuttle bomb crews from the Eighth Air Force in England. These crews have really seen the world. England, Russia and now Italy. Captain Arthur J. Must, Squadron Air Corps Supply Officer was sent to the 463rd Bomb Group for eight days on a temporary duty status. Engineering acquired two more planes today and are busy again and work is progressing satisfactorily. The Major's Pickups beat the Regulars tonight by a score of 9 to 2. So business in the softball rivalry picks up. |
| 28. | Shots today. Not gun shots but shots in the arm. Every man in the squadron was on the list to take one or more of these immunization jobs. Much moaning and groaning coming from the dispensary as each arm was punctured. And the usual corny jokes were passed about the proceedure. PX rations today included four cans of American beer. Very tasty and a great morale builder. In the evening our softball diamond was graced by the team from the WAC detachment in Foggia. They were defeated but the game was a novelty and a good time was had by all. After the game the girls stopped off at our day room. Drinks were served and the feminine counterpart of GI Joe was entertained . Some of the boys escorted the gals home. Corporal Jack D. McMichael was instrumental in arranging the evening. |
| 29. | Italian currency was pronounced unfit for use by the soldiers in all transactions of an official nature. But this being near the end of the month, no one should be stuck with any great amount of the stuff. In fact, at this late date, any man with money of any description is a lucky individual. Engineering now has six ships in the lot after getting another one from the Bomb Group today. Seems as if Jerry will do damage to our brothers-in-arms whether we like it or not. |
| 30. | Pay Day today! Or as someone has so aptly put it, "Exchange Day". Anyway we do get to hold it for a while. What with bar bills, gambling debts, etc. very few of us will have much at the end of the day. Many a man was heard to mutter when coming off the pay line, "This month will be different. I'll never touch a deck of cards or a pair of dice as long as I live." This evening the same men will be at it again. We never learn. The USO sent a concert troupe to our area in the afternoon consisting of four girls and a man. They played and sang some classic and semi-classic numbers for the edification of all concerned. |

For the Commanding Officer:

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6 August, 1944

SUBJECT: Historical Records

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, Fifteenth Air Force, Attention: Historian. (THRU: Channels)

1. Unit history of the 564th Service Squadron, 324th Service Group for the period 1 July 1944 to 31 July 1944.

a. The present designation of the unit is 564th Service Squadron, 324th Service Group.

b. Changes in organization:

(1) Changes in designation of unit: None

(2) Transfers of unit: None

(3) Commanding Officer: No change

(4) Staff Officers:
(a) 2nd Lt Warren H. Schwab assigned and joined organization from 324th Service Group per par 2, Assignment Instr #68, 324th Service Group. Assigned primary duty as Squadron Supply Officer per Sq. O. #21.
(b) 1st Lt. Henry D. Ivey promoted to Captain per par 15, NATOUSA S.O. 196.

c. Strength, commissioned and enlisted:

(1) Month of July 1944
(a) At beginning - 223
(b) Net increase - 17
(c) Net decrease -
(d) At end - 239

d. Station: Celone, Italy

e. Movements: None

f. Campaigns:

(1) Name: Italian

(2) Duration: From 22 January 1944 to (still in progress)

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g. Operations: During the month of July 1944 twenty-three airplanes were repaired by the squadron and put back on combat status. All of these were from the 463rd Bombardment Group (H). All inspections of the various sections were passed satisfactorily. A commendation from the Commanding General of the Fifteenth Air Force Service Command, Brigadier General Beverly, was received for the operation of the Engineering and Technical Supply sections of the squadron. The commendation pointed out that the squadron had contributed to the war effort to a great degree.

h. Commanding Officer in important operations: None

i. Losses in action (officers and men): None

j. Members who have distinguished themselves: None

2. Enclosed is the war diary of this unit for the period 1 July 1944 to 31 July 1944.

For the Commanding Officer:

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DAY EVENT

1. The first of the month and the day after payday. The usual good resolutions about quitting gambling, drinking and all the other evils that flesh is heir to when a man is in the money. As is the usual semi-monthly custom all men had their physical inspections today. No disease or unhygienic conditions were encountered. Clothes and equipment to be salvaged were turned in to Squadron Supply. Soldier's deposits and PTA were up to their normal standard, despitethe fact that the Squadron Enlisted Men's Club opened during the last month.

2. Twenty-five men had their hopes and anticipations realized today. They left for the 324th Service Group Rest Camp in the vicinity of Salerno. They will be gone for seven days. This is the first extended holiday in over eighteen months for most of them. Lt. Paul G. Metz, Squadron Surgeon, and Pvt. Van B. Young, medical aids, were sent to the rest camp on DS for a period of one week. Therefore, we know our boys will be well cared for .

3. The 564th Flyers won over the 1129th Quartermaster softball team to make three wins in a row. It was a free scoring affray on our part. 15 to 1. Looks like we might wind up this half of the seasen near the top at the rate we're going. The Orderly Room looks bare without Cpl J.J. O'Donnell and Cpl Al Green. Wonder how they are enjoying rest camp?

4. New working hours for the squadron were posted today. We now go to work at 0730 instead of 0745 and finish work for the day at 1700 instead of 1730. Everyone was cheered to note that we will now get one day off in seven rather than one day off in ten. The weekly Sunday morning off was abandoned today, due to the fact that the war being near its conclusion, every effort is being made to get it over with quicker. Independence Day came and went with no particular notice other than fond memories of other years. In the evening some of the men attended the Red Cross Rodeo in Foggia. 2nd Lieutenant Warren H. Schwab joined the organization and immediately took over the jobs of Squadron Supply, Mess, and Transportatin Officer.

5. The fireworks that we should have had yesterday came today. There was a grass fire in an adjacent area. All the available men in the squadron were called on to get it under control and so efficient was their work that in a short time the fire was out and no damage was done. This afternoon an Italian hand grenade was found in the Tech Supply area. It was one of the things left over from the time a year ago when the campaign passed this way. The experts from the 1433rd Ordnance Co. were called on and they disposed of it very neatly. PX rations were distributed today with beer being the most important item.

6. A system for cleaning the guns of all the men in the squadron has been set up through the cooperation of the Squadron Armorer. This ought to make everyone happy to have their guns cleaned by someone else. Captain A.J. Must and Lt. Henry D. Ivey returned from their respective tours of duty elsewhere. Both of the were happy to be back amont the elect. The truck drivers here on DS left today. They ably took care of the transportation needs of the shuttle bombers from the Eighth Air Force. Tickets to see "This is the Army" were available to all men interested.

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DAY EVENTS

7. Pfc George Clifton returned from a four day DS mission. He was sent to a Chemical Warfare School in Bari. We will be prepared for any eventuality in this phase of the war soon. The squadron movie theatre was moved back into the mess hall. This assures all the men a seat and cuts down the danger from mosquitos. The movie tonight was "Song of Bernadette". All acclaimed it to be one of the best shown here.

8. The happy vacationers returned from the 324th Service Group Rest Camp today. From all accounts a good time was had by all. Each and every one of them was tanned to the nth degree. The only drawback was that the vacation was to short. Eighteen more men are scheduled to leave tomorrow. After hearing the tales told by the newly returned men, they can hardly wait to get there. A rosy picture was painted. Our Engineering Section sent ten men on DS to the 83rd Service Squadron to salvage two planes.

9. The eighteen men for rest camp got off early this morning and now we will wait a week to see if they fare as well as men in the first group that went last week. Today was a very quiet, routine day, as are most Sundays. We had movies again tonight. Bob Hope in "Let's Face It".

10. The breaks beat us again. Our Flyers went down in defeat before the 350th Service Squadron by a score of 8 to 5. Thus was a perfect record spoiled. The only consolation we have is that our victors won the flag in the first half of the season and really do have a good club. The First Sergeant was one of the men who went to rest camp this week, so therefore the Orderly Room is under the direction of S/Sgt Joseph F. Snyder. Things are going along in the same way.

11. The payroll was signed today. It is always a pleasure to take part in this ceremony, because by so signing we know that we will be paid at the end of the month. Also the new payroll forms give the men more space in which to sign and eliminates the chances of being redlined for poor signature. The APO beat us in another league game. No comment.

12. Engineering completely finished another ship today. Their record of getting the planes out ahead of time is holding up. The weekly PX ration made it's appearance today. Cigarettes, candy, Coca-Cola, and beer. Just like walking into a PX in the states. The only difference is that here the quantity is so much more limited. Four cans of beer is a far cry from the three or four cases that we used to consume in the good old days.

13. Engineering just broke even in the race to keep the ships in the air. They received one today for the one finished yesterday. But this latest job is only sheet metal as the ship had only flak damage. If the standard of work stays at normal, the ship will be out tonight. Our arch enemies and neighbors, the 1433rd Ordnance Co., gave us the once over lightly tonight by a score of 5 to4. It was a well played game and the final score was in doubt right up to the last inning. Ice Cold Coca-Cola was served in all the sections of the squadron this afternoon and was enjoyed by all the men. The drink was served at no cost to the men as the price is included in the price of the regular ration.

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DAY EVENT

14. The work call hours were advanced five minutes to give the men a chance to get to formation in time for roll call. Sgt John H. Turner came into the outfit today, having been assigned by the 324th Service Group Headquarters. Welcome to the squadron, Sergeant. We hope you have a long and pleasant stay with us.

15. The eighteen men who left last Sunday for the 324th Rest Camp returned late tonight. They reported that a good time was had by all. Everyone had plenty of rest and the swimming fine. Pvt Kenyon A. Cox came to join our happy little circle today. He was welcomed in the regular style. The usual big Saturday night was much in evidence at the Enlisted Men's Club.

16. This evening we had a French USO show presented by the Fifteenth Air Force Service Command Special Service Section through the cooperation of the 324th Service Group Special Service. Although the show got off to a late start, it was well worth waiting for. On the program were a juggler and sleight of hand artist with a girl assistant, a comedian and vocal imitator, and a girl singer. Also an Italian swing band that played several popular songs. All numbers were roundly applauded. S/Sgt Gaylord L. Bond was transferred to the 323rd Service Group today. Engineering gained three more ships today giving them a lot of work to do in the next few days.

17. The Bomb Group must be hitting a lot of dangerous targets. Engineering acquired one more plane today making five of the Forts in the lot. Everyone was on edge today with the expected arrival of General Spaatz. However, the general did not arrive. Four of the men on DS at the 83rd Service Group returned today. Several of the men availed themselves of the opportunity to get new tents today. Now all the tents that leaked or were in bad condition in any way are out of the area and are replaced with tents in good shape. The bi-weekly parade of nudity took place with the regular good results. Our softball slump was finally broken with a win over the combined team fo the 1150th and 1002nd Signal Companies. Score: 9 to 1.

18. The English that have been in the vicinity for the last week moved a little closer to us. In fact, one of our latrines is right in the middle of their area. But they are a nice bunch of fellows and seem to get along well with our men. S/Sgt Charlie McDaniel, truckmaster, reported today that the Transportation Section has finally received the second echellon tool set number 2. This equipment has been awaited for the last four months.

19. The British outfit that was our very close neighbor moved out today. They had a short stay. Their camp was set up less than twenty-four hours. We can breathe a little easier, now. In case of a bombing we would have been in a tough spot with them so close upon us. The tents in our area are well dispersed. PX rations tonight. This beer that we are getting must be a habit. The ball game with the 1679th Ordnance Co. was called on account of rain in the eighth inning with the score tied at 5 all. So that is one more game to be played off.

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DAY EVENTS

20. The new stone building to be used for a dispensary is beginning to look livable what with the carpenters finishing the roof and now being engaged in setting the windows. Soon we can be medicated in comfort. The sick book boys should appreciate this modernization. Engineering and Tech Supply are rolling along in their usual efficient manner. At any rate they have had no complaints on the quality or quantity of their work.

21. The number of towns that the GI can go to has been reduced by one. Today an order came out that the town of Ariana is off limits. Thus do many suffer for the indescretions of the few. The rest of the men that were on DS at the 83rd Service Squadron returned today. They reported lots of work salvaging two B-17's. Nine men left for Rest Camp No. 2 at Rome today. They will be gone for six days. Every one of them anticipates seeing all the sights possible in the Eternal City. Of course, they were all reminded that "When in Rome" etc.

22. Engineering reports that they finished two more ships today and immediately acquired two more, thereby keeping the total in the lot at eight. No rest for them if the war is to be won in a short time. The ball team showed up tonight with a couple of new boys. Lt. Moynihan, one of the rookies, pitched us to a 9 tol victory over the APO. He was ably supported by the other newcomer, Major Thomsen, who got three hits for three times up. If they can keep up this red hot pace we should wind up the season with a nice percentage.

23. Today at the noon formation we were read a commendation from the Commanding General of the Fifteenth Air Force Service Command, General Beverly. It congratulated us on the good work that our Engineering and Tech Supply Sections are doing to keep the ships of the 433rd Bombardment Group's planes in the air. Everyone was grateful to receive this recognition for our contribution to the defeat of the enemy. Battle stars for the Italian campaign were issued to all personnel eligible to wear this decoration. Also any man not having a European Theatre ribbon could pick them up today. The dog tag situation is getting serious. Any man not having a set must carry a certificate showing that he has applied for but has not received the identification tags. The engineering balance remains the same. One was finished today and another came in to be repaired.

24. Engineering finally gained some in the race. They finished two ships today to leave them six in the lot. The weekly sanitation report as submitted by the medics showed a marked improvement over last week. "Big Six" Ackerman pitched us to another victory tonight in a regular league game. The fall guys were the men of the 1129th Quartermaster Co. team, and the score was 10 to 2. After the ball game Lt. Schwab entertained the men in the day room with his accordion. And everyone enjoyed the music. His talent has been hidden for a long time, as far as we are concerned.

25. Pvt Kenyon A. Cox who joined us a few days ago was transferred to the 1975th Quartermaster Truck Co. today. Another case of a man coming and going without having a chance to hang up his hat. "Speed" Moynihan pitched us to a win over the 368th Service Squadron. Big star of the game was Jim Stilwell, hitting a home run to win the game.

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DAY EVENTS

26. PX rations again today. It is a good thing that this day comes around regularly. Otherwise most of us would go smokeless for a few days each week. The cigarettes never seem to last the week out as it is. The nine men who went to Rome last week returned tonight. They were kept busy most of the night answering questions about conditions in the Italian capitol city. The general conclusion drawn was that Rome is an expensive place to visit but worth every cent of it.

27. The weekly pause that refreshes came around today with the service of ice cold coke from the PX rations of yesterday. Too bad this can't be a daily instead of a weekly event. Orders came out today promoting 1st Lieutenat Henry D. Ivey to Captain. The new captain has been overseas for a long time and has done an excellent job in Engineering. Congratulations, Captain. Pvt. Thomas Russum came to work in the Orderly Room today. He is an experienced clerk.

28. First Sergeant Walters called a meeting of all the first three graders tonight in the Mess Hall. Purpose of the meeting was to caution the men that a more soldierly attitude must be adopted, and to listen to any complaints or suggestions about the more efficient operation of the squadron. A few complaints were received and several suggestions were forthcoming. Every man left the meeting resolved to be a better soldier in the future. Our officers played a softball game with a team made up of South African officers. Although the Africans had been playing the game for only three weeks, they showed a good understanding of all the finer points of play. So good in fact that they beat us.

29. All men that turned in clothes or equipment to be salvaged picked up the new items today. Some of the ragged clothes that were in evidence a few days ago have disappeared from view. Thirteen more men were assigned to the squadron today. However, they are all on DS at the 350th Service Squadron and will remain there for some days to come. According to their Army Specification numbers, they are all oxygen specialists. Warrant Officer Robert D. McCoy returned from the Isle of Capri today. Reporta wonderful time and much rest.

30. Lt. Schwab, Squadron Supply, Transportation and Mess Officer was today appointed Squadron Malarial Control Officer in addition to his other duties. Ten more men left this morning for Rest Camp No 1 below Salerno. At the rate the men are going to camp, it won't be long until everyone in the squadron will have had a vacation.

31. The last day of the month. Payday again. After pay formation every man had his physical inspection and then signed the roster indicating that he had the opportunity of applying for a ballot in the coming general election next November. After sweating it out for twenty-four months, Cpl Grover C. Gilman left this morning for home on the rotation plan. And so the month ends on an optomistic note.

For the Commanding Officer:

William L. Moynihan

WILLIAM L. MOYNIHAN
1st Lt., A.C., Squadron Hist.

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HEADQUARTERS
564TH AIR SERVICE SQUADRON
APO 520
U.S. ARMY

7 Sept 1944

SUBJECT: Historical Records

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, Fifteenth Air Force, Attention: Historian. (THRU: Channels).

1. Unit history of the 564th Air Service Squadron, 324th Service Group for the period 1 August 1944 to 31 August 1944.

a. The present designation of the unit is 564th Air Service Squadron, 324th Service Group.

b. Changes in organization:

(1) Changes in designation of unit:

(a) Unit redesignated 564th Air Service Squadron from 564th Service Squadron effective 31 August 1944 per General Order #46, XV Air Force Service Command, dated 30 August 1944.

(2) Transfers of unit: None.

(3) Commanding Officer: No change.

(4) Staff Officers:

(a) Transferred out:
1. Moynihan, William L.,O-916161, 1st Lt., to 37th Service Group per par 5, SO 221, XV AFSC, dated 9 August, 1944.
2. Ivey, Henry D., O-2046636, Capt., to 94th Service Squadron per par 6, SO 237, XVAFSC dated 25 August, 1944.
3. Chaddick, Elmer H., W-1231614, WO (jg), to 566th Air Service Squadronper par 1, Assignment Instructions #93, Hq 324th Serv Gp, dated 2 August, 1944.

(b) Transferred in:
1. Swan, Irville R., W-2128530, WO (jg), from 566th Air Service Squadron, per par 2, Assignment Instructions #93, Hq 324th Serv Gp dated 2 August 1944.

(c) Changes in principal duty:
1. Schwab, Warren H., O-814989, 2nd Lt., relieved of principal duty Squadron Supply Officer and appointed Squadron Adjutant, 10 August 1944, vice Lt. William L. Moynihan, transferred.

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2. Decker, Carl W., O-866295, 2nd Lt., relieved principal duty Assistant Engineering Officer and appointed Engineering Officer vice Capt. Henry D. Ivey, transferred.

c. Strength, commissioned and enlisted:

(1) Month of August 1944
(a) At beginning - 239
(b) Net increase -
(c) Net decrease - 2
(d) At end - 237

d. Station: Celone, Italy.

e. Movements: None

f. Campaigns:
(1) Name: Italian
(2) Duration: From 22 January 1944 to (still in progress)

g. Operations:

During the month of August, 1944, the 564th Air Service Squadron repaired and put back on combat status twenty-three airplanes. Every one of these were from the 463rd Bombardment Group (H). This equals the record of the previous month. One of the most spectacular operations of the month was the changing of two inboard wings in three hours. Every ship turned out was completed on schedule. The Air Corps Supply section of the Squadron was instrumental in supplying the necessary parts and equipment needed to complete the work on the planes and maintain our contribution to the war effort.

h. Commanding Officer in important operations: None

i. Losses in action (officers and men): None

j. Members who have distinguished themselves: None

2. Enclosed is the war diary of this unit for the period 1 August 1944 to 31 August 1944.

For the Commanding Officer:

Warren H. Schwab

WARREN H. SCHWAB
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
Squadron Historian.

1 incl: War Diary (in quad).

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Sheet No. 1 War Diary, 564th Air Serv. Sqdn. Celone, Italy (Station)

Month of August ,1944, Prepared by WARREN H. SCHWAB, 2nd Lt., AC

DAY EVENTS

1. The month began with every man in the squadron determined to equal the good record that we made last month. The squadron area looks like a construction camp this morning. Every section in the area is building a permanent home to conform with the winterization program. The new dispensary is getting the cement floor that will complete the building in a rough form. After the floor is completed, the finish work will be done. Transportation has been busy getting their building laid out and the frame up. In a practice softball game, the 773rd Bomb Squadron beat our Flyers by a score of 4 to 3.

2. Due to the new censorship regulations, no photographs will be taken to any civilian shop for developing or printing. This makes the men in the squadron doing this work very happy to see the elimination of the competition. Pvt. Thomas F. Jacobellis was transferred to the 350th Service Squadron today. This man had a little hard luck in this squadron and we hope he will get along better in his new assignment. PX rations were distributed this evening with 6 beers for every man. In a regular league softball game, we beat the 1433rd Ordnance Co. team 7 to 1 in a loosely played game.

3. Today was a day of change for one of the officers in the squadron. Warrant Officer Elmer O. Chaddick returned from a leave at Naples only to learn that he was transferred to the 566th Air Service Squadron. Everyone was sorry to see him go as he was one of the most popular officers in the squadron. He came into the organization a Master Sergeant and made his commission while here. In his place Warrant Officer Irville R. Swan was transferred from the 566th. However, Mr. Swan is on DS at the present time and has not arrived at this date.

4. The new Transportation building is rapidly taking shape. Constructed of belly tank crates and two by fours, it looks like a nice, cool place to work. The floor in the dispensary was finished late in the afternoon and with a few minor adjustments will be ready for occupancy. The movie shown tonight was "The Miracle of Morgan's Creek", one of the funniest shown here. It was largely enjoyed by everyone present.

5. Transportation moved into their new garage today. And no sooner had they moved in than they had repaired a vehicle. Prominent in one corner of the new garage is a brand new compressor to put air in tires. Coco Cola bottles have become quite a problem. When the beverage is issued to the men in their regular ration, they are required to turn back the bottles. It never fails that some of them don't come back and then we are short that much coke for the next week. Today we were nearly a case of 24 bottles short.. The ten men that were at rest camp returned with tales of rest and Pompeii, and of course they had the usual collection of souvenirs.

6. Pvt Eston G. Edwards was promoted to Sergeant. Sergeant Edwards came into the 564th about two months ago and has done excellent work as an inspector. T/5 Frank Lodge, one of the telephone operators attached to us, left today. He was called into his own company to go to work as a clerk in the Orderly Room. Sunday again and a very quiet day for all. Lt Schwab and 1st Sgt Walters left on a trip North.

7. The lilt of girlish laughter was heard on our ball diamond this evening. A WAC ball team came out to play our officers. And they were pretty fair ball players, too. With the assistance of some of the members of our first



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Month of August 1944. Prepared by WARREN H. SCHWAB, 2nd Lt., AC

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| | team, they trimmed our officers and some enlisted men 7 to 0. The game was marked by some of the most acid heckling heard in these parts for some time. But all in fun. The 324th Group Personnel section really gave us a job today. They asked that three copies of the informational roster be turned in to them by eight o'clock tomorrow morning. S/Sgt Snyder and the rest of the Orderly Room worked into the wee hours getting it out. Lt Schwab and the 1st Sergeant returned from their trip late this evening. Due to some engine trouble they were much later than their schedule called for. |
| 8. | We hear rumors that we are to lose our adjutant, Lt Moynihan to the 37th Service Group. The shuttle bombers came again from the Eighth Air Force today. We are always glad to see them as they are our only personal contact with the other theatres of this conflict. The road in front of the area is getting another coat of oil. |
| 9. | That old weekly custom of the distribution of the PX rations was carried out this evening. And now we get six bottles of beer. Yes, bottles. Wonder what happened to the cans. Cpl William O Crain returned from the 324th Service Group where he has been on DS for the last couple of months. This will put the carpenter shop back at full strength again. They have been one man short ever since Cpl Gilman went home on rotation last month. The cooks did themselves proud by serving butterscotch pie for supper. |
| 10. | The rumors of the last few days came true today. Lt William L. Moynihan, Squadron Adjutant, left us today. He was transferred to the 37th Service Group today to take over the job of Group Adjutant. This is a step up for him. Lt. Warren H. Schwab, heretofore Supply Officer, has taken over in the Orderly Room as the replacement for Lt. Moynihan. A squadron intramural softball league was organized today. The regular league has ended it's term and the men still want to play ball. It is hoped that all departments will be represented. |
| 11. | On looking back thru the files of the Weekly Activity Report of the Fifteenth Air Force Service Command, it was found that the 564th was mentioned in the report dated 23 July, 1944. We were mentioned for the construction of an ingenious device for the testing of electrical accessories on a B-17. According to the report, detailed pictures, drawings and descriptions will be sent to Patterson Field, Ohio for publication in the magazine "Gadgets Digest". |
| 12. | The long awaited promotions came through today. They were as follows: T/Sgt John J. Hambright to M/Sgt,; S/Sgts Roy A. Morgan and Carl F. Ritchey to T/Sgt; Sgts Hubert W. Barnes, Gerald Forbey, Arthur B. Meredith, Tom McCabe, Sgt William J. Powers, Ellsworth R. Stansbury, and Leonard P. Zelinskas to S/Sgt; Corporals Theodore W. Albertini, Howard F. Clemons, Gust M. Kuismi, James E. Peabody and Thomas J. Smith to Sergeant; Pfc George W. Clifton to Corporal, and Pvt Van B. Young to Pfc. 10 more men returned from the 324th Rest Camp below Salerno. Each week the tales of this camp get better and better. |

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Sheet No. 3 War Diary, 564th Air Serv Sqdn Celone, Italy
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Month of August 1944. Prepared by WARREN H. SCHWAB, 2nd Lt., AC

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| 13. | Early this morning there were four lucky men that made their departure from the squadron with their ultimate destination the United States. Or maybe not so lucky. They left here for Personnel Replacement Depot #7 and will eventually wind up in a B-29 outfit. The men leaving were Master Sergeant Edmond Shea, Tech Sergeant Frank Giordani, Sergeant Stanley E. Everett and Corporal Fred W. Hoelscher. Sergeant William Buckley, Pfc Milo E. Kasper and Private Robert C. Nelson were put on DS to the Oxygen School at Bari for the purpose of studying Oxygen plants. The course should last approximately 30 days. 10 more men went to rest camp this morning. Therefore, there will be quite a few familiar faces missing for a while. |
| 14. | This was strictly a routine day. Engineering had no ships in the lot and Tech Supply had only routine business to take care of. The Bomb Group has been returning from missions for the last few days with little damage being done to the ships. Pvt Francis J. Burke was transferred to the 50th Service Squadron. |
| 15. | Squadron Supply started to build themselves a winterized building. It will be of standard GI Italian design. That is, it will be constructed of belly tank crates and canvas. With the doors and windows set in in any way that they will fit. After the noon mess the First Sergeant had a meeting with all men of the four lower grades. The purpose of the meeting was to hear any gripes or suggestions that the men had to offer. Several questions regarding guard duty and other duties were ironed out to the satisfaction of all. |
| 16. | Our collaborators, the 463rd Bombardment Group (H), ran into a little tough luck today. They lost four ships on the mission and turned over four more to us to be repaired and put back on a combat status. So our Engineering section can get back into the groove, now. The squadron was entertained by an Italian swing band in the day room tonight. These boys can really beat it out. And every hep cat in the organization was in attendance. Pvt James G. Thompson was assigned to us today from the 566th Service Squadron. Cpl L.R. Anderson was transferred to the same organization. |
| 17. | Engineering picked up one more ship to repair today and finished one to break even for the day. They still have four in the lot. The Tech Inspector from the 324th Service Group mad his regular inspection today and on the whole, everything was found to be satisfactory. We are trying to live up to the commendation received from the Fifteenth Air Force Service Command last month in this respect. Our Officers Club was graced by some lovely South African nurses this evening at dinner. The only black mark on the affair was the fact that Lt. Metz wrecked his jeep while taking some of them home. |
| 18. | All the scrap lumber in and near the area was fast disappearing today. All the men have the building fever and are trying to get their tents in shape to comply with the winterization program. Some of the tents are taking on the appearance of a miniture mansion or at least a bungalow. The first game of the intramural soft ball league was played tonight. Transportation and Tech Supply kept the spectators in an uproar for 10 innings by some spectacular playing. Final score: Transportation 5, Tech Supply 4. |
| 19. | Another new face showed up in the outfit today. Cpl Howard Foster was transferred into the organization as a replacement for Cpl Gilman. And Cpl George Prentice was put on DS to the Chemical Warfare Decontamination School. Engineering broke even for the day. Finished one and got another. 10 men returned from rest camp claiming that they were rested. |

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Sheet No. 4 War Diary, 564th Air Serv. Sqdn. Celone, Italy (Station)

Month of August Prepared by WARREN H. SCHWAB, 2nd Lt., AC

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| 20. | The supplemental PX ration for the men who were unable to get their rations was distributed today at noon. Thus every man in the squadron gets his rations whether he is here on the regular day or not. Cpl Albert Melet went on DS to the XV Air Force Cooks and Bakers School for a weeks instruction in the culinary art. Cpl Melet is one of the faithful toilers in our kitchen. The Headquarters Juggernauts in a close game defeated Johnston's Jugglers from Engineering by a score of 10 to 9. This was another close one, going right up to the last of the ninth inning beforethe winning run was scored. |
| 21. | The box score at Engineering has been static for the last few days. Four planes are still on the line for repair. The new dispensary building is nearing the stage where it can be occupied, after some delay. The final painting is being done today. In another intramural game Polinori's Polecats from Engineering trimmed the Tech Supply Muffers by a score of 6 to 1. After the regular game some of the personnel chose up sides for a game. On a close play at second base, Major Thomson suffered an injury to his ankle. Nothing very serious, though. |
| 22. | The Major was sporting a cane today after the accident he suffered last night playing ball. Quite becoming, too. Any man who has shoes in need of repair or salvage can get it done at Squadron Supply today or tomorrow. Even if we are in the Air Corps, we walk enough to wear out our shoes. Maybe not as fast as some other branches but just as thoroughly. |
| 23. | A team of personnel auditors had the Orderly Room in a state of unrest today. They conducted an inspection of the personnel situation in the squadron, and several reclassifications were made. This will keep the personnel section busy for a few days remodeling the informational roster, which is no less than a major op eration. Transportation blasted Houston's Hackers from Engineering today 17 to 7. Transportation looks like the class of the league at this early date. The Bomb Group sent two more ships over today for us to get back into shape. 6 |
| 24. | Engineering received another two ships from the Bomb Group today to make a total of eight now in the area. Even if taggets are getting scarce, the enemy seems to be able to put up plenty of flak to damage the bombers. Sick call was held for the last time in the pyramidal tent that has served as a dispensary for so long. The Medics spent most of the day moving into their new quarters. |
| 25. | At long last the Red Cross flag was flown from the flagpole in front of the new dispensary, and the grand opening was held this morning. An orchid was offered to every lady that enterd the building but as none of the fair sex put in an appearance, no flowers were given away. Several men donated blood to the British today and got the usual payment of a glass of beer and ten dollars. Engineering got partially caught up today by finishing two planes. Tech Supply beat Houston's Hackers 8 to 3 in a league game. |
| 26. | Ten men returned from rest camp today and 9 men left for Rome. The mengoing to Rome left anticipating a few days of strenuous recreation, after hearing the tales told by the men that were there last month. Our officers had a dinner and dance for some of the South African officers and nurses that are in the vicinity. Everyone had a good time and all were sorry to see the evening come to an end. |

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Sheet No. 5 War Diary 564Air Serv Sqdn Celone, Italy
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Month of August 1944 Prepared by WARREN H. SCHWAB, 2nd Lt., AC

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| 27. | Many delinquency reports have come in lately from the Military Police regarding men on pass being out of uniform. Therefore the regulations for men going on pass have been tightened up considerably. This being Sunday the usual quiet prevailed. Ten more men lfet for rest camp this morning. The hot boys from Transportation beat Johnston's Jugglers 7 to 6 in a hard fought game. |
| 28. | Orders came from the Fifteenth Air Force Service Command today transferring Capt Henry D. Ivey, Engineering Officer to the 94th Service Squadron. But Major Thomson and Capt Ivey, having left for Rome earlier in the day, could not comply with the order. They are on their scheduled leaves. Lt. Carl W. Decker, assistant Engineering Officer, was appointed Engineering Officer to replace Capt. Ivey. The Headquarters Juggernauts beat Tech Supply to the tune of 15 to 9. |
| 29. | The squadron was the recipient of some men fresh from the States today, in the persons of Pvt Louis C. Utess, Pvt Francis T. Ward and Pvt Walter R. Young. They all claim to have left the old country less than a month ago. Corporal Prentice returned from the Decontamination School at Chemical Ammunition Depot No. 5. Now the squadron has a qualified decontaminition expert to go with the reat of the chemical experts in the organization. |
| 30. | Orders were received today changing the designation of the organization from 564th Service Squadron to 564th Air Service Squadron. Lt. Schwab and S/Sgt Bauer, Mess Sergeant, met with all the mess officers and mess sergeants in the 324th Service Group to discuss mess problems. A new system was inaugurated for the distribution of the PX rations. Although it takes a little longer to complete the job, it is more satisfactory than the old system. Three men recevved promotions today: Corporal Albert Melet to Sergeant, T/5 William Loeffler to Corporal and Private Henry Anderson to Private First Class. |
| 31. | The sweetest whistle of the month was blown today. It was the whistle for pay call. And not a man is absent or late for the formation. In the evening we were entertained by a Red Cross-USO unit. A Master of Ceremonies, a dance team, a swing band, a magician and a swing trio comprised the cast of the show. After the show we were served coffee and doughnuts by the Girls in Blue. And so the month closed in a blaze of glory. |

For the Commanding Officer:

Warren H. Schwab
WARREN H. SCHWAB
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UNIT HISTORY

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The month of September dawned for the 564th Air Service Squadron at Celone, Italy, the station assigned since last March. The strength of the squadron at the beginning of the month was 230 enlisted men and seven officers. At the end of the month it 232 enlisted men and seven officers. Therefore, we had a net increase of two enlisted men.

The administrative work for the month was routine. All reports for the month were completed and sent to the necessary destination within the scheduled times.) A new system of counting rations was instituted whereby a man is detailed from the organization is detailed to count the men passing through the mess line at every meal. It is a much more efficient system than the old practice of letting one of the KP's count the men.

Two of the squadron officers were rewarded for their work. 1st Lieutenant Paul Metz was promoted to the rank of Captain and 2nd Lieutenant Carl W. Decker was promoted to the rank of 1st Lieutenant. Captain Metz is the Squadron Medical Officer and Lt. Decker is the Assistant Engineering Officer. Captain Henry D. Ivey, Engineering Officer, is still with us. Late in August he was transferred out of the squadron, but the orders were revoked on the first of September.

Several enlisted men were also the receipients of promotions. They were as follows: M/Sgt Joseph Gayetsky from T/Sgt; T/Sgt James A. Maker and T/Sgt Orville Metcalfe from S/Sgt; S/Sgt Charles M. Christy, S/Sgt William H. DeForge, Eston B. Edwards,



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James P. Lewis, George W. Raling, Wallace G. Simpson, and Robert C. Thomas from Sergeant; Sgts. George E. Bomberger, Robert H. Chalmers, Earl G. Eggler, Paul A. Laake, John J. O'Donnell and Perry J. Rowland from Corporal; Pfc's James S. Ackerman, Bill S. Beeman and Pvts Johnnie W. Adams, William J. Grawin and Robert J. Wallace to Corporal; Pvts Mellie J. Bernard and John Chaney to Private First Class.

Engineering showed a good record for the month. Seven planes were turned out and put back on flying status. Three of these were from the Eighth Air Force, having come in to this field from a shuttle mission from Russia. The remaining four were from the 463rd Bombardment Group. This is the Group that we regularly service. Most of the work done was wing changes and repair to flak damage. The shop section of engineering had two more accomplishments to their credit. M/Sgt Charles J. Vernetti and T/Sgt James C. Stilwell developed a method of forging aluminum bars to be used as spar fillers in the repair of damaged aircraft. Aluminum from non-repairable propellors is melted down and poured into molds. These are in the rough shape of the spar to be filled. When cool, they are taken out and machined down to the size of the inside of the spar. Then they are fitted to the spar and bolted in. Heretofore, the spars have been filled with hardwood, but lately hardwood has become scarce and the aluminum proved to be more than adequate as a substitute. M/Sgt Vernetti also developed a method for the mod-





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ification of the prop feathering pump on a B-17F. This was a problem that had received lots of attention from everyone in the Air Force. The modification was mentioned in the Weekly Activity Report of the Fifteenth Air Force Service Command. And a Fifteenth Air Force Technical Order was published on this subject. All inspections were passed satisfactorily. The Commanding General of the XV AFSC, General Beverly, made his farewell inspection and gave us a superior rating.

The squadron Tech Supply section rolled on in regular routine fashion. The problems that are peculiar to this department were almost non-existant. This was the first month that no outstanding AOC's remained over twenty-four hours. All the warehouses were in good shape with the personnel taking pride in their work . OEL box material was on hand to be used when needed. Some crating remained to be done at the end of the month.

Transportation was much in demand. Every available piece of equipment was in use most of the time. Parts were hard to get but by trading, salvaging, etc. the personnel was able to keep up a good record of having most of the vehicles on the road most of the time. As the month ended, only one vehicle was deadlined indefinitely. An irreplaceable spring was the cause of the trouble. Accidents were at a minimum and most of the mechanical workdone this month was general maintainance.

The medical section of the squadron carried on as usual. Two physical inspections were held and all the squadron passed with flying colors. September 28 all men needing immunization



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innoculations were shot in the arm. A prophylactic station was set up in the squadron dispensary to be used when needed. Sick call for the month was about average with head colds being the predominant cause for complaint.

Squadron Supply was active in taking care of the needs of the men in all matters of personal supply. Salvage was called for twice during the month and new clothes and equipment were forthcoming in exchange for all items turned in. In compliance with orders from higher headquarters that all men be clad in OD uniform on October 1, 1944, the wool clothes were requisitioned and received on the last day of the month. In addition to personnel needs, the section looked after all needs of the organization as a whole. Much of the material used in the winterization of the living quarters of the men was issued through this department.

There were no losses in action during the month and no one in the squadron participated in any combat operations.

Living conditions were on a par with the average of an air force organization in the field. Most of the tents that serve as living quarters were in the process of being winterized. Materials used for this work consisted of scrap and salvaged lumber and metal. Belly tank crates seem to be the most popular source of supply. Rock and gravel were spread both in the bivouac area and in the engineering area. Also several hardstands were laid to allow the men working on the planes to have better working conditions. Stoves, both homemade and issue were being





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installed in the offices and living quarters to combat the chill of the Italian winter.

Several recreational activities that included all the personnel were carried on during the month. An intra-squadron softball league was organized consisting of six teams represent- all the various departments. Rivalry was intense and games played every day kept interest at a high pitch. As the month ended the league was still in full swing with the winner still to be decided. Motion pictures, furnished by the Special Service Section of the 324th Service Group, were shown thrice weekly to all men who were not on duty at the time. We were provided with tickets to see the stage production "The Barretts of Wimpole Street" in Foggia. The organization was furnished its quota of books and magazines to suit all tastes. The squadron day room took up much of the time of the men while they were off duty. Every evening many men were to be seen reading, writing or indulging in various other means of recreation in the day room. Forty-two men were sent to the 324th Service Group Rest Camp to participate in this phase of recreational activity. These forty-two men completed the list of men who have been overseas a year or more. The Post Exchange for the squadron consisted of the standard rations plus sundry items that are necessary for a comfortable living. The most popular item in the ration, undoubtedly, was the beer that came in.

The month closed on an optomistic note. Most of the men





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were enthused over the prospect of an early ending to the war with Germany and the eventual return home or transfer to another theater of operations. Every man has a feeling of gratification that he has contributed to the war effort in his own manner.

For the Commanding Officer:

Warren H. Schwab

WARREN H. SCHWAB
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
Squadron Historian.



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During the month of October the 564th Air Service Squadron remained at Gelone, Italy, the station assigned since March, 1944. At the beginning of the month the squadron strength stood at 232 enlisted men and seven officers, and at the end of the month the strength was 231 enlisted men and seven officers giving us a net decrease for the month of one enlisted man.

The routine administrative work for the month went smoothly as usual. All reports were accomplished and forwarded as required. Personnel interviews to determine the correct primary and secondary MOS numbers of all men in the organization were held. There seemed to be an unusual number of reports required on status of men as regards length of service, number of dependents, etc.

Several enlisted men were rewarded for their work with promotions as follows: S/Sgt Clair W. Hornberger from Sgt, Sgt Morton Feiner from Cpl, Cpl Nelson K. Mentch from Pfc and Pfc's James J. Leary, Roy A. McCoy, Robert C. McGurl and Thomas W. Russum from Pvt.

The Engineering Section of the squadron upheld their good record of the previous month. Fifteen planes were repaired and put back on combat status. Fourteen of these were B-17's from the 463rd Bombardment Group, the group that we regularly service. The other plane was a B-24 from the 454th Bombardment Group that had made an emergency landing on our field. In addition to the ships repaired, twenty-four wings were repaired. The parachute shop packed 311 chutes.



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All the shops in the section were busy with the various jobs necessary to the efficient operation of the department. Along with their regular work the men were busy laying gravel and hardstands to combat the muddy conditions that prevail during the wet weather. One airplane was totally salvaged. This one came in on a belly landing due to the misunderstanding of the co-pilot. He retracted the wheels before the ship had attained flying speed. During the latter part of the month the paint shop was given the job of painting several pathfinder aircraft. Three were completed before the end of the month with an average of three days to each one. The technical inspection for the month was passed satisfactorily with only two minor discrepancies being found. These were immediately corrected. The section was preparing to make modification on the B-10 bomb shackle. The modification calls for some grinding and heat treating on the cocking notch of the locking nut. At the present time it is expected that this modification will be cancelled. M/Sgt Charles Vernetti and T/Sgt James Stilwell of the shops section have built an acetylene gas generating plant to be added to the equipment. A power plant work shop was added to the other shops with S/Sgt Arthur B. Meredith in charge. This shop will service and maintain all the electric generators in the squadron.

The Squadron Air Corps Supply and Tech Supply Sections carried on in their usual efficient manner. For the second





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consecutive month no outstanding AOC's remained over twenty-four hours. All warehouses were experiencing a normal turnover in supplies and the personnel was proud of the fact that they were able to get the materials to keep the planes in the air. OEL boxes were nearly completed and crating material was on hand to be used when needed. The working area was completely graveled and winterization of buildings was finish ed.

The transportation section of the squadron kept the wheels moving. The normal parts situation prevailed. That is, they were hard to get. But through salvaging, requisition, trading and other means, some parts were forthcoming. At the end of the month, only one vehicle was deadlined. This was a jeep that needed some body work done on it. A night shift was started to take care of the maintenance on vehicles that are in use every day and cannot be spared from the job long enough to be serviced during the daylight hours. The month was notable for being accident-free. Most of the shop work was general maintenance.

The medical section functioned normally throughout the month. Two physical inspections were held with all the squadron passing with flying colors. On the last day of the month all men needing immunization innoculations were attended to. Smallpox vaccinations accounted for most of the innoculations with one typhoid shot being given. There was a slight increase in the number of men coming to the daily sick call. This was deemed attributable to the rainy weather that prevailed during the month. Colds seemed to be the most prevalent



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complaint. Medical and sanitary inspections for the month by higher headquarters were passed satisfactorily. A squadron infirmary was set up in the dispensary consisting of three beds, and other necessary hospital equipment.

Squadron Supply took care of the needs of the men and the organization in all matters involving clothes and equipment. The winter issue of wool OD uniforms was accomplished with a minimum of confusion. Also issued were the new type field jackets and sweaters. These met with the approval of all men receiving them. Materials to complete the winterization of the tents were received. Now every tent that needs it can have a cement floor and a partial side of brick. The men were fitted out with the items of issue that they were short. This was the first shortage given out since early in the spring. Needless to say that nearly every man in the outfit was missing something. So the shortage list was quite large.

There were no losses in action during the month and no one in the organization participated in any combat operations.

Winterization of the living quarters was still underway. All tents were equipped with stoves, both issue and homemade. Styles in stoves varied with almost every tent. Cement floors were in the process of being laid in all the tents that did not already have a floor. Every tent had sides built up to keep out the winter wind and drafts.



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All roads, pathways and outdoor working areas were being covered with gravel to combat the muddy conditions that will prevail with the advent of the long, wet winter.

Recreational activities took up much of the free time of the men. The squadron intramural softball league finished with the team from Headquarters leading the rest of the pack by a wide margin. Volleyball and touch football leagues were organized but due to the bad weather most of the games were called off. Motion pictures furnished by the Special Services section of the 324th Service Group through the cooperation of the Fifth Wing were shown three evenings a week in the squadron mess hall. Capacity attendance was the rule at all showings. On the afternoon of October 20, a stage show, Italian Unit #6, sponsored by the Fifteenth Air Force Service Command Special Services Section was presented in the squadron day room. The building was filled to overflowing with enthusiastic soldiers, who showed their pleasure by applauding every number roundly. In addition to the regular shows, the men were entertained on numerous occassions by civilian bands and Red Cross performers. To add to their enjoyment, doughnuts and coffee were served by the Red Cross women.

Several men took advantage of the five day passes to visit relatives and friends in other organizations or to do some sightseeing in the nearby countryside. Fourteen men were sent to Rest Camp #2 at Rome where they enjoyed the things to be seen and the hospitality of the Romans.

All men who were of the inclination to vote in the





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coming General Election were given the opportunity to cast their ballots. Under the direction of Capt. Paul Metz an orientation discussion on the GI Bill of Rightswas held with all available personnel taking part.

A ground safety metting was held with the attendance of every man in the squadron mandatory. Lectures on the problems of safety peculiar to each department were given by the various department heads and section chiefs.

A dinner dance was held for all men completing two years overseas service on or before November 1. The party was held in the squadron day room on the night of October 28 and was adjudged to be a huge success by every one of the forty-four men attending.

And so ended the month of October with the two-year men looking forward to the time when they can be rotated home and the men with less than two years hoping for an early end to the war so that they may have the opportunity of returning to the states, knowing that they have contributed to the downfall of the people who have subjected the world to five years of turmoil.

For the Commanding Officer:

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HEADQUARTERS
565TH SERVICE SQUADRON
323RD SERVICE GROUP
APO 520

U.S. Army
5 April 1944

SUBJECT: Historical Data for the Period 15 February 1944 to 31 March 1944, incl.

TO : Commanding Officer, 323rd Service Group, APO 520.

1. In compliance with Ltr., your Hq., dated 25 January 1944, Memorandum No. 45-10, Hq, 15th Air Force, dated 24 December 1943, and paragraph 13, AR 345-105, the following report is herewith submitted:

a. Original Unit.
(1) Designation: 565th Service Squadron
(2) Date of Organization: 15 February 1944
(3) Place of Organization: Manduria, Italy
(4) Authority for Organization: PAC GO #8, Hq XII AFSC (Adv) dated 27 December 1943.
(5) Sources from which personnel was obtained: By transfer from other units.

b. Changes in organization: Organization commenced operating 15 March 1944 under new T/O & E 1-417, 2 January 1944 PAC Section I, Circular 23, NATOUSA, APO 534 dtd 26 February 1944.

c. Strength

| | O | WO | EM |
|---|---|---|---|
| (1) At beginning of period. | 3 | 0 | 131 |
| (2) Net Increase during period. | 3 | 1 | 51 |
| (3) Net decrease during period. | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| (4) At end of period | 6 | 1 | 182 |

d. Stations:
(1) Activated at Manduria, Italy 15 February 1944; departed Manduria, Italy 1 March 1944.
(2) Arrived Bari, Italy 1 March 1944; departed 25 March 1944.
(3) Arrived Pantanella, Italy 25 March 1944.



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e. Former and present members who have distinguished themselves in action: None.

f. Photographs of personnel, important scenes or events: None.

g. Operational data.
(1) Supplied a varying list of from 70 to 90 Enlisted Men to the 11th Air Depot Group to assist in the operation of warehouses at Air Force General Depot #5 during the period of 5 March 1944 to 25 March 1944.

Solomon Wallach
SOLOMON WALLACH
2nd Lt., AC
Unit Historical Officer





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Sheet No. 1 War Diary. 565th Service Sqdn. APO 520
(Station)

Solomon Wallach
SOLOMON WALLACH

Month of February, 1944. Prepared by 2nd Lt. AC; Adj, 565th S.S.

| DAY | EVENTS |
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| 15. | With the Allied war effort being stepped up, there has been a greater demand for Service Squadrons in this theatre of operations. The 62nd Service Group was charged with activating new organizations also. Today was the day they gave birth to us. They activated new organizations from the personnel camped out in tent area. Captain Delson assumed command of our organization, the 565th Service Squadron, and Edward Qualters was appointed 1st Sergeant. Everyone in the organization celebrated this occasion because it meant our finally getting down to business and pitching in in earnest. None of us enjoy being overseas; the sooner we help knock the enemy off, the sooner we can go home. The job is tough but we feel confident that we'll make good. |
| 16. | Getting organized isn't an easy job, especially so when you have to start from scratch. In taking inventory of the enlisted men composing the Squadron we find that we have units from eight Squadrons, coming from Africa, Sicily, Italy, Sardinia and Corsicia. The process of learning new names as well as pronouncing them promises to be interesting. Captain Delson spoke to the men at the morning formation--introduced himself and his adjutant, Lt. Wallach. He told the men that they were one organization and should pull together as one organization. He arranged to interview each man, which would give him the opportunity to go over their respective problems. 1st Sgt. Qualters lost no time plunging into work. He has his hands full making up reports and rosters. The 565th is on its way. |
| 17. | Our organization is commencing to take shape. An expansion program is on the way with our leading non-coms in supply making inquiries about receiving our TBA. 1st Sgt. Qualters checked with Group Headquarters on reports and the manner in which higher authorities wanted them. Capt. Delson spent the morning hours interviewing the first three graders. Each was asked what he did in civilian lofe, what he did in the Army, and most important what he preferred to do in this organization. Already problems are looming up--the mail situation needs a mail man, the salvaged clothes need a supply man and PX cravings need a PX man. |
| 18. | There is an old saying that "An Army travels on its stomach". If this wonderful chow keeps up our organization will be able to travel quite a distance and then have mileage to spare. All of our men are quite enthused about "chow call". Capt. Delson interviewed the Sergeants, Corporals and Privates First Class. These informal interviews serve two purposes; (1) it gives our Commanding Officer an opportunity to know his men, (2) it gives our men an apportunity to meet their Commanding Officer. Emergency needs were adequately met by our Orderly Room staff. 1st Sgt. Qualters and T/Sgt. Ehrlinger have taken over the payroll problem, Pvt. Barkan handed out longed for PX rations, and Sgt. Goldsmith installed lights in our Orderly Room. |

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Sheet No. 2 War Diary 565th Service Sqdn APO 520
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SOLOMON WALLACH
Month of February, 1944. Prepared by 2nd Lt, AC; 565th Serv Sqdn.

| DAY | EVENTS |
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| 19. | Lt. Walton, our Mess and Supply Officer, really has some crackerjack cooks in his section. Pvt. Murphy let us in on the secret of his making golden brown pancakes. "It is all in the art of turning them over". Capt. Delson interviewed the remainder of the Squadron. Some interesting revelations were brought to light concerning the civilian backgrounds of the men in this organization. We have an assortment of everything, including politicians. Our adjutant has been blessed with additional duties, those being, Unit Historian, Class "A" Finance Officer and War Bonds Officer. Other duty assignment tradition in this organization follows the old Army beaten tradition. |
| 20. | Men from this Squadron find themselves doing an assortment of jobs while waiting for further developments to eminate from Group Headquarters. These jobs range from supplying Group Headquarters, S-4, Personnel Section with needed help to lending the Provost Marshal "Prisoner Chasers". We finally drew our tentage and stove TBA allowance. However, there are numerous things that we haven't as yet. Yes, activation of a Unit overseas is quite a task. |
| 21. | There was an outbreak of athletics activity today. Time will only tell as to how good we are. Pvt. Barkan typed up a "hot" notice for a ping pong team to represent the 565th in a match against the Headquarters & Headquarters Squadron of the 62nd Service Group. Tryouts will be held this coming Thursday and the big event will take place Saturday. At the afternoon formation Lt. Wallach told the men that he would try and gove them as many opportunities as possible for engaging in some type of athletic activity. The "A and "B" kits would help considerably in rounding out our program. |
| 22. | Pfc. Larry Anderson volunteered his services as temporary mail orderly. The men indulge in quite a bit of letter writing. They average 160 letters a day and keep the officers occupied three hours in censoring the. Captain Selson set up the first officer's tent in the area. Compared to the large pyramidal and storage tent, this tent resembled an overgrown puptent. |
| 23. | Ten men have answered the notice asking for ping pong players. Also have a flock of basketball players who are eagerly awaitthe call. The athletic slogan"every man an athlete in some field" is one slogan that we want to fullfill. The basketball program looks promising because of the court that is available for practice purposes and the number of eligible teams that we have in the area. |



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Sheet No. 3 War Diary. 565th Service Sqdn. APO 520 (Station)

Solomon Wallach
SOLOMON WALLACH

Month of _____, 1944. Prepared by 2nd Lt, AC; Adj. 565th SS

| DAY | EVENTS |
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| 24 | Our first transportation rolled into the area this morning. We have jeeps, command cars, and 2½ ton trucks. It gave us a feeling of security and independence and also somewhat of an "esprit de corps". Our transportation section has a job cut out for itself, the job of cleaning our vehicles and getting them into tip-top shape. We drew a good PX ration today. It included cigarettes, cigars, candy, pocket knives, cigarette lighters, and a whole host of useful miscellaneous items. |
| 25 | Captain Delson brought in 6 truckloads of OEL equipment to our squadron area. M/Sgt Bacon, our air corps supply sergeant, was put in charge of the equipment. Our officer personnel and the Engineering section have a new acquisition, a Mr. Bell, CWO, fresh from the states! The orderly room was livened up somewhat with our newly acquired furniture. We have two folding chairs, a filing cabinet, and a field desk. |
| 26 | Captain Delson welcomed into our organization Lt. Moher, the squadron medical officer. Our officer personnel now lacks a tech supply officer and an engineering officer. The first 127 personnel status report was submitted to group headquarters. Administrative personnel, although highly undermanned, has been doubling up and performing multitudinous duties, assisting in supply, billeting, tech supply, guard details, etc,---. However, they seem to be bearing up well under the strain. The squadron is maintaining an admirable record of stretching its facilities to the utmost, accomodating alland sundry, regardless of former outfit or station even though we're aware of the fact that most of them will be with us for but just a brief visit. But the bewildered expressions on their faces drive us to house them, bed them down, and make them comfortable. Over 30 lost souls arrived this evening and from last reports, all are doing well. |
| 27 | Today 17 men came into our squadron, bringing the total number to 163. The same old routine for billeting them took place, the acquiring of bales of straw for their mattresses and the construction of wooden bed frames. Sad news on the athletic front. We lost our ping-pong match to the Headquarters Squadron of the 62nd Service Group as well as our basketball game to the 566th Service Squadron. Despite these losses, we did suceed in booking a return ping-pong match with the 62nd Headquarters Squadron and a basketball game with a Quartermaster outfit. |
| 28 | Sgt. Delplane, one of our Squadron carpenters built us a combination pay and mail table. Most of the Orderly Room furniture we have such as chairs, tables, desk stands, file boxes were built by our carpentry section. Some of the squadron members went in for a bit of culture last night-attended the opera "La Traviata". A good time was had by all. |



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SOLOMON WALLACH

Month of Feb & Mar 1944 Prepared by 2nd Lt. AC., Adj, 565th S.S.

| DAY | EVENTS |
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| 29. | We had our first pay call today. The rain was beating down but that didn't dampen the morale of the men any as they stepped up to the pay table to collect their two and in some cases three months pay due them. The men owe a debt or gratitude to the finance section, one Pvt. Barkan and 1st Sgt. Qualters for doing such a splendid job in getting the money to the men. |
| March 1 | The 565th acquired a new C.O.-Captain Brown relieving Captain Delson. Another change automatically followed-the Engineering department now has an engineering officer, namely Captain Delson. We received our first movement orders today. Lt. Wallach pioneered the way from Manduria to Bari to inquire about the camp site, duties, stc. Late in the afternoon the wobbly trucks that were assigned to us rolled out from the cadre area on their way to their "new home". |
| 2 | The rearguard of our squadron showed up today and they were ushered to their quarters and treated to all the comforts of warehouse luxuries. Our men feel like country boys coming to the big city for the first time. It was quite a relief to get away from poverty-stricken Manduria. |
| 3 | The men put up their pyramicals. The camp site is quite attractive-olive trees, green grass, and in the distance, the building peaks of Bari. The area is being whipped into shape-we have a PX and Mail tent, a Motor pool under the able supervision of T/Sgt. Ross, and a well furnished Orderly room. |
| 4. | The carpenters built a latrine box, and for the Orderly room a wooden frame. Details were sent out to haul in sand and gravel to make walks in our company area. The carpenters have their hands full-have quite a task in building floors for the dispensary, orderly and mess tent. We took steps to fill our T.C. to full strength. The adjutant ans 1st Sgt. Qualters saw the personnel section of the 11th Air Depot Group to whom we are attached and submitted a list of T.C. vacancies according to grade and M.O.S. |
| 5. | The 11th A.D.Gp Hq, requisitioned half of our men for duty purposes at the depot. We now have a skeleton crew to carry the burden of the job in getting us set for whatever may come our way. Pvt. Barkan is getting a committee together to work with the WACS in town to look after the social needs of our men. A dance date has been tentatively set for Easter Sunday. |



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Sheet No. 5 War Diary. 565th Service Sqdn. APO 520

Solomon Wallach
SOLOMON WALLACH

Month of March 1944 Prepared by 2nd Lt. AC; Adj, 565th S.S.

| DAY | EVENTS |
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| 6. | We had our grand opening today in our Mess Hall. Pvt. Hiatt a first cook, was in charge of the gala ceremony. The menu consisted of vegetable stew patties, corn, beans, bread and butter, coffee, and the feature attraction of the meal was pineapple pie, baked only the way Pvt. Murphy can bake. Two Red Cross workers paid us a surprise visit and were our guests for the day. |
| 7. | The kitchen put out a swell feed for dinner. The meal consisted of delicious savory roast beef, (as only Pvt. Murphy can prepare it) assorted vegatables and hot coffee. Had PX call and each man got got his full ration. Last night we had a display of fire works. It is comforting to know that our Anti-aircraft guns fire first and ask questions afterwards. |
| 8. | Disaster in the form of diarrhea overtook our organization. Twenty men were marked "Hospital", a few were marked "Quarters", and a few were excused from duty. Lt Moher, our medical officer, attributed this outbreak of the "G.Is" to spoiled Vienna Saugages that were served for supper the day before, The "casualties" hampered a good many of our plans even to the extent of depleting the ranks of our ping-pong team. This plus the mud and rain isn't bolstering our morale a bit. |
| 9. | The 105 1st Signal Company played host to our ping-pong team this evening. We played a grueling match which consisted of six games and when the smoke cleared away we were the winners by a score of 4 to 2. Afterwards both teams were treated to coffee and cake. Arrangements were made to sponsor a return match for this coming Tuesday and as an interesting sidelight, a checker tournement was also arranged for the same evening. Lt. Moher visited the hospital and inquired amongst the patients who were stricken by diarrhea how they were getting along. The reports were encouraging because all of them were getting along nicely and it would be just a matter of days until all would be with us again. Our kitchen staff is terribly undermanned but S/Sgt. Benny and Sgt. Davis volunteered their services until more kitchen personnel could be secured. The squadron owes them a debt of gratitude for helping out in an emergency. |



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SOLOMON WALLACH

Month of March, 1944 Prepared by 2nd Lt, AC, Adj; 565th S.S.

| DAY | EVENTS |
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| 10. | Lately we've been waging a campaign to keep Italian civilians away from our camp area. Our medical officer stressed the importance of not having anything to do with these people for fear that some of us might contract any of the prevalant diseases. The Carpenters built for the orderly room a six (6) cubic foot filing box. It is the idial thing for our form twenty (20), service records, and other pertinent data. |
| 11. | Had a booming mail call for the officers today. Among the officers who were made happy by this avalanche of mail were Captain Brown, Lt. Wallach, Lt. Moher, and CWO Bell. The absentees due to sickness, and depot details are hindering the operating efficiency of the mess hall, supply, and orderly rooms. Yet despite all this, we manage to keep abreast of the r reports that are required of us. |
| 12. | The rains descended upon us again. Our company street is a sea of mud once again- a veil of gloomy atmosphere. But the war news from the fighting fronts is really heartening, especially, the progress that our Russian Allies are making. Most of the men feel that we owe the men on the fighting fronts a debt of gratitude for the misery and sacrifices they are going through. Our bivouac area, comparatively speaking, is a soft cushioned paradise! |
| 13. | Routine duties go on while we are waiting for orders to move to our new camp site. Sgt. Domel, our mess sergeant was burdened with feeding two service squadrons. How he managed to give each enlisted man a hot meal, and a piece of cake for dessert is trulu amazing. Preparations are underway towards getting the payroll ready for the month of March. |
| 14. | We received official word from the 11th Air Depot Group Headquarters that our service squadron will operate starting tomarrow on a new enlarged table of organization. This, of course, ties in with the accileration of the tempo of the Allied offensive, and we are only too glad to pitch in and help end the war. |



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SOLOMON WALLACH

Month of March, 1944 Prepared by 2nd Lt, A.C., Adj, 565th S.S.

| DAY | EVENTS |
|---|---|
| 15. | Off to a flying start this morning with Crispy-fried eggs for breakfast. At the afternoon formation our 1st Sergeant impressed the men with the proper performing of guard duty. His theme was that they were overseas long enough to know better. Lt. Wallach also spoke to the men about buying War Bonds. He pointed out to them that they would help the Allied offensive by buying bonds every payday. |
| 16. | Noted improvements were made in the squadron area. Gravel was hauled in and sprinkled on the company street, thus providing walks. The latrine was made a little cozier and secluded with the erection of fly screens around the latrine area. The bulletin board was artistically touched up, Sgt. Dice providing the handwork. |
| 17. | We lost part of our motor pool today, a 2½ ton truck, and a jeep. Captain Delson who was the Officer of the Day took down all the facts and figures relating to the robberies. The Provost Marshall was immediatily notified of the losses and he promised us full cooperation in tracking down the missing vehicles. Mr. Bell, our transportsion officer cautioned the motor pool personnel about the care and disposition of the vehicles they were assigned to. |
| 18. | New furniture decorated the walls of the Orderly Room. Our biggest trophy is a nice shiny pencil sharpener. In the past two days fourteen (14) men have reported in, eleven (11) of them being new to the organization, fresh from the States, and it appears that after being interviewed, they'll work out satisfactorily. One of the new arrivals is an experienced cook which rounds out what appears to be a very satisfactory group of mess personnel, who seem to be really on the ball. |
| 19. | On of the jeeps finally came home to roost which relieved one and all with the squadron now sweating out the truck. The spring seems to be getting a foothold in Italy, and we're beginning to find out if it's true what they say about"Sunny Italy". |
| 20. | Capt. Brown, Lt. Willman, Lt. Wallach, and 1st Sgt. Qualters, braved the elements and blazed a trail to our new camping grounds in an open jeep. They owed a vote of gratitude to T/Sgt. Ross and the personnel of the motor pool for the fine job they did in transforming what was formerly a typical "Jack Benny Maxwell", to a real serviceable "G.I." job, worthy of punishment meted out to it. |



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| DAY | EVENTS |
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| 21. | Our motor pool transportation is back to normal strength once more. Today the M.P's delivered the long, lost 2½ ton truck. M/Sgt. Huykendall headed the advance echelon that left for Spinazzola. Accompanying this detail was the Assistant Engineering Officer, Lst Lt. Willman. |
| 22. | Wednesday, 22nd March 1944 dawned bright and sunny, but distant clouds promised rain by 10:00 o'clock. A conglamerous convoy of 565 vehicles including the ten (10) ton C-2 wrecker pulling a wobbly-loaded 25 foot bloatm five (5) 6 x 6 G.M.C's, with home-made beds sticking out from under flapping tarps, and jeep "Four F", hopefully attached to a quarter ton trailer, all hit the road for Spinazzola by 0815 hours, W/O Bell and Lt. Walton in command. One medic went along in case of emergency. Seven (7) patients returned from the hospital, completly recovered from their sad cases of "G.I's". Capt. Brown returned from his reconnaisance in town, lugging samples of wine available for purchase by the contemlated 565 Enlisted Men's club. Hearty indorsement was made by the sampling committee composed of the lst Sgt and Pfc. Irwin Barkan, expert on native wines and others. The location of the new club will be our campsite adjacent to Pantanella Airfield. |
| 23. | The camp area looks a bit shoddy with the gaping vacancies created by the forty-five (45) men taking down their pyramidal tents when they left for Spinazzola. Another movement order was put on the bulletin board notifying sixty (60) more enlisted men to pack their belongings and be ready for call. Captain Brown will accompany this detachment of men, thus leaving Lt.Wallach to break camp. |
| 24. | The sixty (60) men caravan accompanied by Captain Brown left for the new camp area early this morning. There was a hustling and bustling of activity on the part of the medics and the mess hall personnel. Crating of supplies, movement of boxes, rounding up of last minute equipment , etc. The remainder of our personnel breathed a sigh of relief- today was the last day of Depot guard duty. |
| 25. | The entire squadron, save Captain Delson who remained in Bari, was united today. Lt. Wallach led the remainder of the squadron, the seventy (70) some odd miles to our new home. It was a cruel cold ride and the men were glad to arrive all in one piece. Pfc. Murphy fed the starved officers and men a hot cooked meal. The men were surprised to see the vastness of the area, the lovely location, truly a spectacle to behold. |



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Sheet No. 9 War Diary 565th Service Squadron APO 520

Solomon Wallach
SOLOMON WALLACH

Month of March 1944 Prepared by 2nd Lt, A.C., Adj. 565th S.S.

| DAY | EVENTS |
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| 26. | Capt. Brown took protective measures against possible air raids. The tents are all pitched at least fifty (50) yards apart, well dispersed. Preparations are under way to build a wooden mess hall, clean up the one dispensary, and Orderly Room. One thing is quite apparent- the morale of the men is high-all are anxious to build up the area. |
| 27. | It was bitter cold today, but that didn't interfere with the progress we are making in building up the area. The carpenters have their hands full with all types of projects, both large and small, a mess hall, a filing cabinet, a waste paper basket, etc. Steps were taken by the Special Service Officer to secure as much special service equipment as possible. Lt. Walton was instructed to delve into the possibilities of purchasing a radio for the day-room. |
| 28. | Sgt. Domel and his three cooks continue to dish out swell feeds to the men. All the men are cognizant that their appetites are being well taken care of. The officers have a special table of their own, and they too, have nothing but compliments for the kitchen personnel. More wquipment continues to roll into the area dail. It won't be long before the 565 can say "We are ready". |
| 29. | The Special Service department has big plans for the day-room-magazine racks, writing tables, ping-pong tables, pictures--and even a tapestry or two. The volley ball came out of hiding today. The men were lobbing the ball around in the afternoon in preparation of a tournament to be conducted in the very near future. Among the "seasoned" players was none other than the 1st Sgt. |
| 30. | Here is an account of the forming of the Enlisted Men's Club as told by T/Sgt. Fee, the club secretary. Election of officers of the 565 Enlisted Men's Club was held and the following men were chosen by a majority hand vote.M/Sgt. Kuykendall was elected president, M/Sgt. Bacon vice president, and T/Sgt. Fee the secretary and treasurer. This election was held in the squadron area in the presence of the Squadron Commander and assisting officer at 8:30 A.M. In a meeting held later in the day the following committee was chosen. 1st Sgt. Qualters, T/Sgt. Morgann, T/Sgt. Ross, T/Sgt. Smith, and Sgt. Gammarello. This committee to do all purchasing and set up club rules or Bi-laws. It was also decided that dues will be collected from each man in the squadron. Each man to be charged two (2) dollars to back the club, the collection to be taken on payday. |



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Sheet No. 10 War Diary 565th Service Squadron APO 520

Month of March 1944 Prepared by Solomon Wallach SOLOMON WALLACH 2nd Lt, A.C., Adj. 565th S.S.

| DAY | EVENTS |
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| 31. | Today's War Diary is written by a member of the orderly room, Pvt. Dale, who witnessed all that took place.<br><br>"On this day of March 31, 1944 there descended upon the squadron a multitude of unmitigated bliss-grizzled old veterans wept with tears of joy. The occasion was, to wit, that lovely concoction of a drink, American Coco-cola, the pause that refreshes and the receiving of the root of all evil-payroll. The connoisseurs of the culinary art our cooks, really put out a wonderful meal to top off the gala affair". |

Solomon Wallach
SOLOMON WALLACH,
2Nd Lt. Air Corps,
Unit Historical Officer.



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HEADQUARTERS
555TH SERVICE SQUADRON
332ND SERVICE GROUP
APO 520

5 May 1944

SUBJECT: Historical Records

TO : Commanding General, Fifteenth Air Force, Attention: Historian
(Through Channels)

1. Unit History of the 555th Service Squadron for the period 1 April 1944 to 30 April 1944, incl.

a. Facts relating to the origin of the unit: The present designation of the unit is the 555TH SERVICE SQUADRON, 332ND SERVICE GROUP, FIFTEENTH AIR FORCE SERVICE COMMAND.

b. Changes in organization: None.
(1) Changes in designation: None
(2) Transfer of unit: None
(3) Commanding Officer: Captain DONALD M. BROWN
(4) Staff Officers
Engineering Officer: Captain ERWIN B. BELSON
Asst. Engr. Officer: 1st Lt. PAUL L. WILLIAM
Adjutant: SOLOMON WALLACH, 2nd Lt
Air Corps Supply Officer: 1st Lt. JAMES G. WALTON
Mess, Supply & Transportation Officer: 1st Lt. JAMES G. WALTON
Squadron Surgeon: 1st Lt., JAMES J. MOHER
Engr. Shop Superintendent: CWO JOHN BELL
Asst. Air Corps Supply Officer: WOJG JOHN C. WITTER

c. Strength, commissioned and enlisted

| (1) Month of April 1944 | Ø | WO | EM |
|---|---|---|---|
| (a) at beginning: | 6 | 1 | 182 |
| (b) net decrease | | 1 | 1 |
| (c) net increase | | | |
| (d) at end of month | 6 | 2 | 181 |

d. Station: Pantanella, Italy

e. Movements: With respect to the runways, the camp area was moved from the southwest end of the field to the northwest end of the field. Unit moved in sections, accomplishing entire move over a period of five (5) days.

f. Campaigns
(1) Italian
(2) Duration, From 18 August 1943(for air) to present.

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g. Operations
(1) Engineering Section
(a) Commenced operation 25 April 1944
(b) Serviced and repaired 3 B-24's. Sheet Metal shop repaired 2 nose sections, Mechanics pickled engines, Armament shop cleaned and lubricated guns.
(c) Engineering section serving the four (4) bomb squadrons of the 465th Bomb Group.
(d) Gas and oil servicing units have supplied 66,450 gals of gas and 3450 gals of oil for the month of April to all planes on the field.
(e) Work in all shops accomplished with an overall lack of sufficient tools and equipment in all departments.
(2) Tech Supply Section
(a) During month, this section has dismantled and classified over 2000 separate items of stock, and issued more than 400 items of stock to the four (4) squadrons of the 465th Bomb Group.
(b) Section is issuing the following classes of Air Corps Supply: 01B, 02H, 03-ABCDEFGHIK, 04B, 05-ABCD, 10BC, 11AB, 12, 13, 19AB, 21, 22, 23 AB, 25AB, and Class 30.

h. Commanding officers in important operations: None

i. Losses in action: None

j. Members who have distinguished themselves: None.

2. Enclosed is the war diary of this unit for the period 1 April 1944 to 30 April 1944.

For the Commanding Officer:

Solomon Wallach
SOLOMON WALLACH
2nd Lt., AC
Unit Historian

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Sheet No. -1- War Diary. 565th Service Sqdn. APO. 520
Station

Month of April , 1944. Prepared by Solomon Wallach 2nd Lt. AC; Adj, 565th S.S.
SOLOMON WALLACH

| DAY | EVENTS |
|---|---|
| 1 | Tthe officers of the enlisted men's club formulated plans for furnishing the day room. Sgt. Longueil,the Special Service Non Com. built a library shelf for the books. Some of the furnishings, chandeliers and books lie dormant until the day when the day room can be whipped into shape. Volley ball interest increases daily. Today Sgt. Longueil posted a notice for all men who wanted to play as organized teams. The officers wasted no time putting their toes on the line. |
| 2 | Rapid progress is being made on the mess hall by our able carpenters and their assistants. The floor is laidout and the walls are being erected. It will be only a matter of days before the "grand opening". Plans are being made by Sgt. Domel,the mess sergeant,to usher in the grand opening with a razzle- dazzle display (and serving) of the finest there is for the stomach,topped off with pie as only Pfc. Murphy can make. |
| 3. | The carpenters are stepping up their output on the production line.Nails are being drivenin by the score and with good results too. The mess hall has now reached the three-quarter mark and if all goes well, the grand opening should be in a week or so. The squadron owes a debt of gratitude to the carpenters and their assistants for the splendid job they're doing. |
| 4 | Interesting highlights of the day come from the kitchen. Pfc. Murphy gives his account of it. After a long day of bouncing aroun d in a jeep, Capt. Delson(co. baker) and Pfc Murphy (baker) have returned to the cooking barn. Why? You're right, To bake apple Struddel, so after much debate and etc. he was (Lt. Wallach) appointed to the post of apprentice baker to do his bit in baking of the apple struddel.Then we enterd into debate as to the proper and best way to make said apple struddel. The words flew thick and fast,each contending his way was the best and correct way.Finally it was decided to make an apple struddel of pie dough. We tried, failed, and made six apple pies. Lt. Wallach made the filling, we ran out of pie dough, pie filling and patience. So, home to bed leaving Pfc. Hiattto bake the remainder. This narrative published from the life of a slowburner. |
| 5. | The Medical Department of the 565th ServiceSquadron offically openedthe doors of it's new dispensary on April 3rd 1944. We are indebtedto Capt Brown the C.O. for assigning a large room in a native home for this purpose. A great deal of effort and ingenuity was required to transform this into a well equipped and well lighted, sanitary location. Full cooperation was obtained from various members of the squadron called upon for assistance.The skill of the carpenters, electricians, sheet-metal workers and etc. were utilized to provide facilities not found in the usual tent dispensaries. In return we will do our best to provide satisfactory medical care for the squadron. |

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Sheet No. 12 War Dairy. 565th Service Sqdn. APO.520 (Station)

SOLOMON WALLACH

Month of April , 1944. Prepared by 2nd Lt. AC. Adj. 565th S.S.

| DAY | EVENTS |
|---|---|
| 6 | Since our entry into this area , there has been quiet a few noted changes in our special service department. The special service department was formed in order to cater to the men , Special service functions in some sort of organized manner, Through the great interest and hard work of Sgt. Longueil, plus the swell cooperation of the men in the outfit, this organization is well up there as far as keeping morale at a high level. Our special service sergeant's tireless efforts are responsible for all of the diversities that the men enjoy. |
| 7 | Our engineering department got its first official call.A B-24 plane cracked up in the field adjoining our camp cite and we were called upon to furnish what aid we could. Lt. Willman and dozen enlisted men rushed to the scene in our float and took stock of the damage. Our medical officer rendered his services to the injured personnel. This was the first time that our personnel were put to the test and they proved their mettle without a shadow of a doubt. |
| 8 | Success on the day room front.Capt. Delson finally succeeded in buying the long sought for radio for the men's day room.It is a trifle expensive , but a beauty nevertheless. The squadron had its first serious disciplinary case today. Pvt. Vore was placed in the guard house for failure to obey a lawful command of the adjutant. He was charged with the 96th article of War. |
| 9 | Easter and Passover were jointly celebrated by all members of the squadron. The chaplain of the bomb groop conducted protestant services in the circus tent. It was rather a solemn occasion since this Easter was the first for some to be spent away from homeand those whom they hold near to their hearts. Although it was the second experinced by many, the morale was high and all looked forward to the day when this International Holiday could be enjoyed in the manner which each person had known before the war. |
| 10 | The volleyball tournament got underway today, with teams one and two getting togather on the court. It was a disasterous day for the orderly room team as they were beaten in two successive games. Sgt. Appenzeller starred for the winning team. Headquarters of the 323rd Service Group furnushed lumber for our mess hall project. The wasted no time putting the additional lumber to good use. |



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Sheet No. 3 War Dairy. 565th Serv. Sqdn. APO. 520

Solomon Wallach
SOLOMON WALLACH

Month Of April, 1944. Prepared by 2nd. Lt. AC. Adj. 565th S.S.

| DAY | EVENTS |
|---|---|
| 11 | Tech. Sergeant Fee's bookkeeping background was put to good use by the Squadron Fund Custodian, Lt. Wallach. Fee whipped the books into shape, using the rules and regulations prescribed by the Administrative Inspector. Incidently, Sgt. Fee is also the secretary of the Enlisted Men's Club. A little news on the athletic front. The second game was played this afternoon between two more of hte entered teams. Team number three emerged victorious. |
| 12 | The squadron was paid a surprise visit by the Commanding Officer of the 323rd Serv. Group, Lt COL. Johnson. Capt. Brown took him on an excursion tour of the area and the Colonel was very well impressed with the conditions existing . A new employee has been hired to look after the need of furnishing haircuts to the men, the profits made will be turned over to the Squadron Fund. |
| 13 | Lt. Moher, our Medical Officer, informed the squadron that the malaria season has begun in this sector of Italy. Accordingly the supply personnell are taking steps to provide each of the men with mosquito netting, headnets and insect powder. Atabrine will be issued with each evening serving. Our Special Service Officer arranged matches with the Bomb-Group Volley-ball team for this coming Thursday. Coupled with this phase of ahtletic activity is the league in Spinazzola that this organization is a part of. It is the desire of the Special Service Department to have each enlisted man. engage in some sort of activity. |
| 14 | The squadron officers had their weekly meeting in Capt. Brown's room. Among the subjects discussed were the problems that the group headquarters mentioned in their weekly company meeting, the shaping up of the area and promotions within the squadron. Cokes were featured in today's px rations. Some of the men have't partaken of a bottle of coke in the last twenty months. Imagine their joy at being presented a bottle. |
| 15 | Sad tidings today. At the afternoon formation Capt. Brown informed the men that we are to move from this area. A groan went up from the men when they heard that . To many of them it meant leaving a home, a well established , recreational playground, a campsite that couldn't be beat for location as well as scenic sights. However, we feel confident that we can make the neccessary adjustments and continue our work with the same prevalent spirit and morale that has been with us since our date of activation. |



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Sheet No. 14 War Dairy. 565th Serv. Sqdn. APO. 520

SOLOMON WALLACH

Month Of April, 1944. Prepared By 2nd Lt. AC. Adj. 565th S.S.

| DAY | EVENTS |
|---|---|
| 16 | Engineering and Tech Supply made preparations to move their equipment to the new squadron area. In all likelihood, our move to the new area will be executed in the same manner as all our other squadron moves. The incoming mail was unusually heavy this afternoon. Perhaps this surge of mail will take away some of the sadness that has befallen this squadron when they were informed that they were to leave the area within the next ten days. |
| 17 | The weather which had been rather pleasant the past few days, took a slight turn for the worse. The wind was exceptionally strong,but our tents managed to survive its effects. Usual camp duties went on today, meals still good , morale still high. |
| 18 | The Chaplain and our squadron surgeon gave sex morality lectures to the men in the squadron area. Following their talks, Capt. Brown spoke to the men about the graveness of venereal disease, and he stressed the military aspect of the problem, the question of hurting the war effort, lowering the five- sixty- fifth standard, and the possibility of being subject to military discipline if venereal disease occurred. More ratings in the squadron, S/Sgt. Domel now a full mess sergeant, Pfc. Barkan now a Corporal, and Private Dale a promising Private First Class. |
| 19 | A USO troupe put on a stage show at the bomb group and we were invited to attend . As a matter of fact the bomb group Special Service had to extend to us an invitation because we furnished the stage our twenty-five and forty foot flats. The volley ball court was kept warm all during the evening due to the continuous use of the court by the members of the squadron. The more active players are looking forward to the scheduled tournament game with the bomb group. |
| 20 | Our chemical warfare officer, Capt. Delson, gave an informal lecture of the use of thegas mask. He demonstratedthe various positions the gas mask could be wornand also , how it differed from the old mask. After the lecture the men were taken to the gas chamber that the gas non- coms constructed. The men were exposed to tear gas in order to check for defects in the structure of the gas mask. All the masks were found to be in order. |



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Sheet No. 25 War Dairy. 565th Serv. Sqdn. APO. 520

Month Of April , 1944. Prepared By 2nd Lt. AC. Adj. 565th S.S.
SOLOMON WALLACH

| DAY | EVENTS |
|---|---|
| 21 | Chalked up a victory for the squadron basketball team! Our team composed of Lt. Willman, Sgts. Appenzeller, Ehrlinger, Henning, Kirby, and Pvt. Locklear, whipped the 464th's crack team. Agroup of enthusastic rooters watched the entire matchand cheered our team to victory. The officers of the squadron have taken to feuding on the horse shoe field. Capt. Brown and Mr. Bell played against Lt. Walton and Lt. Loher. |
| 22 | The Bomb Group extended to us another invitation to attend the USO. show. We are quite indebted to their Special Service Officer for letting us partake in most of their social activities. The Engineering and Tech Supply are quite aware of the facts and we feel confident that a harmonious relationship will exist between the two groups. |
| 23 | The Commanding Officer of the 15th AFSC., Gen. Beverly, came to our area, escorted by Lt. Col. Johnson and the Engineering Officer, Capt. Nelson of this squadron. Capt. Brown the Squadron Commander received favorable comments from the General and his staff. |
| 24 | Our moving to the new area reached the three- quarter mark late this afternoon. By tomorrow we will be fully there, mess hall and all. Major Carey the Adjutant of the 323rd Service Group, Capt. Thompson, and Lt. Myer, both of the 15th Air Forse Service Command, arrived late in the afternoon and had supper with the officers. They commented favorably on the personnel procedure in the orderly room, our filing cards and cabinets, as well as the other time saving devises. |
| 25 | The squadron has its full complement at the new area. Today the balance of the organization arrived, men , vehicles, and equipment. In many respects the set-up is simular in nature to the days that we went through when we were activated. Once more, we live in tents, orderly room , dispensary, and mess hall included. But we are quite optimistic about us making the neccessary adjustments and settle down to good hard work again. |

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Sheet No. 16 War Diary . 565th Service Squadron A.P.O. 520

Solomon Wallach
SOLOMON WALLACH

Month Of April, 1944. Prepared By Lt. A.C. Adj. 565th Serv. Sqdn.

| DAY | REMARKS |
|---|---|
| 26 | Preparations are under way towards improoving the area that we now occupy. The 809th Engineering Company was contracted in order that we may build somewhat of a company street , a baseball diamond for the men's recreation, a volley-ball court and several enterprises. Chaplain Junk of the 333rd paid us a brief visit and spread his friendly, cheerful greetings among the men. |
| 27 | Four enlisted men were assigned to our organization on our morning report. The unusual feature about this particular assignment was that two of the men are identical twins ! They hail to the names of Ralph and Ray Mallior, both staff sergeants and both engine and airplane mechanics. The orderly room selected personnel for the rotation plan that now exists wherein personnel who have overseas the longest period of time would be sent home. Sgt. Delplane, our crackerjack carpenter was selected as number one on the list and S/Sgt. Hennig was given a number two rating. |
| 28 | A healthy R and a flock of Hallelsoended upon us this morning . Once more we were fortunate enough to get a bottle of coca cola per man. We are recovering from the terrific downpour of yesterday's rain . The 809th Engineering Company donated the use of their grader for the purpose of puking company streets as well as a baseball diamond. Softball will soon be in season and the arrival of the grader is really timely. |
| 29 | The officer personnel was increased by one , a warrant officer who came over on the same shipment as Capt. Brown, Lt. Coker and Mr. Bell . He hails to the name of Mr. Witter and he will work with Lt. Walton, the Tech Supply officer. Two brand new jeeps rolled into the motor pool this afternoon. Our overworked jeeps will get a much needed rest. |
| 30 | Traditional pay call was had today after the afternoon formation. Lt. Wallach, S/ Sgt. Schoenthaler, and Cpl. Barkun were behind the paying table. The orderly room was rushed off their feet with the numerous reports that are required on the last day of each month. When one considers the number of personnel working in the orderly room, One can't help but be dulyimpressed with the output as well as the quality of their work. |

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First Sergeant E. J. Qualters of the 565th Service Squadron, 323 Service Group, trying to kid the public that they're working in their tent orderly rm here in Italy. Photo by Group Photo lab, May, 1944.

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"Cocktail Lounge" rigged up by men of the 565th Service Squadron, 323 Service Group, in Italy. They drink Itsy vermouth, gins and vino. Note the 15th Insignia (AC) in backgroun. Photo taken in May, 1944, by Group Photo Lab.

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Men at work in the 565th Service Squadron Orderly Room, 333 Service Group. Photo taken in May, 1944, by Group Photo Lab.

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HEADQUARTERS
565TH SERVICE SQUADRON
APO 520

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6 June 1944

SUBJECT: Historical Records

TO : Commanding General, Fifteenth Air Force, Attention: Historian (Through Channels)

1. Unit History of the 565th Service Squadron for the period 1 May 1944 to 31 May 1944, incl.

a. Facts relating to the origin of the unit: The present designation of the unit is the 565th SERVICE SQUADRON, 556TH SERVICE GROUP, FIFTEENTH AIR FORCE SERVICE COMMAND.

b. Changes in organization: None

(1) Changes in designation: None
(2) Transfer of Unit: None
(3) Changes in Staff Officers:
1st Lt. WILLIAM M. McCARLEY replaced 1st Lt. JAMES C. WALTON as Air Corps Supply Officer; Captain DONALD A. BROWN is now Squadron Supply Officer in addition to his other duties; and 2nd Lt. SOLOMON WALLACH is now Mess Officer.

c. Strength, Commissioned and enlisted

| | WO | O | EM |
|---|---|---|---|
| (1) Month of May 1944 | | | |
| (a) at beginning | 2 | 6 | 181 |
| (b) net increase | | | 1 |
| (c) net decrease | | | |
| (d) at end | 2 | 6 | 182 |

d. Station: Pantanella, Italy

e. Movements: None

f. Campaigns:

(1) Italian
(2) Duration, from 18 August 1943 (for air) to present

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g. Operations

(1) Engineering Section

(a) Did general maintenance and overall repair on three B-24's and one P-47.

(b) All shops in engineering section are operating despite a noted lack of tools, with emphasis on Sheet Metal, Parachute, Electrical, Welding and Mobile Repair Units. Following is a list of shops and approximate man-hours of work in each for the month of May 1944.

| | |
|---|---|
| Welding | 880 |
| Sheet Metal | 1200 |
| Dope & Fabric | 100 |
| Propeller Shop | 150 |
| Electrical Shop | 800 |
| Machine Shop | 100 |
| Carpenter | 150 |
| Parachute Shop | 2700 |
| Instrument | 100 |
| Armament Shop | 100 |
| Mobile Repair Units | 1000 |

(2) Air Corps Supply Section

(a) A steady flow of 75,000 gals of gasoline and 1000 to 2000 gals of oil per day is being handled by this section both in their reports to higher headquarters and to the actual handling of the material.

(b) An average of over 50 items of various classes are handled both in the Shipping and Receiving sections, per day.

(c) Warehouses are now broken down so that requisitions are handled with much greater facility than ever before.

(3) Administrative Operations, miscellaneous

(a) 30 EM are now attached to this organization for duty with Oxygen units which, at end of month, were supplying oxygen for all planes on this field.

h. Commanding officers in important operations: None

i. Losses in Action: None.

j. Members who have distinguished themselves: None

2. Enclosed is the War diary of this unit for the period 1 May 1944 to 31 May 1944, incl.

For the Commanding Officer:

Solomon Wallach

SOLOMON WALLACH, 2nd Lt. AC
Unit Historian

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Sheet No. 1 War Dairy. 565th Service Squadron APO. 520

Solomon Wallach
SOLOMON WALLACH

Month Of May, 1944. Prepared By 2nd Lt. AC. Adj. 565th Serv. Sqdn.

| DAY | EVENTS |
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| 1 | The first of the month failed to quelch the cold nights that we have been having for the past few weeks. Latelythere has been a bustle of activity in the area. Noted progress was made on our day room as well as the ball diamond that all the players have been sweating out for the past four days. This area isn't so bad after all. |
| 2 | Tryouts were had in the baseball diamond with Sgt. Crowley, an old Brooklyn fan, doing most of the scouting. This evening we have a ballgame scheduled with the 464th Bomb Group at their area. The game promises to be an enteresting one because the Bomb Group wants to avenge the terrible defeat our volley ball team administered to them several weeks ago. |
| 3 | None of us have paid much attention to the enlisted men's day-room. Out of a few loose boards and two tents, Sgt. Qualters saw the construction job through. A new pass system has been in effect for a week. The men now have a choice of working six days and getting off one day or working three weeks and getting a three-day pass . Our neighbors, the Quartermaster Outfit, are furnishing bus service to Bari for those desiring to go there. |
| 4 | Our baseball team went down to a horrible defeat at the hands of the 464th Bomb Group. Evidently, we lack lots and lots of practice. The Orderly Room personnel went to work with hammer and saw and built a floor and railings. This office has all the features of an office in the swankiest section of 5th Avenue. |
| 5 | We finally broke into the winning column on the baseball diamond. The 809th Engineers were the unlucky victims. Evidently Sgt. Qualters and Sgt. Kuykendall never believed in prohibition. Late this afternoon both of them carried into the Orderly Room several hundred dollars worth of cognac, the beverage to be used to quench the men's thirst when they hit the bar on a hot sultry day. |
| 6 | At the afternoon formation the 1st. Sgt. stressed passive air defense, the need for each man digging a foxhole. A little work now might save a lot of grief later on. The officers attended a party at the Second Officers' Club . The Squadron Day Room isn't being neglected either ; work goes on all the time. |

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Sheet No. 2 War Dairy. 565th Service Squadron APO. 520

Solomon Wallach

SOLOMON WALLACH

Month Of May, 1944. Prepared By 2nd Lt. AC. Adj. 565th Serv. Sqdn.

| DAY | EVENTS |
|---|---|
| 7 | Finishing touches are being accomplished on the club. The floors and sides are up now and the lights are installed, with the main squad tent put up by a squad of willing volunteers. Sgt. Kuykendall and the First Sergeant went out on a little shopping tour and returned well-loaded with cognac, rhum, and wine to be added to the stock for the Bar-room. |
| 8 | Baseball Team warmed up on the 1057th QM. losing the game 7 to 4 , but the game only went five innings and the boys seemingly got back in the groove by trouncing the 465th Bomb Group in the second five innings of the day with a score of 3 to 2. Cpl. Barkan was kept busy with the orderly room being short handed and he was forced to blow the bugle, hold formation,and stand guard all in the same day. A complete radio repair trailer was added for the use of the squadron along with five men from the 1151st Signal Company to operate it. They are to do 3rd and 4th Echelon repair which will add greatly to the facilities of the Engineering Department. |
| 9 | The baseball team paid the boys of the 809th Engineers a visit and took them to the cleaners an a hard fought game, score 3 to 2. Our ball team is definitely improving with practice. Much of the credit goes to our fast ball pitcher, S/Sgt. Don Henning. Tables were set in the dayroom along with other furniture such as a magizine rack,a rack for baseball equipment, and etc. The Engineering section reports the addition of an instrument trailer to the squadron and the men in the instrument section have been ohing and ah-ing all day. It is really an improvement over the previous models. |
| 10 | A big event in the social life of the squadron occurred today with the grand opening of the dayroom and the adjoining bar-room . In addition, the ball team scored a decisive victory over the 387th Service Squadron. After the ball game, members of the opposing team were invited over for a few drinks. The 1057th QM sent representatives over to help open the bar, bringing an organ with them plus an expert i n the boggie beat, which helped the festivities out no end. A truly good time was had by all, including all the officers present in the area,who stopped in to pay their respects, and incidently, to sample the stock of beverages on hand. Officiating behind the bar, in addition to our President, M/Sgt. Kuykendall, was Cpl. Bell and Pfc. La Chappelle. |



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DAY — EVENTS

11 The club is still going over with great gusto, there being entertainment going on all the time. This time a hill-billy band, complete with violin, accordian, and guitar entertained us--- the boys really swung out on the old-time numbers and brought homesick tears to the eyes of many of our mountain brethren in the outfit. Our band is partly made up of a group of attached men from the 465th Bomb Group working on gas units and living over by the gas dump. We were promised future assistance with our concerts.

12 Had a ball game and went down to defeat at the hands of the 465th Bomb Group, and even though excuses don't win games, we were winning until so many men were walked by various and sundry substitute pseudo- pitching artists, who were being used because of our key pitcher having a bad arm. Seeing no hope for victory we gave up in despair. So the boys retired to the barroom and drank to future victories. More entertainment at the club with the hill-billies holding forth in an almost "Regular Stand " manner. The squadron also reports the addition of three new generators, one now being sort of broken in around the area. Every little bit sure helps.

13 Squadron received a visit from the XVth Air Force Service Command--- a technical inspection, no less with the experts giving the organization the once over. Results will be forth-coming in the usual report rendered, but Tech Supply and Engineering have definite faith in their work and expect good returns-- morale is high. 1st Sergeant Qualters and T/Sgt Fee went out on a vital "Whiskey Run"---and brought back the first consignmentof a new drink, Cherry Brandy, the sales of which, they anticipate, will bring booze dispensing in Italy to a new high. The "Whiskey Run" committee brought back encouraging, though mysterious, reports of new sources of supply discovered here and there to be tapped when present sources run dry. Reminds us of the old bootlegging days--- nostalgia sweeps over us.

14 Nothing to fear from fires anymore. Nine strong men, complete with the latest of Uncle Sam's fire fighting equipment, just reported in to be attached for rations and quarters. After one little fire in a tent...everyone breathed a big sigh of relief at their arrival. There being no movies,the club literally rocked with rhythm tonight with the combined efforts of the G. jitterbugs on the piano and the hillbillies beating out "My Old Kentucky Home" until the joint literally rocked with stomping feet



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| DAY | EVENTS |
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| 15 | The orderly room came in for its share of the news today, going thru the ordealof an administrative inspection by Group Headquarters. Service records, files, correspondence, forms, orders, circulars, bulletins were pulled out and examined with great formality. The inspection took up the major part of the day and left the orderly room in a nervous state of prostration, keyed up to the point of snapping at each other towards the end of the day. However, we were assured that we were in better shape than expected and had nothing to worry about--- provided, of course that we got on the ball and did this , and this, and that, etc, far on into the night. This is the army, Mr. Jones. Asst. Group Adjutant and the area Red Cross Representative visited the squadron and spent most of their time in the club and bar, with the First Sergeant setting up the drinks and compliments being paid to one and all for the efforts expended on the club. |
| 16 | A piece of equipment arrived today, namely, a motion picture projector, which will do much to contribute towards better spirits. A permanent has been assigned, Cpl. Tosch, who's sweating out the operation now fixing up this and that in preparation for the first unveiling of "Pistol Packing Mama" this evening in the new squadron theatre, consisting of two adjoining tents with a rigged up screen. Much patience was required in straightening out the little difficulties such as a bad switch but the audience sweated it out goodnaturedly. |
| 17 | The squadron was honored today with a visit from General Beverly who landed on the squadron engineering line with a motor in need of repair. Our mechanics went to work immediately while Captain Brown proceeded to show the General around the area. The General was so impressed with the degree of installation and buildings erected that he called his chief of staff and had the orders changed which called for the squadron to move. Right then and there the whole squadron from CO down to the Italian KP's breathed a big sigh of relief and offered up fervent thanks for having worked so hard and long to render the squadron pleasing to the eye. |
| 18 | Whole squadron still talking about the visit ofthe General and thankful that the work is going along smoothly. In celebration of the said event, the cooks came forth with chocolate cake and the world seems a better place to live, today. The theatre has added some improvements, namely a booth for the operator, a phonograph installation so that the boys can enjoy the latest in boogie woogie while waiting for the change in reels and an additional piece of tentage was also installed between the walls in order to give ventilation. |



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COLONEL WALLACH

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| DAY | EVENTS |
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| 19 | Oxygen men began arriving today with a group coming in from the 562nd Service Squadron and another group from the depot in Bari. This is the first installment of many future installments and the squadron anticipates seeing the day when we will be a sort of godfather to a busy beehive of oxygen units across the road. All in all there will be 33 men working on three oxygen units which will bring the number of attached men way up. With oxygen being added to attached radio men and firefighters, the outfit is fast resembling a depot with buildings and tents springing up all around from day to day. |
| 20 | Very slow day today. Only thing new was a movie, "The Uninvited" which was fair entertainment but not exciting. Our personnel sergeant left for a three-day sojourn in Manduria on a special mission to straighten out some service records. The squadron also discovered a talented bugler in the outfit, Pfc, Robert Taylor, who toots a mean bugle and can even swing it in his lighter moments. The boys are now awakened and called to formations by expertly tooted calls. |
| 21 | Lt. Wallach finally returned from his 11 day chemical warfare course. He looked a bit worn out but nevertheless, he was quite enthusiastic about the entire training program that he drew up for the organization. Among the visual and training aids that the lieutenant brought back were charts, poster, and plenty of white smoke and tear gas capsules. The lieutenant said, "if I can succeed in making men respect gas if I can teach them how to protect themselves against gas warfare, my job as Chemical Warfare Officer can be considered complete. |
| 22 | Last night the organization had its first chemical warfare lecture. At 8:30 P.M. the men gathered in the movie tent and they were armed with gas masks, pencils, and paper. The first hour dealt with an orientation of chemical warfare, a brief history of its employment in the first World War and its uses in the second World War. Immediately following the lecture, Cpl. Tosch put on the film for the night, "Jack London". A score of men preferred to attend hardball practice and witness the second performance. This coming Wednesday we play our first ballgame and practice is something that we can't get too much of. |

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Solomon Wallach
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| DAY | REMARKS |
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| 23 | The baseball diamond was given the final touches in preparation for the hardball game that we have scheduled with the 887th Service Squadron. Sgt. Delplane built a beautiful home plate and Sgt. McKnight put up the backstop. The ground was thoroughly dragged and everything is in tip-top shape. A new sign marks the entrance of our squadron, A bomb fin entrance sign. It looks darn good too. |
| 24 | Lt. Wallach's Baseball Wonders played their first Hardball game with the bomb squadron and in policy with their losing their first game they came through with flying colors. They lost by a score of 5 to 2. It was a tight and enteresting ball game throughout, Pvt. Bruce pitching a wonderful game. A horseshoe pitching tournament is in the process of being started in the squadron. The number of enteries will be limited to 16. Already , quite a few officers have signed up and the tournament will be underway shortly. |
| 25 | The second of a series of chemical warfare classes held in the movie tent had the assistance of a blackboard for the use of our instructor, Lt. Wallach. It proved to be quite a bit of help with the Lieutenant pointing out the highpoints. There has been a flurry of activity in the educational field. Books are being requisitioned in order to hold group discussions in elementary subjects such as English,. Grammar, arithmetic,trigonomitryand plain geometry. At the afternoon formation Sgt. Quarters asked the men if they would be interested in such classes and the show of hands was very encouraging. |
| 26 | There was another movie last night. This time there was an added attraction, a government film release on "Why We Fight". It showed the flagrant violations of German, Italian and Japanese aggressors, and how the might of the allied nations succeded in stopping the fascist tide. This mighty effort represents the first step in ultimate victory. There was evidence of much "Blood, Sweatand Tears" being shed in the Squadron, caused by the last minuterush to have foxholes dug before tomorrow's inspection. The pick and shovel brigade could be seen toiling far into the night. |

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DAY EVENTS

27 The flag flew at halfmast today as we bid goodbye to a truly well-liked personality, Lt. James S. Dalton, our popular Tech Supply officer, who departs for new fields to conquer. Higher headquarters says move---the Lt. is moving, but he leaves behind him a host of friends in each department of the squadron both among enlisted men and officers. Orderly Room announces the addition to its staff of S/Sgt Stewart A. Cunningham, our new chief clerk, who comes to us with extensive experience in civilian and army life. Orderly Room also announces the policy of reorientation in that each man on the staff is given definite and well outlined duties. Word also comes from the Engineering Dept. that the long awaited tools for our mechanics are arriving in quantities sufficient to cope with the increasing work being piled up on the line.

28 A new officer reported into the Squadron. He hails to the name of 1st. Lt. Personally a Tennessee native with nine months of overseas service ,,his job is Tech Supply. Sunday is the quietest day of the week, no movies , no athelet cs, no social affairs . The special Sunday dinner of fried chicken more than made up for the shortage of other things.

29 We celebrated July 4th a bit early. At the chemical warfare demonstration, Lt. Wallach with the help of his gas Non-Coms let fly a barrage of harmless white smoke and also a little tear-gas. One enlisted man wasn't quite fast enough and he went down under a copious flow of tears. Gas warfare wasn't quite sufficient to detract from our soft ball teams' ability. We had a game with the 1057th QM and we whipped them by ascore of 5 to 2.

30 Mail was exceptionally heavy today. It looks as if the men had plenty to write home about and rightly so. We have a daily movie, a bar, plenty of atheletic activity going on all the time. Good chow three times a day, showers not too far away, athletic contests with other organizations for that all important "esprit De Corps", yes, we have the makings of a well solidified organizatio

31 Pay call today. The 1st Sergeant read off the name s and the men stepped up in front of the pay table and Capt. Brown paid them off Yes, it was as simple as all that CAL. Brown took up the barber collections for the month of May and the total collections were 18 dollars and fifty-five cents. Quite a bit of haircutting. Lt. Meher had the usual "short-arm" inspection and the results were very satisfactory. A darn good movie last night, Mickey Rooney in "Girl Crazy".

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HEADQUARTERS
565TH SERVICE SQUADRON
APO 520

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6 July 1944

SUBJECT: Historical Records

TO : Commanding General, Fifteenth Air Force, Attention: Historian (Through Channels).

1. Unit history of the 565th Service Squadron for the period 1 June 1944 to 30 June 1944, incl.

a. Facts relating to the origin of the unit: The present designation of the unis is the 565th Service Squadron, 323RD SERVICE GROUP, FIFTEENTH AIR FORCE SERVICE COMMAND.

b. Changes in organization: None

(1) Changes in designation: None
(2) Transfer of Unit: None
(3) Changes in Staff Officers: None

c. Strength, commissioned and enlisted

| (Month of May 1944. | WO | O | EM |
|---|---|---|---|
| (a) at beginning | 2 | 6 | 186 |
| (b) net increase | — | — | 27 |
| (c) net decrease | — | — | — |
| (d) at end | 2 | 6 | 213 |

d. Station: Pantanella, Italy

e. Movements: None

f. Campaigns:
(1) Italian
(2) Duration, from 18 August 1943 (for air) to present.

g. Operations
(1) Engineering Section
(a) Did general maintenance and overall repair on 13 B-24's, one (1) P-38, and one (1) Mosquito.
(b) The Hydraulic Shop commenced functioning during the month with the return of 2 EM from Hydraulic School in Bari, Italy. A flow of tools began during the month which has aided materially in this section almost

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doubling its production for the month of June 1944. Following is a list of all shops, approximate man-hours of work for month and percentage of increase over preceding month.

| Shop | Man-hours | Increase |
|---|---|---|
| Dope & Fabric | 122 | 20% |
| Carpenter | 226 | 75% |
| Electrical | 514 | 65% |
| Sheet Metal | 1376 | 10% |
| Armament | 375 | 300% |
| Instrument | 112 | 10% |
| Machine Shop | 92 | 00 |
| Parachute | 557 | 60% |
| Hydraulic | 55 | New |
| Welding | 398 | 150% |
| Propeller | 281 | 50% |
| Mobile Units | 2500 | 150% |

(c) Engr. Section has gone forward in its productive ability by designing and constructing its own Mobile Repair Units, a complete Electrical Shop and is now building a machine shop.

(2) Air Corps Supply Section
(a) The gas and oil for the field is now being handled by this section in connection with the 387th Service Squadron and the section has been complimented by the Bomb Groups for its excellent work in this line.
(b) Output has increased almost double over last month due to the arrival of many new items into the Depots. Almost 100 items are handled in Shipping and Receiving per day.

(3) Attached Operations
(a) A total of 56 EM and one (1) officer are operating four (4) oxygen units have been supplying all the oxygen used on this field.
(b) Twenty (20) EM and one (1) officer are also attached to this organization for rations and quarters who have been of considerable value during the month killing fires in damaged planes.



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Page 3, Historical Records

h. Commanding officers in important operations: None

i. Losses in action: None

j. Members who have distinguished themselves: None

2. Enclosed is the war diary of this unit for the period 1 June 1944 to 30 June 1944, incl.

For the Commanding Officer:

Solomon Wallach
SOLOMON WALLACH
2nd Lt., AC
Unit Historian

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Solomon Wallach Jan
SOLOMON WALLACH

Month Of June, 1944. Prepared By 2d Lt AC Adj 565th Serv Sqdn

DAY EVENTS

1 The beginning of a new month for all of us and the beginning of a third year for some of us. The chemical warfare lectures took on a serious aspect tonight. Lt Wallach, our chemical warfare officer for the squadron, asked for volunteers for a mustard sensitivity test and six men stepped forward! Who says that the G I Motto, "Never Volunteer" is still in effect ?

2 Our PX staff consisting of Cpl Nell and Pvt Dvinoff brought back a warehouse full of rations. Among the specialities and features of this week's ration was a coke per as well as six pieces of assorted candies---something unusual about the chewing gum this time....the sticks were individually wrapped with silver wrappings, Reminds us of civilian days.

3 Finally won a ball game today. Lt Willman pitched a beautiful game of ball and had the opposition in hand all the time. Encouraging news comes from the tech supply carpenter shop, Sgt Cafarello taking it upon his shoulders to build the squadron a ply wood ping pong table. Sports is on the march in the 565 S S.

4 Sgt McKnight and Pfc Isakait started working on the squadron shower unit. Ample shower heads will be provided in order to make sure that we won't have a line to sweat out. The men have sweated out enough lines in their time and every line less they have makes it easier and quicker the adjustments in the civilian days to come.

5 Added attractions can be seen in front of the mess hall. Pin up signs that appeal to the salivary glands were put up by the mess officer. One sign is entitled Sub Branch of Howard Johnson, the other, the menu of the day with space for any featured items.

6 There could be only one event on this day of days--- One of the most important days of the century---the opening of the second front in Europe. Everything else paled into dim insignificance. 565 men spent the day huddling agound the radios, pouring over maps, discussing the significance of the event. The event, to us, wasn't marked by the playing of brass bands, or big celebrations, it just left everyone stunned. The figures surpassed imagination to those listening- 4,000 ships, thousands of airplanes, hundreds of thousands of soldiers, 100 planes strafing every gun emplacement. After about the 5th or 6th broadcast, the significance of the event began to be driven home. This marks the beginning of the deathknell of fascism and all the horrible things it stands for.

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DAY REMARKS

7 Looks as if the boys haven't forgotten the days of the ole swimmin hole. Last night we had our first treat to the Italian beach. Capt Nelson allowed the men the use of the flat bed for the occasion. Immediately after supper, forty some odd men scrambled atop of the flat bed and away they went. The tired but happy men said that it was wonderful---.

8 Lt Wallach had a rather busy day posing for photographers. The 325rd Group sent several photographers to the 558th to take pictures of the squadron at work. The photographers chose the mess hall, the special service department, and the orderly room. Lt Wallach being the mess officer, the special service officer, and the adjutant, had a time keeping up with the photographers.

9 Ya hey again and what a time Sgt Hall had in making the breakdown of the assorted candies, gum, and odds and ends. It isn't an easy job to take the rations for 245men and distribute them to 800 men. Finally won another ball game last night. We throughly trounced the Bomb Group's team by a score of 17-3. Resembles basketball more than baseball.

10 Quite a few men have arrived into this organization the past few weeks. A good many of them are fresh from the states, still have that bewildered look of, "What, no maid service?" Tech Supply, Engineering, the Motor Pool, will be assigned part of the men upon Captain Brown's interviewing them. In the meantime these rookies are beautifying the area, whitewashing the stone borders around the dispensary and generally reop.

11 Today the Squadron rejoices--- Higher Head quarters summoned two of our men to appear before the Colonel to receive the "Great Tidings", that their names had been approved for rotation and that would soon be on their way to the good ole States. These men Sgt Dolphere and Sgt Fitch had a full two years of overseas service, and were both worthy of the honor of being selected for the grand occasion. It is with the best wishes and blessings of the squadron to see them off---yet we will miss them a great deal for both men were well liked and performed their duties faithfully throughout their stay in the squadron.



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| DAY | EVENTS |
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| 12 | The Howard Johnson's "Greasy Spoon" announces that fried chicken will decorate the menu tonight, and what a meal it turned out to be with the men giving the mess hall the bum's rush and men also falling in line to form a real chow line. The work on shower unit is fast nearing completion, it now being only a matter of a couple of days until they should be ready for use just as soon as we can get drainage for the unit. |
| 13 | Athletic facilities for the 563th Service Squadron can be considered as adequate. Yesterday we aquired a 3/4 in ply-wood table for the ping pong enthusiasts. A detail of men was assigned to put a fly win breaker around the table. Nothing like providing ping-pong comforts for good ping pong players. A debt of gratitude is owed Sgt Camarello for his earnest endeavors in making this table for the men. |
| 14 | Highlighting the activities of the club was the arrival of the five-piece "Hill-Billy" band. A rollicking time was had by all to the tune of the latest song numbers that managed to find their way to this sector of Italy. Cpl Fitch and Sgt Delplane bid farewell to the organization last night. They are headed for home after spending 24 months overseas. Good luck to both of you and "Bon Voyage". |
| 15 | Looks as if the squadron is going to have a weekly newspaper. Sgt Barkan, the orderly room classification expert, found time to devote his journalistic talents toward making the paper a success. He christianed the paper the "T S Ticker", a very worthwhile name for men in a service squadron where gripes are their cheif pets. The question of rotation arose once more in the squadron. This time it will be on a much larger scale and it will involve at least 20 percent of the squadron's strength. |
| 16 | PX again, beer, cokes, hershey bars, what a glorious way to remind the overseas soldier what the US would be like. Rations consisted of a coke per man, 4 bars of chocolate, a package of gum, a beer for every two men, and a cigar with 8 packages of cigarettes in addition to an assorted odds and ends that every soldier needs. What will next week bring ? |
| 17 | Heartning news for those men who have been overseas a long time and who have a fervent desire to go home after the enemy has been brought to their knees. Yesterday a news flash came over the radio that American B-29's had bombed Japan's capitol Tokio. Now an optimistic feeling runs through the organization that Japan won't hang on long after Germany has bit the dust and her satellites fallen about her. The enemy will be in for a rude awakening when they bear the brunt of the full fury of the impending allied attacks. |



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| DAY | EVENTS |
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| 18 | A set of by-laws were initiated by the club officials, laws that would govern the club policies concerning the hours of the club, club dues, eligible members and a whole host of other vexatious problems. An interesting thing to note is that elections would be held every three months, commencing July 1st. |
| 19 | The shower was finally completed after three solid weeks of planning, sweating, digging and hauling of water. Credit is due Cpl Isakait, Sgt McKnightand Sgt Qualters for seeing hhe tedious job through. A great improvement was noted in the club--there was a decided change for the better, the men are improving their drinking manners, glasses aren't being broken. Perhaps the $.50 breakage charge is responible for the change. |
| 20 | The fates wouldn't let us win two ball gamew in a row. Once again we bowed to a better team, the 387th Service Squadron. Does that dishearten us? Certainly not! Our wounds will be healed by gobs and gobs of ice cream that will be served to the men on the morrow's supper menu. |
| 21 | Special Service Section fo the squadron functioned in earnest today with the first bingo game before the movies and beer for prizes. The movie tent was crowded with eager beavers rooting for the beers and one lonely coca cola. The winners were Lt Ellis and Sgt Sgro. It looks as if the squadron will have to do without movies for awhile. The projector hasn't been functioning as well as it should and the movie operators, Cpl Tosch and Cpl Crothers decided that it would be best for all parties concerned to take time out and have it repaired. Friday it goes to the group for repairs. |
| 22 | We had visitors last night, an Italian Major and his wife. Capt Brown invited them to our evening show and ironically enough one of the features was a "Why We Fight"series. Imagine the feelings of the Major and his wife as they saw the pictures of Mussolini in all his glory and the sobering up enough to realize that all this was a thing of the past. |
| 23 | Another PX day and with coca cola as the main attration. Lt Wallach and his Px staff sold the rations and Sgt Barkan acted as chief cashier. The net sales were approximately $275.00. Lately we have received a few more men in the squadron. Most of them are rookies from the statesand the rest of them have been overseas for quite some time. We feel confident that they will accustum themselves th the 565 spirit and atmosphere. |



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| DAY | EVENTS |
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| 24 | We've come to the conclusion that we don't stand a chance without our star pitcher, Lt willman. The Bomb Group came down in full force, vengence in their hearts. They remembered the volley ball pasting they received at our hands, and they ran up a merry score of 15 runs. We made a measly 5 runs and that was a gift too. The squadron has need of pitchers and players, aside from that we have a good team. |
| 25 | Last night's ballgame was an exciting one, arguments, decisions being reversed by the umpires, pinch hitters, relief hurlers, everything went into the game, nothing was spared. Although we lost by a score of 7 to 3, we put up a whale of a scrap. |
| 26 | Real honest-to-goodness chicken soup for supper tonight and the men went for it in a big way. The kitchen boasts a little more rank now, Pfc Jones made Corporal and Pvt George made Pfc. A new form of athletics is dominating the scene, the game is known as ping- pong, and the men really go in for it. |
| 27 | The baseball team is really getting on the beam for we took the Bomb Group team into camp for a drubbing such as we seldom see administered to a team, score of 14 to 2. Our star pitcher Lt. Willman striking out 14 batters. Also we had a couple of our men to clout out homers, namely Sgts McKnight and Appenzeller and one of them with the bases loaded. Looks as though we have a few sluggers in the outfit now that they have demonstrated what they can do. |
| 28 | Two big features today. The first being, the news that four of our men have been accepted for rotation to go home next month. These men all have 25 months of overseas duty and are T/Sgt Pappy O'Connell, Sgt McKnight, Cpls Huffman and Jones . Ahappy day for these men is soon to dawn when once more they will see the states and their families. The other feature of the day was the ic e cream for the evening meal and plenty for all. A treat that we hope to continue now that we have means for it. |
| 29 | We couldn't make it two in a row on the ball diamond. The 464 Bomb Group continued their winning ways by edging out a victory by the slim score of 6 to 3. Tight pitching by both pitchers kept the runs to a minimum. There was quite an attendance at the ball game with over a hundred men cheering our boys on, |
| 30 | Another doubleheader today... pay call and PX call. This weeks ration featured a coke and four bottles of beer to a person. Getting to a point where a man wouldn't feel quite the same person if he didn't get his full quota of cigarettes, cigars, coke, beer and candy, plus his toilet articles for the week . But nothing is too good for these men who are serving in the overseas armed forces. |

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| DAY | EVENTS |
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| 1 | A new month has rolled around and most of us have faint hopes that the war in Europe will soon be drawing to a close. New interest has been shown on the progress of the war. In front of the Orderly Room is a huge sign "War News" showing the progress of the war in the various theatres, France, Russia and Italy. Thus it becomes an easy matter for anyone of the squadron to see the progress of the allies in Europe. |
| 2 | We had our usual church services and mass was held for our boys of the Catholic faithalso. The afternoon featured our regular ball game with the 307th Service Squadron and as usual we went down in defeat by a score of 5 to 0. One of these days we will beat them, but the question is what day ? There was a noticable absence of officers today. Lt Moher, Lt Wallach and Mr Bell were all away from camp. The remaining officers had their hands full censoring mail. |
| 3 | The squadron was presented with a real treat today. The famous violin player, Jaschax Heifetz, gave a concert at Cerignola and this squadron was represented in the audience. Those who attended had nothing but praise for the maestro. We owe our gifted friend a debt of gratitude for traveling these many miles in order to perform for those who are out in the field. |
| 4 | Two truckloads of men left for Bari, Italy today in order to attend the gala celebration of our July 4th holiday. Games were played, hot-dogs, soft drinks, and a tract meet featured the day's events. Usual camp activities went on, men working on the line, orderly room clearing the decks for the early month rush, and men coming in for their one and three day passes. |
| 5 | S/Sgt Willie Lonel, our mess sergeant, surprised the men with the evening meal. The menu included hamburgers, fresh vegetables, and as a dessert, vanilla ice cream. A little additional rank entered the mess hall, Cpl Soto is now Sergeant. |
| 6 | Quite a few activities today. This afternoon trucks were sent to Foggia to allow the men to witness the rodeo. That should appeal to the men from Texas of the outfit. Tonight our movie projector will flicker once more in the show tent. The squadron had been without the projector for over two weeks. The movies will certainly be welcomed by the men. |
| 7 | Four cans of beer and a bottle of coke featured the PX sales of the day. A new face was seen behind the PX counter, Mr Witter, of the Tech Supply assisting the regular staff. Our ping-pongteam came into prominence once again. We played a game with the 408th Service Squadron and lost by a score of 8 to 1 games. |

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| DAY | EVENTS |
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| 8 | Rotation has finally come to this squadron again. Four men, T/Sgt O'Connell, Sgt McKnight, and Cpls Huffman and Jones were selected to go back to the states. We wish them all the luck in the world. Here's hoping that it won't be too long before all of us are on the same "boat". |
| 9 | The second man to leave for the states on the very heavy bombardment training, S/Sgt Chester V. Clark, left very early this morning. The men in Tech Supply will miss him as well as the other members of the squadron. His leaving will make a total of five men in the past two days. |
| 10 | Everyone looked forward to the evening meal with great impatience and with good reason, the menu consisting of, savory turkey and browned potatoes. Even our Red Cross gal "Lil", gave Sgt Domel the nod of approval by saying that she hadn't tasted such "Tasty cooking. Another list is being prepared for rotation, those men who have eighteen months of overseas duty now becoming eligible. Sgt Orth A. Kelly the reliable man who keeps our generators in working order has his name at the top of the list. |
| 11 | Lt Willman, our star pitcher, was notified that he was to be sent to the rest camp for a week. As a gesture fitting for the news he batted and pitched his way to a 12 to 7 victory over the Bomb Group boys. Incidently Lt Willman is the first officer to be sent to the rest camp. |
| 12 | Our projector will be given a royal reception tomorrow evening. We've taken over the former 809th Engineers' building for our new location and the theatre will retain its former name "Pantanella Movie Palace". This new location will be able to seat all of our movie fans and our visitors as well. The evening menu was decorated by the presence of both vanilla and chocolate ice cream, and do the men really go to town on it. |
| 13 | An official baseball league was organized at the Pantanella Air Field. The league entries include the 565th and 387th Service Squadrons, and the 464th and 465th Bomb Group teams. The 565th got off to a flying start by snowing under the 464th Bomb Group boys with a barrage of runs, the final score being 16 to 7, T/Sgt Lake was the winnning pitcher. |
| 14 | Today was PX rations day again, which consisted of four beers, a coke, several bars of candy and the regular cigarettes rations. The eighteen months overseas men left for Barletta today to do a bit of celebrating. Mr Bell, our Transportation Officer was good enough to furnish a truck for the ocassion. The men who made the trip all claim to have had a very nice time. |



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DAY EVENTS

15 Today our baseball team suffered another defeat at the hands of the 387th Service Squadron. The game was hard fought and the final score was 10 to 7 with our team on the smaller end of the score. Work was begun on the flooring of the kitchen and Cpl Isokait and his able assistant Pvt Coates are doing a swell job of it. This almost completes the ultra-modernizing of the "Greasy Spoon", which will help to keep our kitchen in "Cafeteria Style.

16 The big feature of the day was, namely, that our Medical Officer, 1st Lt James J. Moher is now a Captain, a well earned, and deserved rating. In all of our Army Careers we boys have not met or known a better Medical officer, to us the Doc is really "Tops", and each of us extend to him our hearty "Congratulations . Keep up the good work doc.

17 Lt Col Johnson paid us an informal visit early this afternoon. Capt Brown showed him the area, the Colonel seemed to be well pleased. Something new has been added to the Special Services. Lt Wallach has held our first of a series of orientations, on "Why We Are Fighting", the new movie palace serving as a very appropriate place for these lectures.

18 The squadron held its first gala field affair. Tug of war, relay races, baseball tosses, wheel barrow races, and horseback riding. Prizes in the form of cigars and beers were awarded the winners. The spectators were also rewarded for their cheering the contestants on, each receiving a cigar. As a fitting climax, the Tech Supply and Engineering played a game of ball with the Tech Supply winning by a score of 6 to 2.

19 Today our baseball team handed a real drubbing to the visiting security team, by a score of 9 to 2. The two runs for the visiting team coming in on the final inning. The winning pitcher Pvt Earl Coates had plenty of backing and pitched quite a game consifering that he had a bad arm and could have pitched a much better game had he been in shape. Our visiting team had the real spirit of a ball team, and even though they lost by a big margin they took it on the chin.

20 The big feature of the day was the stage play of Irving Berlin known as "This Is The Army", by an all male cast of G I's. It has proved to be the most popular by far of anything in the way of intertainment for the men overseas. The play was filled with laughs, thrills, surprises and plenty of fun for all. There were some very good facsmiles of the lovely ladies by , with Call Jos [illegible] by top level [illegible] attended.



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DAY EVENTS

21 Very good PX rations today, consisting of four cans of beer, two bottles of coca cola, and several bars of Hershey chocolate. Sgt Sgro our new Special Services non-com is now assisting in PX sales. Today three men left for rest camp in the Eternal City, where we know that they will enjoy seeing the sights there. Rome is by far the largest of Italian cities and the cleanest, the most historical and one of the oldest. Aswell time is expected for these men.

22 Another group of men from the 565th Service Squadron was privileged to see "Irving Berlin's" classic, "This Is The Army". These men make a total of about sixty men who were fortunate enough to see this grand play. There is a lot of favorable comment in the squadron as to what a hit the show has been, with a lot of disappointed men in the outfit who were not so fortunate as to be able to see the hit of the year.

23 Rather a lack of activities as far as the administration angle is concerned, but Engineering waskept very busy. Quite a number of planes have met with accident and Capt Nelson and his men have been really kept on the ball. Men serving on guard duty have been sort of roughing it a bit, for the shifts have been from six to twelve hours a throw. Really tough on the men.

24 We lost another of our Manduria officers. Capt Nelson our popular Engineering Officer, was transferred to the 406th Service Squadron. He addressed the men at the morning formation told them that they should give the new Engineering Officer a break and work as good under him as they have under the Captain. The Squadron's personnel both men and officers will miss Capt Nelson and we wish him good luck with his new assigment.

25 The colored security team played us a return engagement of baseball this evening but without avail. Once more the score was potentially in our favor, nevertheless the boys were good losers and can be expected to come back for another try. Lt Willman pitched a nice game score being 15 to 4, this makes the third game we have won in a row, can we make it four is the question.

26 Capt Nelson our former Engineering Officer came over for a visit with Squadron, ate supper with us and enjoyed very much the meal especially the ice cream. Sgt Domel has been getting the ice-cream regularly now and we hope he continues the good work. If there is anything that contributes to a good morale for the men of an organization, it is having a good mess sergeant and Sgt Willie Domel is proving to be just that. Keep up the good work Willie and our squaks will be held to a minimum.



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DAY SYNOPSIS

27 Lt Willman received orders from Group Headquarters to report to Spinazzola for an indeterminate period of time to act as Engineering Officer. From the looks of things Lt Bell may be transferred to Engineering Personnel and we hope that the new Engineering Officer will be able to cope with the situation.

28 PX today, the usual four cans of beer per individual, chocolate bars, and cokes. A new time record for running the line through the PX tent. Three hundred men in a little more than an hour's time. We received word that three day passes were to be elimated due to the fact that an increased percentage of men were going to rest camps. This means that the men will get a break from their routine of duty, who are not to be immediately sent home on the rotation of enlisted personnel.

29 The first rain in three weeks descended upon us in torrents today. Although it definitely put a crimp in the plans of the day it did cool off the area from the blazing sun. Our new Engineering Officer has been on the go since his arrival at this squadron. Three planes have cracked up in this vicinity and he hasn't had a breathing spell yet.

30 A new officer, Lt Snyder joined the organization late this afternoon. In all likelihood his job will be that of the Squadron Mess, Supply, and Transportation. Sunday was rather a quit day. few activities going on except the usual church services. This evening we had a nice supper, "Fried Chicken". This was the best cooked chicken to date.

31 Over Two hundred men attended the second of a series of orientation lectures. The topic was a timely one, "The Role Of Yogoslavia", in "World War No 2". The speaker was a Yogoslav Partisan who fought the Germans in the first few months of the war. A question and answer session followed the excellent talk with quite a lot of interest shown in the various questions put to the speaker. We also had a photographer was present to add publicity to this orientation class.

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AUGUST

1 Another in a series of trips was made to Trani by a very imposing committee consisting of T/Sgts John and Earl McCann, Ralph D. Fee, and Sgts Agro and Parkan who visited the Sgt in charge of the ATS Palestinian girls, Sgt Leah Koch, in order to arrange for dances to be held the following Sunday. Plans are coming along fine ---- the hall is to be the former Fascist Club, with fancy chandeliers, places for the bar and refreshments. The committee's mission was accomplished in that all the girls promised to be there.

2 A baseball game was played with the colored team from the Security Section and the usual accompaniment of laughs and jokes was displayed by the negro boys who cheer every play. The mess hall treated the outfit with a fine meal of ice cream, chicken, mashed potatoes and vegetables with bread and butter.

3 Names are being gathered for the dance today and it seems that the entire organization wants to take in the gala affair, and it looks like that there may not be enough women to take care of the situation. Plans are being made to approach the Polish and Yugoslavian delagations for additional female support. Another ballgame was played with the 387th Service Squadron and believe it or not a severe trouncing was delivered the former unbeatable 387th. It has also become apparent that our Adutant is away at rest camp, what with someone else having to do the War Diary and the assistant Adjutant having to take over the duties.

4 The Squadron welcomed the new Commanding Officer into the Organization, Capt Harry V. Percy, formerly of the 563nd Service Sq. The Captain hails from Texas and gives the lone star state a good majority in the Orderly Room. A new, intensified program of cleaning and policing the area was inaugurated today with the hiring of additional Italians to dig pits, straighten out the bumpy places in the highways and straighten up the tents. The organization also bid goodbye to Mr Witter, of the Tech Supply. Every one of us liked Mr Witter and we wish him the best of luck as he joins his old outfit, the 563nd.

5 Another ballgame was played with the 485th Bomb Group and we again emerged victorious. Our team has really been improving from its playing and coaching... Lt Snyder, who recently came into our organization resumes the duties of Squadron Supply and transportation Officer and promises to keep things rolling over in the Motor Pool but not at the sacrifice of the equipment.

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| DAY | EVENTS |
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| 6 | Preparations are at the highest pitch for the dance with the Squadron Baker, Cpl Murphy busy for two whole days rounding out plenty of cakes and doughnuts with lots of icing---the F/Sgt, Qualters and Mess Sergeant Donel sat on the Mess hall floor and prepared sandwiches by the dozan....Trucks came from the 2234th Trucking Co., loaded the men on off we went to Trani. Over 70 girls there which made the dance a huge success. The dance was conducted in a orderly manner and yet everyone enjoyed themselves throughly to the tunes of Lt. Mattia's orchestra, group special service officer. In fact, the dance was so successful that the Yugoslav commissar invited the whole organization ot one of their dances to be held in the near future. The committee felt quite proud at being complimented by the Group and most of the men who attended for the huge success of the whole thing. As an additional feature the Yugoslavs and the Palestinians gave us a sample of their dances, national dances, which provided a bit of color and made the crowd more at home... |
| 7 | Squadron still talking about dance, especially the lads who dated up many of the girls for this week. Ball game again with the colored security outfit and it seems the games are really played for exhibition due to the fact that the score sounds like a track meet, however the keen delight they get out of the game more than makes up for the lack of competition Another contingent of lads was booked for home today with about 9 battle-weary GI's to follow towards Potenza, within the next day or two. |
| 8 | A special trip to Bari, Italy is being planned for 15 men to hear the Symphony orchestra. Tickets have been purchased and it promises to be an evening of good entertainment. The squadron area is whipping around into shape under the expert guidance of Cpl Isokait, the Squadron Utility man. Public Relations, a new feature of the Service command, is beginning to function under the able direction of Sgt Barkan, the PRO Clerk, who has sent in some promotion stories and more promised in the near future. |
| 9 | Lt. Wallach returned to the organization after an admittedly excellent time. Concert proved to be good entertainment with the boys all hepped up about seeing John Barbirolli next Wednesday. New competition popped up with the 408th Service Squadron coming down for a try at hardball. However, we realize this is their hardball game and we welcome further contests.... |

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| DAY | EVENTS |
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| 10 | Delicious roasted chicken topped by pineapple pie fatured the kitchen's specialty for the day. Cpl Murphy once more played baker to the squadron and the men went wild over his pies- wild to the extent of coming back for seconds and thirds. Sgt Domei, the mess sergeant, promised us that ice cream will be had once every week. |
| 11 | Capt Percy attended his first group meeting of unit Commanding officers. The usual PX rations arrived on schedule-a truck- load full of beer, cokes, hersheys, soap, lighters, and other useful gadgets. A raffle was held for those who had designs on the prizes and Cpl Murphy broke all records by copping three un one drawing! |
| 12 | We lost five more of our original Manduria men. S/Sgts Vaccaro, Varn, Sgts Nickerson, Marsh and Cpl Adams left for the United States to be assigned to some very heavy bombard- ment organization, Tent inspection results were very favorable and 1st Sgt Qualters read a personal message from Capt Percy, commending the men for their ingenuity in making the inspection a successful one. |
| 13 | Everything was flowing along smoothly in the organization until the Adjutant, Lt. Wallach, received a call from Major Carey of the Group notifying the Lt., that his promotion had gone thru and he is now a First Lieutenant. With a shocked look and trembling fingers, the Lt. placed the receiver on the hook, stood dazed for almost two minutes and then sprang into action---beers, candy, and cigars were generously dis- tributed---all 6 of them---while Capt. Moher was photoed while pinning the bars on the Lt. In fact, the whole day was pre- occupied with this momentous occasion at least until 4:30 in the afternoon when the shine began to wear off the silver a wee bit. |
| 14 | Another orientation class was held in the theatre, the topic being, "What Shall The Fate Of Germany Be? A lively discussion came from the 200 men present. Quite a few shades of opinion were voiced, everything from indeavoring to make Germany a republic to wreaking revenge on the populace for the crimes committed against all those innocent nations. Climaxing the orientation Cpl Crothers put on a film "City Without Men." |



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| DAY | EVENTS |
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| 15 | What else could be the subject of conversation on this day--what else could be described but the invasion of Southern France---? Every available radio in the invasion---we're with them in spirit. All around on could hear admiring comment as to the growing precision and efficiency of the Allies with each invasion---woe unto Japan when we get around them! |
| 16 | The music lovers of this organization were given a treat. A truck left for Bari and the usual young Beethovens climbed on board bound for Bari. The program was a popular one, Beethoven's 5th symphony as only John Barbirolli could conduct. The officers were represented too, Lt Wallach going with the enlisted men. |
| 17 | An appeal was made to the men to return the books that have been floating around the area. Sgt Sgro, the special service non-com, is busy building the library shelf for the books. The officers owe Cpl Isokait and Pvt Coates a debt of gratitude for the wonderful job they did in building them a shower, They should be especially cool tonight, the shower at their |
| 18 | disposal and ice-cream for dessert. |
| 18 | PX day again! The rations are seaming to be on the increase with 3 cokes to a man-4 bars of good Baby Ruth Candy (6-new type cans of brew to each of the men in the outfit. Our sales of PX--had little trouble in distributing-the rations among 330 odd-men,-(with Lt. Wallach our Px officer personallydistributing the sales-we now have a very stream lined program in getting each man his allotted needs. |
| 19 | Today we initated a rool call- at the morning Formation, with Four Platoons of 4 squads each. It will now be an easy matter & to ascertain just who is at formation and just who is absent. The Weather man has again smiled through tears at us. With a light shower this afternoon and now with a good solid rain. It will not be long until old man Winter will again be with us. |

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| DAY | REMARKS |
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| 20 | A new project is under way...the building of another mess hall for the enlisted men. Cpl Isokait and Pvt Coates were seen hard at work, putting bricks together, hammering nails into frames already built, and putting their artistic touches on the construction. Sgt Camarello built benches and tables to go with the building and the men are beginning to comment about the luxuries of sitting at the tables and eating like civilians once more.... |
| 21 | Another orientation was held tonight and the guest speaker was Major Pease of the 465th Bomb Group Intelligence Section. He spoke to the men about the existing conditions of the various war fronts. Visual aids were used in the form of map slides were used to help clarify the location of the cities, rivers, and mountains most heard of on the widely scattered battle fronts. Once more the attendance was close to the 200 hundred mark, firefighters, Oxygen men, and the colored security men being well represented. |
| 22 | Good news for some of the men who have been overseas for 32 months and longer. We were notified that 6 more of our men are scheduled to go home on rotation, M/Sgt Bacon, Sgts Marusa, Shuler, and Love, Cpl Bidwell, and Pfc Bruce. A few more of the friends of music left for Bari to attend another opera, "The Barber of Seville" Quite disappointing was the general concensus of opinion. |
| 23 | Baseball and a swell supper dominated the scene. The Mess Sgt was the star attraction for both occasions. In the mess hall he whipped up a supper consisting of fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green peas, fresh salad, and ice cream. On the ball diamond he performed equally well as pitcher, setting the opposition with one scant run and two hits. |
| 24 | Today-8 of our men returned from the Potenza Rest Camp all fresh-and rested ready to go back to work and contribute their share in winning the war, work on our new Mess Hall is progressing favorally and it should not be long until we will have an all modern and up & date Mess hall where we will be comfortable seated and can eat to our heart's content. |



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MONTH Of August 1944. Prepared By 1st Lt AC Adj 565th Serv Sq

| DAY | EVENTS |
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| 25 | Px day again with a goodly amount of-rations for all-consisting of 6 cans of beer, 3 bottles of Coca Cola, 4, bars of Good chocolate candy. And our regular amount of Cigarettes, plus a number of prizes to be distribuited to the men such as (3) Ronson, Cigarettes lighter, and Parker and Eversharp Pens are certainly something to be coveted and are hopefully looked forward to by all the men of the Squadron. |
| 26 | Finally played our first official league game against the 464 Bomb Group. Down to defeat after 3 innings of hectic play-- no pitcher who could find the plate. The CO of the Group and the Administration dropped in on us and they gave us a thorough going over. No serious faults were found but enough remarks were made. |
| 27 | Relatively a quiet day today. Church services were held for those of the Protestant faith, the Chaplain of the 465th Bomb Group conducting. There was a little excitement in the mess hall. One of the fire units generated too much heat and fire shot out. Sgt Stuart, one of our first cooks had the presence of mind to grab a fire extinguisher and put out the blaze. Very little damage was done thanks to his efforts.... |
| 28 | For three days the club officials advertised a gripe session that was to be bring to the surface any of the problems that the men wanted to bring up before the club officials. A number of men attended the session and the topics were varied. Why doesn't the mess serve relishes more often, why can't chow be served a little earlier, why don't the bartenders show up on time...etc? |
| 29 | Lavish preparations are underway towards getting a second dance under way. A committe comprised of Lt. Wallach Sgts Barkan and Sgro, have made the rounds, visiting Yugoslavian officials, Palestinian. Officials renting a hall: arranging for an orchestra and refreshments. The number of men who will attend should approach the 200 mark and if such is the case we might be conforted with a problem of acquiring additional dancing space. |

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565th Service Squadron APO 520

Solomon Wallach
SOLOMON WALLACH

Month Of August 1944. Prepared By 1st Lt AC Adj 565th Serv Sq

| DAY | EVENTS |
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| 30 | Our chances of staying in the ball league improved since our star pitcher Lt Willman returned to the bullpen. We played the second game of our series was played with the 465th Bomb Group and the results were good for the home team. The victory entitles us to play in the semi-finals. A few of the officers are rather optimistic about staying here for several more months. Capt Moher, Lt. McAnally and a few others have bought stones assurances that they will not freeze this winter. We earnestly hope that they won't have the opportunity to move into their new dwelling, not that we begrudge them comfort but because we hope to see the end of the war in sight by the end of this war....and us on the move once more. |
| 31 | The most popular day of the month today, payday. |

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SOLOMON HALLACH

Month of September 1944. Prepared By 1st Lt AC Adj 565th Serv Sq

| DAY | WORD |
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| 1 | The new month was ushered in with a 2½ ton truckful of PX rations. While the PX staff was busy distributing healthy rations, S/Sgt Domel was toiling on the mound for the home team, the entire organization turned out to see him hurl his second successive Victory over the colored troops. This victory made as undisputed champs of the airfield! |
| 2 | New preparations are underway forward building another dining hall for the enlisted men. Bricks, cement, wood, labor, it is just a question of a few days before the second grand opening will take place. The officers haven't been neglected-a dining room for them is in the plans too. |
| 3 | The squadron had another successful dance last night. Once more Cpl Foote and his orchestra provided the music and once more the Yugoslavians and Palestinians provided the dancing partners for the GI's of the 565 Air Service Squadron. Cpl Mayer helped put over the dance by furnishing delicious refreshments, golden layers of chocolate cake, meat sandwiches, cheese sandwiches, drinks and everything that smacked of making the evening a more enjoyable one. |
| 4 | Engineering has really gone to town on its wonderful work of repairing aircraft. Its gotten so that ships don't clutter up the area when they come in for an overhauling. One, two, three, and out they go. We have a wonderful combination in Lts Dunn, Willman, and Mr. Bell. As a matter of fact, both are contemplating going to the isle of Capri for a well deserved rest.... |
| 5 | The first sergeant called a meeting of the first three graders to settle a few of the club problems facing the entire squadron. New elections were held and these were the results. The President is now T/Sgt McCann, vice president T/Sgt Shepard, and the new recorder secretary is T/Sgt Fee. Rules and regulations are being drawn up and they will go into effect in very short order. |
| 6 | Fresh vegetables and ice cream featured the supper meal. S/Sgt Domel put out a delicious meal comprising of stew, roast potatoes, corn on the cob, spanach and ice cream. Additional improvements were seen around the squadron mess, garbage cans neatly painted, racks for the surplus food stuff, another mess hall for the enlisted men. Not bad at all considering that we have no buildings.... |

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Sheet No 8 War Diary 565th Air Service Squadron APO 520

Month of September 1944. Prepared By 1st Lt AC adj 565th Serv Sq SOLOMON WALLACH

| DAY | EVENTS |
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| 7 | Leaves for the servicemen are becoming more frequent throughout the service command. It is quite evident with the increased acceleration of the allied offensive that the life of the GI will become a bit more pleasant, that is, as pleasant as circumstances will permit. Today four more men left for Potenza Rest Camp... |
| 8 | Another Friday rolled around and once more an abundance of PX rations greeted the men. New personnel waited on the eager customers and they served them in record breaking time. Stars and Stripes were thoroughly digested by the men because it contained an article of all importance... "The question of demobilization". |
| 9 | Men still recovering from the effects of the beer last night. It's getting to be a habit for all tents to have a "stay-at-home" night on Friday to sort of catch up on lost beer-drinking. Lt. Wallach just received notification that he's to leave for Rome tomorrow in charge of a group of GI's also Rome-bent. The Lt. has been working hard and deserves a rest. |
| 10 | Have been having a flurry of patriotic gents eager to become gunners--taking physicals, writing applications, scurrying to and fro making arrangements, so here's hoping they make it. Ten more men are to leave for Potenza Rest Camp in the morning, men with lots of time overseas. An additional mess hall is about completed. Looks good. It has two sections, one part mess hall and the other part a recreation room and mail room with ping-pong tables. |
| 11 | Mess hall was officially opened today with guys mobbing the joint to get to play at the ping-pong table. In addition, a new service was installed--music while you eat with with someone always around to put on a record when needed. One could see that the music is appreciated by the more fact that the men take longer and longer to eat with each meal....and perhaps they'll over-look an occasional C-ration meal. |



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Month of September 1944. Prepared By 1st Lt AC adj 565th Serv Sq

| DAY | EVENTS |
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| 12 | Mail room was moved today into the new recreation room and the old mail tent torn down since it was beginning to be an eyesore. Another series of inspections took place today with the Tech Supply and Engineering sections coming in for a bit of scrutiny. In fact, the whole outfit is becoming "inspection-conscious" even the mess hall has its displays of pies or cakes, whenever made, right in front where an inspector couldn't miss it.... |
| 13 | A new hot water heater, really a big thing, was toted into the area today and we were given to understand that we can now have hot water within ten minutes of installation.... which is welcome news to anyone having to stand under that icy, cold stuff up to now. Stones are being set up in preparation for construction of a new edifice...the kitchen. Plans are all completed and work will start tomorrow. One of these days we'll really be comfortable around here. |
| 14 | The orderly room finally got out the payroll and it was kinda tough being as it involved 35 more men added to the payroll. In addition to the extra Oxygen men, a new method of bond deduction was initiated this month involving the completion of 3 new forms to improve the one old one... In addition to the payroll, allotment business was transacted today. Another inspection today. |
| 15 | The adjutant, special service officer, morale officer and what have you finally returned from his trip to Rome. Wonderful tidings and the latest news from Capital Hill... the war is nearly over and that in terms of morale news means that ways and means will have to be devised to keep the men in a happy frame of mind until the day of going home rolls around. Lt Wallach really has a full time job waiting for him. |
| 16 | Had a snappy inspection at the morning formation and Lts McAnally, Dunn, and Snyder, as well as Mr Bell acted as platoon leaders for their respective platoons. The snap and precision with which the gala ceremony came off looked so good that group headquarters' photography section was called and asked to send photographers to our next dress and rifle inspecting. The men really looked smart and they would have done justice to any reception center parade. |



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| DAY | EVENTS |
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| 17 | The orderly room has a new addition to their staff, a Sgt Maloney. It is quite remarkable the way the orderly room personnel have done their work despite the obvious shortage of man power. Prior to this man coming in the orderly room have managed to get out the details with a bare four man staff consisting of S/Sgt Schoenthaler, Sgt Barkan, Cpls Dale and Brown. With this new addition, the staff should have somewhat of a breathing spell... |
| 18 | The mess hall really turned out a whiz-bang meal for supper The first cook on shift for that meal was none other that Sgt Soto. Of course, credit should be given the mess sergeant for supervising the thing through to a "T". Everybody walked away from the mess with such a contented look on their faces...one thing is certain, the mess will serve their all until boat time. |
| 19 | Articles of war were read to the men, Lt McAnally and Mr Bell doing the honors. That should hold them for another six months and for our part that can be the last time for World War #II. Ping-pong enthusiasts are answering the call for play. The Special services Officer posted a notice asking for players to participate in both a singles and doubles tournament and the response has been fairly good. |
| 20 | Six more of the original cadre 565 left for the states. M/Sgt Bacon, Sgts Love, Marusa, Shuler, Cpl Bidwell, and Pfc Bruce. All these men have been overseas 26 months and are really deserving of going back to civilization. The last glimpse they got of the squadron was not a heartening one as far as they were concerned. The men were formed into platoons and marched out to the drill field and they hutted around for a half hour. Nothing like getting ready for Saturday's inspection. |
| 21 | Today little happened tonight we had a general review on Chemical warfare, which in a general review covered the course we had previously taken from our Chemical Warfare Officer, Lt Wallach. Also tonight we had a good movie, Holy Ma Matrimony" with, "Monty Wooley and Gracie Fields an the leading characters. This was really a good show and all that attended enjoyed it very much. |



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| DAY | EVENTS |
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| 22 | K rations were distributed to the men, beer and cokes being the big attractions of the day. We had a five man crew working behind the counter and they turned out the rations to the men in short order. While the rations were being given out, the ping pong team was busy with t the 387th team. We won by a handy score of 5 games to 2 Lt McAnally and Lt Wallach entered in the doubles match and they emerged with flying colors. |
| 23 | Saturday's class "A" inspection was held this morning and quite a bit of pomp and ceremony went with the gala affair The photographer of the 388rd was kept quite busy taking pictures of the inspection, of Sgt Quelters reporting to the CO that the men were ready. Each platoon was called to attention as the photographer knelt to take them at their best. Quite a morning! |
| 24 | 565 Cinema put on a double feature today., a reel of GI shorts plus another reel of GI shorts. Movies and Ping pong appeared to be the only forms of recreation for the enlisted men during this restriction period. After witnessing the hardships and agony that our fighting allies are going through in France and the Low Countries our share in contributing toward a smashing defeat German War Maching appears to be rather small. But we realize that a service squadron plays an important role in this combined effort towards getting our boys home in a hurry. |
| 25 | Attendance at our orientation classes reached an all time high last night. Major Pease, the S-2 Officer of the 465th Bomb Group made his second appearance before the men and the results were terrific! It appears that the present orientation hall isn't quite large enough for the eager audiances which is more than good enough from our point of view! |
| 26 | A new concoction was tried and proved successful by the kitchen personnel...Yes, fresh peach ice-cream...and was it good!!! You have to hand it to the mess sergeant for putting our well balanced meals come hell or high water. The men really appreciate his efforts too. |



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HEADQUARTERS
566th SERVICE SQUADRON
324th SERVICE GROUP
APO 520

U.S. Army
7 April 1944.

UNIT HISTORY: From Activation, February 15, 1944 to March 31, 1944.

1. Organization activated 15 February 1944, at Manduria, Italy, Per GO #8, Hq XII AFSC, dated 27 Dec. 1943, Per par 2,3,10,11,12,13,15, & 22, SO #39, Hq Serv Ctr. #62, dtd 14 Feb 1944.

   Activation Orders included three (3) Officers and one hundred thirty one (131) Enlisted Men.

   At the end of February, the Organization consisted of five (5) Officers, one (1) Warrant Officer and one hundred sixty three (163) Enlisted Men.

   At the end of March, the Organization consisted of six (6) Officers, two (2) Warrant Officers, and one hundred eighty one (181) Enlisted Men.

2. Station of Unit.

   a. Organization left Manduria, Italy on 2 March 1944 arrived at Bari, Italy at 1400 hrs on 2 March 1944. Traveled by Motor Convoy.

   b. Organization left Bari, Italy on 13 March 1944, and arrived at Pantanella, Italy at 1530 hrs on 13 March 1944. Traveled by Motor Convoy.

3. Marches: None.

4. Personnel at other Stations:

   a. Nine (9) Enlisted Men on Detached Service at Macalone, Italy, Departed 15th February 1944. Returned 18 and 23rd February.

   b. Ten (10) Enlisted Men on Detached Service at (Secret Destination). Departed 28 February 1944, Returned 4 March 1944.

5. Campaigns, Battles or Contact with the Enemy: None.

6. Casualties: None.

   a. Individuals who have distinguished themselves in action: None.

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Unit History Cont'd of 566th Service Squadron 7 April 1944.

7. Any other information of Historical Value: Since the date of activation this Organization has been under the Command of three (3) Headquarters, namely 62nd Service Center, 11th Air Depot Group and 323rd Service Center.

NAME Richard G. Healy
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UNIT 566th Service Squadron
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Sheet No 1 War Diary, 566th SERVICE SQUADRON, APO 520, U. S. Army, Month of Since Activation 15 Feb 1944 to 31 March 1944. Prepared by RICHARD G. HEALY, 1st Lt, AC, Unit Historian.

| Day | EVENTS |
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| 15. | Today the 566th Service Squadron came of age. Composed of men from the 16th 50th, 51st, 83rd, 346th, 385 and 457th Service Squadrons, we all pitched in to make our area and quarters as comfortable as possible. It is a pleasant day in February, not too cold for this time of the year. All cadre personnel were definitely assigned to one unit or another and things in general became more permanently settled. Everybody thinks the food is the best in the west. |
| 16. | The enlisted personnel take full opportunity of attending the Special Service Motion picture program in this locality which is nearby. Pictures are generally very good. In addition the opera is another note of interest to all. The administrative section of the squadron is busily engaged in completing initial rosters. Men from the 457th cadre arrived without personal records. |
| 17. | And then the rains came!! The more you walked the taller yo u got as with the rain comes the inevitable mud, clinging faithfully to your shoes. Daily routine of improving the camp area was somewhat hampered. |
| 18. | The men, working like beavers, but with reversed intentions, were seen deepening and opening the trenches around their tents, as they had evidence from last night that it can rain in Italy. |
| 19. | The day was spent in setting up additional tents, which were received with great welcome as the arrival of new personnel practically daily was creating a minor housing problem as the initial tentage was proving inadequa te. |
| 20. | The day was spent working like beavers on the entire camp area. |
| 21. | The squadron was a mother of four new men today as well as the welcoming back of the same number from detached se rvice. |
| 22. | The carpenters have been doing a swell job in the manufacturing of office, Mess and miscellaneous equipment. |
| 23. | Men spent the day fighting the rain and pulling various details - they were getting their share of guard duty and various complaints were heard in "GI" style. |
| 24. | Two new Officers assigned and joined, namely Lt Davis and W/O Doughty. Lt Davis, Squadron Surgeon was put right to use as several men were fighting severe colds. |
| 25. | The day was spent filling in tremendous mud-holes in the squadron area and making the camp itself a better place to hang out. |
| 26. | One more Officer assigned and joined, namely Lt Healy who immediately was given the job of censoring the squadron mail. It was a victorious da y for the 566th as our fighting basketball team took the measure of the 565th Service Squadron. |
| 27. | Nothing worthy of note to mention except usual squadron details. |

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Sheet No 2 War Diary, 566th SERVICE SQUADRON, From 15 Feb 1944 to 31 Mar 1944.

| Day | EVENTS |
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| 28. | The organization grew larger today as thirteen more men reported for duty. Our Tech Supply and Engineering Equipment started coming in and our outfit started to take shape. |
| 29. | As this is Leap Year none of the men went to town as they feared the Italian Senioritas would corner them. |
| 1. | The month was started off right by getting movement orders. Two hours after the movement orders a majority of the personnel was packed and on trucks ready to take off for their new destination, Bari, Italy. Lt Healy and Sgt Corbell's tentmates stayed behind as the rear detail. The first echelon spent the night in a crowded hanger at Depot #5. |
| 2. | The start of a new day the men once again started from scratch in setting up their camp area. This appears to be an ideal location as it is near Bari which seems to be a nice city. |
| 3. | The day was spent completing the camp setup and we managed the 565th in a way to get the ideal spot for the mess hall. The men appear to be in good spirits as they have a good Red Cross and Movies at Depot #5. |
| 4. | Something different happened today - the men saw a Sex Morality Show and they requested a "Bug's Bunny Cartoon" for a co-feature instead they saw a British delousing film. It is sure that they had the proper effect on the men. |
| 5. | The Orderly Room was a place of hectic activity as the men had to prepare umpteen rosters for men detailed to work at Depot #5. We also managed to squeeze in a softball game but the diamond was marred by rocks and abundance of sheep manure. |
| 6. | Today the area looked like a Ghost City as all the men were on detail at Depot 5. The men came back stating that they were shipping and receiving clerks but in reality they were just pushing various crates around the depot. |
| 7. | Lt Masterson and his Tech Supply men are really procuring the multiple type of equipment that goes with a Service Squadron. Once again we received movement orders and late at night the anti-aircraft boys got some practise at firing at some unidentified aircraft. |
| 8. | The mud at Bari is just as thick as it was at our last place, Manduria. The rains came and many tents had running water. |
| 9. | Our motor Sgt, Sgt Bender, and his crew are trying to set up a motor pool in a limited spot. All vehicles are now stenciled so we should not have any more complaints on that line. |
| 10. | Notified that we had some heavy equipment at Naples so Sgt McFerren, Pvt Bukovac, and Pvt Christensen were detailed to pick up same and join us at our next station. |

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Sheet No #3, War Diary, 566th SERVICE SQUADRON, From 15 Feb 1944 to 31 Mar 1944.

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11. Today six bags of mail came in and the morale went sky high because they had been sweating out mail call for a long time. Cpl Kleiman, our mail orderly, handles our mail in true Jim Farley fashion.

12. Spent the day packing our heavy equipment in preparation for another move.

13. Left Bari in a violent rainstorm and took off for Fantanella, Italy. All personnel hoped this would be the last move for some time. The men felt as if they could easily qualify as a gypsey.

14. We're now under the 323rd Service Center and they properly informed us that we would operate under a new T/O & E. Our squadron area is nothing more than a mud hole but (C'est-la-guerre)

15. Our organization is located about twenty-five miles from Headquarters and our carrier is getting plenty of mileage traveling back and forth between Headquarters. It's plenty cold around here now and the men are busy looking for fuel for their improvised stoves.

16. Yes, the rains are still coming down and the men are crying for overshoes.

17. It's not raining this time but it's snowing like hell. Some of the boys from the South really got a thrill from seeing all the snow.

18. A gloomy day for some of the men in the organization - the Group CO stated that all beards would be shaved off. That almost broke Sgt Pate and Ogletree's heart as they both had been cultivating their beards for months.

19. By now the men are walking around in the mud as though they have web feet. We ha d our first basketball practise at Lavelle and the court was about twice as large as a pyramidal tent. It appears as though we can have a pretty fair ball club.

20. The 803rd Engineers are good fellows as they invited our outfit to attend their shows three times per week. To top it all the first show featured Frankie Sinatra but none of the boys swooned. Sinatra must be loosing his grip.

21. We've seen everything today; black snow was falling down. Mt Vesuvius must be really erupting. We played our first basketball game today with the 809th Engineers and their superior conditioning proved the turning point of the game. Furey, Ogletree were outstanding for our game. Our referee, Sgt Lurding, was the Engineers main asset.

22. Our basketball players were stiff as all heck today but they will round out into shape. We are starting to get our squadron broken down and ready for operation. The Airfield is coming along fast and should be ready in about three weeks.

23. Twelve new men arrived today and three of our Tech Supply men, namely Sgt Wise, Sgt Gregory and Cpl Sisk were sent to Bari to attend a conference on Air Corps Supply. We played Company "B" of the Engineers tonight and once again we were behind when the game was over. Pvt Henry and Sgt Furey starred for our team and Lt Healy also went through the motion.

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Sheet No 4, War Diary, 566th SERVICE SQUADRON, From 15 Feb 1944 to 31 Mar 1944.

| Day | EVENTS |
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| 24. | The rains have stopped and the men once again proved they can set up a good looking area. Engineering tents are all setup and Lt Banner and his staff are waiting for the call to go to work. |
| 25. | Our hustling basketball team won a ballgame as well as some money as some of the fellows had some at stake. Henry and Ogletree accumulated 36 points between them. The men are happy because they realize they have cooks instead of glorified can openers in this organization. Pvt Fields certainly is to be commended on his work in the kitchen. |
| 26. | Today is Sunday and a number of the men got dressed up and attended services in Lavello. |
| 27. | The weather is once again fine and the men are speculating as to when the Airfield will be completed. |
| 28. | Permanent buildings are being errected, including a mess hall, dayrool and Tech Supply. It appears as if we will really have a setup in a few weeks. |
| 29. | Our boys are getting set to enter the basketball league a t Spinazzola. The Special Service Officer procured a phonograph for us and we had music round and round. |
| 30. | Today is a day that you usually have to read about in the papers other than really seeing them, it seems as if it will be Sunny Italy for a change. |
| 31. | This is the day tha t everyone has been looking forward to. This is payday a day of dise and poker games. Our orderly room staff has been busy filling out money orders, PTA's and Soldier's Deposits. Everything was going along smoothly and out of a clear blue sky - once again we got moving orders. Back to our gypsey life once again. |

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566th SERVICE SQUADRON
324th SERVICE GROUP
APO 520

7 May 1944.

SUBJECT: Historical Records.

TO: Commanding General, Fifteenth Air Force, Attention: Historian.
(through channels)

1. Unit history of the 566th SERVICE SQUADRON, 324th SERVICE GROUP, for the period 1 April 1944 to 30 April 1944.

a. Facts relating to the orgin of the unit.

(1) Original designation - 566th Service Squadron, 62nd Service Group.
(2) Place and date of activation - Mandurie, Italy, on 15 Feb 1944.
(3) Authority for activation - GO #8, Hq, 12th AFSC, dtd 27 Dec 1943.
(4) Sources from which original personnel were obtained - 16th, 50th 51st, 83rd, 346th, 385th and 457th Service Squadrons.

b. Changes in organization.

(1) Unit transferred from 323rd Service Group to 324th Service Group, 3 April 1944 per par 9, SO #90, Hq, XV AFSC, dtd 31 March 1944.
(2) Commanding Officers - Capt McLeod vice Capt Goodbread per Assignment Instructions No 26, Hq, 324th Service Group, dtd 9 April 1944.
(3) Other Officers - Lt Licata vice Lt Davis as Squadron Surgeon per par 4, SO #68, Hq, 323rd Service Group, dtd 31 March 1944. Lt Wurdeman vice Lt Banner as Engineering Officer per Assignment Instructions #23, Hq, 324th Service Group, dtd 7 April 1944.

c. Strength, commissioned and enlisted.

(1) Month of April.
(a) at beginning 189
(b) net increase 34
(c) at end 223

d. Stations - Pantanella, Italy and Sterparone, Italy. Left Pantanella, Italy on 3 April 1944 and arrived Sterparone, Italy same date.

e. Movements - Movement from Pantanella, Italy to Sterparone, Italy was made by motor convoy, uneventful move. Advance party left 2 April and the remainder of the organization left 3 April 1944, arrived same date.

f. Campaigns - None.

g. Operations - Flying Fortresses arrived at this new base on 22 April 1944 and have been participating in the all-out bombing of Nazi-Europe.

For the Commanding Officer:

Richard G. Healy
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| Day | EVENTS |
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| 1. | Capt Goodbread and It Masterson journeyed to Foggia to look over our new location. The men feel kind of letdown about moving as we were getting our area in good shape and we were all ready to operate. Ten men left today to attend Oxygen School in Bari and we hope they come back knowing all the answers pertaining to O-2. |
| 2. | Our Squadron area was broken down today as the advance detail packed bag and baggage and left for Sterparone. A last moment change was made in the Officer personnel as Lt Licata repleced It Davis as Squadron Surgeon. |
| 3. | We severed relations with the 323rd Service Group and were assigned to the 324th Service Group where we hope to develop the best Service Squadron in the Group. Our journey to our new destination was uneventful but as soon as we arrived things began to happen --- And how??? We were greeted by a big, rugged looking Major, whom we later learned to be Major Richardson. He outlined the work that was in store for us. In short, our future details are to consist of cleaning out numerous and sundry Italian houses for our future home. To say these houses were dirty would be putting it mildy and it seems as if half the manure of Italy was concentrated in the series of buildings that are to be our Engineering Section. |
| 4. | Manure was litterly being shoveled in all directions as the boys pitched in to remodel their future home. It was the roughest work the men had done in a long while and it certainly built up their appitites. It didn't make 12 of the men mad at all to go on Detached Service for awhile. |
| 5. | The men are still busy and will be for the next couple of weeks working as construction engineers. The personnel section attended a meeting at Group Headquarters pertaining to the new Form 127 which will soon be out. The men are complaining about being stiff and sore but a few more days work will iron out all their stiffness. |
| 6. | Some of the men are learning a new trade. They are now acting as bricklayers and they are doing a very good job too--- without the benefit of Union wages. Spring weather is coming to its own now and after work the boys are turning to softball. We lost Capt Goodbread to Group Headquarters today but our loss is their gain. |
| 7. | Good Friday --- and a number of the fellows took off from shoveling manure and attended church. Another change took place today when It Banner was transferred out and Lt Wurdeman came in his place. |
| 8. | The buildings are shaping up; what a difference a few days can make. Major Richardson certainly is doing a wonderful job in transferring this place from a series of beaten up buildings to a nice Squadron Area. |

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Sheet No 2 War Diary, 566th SERVICE SQUADRON, APO 520, U. S. Army, Month of April 1944. Prepared by RICHARD G. HEALY, 1st Lt, AC, Unit Historian.

| Day | EVENTS |
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| 9. | Easter Sunday - our first day off since we arrived and almost all the fellows attended church services during the da y. The afternoon was a very quiet one as most of the fellows were out of the Squadron Area. The boys came back from town boosting about how nice the Red Cross was in Foggia. |
| 10. | We now have a new Commanding Officer, Capt George L. McLeod and he took over the reigns "pronto". Amoung our visitors today was Col Kaufman, our Group Commanding Officer, who looked the area over and seemed to be pleased with it's possibilities. Lt John Setaro of the 1975th QM outfit provides our rations and incidentally, he was once a G.I. with quite a number of the men. He seemed pleased to see his old buddies, namely Sgt's Furey, Miller, Bender and all. |
| 11. | Everything is going along smoothly and each day brings our area closer to its completion. Still there is plenty of work ahead of us and the men are doing a good job as constructionists. We now have a volley-ball court set up and it is being put to good use after working hours. |
| 12. | After work today a few of the boys went in to Foggia to see the opera "Madame Butterfly" and they were quite satisfied with the cultural uplift. We also played our first league soft-ball game tonight as the 350th Service Squadron defeated the fighting 566th. It was a good game and we hope to win the next time we play them. |
| 13. | The boys are now working on a make-shift shower and that is something we really need. The American Soldiers can certainly hold their own when it comes to making improvised fixtures to improve their comfort. Father St John, the Group Chaplain, came out today and gave the boys a swell "pep talk". He certainly made a great impression with themen. |
| 14. | Showers are now operating and the men look 3 shades whiter. Extra-curricular activities are in full swing as the volly ball and soft ball players really go for it. Our ball diamond is in rough shape with the mess hall nested right in the center-field. It will do for the time being until we can fix up a real diamond. Horseshoe pitching seems to be popular with the boys - especially those from the West. |
| 15. | The Orderly Room has now initiated a new filing system which is a great improvement over the old one. We had a tent inspection today and the CO was impressed favorably with the looks of the area. Our new orderly room will certainly be a terrific improvement over our old one which has everything jammed into a pyramidal tent. |
| 16. | Col Kaufman dropped out today and said the field will be in operation in one week. Now it really is a race against time to get things set up; especially in the Technical Supply and Engineering Sections. Church Services were well attended. In the Evening the Orderly Room boys defeated the Officers in a snappy volly-ball game. In fact Capt McLeod's all stars looked very sad. |

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17. Tech Sgt Bohler left for the USA today on emergency rotatio n. We certainly hope he starts having better luck and that his young wife recovers from the injuries she received as a result of her brutal kidnapping. Our soft ball team won it's first game as a last inning rally, featured by Don Furey's home run, defeated the Headquarters Squadron of the 324th.

18. We had a little excitement today-when our improvised showers caught on fire. Our two orderly room pencil pushers, Ogletree and McCarthy saved the day by hustling out a fire extinguisher and snuffing the fire out. Things are running smoothly and each day brings us nearer to our ultimate goal.

19. We won another soft ball game as our hustling ball club defeated the local APO, 3 to 0. The new orderly room is just about complete and we are all set to move in. The living quarters are also just about completed and the great emphasis of our work is concentrated on the Tech Supply and Engineering buildings.

20. Well, well, well, we finally have moved into the new orderly room and is it spacious. A separate room for the CO and Adj as well as a separate room for our mail clerk is available. We believe our orderly room is the nicest that exists overseas and is to be compared with any back in the States. We are definately big time operators now.. The men have also moved into buildings and they have been living in tents so long that they can't believe they are actually sheltered in buildings.

21. We lost a soft ball game by the score of 5-0 to an Ordinance Company. We expect our planes to come in tomorrow and we are really anxious to operate once again; we are ready and waiting for them.

22. Here they come; - Our B' 17's came in today at about 1330, majestic as ever, and now we are all set to operate. The 483rd Bomb Group have been keeping us jumping but we have been accomodating them as best we could. The sheet metal section is very busy now because some of the planes were hit by flak on their last mission.

23. Church services were conducted by the Bomb Group's Chaplain and they were well attended. The Fortresses left on their first mission from this new base at 1100 and we hope all the bombs strike home. Their target was some strategic spot in Austria. We had a practice soft ball game tonight but it turned out to be a farce; no one was hurt however so that's a help.

24. The 17's left at 0830 today and came back at 1400 after bombing Yugoslava. We lost another soft ball game tonight 7-0 but this will have to stop. About 2030 we had a red alert but nothing exciting happened; it was a good check for our black out system though.

25. Our courier broke down going into Foggia but "Zeke" Ogletree, never one to be discouraged, continued the journey on foot and just did get the Morning Report in on time. The planes took off for a mission but couldn't complete it due to inclement weather.

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| Day | EVENTS |
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| 26. | Our total strength is now 7 Officers and 214 EM and we are approaching T/O strength. Everything is now humming as a Service Squadron should. Engineering has their hands full repairing Fortresses which flak has damaged. Tech Supply section also has been working day and night and their stock is all set up. Cpl C. C. Martin has been kept very busy commuting to Bari with the 40 foot flat bed procuring many supplies for the Bomb Group. |
| 27. | Special Service has supplied us with a radio which we immediately put into good use. All we have to do now is pick up some good programs. It was pleasant seeing a couple of American Red Cross Girls behind the serving line at noon. The doughnuts they were serving were good too. |
| 28. | Distinguished visitors paid us their compliments today. General Beverely and Col Kaufman made a thorough inspection of the area, and although we don't want to sound too cocky, we believe both were favorably impressed. |
| 29. | We had our first movie and it certainly helped the morale of all the men. From now on we plan to have three movies each week. |
| 30. | Summer was nice while it lasted but it was a short one. It rained all da y and was plenty cold too. The regular rush was on as it was payday. Incidentally, we took in around four thousand dollars for PTA's and Soldier's Deposits; it is plain to see the rosey time that the fellows plan on having when they hit the good old USA..... |

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566th SERVICE SQUADRON
324th SERVICE GROUP
APO 520

7 June 1944.

SUBJECT: Historical Records.

TO: Commanding General, Fifteenth Air Force, Attention: Historian. (through channels)

1. Unit history of the 566th SERVICE SQUADRON, 324th SERVICE GROUP, for the period 1 May 1944 to 31 May 1944.

a. The present designation of the unit is 566th Service Squadron, 324th Service Group.

b. No changes were made in the organization or Officer Personnel during the Month.

c. Strength, commissioned and enlisted.

(1) Month of May.
(a) at beginning 223
(b) net increase 1
(c) at end 224

d. Station - Sterparone, Italy.

e. Movements - None.

f. Campaigns - None.

g. Operations - The Fortresses completed many successful missions and on 12 May 1944 they participated in a double mission. Seven Enlisted Men went on Temporary Duty to Sinelli Air Field on 15 May 1944 to repair one of the fortresses that was forced down there.

2. Enclosed is the war diary of this unit for the period 1 May 1944 to 31 May 1944.

For the Commanding Officer:

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| Day | EVENTS |
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1. As another month gets under way, we find that things are really running along smoothly and it is becoming more and more evident that the 485rd Bomb Group, the group that we service, is really a "hot outfit" In checking over our war bond sales we find that Cpl Robert Smith leads the field with regards to direct purchase of war bonds.

2. At long last, Sunny Italy is living up to it's name as the days are finally becoming warm and balmy. Our squadron mascot, "Napoli the Pooch" blossomed out with 1st Sgt chevrons and to make it complete, his keeper Sgt Matty rigged up a model bunk equipped with mosquito net for "Napoli" According to his dog tags, Napoli's serial number is 000000 and his blood type is "P"

3. Our hustling soft ball club defeated the 324th Headquarters Squadron in a hotly contested ball game. The fortresses didn't take off today so it is evident that they must be resting up for the big things that are certain to come. The squadron theatre is coming along swell. A super balcony is being installed and when it is completly finished it will rival Radio City. Until its completion, the mess hall is serving as our show place.

4. Another new development took place today as an improvised photo lab came into existence. S/Sgt Pheral and Sgt Chester deserve a great deal of credit for making this photo lab possible. The first batch of pictures developed revealed that our homely mut "Napoli" is the most photogenic object in this area.

5. Unheralded and unannounced, Capt Hal B. Goodbread and Capt Naylor, from Group Headquarters, dropped out to give our organization an administrative inspection. After a chorough check, it appeared that both inspectors were satisfied. We paid the Italian civilians today and our interpreter, S/Sgt Paul Orbino had quite a workout with the jabbering Italians. The planes were gone most of the day on a long, difficult mission.

6. The mess personnel topped off the noon day meal with a very generous serving of real ice cream; multo buono. Healy's Stadium, our spacious ball diamond, was the scene of a flashy soft ball game, as Lt Wurdeman's "All-Stars" bowed in defeat to "Uncle Dudley's Varsity" Let's say the star of the game was Wurdeman; he had the most rank.

7. Today is Sunday and church services were well attended. The men returned from Bari, after completing their Oxygen Studies, and after seeing our squadron area, they were sorry to learn that they were to go on detached service to the oxygen plant at the 50th Service Squadron the following day. The honor student at the oxygen detachment was Pvt Denton who came back with a 94 average.

8. The oxygen detachment men, headed by Sgt's Lox and Nye took off for the 50th Service Squadron, where they will take over the responsible job of producing oxygen. Cpl Slifka and Pfc Hill also left on detached service today. Slifka went to the 50th Service and Hill went to the 339th Service Squadron where they will learn the problems of gunsighting.



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| Day | EVENTS |
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| 9. | A minor catastrophe took place today when Cpl Kleiman's dog "Brownie" was hit by a motorcycle and killed. The Cpl took it kind of hard and he insisted on giving "Brownie" a military funeral. As Brownie was lowered into his grave Pvt's Coke and Bostwick fired five rounds in "Brownie's" honor. |
| 10. | S/Sgt Fred Lurding, one of the Orderly Room standbys was taken to the hospital today with a touch of pneumonia. Our fortresses haven't been very busy the past few days but we hope things will really start popping soon. We had French fried potatos today and it certainly was a treat. |
| 11. | Soon after we got up this morning we heard shells cracking all around us. Everyone seemed to be on the go too, for those shells happened to be egg shells and so we had fresh eggs for breakfast. Routine day and nothing eventful took place. |
| 12. | Bang! the first news was that the big push has started for Rome and Northern Italy. It also marks the first day that our planes left on a double mission. The planes took off at dawn, bombed the German Army Headquarters and returned at 0930. At 1400 they took off again; bombed the enemy front lines, and returned unharmed at 1800. Col Kaufman, our Group Commander, paid us a visit and gave our area a thorough check. |
| 13. | Rotation really exists - today Sgt Hugh Tansey and Cpl Lewis Rosenberg received orders stating that they are to be returned to the United States under the rotation policy. That was really good news and now the veterans of 23 months overseas service are all "sweating-out" rotation. The show was "I Dood It" with Red Skelton and everyone enjoyed it. |
| 14. | Mother's Day and the men are wondering if their Mothers received their flowers that we sent to them through the Post Exchange. The sky seemed to be black with planes today and we hope all bombs found their targets. The Italian Unit No 3 put on a stage show for us tonight using our flat beds for the stage. The show went off in smooth style and it was indeed appreciated. Tansey and Rosenberg made their farewell speech to the outfit before the show started. They leave tomorrow morning at 0630. |
| 15. | A triple header, in the line of entertainment, took place today. We started off with the big soft ball game of the season against the 350th Service Squadron. Sorry to say we lost. Immediately after the ball game, we had a swell, fast-moving Red Cross Show with a G.I. master of ceremonies that rivalled Bob Hope. After the show, Red Cross Hostesses furnished hot coffee and doughnuts. The evening was topped off with a movie comedy featuring Joe E. Brown. Today we discarded our OD's for the cool, comfortable Khaki's. |
| 16. | Seven men headed by S/Sgt Pete Andreo left for Sinelli Air Field to repair one of our fortresses that made a forced landing there. They say the plane is badly damaged but we feel sure these men can get it back in flying condition in short order. It Wurdemen, our Engineering Officer, flew up to Sinelli to look the fortress over and upon returning, he gave full instructions to S/Sgt Andreo. |

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| Day | EVENTS |
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| 17. | Things started off in a quiet manner today but at 1600, a real tragedy was witnessed by most of our members. A flight of P-38's were coming back from a mission and as it was time to refuel, they had to land on our field. One P-38 as it was banking in for a landing, stalled and crashed to the earth and immediately broke into flame. The pilot didn't have a chance, even though the fire fighters arrived on the scene as swiftly as possible. |
| 18. | We were notified that we had 10 freight cars full of 50 gallon drums of gasoline at the San Severo rail-head. Cpl McCallien and Pfc Christensen were kept very busy shuttling the 40 and 25 foot flat beds from the rail head to our gas dump. S/Sgt Kennedy's detail did noble work loading and unloading the bulky cargo. |
| 19. | Our theatre is coming to its own now and everyone is very much interested in its completion. Several of the men who went into San Severo stopped in to see our fellows who were in the hospital there. |
| 20. | A large body of men with blood type "O" went into Group Headquarters and donated their blood for the boys up front. It was certainly a worthy cause and the men were rewarded by getting a quart of good beer plus a ten dollar bonus. At 1650 we had a red alert but nothing eventful happened - just a dry run. |
| 21. | Another Sunday and, once again, church services were well attended. The 566th is now authorized the bronze star for the Italian Campaign. The wind really was blowing today and for awhile, our area looked as though a Kansas dust storm hit it. |
| 22. | Our special personnel report, SCOR 127 was completed today. Once again we paid our civilian workers and once again, our interpreter had a rugged time answering all the questions that the Italians fired at him. The soft ball team journeyed over the bumpy road to Foggia where they proceeded to lose a double header to the hustling APO. It Wurdeman played right field and got in a lot of mileage chasing line-drives that passed him by. |
| 23. | A new rotation roster was submitted today. We expect to send about 14 men back to the United States next month. We hope so because these men left the States for overseas service on June 4, 1942 - a long time ago. S/Sgt Lurding is still in the hospital and he is anxious to get back to the outfit for some real good chow. |
| 24. | Our new Group Chaplain, Capt Cooley, paid us a visit this evening and conducted evening prayer services in the mess hall. Services were well attended and Capt Cooley made a fine impression with the men. Sgt Ogletree and Cpl McCarthy initiated a new service record check sheet that should be a big help in keeping our records up to date. |
| 25. | There doesn't seem to be anything new with the exception of rumors. But they are just routine now after so long a time. The soft ball team got in some practise today along with some new talent. |

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| Day | EVENTS |
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| 26. | The fortresses left at dawn this morning, went on a long mission over France, and returned at 1430. The ball game tonight was the best of the season. It was an extra inning ball game and Sgt Darrell "Special Service" Miller broke it up with a prodigous home run. The men on Temporary Duty at Sinelli Air Field came back to the outfit this evening after restoring the fortress to flying condition. |
| 27. | Another long mission for the Bomb Group today. After evening chow, the scrub soft ball team played the combat crew of the 840th Bomb Squadron. The feature of the game was a play furnished by Zeke Ogletree who stopped a line drive with his head in true Babe Herman style. |
| 28. | The sheet metal shop has been going night and day, working on a modification of wing tips that will tend to elimenate the excessive accumulation of gas vapors, thereby cuting down the fire hazard from flak. M/Sgt Hopper, the non-com in charge of the sheet metal shop, has everything running in smooth shape and the job is being completed very rapidly. |
| 29. | Transportation is certainly a problem out here in the country. The road from Lucera to our base is a drivers nightmare and it certainly damages our jeeps and trucks. The motor pool, with Cpl Fred Neisinger in charge, is doing a fine job keeping the vehicles in running order. Let's hope the road is improved soon. |
| 30. | The new showers were initiated today and they are absolutely spacious. Six separate showers, twelve wash basins and a good sized dressing room with mirrows are available. |
| 31. | The last day of the month and another busy payday. Our envelope system of handling the pay roll is expedient as well as accurate. A large amount of money went back to the States via PTA's and money orders. Cpl Stanley "Card Shark" Koziol was the big winner tonight at the game of chance and as a result he increased his Soldier's Deposit by a substantial amount. |

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566th SERVICE SQUADRON
324th SERVICE GROUP
APO 520

6 July 1944.

SUBJECT: Historical Records.

TO: Commanding General, Fifteenth Air Force, Attention: Historian.
(through channels)

1. Unit history of the 566th SERVICE SQUADRON, 324th SERVICE GROUP, for the period 1 June 1944 to 30 June 1944.

a. The present designation of the unit is 566th Service Squadron, 324th Service Group.

b. Changes in organization
(1) Hugh M. Coates, 2nd Lt, AC, 0-805400 was assigned to this squadron on 16 June 1944, his principal duty is A/C Engineering Officer.

c. Strength, commissioned and enlisted.

(1) Month of June.
(a) at beginning 224
(b) net decrease 13
(c) at end 211

d. Station - Sterparone, Italy.

e. Movements - None.

f. Campaigns - None.

g. Operations - The Fortresses, that we service, participated in the first shuttle bombing of Germany from Italy to Russia. On June 26 three (3) planes from the Eighth Air Force landed at our Field for repairs after completing shuttle bombing from Russia.

2. Enclosed is the war diary of this unit for the period 1 June 1944 to 30 June 1944.

For the Commanding Officer:

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| Day | EVENTS |
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| 1. | Another eventful month gets underway and we feel certain that this month will reveal some great news. Everything has been "hush-hush" at the 483rd Bomb Group and evidently a big, secret mission is being planned. |
| 2. | At dawn, the planes took off on their special mission. We la ter learned that this mission was the start of shuttle bombing between Italy and Russia. The planes will be gone for quite a few days so the men will not be so very busy until they come back; and we hope they come back in good shape. |
| 3. | The big news came out today that Col Kuykendall would be the new Commanding Officer of the 324th Service Group replacing Col Kaufman. The 566th played its first game of baseball this year as they went down in defeat to the 366th Infantry which is serving as the security battalion on this field. |
| 4. | The swimming season officially opened today as two truck loads of men went to Manfredonia to enjoy the cool Adriatic. S/Sgt Rufus Pate came back looking like a boiled lobster and Sgt Howard Rieck came back with stories of the beautiful Wac's that added a feminine touch to the heart. This date also marked the second anniversary overseas for 16 of our men and they all attended a swell party at the 97th Bomb Group where they had songs and dances and beaucoup vino. The biggest news of the day naturally was the liberation of Rome and the churchbells rang long and loud in both San Severo and Lucera. |
| 5. | The new theatre was officially opened and the feature was "Buffalo Bill". Before the movie, the softball team played like champions and defeated Hq Squadron both games of the doubleheader. It appears that Headquarters is the only team in the league that we can defeat. |
| 6. | At exactly 0910, F/Sgt James Norman came running into the Orderly Room shouting that the big invasion has started. Immediately everyone ran to the C.I. radio in the mess hall to get the news. Cpl Anthony Brown, the cook on duty, kept all the men informed on the lat est developments. Everyone's greatest desire is for the invasion to be a complete and overwhelming success. |
| 7. | The men are now working with a renewed vigor as the Normandy invasion goes into its second day. Capt Cooley, the Group Chaplain, held services in our new theatre tonight and the services were well attended. |
| 8. | The local talent of the squadron put on a fast moving stage show tonight. High lights of the evenings entertainment was S/Sgt Harold Kennedy's hillbilly band, featuring M/Sgt Jeffers with his fiddle. Mike "Supply Sergeant" Corsaro told some snappy jokes and "wowed" the crowd with his tricky impersonations. |
| 9. | The Red Cross clubmobile girls paid us a visit and made our noon day meal a complete success by cheerfully distributing some tasty doughnuts. The day was spent doing routine work. |

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| Day | EVENTS |
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| 10. | Sixteen men hit the heights of happiness when they were told that they were on orders to go home on rotation within the next few days. |
| 11. | Another beautiful Sunday and a truck load of men went to see Padre Pio, at San Giovani, a Priest who bears the marks of Christ. The men came back greatly impressed. |
| 12. | Before the movie tonight, each of the sixteen men who are going home on rotation made their farewell speech. Top honors went to Sgt Dudley "old man" Gideon who recited the "Face on the Bar Room Floor" T/Sgt John Minarik was slightly under the influence of Cognac de Genuine but with the aid of two strong men, he managed to take his farewell bow. |
| 13. | After a very busy day, the Officers of this organization had their chance to howl. The occasion was a Group dance at Foggia and it certainly proved to be a great success. Cpl's Lawson and Will served as bar tenders and they were kept busy all evening. |
| 14. | Capt Hal B. Goodbread paid us a visit and carefully checked the Service Records of the boys going home on rotation to make certain each man's service record was up to date. The planes were shot up quite severely on their mission today and a plane came limping in with the insides of the left wing on fire. The pilot of that plane certainly did a man sized job bringing it back. |
| 15. | At 0700, the sixteen men going home on rotation meet in front of the Orderly Room and got ready to leave. The squadron turned out in mass to bid them good luck and farewell. Blackout Emery Zellanack, "the Picadilly Commando" made a farewell speech and wished the Squadron good luck on behalf of the Rotation Boys. We all hope they come out victorious in the Battle of the States. |
| 16. | We increased our Officer strength by one today as It Hugh M. Coates, from Bristol, Vermont joined our organization. His primary duty is Assistant Engineering Officer and in his spare time, he holds down the pivot position for It Healy's All-Stars, the worst team in the Italian Theatre. |
| 17. | We met our new Group Commander today as Col Kuykendall came out and paid us a visit. Col Kuykendall spent the greater part of the day inspecting Air Corps Supply and Engineering and talking informally to the men. He indeed made a great impression with everyone. |
| 18. | Finally the rains came and at last the dust was settled. Several of the fellows went to the Bomb Group for church services again today. The Chaplain is well liked by all who have heard him. |
| 19. | The feature attraction tonight was the "Rouhea Stage Show" Rouhea is the young lady from Africa who can really dance in true Arabian style. S/Sgt Ogletree seemed to have Rouhea's blessings as she continually gave him that "come hither" look. S/Sgt Dick Rayburn pulled the strong man act by breaking a block of cement that was perched on the chest of a "yogi" with a sledge hammer. |

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| Day | EVENTS |
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| 20. | The job of paying the Civilian Employees was taken care of today with less trouble and jabbering than we had been having. It seems as if one can get used to most anything. The all-stars played the Officers of the 817th Bomb Squadron and the outcome was as usual, they were ahead after seven innings. |
| 21. | Our first list of promotions since our activation went in today and we hope they are all approved because the men are all very deserving. Chaplain Bass from the Bomb Group held services for us as Chaplain Cooley was unable to be out. |
| 22. | Our weekly amateur stage show went off in fine style. Kennedy, Jeffers and Lively sang hillbilly songs in true Gene Autry style. Sgt Mike Corsaro knocked the boys out by doing a strip tease, with the aid of two inflated ballons. Some unknown English Chap, with a few shots of vino, sang some songs for us and for awhile we thought he was going to sing all night. We finally eased him off and the show went on. |
| 23. | The weather has certainly been hot and all the men down at the line are sporting a very nice tan. The tops of the wings are so hot from the sun that the sheet metal men have to wear gloves to protect their hands from the heat. |
| 24. | The American Red Cross once again presented a very fine Clubmobile Show. The show was for the 21st Engineers so we reserved the first several rows of seats for the hard working Engineers. It Healy received a pleasant surprise today when two of his Infantry friends from the 3rd Division paid him a surprise visit. The visitors had many interesting stories to tell of Anzio and the liberation of Rome. |
| 25. | It started off raining but turned out to be a beautiful day. The first service was held in the new Bomb Group Chapel today and it was and impressive one too. As the second half of the soft ball league draws near we started working out for it and we hope to have a better record this time. |
| 26. | Forty three men received their promotions this date as the Special Orders arrived from Group Headquarters. We had quite a surprise this evening as several Fortresses from the 8th Air Force in England landed on our field after returning from Russia. The air crew kept the boys on edge telling them all about their interesting experiences in Russia. Pfc Frank Bertone had a pleasant surprise when his brother, Seaman 2nd Class Bertone, of the Navy hitch-hiked from Bari to visit with him. |
| 27. | Sailor Bertone left for his ship early this morning, after spending a very pleasant night with his brother. They certainly enjoyed talking over old times. Bostwick walked around the area sporting his Pfc stripe. Old Bostwick says that he won't get big headed but that he will work just as hard as ever. |
| 28. | Once again we lost our first league soft ball game to the 350th Service Squadron by a score of 10 to 4. The fellows had the spirit though and they started off with a good hitting record. For our supper meal we had real fried chicken and did it hit the spot.. |

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Sheet No 4 War Diary, 564th SERVICE SQUADRON, APO 520, U. S. Army, Month of June 1944. Prepaired by RICHARD G. HEALY, 1st Lt., AC, Unit Historian.

| Day | Events |
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| 29. | We had our first afternoon entertainment as a swell U.S.O. Troup performed for us. This show was unique in that it featured semi-classical music and believe it or not, the G. I's went for it in a big way, especially when the beautiful soprano and cello player performed. Lt Healy and Sgt McCarthy had to pick up the troupe in Foggia and the performers couldn't understand why we are stationed so far out in the sticks. |
| 30. | Another pay day and the poker games were held back stage in the theatre. Pfc John Henry and Cpl Kleiman were the big winners in a sociable game of chance. Lights out an hour later tonight and at 12 midnight everyone turned in and another month is now history. |

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566th SERVICE SQUADRON
324th SERVICE GROUP
APO 520

6 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Historical Records.

TO: Commanding General, Fifteenth Air Force. Attention: Historian. (through channels)

1. Unit history of the 566th SERVICE SQUADRON, 324th SERVICE GROUP, for the period 1 July 1944 to 31 July 1944.

a. The present designation of the unit is 566th Service Squadron, 324th Service Group.

b. No changes were made in the organization or Officer Personnel during the Month.

c. Strength, commissioned and enlisted.

(1) Month of July.

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| (a) at beginning | 211 |
| (b) net increase | 18 |
| (c) at end | 229 |

d. Station - Sterparone, Italy.

e. Movements - None.

f. Campaigns - None.

g. Operations - A crew of men went on temporary duty to Fermo, Italy to return one of our Fortresses back to flying status after it made a forced landing there.

2. Enclosed is the war diary of this unit for the period 1 July 1944 to 31 July 1944.

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Sheet No 1 War Diary, 566th SERVICE SQUADRON, APO 520, U. S. Army, Month of July 1944. Prepared by RICHARD G. HEALY, 1st Lt, AC, Unit Historian.

| Day | EVENTS |
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1. This new month marks the second anniversary overseas for about 33 of our men. A big party was held at the 50th Service Squadron in their behalf and a good time was had by all.

2. Our new 324th Group Rest Camp was officially opened and 24 enlisted men from this organization left to spend 7 days at the rest camp. We hope they all have a swell time. Cpl Frank Lawson, of the medics, left for Depot #5 to attend the Air Force Chemical Ammunition School. The sheet metal shop was bolstered as M/Sgt Hopper was released from the hospital and restored to duty.

3. Captain McLeod, our Commanding Officer, left for the rest camp at Rome with Major Merritt and Captain Olds. The Captain took plenty of film along so we hope he comes back with some good pictures of "Bella Roma". The organization witnessed a super stage show entitled "The Rainbow Review". We can safely say that the shows are getting progressively better as time goes by.

4. A big old fashioned "Rodeo" will take place in Foggia for the next 3 days. All the Westerners are anxious to attend, and maybe we can get "Cowboy" Pearce, of the carpenter shop, to put on a show for the boys.

5. The civilian employees were paid again today. Church services were held again in the theatre. Just a routine day of work around the squadron.

6. Once again the mess hall shines as the noon meal featured an honest-to-goodness, delicious turkey dinner. The rotation call comes through again and we learn that our monthly rotation quota numbers 3 men for the month. Our strength was increased by 3 men today as Sgt's Graves and Sears and Pvt Aragon joined our organization.

7. Group Ordnance notified us that we had 3 jeeps assigned to our organization and that they were stored at Frankavilla. 1st Sgt Norman, Sgt's McCarthy and Fields and Cpl Byran journeyed down to pick up the vehicles. The big attraction in Foggia this week is the Irving Berlin Stage Show "This is the Army" and everyone is anxious to see it.

8. M/Sgt Covill of the Engineering Section, S/Sgt Morrow and Cpl Scott of the Air Corps Supply Section, left this morning to return to "God's Country" via rotation. They signed out in the sign out book for the last time. We had a bit of excitement at the 1129th Quartermaster Det. as a hay fire threatened the "petrol point". With the aid of the 21st Engineers, the fire was quickly subdued. At 2200 hours Captain McLeod returned from Rome with many interesting stories of the historical city.

9. Twenty one more men left for rest camp and Lt Daniel "Doc" Licata went along as the attending surgeon for the rest camp. The fortresses went on an important mission today and some of the planes were shot up quite severely.

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| Day | EVENTS |
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| 10. | Today we had a fire at the 1981st QM Truck Company, when their shower started going up in flames. Our water truck succeeded in putting the fire out but the shower water was plenty warm. We had a practice soft ball game with the 817th Bomb Squadron. |
| 11. | The Italian Unit No. 5 put on a grand stage show for us tonight. This unit featured a cute little girl of 13 who sang those good old American Songs the way we like to hear them. |
| 12. | The rains came and turned the dust into mud which pleased everyone very much. A couple of promotions came in today as Sgt Miller made S/Sgt and Cpl Page made Sgt. |
| 13. | Our first enlisted men were picked to go to Rome today. For dinner we had beaucoup ice cream which was right on the beam. We were fortunate in having the 21st Engineers Band out with us before the movie tonight. They certainly have a swell band and their program went over in a big way. |
| 14. | The planes took off real early this morning but one had his landing gear to go bad so he had everyone on the field sweating him out for a landing. But about 1500 hours he made a spectacular landing and all was well. Today we had 43 men to become elgible for rotation as they completed 18 months overseas. They shouldn't start sweating though for awhile as that is being done by the fellows who have over 24 months on this side. |
| 15. | The Officers were getting set for a big party which was being held at Headquarters. Nine of the fellows left for Rome this morning. Their hopes are high for a big time in the Historical City. Our strength was increased by two today as Pfc's Brammer and Rowe joined our squadron. |
| 16. | We lost a hard fought soft ball game to the 1679th Ordnance Company. This was our second game to drop so far but we still have big hopes to be the league champions. The men came back from the rest camp with some nice sun tans. The camp seems to be getting better all the time as improvements are being made. |
| 17. | We won another ball game from the 1129th Quartermaster Company this afternoon by 5 to 2. The mail has been coming in mighty slow lately and this is not good for the morale of the men. We just keep sweating it out though. The movie was a good old Western. |
| 18. | Everyone was mighty quiet and deeply concerned over the big losses that the Bomb Group which we service had today. Several of the planes were lost in combat and most of the ones that came back were in bad shape. We enjoyed another real good stage show tonight. This one was French Unit No. 1 and they had a fast moving show. The featured singer was called back several times for encores. |

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| Day | EVENTS |
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19. We had a B-24 from the 450th Bomb Squadron in Manduria to land on our field for refueling. After getting a meal and refueling they were on their way home in their flying boxcar. We won another league ball game from the 350th Service Squadron, 6-1. Today all the fellows were made happy as the long awaited for mail came in. The nine men came back from Rome with great stories of the Italian Capitol. Each one hoped that all the members of the squadron would be able to make the trip at one time or another.

20. The first thing this morning Lt Wurdeman, our Engineering Officer, and four men namely, Sgt's Heath, Page and Gunnison and Pfc Mieczkowski left for Fermo, Italy where one of our aircraft had made a forced landing. They will soon have this plane back in the air and return we are sure. It was just a routine day around with the civilians once again paid.

21. Lt Healy attended a Soldiers Voting Meeting today and he came back with all the answers to the fellows problems on voting by absentee ballot. This work has to be given priority so Lt Healy started off in it with a bang. The league ball game went the wrong way this afternoon as we lost a game to the 1744th Ordnance Company. The day room and bar committee held their first meeting tonight. Plans are being made to open the bar about the 1st of August but there is lots of work to be done before the opening.

22. It was a terrific day as the wind was blowing everything around. The pride of the Engineers work for the past several days went down with this wind in just a few moments as the canvas on our large hanger found its way to the ground.

23. The wind kept its pace up most of the day and the fellows in the Engineering Section couldn't do very much work for it. So they had to go back to work at night to catch up with their work. We added another man to our squadron today as Pfc Birdsall joined us from the Engineers here on the base. Several of the fellows attended church services at the Bomb Group.

24. We sent two men to Fermo today to help with the plane that our fellows are repairing there. These were Sgt Thompson and Cpl Bonchosky from the sheet metal department. There was another P-38 crack-up a few miles from the base but by the time the fire fighters got there the pilot didn't have a chance.

25. The day room and bar is coming right along as several of the fellows are putting some hard work out on it. Several American Red Cross Girls came out with doughnuts and coffee and a good time was had. We had some square dancing, hillbilly music, etc in the mess hall along with the doughnuts and coffee. Most of the men made themselves feel as if they were at home and a good time was had by all present.

26. The name for the day room and bar was picked by T/Sgt Parsons who received a five dollar book of tickets to the bar. The most talked of and rumored subject was the foundation for the name, "Rotation Rendevous" Chaplain Cooley was out with us again and held services in the theatre.

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| Day | EVENTS |
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| 27. | Our Engineering Section is working both day and night keeping the aircraft in the air. The big part of the load is on the sheet metal men and the mechanics. We won another ball game from the Signal Company tonight 3-0 and we still have hopes of the big outcome in the league. |
| 28. | The 1433rd Ordnance Company forfeited a game to us tonight. The day room is being painted and it looks like a different place already. T/Sgt Stonebraker was a happy and excited man when he was told that he was leaving on rotation the 31st. He is the only one from the squadron to go at this time. |
| 29. | Our strength was increased by thirteen men today. We had four oxygen men assigned to us but they are on detached service with the 50th and 350th Service Squadrons and at Bari. We got in our first replacements for rotation men too as nine men, fresh from the States, joined our organization. Seeing these replacements made the fellows who have over two years over here feel much better as they thought their chances of returning would be better. |
| 30. | We had ten more men to leave for the rest camp this morning. Church services were attended both in the morning and night at the Bomb Group. Lt Wurdeman returned from Fermo after he and his men restored the plane to flying status. |
| 31. | The six men who were at Fermo returned after completing their mission there. The usual routine work which goes with payday was on our hands today. Lt Healy was explaining soldiers voting to each man as he came in for his pay and they were initialing the roster prepared for this purpose by the Machine Records Unit. T/Sgt Stonebraker signed out this morning for Oklahoma, U.S.A. |

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566th AIR SERVICE SQUADRON
324th SERVICE GROUP
APO 520

4 September 1944.

SUBJECT: Historical Records.

TO: Commanding General, Fifteenth Air Force. Attention: Historian.
(through channels)

1. Unit History of the 566th Air Service Squadron, 324th Service Group, for the period 1 August 1944 to 31 August 1944.

a. This unit was redesignated 566th Air Service Squadron, 324th Service Group, effective 31 August 1944, Auth: General Order No. 44, HQ Air Force Service Command, dated 30 August 1944.

b. Changes in organization
(1) Iseville R. Swan, WOJG, W-2128530 was transferred to 566th Service Squadron on 4 August 1944.
(2) Elmer P. Chaddick, WOJG, W-1291614 was assigned to this squadron on 5 August 1944, his principal duty is A/C Engineering Officer.

c. Strength, commissioned and enlisted.

(1) Month of August.
(a) at beginning 229
(b) net decrease 7
(c) at end 222

d. Station - Sterparone, Italy.

e. Movements - None.

f. Campaigns - None.

g. Operations - Our crews repaired one of the 8th Air Force Fortresses which landed on our field in a record time and it returned with the Group. On August 31, 1944 our Engineering Area was cleared of aircraft for the first time since we have been operational.

2. Enclosed is the war diary of this unit for the period 1 August 1944 to 31 August 1944.

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| Day | EVENTS |
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1. As the new month gets underway, we find that our Engineering Section has twelve ships in for repairs. Three ships were put back on flying status before nightfall, due to some splendid work by the various crews. Our bar and day room was officially opened tonight and everyone helped in making it "premier" a great success.

2. "Big Tom Masterson", our Air Corps Supply Officer, reported to work wearing his brand new Captain's bars and he was bedecked with congratulations. The Engineering section turned two more ships back to flying status so we only have seven ships in the area now. Lt Healy was bitten by a sand fly and was taken to the hospital with a mild case of "Sand Fly Fever". We think he was just anxious to see the beautiful Madeline Carroll.

3. Our smooth working Engineering section put the finishing touches on three more ships and the boys were congratulated by the Bomb Group for their rapid work. The Air Corps Supply section is building up an excellent report on their ACO's. We haven't had an aircraft grounded for lack of parts for about four weeks now and that is an enviable record.

4. We lost WOJG Irville Swan today as he was transferred to the 564th Service Squadron. The boys from the 1992nd Engineer Fire Fighting Platoon left us today and we were sorry to see them go because we considered them as part of our organization. They were replaced by the 2091st Engineer Fire Fighting Platoon and these boys also appear to be "on the ball".

5. House cleaning was put into effect today as Capt McLeod had every bit of equipment moved outside and the complete set of barracks scrubbed and sprayed with D.D.T. We certainly hope and expect to rid ourselves of the flea menace now. WOJG Elmer Chaddick was transferred to our organization this date. Movie Melodrama tonight entitled "Pistol Packing Mama". Needless to say, it proved to be "corny".

6. After a lapse of three days, the planes left on an early mission and we hope they all come back in good shape. Ten more men left for the 324th Service Group Rest Camp to enjoy themselves for seven full days.

7. Five men, namely Sgt P. P. Brown, Pfc's "Chuck" Harmington, Wesley Worden, "Joey" Wolnik and Pvt John Russavage, our stellar left fielder, left for the 2nd Replacement Depot to begin their training in the Paratroops. We certainly wish them all the luck in the world and we were really sorry to see them go. Capt McLeod attended a big meeting in at Headquarters and Lt Healy was discharged from the hospital.

8. At about 1500 hours, eighteen ships from the 8th Air Force landed on our field, after completing their shuttle bombing mission from Russia. One ship was shot up quite severely and we had to take it in for repairs. The Engineering section gave it A-1 priority and we hope to get it back on flying status as soon as possible.

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| Day | EVENTS |
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9. Cpl Frank LaCava, our A.O.C. clerk, returned from Campo Barse, after spending a pleasant two days with his relatives up there. Sgt Chester, of the carpenter shop, returned from Rome but he was a bit disappointed because he never did find his brother, who had moved on up, closer to the front.

10. Pfc William "Windy" French, of the mess hall, was taken to the hospital today to undergo a hernia operation. We'll miss him around here and we hope his operation is not too painful. He must have been lifting too much of the famous C ration during his tour of duty in the kitchen.

11. The 8th Air Force ship was restored to flying status and the crew that worked on that ship, headed by M/Sgt Jeffers, are certainly to be congratulated for turning out such a rapid job.

12. The Air Base was visited by some very special dignitaries today as General Somerville and Under Secretary of War Patterson made their arrival. The General and Under Secretary of War paid a visit to the 483rd Bomb Group Headquarters but we were a bit disappointed because they forgot all about our little organization. It was too bad because we had the complete area in A-1 shape.

13. S/Sgt George "Texas" Corbell, S/Sgt Carroll Fitzwater and Sgt Arthur Gens left the outfit today to return to the States for B-29 training. Ten more men left for rest camp today, headed by Lt "Doc" Ilceta, our Squadron Surgeon. The "Doc" had no sooner left the area when we received a phone call from Major Tuscott informing us that the good "Doc" had just been promoted to Captain.

14. The G.I. movies shown tonight were excellent. They featured the "Capture of Rome" and the "Tunisian Campaign" and they certainly proved to be interesting as well as educational. Sgt Charlie "Glamour Boy" McCarthy, has been very busy filling out forms for the Italian Civilian's Security check.

15. The Fortresses left at 0900 and they were in the first wave of bombers to participate in the new landings in Southern France. The crews came back with some great stories of the landing and they stated they never saw so many ships in the air at one time. Everything was in the air, including the "Kitchen" Bombers.

16. T/Sgt Forrest Watson and S/Sgt Darrell Miller initiated their first orientation lectures on the "Why we Fight Series". Both boys did a fine job and many interesting discussions were brought up.

17. Pvt James Thompson was transferred to the 564th Service Squadron and his loss was counteracted by Cpl Lloyd Anderson, who was transferred into our organization. The orderly room was busy all day preparing for the audit classification team that was coming out from H.T.C.

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| Day | Events |
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1. Captain Stromberger and his staff arrived bright and early to give our organization a complete "classification check". Every Form 20 was carefully checked. Lt Abraham Golden, the Group S-2 Officer, gave our organization a complete inspection and we immediately corrected the deficiencies that he noted.

19. Excitement reigned around the motor pool today as a fire in the motor pool threatened to reach serious proportions. Luckily the Fire Fighters arrived on the scene and they had the situation well in hand almost immediately. Capt McLeod left hurriedly to attend an important meeting in Bari.

20. Eight happy men left for Rome today, headed by Captain Licata and M/Sgt Wise. We know they will enjoy themselves to the fullest extent. Two more ships were restored to flying status and gradually, the number of ships in for repairs is dwindling down.

21. Cpl Frank Patterson, of the sheet metal shop, was injured today as the spring on a faulty "clesco" sprung back and struck him sharply in the right eye. He was immediately taken to the hospital and we were relieved when the Doc said he wouldn't lose the sight of his right eye. S/Sgt Fred Lurding, our ground safety non com checked the accident and made out the report.

22. The Fortresses went deep into Germany today and they were credited with a double mission. Each day the war news gets better and better and there is a lot of speculation going on as to just when Germany will surrender. We all hope it is very soon.

23. The 18th Air Depot Group Band came out and put on a swell show for the men. The musicians were really impressed with our theatre and day room and they said, our theatre was the best they had run across in all their stay in Italy.

24. Soft ball once again is in the limelight and if our team can win the playoffs, we are assured of a trip to Rome for ten days. The first game of the play-off took place tonight and we are sorry to report that we lost to the 350th Service Squadron, despite the gallant work of Al "Rubber Arm" Slingerland. Lt Healy played third base and after the game he was so stiff that "rigor mortis" set in for five days.

25. The men returned from Rome and they couldn't heap enough praise on the "Eternal City". They all say that you haven't seen Italy until you have seen Rome. Sad news again as the soft ball club lost to the 1679th Ordnance Co. We'll never get to Rome that way.

26. The movie tonight was exceptionally good as "Doc Here Private Hargrove" was featured. It certainly brought back happy???? memories to most of the men. The shows have really been good of late and we hope they continue to remain that way.

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| DAY | WORDS |
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| 27. | Two planes came in for repairs after take-off mission and both planes appear as though it will take a lot of sheet metal work to get them in the air again. The soft ball team stayed right in stride, this time losing to the 350th Service Squadron once again. We are really consistent. |
| 28. | Our expert draftsman, Cpl Manuel Hummel, was put on detached service to Headquarters Squadron this date. We hope he comes back soon because he certainly is a handy man to have around. We picked up another plane today but we also restored one to flying status. |
| 29. | Lt Murdeman plus nine men left for the 6543 Air Base Squadron on detached service in order to salvage a wrecked fortress. You guessed it; no sooner had Lt Murdeman left the area when we were notified by Group Headquarters that he had been promoted to Captain. |
| 30. | For the first time since we have been operating, our Engineering area is clear of planes, thanks to the splendid work of the complete Engineering section. Also, the Air Corps Supply section established a record for the AOC's so far as negative reports go, in the complete 15th Air Force Service Command. We have gone seventy complete days without an aircraft being laid up for lack of parts. We believe that is really an enviable record. Connie's Clubmobile Red Cross Show came out tonight, featuring Buddy Boylan, the clever master of ceremonies who sings like "Frail" Sinatra. The show certainly was appreciated by all and everyone had an excellent time. |
| 31. | Effective this date the 566th Service Squadron has been redesignated the 566th Air Service Squadron. The men were paid and all seemed to be going well at this, the end of another month. |

George L. McLeod

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566th AIR SERVICE SQUADRON

324th SERVICE GROUP

of the

XV AIR FORCE SERVICE COMMAND

For the month of

SEPTEMBER 1944

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a. Squadron Statistics.

b. Engineering Resume.

c. Air Corps Supply Resume.

d. Morale Factors.

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RICHARD G. HEALY,
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## SQUADRON STATISTICS

There were no changes in the organization or station during the month of September 1944 - Unit: 566th Air Service Squadron, 324th Service Group. Station: Sterparone, Italy. The strength of the organization for the month was as follows:

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| At beginning: | 8 Officers and 215 Enlisted Men, | Total | 223 |
| At end: | 8 Officers and 221 Enlisted Men, | Total | 229 |
| Net increase: | 0 Officers and 6 Enlisted Men, | Total | 6 |

As we start the month off we find a change in the Quartermaster Truck Companies that are attached to us as the 1909 Quartermaster Detachment replaced the 1981st. During the month twenty three (23) enlisted men were promoted in grade as two Sgt's made S/Sgt, four Cpl's made Sgt, thirteen Pfc's made Cpl and four Pvt's made Pfc. No enlisted men were reduced in grade during this period. Thirty enlisted men were sent to the 324th Service Group Rest Camp during the camp's last month of existence and all reports received were good. During the same time thirteen enlisted men went to Rome for a visit to the Eternal City. Two Officers visited Rome and one went to Capri during September. Eleven enlisted men were assigned to this squadron during the month while only one transferred out. Two enlisted men were made happy on the 20th when they returned to the United States via rotation. The darkest days since activation were the 6th when word came that Pvt Orris M. Hovde had been killed in an accident and again on the 20th as the same word came about Sgt Pearly M. Fields. Pvt Hovde had been in this organization a relatively short time but all the men who knew him had learned that he was a real buddy. Sgt Fields was a member of this organization since its activation and he was, without a doubt, one of the most popular and best liked men. He performed his job as mess sergeant in an excellent manner and he was directly responsible for the excellent reputation that our mess hall has gained. Pearly's death was a tremendous loss that was felt by all.

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ENGINEERING RESUME

Aside from producing some of the best basketball teams in the squadron, the Engineering Section has completed a month of service activities unparalleled by itself since operations were begun six months ago.

The Mechanics and Sheet Metal Shops, with fine cooperation from the rest of the sections, had a field day as far as ships to repair were concerned. With Flak, fire, and taxiing accidents paving the way a total of forty-seven (47) aircraft were brought into the Service Squadron with work to be accomplished on them during the month of September. Forty-five (45) of these planes were put back into commission during the same period, which is an average of one and one-half planes completed per day for thirty consecutive days. No ACC's were listed during the month. Average days lost per plane for aircraft completed was a fraction over three.

In the Engine Build-up Section twenty-eight (28) new engines were assembled for positions according to demand, and issued to the Bombardment Squadrons for replacement purposes. As replaced engines were picked up they were handled with speed and efficiency by the Engine Pickling crewmen so that thirty-three (33) engines were pickled, boxed, tagged and shipped during September.

The Parachute Department packed, and made rapairs when needed, three-hundred and fifty-seven (357) 'chutes besides modifying an uncounted number of life vests. All the departments combined completed three hundred and thirty six (336) work orders, which excludes work done by Sheet Metal, through work orders from Air Corps Supply, on control surfaces.

In preparation for winter the Welding Shop has completed a modified version of the issue stove to be used by all the personnel of the unit to make things as comfortable as possible during leisure hours.

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AIR CORPS SUPPLY RESUME

For the month of September activities have been on a much smaller scale due to weather conditions, however some items of issue have moved in large quantities.

For a thirty-day period ending 30th September a total of 5,443 Spark Plugs were issued by warehouse number two personnel. A total of 35 twenty six inch casings, 7 fifty five inch casings and 84 fifty six inch casings were issued to tactical units for the month of September. Although flying has been at a minimum, 1,650 cylinders of oxygen were issued during this period. Tonnage handled by the Air Corps Supply for a thirty-day period ending 30th September totaled 815,500 pounds.

A new dope and paint warehouse is being constructed as the old one had to be torn down due to the new runway that was rebuilt.

A record of 106 consecutive days with a negative report on SCU Form 110 AGC is held by this department

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MORALE FACTORS

Most of the members of the 566th Air Service Squadron are athletically inclined and as a result a squadron basketball league has been inaugurated, with Engineering, Air Corps Supply, Transportation and Headquarters all being represented. This Squadron league has been followed with keen interest by all participants, and some excellent talent has been unearthed.

Our squadron theatre features movies at least three times per week and by our close cooperation with Company "A" of the 21st Engineers, we are able to have movies five times per week occasionally .

"Rotation Rendevous" our squadron day room and bar, is still as popular as ever and Cpl Ralph T. Christensen and Pfc "Rabbit" Kiphorn are doing a swell job mixing the various Italian cocktails.

Rotation itself is the center of much discussion and the rotation policy is the greatest factor that decides just how a man's morale stands. The newly inaugurated twenty one day furlough plan was meet with disapproval by most of the men whereas others were for it as they thought it would speed up their chance of getting home for a short while. As we stand now, we have 25 men who now have 27 months of overseas service behind them and naturally those men are really anxious to see "God" Country" once again.

All in all, the morale of this organization can be classed as high. The food is good, living conditions are adequate and there is sufficient time for athletics and recreation.

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HISTORY
OF

566th AIR SERVICE SQUADRON

324th SERVICE GROUP

of the

XV AIR FORCE SERVICE COMMAND

For the month of

OCTOBER 1944

CONTAINING

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b. Astounding Stories or Engineering Resume.

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SQUADRON STATISTICS

There were no changes in the organization or station during the month of October 1944 - Unit: 566th Air Service Squadron, 324th Service Group. Station: Sterparone, Italy. The strength of the organization for the month was as follows:

At beginning: 8 Officers and 221 Enlisted Men, Total 229
At end: 7 Officers and 222 Enlisted Men, Total 229

Again we start the month off with a change in the Quartermaster Truck Companies attached to us as the 1975th Quartermaster Detachment replaced the 1909th. During the month two enlisted men were assigned to this squadron while one officer and one enlisted man transferred out. Eight (8) enlisted men were promoted in grade as three Sgt's made S/Sgt, one Cpl made Sgt, one Pfc made Cpl and three Pvt's made Pfc. One enlisted man was reduced in grade during this period. Two officers and seventeen enlisted men visited the historical city of Rome during the month and it still seems to be a great city from their view point. Thirty four enlisted men went on recreational leaves to Naples, Bari, Caserta and Salerno. One enlisted man was returned to the United States on temporary duty for rotational purposes. Twenty five enlisted men were awarded the Good Conduct Medal during October. Aside from a few 104's the month was a perfect one as there were no court martials, no major accidents or traffic violations for the period.

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ASTOUNDING STORIES or ENGINEERING RESUME

Intermediate bad weather during the month of October reduced activities of aircraft and personnel somewhat below the previous month. During this lull, shops were winterized with dunnage lumber, closing the major openings, and then were given the inevitable coat of OD paint. Plans are being put into reality with the construction of an engine pickling shelter, the crews of which worked under sunny Italian skies up to this point. And perhaps the tremendous amount of stoves completed by the Welding Shop could testify as to the ingenuity of the American Soldier when necessity calls, especially since no designs seemed to be similiar, but results in terms of heat were gratifying.

A glance at the overall picture and we find that twenty-three (23) aircraft were completed, which included three salvaged, as a result of fire, take-off, and landing accidents. Some excitement was afforded when the brakes failed for one pilot and he made his own runway adjacent to the Engineering shops, coming to a halt in a ditch nearby. Damaged badly, but deemed repairable, work was begun on it immediately, and this section of the line could very well be compared to an assembly line of the planes' originality, judging from the way major sections were being removed and replaced. Work was also started on camouflaging all Radar ships in the Bomb Group with a substantial number being completed at this time. With favorable weather conditions the painting can be completed in two days.

Engines pickled during this period amounted to twenty-eight (28) while twenty-one (21) new engines were built up in order to speed engine changes in the various Bomb Squadrons.

The Perachute Shop is no less proud of the fact that, aside from packing 546 'chutes, completing the modification of life vests, weight testing safty belts, and manufacturing various types of gun covers, had time to alter a seemingly endless number of woolens, a sure sign that winter is here to stay.

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AIR CORPS SUPPLY RESUME

Air Corps Supply activities for the month of October continued to go along at a fast pace. This section has now compiled an excellent record of 136 consecutive days without having an aircraft grounded for lack of parts.

An additional building was constructed and it was designated as Warehouse Number 5. Completion of this project would have been delayed considerable if it had not been for the initiative shown by Air Corps Supply personnel in obtaining building materials.

Freight handled by the Air Corps Supply for the month of October totaled eight hundred and nineteen thousand, sixty seven (819,067) pounds. This figure includes all incoming freight. One million, one hundred and thirty five thousand, one hundred and twenty six (1,135,126) gallons of aircraft gasoline and twelve thousand, five hundred and twenty five (12,525) gallons of aircraft oil were issued during this period. Total issues of breathing oxygen for the period were one thousand, six hundred and fifty five cylinders. Spark plug issues were also on a larger scale as a total of five thousand, six hundred and thirty two (5,632) plugs were issued.

The strength of the section was increased by two as T/Sgt May and S/Sgt Davidson joined us. Each man in the section has a cooperative spirit and our task is much easier accomplished this way.

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MORALE FACTORS

As another month gets under way we find that the 566th Air Service Squadron has placed great stress on winterization, in preparation for another cold winter in Italy. All the barracks have excellent heating facilities and the tent area also gives evidence of being very cozy and warm this winter. At present the tent inhabited by M/Sgt Wise, T/Sgt's Sedoris, Szeman and Macali appears to be the best equipped tent in Southern Italy.

Our athletic program continues to progress in a satisfactory manner. Our squadron touch football team has been entered in the 483rd Bomb Group league and we expect to make a creditable showing. The basketball squad has been practicing in preparation for the 324th Service Group League.

One hour each week is devoted to orientation discussions. The organization is divided up into five flights and each flight has an orientation non-commissioned officer. As the weeks go by we find that the men are getting more interested in their weekly discussions. S/Sgt Darrell Miller, M/Sgt Coldore Hopper, T/Sgt Carl Macali, S/Sgt Emery Brown and Sgt Denver Cassell are all to be complimented on their excellent work as orientation leaders.

Rotation and temporary duty to the states still is the most important topic that the men discuss and S/Sgt Robert Heath and Cpl Richard Rudolf are scheduled to go home in November.

We continue to have movies at least three times per week and periodically a U.S.O. Troup or an Italian Unit provides excellent entertainment for the men. The latest U.S.O. Troup featured Benny Maroff and his "Funzafire" in a fast moving show.

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20TH STATION HOSPITAL (PS)
APO 74

HOSPITAL TRANSFER

Date 19 November 1947

ORDER NO. 173

TO:Commanding Officer, 567th Air Mat Sq 358th ASG APO 74

Pursuant to Department of the Army instructions the following named enlisted person will be relieved from present attachment and/or assignment and transferred (assigned) in grade to the Det of Patients, 20th Station Hospital (PS) APO 74. Service Record, allied papers, including clothing records will be forwarded to the Commanding Officer, 20th Station Hospital (PS) APO 74, within 48 hours. Transfer will be recorded by indorsement in Service Record. No special orders will be required. Units within the Clark Field Area will deliver Service Record and allied papers by courier when practicable. (AUTH: Dept of the Army, Sec III, Cir 8, 1947)

EDCMR: 19 November 1947

| NAME | GRADE | ARM OR SERVICE | ASN | DATE OF HOSPITALIZATION |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| MCGRAW, JAMES O | PVT | AAF | RA-35470104 | 5 November 1947 |

BY ORDER OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL COCKS:

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| SIVAK, MICHAEL J | CPL | AAF | RA-35065415 | 21 October 1947 |

BY ORDER OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL COCKS:

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567TH AIR MATERIEL SQUADRON
358TH AIR SERVICE GROUP
APO 74, U S ARMY

4 December 1947

SUBJECT: Narrative History, 1 November 47 to 30 November 47

TO: S-2 Section
Headquarters
Clark Field Army Air Base
APO 74, U S Army
(ATTN: Historical Officer)

Reference is made to CFAAB Regulation Number 80-6, dated 21 January 1947, and the following Narrative History is submitted:

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3. On Friday, 7 November 1947, the field was alerted for a typhoon, which struck about 0200, Saturday morning. Severe damage was incurred over the entire field. This Squadron did not suffer to much damage, as there were sand bags on all buildings. On Saturday, 15 November 1947, the field was again alerted for a Typhoon, however, the Typhoon did not hit the Field. On the next weekend, Saturday, 22 November 1947, the alert was again sounded. All personnel of this Squadron were immediately restricted to the Squadron area. However, very little damage was incurred over the whole Field.

4. On 11 November 1947, a Squadron Party was held in the Day Room of this Organization. A good time was had by all.

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Thirteenth Air Force
APO 719, U S Army
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2. As shown by the above figures, the Squadron has a net loss of fifty-four (54) Enlisted Men during the month of October. This loss was incurred through men being shipped to the Zone of Interior, and men being transferred to the 6th Air Service Group, which is being activated to service the 18th Fighter Group, also being activated on Clark Field.

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3. On Monday, 21 July 1947, a Twister tore the roof off the Supply room and also tore the tin off some of the barracks. However, repairs were started immediately and within a few days the buildings were back in shape.

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358TH AIR SERVICE GROUP
APO 74, U S Army

4 August 1947

SUBJECT: Narrative History, 1 July 47 to 31 July 47

TO : A-2 Section
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WAR DEPARTMENT
The Adjutant General's Office
Washington 25, D. C.

1 April 1946

AG 322 (26 Mar 46)
AO-I-AFCOR-(966(d))-M

SUBJECT: Redesignation and Reorganization of the Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, 58th Air Service Group and Certain other Army Air Forces Units.

TO: Commander-in-Chief,
USAF, Pacific

1. The following units are redesignated and will be reorganized as indicated at the earliest practicable date:

| Present Designation | New Designation | T/O & E | Auth Str Off | WO | EM |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Hq and Hq Sqs, 58th and 7th Air Service Groups | Hq and Base Service Sqs, 58th and 7th Air Service Groups, respectively. | [a]1-452R, 5 Mar 45, w/1 Ch, 8 Nov 45, Col 5. | 25 | 1 ea | 210 |
| Hq and Hq Sqs, 21st, 46th and 63d Air Service Groups. | Hq and Base Services Sqs, 21st, 46th and 63d Air Service Groups, respectively | [b]1-452R, 5 Mar 45, w/1 Ch, 8 Nov 45, Col 6. | 25 | 1 ea | 225 |

2. Concurrently with the reorganizations directed in paragraph 1 above the following units will be reorganized as indicated:

| Unit | T/O&E | Auth Str Off | WO | EM |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Hq and Base Services Squadron, 385th Air Service Groups. | [b]1-452R, 5 Mar 45, w/1 Ch, 8 Nov 45, Col 6. | 25 | 1 | 225 |
| 38th Air Engineering Squadron<br>600th Air Engineering Squadron | [c]1-457R, 5 Mar 45, w/1 Ch, 8 Nov 45 Col 5 plus Col 43. | 16 | 1 ea | 344 |

a - as modified by Incl 1
b - as modified by Incl 2
c - as modified by Incl 3

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| Unit | T/O&E | Off | WO | EM |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 71st Air Engineering Squadron<br>40th Air Engineering Squadron<br>309th Air Engineering Squadron<br>601st Air Engineering Squadron | [d] 1-457R, 5 Mar 45, w/1 Ch, 8 Nov 45, Col 10 | 14 | 1 ea | 303 |
| 1037th Air Materiel Squadron<br>608th Air Materiel Squadron | [e] 1-458R, 5 Mar 45, w/1 Ch, 8 Nov 45 Col 5, plus Col 36. | 8 | 1 ea | 170 |
| 591st Air Materiel Squadron<br>1035th Air Materiel Squadron<br>554th Air Materiel Squadron<br>609th Air Materiel Squadron | [f] 1-458R, 5 Mar 45, w/1 Ch, 8 Nov 45, Col 9 plus Col 36. | 8 | 1 ea | 152 |

d - as modified by Incl 4
e - as modified by Incl 5
f - as modified by Incl 6

a. The following Air Engineering and Air Materiel Squadrons are relieved from present group assignments and assigned to the Air Service Groups as indicated:

| Air Engineering Squadron | Air Materiel Squadron | Air Service Group |
|---|---|---|
| 38th | 1037th | 58th |
| 600th | 608th | 7th |
| 71st | 591st | 21st |
| 40th | 1035th | 46th |
| 309th | 554th | 63d |

b. These actions do not effect the present group assignment of the 601st Air Engineering Squadron and the 609th Air Materiel Squadron.

3. Personnel necessary to accomplish reorganizations will be furnished from sources under your control. Personnel rendered surplus will be absorbed in other units under your control without loss in grade.

4. Equipment is authorized in accordance with appropriate columns of the Tables of Organization and Equipment indicated above. Each unit will be equipped to 100% of its authorized reduced strength insofar as practicable. Equipment in excess of that authorized for this reduced strength, as well as equipment which presently cannot be maintained by the unit due to temporary shortage of personnel, will be turned in to the appropriate base supply agency.

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SUBJECT: Redesignation and Reorganization of the Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, 58th Air Service Group and Certain other Army Air Forces Units (Cont'd).

a. Major items of equipment in excess of that required for the authorized reduced strength will be stored in the nearest available depot or other supply facility. All other equipment turned in will be retained at the base on which the units are stationed to the limit of available storage and maintenance facilities thereat.

b. The shipment from depots to bases is authorized only to equip units to 100% of their authorized reduced strength and not to 100% of the T/O&E equipment level.

5. When the actions directed herein have been accomplished, a report indicating the dates and stations thereof will be submitted to this office.

6. Obligate the appropriate allotments citing PDGA serial number assigned to your command to the extent necessary in accordance with Section III, Circular No. 178, War Department, 1945, as amended.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

Adjutant General.

6 Incls:
1 - T/O&E 1-452R (Col 5)
2 - T/O&E 1-452R (Col 6)
3 - T/O&E 1-457R (Col 5 plus 43)
4 - T/O&E 1-457R (Col 10)
5 - T/O&E 1-456R (Col 5 plus 36)
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TITLE: Headquarters and Base Services Squadron Air Service Group

Delete the following:

| LINE | COLUMN | NO. DELETED | MOS | SSN | GRADE |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 24 | 16 | 1 | Operations officer | 2161 | 1st Lt |
| 28 | 26 | 1 | Communications | 0200 | 1st Lt |
| 46 | 21 | 1 | Military Police | 9110 | 2d Lt |
| 56 | 22 | 1 | Dental | 3170 | Capt |
| 63 | 15 | 1 | Administrative specialist | 502 | S Sgt |
| 69 | 24 | 1 | Clerk | 055 | Pvt |
| 71 | 16 | 1 | Clerk-Typist | 405 | Cpl |
| 72 | 11 | 1 | Clerk-typist | 405 | Pvt |
| 72 | 15 | 1 | Clerk-typist | 405 | Pvt |
| 79 | 20 | 1 | Finance typist-clerk | 623 | Pvt |
| 82 | 11 | 1 | Orderly | 590 | Pvt |
| 97 | 19 | 1 | Cryptographic technician | 805 | S Sgt |
| 98 | 19 | 1 | Cryptographic technician | 805 | Sgt |
| 99 | 19 | 4 | Cryptographic technician | 805 | Cpl |
| 107 | 26 | 5 | Radio operator, AAF | 756 | Cpl |
| 120 | 19 | 1 | Lineman | 238 | Pvt |
| 125 | 19 | 6 | Teletype operator | 237 | Pvt |
| 127 | 21 | 1 | Guard-patrolman | 522 | Cpl |
| 128 | 21 | 10 | Guard-patrolman | 522 | Pvt |
| 131 | 21 | 1 | Military policeman | 677 | Cpl |
| 132 | 21 | 32 | Military policeman | 677 | Pvt |
| 141 | 22 | 1 | Dental assistant | 657 | Cpl |

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TITLE: Headquarters and Base Services
Squadron Air Services Group

| LINE | COLUMN | NO. DELETED | MOS | SSN | GRADE |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 155 | 12 | 1 | Cook | 060 | Cpl |
| 156 | 12 | 1 | Cook's helper | 590 | Pvt |
| 161 | 23 | 1 | Camera technician | 941 | Pvt |

This results in the following:

| | Column 5 |
|---|---|
| Captain | 9 |
| First Lieutenant | 7 |
| Second Lieutenant | 4 |
| Total commissioned | 25 |
| Staff sergeant | 19 |
| Sergeant | 35 |
| Corporal | 62 |
| Private, first class | 42 |
| Private | 42 |
| Total enlisted | 210 |
| Aggregate | 236 |

Add note "v", line 118, Column 19

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T/O&E 1-452R
(Fighter - Col. 6)

TITLE: Headquarters and Base Services Sq, Air Service Group

Delete the following:

| LINE | COLUMN | NO DELETED | MOS | SSN | GRADE |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 24 | 16 | 1 | Operations | 2161 | 1st Lt |
| 28 | 27 | 1 | Communications | 0200 | 1st Lt |
| 46 | 21 | 1 | Military Police | 9110 | 2d Lt |
| 56 | 22 | 1 | Dental | 3170 | Capt |
| 63 | 15 | 1 | Administrative specialist | 502 | S Sgt |
| 69 | 24 | 1 | Clerk | 055 | Pvt |
| 71 | 16 | 1 | Clerk-typist | 405 | Cpl |
| 72 | 11 | 1 | Clerk-typist | 405 | Pvt |
| 72 | 15 | 1 | Clerk-typist | 405 | Pvt |
| 72 | 20 | 1 | Finance typist-clerk | 623 | Pvt |
| 82 | 11 | 1 | Orderly | 590 | Pvt |
| 97 | 19 | 1 | Cryptographic technician | 805 | S Sgt |
| 98 | 19 | 1 | Cryptographic technician | 805 | Sgt |
| 99 | 19 | 4 | Cryptographic technician | 805 | Cpl |
| 107 | 26 | 5 | Radio operator, AAF | 756 | Cpl |
| 109 | 27 | 2 | Radio operator, CMS | 759 | S Sgt |
| 110 | 27 | 2 | Radio operator, CMS | 759 | Sgt |
| 111 | 27 | 8 | Radio operator, CMS | 759 | Cpl |
| 120 | 19 | 1 | Lineman | 238 | Pvt |
| 125 | 19 | 6 | Teletype operator | 237 | Pvt |
| 127 | 21 | 1 | Guard-patrolman | 522 | Cpl |
| 128 | 21 | 10 | Guard-patrolman | 522 | Pvt |



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T/O&E 1-452R
(Fighter - Col 6)

TITLE: Headquarters and Base Services
Squadron Air Service Group

Delete the following:

| LINE | COLUMN | NO. DELETED | MOS | SSN | GRADE |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 131 | 21 | 1 | Military policeman | 677 | Cpl |
| 132 | 21 | 12 | Military policeman | 677 | Pvt |
| 141 | 22 | 1 | Dental assistant | 657 | Cpl |
| 154 | 12 | 1 | Cook | 060 | Sgt |
| 155 | 12 | 1 | Cook | 060 | Cpl |
| 156 | 12 | 1 | Cook's helper | 590 | Pvt |
| 161 | 23 | 1 | Camera technician | 941 | Pvt |

This results in the following:

| | Column 6 |
|---|---|
| Captain | 9 |
| First Lieutenant | 7 |
| Second Lieutenant | 4 |
| Total commissioned | 25 |
| Staff Sergeant | 23 |
| Sergeant | 40 |
| Corporal | 67 |
| Private, first class | 42 |
| Private | 42 |
| Total commissioned | 225 |
| Aggregate | 251 |

Line 110 - Column 27 add Note "w"

Line 111 - Column 27, change note "aa" to "w" - delete note "aa" from remarks Column

Line 118 - Column 19 add Note "w"

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T/O&E NO. 1-457R (Col 5) TITLE: Air Engineering Sq, ASG (Bombardment Light)

Delete the following:

| LINE | COLUMN | NO. DELETED | MOS | SSN | GRADE |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 22 | 17 | 1 | Aircraft maintenance | 4823 | Capt |
| 47 | 17 | 1 | Clerk | 055 | Pvt |
| 50 | 13 | 1 | Clerk-typist | 405 | Pvt |
| 50 | 29 | 1 | Clerk-typist | 405 | Pvt |
| 66 | 55 | 12 | Airplane armorer | 911 | Pvt |
| 70 | 35 | 1 | Armorer | 511 | Pvt |
| 73 | 18 | 2 | Weapons repairman | 903 | Cpl |
| 77 | 35 | 4 | Radar mechanic, IFF | 862 | S Sgt |
| 78 | 35 | 4 | Radar mechanic, IFF | 862 | Sgt |
| 98 | 35 | 2 | Radio mechanic, AAF | 754 | S Sgt |
| 99 | 35 | 2 | Radio mechanic, AAF | 754 | Sgt |
| 100 | 35 | 6 | Radio mechanic, AAF | 754 | Cpl |
| 104 | 19 | 2 | Radio repairman, aircraft equip | 647 | Cpl |
| 121 | 33 | 1 | Aircraft engineering technician | 925 | S Sgt |
| 124 | 33 | 1 | Mobile repair unit chief | 925 | T Sgt |
| 127 | 33 | 2 | Airplane & engine mechanic | 747 | Sgt |
| 128 | 33 | 1 | Airplane & engine mechanic | 747 | Cpl |
| 129 | 22 | 1 | Airplane & engine mechanic | 747 | Pvt |
| 129 | 33 | 1 | Airplane & engine mechanic | 747 | Pvt |
| 133 | 20 | 1 | Fabric & dope mechanic | 548 | Pvt |
| 138 | 33 | 1 | Hydraulic mechanic | 528 | Sgt |
| 143 | 33 | 1 | Airplane & engine electrical accessories repairman | 958 | Sgt |
| 144 | 21 | 2 | Airplane & engine electrical accessories repairman | 958 | Cpl |



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| LINE | COLUMN | NO. DELETED | MOS | SSN | GRADE |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 147 | 35 | 2 | Electrical mechanic | 585 | Cpl |
| 159 | 35 | 2 | Power turret & gunsight mech | 678 | Cpl |
| 168 | 35 | 1 | Bombsight mechanic | 683 | Cpl |
| 170 | 33 | 1 | Instrument mechanic | 686 | Sgt |
| 171 | 23 | 1 | Instrument mechanic | 686 | Cpl |
| 174 | 24 | 1 | Machinist | 114 | Sgt |
| 175 | 33 | 1 | Machinist | 114 | Cpl |
| 179 | 25 | 1 | Parachute rigger & repairman | 620 | Cpl |
| 182 | 33 | 1 | Propeller mechanic | 687 | Sgt |
| 183 | 26 | 2 | Propeller mechanic | 687 | Cpl |
| 186 | 33 | 1 | Sheet metal worker, aircraft | 555 | S Sgt |
| 187 | 33 | 1 | Sheet metal worker, aircraft | 555 | Sgt |
| 188 | 27 | 1 | Sheet metal worker, aircraft | 555 | Cpl |
| 188 | 33 | 2 | Sheet metal worker, aircraft | 555 | Cpl |
| 188 | 35 | 4 | Sheet metal worker, aircraft | 555 | Cpl |
| 191 | 33 | 1 | Welder, aircraft | 573 | Sgt |
| 192 | 30 | 1 | Welder, aircraft | 573 | Cpl |
| 196 | 31 | 1 | Woodworker, airplane | 550 | Pvt |
| 199 | 14 | 1 | Cook | 060 | Cpl |
| 200 | 14 | 1 | Cook's helper | 590 | Pvt |
| 210 | 16 | 1 | Automotive equipment operator | 345 | Pvt |
| 213 | 29 | 2 | Automotive repairman | 965 | Cpl |
| 224 | 29 | 1 | Auto body repairman | 201 | Cpl |
| 235 | 28 | 1 | Electrician | 078 | Pvt |
| | EM | 82 | | | |
| | AGG | 83 | | | |



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Column 47, change note "at" to delete "1 additionally qualified in repair of API and gyro flux gate compasses when required".

Line 124, columns 33 and 47, delete note "ae"

Line 128, column 22, add note "u"

Line 173, column 24, add note "ah"

Line 191, column 30, add note "ac"

This results in the following:

| | Column 5 |
|---|---|
| Maj | 1 |
| Capt | 8 |
| 1st Lt | 6 |
| Total commissioned | 15 |
| Warrant Officer | 1 |
| M Sgt | 6 |
| 1st Sgt | 1 |
| T Sgt | 13 |
| S Sgt | 61 |
| Sgt | 104 |
| Cpl | 112 |
| Pfc | 20 |
| Pvt | 20 |
| Total enlisted | 337 |
| Aggregate | 353 |



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TITLE: Air Engineering Squadron, Air Service Group (Fighter, Column 10)

Delete the following:

| LINE | COLUMN | NUMBER DELETED | MOS | SSN | GRADE |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 22 | 17 | 1 | Aircraft maintenance | 4823 | Capt |
| 47 | 17 | 1 | Clerk | 055 | Pvt |
| 50 | 13 | 1 | Clerk-typist | 405 | Pvt |
| 50 | 29 | 1 | Clerk-typist | 405 | Pvt |
| 66 | 40 | 7 | Airplane armorer | 911 | Pvt |
| 69 | 40 | 1 | Armorer | 511 | Cpl |
| 70 | 40 | 1 | Armorer | 511 | Pvt |
| 73 | 18 | 2 | Weapons repairman | 903 | Cpl |
| 77 | 40 | 3 | Radar mechanic, IFF | 862 | S Sgt |
| 78 | 40 | 4 | Radar mechanic, IFF | 862 | Sgt |
| 98 | 40 | 1 | Radio mechanic, AAF | 754 | S Sgt |
| 99 | 40 | 2 | Radio mechanic, AAF | 754 | Sgt |
| 100 | 40 | 3 | Radio mechanic, AAF | 754 | Cpl |
| 104 | 19 | 2 | Radio repairman, aircraft equipment | 647 | Cpl |
| 129 | 22 | 1 | Airplane and engine mechanic | 747 | Pvt |
| 133 | 20 | 1 | Fabric and dope mechanic | 548 | Pvt |
| 144 | 21 | 2 | Accessories repairman | 958 | Cpl |
| 147 | 40 | 2 | Electrical mechanic | 685 | Cpl |
| 150 | 40 | 1 | Power turret gunsight mechanic | 678 | Cpl |
| 171 | 23 | 1 | Instrument mechanic | 686 | Cpl |
| 174 | 24 | 1 | Machinist | 114 | Sgt |
| 175 | 29 | 1 | Machinist | 114 | Cpl |
| 179 | 25 | 1 | Parachute rigger and repairman | 620 | Cpl |



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T/O&E 1-457R TITLE: Air Engineering Squadron, Air Service Group (Fighter, Column 10)

| LINE | COLUMN | NUMBER DELETED | MOS | SSN | GRADE |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 183 | 26 | 2 | Propeller mechanic | 687 | Cpl |
| 188 | 27 | 1 | Sheet metal worker, aircraft | 555 | Cpl |
| 188 | 40 | 4 | Sheet metal worker, aircraft | 555 | Cpl |
| 192 | 30 | 1 | Welder, aircraft | 573 | Cpl |
| 196 | 31 | 1 | Woodworker, airplane | 550 | Pvt |
| 198 | 14 | 1 | Cook | 060 | Sgt |
| 199 | 40 | 1 | Cook | 060 | Cpl |
| 200 | 14 | 1 | Cook's helper | 590 | Pvt |
| 210 | 16 | 1 | Automotive equipment operator | 345 | Pvt |
| 213 | 29 | 1 | Automotive repairman | 965 | Cpl |
| 224 | 29 | 1 | Automobile body repairman | 201 | Cpl |
| 235 | 28 | 1 | Electrician | 078 | Pvt |

Delete one of the three mobile repair units indicated in column 33.

Change note "at" in the remarks column to read, "Additionally qualified as watch repairman".

Insert superior letters "ah" against 1 Staff sergeant, Machinist (114), line 173, column 24.

Insert superior letters "au" against 1 Sergeant, Machinist (114), line 174, column 29.

Insert superior letters "ae" against 1 Sergeant, Welder, aircraft (573), line 191, column 30.

Insert superior letter "u" against 2 Corporals, Airplane and engine mechanic (747), line 128, column 22.



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TITLE: Air Engineering Squadron, Air Service Group (Fighter, Column 10)

This results in the following:

| LINE | | COLUMN 10 |
|---|---|---|
| 3 | Captain | 8 |
| 5 | Total commissioned | 14 |
| 9 | Technical Sergeant | 13 |
| 10 | Staff Sergeant | 53 |
| 11 | Sergeant | 92 |
| 12 | Corporal | 100 |
| 13 | Private, first class | 19 |
| 14 | Private | 19 |
| 15 | Total enlisted | 303 |
| 16 | Aggregate | 318 |



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T/O&E No. 1-45SR
Column 5

TITLE: AIR MATERIEL SQ, AIR SERVICE GROUP

Delete the following:

| LINE | COLUMN | NO. DELETED | MOS | SSN | GRADE |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 29 | 27 | 1 | Aviation ordnance | 4532 | 1st Lt |
| 40 | 17 | 1 | Clerk-typist | 405 | Pvt |
| 40 | 20 | 1 | Clerk-typist | 405 | Pvt |
| 40 | 27 | 1 | Clerk-typist | 405 | Pvt |
| 46 | 27 | 4 | Ammunition supply technician | 505 | Sgt |
| 53 | 22 | 1 | Supply clerk | 835 | Sgt |
| 53 | 25 | 1 | Supply clerk | 835 | Sgt |
| 54 | 22 | 1 | Supply clerk | 835 | Cpl |
| 54 | 25 | 1 | Supply clerk | 835 | Cpl |
| 55 | 18 | 1 | Supply clerk | 835 | Pvt |
| 55 | 22 | 3 | Supply clerk | 835 | Pvt |
| 56 | 25 | 1 | Supply clerk | 835 | Pvt |
| 57 | 25 | 1 | Supply clerk | 835 | Pvt |
| 61 | 17 | 1 | Supply technician, AAF | 826 | Sgt |
| 63 | 25 | 1 | Supply technician | 821 | S Sgt |
| 65 | 22 | 3 | Warehouseman | 590 | Pvt |
| 65 | 25 | 1 | Warehouseman | 590 | Pvt |
| 67 | 25 | 1 | Warehouseman | 590 | Pvt |
| 72 | 26 | 1 | Aerial mine technician | 582 | Cpl |
| 78 | 26 | 1 | Munitions worker | 901 | Cpl |
| 78 | 27 | 4 | Munitions worker | 901 | Cpl |
| 79 | 26 | 4 | Munitions worker | 901 | Pvt |
| 79 | 27 | 6 | Munitions worker | 901 | Pvt |



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| LINE | COLUMN | NO. DELETED | MOS | SSN | GRADE |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 91 | 21 | 1 | Airplane and engine mechanic | 747 | Pvt |
| 95 | 13 | 1 | Cook | 060 | Cpl |
| 96 | 13 | 1 | Cook's helper | 590 | Pvt |
| 98 | 25 | 1 | Meat cutter | 037 | Pvt |

Delete note "r", line 40, column 20

Change note "r", line 53, column 25, to note "x".

Change note "x", line 63, column 25, to note "aa".

Add note "ab", "1 will drive truck, 2½ ton, bomb service, M-27", to line 78 column 26.

Delete "1 will drive truck, 2½-ton, bomb service, M-27", from note "ac", line 79 column 26.

This results in the following:

| LINE | | COLUMN 5 |
|---|---|---|
| 4 | First lieutenant | 3 |
| 5 | Total enlisted | 8 |
| 10 | Staff sergeant | 15 |
| 11 | Sergeant | 37 |
| 12 | Corporal | 50 |
| 13 | Private, first class | 24 |
| 14 | Private | 24 |
| 15 | Total enlisted | 158 |
| 16 | Aggregate | 167 |



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T/O&E No. 1-458R
Column 9

TITLE: AIR MATERIEL SQUADRON, AIR SERVICE GP

Delete the following:

| LINE | COLUMN | NO. DELETED | MOS | SSN | GRADE |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 29 | 31 | 1 | Aviation Ordnance | 4532 | 1st Lt |
| 40 | 17 | 1 | Clerk-typist | 405 | Pvt |
| 40 | 20 | 1 | Clerk-typist | 405 | Pvt |
| 40 | 31 | 1 | Clerk-typist | 405 | Pvt |
| 46 | 31 | 2 | Ammunition supply technician | 505 | Sgt |
| 53 | 22 | 1 | Supply clerk | 835 | Sgt |
| 53 | 25 | 1 | Supply clerk | 835 | Sgt |
| 54 | 22 | 1 | Supply clerk | 835 | Cpl |
| 54 | 25 | 1 | Supply clerk | 835 | Cpl |
| 55 | 18 | 1 | Supply clerk | 835 | Pvt |
| 55 | 22 | 3 | Supply clerk | 835 | Pvt |
| 56 | 25 | 1 | Supply clerk | 835 | Pvt |
| 57 | 25 | 1 | Supply clerk | 835 | Pvt |
| 61 | 17 | 1 | Supply technician, AAF | 826 | Sgt |
| 63 | 25 | 1 | Supply technician | 821 | S Sgt |
| 65 | 22 | 3 | Warehouseman | 590 | Pvt |
| 65 | 25 | 1 | Warehouseman | 590 | Pvt |
| 67 | 25 | 1 | Warehouseman | 590 | Pvt |
| 72 | 26 | 1 | Aerial mine technician | 582 | Cpl |
| 78 | 26 | 1 | Munitions worker | 901 | Cpl |
| 78 | 31 | 2 | Munitions worker | 901 | Cpl |
| 79 | 26 | 4 | Munitions worker | 901 | Pvt |
| 79 | 31 | 5 | Munitions worker | 901 | Pvt |



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| LINE | COLUMN | NO. DELETED | MOS | SSN | GRADE |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 91 | 21 | 1 | Airplane and engine mechanic | 747 | Pvt |
| 95 | 13 | 1 | Cook | 060 | Cpl |
| 96 | 13 | 1 | Cook's helper | 590 | Pvt |
| 98 | 25 | 1 | Meat cutter | 037 | Pvt |

Delete note "r", line 40, column 20

Change note "r", line 53, column 25, to note "x"

Change note "w", line 63, column 25, to note "aa"

Add note "an", "1 will drive truck 2½ ton, bomb service, H-27", to line 78, column 26

Delete "1 will drive truck, 2½ ton, bomb service, H-27" from note "ae", line 79, column 26

This results in the following:

| LINE | | COLUMN 9 |
|---|---|---|
| 4 | First Lieutenant | 3 |
| 5 | Total commissioned | 8 |
| 10 | Staff sergeant | 14 |
| 11 | Sergeant | 32 |
| 12 | Corporal | 44 |
| 13 | Private, first class | 22 |
| 14 | Private | 21 |
| 15 | Total enlisted | 140 |
| 16 | Aggregate | 149 |

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HEADQUARTERS ISLAND COMMAND
IWO JIMA APO 86

MOVEMENT ORDER)
:
NUMBER 1)

25 February 1946

1. Units Designated to Move: The following listed units less all equipment less all personnel except one (1) officer to be designated by the Island Commander of Iwo Jima, will move from Iwo Jima APO 86 present station, to Guam APO 234 o/a 27 February 1946.

| ORGANIZATION | STRENGTH | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | O | WO | EM |
| 348th Air Service Group | | | |
| Hq & B Sv Sq, 348th ASG | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| 550th Air Engr Sq, 348th ASG | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 554th Air Mat Sq, 348th ASG | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 384th Aviation Squadron | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 465th Aviation Squadron | 0 | 0 | 0 |

2. Type of Change: This is a PERMANENT change of station.

3. Preparation: No equipment and no personnel except one (1) officer designated will accompany the movement of these units. The designated officer is responsible for the maintenance of records of the listed units and will accompany the records of the units. Record will be delivered to Commander of Troops, Headquarters, 20th Air Force APO 234.

4. Authority: The authority for this movement is contained in the Radiogram 20th Air Force, AIPLN 0382, subject: Movement of Units, DTG February 132259Z.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL GATES:

CHARLES F. WILKIN
1st Lt, Air Corps
Adjutant

OFFICIAL:

Charles F. Wilkin
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1st Lt, Air Corps
Adjutant

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HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES ARMY FORCES
MIDDLE PACIFIC
APO 958

ASSIGNMENT ORDERS)
:
NO. 60)

20 September 1945

1. Effective 18 September 1945, the following units are relieved from assignment to United States Army Forces, Middle Pacific and attachment to Army Air Force, Middle Pacific and are assigned to United States Army Strategic Air Forces:

41st Photo Ren Sq
43d Ren Sq, Long Range, Photo
44th Trp Carr Sq
Hq & Base Sv Sq, 347th Air Sv Gp
309th Air Engr Sq
553d Air Mat Sq
Hq & Base Sv Sq, 348th Air Sv Gp
550th Air Engr Sq
554th Air Mat Sq
Hq & Base Sv Sq, 566th Air Sv Gp
984th Air Engr Sq
1004th Air Mat Sq
Hq & Base Sv Sq, 567th Air Sv Gp
995th Air Engr Sq
1005th Air Mat Sq
Hq & Hq Sq, 55th AD Gp
301st Dep Rep Sq
321st Dep Rep Sq
86th Dep Sup Sq
100th Dep Sup Sq
2304th Q/M Trk Plat, Avn, (Sep)
2305th Q/M Trk Plat, Avn, (Sep)
7th Aircraft Maint Unit, Floating
9th Aircraft Maint Unit, Floating
16th Aircraft Maint Unit, Floating
17th Aircraft Maint Unit, Floating
9th Photo Tech Sq
8th Rad Sq (Mob)
16th Historical Unit
35th Statl Contl Unit
558th AAF Band
570th AAF Band
592d AAF Band
595th AAF Band

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Hydroponics Det #2
1956th Ord Dep Co
384th Sig Sv Co, Avn
407th Sig Sv Co, Avn
947th Engr Avn Top Co
915th Engr Air Forces Hq Co
4th Emerg Rescue Sq
87th Adrm Sq (Sp)
696th Sig AW Co
726th Sig AW Co
306th Sig Co, WS

2. Effective 18 September 1945, the following units are relieved from assignment to United States Army Forces, Middle Pacific, attachment to Army Air Force, Middle Pacific, and further attachment to Western Pacific Base Command and are assigned to United States Army Strategic Air Forces:

Sig Hq Co, AW Sv, 7th FC
334th Sta Complement Sq
335th Sta Complement Sq
336th Sta Complement Sq

3. So much of paragraph 1, Assignment Orders No. 30, HAFMIDPAC, 1945, as pertains to the 27th Mobile Weather Squadron, is revoked in accordance with CinCAFPac letter, AG 370.5 (10 Sep 45)GC, 10 September 1945, subject: "Assignment of Units (133)."

4. Paragraph 1, Assignment Orders No. 50, HAFMIDPAC, 1945, is revoked.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL RICHARDSON:

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SACRAMENTO AIR SERVICE COMMAND
McClellan Field, California

24 May 1944

GENERAL ORDERS)
:
NO. 55)

REDESIGNATION AND REORGANIZATION OF CERTAIN SERVICE UNITS

1. Pursuant to instructions contained in "RESTRICTED" letter, AAF, Headquarters, Air Service Command, Patterson Field, Ohio, dated 19 May 1944, Subject: "Redesignation and Reorganization Of Certain Service Units". the following units, located at ASC Training Center, Fresno,,California, or to arrive thereat, having been redesignated effective 10 May 1944, are reorganized effective 1 June 1944:

| Present Designation | New Designation | Group Assignment | T/O and E |
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| Hq & Hq Sq. 348th Serv Gp | Hq & Base Serv Sq, 348th Serv Gp | 348th Serv Gp | 1-452T 15 April 1944 |
| 550th Serv Sq | 550th Engineering Squadron | 348th Serv Gp | 1-457T 15 April 1944 |
| 554th Serv Sq | 554th Materiel Squadron | 348th Serv Gp | 1-458T 15 April 1944 |

2. T/O & E 1-452T to be augmented by column 29 and two (2) times column 28 (less eight (8) Control Tower Operators). Authorized strength of each unit, as augmented, will be(26)officer, twenty-six, one (1) warrent officer, and two hundred eighty-five (285) enlisted men.

3. T/O & E 1-457T to be augmented by column 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, and 35. Each unit, as augmented will have an authorized strength of eleven (11) officer, one (1) warrent officer, and two hundred forty-six (246) enlisted men.

4. The authorized strength of each Materiel Squadron will be seven (7) officers, one (1) warrent officer and one hundred thirty-two (132) enlisted men.

5. All personnel now assigned to 24th, 347th, and 348th Service Group will be used as cadre, fillers and replacements for the foregoing reorginzed units. Additional fillers and replacements necessary will be accomplished in the usual manner by submission of AAF Forms 127A and/or 12/B.

6. Automatic issue of equipment will apply. Training equipment as authorized by T/A 1-26, 21 September 1943, will be utilized by these units.

7. No individual will be reduced in grade as a result of these actions.

8. When redesignation and reorganization have been completed, the Commanding officer, ASCTraining Center, Fresno, Calif, will submitt a report without delay t The Adjutant General's Officer (Operations Branch) Washington 25, DC: the Command General, Ninth Service Command, Fort Douglas, Utah; the Commanding officer, Engi

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9. Obligate the appropriate allotment published in section VI, Circular No. 129, WD, 1 June 1943, to the extent necessary.

By Command of Brigadier General HOWARD:

ROBERT D. HARRIS,
Major, Air Corps,
Acting Adjutant General

OFFICIAL:

/s/ ROBERT D. HARRIS,
/s/ ROBERT D. HARRIS,
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Headquarters
Air Service Command ASCPT2B

Patterson Field, Ohio
19 May 1944

SUBJECT: Redesignation and Reorganization of Certain Service Units.

TO : Commanding General, Sacramento Air Service Command

E-X-T-R-A-C-T

1. Pursuant to instructions contained in letter, War Department, The Adjutant General's Office (AG 322 (9 May 44) OB-I-AFRPG-M), subject: "Constitution Activation, Redesignation, Reorganization and Disbandment of Certain Servie Units", 10 May 1944, the following units having been redesignated effective 10 May 1944, as indicated below, will be reorganized as soon as practicable following their arrival at A.S.C. Training Center, Fresno, California and not l later than 1 June 1944, as shown:

| Present Designation | New Designation | Group Assignement | T/O and E |
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| 554th Serv Sq | 554th Material Sq | 348th Serv Gp | &1-458T 15 April 1944 |

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2. All personnel now assigned to 24th, 346th, 347th, and 348th Service Groups will be used as cadre, fillers and replacements for the foregoing reorganized units. Additional fillers and replacements necessary will be accomplished in the usual manner by submission of AAF Forms 127-A and/or 127-B.

3. Automatic issue of equipment will not apply. Training equipment as authorized by T/A 1-26, 21 September 1943, will be utilized by these units.

4. No individual will be reduced in grade as a result of these actions.

5. When action referred to above has been completed a report will be submitted by letter to the Adjutant Generals Office, Washington 25, D.C. and copies furnished the Commanding General, 9th Servie Command, Commanding Officer, Engineer Depot, Granite, City, Illionois, and this Headquarters, Attn: ASCPT2B, without delay.



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By Command of Major General FRANK:

/s/ Ralph Nemo
RALPH NEMO
Colonel, Adjutant General's Department
Adjutant General

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STATISTICAL CONTROL OFFICE
JOHNSON AIR FORCE BASE
35TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 994

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SUBJECT: Reporting Guides

TO : Commanding Officer
554th Air Material Sq.
63rd Air Service Gp.
APO 994

Enclosed herewith is the latest reporting guides for your organization, prepared by Fifth Air Force. It rescinds all reporting guides now in your possession. The strength figures listed will be used as authorized strength in computing the Monthly Unit Operational Effectiveness Report, RCS: AF-SC-U5, required by FAF Regulation 15-24, dated 22 Jan 47 and Semi-Monthly Operational Plans Report, RCS: AF-SC-U3, required by FAF Regulation 15-12 dated 5 Mar 48.

Stanley E. Wade
STANLEY E. WADE
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3 July 1947

Attachment of Unit. The 52d Quartermaster Laundry Detachment, assigned to Eighth Army and attached this command per General Order 37 Headquarters Far East Air Forces 1947, is further attached to the 314 Composite Wing, Johnson Army Air Base, APO 994 effective as of 15 June 1947.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL AGEE:

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19. Under the provisions of WD Rad WCL 23722 and RR1-1, 1LT (4000) ARTHUR M COLLING, AO 0803776, 554th Air Mat Sq, 63rd Air Sv Gp, APO 994 is reld fr asgmt and dy w/present orgn and atchd unasgd to 4th Repl Depot, ETMA, APO 703 for processing and trans to the US for terminal lv and separation fr the service. O is entitled to one-grade promotion coincident with separation under the provisions of WD Cir 140, 1946, as amended by WD Rad WCL 30668, dtd 19 Dec 46. O WP o/a 7 Jul 47 by Govt MT and/or Rail. TONT. TDN. FCS. Processing date: 7 Jul 47. EDCMR: 7 Jul 47. O will have in his possession WD AGO Form 81 or 8-117, "Immunization Register", WD AGO Form 66-1, 2, or 3, "O & WO Qual Card", WD AGO Form 77, "O Pay Data Card and record of lv accrued and granted as prescribed by AR 600-115. O permanent address is 47 Russell St, Keene, New Hampshire. O will notify correspondents and publishers to discontinue mailing ltrs and publications and will advise of new address when so instructed by his unit CO, at which time he will furnish unit mail clerk with home or other address to which mail will be forwarded. (Provisions of FEC Cir #17, "Personal Baggage Allowances for Personnel on TDY and FCS, dtd 13 Feb 47 will apply)

20. Under the provisions of WD Rad WCL 23722 and RR1-1, 1LT (4823) IRVING C W WONG, AO 0505684 309th Air Engr Sq, 63rd Air Sv Gp, APO 994 is reld fr asgmt and dy w/present orgn and atchd unasgd to 4th Repl Depot, ETMA, APO 703 for processing and trans to the US for terminal lv and separation fr the service. O is entitled to one-grade promotion coincident with separation under the provisions of WD Cir 140, 1946, as amended by WD Rad WCL 30668, dtd 19 Dec 46. O WP o/a 7 Jul 47 by Govt MT and/or Rail. TONT. TDN. FCS. Processing date: 7 Jul 47. EDCMR: 7 Jul 47. O will have in his possession WD AGO Form 81 or 8-117, "Immunization Register", WD AGO Form 66-1, 2, or 3, "O & WO Qual Card", WD AGO Form 77, "O Pay Data Card", and record of lv accrued and granted as prescribed by AR 600-115. O permanent address is 704 North Stockton St, Stockton, Calif O will notify correspondents and publishers to discontinue mailing ltrs and publications and will advise of new address when so instructed by his unit CO, at which time he will furnish unit mail clerk with home or other address to which mail will be forwarded. (Provisions of FEC Cir #17, "Personal Baggage Allowances for Personnel on TDY and FCS, dtd 13 Feb 47 will apply).

21. Pfc (345) Harding Two Horses, RA37597306, 613th Acft Control & Warn Sq, APO 994 is reld fr asgmt and dy w/present orgn and trfd in gr to Hq & Base Sv Sq, 63rd Air Sv Gp, APO 994 and will report to CO thereof for dy. FCS. No tvl involved. EDCMR: 2 Jul 47



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22. Under the provisions of Sec IV, WD Cir 14, 1946, F/Sgt (50 Melvin L Bryant, RA6284628, 8th Photo Recon Sq, APO 994 is placed on TDY and atchd to 4th Repl Depot, ZAMA, APO 703 for immediate processing and trans to US due to emergency lv. Provisions of FEAF Manual 35-3 May 45 apply. URGENT--critical illness of father. CO, 4th Repl Depot, ZAMA, APO 703 will rpt WARTAG direct with info copies to Hq, FEAF and Hq, CINCFE. date of departure, ETA, and plac of arrival in US. Immediately upon arrival in US of individual returned under these provisions, CO, Port of Entry will expedite movement of individual to his destination and report to TAG the time of arrival in US and time of departure [illegible] port. EM WP o/a 2 Jul 47. Processing date: 2 Jul 47. Rtd tvl by Govt MT, Rail, and/or Mil Acft. AIR PRIORITY [illegible] NME-35-0510-WD. TCNT. TDN. OCWR Pacific Theater. EDCMT [illegible] Jul 47. (Auth: FEAF Cite MX 25546 Misc and FAF Cite E6-858, [illegible] 47).

23. Pvt (522) Frederick W Brautigam, RA15216256, 58th Air Sv Gp APO 660, now DS w/Hq & Base Sv Sq, 63rd Air Sv Gp, APO 994 for special dy w/Fifth Air Force Stockade, this sta, is reld fr such DS and special dy and will rejoin proper orgn. EM WP o/a 2 Jul 47 by Rail. TCNT. TDN. EDCMT 1 Jul 47.

24. Having rpted this sta this date per par 17, SO 9, Hq Tokyo QM Depot, APO 181, 25 Jun 47, as amended, the fol-named EM, 52nd QM Ldry Det, APO 994 are atchd to 554th Air Mat Sq, 63rd Air Sv Gp, APO 994 for rations & quarters:

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| T/4 Robert E L Padgett | [illegible] |
| T/5 Tetsuo Kiyohiro | RA [illegible]456 |
| Pfc Claude D Sharpe | RA [illegible]7984 |
| Pfc Yutaka Yamada | RA [illegible]3213 |
| Pfc Hotoku Tokuda | RA [illegible]438 |
| Pfc Giovanne Nardi | [illegible]71 |
| Pvt Alexander W Mischenko Jr | RA [illegible]8213 |
| Pvt Lonnie R Nettles | RA12237781 |

25. Having rpted this sta this date per par 4, SO 13, Hq Tokyo QM Depot, APO 181, cs, 1LT WILBURN H OHLE, QMC, 0566345, 52nd QM Ldry Det, APO 994 is atchd to 554th Air Mat Sq, 63rd Air Sv Gp, APO 994 for administration.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL LAUER:

OFFICIAL:

CLIFFORD R EVENSON
Capt, Air Corps
Asst Adjutant

JOHN L SUSOTT
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26. Having rptd this Sta this date per par 5, SO 13, Hq, Tokyo QM Depot, APO 181, dtd 30 Jun 47, the fol-named EM, 535th QM Sales Det, APO 994 are attchd to 554th Air Mat Sq, 63rd Air Sv Gp, APO 994 for rations and quarters.

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| Pfc (373) Robert K Downing | RA11147437 |
| Pfc (835) Robert J Francisco | RA13231404 |
| Pfc (373) William M Pignael | RA32732014 |
| Pfc (373) Jerome D Snell | RA18289476 |
| Pvt (522) Ancil E Merritt | RA18099326 |

27. Fol-named garrison prisoners, orgns as indicated, are reld fr atchd to Hq & Base Sv Sq, 7th Air Sv Gp, APO 994 for rats and adm only upon completion of confinement in Fifth Air Force Stockade this sta, and will furnish proper rpts. Atchs tvl by Govt MT and/or mail. TONT. MOW. Effective dates as indicated.

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| Pvt James R McCalman | RA[illegible] | 8th Photo Tech Sq APO 328 | 1 Jul 47 |
| Pvt Gaston H Hudson | RA[illegible] | 91st AAF Base Unit, Sq "C", APO 925 | 1 Jul 47 |
| Pvt Jesse L Roberts | RA[illegible] | 554th Air Mat Sq, 63rd Air Sv Gp APO 994 | 1 Jul 47 |
| Pvt Billy R Sanford | RA[illegible] | 128th Military Police Co, FEAF APO 925 | 1 Jul 47 |
| Pvt John B Lubert | RA43053567 | 554th Air Mat Sq, 63rd Air Sv Gp APO 994 | 2 Jul 47 |
| Pvt David S Roberts | RA19237935 | Hq & Base Sv Sq, 7th Air Sv Gp, APO 328 | 2 Jul 47 |
| Pvt Anthony D Rulli | RA46074534 | 1st Comm Sq, FAF, APO 710 | 4 Jul 47 |
| Pvt William C Bass | RA18245974 | 13th Air Sup Sq APO 704 | 5 Jul 47 |
| Pvt David R Garland | RA11149581 | 15th Comm Sq, FEAF, APO 925 | 5 Jul 47 |
| Pvt Jackie L Hall | RA15020520 | 13th Air Sup Sq, APO 704 | 5 Jul 47 |
| Pvt Elzie A Baird | RA6275913 | 440th Sig Hry Constr Bn, APO 925 | 6 Jul 47 |
| Pvt John Beggs | RA12115656 | 1938th Engrs Avn Util Co, APO 925 | 6 Jul 47 |
| Pvt William F O'Halloran | RA1225192 | 91st AAF Base Unit, Sq "C", APO 925 | 6 Jul 47 |



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| Pvt John J Lasley | RA36067393 | 1037th Air Mat Sq, 58th Air Sv Gp, APO 660 | 2 Jul |
| Pvt Luther A Page | RA16210245 | 10th Motor Trans Sq, APO 704 | 9 Jul |
| Pvt Lee A Uribe | RA18022072 | 611th Acft Control & Warn Sq, APO 181 | 10 Jul |
| Pvt Edward A Wood | RA14228480 | 1370th MP Co, APO 712 | 10 Jul |

28. Fol-named EM, 405th Bomb Sq, APO 929 (now on TDY w/Fifth Air Force Stockade, APO 994) are placed on further TDY w/ Hq & Base Sv Sq, 63rd Air Sv Gp, APO 994 for special dy w/Fifth Air Force Stockade, APO 994. UCMJ proper orgn. No tvl involved. EDCMR: 1 Jul 47.

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| Pfc (521) Manuel Gatos | RA14213914 |
| Pfc (522) Charles W Holt | RA15256947 |
| Pfc (522) Albert E VanWay | RA12253[illegible] |
| Pfc (521) Clyde Vernon Jr | RA14246[illegible] |
| Pfc (521) Rick Young | RA18212[illegible] |
| Pfc (522) Theodore C Smith | RA17197076 |

29. VCCO 27 Jun 47 releasing the fol-named garrison prisoners, orgns as indicated, fr chge of Hq & Base Sv Sq, 63rd Air Sv Gp, APO 994 for rail and/or highway upon completion of confinement in Fifth Air Force Stockade, APO 994 for return to proper orgn is hereby confirmed and ordered. Travel by Govt MT and/or Rail. TONT. TDN. Effective date as indicated.

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| Pvt Virgil O Murrell | [illegible] | 123th Air Sup Sq, 13th Air Depot, APO 704 | 27 Jun 4 |
| Pvt Theodore A Clark | RA[illegible] | 1037th Air Mat Sq, 63rd Air Sv Gp, APO 994 | 27 Jun 4 |
| Pvt Steven Blakeway | RA18030087 | 994th Air Mat Sq, 63rd Air Sv Gp, APO 994 | 28 Jun 4 |
| Pvt Carroll M Ricks | RA34316559 | 8th Bomb Sq, 3rd Bomb Gp, APO 328 | 28 Jun 4 |
| Pvt George W Harris | RA14146735 | 994th Air Sv Gp, Itazuke AAB, APO 929. | 28 Jun 4 |

BY ORDER OF COLONEL LAUER:

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23. Pvt (522) Frederick W Brautigam, RA15216256, 58th Air Sv Gp APO 660, now DS w/Hq & Hqn Sv Sq, 63rd Air Sv Gp, APO 994 for special dy w/Fifth Air Force Stockade, this sta, is reld fr such DS and special dy and will return proper orgn. EM WP o/a 2 Jul 47 by Rail. TCNT. TDN. EDCMC 1 Jul 47.

24. Having rptd this sta this date per par 17, SO 9, Hq Tokyo QM Depot, APO 1[illegible], 29 Jan 47, as specified, the fol-named EM, 52nd QM Ldry Det, APO 994 are atchd to 554th Air Mat Sq, 63rd Air Sv Gp, APO 994 for rations [illegible]

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| T/4 Robert E L Padgett | [illegible] |
| T/5 Tetsuo Kiyomiro | [illegible] |
| Pfc Claude D Sharpe | [illegible] |
| Pfc Yutaka Yamada | [illegible] |
| Pfc Hotoku Tokuda | [illegible] |
| Pfc Giovanne Nardi | [illegible] |
| Pvt Alexander W Mischenko Jr | [illegible] |
| Pvt Lonnie R Nettles | RA[illegible]37781 |

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Pfc (835) Robert J Francisco RA13231404
Pfc (373) William B Pignanel RA38733014
Pfc (373) Jerome D Strell RA18289476
Pvt (522) Ancil E Merritt RA18099326

27. Fol-named Japanese prisoners of wars as indicated, are reld fr atchd to Hq & Base Sv Sq, 63rd Air Sv Gp, APO 994 for rats and adm only upon completion of confinement in Fifth Air Force Stockade this sta, and will return proper duty. Atzd tvl by Govt MT and/or Rail. TONT. EDCMR Effective dates as indicated.

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| Pvt James R McQualman | RA[illegible] | 5th Photo Tech Sq APO 328 | 1 Jul 47 |
| Pvt Gaston B Hudson | [illegible] | 91st AAF Base Unit, Sq "C", APO 925 | 1 Jul 47 |
| Pvt Jesse L Roberts | RA[illegible] | 554th Air Mat Sq, 63rd Air Sv Gp, APO 994 | 1 Jul 47 |
| Pvt Billy R Sanford | RA[illegible] | 128th Military Police Co, FEAF, APO 925 | 1 Jul 47 |
| Pvt John B Lubert | RA43053667 | 554th Air Mat Sq, 63rd Air Sv Gp, APO 994 | 2 Jul 47 |
| Pvt David S Roberts | RA19237975 | Hq & Base Sv Sq, 7th Air Sv Gp, APO 328 | 2 Jul 47 |
| Pvt Anthony D Rulli | RA46074584 | 1st Comm Sq, FAF, APO 710 | 4 Jul 47 |
| Pvt William C Bass | RA18245974 | 134th Air Sup Sq APO 704 | 5 Jul 47 |
| Pvt David R Garland | RA11149581 | 136th Comm Sq, FEAF, APO 925 | 5 Jul 47 |
| Pvt Jackie L Hall | RA15020520 | 134th Air Sup Sq, APO 704 | 5 Jul 47 |
| Pvt Elzie A Baird | RA6275913 | 440th Sig Hvy Constr Bn, APO 925 | 6 Jul 47 |
| Pvt John Boggs | RA12115656 | 1938th Engrs Avn Util Co, APO 925 | 6 Jul 47 |
| Pvt William F O'Halloran | RA1225192 | 91st AAF Base Unit, Sq "C", APO 925 | 6 Jul 47 |

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Par 27, SO 92, this Hq, Johnson AAB, 35th Ftr Gp, APO 994, dtd 1 Jul 47, Cont'd.

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| Pvt John J Lasley | RA46067333 | 1037th Air Mat Sq, 63rd Air Sv Gp, APO 660 | 2 Jul 4 |
| Pvt Luther A Page | RA16210245 | 106th Motor Trans Sq, APO 704 | 9 Jul 4 |
| Pvt Lee A Uribe | RA18022072 | 611th Acft Control & Warn Sq, APO 181 | 10 Jul 4 |
| Pvt Edward A Wood | RA14228480 | 1370th MP Co, APO 712 | 10 Jul 4 |

28. Fol-named EM, 405th Bomb Sq, APO 929 (now on TDY w/Fifth Air Force Stockade, APO 994) are placed on further TDY w/ Hq & Base Sv Sq, 63rd Air Sv Gp, APO 994 for special dy w/Fifth Air Force Stockade, APO 994. DCMR proper orgn. No tvl involved. EDCMR: 1 Jul 47.

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| Pfc (521) Manual Gates | RA14213914 |
| Pfc (522) Charles W Hall | RA15256947 |
| Pfc (522) Albert E Vernay | RA12253451 |
| Pfc (521) Clyde Vernie Jr | RA[illegible] |
| Pfc (521) Rick Young | RA[illegible] |
| Pfc (522) Theodore C Smith | RA[illegible] |

29. VOCO 27 Jun 47 [illegible] the fol-named garrison prisoners, orgns as indicated, [illegible] to Hq & Base Sv Sq, 63rd Air Sv Gp, APO 994 for rel and [illegible] upon completion of confinement in Fifth Air Force Stockade. This stn. to return to proper orgn is hereby confirmed and ordered. Auth tvl by Govt MT and/or Rail. TCNT. TDN. Effective dates as indicated.

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| Pvt Vergil O Murrell | RA[illegible] | 13th Air Sup Sq, 13th Air Depot, APO 704 | 27 Jun 4 |
| Pvt Theodore A Clark | RA[illegible] | [illegible]th Air Mat Sq, [illegible]rd Air Sv Gp, APO 994 | 27 Jun 4 |
| Pvt Steven Plakoway | RA18035027 | [illegible]4th Air Mat Sq, [illegible]3rd Air Sv Gp, APO 994 | 28 Jun 4 |
| Pvt Carroll M Ricks | RA34316539 | 8th Bomb Sq, 3rd Bomb Gp, APO 328 | 28 Jun 4 |
| Pvt George W Harris | RA14146735 | [illegible]4th Air Sv Gp, Itazuke AAB, APO 929 | 28 Jun 4 |

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APO 994 21 Jul 47

E X T R A C T

19. Fol-named EM, orgns indicated, APO 201 now on dy w/Tokyo Golf Course per par 4, SO 157, Hq, 1st Cav Div, APO 201, Camp Drake, (Tokyo) Japan, dtd 1 Jul 47 are atchd to 554th Air Mat Sq for rats only. (Auth: VOCG, Fifth Air Force, APO 710 & 1st Ind, Hq, 314th Comp Wg, APO 994, 18 Jul 47 to ltr, Hq, Johnson AAB, APO 994, Subject: Special Orders, dtd 9 Jul 47).

HQ DET, 1ST CAV DIV

S/Sgt Harvey L McKinney RA20444630
Cpl Kenneth L Tousignant RA17216995
Pfc Otis H Turner RA18290868

8TH ENGR SQ

Sgt Tashihiro Shirai RA302[illegible]
Tec 5 Richard Barker RA399[illegible]
Pfc Tom Shocp RA162[illegible]
Pvt Matsuichi Kawamoto RA101[illegible]
Pvt Richard Rice RA152[illegible]

15TH QM TRP

Tec 5 Odie Hager RA35444755

5TH CAV

Pfc William L Clark RA16227945

20. Fol-named EM, 613th Acft Control & Warn Sq, APO 994 are placed on TDY for an indefinite period w/Hq & Base Sv Sq, 385th Air Sv Gp, Chitose AAB, APO 919 for the purpose of accomplishing mission of their orgn. EM WP o/a 23 Jul 47 by Govt MT and/or Rail. TONT. TDN. OCWR proper orgn.

Pfc (238) James A Maloney RA13258584
Pfc (238) Milan Vukovich RA19258128
Pvt (055) Joseph J Brennan RA33706680
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SO 105, this Hq, Johnson AAB, 35th Ftr Gp, APO 994 dtd 21 Jul 47
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21. Sgt (522) Jonas J Fields, RA15247808, Hq & Base Sv Sq, 63rd Air Sv Gp, APO 994, having completed prescribed overseas tour of dy, is trfd in gr atchd unasgd to 4th Repl Depot, ZAMA, APO 703 for processing and trans to US for continental reassignment. TONT. TDN.PCS. Processing date: 24 Jul 47. EDCMR: 24 Jul 47. EM WP o/a 24 Jul 47 by Govt MT and/or Rail. Provisions of FEAF Manual 35-3, May 45 apply. (Auth: WD Rad 96572, dtd 22 Apr 47 and War X 88241, dtd 21 Dec 46.)

22. Fol-named O, Hq & Base Sv Sq, 63rd Air Sv Gp, APO 994 are reld fr dy and asgmt w/present orgn and asgd to 339th Ftr Sq (AW), APO 994 and will report to CO thereof for dy. PCS EDCMR: 22 Jul 47. No tvl involved.

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| CAPT | (2161) SHARON M JONES | 0790845 |
| 1LT | (2161) WILLIAM R COLEMAN | 02094163 |
| 1LT | (2200) CECIL E NEWBERRY | 0842572 |
| 1LT | (1024) WALLIS L RUSSELL | 0778959 |
| 2LT | (1051) ARTHUR M SIEAN | 0932567 |
| 2LT | (9307) MURRAY L STEWARD | 0937180 |

23. 1LT (2110) CURTIS B PINKERTON, AC, 0842243, 40th Ftr Sq, 35th Ftr Gp, APO 994 is reld fr asgmt as Asst Director, Base Tech School (Prim Dy) EDCMR: 22 Jul 47

24. 1LT (1055) CHARLES E GRAY, AC, 0670862, 39th Ftr Sq, 35th Ftr Gp, APO 994 is reld fr asgmt as Asst Combat Intelligence O (Prim Dy) EDCMR: 22 Jul 47

25. 1LT (1055) CHARLES E GRAY, AC, 0670862, 39th Ftr Sq, 35th Ftr Gp, APO 994 is reld fr asgmt as Officer in charge of Time Section (Add Dy) Effective: 22 Jul 47

26. 1LT (1055) CHARLES E GRAY, AC, 0670862, 39th Ftr Sq, 35th Ftr Gp, APO 994 is reld fr asgmt as Asst Air Operations O. (Add Dy) Effective: 22 Jul 47

27. 1LT (1055) CHARLES E GRAY, AC, 0670862, 39th Ftr Sq, 35th Ftr Gp, APO 994 is reld fr asgmt and dy w/present orgn and asgd to 68th Photo Recon Sq, APO 994 and will report to CO thereof for dy. PCS No tvl involved. EDCMR: 22 Jul 47.

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| S/Sgt | Harvey L McKinney | RA20444630 |
| Cpl | Kenneth L Tousignant | RA17216925 |
| Pfc | Otis H Turner | RA18290868 |

6TH ENGR SQ

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| Sgt | Tashiniro Shirai | RA3021[illegible]5 |
| Tec 5 | Richard Barker | RA3994[illegible]1 |
| Pfc | Tom Shoop | RA162[illegible]2 |
| Pvt | Matsuichi Kawamoto | RA1010[illegible]4 |
| Pvt | Richard Rice | RA15244562 |

15TH QM TRP

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| Tec 5 | Odie Hager | RA35444755 |

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24. Having rptd this sta this date per par 17, SO 9, Hq Tokyo QM Depot, APO 181, 25 Jun 47 as amended, the fol-named EM, 52nd QM Lary Det, APO 994 are atchd to 554th Air Mat Sq, 63rd Air Sv Gp, APO 994 for rats and q trs.

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| T/4 Robert E L Padgett | RA 34121282 |
| T/5 Tetsue Kiyohira | RA 30110456 |
| Pfc Claude D Sharpe | RA 15217854 |
| Pfc Yutaka Yamada | RA 30123913 |
| Pfc Heteku Tokuda | RA 30126138 |
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| Pvt Lonnie R Nettles | RA 12237781 |

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| Pfc (373) Robert K Downing | RA 11147437 |
| Pfc (835) Robert J Francisco | RA 13231404 |
| Pfc (373) William B Michael | RA 35738014 |
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| Pfc (373) William E Michael | RA 38738014 |
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SUBJECT: Redesignation and Reorganization of the Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, 58th Air Service Group and Certain other Army Air Forces Units.

TO: Commander-in-Chief,
USAF, Pacific

1. The following units are redesignated and will be reorganized as indicated at the earliest practicable date:

| Present Designation | New Designation | T/O & E | Auth Str OFF | WO | EM |
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| Hq and Hq Sqs, 58th and 7th Air Service Groups | Hq and Base Service Sqs, 58th and 7th Air Service Groups, respectively. | [a]1-452R, 5 Mar 45, w/1 Ch, 8 Nov 45, Col 5. | 25 | 1 ea | 210 |
| Hq and Hq Sqs, 21st, 46th and 63d Air Service Groups. | Hq and Base Services Sqs, 21st, 46th and 63d Air Service Groups, respectively | [b]1-452R, 5 Mar 45, w/1 Ch, 8 Nov 45, Col 6. | 25 | 1 ea | 225 |

2. Concurrently with the reorganizations directed in paragraph 1 above the following units will be reorganized as indicated:

| Unit | T/O&E | Auth Str OFF | WO | EM |
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| Hq and Base Services Squadron, 385th Air Service Groups. | [b]1-452R, 5 Mar 45, w/1 Ch, 8 Nov 45, Col 6. | 25 | 1 | 225 |
| 38th Air Engineering Squadron<br>600th Air Engineering Squadron | [c]1-457R, 5 Mar 45, w/1 Ch, 8 Nov 45 Col 5 plus Col 43. | 16 | 1 ea | 344 |

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| Unit | T/O&E | Off | WO | EM |
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| 71st Air Engineering Squadron )<br>408h Air Engineering Squadron )<br>309th Air Engineering Squadron )<br>601st Air Engineering Squadron ) | [d] 1-457R, 5 Mar 45, w/1 Ch, 8 Nov 45, Col 10 | 14 | 1 ea | 303 |
| 1037th Air Materiel Squadron )<br>608th Air Materiel Squadron ) | [e] 1-458R, 5 Mar 45, w/1 Ch, 8 Nov 45 Col 5, plus Col 36. | 8 | 1 ea | 170 |
| 591st Air Materiel Squadron )<br>1035th Air Materiel Squadron )<br>554th Air Materiel Squadron )<br>609th Air Materiel Squadron ) | [f] 1-458R, 5 Mar 45, w/1 Ch, 8 Nov 45, Col 9 plus Col 36. | 8 | 1 ea | 152 |

d - as modified by Incl 4
e - as modified by Incl 5
f - as modified by Incl 6

a. The following Air Engineering and Air Materiel Squadrons are relieved from present group assignments and assigned to the Air Service Groups as indicated:

| Air Engineering Squadron | Air Materiel Squadron | Air Service Group |
|---|---|---|
| 33th | 1037th | 58th |
| 600th | 608th | 7th |
| 71st | 591st | 21st |
| 40th | 1035th | 46th |
| 309th | 554th | 63d |

b. These actions do not effect the present group assignment of the 601st Air Engineering Squadron and the 609th Air Materiel Squadron.

3. Personnel necessary to accomplish reorganizations will be furnished from sources under your control. Personnel rendered surplus will be absorbed in other units under your control without loss in grade.

4. Equipment is authorized in accordance with appropriate columns of the Tables of Organization and Equipment indicated above. Each unit will be equipped to 100% of its authorized reduced strength insofar as practicable. Equipment in excess of that authorized for this reduced strength, as well as equipment which presently cannot be maintained by the unit due to temporary shortage of personnel, will be turned in to the appropriate base supply agency.

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SUBJECT: Redesignation and Reorganization of the Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, 58th Air Service Group and Certain other Army Air Forces Units (Cont'd).

a. Major items of equipment in excess of that required for the authorized reduced strength will be stored in the nearest available depot or other supply facility. All other equipment turned in will be retained at the base on which the units are stationed to the limit of available storage and maintenance facilities thereat.

b. The shipment from depots to bases is authorized only to equip units to 100% of their authorized reduced strength and not to 100% of the T/O&E equipment level.

5. When the actions directed herein have been accomplished, a report indicating the dates and stations thereof will be submitted to this office.

6. Obligate the appropriate allotments citing PDGA serial number assigned to your command to the extent necessary in accordance with Section III, Circular No. 178, War Department, 1945, as amended.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

Adjutant General.

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TITLE: Headquarters and Base Services
Squadron Air Service Group

Delete the following:

| LINE | COLUMN | NO. DELETED | MOS | SSN | GRADE |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 24 | 16 | 1 | Operations officer | 2161 | 1st Lt |
| 28 | 26 | 1 | Communications | 0200 | 1st Lt |
| 46 | 21 | 1 | Military Police | 9110 | 2d Lt |
| 56 | 22 | 1 | Dental | 3170 | Capt |
| 63 | 15 | 1 | Administrative specialist | 502 | S Sgt |
| 69 | 24 | 1 | Clerk | 055 | Pvt |
| 71 | 16 | 1 | Clerk-Typist | 405 | Cpl |
| 72 | 11 | 1 | Clerk-typist | 405 | Pvt |
| 72 | 15 | 1 | Clerk-typist | 405 | Pvt |
| 79 | 20 | 1 | Finance typist-clerk | 623 | Pvt |
| 82 | 11 | 1 | Orderly | 590 | Pvt |
| 97 | 19 | 1 | Cryptographic technician | 805 | S Sgt |
| 98 | 19 | 1 | Cryptographic technician | 805 | Sgt |
| 99 | 19 | 4 | Cryptographic technician | 805 | Cpl |
| 107 | 26 | 5 | Radio operator, AAF | 756 | Cpl |
| 120 | 19 | 1 | Lineman | 238 | Pvt |
| 125 | 19 | 6 | Teletype operator | 237 | Pvt |
| 127 | 21 | 1 | Guard-patrolman | 522 | Cpl |
| 128 | 21 | 10 | Guard-patrolman | 522 | Pvt |
| 131 | 21 | 1 | Military policeman | 677 | Cpl |
| 132 | 21 | 32 | Military policeman | 677 | Pvt |
| 141 | 22 | 1 | Dental assistant | 657 | Cpl |



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T/O&E 1-452R
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TITLE: Headquarters and Base Services Squadron Air Services Group

| LINE | COLUMN | NO. DELETED | MOS | SSN | GRADE |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 155 | 12 | 1 | Cook | 060 | Cpl |
| 156 | 12 | 1 | Cook's helper | 590 | Pvt |
| 161 | 23 | 1 | Camera technician | 941 | Pvt |

This results in the following:

| | Column 5 |
|---|---|
| Captain | 9 |
| First Lieutenant | 7 |
| Second Lieutenant | 4 |
| Total commissioned | 25 |
| Staff sergeant | 19 |
| Sergeant | 35 |
| Corporal | 62 |
| Private, first class | 42 |
| Private | 42 |
| Total enlisted | 210 |
| Aggregate | 236 |

Add note "w", line 118, Column 19

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T/O&E 1-452R
(Fighter - Col. 6)

TITLE: Headquarters and Base Services Sq, Air Service Group

Delete the following:

| LINE | COLUMN | NO DELETED | MOS | SSN | GRADE |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 24 | 16 | 1 | Operations | 2161 | 1st Lt |
| 28 | 27 | 1 | Communications | 0200 | 1st Lt |
| 46 | 21 | 1 | Military Police | 9110 | 2d Lt |
| 56 | 22 | 1 | Dental | 3170 | Capt |
| 63 | 15 | 1 | Administrative specialist | 502 | S Sgt |
| 69 | 24 | 1 | Clerk | 055 | Pvt |
| 71 | 16 | 1 | Clerk-typist | 405 | Cpl |
| 72 | 11 | 1 | Clerk-typist | 405 | Pvt |
| 72 | 15 | 1 | Clerk-typist | 405 | Pvt |
| 72 | 20 | 1 | Finance typist-clerk | 623 | Pvt |
| 82 | 11 | 1 | Orderly | 590 | Pvt |
| 97 | 19 | 1 | Cryptographic technician | 805 | S Sgt |
| 98 | 19 | 1 | Cryptographic technician | 805 | Sgt |
| 99 | 19 | 4 | Cryptographic technician | 805 | Cpl |
| 107 | 26 | 5 | Radio operator, AAF | 756 | Cpl |
| 109 | 27 | 2 | Radio operator, CMS | 759 | S Sgt |
| 110 | 27 | 2 | Radio operator, CMS | 759 | Sgt |
| 111 | 27 | 8 | Radio operator, CMS | 759 | Cpl |
| 120 | 19 | 1 | Lineman | 238 | Pvt |
| 125 | 19 | 6 | Teletype operator | 237 | Pvt |
| 127 | 21 | 1 | Guard-patrolman | 522 | Cpl |
| 128 | 21 | 10 | Guard-patrolman | 522 | Pvt |



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T/O&E 1-452R
(Fighter - Col 6)

TITLE: Headquarters and Base Services
Squadron Air Service Group

Delete the following:

| LINE | COLUMN | NO. DELETED | MOS | SSN | GRADE |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 131 | 21 | 1 | Military policeman | 677 | Cpl |
| 132 | 21 | 12 | Military policeman | 677 | Pvt |
| 141 | 22 | 1 | Dental assistant | 657 | Cpl |
| 154 | 12 | 1 | Cook | 060 | Sgt |
| 155 | 12 | 1 | Cook | 060 | Cpl |
| 156 | 12 | 1 | Cook's helper | 590 | Pvt |
| 161 | 23 | 1 | Camera technician | 941 | Pvt |

This results in the following:

| | Column 6 |
|---|---|
| Captain | 9 |
| First Lieutenant | 7 |
| Second Lieutenant | 4 |
| Total commissioned | 25 |
| Staff Sergeant | 23 |
| Sergeant | 40 |
| Corporal | 67 |
| Private, first class | 42 |
| Private | 42 |
| Total commissioned | 225 |
| Aggregate | 251 |

Line 110 - Column 27 add Note "w"

Line 111 - Column 27, change note "aa" to "w" - delete note "aa" from remarks Column

Line 118 - Column 19 add Note "w"

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T/O&E NO. 1-457R (Col 5) TITLE: Air Engineering Sq, ASG (Bombardment Light)

Delete the following:

| LINE | COLUMN | NO. DELETED | MOS | SSN | GRADE |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 22 | 17 | 1 | Aircraft maintenance | 4823 | Capt |
| 47 | 17 | 1 | Clerk | 055 | Pvt |
| 50 | 13 | 1 | Clerk-typist | 405 | Pvt |
| 50 | 29 | 1 | Clerk-typist | 405 | Pvt |
| 66 | 55 | 12 | Airplane armorer | 911 | Pvt |
| 70 | 35 | 1 | Armorer | 511 | Pvt |
| 73 | 18 | 2 | Weapons repairman | 903 | Cpl |
| 77 | 35 | 4 | Radar mechanic, IFF | 862 | S Sgt |
| 78 | 35 | 4 | Radar mechanic, IFF | 862 | Sgt |
| 98 | 35 | 2 | Radio mechanic, AAF | 754 | S Sgt |
| 99 | 35 | 2 | Radio mechanic, AAF | 754 | Sgt |
| 100 | 35 | 6 | Radio mechanic, AAF | 754 | Cpl |
| 104 | 19 | 2 | Radio repairman, aircraft equip | 647 | Cpl |
| 121 | 33 | 1 | Aircraft engineering technician | 925 | S Sgt |
| 124 | 33 | 1 | Mobile repair unit chief | 925 | T Sgt |
| 127 | 33 | 2 | Airplane & engine mechanic | 747 | Sgt |
| 128 | 33 | 1 | Airplane & engine mechanic | 747 | Cpl |
| 129 | 22 | 1 | Airplane & engine mechanic | 747 | Pvt |
| 129 | 33 | 1 | Airplane & engine mechanic | 747 | Pvt |
| 133 | 20 | 1 | Fabric & dope mechanic | 548 | Pvt |
| 138 | 33 | 1 | Hydraulic mechanic | 528 | Sgt |
| 143 | 33 | 1 | Airplane & engine electrical accessories repairman | 958 | Sgt |
| 144 | 21 | 2 | Airplane & engine electrical accessories repairman | 958 | Cpl |



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| LINE | COLUMN | NO. DELETED | MOS | SSN | GRADE |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 147 | 35 | 2 | Electrical mechanic | 585 | Cpl |
| 150 | 35 | 2 | Power turret & gunsight mech | 678 | Cpl |
| 168 | 35 | 1 | Bombsight mechanic | 683 | Cpl |
| 170 | 33 | 1 | Instrument mechanic | 686 | Sgt |
| 171 | 23 | 1 | Instrument mechanic | 686 | Cpl |
| 174 | 24 | 1 | Machinist | 114 | Sgt |
| 175 | 33 | 1 | Machinist | 114 | Cpl |
| 179 | 25 | 1 | Parachute rigger & repairman | 620 | Cpl |
| 182 | 33 | 1 | Propeller mechanic | 687 | Sgt |
| 183 | 26 | 2 | Propeller mechanic | 687 | Cpl |
| 186 | 33 | 1 | Sheet metal worker, aircraft | 555 | S Sgt |
| 187 | 33 | 1 | Sheet metal worker, aircraft | 555 | Sgt |
| 188 | 27 | 1 | Sheet metal worker, aircraft | 555 | Cpl |
| 188 | 33 | 2 | Sheet metal worker, aircraft | 555 | Cpl |
| 188 | 35 | 4 | Sheet metal worker, aircraft | 555 | Cpl |
| 191 | 33 | 1 | Welder, aircraft | 573 | Sgt |
| 192 | 30 | 1 | Welder, aircraft | 573 | Cpl |
| 196 | 31 | 1 | Woodworker, airplane | 550 | Pvt |
| 199 | 14 | 1 | Cook | 060 | Cpl |
| 200 | 14 | 1 | Cook's helper | 590 | Pvt |
| 210 | 16 | 1 | Automotive equipment operator | 345 | Pvt |
| 213 | 29 | 2 | Automotive repairman | 965 | Cpl |
| 224 | 29 | 1 | Auto body repairman | 201 | Cpl |
| 235 | 28 | 1 | Electrician | 078 | Pvt |
| | EM | 82 | | | |
| | AGG | 83 | | | |



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Column 47, change note "at" to delete "1 additionally qualified in repair of API and gyro flux gate compasses when required".

Line 124, columns 33 and 47, delete note "ae"

Line 128, column 22, add note "u"

Line 173, column 24, add note "ah"

Line 191, column 30, add note "ac"

This results in the following:

| | Column 5 |
|---|---|
| Maj | 1 |
| Capt | 8 |
| 1st Lt | 6 |
| Total commissioned | 15 |
| Warrant Officer | 1 |
| M Sgt | 6 |
| 1st Sgt | 1 |
| T Sgt | 13 |
| S Sgt | 61 |
| Sgt | 104 |
| Cpl | 112 |
| Pfc | 20 |
| Pvt | 20 |
| Total enlisted | 337 |
| Aggregate | 353 |

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TITLE: Air Engineering Squadron, Air Service Group (Fighter, Column 10)

Delete the following:

| LINE | COLUMN | NUMBER DELETED | MOS | SSN | GRADE |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 22 | 17 | 1 | Aircraft maintenance | 4823 | Capt |
| 47 | 17 | 1 | Clerk | 055 | Pvt |
| 50 | 13 | 1 | Clerk-typist | 405 | Pvt |
| 50 | 29 | 1 | Clerk-typist | 405 | Pvt |
| 66 | 40 | 7 | Airplane armorer | 911 | Pvt |
| 69 | 40 | 1 | Armorer | 511 | Cpl |
| 70 | 40 | 1 | Armorer | 511 | Pvt |
| 73 | 18 | 2 | Weapons repairman | 903 | Cpl |
| 77 | 40 | 3 | Radar mechanic, IFF | 862 | S Sgt |
| 78 | 40 | 4 | Radar mechanic, IFF | 862 | Sgt |
| 98 | 40 | 1 | Radio mechanic, AAF | 754 | S Sgt |
| 99 | 40 | 2 | Radio mechanic, AAF | 754 | Sgt |
| 100 | 40 | 3 | Radio mechanic, AAF | 754 | Cpl |
| 104 | 19 | 2 | Radio repairman, aircraft equipment | 647 | Cpl |
| 129 | 22 | 1 | Airplane and engine mechanic | 747 | Pvt |
| 133 | 20 | 1 | Fabric and dope mechanic | 548 | Pvt |
| 144 | 21 | 2 | Accessories repairman | 958 | Cpl |
| 147 | 40 | 2 | Electrical mechanic | 685 | Cpl |
| 150 | 40 | 1 | Power turret gunsight mechanic | 678 | Cpl |
| 171 | 23 | 1 | Instrument mechanic | 686 | Cpl |
| 174 | 24 | 1 | Machinist | 114 | Sgt |
| 175 | 29 | 1 | Machinist | 114 | Cpl |
| 179 | 25 | 1 | Parachute rigger and repairman | 620 | Cpl |



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TITLE: Air Engineering Squadron, Air Service Group (Fighter, Column 10)

| LINE | COLUMN | NUMBER DELETED | MOS | SSN | GRADE |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 183 | 26 | 2 | Propeller mechanic | 687 | Cpl |
| 188 | 27 | 1 | Sheet metal worker, aircraft | 555 | Cpl |
| 188 | 40 | 4 | Sheet metal worker, aircraft | 555 | Cpl |
| 192 | 30 | 1 | Welder, aircraft | 573 | Cpl |
| 196 | 31 | 1 | Woodworker, airplane | 550 | Pvt |
| 198 | 14 | 1 | Cook | 060 | Sgt |
| 199 | 40 | 1 | Cook | 060 | Cpl |
| 200 | 14 | 1 | Cook's helper | 590 | Pvt |
| 210 | 16 | 1 | Automotive equipment operator | 345 | Pvt |
| 213 | 29 | 1 | Automotive repairman | 965 | Cpl |
| 224 | 29 | 1 | Automobile body repairman | 201 | Cpl |
| 235 | 28 | 1 | Electrician | 078 | Pvt |

Delete one of the three mobile repair units indicated in column 33.

Change note "at" in the remarks column to read, "Additionally qualified as watch repairman".

Insert superior letters "ah" against 1 Staff sergeant, Machinist (114), line 173, column 24.

Insert superior letters "au" against 1 Sergeant, Machinist (114), line 174, column 29.

Insert superior letters "ac" against 1 Sergeant, Welder, aircraft (573), line 191, column 30.

Insert superior letter "u" against 2 Corporals, Airplane and engine mechanic (747), line 128, column 22.



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T/O&E No. 1-457R TITLE: Air Engineering Squadron, Air Service Group (Fighter, Column 10)

This results in the following:

| LINE | | COLUMN 10 |
|---|---|---|
| 3 | Captain | 8 |
| 5 | Total commissioned | 14 |
| 9 | Technical Sergeant | 13 |
| 10 | Staff Sergeant | 53 |
| 11 | Sergeant | 92 |
| 12 | Corporal | 100 |
| 13 | Private, first class | 19 |
| 14 | Private | 19 |
| 15 | Total enlisted | 303 |
| 16 | Aggregate | 318 |



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T/O&E No. 1-45R
Column 5

TITLE: AIR MATERIEL SQ, AIR SERVICE GROUP

Delete the following:

| LINE | COLUMN | NO. DELETED | MOS | SSN | GRADE |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 29 | 27 | 1 | Aviation ordnance | 4532 | 1st Lt |
| 40 | 17 | 1 | Clerk-typist | 405 | Pvt |
| 40 | 20 | 1 | Clerk-typist | 405 | Pvt |
| 40 | 27 | 1 | Clerk-typist | 405 | Pvt |
| 46 | 27 | 4 | Ammunition supply technician | 505 | Sgt |
| 53 | 22 | 1 | Supply clerk | 835 | Sgt |
| 53 | 25 | 1 | Supply clerk | 835 | Sgt |
| 54 | 22 | 1 | Supply clerk | 835 | Cpl |
| 54 | 25 | 1 | Supply clerk | 835 | Cpl |
| 55 | 18 | 1 | Supply clerk | 835 | Pvt |
| 55 | 22 | 3 | Supply clerk | 835 | Pvt |
| 56 | 25 | 1 | Supply clerk | 835 | Pvt |
| 57 | 25 | 1 | Supply clerk | 835 | Pvt |
| 61 | 17 | 1 | Supply technician, A&F | 826 | Sgt |
| 63 | 25 | 1 | Supply technician | 821 | S Sgt |
| 65 | 22 | 3 | Warehouseman | 590 | Pvt |
| 65 | 25 | 1 | Warehouseman | 590 | Pvt |
| 67 | 25 | 1 | Warehouseman | 590 | Pvt |
| 72 | 26 | 1 | Aerial mine technician | 582 | Cpl |
| 78 | 26 | 1 | Munitions worker | 901 | Cpl |
| 78 | 27 | 4 | Munitions worker | 901 | Cpl |
| 79 | 26 | 4 | Munitions worker | 901 | Pvt |
| 79 | 27 | 6 | Munitions worker | 901 | Pvt |



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| LINE | COLUMN | NO. DELETED | MOS | SSN | GRADE |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 91 | 21 | 1 | Airplane and engine mechanic | 747 | Pvt |
| 95 | 13 | 1 | Cook | 060 | Cpl |
| 96 | 13 | 1 | Cook's helper | 590 | Pvt |
| 98 | 25 | 1 | Meat cutter | 037 | Pvt |

Delete note "r", line 40, column 20

Change note "r", line 53, column 25, to note "x".

Change note "s", line 63, column 25, to note "aa".

Add note "ab", "1 will drive truck, 2½ ton, bomb service, M-27", to line 78 column 26.

Delete "1 will drive truck, 2½-ton, bomb service, M-27", from note "ac", line 79 column 26.

This results in the following:

| LINE | | COLUMN 5 |
|---|---|---|
| 4 | First lieutenant | 3 |
| 5 | Total enlisted | 8 |
| 10 | Staff sergeant | 15 |
| 11 | Sergeant | 37 |
| 12 | Corporal | 50 |
| 13 | Private, first class | 24 |
| 14 | Private | 24 |
| 15 | Total enlisted | 158 |
| 16 | Aggregate | 167 |



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T/O&E No. 1-458R
Column 9

TITLE: AIR MATERIEL SQUADRON, AIR SERVICE GP

Delete the following:

| LINE | COLUMN | NO. DELETED | MOS | SSN | GRADE |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 29 | 31 | 1 | Aviation Ordnance | 4532 | 1st Lt |
| 40 | 17 | 1 | Clerk-typist | 405 | Pvt |
| 40 | 20 | 1 | Clerk-typist | 405 | Pvt |
| 40 | 31 | 1 | Clerk-typist | 405 | Pvt |
| 46 | 31 | 2 | Ammunition supply technician | 505 | Sgt |
| 53 | 22 | 1 | Supply clerk | 835 | Sgt |
| 53 | 25 | 1 | Supply clerk | 835 | Sgt |
| 54 | 22 | 1 | Supply clerk | 835 | Cpl |
| 54 | 25 | 1 | Supply clerk | 835 | Cpl |
| 55 | 18 | 1 | Supply clerk | 835 | Pvt |
| 55 | 22 | 3 | Supply clerk | 835 | Pvt |
| 56 | 25 | 1 | Supply clerk | 835 | Pvt |
| 57 | 25 | 1 | Supply clerk | 835 | Pvt |
| 61 | 17 | 1 | Supply technician, AAF | 826 | Sgt |
| 63 | 25 | 1 | Supply technician | 821 | S Sgt |
| 65 | 22 | 3 | Warehouseman | 590 | Pvt |
| 65 | 25 | 1 | Warehouseman | 590 | Pvt |
| 67 | 25 | 1 | Warehouseman | 590 | Pvt |
| 72 | 26 | 1 | Aerial mine technician | 582 | Cpl |
| 78 | 26 | 1 | Munitions worker | 901 | Cpl |
| 78 | 31 | 2 | Munitions worker | 901 | Cpl |
| 79 | 26 | 4 | Munitions worker | 901 | Pvt |
| 79 | 31 | 5 | Munitions worker | 901 | Pvt |



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| LINE | COLUMN | NO. DELETED | MOS | SSN | GRADE |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 91 | 21 | 1 | Airplane and engine mechanic | 747 | Pvt |
| 95 | 13 | 1 | Cook | 060 | Cpl |
| 96 | 13 | 1 | Cook's helper | 590 | Pvt |
| 98 | 25 | 1 | Meat cutter | 037 | Pvt |

Delete note "r", line 40, column 20

Change note "r", line 53, column 25, to note "x"

Change note "v", line 63, column 25, to note "aa"

Add note "an", "1 will drive truck 2½ ton, bomb service, M-27", to line 78, column 26

Delete "1 will drive truck, 2½ ton, bomb service, M-27" from note "ae", line 79, column 26

This results in the following:

| LINE | | COLUMN 9 |
|---|---|---|
| 4 | First Lieutenant | 3 |
| 5 | Total commissioned | 8 |
| 10 | Staff sergeant | 14 |
| 11 | Sergeant | 32 |
| 12 | Corporal | 44 |
| 13 | Private, first class | 22 |
| 14 | Private | 21 |
| 15 | Total enlisted | 140 |
| 16 | Aggregate | 149 |

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| SSN | M/Sgt | T/Sgt | S/Sgt | Sgt | Cpl | Pfc |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 014 | | | | | 1 | |
| 055 | | | | | 1 | |
| 050 | | | | | | 1 |
| 060 | | | | 1 | | |
| 345 | | | | | 1 | |
| 348 | | | | | 1 | |
| 405 | | | | 1 | 1 | |
| 502 | | | 1 | | | |
| 505 | | 1 | | | | |
| 581 | | | 1 | | | |
| 590 | | | | | | 4 |
| 747B | | | | 1 | | |
| 815 | | | | 1 | | |
| 821 | | | 2 | | | |
| 826 | 1 | | | | | |
| 835 | | | | 3 | 3 | 5 |
| 848 | | | | | 1 | |
| 901 | | | | | 1 | 1 |
| 932 | | | | 1 | 1 | |

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| SSN | M/Sgt | T/Sgt | S/Sgt | Sgt | Cpl | Pfc |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 014 | | | | | 1 | |
| 055 | | | | | 1 | |
| 050 | | | | | | 1 |
| 060 | | | | 1 | | |
| 345 | | | | | 1 | |
| 348 | | | | | 1 | |
| 405 | | | | 1 | 1 | |
| 502 | | | 1 | | | |
| 505 | | 1 | | | | |
| 561 | | | 1 | | | |
| 590 | | | | | | 4 |
| 7478 | | | | 1 | | |
| 815 | | | | 1 | | |
| 821 | | | 2 | | | |
| 826 | 1 | | | | | |
| 835 | | | | 3 | 3 | 5 |
| 848 | | | | | 1 | |
| 901 | | | | | 1 | 1 |
| 932 | | | | 1 | 1 | |

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554th AIR MATERIEL SQUADRON

TO/&E 1-458R SEPARATE SQUADRON ELEMENT
TO SUPPLY ONE FIGHTER SQUADRON
15 APRIL 1948

| TITLE and SECTION | MOS | RANK 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | Total Auth. in TO/&E 1-458R | Total with. by PAF Manning table | Total assigned as of 31 March 48 | Personnel DS to 554 from the 1015 AFS |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ADMIN and CLERICAL SECTION | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Clerk-Typist | 405 | 2 | | | | | | 10 | 7 | 3 | 5 |
| SUPPLY GROUP | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ammunition Supply Tech. | 505 | | | 1 | 1 | | | 7 | 6 | 6 | 0 |
| Supply Clerk | 835 | 6 | 3 | 1 | | | | 27 | 28 | 46 | 19 |
| Supply Tech. AAF | 826 | | | | 1 | | | 4 | 4 | 8 | 1 |
| Warehouseman | 590 | 6 | | | | | | 14 | 7 | 0 | 4 |
| ARMAMENT and ORDNANCE SECTION | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Munitions Worker | 901 | 2 | 2 | | | | | 18 | 18 | 4 | 0 |
| MESS SECTION | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cooks Helper | 590 | 1 | | | | | | 2 | *7 | 0 | 0 |
| Mess Sergeant | 824 | | | | 1 | | | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| TRANSPORTATION SECTION | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Automotive Eq. Operator | 345 | | 1 | | | | | 1 | 3 | 5 | 3 |
| Messenger | 345 | 1 | | | | | | 3 | *3 | 0 | 0 |
| total | | 15 | 8 | 2 | 3 | | | | | | |

REMARKS:
This table is a guide which, when combined with similar elements in other units of the ASC, is capable of supporting a single combat squadron. Personnel in these combined elements, when augmented by officers & Add. EM will provide 2nd and limited 3rd echelon supply, maintenance & base services for 1 combat Sq. operating independently.

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[redacted]TH AIR MATERIEL SQUADRON

T/O & E 1-458R

5 March 1945

TOTAL AUTHORIZED

| | |
|---|---|
| Major | 1 |
| Captain | 4 |
| 1st Lt. | 3 |
| Total Commissioned | 8 |
| Warrant Officer | 1 |
| Master Sergeant | 1 |
| First Sergeant | 1 |
| Technical Sergeant | 6 |
| Staff Sergeant | 15 |
| Sergeant | 32 |
| Corporal | 49 |
| Private 1st Class | 22 |
| Private | 26 |
| Total Enlisted | 152 |
| Aggregate | 149 |

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Changed by Wartag letter 1 April 1946, Subject: Redesignation and reorganization of the Hqs and Hqs Sqdrn, 58th ASG and certain other AAF units.

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T/O FOR AIR MATERIEL SQUADRON * OFFICERS

T/O & E. 458R 5 March 1945

TOTAL AUTHORIZATION 8 OFFICERS 1 WARRANT OFFICER

GRADE ALLOCATIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

GROUP HEADQUARTERS

1 Major, Sqdrn CO and Group Mat'l Officer (insert Pri MOS of off assnd)
1 1 1st Lt -2110 Adjutant (Also Mess and Transportation Officer)

ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

1 Capt, Asst Group Mat'l Officer (insert pri MOS of officer assnd)
1 W/O-4902 Technical Supply Officer

STOCK CONTROL SECTION

AAF SUPPLY

1 Capt, 4000 Supply Officer General

COMMUNICATIONS SUPPLY

1 1st Lt, 4400 Signal Supply Officer

ORDNANCE SUPPLY

1 Capt, 4514 Ammunition Supply Officer

QUARTERMASTER SUPPLY

1 Capt, 4419 Quartermaster Supply Officer

ADDED WHEN SERVICING FIGHTER 1 or 2 ENGINE

1 1st Lt, 4532 Aviation Ordnance Officer

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## ENLISTED MEN AIR MATERIEL SQUADRON

### ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

SQUADRON HEADQUARTERS *6EM, 1 1st Sgt, 1 Sgt, 2 Cpl, 2 Pvt.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1 Sgt | 502 | Administrative Specialist |
| 1 Pvt | 803 | Bugler (Also messenger) |
| 1 Cpl | 275 | Classification Specialist |
| 1 1st Sgt | 502 | Administrative Specialist |
| 1 Pvt | 354 | Messenger |
| 1 Cpl | 405 | Clerk Typist |

SQUADRON MESS SECTION * 4 EM, 1 S/Sgt, 2 Sgt, 2 Sgt, 1 Pvt

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 2 Sgt | 060 | Cook |
| 1 Pvt | 590 | Cook Helper |
| 1 S/Sgt | 824 | Mess Sgt |

SQUADRON SUPPLY SECTION - 2 EM, 1 S/Sgt, 1 Cpl

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1 S/Sgt | 821 | Supply Section |
| 1 Cpl | 511 | Armorer |

Squadron Transportation section - 4 EM, 1 Sgt, 2 Cpl, 1 Pvt

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1 Sgt | 014 | Automotive Equipment Mechanic |
| 1 Cpl | 014 | " " " |
| 1 Cpl | 345 | Automotive Equipment Operator |
| 1 Pvt | 345 | " " " |

SQUADRON ADMINISTRATION - 1 EM Cpl

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1 Cpl | 405 | Clerk Typist |

### STOCK CONTROL SECTION

AAF SUPPLY - 6 EM, 1 S/Sgt, 2 Sgt, 3 Cpl

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1 Cpl | 055 | Clerk General |
| 1 Sgt | 405 | Clerk Typist |
| 1 Cpl | 405 | Clerk Typist |
| 1 Sgt | 835 | Supply Clerk |
| 1 Cpl | 835 | Supply Clerk |
| 1 S/Sgt | 826 | Supply Technician AAF |

COMMUNICATION SUPPLY - 2 EM, 1 S/Sgt, 1 Pvt

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1 S/Sgt | 581 | Communication Supply Technician |
| 1 Pvt | 835 | Supply Clerk |

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Stock Control Continued

ORDNANCE SUPPLY - 4 EM, 1 S/Sgt, 2 Pvt

1 Pvt 405 Clerk Typist
1 S/Sgt 815 Ordnance Supply Technician
1 Sgt 835 Supply Clerk
1 Pvt 835 Supply Clerk

QUARTERMASTER SUPPLY - 6 EM, 1 T/Sgt, 1 S/Sgt, 2 Sgt, 2 Cpl, 1 Pvt

1 Pvt 405 Clerk Typist
1 Sgt 835 Supply Clerk
1 Cpl 835 Supply Clerk
1 T/Sgt 821 Supply Technician
1 S/Sgt 821 Supply Technician
1 Sgt 821 Supply Technician

TECHNICAL COORDINATION * 6 EM, 1 S/Sgt, 2 Sgt, 2 Cpl. 1 Pvt

1 S/Sgt 502 Administrative Specialist
1 Pvt 055 Clerk General
1 Sgt 405 Clerk Typist
1 Cpl 348 Parts Clerk Automotive
1 Cpl 647 Radio Repairman Aircraft Equipment
1 Sgt 747 Air Craft Mechanic

STORAGE AND ISSUE SECTION

AAF SUPPLY - 22 EM, 1 M/Sgt, 1 T/Sgt, 2 S/Sgt, 3 Sgt, 4 Cpl, 11 Pvt

2 Sgt 835 Supply Clerk
2 Cpl 835 Supply Clerk
4 Pvt 835 Supply Clerk
1 M/Sgt 826 Supply Technician AAF
1 T/Sgt 826 Supply Technician AAF
1 S/Sgt 826 Supply Technician AAF
6 Pvt 590 Warehouseman
1 S/Sgt 747 Aircraft Mechanic
1 Sgt 932 Special Vehicle Operator
1 Cpl 932 Special Vehicle Operator
1 Cpl 050 Carpenter
1 Pvt 050 Carpenter

COMMUNICATIONS SUPPLY - 3 EM, 1 S/Sgt, 1 Sgt, 1 Pvt

1 S/Sgt 581 Communications Supply Technician
1 Sgt 835 Supply Clerk
1 Pvt 835 Supply Clerk

ORDNANCE SUPPLY - 4 EM, 1 T/Sgt, 1 Sgt, 2 Cpls

1 T/Sgt 815 Ordnance Supply Technician
1 Cpl 848 Parts Clerk, Armament
1 Sgt 348 Parts Clerk Automotive
1 Cpl 835 Supply Clerk

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Storage and Issue Section Continued

Quartermaster Supply - 19 EM, 1 S/Sgt.3 Cpl. 13 Pvt, 2 Sgt.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1 Sgt | 835 | Supply Clerk |
| 2 Cpl | 835 | Supply Clerk |
| 1 Pvt | 835 | Supply Clerk |
| 1 Pvt | 835 | Supply Clerk (Handle Class II and IV Supply) |
| 3 Pvt | 835 | Supply Clerk (Handle Class I Supply) |
| 1 S/Sgt | 821 | Supply Technician |
| 1 Sgt | 821 | Supply Technician |
| 2 Pvt | 590 | Warehouseman (Handle Class I and IV Supply) |
| 2 Pvt | 590 | Warehouseman (Handle Class III Supply) |
| 4 Pvt | 590 | Warehouseman (Handle Class I Supply) |
| 1 Cpl | 037 | Meat Cutter |

AMMUNITION SUPPLY - 14 EM, 1 T/Sgt, 3 Sgt, 6 Cpl, 4 Pvt.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1 T/Sgt | 505 | Ammunition Supply Technician |
| 1 Cpl | 835 | Supply Clerk |
| 1 Pvt | 835 | Supply Clerk |
| 1 Sgt | 582 | Aerial Mine Technician |
| 4 Cpl | 901 | Munitions Workers |
| 3 Pvt | 901 | Munitions Workers |
| 1 Sgt | 932 | Special Vehicle Operator |
| 1 Cpl | 932 | Special Vehicle Operator |
| 1 Sgt | 063 | Crane Operator |

ADDED WHEN SERVICING FIGHTERS 1 or 2 ENGINE

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1 Cpl | 405 | Clerk Typist |
| 1 T/Sgt | 505 | Ammunition Supply Technician |
| 3S/Sgt | 505 | " " " |
| 1 Sgt | 505 | " " " |
| 7 Cpl | 901 | Munitions Workers |
| 4 Pvt | 901 | " " |
| 1 Cpl | 060 | Cook |
| 1 Pvt | 590 | Cooks Helper |
| 2 Sgt | 014 | Automotive Equipment Mechanic |
| 1 Cpl | 014 | " " " |
| 8 Sgt | 932 | Special Vehicle Operator |
| 7 Cpl | 932 | " " " |

CHEMICAL WARFARE SUPPLY

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1 T/Sgt | 870 | Chemical Technician |
| 1 S/Sgt | 870 | " " |
| 5 Cpl | 786 | Supply Clerk (Toxic Gas Handler) |
| 5 Pvt | 786 | Supply Clerk (Toxic Gas Handler) |

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T/O & E 1-458R Air Materiel Sqdn

T/O & E — 554th Air Materiel Sqdn, APO 934

Authorization — Report as of 15 December 1947

| | RANK | OFFICER ASGD | PRI MOS | REPL DESIRED (yes - no) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Fighter Pilot,TE | | | | |
| 1 Major 1055 | Capt. | James O Means * | 2110 (P) | No |
| Adj/Adjutant General | | | | |
| 1 1st Lt 2110 | Capt. | James O Means | 2110 (P) | No |
| Supply Officer, General | | | | |
| 1 Capt. 4000 | Capt. | John D Riley | 4000 | No |
| Signal Supply Officer | | | | |
| 1 1st Lt 4400 | 1st Lt | Kenneth W Daniels | 4400 | No |
| Quartermaster Sup Off. | | | | |
| 1 Capt. 4419 | | | | no |
| Aviation Ordnance Off. | | | | |
| 1 1st Lt 4532 | | | | no |
| Technical Suply Officer,Air | | | | |
| 1 CWO 4902 | CWO | Benjamin Maxam | 4902 | No |

TOTAL AUTH: 7

MOS Needed But Not Authorized

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Supvr for Materiel | 4000 | Lt Col Lester M Taylor | 4319 | No |
| Base Stock Contl & Req O | 4000 | 1st Lt William Adams | 4000 (P) | No |
| Sqdn Sup Off, | 4000 | 1st Lt Peter Turkovic | 4000 (P) | No |

TOTAL ASGD: 7

Indicates Officers that are performing additonal duty in that SSN



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HEADQUARTERS
314TH COMPOSITE WING
APO 994

D/MS/edk

8 September 1947

SUBJECT: Information Pertaining to Activation of Unit

TO : Commanding Officer
Johnson Army Air Base
APO 994

1. Attached are general orders pertaining to the activation of the 554th Air Materiel Squadron as requested in letter, your Headquarters, subject: "Request for Information Pertaining to Activation of Unit", undated.

2. Attention is directed to Incl. 4.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL UNDERHILL:

4 Incls:
1. GO 79, PACUSA
2. GO 67, FAF
3. GO 69, FAF
4. 4th Ind, Hq, 314th Comp Wg, 300.4 dtd 8 Sep 47.

/s/t/ MARCUS SATISKY
Major, Air Corps
Asst Adjutant

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HEADQUARTERS
PACIFIC AIR COMMAND, U. S. ARMY (ADMIN)
APO 925

GENERAL ORDERS )
:
NUMBER 79 )

18 April 1946

SECTION I

ASSIGNMENT AND ATTACHMENT OF UNITS

1. Paragraph 3, section I General Orders number 21 dated 22 January 1946 is revoked.

2. The 903d Army Postal Unit (Type J) is relieved from assigned to Eighth Air Force, is assigned to Pacific Air Service Command, United States Army, Effective 1 February 1946.

3. The 607th Counter Intelligence Corps Detachment is relieved from attached to Seventh Air Force, for rations and quarters, effective on departure of the unit from Hawaii. Unit remains assigned to Headquarters, Pacific Air Command, United States Army without further assignment or attachment. Unit is to be stationed at Fort William McKinley.

4. The following units are reassigned (less personnel and equipment effective 15 May 1946, as indicated:

| Unit | PRESENT ASSIGNMENT | NEW ASSIGNMENT |
|---|---|---|
| Headquarters 314th Composite Wing | 20th Air Force | 5th Air Force |
| Headquarters 315th Composite Wing | 20th Air Force | 5th Air Force |
| 309th Air Engineer Squadron | Pacific Air Service Command | 5th Air Force |
| 987th Air Engineer Squadron | 8th Air Force | 5th Air Force |
| 992d Air Materiel Squadron | 8th Air Force | 5th Air Force |
| 554th Air Materiel Squadron | 20th Air Force | 5th Air Force |
| 591st Air Materiel Squadron | 7th Air Force | 5th Air Force |
| 1037th Air Materiel Squadron | Pacific Air Service Command | 5th Air Force |
| 1918th Engineer Aviation Company | 7th Air Force | 13th Air Force |

(AG 370.5-GC)

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL WHITEHEAD:

CLEMENTS McMULLEN
Major General, U. S. Army
Chief of Staff

OFFICIAL:

/s/ Philip Dodridge
/t/ PHILIP DODRIDGE
Colonel, Adjutant General's Department
Adjutant General

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GENERAL ORDERS )
NO 67 )

HQ FIFTH AIR FORCE
APO 710 - 1 May 46

I. Assignment of Units - 1. The following units having been assigned, less personnel and equipment, to Fifth Air Force, pursuant to GO 79, Hq Pacific Air Command, USA, (ADMIN), cs, effective 15 May 1946, are further assigned to organizations listed below, effective 15 May 1946:

| Unit | Assigned to |
|---|---|
| 591st Air Materiel Sq | V Fighter Command, Ashiya AAB, APO 929 |
| 987th Air Engineer Sq | Fifth Air Force, Tachikawa AAB, APO 704 |
| 992d Air Engineer Sq | Fifth Air Force, Tachikawa AAB, APO 704 |
| 309th Air Engineer Sq | V Bomber Command, Johnson AAB, APO 994 |
| 1037th Air Materiel Sq | V Fighter Command, Itazuke AAB, APO 929 |
| 554th Air Materiel Sq | V Bomber Command, Johnson AAB, APO 994 |

2. Upon arrival at stations indicated the above organizations will be manned from personnel under jurisdiction of the commands concerned.

3. Necessary equipment will be drawn from existing authorized sources.

4. FAF Regulation 15-2, 4 March 1946, will be complied with.

II. Amendment of General Orders 60, 20 April 1946 - So much of Section I, General Orders 60, this headquarters, cs, that reads "Johnson AAB, Honshu, Japan, APO 704", is amended to read, "Johnson AAB, Honshu, Japan, APO 994".

III. Amendment of General Orders 61, 21 April 1946 - So much of Section IV, General orders 61, this headquarters, cs, as pertains to reorganization and reduction of Hq 38th Bomb Group (L), is rescinded.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL WOLFE:

WALTER R AGEE
Brigadier General, General Staff Corps
Chief of Staff

OFFICIAL:

/s/ Richard L Scott
/t/ RICHARD L SCOTT
Colonel, Air Corps
Acting Adjutant General

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GENERAL ORDERS )
NO 69 )

HQ FIFTH AIR FORCE
APO 710 - 3 May 46

1. Reorganization, Redesignation and Reduction of Units - 1. Pursuant to authority contained in letter AG 322 (26 Mar 46) AO-I-AFCOR-(966(d))-M, WD, 1 April 1946, subject, "Redesignation and Reorganization of the Hq & Hq Squadron, 58th Air Service Group and Certain other Army Air Force Units, "and in accordance with T/O&E indicated, the following units are reorganized and reduced to the authorized strength indicated, effective 15 May 1946:

| Present Designation | New Designation | T/O&E | Authorized Strength Off | WO | EM |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Hq & Hq Sqs, 58th and 7th Air Service Gps | Hq & Base Sv Sqs, 58th and 7th Air Sv Gps, respectively, as amended | 1-452R, 5 Mar 45 | 25 | 1 each | 210 |
| Hq & Hq Sqs, 21st, 46th and 63d Air Sv Gps | Hq & Base Sv Sqs, 21st, 46th and 63d Air Sv Gps, respectively, as amended. | 1-452R, 5Mar 45, | 25 | 1 each | 225 |

2. Concurrently with the reorganizations directed in paragraph 1 above, the following units will be reorganized as indicated, effective 15 May 1946;

| Unit | T/O&E | Authorized Strength Off | WO | EM |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Hq & Base Service Sq, 385th Air Service Gp | 1-452R, 5 Mar 45, as amended | 25 | 1 | 225 |
| 38th Air Engineering Sq<br>600th Air Engineering Sq | 1-457R, 5 Mar 45, as amended | 16 | 1 each | 344 |
| 71st Air Engineering Sq<br>40th Air Engineering Sq<br>309th Air Engineering Sq<br>601st Air Engineering Sq | 1-457R, 5 Mar 45, as amended | 14 | 1 each | 303 |
| 1037th Air Materiel Sq<br>608th Air Materiel Sq | 1-458R, 5 Mar 45, as amended | 8 | 1 each | 170 |
| 591st Air Materiel Sq<br>1035th Air Materiel Sq<br>554th Air Materiel Sq<br>609th Air Materiel Sq | 1-458R, 5 Mar 45, as amended | 8 | 1 each | 152 |

3. No reduction in grade will be made as a result of the above action.

4. Personnel rendered surplus by above action will be absorbed in other units of this command.

5. Major items of equipment in excess of that required for the authorized reduce strength will be stored in the nearest available depot or other storage facility.

6. Each unit that is reorganized to effect a reduced strength will be equipped to 100% of its reduced strength insofar as practicable.

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HEADQUARTERS, 314TH COMPOSITE WING, APO 994 8 Sep 1947

TO: Commanding General, Fifth Air Force, APO 710

1. Attention invited to Par 1, basic communication, which states "copy of the General Orders initially activating the 554th Air Materiel Squadron". It is believed this information would be contained in a letter directive from The Adjutant General, Washington, D. C., in which case it is requested this headquarters be furnished a copy.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

/s/t/ MARCUS SATISKY
Major, Air Corps
Asst Adjutant

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HISTORICAL REPORTS) SECRET AIR MATERIEL SQ.

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HEADQUARTERS
567TH AIR MATERIAL SQUADRON
358TH AIR SERVICE GROUP
APO 74, USAF

JEW/wjm

4 August 1948

SUBJECT: Monthly Narrative Report, 1 July 48 to 31 July 48.

THRU: Headquarters
Sixth Air Service Group
Clark Air Force Base
APO 74, U S Army

TO: S-2 Section
Headquarters
Clark Air Force Base
APO 74, U S ARMY
(ATTN: Historical Officer)

Reference is made to CAFB Regulation Number 80-6 dated 21 January 1947, and the following Monthly Narrative Report is submitted:

1. Morning Report as of the first of July 1948 Officers strengtn nine (9). Enlisted Personnel strength reads as follows: One (1) First Sergeant, twelve (12) Master sergeants, Four (4) Technical sergeants, Thirteen (13) Staff sergeants, Sixteen (16) Sergeants, Twenty-two (22) Corporals, Twenty-two (22) Privates First Class and Six (6) Privates. The total Enlisted Men strength reads as follows: Ninty-Six (96).

2. July 2nd 48, One (1) Staff sergeant Reld from asgmt and trfd to (Pipeline) Hq & Base Serv Sqdn. Total EM strength Ninty-Five (95).

3. July 3rd 48, One (1) Sgt, Three (3) Pfc, and Two (2) Privates assigned and joined from Hq & Base Serv Sqdn APO 74. Total EM strength Hundered and One (101).

4. July 4th 48, No change in Organization.

5. July 5th 48, No change in Organization.

6. July 6th 48, One (1) Pfc, and One (1) Pvt Duty to Sick.

7. July 7th 48, One (1) Sgt from sick to duty and One (1) Private from duty to sick, 20th station Hosp. Total EM strength remains same.

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SUBJECT: Monthly Narrative Historical Report Contd:

8. July 8th 48, One (1) Pvt promoted to Pfc, One (1) Cpl and One (1) Pfc, MOS changed from 911 to 514.

9. July 9th 48, One Officer (1st Lt) From duty to TDY, One (1) S/Sgt from duty to Leave.

10. July 10th 48, No change in Organization, Record of Events entered on Morning Report.

11. July 11th 48, No change in Organization.

12. July 12th 48, One (1) S/Sgt duty to sick, One (1) Cpl and One (1) Pfc trfd to 622 Acft Control Sqdn and One (1) Cpl asgd from 82nd Air Engr Sqdn. Total EM strength changes from 101 to 99.

13. July 13th 48, One (1) Cpl and One (1) Pvt transfered to Hqs & Base Service Sqdn. Total EM strength changes from 99 to 97.

14. July 14th 48, One (1) M/Sgt asgd and joined from Hqs and Base Serv Sqdn. Total EM strength changes from 97 to 98.

15. July 15th 48, One (1) Officer asgd and joined from Hqs 1st Air Division APO 719.

16. July 16th 48, One (1) Sgt from leave to duty.

17. July 17th 48, One (1) from sick to duty.

18. July 18th 48, No change in Organization.

19. July 19th 48, One (1) S/Sgt from leave to duty, and One (1) Pvt from duty to AWOL.

20. July 20th 48, One (1) Pfc from duty to sick and One (1) Pvt from sick to duty. Record of,Events entered on Morning Report.

21. July 21st 48, No change in Organization.

22. July 22nd 48, One (1) Pvt from AWOL to Conf post stckade.

23. July 23rd 48, One (1) Pfc from sick to duty.

24. July 24th 48, No change in Organization.

25. July 25th 48, One (1) S/Sgt trfd to 1129th MP Company, and One (1) S/Sgt trfd to 1936th Engr Avn Util Co APO 74. Total Em strength changes from 98 to 96.

26. July 26th 48, Two (2) M/Sgt, One (1) 1st sgt, One (1) sgt trfd to Hqs & Base Serv Sqdn. Total EM strength changes from 96 to 92. One (1) Sgt and Two (2) Cpl's were also transfered to Hq ' Base Serv Sqdn changing tne strength section to 89.



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SUBJECT: Monthly Narrative Historical Report Con't.

27. July 27th 48, Correction to the 26th Morning Report is that the Two (2) M/Sgt, One (1) 1st-sgt, Two (2) Cpl's were on DS Hq & Base Sv Sq, 6th Air Serv Group pending EDCMR 1 Aug 48.

28. July 28th 48, One (1) Sgt and One (1) Pvt duty to sick.

29. July 29th 48, No change in Organization.

30. July 30th 48, One (1) Officer (1st Lt) trfd to (Pipeline) Hq ' Base Sv Sq, One (1) Sgt promoted to the grade of S/Sgt, One (1) Pfc reduced to the grade of Pvt.

31. July 31st 48, No change in Organization, Usual Organization duties, record of Events entered in the Moring Report.

JOHN E. WISH
1st Lt., (O-D)
Historical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
567TH AIR MATERIAL SQUADRON
358TH AIR SERVICE GROUP

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9 August 1948

SUBJECT: Monthly Narrative Report, 1 June to 30 June 1948

THRU: Headquarters
Sixth Air Service Group
Clark Air Force Base
APO 74, U S Army

TO: S-2 Section
Headquarters
Clark Air Force Base
APO 74, U S Army
(ATTN: Historical Officer)

Reference is made to CAFB Regulation Number 80-6 dated 21 January 1947, and the following Monthly Narrative Report is submitted:

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2. June Second 1948, One (1) Officer from duty to Leave, One (1) Corporal promoted to the grade of Sergeant, Two (2) Privates First Class promoted to the grade of Corporal, One (1) Private First Class reduced to the grade of Private. Total Enlisted Men strength remains the same.

3. June Third 1948, One (1) Private dropped from Rolls, and transfered to US as General Prisoner to be Dishonably Disch fron the Service. One (1) Staff Sergeant, Sergeant, and One (1) Corporal assigned fron Hqs and Base Service Sqdn Par 16 SO 65 Hq 13th AF Par 26 SO 120. Enlisted Men strength changed fron Seventy-One (71) to Seventy-Three (73).

4. June Fourth 1948, One (1) Corporal assigned and joined from 1038th Air Mat Sqdn, 6th Air Service Group and One (1) Staff Sergeant fron Duty to AWOL.

5. June Fifth 1948, No change in Organization.

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SUBJECT: Monthly Narrative History Report Cont'd.

6. June 6th 48, No change in Organization.

7. June 7th 48, One (1) Officer Duty to leave, One (1) Corporal DS to Duty, One (1) Private First Class sick to duty, One (1) Staff Sergeant AWOL to Duty, One (1) Sgt assigned from 568th Air Engr Sqdn, One (1) T/Sgt duty to DS Honshu Japan.

8. June 8th 48, One (1) Cpl, Conf to duty.

9. June 9th 48, Two (2) M/Sgt, Two (2) S/Sgt, Three (3) Sgt's Three (3) Cpl's, Three (3) Pfc's, assigned and joined from Hqs and Base Service Sq 6tn Air Service Group Par 9 SO 124.

10. June 10th 48, Record of Events entered on Morning Report.

11. June 11th 48, Two (2) Sgt's and Two (2) Cpl's assigned and joined from Hqs & Base Serv Sqdn. Total Enlisted Men strength reads as follows, Ninty-Four.

12. June 12th 48, No change in Organization.

13. June 13th 48, One (1) Officer from leave to duty.

14. June 14th 48, No change in Organization.

15. June 15th 48, One (1) Officer from duty to leave, One (1) S/Sgt MOS changed from 566 to 826.

16. June 16th 48, One (1) Sgt sick to duty, One (1) Sgt duty to leave.

17. June 17th 48, One (1) Officer (1st Lt ) assigned to Base Supply.

18. June 18th 48, One (1) Sgt from duty to sick.

19. June 19th 48. One (1) Officer leave to duty, One (1) S/Sgt leave to duty. Record of Events entered in Morning Report.

20. June 20th 48, One (1) Officer duty to Leave, One (1) Officer leave to duty, Two (2) Pfc assigned from 4th Airdrome APO 74, Two (2) Corporals and Two (2) Pfc's assigned and joimed from Hqs and Base Service Sqdn. Total Enlisted Personnel changes as follows, from 94 to 100.

21. June 21st 48, Record of Events, Usual Organization duties.

22. June 22nd 48, Two (2) M/Sgt, One (1) T/Sgt, One (1) S/Sgt, Transfered to (Pipeline) Hqs and Base Service Sqdn. Total Enlisted Men Strength changes and reads as follows, From 100 to 94.

23. June 23rd 48, No change in Organization.



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24. 24th June 48, One (1) S/Sgt Asgd & joined from (Pipeline) Hq & Base Serv Sqdn, One (1) Pfc asgd and joined from Det (20) (AF Repl Det) Hq & Base Serv Sqdn. Total Enlisted Personnel Strength changes and reads as follows, from 94 to 96.

25. June 25th 48, One (1) T/Sgt fron Leave to Duty, One (1) S/Sgt transfered to (pipeline) Hqs & Base Serv Sq, One (1) Pfc trfd to 4th Airdrome. Total EM strength changes and reads as follows, from 96 to 94.

26. June 26th 48, No change in the Organization.

27. June 27th 48, No changes in the Organization.

28. June 28th 48, One (1) Cpl and One (1) Pfc, from DS Honshu Japan to Duty.

29. June 29th 48, Correction on Officers strength Section.

30. June 30th 48, No change, Record of Events entered on tne Morning Report, Usual Organizarion Duties.

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HEADQUARTERS
567TH AIR MATERIAL SQUADRON
358TH AIR SERVICE GROUP
APO 74, U S ARMY

VOE/rts

2 June 1948

SUBJECT: Monthly Narrative Report, 1 May to 31 May 1948

THRU: Headquarters
Sixth Air Service Group
Clark Air Force Base
APO 74, U S Army

TO: S-2 Section
Headquarters
Clark Air Force Base
APO 74, U S Army
(ATTN: Historical Officer)

Reference is made to CAFB Regulation Number 80-6 dated 21 January 1947, and the following Monthly Narrative Report is submitted:

1. Morning Report as of the first of May 1948 Officers strength seven (7), one (1) chief warrant officer, one (1) first sergeant, ten (10) master sergeant, three (3) technical sergeant, eleven (11) staff sergeant, seven (7) sergeant, twelve (12) corporal, sixteen (16) private first class, five (5) privates. Total Enlisted Men strength is sixty five (65).

2. 2 May 1948 no change in Officers or Enlisted Men strength.

3. 3 May 1948 one (1) corporal from AWOL reported back to duty. One (1) corporal from duty to confinement. One (1) corporal from this organization. Officers strength section remaining the same. Enlisted Men strength section changes from sixty five (65) to sixty four (64).

4. 4 May 1948 no change in organization.

5. 5 May 1948 no change in officers strength section. One (1) Private change his MOS. Enlisted Men strength section changes from sixty four (64) to sixty one (61).

6. 6 May 1948 one (1) private first class deleted from orders transferring him from this organization. Officers strength section remains the same. Enlisted Men section changes from sixty one (61) to sixty two (62).

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7. 7 May 1948 one S/Sgt took and completed a ten (10) days ordinary leave to Baguio, P.I.

8. 8 May 1948 no change in organization strength section.

9. 9 May 1948 one (1) private first class from duty to 20th Station Hospital.

10. 10 May 1948 one (1) officer from 10th General Hospital to duty. One (1) private from duty to DS. One (1) private first class from 20th Station Hospital to duty. One (1) private first class from duty to 20th Station Hospital. Two (2) private first class joined organization. Changing Enlisted Men strength from sixty two (62) to sixty four (64). Officers strength section remains the same. Record of events entered on morning report.

11. 11 May 1948 no change in organization.

12. 14 May 1948 one (1) S/Sgt placed on DS.

13. 15 May 1948 no change in organization.

14. 17 May 1948 one (1) S/Sgt returned from ordinary ten (10) days leave. Two (2) master sergeants, two (2) technical sergeants, one (1) S/Sgt., two (2) sergeant, two (2) corporal assigned and joined this organization. Officers strength section remains the same. Enlisted Men strength section changes from sixty four (64) to seventy three (73).

15. 18 May 1948 two (2) enlisted men placed on DS. Two (2) Enlisted Men from 20th Station Hospital to duty. One (1) enlisted man from 20th Station Hospital to duty. One (1) enlisted man from 20th Station Hospital to confinement.

16. 19 May 1948 one warrant officer returned to ZI. Two (2) Officers assigned and joined this organization. Two (2) enlisted men returned to ZI. Changing officers strength section from seven (7) to nine (9). Changing enlisted men strength section from seventy three (73) to seventy one (71).

17. 20 May 1948 one (1) enlisted man from 20th Station Hospital to confinement. Record of events entered on Morning Report.

18. 21 May 1948 two (2) enlisted had their MOS's changed. One (1) enlisted man assigned and joined. Officers strength section same as the 19th of May 1948. Enlisted Men strength section changes from seventy one (71) to seventy two (72).

19. 22 May 1948 no change in organization.

20. 27 May 1948 one (1) sergeant from duty to 20th Station Hos-



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pital. One (1) enlisted man relieved from assignment. Officers strength section the same. Enlisted Men strength section changes from seventy two (72) to seventy one (71).

21. 28 May 1948 one (1) private from DS to duty.

22. 29 May 1948 no change in organization.

23. 31 May 1948 Record of Events entered on morning report.

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HEADQUARTERS
567TH AIR MATERIAL SQUADRON
350TH AIR SERVICE GROUP
APO 74, U S ARMY

VOB/rts

6 May 1948

SUBJECT: Monthly Narrative Report, 1 April to 30 April 1948

THRU: Headquarters
Sixth Air Service Group
Clark Air Force Base
APO 74, U S Army

TO: S-2 Section
Headquarters
Clark Air Force Base
APO 74, U S Army
(ATTN: Historical Officer)

Reference is made to CAFB Regulation Number 80-6 dated 21 January 1947, and the following Monthly Narrative Report is submitted:

1. Morning Report as of the first of April 1948 Eight (8) Officers One (1) Warrant Officer Seventy two (72) Enlisted Men.

2. 1st April One (1) Officer transferred to 13th Air Force Headquarters. One (1) Private promoted to Private First Class.

3. 2nd April two (2) Corporal promoted to Sergeant.

4. 5 April One (1) Corporal RS to Keio University Hyoshi Japan.

5. 7 April Clark Field Air Base redesignated to Clark Air Force Base.

6. 9 April One (1) Enlisted Man transferred to 23rd Recon Sqdn. Officers strength the same as the first of the month. EM Strength changed from 72 to a total of 71 EM.

7. 10 April Record of Events entered on Morning Report Usual Organization Duties.

8. 12 April One (1) Enlisted Man transferred to the 5th Rcn Gp. Officers strength section same as the first of the month EM strength

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Subject: Monthly Narrative Report, 1 April to 30 April 1948

section changed from Seventy one (71) Enlisted Men to a total of Seventy (70) Enlisted Men.

9. 15 April One (1) Officer transferred to 4112 Air Force Base Unit Middletown Pa. One (1) Officer assigned One (1) Officer relieved. Officers strength seven (7), One (1) Enlisted Man assigned, One (1) Enlisted Man returned to ZI. EM strength sixty nine (69).

10. 16 April Six (6) EM transferred to 1936th Engr Avn Utl Co EM strength changed from 69 to a total of 63.

11. 20 April One (1) Enlisted Man assigned. EM strength section change from sixty three (63) to a total of sixty four (64). Record of Events entered on Morninr Report Usual Organization Duties.

12. 23 April One (1) Private First Class reduced to the grade of Private.

13. 28 April One (1) Private First Class on DS to Headquarters MARAMA, APO 264.

14. 30 April Record of Events entered on the Morning Report 21 April to 30 April Usual Organization Duties.

15. During the month of April Two (2) Officers has taken Ordinary Leave. Six (6) EM had taken Ordinary Leave. During the month of April Two (2) Officers were placed on DS or TDY. EM Four (4) were placed on DS or TDY.

16. 7 April the personnel moved from their old location, and are now in the new EM Barracks. All personnel are much please with the new Barracks.

17. 16 April the President of the Philippine Manuel Roxas paid a formal visit to the 13th Air Force Base. The President was schedule to inspect all the American Personnel passing in a formal retreat parade. Due to a sudden illness the President Manuel Roxas was not present to review the personnel. He was represented by Congress Members of the Philippine. The 13th Air Force personnel received the sad news at the death of President of a great Republic, Manuel Roxas. President Manuel Roxas of the Philippine died at the home of Maj. General Eubank, Commanding General of the 13th Air Force. At approximately 1000 PM on the evening of April 16, 1948. The American was placed at half mast and will remain at half mast for a period of thirty (30) days.

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HEADQUARTERS
567TH AIR MATERIAL SQUADRON
358TH AIR SERVICE GROUP
APO 74, U S ARMY

VOB/rts

21 May 1948

SUBJECT: Monthly Narrative History Report, 1 March to 31 March 1948

THRU: Headquarters
Sixth Air Service Group
Clark Air Force Base
APO 74, U S Army

TO: S-2 Section
Headquarters
Clark Air Force Base
APO 74, U S Army
(ATTN: Historical Officer)

Reference is made to CFAB Regulation Number 80-6, dated 21 January 1947, and the following Monthly Narrative History Report is submitted:

1. Morning Report strength as of the first of March 1948 Nine (9) Officers One (1) Warrant Officer Eighty four (84) Enlisted Men.

2. 2 March One (1) Sergeant promoted to Staff Sergeant, One (1) Corporal promoted to Sergeant, Two (2) Private First Class promoted to Corporal.

3. 10 March One (1) Officer relieved from assignment and assigned to 100th Base Unit Mitchell Field N.Y. Morning report on officers changed from Nine (9) to Eight (8) no change in strength of enlisted personnel. Record of events was entered on the morning report 1-10 March usual organization duties.

4. 12 March Five (5) enlisted men relieved from assignment and transferred to Camp Stoneman, California. Two (2) Privates promoted to Private First Class. Changing the morning report. Officers the same. Enlisted Men from Eighty four (84) to Seventy nine (79).

5. 16 March Eight (8) Enlisted Men transferred to Headquarters MARAMA, APO 264 changing the morning report. Officers same, Enlisted Men from Seventy nine (79) to Seventy one (71).

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6. 20 March One (1) Enlisted Man assigned, changing the strength of Enlisted Men for Seventy One (71) to Seventy Two (72), no change in Officers Record of Events entered on the Morning Report 10-20 March 48 Usual Organization Duties.

7. 24 March One (1) officer assigned, changing officers strength section on the Morning Report from eight (8) to Nine (9) no change in Enlisted Men.

8. 31 March 1948 Record of Events entered on the Morning Report 21-31 March 48 Usual Organization Duties. During the month of March One (1) Enlisted Man was placed on DS. Two (2) Enlisted Men extended their tour of enlistment. One Enlisted Man extended three (3) years enlistment to four (4) years. The other Enlisted Man extended from three (3) years to Five (5) years. During the month of March two (2) officers and one (1) enlisted man had taken and completed an ordinary leave.

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HEADQUARTERS
567TH AIR MATERIAL SQUADRON
358TH AIR SERVICE GROUP
APO 74, U S ARMY

5 March 1948

SUBJECT: Monthly Narrative History Report, 1 Feb 48 to 29 Feb 48

THRU: Headquarters
Sixth Air Service Group
Clark Field Air Base
APO 74, U S Army

TO: S-2 Section
Headquarters
Clark Field Air Base
APO 74, U S Army
(ATTN: Historical Officer)

Reference is made to CFAB Regulation Number 80-6, dated 21 January 1947, and the following Monthly Narrative History Report is submitted:

1. The squadron was authorized a general holiday during the period of 21 February to 23 February, inclusive, which were enjoyed very much by all personnel of this organization.

2. The squadron strength on 1 February 1948, was eleven (11) Officers and eighty four (84) enlisted men. On 29 February 1948, the squadron strength was nine (9) Officers, and one (1) Chief Warrant Officer, and eighty three (83) Enlisted men.

3. During the month of February 1948, we lost one (1) Officer, and one (1) Enlisted man, which to this date brings us up to nine (9) Officers, one (1) Chief Warrant Officer, and eighty three (83) Enlisted men.

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HEADQUARTERS
567TH AIR MATERIAL SQUADRON
358TH AIR SERVICE GROUP
APO 74, U S ARMY

3 February 1948

SUBJECT: Monthly Narrative History Report, 1 Jan 48 to 31 Jan 48

THRU: Headquarters
Sixth Air Service Group
Clark Field Air Base
APO 74, U S Army

To: S-2 Section
Headquarters
Clark Field Air Base
APO 74, U S Army
(ATTN: Historical Officer)

Reference is made to CFAAB Regulation Number 80-6, dated 21 January 1947, and the following Monthly Narrative History Report is Submitted:

1. Four buildings in the 567th Air Material Squadron Area were released to the 338th Rcn Sq (VLR). Barracks number's 807, 808, 809, and Bldg number 815, Latrine.

2. The Squadron was authorized a general holiday during the period of 23 January to 25 January, inclusive, by command of Brigadier General Oliver, which were enjoyed very much by all personnel of this organization.

3. The Squadron strength on 1 January 1948 was eleven (11) Officers and seventy four (74) Enlisted men. On 31 January 1948, the Squadron strength was ten (10) Officers, and one (1) Chief Warrent Officer, and eighty four (84) Enlisted Men.

4. During the month of January we gained one (1) Chief Warrent Officer and lost one Officer, and also we gained ten (10) Enlisted Men. which to this date brings us up to ten (10) Officers, one (1) Chief Warrent Officer, and eighty four (84) Enlisted Men.

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569TH AIR MATERIEL SQUADRON
359TH AIR SERVICE GROUP
APO #336

ALR/irk

San Francisco, Calif.
4 October 1945.

SUBJECT: Unit War Diary.

TO : Commanding General, Army Air Forces,
Washington 25, D.C. (THROUGH CHANNELS).

1. The following Unit War Diary is herewith submitted for the 569th Air Material Squadron, 359th Air Service Group, covering the period from 1 September 1945 to 30 September 1945.

1 Sept 45 Sat: A scheduled Wing Parade was rained out, and all Personnel were given the day off. One (1) EM sk in qrs LD to dy. (2) Two EM promoted from Pvt to Pfc off 30 Aug 45.

2 Sept 45 Sun: V-J Day was proclaimed, and church services were held, offering prayers of thanks that war was at last over, and the men could settle down to waiting for the transportation to take them home.

3 Sept 45 Mon: Another holiday, in commemoration of V-J Day, was proclaimed for all personnel of the 313th Wing. One (1) Officer dy to temp dy for approximately 15 days.

4 Sept 45 Tues: All personnel turned in their weapons.

5 Sept 45 Wed: Usual Organizational Duties.

6 Sept 45 Thur: Usual Organizational Duties.

7 Sept 45 Fri: Usual Organizational Duties.

8 Sept 45 Sat: Usual Organizational Duties.

9 Sept 45 Sun: Church Services were held.

10 Sept 45 Mon: The 313th Wing Band put on a show at the Service Group Theatre, which was enjoyed by all personnel. The majority of the men enjoyed this type of show, staged and and presented by servicemen, more than the majority of USO shows which they had seen here. A teletype from Twentieth Air Force Headquarters was released to the men, announcing that points would be recomputed as of 2 September 1945, and that the critical score was lowered to 80.



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11 Sept 45 Tues: A USO show was presented at the Service Group Theatre, but the men felt that the type of entertainment offered was of very low calibre.

12 Sept 45 Wed: Usual Organizational Duties.

13 Sept 45 Thur: It was announced that all men over 35 years of age with two years or more of honorable service could apply for discharge.

14 Sept 45 Fri: One (1) EM sk in qrs LD to dy.

15 Sept 45 Sat: One (1) EM dy to sk in 374th Gen Hosp LD this sta. One (1) officer dy to sk in qrs LD. One (1) EM asgd and jd from 576th Air Mat Sq, 77th Air Sv Gp.

16 Sept 45 Sun: Church Services were held.

17 Sept 45 Mon: One (1) officer sk in qrs LD to dy.

18 Sept 45 Tues: One (1) EM reclassified Primary MOS from 590 to 835.

19 Sept 45 Wed: One (1) EM trfd to WPBC Personnel Center and Casual Depot, APO 244.

20 Sept 45 Thur: One (1) EM sk LD in 374th Gen Hosp this sta to dy.

21 Sept 45 Fri: Usual Organizational Duties.

22 Sept 45 Sat: Usual Organizational Duties.

23 Sept 45 Sun: Church Services were held.

24 Sept 45 Mon: One (1) EM trfd to WPBC Personnel Center, APO 244.

25 Sept 45 Tues: One (1) EM trfd to WPBC Personnel Center, APO 244.

26 Sept 45 Wed: One (1) EM trfd to WPBC Personnel Center, APO 244. One (1) officer dy to sk in 374th Gen Hosp this sta LD. A USO show was presented at the Service Group Theatre, but once again the men felt that they had seen a very poor type of entertainment.

27 Sept 45 Thur: Three (3) EM trfd to WPBC Personnel Center, APO 244.



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28 Sept 45 Fri: All Personnel turned in Trench knives and Gas Masks. One (1) EM trfd to WPBC Personnel Center, APO 244. Three EM promoted to Sgt from Cpl, and two EM promoted to Cpl from Pfc.

29 Sept 45 Sat: One (1) officer sk 374th Gen Hosp LD to dy. One (1) EM dy to sk LD in 374th Gen Hosp this sta.

30 Sept 45 Sun: Church services were held. One (1) EM trfd to WPBC Personnel Center, APO 244. One (1)EM, MOS 405, asgd & jd from Hq 359th Air Sv Gp, and assigned for duty with Repairable Section, Air Corps Supply.

C-E-R-T-I-F-I-C-A-T-I-O-N

I certify that to the best of my knowledge, and with reference to company records, the above mentioned facts are a true account of the 569th Air Materiel Squadron, 359th Air Service Group, for the period 1 September 1945 to 30 September 1945 inclusive.

For the Commanding Officer:

Albert L. Rogue

ALBERT L. ROGUE, S,
1st Lt, Air Corps,
Adjutant.



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569TH AIR MATERIEL SQUADRON
359TH AIR SERVICE GROUP
APO #336

AIR/irk

San Francisco, California.
4 September 1945.

SUBJECT: Unit War Diary.

TO : Commanding General, Army Air Forces,
Washington 25, D.C.(THROUGH CHANNELS)

1. The following Unit War Diary is herewith submitted for the 569th Air Materiel Squadron, 359th Air Service Group, covering the period from 1 August to 31 August 1945.

1 Aug 45 Wed; Today was designated as Air Corps day, and a message was eceived from the Commanding General, 313th Bomb Wing, to all personnel of the Wing, complimenting them on the fine job they have been doing. It was announced that daily morning formations were discontinued, and henceforth there would be only one Squadron formation a week.

2 Aug 45 Thur; One (1) officer sk ID 374th Gen Hosp this island to dy.

3 Aug 45 Fri; Today was declared a Wing Holiday in honor of Air Corps day.

4 Aug 45 Sat; One (1) EM dy to sk in 374th Gen Hosp this island ID.

5 Aug 45 Sun; Church services were held. The Squadron baseball team played the 77th Air Service Group team.

6 Aug 45 Mon; News of the first atomic bomb raid served as an immediate morale booster to all personnel, and guesses and rumors concerning Japan's capitulation began running wild. The 313th Wing Bandgave a show at the Service Group Theatre.

7 Aug 45 Tues; Air Raid Alert (Red) sounded at 2130. All Clear (White) sounded at 2150. Knowing what desperate measures Japan would take to destroy the base from which the atomic bomb came, them men half-expected a raid of some kind. Ammunition was passed out to all personnel.

8 Aug 45 Wed; It was announced that Russia declared war on Japan, and an air of tense expectancy was evident among all personnel. The Squadron baseball team played the 358th-359th Air Service Group team. Air Raid Alert (Red) sounded at 2030. All Clear (White) sounded at 2050.

9 Aug 45 Thur; The news of the second atomic bomb raid had all men waiting tensely to hear what action Japan intended to take.



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Unit War Diary, 569th Air Mat Sq, 359th Air Sv Gp, APO #336, 8 Sep 45.

10 Aug 45 Fri; The evening movie was interrupted, and the announcement was made that Japan would accept the Allied Surrender terms as outlined in the Potsdam declaration with the condition that she could keep her Emperor. For a few seconds not a sound was to be heard while the announcement took effect, and then pandemonium broke loose. The wild shouting and cheering kept on all night. The men knew that for most of them the end of the war did not mean their immediate return to the United States, but the period of endless waiting and uncertainty was over, and they felt that now it was just a question of waiting their turn. One (1) EM dy to sk LD in 374th Gen Hosp this Island. A USO musical unit, featuring Classical Music, played at the Service Group Theatre.

11 Aug 45 Sat; With morning came the realization that the war, to all intents and purposes, was still on. Then began the period of tense waiting while negotiations went on. One (1) EM sk LD 374th Gen Hosp this island to dy. One (1) EM promoted to pfc from Pvt.

12 Aug 45 Sun; Church services were held. The Squadron baseball team played the 72nd Air Service Group team.

13 Aug 45 Mon; One (1) EM dy to sk LD 374th Gen Hosp this island. One (1) EM promoted to Sgt from Cpl, and One (1) EM promoted to pfc from Pvt.

14 Aug 45 Tues; At 0900 Marianas time, the flash came from Washington, D.C. that the United States and Allied powers had accepted the Japanese surrender offer, and all personnal breathed a sigh of immense relief. A USO camp show, featuring Al Pierce and Arlene Harris played at the Service Group Theatre. One (1) EM dy to sk LD in 374th Gen Hosp this sta.

15 Aug 45 Wed; The Squadron Baseball team played the Naval Air Base Team.

16 Aug 45 Thur; Usual Organizational Duties.

17 Aug 45 Fri; One (1) EM sk LD in 374th Gen Hosp this sta to dy.

18 Aug 45 Sat; One (1) EM dy to sk LD in 374th Gen Hosp this sta.

19 Aug 45 Sun; Church services were held. A show spensored by the Hollywood Victory Comittee, starring Charles Ruggles and Mary Bryan played at the Service Group Theatre.

20 Aug 45 Mon; Usual Organizational Duties.

21 Aug 45 Tues; The Squadron baseball team played the 1022nd Engr Bn team. Two (2) EM sk in 374th Gen Hosp this sta to dy LD.

22 Aug 45 Wed; Usual Organizational Duties.

29 Aug 45 Thur; Usual Organizational Duties.



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Unit War Diary, 569th Air Mat Sq, 359th ASG, APO #336, 4 Sept 45.

24 Aug 45 Fri; Usual Organizational Duties.

25 Aug 45 Sat; The 313th Wing held a parade in which the personnel of this organization participated.

26 Aug 45 Sun; Church services were held.

27 Aug 45 Mon; One (1) EM relieved from asgd and trfd to Hq USASTAF, APO #294.

28 Aug 45 Tues; Usual Organizational Duties.

29 Aug 45 Wed; Usual Organizational Duties.

30 Aug 45 Thur; One (1) EM sk ID in 374th Gen Hosp this sta to dy. One (1) EM dy to sk ID in qrs. Two EM promoted to Pfc from Pvt.

31 Aug 45 Fri; EM were paid.

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I certify that to the best of my knowledge, and with reference to company records, that the above mentioned facts are a true account of the activities of the 569th Air Material Squadron, 359th Air Service Group, for the period 1 August 1945 to 31 August 1945 inclusive.

For the Commanding Officer;

ALBERT L. ROGERS,
1st Lt, AC,
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569TH AIR MATERIEL SQUADRON
359TH AIR SERVICE GROUP
APO #247

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San Francisco, Calif.
4 August 1945

SUBJECT: Unit War Diary.

TO : Commanding General, Army Air Forces,
Washington 25, D.C. (THROUGH CHANNELS).

1. The following Unit War Diary is herewith submitted for the 569th Air Materiel Squadron, 359th Air Service Group, covering the period from 1 July 1945 to 31 July 1945.

1 Jul 45 Sun: Church Services were held. One (1) EM promoted to grade of Sergeant from Corporal.

2 Jul 45 Mon: One (1) EM sk in quarters LD to dy.

3 Jul 45 Tues: Construction was begun by Air Corps Supply personnel on a yard to store oxygen cylinders.

4 Jul 45 Wed: Usual Organizational Duties.

5 Jul 45 Thur: Usual Organizational Duties.

6 Jul 45 Fri: One (1) EM dy to sk in hosp LD.

7 Jul 45 Sat: One (1) EM sk in sta hosp LD to dy. One (1) EM dy to sk in sta hosp LD.

8 Jul 45 Sun: Church Services were held.

9 Jul 45 Mon: Usual Organizational Duties.

10 Jul 45 Tues: Usual Organizational Duties.

11 Jul 45 Wed: Usual Organizational Duties.

12 Jul 45 Thur: Squadron Commander dy to DS at Hq, AAFPOA, APO 953, Rest and Recreational Camp, Hawaii, for 10 day rest. Capt. Homer W. Warner (AC) 0576014 assumed command during the temp absence of Major Philip R. Muller.

13 Jul 45 Fri: Usual Organizational Duties.

14 Jul 45 Sat: Usual Organizational Duties.

15 Jul 45 Sun: Church Services were held. The Squadron baseball team played the Hq & Base Sv Sq, 359th Air Sv Gp team.



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16 Jul 45 Mon: One (1) EM sk in sta hosp LD to dy. One (1) EM MOS 835 asgd and jd from Hq 359th Air Sv Gp, and further assigned for duty with Branch III, AC Supply.

17 Jul 45 Tues: The personnel of this squadron completed work on a new Squadron Dayroom. A grand opening was held in the evening, and coffee and doughnuts were served.

18 Jul 45 Wed: The Squadron Baseball team played the Able Battery, 18th AA Bn team. One (1) EM dy to sk in quarters LD.

19 Jul 45 Thur: Personnel of this Squadron completed work on a Squadron Shower Room, which greatly enlarged bathing facilities.

20 Jul 45 Fri: Air Raid Alert (Red) sounded at 2130. All Clear (White) sounded at 2150. One (1) EM MOS 821 asgd and jd from Hq 359th Air Sv Gp, and further asgd for duty with Shipping and Receiving, Sv Gen "D".

21 Jul 45 Sat: One (1) EM sk in quarters LD to dy.

22 Jul 45 Sun: Church Services were held. The Squadron Baseball Team played the 504th Bomb Group Team. The opening of The Consolidated Administrative Headquarters Theatre, 72nd, 77th, 359th, and 358th Air Service Groups, called the "Servicedrome," was celebrated by a talk given by the Officer in Charge, Consolidated Administrative Headquarters, and by an excellent show put on by the 313th Bomb Wing Band. The men were very proud of their new theatre, and felt that it was the finest of its kind on the island.

23 Jul 45 Mon: One (1) EM reld from Asgd while sk LD in sta hosp, and trfd to 374th Gen Hosp, APO 247, atchd unasgd Det of Patients. One (1) EM dy to temp dy for approx three (3) days to Twentieth Air Force, APO 234, for purpose of attending school on reutilization of existing equipment and standardization of procedures. One (1) EM MOS 037, and two (2) EM MOS 835 asgd and jd from Hq 359th Air Sv Gp. EM MOS 037 asgd for duty to QM Class I, one (1) EM MOS 835 asgd for duty to AOCP, AC Supply, and one (1) EM MOS 835 asgd for duty to Signal Supply, Sv Gen "D".

24 Jul 45 Tues: Usual Organizational Duties.

25 Jul 45 Wed: It was announced that the "This Is The Army" Show would play at the Island Command Theatre for a weeks run beginning today, and the first two nights would be designated as Air Corps Personnel nights. The Squadron Baseball Team played the Charlie Battery, 18th AA Bn Team. One (1) EM temp dy at Twentieth Air Force, APO 234, to dy.

26 Jul 45 Thur: Major Philip R. Muller from DS at Hq AAFPOA, APO 953, Rest & Recreational Camp to dy, and resumed command of this organization. One (1) Officer dy to sk in 374th Gen Hosp LD this island.

27 Jul 45 Fri: A USO show, starring Eddie Bracken and Peggy Ryan played at the "Servicedrome" theatre, and personnel of this Squadron were very pleased with the show.



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28 Jul 45 Sat: Five (5) EM reclassified from MOS 590 to 835.

29 Jul 45 Sun: Church Services were held. The Squadron Baseball Team played the Signal Section, 58th Bomb Wing team.

30 Jul 45 Mon: One (1) EM reclassified from MOS 835 to 826, and one (1) EM reclassified from MOS 590 to 835.

31 Jul 45 Tues: EM were paid.

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I certify that to the best of my knowledge, and with reference to company records, that the above mentioned facts are a true account of the activities of the 569th Air Materiel Squadron, 359th Air Service Group.

For the Commanding Officer:

ALBERT L. ROGERS,
1st Lt, AC,
Adjutant.



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569TH AIR MATERIEL SQUADRON
359TH AIR SERVICE GROUP
APO #247

AIR/irk

San Francisco, Calif.
3 July 1945.

SUBJECT: Unit War Diary.

TO : Commanding General, Army Air Forces,
Washington 25, D.C. (THROUGH CHANNELS).

1. The following Unit War Diary is herewith submitted for the 569th Air Materiel Squadron, 359th Air Service Group, covering the period from 1 June to 30 June 1945.

1 Jun 45 Fri: EM completed moving into prefabricated barracks. One (1) EM dy to sk in quarters LD.

2 Jun 45 Sat: An all-Marine show, starring band leader Dick Jurgens, was given at the 6th Bomb Group theatre, and transportation was provided for personnel of this organization desiring to attend. Regular weekly inspection of barracks and Squadron Area was conducted. One (1) EM sk in quarters LD to dy.

3 Jun 45 Sun: Church Services were held for men of Protestant and Catholic Faiths. The Squadron baseball team played the Hq & Base Sv Sq, 359th Air Sv Gp team. One (1) EM transferred from Class II to Class III in Quartermaster Supply Section.

4 Jun 45 Mon: Usual Organizational Duties.

5 Jun 45 Tues: Usual Organizational Duties.

6 Jun 45 Wed: Men from a negro organization stationed on this island gave a show at Consolidated Air Service Group Theatre #1. The Squadron baseball team played the 17th AA Able Battery of Marines. One (1) EM dy to sk in quarters LD.

7 Jun 45 Thur: Usual Organizational Duties.

8 Jun 45 Fri: One (1) EM dy to sk in sta hosp LD. One (1) EM dy to sk in quarters LD.

9 Jun 45 Sat: Regular weekly inspection of barracks and Squadron Area was conducted, and discrepancies were noted. One (1) EM dy to sk in sta hosp LD. One (1) EM dy to temp dy with Stock Control Officer Air Depot, APO #245 for approximately three (3) days.



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10 Jun 45 Sun: Church Services were held for men of Protestant and Catholic Faiths. The Squadron Baseball team played the 13th NCB team.

11 Jun 45 Mon: Consolidated Air Service Group Theatre #1 was closed for remodeling. Plans for remodeling included building a stage, benches, enlarging the seating capacity, and increasing the grade to improve vision. Men of this organization were told to attend the 77th Air Service Group Theatre while this theatre was under construction, and arrangements were made for two showings of the movie each night during this period. One (1) EM temp dy at APO #246 to dy. One (1) EM sk in quarters LD to dy.

12 Jun 45 Tues: It was announced that personnel could now reveal their location as "Somewhere on Tinian."

13 Jun 45 Wed: One (1) EM from confinement in Island Stockade to dy.

14 Jun 45 Thur: Ordnance Section personnel built a platform between the two Ordnance Warehouses for purpose of keeping equipment off the ground, and facilitate loading of equipment onto trucks.

15 Jun 45 Fri: General Arnold, Commanding General, Army Air Forces, visited the island, and many of the men of this organization attended a talk he gave to personnel of the 313th Bomb Wing. An inspection of Gas Masks was held, and discrepancies were noted. The Quartermaster Section Received their quarterly inspection by the Inspector General Department. One (1) EM sk in quarters LD to dy. One (1) EM sk in sta hosp LD to dy.

16 Jun 45 Sat: Regular weekly inspection of barracks and Squadron Area was conducted, and discrepancies were noted. Rifles and Mess Kits were displayed. One (1) EM dy to sk in sta hosp LD. One (1) EM sk in sta hosp LD to dy.

17 Jun 45 Sun: Church Services were held for men of Protestant and Catholic Faiths. It was announced that an army show from Hawaii would play at Three (3) theatres of the 313th Bomb Wing Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday evenings, and personnel of this organization were invited to attend. The Squadron Baseball team played the 17th AA Able Battery of Marines. One (1) EM dy to sk in sta hosp LD.

18 Jun 45 Mon: EM working in their off-duty hours completed a cement volleyball court. Volleyball was fast becoming the favorite recreational sport of the majority of men in this organization. Air Raid Alert (Red) sounded at 2115. All Clear (White) sounded at 2135. The old 359th Air Service Group Theatre was reopened temporarily while the Consolidated Air Service Group Theatre #1 was under construction.

19 Jun 45 Tues: Two EM sk in sta hosp LD to dy.

20 Jun 45 Wed: Air Raid Alert (Red) sounded at 2150. All Clear (White) sounded at 2200.



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21 Jun 45 Thur: Ordnance Personnel planted vines around outside of the Ordnance Warehouse. The Red Cross opened a coffeeshop at Service Center "D" enabling personnel to obtain hot coffee in the mornings.

22 Jun 45 Fri: Ordnance Section personnel started a flower garden in front of the Ordnance Warehouse.

23 Jun 45 Sat: Regular weekly inspection was conducted. One (1) EM sk in quarters LD to dy. One (1) EM transferred from Class I to Class III in Quartermaster Supply Section.

24 Jun 45 Sun: Church services were held for Protestant and Catholic Personnel. The Squadron Baseball team played the 38th MCB team. One (1) EM dy to sk in quarters LD. One (1) EM transferred from duty in freight shed to Class III, Quartermaster Supply Section.

25 Jun 45 Mon: Construction on new Squadron Supply Office was completed. One (1) EM dy to sk in quarters LD.

26 Jun 45 Tues: Construction began on a Squadron day-room. Quartermaster Class III Supply Office was remodeled by GM personnel. One (1) EM sk in quarters LD to dy.

27 Jun 45 Wed: One (1) EM sk in quarters LD to dy.

28 Jun 45 Thur: Usual Organizational Duties.

29 Jun 45 Fri: GM Personnel received a letter from the Supply and Maintenance Controller, Service Center "C" and "D", complimenting them on results of Inspector General Department inspection of 15 June 1945.

30 Jun 45 Sat: EM were paid.

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I certify that to the best of my knowledge, and with reference to company records, the above mentioned facts are a true account of the activities of the 569th Air Materiel Squadron, 359th Air Service Group, for the period 1 June to 30 June 1945 inclusive.

For the Commanding Officer:

Albert L. Rogers

ALBERT L. ROGERS,
1st Lt, Air Corps,
Adjutant.



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569TH AIR MATERIEL SQUADRON
359TH AIR SERVICE GROUP
APO #247

AIR/irk

San Francisco, California.
2 June 1945.

SUBJECT: Unit War Diary.

TO : Commanding General, Army Air Forces,
Washington 25, D.C. (THROUGH CHANNELS)

1. The following Unit War Diary is herewith submitted for the 569th Air Materiel Squadron, 359th Air Service Group, covering the period from 1 May 1945 to 31 May 1945.

1 May 1945 Tues: A consolidation of the Mess Halls of the Materiel Squadrons of the 72nd, 77th, 358th, and 359th Air Service Groups was effected. All four Materiel Squadrons, including this organization, were attached to the 567th Air Materiel Squadron, 358th Air Service Group, for rations only, for an indefinite period of time. One (1) EM sk in quarters LD to dy.

2 May 1945 Wed: One (1) EM dy to sk in station hospital LD. Two (2) EM sk in quarters LD to dy. Sq Baseball team played 17th AA Bn Hq.

3 May 45 Thur: Usual Organizational Duties.

4 May 45 Fri: Usual Organizational Duties.

5 May 1945 Sat: One (1) EM sk in quarters LD to dy.

6 May 45 Sun: For the first time in several weeks the men were served ice cream, with the prospect of having it more often in the future. Church services were held in the morning.

7 May 45 Mon: The Associated Press Release announcing the surrender of Germany was received with much jubilation. After many previous rumors of this surrender the man felt that here was an announcement that could be believed.

8 May 45 Tues: The President of the United States made the formal announcement of the cessation of hostilities in Europe. This came as something of an anti-climax after the news ofnthe day before, but the President's speech served as a reminder to the men that there was still a long, hard road ahead before final victory could be achieved. One (1) EM from DS at Iwo Jima to dy. The Squadron Baseball team played the 17th AA Bn Hq team.

9 May 45 Wed: EM were served ice cream again.

10 May 45 Thur: Usual Organizational Duties.



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11 May 45 Fri: Usual Organizational Duties.

12 May 45 Sat: One (1) EM dy to sk in quarters LD.

13 May 45 Sun: Church Services were held in the Morning.

14 May 45 Mon: One (1) EM sk in quarters LD to dy.

15 May 45 Tues: One (1) EM transferred to POA unassigned.

16 May 45 Wed: One (1) EM promoted to grade of Sgt from Cpl. Five (5) EM promoted to Pfc from Pvt.

17 May 45 Thur: An 18 day period of maximum effort was announced as being in effect. During this period all activity except that absolutely necessary to keep B-29's over Japan was suspended. The men were told to report to their jobs at 0700 instead of the usual 0730.

18 May 45 Fri: Usual Organizational Duties.

19 May 45 Sat: One (1) EM dy to confinement for 30 days in Island Stockade this Station. Soldier was tried under Summary Court Martial and convicted under the 96th AW, and sentenced to be confined at hard labor for a period of thirty days, and to forfeit the sum of $35.00 of his pay for a like period. One (1) EM dy to tem dy with Stock Control Officer at Air Depot, APO #246, for approximately three (3) days.

20 May 45 Sun: A USO show, "Time for Fun," played at Theatre #1. All personnel were invited to attend, and the show was enjoyed by all personnel attending. The Squadron baseball team played the Hq & Base Sv Sq, 359th Air Sv Gp team.

21 May 45 Mon: One (1) EM temp dy at APO #246 to dy.

22 May 45 Tues: One (1) EM dy to sk in quarters LD.

23 May 45 Wed: Usual Organizational Duties.

24 May 45 Thur: The USO show, "The Man Who Came To Dinner," played at the 9th Bomb Group Theatre. Personnel of this organization were invited to attend, and transportation was provided to and from the theatre.

25 May 45 Fri: Usual Organizational Duties.

26 May 45 Sat: The men were told that this would be their last beer night for several weeks, until another shipment came in, and that Coca Cola would be subsituted as long as it lasted. Two (2) EM, Hq 313th Bomb Wing, relieved from atchd to this organization.

27 May 45 Sun: Church Services were held in the morning.

28 May 45 Mon: The 313th Bomb Wing Band gave a show at Theatre #1.



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Unit War Diary, 569th Air Mat Sq, 359th Air Sv Gp, 2 Jun 45 (Cont'd).

29 May 45 Tues: One (1) EM sk in quarters LD to dy.

30 May 45 Wed: Half of the Squadron moved from tents into prefabricated barracks. Men from a Navy Organization stationed on this Island gave a show at Theatre #1. One (1) EM dy to sk in quarters LD.

31 May 45 Thur: EM were paid.

C-E-R-T-I-F-I-C-A-T-I-O-N

I certify that to the best of my knowledge, and with reference to Company records, that the above mentioned facts are a true account of the activities of the 569th Air Materiel Squadron, 359th Air Service Group.

For the Commanding Officer:

ALBERT L. ROGERS,
1st Lt, AC,
Adjutant.



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569TH AIR MATERIEL SQUADRON
359TH AIR SERVICE GROUP
APO #247

AIR/Lrk

San Francisco, Calif.
2 May 1945.

SUBJECT: Unit War Diary.

TO : Commanding General, Army Air Forces,
Washington 25, D.C. (THROUGH CHANNELS).

1. The following Unit War Diary is herewith submitted for the 569th Air Materiel Squadron, 359th Air Service Group, covering the period from 1 April 1945 to 30 April 1945.

1 Apr 45 Sun: Easter Sunrise service was held at 359th Air Service Group Chapel, and all personnel of this organization were invited to attend. Commanding Officer temp dy to dy.

2 Apr 45 Mon: One (1) EM dy to sk in quarters LD.

3 Apr 45 Tues: One (1) EM promoted to grade of Sgt from Cpl, and one (1) EM promoted to grade of Pfc from Pvt. One (1) EM dy to sk in quarters LD.

4 Apr 45 Wed: One (1) EM sk in quarters LD to dy.

5 Apr 45 Thur: This organization defeated the 570th Air Engineering Squadron in an Orientation Quiz Contest.

6 Apr 45 Fri: One (1) EM sk in quarters LD to dy.

7 Apr 45 Sat: Personnel with qualifying AGCT score were permitted to take Officer Candidate Test.

8 Apr 45 Sun: A USO show from Hollywood, California entertained at the 359th Group Theatre, and Personnel of this organization were invited to attend. The morale of the men was lifted at the sight of this type of entertainment.

9 Apr 45 Mon: The inter-squadron volleyball teams played. One (1) EM dy to hosp LD.

10 Apr 45 Tues: Volleyball teams played. Personnel needing them were given shots. One (1) EM sk in Naval Hospital this Station to Det of Patients, 219th General Hospital, APO 958, San Francisco, California, for further observation and treatment.

11 Apr 45 Wed: One (1) EM dy to sk in quarters LD. Two (2) EM atchd from Hq & Hq Sq, 313th Bomb Wing, for rations, Quarters, and Administration, for duty in Base Provost Marshal's Section.



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12 Apr 45 Thur: Usual Organizational Duties.

13 Apr 45 Fri: One (1) EM hosp LD to dy.

14 Apr 45Sat: One Officer promoted from 2d Lt to 1st Lt. One (1) EM sk in quarters LD to dy, and One (1) EM sk in sta hosp LD to dy.

15 Apr 45 Sun: Usual Organizational Duties.

16 Apr 45 Mon: 313th Bombardment Wing Band gave a concert at the 358th Air Service Group Theatre, and all personnel were invited to attend. One (1) EM dy to sk in quarters LD. One (1) EM promoted to grade of M Sgt from T Sgt, and one (1) EM promoted to Sgt from Cpl. Also One (1) EM promoted to Pfc from Pvt.

17 Apr 45 Tues: One (1) EM sta hosp LD to dy.

18 Apr 45 Wed: One (1) EM dy to sk in quarters LD.

19 Apr 45 Thur: One (1) EM dy to sk in quarters LD.

20 Apr 45 Fri: Usual Organizational Duties.

21 Apr 45 Sat: Usual Organizational Duties.

22 Apr 45 Sun: The Squadron baseball team was defeated by a Marine Team. A storm was reported on the way, and all personnel were warned to lash their tents down securely, but the warning proved to be a false alarm.

23 Apr 45 Mon: A talk was given by an Intelligence Officer from the 58hth Bombardment Group on recent raids, at 358th Group Theatre, and all personnel were invited to attend. Two (2) EM sk in quarters LD to dy.

24 Apr 45 Tues: All personnel were given Bubonic Plague innoculations. One (1) EM dy to sk in quarters LD.

25 Apr 45 Wed: Usual Organizational Duties.

26 Apr 45 Thur: The 358th Air Service Group Band held a concert at the 358th Group Theatre, and all personnel were invited to attend.

27 Apr 45 Fri: A shipment of lighters, fountain pens, and pencils came in to the PX, and all personnel participated in a raffle to determine who would be allowed to purchase these items.

28 Apr 45 Sat: An all-Navy show touring this area played at the 358th Group Theatre, and all personnel were invited to attend. The show listed a cast of some well-known stars of stage, screen, and radio, and the men enjoyed it very much.



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Unit War Diary, 560th Air Mat Sq, APO 247, San Francisco, Calif, 2 May 45.

29 Apr 45 Sun: The Squadron baseball team was defeated by a team from the 17th AA Battery. One (1) EM dy to sk in qtrs LD.

30 Apr 45 Mon: There was no movie, but the 358th Air Service Group Band gave a concert, and all personnel were invited to attend. One (1) EM dy to sk in quarters LD. EM were paid.

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1. I certify that to the best of my knowledge, and with reference to Company Records, that the above mentioned facts are a true account of the activities of the 560th Air Material Squadron, 359th Air Service Group for the period from 1 April 1945 to 30 April 1945.

For the Commanding Officer:

ALBERT L. [illegible],
1st Lt, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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569TH AIR MATERIEL SQUADRON
359TH AIR SERVICE GROUP
APO #247

AIR/irk

San Francisco, Calif.
3 April 1945

SUBJECT: Unit War Diary.

TO : Commanding General, Army Air Forces,
Washington 25, D.C. (THROUGH CHANNELS)

1. The following unit War Diary is herewith submitted for the 569th Air Materiel Squadron, 359th Air Service Group, covering the period from 1 March 1945 to 31 March 1945.

1 Mar 45 Thurs: The Squadron quartered three combat personnel. The EM Section softball team was beaten by Headquarters Guard Section in the softball league.

2 Mar 45 Fri: The regular weekly inspection was conducted, and individual weapons were stripped for display. Discrepancies were noted. Two (2) EM and One (1) WO temp dy to dy.

3 Mar 45 Sat: AC Supply Section played Headquarters Communications Section in Softball League.

4 Mar 45 Sun: Fourteen transient personnal were quartered by the Squadron.

5 Mar 45 Mon: A practice air raid alert was held, and Paratroop and Anti-Incendiary Squads were called out. One (1) EM reclassified from MOS 590 to 060. One (1) EM promoted to grade of S Sgt from Sgt.

6 Mar 45 Tues: All personnel received Typhus and Cholera shots. Two (2) EM from DS at Hq & Hq Sq, XXI Bomber Command, APO 234, to dy.

7 Mar 45 Wed: Usual Organizational Duties.

8 Mar 45 Thur: Usual Organizational Duties.

9 Mar 45 Fri: Usual Organizational Duties.

10 Mar 45 Sat: Usual Organizational Duties.

11 Mar 45 Sun: Consolidation of Personnel Sections was effected, and one Unit Personnel Section was set up for all Four Service Groups, The 358th, 359th, 77th, and 72nd Air Service Groups. An Alert was put on in the evening as a result of an expected invasion. The men were issued ammunition.



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12 Mar 45 Mon: EM turned in their ammunition at noon, but it was reissued to them in the evening. The men were ordered to carry equipment including gas masks, helmets, trench knives, and individual weapons, when leaving the Squadron Area.

13 Mar 45 Tues: Alert Still On. Forms 20 were turned over to Classification Section in Unit Personnel Office, composed of Headquarters Squadron Classification Specialists from each of the four Service Groups. One (1) EM dy to hosp LD.

14 Mar 45 Wed: Alert taken off.

15 Mar 45 Thur: One (1) EM dy to sk in quarters LD.

16 Mar 45 Fri: All personnel turned in their ammunition. (1) One EM sk in quarters to dy LD.

17 Mar 45 Sat: All personnel were invited to attend an all-star baseball game.

18 Mar 45 Sun: Personnel who wished to were permitted to go swimming at the new beach, and transportation was provided to and from the beach.

19 Mar 45 Mon: Usual Organizational Duties.

20 Mar 45 Tues: Usual Organizational Duties.

21 Mar 45 Wed: One (1) EM dy to DS Det A, XXI Bomber Command, APO 234, San Francisco, Calif.

22 Mar 45 Thur: To enliven interest in orientation, it was decided to pick teams from the 569th Air Material Squadron and the 570th Air Engineering Squadron, and hold a quiz contest. However, the contest was rained out before it was half over. Two (2) EM promoted to grade of Pfc from Pvt.

23 Mar 45 Fri: Usual Organizational Duties.

24 Mar 45 Sat: Usual Organizational Duties.

25 Mar 45 Sun: Usual organizational Duties.

26 Mar 45 Mon: A talk was given by the new Group Commander to all personnel of the 359th Air Service Group, outlining the general Group policies. A new movie was shown for the first time in several weeks.

27 Mar 45 Tues: One (1) EM dy to hosp LD. A talk was given to all personnel of the 358th, 359th, 77th, and 72nd Air Service Groups by the new Deputy Base Commander. He explained the Provisional AAB setup and functions, explained what the new housing plan would be, and in closing asked the men to observe the rules of military courtesy.



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28 Mar 45 Wed: Passover Services were held for Jewish personnel at the Island Command Amphitheater, and transportation was provided to and from the services for those desiring to attend.

29 Mar 45 Thur: One (1) EM dy to sk in quarters LD. Commanding Officer dy to temp dy for approximately four days at Air Depot, APO 246, San Francisco, Calif.

30 Mar 45 Fri: An inspection of the area was conducted. Discrepancies were noted and corrected.

31 Mar 45 Sat: An area inspection was conducted by an officer from Provisional AAB #2, and discrepancies were noted. The EM were paid. One (1) EM hosp LD to dy. One (1) EM sk in quarters LD to dy.

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I certify that to the best of my knowledge, and with reference to company records, that the above mentioned facts are a true account of the activities of the 569th Air Materiel Squadron, 359th Air Service Group.

For the Commanding Officer:

ALBERT L. ROGERS,
1st Lt, AC,
Adjutant.



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569th AIR MATERIEL SQUADRON
359TH AIR SERVICE GROUP
APO 247

ALR/lrk

San Francisco, California
3 March 1945

SUBJECT: Unit War Diary, 569th Air Material Squadron.

TO : Commanding General, Army Air Forces,
Washington 25, D.C. (THROUGH CHANNELS)

1. The following Unit War Diary is herewith submitted for the 569th Air Material Squadron, 359th Air Service Group, covering period 1 February 1945 to 28 February 1945:

1 Feb 45 Thurs: Three squadron softball teams were organized, from the Quartermaster, Ordnance, and Air Corps Supply Sections. Ammunition for individual weapons was taken away from the Enlisted Men. The Group Library was opened for the use of all personnel. One EM hosp IN to dy.

2 Feb 45 Fri: The Group Laundry went into operation, and all personnel were permitted to send laundry once each week. Regular weekly area inspection was conducted, and discrepancies were noted.

3 Feb 45 Sat: Quartermaster Class I started handling Flight Rations. One EM reduced in grade from PFC to Pvt.

4 Feb 45 Sun: The first league softball game was played, with the 569th QM section opposing Headquarters Transportation. The first B-29 raid on Japan took off from this field, and the men of of this squadron were proud in the knowledge that they had helped make this raid possible. Personnel of this squadron were invited to attend a records concert in the Group Chapel, featuring a program of classical and light classical music.

5 Feb 45 Mon: Floodlights were installed in the volleyball court, to enable the Enlisted Men to play in the evening during off-duty hours. The Group Service Club was opened, containing a barber shop, tailor shop, games and equipment. Personnel were notified that a USAFI course in basic Spanish would be held.

6 Feb 45 Tues: PX supplies came in, and for the first time in two weeks the men were allowed to purchase cigarettes and other rationed articles.



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7 Feb 45 Wed: The 559th QM section played Headquarters Communications in the Softball League.

8 Feb 45 Thur: All personnel were ordered to carry gas masks and helmets with them at all times, and ammunition was reissued. One Pvt promoted to grade of Pfc. There was an ordnance inspection of individual weapons.

9 Feb 45 Fri: All personnel were ordered to carry their weapons and trench knives with them in the evening. This organization furnished five guards to guard the Group Area. Personnel were warned to be on the alert for a Japanese suicide attack. A personal inspection of Enlisted Men was conducted, and discrepancies noted. Also regular weekly area inspection was conducted, and EM had to display individual weapons.

10 Feb 45 Sat: Personnel were ordered to carry weapons and trench knives at all times. This organization again furnished five guards for the Group.

11 Feb 45 Sun: Five guards were furnished for the Group Area. Personnel of this organization were invited to attend a records concert at the group chapel.

12 Feb 45 Mon: Usual organizational duties.

13 Feb 45 Tues: Enlisted Men were told that they no longer have to carry their equipment at all times, but must have it near them during a blue alert.

14 Feb 45 Wed: Locks were installed in the QM warehouses, making it no longer necessary to have a Charge of Quarters on duty there. One EM reduced in grade from Pfc to Pvt.

15 Feb 45 Thur: One Enlisted Man dy to hosp ID.

16 Feb 45 Fri: Regular weekly area inspection was conducted, and individual weapons were displayed.

17 Feb 45 Sat: Air Corps Supply section played in the softball league. Men were allowed to purchase their ration of beer for the first time in five weeks.

18 Feb 45 Sun: Ordnance Section was defeated by Headquarters team in the softball league. A records concert was held in the Group Chapel.

19 Feb 45 Mon: As per teletype, 21st Bomber Command, all Ordnance and Quartermaster Supply was consolidated.



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20 Feb 45 Tues: Air Corps Supply Section defeated Quartermaster Section in Softball League.

21 Feb 45 Wed: The first orientation lecture was held, and it was announced that these lectures would be heldonce each week, during off duty hours.

22 Feb 45 Thur: Two EM dy to DS with Hq & Hq Sq, Det A, Hq XXI Bomber Command, APO 234, as per par 1, SO 57, Hq, 313th Bombardment Wing.

23 Feb 45 Fri: Ordnance Section played 570th Acft Maintenance in softball league. Regular weekly inspection was conducted, and slips were passed out for dirty individual weapons.

24 Feb 45 Sat: Quartermaster Section defeated 570th Automotive Maintenance in softball league.

25 Feb 45 Sun: Personnel of this organization attended a GI show from Saipan, which was well received by all personnel attending.

26 Feb 45 Mon: One EO and 2 EM departed for temp dy at APO 297 for approximately four days.

27 Feb 45 Tues: Ammunition section went on day shift from 0800 to 1600, at the Central Bomb Dump.

28 Feb 45 Wed: Today was pay day, and at the pay table twenty cents was contributed from personnel making use of the Group Laundry, and ten cents for the purchase of paper ice cream cups.

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I certify that to the best of my knowledge and with reference to company records, that the above mentioned facts are a true account of the activities of the 569th Air Material Squadron, 359th Air Service Group.

For the Commanding Officer:

Albert L. Rogers

ALBERT L. ROGERS,
1st Lt, AC,
Adjutant.

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569TH AIR MATERIEL SQUADRON
359TH AIR SERVICE GROUP
APO #247

AIR/irk

San Francisco, Calif.
4 February 1945

SUBJECT: War Diary, 569th Air Material Squadron, 359th Air Service Group.

TO : Commanding General, Army Air Forces,
Washington, D.C. (THROUGH CHANNELS)

1. The following Unit War Diary is herewith submitted for the 569th Air Material Squadron, 359th Air Service Group, covering the period 16 January 1945 to 31 January 1945.

16 January 1945

A Volleyball court and horshoe pits were built for the use of the Enlisted Men. Some work was done on the coral walks being put in the Squadron Area. Most of the men now have frames built for their huts. The Squadron was assigned to 313th Bombardment Wing WH as of 11 Jan 1945, Auth: Section II, GO #1, Hq, 359th Air Sv Gp.

17 January 1945

More work was done on the coral walks.

18 January 1945

The ammunition section started working the night shift, from 1600 to 2400. One Enlisted Man was promoted to grade of Pfc.

19 January 1945

Major PHILIP R. MULLER was appointed Stock Control Officer of the 72d, 77th, 358th, and 359th Air Service Groups. A loudspeaker system was installed in the Squadron Area, so that the Enlisted Men could have music during the noon hour and in the evening.

20 January 1945

CWO PENROD L. GLOVER, USA, returned from temp dy at Hickam Field, Hawaii, to dy.

21 January 1945

Usual Organizational Duties.



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22 January 1945

Major General NICHOLS, Hq, AAF, Washington, D.C. accompanied by his party consisting of civilian Air Technical Inspectors, Col. DAVIES, CO of the 313th Bomb Wing, and Col. CONNOR, CO of Service Center C, and the 3594th Air Service Group, inspected Service Center C. One EM from dy to hosp LD.

23 January 1945

Usual organizational duties.

24 January 1945

For the first time since leaving the United States, all personnel were served ice cream. The men were greatly pleased with this unexpected treat. The ice cream was made in the organization mess Hall, from mix purchased at the Island PX.

25 January 1945

Usual Organizational Duties.

26 January 1945

The regular weekly inspection was conducted, and the Squadron Area found to be in excellent condition. Three Enlisted Men were promoted to grade of Pfc.

27 January 1945

One Enlisted Man was promoted to grade of Corporal.

28 January 1945

The Ammunitions Section started working the day shift from 0800 till 1600. The Mobile Defense Unit had a practice daytime run. The operation went off very smoothly.

29 January 1945

All personnel were permitted to attend a traveling GI show at the 77th Air Service Group Area. Morale received a boost by this pleasant break in the daily routine. The Mobile Defense Unit had a practice night run, which came off so well that it was decided that there would be no more practice runs, at least for the time being. Eleven EM were reclassified from MOS 590 to 835.



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30 January 1945

The following number of promotions were announced: 1 S Sgt, 4 Cpls, and 2 Pfc's. One EM returned from hosp LD to dy.

31 January 1945

The Squadron was paid, and 55 Enlisted Men voluntarily gave $2.30 apiece for the purchase of ice cream mix.

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I certify that to the best of my knowledge and with reference to company records, that the above mentioned facts are a true account of the activities of the 569th Air Material Squadron, 350th Air Service Group.

For the Commanding Officer:

Albert L. Rogers

ALBERT L. ROGERS,
1st Lt, AC,
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HEADQUARTERS
359TH SERVICE GROUP
APO #247

San Francisco, Calif
1 January 1945

SUBJECT: Unit Historical Reports

TO : All Squadron Commanders, 359th Service Group, APO #247, c/o PM, San Francisco, California

1. Unit historical reports from all Squadrons, this Headquarters, for the period 1-31 December 1944 will be submitted to the Group Historical Officer (S-3) no later than 1200, 4 January 1945.

2. Care will be taken to include any and all pertinent information in regard to Squadron operations during the landing period of this Group. It must be constantly borne in mind that a daily diary or journal, kept by Unit Historical Officers, is of inestimable value in compiling monthly histories. Accuracy as to dates, events, etc, cannot be trusted to memory.

By order of Colonel CONNER:

Charles N. Estes

CHARLES N. ESTES
Captain, Air Corps
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569TH MATERIEL SQUADRON
359TH SERVICE GROUP
APO #247
c/o Postmaster

AIR/irk

San Francisco, Calif.
4 January 1945

SUBJECT: Unit Historical Report.

TO : The Adjutant General, War Department,
Washington 25, D.C.

1. In compliance with AR 345-105, the following Unit Historical Report is herewith submitted for the 569th Material Squadron, 359th Service Group, covering the period 1 December 1944, to 31 December 1944.

A. Original Unit.
Previously Reported.

B. Purpose and Mission of Squadron.
This has been previously reported, but it can be further stated at this time, that since the arrival of the Squadron at its overseas destination, Tinian, Mariana Islands, it will maintain a thirty day level of supply, and perform 3rd echelon work in this regard, to the 505th Bombardment Group (VH).

C. Changes in command.
On 11 December 1944, Captain Philip R. Muller, AC, O 909 153, returned from temporary duty to present for duty, and assumed command of the Squadron, vice Captain Homer W. Warner, AC, O 567 014, relieved.

D. Changes in Squadron.
Captain Jack M. Petersen, AC, O 379 557, returned from temporary duty to present for duty, 13 December 1944.
Sgt Edward A. Trok, 15 331 060, was duty to hospital in line of duty 24 December 1944.
Pfc Leslie Gresham, 39 277 255, was reduced to the grade of private as per Par 1, SO 126, Headquarters, 359th Service Group, APO #247, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, California.
On 28 December 1944, nine (9) EM were promoted to the grade of Private First Class as per par 1, SO 127, Hq, 359th Sv Gp, APO #247, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, California.
30 December 1944 saw eight (8) more EM promoted to the grade of Private First Class, as per Par 1, SO 128, Hq, 359th Sv Gp, APO #247, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, California.


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E. Strength, Commissioned Officers, and Enlisted Men.

As of 30 November 1944, date of last report, there were 134 EM, 5 Officers, 1 WO present for duty, and two officers on temporary duty.

At the date of current reporting period ending 31 December 1944, there were 133 EM present for duty, 1 EM sick in hospital, seven Officers, and 1 WO present for duty, making a total of 134 EM, 7 Officers, and 1 WO.

F. Record of Events and Morale.

On 30 November 1944, date of last report, the Squadron was still on board the troopship S.S. Mctavia, bound for its overseas destination. The ship at that date was anchored at Eniwetok, Marshall Islands, and remained there until 4 December 1944, when at 0630 the ship weighed anchor, and set out on the final lap of the voyage. The personnel of the Squadron were greatly relieved to learn that they had only another few days to spend on board ship, because after having been confined to such a small area for so long a period oftime, restlessness was extremely evident among the troops and officers. Up to this date all personnel were unaware of the final destination and a tremendous amount of speculation ran rampant. However, on the day the ship weighed anchor, the Enlisted Men were briefed, and the destination was disclosed as being Tinian Island in the Marianas Islands. Everyone impatiently awaited the day of arrival. On 8 December 1944, the S.S. Mctavia pulled into Saipan Harbor, from where Tinian, only a few miles to the south, was clearly visible. The morale of all personnel received a great lift when, as the Mctavia pulled slowly into Saipan Harbor, a great number of B-29 aircraft returning from a raid against Japan came into sight, and then one by one flew across the ship going in for a landing on the Saipan airstrip. Somehow, seeing these large airplanes flying low overhead gave everyone a great thrill. The Mctavia remained in the Saipan Harbor until approximately 1530, 10 December 1944, and then weighed anchor, and sailed to Tinian, arriving there approximately at 1800 the same day.

On 11 December 1944, all personnel debarked from the S.S. Mctavia, and once more set feet on dry land, Tinian. The debarkation commenced at approximately 0700, 11 December 1944, and all personnel, save some who were detailed to remain aboard for unloading, cleared the ship by 1200 that day. The Squadron personnel debarked by means ofscramble nets, and transferred to landing barges and amphibious"ducks" for the trip to shore. Upon arrival at the South Beach, all men were immediately transported in motor vehicles to the northeast corner of the island where the Service Group area was located. On arrival at this point, the men pitched camp, and after a lunch of C rations, went directly to the task ofunloading TAT and other organizational equipment from the Mctavia. The Squadron was called on to provide many details such as ship unloading detail, beach unloading detail, distributing point detail, guard detail, etc. These details worked around the clock, and by the 12th of December, 1944, the S.S. Mctavia had been completely unloaded. At the same time work was going ahead to set up the permanent camp area, and by 13 December 1944, all personnel were housed in pyramidal tents, six EM to a tent, and the officers were installed in their permanent area.



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During this time the personnel ate the Army Field Ration C, and no complaints were heard. Everyone was glad to be on land, and eager to work. Personnel assigned to the various details had a hard task, for themoving and transportation of all very heavy equipment was not at all easy. The cooperation shown, and the spirit so greatly evidenced is truly a tribute to the American Soldier.

Immediately following the unloading ofthe S.S. Ertavia, work was begun on the task ofunloading the cargo ship Hiram Bingham. This task was started 13 December 1944, and continued until 17 December 1944. This was the hardest task of all, for the Hiram Bingham was loaded with the very heaviest equipment, and everyone available was required to aid. At the Dispersal Dump all equipment was unloaded, and then immediately transferred to warehouses erected nearby, and stored in the proper places - i.e., Air Corps Supplies, Ordnance, Signal, and Quartermaster.

The camp area was quickly brought into good shape and with the establishment of a good messhall, serving three meals a day of hot food; the opening of a Post Exchange; the rapid opening ofshower rooms; screened in latrines; motion pictures each night; morale was excellent. No one expected to come to such a fine place, and the tough going of the first week was easily forgotten in the light of all the many improvements. The most improvement was the construction of wooden floors and their installation in each tent, along with electric lighting for each tent.

Under construction at the present time isa chapel, permanent PX, Service Club, and Officer's Club. Credit for the building of quonset huts for the various orderly rooms, Group Headquarters, and the Medical and Finance Sections, must necessarily go to the many CB's whose work inspired everyone.

There are still Japanese on Tinian Island who continue to hide out and resist surrender. These enemy forces are methodically being wiped out or brought to terms. Many Japanese and Koreans are held in an island internment camp.

The island of Tinian is still subject to aerial bombardment by the Japanese Air Force, and as a result personnel of the Squadron were required to dig foxholes on each side of the personnel tents, the length of the tent, and approximately two feet wide. These foxholes were particularly hard to dig due to the thick coral base immediately below the top-soil. The digging of these foxholes was eased a great deal by the use of an air-powered hammer. The fox holes are lined with numerous sand bags, and covered over on top with wooden platforms and sand bags for protection against falling shrapnel, bomb fragments, etc. On 25 December 1944 and 26 December 1944, there were air raids during which all personnel took coverin their foxholes. There were no injuries to anyone. Personnel, since these were the first actual raids they had ever experienced and witnessed, were more interested than alarmed.



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Christmas Day was a day off for the Squadron, the first since landing, and the holiday was put to good usein working around the Squadron cam area, improving tents, laundering, and so forth.

Everyone was excited when on 22 December 1944 the first B-29 of the 505th Bomb Group touched its wheels to the runway, and landed. From that day forth many B-29 aircraft have come in, and now all personnel look anxiously to the time when they will take off on their first bombing mission against Japan.

G. Personnel and Training.

Upon arrival at Tinian, the 569th Materiel Squadron immediately went to the task ofsetting up the various warehouses for the storage and issue of all the different supplies it intended handling. This section was designated as Service Center C 1.

Upon direction from higher headquarters however, after the warehouses had been stocked, material stored on shelves, and personnel assigned to handle various classes of supplies, a consolidation or merger of the 358th and 359th Service Groups was effected. This merger did not mean the activation of one Service Group, for insofar as personnel and administration were concerned, the two Groups remained the same. But the merger did split the work between the two Groups. For example, the large Air Corps Supply section of the 569th Materiel Squadron will no longer handle and be responsible for all classes of Air Corps Supply. Rather, it will requisition, store, and issue classes 06, 07, 24, 02, 11, 23a, 12, 04b, 04c, 19, 04a, 29, 08a, 03b, and 10. The remaining classes of Air Corps Supply have been turned over to the 567th Materiel Squadron, 358th Service Group. The Air Corps Supply Office is a consolidated one with representatives of both Squadrons operating it. The same type of merger occurred in Ordnance Supply, whereby the 569th Materiel Squadron is responsible for Ordnance supplies, and the 567th Materiel Squadron is in charge of ammunition. Signal Supply has been consolidated. The Quartermaster section has also merged, with the 569th Materiel Squadron in complete charge of Class I supplies, and the 567th Materiel Squadron handling Class II, III, IV Supplies. There is, at the present writing, no longer Service Center C1, and Service Center C2. The merger has brought about Service Center C, North Field, Tinian.

Although there were rumors of a merger prior to its actual happening, it came as a suprise, and not at all to everyone's liking. However, it has been pointed out that effecting such a merger will be economically more efficient, and in the long run prove to be the best possible plan for efficiently supplying and maintaining the Bomb Groups, in order that the B-29 aircraft may be kept in combat readiness at all times.

It may be stated at this time also that the 569th Materiel Squadron is now an integral part of the 21st Bomber Command, 20th Air Force, and that all personnel are now authorized to wear the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal.



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I certify that to the best of my knowledge, and with reference to company Records, that the above mentioned facts are a true account of the activities of the 569th Material Squadron, 359th Service Group.

For the Commanding Officer:

Albert L. Rogers
ALBERT L. ROGERS
1st Lt, AC,
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569th MATERIEL SQUADRON
559th SERVICE GROUP
APO # 5655, % Postmaster
San Francisco , California

SUBJECT: Historical Report.

TO : The Adjutant General, War Department, Washington, D. C.
( Thru Channels )

1. In compliance with Army Regulation 345-105, the following unit historical report of the 569th Materiel Squadron, 559th Service Group, APO # 5655, % Postmaster, San Francisco, California, covering the period 1 November 1944 to 30 November 1944 is hereby submitted:

A. Original Unit.

Previously reported.

B. Purpose and Mission of Squadron.

Previously reported.

C. Changes in Command.

None.

D. Changes in Squadron.

1. Cpl William G. Bettencourt was reduced to the grade of private, as per par 1, Special Order # 118, Headquarters, 559th Service Group, APO # 5655, % Postmaster, San Francisco, California.

E. Changes of Station or Parts Thereof.

On 4 November 1944, at approximately 1800, the 569th Materiel Squadron, consisting of 134 Enlisted Men, 5 Officers, and 1 Warrant Officer departed from the Fort Lawton Staging Area, Seattle, Washington, via motor vehicle convoy for the Seattle Port of Embarkation, Seattle, Washington. The transport ship S. S. Octavia was boarded by all personnel at approximately 2030. The ship cleared her dock and sailed at 2145. The final destination of the Squadron at time of departure was unknown.

F. Morale

During the Squadron's stay at the Fort Lawton Staging Area, Seattle, Washington, the morale of all personnel was not as good nor as high as it might have been. This was due to several factors. The personnel of the Squadron were extremely desirous of placing telephone calls and sending telegrams to their homes. This practice however was restricted, and the men resented this limitation imposed upon them. Another, and equally important contributing factor in the low morale was the restricting of the personnel to the limits of the Staging Area. Everyone was more than anxious to visit the city of Seattle, Washington, and to have, as long as possible, a good time in an American city before sailing. However, a regulation of the Staging Area



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forbid the personnel of alerted units from leaving the post during the four days of processing. The 569th Materiel Squadron left the Seattle Port of Embarkation at the end of the last day of processing. When the time came for departure from Fort Lawton, the morale had increased considerably. Despite the fact that each man was heavily laden down with a great amount of equipment and had to carry a heavy duffel bag, the men were nevertheless in good humor and full of life. At the time of sailing the morale was excellent.

Troops on board ship were quartered in a small compartment which was fitted out with rows of sleeping berths five tiers high. The quarters were very close, and offered very little room in which to move about freely. During the early days at sea there was no heating unit available for the compartment and the cold and dampness made matters worse.

Added to this, the first five days out on the Pacific Ocean found the ship in extremely high and rough seas, and the ship, making slow progress due to being in a slow convoy rocked and tossed about endlessly. The result was that very few men did not suffer from a severe case of seas sickness., and the hope within each man was that the following day would bring the ship to calm waters. After approximately five days, as stated previously, the ship did arrive in calm waters, and with this occurrence, the seasick men commenced to come topside, and the fresh air on deck helped to better nearly all of them.

A constant complaint of the enlisted personnel was that they were receiving only two meals per day, and this complaint was most acute during the early days on board ship. With gradual acclimation to this however, the complaints waned All meals were taken in the troop mess hall where the men ate while standing at numerous long counters. The meals were good for the most part. A factor which aided greatly in relieving complaints about the messing situation was the opening of the ship's store every five days to Squadron personnel, where they could secure candy bars, chewing gum, cigarettes, and so forth at a very nominal price.

The ship soon began to travel thru warmer climates, and as a result the men spent more and more time on the main deck in the sun, wearing chiefly shorts. Many men spent the entire night sleeping on the deck.

Religious services were held on board ship for all Catholics, Protestants, and Jews.

Boxing matches between evenly matched contestants were held several times on the main deck.

A variety show staged by the enlisted personnel provided much humor and entertainment for everyone, as did two motion pictures which were shown when the ship put in at a port of call after approximately twelve days at sea.

A navy chaplain aboard ship opened the ships library facilities to all personnel, and the men were able to do a great deal of reading.



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On November 30, when the transport ship put in at a second port of call (to be later mentioned), the greatest morale factor yet to come forth was openly exhibited. A great amount of first class mail from the homes and families of nearly all men aboard ship was delivered to the ship at approximately 2130 that day. Men received great batches of mail and they read those letters far into the night. Nothing could have stimulated all personnel more than receiving that mail.

The Squadron spent Thanksgiving Day on board ship, but despite the fact x that the men were certainly far from their homes, provisions had been made for x that day to still be celebrated in the customary way. Hence, the main meal on the evening of the 23rd of November was a fine turkey dinner, with all the trimmings. The men enjoyed the meal to the fullest extent.

G. Record of Events.

The S. S. Extavia sailed from Seattle, Washington on 4 November 1944 and on the afternoon of the 16th November 44, dropped anchor at Pearl Harbor, Oahu Island, Hawaii. The ship remained at Pearl Harbor until 19 November 44.

From Pearl Harbor the ship took a western route, and on the 28 November 1944 arrived at Eniwetok, Marshall Islands at approximately 0800. The ship remained at this point until the morning of 4 December 44, when at 0600 the anchor was raised, and we departed on the last leg of the journey. At this time the destination of the Squadron was still unknown.

Another interesting occurrence was the crossing of the International Date Line. This occurred on the 25 November 44 at approximately 1845.

H. Strength, Commissioned Officers and Enlisted Men.

As of 30 November 44, date of current reporting period, there were 134 Enlisted Men, 5 Officers, and 1 Warrant Officer present for duty, and 2 Officers on temporary duty. One of the officers on temporary duty was aboard a cargo ship carrying much of the Squadron's equipment, and the other was already at the final destination of the Squadron, having traveled to that point by airplane from the United States.

I. Personnel and Training.

While at the Fort Lawton Staging Area, Seattle, Washington, the Squadron attended several different types of training classes, among these being classes in Chemical Warfare, Personal Affairs, Censorship of Mail, work of the Red Cross Military Service, Abandin Ship Drill, etc. A board ship practice drills were held from time to time, the most important ones being fire drill, clear deck drill, and abandon ship drill.



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I certify that with reference to company records, the following statements are, to the best of my knowledge a true and accurate account of the activities of the 560th Material Squadron, 559th Service Group.

For the Commanding Officer:

ALBERT L. ROGERS,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Adjutant.



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569th MATERIEL SQUADRON
359th SERVICE GROUP
APO # 5655, % Postmaster
San Francisco, California

SUBJECT: Historical Report.

TO : The Adjutant General, War Department, Washington, D. C.
( Thru Channels ).

1. In compliance with Army Regulation 345-105, the following unit historical report of the 569th Materiel Squadron, 359th Service Group, APO # 5655, % Postmaster, San Francisco, California, covering the period 1 October 1944 to 31 October 1944 is hereby submitted:

A. Original Unit.
Previously reported.

B. Purpose and Mission of Squadron.
Previously reported.

C. Changes in Command.
1. On 15 October 1944, CAPT. PHILIP R. MULLER, O 909 153 AC, Squadron Commander departed from AAB, Tinker Field, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma for temporary duty at Fort Lawton, Washington, (Fort Lawton Staging Area, Seattle, Washington). At the time of his departure the duration of his temporary duty was unknown.

2. CAPT. HOMER W. WARNER, O 567 014, AC assumed command of the Squadron per Orders 27, dated 15 October 1944. Duration of his command was unknown.

D. Changes in Squadron.
1. Pfc Edgar Cash was reduced to grade of private as per par 2, SO # 109, Headquarters, 359th Service Group, Army Air Base, Tinker Field, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The effective date of reduction was 4 October 1944.

2. Private Albert D. Gish was tried under the 96th and 61st Articles of War for failing to repair at a fixed time for duty and being drunk in a public place. This soldier was confined in guard house at Tinker Field, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Private Gish was sentenced to 15 days hard labor and 45 days restriction to the limits of the post, and forfeiture of $18.66 of his pay for one month.

3. Pfc Fred C. Iber was assigned and joined from Section H, 4503d Army Air Forces Base Unit (Service Group Special) as per par 46, SO # 245, Headquarters, Oklahoma City Air Service Command, Oklahoma City, Okla., 12 October 1944.



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4. S Sgt Elza R. Ford was relieved from assignment and transferred to Air Service Command Replacement Depot # 2, Normoyle, San Antonio, Texas, as per par 70, SO # 245, Headquarters, Oklahoma City Air Service Command, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

5. Pfc Elliott B. Griffin departed from AAB, Tinker Field, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma for temporary duty at Fort Lawton Staging Area, Seattle, Washington. Period of temporary duty was unknown.

6. CAPT. JACK M. PETERSEN departed from AAB, Tinker Field, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma for temporary duty at Fort Lawton Staging Area, Seattle, Washington. Period of temporary duty was unknown.

E. Changes of Station or Parts Thereof.

On 24 October 1944, transfer list # 13, attahed to Letter Orders # 116, Subject: Movement Orders Shipment No. ********, Headquarters, Oklahoma City Air Service Command, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, was received. These orders ordered the transfer of all officers and enlisted men in the 569th Materiel Squadron to the Seattle Port of Embarkation, Seattle, Washington, the shipment to arrive at same during daylight hours of 31 October 1944. Friday, 27 October 1944 was movement day. The Squadron had to be divided into two sections, one section consisting of 67 EM and 2 Officers to depart on Train # 1, and a second section consisting of 66 EM, 3 Officers, and one WD to travel on Train # 2. All EM and officers in section one were placed on temporary duty with Headquarters and Base Services Squadron, 359th Service Group for approximately 5 days while enroute to new station. The first section departed from AAB, Tinker Field, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma at approximately 1400 on 27 October 1944, and the second section followed it by two hours, leaving at approximately 1600, 27 October 1944. On 31 October 1944, the first section arrived at Seattle, Washington at 0600, and the second section arrived at that city at 0800. From the railroad siding, troops were conveyed via government vehicle to the Fort Lawton Staging Area, Seattle Washington. The trip was a long one, and despite certain discomforts, the morale of the troops on both trains was excellent.

F. Morale.

The month of October 1944 saw great restlessness developing on the part of all EM and Officers. It was generally rumored that sometime during the month the Squadron would receive movement orders to the Port of Embarkation, and would thence continue to an overseas destination. Everyone was quite definite that preparations now being made was the real thing, and that that which had occurred previously in July 1944 would not re-occur. At that time as has been already reported, the Squadron was standing by with anticipation, awaiting movement orders and a port call which never came. It has also been reported how morale at the time dropped to a low ebb. Both, Officers and EM did not want a repetition of that. On 15 October 1944, as a result of having received a port call several days before, the Squadron's advance party consisting of two officers and one EM left for temporary duty at the Seattle Port of Embarkation. Everyone then knew that "this is it", and morale increased greatly. Everyone was anxious and impatient to be on his



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way, and everyone worked with great gusto and enthusiasm on the final packing of organizational equipment and supplies. Railroad box cars were loaded quickly willingly, and with much efficiency on the 25 October when said cars arrived.

Just previous to the reception of the movement orders, the Squadron officers permitted as many men as possible to go on furlough for an eight day period, and this practice continued up to approximately 14 October 1944. By this method many men in the Squadron were able to get to their homes for the last time prior to embarkation, and spend precious time with their respective families.

As much time as could be spared for free time was given to all personnel in order to enable them to wind up all affairs, make necessary purchases in the city, and so forth.

Prior to departure several briefings were held for all personnel of the Squadron in which the various speakers attempted to familiarize the men with what they could look forward to and expect to find at their destination. It was a foregone conclusion that the Squadron's destination was somewhere in the Pacific area, and that it would play a very leading role in the great B-29 project under the 20th Air Force in the war against Japan. With this in mind, the Group Special Services Officer arranged for the Squadron personnel to listen to a talk by a war correspondent just recently returned from the Pacific fronts. The talk was highly illuminating, and proved of intense interest to all.

Even though personnel were informed as to when the Squadron would depart from AAB, Tinker Field, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, no restriction was placed on the activities of the men until 24 hours prior to train time. The night of 26 October 1944 saw all personnel restricted to the limits of the post.

One unfortunate incident occurred on 27 October 1944, the day of departure. The Squadron had been alerted and was awaiting movement to the port of embarkation that day, when Private Alfred F. Hermung, 36 262 285, was recorded AWOL as of 0630 that morning. Private Hermung was subsequently dropped from the rolls of the organization on 31 October 1944 due to being AWOL, and his records were transferred to the Adjutant General's Department, thru the Oklahoma City Air Service Command, in compliance with change 3, AR 615-300.

As stated previously morale of the troops while enroute to the Seattle Port of Embarkation was excellent. Troops traveled in troop sleepers all the way. Meals, prepared in the kitchen car were fairly good considering the number of men to be fed, and the conditions under which the mess personnel was forced to work. Meals were served on paper plates and brought back to troop cars for eating. The trip, although long and tiring, was at the same time interesting, and particularly so for all those men who had never traveled thru the western states. The route followed by the trains was from Oklahoma City, Okla., to Amarillo, Texas, to Trinidad, Pueblo, Colorado Springs, Denver, Colorado, then thru Laramie, Wyoming, over to Pocatello, Idaho, up into Oregon, thru the Columbia River Valley into Portland, thence up into Tacoma, and finally, Seattle, Washington.

Upon arrival at the Fort Lawton Staging Area, Seattle, Washington, the Squadron took up quarters in barracks which were cold, damp, and had no lights. The men went to work setting up housekeeping, and in a short time had a good fire going in the space heaters, bulbs were installed, and general housekeeping supplies were obtained.



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Hectic days and a great deal of chasing around during the duration of the Squadron's stay at Fort Lawton were promised, and no sooner had the personnel settled themselves in the barracks, than that very afternoon they were called out in formation to receive such items of equipment as mosquito bars, head-nets, insect repellents, sun glasses, and new style gas masks. Much busier days were ahead.

G. Strength, Commissioned Officers and Enlisted Men.

1. As of 30 September 1944, date of last report, there were 135 Enlisted Men, seven officers, and one officer (warrant) comprising the Squadron.

2. As of 31 October 1944, date of this reporting period, there were 134 Enlisted Men, 5 Officers, 1 Warrant Officer present for duty, and 2 Officers on temporary duty.

H. Personnel and Training.

Training of personnel in the 569th Materiel Squadron was 100% completed in all phases as of 31 October 1944.

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I certify that with reference to company records, the foregoing statements are, to the best of my knowledge a true and accurate account of the activities of the 569th Materiel Squadron, 359th Service Group.

For the Commanding Officer:

ALBERT L. ROGERS,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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569th MATERIEL SQUADRON
359th SERVICE GROUP
Tinker Field

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
1 October 1944

SUBJECT: Historical Report.

TO : Control Officer, Oklahoma City Air Service Command, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. (Thru Channels)

SEVENTH INSTALLMENT

1. In compliance with your directive, Memorandum No. 15-200-1 Headquarters, Oklahoma City Air Service Com and, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated 17 February 44, Subject: Unit Historical Reports, the following history of the 569th Materiel Squadron, 359th Service Group Tinker Field, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, is submitted:

A. Original Unit.

Previously reported.

B. Changes in Command.

None

C. Changes in Squadron.

None

D. Strength, Commissioned Officers and Enlisted Men.

1. Eight officers and one hundred thirty five enlisted men as of 1 September 1944, date of last report.

2. During the period 1 September 44 to 30 September 44, 1 enlisted man was relieved from assignment to the Squadron, and one enlisted man was assigned.

3. Therefor as of 30 September 44, there were eight officers and 135 enlisted men assigned to the 569th Materiel Squadron.

E. Stations of Units or Parts Thereof.

No change.

F. Purpose and Mission of Squadron.

1. Previously reported.

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G. As reported in the previous installment, the morale of the men in the 569th Materiel Squadron was considerably high at the time that the organization moved to Tinker Field, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. This was due to the belief that the outfit would remain at this station for only a short time and would then move on the port of embarkation for shipment to an overseas destination. However, the organization now, at the end of a thirty day period is still at this station, and morale of the personnel has ebbed considerably. A huge factor in raising the morale of the personnel though, came about on 20 September 44, when suddenly at approximately 0900 that day, word came from Group Headquarters that all enlisted men who had received no furloughs since 31 March 44 would be permitted to go on furlough for a period of eight days. This Squadron was able to send off twenty-seven men on this basis. Co-incident with the granting of these furloughs, word was also received that three day passes would be granted to men whose homes were in a vicinity of approximately 500 miles from Oklahoma City. These two incidents have proved most valuable in raising morale of the personnel. However, it can safely be stated that the chief and leading desire of all the men (officers and enlisted personnel) is to leave Tinker Field, and head for an overseas destination and actually at that point, perform the vital and specific mission of the Squadron.

For several months the Squadron has been holding weekly orientation meetings, and although they have provided good lectures and advice to the enlisted men, they have really not been quite as good as they might have been. Recently though there has been a new and decided interest on the part of the personnel in these weekly discussions, and the past weeks have provided many interesting and lively discussions on such topics as the "GI Bill of Rights", the topic of "Women in Industry Now and After the War", the current presidential campaign, and so forth.

The Squadron has provided Tinker Field with its heavyweight boxing champion. This private first class has met all comers and has disposed of them quite easily. His most recent fight, the one that earned him the title of champion was against an Oklahoma Indian who up the time that our man handed him a sound drubbing had never been defeated. This recent fight and previous ones in which the men of this organization took great interest have provided many interesting and entertaining evenings.

II. Personnel and Training.

All personnel of this Squadron are now placed in jobs at the main Tinker Field depot, and are currently working in all the various installations at that depot, such as Quartermaster, Ordnance, Air Corps Supply, and so forth. In these installations the men are receiving advanced technical training .

Each Friday is designated as "training day" for the Squadron, and recently the entire organization viewed films and heard lectures

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on such subjects as Venereal Disease, Chemical Warfare, news digests, film digests, etc.

Training of the personnel of this organization is at the present time 100% complete in all phases, and the on-the-job training of advanced technical training which the men are now undergoing is merely for the purpose of giving them in doing their respective duties more experience. All personnel of this Squadron are fully trained in their respective MOS.

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I certify that to the best of my knowledge, with reference to company records, that the above information is a correct history of the 569th Materiel Squadron, 359th Service Group.

For the Commanding Officer:

ALBERT L. ROGERS,
1st Lt., AC,
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359TH SERVICE GROUP
OFFICE OF THE GROUP S-3
TINKER FIELD
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA

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4 September 1944

SUBJECT: Unit Historical Reports.

TO: Commanding Officers, All Units,
359th Service Group, Tinker Field,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

1. In all future Unit Historical Reports, the following form will be observed:

a. Period of Report - (1st of month to last of month).
b. Changes in command.
c. Changes in number within the Squadron - (transfers, etc.).
d. Strength - Officers, Warrant Officers, Enlisted Men.
e. Station.
f. Morale
(1) Sports
(2) Parties
(3) All other activities
g. Training.
(1) For entire Squadron (that is special schools or lectures, physical training, etc.).
(2) Special Section training (to include name and location of school, course, and number attending).
h. Missions.
(1) Missions engaged in by the Squadron or any section of the Squadron.
i. Miscellaneous.
(1) Any activity or event not reported on elsewhere.

2. Reports will be prepared in narrative form as heretofore. Each paragraph, however, will be headed in accordance with instructions contained herein.

By order of Colonel CONNER:

C. N. ESTES,
Capt., AC,
Group S-3.

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569th MATERIEL SQUADRON
359th SERVICE GROUP
Tinker Field

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
4 September 44.

SUBJECT: Historical Report.

TO : Control Officer, Oklahoma City Air Service Command, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. (Thru Channels)

SIXTH INSTALLMENT

1. In compliance with your directive, Memorandum No. 15-200-1 Headquarters, Oklahoma City Air Service Command, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated 17 February 44, Subject: Unit Historical Reports, the following history of the 569th Materiel Squadron, 359th Service Group, Tinker Field, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, is submitted:

A. Original Unit.
Previously reported.

B. Changes in Command.

None.

C. Changes in Squadron.

1. Four officers and one Warrant Officer, were relieved from assignment and transferred to 76th Service Group, Robins Field, Ga. while on DS at Robins Field, Ga. as Cadre # 10, 569th Materiel Squadron, 359th Service Group, AAF, Pratt, Kansas, as per par 36, SO# 132, Headquarters, Warner Robins Air Service Command, Robins Field, Ga.

2. The 569th Materiel Squadron during the current reporting period had a large turnover in personnel. This turnover can best be explained by tracing the entire development of this Squadron's Table of Organization. T/O A E 1-468T dated 15 April 44 is the third T/O that the Squadron has operated under. The Squadron began operating under it in early May 44. This T/O calls for 39 enlisted men bearing the military occupational specialty number of 590 (Duty Soldier). At the time the new T/O was received this Squadron had assigned to it only four EM having the MOS of 590, the remainder of the personnel in the Air Corps Supply and Quartermaster Supply sections being 835's (Supply Clerk). The 835's were men who were well trained and skilled in their respective jobs. They ranged in grade from privates to staff sergeants The Commanding Officer of the Materiel Squadron, thru 359th Service Group Headquarters, received verbal orders from OklahomaCity Air Service Command, to retain these 835's and employ them in positions on the T/O where 590's were actually called for. One primary reason for this was the fact that the Squadron was alerted for

overseas duty, and it was everyone's desire to see that such a large

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turnover in personnel did not have to occur, since, as stated above, the 835 Supply Clerks who were assigned d ready, although not called for on the T/O, were fully trained, capable and reliable personnel. The Squadron went along like this until on or about 20 July 44, word was received from Headquarters, Army Air Forces, Washington, D.C., stating that the above mentioned verbal orders were to be rescinded. This communication informed the Commanding Officer that all 835's other than those actually called for on the T/O were to be placed on an overage list for transfer, if they were above the grade of private, or if being a private their army general classification test score was above 110. Such men could not be employed to fill 590 positions. In place of these personnel, the Squadron was to receive regular 590 duty soldiers. On 2 August 44, 15 EM bearing the MOS of 590 were assigned to the Squadron. On 10 August 44, 18 590's were assigned. On 12 August 44 11 EM (835) were relieved from assignment, and on 19 August 44, 14 more 835's were relieved fromassignment. Therefor at this date, the Squadron is operating exactly as T/O A E 1-458T calls for, and is at T/O strength save for the shortage of one 813 (Bugler).As of 1 Sept. 44, the Squadron had 135 enlisted men . Although the T/O calls for 132 enlisted men, a 2% overage is specifically authorized.

D. Strength, Commissioned Officers, and Enlisted Men..

1. 13 Officers and 130 enlisted men as of 20 July 44, date of last report.

2. During the reporting period 20 July 44 to 1 Sept 44, 43 Enlisted Men were relieved from assignment to the Squadron, and 38 enlisted men were assigned.

3. Therefor, as of 1 Sept 44, there were eight officers and 135 enlisted men assigned to the Squadron.

E. Stations of Units or Parts Therefor:

1. 121 Enlisted Men, 5 Officers, and 1 Warrant Officer were transferred from Army Air Field, Pratt, Kansas, to Tinker Field, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, as per par 35, SO # 208, Headquarters, OCASC, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The Squadron consisting of the above named EM and officers, departed from AAF, Pratt, Kansas via motor convoy at 0625 and arrived at Tinker Field, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, at 1810. Total distance traveled was 260 miles, and during the entire trip the morale of the troops was excellent. Three enlisted men and two officers remained at AAF, Pratt, Kansas, and will report to Tinker Field at a later date. Ten EM were on furlough at the time of transfer, and one EM was on DS at Tinker Field.

F. Purpose and Mission of Squadron.

1. Previously reported.



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G. Morale

1. As reported in the fifth installment of the Historical Report for the 569th Materiel Squadron, the morale of the personnel in the Squadron was exceedingly high. This was due to the fact that the Squadron had received movement orders for movement to the port of embarkation. All packing, crating, and necessary shipping had been completed, and all personnel were merely standing by, waiting for the port call early in August. However, a 20 day delay was announce, and this was subsequently followed by another additional thirty day delay. These delays, plus the sudden turnover in personnel had a tremendous effect upon all personnel, both officers, and enlisted men. The morale which which was so high dropped considerably. With the move to Tinker Field, though, morale began to climb once more due to the belief that the Squadron will remain at this temporary station for only a short duration and will then finally move to the port of embarkation.

2. On the 27 July 44, an 85 mile per hour wind struck the hutment area of the 359th Service Group, AAF, Pratt, Kansas. Damage was in several instances quite severe. Many huts were blown down, communication lines were torn from telephone poles, and many records were lost from the various units in the Group. The zeal with which all personnel of the 569th Materiel Squadron pitched in thefollowing morning to repair the damage was something quite wonderful to observe. By nightfall of the 28th less than 24 hours after the storm had struck, the entire area was in perfect order, and even lost records had been duplicated. The Squadron personnel, and personnel of the entire group drew the highest commendation from Colonel Conner, Group Commander.

H. Personnel and Training.

1. On 5 August 44, six EM and one officer were placed on DS at the Specialized Parts Depot Supply Training School at Topeka, Kansas for a period of six days.

2. The commanding officer of the 569th Materiel Squadron was placed on DS for two days to attend a P & T conference at Tinker Field Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

3. 1 EM was placed on DS at Grand Island AAF, Grand Island, Nebraska, to attend a two day course in Army Orientation and Education.

4. All training of personnel in the Squadron was complete at date of last report. However, with the assignment of 38 new EM, the 590's previously mentioned in this report, it was necessary to start several basic training schools for the purpose of completing the basic training of these new men. As of this date, the basic training for the above mentioned men is now complete.

5. Four EM of the Squadron attended a Red Cross class in Instructional Life Saving at AAF, Pratt, Kansas for six days during the week of 21 August 44. All four EM successfully completed the course.



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For the Commanding Officer:

ALBERT L. ROGERS,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
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569th MATERIEL SQUADRON
359th SERVICE GROUP
ARMY AIR FIELD

Pratt, Kansas
16 August 44

SUBJECT: Historical Report.

TO : Control Officer, Headquarters Oklahoma City Air Service Command, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. (Thru Channels)

FIFTH INSTALLMENT

1. In compliance with your directive, Memorandum No. 15-200-1, Headquarters, Oklahoma City Air Service Command, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated 17 February 1944, Subject: Unit Historical Reports, the following history of the 569th Materiel Squadron, 359th Service Group, Pratt Army Air Field, Pratt, Kansas, is submitted:

A. Original Unit.

Previously reported.

B. Changes in Command.

None

C. Changes in Squadron.

Fourteen enlisted men, four officers, 1 Warrant Officer, were relieved from assignment to Cadre # 10, 569th Materiel Squadron, 359th Service Group, AAF, Pratt, Kansas, while on DS at Warner Robins Field, Georgia, and transferred to Stinson Field, San Antonio, Texas, earmarked Smith Deal as per par 21, SO 133, Headquarters, Warner Robins Air Service Command, Robins Field, Georgia.

D. Strength, Commissioned Officers and Enlisted Men.

1.Eighteen officers and one hundred fifty eight enlisted men as of 20 June 1944, date of last report.
2.As of 20 July 1944, there were 13 Officers, and 130 Enlisted Men.
3.Of the above number of officers, five officers were cadre members on DS from this squadron.

E. Stations of Units or Parts Thereof.

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F. Purpose and Mission of Squadron.

The function of the Material Squadron is to provide 3rd echelon supply (normally a thirty day level). Specific functions are as follows:

1. Receives, stores and issues the following for one combat group on the same or dispersed airdromes:
   a. All Air Forces technical supplies.
   b. Communications Class II and IV supplies.
   c. Medical and Chemical supplies.
   d. QM Class II, III, and IV supplies.
   e. Ordnance Class II, IV, and V supplies.

2. Operates the following RP's and DP's at the station or in the area for:
   a. All gasoline, oil and lubricants.
   b. All Class I supplies.
   c. Class II and IV engineering items, including camouflage and construction materials.

3. Provides purchasing and contracting services for the station and the area.

G. Morale.

During the period 20 June 44 to 20 July 44, a number of enlisted men in the Squadron received promotions, and this did much to bolster an already high morale. Two men were promoted to Staff Sergeant, two were promoted to Sergeant, five were promoted to Corporal, and six were promoted to Private First Class.

Nearly every night, a group of enlisted men from the Squadron leave the base at about five o'clock, and go to a nearby municipal swimming pool, and spend the evening there. It is estimated that approximately twenty to twenty-five men make this jaunt each night, and they are always highly enthusiastic about this activity.

The morale reached a new high during this reporting period, for with the announcement that movement orders for an overseas destination having been received, and with all the attending excitement, the enlisted men felt a new and revived interest in the Material Squadron and the 359th Service Group itself.

H. Personnel and Training.

On 2 July 44, five enlisted men this Squadron were placed on detached service at Fire Fighting School at Tinker Field, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, for seven days.

One EM attended a two day course in the Army Orientation and Education program, conducted at Great Bend Army Air Field, Great Bend, Kansas, on 11 and 12 July 44.

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vices Squadron. The entire task was accomplished in less than a week, and the enlisted personnel of this Squadron were given high praise for the well done job.



A Group swimming and life saving program was started during the last week of July, and members of this Squadron are participating in weekly trips to the municipal swimming pool at Kingman Kansas. Everyone has thoroughly enjoyed this activity.

On July 4 and 5, the personnel of the Squadron attended classes in demolition training conducted by a group of visiting officers and EM from Oklahoma City Air Service Command, Oklahoma City, Okla. These classes were conducted away from the Group hutment area in a large open field, where powerful charges of land mines, anti-tank mines, and anti-personnel mines were exploded. For two days, as a result of these charges being set off, the entire base reverberated.

During the period June 20 to July 20,44, what with movement orders having been received by this organization, the personnel of the Squadron worked feverishly constructing overseas boxes and packing and crating organizational material. As a result of this activity, all normal Squadron duties such as men working in the Base sub-depot, and in our own Squadron warehouses, came to a halt. All Squadron installations were closed down, and the 450Ath AAF Base Unit (Service Group Sp) assumed the running of these facilities.

All training was completed by personnel of the Squadron, save for some technical training subjects which were being taught on Saturdays, the Squadron training day.

Every enlisted man in this Squadron was issued new clothing and equipment for overseas duty, as a result of a showdown clothing inspection. All unserviceable clothing and equipment was turned in to the Quartermaster, and in return all new items were issued. This processing was not an easy job, for other than this Squadron being processed, the Quartermaster supply personnel of this Squadron had to also process the many other personnel of the 570th Engineering Squadron, and the Headquarters and Base Services Squadron. The entire task was accomplished in less than a week, and the enlisted personnel of this Squadron were given high praise for the well done job.

With nearly all packing and crating accomplished, with all training completed, with all men thoroughly equipped with new and serviceable clothing and equipment, the Squadron was impatiently awaiting the time when the call to the port would arrive, meaning that the outfit was actually on its way.

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I certify that to the best of my knowledge, with reference to company records, that the above information is a correct history of the 569th Materiel Squadron, 359th Service Group.

For the Commanding Officer:

ALBERT L. ROGERS,
1st Lt., AC,
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569TH MATERIEL SQUADRON
359TH SERVICE GROUP
ARMY AIR FIELD

Pratt, Kansas,
18 July 1944

SUBJECT: Historical Report.

TO : Control Officer, Headquarters Oklahoma City Air Service Command, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
(THROUGH CHANNELS)

FOURTH INSTALLMENT

1. In compliance with your directive, Memorandum No. 15-200-1, Headquarters, Oklahoma City Air Service Command, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated 17 February 1944, Subject: Unit Historical Reports, the following History of the 569th Materiel Squadron, 359th Service Group, Pratt Army Air Field, Pratt, Kansas, is submitted:

A. Original Unit.
Previously reported.

B. Changes in Command.
None.

C. Changes in Squadron.

1. Pursuant to authority contained in paragraph 1, General Order No. 19, Headquarters OCASC, Tinker Field, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated 16 May 1944, the 359th Service Group (SP) was redesignated the 359th Service Group, effective as of 10 May 1944 without change of station.

2. Fourteen (14) EM Cadre No. 8, 569th Materiel Squadron, 359th Service Group, who were on DS at Robins Field, Georgia, were relieved from assignment and transferred to the 76th Service Group (SP), Herbert Smart Air Port, MACON, Georgia, as per paragraph 6, SO #129, Headquarters OCASC, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

3. Four (4) Officers and one (1) Warrant Officer and fourteen (14) EM, Cadre No. 10, 569th Materiel Squadron, 359th Service Group, who were on DS and attached to the 4136 AAF, Base Unit (Base Adm), Tinker Field, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, were relieved from DS at Tinker Field and were placed on further DS at Robins Field, Warner Robins, Georgia.

D. Strength Commissioned Officers & Enlisted Men.

1. 169 EM and 20 Officers as of 20 May 1944, date of last report.

2. As of 20 June 1944, there were 158 EM and 18 Officers.

3. Of 158 EM, 14 were Cadre Members on DS from the squadron and 10 Officers were Cadre members on DS from this squadron.

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E. Stations of Unit or Parts thereof.
No change.

F. Purpose of Mission of Squadron.
Previously reported.

G. Morale.

1. The 569th Materiel Squadron held a most successful squadron party at Elm Mills about twenty (20) miles distant from AAF, Pratt, Kansas. The party was a stag party and its highlight was kegged beer, and many delicacies prepared by the mess staff. Swimming and a softball game climaxed the event. The party was attended by all EM present for duty and all squadron officers, plus several other officers who were invited, including Colonel Conner, Group Commander. The party started at approximately 2:30 P.M. and continued into the night. Each and every EM and officer acclaimed the success of the party.

H. Personnel in Training.

1. One hundred percent (100%) of the personnel of this squadron has now completed basic training.

2. Ninety-six percent(96%) of the personnel of this squadron has now completed second phase training.

3. Ninety-seven percent (97%) of the personnel of this squadron has now completed third phase training.

4. On 28 May 1944, one officer and four (4) EM were placed on DS at Receipt Storage and Issue of Confidential and Secret Equipment School, Tinker Field, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

5. On 1 June 1944, two (2) EM were placed on DS at Aerial Mine Warefare School, Yorktown, Virginia.

6. On 4 June 1944, one (1) Em was placed on DS at Forrestry Products Laboratory, Madison, Wisconsin.

7. On 12 June 1944, squadron departed AAF, Pratt, Kansas, via motor vehicle convoy for six day bivouac. Time of departure 0945. Arrived at Finney State Park, bivouac area at 1730. Total distance traveled 128.7 miles. On 13 June 1944, squadron departed from Finney State Park area at 0815 via motor vehicle convoy and arrived at Scott County State Park bivouac area at 1130. 1400 to 1700 consisted of pitching and camouflaging tents. On 14 June 1944, squadron remained at bivouac area Scott County State Park, and participated in regular squadron duties and group training. On 15 June 1944, squadron departed Scott County State Park under full black-out conditions at approximately 0345. Squadron arrived at bivouac area Sheridan County State Park at 1130, after riding in trucks until 0930, all personnel detrucked with full field equipment and participated in a seven (7) mile forced march. On arrival at the park, all personnel gripped about the march without breakfast, however, as soon as the men had eaten and pitched their tents in a semi-permanent type camp; they had the rest of the day free to swim and fish. On 16 June 1944, squadron departed Sheridan County State Park at 0800 via motor vehicle convoy. Entire



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convoy had to ford river as bridge was blown out. Entire squadron arrived at Rock County State Park at 1425. On 17 June 1944, squadron departed bivouac area Rock County State Park at 0600 via motor vehicle convoy. Squadron had to use winches in order to ford river, as bridge on highway was blown out. Squadron arrived at Army Air Field, Pratt, Kansas, at 1430. Much valuable training was received through air raids, camouflaging of vehicles, tents, shelter halves, and personnel. The QM Class I Section delivered fresh rations daily. The QM Class III Section dispensed 4400 gallons of gasoline in five (5) gallon-cans, which necessitated filling 880 - five (5) gallon cans.

Movement Orders for the squadron were received on the 14th of June 1944. A clothing showdown was held immediately upon return to home station, and clothing shortages were drawn. Packing for overseas movement was started immediately with a carpenter shop being put in operation making boxes for the group.

I certify that to the best of my knowledge, with referance with company records, that the above information, is a correct history of the 569th Materiel Squadron, 359th Service Group.

For the Commanding Officer:

PENROD L. CLOVER,
C.W.O. ***U.S.A.,
Historical Officer.



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569TH MATERIEL SQUADRON
359TH SERVICE GROUP
ARMY AIR FIELD

Pratt, Kansas,
19 June 1944.

DAILY JOURNAL

12 June 1944.

The second serial, Muller Squadron of the Conner Group Convoy, left the 359th Group Area, Army Air Field, Pratt, Kansas, at 0945, in accordance with Field Order Number 2, Hqs. 359th Service Group, Army Air Field, Pratt, Kansas, dated 1200, 10 June 1944.

A message was received from Group S-3 at 1000 to the effect that rest stop would be at 1045 and dinner at 1145. This was message #7, from Group S-3 file.

A message received from Group S-3 at 1030 to the effect that vehicles will maintain 100 yard interval at all stops. This was message #11 from Group S-3 file.

Rest stop of 10 minutes was made at 1045 at approximately 1 miles east of Wellsford.

A message received from Group S-3 at 1100 to the effect to change message #7 to read dinner at 1130. This was message number 13 from Group S-3 file.

Dinner was served at the side of the road from 1130 to 1315, approximately one mile west of Greensburg. The two Umpires inspected the mess at this time and also ate with the squadron. The Umpires found everything satisfactory.

Pfc Donald Boak sick at 1130, running a temperature and placed under care of medical detachment.

Rest stop of 10 minutes made at 1530 approximately one mile west of Dodge City, Kansas.

Muller Squadron arrived at Finney County State Park, bivouac area, at 1730. Total distance travelled was 128.7 miles and route taken was in accordance with annex 1-A to F.O. #2. Squadron Headquarters, mess truck, supply trucks were situated and began operations 1820.

Rain at 1900; one half of the strength of the squadron had not been fed at this time and were required to be fed in the rain.

Pfc Donald Boak was declared as well and released at 1900 by medical detachment.

An inspection visit was made by Lt. Col. Conner, Capt. Gaffney,



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and Capt. Estes at 2000.

A six man guard was posted on exterior guard positions at 2030.

At 2105, a gas alarm was sounded. The All-Clear signal was given at 2110.

13 June 1944.

Reveille at 0600.

Breakfast at 0630.

Serial #2 of Convoy, Muller Squadron, left Bivouac area at Finney County State Park at 0815.

Rest stop of 10 minutes at 0900, approximately 4 miles south of Dighton.

Rest stop of 10 minutes at 1030, approximately 2 miles east of Scott City.

Arrived at bivouac area at 1045, at Scott County State Park. The squadron was established and functioning its various functions by 1145.

Dinner served at 1200. Capt. Smith ate with squadron.

Enemy Airplane sighted at 1445. The plane circled the area three times but no offensive action taken by plane.

Evening meal served at 1800. Lt. Col. Conner, Capt. Gaffney, Capt. Estes, Capt. Lutze made an inspection of the area and ate evening meal with squadron.

Camouflage discipline was maintained throughout period of the bivouac at Scott County State Park.

14 June 1944.

Reveille at 0630.

Breakfast at 0700.

First Call at 0800.

Classes were held in Convoy discipline, hasty entrenchment, field sanitation, and chemical warfare which included a demonstration.

At 1600, the squadron participated in mass games which included baseball, and swimming.

The area was inspected by Capt. Gaffney and Capt. Lutze from 1100 to 1145, during which time they ate their noon meal with squadron.

The squadron broke camp at 2100 which was completed at 2130. From



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this time on blackout conditions were maintained. The men were allowed to sleep in the trucks or on the ground beside the trucks.

15 June 1944.

The Muller Squadron entrucked under blackout conditions at 0345, at Scott County State Park to form second serial of convoy moving to Sheridan County State Park.

Rest stop of 10 minutes at 0500 approximately 2 miles south of Oakley.

A message was received from Group S-3, at 0530, to the effect that all personnel except kitchen personnel and one driver per truck will detruck 2 miles north of intersection 97-40 and proceed on foot. Trucks will go ahead. Ambulance follow troops. All troops will carry packs. This was message number 15, from Group S-3 file.

Rest stop of 10 minutes at 0600 at Grainfield.

At 0915, convoy arrived at a position seven miles from Sheridan County State Park at which place all personnel were detrucked, formed in column of squads and marched into the bivouac area arriving at 1100.

At 1130 breakfast was served.

At 1300 a semi-permanent camp was set up without regard to camouflage rules.

At 1300 the men were left to their own devices for the rest of the day. Provision was made to take the men swimming during this time.

Enemy plane appeared at 1305 and bombed area. One bomb was near miss on orderly room tent and another bomb landed between first and second lane of tents.

Evening meal was served at 1700 at which time an inspection party consisting of Lt. Col. Conner, Capt. Estes, Capt. Caffney, and Capt. Lutze ate with squadron.

16 June 1944.

Reveille at 0600.

Breakfast at 0630.

Broke camp at 0700 and fully loaded at 0745.

The Muller squadron entrucked and left Sheridan County State Park at 0800 to form second serial convoy moving to Rooks County State Park.

Rest stop of 10 minutes was made at 0900, one mile west of Wakeeny.

Because of a bridge being bombed out it was necessary to ford a stream one mile west of Bogue. It was found necessary to use winches in many cases in order to move the trucks across the stream. Last ~~him~~ truck was through

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stream at 1145; the total operation taking one hour.

One mile east of Bogue, a cross country drive of 27 miles was started at 1145, and ended 1330.

A 10 minutes rest stop was made 1½ miles east of Stockton at 1345.

Arrived in Bivouac area at 1415, in Rooks County State Park.

Meals were served at 1630 and 1930.

Camouflage discipline was observed, the men not pitching tents until after dark.

17 June 1944.

Reveille at 0400.

Breakfast at 0515.

The Muller Squadron which was the first serial of convoy left bivouac area in Rooks County State Park at 0600.

Rest stop of 10 minutes at 0700,12 miles east of Osborne.

First serial reached Abilene River at 0855. The bridge was bombed out and therefore was necessary to ford river. The fording operation was completed at 0935. The winching operation was used in many cases in order to get trucks across river.

Received message from Group C.O. at 0915 to the effect that enemy planes reported in area and to take precautions against strafing and gas attacks. This was message number 220 from Group Commanding Officer file.

A rest stop of 10 minutes at 1100, one mile north of Horsington.

A stop was made two miles north of Great Bend for noon meal from 1200-1230.

A rest stop of 10 minutes was made six miles north of AAF, Pratt, Kansas, at 1412.

The Muller Squadron arrived in the 359th Service Group Area at 1445. Unloading operations were completed at 1600.

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569th MATERIEL SQUADRON
QUARTERMASTER SECTION

DAILY JOURNAL

Class I and Class III Supplies, on the bivouac, were handled by the Quartermaster Section of the 569th Materiel Squadron in the following manner.

CLASS I

Rations for D day were drawn and delivered to each mess hall at AAF, Pratt, Kansas and were carried in the mess trucks upon departure from that Base.

Rations for D plus 1 day were drawn from AAF, Dodge City, Kansas and delivered to each organization's mess truck at Finney State Park at 1800.

Rations for D plus 2 day were drawn from AAF, Garden City, Kansas and delivered to the organization mess trucks at Scott County State Park at 1700.

Rations for D plus 3 day were drawn from AAF, Garden City, Kansas and delivered to the mess trucks at Scott County State Park at 1730.

Rations for D plus 4 day were drawn from AAF, Walker, Kansas and delivered to the mess trucks at Sheridan County State Park at 1800.

Rations for D plus 5 day were drawn from AAF, Walker, Kansas and delivered to the mess trucks at Rook County State Park at 1500.

It was necessary to purchase ice locally each day at towns adjacent to the bivouac areas. This was done and the ice delivered to the individual mess trucks at the same time the rations were delivered.

Funds for local purchases were secured from the Group Finance Officer and were carried by 1st. Lt. W. E. Baldwin who had been appointed Class "A" Finance Officer for the movement.

CLASS III

This section used three 2½ ton trucks to transport and dispense gasoline, kerosene, motor oil and greases.

The first truck transported 18 full barrels of gasoline, the second truck 125 full 5-gallon cans of gasoline and the third truck carried two barrels of kerosene, motor oil, motor greases, camouflage materiel and gasoline dispensing equipment.

A gasoline dump was set up at each bivouac area and vehicle drivers brought empty 5-gallon cans to the dump which were exchanged for full cans.



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It was necessary that three purchases of gasoline be made on the movement. Purchases were as follows:

D plus 1 day 770 gallons from Garden City, Kansas
D plus 2 day 935 gallons from Scott City, Kansas
D plus 4 day 1870 gallons from Stockton, Kansas

The purchases were accomplished with credit cards and purchases made from the bulk plants of the Socony-Vacuum Oil Company in those towns.

The following Class III Supplies were dispensed during the movement:

145 gallons of White Gasoline for use in Immersion Heaters
4420 gallons of Gasoline for use in vehicles
40 gallons of Kerosene for us in field ranges



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569TH MATERIEL SQUADRON
359TH SERVICE GROUP
ARMY AIR FIELD

Pratt, Kansas,
18 July 1944

SUBJECT: Historical Report.

TO : Control Officer, Headquarters Oklahoma City Air Service Command, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
(THROUGH CHANNELS)

FOURTH INSTALLMENT

1. In compliance with your directive, Memorandum No. 15-200-1, Headquarters, Oklahoma City Air Service Command, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated 17 February 1944, Subject: Unit Historical Reports, the following history of the 569th Materiel Squadron, 359th Service Group, Pratt Army Air Field, Pratt, Kansas, is submitted:

A. Original Unit.
Previously reported.

B. Changes in Command.
None

C. Change in Squadron.
1. Pursuant to authority contained in paragraph 1, General Order No. 19, Headquarters OCASC, Tinker Field, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated 16 May 1944, the 359th Service Group (SP) was redesignated the 359th Service Group, effective as of 10 May 1944 without change of station.

2. Fourteen (14) EM Cadre No. 8, 569th Materiel Squadron, 359th Service Group, who were on DS at Robins Field, Georgia, were relieved from assignment and transferred to the 76th Service Group (SP), Herbert Smart Air Port, Makin, Georgia, as per paragraph 6, SO #129, Headquarters OCASC, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

3. Four (4) Officers and one (1) Warrent Officer and fourteen (14) EM, Cadre No. 10, 569th Materiel Squadron, 359th Service Group, who were on DS and attached to the 4136 AAF, Base Unit (Base Adm), Tinker Field, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, were relieved from DS at Tinker Field and were placed on further DS at Robins Field, Warner Robins, Georgia.

D. D. Strength Commissioned Officers & Enlisted Men.
1. 169 EM and 20 Officers as of 20 May 1944, date of last report.

2. As of 20 June 1944, there were 158 EM and 18 Officers.

3. Of 158 EM, 14 were Cadre members on DS from the squadron, and 10 Officers were Cadre members on DS from this squadron.

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E. Stations of Unit or Parts thereof.
No change.

F. Purpose of Mission of Squadron.
Previously reported.

G. Morale.

1. The 569th Materiel Squadron held a most successful squadron party at Elm Mills about twenty (20) miles distant from AAF, Pratt, Kansas. The party was a stag party and its highlight was kegged beer, and many delicacies prepared by the mess staff. Swimming and a softball game climaxed the event. The party was attended by all EM present for duty and all squadron officers, plus several other officers who were invited, including Colonel Conner, Group Commander. The party started at approximately 2:30 P.M. and continued into the night. Each and every EM and officer acclaimed the success of the party.

H. Personnel in Training.

1. One hundred percent (100%) of the personnel of this squadron has now completed basic training.

2. Ninety-six (96%) percent of the personnel of this squadron has now completed second phase training.

3. Ninety-seven percent (97%) of the personnel of this squadron has now completed third phase training.

4. On 28 May 1944, one officer and four (4) EM were placed on DS at Receipt Storage and Issue of Confidential and Secret Equipment School, Tinker Field, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

5. On 1 June 1944, two (2) EM were placed on DS at Aerial Mine Warefare School, YorkTown, Virginia,

6. On 4 June 1944, one (1) EM was placed on DS at Forrestry Products Laboratory, Madison, Wisconsin.

7. On 12 June 1944, squadron departed AAF, Pratt, Kansas, via motor vehicle convoy for six day bivouac. Time of departure 0945. Arrived at Finney State Park, bivouac area at 1730. Total distant traveled 128.7 miles. On 13 June 1944, squadron departed from Finney State Park area at 0815 via motor vehicle convoy and arrived at Scott County State Park bivouac area at 1130. 1400 to 1700 consisted of pitching and camouflaging tents. On 14 June 1944, squadron remained at bivouac area Scott County State Park, and participated in regular squadron duties and group training. On 15 June 1944, squadron departed Scott County State Park under full black-out conditions at approximately 0345. Squadron arrived at bivouac area Sheridan State County Park at 1130, and squadron participated in 7 mile road march with full field equipment. On 16 June 1944, squadron departed Sheridan County State Park at 0800 via motor vehicle convoy. Entire convoy had to ford river as bridge was blown out. Entire squadron arrived at Rock County State Park at 1425. On 17 June 1944, squadron departed bivouac area Rock County State Park at 0600 via motor vehicle convoy. Squadron had to

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use winches in order to ford river, as bridge on highway was blown out. Squadron arrived at Army Air Field, Pratt, Kansas, at 1430.

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I certify that to the best of my knowledge, with reference with company records, that the above information, is a correct history of the 569th Materiel Squadron, 359th Service Group.

For the Commanding Officer:

PENROD L. CLOVER,
C W O U S A
Historical Officer.

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569th MATERIEL SQUADRON
359th SERVICE GROUP
ARMY AIR FIELD

Pratt, Kansas
19 June 1944

SUBJECT: Historical Report.

TO : Control Officer, Headquarters, Oklahoma City Air Service Command, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

THIRD INSTALLMENT

1. In compliance with your directive, Memorandum No. 15-200-1, Headquarters, Oklahoma City Air Service Command, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated 17 February 1944, Subject: Unit Historical Reports, the following history of the 569th Materiel Squadron, 359th Service Group, Pratt Army Air Field, Pratt, Kansas, is submitted:

A. Original Unit.
Previously reported.

B. Changes in Command.

1st Lt. HOMER W. WARNER assumed command of the Squadron during the temporary absence of Capt. PHILIP R. MULLER, as per Squadron Order No. 18 dated 1 May 1944.

Captain PHILIP R. MULLER assumed command of the Squadron vice Captain HOMER W. WARNER relieved as of 14 May 1944, as per Squadron Order No. 21, dated 14 May 1944.

C. Changes in Squadron.

CWO PENROD L. CLOVER, W2 107 450 U S A (4902) was appointed Special Services Officer (additional duty) per Squadron Order No. 17, dated 26 April 1944.

1st Lt. ALBERT L. ROGERS 01576571, AC (2120) was appointed Unit Gas Officer (additional Duty) per Squadron Order No. 16, dated 26 April 1944. vice 1st Lt. WILLIAM J. GLICK, 01550170 Ord (4530) was relieved.

5 Officers, 1 WO, and 14 EM assigned to Cadre No. 8, 569th Materiel Squadron, 359th Service Group, AAF, Pratt, Kansas, on DS at Tinker Field, Oklahoma , and attached to 4136th AAF Base Unit (Base Adm) were relieved from attachment and placed on further

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DS at Warner Robins Air Service Command, Robins Field, Ga. as per par 8, SO No. 101, Headquarters, OCASC, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

1st Lt. HOMER W. WARNER, 0567014, (4010) AC, was promoted to Captain as per par 15, SO No. 106, Headquarters, War Department, Washington, D.C. effective 3 May 1944.

1st Lt. JACK M. PETERSEN, 0379557, (4000) AC, was promted to Captain as per par 15, SO No. 108, Headquarters, War Department, Washington, D.C. effective 5 May 1944.

569th Materiel Squadron was reorganized effective 10 May 44 in accordance with restricted letter, Head uarters, Army Air Forces, Air Service Command, dated 13 May 44, and in accordance with T/O & E 1-1-458 T, 15 April 44 without change of station or assignment.

D. Strength, Commissioned Officers and Enlisted Men.

171 EM and 11 Officers as of 20 April 44 date of last report.

As of 20 May 44 there were 169 EM and 20 Officers.

Of 169 EM, 28 were cadre members on DS from the Squadron, and 12 officers were cadre members

E. Stations of Units or Parts Thereof.
No change.

F. Purpose and Mission of Squadron.

The function of the Materiel Squadron is to provide 3rd Echelon supply (normally a thirty day level). Specific functions are as follows:

A. Receives, stores, and issues the following for one combat group on the same or dispersed airdromes:
All Air Forces technical supplies.
Communications Class II and IV supplies.
Medical and Chemical supplies.
QM Class II, III, IV supplies.
Ordnance Class II, IV, V supplies.

B. Operates the following RP's and DP's at the station or in the area for:
All gasoline and lubricants.
All Class I supplies.
Class II and IV engineering items, including camouflage and construction materiel.

C. Provides purchasing and contracting services for the station and the area.

G. Morale

With an advance cadre of WAC EW arriving at the Pratt Army Air Field, the 569th Materiel Squadron, in co-operation with the Group

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Special Services Office, entertained for dinner in the Squadron Mess Hall these Wac's, and the evening proved to be a most enjoyable one for all concerned. In return for this early gesture on the part of the Squadron, the invitation was extended to EM of the Squadron to dine in th WAC mess hall, and this too proved to be a great morale booster.

The 569th Materiel Squadron is now engaged in planning for a large and successful Squadron party to be held in the near future.

H. Personnel and Training.

Approximately 70% of the Squadron has now completed basic training.

Approximately 90% of the Squadron has now completed second phase training.

Third phase training has been obtained thru on the job training in conjunction with second phase training.

Approximately 97% of the Squadron has now qualified on the firing range with the carbine, cal .30 M1.

All members of the Squadron have completed the necessary gas chamber drill, by passing thru both the chlorine and tear gas chambers.

The Squadron has formed an anti-incendiary squad.

The Squadron has formed an anti-malaria detail.

A Unit Camouflage officer and several NCO's have completed a forty-eight hour course in camouflage techniques and problems.

The Squadron has formed a decontamination squad.

A unit gas officer and gas non-commissioned officers have now been designated.

CERTIFICATION

I certify that to the best of my knowledge, with reference to company records, that the above information is a correct history of the 569th Materiel Squadron, 359th Service Group.

For the Commanding Officer:

PENROD L. CLOVER,
CWO
Historical Officer.

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569th MATERIEL SQUADRON
359th SERVICE GROUP (SP)
PRATT ARMY AIR FIELD

Pratt, Kansas
13 May 1944

SUBJECT: Historical Report.

TO : Control Officer, Headquarters, Oklahoma City Air Service Command, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

SECOND INSTALLMENT

1. In compliance with your directive, Memorandum No. 15-200-1, Headquarters, Oklahoma City Air Service Command, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated 17 February 1944, Subject: Unit Historical Reports, the following history of the 569th Material Squadron, 359th Service Group (Sp), Pratt Army Air Field, Pratt, Kansas, is submitted:

A. Original Unit
Previously reported.

B. Changes in Command
Negative

C. Changes in Squadron

1. 2nd Lt. WALTER E. BALDWIN, 01595929, (4419), AC, was appointed 1st Lt. as per par 15, SO 86, Headquarters, War Department, Washington, D.C.

2. 2nd Lt. JOHN ROSS, 01648121, (4400) Signal Corps, was assigned and joined from Headquarters & Headquarters Squadron, 359th Service Group (Sp), AAF, Pratt, Kansas, as per par 6, SO 39, Headquarters, 359th Service Group (Sp), AAF, Pratt, Kansas.

3. 1st Lt. WALTER L. REID, 0915334, (2110) AC, was relieved from assignment and transferred to Hq & Hq Sq, 359th Service Group (Sp), AAF, Pratt, Kansas, as per par 8, SO 42, Hq, 359th Service Group (Sp), AAF, Pratt, Kansas.

4. 1st Lt., ALBERT L. ROGERS, 01576571, (2120) AC, was assigned and joined from Hq & Hq Squadron, 359th Service Group (Sp) AAF, Pratt, Kansas, as per par 7, SO 42, 359th Service Group (Sp), AAF, Pratt, Kansas.

5. 1st Lt. ALBERT L ROGERS, 01576571, (2120) AC, was appointed Squadron Adjutant (Primary Duty), and as additional duty, Squadron Intelligence Officer, Squadron Postal Officer, Squadron Transportation Officer, Squadron Insurance Officer, Squadron Control Officer, Squadron Mess Officer, as per Squadron Order No. 15, dated 19 April 44.

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6. CWO PENROD L. CLOVER, W 21077450, USA, was appointed Squadron Athletic Officer, (additional duty) as per Squadron Order No. 15, dated 19 April 44.

7. 2nd Lt. JOHN ROSS, 01648121,(4400) Signal Corps,was appointed Squadron Communication Officer (Primary Duty) as per Squadron Order No. 15.

8. Pvt Carl G. Smith, 36061168, was appointed Squadron Mail Clerk as per Squadron Order No. 15, dated 19 April 44.

D. Strength, Commissioned Officers and Enlisted Men.

1. 155 EM and 8 Officers as of 20 March 1944, date of last report.

2. Increase of 16 EM from 20 March 1944 to 20 April 1944.

3. Increase of 3 Officers from 20 March 1944 to 20 April 1944.

4. 171 EM and 11 Officers as of 20 April 1944.

5. Of 171 EM, 28 were members of Cadres No. 8 & 10, now on DS from this Squadron, and three officers were cadre members.

E. Stations of Unit or Parts Thereof.

1. No change.

F. Purpose and Mission of Squadron.

1. The function of the Material Squadron is to provide 3rd Echelon supply (normally a thirty day level). Specific functions are as follows:

A. Receives, stores, and issues the following for one com at group on the same or dispersed airdromes:

a. All Air Forces technical supplies.

b. Communications [redacted] Class II and IV supplies.

c. Medical and Chemical supplies.

d. [redacted] Class II, III, and IV supplies.

e. Ordnance Class II, IV, and V supplies.

B. Operates the following RP's and DP's at the station or in the area for:

a. All gasoline and lubricants.

b. All Class I supplies.

c. Class II and IV engineering items, including camouflage and construction materials.

C. Provides purchasing and contracting services for the station and the area.

G. Morale

1. With furloughs still being granted to Enlisted Men, the already consistently high morale within the Squadron has increased considerably.

2. The Squadron now has the privilege of using the 359th Service Group (Sp) PX, which opened during the period for which this report is rendered. This has been a great aid in boosting the morale of the men, for this group PX, located within the area is well stocked with all items essential to soldiers, and is very accessible. In the PX, men of the Squadron gather in the evening to talk, drink beer, and soft drinks, and this mode of recreation has been fully appreciated by the men.

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3. Within the Squadron, one hour each afternoon is set aside for a period of physical training and during this time the EM have a varying recreational program including calisthenics, soft-ball games, football games, competitive games, dual combatives, wind sprints, etc.

4. Under the guidance of the Group Special Service Office, an orientation program has been started, with the showing of various films on "Why We Fight", "Prelude to War" and others. Included in this program will be group discussions held one hour per week on subjects pertinent to the EM of this Squadron, such as "The Significance Behind the News", "The Post-War Period", etc.

5. On Saturday 29 April the Air Service Command variety show sent out from Patterson Field, Ohio staged a performance for members of the 359th Service Group (Sp). Most of the personnel of the 569th Materiel Squadron reviewed the show, and gave it unqualified praise.

H. Personnel and Training

1. 1st phase training which the Squadron is now handling has been progressing rapidly and is near its conclusion.

2. 2nd phase training has been obtained thru on the job training in both base and group installations.

3. 3rd phase training has been obtained thru on the job training in conjunction with 2nd phase training.

4. Approximately 85% of the members of the Squadron have now qualified on the firing range with the carbine, cal .30 M1.

5. The Squadron is now participating in weekly road marches, wearing full field equipment.

6. Classes are being conducted by non-commissioned officers from the various Squadron sections, and the entire personnel of the Squadron are attending. These classes deal with such subjects as, Property Accountability, Stock Record Cards, Requisitions, etc.

7. Each Thursday members of the Squadron wear full field equipment, and participate in a gas mask drill.

8. On alternate Thursdays the Squadron participates in a review parade.

9. The 569th Materiel Squadron is now engaged in supplying the 497th Bomb Group with all Class I supplies, and with Quartermaster Class II supplies.

CERTIFICATION

I certify that to the best of my knowledge, with reference to company records, that the above information is a correct history of the 569th Materiel Squadron, 359th Service Group (Sp).

For the Commanding Officer:

ALBERT L. ROGERS,
1st Lt., AC,
Adjutant.

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569th MATERIEL SQUADRON
359th SERVICE GROUP (SP)
PRATT ARMY AIR FIELD

Pratt, Kansas
14 April 1944

SUBJECT: Historical Report.

TO : Control Officer, Headquarters, Oklahoma City Air Service Command, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

FIRST INSTALLMENT

1. In compliance with your directive, Memorandum No. 15-200-1, Headquarters, Oklahoma City Air Service Command, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated 17 February 1944, Subject: Unit Historical Reports, the following history of the 569th Materiel Squadron, 359th Service Group (Sp), Pratt Army Air Field, Pratt, Kansas, is submitted:

A. Original Unit
Previously reported.

B. Changes in Command
Negative

C. Changes in Squadron

1. The 569th Materiel Squadron was granted a new Table of Organization which increased the total authorized personnel from 122 to 143. This new T/O was granted by authority of an Air Service Command TWX, dated 9 March 1944.

2. The Squadron was authorized two cadres over. This authorization came as a result of a letter 21 February 1944, Headquarters, Air Service Command, Patterson Field, Fairfield, Ohio, Subject: Authorization of Cadre Overstrengths.

3. Capt . GEORGE L. CHILDS, 01548690, Ord. (4512) was trfd to the 497th Base Headquarters and Air Base Squadron, OCASC, Tinker Field, Oklahoma, per par 16, SO No. 43, Headquarters, Tinker Field, Oklahoma.

4. 1st Lt. WILLIAM J. GLICK, 01550170, Ord. (4530) was assigned and joined from Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, 359th Service Group (Sp), Army Air Field, Pratt, Kansas, per par 2, SO No. 19, Headquarters 359th Service Group (Sp), AAF, Pratt, Kansas, and was apptd Control Officer as primary duty.

5. 1st Lt. WALTER L. REID, 0915334, AC, (2110), was apptd Squadron Adjutant per Squadron Order No. 10, 22 February 1944.

6. T/Sgt Victor E. Croes, 13098562, was transferred to this Squadron from Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron per par No. 1, unnumbered memorandum, Headquarters, 359th Service Group (Sp), Army Air Field, Pratt, Kansas, dtd 11 March 1944, and assumed the duties of First Sergeant.

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7. 2nd Lt. LEO A. POLINSKY, 01593188, MC, (4110), was relieved from assignment to the 569th Materiel Squadron, and transferred to Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, 359th Service Group (Sp), AAF, Pratt, Kansas, as per par 17, SO No. 26, Headquarters, 359th Service Group (Sp), AAF, Pratt, Kansas, dated 17 March 1944.

D. Strength, Commissioned Officers and Enlisted Men.

1. 133 EM and 8 Officers as of 20 February 1944, date of last report.

2. Increase of 22 Enlisted Men from 20 February 1944 to 20 March 1944.

3. Increase of two officers, and a loss of two officers.

4. 155 EM and 8 officers as of 20 March 1944.

E. Stations of Unit or Parts Thereof.

1. No change.

F. Purpose and Mission of Squadron.

1. The 569th Materiel Squadron was organized for the purpose of Supply to the 359th Service Group (Sp), and to a bomb group. It is a new type of unit, incorporating within it all arms and services of supplly, i.e., quartermaster supply, ordnance supply, air corps supply, etc.

G. Morale.

1. Morale of the Squadron has remained consistently high. Numerous furloughs to EM have tended to be the greatest booster to this high morale.

2. The Squadron was awarded the Honor Banner by the Group Commander, three times during the period for which this report is rendered.

3. The 569th Materiel Squadron now has its own day room in operation. This room is available to all Squadron personnel. Being equipped with a radio, phonograph, numerous recordings, a ping-pong table, etc., the day room takes up many leisure hours of Squadron personnel.

4. On Tuesday, 14 March 1944, the 569th Materiel Squadron held a party at the Municipal Building in Pratt, Kansas. This was very successful.

H. Personnel and Training.

1. First phase training which has been delegated to this Squadron is rapidly being accomplished.

2. Second phase training has been obtained by on the job training in base and group installations of the Pratt Army Air Field, with personnel assigned to the following sections:

a. Sub-depot
b. Base Quartermaster
c. Base Ordnance
d. Group Quartermaster
e. Group Ordnance
f. Group AAF Supply

3. Third phase training has been obtained thru on the job training in conjunction with second phase training.

4. The 569th has sent one officer and eleven men to school at the Sioux Ordnance Depot at Sydney, Nebraska.

5. Six enlisted men are currently at school at the Smoky Hill Army Air Field, Salina, Kansas where they are pursuing a course in the Combat Chest Supply System.

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6. The 569th Materiel Squadron has taken over the ration breakdown for not only the 359th Service Group (Sp), but also for the 17th, 18th, 19th, and 20th Bomb Maintenance Squadrons (VH), and the 15th Photo Squadron.

7. This Squadron has also set-up a gasoline storage dump which supplies all vehicles of the 359th Service Group (Sp) with fuel. Gasoline is handled in five (5) gallon cans. Vehicles drive to the storage area where drivers turn in empty five (5) gallon cans, and receive full cans in their place. No gas is issued without the exchange of cans.

CERTIFICATION

I certify that to the best of my knowledge, with reference to company records, that the above information is a correct history of the 569th Materiel Squadron, 359th Service Group (Sp).

For the Commanding Officer:

WALTER L. REID,
1st Lt., AC,
Adjutant.

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569TH MATERIEL SQUADRON
359TH SERVICE GROUP (SP)
PRATT ARMY AIR FIELD

LT/cbg

Pratt, Kansas
23 March 1944

SUBJECT: History of Organization.

TO : Control Officer, Headquarters, OCASC, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
THRU: Commanding Officer, 359th Service Group (SP) AAF, Pratt, Kansas. ATTN: Group Historical Officer.

1. In compliance with your directive, Memorandum No. 15-200-1, Hq, OCASC, Tinker, Field, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dtd 17 February 1944, subj: Unit Historical Reports, the following History of the Headquarters, 569th Materiel Squadron, 359th Service Group (SP) AAF. Pratt, Kansas, is submitted.

2. ARMY AIR FIELD, PRATT, KANSAS., a history of the 569th Materiel Squadron, 359th Service Group (SP) Army Air Field, Pratt, Kansas, from date of activation to present date.

3. The original Unit was designated as the 569th Materiel Squadron, and was activated on the 14th day of January 1944. The place of activation was Tinker Field, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The authority for this activation was a directive, General Order No. 4, Headquarters, Oklahoma City Air Service Command, Tinker Field, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma dated 13th January 1944.

4. Initial personnel of the Squadron consisted eight (8) officers and joined from 303rd Service Group, OCASC, Tinker Field, Oklahoma City, Okla, per paragraph No. 25, Special Order No. 13, dated 15th January 1944. Nineteen (19) enlisted men were assigned and joined from the 359th Service Group (SP), Tinker Field, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, per par No. 3, Special Order No. 1. Headquarters, 359th Service Group (SP), Tinker Field, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma dated 15th January 1944. An additional Sixty-four (64) enlisted men were assigned and joined from the 359th Service Group (SP), Tinker Field, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, per paragraph No. 2. Special Order No, 1, dated 15th January 1944.

5. Major George C. Hanselman, assigned and joined under authority per paragraph No. 25, Special Order No. 13, Headquarters, Oklahoma City Air Service Command, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma dated 15 January 1944 to command the organization. Major George C Hanselman, was relieved from assignment and assigned to Headquarters, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Air Service Command, per paragraph No. 24, Special Order No. 17., Headquarters, OCASC, Tinker Field, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated 20th January 1944

6. Captain Philip R. Muller assumed command of the Squadron per paragraph No. 2, Special Order No. 5, Headquarters, 359th Service Group (SP) Tinker Field, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma dated 24th January 1944.



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7. The strength of commissioned Officers and Enlisted Men was Eighty-Three (83) Enlisted Men and Eight (8) Officers on 15th January 1944. An Increase of Fifty (50) Enlisted Men. There was no decrease in strength. As of 20th of February 1944 a total of One Hundred and Thirty Three (133) Enlisted Men and Eight (8) Officers was the compliment.

8. Squadron was Activated on 14th January 1944 at Tinker Field, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Departed from Tinker Field, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma at 0400 27th January 1944 via motor convoy, for Pratt Army Air Field, Pratt, Kansas. Authority for change of station was paragraph No. 5, Special Order No. 22, Headquarters, Oklahoma City Air Service Command, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated 26th January 1944. Squadron arrived at Pratt Army Air Field, Pratt, Kansas at 1820, 27th January 1944, for a temporary change of station.

9. The purpose and mission of this squadron was for supply only, to the 359th Service Group (SP) and to a Bomb Group. It is a new type of unit, incorporating within it all arms and services of supply, i,e., quartermaster supply, ordnance supply, air corps supply, chemical warfare supply and etc.

10. Morale in the Squadron has been consistently high. Upon arrival at Pratt Army Air Field, facilities were highly inadequate. Heavy mud and lack of constructed roads and streets hampered all activities. Mess halls were not properly functioning; latrines were not ready for use, and the huts into which the squadron move were in very poor condition. The building and complete maintenance of grounds and buildings was a responsibility of the Utilities section of this group and presented problems that were ironed out with skilled and efficient personnel. At the present writing the area in which the squadron is housed has been graded and sanded, roads and streets have been developed, the squadron's own mess hall is now functioning, a latrine is open with ample facilities for all personnel, huts are in very fine condition, and the new orderly room of the squadron is highly efficient. On Saturday 5th February 1944, the Squadron was awarded the Honor Banner by Lt. Colonel Conner, Group Commander, for being the superior squadron in the Group. This award was presented only eight days after arrival and personnel of the organization took great pride in their squadron. Furloughs are now being granted and this is another great booster to the morale. Morale is now at a new high and it is expected that it will remain high.

11. First phase training has been taken over by the Group, with personnel of the Squadron attending classes regularly. Enlisted men are now detailed to duties as indicated below for on job training; Sub depot supply, Ordnance Administration, Ordnance Armament, Ordnance Ammunition, Quartermaster Administration, Purchasing and Contracting, Squadron Supply, Quartermaster Supply, Quartermaster Warehouse Section, Class I Supply, Class II Supply, Ordnance Supply.

12. This is to certify to the best of my knowledge, with reference to company records, that the above information is a correct history of the 569th Materiel Squadron, 359th Service Group (SP).

/s/ Phillip R Muller,
/t/ PHILLIP R MULLER,
Captain Air Corps,
Commanding.



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569th MATERIEL SQUADRON
359th SERVICE GROUP (SP)
PRATT ARMY AIR FIELD

Pratt, Kansas
20 February 44

SUBJECT: Historical Data of Squadron.

TO : Commanding Officer, 359th Service Group (Sp), Army Air Field, Pratt, Kansas. THRU: Group Historical Officer.

1. The following is ahistory of the 569th Materiel Squadron, 359th Service Group (Sp), Army Air Field, Pratt, Kansas, from date of activation to present date.

A. Original Unit
1. Designated as the 569th Materiel Squadron.
2. Date of activation: 14 January 1944.
3. Place of activation: Tinker Field, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
4. Authority for activation: General Order # 4, Headquarters, Oklahoma City Air Service Command, Tinker Field, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated 13 January 1944.
5. Initial Personnel of Squadron:
a. Eight (8) officers assigned and joined from 303rd Service Group, OCASC, Tinker Field, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, per par # 25, SO # 13, dated 15 January 1944.
b. Nineteen (19) enlisted men assigned and joined from the 359th Service Group (Sp), Tinker Field, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, per par # 3, SO # 1, Headquarters, 359th Service Group (Sp), Tinker Field, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated 15 January 1944.
c. Sixty-four (64) enlisted menassigned and joined from the 359th Service Group (Sp), Tinker Field, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, per par # 2, SO # 1, dated 15 January 1944.

B. Changes in Command
1. Major GEORGE C. HANSELMAN,ASSIGNED AND JOINED per par # 25, SO # 13, Headquarters, Oklahoma City Air Service Command, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated 15 January 1944, and assumed command.
2. Major GEORGE C. HANSELMAN , RELIEVED from assignment and assigned to Headquarters, Oklahoma City Air Service Command, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, per par # 24, SO # 17, Headquarters, OCASC, Tinker Field, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated 20 January 1944.
3. Captain PHILIP R. MULLER assumed command of the squadron per par # 2, SO # 5, Headquarters, 359th Service Group (Sp), Tinker Field, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated 24 January 1944.

C. Changes in Squadron
1. Negative.

D. Strength, Commissioned Officers and Enlisted Men.
1. Eighty-three (83) Enlisted Men and eight (8) Officers, 15 January 1944.
2. Increase of fifty (50) Enlisted Men.

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3. No decrease in strength.
4. 133 Enlisted Men and 8 Officers as of 20 February 1944.

E. Stations of Unit or Parts Thereof.

1. 14 January 1944 Squadron activated at Tinker Field, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

2. 569th Materiel Squadron departed from Tinker Field, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma at 0400 27 January 1944, via motor convoy, for Pratt Army Air Field, Pratt, Kansas. Authority for change of station, par # 5, SO # 22, Headquarters, Oklahoma City Air Service Command, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated 26 January 1944.

3. Squadron arrived at Pratt Army Air Field, Pratt, Kansas, at 1820, 27 January 1944. This was a temporary change of station.

F. Purpose and Mission of Squadron.

1. The 569th Materiel Squadron was organized for the purpose of Supply only, to the 359th Service Group (Sp), and to a Bomb Group. It is a new type of unit, incorporating within it all arms and services of supply, i.e., quartermaster supply, ordnance supply, air corps supply, chemical warfare supply, and so forth.

G. Morale.

1. The morale of the Squadron has been consistently high. Upon arrival at Pratt Army Air Field, facilities were highly inadequate. Heavy mud and lack of constructed roads and streets hampered all activities. Mess halls were not properly functioning; latrines were not ready for use, and the huts into which the Squadron moved were in very poor condition.

2. At the present writing, the area in which the squadron is housed has been graded and sanded, roads and streets have been developed, the squadron's own mess hall is now functioning, a latrine is open with ample facilities for all personnel, huts are in very fine condition, and the new orderly room of the squadron is highly regarded.

3. On Saturday, 5 February 1944, the Squadron was awarded the Honor Banner by Lt. Colonel CONNERS, Group Commander, for being the superior squadron in the group. This award was presented only eight days after arrival, and personnel of the organization took great pride in their squadron.

4. Furloughs are now being granted, and this is another great booster to the morale.

5. Morale is now at a new high, and it is confidently expected that it will remain high.

H. Personnel and Training.

1. Lt. WARNER, Lt. PETERSEN, and CWO CLOVER, proposed a new Table of Organization in an effort to obtain more personnel. This T/O was taken to a meeting at Salina, Kansas by Lt. Colonel CONNERS.

2. 1st phase training has been taken over by the group, with personnel of the squadron attending classes regularly.

3. Enlisted men are now detailed to duties as indicated below for on-job-training:

a. Sub-depot supply
b. Ordnance Administration
c. Ordnance Armament
d. Ordnance Ammunition
e. Quartermaster Administration



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f. Purchasing and Contracting
g. Squadron Supply
h. Quartermaster Warehouse Section
i. Class I Supply
j. Class II Supply
k. Ordnance Supply

CERTIFICATION

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PHILIP R. MULLER,
Captain, AC,
Commanding.

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569TH MATERIEL SQUADRON
359TH SERVICE GROUP (SP)
ARMY AIR FIELD

Pratt, Kansas
4 Feb 1944

SUBJECT: Historical Data of Squadron.

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, Army Air Forces, Washington, D.C.
THRU: Commanding Officer, Pratt Army Air Field, Pratt, Kansas.

INSTALLMENT # 1
(1 January 1939 to 7 December 1941)

A. Not activated.

INSTALLMENT # 2
(7 December 1941 to 31 December 1942)

A. Not activated.

INSTALLMENT # 3
(1 January 1943 to 31 December 1943)

A. Not activated.

INSTALLMENT # 4
(1 January 1944 to 31 January 1944)

A. Original Unit.

1. Designated as 569th Materiel Squadron.
2. Activated 14 January 1944.
3. Origin at Tinker Field, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
4. Authority for activation granted per GO # 4, Headquarters, OCASC, Tinker, Field, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
5. Initial Personnel of Squadron:
   a. Eight (8) officers assigned and joined from 303rd Service Group, OCASC, Tinker Field, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma per par # 25, SO # 13 dated 15 January 1944.
   b. Nineteen (19) enlisted men assigned and joined from 359th Service Group (SP), Tinker Field, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma per par # 3, SO # 1, Hq, 359th Service Group (SP), Tinker Field, Okla. City, Oklahoma dated 15 January 1944.
   c. Sixty-four (64) enlisted men assigned and joined from 359th Service Group (SP), Tinker Field, Oklahoma City, Okla oma per par #2, SO # 1, dated 15 January 1944.



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B. Changes in Command.

1. Major GEORGE G. HANSELMAN assigned and joined per par # 25, SO # 13, Headquarters, OCASC, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated 15 January 1944 and assumed command.
2. Major GEORGE G. HANSELMAN relieved from assignment and assigned to Headquarters, OCASC, Tinker Field, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, per par # 24, SO # 17, Headquarters, OCASC, Tinker Field, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated 20 January 1944.
3. Captain PHILIP R. MULLER assumes command per par # 2, SO # 5, Headquarters, 359th Service Group (Sp), Tinker Field, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma dated 24 January 1944.

C. Changes in Squadron.

1. Negative.

D. Strength, Commissioned Officers and Enlisted Men.

1. Officers.

| Month | Year | Gains | Losses | Total Strength |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| January | 1944 | 11 | 3 | 8 |

2. Enlisted Men.

| Month | Year | Gains | Losses | Total Strength |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| January | 1944 | 95 | 0 | 95 |

E. Stations of Unit or Parts Thereof.

1. 569th Materiel Squadron departed from Tinker Field, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma at 0400 via motor convoy for Pratt Army Air Field, Pratt, Kansas, 27 January 1944. Authority for change of station, par # 5, SO # 22, Headquarters, OCASC, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma dated 26 January 1944.
2. Squadron arrived Pratt Army Air Field, Pratt, Kansas at 1820, 27 January 1944. This was a temporary change of station.

CERTIFICATION

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PHILIP R. MULLER
Captain AC
Commanding

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569TH MATERIEL SQUADRON
359TH SERVICE GROUP (SF)
ARMY AIR FIELD

Pratt, Kansas
4 Feb 1944

SUBJECT: Historical Data of Squadron.

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, Army Air Forces, Washington, D.C.
THRU: Commanding Officer, Pratt Army Air Field, Pratt, Kansas.

INSTALLMENT # 1
(1 January 1939 to 7 December 1941)

A. Not activated.

INSTALLMENT # 2
(7 December 1941 to 31 December 1942)

A. Not activated.

INSTALLMENT # 3
(1 January 1943 to 31 December 1943)

A. Not activated.

INSTALLMENT # 4
(1 January 1944 to 31 January 1944)

A. Original Unit.

1. Designated as 569th Materiel Squadron.
2. Activated 14 January 1944.
3. Origin at Tinker Field, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
4. Authority for activation granted per GO # 4, Headquarters, OCASC, Tinker, Field, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
5. Initial Personnel of Squadron:
   a. Eight (8) officers assigned and joined from 303rd Service Group, OCASC, Tinker Field, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma per par # 29, SO # 13 dated 15 January 1944.
   b. Nineteen (19) enlisted men assigned and joined from 359th Service Group (SF), Tinker Field, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma per par # 3, SO # 1, Hq, 359th Service Group (SF), Tinker Field, Okla. City, Oklahoma dated 15 January 1944.
   c. Sixty-four (64) enlisted men assigned and joined from 359th Service Group (SF), Tinker Field, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma per par #2, SO # 1, dated 15 January 1944.



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B. Changes in Command.

1. Major GEORGE G. HANSELMAN assigned and joined per par # 25, SO # 13, Headquarters, OCASC, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated 15 January 1944 and assumed command.
2. Major GEORGE G. HANSELMAN relieved from assignment and assigned to Headquarters, OCASC, Tinker Field, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, per par # 24, SO #17, Headquarters, OCASC, Tinker Field, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated 20 January 1944.
3. Captain PHILIP R. MULLER assumes command per par # 2, SO # 5, Headquarters, 359th Service Group (Sp), Tinker Field, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma dated 24 January 1944.

C. Changes in Squadron.

1. Negative.

D. Strength, Commissioned Officers and Enlisted Men.

1. Officers.

| Month | Year | Gains | Losses | Total Strength |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| January | 1944 | 11 | 3 | 8 |

2. Enlisted Men.

| Month | Year | Gains | Losses | Total Strength |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| January | 1944 | 95 | 0 | 95 |

E. Stations of Unit or Parts Thereof.

1. 569th Materiel Squadron departed from Tinker Field, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma at 0400 via motor convoy for Pratt Army Air Field, Pratt, Kansas, 27 January 1944. Authority for change of station, par # 5, SO # 22, Headquarters, OCASC, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma dated 26 January 1944.
2. Squadron arrived Pratt Army Air Field, Pratt, Kansas at 1820, 27 January 1944. This was a temporary change of station.

CERTIFICATION

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Philip R Muller

PHILIP R. MULLER
Captain AC
Commanding

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569th MATERIEL SQUADRON
359th SERVICE GROUP
ARMY AIR FIELD

Pratt, Kansas
19 June 1944

SUBJECT: Historical Report.

TO : Control Officer, Headquarters, Oklahoma City Air Service Command, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

THIRD INSTALLMENT

1. In compliance with your directive, Memorandum No. 15-200-1, Headquarters, Oklahoma City Air Service Command, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated 17 February 1944, Subject: Unit Historical Reports, the following history of the 569th Materiel Squadron, 359th Service Group, Pratt Army Air Field, Pratt, Kansas, is submitted:

A. Original Unit.
Previously reported.

B. Changes in Command.

1st Lt. HOMER W. WARNER assumed command of the Squadron during the temporary absence of Capt. PHILIP R. MULLER, as per Squadron Order No. 18 dated 1 May 1944.

Captain PHILIP R. MULLER assumed command of the Squadron vice Captain HOMER W. WARNER relieved as of 14 May 1944, as per Squadron Order No. 21, dated 14 May 1944.

C. Changes in Squadron.

CWO PENROD L. CLOVER, W2 107 450 U S A (4902) was appointed Special Services Officer (additional duty) per Squadron Order No. 17, dated 26 April 1944.

1st Lt. ALBERT L. ROGERS 01576571, AC (2120) was appointed Unit Gas Officer (additional Duty) per Squadron Order No. 16, dated 26 April 1944. vice 1st Lt. WILLIAM J. GLICK, 01550170 Ord (4530) was relieved.

5 Officers, 1 WO, and 14 EM assigned to Cadre No. 8, 569th Materiel Squadron, 359th Service Group, AAF, Pratt, Kansas, on DS at Tinker Field, Oklahoma , and attached to 4136th AAF Base Unit (Base Adm) were relieved from attachment and placed on further

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DS at Warner Robins Air Service Command, Robins Field, Ga. as per par 8, SO No. 101, Headquarters, OCASC, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

1st Lt. HOMER W. WARNER, 0567014, (4010) AC, was promoted to Captain as per par 15, SO No. 106, Headquarters, War Department, Washington, D.C. effective 3 May 1944.

1st Lt. JACK M. PETERSEN, 0379557, (4000) AC, was promted to Captain as per par 15, SO No. 108, Headquarters, War Department, Washington, D.C. effective 5 May 1944.

569th Materiel Squadron was reorganized effective 10 May 44 in accordance with restricted letter, Headquarters, Army Air Forces, Air Service Command, dated 13 May 44, and in accordance with T/O & E 4-1-458 T, 15 April 44 without change of station or assignment.

D. Strength, Commissioned Officers and Enlisted Men.

171 EM and 11 Officers as of 20 April 44 date of last report.

As of 20 May 44 there were 169 EM and 20 Officers.

Of 169 EM, 28 were cadre members on DS from the Squadron, and 12 officers were cadre members

E. Stations of Units or Parts Thereof.
No change.

F. Purpose and Mission of Squadron.

The function of the Materiel Squadron is to provide 3rd Echelon supply (normally a thirty day level). Specific functions are as follows:

A. Receives, stores, and issues the following for one combat group on the same or dispersed airdromes:
All Air Forces technical supplies.
Communications Class II and IV supplies.
Medical and Chemical supplies.
QM Class II, III, IV supplies.
Ordnance Class II, IV, V supplies.

B. Operates the following RP's and DP's at the station or in the area for:
All gasoline and lubricants.
All Class I supplies.
Class II and IV engineering items, including camouflage and construction materiel.

C. Provides purchasing and contracting services for the station and the area.

G. Morale

With an advance cadre of WAC EM arriving at the Pratt Army Air Field, the 569th Materiel Squadron, in co-operation with the Group

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Special Services Office, entertained for dinner in the Squadron Mess Hall these Wac's, and the evening proved to be a most enjoyable one for all concerned. In return for this early gesture on the part of the Squadron, the invitation was extended to EM of the Squadron to dine in th WAC mess hall, and this too proved to be a great morale booster.

The 569th Materiel Squadron is now engaged in planning for a large and successful Squadron party to be held in the near future.

H. Personnel and Training.

Approximately 70% of the Squadron has now completed basic training.

Approximately 90% of the Squadron has now completed second phase training.

Third phase training has been obtained thru on the job training in conjunction with second phase training.

Approximately 97% of the Squadron has now qualified on the firing range with the carbine, cal .30 M1.

All members of the Squadron have completed the necessary gas chamber drill, by passing thru both the chlorine and tear gas chambers.

The Squadron has formed an anti-incendiary squad.

The Squadron has formed an anti-malaria detail.

A Unit Camouflage officer and several NCO's have completed a forty-eight hour course in camouflage techniques and problems.

The Squadron has formed a decontamination squad.

A unit gas officer and gas non-commissioned officers have now been designated.

CERTIFICATION

I certify that to the best of my knowledge, with reference to company records, that the above information is a correct history of the 569th Materiel Squadron, 359th Service Group.

For the Commanding Officer:

Penrod L. Clover

PENROD L. CLOVER,
CWO
Historical Officer.

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569TH MATERIEL SQUADRON
359TH SERVICE GROUP
ARMY AIR FIELD

Pratt, Kansas,
18 July 1944

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SUBJECT: Historical Report.

TO : Control Officer, Headquarters Oklahoma City Air Service Command, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
(THROUGH CHANNELS)

FOURTH INSTALLMENT

1. In compliance with your directive, Memorandum No. 15-200-1, Headquarters, Oklahoma City Air Service Command, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated 17 February 1944, Subject: Unit Historical Reports, the following history of the 569th Materiel Squadron, 359th Service Group, Pratt Army Air Field, Pratt, Kansas, is submitted:

A. Original Unit.
Previously reported.

B. Changes in Command.
None.

C. Changes in Squadron.
1. Pursuant to authority contained in paragraph 1, General Order No. 19, Headquarters OCASC, Tinker Field, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated 16 May 1944, the 359th Service Group (SP) was redesignated the 359th Service Group, effective as of 10 May 1944 without change of station.

2. Fourteen (14) EM Cadre No. 8, 569th Materiel Squadron, 359th Service Group, who were on DS at Robins Field, Georgia, were relieved from assignment and transferred to the 76th Service Group (SP), Herbert Smart Air Port, MACON, Georgia, as per paragraph 6, SO #129, Headquarters OCASC, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

3. Four (4) Officers and one (1) Warrant Officer and fourteen (14) EM, Cadre No. 10, 569th Materiel Squadron, 359th Service Group, who were on DS and attached to the 4136 AAF, Base Unit (Base Adm), Tinker Field, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, were relieved from DS at Tinker Field and were placed on further DS at Robins Field, Warner Robins, Georgia.

D. Strength Commissioned Officers & Enlisted Men.
1. 169 EM and 20 Officers as of 20 May 1944, date of last report.

2. As of 20 June 1944, there were 158 EM and 18 Officers.

3. Of 158 EM, 14 were Cadre Members on DS from the squadron and 10 Officers were Cadre members on DS from this squadron.

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E. Stations of Unit or Parts thereof.
No change.

F. Purpose of Mission of Squadron.
Previously reported.

G. Morale.

1. The 569th Materiel Squadron held a most successful squadron party at Elm Mills about twenty (20) miles distant from AAF, Pratt, Kansas. The party was a stag party and its highlight was kegged beer, and many delicacies prepared by the mess staff. Swimming and a softball game climaxed the event. The party was attended by all EM present for duty and all squadron officers, plus several other officers who were invited, including Colonel Conner, Group Commander. The party started at approximately 2:30 P.M. and continued into the night. Each and every EM and officer acclaimed the success of the party.

H. Personnel in Training.

1. One hundred percent (100%) of the personnel of this squadron has now completed basic training.

2. Ninety-six percent(96%) of the personnel of this squadron has now completed second phase training.

3. Ninety-seven percent (97%) of the personnel of this squadron has now completed third phase training.

4. On 28 May 1944, one officer and four (4) EM were placed on DS at Receipt Storage and Issue of Confidential and Secret Equipment School, Tinker Field, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

5. On 1 June 1944, two (2) EM were placed on DS at Aerial Mine Warefare School, Yorktown, Virginia.

6. On 4 June 1944, one (1) EM was placed on DS at Forrestry Products Laboratory, Madison, Wisconsin.

7. On 12 June 1944, squadron departed AAF, Pratt, Kansas, via motor vehicle convoy for six day bivouac. Time of departure 0945. Arrived at Finney State Park, bivouac area at 1730. Total distance traveled 128.7 miles. On 13 June 1944, squadron departed from Finney State Park area at 0815 via motor vehicle convoy and arrived at Scott County State Park bivouac area at 1130. 1400 to 1700 consisted of pitching and camouflaging tents. On 14 June 1944, squadron remained at bivouac area Scott County State Park, and participated in regular squadron duties and group training. On 15 June 1944, squadron departed Scott County State Park under full black-out conditions at approximately 0345. Squadron arrived at bivouac area Sheridan County State Park at 1130, after riding in trucks until 0930, all personnel detrucked with full field equipment and participated in a seven (7) mile forced march. On arrival at the park, all personnel gripped about the march without breakfast, however, as soon as the men had eaten and pitched their tents in a semi-permanent type camp; they had the rest of the day free to swim and fish. On 16 June 1944, squadron departed Sheridan County State Park at 0800 via motor vehicle convoy.

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convoy had to ford river as bridge was blown out. Entire squadron arrived at Rock County State Park at 1425. On 17 June 1944, squadron departed bivouac area Rock County State Park at 0600 via motor vehicle convoy. Squadron had to use winches in order to ford river, as bridge on highway was blown out. Squadron arrived at Army Air Field, Pratt, Kansas, at 1430. Much valuable training was received through air raids, camouflaging of vehicles, tents, shelter halves, and personnel. The QM Class I Section delivered fresh rations daily. The QM Class III Section dispensed 4400 gallons of gasoline in five (5) gallon-cans, which necessitated filling 880 - five (5) gallon cans.

Movement Orders for the squadron were received on the 14th of June 1944. A clothing showdown was held immediately upon return to home station, and clothing shortages were drawn. Packing for overseas movement was started immediately with a carpenter shop being put in operation making boxes for the group.

I certify that to the best of my knowledge, with reference with company records, that the above information, is a correct history of the 569th Materiel Squadron, 359th Service Group.

For the Commanding Officer:

PENROD L. CLOVER,
C.W.O. ***U.S.A.,
Historical Officer.

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569th MATERIEL SQUADRON
359th SERVICE GROUP
Tinker Field

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
1 October 1944

SUBJECT: Historical Report.

TO : Control Officer, Oklahoma City Air Service Command, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. (Thru Channels)

SEVENTH INSTALLMENT

1. In compliance with your directive, Memorandum No. 15-200-1 Headquarters, Oklahoma City Air Service Command, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated 17 February 44, Subject: Unit Historical Reports, the following history of the 569th Materiel Squadron, 359th Service Group Tinker Field, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, is submitted:

A. Original Unit.

Previously reported.

B. Changes in Command.

None

C. Changes in Squadron.

None

D. Strength, Commissioned Officers and Enlisted Men.

1. Eight officers and one hundred thirty five enlisted men as of 1 September 1944, date of last report.

2. During the period 1 September 44 to 30 September 44, 1 enlisted man was relieved from assignment to the Squadron, and one enlisted man was assigned.

3. Therefor as of 30 September 44, there were eight officers and 135 enlisted men assigned to the 569th Materiel Squadron.

E. Stations of Units or Parts Thereof.

No change.

F. Purpose and Mission of Squadron.

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G. As reported in the previous installment, the morale of the men in the 569th Materiel Squadron was considerably high at the time that the organization moved to Tinker Field, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. This was due to the belief that the outfit would remain at this station for only a short time and would then move on the port of embarkation for shipment to an overseas destination. However, the organization now, at the end of a thirty day period is still at this station, and morale of the personnel has ebbed considerably. A huge factor in raising the morale of the personnel though, came about on 20 September 44, when suddenly at approximately 0900 that day, word came from Group Headquarters that all enlisted men who had received no furloughs since 31 March 44 would be permitted to go on furlough for a period of eight days. This Squadron was able to send off twenty-seven men on this basis. Co-incident with the granting of these furloughs, word was also received that three day passes would be granted to men whose homes were in a vicinity of approximately 500 miles from Oklahoma City. These two incidents have proved most valuable in raising morale of the personnel. However,it can safely be stated that the chief and leading desire of all the men (officers and enlisted personnel) is to leave Tinker Field, and head for an overseas destination and actually at that point, perform the vital and specific mission of the Squadron.

For several months the Squadron has been holding weekly orientation meetings, and although they have provided good lectures and advice to the enlisted men, they have really not been quite as good as they might have been. Recently though there has been a new and decided interest on the part of the personnel in these weekly discussions, and the past weeks have provided many interesting and lively discussions on such topics as the "GI Bill of Rights", the topic of "Women in Industry Now and After the War", the current presidential campaign, and so forth.

The Squadron has provided Tinker Field with its heavyweight boxing champion. This private first class has met all comers and has disposed of them quite easily. His most recent fight, the one that earned him the title of champion was against an Oklahoma Indian who up the time that our man handed him a sound drubbing had never been defeated. This recent fight and previous ones in which the men of this organization took great interest have provided many interesting and entertaining evenings.

H. Personnel and Training.

All personnel of this Squadron are now placed in jobs at the main Tinker Field depot, and are currently working in all the various installations at that depot, such as Quartermaster, Ordnance, Air Corps Supply, and so forth. In these installations the men are receiving advanced technical training .

Each Friday is designated as "training day" for the Squadron, and recently the entire organization viewed films and heard lectures

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on such subjects as Venereal Disease, Malaria, Chemical Warfare, news digests, film digests, etc.

Training of the personnel of this organization is at the present time 100% complete in all phases, and the on-the-job advance technical training that the men are now receiving is for the express purpose of giving them more experience in their respective jobs. All personnel of the Squadron are now fully trained in their MOS.

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I certify that to the best of my knowledge, with reference to company records, that the above information is a correct history of the 569th Materiel Squadron, 359th Service Group.

For the Commanding Officer:

Albert L. Rogers

ALBERT L. ROGERS,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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571ST SERVICE SQUADRON
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING OFFICER

10 July 1944

SUBJECT: History of the 571st Service Squadron.

TO: Commanding General, USAFIME, Cairo, Egypt (ATT: Historical Officer).

1. Activation of the 571st Service Squadron:

a. Date of activation: 17 February 1944.
b. Place of activation: Deversoir Air Depot, Deversoir, Egypt.
c. Authority for activation: General Order No. 17, Headquarters United States Army Forces in the Middle East, 17 February 1944.
d. Source from which personnel was obtained: Transfer from the 26th Air Depot Group, Deversoir Air Depot, Deversoir, Egypt.
e. Command of Squadron:

(1) From 17 February to 10 July 1944: GEORGE E. EKGIN, Major, Air Corps.

f. Total strength at activation: 5 officers, 3 Warrant Officers, 236 Enlisted Men.

(1) Commissioned personnel:

| Month | Increase | Decrease | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| March 1944 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| April 1944 | 1 | 0 | 6 |
| May 1944 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| June 1944 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| July 1944 | 1 | 0 | 7 |

(2) Warrant Officer personnel:

| Month | Increase | Decrease | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| March 1944 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| April 1944 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| May 1944 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| June 1944 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| July 1944 | 0 | 0 | 2 |

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(3) Enlisted personnel:

| Month | Increase | Decrease | Total |
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| March 1944 | 0 | 1 | 235 |
| April 1944 | 0 | 1 | 234 |
| May 1944 | 0 | 0 | 234 |
| June 1944 | 0 | 3 | 231 |
| July 1944 | 0 | 3 | 228 |

2. Key personnel:

Commanding Officer: GEORGE E. KEGIN, 0330895, Major, Air Corps, 17 February 1944 to 10 July 1944.

Executive Officer: WILLIAM G. GREENE, 0415319, Captain, Air Corps, 17 February 1944 to 10 July 1944.

Engineering Officer: WILLIAM R. BRANTLEY, 0475048, Captain, Air Corps, 17 February 1944 to 10 July 1944.

Medical Officer: FRANK M. B. SLATER, 0422446, Captain, Medical Corps, 17 February 1944 to 10 July 1944.

Tech Supply Officer: ROBERT S. BELLO, 0562506, First Lieutenant, Air Corps, 17 February 1944 to 20 April 1944.
ROBERT S. BELLO, 0562506, Captain, Air Corps, 20 April 1944 to 22 April 1944.
JACK L. PHILLIPS, 0566425, Captain, Air Corps, 20 April 1944 to 10 July 1944.

Squadron Pilot: MACK G. BASS, JR., 0513349, First Lieutenant, Air Corps, 17 February 1944 to 10 July 1944.

Squadron Adjutant: THOMAS L. DAVIDSON, W2124629, Warrant Officer Junior Grade, USA, 17 February 1944 to 10 July 1944.

First Sergeant: SYLVESTER F. FLINT, 31095409, First Sergeant, Air Corps, 17 February 1944 to 10 July 1944.

Engineering Line Chief: CARL W. STOMPS, 15040156, Master Sergeant, Air Corps, 17 February 1944 to 10 July 1944.

Technical Supply Non-commissioned Officer, AAF: CURTISS N. ECKERTY, 6637917, Master Sergeant, Air Corps, 17 February 1944 to 10 July 1944.



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The 571st Service Squadron was activated on the 17th of February, 1944 as per General Order # 17, Headquarters, United States Army Forces in Middle East. The enlisted personnel of the Squadron totaling 236 men, were selected from the ranks of the 26th Air Depot Group which had been operating at Deversoir, Egypt as the Middle East Air Depot for a period of fifteen months. The remainder of the Group took off in a fleet of C-47 aircraft for "Somewhere in the C.B.I. Theatre." Though the men who remained had been stationed at Deversoir for the entire length of their overseas service, their interest in their work did not abate. On the contrary, morale shot up. This was largely due to the fact that ratings were now available for distribution among deserving men who had been sweating them out for so long a time. Another factor in the upswing of morale may be attributed to the meeting called to introduce the officers to the men. Since the majority of the officers had been transferred from the 26th, they were known - and liked - by the men. But interest ran high and there was much speculation about the Commanding Officer, Major GEORGE E. KEGIN. After the meeting however, this interest and speculation changed to enthusiasm and complete satisfaction on the part of the men. Classification according to overseas experience and AC training found the new Squadron with the following strength:

| Job Title | S.S.N. | Number |
|---|---|---|
| Airplane and Engine Mechanic | 747 | 46 |
| Airplane Cable Mechanic | 689 | 1 |
| Airplane Crew Chief | 750 | 2 |
| Airplane Fabric & Dope Worker | 548 | 3 |
| Airplane Hydraulic Specialist | 528 | 5 |
| Airplane Line Chief | 752 | 2 |
| Fuel Tank Repairman | 665 | 1 |
| Airplane Electrical Specialist | 685 | 6 |
| Airplane Instrument Specialist | 686 | 3 |
| Machinist | 114 | 6 |
| Parachute Rigger & Repairman | 620 | 3 |
| Airplane Propeller Specialist | 687 | 6 |
| Airplane Sheet Metal Worker | 555 | 11 |
| Aircraft Welder | 573 | 5 |
| Airplane Woodworker | 550 | 5 |
| Administrative Non-Commissioned Officer | 502 | 3 |
| Clerk-Typist | 405 | 13 |
| Clerk Non-Typist | 055 | 9 |
| Airplane Armorer | 911 | 2 |
| Power Turret Specialist | 678 | 1 |
| Radio Mechanic, AAF | 754 | 2 |
| Airplane Inspector | 513 | 2 |
| Diesel Mechanic | 013 | 5 |
| Message Center Clerk | 667 | 1 |
| Heavy Auto Equipment Operator | 931 | 10 |
| Refueling Unit Operator | 932 | 4 |
| Tech Supply Noncommissioned Officer | 826 | 7 |
| Draftsman | 070 | 1 |





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| Job Title | S.S.N. | Number |
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| Utility Repairman | 121 | 4 |
| Duty Noncommissioned Officer | 566 | 1 |
| First Sergeant | 585 | 1 |
| Laborer | 590 | 1 |
| Medical Noncommissioned Officer | 673 | 1 |
| Supply Noncommissioned Officer | 821 | 1 |
| Utilities Noncommissioned Officer | 822 | 1 |
| Supply Clerk | 835 | 19 |
| Surgical Technician | 861 | 1 |
| Airplane Carburetor Specialist | 956 | 1 |
| Automotive Equipment Mechanic | 014 | 4 |
| Carpenter | 050 | 1 |
| Mail Clerk | 056 | 1 |
| Cooks | 060 | 8 |
| Laundry Machine Operator | 103 | 4 |
| Medical Equip Maintenance Technician | 222 | 1 |
| Interpreter | 320 | 2 |
| Auto Equipment Operator | 345 | 13 |
| Medical Technician | 409 | 1 |
| Entertainment Director | 442 | 1 |
| Basic | 521 | 4 |
| | | Total - 236 |

The work on hand was the same type of work the men had been performing ever since the original B-25 Squadrons that had been chasing Jerry from El Alamein had left for greener combat pastures. That is, there were B-24's, B-25's, P-40's and several jobs for which the Army has no designation undergoing repairs. These planes were suffering from as great a variety of ills as only desert aircraft seem to experience. Despite the lack of equipment and tools, (the majority of which had accompanied the 26th) the work the new outfit was doing progressed satisfactorily. They were also handicapped at this time by the fact that some of the Squadron's key men were on detached service to the 8th Air Depot Group at Accra, receiving specialized training in complete overhaul of cargo aircraft. It was anticipated that this would be the type of work we would soon be doing at Deversoir, which is situated directly on the airline route to India from the States. Since its activation, the Squadron has repaired a total of 64 aircrafts. These range from B-24's to L-2A Taylorcraft. The repair work accomplished has varied from major overhaul and complete rebuilding jobs to mere radio changes. But no matter how difficult or simple the task at hand, the men have worked with great skill and patience to return the planes to a duty status. A breakdown of aircraft repaired since the activation of the Squadron follows:





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| Aircraft Type | Number Repaired |
|---|---|
| B-24 | 13 |
| B-25 | 11 |
| B-17 | 8 |
| C-47 | 13 |
| P-40 | 4 |
| LB-30 | 1 |
| UC-78 | 2 |
| A-20G | 2 |
| L-2A | 1 |
| C-87 | 3 |
| C-54 | 3 |
| C-60 | 1 |
| C-53 | 2 |
| | Total - 64 |

Within a week of its activation, an assignment was given this Squadron that was characteristic of many future jobs. Characteristic in that the aircraft in question was down in as inconvenient a spot as possible. Working and living conditions had to be built on the spot - from the sand up. As per Special Order # 32, Headquarters, Deversoir Air Depot, dated 26 February, 1944, a crew of six men were dispatched to Gambut. With them went a pyramidal tent, their tool boxes, and the well wishes of the Squadron. Or rather, they went to where Gambut had been, for the combat Squadrons that had been operating from there had left, leaving behind only a few empty petrol tins and lonely "desert lillies" to mark the spot where they had been. That - and the B-25 to be repaired - was all that broke the ocean-like expanse of shifting dust. The aircraft had been grounded originally when half of its shot-up nose blew off in flight. While waiting for this to be repaired, the plane had been cannibalized to keep the other ships of the Squadrons in combat condition. When the detachment arrived they found a fuselage without any engines or accessories. The instrument panel was as full of holes instead of instruments that it looked as though a bomb had exploded in the cockpit, showering all its shrapnel through the board. Dust and sand had filtered through every opening in the ship but fortunately the pipes and outlets had been plugged and very little desanding was necessary at Gambut. Within ten days of their arrival, telegraphed communications between the crew and Captain WILLIAM R. BRANTLEY, the Engineering Officer of the Squadron at Deversoir, had resulted in the manufacture, delivery and installation of the parts which had not been available at Gambut or anywhere else in the Middle East. The engines had been installed, as well as the more vital flight instruments, and the work on the tail assembly had been accomplished. On the eleventh day, Captain WILLIAM B. LAWLEY, a pilot who had formerly been assigned to the 26th ADGp and who knew the work of these men well enough to have complete confidence in their abilities, arrived to fly the plane out. There were certain instruments missing - instruments which are normally considered indispensable - but with the aid of the crew chief, M/Sgt STUART E. CARPENTER, the pilot worked out ways and means to overcome these deficiencies. Since the Selsyn Indicators were missing, S/Sgt BENSON C. BENTLEY, a member of the detachment, rode in the waist gun compartment of the ship and transmitted hand signals indicating the position of the wheels and flaps as desired by the pilot. The ship took off with excessive safety margins evident in its operation and proceeded to Deversoir in a routine manner. There the aircraft was completely repaired and returned to its



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Group for combat operations.

During the night of the 27th of March, 1944, a sand storm of great violence swept this sector. The wind was of hurricane strength. This storm resulted in a detached service assignment for our outfit that is as strange as any tale emenating from the Middle East. Several aircraft en route to Payne Field from various points of departure were trapped by the storm and unable to find a safe landing place. The control tower at Deversoir was able to hear conversations between the pilots of the aircraft involved and various ground stations. All fields were closed in to such an extent that no landings were possible. One B-24D attempted a landing, during which the ship struck a warehouse at Camp Russell B. Huckstep and was wrecked. It was later salvaged by a crew from this station, headed by T/Sgt NATHANIEL C. ANDREWS, and furnished many useful parts and sub-assemblies for aircraft being repaired at this base. But the ship that was the central figure in a dramatic chain of circumstances was a Flying Fort, the B-17 "Benanyce 2nd." This aircraft was assigned to a Photographic Group and was returning from a successfully completed mission when the storm struck. Unable to land at Payne Field, the pilot flew his ship about, vainly hoping that the weather would break, permitting him to land safely. His gas gages showed empty, two engines were 'dead', and when it was obvious that there was no other course left to follow, the pilot was ordered to climb to a safe altitude and abandon ship. When these orders were obeyed, the gage had been registering "Empty" for so long a time that it seemed incredible that the ship could still be in flight. The pilot was the last to leave the ship, after setting the automatic pilot to carry the plane away from inhabited localities. Unfortunately, a few members of the crew were unable to free themselves of their 'chutes upon reaching the ground due to the intensity of the storm, and these gallant men met death on the Egyptian desert.

The ship, however flew on. At the mercy of the elements, out of gas, with three engines gone, she flew on. Making a 180° turn, she cleared tree tops, landed in a wheat field, jumped a ten foot irrigation ditch and came to rest in a cotton field. A perfect belly landing. The following day an irate native farmer discovered her. If the automatic pilot had never before proved itself, this was its day of justification.

On the 1st of April, 1944 a crew, supervised by M/Sgt TINSLEY E. SACRA, was dispatched to Abu Zabal, Egypt as per Special Order # 44, Headquarters, Deversoir Air Depot, dated 1 April, 1944, to repair the Fort. Surely so exceptional a ship was meant to span the skyways and not be relegated to a salvage pile. Our men worked diligently and after weeks of hard labor the ship was ready to be flown out. Our Chief Test Pilot, 1st Lt. MACK G. BASS, JR., arrived at Abu Zabal to perform his all-important part in the third act of this drama. The engines had been run-up and had checked out. Finally the crucial moment arrived and the pilot entered the plane. Slowly she taxied down the make-shift runway that had been made for her departure. Everyone was tense, eyes glued to "Benanyce." She rolled down the runway on her way skyward and the tension mounted. As she lifted from the ground, headed once again for her own domain, a thrilling surge of satisfaction swept over the ground crew who had been responsible for this feat. Flown to this station, she is being completely overhauled and will soon be in perfect condition again.



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While the "Benanyce" was in the process of repair, a wing was removed and trucked to Lydda Airfield, Palestine, to be installed on a grounded B-17 at that base. The aircraft had been badly damaged by a static electricity explosion. Installing "Benanyce's" wing on this plane made it possible to fly the ship to Deversoir, where it underwent extensive repairs.

At this time, a B-17 assigned to the 19th Photo Squadron landed at our station, and while taxiing, the left landing gear collapsed. The left wing was apparently driven into the fuselage and bent back at an angle never seen on any drawing board. At first it was believed that the ship would be salvaged. Despite the scepticism of the Fortress' crew that they would ever fly in her again, the plane was put on a "repairable" status by the 571st Engineering Section. And it was repaired. After exhaustive test flights, the confidence of the assigned crew was restored and they accepted their plane without reservations.

At the present time our men are assembling two UC-78 aircrafts. When completed, these planes will be flown to Ethiopia as a gift from our government to Emperor Haile Selassie. To our men, this job, though hardly routine, lacks the glamour that invariably goes with repair of combat aircraft, but they realize its importance as a diplomatic gesture. They have accepted this assignment with the same enthusiasm and high spirits that they have constantly shown during the length of life of this Squadron.

There have been many instances of detached service operations by the repair and maintenance crews of our Engineering Section. Some vary greatly as to distance from the home base; some vary in duration. But all have been performed with skill and dispatch and reflect great credit to our organization.

In accordance with the Squadron activation orders, 29 Enlisted Men, 1 Warrant Officer, and 1 Officer were assigned to the Supply Section. It became apparent almost immediately that Supply operations were seriously handicapped due to the small number of personnel. This section was still being run as a "Depot." Previously it had operated with 139 Enlisted Men, 1 Warrant Officer, and 5 Officers. And though the present number of personnel in no way approached those figures, the same 11 warehouses had to be maintained. Therefore, each man was called upon to perform his specific assignment to the utmost of his ability.

Like the Engineering Section, Supply, too, had a mission. Though the Supply men did not work as closely with aircraft, their mission was an all-important one. As outlined, it was a difficult one - under the circumstances. The ultimate success achieved can be attributed to the men and their ceaseless efforts. Briefly, the mission was to maintain stocks for (and supply to ) the ATC base at Payne Field, Headquarters Flight, as well as providing stock for any transient aircraft in this sector of the Theatre.

Under the capable supervision of Captain ROBERT S. BELLO, Warrant Officer LUTHER D. BRETT, and later by Captain JACK L. PHILLIPS, stocks were inventoried and requisitions initiated in order to be prepared to fill these requirements. With a minimum 90 day supply level, stocks had to be requisitioned proportionately. These



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supplies have been arriving from the USA on every convoy. A Salvage yard, as well as excess stock, was left behind by the vacating 26th AFGp. Under the splendid supervision of Sergeant NICHOLAS DeSIMONE, many Italian PW's went to work cleaning up the salvage pile. A large quantity of items were reclaimed, others were carefully packed and returned to the USA.

The requirements of the ATC in this Theatre for their bases at Payne Field and Benghazi have increased tremendously during the past six months. In fact, each month finds their demands reaching higher levels. But the 29 men in Supply keep plugging away, trying to keep up with the average requisitions pouring in daily, as well as with level replacements. Master Sergeant CURTISS H. MCKENZY continuously travels all through the area and warehouses, pushing the supplies along. Master Sergeant HARRY R. WILLIS keeps a watchful eye on the Stock Records Section, and is of great help in evaluating and checking requisitions. The enlisted men of this Section have been efficient, co-operative and resourceful, and the ultimate success of this difficult mission reflects personal credit to them. This is further proof of the high quality of personnel comprising the 571st Service Squadron.

The Transportation Section has gone along month after month, doing its share in fulfilling our main purpose in being at this base. Working under conditions far from ideal for them, with a minimum of equipment and personnel, they have pushed Supplies through, and transported men and equipment to and from detached service. It has been their duty to service all vehicles on the post and keep them in as good condition as possible. This alone is a difficult job, but they have succeeded admirably in "keeping 'em rolling." The Motor Pool has supplied transportation and drivers for the 'Liberty Runs' to nearby camps and towns for the entertainment of the post personnel. These runs have met with enthusiastic response from all concerned and have played a large part in keeping the morale of our men bolstered.

For the first months after activation, the responsibility of the Command Section of the base fell to the Headquarters personnel of this organization. They continued in this capacity until the arrival of the Air Transport Command units, who relieved them of duty, enabling our men to return to the jobs originally intended for them.

The living conditions of the Squadron are good. At one time the Squadron enlisted personnel were quartered in Nissen hutments and in prefabricated barracks, affording ample room to all. Showers and wash houses, as well as latrines, were conveniently located. At the present time all the enlisted men occupy Nissen hutments with ten men to a hut. This has been a decided improvement, it is believed. A consolidated mess is used, combining cooks and mess personnel from all the Squadrons on the post. Italian PW's are utilized as K.P.'s, relieving the Squadrons from assigning men to this necessary but obnoxious duty. Messing conditions on the whole are fair. Complications arose when - without advance notice - a large Squadron of the





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Air Transport Command arrived from the States for duty. Overcrowding resulted, as this field was not equipped to handle a large influx of personnel. A further difficulty arose over the varied attitudes and opinions between the newly arrived men and those who considered themselves "veterans." The ATC men can not be entirely blamed for their attitude. They compared, naturally enough, the facilities of this base with the post they had left in the States. Our men, however, consider present facilities and conveniences "pretty damn good" - especially when compared to what had not been here upon their arrival in 1942. This was strictly a surface irritation, however, and no arguments ever went beyond the verbal stage. Shortly after their arrival, the great majority of the ATC Squadron were transferred from the base, and the situation returned to normal.

Recreational facilities are excellent, considering the location of the base. An open-air theatre offers films practically every night. Recently the quality of film shown has improved considerably, much to the satisfaction of the entire body of personnel. In addition to movies, we have had several USO - Camp Shows. The Red Cross Club maintained for the benefit of the enlisted men is doing a superlative job, despite limited space and equipment. The Squadron has a baseball team, of which it is proud. The team has made an excellent showing both at home and as a visiting team. The proximity of the base to Great Bitter Lake and the Suez Canal makes swimming and boating a valuable morale builder. Some of the men have built boats out of material reclaimed from the junk pile. These boats offer proof, if proof be needed, of the ingenuity of the American boy in improvising assets when apparently none exist. One boat in particular is composed of two discarded P-40 belly tanks, held together with wood bracing. A small electric energizer engine, built up from useless scraps, has been mounted. This boat affords its owners, Sgt ALFRED REVILNO and Sgt JAMES WITTY, as well as the Squadron, much pleasure. Another boat, capable of high speeds and maneuverability utilizes the main pontoon of a wrecked Italian seaplane. The V-type engine used was taken from an Axis vehicle found abandoned in the desert. The men are extremely co-operative in offering the use of their boats to the entire Squadron.

An outstanding individual achievment is represented in our Squadron. While serving as a Private in the 26th Air Depot Group, Sgt MARK B. LESSER was awarded the Soldier's Medal. Participating in an aerial flight in the Middle East as aerial engineer on board a B-24 aircraft, an electrical fire broke out on the lower flight deck of the airplane. Lesser, upon the outbreak of the fire, seized an emergency five gallon can of drinking water and with the assistance of the radio operator succeeded in bringing the fire under control. Through his courage, coolness, and prompt action at the risk of his own life, he was instrumental in preventing destruction of the aircraft and its crew. His complete disregard of personal danger reflects highest credit on himself and the military service. While this incident occurred before Sgt. LESSER became a member of our Squadron, it is believed that he is the type of man found consistently in our organisation.

This is but a simple sketch of the history of the 571st Service Squadron and the men who comprise it. While the Squadron is a young one, it has the advantage of incorporating in it men who have worked and lived together for a long time under conditions that have not always been the best. They are under no illusions as to the importance of their work in the Middle East, and fully realize that although this is not a combat area, their contribution to the war effort is large.



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Until such time as higher authority changes their orders, they shall continue to do their job as they have been doing it in the past - to the best of their combined abilities. And in the word 'combined' lies the success of the smooth functioning of our Squadron.

WILLIAM G. GREENE,
Captain, Air Corps,
Historical Officer.

Note: The facts and figures used in this report were taken from the Official Engineering and Supply records of this Squadron.



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57lst SERVICE SQUADRON
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING OFFICER

5 August, 1944.

SUBJECT: History of the 57lst Service Squadron During July, 1944.

TO: Commanding Officer, Middle East Service Command, A.P.O. 678, U. S. Army.

1. Activation of the 57lst Service Squadron:

a. Date of activation: 17 February, 1944.
b. Place of activation: Deversoir Air Depot, Deversoir, Egypt.
c. Authority for activation: General Order No. 17, Headquarters United States Army Forces in the Middle East, dated 17 February, 1944.
d. Source from which personnel was obtained: Transfer from the 26th Air Depot Group, Deversoir, Egypt.
e. Command of Squadron: From 17 February to 5 August, 1944, GEORGE E. KEGIN, Major, Air Corps.
f. Total strength at activation: 5 Officers, 3 Warrant Officers, 236 Enlisted Men.

(1) Commissioned personnel:

| Month | Increase | Decrease | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| July 1944 | 1 | 0 | 7 |
| August 1944 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

(2) Warrant Officer personnel:

| Month | Increase | Decrease | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| July 1944 | 1 | 0 | 3 |
| August 1944 | 0 | 1 | 2 |

(3) Enlisted personnel:

| Month | Increase | Decrease | Total |
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| July 1944 | 0 | 3 | 228 |
| August 1944 | 0 | 0 | 228 |



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2. Key Personnel:

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| Commanding Officer: | GEORGE E. KEGIN, 0530895, Major, Air Corps, 17 February, 1944 to 5 August, 1944. |
| Executive Officer: | WILLIAM G. GREENE, 0415319, Captain, Air Corps, 17 February, 1944 to 5 August, 1944. |
| Engineering Officer: | WILLIAM R. BRANTLEY, 0475048, First Lieutenant, Air Corps, 17 February, 1944 to 1 March, 1944.<br>WILLIAM R. BRANTLEY, 0475048, Captain, Air Corps, 1 March, 1944 to 5 August, 1944. |
| Medical Officer: | FRANK M. H. SLATER, 0422446, Captain, Medical Corps, 17 February, 1944 to 5 August, 1944. |
| Tech Supply Officer: | ROBERT S. BELLO, 0562506, First Lieutenant, Air Corps, 17 February, 1944 to 20 April, 1944.<br>ROBERT S. BELLO, 0562506, Captain, Air Corps, 20 April, 1944 to 22 April, 1944.<br>JACK L. PHILLIPS, 0566425, Captain, Air Corps, 20 April, 1944 to 5 August, 1944. |
| Squadron Pilot: | MACK O. BASS, JR., 0513349, First Lieutenant, Air Corps, 17 February, 1944 to 5 August, 1944. |
| Squadron Adjutant: | THOMAS L. DAVIDSON, W2124629, Warrant Officer Junior Grade, USA, 17 February, 1944 to 17 July, 1944.<br>CLYDE J. ANDERSON, W2115599, Warrant Officer Junior Grade, USA, 17 July, 1944 to 5 August, 1944. |
| First Sergeant: | SYLVESTER P. FLINT, 31095409, First Sergeant, Air Corps, 17 February, 1944 to 5 August, 1944. |
| Engineering Line Chief: | CARL W. STOMPS, 15040156, Master Sergeant, Air Corps, 17 February, 1944 to 5 August, 1944. |
| Technical Supply Non-Commissioned Officer, AAF: | CURTISS N. ECKERTY, 6637917, Master Sergeant, Air Corps, 17 February, 1944 to 5 August, 1944. |







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3. The month of July 1944 gave promise of being an ordinary month in the work-life of the 571st Service Squadron. Routine repair work was in progress in the Engineering Section. Then along came the Thunderbolts or P-47's as they are known in our Air Force. These had been part of a deck cargo of an American ship that had undergone enemy air attack. Five of the aircraft had been sent to Deversoir for complete assembly. Some of the Thunderbolts had been severely damaged by shrapnel. Sheet metal crews began the repair of ordinary skin holes while the mechanics removed cut lines and other serious defects. Many surfaces controls required complete re-building. At first it was believed that this would hinder the speed of the operation. Solution to this problem was found in using controls from ships not readily put in commission. Another problem was encountered with the lack of necessary parts available in this Theatre. These were the first Thunderbolts worked on by our mechanics - many of whom had never seen this type aircraft except in magazines. The first one to be test-flown was pronounced perfect except for an unnoticed nick in the prop feathering line. This defect caused oil to be sprayed over the windshield, necessitating an instrument landing by the pilot, First Lieutenant MACK G. RASS, Jr. His landing was perfect - the trouble was soon repaired - and the Squadron went on the next ship. As soon as the necessary parts are received it is expected that all these ships will be in the air. The work of the German pilots who were bent on delivering this precious cargo to "Davy Jones" will have been, to a large degree, nullified.

When this job was safely under way, seemingly endless truck convoys began to arrive on the Field. Loaded with huge grey boxes that bore evidence of fire and salt water damage——. The interest of the G.I.'s was aroused but no one was qualified to present a complete story to them. This was not forthcoming for several days, as negotiations went under way between the Squadron CO and the representative of the Russian Government. The boxes had been part of the cargo of an American vessel carrying munitions and equipment to our Allies, Russia. The ship had been torpedoed, the fire had broken out and as a result several cargo compartments were flooded. The damaged cargo was estimated at seven million dollars and had been declared "salvaged material". The Russians, however, could not see this loss without making an effort to at least lessen it. It was in conjunction with this idea that the boxes containing P-39 "Airacobras" were trucked to Deversoir. Final agreement directed all serviceable parts were to be removed and forwarded to Russia for stock.

While all this was going on at Deversoir, it became necessary to send a crew to Benghazi, Libya to inspect a B-26 that had suffered fire damaged due to electrical trouble. The dust storms common to the Benghazi area and the accepted practice of swiping parts for other aircraft contributed heavily to the unflyability of the Marauder. All damaged parts were loaded into the "Shangri-La Express" (Squadron C-47) and flown to Deversoir, where they were rebuilt or duplicated as necessity dictated. A few days later,



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along with the replacement parts for those missing, the "Shangri-La Express" returned to Benghazi to wait for two days while the crew assembled the pieces into a sad looking Marauder. With Lieutenant BASS at the controls the B-26 was airborne and literally "swallowed" the 750 miles to Deversoir in the record time of two hours and fifty-five minutes.

Incidental to this job was the help this small group of men from Deversoir under crew chief, Master Sergeant TINSLEY E. SACRA, offered to some mechanics from another outfit. Due to their experience on the many B-17's they had serviced and worked on at Deversoir, our crew was qualified to perform some highly accurate trouble shooting in a case of engine vibration, which was not bad on the ground but grew extremely dangerous in flight. Prop changes had failed to correct this trouble and the other boys were at a loss as to the cause. Diagnosis was excessive run-out on the prop shaft, due to an apparently slight collision with another aircraft. The trouble some power plant was feathered after the take-off for the flight to Deversoir and a new Engine replacement.

This work, it goes without saying, was accomplished in addition to the more prosaic but equally important normal repair work at the base.

4. During the past 30 days all supply personnel have been working harder than ever, if possible, doing their utmost to facilitate the delivery of supplies to the North African Division, Air Transport Command Stations, which are dependent upon us for spares. Due to the rapid change-over to C-46 aircraft by the ATC in this Theatre and since the supply line still averages 100 days from the U.S.A., spare parts are extremely critical. The ATC has approximately 20 planes out of commission waiting for parts at Air Bases under our jurisdiction. The air waves have been loaded with radiograms to Italy - North Africa - Accra - Abadan - and the United States requesting the necessary items. This increase in the number of aircraft out of commission has necessitated the forming of an "Aircraft out of Commission" section of four men in the Depot. These men check all local resources, initiate correspondence to neighboring Theatres, and expedite the parts to the grounded aircraft. The 22 men from the 95th Depot Repair Squadron are helping tremendously to supplement present strength of 28 men, 1 Chief Warrant Officer, and 1 Captain. The ATC has promised more men to bring this section closer to Depot strength.

5. The Fifth War Loan Drive, during the month of July, was brought to a very successful completion. WOJG THOMAS L. DAVIDSON and a squad of eleven men canvassed everyone in the Squadron and recorded many cash Bond sales in addition to an approximate 50% increase in Class "B" War Bond allotments. The Baby Bonds at $7.50 for a $10.00 bond were very popular, though many of the boys took advantage of the impulse to buy as much as a $100.00 bond per month to further accelerate the arrival of that glorious "V" Day.

WILLIAM G. GREENE,
Captain, Air Corps,
Historical Officer.



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571st SERVICE SQUADRON
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING OFFICER

5 October, 1944.

SUBJECT: History of the 571st Service Squadron during September, 1944.

TO : Commanding Officer, Middle East Service Command, APO 678, U. S. Army, (ATTN: Historical Officer).

1. Activation of the 571st Service Squadron:

a. Date of activation: 17 February, 1944.
b. Place of activation: Deversoir Air Depot, Deversoir, Egypt.
c. Authority for activation: General Order No. 17, Headquarters, United States Army Forces in the Middle East, dated 17 February, 1944.
d. Source from which personnel was obtained: Transfer from 26th Air Depot Group, Deversoir, Egypt.
e. Command of Squadron: From 17 February, 1944 to 5 October, 1944: GEORGE E. KEGIN, Major, Air Corps.
f. Total strength at activation: 5 Officers, 3 Warrant Officers, 236 Enlisted Men.

(1) Commissioned Personnel:

| Month | Increase | Decrease | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| August | 0 | 0 | 7 |
| September | 0 | 0 | 7 |

(2) Warrant Officer Personnel:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| August | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| September | 0 | 0 | 2 |

(3) Enlisted Personnel:

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| August | 0 | 4 | 224 |
| September | 0 | 3 | 221 |



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2. Key Personnel:

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| Commanding Officer: | GEORGE E. KEGIN, 0330895, Major, Air Corps, 17 February to 5 October, 1944. |
| Executive Officer: | WILLIAM G. GREENE, 0415319, Captain, Air Corps, 17 February to 5 October, 1944. |
| Engineering Officer: | WILLIAM R. BRANTLEY, 0475048, First Lieutenant, Air Corps, 17 February to 1 March, 1944. WILLIAM R. BRANTLEY, 0475048, Captain, Air Corps, 1 March to 5 October, 1944. |
| Medical Officer: | FRANK M. B. SLATER, 0422446, Captain, Medical Corps, 17 February to 5 October, 1944. |
| Tech Supply Officer: | ROBERT S. BELLO, 0562506, First Lieutenant, Air Corps, 17 February to 20 April, 1944. ROBERT S. BELLO, 0562506, Captain, Air Corps, 20 April to 22 April, 1944. JACK L. PHILLIPS, 0566425, Captain, Air Corps, 20 April to 26 August, 1944. LUTHER D. BRETT, W2112868, Chief Warrant Officer, USA, 26 August to 5 October, 1944. |
| Squadron Pilot: | MACK C. BASS, JR., 0513349, First Lieutenant, Air Corps, 17 February to 5 October, 1944. |
| Squadron Adjutant: | THOMAS L. DAVIDSON, W2124629, Warrant Officer Junior Grade, USA, 17 February to 17 July, 1944. CLYDE J. ANDERSON, W2115599, Warrant Officer Junior Grade, USA, 17 July to 5 October, 1944. |
| First Sergeant: | SYLVESTER F. FLINT, 31095409, First Sergeant, Air Corps, 17 February to 5 October, 1944. |
| Engineering Line Chief: | CARL W. STOMPS, 15040156, Master Sergeant, Air Corps, 17 February to 5 October, 1944. |
| Hangar Chief: | TINSLEY E. SACRA, 15054855, Master Sergeant, Air Corps, 20 September to 5 October, 1944. |
| Tech Supply Non-Commissioned Officer AAF: | CURTISS N. ECKERTY, 6637917, Master Sergeant, Air Corps, 17 February to 5 October, 1944. |







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Coincident with the Squadron's completion of its move to Payne Field was the completion of one of its most unusual jobs. Four Thunderbolt aircraft, which had been rescued, although badly damaged, from a sinking tanker on which they were being carried as deck cargo until the tanker was hit by a German torpedo, were flown to Teheran and turned over to the original consignee, the Russian Air Force. The planes had been completely repaired at Deversoir, but due to a lack of vertical and horizontal stabilizer parts and certain other parts, all of which had been completely destroyed, the ships were unflyable. Finally, when it became advisable that the planes be moved to Payne Field without further delay, the following action was taken. A single set of all the missing items was borrowed from a British installation which had one Thunderbolt in process of repair. One after another, the airplanes destined for Russia were built up, flown to Payne Field, where the stabilizers and other borrowed parts were removed and flown back to Deversoir in the Squadron C-47, Shangri-La Express, and then the planes were covered up with tarpaulins to wait for the parts that would put them in permanent flight condition. This procedure necessitated sixteen separate flights between the Deversoir Base and Payne Field for both the pilots and the crews charged with the disassembly and reassembly of the single set of parts into all four Thunderbolts. At the completion of the transfer of these aircraft, the stabilizers and other units were returned to the British, with thanks. It was one more example of the co-operation prevailing among American and British soldiers when questions of war effort are involved, and not political discussions between rear echelon commandos in beer gardens.

A day room has already been opened for the men of the Squadron. It is located in the Squadron's assigned area. It is acknowledged to be the most completely equipped individual squadron recreation and writing room on this Port. It was set up by the men themselves, under the direction of Sgt. Harold M. Booth, Special Service non-commisioned officer. A Squadron party was universally hailed as a good idea, and one will be held shortly after the 21st March, which marks 30 months overseas for the great majority of the Squadron's personnel.

WILLIAM G. GREENE,
Captain, Air Corps,
Historical Officer.

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571st AIR SERVICE SQUADRON
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING OFFICER

7 November 1944.

SUBJECT: History of the 571st Air Service Squadron, October 1944.

TO : COMMANDING OFFICER, Middle East Service Command, APO 678, U. S. Army, (Attn: Historical Officer).

1. Activation of the 571st Air Service Squadron:

a. Date of activation: 17 February, 1944.
b. Place of activation: Deversoir Air Depot, Deversoir, Egypt.
c. Authority for activation: General Order No. 17, Headquarters, United States Army Forces in the Middle East, dated 17 February 1944.
d. Source from which personnel was obtained: Transfer from 26th Air Depot Group, Deversoir, Egypt.
e. Command of Squadron: From 17 February 1944 to 7 November 1944: GEORGE E. KLEIN, Major, Air Corps.
f. Total strength at activation: 5 Officers, 3 Warrant Officers, 236 Enlisted Men.

(1) Commissioned Personnel:

| Month | Increase | Decrease | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| September | 0 | 0 | 7 |
| October | 0 | 1 | 6 |

(2) Warrant Officer Personnel:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| September | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| October | 0 | 0 | 2 |

(3) Enlisted Personnel:

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| September | 0 | 3 | 221 |
| October | 0 | 0 | 221 |



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2. Key Personnel:

Commanding Officer: GEORGE E. KEVIN, 0838885, Major, Air Corps, 17 February to 7 November 1944.

Executive Officer: WILLIAM G. GARLAND, 0418819, Captain, Air Corps, 17 February to 7 November 1944.

Engineering Officer: WILLIAM R. BRADLEY, 0475048, First Lieutenant, Air Corps, 17 February to 7 November 1944.
WILLIAM R. BRADLEY, 0475048, Captain, Air Corps, 1 March to 7 November 1944.

Medical Officer: FRANK M. B. GLEIER, 0422446, Captain, Medical Corps, 17 February to 7 November 1944.

Tech Supply Officer: ROBERT S. BELLO, 0862506, First Lieutenant, Air Corps, 17 February to 20 April 1944.
ROBERT S. BELLO, 0862506, Captain, Air Corps, 20 April to 22 April 1944.
JACK L. PHILLIPS, 0886426, Captain, Air Corps, 20 April to 26 August 1944.
LUTHER D. BRATT, W2112868, Chief Warrant Officer, USA, 26 August 1944.

Squadron Pilot: MACK G. MAAS, JR., 0818549, First Lieutenant, Air Corps, 17 February to 7 November 1944.

Squadron Adjutant: THOMAS L. DAVIDSON, W2124625, Warrant Officer Junior Grade, USA, 17 February to 17 July 1944.
CLYDE J. ANDERSON, W2115530, Warrant Officer Junior Grade, USA, 17 July to 7 November 1944.

First Sergeant: SYLVESTER F. FLINT, 31035409, First Sergeant Air Corps, 17 February to 7 November 1944.

Engineering Line Chief: CARL W. STORMS, 18040186, Master Sergeant, Air Corps, 17 February to 7 November 1944.

Hangar Chief: TINSLEY E. LACHA, 18054855, Master Sergeant, Air Corps, 20 September to 7 November 1944.

Tech Supply Non-Commissioned Officer AAF: CURTIS N. DOHERTY, 6037917, Master Sergeant, Air Corps, 17 February to 7 November 1944.





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3. The month of October brought no especially interesting work to the men of this squadron, in the sense of the dramatic or colorful. There were no detached service assignments, such as had brightened the schedules of the several preceding months. Instead, there were C-46's. Not just one or two, or even one or two dozen of the big babies, but a seemingly unending procession of them, all stricken with the same disease - leaky tanks.

At first, individual crews were assigned to the entire job on each aircraft, including removal of the wing, pulling the tanks, and replacing them after sloshing with a special anti-leak compound which was flown in from the States in response to the many U.R.'s flooding back there on this engineering trouble. But the number of C-46 aircraft coming down here from or through Payne Field for this type of work caused an immediate alteration in this original procedure. A mass-production technique was developed in short order.

By means of a block and tackle set-up, and the standardization of the sloshing operation so that it was performed in the same way every time, Sgt. Edmund A. Stevens, this squadron, managed to wangle the dirty job for himself and his crew. Though their work is normally the repair and installation of tires, tubes, and rubber dinghies in aircraft, and they continued handling that job as well, it soon became possible for the line crews to concentrate their energies on speeding up their technique in wing-changing and tank-pulling and replacement, while the sloshing crew and their Italian prisoner help took care of the sloshing with the special fluid.

Base Engineering then assigned a second crew to this same job, under another 571st NCO, T/Sgt. Harold Conaway. They now work a swing shift in what used to be the West Hangar and is now the Tank Hangar. Between these two crews of mixed 571st Service Squadron and 95th Repair Squadron personnel, the C-46 leaky tank menace has now been brought under control to such an extent that it is possible to drive up to the hangar with your old leaky tanks, unload them, and pick up a new set - just like that. Most of the time, anyway. There are still a hell of a lot of leaky 46's in this area, Everybody hopes somebody's doing something about it, somewhere!

Meanwhile, the Supply Section has been kept hopping in the plenty tremendous task of seeing that enough new tanks and enough gallons of sloshing compound materialize at this base to keep the line boys happy. Their logistics problem is a tough one, but so far the right stuff has been at the right place at the right time, and in cooperation with the men of the 95th Repair Squadron, the boys are keeping them flying instead of leaking.

Another project that has been long pending at this base, namely the new consolidated mess, was finally marked "completed" during the month of October. Due to efforts on their part above and beyond the call of their supervising officer, the group of 571st men who handled the construction and installation of equipment turned in a superlative job.

Steel trays are now washed in a regular washer, just like back in the States, making local G.I.'s lot somewhat happier, in the cuisine side of life, than it has ever before been during their past two years of eating jumbled-up conglomerations out of appropriately-named "mess kits". A walk-in ice box, four large sinks with hot and cold water, four oil-burner ranges complete with fume-exhaust hoods and fans, and three steam tables which keep the chow hot while it is being ladled out to the passing soldiers, complete the ensemble.



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All this was set up from materials on issue, scrounge able, and, since this document is secret, swipeable from wherever necessary, under the direction of S/Sgt. Allen K. King. His helpers included Sgt. James E. Quarz, and Cpl. Charles H. Askew. The construction of sheet metal equipment was handed to M/Sgt. Ralph G. Gillmor, Sgt. Clement O. Groan, and Sgt. Ralph Lyons. These men also installed the particular equipment they fabricated in the mess building. Then Cpl. Louis R. Mango painted the whole works.

Capt. William G. Greene, this Squadron, was the officer responsible, and gave his blessing to the unorthodox methods which got the job so well done. Nobody's screamed yet, so it's presumable that nothing of any great importance to anyone else has been appropriated by his boys.

The October 28, 1944 issue of The Saturday Evening Post carried an article in its Report To The Editors column concerning an aircraft which was put in the air, after a crash landing on automatic pilot at Abu Zubal, Egypt, by men on detached service from this Squadron. Sgt. George L. Perlin, this Squadron, wrote the piece.

WILLIAM G. GREENE,
Captain, Air Corps,
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HEADQUARTERS
571st Air Service Squadron

6 March 1945.

SUBJECT: History of the 571st Air Service Squadron during January and February 1945.

TO : Commanding Officer, Middle East Service Command, APO 678, U. S. Army. (ATTN: Historical Officer).

1. Activation of the 571st Air Service Squadron:

a. Date of activation: 17 February 1944.
b. Place of activation: Deversoir Air Depot, Deversoir, Egypt.
c. Authority for activation: General Order No. 17, Headquarters, United States Army Forces in the Middle East, dated 17 February 1944.
d. Source from which personnel was obtained: Transfer from 26th Air Depot Group, Deversoir, Egypt.
e. Command of Squadron: From 17 February 1944 to 6 March 1945: GEORGE E. KEGIN, Major, Air Corps.
f. Total strength at activation: 5 Officers, 3 Warrant Officers, 236 Enlisted Men.

(1) Commissioned Personnel:

| Month | Increase | Decrease | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| January | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| February | 0 | 0 | 6 |

(2) Warrant Officer Personnel:

| | | | |
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| January | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| February | 0 | 1 | 1 |

(3) Enlisted Personnel:

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| January | 0 | 2 | 210 |
| February | 0 | 2 | 208 |



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2. Key Personnel:

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| Commanding Officer: | GEORGE E. KEOIN, 0330895, Major, Air Corps, 17 February 1944 to 5 March 1945. |
| Executive Officer: | WILLIAM G. GREENE, 0415319, Captain, Air Corps, 17 February 1944 to 5 March 1945. |
| Engineering Officer: | WILLIAM R. BRANTLEY, 0475048, First Lieutenant, Air Corps, 17 February to 1 March 1944.<br>WILLIAM R. BRANTLEY, 0475048, Captain, Air Corps, 1 March 1944 to 30 December 1944.<br>IRVING ASEL, 0854314, Captain, Air Corps, 13 December 1944 to 5 March 1945. |
| Medical Officer: | FRANK M. B. SLATER, 0422446, Captain, Medical Corps, 17 February 1944 to 5 March 1945. |
| Tech Supply Officer: | ROBERT S. BELLO, 0562506, First Lieutenant, Air Corps, 17 February 1944 to 20 April 1944.<br>ROBERT S. BELLO, 0562506, Captain, Air Corps, 20 April 1944 to 22 April 1944.<br>JACK L. PHILLIPS, 0566425, Captain, Air Corps, 20 April 1944 to 26 August 1944.<br>LUTHER D. BRETT, W2112868, Chief Warrant Officer, USA, 26 August 1944 to 5 March 1945. |
| Squadron Pilots: | MACK G. BASS, JR., 0513349, First Lieutenant, Air Corps, 17 February 1944 to 5 March 1945.<br>FOSTER P. HAYLES, 0542303, First Lieutenant, Air Corps, 16 June 1944 to 5 March 1945. |
| Squadron Adjutant: | THOMAS L. DAVIDSON, W2124629, Warrant Officer Junior Grade, USA, 17 February 1944 to 17 July 1944.<br>CLYDE J. ANDERSON, W2115899, Warrant Officer Junior Grade, USA, 17 July 1944 to 17 February 1945. |
| First Sergeant: | SYLVESTER F. FLINT, 31095409, First Sergeant, Air Corps, 17 February 1944 to 12 January 1945.<br>MYRON H. PIERCE, 20144282, 12 January 1945 to 5 March 1945. |
| Engineering Line Chief: | CARL W. STOMPS, 15040156, Master Sergeant, Air Corps, 17 February 1944 to 5 March 1945. |
| Hanger Chief: | TINSLEY E. SACRA, 15064855, Master Sergeant, Air Corps, 20 September 1944 to 5 March 1945. |
| Tech Supply Non-Commissioned Officer AAF: | CURTISS N. ECKERTY, 6637917, Master Sergeant, Air Corps, 17 February 1944 to 5 March 1945. |



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3. The months of January and February of 1945 were months of change for the men of the 871st Air Service Squadron. Major George S. Regin announced, in a talk he gave the men at pay assembly on the last day of 1944, that orders had been received confirming the long-anticipated evacuation of Deversoir Air Base. The Royal Air Force was taking over the patch of ground that had grown so familiar to most of the men of the 871st in 2 years of living and building and working. What had been a blank expanse of flat and featureless desert had become something quite different to the soldiers who had spent so much time creating the many comforts that Americans seem to be able to devise from scraps and tatters of their own and enemy equipment. With a bottle of beer tied to the steering wheel, the P-40 gasoline tank that had become a motor-boat in the hands of Sgts. Albred B. Revling and James E. Mity took its final plunge to the bottom of Great Bitter Lake. She wasscuttled by her owners, after a year and more of faithful service. As though reluctant to sink, the nose of the boat remained above water, due to trapped air. A sharp blow with a hand-axe, the air whistled out, and down she went, leaving a very real sense of loss in the hearts of her crew, standing by. That event was more or less symbolic of the attitude of all the Squadron's men. Each of them was leaving something of himself at Deversoir. It was a place he had helped to build, a place that had done well for the Allied cause in the war, quietly and efficiently and ingeniously, unperturbed by the griping of the men who found fault with its isolation from all things civilized. And those who griped as they worked at their jobs, who hated Deversoir's dust and sand and flies, and the cold of working all night on the combat aircraft and then later, the swarms of transports; those who in their hearts believed they hated Deversoir above all other spots on earth, were surprised to find, as they loaded up in trucks and rolled away for the last time, that it was a funny feeling in their chests, indeed. Deversoir, hail and farewell!

About half the strength of the 871st moved up to Payne Field during January. The transfer was made gradually, so that neither equipment nor manpower would be all tied up at one time, as would have been the case with a mass move. The men who remained at Deversoir repaired the remaining aircraft there, boxed up equipment and supplies, and supplied the personnel for the transport of all the movable housing facilities to the new station. As new groups of men arrived from Deversoir, with the men of the 98th Depot Repair Squadron, they were assigned to crews and shops and departments which operated as smoothly and efficiently as if no change of station were being carried out. By the end of February, the entire Squadron was billeted and working at Payne Field.

During the time the group of men who remained at Deversoir were there, their station became for a few days one of the most celebrated spots on earth. The President of the United States, high American officials and diplomats, and the kings of several Arab countries and of Ethiopia, together with their advisers and ministers, all journeyed there to hold a series of conferences. The President's C-54 came in with an escort of P-38s and other fighter aircraft, the seal of secrecy was put on every soldier's lips by the F.B.I.; all entry and exit possibilities for persons and information, respectively, were eliminated. The conferences were held, and it is a tribute to the good sense of the men involved that no more than a dim rumour, widely ridiculed, of these great events ever came forth from Deversoir, until the meeting were at an end, and the President and his guests safely on their way.



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Coincident with the Squadron's completion of its move to Payne Field was the completion of one of its most unusual jobs. Four Thunderbolt aircraft, which had been rescued, although badly damaged, from a sinking tanker on which they were being carried as deck cargo until the tanker was hit by a German torpedo, were flown to Teheran and turned over to the original consignees, the Russian Air Force. The planes had been completely repaired at Deversoir, but due to a lack of vertical and horizontal stabilizer parts and certain other parts, all of which had been completely destroyed, the ships were unflyable. Finally, when it became advisable that the planes be moved to Payne Field without further delay, the following action was taken. A single set of all the missing items was borrowed from a British installation which had one Thunderbolt in process of repair. One after another, the airplanes destined for Russia were built up, flown to Payne Field, where the stabilizers and other borrowed parts were removed and flown back to Deversoir in the Squadron C-47, Shangri-La Express, and then the planes were covered up with tarpaulins to wait for the parts that would put them in permanent flight condition. This procedure necessitated sixteen separate flights between the Deversoir Base and Payne Field for both the pilots and the crews charged with the disassembly and reassembly of the single set of parts into all four Thunderbolts. At the completion of the transfer of these aircraft, the stabilizers and other units were returned to the British, with thanks. It was one more example of the co-operation prevailing among American and British soldiers when questions of war effort are involved, and not political discussions between rear echelon commandos in beer gardens.

A day room has already been opened for the men of the Squadron. It is located in the Squadron's assigned area. It is acknowledged to be the most completely equipped individual squadron recreation and writing room on this Post. It was set up by the men themselves, under the direction of Sgt. Harold M. Booth, Special Service non-commisioned officer. A Squadron party was universally hailed as a good idea, and one will be held shortly after the 31st March, which marks 30 months overseas for the great majority of the Squadron's personnel.

WILLIAM G. GREENE,
Captain, Air Corps,
Historical Officer.

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Outline History, 571st Air Service Squadron, 63rd Air Depot Group, Payne Field, Egypt.

Months of March, April, 1945. Prepared by Meaden L. Stinson, W0JG, USA.

a. Original Unit

1. Designation: 571st Air Service Squadron.
2. Place of Organization: Deversoir, Egypt.
3. Date of Organization: 17 February 1944.
4. Authority for Organization: General Order No. 17, Hqs, USAFIME, dated 17 February 1944.
5. Source from which personnel was obtained: Transfer from 26th Air Depot Group, Deversoir, Egypt.

b. Changes in Organization:

1. Designation:
2. Place of reorganization:
3. Date of reorganization:
4. Authority for reorganization:

c. Strength, Commissioned and Enlisted

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. At beginning of March | 6 | 0 | 1 W/O | 208 EM |
| 2. Net Decrease: | 3 | 0 | | 42 EM |
| 3. At End of April | 3 | 0 | 1 W/O | 166 EM |

d. Stations (permanent or temporary) of unit or parts thereof:

1. Deversoir, Egypt: Date of Activation: 17 February 1944
   Date of Departure: 22 January 1945

   Payne Field, Egypt: Date of Arrival: 22 January 1945

e. Marches: None

f. Campaigns: None

g. Battles: None

h. Commanding Officers in important engagements: None
(Unit has had the following Commanding Officers: Maj. George E. Kegin, 17 Feb 1944 - 20 March 1945; 1st Lt. Mach G. Bass Jr., 20 March 1945 - to date.)

i. Losses in Action: None

j. Former and present members who have distinguished themselves in action: None

k. Photographs: None

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March and April, 1945, were for the 571st Air Service Squadron, months of adaptation. New responsibilities and conditions came into existence with the activation of the Cairo Air Depot on 1 March, 1945. For the first 20 days of March, Major Regin retained command of the 571st in addition to his duties as Acting Depot Commander. On 20 March, 1945, 1st Lt. Mack G. Bass became CO of the 571st Air Service Squadron. The announcement that Lt. Bass was now the "Squadron Old Man" was a pleasant one to Major Regins men. As Chief Test Pilot of the Squadron, Lt. Bass was already well known to and respected by all personnel. The continuation of Major Regin's command through the Squadron's absorption into the larger structure of the Cairo Air Depot was also highly acceptable news to the men who had served with him as Commanding Officer during so many months.

The work the Squadron was assigned remained similar to its previous work. Mostly C-46 wing- and tank-changes, but occasional other work on several types of aircraft, and a number of detached service assignments at distant landing grounds and bases in AMET, describes the schedule during March and April fairly well. At first it was a tough job to keep ahead of the line crews in supplying them with repaired fuel tanks for the planes stacked up on the line for leaky tank and tank modification troubles. But the assignment of extra men to the Tank Department, in charge of S/Sgt. Edmund A. Stevens, this Squadron, and the development of an "assembly line" technique there, kept the tanks moving through in sufficient numbers to handle the job. No planes were held up for lack of repaired replacement tanks, thanks to the efficient function of this department.

On 20 March, 1945, and in accordance with AMET directive of that date, some of the Squadron's personnel were assigned to sundry other Squadrons within the framework of the 63rd Air Depot Group. Though these men moved to other living quarters as they were reassigned, they continued to work on the same crews as formerly and with their old buddies. The change was accomplished smoothly, both as regards living quarters and the formation and organization of the new squadrons, which took up their individual functions at once.

Detached service missions in which the 571st Air Service Squadron's personnel took part were varied assignments. The work required ranged from C-46 engine changes at Benghazi, to major structural repairs on P-38 aircraft forced down in the desert near Mersa Matruh. One group of 63rd ADG men, numbering among them 5 line mechanics who are members of the 571st, remained at the Benghazi air base for 2 weeks when sent up there for a C-46 engine change. Every time they'd get their work cleared up so they could return to Payne Field another ship would come in requiring immediate attention and they'd stay on. In all they completed 5 engine changes, in addition to other work, before they returned on 12 April, 1945.

On 30 April, 1945, announcement was made of the fact that 20 men of the 571st Air Service Squadron were being replaced by men from the U.S., on the rotation program. The news was hailed by all the Squadron's personnel, either because each individual soldier was celebrating his own return to the U.S. in the near future, or because he was wishing his more fortunate buddies Bon voyage. Spirits went up and beer went down. But it is definite that morale climbed considerably in the Squadron's ranks as a result of this new evidence of the Rotation Plan's effectiveness.



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Great interest is being shown by the men of this Squadron in the progress of the European War. They are conscious of the possible effects of German capitulation on their future function in the war picture. With two Months of working together at this base behind them, they rightfully feel that they are set up to handle anything that is likely to come their way. The organization is created, and operating as a single unit, though the 65rd AEG is now composed of various squadrons, the men feel themselves to be all in the same outfit. Their similarity in backgrounds and amount of overseas time and experience with the men of the 95th Depot Repair Squadron, from which with the 571st Air Service Squadron, all the newer squadrons have been formed, have been invaluable aids to co-operation and successful work.

W. L. STINSON,
WOJG, USA,
Unit Historical Officer.

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Outline History, 77lst Air Service Squadron, 63d Air Depot Group, Payne Field, Egypt.

Months of May, June 1945. Prepared by Gordon L. Hixson, 2nd Lt (Jg), USNR.

a. Original Unit

1. Designation: 77lst Air Service Squadron.
2. Place of Organization: Heverotin, Egypt.
3. Date of Organization: 17 February 1944.
4. Authority for Organization: General Order No. 17, Hq, NATAF, dated 17 February 1944.
5. Source from which personnel were obtained: Payne Field from 26th Air Depot Group, Heverotin, Egypt.

b. Changes in Organization:

1. Designation:
2. Place of reorganization:
3. Date of reorganization:
4. Authority for reorganization:

c. Strength, Commissioned and Enlisted

1. At beginning of May 3 0 1 1/0 166 2
2. Net increase 2
3. At End of June 3 0 1 1/0 138 0

d. Stations (movement or temporary) of unit or units thereof:

1. Heverotin, Egypt: Date of Activation: 17 Feb 1944
Date of Departure: 22 Jan 1945
Payne Field, Egypt: Date of Arrival: 22 Jan 1945

e. Marches: None

f. Campaigns: None

g. Battles: None

H. Commanding Officers in important engagements: None
(Unit has had the following Commanding Officers: Maj. Geo. A. Regin, 17 Feb 1944 - 20 March 1945; 1st Lt. Mack W. Bass, Jr. 20 March 1945 - 9 May 1945; Maj. Beverly E. Holmes, 9 May 1945 - 26 May 1945; 1st Lt. Mack W. Bass, Jr., 26 May 1945 to date.)

i. Losses in action: None

j. Former and present members who have distinguished themselves in action: None

k. Photographs: None

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War Diary, 87ist Air Service Squadron, 63d Air Depot Group, APO 486, c/o Postmaster, New York, New York.

Months of May and June 1945. Prepared by Meaden L. Stinson, WO(JG), USN.

| DAY | EVENTS |
|---|---|
| May 1. | T/Sgt. Harry R. Willis was sent to the 11th General Depot at Casablanca on TDY. 19 EM, replacements under the rotation program were transferred into this Squadron from Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron. They were T/Sgt. Lester W. Watson, S/Sgt. Walter G. Bailey, S/Sgt. Johnie L. Carter, S/Sgt. Howard F. Peters, S/Sgt. Edward J. Stivel, S/Sgt. George R. Wikle, Sgt. Richard I. Dahl, Sgt. Melvin E. Dunlap, Sgt. Robert G. Farnum, Sgt. Ernest S. Mikos, Sgt. J. R. Kirkpatrick, Sgt. Clyde S. Perkins, Sgt. Paul R. Bailey, Cpl. Philip A. Davis, Cpl. Arthur F. Mafiel, Cpl. Paul E. Miller, Cpl. J. J. Pappaterra, Pvt. Willie B. Kimbrell and Pvt. Edward J. Kimball. |
| | 2. Cpl. Harper L. McIntosh was transferred from the 87ist to the 326d Supply Squadron and Pvt. John D. Frith was transferred from the 326d Supply Squadron to the 87ist Air Service Squadron. |
| | 3. 1st Lt. Ichiro D. Okamura joined the organization today relieving Capt. Slater at the Base Dispensary. The movie for this evening was "The Unseen". |
| | 4. One of our most respected EM, M/Sgt. Curtis N. Eckerety, was awarded the "Legion of Merit" at a ceremony on the Post Parade Grounds. M/Sgt. Eckerety was awarded the medal for his meritorious work in setting up and maintaining Depot Supply during 1942 and 1943. |
| | 5. T/Sgt. Charles Harris was sent to Lydda, Palestine, on TDY. The movie tonight was "The Trail From The East". |
| | 6. Cpl. Philip Davis and Pfc. James Cline returned from the hospital today. The movie playing at the Post Theater was "Brewsters Millions". |
| | 7. Today as well as being Unofficial VE Day seemed to be a big furlough day as 11 EM "took-off" on furloughs. They were T/Sgt. Robert Milbourn, Sgt. Harold Albrecht, Sgt. Sidney Flom, Sgt. Ralph Lyons, Sgt. Dale Smith, Cpl. Norman Stzweller and Cpl. Charles Hubbard. |
| | 8. V-Day today brought much celebrating from all men in the squadron. T/Sgt. Charles Harris returned from TDY at Lydda and 3 EM, Sgt. Appelbaum, Sgt. Moore, and Cpl. Caselman returned from furlough. The movie at the Theater was "Leave It To Blondie". |
| | 9. A change of CO's was the important occurrence today as 1st Lt. Mack G. Bass Jr. was relieved by Maj. Beverly W. Holmes who came to us from the 95th Depot Repair Sq. Lt. Bass has been with the squadron a long time and is very popular with all the men. Although no longer Commanding Officer, Lt. Bass will stay in the squadron. |
| | 10. Lt. Mack G. Bass Jr. was sent to Casablanca on TDY. In the evening the entire squadron was marched down to the Post Theater where they were shown the V E Day Film "2 Down and 1 To Go". |
| | 11. 7 men were sent to 2 Stations on TDY. S/Sgt. Joseph Mayburg, Sgt. George Perlin, and Cpl. Bernard Zollo were sent to Benghazi, Libya. Lt. Foster Hayles, S/Sgt. Vivian Clisby, S/Sgt. August Biwer, and Cpl. David Turner were sent to Accra. |
| | 12. S/Sgt. George Vinlotis joined the organization replacing S/Sgt. Fred Trimble who was a key man in the Flight Test Section. |
| | 13. This evening brought the first of 2 rainstorms to the field. Many of the buildings on the Post were flooded but, fortunately our own area suffered little damage. |

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May 14. Tonight brought the 2nd deluge to this area. This time there was much more damage to our immediate area. The Supply Hut was washed off its' foundation and smashed into the corner of the Orderly Room blocking the entrance on one side. One barracks suffered similar damage.

15. Today was a day of general house cleaning for the whole Squadron. Huts were G.I.'d and clothing and bedding was put out in the sunlight to dry. In the afternoon 13 replaced EM were shipped to the Casual Center at Ruckstep to await transportation to the states. Those getting the lucky break were M/Sgt. Curtis M. Eckerty, M/Sgt. Ralph O. Gillmor, T/Sgt. Harold G. Conaway, T/Sgt. Edward H. Lott, S/Sgt. Alfred Miller, S/Sgt. Robert F. Earls, S/Sgt. Harry Rosofsky, Sgt. Charles L. Baxendale, Sgt. Frank Boyer, Sgt. Marle B. Campbell, Sgt. James F. Cavalier, Sgt. Raymond C. Larson, Sgt. James F. Quarz, Cpl. Ernest G. Christensen, Cpl. Charles T. Claycomb, Cpl. George R. Klipp, Pvt. Charles V. Clevenger, and Pvt. John D. Frith.

16. Things were pretty well under control today but restoring the 2 huts, which were washed aside, to their normal positions will take some time yet. Another casualty of the storm was the Post PX which is now closed due to damage suffered from the storm.

17. S/Sgt. Ruel L. Carmichael and Sgt. Kenneth F. Mann were relieved from duty today and are starting on their journey back to the U.S. 3 other EM were relieved from duty pending assignment to Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, 8th A.D.C., at Accra and it is believed that their ultimate destination is the U.S. The three are Sgt. Frederick J. Schnabel, Sgt. Fredrick H. Weinrich and Pfc. Charles C. Cramer.

18. Our new Commanding Officer, Maj. Beverly W. Holmes, left today for TDY at Alexandria, Egypt.

19. Sgt. George L. Berlin and Cpl. Bernard C. Zollo returned from Benghazi, Libya, where they had been on TDY.

20. The high spot today was a lecture given by Lowell Thomas, the noted commentator, at the Post Theater. Mr. Thomas, who was on his way to CBI, gave a very interesting talk and it was appreciated very much by all who attended.

21. Our former Commanding Officer, now Chief Test Pilot for the Depot, returned from TDY at Casablanca where he had been since May 9th. (1st Lt. Mack G. Bass Jr.)

22. 5 new EM from the states joined the organization today from Hq & Hq Sq of the Depot. They were M/Sgt. John C. Begley, Cpl. Edgar L. Allen, Cpl. James M. DeFranco, Pfc. Salvatore J. Carricato and Pfc. Vern J. Klubs. Sgt. Frederick J. Schnabel, Sgt. Fredrick H. Weinrich and Pfc. Charles C. Cramer were shipped to 1200th AAF Base Unit CBAD ATC and will go home as had been expected.

23. 3 new EM came into the Squadron today. Sgt. John W. Gilmore, Pvt. Raymond L. Wolf, came from Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron and Pfc. John W. Young was transferred from the 323d Supply Squadron.

24. Our Commanding Officer, Maj. Beverly W. Holmes, returned from TDY at Alexandria. The movie at the Post Theater was "The Corn Is Green".

25. Sgt. Harold F. Fisher, our Supply Sergeant, went on furlough today. The movie this evening was "Hotel Berlin".

26. This evening the movie was "Du Barry Was A Lady".

27. M/Sgt. Carl W. Stomps and Cpl. James H. Throckmorton were released from duty and assigned to the Casual Center at Ruckstep to await transportation to the U. S. Lt. Foster Hayles, S/Sgt. August Siwer, S/Sgt. Vivian Clisby and Cpl. David Turner returned from TDY at Accra, British West Africa. M/Sgt. Harry R. Willis returned from TDY at the 11th General Depot, Casablanca, French Morrocco.



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May 28. Maj. Beverly W. Holmes, our Commanding Officer is relieved from duty and appointed Depot Engineering Officer. Maj. Holmes had been our CO since 9 May 1943. Lt. Mack G. Bass Jr. who had been our CO prior to Maj. Holmes is again appointed Commanding Officer of the 571st.

29. 5 more new men were assigned to the organization from Hq. & Hq. Sq. They were S/Sgt. Ernest R. Dixon, Cpl. August A. Hoerr, Pfc. James D. Loope, Pfc. Howard D. McKee and Pfc. Henry J. Pathgeber. The movie at the Post Theater was "It's a Pleasure"

30. Cpl. Grover A. Birmingham is released from assignment and assigned to Hq. & Hq. Sq. 8th Air Depot Group, Accra for the purpose of returning to the U. S. with the original 8th.

31. Sgt. George Rayner and Miss Muriel Melville, a British WREN, were married in the Post Chapel. Sgt. Rayner is well liked by the men in the Squadron and many were on hand to wish him the best on this occasion.

June 1. Sgt. Harold Fisher, the Squadron Supply Sergeant, returned from furlough. The movie this evening was "Patrick the Great".

2. The new Mess Hall, Mess Hall # 3, opened today. It is to be used primarily by the Depot and all the men were glad to see it open as conditions in the Mess Hall the men had been using were rather poor. Furloughs and passes were closed for all Depot personnel until further notice. The movie tonight was "Bathing Beauty".

3. Pfc. Louis Birt returned from TDY at Lydda, Palestine, where he had been for the past 6 days.

4. The movie this evening was "The Clock".

5. The movie this evening was "Escape in The Desert".

6. M/Sgt. Begley and S/Sgt. Vinlotis were sent on TDY to Abadan on the Persian Gulf. Sgt. James Picone was sent on TDY to Sicily and Cpl. Bernard Zollo was sent on TDY to Italy. The movie tonight was "God Is My Co-Pilot".

7. 8 more EM come into the Squadron under the rotation policy; S/Sgt. Leo S. Frankowski, S/Sgt. Donald C. Callender, Sgt. James T. Browning Jr., Cpl. William T. Howe, Cpl. Frederick J. Manning, Pfc. Leslie L. Bybee, Pfc. Allan D. Bailey, Pfc. Paul H. Massey. And, M/Sgt. Begley and S/Sgt. Vinlotis returned from Abadan. An all colored USO show was presented at the Post Theater tonight.

8. Cpl. Axel Palludan who had been on TS enroute to join, reported to the Squadron today. The movie tonight was "Roxie Hart".

9. The movie this evening was "Back Street".

10. 11 more EM join organization from Hq. & Hq. Sq. They are, M/Sgt. Manuel J. Lozano, M/Sgt. Aaron H. Prichard, M/Sgt. Ward L. Trotter, T/Sgt. Albert A. Assidio, S/Sgt. William L. Bates, S/Sgt. Lawrence F. Bolbecker, S/Sgt. Irving A. Larsen, S/Sgt. Augusto Marin Jr., S/Sgt. William F. Pickett, Sgt. Wayne J. Brunnet and Cpl. Charlie C. Gonzales.

11. Passes and furloughs are opened again subject to approval by Headquarters. The movie this evening was "Bring On The Girls".

12. S/Sgt. Joseph Rayburg was sent on TDY to Headimatrun, Egypt. The movie tonight was "Salty O'Rourke".

13. S/Sgt. Rayburg returned from TDY at Headimatrun. Cpl. Robert M. Calhoun, Cpl. Clay V. Tate, Cpl. Mordaunt P. Wilmott, Pfc. Joseph A. Leone, and Pvt. Joseph R. Rizzo were assigned to the Squadron from Hq. & Hq. Sq.

14. A fleet of 12 P-61 Black Widows came on the field putting on about a half hours show before landing.

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June 15. 8 EM were promoted today. The EM and their new ranks are, M/Sgt. Robert L. Milbourn, T/Sgt. Nile Sawyer, T/Sgt. Daniel W. Johnson Jr., Sgt. Owen E. Moberly Sgt. Joseph E. Petty and Sgt. Bernard C. Zollo. 11 men were relieved from duty and assigned to Hq., MESC, CRBN, to await transportation to the U. S. They were M/Sgt. Orlando Ferraina, M/Sgt. Linsley R. Sacra, M/Sgt. Harry H. Willis, T/Sgt. Robert B. Self Jr., S/Sgt. August B. Siwer, S/Sgt. Harry E. Berger, S/Sgt. Jonnie Soares, S/Sgt. George J. Reimers, Sgt. George W. Perlis, Sgt. Joseph F. Smith and Pfc. Dennis J. Joyce. In the evening there was a Stage Show by the Casablanca Band at the Post Theater.

16. S/Sgt. Howard R. Peter left for Robins Field, Georgia, where he will be on duty for approximately 21 days. The movie tonight was "Miracle of Morgan's Creek".

17. The movie this evening was "Salty O'Rourke".

18. The USO Show "Ten Little Indians" was presented at the Post Theater.

19. Pfc. [illegible] B. Gorman Jr. entered the hospital today.

20. Notice was received today to drop from the rolls Cpl. Donald Sturtevant, who was home on TDY. It was a lucky break for Cpl. Sturtevant as he now will probably stay in the U.S. Speaking of the U. S. 24 more old men in our squadron have been relieved of duty and sent to the Casual Center at Camp Mackstep for transportation to the states. EM concerned are T/Sgt. Charles . Harris, S/Sgt. James M. Crozier, S/Sgt. William D. Davis Jr., S/Sgt. Mitchell C. Hartley, S/Sgt. Howard R. McBee, S/Sgt. Leland E. Nelson, S/Sgt. Norbert C. Tollerson, Sgt. Robert E. Douglas, Sgt. Donald R. Fenton, Sgt. Andrew P. Jensen, Cpl. Charles E. Askew, Cpl. Bob G. Benson, Cpl. Jack T. Brown, Cpl. Travis W. Carr, Cpl. Nathan R. Chandler, Cpl. Delbert W. Hunter, Cpl. Marion E. Leisy, Cpl. Joseph E. Manley, Cpl. Henry F. McLaughlin Jr., Cpl. John L. Morel Jr., Cpl. Olen K. Schwede, Cpl. Jimmie G. Slater, Cpl. Pete Travis and Cpl. Elbert Wilson.

21. S/Sgt. William H. Waterman was relieved from duty and assigned to the Casual Center at Camp Mackstep. Sergeant Waterman is going back to the states under the new WD ruling affecting men over 40 years old.

22. Cpl. Bernard Zollo returned from Italy where he had been since June 6th on TDY. This evening the movie was "What A Blonde".

23. Sgt. Ralph Lyons was relieved from duty and sent to Camp Mackstep to start his journey back to the U. S. 3 EM were assigned to the Squadron today being released from the 31dth Air Service Squadron. They were Cpl. Edmund F. Gutkoski, Cpl. Troy H. Haynes and Pfc. Walter Tanaka. 6 EM of the 57lst were assigned to other squadrons within the Depot. The men involved and their new squadrons are Pvt. Frank Amodio and Pvt. Harry Davis to Hq. & Hq. Sq., S/Sgt. Edmund A. Stevens to 90th Depot Repair Squadron, Sgt. Lawrence K. Miles to 323d Depot Supply Squadron and M/Sgt. Kermit H. Prichard and Pfc. John W. Young to the 61dth Air Service Squadron.

24. Sgt. James J. Pirone returned from Canicatti, Sicily, where he had been on TDY since June 6th. 9 more EM were sent to the Casual Center at Camp Mackstep. The 9 men were T/Sgt. Nathaniel C. Andrews, S/Sgt. Benson C. Bentley, S/Sgt. Elias B. Corley, Sgt. Dale L. Smith, Cpl. Wayne L. Anderson, Cpl. David W. Turner, Pfc. Louis J. Sirt, Pfc. Edwin J. Havel and Pfc. H. B. Reed.

25. This evening the movie was "Tonight And Every Night".

26. Pvt. Howard J. Kinsell returned from PMAC, Cairo where he had been on TDY. The movie at the Post Theater was "Without Love".

27. Cpl. Edwin A. Schemer reported back for duty after spending 6 days in the hospital. The movie for this evening was "Keep Your Powder Dry".



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June 28. Cpl. Reuben J. Ekse returned to duty after enjoying a 3 day pass. The movie for this evening was the same as yesterday.

29. M/Sgt. John C. Begley and Cpl. Philip A. Davis departed today on temporary duty at Khartoum, Anglo-Egyptian Sudan. E.N.S.A. presented a three act play at the Post Theater tonight.

30. M/Sgt. John C. Begley and Cpl. Philip A. Davis returned to the squadron today, two days early, from Khartoum, Anglo-Egyptian Sudan.

Alton G. Ekse JR.,
Captain, Air Corps,
Commanding.

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Outline History, 671st Air Service Squadron, 63d Air Depot Group, Payne Field, Egypt.

Months of July, August 1945. Prepared by Meeden L. Stinson, WO(JG), USA.

A. Original Unit

1. Designation: 671st Air Service Squadron.
2. Place of Organization: Deversoir, Egypt.
3. Date of Organization: 17 February 1944.
4. Authority for Organization: General Order No. 17, Hq, USAFIME, dated 17 February 1944.
5. Source from which personnel was obtained: Transfer from 26th Air Depot Group, Deversoir, Egypt.

B. Changes in Organization:

1. Designation:
2. Place of reorganization:
3. Date of reorganization:
4. Authority for reorganization:

C. Strength, Commissioned and Enlisted

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| 1. At beginning of July | 3 | 0 | 1 W/O | 126 EM |
| 2. Net Increase | 2 | 0 | 1 W/O | 106 EM |
| 3. At End of August | 5 | 0 | 2 W/O | 232 EM |

D. Stations (permanent or temporary) of unit or parts thereof:

1. Deversoir, Egypt: Date of Activation: 17 Feb 1944
   Date of Departure: 22 Jan 1946
2. Payne Field, Egypt: Date of Arrival: 22 Jan 1946

E. Marches: None

F. Campaigns: None

G. Battles: None

H. Commanding Officers in Important engagements: None
(Unit has had the following Commanding Officers: Maj. Geo. E. Regin, 17 Feb 1944 - 20 March 1945; 1st Lt. Mack G. Bass, Jr., 20 March 1945 - 9 May 1945; Maj. Beverly W. Holmes, 9 May 1945 - 28 May 1945; Capt. Mack G. Bass, Jr., 28 May 1945 to date.)

I. Losses in Action: None

J. Former and present members who have distinguished themselves in action: None

K. Photographs: None

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War Diary, 571st Air Service Squadron, 63d Air Depot Group, John H. Payne Field, Cairo, Egypt.

Months of July & August 1945. Prepared by Weaden L. Stinson, WOJG, USA.

| DAY (Month of July) | EVENTS |
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| 1. | Twelve EM were transferred from the 571st to other squadrons within the Depot. They are Cpl Francis L. Caselman to the 323d Depot Supply Squadron; Sgt Sidney E. Flom, Sgt Francis C. Hunt, Sgt Wallis H. Robinson, Sgt Charles H. Tucker Jr. and Cpl Nathan E. Casson to the 616th Air Service Squadron; S/Sgt Robert L. Forrester, S/Sgt Kenneth G. Watson, Sgt John W. Gilmore, Sgt Robert R. Moore, Sgt Armin D. Verdugo and Pvt Edward J. Kinsall to the 617 Air Service Squadron. T/Sgt Hunter E. Miller of the sheet metal shop was promoted to Master Sergeant. |
| 2. | Cpl Michael LaRocca returned from the hospital where he had been since the 24th of June. |
| 3. | T/Sgt Nile Sawyer and Pfc Howard McKee returned from TDY at location H-5. 1st Lt. Foster P. Hayles and Sgt Owen Moberly left for Casablanca on temporary duty. |
| 4. | The movie this evening, at the Post Theater, was "The Horn Blows At Midnight" with Jack Benny and Alexis Smith. |
| 5. | Our Commanding Officer, 1st Lt Mack G. Bass Jr. left for Khartoum, Anglo Egyptian Sudan on TDY. S/Sgt William Baites was ordered to Benghazi on temporary duty. |
| 6. | At the Post Theater tonight the "Sahara Hot Shots" presented at stage show entitled "V-Dood It". |
| 7. | 1st Lt. Mack G. Bass Jr., our Commanding Officer, was promoted to Captain, with effective date of rank 30 June 1945. He has just returned from temporary duty at Khartoum, Anglo Egyptian Sudan. |
| 8. | The movie this evening was "Son of Lassie". |
| 9. | S/Sgt John A. Chinn returned to duty after spending an 8 day furlough in Alexandria. The movie this evening was the same as yesterday. |
| 10. | 3 EM were promoted from Private to Private First Class; they were Edward P. Fitzpatrick, Willie B. Kimbrell and Raymond L. Wolf. |
| 11. | Tonight was the occasion of the 63d Air Depot Group party, held at the "Helmiah Palace" in Heliopolis. The affair turned out to be quite a success. The movie at the Post Theater was "Valley of Decision". |
| 12. | Today was moving day for the entire 63d Air Depot Group, The 571st moved "just across the tracks" and the new location seems to be satisfactory to everyone. Tonight the Post Band staged a concert for all EM at the Service Club. From all indications it was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. Also, the Post Library was reopened after being closed for the past 3 weeks while undergoing alterations. The entire library has been repainted and new soft-chairs have been added giving the whole place a more luxurious appearance. |
| 13. | Pfc Walter Tamaka left for Tunis, Tunisia, on a 9 day furlough where he will visit his wife. |
| 14. | Usual camp duties - preparations for the Squadron Party. |
| 15. | The "Auberge de Pyramids" was the scene of the 571st Squadron Party where the beer (American) flowed like water and the food was excellent. Those two factors alone were enough to make the thing a huge success. Lt. Foster Hayles and Sgt Owen Moberly returned from TDY at Casablanca in time to enjoy the affair. |



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| DAY (Month of July) | EVENTS |
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16. S/Sgt William Baites returned to duty from Benghazi and Pfc Allan Bailey left for Lydda, Palestine on temporary duty.

17. Cpl Philip A Davis has gone to Casablanca, French Morrocco, on TDY.

18. M/Sgt John C. Begley and S/Sgt Chalmers A. Johnson left for Agra, India, where they will temporarily be on duty with the 3d Air Depot Group.

19. Last evening the Post Theater presented a one-act play entitled "Pack Up Your Troubles", produced by the "Payne Players". We have been promised more of the one-acts and judging by last nights audience they will be more than welcome.

20. 30 EM were transferred into the 571st today. The men are not replacements but came from other squadrons within the Cairo Air Depot. 29 came from the 95th Depot Repair Squadron and 1 from the 323d Depot Supply Squadron.

21. Cpl Joseph Pappaterra was in the hospital today due to an accident which occurred last night in which his leg was broken.

22. The 68d Air Depot Group met the Huckstep Casuals in a baseball game this afternoon played on the Huckstep diamond. The Depot boys blew a 5 run lead in the last 3 innings to lose 18 to 10.

23. Tonight the Post Theater gave the men of this field a rare treat when they presented the World Premiere of the motion picture "The Big Sleep" starring Humphrey Bogart and Lauren Bacall. It was a gala occasion, complete with newsreel cameramen and a big brass band, and the atmosphere alone was enough to make it a successful venture for all concerned.

24. S/Sgt Howard P. Peter returned from Robins Field, Georgia, U.S.A, where he had been for the past month on TDY.

25. 3 new officers' joined the organization preceeding a number of EM's expected to arrive tomorrow. The new officer's are Captain, John N. Bockstanz, 1st Lt. Lawrence Aigen and WOJG John W. Anderson Jr. The movie "The Big Sleep" is still on the bill at the Post Theater.

26. Today saw the 571st brought up to full T/O strength as 81 EM, fresh from the states, joined the Squadron, not as replacements but as reinforcements. The other Depot squadrons had a similar influx of manpower and as a whole the Cairo Air Depot is, for the first time, operating at full strength. As a result of the sudden addition of personnel Huts and barracks are full, supply rooms are empty and the Mess Hall is overcrowded.

27. Sgt Robert Appelbaum, a former cook with the 571st, has been dropped from the rolls and will soon be released from 38th General Hospital to return to the U.S.A. for medical reasons.

28. Our 3 new Officers' have been given their duty assignments which are as follows: Captain John N. Bockstanz - Assistant Depot Supply Officer, 1st Lt. Lawrence Aigen - Assistant Engineering Officer and WOJG John W. Anderson Jr. - Assistant Depot Air Inspector.

29. Lt. Foster Hayles returned from Casablanca and Cpl Danaher, Cpl DeFranco, and Pvt Clements were released from the hospital and returned to duty.

30. T/Sgt Daniel W. Johnson Jr. left on 7 day furlough.

31. Usual payday routine. Sgt Harold F. Fisher, our supply sergeant, went to the hospital.



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DAY (Month of August) EVENTS

1. Usual camp duties.

2. Lt. Hayles went to Casablanca on TDY. S/Sgt. Baites went to Tripoli where he will do Sheet Metal work on forced down aircraft. Cpl. John F. Alden went to the 38th Gen Hosp.

3. T/Sgt. Albert Asidio left on TDY to Rome, Italy, where he will visit relatives. Pfc. James M. Patterson went on furlough to Alexandria.

4. Cpl. Clay V. Tate returned from the hospital, where he has been recovering from a leg operation.

5. The new Depot softball league started today. We lost our first game to 318th Air Service Squadron. Score--17-3.

6. T/Sgt. Daniel Johnson returned from furlough today. S/Sgt. William F. Pickett went to the hospital with a trick knee. Ten of our boys went on furlough. They are Sgt. Major D. Collins, S/Sgt. Junecko, Sgt. Clyde S. Perkins, Sgt. Royal E. Shovlain, Cpl. Robert L. Bremer, Cpl. William H. Counce, Cpl. Philip A. Mavis, Cpl. Douglas I. Newman, Cpl. Vernon C. Miner and Ward B. Corman.

7. Cpl. Joseph J. Pappaterra went on TDY to Camp Tel-Litwinsky, Palestine where he will recuperate from his broken leg. Cpl. Alden returned from the hospital.

8. S/Sgt. Baites returned from Tripoli. Sgt. Risner came back from the hospital. Pfc. Edward M. Kulnisz returned to the USA after a long sickness in the 30th Station Hospital.

9. Cpl. Joseph Mavis, one of the Squadron's cooks, was transferred to the Casual Center today. He will be returned to the USA.

10. T/Sgt. Asidio returned from Italy. S/Sgt. Pickett came back from the hospital. Pfc. Patterson came back from furlough. The Squadron held it's Orientation program in the Squadron Area this morning.

11. The Depot baseball team played the 312th QM from Duckstep this afternoon, and won by the score of 11-2.

12. Pvts. Fox and Van Ness were admitted to the 36th Station Hospital this morning.

13. Pvt. Calvin Roof went to the hospital. Nine of our men returned from furlough. S/Sgt. Yakiel and Sgt. Moberly went on furlough to Alexandria. Capt. Mack G. Bass, Jr., the Commanding Officer, and Pfc. Charles E. Coleman went on TDY to Casablanca for a few days. S/Sgt. William L. Baites went with them as far as Tripoli. The 571st lost it's second straight softball game tonight, losing to 323rd Depot Supply Squadron.

14. Pfc. Salvatore J. Carricato went on furlough. At last, we've received the news we've been long waiting for. The war with Japan is over. There isn't much celebrating yet.

15. 1st Lt. Foster F. Hayles returned from Casablanca today. S/Sgt. Baites came back from TDY at Tripoli. Pvt. Van Ness returned from the hospital to duty. There's a big celebration today--no ration on beer, and two days vacation from work. There's no limit on fireworks. Everybody had fun and nobody hurt. WOJG Stinson, our Adjutant, was Duty Officer for the day. Our pities were with him.

16. Cpl. Pappaterra returned from TDY in Camp Tel-Litwinsky. The V-J day celebration still goes on. The ground was littered with empty beer bottles this morning. All the Squadrons showed perfect cooperation, and the area was soon cleaned. All sections in the Depot were closed today, with the exception of skeleton crews.



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DAY (Month of August) EVENTS

17. Sgts. Major D. Collins and Harold P. Fisher were promoted to T/Sgt. Cpl. Stephen Dubinshak, Norman L. Etzweiler, Charlie C. Gonzales and Roland L. Einert were promoted to Sgt. Pfcs, Leslie M. Bybee and Joseph R. Rizzo were promoted to Cpl. The Squadron lost one of it's best clerks today, when Cpl. Allen T. Vadnais was transferred to the Casual Center. He will attend Officers Candidate School in the USA. T/Sgt. Mile Sawyer and Cpl. Jean H. Wilkins went on furlough.

18. 1st Lt. Lawrence Aigen went to the Hospital. T/Sgt. John C. Bagley and T/Sgt. Chalmers A. Johnson returned from TDY in India.

19. Pvt. Clarence Paddock was released from the Guardhouse in Camp Huckstep today. Pvt. Calvin Roof came out of the Hospital. Cpl. Reuben J. Ekse went on furlough. The Depot baseball team edged the fast-stepping Casablanca team 9-8 at Gezira Sporting Club.

20. Pfc. Joseph M. Leone left on furlough. Sgt. Stephen Dubinshak, Cpl. Barnett Aaron and Pfc. Roland L. Howard went on furlough this morning. S/Sgt. Yakiel, Sgt. Moberly and Cpl. Ekse returned from furlough. Cpl. Robert M. Calhoun went to the hospital.

21. Capt. Hank C. Bass, Jr. and Pfc. Charles R. Coleman returned from TDY at Casablanca. Pfc. Salvatore J. Carricato came back from furlough. Pfc. Howard L. Esse went on furlough. The Squadron softball team finally broke it's losing streak by trouncing the 617th Air Service Squadron. Score--12-3.

22. Cpl. Paul C. Miller came out of the hospital. Pfc. Charles R. Coleman went on TDY to El Fasher, Anglo Egyptian Sudan.

23. Cpl. Jean H. Wilkins went to the Hospital. S/Sgt. Harold P. Fisher went on TDY to Tel-Aviv, Palestine. Sgt. John H. Cole returned to the USA on TDY.

24. T/Sgt. Mile Sawyer returned from furlough today. The 486th Army Postal Unit was closed today. Our new APO is 708.

25. Sgt. Wayne T. Brusmont, Sgt. Bernard C. Nello, Cpl. Edgar L. Allen and Cpl. Clay W. Tate went on TDY to Tripoli. Pvt. Leonard Fox returned from the Hospital.

26. The Depot baseball team again edged the Casablanca nine here at Payne Field. This time the score was 8-7.

27. Today the 571st Air Service Squadron had it's first fatality. Pfc. William H. McIntosh fell from an open window in the New Zealand Club in Cairo, and was instantly killed. This was also the first man the 63d Air Depot Group has lost by death. Sgt. Stephen Dubinshak, Cpl. Barnett Aaron and Pfc. Roland L. Howard returned from furlough. S/Sgt. Harold P. Fisher came back from TDY in Palestine.

28. Cpl. Jack L. Nelson went to the Hospital today. Pfc. Howard L. Esse came back to duty from furlough.

29. The funeral for Pfc. McIntosh was held in the Payne Field Chapel this afternoon. About seventy five from the Depot attended. The burial took place at the American Military Cemetery in Heliopolis. Pfc. Linden A. Prince and Pfc. Lonan A. Hadley went on TDY to Alexandria.

30. Lt. Aigen and Cpl. Wilkins returned from the hospital. S/Sgt. Robert M. Johnson and Cpl. Barnett Aaron went to the hospital. The Squadron lost it's third softball game in the last four starts, to the 616th Air Service Squadron. The score was 8-4.

31. Pay day. Usual pay day routine.

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Month of September 1945. Prepared by Weaden L. Stinson, W2127234, (WOJG, USA)

a. Original Unit

1. Designation: 571st Air Service Squadron.
2. Place of organization: Deversoir, Egypt.
3. Date of organization: 17 February, 1944.
4. Authroity for organization: General Orders No.17 Hq. USAFIME. dated 17 February 1944.
5. Source from which personnel was obtained: Transfer from 26th Air Depot Group, Deversoir, Egypt.

b. No changes in organization since Avtivation.

c. STRENGTH: COMMISSIONED AND ENLISTED

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| At begining of September 1945: | 5 Officers 2 Warrant and 234 Enlisted men. |
| At end of September 1945. | 2 Officers 1 Warrant Officer 148 Enlisted men. |
| Net decrease for month. | 3 Officers 1 Warrant Officer -86 Enlisted men. |

d. STATIONS AT WHICH SERVED:

Deversoir, Egypt.

Payne Field, Egypt.

e. MARCHES: None.

f. CAMPAIGNS: None.

g. BATTLES: None.

h. COMMANDING OFFICERS

Major George E. Regin, Air Corps, 17 February 1944 to 20 March 1945. Captain Mack G. Bass, Jr, Air Corps, 21 March 1945 to 9 May 1945. Major Beverly W. Holmes, Air Corps, 10 May 1945 to 28 May 1945. 1st Lt Foster P. Hayles, Air Corps, 11 September 1945 to Inactivation. Captain Mack G. Bass Jr, Air Corps, from 29 May 1945 to 10 September 1945.

i. LOSSESS IN ACTION: None.

j. MEMBERS WHO HAVE DISTINGUISHED THEMSELVES IN ACTION: None.

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WAR DIARY, 571st Air Service Squadron, 63rd Air Depot Group, John H. Payne Field, Cairo, Egypt.

Month of September 1945. Prepared by Weaden L. Stinson, WOJG, USA

DAY (Month of September) EVENTS

1. Cpl. Grant A. Madson and Pfc Joseph D. Kannan joined this organization. Several promotions were made. They were T/Sgt Lester G Watson, S/Sgt Fred H. Cox, Sgt Robert G Farnum, Sgt Stephen G. Junecko, Sgt Clyde S. Perkins, Clement O Urban, Cpl. Frederick J. Manning, Cpl. Arthur E Proulx, Cpl. Thomas E Waters, Pfc Allan D. Bailey, Pfc Paul H. Massey, Pfc Linden A Prince, Pfc, Loman A Wakley, Pvt Lee Roy Rodgers, Pvt Calvin B. Roof, and Pvt Carl T. V[illegible]n Ness.

2. Cpl. Robert V. Calhoun returned to duty from the Hospital.

3. Sgt. Norman Etzwiler, Sgt Thomas Waters, Cpl. William R Rutherford, Cpl Morris W. Sudduth and Pfc Manuel P Garza left duty to furlough.

4. Sgt Roy J. Brandys was transfered from the 66th Station Hospital to the 38th General Hospital in Casablanca.

5. Sgt Wayne J. Brummet returned from TDY, Tripoli, this morning. 1st Lt. Ichico D. Okamera, the Squadron Medical Officer, went to Nice, France, where he will participate in a Tennis Tournament.

6. Usual daily routine.

7. The Squadron softball team pounded the Officers 16-8 to break a losing streak. Sgt. Bernard C. Zollo, Cpl. Edgar L. Allen and Cpl Clay V. Tate returned from TDY at Tripoli. Pfc. James L. McNulty, the first man in this Squadron to be released under the 38 years of age Circular, was transfered to Casual Center today.

8. Pfc Maxner and Pfc Cail went on furlough today. Cpl. Arthur Maffei, Cpl Julius Cathey, Pfc John E. Bishop and Pfc Francis H Knowlton returned from Furlough. Letters requesting discharge of men over 35 years of age were submitted today. There are ten men in this squadron of that age.

9. Cpl. James N DeFranco returned from furlough. The depot softball team made its Debut in the AMET softball Tournament today. They were beaten by Payne Field 8-2. The 571st placed three men on the team. They are S/Sgt Richard Foss, S/Sgt Leo Frankowski, and Cpl Morris Sudduth.

10. Six men from duty to furlough today. They are S/Sgt Walter Bailey and Robert I Farnum, Sgts Richard Dahl, James Kirkpatrick, Royal Shovlain and Pfd Henry Rathberger. Five men returned from furlough. Capt Mack G. Bass Jr. went on TDY to Washington, D.C. 1st Lt Foster P Hayles will be C.O. during his absence.

11. The Depot softball team lost its second straight tournament game and was eliminated from the play-offs. Score 4-1. S/Sgt Robert H. Johnson returned from Hospital.

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| DAY (Month of September) | EVENTS |
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| 12. | Usual daily routine. |
| 13. | T-4 Thomas W. Clark transfered to Hq Det. MESC APO 678. S/Sgt Vivian G Clisby transfered to Hq Det MESC CRBH, Egypt, Edward J Stival, S/Sgt left today for TDY in Carrara, Italy. Pfc Otis Wright returned from furlough. |
| 14. | Pfc Otis C Wright MOS changed from 931 to 555, Sheet Metal. Pvt John J Scattone confined Post Guard House. Capt John R. Beckstanz on TDY FASAC relieved from asignment and asigned to FASAC, PO 787. |
| 15. | Orval W. Cail, Pfc., and John L Maxner Pfc returned from furlough. 1st Lt Lawrence Aigen asigned Squadron Supply Officer. |
| 16. | The first shipment of enlisted men with 80 points or better was transfered to Casual Squadron, CRBH today. They were: 1st Sgt Myron H. Pierce, M/S Robert L Milbourn, M/S Hunter E. Miller, M/S Ward L Trotter, T/S Ronald H Robinson, T/S Hile Sawyer, S/S Louis C. Brown, S/S Johnie L Carter, S/S Clement O Urban, Sgts Norman L Etzweiller, George Hayner, Joseph E Petty, Cpls Bernard C Zollo, Reuben J Ekse, Edmond F Gutkoski, William Hoffman, Sol Ruthroff, Howard Mathews, Edwin A Oschner, Jean B Wilkins, Pfcs James L Cline, Ward B Gorman, Vernon C Nelson, Herman J Polsky, Walter Tabaka, James A Todd, Harold E Wall, They were one happy group of boys to get started home. |
| 17. | Sgt James T Browning left on furlough. S/Sgts Walter G Bailey and Robert C Farnum, Sgts Richard I Dahl, James R Kirkpatrick and Royal S Shovlain and Pfc Henry J Rothgerber returned from furlough. |
| 18. | M/S Lester W. Watson, S/S Steve J Miska, Cpl Julius W Cathey, Cpl Frederick J Manning Pfc Franklin A Brown, Pfc Joseph E Landry and Pfc James H Paterson trans to CRBH and asigned this Squadron for quarters and rations. These men are to go home under the Circular for being 35 years of age or over. Pfc Carl F Van Ness on DS to Hq Co Cairo Military District. |
| 19. | Squadron was inspected today by FASAC. Usual daily routine. |
| 20. | Pfc Willie E Kimbrell left on furlough today. Usual daily routine. |
| 21. | Richard M Foss, S/S Sgt Richard I Dahl, Cpl George W Keene, William H Mack Cpl, and Dean Y. Cassidy relieved from duty to ship to the 37th ADG . |
| 22. | Enlisted men alerted on 21 Sept were shipped today. They were the first of the 571st Pers to ship to Casablanca as the result of the clearing of this Depot. S/S Edward J Stival returned from duty from TDY at Carrara, Italy. |
| 23. | Usual daily routine. |
| 24. | 1st Lt Ichiro D. Okamura returned to duty from TDY, Nice, France, having lost in the Tennis Tournament. Sgt Roy J Brandys absent sick transferred to 38th General Hospital, Casablanca. |
| 25. | Sgt James T Browning returned to duty from furlough. Lt Lawrence Aigen and WO John W Anderson transfered to 37th ADG and Lt Ichiro D Okamura trans 37th ADG but attached pending departure. |



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DAY (Month of September) EVENT

26. Pfc. Carl T Van Ness relieved from DS Cairo Military District and returned to Organization. Usual daily routine.

27. T/5 Albert Assidio to TDY to Turkey to attend Track Tournament. Four promotions came out today for 70 point men. They were Harold F Albrecht, Thomas F Hillorant, Robert J Pauli and Robert Kovacic.

28. 23 enlisted men alerted for shipment on 22 September left for Casablanca and 23 more alerted to be ready to ship within one hour notice. Cpl Rizzo departed to 2nd Replacement Station USA for TDY. Pfc Roof honorably discharged to accept enlistment in the Regular Army. He is the first man in the 571st to enlist.

29. Reports for month of September being made and deactivation of Squadron is in full swing.

30. Today is the day of the funeral of the 571st Air Service Squadron. As of 1 Oct. 1945 all men except one, Pfc Elmer Lawson are transferred to either the 617th Air Service Squadron or the 323rd Depot Supply Squadron. The Supply Room is all cleared and the reports and procedure for the funeral are finished. The Squadron that has been the home and pride of so many men is finished. The morale of all the Old Timers is High. All the old timers leave soon to the Casual Center at CRBM to start their way home. To those that are staying here - rest the responsibility of carrying on the good work and following the example set by the old timers.

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Unit History

UNIT HISTORY
572nd Materiel Squadron
91st Service Group

The 572nd Materiel Squadron was activated effective 11 May 1944, as part of the 91st Service Group, and in accordance with T/O & E 10458T, 15 April 1944, by General Order number 18, Headquarters, Oklahoma City City Air Service Command, dated 16 May 1944. The order stated that the authorized strength would be seven officers, one warrant officer, and one hundred thirty two enlisted men.

The same General Order disbanded the 1911th QM Truck Co (Avn), the 2060th QM Truck Co (Avn), the 1630th Ordnance S & M Co (Avn), the 1758th Ordnance S & M Co (Avn), 1026th Signal Co, Service Group, 1107th QM Co, Service Group (Avn), and also provided that the newly activated unit would be manned to the extent practicable, with personnel then attached to the 3rd and 4th Provisional Service Groups, Special, which Provisional Units would be discontinued. The order further provided that personnel replacements would be obtained by submission of AAF Forms 127-A and 127-B in the usual manner.

In order to understand the relationship between the units which were disbanded and the present organization, it is necessary, briefly, to trace the history of the old organizations leading up to the activation of the present organization.

The present 91st Service Group grew out of the reorganization of the old 91st Service Group. The old Group had been in existence since about the middle of 1942. Under the old setup prior to reorganization, the Group was composed of a Headquarters squadron, a Service squadron, and the Quartermaster, Ordnance and Signal companies previously referred to as disbanded by the same General Order under which the 572nd Materiel Squadron was activated. Under the old set up the functions of Quartermaster Supply, Signal Supply, and Ordnance supply were carried on by separate companies of these services. Under the new set up of the present 91st Service Group, all supply functions of the Group, regardless of branch are handled by the Materiel Squadron. This was the reason for disbanding of the separate Quartermaster, Signal, and Ordnance Companies.

Preparations for the reorganization started when the old Group left Leesburg, Florida, where it had been under the command of the Army Air Forces Tactical Air Center (AAFTAC), and arrived at Herbert Smart Airport, Macon, Georgia, where the Group came under the command of the Air Service Command. After about a month at Macon, Georgia, where Air Service Command inspections were held and proposed tables of organization and manning charts drawn up prepatory to reorganization, the Group moved to Tinker Field, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, to complete reorganization into the new Service Group (Sp) set up, and to receive certain specialized training.

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It had been planned to wait for an approved Table of Organization before making any change over. But about a week after arrival at Tinker Field, upon orders, the old 91st Service Group was reorganized in accordance with the tentative tables of organization and manning charts, into 2 provisional Service Groups, knows as the 3rd Service Group (Provisional) and the 4th Service Group (Provisional). At that time was born in a provisional form under the then designation of the 4th Materiel Squadron (Provisional), the organization whcih subsequently became activated as tthe present 572nd Materiel Squadron.

During the period of the provisional set up, from 21 April 1944 to 16 May 1944, the old units had not been disbanded. But physical change over of personnel, unit commands, and barracks, and messing facilities was made on the provisional basis. Since the personnel in any one of the various provisional units came from various old units which had not yet been inactivated on paper, personnel and other records still had to be kept segregated by the old units. Personnel administration was accomplished by setting up a temporary unit personnel section at Group Headquarters, under which system the records of the personnel in the provisional units were available filed under the old units from which the men had come. All supply functions were immediately co-ordinated through the S-4 section set up by the Materiel Squadron (Provisional) which acted as supply and procurement agency for the Group, fulfilling without delay, the function intended under the new organization. Assumption of or relief from responsibilities for property, administration of funds and other administrative functions were handled by the officers concerned in an expeditious manner. The system of coordinating and channeling supply and property functions for the whole Group through S-4, Materiel Squadron, greatly facilitated matters and immediately proved its value during the period of transition.

Clinton Meneely, Major, Air Corps, was named Group Materiel Officer and Commanding Officer of the Materiel Squadron and officers were assignged in accordance with the proposed Table of Organizations and assigned to their duties. The same officers remained upon activation of the unit as the 572nd Materiel Squadron. Officers and duties assigned were as follows:

Clinton Meneely, Major Air Corps: Deputy for Materiel and Commanding Officer, Materiel Squadron.

Edwin B. Speth, Jr, O-282507, AC: Assistant Group Materiel Officer, primary. Squadron Executive Officer and Technical Coordination Officer, additional.

Myron E. Buchstane, 2d Lt, AC, O-583678, Squadron Adjutant, Primary, Mess officer, Transportation Officer, Statistical Officer, additional.

Philip T. Campbell, O-1589747, 1st Lt, QMC: Quartermaster Supply Officer, primary. Athletick Officer, Special Services Officer, additional.



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Melvin F. Gentz, O-1589747, 1st Lt, AC, Technical Supply Officer, primary. Squadron Supply Officer, Plans and Training Officer, and Intelligence Officer, additional.

Paul R. Krone, O-1003927, 2d Lt, Sig C, Signal Supply Officer, primary.

Robert P. Wilson, O-1553204, Ord, Ordnance Supply Officer, primary. Camaflouge Officer and Unit Gas Officer, additional.

Frederick J. Leisz, W-2123488, WO, (jg), AUS, Technical Coordination Assistant, Primary.

Warning Orders, dated 8 May 1944, were received 11 May 1944. Immediate action was taken to comply with POM and other directives and orders. Show down inspections were held and shortage lists submitted. Administrative records, medical records, personal affairs and legal assistance were handled for all men. Instructions as to AW 28 and AR 380-5 and related matter was given. Furloughs were given.

The squadron bivouaced near Camp Gruber from 4 June 1944 to 14 June 1944. Operations were conducted under field conditions. An intensive training course was conducted as well as courses for qualification in arms.

Training activities were carried on without interruption upon the return to Tinker Field. In addition requisitioning, issuing of shortages and packing was carried on as Movement Orders had been received in the meantime. All inspections were passed and everything proceeded on schedule.

1st Lt Melvin Gentz who had been hospitalized for several days was pronounced physically unfit for overseas service and was relieved from assignment with this organization and transferred to the 4136th AAF Base Unit (Base Administration) Tinker Field, Oklahoma City, Okla, on 26 June 1944.

Lt Philip T. Campbell, QMC, Lt Robert P. Wilson, Ord, and Lt Paul R. Krone, Sig C, were assigned to AC in accordance with the policy of integration into the Air Corps of the various branches and arms serving with the Air Forces, effective 29 June 1944.

James A. Johnston, O-413226, Capt, AC, (4902) was assigned and joined from Hqs, 91st Service Group, per par 1, SO #18, Hq, 91st Service Group to take Lt Gentz's place as AC, Technical Supply Officer, and Squadron Supply officer, primary.

21 July 1944: Captain Speth left for temporary duty at Los Angeles Port of Embarkation.

22 July 1944: The 572nd Materiel Squadron departed Tinker Field at 1860 for permanent change of station to Camp Anza, Arlington, Calif, via rail per letter Order #60, Hq, OCASC, Tinker Field, Oklahoma City, Okla. Six officers, 1 Warrant Officer, 134 EM made the movement, Capt Speth having left previously.



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6 August 1944: Lt Krone left for temporary duty at Los Angeles Port of Embarkation purusant to VOCO, Camp Anza.

12 August 1944: The 572nd Materiel Squadron, departed Camp Anza, Arlington, Calif at 0900, via motor convoy enroute to Los Angeles Port of Embarkation to board troopship per par 1, SO 196, Hq ASF, Camp Anza, Arlington Calif. Arrived at Los Angeles Port of Embarkation at 1130, 12 August 1944 and boarded troop ship at 1145.

This organization had been assigned the duty of going aboard the troop-ship Alcoa Polaris as an advance party to prepare for the embarkation the the troops. Shipment number 6915-B was designated for the unit. Guard, Sanitation, mess and other details were quickly organized and duties performed in preparation for the embarkation of the troops.

The organization departed Los Angeles Port Of Embarkation at 1600, 14 August 1944, on the SS Alcoa Polaris, enroute to Pearl Harbor, arriving there at 1700, 20 August 1944, six days being spent enroute. During this time usual details were performed, daily lifeboat, fire and emergency drills were held, and recreational activities were encouraged.

Departure from Pearl Harbor was made at 1700, 21 August 1944 enroute to Eniwetok, Marshall Islands. Arrived at Eniwetok was at 1000, 30 August 1944, about nine days later. During this stage of the trip the International Date Line was crossed at 0100, 26 August 1944, automatically losing Saturday 26 August.

Eniwetok was left behind at 1630, 13 September 1944 enroute to Saipan, Marianas Islands as the final destination. Arrival at Saipan was at 0800, 18 September 1944, five days being spent enroute.

The entire voyage from the Los Angeles Port of Embarkation to Saipan was made without untoward incident. No enemy craft of any kind were sighted. The first stage of the trip from Los Angeles to Oahu (Pearl Harbor) was made alone, the troopship SS Alcoa Polaris not being escorted or convoyed. From Oahu to Saipan the ship was in convoy with naval escort.

The squadron debarked at 1500, the day of arrival and arrived at its bivouac area at 1730. Captain Speth and Lieutenant Krone reuoined the unit.

Due to the early hour at which night falls in the Marianas, dusk was falling as the bivouac area was reached. The men were pleasantly surprised to find that puramidal tents had already been erected for them and cots were waiting. Squadrons which with the 572nd Materiel Squadron make up the 91st Service Group had arrived on Saipan some ten days earlier, having travelled on another troopship, and they had erected the pyramidal tents in the 572nd area preparatory to the arrival of the unit. This comradely act on the part of Headquarters and Base Services Squadron, and the 322nd Engineering Squadron was much appreciated by the men, tired as they were, and many comments expressing gratitude were made



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After a nights rest the unit was welcomed by Lt. Col. Solomon J. Zoller, Commanding Officer of the Group. Work immediately commenced and the outfit worked day and night setting up housing and messing facilities, receiving and assembling its supplies and equipment and setting up its service and supply departments. Everything proceeded on schedule or ahead of of schedule, and all departments funeticned smoothly.

On Thursday, 12 October 1944, at about 1330, a B-29 was observed over Saipan, making ready for a landing. Alusty cheer which seemed to grow in volume greeted its arrival as the men on the ground watched it come in - a harbinger of things to come.



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Consolidation of work between the 65th and 91st Service Groups was begun on 1w October 1944. Lt. Colonel S. J. Zoller was named Assistant Base Executive for Supply and Maintenance. Major Clinton Meneely was appointed Materiel Officer.

B-29's haVE been coming in daily since October 12th and supply functions have progressed smoothly.



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572ND MATERIEL SQUADRON
91ST SERVICE GROUP
APO 237, c/o Postmaster

San Francisco, Calif,
4 January 1945

SUBJECT: Unit History.

TO : Commanding Officer, 91st Service Group, APO 237.

Transmitted herewith is the unit history of this organization for the month of December, 1944.

For the Squadron Commander:

MYRON E. BUCHSTANE
2nd Lieut., Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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XXI BOMBER
5720 MATERIAL SQUADRON
915T SERVICE GROUP
DECEMBER 1944

December 1944, was a month of heavy activity for the B-29's and for the 5720 Material Squadron. The daily problems of supply were met and handled expeditiously and all obstacles overcome.

The month saw good progress made on housing the supply activities on the flight line. Many Quonset huts, and warehouses were completed and others well started.

Enemy air raids continued. No casualties were suffered as a result of enemy action.

Much work was accomplished in the squadron bivouac area. The installation of showers, wash stand, improved water facilities, and a squadron laundry was accomplished as well as much filling in and grading of the area.

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572d Air Materiel Squadron

91st Air Service Group

(73rd Wing)

TWENTIETH AIR FORCE

Period: 1 September to 30 September 1945



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With the official proclamation of 2 Sep 45 as V-J Day, activities for the month of September 1945 turned from combat to preparations for movement to the United States. Aircraft were prepared for the flights, supplies of the various sections were being packed, and equipment no longer necessary was being turned in. There were a few changes in personnel, and the readjustment of eligible men was going into high gear.

Cpl Brashier while working at the Cape Obiam Bomb Dump injured his right ankle. He was taken to the 369th Station Hospital, and effective 24 Sep 45 was relieved from assignment and atched unassigned to the Detachment of Patients, 369th Station Hospital, APO 244, pending evacuation to a medical installation in the United States.

LT WILSON who had been in the hospital for injuries sustained in the Cape Obiam Bomb Dump was evacuated on 14 Sep 45 to a hospital in the United States, and dropped from the organization rolls on 16 Sep 45, /1.

On 21 Sep 45, M/Sgt Hammond and T/Sgt Trager, both over 38 years of age, were transferred to WPBC Personnel Center and Casual Depot, APO 244, pending transportation to the United States, and then separation from the service, /2.

Cpl Browning and Pfc Lucas returned from DS with the 1st Provisional Truck Company APO 244 on 22 Sep 45 after having completed their duties with that organization.

Promotions were made on 25 Sep 45 with Sgts Love and Jones being made S/Sgts; Cpls Morgan and Withrow promoted to Sgts; Pfcs Hujar and Pisciotta making Cpls; and Pvt Copeland being promoted to Pfc, /3.

Warning Orders for movement of ground echelons, /4, were received, and instructions for the packing of supplies were issued in preparation of the movement.

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1/ Par 1 Evacuation O No 218 Hq WPBC APO 244 dd 6 Sep 45

2/ Par 5 SO 253 Hq 73d Bomb Wing APO 237 dd 20 Sep 45



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3/ Par 3 SO 68 Hq 91st Air Sv Gp, APO 237 dd 25 Sep 45

4/ Warning Orders for Movement of Ground Echelons, 58th and 73rd Bombardment Wings (VH), Hq 20th AF APO 234 dd 26 Sep 45



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LIST OF DOCUMENTS

1. Par 1 Evacuation O No 218 Hq WPBC APO 244 dd 6 Sep 45
2. Par 5 SO 253 Hq 73d Bomb Wing APO 237 dd 20 Sep 45
3. Par 3 SO 68 Hq 91st Air Sv Gp, APO 237 dd 25 Sep 45
4. Warning Orders for Movement of Ground Echelons, 58th and 73rd Bombardment Wings (VH), Hq 20th Air Force, APO 234 dd 26 Sep 45.



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HEADQUARTERS
WESTERN PACIFIC BASE COMMAND
APO 244

704.11 (Surg)

6 September 1945

SUBJECT: Evacuation Order No 218

TO : See Distribution

1. Under the auth of ltr WD AGO 704.11 (3 Jun 44) OB-S-M-SPMOT-M, subject: "Procedure for Evacuation of Pnts by Water or Air fr Overseas Comd", dtd 8 Jun 44, the following named pnts awaiting evacuation to US are reld fr asgmt and dy in the POA (EDCMR 16 September 45) and will be moved by first available govt acft (Air Priority No 2) to a med installation in the US to be named by ind to this order by the Comdr of the PAE at which pnts debark:

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E X T R A C T

| Rank, Name, ASN & Orgn | Arm or Sv | MOS | Cl of Pnt | ASRS | Now at |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1st Lt Robert P. Wilson 01553204 572d Mat Sq, 91st A. S. G. | AAF | 4514 | 3 | 51 | 369th Sta Hosp |

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2. This shipment will be under the control of the CG AAF fr the time of departure fr overseas sta until released to activities or installations not under his control after arrival in the US. Applicable records as listed in par 26 ltr cited in par 1 above will accompany pnts.

3. Baggage to accompany pnts will be limited to 55 lbs. All other auth and excess personal baggage will be packed and addressed w/rank, name, ASN, and arm thence turned over to hospital to which presnetly atchd for shipment to US. Upon arrival at new sta US, pnts will comply with Sec I Cir 22 WD, 1945. Pnts will notify correspondents and publishers to discontinue mailing ltrs and publications until informed of new address.

4. TDN. PCS. 212/60425 67-ooo P 431-01-02-03-07-08.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL COLLADAY:

/s/ Ralph E Keene, Jr
/t/ RALPH E KEENE JR
1st Lt., A.G.D.
Asst Adjutant General

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HEADQUARTERS
73RD BOMBARDMENT WING
APO 237, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

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SPECIAL ORDERS )
:
NUMBER.....253 )

20 September 1945

EXTRACT

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5. The following named personnel, over 38 years of age (Race-W) are relieved from assignments and dy orgns indicated as provided by Sec II WD Cir 250 dtd 17 Aug 45, and WP WPBC Personnel Center and Casual Depot, APO 244, for further processing under Current Readjustment Regulations. TD by first available Motor T. CO of EM conc will insure that all pertinent records of each individual are checked and forwarded. EM will notify correspondents and publishers to discontinue the mailing of letters and publications until informed of new address. Clothing and Equipment will be carried as prescribed in Cir 72, WD, dtd 7 Mar 45, and par 11b of WPBC RR 1-2. Baggage inspection in accordance with WD Cir 335, 1944, as amended by Sec IV WD Cir 31, 1945, and Sec III, Cir 75, 1945. TDN. PCS. Auth: 20th AF Msg AIGAP 0767 dtd 12 Sept 1945, and WD Cir 250, dtd 17 Aug 45. EDCMR 21 Sept 45.

572 Air Mat Sq, 91st Air Sv Gp

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| 3 M/Sgt | (826) | William T. Hammond | 6230162 | ASRS | (78) |
| 4 T/Sgt | (581) | Charles J. Traeger, Jr. | 33008472 | | (71) |

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BY ORDER OF COLONEL LEE:

OFFICIAL:

W. W. Farquhar
Lt Col, Air Corps
Adjutant

/s/ R. C. O'Brien Jr
R. C. O'BRIEN JR
Captain, Air Corps
Asst Adjutant

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HEADQUARTERS 91ST AIR SERVICE GROUP
APO 237

SO 68 25 Sep 45

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3. Upon recommendation of their orgn comdr the foll EM 572d Air Mat Sq are promoted to gr indicated: AUTH: AR 615-5.

TO BE STAFF SERGEANT (TEMP)

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| Sgt Donald G Jones | 17070246 |
| Sgt John Love Jr | 31051403 |

TO BE SERGEANT (TEMP)

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|---|---|
| Cpl Naaman J Morgan | 33128851 |
| Cpl Denzel R Withrow | 35639104 |

TO BE CORPORAL (TEMP)

| | |
|---|---|
| Pfc Stanley Hujar | 32676582 |
| Pfc Joseph Pisciotta | 32164059 |

TO BE PRIVATE FIRST CLASS

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|---|---|
| Pvt Turley M Copeland | 34526929 |

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By order of Colonel ZOLLER:

N. M. KOFFSKY
Capt, AC
Adjutant

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/s/ N. M. Koffsky
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HEADQUARTERS TWENTIETH AIR FORCE
APO 234, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

AIPLN 370.5 26 September 1945

SUBJECT: Warning Orders for Movement of Ground Echelons, 58th and 73d Bombardment Wings (VH).

TO : Commanding Generals, 58th and 73d Bombardment Wings (VH).

1. Pursuant to information contained in radio WARX 64988 from Headquarters Army Air Forces, subject: "Return of 58th Bomb Wing and Other AAF Units from USASTAF", dated 21 September 1945; you will tak necessary action to prepare for the movement to the United States by surface transportation all units presently under your jurisdiction as set forth in succeeding paragraphs hereof.

2. LIST OF UNITS TO MOVE:

Hq & Hq Sq, 58th Bomb Wg (VH)
Hq 40th Bomb Gp (VH)
25th Bomb Sq (VH)
44th Bomb Sq (VH)
45th Bomb Sq (VH)
Hq & Base Sv Sq, 25th Air Sv Gp
35th Air Engineering Sq
578th Air Materiel Sq
338th Signal Company, Wg
11th Photo Lab, Bomb Gp
Hq 444th Bomb Gp (VH)
676th Bomb Sq (VH)
677th Bomb Sq (VH)
678th Bomb Sq (VH)
Hq & Base Sv Sq, 28th Air Sv Gp
39th Air Engineering Sq
585th Air Materiel Sq
12th Photo Lab, Bomb Gp

Hq 462d Bomb Gp (VH)
768th Bomb Sq (VH)
769th Bomb Sq (VH)
770th Bomb Sq (VH)
Hq & Base Sv Sq, 86th Air Sv Gp
319th Air Engineering Sq
584th Air Materiel Sq
13th Photo Lab, Bomb Gp
Hq 468th Bomb Gp (VH)
792d Bomb Sq (VH)
793d Bomb Sq (VH)
794th Bomb Sq (VH)
Hq & Base Sv Sq, 87th Air Sv Gp
355th Air Engineering Sq
589th Air Materiel Sq
14th Photo Lab, Bomb Gp

Hq & Hq Sq, 73d Bomb Wg (VH)
497th Bomb Gp (VH)
869th Bomb Sq (VH)
870th Bomb Sq (VH)
871st Bomb Sq (VH)
Hq & Base Sv Sq, 303d Air Sv Gp
327th Air Engineering Sq
73d Air Materiel Sq
323d Signal Company, Wg
15th Photo Lab, Bomb Gp
Hq 498th Bomb Gp (VH)
873d Bomb Sq (VH)
874th Bomb Sq (VH)
875th Bomb Sq (VH)
Hq & Base Sv Sq, 330th Air Sv Gp
52d Air Engineering Sq
301st Air Materiel Sq

16th Photo Lab, Bomb Gp
Hq 499th Bomb Gp (VH)
877th Bomb Sq (VH)
878th Bomb Sq (VH)
879th Bomb Sq (VH)
Hq & Base Sv Sq, 91st Air Sv Gp
322d Air Engineering Sq
573d Air Materiel Sq
17th Photo Lab, Bomb Gp
Hq 500th Bomb Gp (VH)
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3. MOVEMENT STRENGTH. Units will move at approximately authorized strength under current organization tables less flight echelons.

4. DEPARTURE SCHEDULE. To be announced at a later date. No unit ground echelon will depart prior to completion of movement of its air echelon. For planning purposes, readiness date for movement of ground echelons may be assumed eight (8) days after completion of movement of air echelon of unit concerned.

5. Instructions and details regarding preparation and movement of these units are contained in Annex B to Section IV, "Redeployment Movements", War Dept, dated 20 April 1945, as modified by radio from Hq AAF WARX 64308 dated 14 September 1945 and as further modified below. Copies of referenced documents were furnished you separately in connection with movement orders for your air and flight echelons.

6. All units will be readjusted under existing regulations prior to departure.

a. Wing Commanders charged with preparation will take immediate action to identify enlisted personnel with less than 40 points and officer personnel with less than 50 points, except aircrews, and will further take action to remove all such personnel from units prior to departure. At the earliest practicable date, the quantities of such personnel by MOS present within the command will be reported to this headquarters for further assignment.

b. Wing Commanders charged with preparation will take immediate action to identify aircrew personnel, both officer and enlisted, with less than 11 missions who are not eligible for separation by 1 November (i.e. low mission enlisted aircrew members possessing scores of less than 69 points, and low mission officer aircrew members possessing scores of less than 75 points), and will further take action to remove all such personnel from units prior to departure. At the earliest practicable date, the number of full matched crews, plus the extra aircrew personnel by position, who are not to move with the echelon will be reported to this headquarters for reassignment.

c. Wing Commanders will provide an estimate, to arrive at Headquarters Twentieth Air Force by 1 October 1945, of the assigned strength of their commands after deducting personnel moving on the air echelons, after deducting personnel to be removed in accordance with paragraph a above, and after deducting personnel to be removed in accordance with paragraph b above. This headquarters will take action to assign high score personnel from outside sources to restor the commands to approximate authorized strength (less official flight echelons). Pending arrival of such fillers, Wing Commanders will ac to dispatch early moving units at approximate authorized strength (less official flight echelons) using as fillers high point personne from other units of their commands scheduled for later movement.

7. Particular attention is invited to the requirement that all personnel eligible for discharge will be formed into separation center groups and that all personnel with less than the necessary critic



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scores for separation will be formed into reception station groups. The critical scores announced to be effective 1 October (that is, 70 points for enlisted men and 75 points for officers, and the specialized scores and conditions for medical officers) will be used as determining the division in early moving units. The critical score of 60 points for enlisted men announced to be effective 1 November will be used as determining the division in units where the ETA clearly will be subsequent to 1 November.

8. Only that equipment prescribed in Section IV of Annex B, referred to in paragraph 5 hereof, will be returned to the US.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL TWINING:

/s/ R K Taylor
/s/ R K TAYLOR
Colonel, Air Corps
Chief of Staff

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572d Air Materiel Squadron

91st Air Service Group

(73rd Wing)

TWENTIETH AIR FORCE

Period: 1 August to 31 August 1945



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August 1945, was a month in which changes in personnel took place, the unit completed one year's service overseas, the 73rd Bombardment Wing completed its combat missions, and in which Officer and Enlisted Personnel were able to fly with the combat crewmen on missions in which PW supplies were dropped.

On 4 August 1945, S/Sgt Isroff who had received word that his father was in a critical condition, left on emergency furlough, /1. His return not being required, he was dropped from the rolls effective 27 August 1945.

Cpl Loyall returned from temporary duty with the 1st Provisional Truck Company, APO 244, and Pfc Lucas departed for duty with that organization, /2.

The unit completed one year's oversease service on 13 August 1945, having left Los Angeles Port of Embarkation on 14 August 1944. A party was conducted in the Mess Hall in celebration of this anniversary.

The 73rd Bombardment Wing completed its combat missions on 14 August 1945, and supply efforts were turned to the packing of PW supplies and parachutes, for the relief of PW's who were to be liberated as quickly as possible.

Pfc Davis and Pfc Villars were awarded the Good Conduct Medal on 17 August 1945, having completed over one year of continuous active duty with exemplary behavior, efficiency, and fidelity, /3. Presentation of ribbons in lieu of Medals will take place at a future date.

S/Sgt Wehrman was assigned to the unit effective 18 August 1945, and upon reporting was detailed to work in the Consolidated Stock Control Section, /4.

Two Enlisted Men, S/Sgt Bain and Sgt Bologna, who had been with the organization since activation, were relieved from assignment and transferred to Headquarters, United States Army Strategic Air Forces, APO 234, effective 27 August 1945.

The first Enlisted Man eligible for discharge under current Readjustment Regulations, Cpl Spencer, was relieved from assignment and sent to the WPBC



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Personnel Center and Casual Depot, APO 244, for further processing prior to his return to the United States for discharge, /6.

The last week of the month, several Officers and Enlisted Men were permitted to fly with combat crews of the Wing on missions in which FW supplies were dropped. All personnel who made the trip were highly pleased, and saw the results of bombing missions, and many of the well known sites of Japan.

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1/ Ltr, Travel Orders, File 220.711 AKXEX, Hq 73d Bomb Wing, APO 237 dd 4Aug45

2/ Par 5 SO 215 Hq 73d Bomb Wing APO 237 dd 12 Aug 45

3/ Par 1 GO 18 Hq 91st Air Sv Gp APO 237 dd 17 Aug 45

4/ Par 1 SO 220 Hq 73d Bomb Wing APO 237 dd 17 Aug 45

5/ Par 2 SO 228 Hq 73d Bomb Wing APO 237 dd 25 Aug 45

6/ Par 10 SO 230 Hq 73d Bomb Wing APO 237 dd 27 Aug 45



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HEADQUARTERS
73RD BOMBARDMENT WING
APO 237, C/O POSTMASTER
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

220.711 AKXEX 4 August 1945

SUBJECT: Travel Orders

TO: S/Sgt (835) Irwin H Isroff 15073029 (Race-W) (ASRS 54)
572d Air Mat Sq, 91st Air Sv Gp
APO 237, c/o PM, San Francisco, Calif

1. You are hereby placed on Detached Service and will proceed by first available air transportation to a United States Port of Aerial Embarkation, where you will be granted a thirty (30) day emergency furlough, plus travel time, to 3151 Ludlow Road, Shaker Heights, Cleveland, Ohio.

2. The Commander of the United States Port of Aerial Embarkation will issue the necessary orders for furlough.

3. Class III Air Priority is authorized for your movement to the U.S. as directed by paragraph 4 of letter, Headquarters, Twentieth Air Force, Office of the Deputy Commander, APO 953, file AG 220.711, subject: "Emergency Leaves of Absence and Furlough," dd 15 Jan 1945.

4. Baggage allowance not to exceed 65 pounds is authorized while traveling by aircraft.

5. TDN. No per diem authorized.

6. Return of enlisted man to this command is not required.

7. WD AGO Form 24, WD AGO 20, WD AGO form 32, WD AGO Form 28, MD Form 81 and Certificate of Medical Clearance as required by WD Cir 276, 1943, will accompany individual concerned.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL O'DONNELL:

/s/ W. W. Farquhar
/t/ W. W. FARQUHAR
Lt. Col., Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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MYRON E. BUCHSTANE,
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* * EXTRACT * *

5. Cpl (932) Ernest L Loyall 14071935 is reld TDY 1st Prov Truck Co APO 244 and will ret to proper orgn 572d Air Mat Sq 91st Air Sv Gp for dy. EM will be replaced by Pfc (345) Clarence L Lucas 17045697 same orgn who will remain on TDY 1st Prov Truck Co for indefinite period and upon completion TDY will ret to proper orgn for dy.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL O'DONNELL:

WALTER C. SWEENEY, JR.
Colonel, Air Corps,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

/s/ W. W. Farquhar
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HEADQUARTERS 91ST AIR SERVICE GROUP
APO 237

GO 18 17 Aug 45

* * EXTRACT * *

1. The following named enlisted men, organizations indicated, having served with exemplary behavior, efficiency and fidelity for over one year of continuous active duty in the Army of the United States are awarded the Good Conduct Medal:

572D AIR MATERIEL SQUADRON

| | |
|---|---|
| Pfc Davis, Melvin J | 39454599 |
| Pfc Villars, Walter L | 35867400 |

/s/ S. J. Zoller
/t/ S. J. ZOLLER
Colonel, Air Corps
Commanding

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SPECIAL ORDERS)
:
NUMBER.....220)

17 August 1945

* * EXTRACT * *

1. Foll named EM having reported this hq in compliance with par 18 SO 27 Hq 20th AF APO 234 dd 11 Aug 45 are trfd in gr to orgns indicated and will report to the CO thereat for dy. No tyl involved. EDCRM 18 Aug 45. Race-W.

| | 572nd Air Mat Sq, 91st Air Sv Gp | ASRS |
|---|---|---|
| S/Sgt (821) Harry R Wehrman | 20761211 | (68) |

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL O'DONNELL:

MORRIS J. LEE
Colonel, Air Corps
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

/s/ W. W. Farquhar
/t/ W. W. FARQUHAR
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2. Foll named EM orgns indicated are trfd in gr WP Hq USASTAF APO 234 RUAT to CG for dy. Tyl dir will be performed by mil ap or such other means as may be nec. TDN. PCS. AUTH: 20th AF Msg AIGAP 1755 dd 22 Aug 45. EDCMR 27 Aug.

572d Air Mat Sq, 91st Air Sv Gp

S/Sgt (835) Harry J Bain Jr 32437925 (46) Sgt (060) Daniel J Bologna 32097490 (61)

All EM Race-W
No in parenthesis after ASN is ASR Score

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL O'DONNELL:

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10. The following named EM are reld fr asgmt and dy with orgns indicated and are atchd unasgd and WP WPBC Personnel Center and Casual Depot, APO 244, for further processing under current Readjustment Regulations. TD by first available motor T. CO of EM will insure that all pertinent records of each individual are checked and forwarded. EM will notify correspondents and publishers to discontinue the mailing of letters and publications until informed of new address. Clothing and equipment will be carried as prescribed in Cir 72, WD, dd 7 March 45, and par 11b of WPBC RR 1-2. Baggage inspection in accordance with WD Cir 335, 1944, as amended by Sec IV, WD Cir 31, 1945, and Sec III, Cir 75, 1945. TDN. POS. AUTH: 20th AF Msg AIGAP 1866 dd 24 Aug 45. EDCMR 28 Aug 45. All personnel Race-W

Group Identification # 1
Separation Center

Cpl Robert H Spencer 11052585 572 Air Mat Sq 91 ASG 060 (86) Pinehurst Mass

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL O'DONNELL:

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Colonel, Air Corps,
Chief of Staff

OFFICIAL:

/s/ R. C. O'Brien, Jr.
/t/ R. C. O'BRIEN
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TWENTIETH AIR FORCE

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July was a month in which many changes occurred, in which the unit was awarded battle participation credit, and in which an Officer was injured.

On July 1st the 91st Air Service Group celebrated its fourth anniversary as an organization. Originally activated at Mitchel Field, New York, the organization has been stationed at Mitchel Field, New York; Fort Dix, New Jersey; Orlando, Florida; Leesburg, Florida; Macon, Georgia; and Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; prior to departing for overseas. Many personnel are still in this unit who were with the original organization when activated. In celebration of the anniversary, a short service was held at the group theater, sporting events took place in the afternoon, a buffet supper was served in the new Servicemen's Club, which was formally opened that day, and a stage show was presented at the theater that evening.

During the first week of July, the various sections of the squadron took pictures, and sets were made available to all personnel.

On July 4th, Pfc Bolton who was in the accident which occurred on 18 Feb 45, was hospitalized for an injury which was not detected at a previous date. He was finally evacuated to a hospital in the United States for further hospitalization, /1.

The unit was given credit for battle participation in the Western Pacific, Marianas Islands, for a period from 19 Sep 44 to 18 Feb 45, /2.

On July 13th, Sgt Iorio was reduced to Private, and the following promotions Made: Cpl Apter to Sgt, Pfc Pitt to Cpl, and Pvt Bailey to Pfc, /3. This was the first promotion to a grade above Cpl since the unit was activated in May 44.

Several new personnel were assigned during the middle of the month. Sgt Jackson was assigned on the 14th, /4; S/Sgt Berry and Cpl Morgan were assigned on the 18th, /5.



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Cpl Browning and Cpl Loyall were placed on temporary duty with the 1st Provisional Truck Company, APO 244, for an indefinite period to alleviate the shortage of transportation at the port, /6.

Pvt Iorio was transferred to Headquarters and Base Services Squadron on 21 Jul 45, /7.

On 25 Jul 45, Lt WILSON, Assistant Wing Ammunition Officer, received multiple wounds in both hands, face, and abdomen as a result of an accidental explosion of a bomb fuse, and was hospitalized at the 369th Station Hospital, APO 244.

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1/ Par 1, Evacuation Order No 83, Hq WPBC, APO 244 dtd 13 Jul 45

2/ Par 1, GO 66, Hq s USAF POA, APO 958, dtd 30 Jun 45

3/ SO 49 Hq 91st Air Sv Gp, APO 237, dtd 13 Jul 45

4/ Par 3, SO 50 Hq 91st Air Sv Gp, APO 237, dtd 15 Jul 45

5/ SO 52 Hq 91st Air Sv Gp, APO 237, dtd 21 Jul 45

6/ Par 1 SO 192, Hq 73rd Bombardment Wing, APO 237, dtd 20 Jul 45

7/ Par 3 SO 51 Hq 91st Air Sv Gp, APO 237, dtd 20 Jul 45



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3. SO 49 Hq 91st Air Sv Gp, APO 237, dtd 13 Jul 45
4. Par 3, SO 50 Hq 91st Air Sv Gp, APO 237, dtd 15 Jul 45
5. SO 52 Hq 91st Air Sv Gp, APO 237, dtd 21 Jul 45
6. Par 1 SO 192, Hq 73rd Bombardment Wing, APO 237, dtd 20 Jul 45
7. Par 3 SO 51 Hq 91st Air Sv Gp, APO 237, dtd 20 Jul 45



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HEADQUARTERS
WESTERN PACIFIC BASE COMMAND
APO 244

704.11 (a) 13 July 1945

SUBJECT: Evacuation Orders No 83

TO : See Distribution

1. Under the auth of Ltr WD AGO 704.11 (3 Jun 44) OB-S-M-SPMOT-M, subj: "Procedure for Evacuation of Patients by Water or Air from Overseas Comd," dated 8 Jun 44, the following named patients awaiting evacuation to US are reld fr asgmt and dy in the POA (EDCMR 20 July 45) and will be moved by first available govt acft (Air Priority No 2) to a med installation in the US to be named by ind to this order by the comdr of the PAE at which patients debark:

E X T R A C T

| RANK, NAME, ASN & ORGN | ARM OR SV PP | MOS | CL OF PMT | NOW AT |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Pfc Francis A Bolton 31428343 | AF | 835 | 3 | 176th Sta Hosp |

2. This shipment will be under the control of the CG AAF from the time of departure from overseas sta until released to activities or installations not under his control after arrival in the US. Applicable records as listed in par 26 ltr cited in par 1 above will accompany patients.

3. Baggage to accompany patients will be limited to 55 lbs. All other auth and excess personal baggage will be packed and addressed w/rank, name, ASN, and arm thence turned over to hospital to which presently attached for shipment to US. Upon arrival at new sta US patients will comply with Sec I Cir 22 WD 1945. Patients will notify correspondents and publishers to discontinue mailing ltrs and publications until informed of new address.

4. TDN. POS. 212/50425 67-ooo P 431-01-02-02-07808.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL JARMAN:

/s/ R. O. Danielson,
/t/ R. O. DANIELSON,
Captain, A.G.D.
Asst. Adjutant General

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HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES ARMY FORCES
PACIFIC OCEAN AREAS
APO 958

GENERAL ORDERS )
NO. 66 )

30 June 1945

BATTLE PARTICIPATION CREDIT

EXTRACT

1. In accordance with General Orders No. 33, WD, 1945, and subparagraph 21b(2), AR 260-10, 25 October 1944, the Commanding General, United States Army Forces, Pacific Ocean Areas, designates the following units as entitled to battle honors for participation in the Western Pacific Campaign at some time between the opening and closing dates thereof as defined in paragraph 2:

* * * * *

572d Air Materiel Squadron

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2. a. The awarding of battle honors in paragraph 1 above, does not of itself entitle members of units listed therein to wear the Bronze Service Star on the Asiatic-Pacific Theater ribbon. Unit commanders will publish orders listing members of their units who are eligible to wear the Bronze Star under the probisions of subparagraph 7 b, Circular No. 62, WD, 1944, as amended by Section I, Circular No. 195, WD, 1944.

b. The combat zone for the Western Pacific Campaign has been defined as that portion of the Central Pacific Area lying west of longitude 150° east, less the main islands of Japn, the Bonin-Vulcan and the Ryukyu Island chains and the immediately adjacent waters. The time limit is from 17 April 1944 (air) or 15 June 1944 (ground) to the following closing dates:

(2) The Marianas Islands Area closes on 18 February 1945 for air and ground combat. This area is defined as the area bounded by a line between the points (a) Equator, 150° east; (b) Equator, 145° east; (c) north and northwest along easterly limit of Western Carolines area to 140° east; (d) 22° north, 140° east; (e) east to east limit of the Western Pacific Combat zone.

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BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL RICHARDSON:

CLARK L. RUFFNER
Major General, GSC
Chief of Staff

OFFICIAL:

/s/ Ernest E. McMahon
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HEADQUARTERS 91ST AIR SERVICE GROUP
A.P.O 237

SO 49

13 Jul 45

EXTRACT

1. Sgt Anthony Iorio 12027033 572d Air Mat Sq is reduced to gr of PRIVATE for cause. AUTH: AR 615-5.

2. Upon recommendation of their orgn comdr the fol EM 572d Air Mat Sq are promoted to gr indicated: AUTH: AR 615-5

TO BE SERGEANT (TEMP)

Cpl Albert L. Apter 12140923

TO BE CORPORAL (TEMP)

Pfc Clarence W. Pitt 12004372

TO BE PRIVATE FIRST CLASS

Pvt Clarence W. Bailey 34687649

By order of Colonel ZOLLER:

LAURANCE RUNYON JR
Major AC
Adjutant

OFFICIAL:

/s/ Laurance Runyon Jr
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HEADQUARTERS 91st AIR SERVICE GROUP
APO 237

SO 50

15 Jul 45

EXTRACT

3. Having rptd this Hq in compliance with par 6, SO 184, Hq 73d Bomb Wing APO 237, dd 12 Jul 45 Sgt (055) Douglas C. Jackson, 11122556, Race-W, ASRS-29 is asgd to 572d Air Mat Sq and will rpt to CO thereat for dy. No tyl involved. EDCMR 14 Jul 45.

By order of Colonel ZOLLER:

LAURANCE RUNYON JR
Major AC
Adjutant

OFFICIAL:

/s/ Laurance Runyon Jr
/t/ LAURANCE RUNYON JR
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HEADQUARTERS 91ST AIR SERVICE GROUP
APO 237

SO 52 21 Jul 45

1. Having rptd to this Hq in compliance with par 14, SO 191, Hq 73d Bomb Wing, APO 237, dd 19 Jul 45, fol EM Race-W are further asgd to 572d Air Mat Sq and will rpt to CO thereat for dy. No tyl involved. EDCMR 18 Jul 45.

S Sgt(826) Lester R. Berry, 15040733 ASR-63
Cpl(835) Naaman J. Morgan, 33128851 ASR-33

By order of Colonel ZOLLER:

LAURANCE RUNYON JR
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Adjutant

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73RD BOMBARDMENT WING
APO 237, C/O POSTMASTER
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

SPECIAL ORDERS)
:
NUMBER.....192)

20 July 1945

EXTRACT

1. Due to the exigencies of the service which prevented the issuance of written orders in advance the VOCG 18 July 1945 placing foll named personnel orgns indicated on TDY for an indefinite period with 1st Provisional Truck Co APO 244 are hereby confirmed and made of record. Upon completion of TDY personnel will ret to proper orgn for dy.

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|---|---|---|---|
| Cpl (932) Ernest L Loyall | 14071935 | 572nd Air Mat Sq | 91st Air Sv Gp |
| Cpl (835) Riley Browning | 35264638 | do | do |

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BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL O'DONNELL:

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Colonel, Air Corps
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HEADQUARTERS 91ST AIR SERVICE GROUP
APO 237

SO 51 20 Jul 45

EXTRACT

3. Pvt (O5S) Anthony Iorio 12027033 ASRS-64 Race-W, 572d Air Mat Sq, is trfd in gr to Hq & Base Sv Sq and will rpt to CO thereof for dy. No tyl involved. EDCMR 21 Jul 45.

By order of Colonel ZOLLER:

LAURANCE RUNYON JR
Major AC
Adjutant

OFFICIAL:

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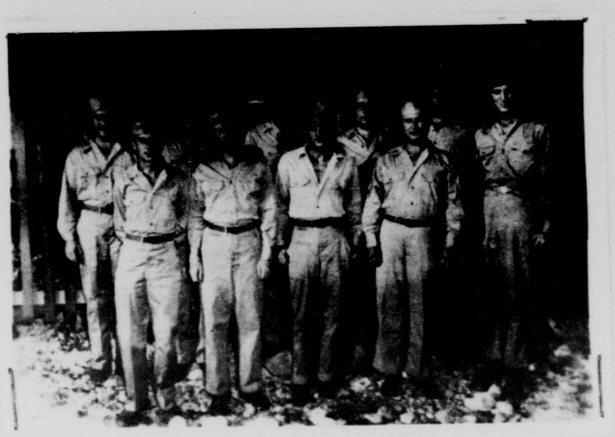
Second row: Cpl Robert H. Spencer, Pfc Joseph F. Mc Kenna, Pfc John D. Schoonover, Pfc James W. Allen, Sgt John B. Raffellini, Cpl Herman I. Lazarus, Cpl William H. Gallagher, Pfc Harry D. Schoonover

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Second row: Pfc Francis A. Bolton, Cpl Herbert A. Kalblein, Sgt Albert J. Constantino, Pfc Sherald B. Sydnes, Pfc Alfred E. Sandwith, Jr., Pfc Bill D. Nickolae, Lt. PHILIP T. CAMPBELL

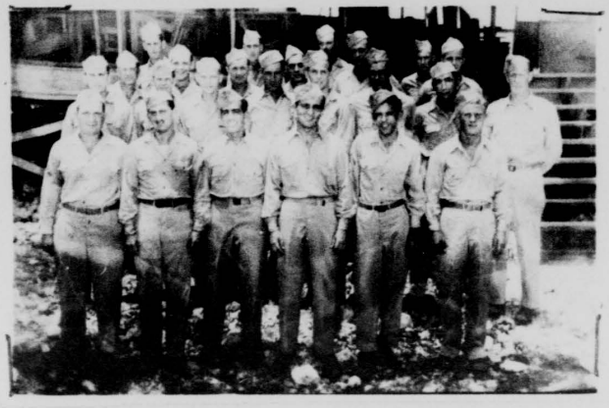
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Fourth row: Cpl Clarence N. Pitt, Cpl John F. Droney, Sgt John E. Wohrle, Pfc Asa G. Peckham, Jr., T/Sgt Joseph Batcha

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Third row: S/Sgt Harry J. Bain, Cpl William A. Shafer, Sgt Roland L. Powell, Pfc Richard J. Witteride, Sgt Joy D. Foster, Pfc Maxwell R. Babcock, Sgt Luke Raviella, Pfc Max Rothschild, Cpl Robert W. Holcomb, Sgt Peter P. Zelanka

Fourth row: Pfc John P. Sturm, Sgt Benjamin J. Rettew, Cpl Peter J. Haff, Cpl Lee M. Waynick, Jr., Pfc Robert T. Donahue, Sgt Charles H. Halberstadt, Pfc Clarence L. Lucas, Pfc Wilson H. Seitz, Pfc Robert M. Grayson

Fifth row: Cpl Lonnie E. Hambrick, Pfc Norman M. Brown, Pfc Robert F. Riebe, Cpl Wilbur D. Thompson, S/Sgt Edmund F. Rakitis, Pfc Herbert H. Sewell, M/Sgt William T. Hammond, Cpl Riley Browning, Cpl Eugene F. Morin

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572d Air Materiel Squadron

91st Air Service Group

(73rd Wing)

XXI BOMBER COMMAND

XX AIR FORCE

Period: 1 June to 30 June 1945



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June proved to be a very active month for the organization which had started its second year of activity.

On 1 June 1945, thirteen Enlisted Men were awarded the Good Conduct Medal having served with exemplary behavior, efficiency and fidelity for over one year of continuous active duty, /1. Ribbons were not available for presentation to the Enlisted Men.

June 4th was an occasion the Squadron will not forget. A steak supper, consisting of tenderloin and T bone steaks, french fried potatoes, pie, ice cream, and beer was served in the Mess Hall. The Commanding Officer of the Group, and the Commanding Officers of the other squadrons were guests at the supper.

Pfc Spivey, who had lost two other brothers in the service, was transferred on June 3rd, /2. Air transportation was not available until June 6th when permission was given Pfc Spivey to ride as a passenger on a B-29 which he had learned was returning to the Mainland. Tragedy struck the Spivey family again, for on the take off from Kwajalein Island in the Marshalls on 7 June 45, the B-29 crashed into the ocean, and after an intensive three day air and sea search, Pfc Spivey was reported presumably dead.

Pvt Salonia was promoted to Pfc on 6 June 45, /3.

After thirteen months, Major CLINTON MENEELY, who was both Commanding Officer of the Squadron and Group Materiel Officer, was relieved from assignment and transferred to Headquarters and Base Services Squadron, 91st Air Service Group, where he became Commanding Officer of that unit, /4. Captain EDWIN B. SPETH, JR., who was Assistant Group Materiel Officer, assumed command of this unit, /5.



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The Officer strength of the unit was filled with the transfer of 1st Lt FREDERICK L. RASTEDE from the 322d Air Engineering Squadron, 91st Air Service Group, /6.

Three Enlisted Men were awarded AAF Technician Badges on 16 June 45, /7. Badges were not available for presentation.

On June 23rd, six more Enlisted Men were awarded the Good Conduct Medal, /8, with presentation of ribbons to take place at a future date when a supply is received

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1/ Par 3, GO 5, Hqs 91st Air Sv Gp, APO 237, dtd 1 Jun 45

2/ Par 10, SO 147, Hqs AAF POA (Admin), APO 953, dtd 27 May 45

3/ Par 1, SO 36, Hqs 91st Air Sv Gp, APO 237 dtd 6 Jun 45

4/ SO 41, Hqs 91st Air Sv Gp, APO 237 dtd 15 Jun 45

5/ Squadron Order 9, 572d Air Mat Sq, 91st Air Sv Gp, APO 237, dtd 15 Jun 45

6/ Par 1, SO 43, Hqs 91st Air Sv Gp, APO 237, dtd 18 Jun 45

7/ Par 1, GO 6, Hqs 91st Air Sv Gp, APO 237, dtd 16 Jun 45

8/ Par 1, GO 8, Hqs 91st Air Sv Gp, APO 237, dtd 23 Jun 45



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HEADQUARTERS 91ST AIR SERVICE GROUP
APO 237

GO 5

1 Jun 45

E X T R A C T

3. The following named enlisted men, 572d Air Mat Sq, 91st Air Sv Gp, having served with exemplary behavior, efficiency and fidelity for over one year of continuous active duty in the Army of the United States, are awarded the Good Conduct Medal:

| | |
|---|---|
| Sgt Rettew, Benjamin J. | 33242347 |
| Cpl Apter, Albert L. | 12140923 |
| Cpl Weissman, Morton | 32709438 |
| Pfc Brown, William H. | 34763334 |
| Pfc Grayson, Robert M. | 15338302 |
| Pfc Morrison, Herbert W. | 32492827 |
| Pfc Pisciotta, Joseph | 32164059 |
| Pfc Ray, Ralph K. | 33573579 |
| Pfc Rosales, Gabriel M. | 38213065 |
| Pfc Sandwith, Alfred E.,Jr | 37225161 |
| Pfc Schoonover, Harry D. | 35344845 |
| Pfc Schoonover, John D. | 35344850 |
| Pfc Wouters, Richard P. | 19114193 |

/s/ S. J. Zoller
/t/ S. J. ZOLLER
Colonel, Air Corps
Commanding

A TRUE COPY:

BYRON E. BUCHSTANE,
1st Lt., Air Corps.

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HEADQUARTERS
ARMY AIR FORCES, PACIFIC OCEAN AREAS (ADMIN)
APO 953

27 May 1945

SYMBOLS

SPECIAL ORDERS )
: (FAGAT - 1st Available Govt Air Tyl )
NUMBER 147 ) (FAGWT - 1st Available Govt Water Tyl )

EXTRACT

10. Pfc Lowell B Spivey 34670911 is reld from asgmt and dy 572d Air Materiel Sq APO 237 and is atchd unasgd to 135th Repl Bn AAF APO 953. Notation will be made in EM's S/R under "Remarks Administrative" and on WD AGO Form 20 as follows: "By order of SW this EM will not be asgd to hazardous duty." WP. TDN. POS. Tyl via HAGAT or FAGWT and GMT. Per diem auth for tyl via air only UP Sec II Cir 356 WD 44 as amended. Auth: WARX RAD R-62206 dated 27 May 45. 67-414 P 431-02 03 A 0425-25. EDCMR 3 Jun 45.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL GILES:

JOHN H. IVES,
Colonel, Air Corps,
Acting Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

(seal)

HENRY B. HOLMAN,
Colonel, AGD,
Adjutant General.

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HEADQUARTERS 91ST AIR SERVICE GROUP
APO 237

SO 36

6 Jun 45

1. Upon recommendation of his orgn comdr Pvt Concetta J Salonia 31049578 572d Air Mat Sq is promoted to gr of PRIVATE FIRST CLASS. AUTH: AR 615-5.

By order of Colonel ZOLLER:

LAURANCE RUNYON JR
Major AC
Adjutant

OFFICIAL:

/s/ Laurance Runyon Jr
/t/ LAURANCE RUNYON JR
Major AC
Adjutant

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HEADQUARTERS 91ST AIR SERVICE GROUP
APO 237

SO 41 15 Jun 45

1. MAJOR (4010) CLINTON MENEELY 0276222 AC is reld fr asgmt and dy 572d Air Mat Sq and asgd Hq & Base Sv Sq. EDCMR 15 Jun 45.

2. MAJOR (4010) CLINTON MENEELY 0276222 AC Hq & Base Sv Sq is announced Commanding Officer Hq & Base Sv Sq vice LT COL (2120) FRANK J. SPECHT 0324943 AC Hq & Base Sv Sq reld.

By order of Colonel ZOLLER:

LAURANCE RUNYON JR
Major AC
Adjutant

OFFICIAL:

/s/ Laurance Runyon Jr
/t/ LAURANCE RUNYON JR
Major AC
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572D AIR MATERIEL SQUADRON
91ST AIR SERVICE GROUP
APO 237 c/o Postmaster

San Francisco, California
15 June 1945

SQUADRON ORDER )
:
NUMBER 9 )

Under the provisions of paragraph 4, AR 600-20, the undersigned hereby assumes command of the 572d Air Materiel Squadron.

/s/ E. B. Speth Jr
/t/ E. B. SPETH., JR.,
Captain, Air Corps,
Commanding.

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HEADQUARTERS 91ST AIR SERVICE GROUP
APO 237

18 Jun 45

SO 43

1. 1ST LT (4902) FREDERICK L RASTEDE 0355720 AC is reld dy and asgmt 322d Air Eng Sq and asgd 572d Air Mat Sq will rpt to CO thereat for dy. EDCMR 18 Jun 45.

By order of Colonel ZOLLER:

LAURANCE RUNYON JR
Major AC
Adjutant

OFFICIAL:

/s/ Laurance Runyon Jr
LAURANCE RUNYON JR
Major AC
Adjutant

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HEADQUARTERS 91ST AIR SERVICE GROUP
APO 237

GO 6

16 Jun 45

E X T R A C T

1. Under the provisions of AR 600-80 the following named enlisted men, orgns indicated, are awarded the AAF Technician Badge with appropriate ba rs as indicated:

572D AIR MAT SQ

Airplane Mechanic

| | |
|---|---|
| Cpl (747) Daniel A Montrella | 33016972 |
| Cpl (747) Eugene F Morin | 16005168 |

Radio Mechanic

| | |
|---|---|
| Pfc (647) Richard K Gordon | 13103775 |

/s/ S. J. Zoller
/t/ S. J. ZOLLER
Colonel, Air Corps
Commanding

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HEADQUARTERS 91ST AIR SERVICE GROUP
APO 237

GO 8 23 Jun 45

EXTRACT

1. The following named enlisted men, 572d Air Mat Sq, 91st Air Sv Gp, having served with exemplary behavior, efficiency and fidelity for over one year of continuous active duty in the Army of the United States, are awarded the Good Conduct Medal:

| | |
|---|---|
| Cpl Thompson, Wilbur D | 39461902 |
| Pfc Donahue, Robert T | 16144792 |
| Pfc Jaretsky, Peter | 32243898 |
| Pfc Riebe, Robert F | 35635541 |
| Pfc Smith, Edward C | 31138486 |
| Pfc Zawacki, Henry J | 36743043 |

/s/ S. J. Zoller
/t/ S. J. ZOLLER
Colonel, Air Corps
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572d Air Materiel Squadron

91st Air Service Group

(73rd Wing)

XXI BOMBER COMMAND

XX AIR FORCE

Period: 1 May to 31 May 1945



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The squadron bivouac area shows considerable improvement. The men, working after duty hours, continue to build up their tents, clear away weeds in adjacent areas, and improve their living conditions.

All supply sections were functioning with maximum effort to insure success of the current all out air offensive against the Japanese homeland.

Lt Myron E Buchstane was promoted to 1st Lt on 2 May 45, /1.

Cpl Cay was promoted to Cpl on 4 May 45, /2.

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1/ Par 3, SO 122, Hqs AAF POA (Admin) APO 953, dtd 2 May 1945

2/ Par 3, SO 30, Hqs 91st Air Sv Gp, APO 237, dtd 4 May 1945.



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HEADQUARTERS
ARMY AIR FORCES, PACIFIC OCEAN AREAS (ADMIN)
APO 953

SPECIAL ORDER )
: 
NUMBER 122 )

SYMBOLS

(FAGAT - 1st Available Govt Air Tyl )
(FAGWT - 1st Available Govt Water Tyl )
(EDCMR - Eff Date of C on M/R )
(CIPAP - Auth is granted to make such )
( C in above itinerary as may be)
( necessary for accomplishment )
( of this mission. )

2 May 1945

EXTRACT

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3. With the concurrence of Dep Comdr Twentieth AF and pursuant to authority contained in TELECON MESSAGE H-16-3 and par 4 d (4) AR 605-12 17 Aug 44 announcement is made of the temp promotion of the following-named Offs of the Twentieth AF to the grs indicated in AUS w/rank from date of this order:

2ND LT TO 1ST LT

* * * * * * * *
MYRON E BUCHSTANE O-583678
* * * * * * * *

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL HALE:

JOHN H. IVES
Colonel, Air Corps
Acting Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

HENRY B. HOHMAN,
Colonel, AGD,
Adjutant General

A TRUE EXTRACT COPY:

/s/ H. J. COLE
Captain, AGD
Asst Adjutant General

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HEADQUARTERS 91ST AIR SERVICE GROUP
APO 237

SO 30 4 May 45

EXTRACT

3. Upon recommendation of his orgn comdr Pfc John M Cay 14064757 572d Air Mat Sq is promoted to gr of CORPORAL (TW). AUTH: AR 615-5.

By order of Colonel ZOLLER:

LAURANCE RUNYON JR
Major AC
Adjutant

OFFICIAL:

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/t/ LAURANCE RUNYON JR
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**572d Air Materiel Squadron**

**91st Air Service Group**

**(73rd Wing)**

**XXI BOMBER COMMAND**

**XX AIR FORCE**

**Period: 1 April to 30 April 1945**

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Cpl. Arthur J. Mc Crossen /1, who was absent sick at Oahu, was transferred to a hospital in the United States.

2 Enlisted Men were promoted to the grade of Private First Class /2 under the provisions of Section I, Circular # 84, Hqs USAFPOA.

S Sgt John D. Hannon /3, was authorized the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 9 March to 19 March 1945. Presentation ceremony and reading of Citation /4, was conducted by Commanding General, 73rd Bomb Wing (VH), at Saipan, M. I., on 20 April 1945.

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1/ WD AGO Form 25, Extract of Service Record. (Official copy of Evac Order # 214 Hq CPBC, APO 958, dtd 2 Apr 45, transferring Cpl Mc Crossen were never received.)

2/ Par 1, SO 25, Hqs 91st Air Service Group, APO 237, dtd 12 Apr 45.

3/ Sec III, GO 59, Hqs XXI Bomb Comd, APO 234, dtd 9 Apr 45.

4/ Citation.

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2. Par 1, SO 25, Hqs 91st Air Service Group, APO 237, dated 12 Apr 45.
3. Sec III, GO 59, Hqs XXI Bomb Comd, APO 234, dtd 9 Apr 45.
4. Citation of S Sgt John D. Hannon.



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**EXTRACT FROM SERVICE RECORD**

of

Mc Crossen Arthur J. 32170089

* * * * *

5th Ind.

DET OF PNTS 147 GEN HOSP APO 958
San Francisco, Calif 1 Apr 1945

To CO, US Army Hosp Sol trfd to US for
Hosp. by air

This soldier was trfd to your comd

per Ltr O, Evac O # 214 Hq CPBC dtd 2 Apr 45
and left this organization 3 Apr 45.

I have personally verified all entries in
this indorsement.

/s/ W. J. Gravenish
/T/ W. J. GRAVENISH, CWO U.S.A
PERSONNEL OFFICER

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HEADQUARTERS 91ST AIR SERVICE GROUP
APO 237

SO 25 12 Apr 45

1. Upon recommendation of their orgn comdr the following EM 572d Air Mat Sq are promoted to gr indicated.

TO BE PRIVATE FIRST CLASS

Pvt Coyne, James P 32323393
Pvt Grayson, Robert M 15338302

By order of Colonel ZOLLER:

LAURANCE RUNYON JR
Major AC
Adjutant

OFFICIAL:

/s/ Laurance Runyon Jr
/t/ LAURANCE RUNYON JR
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HEADQUARTERS XXI BOMBER COMMAND
APO 234, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

GENERAL ORDERS )
:
NO. . . . . 59 )

9 April 1945

EXTRACT

SECTION III

THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL--By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II, Bull 3, WD, 1944), and pursuant to authority delegated by the Deputy Commander, Twentieth Air Force in classified letter, file AG 323.361, subject: "Definition of Administrative Responsibilities", dated 18 December 1944, announcement is made of the award of the Bronze Star Medal to the following named enlisted men, organizations indicated:

* * * * *

91st Air Service Group

Staff Sergeant John D Hannon, 11042589, Air Corps, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 9 March to 19 March 1945.

* * * * *

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL LeMAY:

A W KISSNER
Brigadier General, USA
Chief of Staff

OFFICIAL:

/s/ Robert B Price
/t/ ROBERT B PRICE
1st Lt, AGD
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Staff Sergeant John D. Hannon, 11042589, Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 9 March to 19 March 1945. During this period B-29 aircraft based on the Marianas Islands struck the cities of Tokyo, Nagoya, Osaka and Kobe with such force and determination that great areas of these industial centers were totally destroyed. The rapid succession in which these missions were flown allowed only a minimum of time in which to properly service these airplanes and accomplish the required maintenance. In spite of many difficulties and adverse conditions Sergeant Hannon, by his efficiency and technical skill aided in keeping B-29 aircraft in constant readiness. The initiative and resourcefulness he displayed were an inspiration to his associates and materially contributed to the success of these devastating incendiary missions. In the performance of this service Sergeant Hannon demonstrated unusual ability, leadership, and devotion to duty thereby reflecting great credit on himself and the Army Air Forces.

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(73rd Wing)

XXI BOMBER COMMAND

XX AIR FORCE

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Cpl. Arthur J. McGreesem /1 and Pfc Joseph J. O'Neill /2 , both of whom were in the truck accident on 18 February 1945, were evacuated to Oahu.

Pfc Joseph F. McKenna /3 left on emergency furlough.

Cpl William A. Shafer /4 was placed on DS for approximately eighty (80) days with Detachment "A", Hqs XXI Bomber Command, APO 234.

Pfc Joseph J. O'Neill /5, who was absent sick at Oahu, was transferred to a hospital in the United States.

Pfc Floyd H. Koppa /6 was transferred out of the organization. He had been absent sick at Oahu.

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1/ Par 1, Swac Order Hqs 176th Sta Hosp, APO 244, dtd 4 Mar 45.

2/ Par 1, Swac Order Hqs 369th Sta Hosp, APO 244, dtd 9 Mar 45.

3/ Ltr Travel Order, File 220.711 C, Hqs PAAB #1, APO 237, dtd 14 Mar 45.

4/ Par 1, SO 65, Hqs PAAB #1, APO 237, dtd 21 Mar 45.

5/ Par 1, Swac Order #193, Hqs CPBC, APO 958, dtd 18 Mar 45.

6/ Ltr Orders, Hqs 147th Gen Hosp, APO 958, dtd 26 Mar 45.

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HEADQUARTERS 176TH STATION HOSPITAL
APO 244

DWR/es-23

4 March 1945

300.44

SUBJECT: Evacuation Orders.

TO : See Distribution.

E X T R A C T

1. The following named personnel WP by first available air transportation to a General Hospital on the Island of Oahu for further disposition:

* * * * * *

Arthur J. McCrossen Cpl 32 170 089 572d 91st Air Sv Gp

* * * * * *

By order of Lieutenant Colonel SEDLACEK:

/s/ Dwight W. Rogers
/t/ DWIGHT W. ROGERS
1st Lt, MAC
Adjutant

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HEADQUARTERS
369 Station Hospital
APO #244

370.05/3 (Air) 9 March 1945

SUBJECT: Evacuation Orders.

TO : See Distribution.

E X T R A C T

1. The following named personnel WP by first available air or water transportation to an Army General, or Naval, Hospital on the Island of Oahu for further treatment and disposition:

* * * * * *

Pfc Joseph J. O'Neill 32158615 572 Mat Sq 91 Sv Gp

* * * * * *

BY ORDER OF COLONEL LUBITZ:

/s/ Carl P. Goldstein
/t/ CARL P. GOLDSTEIN,
Captain, MAC,
Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS
PROVISIONAL ARMY AIR BASE NO. 1
APO 237, C/O POSTMASTER
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

220.711 G

14 March 1945

SUBJECT: Travel Orders

TO : Private First Class Joseph F. McKenna, 37184267, 572nd Air Materiel Squadron, 91st Air Service Group, APO 237, c/o PM, San Francisco, Calif.

EXTRACT

1. You are hereby placed on Detached Service and will proceed by first available air transportation to a United States Airport, where you will be granted a thirty (30) day emergency furlough, plus travel time, to 3127 Ladkland Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri.

* * * * * *

By command of Brigadier General O'DONNELL:

/s/ W. W. Farquhar
/t/ W. W. FARQUHAR
Lt. Col., Air Corps
Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS
PROVISIONAL ARMY AIR BASE NO. 1
APO 237, C/O POSTMASTER
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

21 March 1945

SPECIAL ORDERS)
:
NUMBER.....65)

EXTRACT

1. The following named off and EM are reld fr dy with units indicated and are placed on DS with Det "A", Hq XXI Bomb Comd, APO 234, for a period of approx eighty (80) days, and WP fr APO 237 e/a 21 Mar 1945 by mil sp, reporting on arr thereat to Station Commandant, XXI Bomb Comd. Upon completion of DS off and EM will ret to APO 237 and proper orgn for dy. Air Travel Priority II is atzd. (Auth: Memo No 1, Hq Island Comd, APO 244, dd 1 Jan 1945).

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572d Air Mat Sq, 91st Air Sv Gp
Cpl (405-590) William A Shafer 6902168

* * * * * *

By command of Brigadier General O'DONNELL:

WALTER C. SWEENEY, JR.
Colonel, Air Corps,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

/s/ W. W. Farquhar
/t/ W. W. FARQUHAR
Lt. Col., Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS CENTRAL PACIFIC BASE COMMAND
Office of the Commanding General
APO 958

AG 704.11 15 March 1945

SUBJECT: Evacuation Orders No. 193

TO : Distribution below.

EXTRACT

1. Under the authority of WD AGO Letter, file AG 704.11 (3 Jun 44) OB-S-E-SPMOT, subject: "Procedure for Evacuation of Patients by Water or Air from Overseas Command", dated 6 June 1944, the following patients, hospitals shown, now awaiting evacuation to the US, are transferred in grade to hospitals designated by CG, PE concerned, effective date of departure from this area, and will be moved via first available transportation as indicated by paragraph 4, below:

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Pfc | O'Neill, Joseph J | 32158615 | 535 | AAF | 2 |

* * * * * *

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL BURGIN:

/s/ J. E. White,
/t/ J. E. WHITE,
Major, A. G. D.,
Ass't Adjutant General.

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MYRON E. BUCHSTANE,
2d Lt, Air Corps.

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HEADQUARTERS
147TH GENERAL HOSPITAL
A.P.O. #958

26 March 1945

SUBJECT: Letter Orders.

TO : See Distribution.

E X T R A C T

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2. Fol named EM, orgns shown, atchd Det Pnts this Hosp, are trfd therete atchd unasgd Det Pnts 147th Gen Hosp APO 958 eff 26 March 1945:

* * * * * *

Pfc Floyd H Kopps 12005586 572d Materiel Sq 91st Air Sv Group APO 244

* * * * * *

BY ORDER OF COLONEL COOKERLY:

/s/ V. H. Elliott
/t/ V. H. ELLIOTT,
Major, Med. Adm. C.,
Adjutant.

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91st Air Service Group

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XXI BOMBER COMMAND

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Period: 1 February to 28 February 1945

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The squadron bivouac area shows considerable improvement. The men, working after normal duty hours, built up their tents, cleared away weeds in adjacent areas, and fixed up the coral pathways.

Pfc Herbert W. Morrison, 32492827, and Pvt Robert M. Grayson, 15338302, joined the organization /1 from Oahu. Both men were assigned to the Air Corps Supply section.

On 18 February 1945, tragedy struck the organization. Nine men from the organization were involved in a truck accident. Pfc Joseph Ulanosky, 33033090, was killed instantaneously. Pfc Joseph J. O'Neill, 32158615, suffered a skull fracture and is classed as seriously ill. All the rest of the men, with the exception of Cpl Arthur J. McCrossen, 32170089, received minor injuries. Cpl McCrossen has a broken leg, but is not considered seriously ill.

Pfc Ulanosky's funeral was held on 19 February 1945. He was buried with full military honors in Army Cemetary #1, APO 244.

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1/ Par 1, Special Orders #9, Hqs 91st Air Serv Gp, 4 Feb 45.



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HEADQUARTERS 91ST AIR SERVICE GROUP
APO 237

SO 9

4 Feb 45

1. The following EM having rptd to 91st Air Serv Gp in compliance with Par 2 SO 27 Hq 73d Bomb Wing APO 237 c/o Postmaster San Francisco California dtd 1 Feb 45 are asgd to 572d Air Mat Sq and will rpt to CO thereof for dy. EDCIR 1 Feb 45.

Pfc (835) Morrison, Herbert W 32492827
Pvt (835) Grayson, Robert H 15338302

By order of Lieut Colonel ZOLLER:

LAURANCE RUNYON JR
Capt, AC
Adjutant

OFFICIAL:

Laurance Runyon Jr

LAURANCE RUNYON JR
Capt, AC
Adjutant

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Building up of the bivouac area continued. Coral was hauled in; roads and paths were built. The Enlisted Men leveled down the coral, and built up the area around their tents.

Pvt. Buford E. Boyett, 34339577, who had been absent sick at Oahu, was transferred /1 out of the organization.

29 Enlisted Men were promoted to the grade of Privat First Class /2 under the provisions of Section I, Circular #64, Hqs USAFPOA.

Opl George J. Geschwind, 12040815, was evacuated /3 to Oahu.

The Good Conduct Medal was awarded /4 to 41 EM. Formal presentation has not yet been made.

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1/ Special Orders #12, Hqs, 219th Gen Hosp (NSGH), 12 Jan 45.

2/ Special Orders #2, Hqs 91st Air Serv Gp, 16 Jan 45.

3/ Evacuation Order, Hqs, 369th Sta Hosp, 18 Jan 45.

4/ General Orders #1, Hqs, 91st Air Serv Gp, 18 Jan 45.



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HEADQUARTERS 219TH GENERAL HOSPITAL
(N. S. G. H.)

SPECIAL ORDERS)
:
Number 12)

12 January 1945.

EXTRACT

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7. Fol named EM orgns and stas shown having been hospitalized sixty (60) consecutive days are reld fr atchmt to Detof Pnts NSGH APO 957 and are trfd to POA unasgd and atch Det of Pnts NSGH eff this date:

* * * * * *

Pvt Buford E Boyett 34 339 577 572d Material Sq 91st Gp APO 244

* * * * * *

By order of Colonel GREEN:

D. F. KIEGLER,
WOJG, USA
Assistant Adjutant.

OFFICIAL:

/s/ D. F. Kiegler
/t/ D. F. KIEGLER,
WOJG, USA,
Assistant Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS 91ST AIR SERVICE GROUP
APO 237

SO 2

16 Jan 45

1. Upon recommendation of their orgn comdr the following EM Hq & Base Serv Sq are promoted to gr indicated.

AUTH: Sec I, Cir 84, Hq, USAFPOA

TO BE PRIVATE FIRST CLASS

| | |
|---|---|
| Pvt Abernatha, Harley L | 38444726 |
| Pvt Adamovicz, Walter R | 31428591 |
| Pvt Baker, Ray W | 38398056 |
| Pvt Baughn, Wesley W | 32858211 |
| Pvt Baumeister, August E | 39329711 |
| Pvt Berentz, Kelso C | 38468476 |
| Pvt Boose, Robert | 32943131 |
| Pvt Bonfardeci, Carl D | 36621727 |
| Pvt Brown, Fred | 38347859 |
| Pvt Brown, Walter J | 13049712 |
| Pvt Carlin, Thomas J | 32745855 |
| Pvt Carlisle, Harry E | 38518462 |
| Pvt Cohen, Eugene | 12185216 |
| Pvt Cook, John S | 13136802 |
| Pvt Davidson, George W | 39171909 |
| Pvt Dickson, Robert D | 38451191 |
| Pvt Delikat, Allen R | 36283811 |
| Pvt Foels, Raymond F | 32832495 |
| Pvt Franks, Robert L | 34117886 |
| Pvt Freeland, Almon | 15337532 |
| Pvt Gonnella, Carmen J | 42002218 |
| Pvt Granado, Alfred T | 38415859 |
| Pvt Harris, Paul H | 36862765 |
| Pvt Harrell, Orville L | 38414995 |
| Pvt Herndon, Clifford J | 35068662 |
| Pvt Hook, Norman J | 32636211 |
| Pvt Hum, Walter C | 35345478 |
| Pvt Jordan, Noel | 34260614 |
| Pvt Leonard, Mario | 35345625 |
| Pvt Mazzio, Ferdinand D | 32392681 |
| Pvt McCra, Arthur L | 31240027 |
| Pvt Mesa, Abraham E | 19044430 |
| Pvt Naples, Ralph F | 32855718 |
| Pvt Nonnemacher, Benjamin F | 33623115 |
| Pvt Nordstrom, Harold V | 39526929 |
| Pvt Overholt, Lowell E | 35542179 |
| Pvt Peratt, James R | 36675161 |
| Pvt Persico, George J | 32676264 |
| Pvt Ray, James C | 35488992 |
| Pvt Rash, George L | 32488299 |
| Pvt Sawyers, Harold R | 34490374 |
| Pvt Scott, Ned A | 38471410 |
| Pvt Sharp, William E | 34606475 |
| Pvt Shettel, Paul C | 13093198 |
| Pvt Slanina, Joseph S | 13058071 |
| Pvt Slocum, Gaylord G | 36193683 |
| Pvt Siegel, Leonard | 36769144 |
| Pvt Smith, Earl A Jr | 35520465 |
| Pvt Solis, Antonio P | 38157453 |
| Pvt Swartz, Lewis C | 32582453 |
| Pvt Tulett, Paul E | 32733712 |
| Pvt Urga, Vincent L | 37726287 |
| Pvt Vogel, John D | 37615889 |
| Pvt Wade, Zeb A | 34669703 |
| Pvt White, Gerald L | 39846516 |
| Pvt White, Thomas R | 33604344 |

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|---|---|
| Pvt Williams, Robert E | 36859897 |
| Pvt Yokley, Paul Jr | 34921569 |
| Pvt Young, John D | 32354233 |
| Pvt Zak, James F | 35540229 |

2. Upon recommendation of their orgn comdr the following EM 322d Air Eng Sq are promoted to grs indicated.

TO BE CORPORAL (TW)

| | |
|---|---|
| Pfc Murphy, Raymond C | 15394256 |

AUTH: AR 615-5

TO BE PRIVATE FIRST CLASS

| | |
|---|---|
| Pvt Bagley, Robert W | 16052187 |
| Pvt Bessant, George | 39254021 |
| Pvt Cohen, Guido M | 39275291 |
| Pvt Dembia, John | 32329490 |
| Pvt Denny, Patrick T | 37134040 |
| Pvt Deramo, Anthony | 33775991 |
| Pvt Doss, Thomas H Jr | 33215906 |
| Pvt Hamilton, Robert A | 32830757 |
| Pvt Harris, Rex L | 39916325 |
| Pvt Henry, Austin F Jr | 38562670 |
| Pvt Knox, Elmer J | 33763306 |
| Pvt Lewis, John | 33324163 |
| Pvt Lopez, Theodore C | 6567583 |
| Pvt Masters, Forest E | 35757362 |
| Pvt McBride, Richard W | 39557677 |
| Pvt McCallister, Joseph | 39086623 |
| Pvt Neuschafer, Joseph A | 33733663 |
| Pvt Rice, Edward J N | 35697219 |
| Pvt Scott, James F | 35702039 |
| Pvt Sterle, William | 35392854 |
| Pvt Walton, Cecil F | 34834111 |
| Pvt Weintraub, Stanley H | 32991734 |
| Pvt Wiesehan, Leonard F | 37620722 |
| Pvt Wilber, John R | 36483088 |
| Pvt Wishon, Joe R | 38402759 |
| Pvt Wittich, Louie C | 39204337 |

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3. Upon recommendation of their orgn comdr the following EM 572d Air Mat Sq are promoted to gr indicated.

AUTH: Sec I, Cir 84, Hq, USAFPOA

TO BE PRIVATE FIRST CLASS

| | |
|---|---|
| Pvt Allen, James W | 34086149 |
| Pvt Babcock, Maxwell R | 39270372 |
| Pvt Bolton, Francis A | 31428343 |
| Pvt Brown, William H | 34763334 |
| Pvt Cay, John M | 14064757 |
| Pvt Coyne, James P | 32323393 |
| Pvt Davis, Melvin J | 39454599 |
| Pvt Donahue, Robert T | 16144792 |
| Pvt Fogarty, Leonard Jr | 32192472 |
| Pvt Gordon, Richard K | 13103775 |
| Pvt Jaretsky, Peter | 32243698 |
| Pvt Kobolocki, Harry J | 31166139 |
| Pvt Kopps, Floyd H | 12005586 |
| Pvt Lucas, Clarence L | 17045697 |
| Pvt Nickolac, Bill D | 36871655 |

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|---|---|
| Pvt O'Neill, Joseph J | 32158615 |
| Pvt Ray, Ralph K | 33573579 |
| Pvt Ritchey, Kenneth A | 33276109 |
| Pvt Rosales, Gabriel M | 38213065 |
| Pvt Sandwith, Alfred E Jr | 37225161 |
| Pvt Schoonover, Harry D | 35344845 |
| Pvt Schoonover, John D | 35344850 |
| Pvt Snyder, Albert A | 39463547 |
| Pvt Sturm, John P | 13078478 |
| Pvt Sydnes, Sherald B | 37657378 |
| Pvt Villars, Walter L | 35867400 |
| Pvt Woodson, Martin H | 37259310 |
| Pvt Wouters, Richard P | 19114193 |
| Pvt Spencer, Robert H. | 11052585 |

By order of Lieut Colonel ZOLLER:

LAURANCE RUNYON JR
Capt AC
Adj

OFFICIAL:

Laurance Runyon Jr

LAURANCE RUNYON JR
Capt AC
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HEADQUARTERS
369TH STATION HOSPITAL
APO #244

18 January 1945

SUBJECT: Evacuation Orders

TO : See Distribution

EXTRACT

1. The following named personnel WP by first available air transportation to a General Hospital on the Island of Oahu for further disposition:

* * * * * *

Cpl George J. Geschwind 12040815 572 Materiel Sq, 91 Sv Gp

* * * * * *

By Order of Colonel LUBITZ:

/s/ Carl P. Goldstein
/t/ CARL P. GOLDSTEIN
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HEADQUARTERS 91ST AIR SERVICE GROUP
APO 237

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18 Jan 45

1. The following named enlisted men, Hq & Base Serv Sq, 91st Air Serv Gp, having served with exemplary behavior, efficiency and fidelity for over one year of continuous active duty in the Army of the United States, are awarded the Good Conduct Medal:

| | |
|---|---|
| S Sgt Roberts, James E | 14164689 |
| S Sgt Rowe, Lloyd W | 36524433 |
| S Sgt Thompson, Jack N | 35589589 |
| Sgt Carma, Abraham G | 32192027 |
| Sgt Fromholtz, Walter C | 32764046 |
| Sgt Nash, Charles L | 36887920 |
| Sgt Parker, Russell O | 37660676 |
| Sgt Santino, Patrick R | 12155686 |
| Sgt Sorg, Frank J | 36650115 |
| Sgt Spisjak, Joseph | 12031096 |
| Sgt Tallents, George H | 32547458 |
| Cpl Alu, Samuel F | 33454662 |
| Cpl Aron, Delbert W | 11127933 |
| Cpl Ashley, Myron F | 37579601 |
| Cpl Bohnert, Ralph K | 37246758 |
| Cpl Connors, Billie D | 35806840 |
| Cpl Dobosh, Louis | 33209034 |
| Cpl Faerber, Eugene P | 31071464 |
| Cpl Gehlman, John W | 33569334 |
| Cpl Gough, Thomas Jr | 36559852 |
| Cpl Graham, Winburn B | 36417041 |
| Cpl Hawkins, Eugene W | 36717097 |
| Cpl Johnson, Robert R | 12182090 |
| Cpl Marfochuk, Walter Jr | 36570752 |
| Cpl Rothmel, Edward T | 36562454 |
| Cpl Ross, George C | 32586132 |
| Cpl Rotar, Albert J | 35917666 |
| Cpl Russell, Norman L | 36593967 |
| Cpl Sherer, James R Jr | 34399053 |
| Cpl Suchting, Frederick W | 33546335 |
| Cpl Thaler, George S | 33901394 |
| Cpl Tosch, Donald H | 19136442 |
| Cpl Tufford, Wallis K | 36855443 |
| Cpl Walberg, Harold O | 32699295 |
| Cpl Whitehead, Willie B | 34629668 |
| Cpl Williams, Russell C Jr | 34697456 |
| Cpl Winfield, William A | 33559112 |
| Pfc Abernatha, Harley L | 36444726 |
| Pfc Adamovicz, Walter R | 31428591 |
| Pfc Atter, Warren D | 37579870 |
| Pfc Baughn, Wesley W | 32656211 |
| Pfc Berentz, Kelso C | 30466476 |
| Pfc Boose, Robert | 32946131 |
| Pfc Bowen, John J | 34763915 |
| Pfc Casey, Francis J | 36666241 |
| Pfc Check, George J | 36122133 |
| Pfc Clincher, Silas H | 37449721 |
| Pfc Coad, Clayton | 37527500 |
| Pfc Cohen, Eugene | 12185216 |
| Pfc Davidson, George W | 39171909 |
| Pfc Drake, Alvin H | 36275096 |
| Pfc Fools, Raymond F | 32832495 |
| Pfc Franks, Robert L | 34117666 |
| Pfc Freeland, Almon | 15337532 |
| Pfc Garrity, Roland F | 31112992 |
| Pfc Gehres, William F | 12031683 |
| Pfc Gonnella, Carmon J | 42002216 |
| Pfc Green, Willie T | 37136374 |
| Pfc Haltom, Bartlett U | 36414137 |
| Pfc Hamp, Robert N | 36193672 |

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| Pfc Harding, Russell W | 36456136 |
| Pfc Harrell, Orville R | 33414995 |
| Pfc Herndon, Clifford J | 35062662 |
| Pfc Hook, Norman J | 32636211 |
| Pfc Hum, Walter C | 35345478 |
| Pfc Jordan, Noel | 34260614 |
| Pfc Laplume, Paul E | 31293270 |
| Pfc McCandless, Charles L | 15300856 |
| Pfc Marion, Georgia | 36568752 |
| Pfc Mazzella, Albert J | 32676451 |
| Pfc Morton, James R | 39340549 |
| Pfc Naples, Ralph F | 32855713 |
| Pfc Nonnemacher, Benjamin F | 33623115 |
| Pfc Novess, Clarence H | 36595417 |
| Pfc Overholt, Lowell E | 35542179 |
| Pfc Persico, George J | 32676264 |
| Pfc Rainwater, Charlie E | 36263551 |
| Pfc Rash, George L | 32468299 |
| Pfc Reed, Delbert E | 36644532 |
| Pfc Reynolds, Lee C | 37417616 |
| Pfc Smith, Elwin E Sr | 6684679 |
| Pfc Tulett, Paul E | 32733712 |
| Pfc Urga, Vincent L | 37726287 |
| Pfc Vogel, John D | 37615389 |
| Pfc Wade, Zeb A | 34669703 |
| Pfc Watson, Earl D | 33415564 |
| Pfc Wells, Charles A | 15377249 |
| Pfc White, Anan K | 33466633 |
| Pfc Willians, Robert E | 36359897 |
| Pfc Wloch, Louis | 32670936 |
| Pfc Wolfe, Robert E | 33711259 |
| Pfc Yokley, Paul Jr | 34921569 |
| Pvt Baker, Elisha W | 33079193 |
| Pvt Hughes, Matthew E | 11041611 |
| Pvt Philbert, Charles F | 36308726 |
| Pvt Realbuto, Michael | 32411760 |
| Pvt Devlin, Frank A Jr | 12144409 |

2. The following named enlisted men, 322d Air Eng Sq, 91st Air Serv Gp, having served with exemplary behavior, efficiency and fidelity for over one year of continuous active duty in the Army of the United States, are awarded the Good Conduct Medal:

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| S Sgt Alfonso, Aurelio J | 34400230 |
| S Sgt Blair, Ray N | 14173492 |
| S Sgt Garman, Jay A | 33500703 |
| S Sgt Hooke, Victor A Jr | 32024436 |
| S Sgt Jensen, Thomas R Jr | 32462561 |
| Sgt Bacolli, Waldo | 11016626 |
| Sgt Bieber, Richard J | 16116765 |
| Sgt Booth, Richard L | 16066212 |
| Sgt Brink, Ralph G | 36441292 |
| Sgt Brothers, Edwin E | 35599753 |
| Sgt Bruwelheide, Kenneth C | 13131725 |
| Sgt Burhart, Harold B | 17169161 |
| Sgt Busemann, Onno C | 36845063 |
| Sgt Clark, James A | 34506925 |
| Sgt Coogan, Ralph W | 32585749 |
| Sgt Franklin, Ralph W | 16166574 |
| Sgt Gray, Troy D | 33427443 |
| Sgt Grobus, Frank | 15120544 |
| Sgt Grochowski, Joseph J | 32602626 |
| Sgt Hendrix, Albert L | 36590416 |
| Sgt Hills, Lewis N | 35724254 |
| Sgt Lack, Gustave H | 36192736 |
| Sgt Loo, Howard E | 35696336 |
| Sgt Manning, Ben L | 16134977 |
| Sgt Miller, Edward E | 33567621 |



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| Sgt Moore, Robert O | 15140556 |
| Sgt Morse, Glendon S | 6146615 |
| Sgt Olsen, Edwin C | 36650409 |
| Sgt Pederson, Carl O | 39462690 |
| Sgt Woldin, Martin J | 16125247 |
| Sgt Warner, Joseph P | 33501219 |
| Sgt Widrevitz, Meyer | 16099613 |
| Sgt Winans, Robert | 35747131 |
| Cpl Achle, Norman G | 36637494 |
| Cpl Allen, Charles E | 11131166 |
| Cpl Benson, Hilmer H | 36742099 |
| Cpl Clark, Lawrence W | 35095097 |
| Cpl Cupps, Everett J | 37520355 |
| Cpl Desmond, Joseph L | 31304630 |
| Cpl DeVore, James N | 39272674 |
| Cpl Donnigi, John F | 32728279 |
| Cpl Droeszen, Donald C | 37476917 |
| Cpl Dunn, Wilbur J | 39201199 |
| Cpl Friedel, Robert A | 35533675 |
| Cpl Garrett, Noah H | 38399504 |
| Cpl Gibson, Roy A | 36443953 |
| Cpl Goldbach, Bernard G | 15118742 |
| Cpl Gonder, Amos S | 33496260 |
| Cpl Grinsrud, Ward F | 16131215 |
| Cpl Hamm, Donald F | 32673671 |
| Cpl Harlensko, Emil F Jr | 37226060 |
| Cpl Hofmann, Donald K | 35090931 |
| Cpl Hulsey, Thomas L | 37499359 |
| Cpl Klasek, Anthony A | 37603937 |
| Cpl Luellan, Cecil R | 39321446 |
| Cpl Moore, Charles S Jr | 33597693 |
| Cpl Morrison, Herold D | 12123695 |
| Cpl Neneth, Frank J | 35531233 |
| Cpl Oblak, Stanley F | 36611774 |
| Cpl Ruvadi, Raymond V | 35603974 |
| Cpl Schweikert, Clyde Jr | 35624915 |
| Cpl Stewart, Harold E | 32847128 |
| Cpl Tyczkowski, Alex A | 13066665 |
| Cpl Varga, Elmer A | 32591914 |
| Cpl Williams, George A | 39690845 |
| Pfc Eckman, John R | 35455169 |
| Pfc Hahn, Glynn P | 39414772 |
| Pfc Martinez, Joe S | 36350794 |
| Pfc Miller, Charles W | 35415934 |
| Pfc Murphy, Raymond C | 15394256 |
| Pfc Padilla, Adolfo | 36102780 |
| Pfc Rudder, Harold K | 34504953 |
| Pfc Sunyak, John | 35539679 |
| Pfc Veneski, Edward J | 33431951 |
| Pvt Cohen, Guido H | 39275291 |
| Pvt Harris, Rex L | 39916625 |
| Pvt McBride, Richard W | 39557677 |
| Pvt Scott, James F | 35702039 |
| Pvt Walton, Cecil F | 34834111 |
| Pvt Wilber, John R | 36463088 |

3. The following named enlisted men, 572d Air Mat Sq, 91st Air Serv Gp, having served with exemplary behavior, efficiency and fidelity for over one year of continuous active duty in the Army of the United States, are awarded the Good Conduct Medal:

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| T Sgt Larson, Lennart C | 31046346 |
| T Sgt Lockwood, Richard E | 6930651 |
| Sgt Bologna, Daniel J | 32097490 |
| Sgt Halberstadt, Charles H | 35723593 |
| Sgt Jones, Donald G | 17070246 |
| Sgt Zelanka, Peter P | 16043136 |



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| Cpl Baker, Jay J | 34506468 |
| Cpl Billman, Fred J Jr | 32723036 |
| Cpl Brashier, Earl N | 34843864 |
| Cpl Consaul, Harry A | 32032475 |
| Cpl Granville, William J | 33477264 |
| Cpl Hanbrick, Lonnie E | 34415543 |
| Cpl Holcomb, Robert W | 33562355 |
| Cpl Maddalena, Armando | 31247382 |
| Cpl Morin, Eugene F | 16065168 |
| Cpl Puskulich, Andrew | 36194003 |
| Cpl Raddatz, Raymond O | 36720461 |
| Cpl Shafer, William A | 6902168 |
| Cpl Watkins, Wendell F | 32673716 |
| Cpl Waynick, Lee K Jr | 35091129 |
| Cpl Withrow, Denzel R | 35639104 |
| Pfc Bella, Thomas L | 35544132 |
| Pfc Bergeron, Edmond F | 31247527 |
| Pfc Brown, Forman M | 16101992 |
| Pfc Bruce, Donnie | 34446733 |
| Pfc Higgins, John H | 33276011 |
| Pfc Hujar, Stanley | 32676582 |
| Pfc Krieger, Howard L | 32674799 |
| Pfc McGrath, James J | 12182692 |
| Pfc Orth, William W | 33567716 |
| Pfc Rothschild, Max | 36576609 |
| Pfc Saxton, Kevin F | 33415941 |
| Pfc Seitz, Wilson H | 35764465 |
| Pfc Spivey, Lowell B | 34670911 |
| Pfc Wood, Carl E | 16154691 |
| Pvt Gordon, Richard K | 13103775 |
| Pvt Nickolae, Bill D | 36671655 |
| Pvt Ritchey, Kenneth A | 33276109 |
| Pvt Snyder, Albert A | 39463547 |
| Pvt Spencer, Robert H | 11052585 |
| Pvt Sydnes, Sherald B | 37657378 |

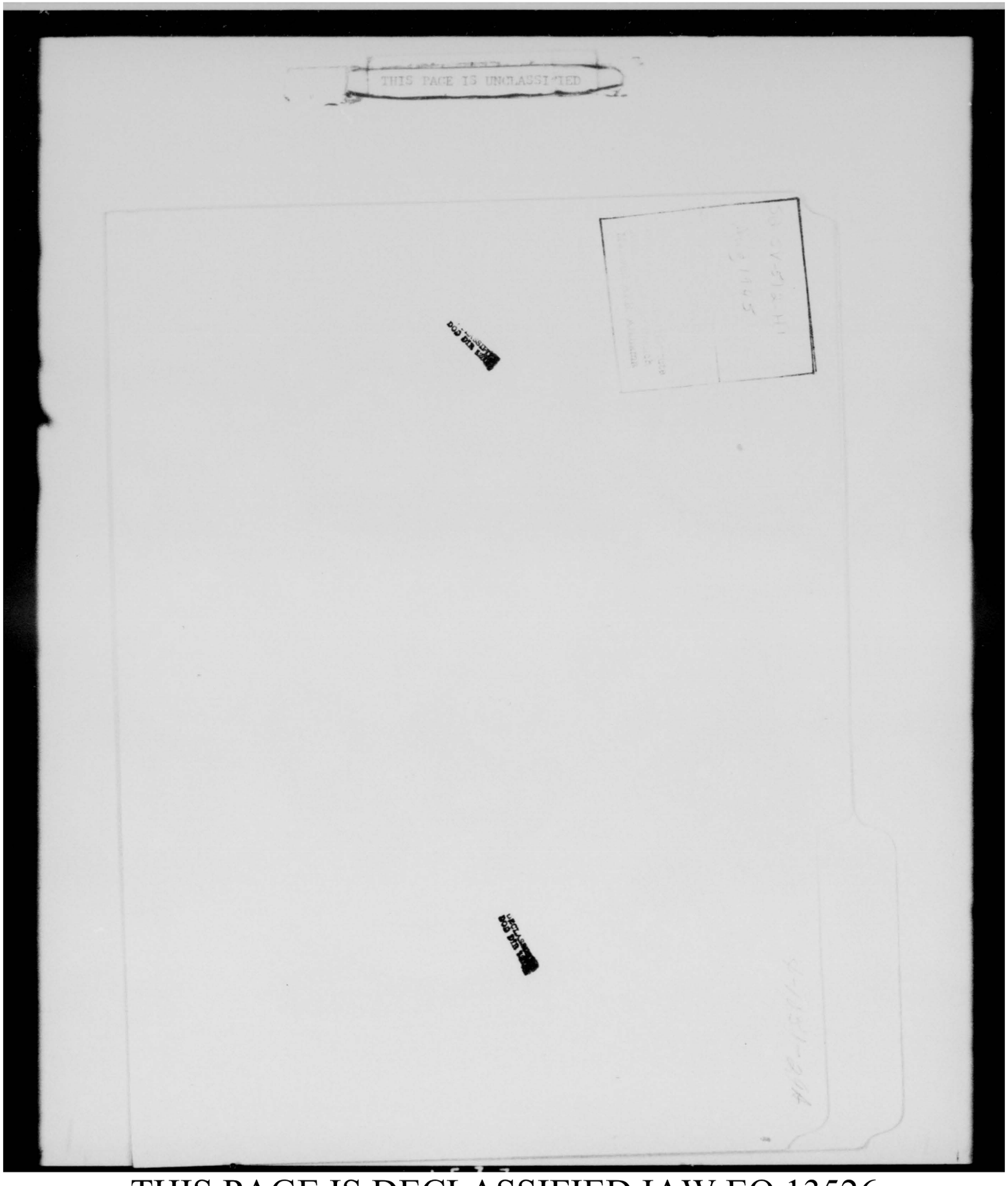
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572d Air Materiel Squadron

91st Air Service Group

(73rd Wing)

TWENTIETH AIR FORCE

Period: 1 August to 31 August 1945

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August 1945, was a month in which changes in personnel took place, the unit completed one year's service overseas, the 73rd Bombardment Wing completed its combat missions, and in which Officer and Enlisted Personnel were able to fly with the combat crewmen on missions in which PW supplies were dropped.

On 4 August 1945, S/Sgt Isroff who had received word that his father was in a critical condition, left on emergency furlough, /1. His return not being required, he was dropped from the rolls effective 27 August 1945.

Cpl Loyall returned from temporary duty with the 1st Provisional Truck Company, APO 244, and Pfc Lucas departed for duty with that organization, /2.

The unit completed one year's overseas service on 13 August 1945, having left Los Angeles Port of Embarkation on 14 August 1944. A party was conducted in the Mess Hall in celebration of this anniversary.

The 73rd Bombardment Wing completed its combat missions on 14 August 1945, and supply efforts were turned to the packing of PW supplies and parachutes, for the relief of PW's who were to be liberated as quickly as possible.

Pfc Davis and Pfc Villars were awarded the Good Conduct Medal on 17 August 1945, having completed over one year of continuous active duty with exemplary behavior, efficiency, and fidelity, /3. Presentation of ribbons in lieu of Medals will take place at a future date.

S/Sgt Wehrman was assigned to the unit effective 18 August 1945, and upon reporting was detailed to work in the Consolidated Stock Control Section, /4.

Two Enlisted Men, S/Sgt Bain and Sgt Bologna, who had been with the organization since activation, were relieved from assignment and transferred to Headquarters, United States Army Strategic Air Forces, APO 234, effective 27 August 1945.

The first Enlisted Man eligible for discharge under current Readjustment Regulations, Cpl Spencer, was relieved from assignment and sent to the WPBC



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Personnel Center and Casual Depot, APO 244, for further processing prior to his return to the United States for discharge, /6.

The last week of the month, several Officers and Enlisted Men were permitted to fly with combat crews of the Wing on missions in which PW supplies were dropped. All personnel who made the trip were highly pleased, and saw the results of bombing missions, and many of the well known sites of Japan.

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1/ Ltr, Travel Orders, File 220.711 AXXEX, Hq 73d Bomb Wing, APO 237 dd 4Aug45

2/ Par 5 SO 215 Hq 73d Bomb Wing APO 237 dd 12 Aug 45

3/ Par 1 GO 18 Hq 91st Air Sv Gp APO 237 dd 17 Aug 45

4/ Par 1 SO 220 Hq 73d Bomb Wing APO 237 dd 17 Aug 45

5/ Par 2 SO 228 Hq 73d Bomb Wing APO 237 dd 25 Aug 45

6/ Par 10 SO 230 Hq 73d Bomb Wing APO 237 dd 27 Aug 45



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V. Appendix

DATA FOR PERIOD SINCE 7 DECEMBER 1941

The records of the 91st Air Service Group prior to 1 July 1944 are stored at Tinker Army Air Base, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Consequently, the information given below for periods prior to 1 July 1944 will be incomplete.

1. The original designation of this organization was the 91st Air Base Group (R) activated on 1 July 1941 at Mitchel Field, New York.

2. Subsequently, the unit was redesignated the 91st Service Group on 26 June 1942 under T/O 1-412 and associated T/O's. On 15 May 1944, the unit was redesignated the 91st Air Service Group under T/O 1-452-T and associated T/O's converting the old style Service Group consisting of 9 units to the new style Air Service Group consisting of 3 units. At Mitchel Field and at Fort Dix, New Jersey, the unit was Air Service Command troops assigned to the 1st Air Force. At Leesburg, Florida, the unit was assigned to the Army Air Forces Tactical Air Center. Prior to movement overseas, the unit was assigned to the 20th Air Force.

3. The stations of the 91st Air Service Group were as follows:

| Base | Arrived | Departed |
|---|---|---|
| Mitchel Field, New York | 1 July 1941 to | April 1942 |
| Fort Dix, New Jersey | April 1942 to | 27 October 1942 |
| AAF Service Center, Leesburg, Florida | 28 October 1942 to | 14 March 1944 |
| Herbert Smart Airport, Macon, Georgia | 15 March 1944 to | 25 April 1944 |
| Tinker Field, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma | 28 April 1944 to | 22 July 1944 |
| Camp Anza, California | 25 July 1944 to | 12 August 1944 |
| Departed Los Angeles Port of Embarkation | 13 August 1944 | |
| Arrived on Saipan | 7 September 1944 | |

4. The Commanding Officers previous to Colonel S. J. Zoller, the present Commanding Officer were Colonel John M. McCulloush and Colonel Paul Ruestow (dates not known). Colonel Zoller, previously Executive Officer of the Group assumed command on 28 October 1942.

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5. Losses in Action:

Killed: Pfc Matthew E. Hughes - 19 April 1945

6. Members who have distinguished themselves in action:

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| Colonel S. J. Zoller | Bronze Star Medal | 8 Feb 45 |
| M Sgt Nicholas G. Fanos | Bronze Star Medal | 9 Apr 45 |
| T Sgt Nathan M. Braswell | Bronze Star Medal | 9 Apr 45 |
| S Sgt John D. Hannon | Bronze Star Medal | 9 Apr 45 |
| T Sgt Clarence E. Smith | Bronze Star Medal | 12 Aug 45 |
| Pfc Matthew E. Hughes | Soldiers Medal (Posthumous Award) | 3 Aug 45 |

7. Strength as of end of each month:

| Month of | Officers | Warrant Officers | Enlisted Men |
|---|---|---|---|
| June 1944 | 44 | 3 | 666 |
| July 1944 | 44 | 3 | 666 |
| August 1944 | 44 | 3 | 666 |
| September 1944 | 44 | 3 | 666 |
| October 1944 | 44 | 3 | 665 |
| November 1944 | 44 | 3 | 664 |
| December 1944 | 44 | 3 | 665 |
| January 1945 | 44 | 3 | 663 |
| February 1945 | 43 | 3 | 662 |
| March 1945 | 43 | 3 | 661 |
| April 1945 | 42 | 3 | 658 |
| May 1945 | 43 | 3 | 654 |
| June 1945 | 42 | 3 | 648 |
| July 1945 | 42 | 3 | 645 |
| August 1945 | 40 | 3 | 631 |

8. No aircraft assigned to this organization.

9. No aircraft lost by this organization.

EVALUATION NARRATIVE

1. The primary contribution of the unit in winning the air war against Japan was in contributing to the maintenance of aircraft, supplying the aircraft and personnel and providing the base functions for the 73d Bombardment Wing. In particular, the functions of Service Center "A" which was commanded by Colonel Zoller, the Commanding Officer of the 91st Air Service Group, was the particular responsibility of the 91st Air Service Group. During the period of active combat operations, 9 November 1944 to 15 August 1945, Service Center



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"A" repaired 382 aircraft which were beyond the repair of the Bomb Groups to which they were assigned. Over the entire period, 80% of these aircraft were repaired and returned to their organization within 3 days. In the last full month of combat operations, July 1945, 90% of the aircraft were repaired and returned within 3 days. This intense activity to get planes ready for missions contributed greatly to the high percentage of 90% assigned aircraft of the Wing being operational for maximum effort missions. In an average month between 50 and 60% of the B-29 aircraft in the area serviced by Service Center "A" were repaired in the Service Center. During the period of combat operations, Service Center "A" shops manufactured or repaired more than 50,000 aircraft parts.

2. The unit also made an important contribution to winning the war when it was assigned to the Army Air Forces Tactical Air Center. For more than a year, as the AAF Service Center at Leesburg, Florida, it operated as a model for the training of Service Group Cadres. At that time it serviced 8 outlying airdromes.

3. The principle difficulties encountered in the Group's operations against Japan came in the early months of operation. The Service Center began to repair aircraft before the shop facilities and equipment were available. It was necessary to detail personnel to construct shops. Repair equipment was scarce. A special list of equipment not authorized by the T/E was requisitioned. In this way, a complete instrument repair trailer was obtained. In view of the fact that in the early months, aircraft supplies were low too, the burden on the shops to repair damaged parts was heavy. Special equipment was designed and built. A special tire breakdown and build-up machine reduced the time required to build up a new wheel and tire from 6 to 1½ man-hours. The use of a Production Control Man-Hour Report aided materially in the management of the Service Center. From daily reports in the shops, the backlog and efficiency



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of the shops could be determined, work loads shifted and men cross-trained to meet new types of work coming in. By careful management, the shop backlogs were consistently reduced and by the end of hostilities, the shops were only about one day of work behind.

4. The morale of the organization was always at high levels. Many men have been with the 91st Air Service Group since its activation in July 1941. They were used to field conditions, having lived that way for 3 years in the States prior to overseas movement. Actually, the living facilities on Saipan are considered better than those the unit had in the States.

5. During the entire period on Saipan, only one blow to morale occurred. That was the exclusion of the Service Groups from Battle Participation Credit for the Air Offensive against Japan. This seemed particularly unjust to the men when transients to Higher Headquarters received the Bronze Service Star after a visit of only 1 or 2 days. The men worked long hours alongside Bomb Group personnel for more than a year and could find no reason for this discrimination.

6. The 91st Air Service Group as organized under T/O 1-452-T and associated T/O's consisted of three squadrons, Headquarters and Base Services, 322d Air Engineering Squadron, and 572d Air Material Squadron. The unit has gone through 3 reorganizations from an Air Base Group (Reinforced) to a Service Group consisting of Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, two Service Squadrons, one QM Service Company, two QM Truck Companies, one Signal Company and two Ordnance S & M Companies, and finally to the new type Air Service Group consisting of the three squadrons listed above.

7. Out of the experience of the Group, two important suggestions arise. First in the administrative set-up, it is suggested that under conditions as occurred in the Marianas, an integrated Base Unit would operate more efficiently than separate Air Service Groups. In the Air Service Group T/O there is no pro-



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vision for the administrative personnel to operate beyond the Group level and shortage of such personnel was apparent in the administration of both the Group and the Service Center. For more efficient control over personnel, it is suggested that all Engineering personnel be housed and administered together, and all Supply personnel and all Headquarters and Base Services personnel similarly consolidated.

8. Secondly, it has been the experience of the Service Center that when an aircraft is damaged severely enough to require Depot repair, 75-80% of the total repairs must be accomplished by the Service Center before the aircraft can be made flyable to the Depot. Thus, the Service Center accomplished most of the 4th echelon repair. It is recommended that the Service Groups be augmented with sufficient personnel and equipment to accomplish full repair to aircraft. The time element in getting aircraft back into operational status would be reduced considerably.



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LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. Service Center "A", Summary of Operations, November 1944 to August 1945.

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FOREWORD

Published herewith is the History of the 573rd Materiel Squadron, 65th Service Group.

This document, the preparation of which has begun only a short time after the activation of the organization, is intended to serve as a formal record of the activities of the Squadron.

The purpose of the History is two-fold: to provide a ready reference of historical data for use by the Commanding Officer in talks with the men, and to join with innumerable other unit histories in the formulation of a composite history of the armed forces of the United States during the world's greatest conflagration.

Each separate organization of the army has, regardless of modest beginnings, apirations for distinction through valorous service, whether in the zone of the interior or the theater of operations. The Squadron History, properly maintained, is the lasting reflection of that distinction. It is hoped that the History of the 573rd Materiel Squadron will not be lacking in meritorious content, mirroring the accomplishments of its officers and men.

23 June 1944



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# HISTORY

of the

# 573RD MATERIEL SQUADRON

## ORGANIZATION

**Activation:**

The 573rd Materiel Squadron, 65th Service Group, was activated at Tinker Field, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, per General Order No. 18, Hq, OCASC, dated 16 May 1944, effective 11 May 1944.

**Date of Activation:**

11 May 1944.

**Reason for Activation:**

To produce an organization capable of providing third echelon of supply for one combat group on the same or dispersed airdromes.

## PERSONNEL

**Strength on Date of Activation:**

One hundred and nineteen EM were assigned to the Squadron per pars 33, 34, 36, 37, 38, 40, and 41, Special Order No. 118, Hq, OCASC, 15 May 1944.
Seven officers and one warrant officer were assigned to the Squadron by par 1, Special Order No. 1, Hq, 65th Service Group, 19 May 1944, after being assigned to the 65th Service Group per par 49, Special Order No. 122, Hq, OCASC, 19 May 1944.

**Strength 20 June 1944:**

Seven officers, 1 warrant officer, 134 EM.

**Shortages and Overages:**

As of 20 June 1944 the following discrepancies existed in respect to T O designations:

**Shortages:**

two - 747
one - 901
three - 835

**Overages:**

one - 505
one - 060
one - 055
three - 521

Overages in MOS

one - 747
one- 835

Disqualified medically for Overseas Duty

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The effect of the above shortages on the successful operation of the Squadron has been negligible, because there is an adequate number of men with those MOS's for the performance of duties necessary at this time. The significance of the shortages lies in the fact that they must be replaced before movement to the port of embarkation. These replacements have been promised by 25 June 1944.

The existing overages must be transferred out of the organization before movement to the port, but they have proven valuable in the performance of Squadron duties. Moreover, the time of these men has not been wasted inasmuch as all of them have been engaged actively in on-the-job training.

Improper Classification and Extent of Re-classification:

Twenty-two men have been re-classified as the result of recent board action. This leaves only 7 men who will have to be re-classified from basics to their proper MOS's, as soon as they have had a satisfactory amount of on-the-job training to justify the change.

Personnel Problems:

Four replacements who came to the Squadron were disqualified physically for overseas duty even before they arrived. Immediate action was taken to transfer them.

## SUPPLY AND EQUIPMENT

Shortages:

A number of shortages exist in both individual and T O & E equipment. These shortages have been reported through proper supply channels and follow-ups have been made. Assurance has been given that shortages still existing upon arrival at the port of embarkation will be eliminated there.

Effects of Supply and Equipment Problems on Accomplishment of Mission:

Since the main function of the Squadron is supply, the shortages referred to above would not impede an emergency mission. However, these items are needed for the usual and efficient operation of the Squadron.

Supply Procedure:

Supply procedures are in accordance with "Standard Operating Procedures for the Service Group" and appear to be very efficient. As this squadron has not been long in operation, instances of outstanding speed and efficiency in correcting supply and equipment problems are not outstanding. However, during a bivouac at Camp Gruber, Oklahoma, 4 - 13 June 1944, the Quartermaster Supply section was commended by the group commander for the efficiency in supplying rations and equipment.

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## TRAINING

Training Accomplished:

All training called for by Group Plans & Training, AGC Form 695, and POM has been accomplished.

Proficiency:

Approximately 95% proficiency has been attained by the men who completed training.

Training Accomplished, compared with scheduled programs:

100%

Delays in Training:

The Squadron, composed of men whose training was for the most part completed months before activation, had little left to accomplish in the way of training. However, the arrival of filler personnel who lacked certain requirements, together with the publishing of successive T O & E's, with resultant indecision as to the proper classification of a small number of men, delayed the necessary "polishing off". Also hospitalization and furloughs prevented rapid perfection in this respect.

Inspections:

Pre-POM — 29 & 30 May 1944

I. G. — 14 June 1944

POM — 19 June 1944

Warning Orders:

15 May 1944

Movement Orders:

10 June 1944

## MORALE

Condition:

Good

Explanation:

The Squadron has had the particular advantage of having been born out of an organization which was prepared to perform it s functions in a theater of operations. The men knew their jobs and were confident of their ability to do the work. When the streamlining process took place (which resulted in the activation of the 65th Service Group) nearly all of the men assigned to the Material Squadron

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were acquainted and there existed from the beginning a feeling of comradeship, so often lacking in a new organization. One factor which might be considered as injurious to morale was the disappointment felt by most of the men because of the months of waiting for overseas movement. The announcement that the Group had received its movement orders was greeted with enthusiasm. A considerable amount of complaining against the prevailing curfew has been noticed, but it has not proved serious.

## BIOGRAPHY

### Lt. Col. W. J. Miles

It is felt that if any individual in the Squadron deserves special mention, that individual is its commanding officer. As the officer upon whom the responsibility for successful operation of the Squadron rests, it is mandatory that he command the respect and admiration of the men serving under him.

Lt. Col. W. J. Miles is such a man. Great credit is due him for the commendable manner in which he has prepared his organization for fulfillment of its mission.

For the benefit of those who are not familiar with the background of this officer, the following details of his career are set down:

Commissioned in June 1922, 2nd Lt, CAC, upon graduation from Texas A & M.
Civilian profession was civil engineering.
Resigned reserve commission in 1939 to accept captaincy and command of Troop G, 124th Cavalry Reg., Texas Nat'l Guard.
Mobilized with the Nat'l Guard in November 1940.
Attended Cavalry School, Fort Riley, Kan., March through June, 1941, then returned to 124th as S-4 officer.
Transferred to Air Corps in December 1941, after going through Texas and Louisiana maneuvers.
First Air Corps job was A-1, 1st Air Support Command, Mitchell Field, N. Y.
Served from April through June 1942 as special representative of the Commanding General, 1st Air Force, in coordination of T O & E problems of QM and Med Maintenance companies of a provisional service group at Fort Dix, N. J.
Returned to Mitchell Field as inspector of combat organizations at ports of embarkation of 1st Air Force.
Received majority 12 October 1942.
Transferred following November to 91st Service Group, Fort Dix, N. J., as Group Quartermaster.
Was made lieutenant colonel 14 January 1943.
Stayed with 91st through its several moves until activation of 65th Service Group, when he was designated Commanding Officer of the 573rd Material Squadron and Group Material Officer.

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573rd MATERIEL SQUADRON

65th SERVICE GROUP

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## ORGANIZATION

### Change of Station

The first permanent change of station for the Squadron occurred 22 July 1944, when the entire 65th Service Group, entrained at Tinker Field for Camp Anza, Arlington, California. The movement was directed by Letter Order No. 59, Hq, OCASC, 17 July 1944,(1) as ammended by Letter Order No. 66, Hq, OCASC, 21 July 1944.(2)

## PERSONNEL

Table of Organization strength of 132 enlisted men, 1 warrant officer, and 7 officers was reached only a few days before the 573rd Materiel Squadron left Tinker Field. Shortages and overages by MOS were eliminated after a great deal of transferring in an out of the organization and reclassification of 7 basics.

The most important change in personnel occurred 28 June 1944, when the Squadron's first commanding officer, Lt. Col. W. C. MILES, was transferred to Headquarters Squadron. Capt. CARL M CLEAVENGER, former commanding officer of the 4136th AAF Base Unit (Administrative) was placed in command of the Squadron and designated Group Deputy for Materiel.

Officer personnel was temporarily decreased to 6 when Capt ALFRED T. HEARIN, Assistant Deputy for Materiel, departed Tinker Field 17 July on detached for Camp Anza, Arlington, California, to act as Liaison Supply Representative for the Squadron at the staging area.

Upon arrival at Camp Anza, 25 July, an attempt was made to replace a small number of enlisted men considered unfit (for various reasons) to accompany the unit overseas. This attempt was unsuccessful, as there was no replacement pool at that station.

First Lieutenant SILAS E. BUTLER was ordered to the Los Angeles Port of Embarkation 6 August to accompany a cargo vessel overseas; Captain HEARIN had obtained passage by air to Honolulu. Only 5 officers and 1 warrant officer accompanied the Squadron to its overseas destination.

At Oahu, Hawaiian Islands, Pvt (647) Jerry E. Dishner was removed from the ship and transferred to Tripler General Hospital, Honolulu. He previously had made several attempts at suicide and was classed as mentally unfit for overseas service.

Another enlisted man was lost by the Squadron en route overseas. Cpl (747) Walter L. Avery contracted pneumonia aboard ship and was diagnosed a possible tubercular case. Therefore he was evacuated to the 147th General Hospital, Honolulu, soon after debarkation at Saipan, Marianas Islands, and was transfer-



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red from the organization 12 September.

Enlisted strength upon arrival at Saipan, 7 September, stood at 130 (short one 647 and one 747).

Captain HEARIN and Lieut. BUTLER rejoined the Squadron 12 September and 10 September, respectively.

The first serious injury to a member of the Squadron occurred 12 September 1944, when Pvt (405) LOUIS G. THOMPSON fell from a truck which he was helping to unload and suffered an undetermined injury to his back. He was sent on 15 September to the 369the Station Hospital, Saipan, but it is expected that he will be returned to duty with the Squadron eventually.

## SUPPLY AND EQUIPMENT

It was impossible at Tinker Field to procure needed replacements for the enlisted men's clothing and equipment. A thorough showdown inspection and the ensuing requisitioning of replacements were practically wasted efforts. This fact proved not to be serious, howevr, as the whole procedure was repeated at Camp Anza, with the result that evry article of clothing and equipment showing the least sign of wear was classed "combat unserviceable" and replaced. Also, at Camp Anza the officers had ample opportunity to purchase necessary items from a well-stocked Quartermaster sales store.

The Squadron submitted weekly reports of shortages while at the staging area, along with periodic reports from the liaison supply representative at the port.

Approximately 95% of the authorized organizational equipment for the whole group, including that of the Materiel Squadron, was transported to Saipan in three cargo vessels. In addition to this, a vast quantity of unauthorized equipment, secured from various sources at Tinker Field, accompanied the organization as TAT equipment.

Upon arrival at Saipan a site was chosen adjacent to the bivouac area as a dump for equipment of all kinds.

It was virtually impossible to carry out an organized plan for the dumping of equipment into this dump because of the necessity for ridding the ships of their cargo with the least possible delay. About 50% of the cargo of one ofthe ships belonged to another service group, and our portion of that equipment found its way into other supply dumps.

After the group vacated the temporary bivouac area along the beach and moved into the new area it became nedessary to remove the huge pile of equipment to another location on a shelf separating the old and new areas. From there organizational and TAT equipment was segregated and hauled to the various squadron areas.



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The construction of ample warehousing facilities is yet to be accomplished, but use is being made of a roofless hangar for the storing of air corpsxqsupply equipment on the line. Ordnance, Signal Supply, and Quartermaster sections of the Squadron will be unable, until warehouses are available, to move from their present locations in the Squadron area.

During the process of moving onto the Island and setting up housekeeping the various Island supply sources have been readily accessible. However, the securing of building lumber and nails, critical items, has been a little slow, causing a slight delay in construction of mess halls and other buildings.

As yet serious supply problems have not had opportunity to present themselves, and they will not appear until the servicing of airplanes requires this Squadron to furnish a continuous stream of materials.

## TRAINING

Up to the time the Squadron left Tinker Field, on-the-job training occupied most of the time not spent in packing and crating TAT equipment.

On July 1, the Squadron's readiness date, the training status was as follows:

Basic training -- 100% complete
Basic Technical training -- 100% complete
Advanced Technical training -- 96% complete

The above degree of proficiency was finally arrived at through on-the-job training and a regular program of training films andlectures.

Physical training had a very definite and important place in the final days at Tinker Field. Baseball held the spotlight among sports. Intense rivalry arose between the three squadrons of the group, and inter-squadron games were held every afternoon, with occasional contests with organizations out of the group. The spirit of competition and teamwork was developed immeasureably and undoubtedly contributed much toward welding the Squadron into a working combination. Individual distinction was won by Sgt. John E. Guyant, who finished with top honorsin several swimming meets in which all organizations at Tinker Field placed representatives. Close order drill, the backbone of military training, was indulged in regularly.

A virtual review of basic training took place when the Squadron reached Camp Anza. Contrary to the previous impression that there would be a great deal of leisure time, the Squadron was kept quite busy attending movies, lectures, and demonstrations. Two road marches (one of 7 miles and the other of 10 miles) were accomplished under trying conditions, i.e., rough terrain and high temperatures. Daily physical training periods were spent in close order drill and calisthenics.



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A special training program designed to further prepare the organization for coming events was arranged by base personnel. This included such subjects as Judo, malaria control, life aboard a troopship, and abandoning ship.

During the voyage to Saipan little could be done in the way of physical training because of the lack of space aboard ship. Nevertheless an attempt was made to facilitate periods of exercise by clearing deck areas for calisthenics.

Since arrival at Saipan there has been no opportunity for athletics of any kind; however, a recreation area has been planned, which will, after a time, be developed to the fullest possible extent.

## FACILITIES

As the Squadron halted on temporarily at Camp Anza, no mention will be made of facilities at that station beyond the statement that they were satisfactory to the purpose of housing and feeding large numbers of transient personnel xxxxxx and equipping such personnel with last minute needs before going overseas. Likewise, facilities aboard the troop ship were identical with those endured by all military personnel during overseas voyages.

The problem of facilities began upon debarkation at Saipan. The Squadron went ashore during hours of darkness and rode 9 miles from the harbor of Tanapagu in trucks to an assigned bivouac area, which consisted of a strip of cleared land bordering the beach of a cove at the southwest part of the Island. For three days, until organizational equipment was unloaded from the transport, the enlisted men were sheltered in pup tents, while the officers stored their hand baggage and slept in a partially completed dispensary of the 303rd Service Group, located about half a mile east of the bivouac area.

The temporary area was quite small and pyramidal tents had to be erected close together. Because of the difficulty of sorting equipment out of the mountainous stock pile, it was not possible to supply all the men with folding cots, and the available kerosene and gasoline lanterns did not begin to go around.

For 10 days C and K rations were provided, after which B rations were served from temporary kitchen tents.

Daily rains kept the ground a quagmire, making it difficult to maintain the desired degree of cleanliness in the mess and living quarters and to keep vehicles moving along the slippery roads.

For several days box latrines built by an organization that had previously occupied the area were used, until new ones could be dug into the seemingly impenetrable coral.



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Gradually enough sand was spread over the walkways and the floors of the tents to offset the effects of the heavy rainfall. A decontaminating truck was put to use as a shower for the men and officers, and electric lighting was installed in orderly rooms and along company streets.

Drinking and washing water was supplied daily in barrels hauled from a purifying station north of Isley Field. Mail was delivered on the third day.

Within a few days after debarkation, and long before the temporary area was satisfactorily set up, work began on the permanent camp site. This permanent area is located on a sloping steppe about 200 feet above sea level and is several hundred yards from the temporary area. The first task was to clear approximately 12 acres of sugar cane field, after which a necessary road was built and wooden tent floors constructed.

At this date, 30 September, the area is greatly improved. There is electric lighting in every tent, of which there are 23 for the enlisted men of the Squadron. The officers are quartered in pyramidal tents with the other officers of the group. Squad tents are used for the orderly room and squadron supply. Permanent latrines have been built. A permanent wooden mess hall is under construction. Moving pictures are shown nightly in an assembly tent, which serves also as a chapel for religious services. Ordnance and Quartermaster sections are temporarily established in six squad tents.

## MORALE

It is difficult to guage accurately the level of morale which existed shortly prior to leaving Tinker Field. On one hand an emotional crisis was rapidly mounting. Families were being sent home, and there were farewells to say to friends made during the stay in Oklahoma City. Single men, especially, took what they considered their last fling at night life and literally painted the town red. On the other hand the reality of the business at hand was very apparent. The tremendous jobs of packing equipment and cleaning up administrative matters stretched the working days into nights. Orderly room personnel was burdened with constent preparation of reports and priming for inspections.

July 19 arrived and the pressure relaxed somewhat. However, officers and men were restricted to the base, and there was considerable griping about being "treated like children". Much time was spent in speculating on possible destinations and enthusiasm over the approaching departure mounted. As evidence of the willingness of the organization to do a good job, the men put such vigor into the cleanup job on barracks and other buildings that, along with the other squadrons of the group, the Squadron was highly commended by the Tinker Field command for having done the best such job of any outfit that ever left that station.

A high peak in spirits was reached during the march from the Squadron area to the railroad siding. Civilians and military spectators alike waved



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cheerful goodbyes which were returned by the men who were at least momentarily infected with the innocent pride of departing heroes.

The three day train ride in hot coaches through the sun-baked Southwest was tiresome but interesting enough to keep minds off thoughts of home.

Restriction to camp limits upon arrival at Anza was expected, and leisure hours were spent in writing letters and attending movies and variety shows. After three days the lid came off, and with the issuance of passes, the men scattered wildly over the nearby countryside to visit such places as Riverside, San Bernardino, and even Los Angeles.

Soon, however, restlessness beset the Squadron, for passes were limited in number and most of the men ran out of money. The wholesale borrowing of all grades up to and including staff sergeant for K.P. in the huge mess hall and the exacting area policing requirements were not solacing. Everyone had had enough of Camp Anza.

On the evening of 12 August the Squadron boarded a train for the port and spent the three hour journey in last looks at farms, villages, and other symbols of the America soon to be left behind.

The first night aboard ship wesone of confusion, with everyone exploring the wonders of a transport. The next day found the ship at sea and adjustment o to the crowded facilities aboard ship began. Chaplins and the Red Cross representatives distributed games, magazines, books, and cigarets, so everycne was cheerful and feeling very adventuresome.

However, before settling down to the long voyage had hardly begun, there was a two day period of miserableness during which all hands bemoaned the fate that put them on a transport. Seasickness was widespread and no consolation could be given the sufferers. Their misery had its effects on those immune to the roll and pitch of the ship also, for latrines and holds were filled with a sickening stench.

The brief siege of seasickness seemed to take the bright edge off the spirits of the men, who afterward fell to complaining about the monotony and poor quality of the steamed food. As the days passed the men grew careless about bodily cleanliness, and salt water showers were little encouragement. Occasional days without fresh drinking water, attributed to carelessness or ignorance on the part of green crewmen operating the evaporators, were the cause of much complaining.

In spite of the above-mentioned detrimental factors, morale of the organization was as high, or higher, comparativly speaking, as could be expected. The long voyage, accomplished mostly in fair weather, offered ample opportunity for acquiring dark suntans during long hours of lounging on deck. Ingenuity of the men soon was manifest in the variety of shelters constructed for protection from the sun during the heat of the day. There was a feeling of calm resignation concerning the uneventful succession of days. Frequent "abandon ship drills" and a few air raid alerts were occasions for the display of good discipline.



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Short stops at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, and Eniwitok, Marshall Islands, might be considered as both damaging and helpful as far as morale is concerned. They furnished welcome breaks in the monotony of scenery, but occasioned a considerable amount of grumbling because of the necessity of remaining aboard ship. The whole Squadron was ernestly glad when Saipan hove into view on the morning of 7 September.

The morale level declined sharply upon disembarking and was destined not to regain its former high state for quite a while. Events started off badly with a three hour wait at the dock for transportation to the bivouac area. Arrival at the camp site offered a dismal prospect of mud, rocks, and inconvenience. The next few days were like a bad dream--filled with never-to-be-forgotten routine of "C" rations and 12-hour work shifts in the torrid sun or mosquito-populated darkness, regularly punctuated by drenching tropical showers.

The good humor of both officers and men was put to a severe test by conditions which necessitated putting every available person to work on the task of unloading the transport vessel on which the personnel arrived and the later-arriving cargo ships, regardless of regular duties. The Squadron was at a disadvantage from the beginning because of the fact that only two officers could be spared from unloading duties at the dock to guide the Squadron in the variety of tasks which arose. The other officers, however, rejoined the organization after a few days. It is only natural that many formerly stoic soldiers openly cursed their situation, offering, as it seemed, little but tedious toil. That "overseas" feeling was at its peak. Weather, the ever-present influence on men's dispositions, remained depressing, offering alternately floods and humid heat.

With the arrival of housekeeping materials living conditions took a turn for the better, but the problem of adjusting to the abrupt return to field conditions after months of garrison life, continued.

At this point it should be mentioned that the "sulfa drug" for morale was the daily delivery of mail from home. Mail call continued to be a more popular formation than the "chow" line, even after canned "B" rations replaced the increasingly monotonous "C's".

Another stimulant was the early use of a decontaminating truck as a shower device. Also, the showing of nightly movies, the first bit of entertainment, soon began to dissipate the "blues".

With the movement of the Squadron to the permanent camp area came the first definite reversion to normal cheerfulness. It was the knowledge that things were going to "stay put" for a while that caused the men to shed their attitude of self-pitied martyrs of manual labor and assume a higher degree of squadron-consciousness.

Administrative decisions emanating from group headquarters, such as requiring the men to have their hair cut regularly and to shave every other day, have been ungraciously received; but, generally speaking, the attitude of the men has been one of amused but willing compliance. An effort by the Squadron Commander to separate existing and potential cliques and to elevate respect for earned privileges by assigning men to their quarters in order of rank has caused a wave of



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grumbling, but it is expected to subside, like many G. I. complaints, when the wisdom ofthe order becomes apparent through its results.

At this time, 30 September, good progress has been made in all work, this fact attributable to a large degree to increasing willingness to pitch in and get the job done. All personnel express eagerness to get going in their regular jobs and are much happier as each passing day brings that wish closer to reality. There is a growing realization that this is perhaps the best overseas location in the Pacific Ocean. A promising post exchange, regular religious services, and nightly movies have helped transform our camp into a decent place in which to live.

BIOGRAPHY

As important a change in personnel as occurred on 28 June 1944, when a new commanding officer was assigned to the Squadron, makes it appropriate to devote space to the recognition of the excellent qualifications of the man who was thrust suddenly into an unfamiliar organization and entrusted with the responsibility of leadership under trying circumstances.

Captain Cleavenger quickly proved his administrative mettle, gained from his enlisted and commissioned experience. His acquaintance with the problems of the common soldier has been demonstrated in the manner in which he has dealt deserved punishment and been generous with earned praise. The men are behind him 100%.

Following is a chronological outline of the military experiences of the soldier and officer, who, in civilian life, was a San Antonio, Texas, ranch-owner and operator and advertiser:

Entered the Army in May 1916 and served as an ambulance driver in the Third Cavalry; saw service on the Mexican border.
Returned to U. S. in February 1917 and transferred in May to the 185th Aero Squadron, Aviation Section of the Signal Corps, where he became a corporal-bugler.
Later transferring to the 147th Aero Squadron, 1st Pursuit Group, commanded at that time by the famous future general, Billy Mitchell, he rose to the grade of duty sergeant and, still later, to first sergeant.
Went overseas in August 1917, where he served on every active American sector in France.
Entered Germany in December 1918 and spent nearly nine months with the occupation forces.
Returned to France only to be assigned to an airplane salvage detachment which was to stay in Germany until November 1919.
After 23 years of civilian life he re-entered the Army in April 1942 with the rank of 1st Lt. in the Corps of Military Police and participated in redistribution of Japanese internees from California.
Transferred to the Air Corps in October 1942; was made commanding officer



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of the 945 Guard Squadron and Provost Marshall at the Rome Air Depot, Rome, N. Y.
Was assigned in April 1943 to the 314th Service Group, commanding the 467th Service Squadron at Mattydale Bomber Base, Syracuse, N. Y.
Accompanied 314th to Ardmore, Oklal.,(where he was made group S-4), Charleston, S. C., and to Avon Park, Fla., where he was transferred to command the 333rd Service Squadron, 40th Service Group.
Joined Cadre no. 2, as a squadron commander, in December 1943, at Lakeland, Fla; accompanied the Cadre to Tinker Field and was assigned as commanding officer of the 397th AAB Squadron, which later became the 4136th AAF Base Unit.
Was assigned to the 65th Service Group as Deputy for Materiel and commanding officer of the 573rd Materiel Squadron on 28 June 1944.

CHRONOLOGICAL LIST OF EVENTS

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| 22 July 1944 | Departure from Tinker Field |
| 25 July 1944 | Arrival at Camp Anza |
| 12 August 1944 | Departure for Los Angeles Port of Embarkation |
| 13 August 1944 | Left continenetal limits of United States. |
| 19 August 1944 | Arrival at Pearl Harbor, Island of Oahu, Hawaiian Islands. |
| 20 August 1944 | Unit commanders went ashore to confer with officials of 21st Bomber Command -- at which time final destination of shipment was disclosed. |
| 21 August 1944 | Departure from Pearl Harbor. |
| 22 August 1944 | Special meeting in hold of ship, at which time group commander revealed overseas destination. |
| 31 August 1944 | Arrival at Eniwitok Atoll, Marshall Islands. |
| 3 September 1944 | Departure from Eniwitok. |
| 7 September 1944 | Arrival at Saipan. |
| 23 September 1944 | Movement to permanent camp area. |



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HEADQUARTERS
OKLAHOMA CITY AIR SERVICE COMMAND
TINKER FIELD
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

17 July 1944

LETTER ORDERS)
NO 59)

SUBJECT: Movement Orders - Shipment No. * * * *.

TO: All Concerned.

Pursuant to instructions contained in * * * * * * *, the personnel of Shipment No. * * * *, consisting of * Os and ** EM, listed on atchd Transfer List No. 10, which is made a part of this order, WP by rail from this sta, so as to arrive during daylight hours, 25 July 1944, Camp Anza, Arlington, Calif.

This is a PERMANENT change of sta.

1ST LT HARRY C CHERRY 0571199 AC, 4136th AAF Base Unit (Base Adm) this sta, atchd * * * *, will accompany troop movement to Camp Anza, Calif, as Special Services O, and 1ST LT AARON LAX 0539046 MC, 4136th AAF Base Unit (Base Adm) this sta, will accompany troop movement to Camp Anza, Calif, as Train Surgeon, upon comp of dy, Os will rpt by mil ap and/or rail to their proper sta. TTG. 502-202 P 443-02 A 212/50705. 501-29 P 432-02 A 212/50425.

GLENN FERGES, ARC Fld Director, atchd * * * *, will accompany troop movement as part of Shipment * * * *.

Dependents will not accompany troops. Travel of dependents, packing, crating and shipt of household effects not atzd except as provided in AR 55-120 and AR 55-160, 26 Apr 1943.

QM will furn rat in kind. FD will pay in advance 1218 rat a/r 6¢ per rat to Train Comdr, Train #1 and 918 rat a/r 6¢ per rat to Train Comdr, Train #2. TO will furn T. TT. TDN. 501-31 P 433-02 A 212/50425.

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| 2D LT | 0600 | CHARLES L BRAUNTZ | 0567439 | AC | |
| 2D LT | 9100 | HORACE F KUHLEMAN | 0581977 | AC | |
| 2D LT | 0224 | SAMUEL LERNER | 01643062 | AC | |
| 2D LT | 6201 | CHARLES K NEWMAN | 01281190 | AC | |
| 2D LT | 4113 | WALLACE G ORVIN | 0586303 | AC | DS-Camp Anza, Calif. |
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| Cpl | 114 | Donald R Dube | 31175103 |
| Cpl | 965 | Elven R Dykes | 34610777 |
| Cpl | 960 | Francis W Edmonson | 12139772 |
| Cpl | 405 | Sol Friedman | 32808187 |
| Cpl | 903 | Ralph A Friend | 33420068 |
| Cpl | 405 | George Gagerman | 16172404 |
| Cpl | 955 | Ray Gall | 16100187 |
| Cpl | 345 | Peter E Garrity | 32562604 |
| Cpl | 903 | Joseph D Gilmore | 39207240 |
| Cpl | 955 | Tideman S Gladem | 16140890 |



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| Cpl | 955 | Maurice A Goff | 16127863 |
| Cpl | 747 | Jack Hacker | 35154653 |
| Cpl | 055 | William M Halfast | 33411031 |
| Cpl | 647 | William G Heitman | 32840944 |
| Cpl | 575 | Edward J Johnston | 12087260 |
| Cpl | 965 | John C Keener | 33408456 |
| Cpl | 747 | Leon J Klein | 16009126 |
| Cpl | 055 | Daniel A Kolacki | 35549630 |
| Cpl | 405 | William Korey | 16121117 |
| Cpl | 405 | Carl J Kowalski | 37017555 |
| Cpl | 958 | Jean G Laffitte | 39030109 |
| Cpl | 932 | Melvin L Lewis | 33118546 |
| Cpl | 550 | Burton F Luberda | 31286867 |
| Cpl | 620 | John F Lucas | 13026332 |
| Cpl | 747 | Harry F MacKenzie | 15019058 |
| Cpl | 620 | Bruce A Mackley | 13117994 |
| Cpl | 575 | Howell Manning | 19110669 |
| Cpl | 960 | Jack H Margolis | 15374755 |
| Cpl | 965 | Adelard Michaud | 31147875 |
| Cpl | 960 | Chester G Mickel | 17111447 |
| Cpl | 903 | Walter L Moore | 34702648 |
| Cpl | 345 | Edward D Murphy | 31026361 |
| Cpl | 932 | Walter Mahadil | 13026358 |
| Cpl | 958 | James P Nelson | 39200699 |
| Cpl | 687 | Nelson R Phillips | 33500818 |
| Cpl | 958 | Lester H Poe | 32094008 |
| Cpl | 681 | Edwin R Puls | 37389639 |
| Cpl | 114 | Lee J Reynolds | 37497861 |
| Cpl | 555 | Rudolph Schoop | 16066594 |
| Cpl | 965 | Fay H Sechler | 39262990 |
| Cpl | 687 | Richard E Seley | 37652036 |
| Cpl | 014 | William L Shoemaker | 38307347 |
| Cpl | 965 | Henry J Sirois | 31147838 |
| Cpl | 548 | Oliver F Skelly Jr | 33365690 |
| Cpl | 965 | Leroy Slimp | 38396767 |
| Cpl | 647 | George I Smith | 39329965 |
| Cpl | 573 | Victor C Storck | 39556578 |
| Cpl | 696 | Theodore J Swistak | 32713169 |
| Cpl | 345 | William G Ternent | 13043685 |
| Cpl | 555 | Clair E Thompson | 13130809 |
| Cpl | 932 | George A Vargo Jr | 13046757 |
| Cpl | 932 | William Veytovich | 13046721 |
| Cpl | 955 | Charles K Waters Jr | 16124267 |
| Cpl | 647 | John H West | 32931149 |
| Cpl | 747 | Earl E Wheeler | 36283964 |
| Cpl | 835 | Harry K Wickham | 32618218 |
| Cpl | 747 | Russel Yapchanyk | 33285780 |
| Cpl | 575 | James F Zecher | 12130705 |
| Cpl | 575 | Robert P Decker | 32926214 |
| Cpl | 965 | George E Geer | 31274555 |
| Cpl | 256 | Lawrence A Lewis | 39280741 |
| Cpl | 060 | Mack H Parker | 34282912 |
| Cpl | 060 | Edward A Sims | 33558625 |
| Pfc | 747 | Robert H Addison | 34050643 |



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| Pfc | 239 | William M Bauman | 33572964 |
| Pfc | 555 | James R Beall | 34585977 |
| Pfc | 573 | Paul E Bradford | 35482053 |
| Pfc | 747 | Hallie D Bradley | 39550821 |
| Pfc | 055 | Joseph C Buckley | 15335818 |
| Pfc | 345 | John A Chruszcz | 12153902 |
| Pfc | 242 | Edwin A Clark | 31277600 |
| Pfc | 405 | Patrick C Clemeshaw | 34543742 |
| Pfc | 550 | Herman R Cordes | 37425383 |
| Pfc | 405 | Ashton S Epps Jr | 33518946 |
| Pfc | 095 | Gerald H Grambau | 36421871 |
| Pfc | 014 | John M Harris | 33627975 |
| Pfc | 050 | Isador Hrbacek | 38113440 |
| Pfc | 548 | Urban C Kill | 38398834 |
| Pfc | 687 | James M Lynch | 15334284 |
| Pfc | 747 | Thomas L Martin | 18116624 |
| Pfc | 665 | Francis B Meins | 39611899 |
| Pfc | 958 | Erie J Neill | 37185672 |
| Pfc | 405 | Joseph T Oziemblowsky | 33294241 |
| Pfc | 555 | Lewis E Potter | 37516542 |
| Pfc | 555 | William A Quest | 34509746 |
| Pfc | 014 | Edward B Radcliffe | 35685694 |
| Pfc | 665 | William J Raynor Jr | 32828524 |
| Pfc | 055 | Donald V Rodby | 37439695 |
| Pfc | 405 | Morton D Schaap | 12141168 |
| Pfc | 681 | Sam L Stephens | 14104091 |
| Pfc | 747 | Charles J Weiss | 12124602 |
| Pfc | 747 | Dudley L Wise | 39273150 |
| Pfc | 965 | Elmer Kroehling | 33421941 |
| Pvt | 345 | Daniel C Basile | 36340264 |
| Pvt | 550 | Edward B Bier | 32806816 |
| Pvt | 024 | Harold J Brown | 17068128 |
| Pvt | 835 | John A Cooper | 15343899 |
| Pvt | 555 | Floyd E Crable | 33674464 |
| Pvt | 555 | Henry Haverland | 36866558 |
| Pvt | 590 | Gregory S Homiszczak | 32671926 |
| Pvt | 835 | Raleigh F Jacobs | 13034842 |
| Pvt | 590 | Delmar W King | 35077304 |
| Pvt | 590 | Virgil S Lyers | 38003743 |
| Pvt | 665 | Garnett Munnally | 34824255 |
| Pvt | 747 | Walter L Peretto | 12057209 |
| Pvt | 958 | Norman S Riphenburg | 36243034 |
| Pvt | 620 | Charles A Rossi | 38379107 |
| Pvt | 620 | Alton L Roach | 35346624 |
| Pvt | 345 | John S Russell Jr | 12088317 |
| Pvt | 786 | Hinds Tee | 38396764 |
| Pvt | 665 | George A Wallace | 36754242 |
| Pvt | 958 | Harry E Wright | 6576446 |
| Pvt | 555 | Raymond J Yantes | 37566217 |



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|---|---|---|---|---|
| CAPT | 4010 | CARL M CLEAVENGER | 0460 807 | AC |
| CAPT | 4010 | ALFRED T HEARIN | 01 576 105 | AC DS-Camp |
| CAPT | 4000 | JOHN P TURNER | 0901 530 | AC Anza, |
| 1st LT | 2110 | OSBORNE S BEENEY | 0532 700 | AC Calif |
| 1st LT | 4400 | SILAS E BUTLER JR | 01 642 408 | AC |
| 1st Lt | 4514 | CHARLES M DODD JR | 01 552 050 | AC |
| 1st LT | 4419 | DAVID M SNYDER | 01 592 620 | AC |
| WOJG | 4902 | GEORGE W KING | 02 123 585 | AC |
| F Sgt | 502 | Matthew F Deckert | 19 002 331 | |
| M Sgt | 821 | John F Clark | 12 002 625 | |
| M Sgt | 826 | Cecil T Riles | 14 003 898 | |
| T Sgt | 821 | Edward C Barrett | 31 059 571 | |
| T Sgt | 821 | James R Pedoty | 12 006 531 | |
| T Sgt | 826 | Joseph W Rabig | 6 716 739 | |
| T Sgt | 815 | Charles F Roberts | 33 110 045 | |
| S Sgt | 505 | Waino Brooks | 11 014 938 | |
| S Sgt | 821 | Alexander V Castadoro | 31 026 362 | |
| S Sgt | 835 | John P Coppola | 32 602 438 | |
| S Sgt | 502 | Clayton Hartley | 13 031 768 | |
| S Sgt | 824 | George Hrichak | 32 170 419 | |
| S Sgt | 502 | Leland W Lowell | 11 043 764 | |
| S Sgt | 826 | William E Murphy | 7 074 326 | |
| S Sgt | 826 | Thomas A Rickwalder | 13 026 333 | |
| S Sgt | 581 | Joseph R Vadnjal | 35 283 777 | |
| S Sgt | 835 | Gordon H Wilcott | 36 230 950 | |
| S Sgt | 581 | Herbert L Wright | 34 121 185 | |
| Sgt | 826 | John E Guyant | 35 091 187 | |
| Sgt | 835 | Robert W Honaker Jr | 14 071 438 | |
| Sgt | 014 | Marcus A Johnson | 13 046 726 | |
| Sgt | 835 | Joseph J Kata | 12 015 791 | |
| Sgt | 835 | Emil C Larsen | 12 009 041 | |
| Sgt | 821 | Earle C Lord | 31 037 864 | |
| Sgt | 932 | Stanley Lukowich | 6 871 844 | |
| Sgt | 835 | Chester Melson | 35 368 351 | |
| Sgt | 835 | Floyd McSwain | 13 033 278 | |
| Sgt | 835 | George H Perron | 11 042 489 | |
| Sgt | 835 | Stanley T Pieluszczak | 12 031 698 | |
| Sgt | 835 | Elmer Ransom | 33 118 761 | |
| Sgt | 835 | George B Spisak | 35 421 607 | |
| Sgt | 037 | Frank Stevens | 32 058 858 | |
| Sgt | 815 | William J Welsh Jr | 32 486 038 | |
| Sgt | 275 | Haig Yaghoobian | 31 180 865 | |
| Cpl | 747 | Walter L Avery | 35 512 816 | |
| Cpl | 060 | Elmer Bilek | 16 037 244 | |
| Cpl | 821 | Robert Boesen | 32 161 979 | |
| Cpl | 405 | Nathan A Brown | 12 044 305 | |
| Cpl | 348 | Max Cohen | 31 242 541 | |
| Cpl | 932 | John H Comstock | 11 008 427 | |



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| Cpl | 050 | Oneal N Cormier | 34 612 374 |
| Cpl | 901 | John T Cosgrove | 33 551 725 |
| Cpl | 348 | Frederick C Croce | 12 037 778 |
| Cpl | 835 | Arnold L Crounse | 32 192 416 |
| Cpl | 901 | Frederick V Deno | 36 193 977 |
| Cpl | 835 | Abraham Goldstein | 32 161 859 |
| Cpl | 747 | Emil J Habib | 32 454 530 |
| Cpl | 835 | John D Larsen | 12 037 349 |
| Cpl | 835 | Philip M Mann | 35 522 604 |
| Cpl | 835 | Carl W Marth Jr | 37 467 243 |
| Cpl | 932 | Victor F Martin | 13 045 415 |
| Cpl | 835 | Franklin P McClure | 14 126 340 |
| Cpl | 932 | Francis M McGarry | 13 045 438 |
| Cpl | 835 | Richard L Meyer | 37 421 606 |
| Cpl | 747 | John P Murray | 17 066 900 |
| Cpl | 055 | Daniel M Neal | 19 070 444 |
| Cpl | 835 | Solly C Present | 32 095 731 |
| Cpl | 405 | Ja mes E Puffenbarger | 13 118 030 |
| Cpl | 037 | Ralph J Rodkey | 6 946 210 |
| Cpl | 901 | James B Sanders | 38 307 397 |
| Cpl | 835 | Michael A Scioscia | 32 203 716 |
| Cpl | 345 | Leslie F Shirley | 14 071 991 |
| Cpl | 835 | Howard R Smith | 31 282 429 |
| Cpl | 901 | Clinton E Stahley | 33 498 416 |
| Cpl | 405 | Darwin E Stokes | 33 737 493 |
| Cpl | 835 | Alfred L Sumperl | 32 630 574 |
| Cpl | 835 | John White | 32 161 790 |
| Cpl | 405 | George H Wineland | 13 090 003 |
| Cpl | 405 | Lawrence F Winter | 11 106 807 |
| Cpl | 835 | Albert Zuckerman | 32 709 042 |
| Pfc | 835 | Roland D Allen | 14 190 011 |
| Pfc | 835 | Earle H Bender | 39 682 806 |
| Pfc | 901 | Russell E Benfer | 33 498 434 |
| Pfc | 901 | James M Burns | 32 779 663 |
| Pfc | 835 | Maurice M Castleberry | 37 611 153 |
| Pfc | 405 | James D Clary | 35 470 147 |
| Pfc | 835 | Joseph P Dellorso | 13 031 787 |
| Pfc | 345 | James J Donohue | 32 635 724 |
| Pfc | 835 | Lester Durham | 33 480 124 |
| Pfc | 835 | Charles B Garthwaite | 32 192 354 |
| Pfc | 835 | Delbert L Gibbs | 13 017 953 |
| Pfc | 835 | Thomas J Green | 12 049 828 |
| Pfc | 405 | Sam Guzy | 37 543 131 |
| Pfc | 835 | John E Hall | 32 192 227 |
| Pfc | 060 | Harry R Hagan | 12 037 513 |
| Pfc | 835 | Nathan Kaufman | 32 000 329 |
| Pfc | 063 | Albert W Kubiak | 33 288 991 |
| Pfc | 345 | Wallace L Markham | 38 194 928 |
| Pfc | 835 | James J McGrath | 32 192 307 |
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| Pfc | 901 | Thomas J Munson | 32 608 729 |
| Pfc | 835 | John Papas | 36 605 067 |
| Pfc | 405 | Francis L Speers | 31 275 915 |
| Pfc | 786 | Stanley H Stahl | 36 754 468 |
| Pfc | 835 | Joseph W Stankewicz | 32 192 311 |
| Pfc | 014 | Gertis Stevens | 34 337 707 |
| Pfc | 901 | Ian J Young | 35 531 315 |
| Pfc | 835 | Stanley V Zabielski | 32 192 221 |
| Pvt | 835 | Wilbur L Ballard | 35 358 896 |
| Pvt | 835 | Norman G Beasley | 19 175 147 |
| Pvt | 835 | Mervin L Bell | 38 543 303 |
| Pvt | 835 | Charles V Birdwell | 34 725 919 |
| Pvt | 835 | Andrew Blevins | 35 447 657 |
| Pvt | 835 | Albert L Bloise | 39 120 434 |
| Pvt | 901 | Joseph B Brannen | 14 058 107 |
| Pvt | 835 | Theodore J Cairo | 32 107 667 |
| Pvt | 060 | Carman J Capozzi | 32 506 587 |
| Pvt | 835 | Robert L Davis | 37 309 255 |
| Pvt | 835 | Stanley R Dettwiler | 36 837 551 |
| Pvt | 647 | Jerry E Dishner | 13 118 775 |
| Pvt | 835 | George P Gillespie | 19 162 764 |
| Pvt | 835 | Kenneth C Hirsch | 32 192 310 |
| Pvt | 590 | Albert R Jackson | 38 021 150 |
| Pvt | 835 | George M Jewell Jr | 11 089 253 |
| Pvt | 835 | Edward Kappelman | 35 530 155 |
| Pvt | 835 | Oscar Linton | 33 307 697 |
| Pvt | 901 | Charles J Mandracchia | 32 789 769 |
| Pvt | 055 | James J McLeavy | 32 691 726 |
| Pvt | 835 | Howard A Nicholson | 38 568 898 |
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| Pvt | 835 | Ora R Reed | 35 831 517 |
| Pvt | 405 | Edward Slymack | 32 588 701 |
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| Pvt | 901 | Donald E Straub | 16 143 454 |
| Pvt | 835 | Michael Swatkoski | 31 048 427 |
| Pvt | 405 | Louis G Thompson | 32 096 077 |
| Pvt | 835 | William C Valentine | 38 102 071 |
| Pvt | 901 | John C Weisenmiller | 33 549 874 |
| Pvt | 590 | Edward S Wilenski | 32 228 659 |
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HEADQUARTERS
OKLAHOMA CITY AIR SERVICE COMMAND
TINKER FIELD
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

21 July 1944

LETTER ORDERS)
NO 66)

SUBJECT: Amendments

TO: All Concerned

So much of Letter Orders No 59, this Hq, dated 17 July 1944, pertaining to the following named Os and EM, orgns indicated, is amended as follows:

So much as reads:

Hq & Base Sv Sq

MAJ (2100) GEORGE C STURGEON 0435100 AC to read MAJ (2110) GEORGE C STURGEON 0485109 AC

S Sgt (502) Scott B McDaniel 18064428 to read S Sgt (502) Scott B McDaniel Jr 18064428

S Sgt (822) Xavier L Schackleford 34395824 to read S Sgt (822) Xavier I Shackleford 34395824

Sgt (359) William Amberlavage 36000426 to read Sgt (359) William A Amberlavage 36000426

Sgt (766) Angel Fernandez 12040247 to read Sgt (766) Angel S Fernandez 12040247

Sgt (014) Frank Jamilkowski 31047879 to read Sgt (014) Frank S Jamilkowski 31047894

Cpl (383) Michael Balazs 35547800 to read Cpl (383) Michael S Balazs 35547800

Cpl (657) Walter L Ballentine 12057114 to read Cpl (657) Walter L Balletine Jr 12057114

Cpl (345) Alfred Chiaverinni 31070327 to read Cpl (345) Alfred Chiaverini 31070327

Cpl (345) Smith L Dixon 35432846 to read Cpl (345) Smith T Dixon 35432846

Cpl (050) Harold W Hansen 32081111 to read Cpl (055) Harold W Hansen 32081111

Cpl (345) George J Hodgeson 12037694 to read Cpl (345) George J Hodgson 12037694

Cpl (667) Erhardt C Pries 37426068 to read Cpl (667) Erhard C Pries 37426068

Cpl (522) Daniel Ramunto 32354864 to read Cpl (677) Daniel Ramunto 32354864

Pfc (677) Willard Cline 34311921 to read Pfc (677) Willard E Cline 34311921

Pfc (677) William R Connor 36037921 to read Pfc (677) William R Conner 36037921

Pfc (405) James C Frederickson 37551768 to read Pfc (405) James C Fredrickson 37551768

Pfc (345) Charles Grant 11089262 to read Pfc (345) Charles J Grant 11089262

Pfc (677) Joseph H Hogan 32886471 Conf to read Pvt (677) Joseph H Hogan 32886471 Conf

Pfc (059) Clayton A Horne 15126043 to read Cpl (059) Clayton A Horne 15126043

Pfc (345) Axel Johnson 31070338 to read Pfc (345) Axel H Johnson 31070338

Pfc (677) Elmer G Kostyak 33282125 Conf to read Pvt (677) Elmer G Kostyak 33282125 Conf

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Conf

Pfc (677) Augustine Melendez 32421960 to read Pfc (677) Augustin Melendez
32421960

Pfc (345) Henry Nieratko 31070270 to read Cpl (345) Henry Nieratko 31070270
Pfc (677) Frederick J Perez 32421907 to read Pvt (677) Frederick J Perez 32421907
Pfc (677) George J Rashkin 32452254 to read Pfc (677) George G Rashkin 32452251
Pfc (345) Walter Richardson 17032379 to read Pfc (345) Walter C Richardson
17032379

Pfc (657) Paul M Rossito 31278645 to read Pfc (657) Paul M Rossitto 31278645
Pfc (345) Roy H Weaver 36595789 to read Pfc (359) Roy H Weaver 36595789
Pfc (657) Everette D West 34420991 to read Pfc (657) Everette D West Jr 34420991
Pfc (383) Ben Williamson 18218697 to read Pfc (383) Ben F Williamson 18218697
Pfc (522) Wilbur Young 15089085 to read Pfc (522) Wilbur C Young 15089085
Sgt (014) Manual Hirsch 32170644 to read Sgt (014) Manuel Hirsch 32170644
Sgt (301) Robert L Sawyer 14151944 to read Sgt (301) Robert L Sawyer Jr 14151944
Pvt (345) Stanley Szerszen 36730360 to read Pvt (345) Stanley J Szerszen 36730360
Pvt (805) Wallace Dierck 39218253 to read Pvt (805) Wallace M Dierck 39218253
Pvt (164) John W Allen 38599322 to read Pvt (164) John W Allen 38599332
Pvt (383) Charles Balough 33437756 to read Pvt (383) Charles Balogh 33437756
Pvt (188) Everette A Benoit 31392313 to read Pvt (188) Everett A Benoit Jr
31392313

Pvt (345) Francis M Bowling 37137241 to read Pvt (345) Francis M Bowling 37137249
Pvt (345) Philip Chapman 31347153 to Pfc (345) Philip Chapman 31347153
Pvt (055) William F Ebnet 37163405 to read Pfc (055) William F Ebnet 37163405
Pvt (522) Roberto Eschriche 38439847 to read Pvt (522) Roberto Escriche 38439847
Pvt (522) Hough F Gatlin 34473264 to read Pvt (522) Hugh F Gatlin 34473264
Pvt (345) Matthew Glowacki 13031956 to read Pfc (345) Matthew F Glowacki
13031956

Pvt (383) Leo R Gregory 33464303 to read Pvt (383) Leo R Gregory Jr 33464303
Pvt (522) Wesley E Gunter 34917272 to read Pvt (522) Wesley E Gunter 34917271
Pvt (522) Edmund J Ourso 38379361 to read Pvt (522) Edmond J Ourso 38379361
Pvt (345) Raymond R Ponkey 36603210 to read Pfc (345) Raymond R Ponkey 36603210
Pvt (590) Marlin Preus 33430553 to read Pvt (590) Marlin F Preus 33430553
Pvt (522) Merrill Reed 35318148 to read Pvt (522) Merrell S Reed 35318148
Pvt (188) Paul E Schroeder 32251879 to read Pfc (188) Paul E Schroeder 32251879
Pvt (590) Thomas W Scrapper 38322292 to read Pvt (590) Thomas W Scraper 38322292
Pvt (345) Norman Swanson 36733301 to read Pvt (345) Norman Swanson 36733310
Pvt (766) James Van Dyke 42001339 to read Pvt (766) James Van Dyk 42001339
Pvt (522) Philip Walker 33762628 to read Pvt (522) Philip H Walker 33762628
Pvt (835) Randall E Wyatt 34921815 to read Pvt (835) Randall E Wyatt Jr 34921805

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WOJG (4902) GEORGE W KING 02123585 to read WOJG (4902) GEORGE W KING W2123585
Sgt (835) Floyd McSwain 13033278 to read Sgt (835) Floyd W McSwain 13033873
Cpl (060) Elmer Bilek 16037244 to read Cpl (060) Elmer F Bilek 16037244
Pfc (835) Joseph W Stankewicz 32192311 to read Pfc (835) Joseph W Stankewicz Jr
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S Sgt (925) Darwin O Hermann 17018982 to read S Sgt (925) Darwin O Hormann 17018982

S Sgt (555) Louis J Veres 12046928 to read S Sgt (555) Louis M Veres 12046928
S Sgt (965) John Kendall 19059956 to read S Sgt (965) John Kendall Jr 19059956
Sgt (555) Thurman B Runkle 13031935 Fur to read Sgt (555) Thurman B Runkle 13031935

Sgt (903) Edward L Wingert 13028580 to read Sgt (903) Edward L Wingert Jr 13028580

Cpl (955) Ray Gall 16100187 to read Cpl (955) Ray M Gall 16100187
Cpl (747) Jack Hacker 35154653 to read Cpl (747) Jack Hacker 35154652
Cpl (958) James P Nelson 39200699 to read Cpl (958) James P Nelsen Jr 39200699
Cpl (696) Theodore J Swistak 32713169 to read Cpl (686) Theodore J Swistak 32713169

Pfc (555) James R Beall 34585977 to read Pfc (555) James R Beall 34585997
Pfc (345) John A Chruszcz 12153902 to read Pfc (345) John A Chruszcz 12152902
Pfc (548) Urban C Kill 38398834 to read Pfc (548) Urban G Kill 38398834
Pfc (665) William J Raynor Jr 32828524 to read Pfc (665) William I Raynor Jr 32828524

Pvt (620) Charles A Rossi 38379107 to read Pvt (620) Charles C Rossi 39379107

is amended to include:

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Pvt (522) Robert A Bartlett 19114730

3d Engr Sq

Pvt (050) Joseph R King 33932025

is amended to substitute the name of Pvt (014) Durley B Jackson 38279673, Hq & Base Sv Sq for the name of S Sgt (014) Albert W Cockrill 7070622, Hq & Base Sv Sq; and so much as pertains to the following is revoked:

Hq & Base Sv Sq

2D LT (4113) WALLACE G ORWIN 0586303 AC
Pvt (522) Arthur Elfenbein 32613660

3d Engr Sq

1ST LT (4902) HARLO A LIMPACH 0575363 AC
Pfc (050) Isador Hrbacek 38113440

573d Mat Sq

CAPT (4010) ALFRED T HEARIN 01576105 AC

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By order of Colonel LYNCH:

J BELMONT JISKRA
Lieutenant Colonel, Air Corps
Acting Adjutant General

HQ. OKLAHOMA CITY AIR SERVICE COMMAND
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573RD MATERIEL SQUADRON

65TH SERVICE GROUP

October

UNIT HISTORY

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ORGANIZATION

A radical change was accomplished during October with respect to the operating methods of the Squadron, although this change has caused no alteration in T/O structure.

This change was the consolidation and integration of the various sections of this Squadron with corresponding sections of the 572 Material Squadron, 91st Service Group, in compliance with General Order No. 11, Hq, 73rd Bombardment Wing, 29 October 1944. (1)

The results, as far as can be determined at present, of this combining action, will be discussed under SUPPLY AND EQUIPMENT.

Also combined, but as a result of AR 345-5, 5 August 1944 rather than of the Base Plan, were the personnel clerks of all three squadrons of the group, to form a Unit Personnel Office.

In compliance with the above-cited AR, Memorandum No. 35-10, Hq, 65th Service Group, 16 October 1944, "Activation of Unit Personnel Section", was published. Pursuant to the provisions of this directive personnel work has been handled separate from the Squadron, leaving only operational administrative matters in the hands of the Squadron headquarters.

This change was effected with little difficulty. Thus far there have been no indications of failure of this new arrangement in accomplishing its desired purpose, although there has been some complaining by personnel who had been accustomed to working out problems independent of direction from higher headquarters.

PERSONNEL

Another change in enlisted personnel which occurred since the arrival of the Squadron on Saipan was left out of the second installmentoof the unit history through oversight. This was the injury on September 22 of Pvt (835) Oscar Linton, and his subsequent transfer, on September 26 to the 147th General Hospital, Oahu. Pvt Linton was struck on the head by a piece of flying coral (from a dynamite blast), which penetrated the fibre helmet liner he was wearing.

During October there have been two severe injuries to members of this organization. Pvt (055) James J. McLeavy received second degree burns when hot water splashed over the upper part of his body in a kitchen mishap. Pvt (835) Cra R. Reed lost the tips of two fingers on the left hand as the result of a wood chopping accident. It is expected that both men will be returned to duty with the Squadron.

Recommendations submitted by officers-in-charge of the various sections made it possible to upgrade a total of 16 men from a designation of "semi-skilled to one of "skilled". The above action, entered on the men's Forms 20, brought the overall percentage of skilled personnel to 84 percent.

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It was possible, because of existing vacancies, to promote three privates to private first class. These men were: Carman F. Cappeni (060), Albert R. Jackson (590), and Edward Slymack (405).

## FACILITIES

During October much has been accomplished in the way of setting up permanent facilities. Within the Squadron's living area the most important development was the completion of the 150-man mess hall. Adequate seating and shelving has been accomplished and provisions are being made to pipe water to the kitchen from a pontoon tank which will be elevated upon an overhead platform. (This tank eventually will be the water source for showers also.) Pipes run from kitchen drains to a 10' x 10' x 15' soakage pit.

A one-chair barber shop, equipped to meet requirements of sanitary regulations, has been put into operation.

Concerning working facilities: Tents still are being used to house equipment and supplies, but it is anticipated that the following month will bring the construction of a large number of warehouses. Final decision on the amount of space to be allotted to each section is a contributing factor in the delay of this work.

## TRAINING

The only training which has been accomplished since arrival on the Island has been in connection with preparation for the always-to-be-expected air raids. Group Headquarters has published a defense plan (Memorandum No. 46-2, 13 September 1944, "Temporary Area Air Raid Defense Plan") as amended by Memorandum No. 46-2a, (4)b, (7)c, (5)a, (7) and 8), which has been the guide thus far for passive defense, and which is expected to be replaced soon by a Base Defense Plan.

The provisions of this directive have been followed religiously, although opportunities to demonstrate the effectiveness of the plan have occurred with decreasing frequency. During the first few weeks the siren sounded regularly, but there has been only one alert since the middle of October.

## MORALE

There has been, during the month of October, no opportunity for morale to sink because of boredom. With the exception of a very few men who have suffered because of domestic problems which have been augmented by the dis-



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tance between them and their families, everyone has adapted himself well to the steady diet of hard work, necessarily irregular hours, and little time off. The problems which accompany the initial stages of operation still are large and trying.

As in the immediately preceding month, a dispute over a minor disciplinary matter arose. Group Headquarters published Memorandum No. 27-1, (9) banning the sale of beer and fruit juices, whether in cans or in bottles; whereupon an immediate protest, expressed through the medium of the group newspaper, "The Natural", arose from the enlisted men. The men's attitude seemed to be, in spite of forewarning and explanation, one of bitter criticism of the group commander for depriving them of one of the few available luxuries. With the subsequent recision of the memorandum, the whole incident apparently was forgotten and any mention of the "beer ban" (which lasted only four days) produces only good-humored remarks.

A decided rise in morale was noticed after 12 October, when the first B-29 Airplane arrived. This can be attributed to the undeniable pride which all men have who are connected in any way with the flying or servicing of the world's largest combat airplane. A second, and probably still greater, reason for the boost in morale was the feeling that, coincident with the arrival on the island of the B-29, there would begin large scale aerial operations against the enemy, which will shorten the war.

The completion 21 October of the Squadron mess hall brightened the spirits of the men considerably, as that day marked the end of the "stand-up" chow. The first acquisition of ice for mess hall use and the resultant Quartermaster issue of fresh meats brought smiles to the faces of the men, who chorused, "This is pretty damn good for this place--but who wants this place?"

## SUPPLY AND EQUIPMENT

The month of October brought about the greatest change in the operating methods of the Squadron since activation. Under the plan of consolidation and integration the service groups pooled materiel and personnel, with the 91st and 65th Service Groups forming an operating union on the north side of the airfield.

Seniority of rank was the criterion for selecting key personnel from the combined sections. The advantages allegedly gained from the combination are: centralization of control, elimination of duplication, and speedier accomplishment of supply through decreasing the number of classes of materiel each section is to handle while increasing the volume in each class. The theory is that a given number of men can turn out a greater volume of work on one large job than the same number of men working on several small jobs.

It apparently is too soon to weigh completely the merits and demerits of the combination. However, a few of its characteristics are not favorably considered by Capt. CLEAVENGER, Squadron Commander and newly-appointed assis-



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tant Materiel Officer, North Strip, who says, "The system is too cumbersome, it defeats the purpose for which the stream-lined service group was organized, and it takes out of the hands of the unit commanders direct control over their men".

The average operating efficiency of all sections is roughly 60 per cent, but this percentage doubtless will rise as problems are ironed out.

ORDNANCE:

The Ordnance section, under Lt DODD, has assumed all duties peculiar to automotive supply, including all Ordnance, Air Corps, Corps of Engineers, and Chemical Warfare vehicles for organizations on the North Strip, or Service Center A.

At present the automotive supply activity for the North Strip is operating from the 65th Service Group area, but it is anticipated that the new location will soon become available with the construction of warehouses on the line.

Block shipment no. 8, or the initial stockage of automotive spare parts for the 21st Bomber Command was received at the Ordnance Depot, Saipan, 25th October. Division of the equipment between the 65th Service Group and 303rd Service Group had not been completed by 31 October 1944.

The initial stockage of spare parts has not been entered on the stock record cards, but in cases where parts are not available at the depot, but are known to be included in the initial issue, they have been made available in the event of deadline vehicles. Deadline vehicles have been kept to a minimum because of the surprisingly adequate stockage of automotive spare parts in the depot.

610 vouchers (credit and debit) were recorded in the voucher register during the month of October.

QUARTERMASTER:

The Quartermaster section is eliminating gradually its burden of moving materiel. The end of October brought the completion, except for one, of a number of moves and enables the section to start functioning in its assigned supply duties.

QM classes II and IV have been made the project of Lt SNYDER's combined section, while class I is handled by the 91st. Class III supplies, a great problem, are handled by both groups.

The repeated moving of equipment has somewhat handicapped the handling of Classes II and IV. However, laundry service for 5200 men and officers has been maintained on a weekly schedule. Approximately 2800 pairs of shoes have been repaired on a semi-monthly shedule. Expendable supplies have been drawn from the ASF and re-issued to the units. Plans have been made and a system has been set up for an individual clothing salvage to be started. The next month should show all clothing and equipment in a serviceable condition.

Quartermaster men have been installing refrigerators that will hold 135 tons of perishable food and it is expected that these refrigerators will be



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completed by 10 November.

A 30-day level of spare parts for field rangeshas been stocked and all fire units are repaired and are in operation.

Class III has constituted a major problem in that if all men assigned to the handling of this class work at full capacity with the most available transportation, the total amount of gasoline that can be hauled from the ADF dump is 5280 gallons per day. The average consumption is 550 gallons of white gasoline by 78 field ranges and 5600 gallons by 562 vehicles and several electric generators, totaling roughly 900 gallons more than can be drawn and thereby exhausting the reserve supply. Little or no progress had been made by 31 October toward the elimination of this problem.

Approximately 10 percent of all TO & E shortages have been filled and 65 percent of the shortages have been requisitioned.

TECHNICAL SUPPLY:

Subsequent to the consolidation, Air Corps, Signal, and Corps of Engineers supply activities have been centrally controlled by the Technical Supply Officer, Capt TURNER, who heads the new general TECHNICAL SUPPLY SECTION. Although Corps of Engineers property formerly had been handled by the old Air Corps Supply section and the Signal Supply section was entirely separate, both now function as a sub-section through the Technical Supply organization, as does the Technical Coordination sub-section, which was just beginning to get under way at the month's end.

The old problem of movement of supplies, which began in September, continued in October. Upon ordersof the group commander all of the Combat Table II technical property of the 65th Service Group was removed from the several dumps in which it had been stored temporarily and hauled to a new location in a roofless Japanese hanger on the north apron near the runway.

Orders were that this movement was to be expedited. It was therefore largely accomplished after five days and five nights of hauling and unloading. This prevented any effective segregation of the property into classes and resulted in a heterogeneous dump, piled five to seven layers high, from which it was nearly impossible to issue property or to take an inventory.

The balance of the month was devoted to unscrambling the property, which, it is felt, could have been moved one class at a time and inventoried simultaneously.

After the consolidation with the 91st Service Group, the Combat Table II property of the 65th Service Group was transferred from the Japanese hanger to 30 storage tents nearby. An inventory, by boxes, was taken of the 91st Service Group's property, already in tents, and of the property of the 65th Service Group as it was removed from the hanger. These storage tents are to be a temporary set-up until quonset huts and wooden warehouses are built.

It is believed that a greater allowance of time for moving the 65th Service Group's property to the line would have speeded up both the inventorying and the tent-warehousing and thus might have eliminated the inefficient supply



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action which unavoidably had to be given the bomb squadrons in the beginning.

Inventory of Combat Table II property still in the 91st Service Group bivouac area was started about 26 October and will be completed in the early part of November.

The Corps of Engineers sub-section has been engaged in the procurement of building materiels for the bivouac areas, Base Administration, and Maintenance and Supply. There has been considerable difficulty in obtaining cement, nails, and lumber, resulting in much juggling of priorities on the quantities available.

The Signal Supply sub-section has nearly completed its inventory of property and is engaged in issuing of this property to the bomb squadrons.



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HEADQUARTERS
73RD BOMBARDMENT WING
APO #5666, C/O POSTMASTER
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

29 October 1944

GENERAL ORDERS )
:
NUMBER.....11 )

Establishment of Provisional Army Air Base No. 1

1. AUTHORITY. Under authority of 1st indorsement, Hq XXI Bomber Command, to this headquarters, dated 29 October 1944, on letter this headquarters, subject: "Army Air Base No. 1, APO 244 - Base Organization Plan", dated 25 October 1944, the organization of the Provisional Army Air Base No. 1, APO 244, is hereby announced as an integral element of this command for the purpose of providing base complement functions incidental to the efficient operation of the 73rd Bombardment Wing.

2. ORGANIZATION. The Provisional Army Air Base No. 1, referred to above, will be formed by the integration of the Base Command Echelon and the four (4) service groups of the 73rd Bombardment Wing. More specifically, the above organizations will be accomplished by the integration of the personnel in the Headquarters and Base Services Squadrons of the four (4) service groups under control of the Base Executive for Administration, and the integration of the personnel of the four (4) Materiel and four (4) Engineering Squadrons for duty under the control of the Base Executive for Supply and Maintenance. Command functions will be retained by the undersigned as provided for by General Orders No. 22, Headquarters Island Command, Saipan, dated 26 October 1944. Immediate responsibility for administrative functions of Provisional Army Air Base No. 1 are delegated to the Deputy for Base Command, 73rd Bombardment Wing.

3. COMMAND CHANNELS. The channels of command will be upward through the Commanding General, XXI Bomber Command, and downward through the organizations assigned and/or attached to this Headquarters. However, on court-martial and other legal matters, except as hereinafter provided for, and other purely administrative, supply and maintenance matters over which the Commanding General, XXI Bomber Command may not be expected to exercise control, direct communication with the Commanding General, Army Garrison Force is authorized wherever applicable. Court-martial charges and other disciplinary matters involving commissioned and warrant officers will always be routed through Commanding General, XXI Bomber Command.

4. RESPONSIBILITIES, GENERAL. The Provisional Army Air Base No. 1, except as provided for in paragraph 8 below, will be responsible for all supply and maintenance functions necessary to sustain the tactical operation of the 73rd Bombardment Wing, except first and second echelon maintenance, which will remain with the commanding officers of the bombardment groups. It will also be responsible for the supervision, coordination and control of all base administration, and supply and maintenance functions not otherwise provided for herein.

5. SUPPLY. Motor transportation and office equipment necessary to support the Provisional Army Air Base No. 1 will be withdrawn from the sections



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of the respective squadrons effected by this consolidation. In the event that additional equipment over and above that which can be obtained as indicated above is required, requisitions will be made on the Army Garrison Force, through this headquarters giving complete justification for each item requisitioned. Requests for additional equipment should be held to the barest minimum necessary for efficient functioning of the Provisional Army Air Base No. 1.

a. Service Centers.

(1) Service Center "A", North Strip, Shipping Order No. 6915 B, will service the following organizations:

497th Bombardment Group
498th Bombardment Group
65th Service Group
91st Service Group
Headquarters, Provisional Army Air Base No. 1
870th Chemical Company A.O.
435th Aviation Squadron
11th Combat Camera Unit

(2) Service Center "B", South Strip, assigned Shipping Order No. 1020 H, will service the following listed organizations:

Hq & Hq Sq, 73rd Bombardment Wing
499th Bombardment Group
500th Bombardment Group
303rd Service Group
330th Service Group
323rd Signal Company Wing
3rd Photo Reconnaissance Squadron

6. GEOGRAPHICAL AREA. The geographical area encompassed by the Provisional Army Air Base No. 1 referred to above is as shown on the attached map (Incl 1). All organizations physically located in this area will abide by such regulations and orders as may be promulgated by the above referred to command.

7. FUNCTIONAL CHART. Attached is a functional chart for the administration of Provisional Army Air Base No. 1, APO 244 (Incl 2). Job and responsibilities description of each section are given below:

a. Base Adjutant's Section. This section will require two (2) officers and sixteen (16) enlisted men, and will be responsible for all distribution, reproduction and administrative coordination; also, public relations, ground safety and civilian personnel. This section will issue all base directives, memoranda, special orders and general orders.

b. Chaplain's Section. This section will consist of two (2) officers, one a Catholic and one a Protestant, each with an enlisted assistant. Their duties will be to coordinate the religious activities of the Base.



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c. Medical Section. A 100-bed dispensary will be operated at a central location within the area. The functions of this dispensary will be to provide medical care within its capacity and beyond the ability of the group dispensaries to perform. The groups within the Wing will maintain dispensaries operated by personnel of the respective organizations, providing first aid, routine medical care and sick-call. The Base dispensary will be operated by the Base Surgeon, assisted by a staff of four (4) medical officers, eight (8) dental officers, two (2) medical administrative officers, and fifty-four (54) enlisted men. Four (4) medical officers will be provided by the bombardment groups, one from each group, and one (1) medical officer by one service group. Two (2) dental officers will be provided by each of the service groups. The required fifty-four (54) enlisted men will come from all of the bombardment and service groups, pro rata and in accordance with proper MOS. Eight (8) enlisted men will be drawn from the 435th Aviation Squadron for operation of the dispensary mess.

d. Utilities Section. This section will consist of three (3) officers and seven (7) enlisted men, whose duties will be control and coordinate the operation of the utilities sections of the four (4) service groups. The duties will also include job planning and estimating, drafting, control of all utilities inventory, and the preparation of a daily status report on all projects. The utilities sections of the service groups will be located physically in their respective areas and the utilities officers will act as assistants to the Base Utilities Officer, to whom they will be responsible. No construction will be started, no deviation from established and approved plans will be permitted, and alteration of existing facilities will not be undertaken without the approval of the Base Commander. Work orders emanating from organizations of the command will clear through the Base Headquarters.

e. Courts and Boards Section. This section will consist of one (1) officer and four (4) enlisted men, who will be responsible for the preparation, supervision and proper handling of all legal matters arising in the base. This includes courts-martial, settlement of claims, and personal legal assistance requirements. Attention is directed to the provisions of Chapter XVIII, MCM, 1928, with reference to the requirements for personal action of the undersigned on certain court-martial matters.

f. Administrative Inspector's Section. This section will consist of one (1) officer, one (1) warrant officer and two (2) enlisted men, who will act in a follow-up capacity on all inspections conducted by the Air Inspector's Section of the 73rd Bombardment Wing.

g. Finance Section. This section will consist of five (5) officers and forty (40) enlisted men, who will operate under the supervision of the senior disbursing officer presently assigned to the service groups. This section will be responsible for payment of all pay rolls, pay vouchers, allowances and claims which are authorized by Army Regulations. The disbursing office will handle such requirements as may be requested of the elements of the 7th Air Force located on the Island and such other Air Force installations as may be attached to the 73rd Bombardment Wing in the future.



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h. Provost Marshal's Section. This section will consist of three (3) officers and eight (8) enlisted men. It will be responsible for the interior and exterior guard of the installations of the 73rd Bombardment Wing, traffic control, police and prison maintenance, all military police activities, fire fighting, and base intelligence duties.

i. Chemical Warfare Services Section. This section will consist of one (1) officer and one (1) enlisted man, and will be responsible for coordination and control of all Chemical Warfare Service activities of organizations in the Wing. All organic Chemical Warfare Service equipment and supplies will remain with the organizations to which organically assigned.

j. Special Services Section. This section will consist of nine (9) officers and five (5) enlisted men, and will be responsible for morale activities of all elements of the Base and coordination of their activities, including USO shows. All Post Exchanges, Information & Education, and Library activities, and those activities of enlisted men's clubs, will be coordinated by this section.

k. Transportation Section. This section will consist of one (1) officer and five (5) enlisted men. Its duties will be to coordinate the use of all transportation equipment assigned to organizations of the 73rd Bombardment Wing. Each organization will maintain its own motor pool and dispatching organization, and will be responsible for first and second echelon maintenance of its vehicles. This section will call for vehicles, as needed by the Base organization, and will spot check all vehicles for first and second echelon maintenance. It will also maintain a motor pool at a location to be selected on the North Strip, so as to provide convenient parking space and have available for prompt service such vehicles as are required in that area. The vehicles in this pool will be supplied by the 65th and 91st Service Groups.

l. Operations. This section will consist of three (3) officers and three (3) enlisted men, and will be responsible for dispatching and control facilities for all transient aircraft, not including maintenance. Personnel for this section will be furnished from the Base Command Echelon of the 73rd Bombardment Wing.

m. Communications. This section will consist of one (1) officer and one (1) enlisted man, whose duties will be to coordinate all matters pertaining to Base communications with the Communications Section of the 73rd Bombardment Wing. All installations, operations and maintenance of Base communications are the responsibility of the Wing Communications Section. All personnel of the Communications Sections of Headquarters and Base Services Squadrons of the service groups are available for duty in MOS upon call by the Wing Communications Section.

n. Base Executive for Supply and Maintenance. The Base Executive for Supply and Maintenance will control all of his functions through the Assistant Executive for Supply and Maintenance of the North and South Strips respectively. The office personnel of the Base Executive for Supply and Maintenance will consist of three (3) officers and four (4) enlisted men. The functional operations for supply and maintenance of the 65th and 91st Service Groups will be integrated for operation in the Service Center "A"





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(North Strip) and those of the 303rd and 330th Service Groups will be integrated for operation in the Service Center "B" (South Strip). Supply personnel, facilities and service group stock levels will be consolidated in the North and South service areas respectively.

o. Photo Section. This section will consist of one (1) officer and twenty (20) enlisted men, and will be responsible for all administrative photography, such as reproduction, historical, and accident investigation. Personnel for this section will be provided by the four (4) service groups and each photo section will operate within its own Service Group area, under supervision of the Base Photo Officer.

8. ADMINISTRATION OF 73RD BOMBARDMENT WING. Internal administrative matters of organizations of the 73rd Bombardment Wing, pertaining to personnel, will be handled by those organizations concerned through the Wing Headquarters Personnel administrative reports of organizations will be made direct to the Wing Headquarters A-1 Section.

E. O'DONNELL,
Brigadier General, USA
Commanding.

2 Incls:
Incl 1 - Prov Army Air Base No. 1 area map
Incl 2 - Functional Chart, Prov Army Air Base No. 1

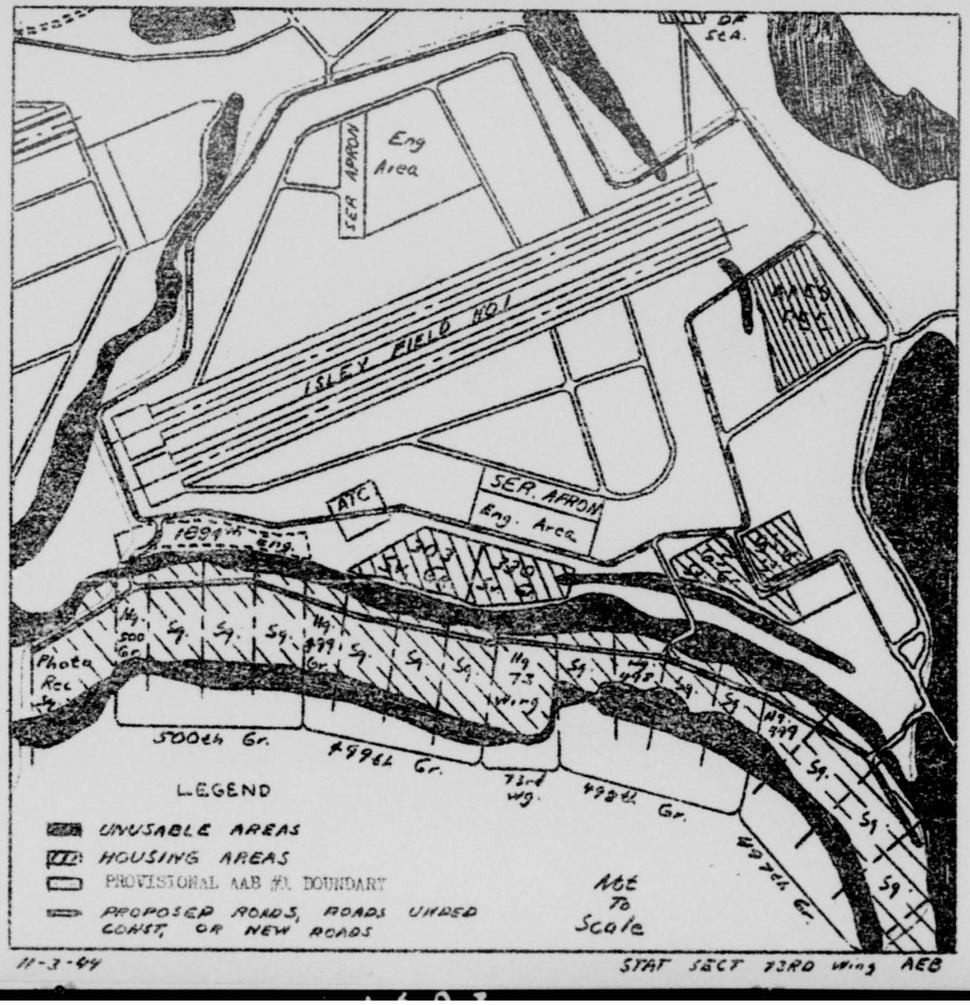




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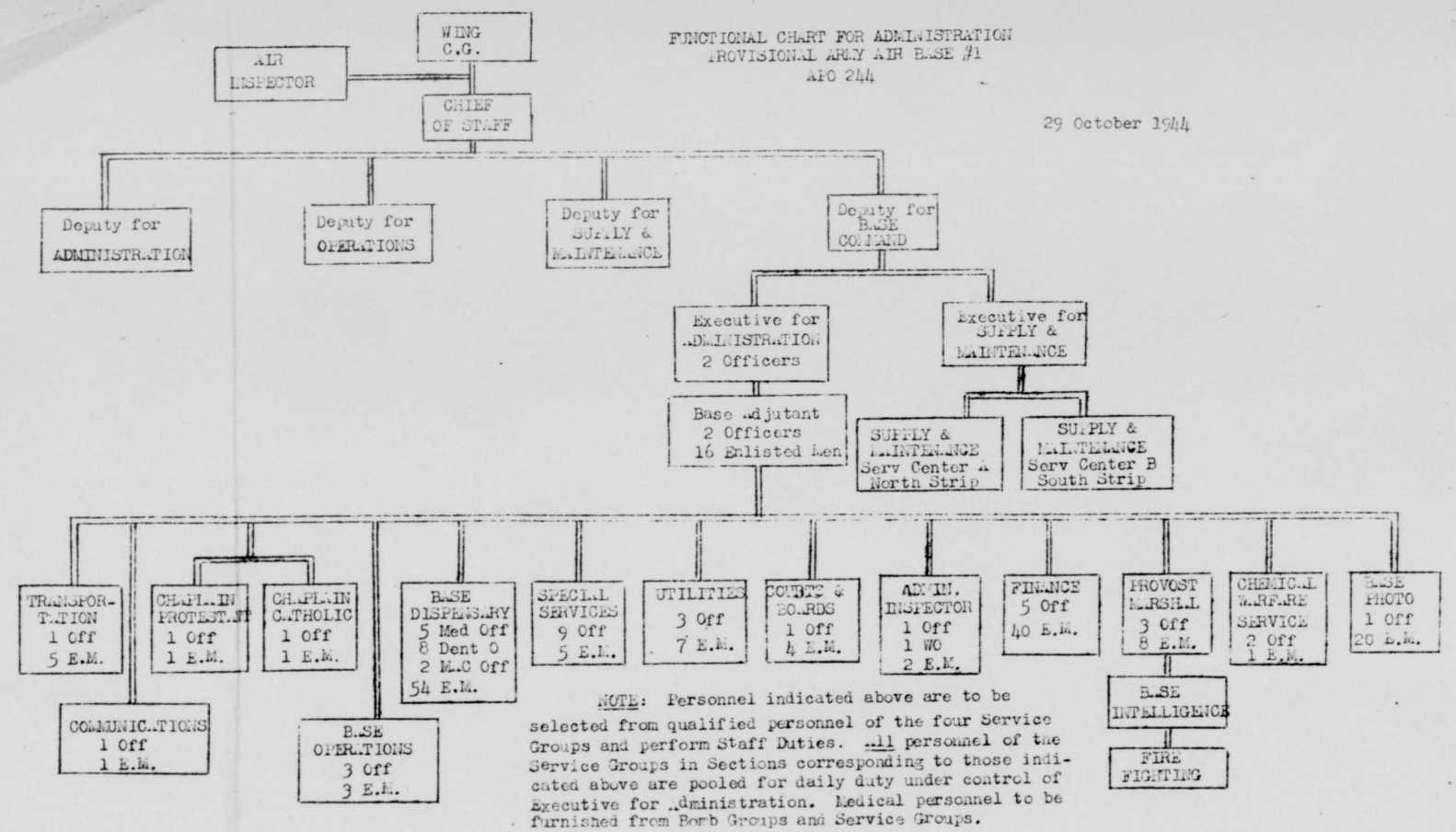

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FUNCTIONAL CHART FOR ADMINISTRATION
PROVISIONAL ARMY AIR BASE #1
APO 244

29 October 1944




NOTE: Personnel indicated above are to be selected from qualified personnel of the four Service Groups and perform Staff Duties. All personnel of the Service Groups in Sections corresponding to those indicated above are pooled for daily duty under control of Executive for Administration. Medical personnel to be furnished from Bomb Groups and Service Groups.

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Hq 65th Service Group
APO # 244, % Postmaster
San Francisco, Calif
18 Oct 44

MEMORANDUM)
:
NO 35-10)

PERSONNEL, MILITARY

Activation of Unit Personnel Section

1. Activation of a Unit Personnel Section for the 65th Service Group, under the provisions of AR 345-5, dated 5 August 1944, effective 20 October 1944, is announced.

2. Purpose: The purpose of the Unit Personnel Section is to relieve the Squadron Commander of the burden of administrative details and to provide uniformity of personnel administration and accounting, and thus to permit such commanders to devote their full time to Operations, Supply and Discipline.

3. Assignment and Duties of Personnel.

a. This Headquarters will issue orders assigning two clerks from each Squadron for principal duty with the Unit Personnel Section and one clerk from each Squadron for Rotational Training with the Unit Personnel Section.

b. The clerks assigned to the Unit Personnel Section will report for work to Group Headquarters each morning at the normal hour prescribed in Group Orders. Upon completion of their duties in the Unit Personnel Section, the clerks will return immediately to their Squadron Orderly Rooms for duty.

c. Squadron Clerks detailed for duty with the Unit Personnel Section will not be detailed to other duties which will interfere with the performance of th ir clerical duties with the Unit Personnel Section.

d. All clerical duties pertaining to those Squadron records which are maintained by the Unit Personnel Section will be performed within the Unit Personnel Section. All clerical duties pertaining to those Squadron records which are maintained by the Squadron will be performed within the Squadron.

4. Operation.

a. Records: The Unit Personnel Officer will be the custodian of all Squadron Records, including the Soldier's Qualification Card (WD AGO Form No 20), except the following which will be retained by the Squadron Commander as basic records:

(1) W.D. A.G.O. FORMS

| Form No | Title |
|---|---|
| 1 | Morning Report |
| 5 | Daily Sick Report |
| 6 | Duty Roster |
| 32 | Individual Clothing & Equipment |
| 35 | Individual Clothing Slip |
| 36 | Statement of Charges Against Enlisted Man |



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(2) W.D. C.M.C. FORMS

| Form No | Title |
|---|---|
| 15 | Council Book |
| 20 | Collection Sheet |
| 487 | Memorandum Receipt |

b. General Procedure.

(1) Squadron Commanders will submit completed Morning Reports, copies of orders affecting personnel, sick reports and all other necessary data affecting the status or record of personnel of the Squadrons to the Unit Personnel Section daily.

(2) Upon receipt of the information referred to above, necessary entries will be made on the Soldier's Service Record and Qualification Card. These entries will be initialed by the Personnel Officer.

(3) All Pay Rolls for the Squadrons will be prepared in the Unit Personel Section and authenticated by the Unit Personnel Officer. Correspondence relating to the Squadrons will be prepared and authenticated by the Unit Personnel Officer. Special circumstances may require Squadron Commanders to authenticate certain correspondence.

5. Office Equipment & Supplies. Each Squadron will furnish the Unit Personnel Section with the following Office Equipment and Supplies.

a. Two (2) Typewriters

b. Three (3) Desks, Field, Folding.

c. Containers for Service Records and Qualification Cards (WD AGO Forms No 20).

d. Sufficient Paper, Pens, Ink, etc., to carry on the work pertaining to the Squadron.

By order of Lieut Colonel HEWITT:

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Headquarters
65th Service Group
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San Francisco, Calif
13 Sep 44

MEMORANDUM)
NO 46-2)

SECURITY

Temporary Area Air Raid Defense Plan

1. General: The purpose of this plan is to acquaint all personnel with the general measures of active and passive defense against air attack, bombing, strafing or chemical attack. It is obvious that any large scale attack by enemy ground forces supported by motorized troops and planes could not be attempted in this area without sufficient warning and some opportunity for the mobilization of our tactical forces.

2. Scope: An attack by enemy bombers or carrier based fighters can be expected. The plan outlined below has been coordinated with the Island Installation, Air Defense Command, the 498th Bomb Group and the 91st Service Group.

3. Preparation:

a. Command Post - The Farm House ruins adjacent to Group Headquarters is designated as the Command Post. It will accommodate six officers and three non-commissioned officers as follows: The Commanding Officer, Executive Officer, Group Adjutant, Finance Officer, S-3 Officer and Provost Marshal, the Sergeant Major and two runners. A telephone and public address system will be installed in order to maintain constant contact with the Main Switchboard and the Three Squadron Command Posts. From this point the Commanding Officer or Defense Commander will direct the defense of the area by telephone, loud speaker or runner.

b. Squadron Command Posts will be established by Headquarters Squadron, 573d Materiel Squadron and 3d Engineering Squadron at sites subject to the approval of the Commanding Officer. An inter-phone system will be installed and constant contact maintained with the Group Command Post at all times.

c. Battle Aid Station - The Infirmary will be designated as the Battle Aid Station under the direction of the Group Surgeon. An adequate fox hole or slit trenches will be dug in the immediate vicinity to accommodate the medical personnel.

d. Dispersion Areas:

(1)Headquarters Squadron - Transportation and Guard Section will take cover in the Pill Box and Ocean Bluff directly south of their area. The remainder of the Squadron will disperse along the North Bluff and caves above tents in the general vicinity of the Squadron Command Post.



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(2) Materiel Squadron - Will be located in the ocean bluffs South of the Squadron Area.

(3) Engineering Squadron - Will be located in the bluffs and caves directly North of squadron area.

e. Existing caves, pill boxes or foxholes preferrably outside of the tent area will be utilized by each man who will take immediate steps to provide himself adequate shelter within areas designated for each squadron. Individual owners of all foxholes, slit trenches will register location and title of same with Group S-3 Officer.

4. Duties and Individual Responsibilities:

a. The Group Commander, or in his absence, the second in command will be the Defense Commander. He will make an estimate of the situation and assume command in the Command Post.

b. The Executive Officer will assume command in the absence of the Group Commander.

c. The Group Adjutant, Finance Officer and S-3 Officer will maintain liason throughout the camp and organization.

d. Squadron Commanders will assume command in their respective Command Posts and maintain contact with the Group Command Post and all of their personnel.

e. The Provost Marshal shall cause all traffic to cease, car lights to be extinguished and clear all personnel not properly alerted.

f. The Transportation Officer will set up SOP for dispersion of vehicles and drivers. If at night blackout lights only will be used. He will take command of the ocean Pill Box and maintain contact by runner with men from the Transportation and Guard Sections dispersed along the ocean bluffs.

g. All officers and enlisted men will take shelter in designated areas at once: steel helmets, weapons and gas masks will be carried to Command Posts, shelters, foxholes or dispersion areas.

5. Warning Signals:

a. The Group Adjutant, senior officer or non-commissioned officer in group headquarters will sound the alarm. All personnel will be instructed to recognize and obey the alarm signal and the All Clear Signal.

b. The warning will be broadcast over the public address system or in case of failure and alternative signal system consisting of 105 mm shell cases located outside of each of the three orderly tents will be sounded.

c. Action To Be Taken:

The individual receiving the warning by phone, radio or any other means will immediately notify the Commanding Officer, Executive Officer and Adjutant in Tent No 1; the Finance Officer, S-3 Officer in Tent No 3.

On Condition Red: The alarm will be broadcast over the loud speaker or if necessary to use alternate signal system, runners will be sent



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to the three orderly tents where the alarm will be sounded on the 105 mm shell cases. Condition Red is indicated by two minute continuous ringing of shell cases.

On Condition White: The signal will be given over the loud speaker or alternate signal - three distinct blows on 105 mm shell cases repeated at four second intervals.

d. Meaning of Color Warnings:

CONDITION YELLOW: Air Attack, unidentified aircraft in the vicinity.

CONDITION RED: Air attack imminent, enemy planes in the immediate vicinity, take cover immediately.

CONDITION WHITE: All Clear.

6. All officers will immediately acknowledge in writing to Group Adjutant, having read and complied with requirements of this directive. Squadron Commanding Officers will require all EM to read this directive, initialing a roster to certify such action.

By order of Lieut Colonel HEWITT:

G. C. STEPHEN
Major, AC
Adj



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Headquarters
65th Service Group
APO 5639, %Postmaster
San Francisco, Calif
17 Sep 44

MEMORANDUM)
:
NO 46-2a)

SECURITY

Temporary Area Air Raid Defense Plan

Provisions of Memorandum No 46-2, Hq 65th Service Group, dtd 13 Sep 44, are amended as follows:

3. Preparation:

a. Two field phones will be installed, one to higher echelon, the second connected in Series to the Squadron Command Posts and Battle Aid Station.

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c. Battle Aid Station - The Infirmary will be designated as the Battle Aid Station under the direction of the Group Surgeon. An adequate fox hole or slit trenches will be dug in the immediate vicinity to accommodate the medical personnel. It will be the duty of the Medical Charge of Quarters to extinguish all lights on the circuit and start the generator for the Public Address System. A telephone will be installed and provisions made for the evacuation of all sick and wounded.

d. Dispersion Areas:

(1) Headquarters Squadron - Instead of dispersion as set forth in par 3d, all personnel of Headquarters Squadron will take cover along the ocean bluff directly south of their area.

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f. Communication - As soon as each Commanding Officer has established his post he will call in reporting same to the Defense Commander. Squadron Commanders will remain on the line; listen at all time during the alert.

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4. Duties and Individual Responsibilities:

e. The Provost Marshal is charged with the responsibility of clearing all enlisted and officer personnel from their quarters.

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g. Protective Clothing: In case of alert between 1800 and 0500, adequate clothing - shirt and trousers or coveralls - will be worn for protection from mosquitoes.



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h. Anyone not responding to the alert will be subject to severe disciplinary action.

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6. All officers will immediately acknowledge having read and complied with amendments set forth in this directive by initialling roster on Headquarters Bulletin Board. Squadron Commanders will require all Enlisted Men to read and to initial roster to certify such action.

By order of Lieut Colonel HEWITT:

G. C. STURGEON
Major, AC
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Headquarters
65th Service Group
APO 5639 % Postmaster
San Francisco, Calif
23 Sep 44

MEMORANDUM)
:
NO 46-2b)

SECURITY

Temporary Area Air Raid Defense Plan

Due to the movement of our group to our Permanent Housing Area the provisions of Memorandum 46-2 and 46-2a, Hq 65th Service Group, dtd 13 Sep 44 and 17 Sep 44 are amended as follows:

3. Preparation:

a. Group Command Post will be located in Foxhole at South end of Officers area. A group switchboard will connect Group Command Post and Squadron Command Posts in a conference " hook up.

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d. Dispersion Areas:

Squadron Command Posts will be located temporarily in their respective Orderly Rooms. Squadron Commanders will disperse personnel for greatest possible protection. Group Staff Officers not in Group Command Post will take shelter in Foxhole directly North of Officers Area.

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5. Warning Signals:

c. Action To Be Taken:

The Group Switchboard Operator upon receiving warning will immediately notify the Commanding Officer, Group Headquarters and Orderly Rooms of all three Squadrons. Squadrons in turn will alert their areas. Continuous ringing of Shell Case in officers area will indicate Condition Red.

6. All Officers will immediately acknowledge having read and complied with amendments set forth in this directive by initialling roster on Headquarters Bulletin Board. Squadron Commanders will require all Enlisted Men to read and to initial roster to certify such action.

By order of Lieut Colonel HEWITT:

G. C. STURGEON
Major, AC
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Headquarters
65th Service Group
APO 5639, % Postmaster
San Francisco, Calif
25 September 1944

MEMORANDUM)
:
NO 46-2 c)

SECURITY

Temporary Area Air Raid Defense Plan

Memorandum No. 46-2, this Headquarters dated 13 Sep 44 is amended as follows:

4. Duties and Individual Responsibilities:

g. All officers and enlisted men will take shelter in designated areas at once. Steel helmets and gas masks will be carried to Command Posts, shelters, foxholes, or dispersion areas. Weapons will not be carried until further notice.

By order of Lieut. Colonel HEWITT:

C. C. STURGEON,
Major, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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46-2d

Headquarters
65th Service Group
APO 5639, % Postmaster
San Francisco, Calif
27 September 1944

MEMORANDUM)
:
NO 46-2d )

SECURITY

Temporary Area Air Raid Defense Plan

With Chemical Attack a definite possibility Memorandum No 46-2 this Headquarters dtd 13 September 1944 is amended as follows:

4. Duties and Individual Responsibilities:

g. Gas masks and steel helmets will be carried after 1800 to the movies or at any time an individual is going any distance from his quarters after dark. Individuals to whom ammunition has been issued will carry their weapons to command posts, shelters, foxholes or dispersal areas.

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7. Defense Against Chemical Attack:

a. A central Chemical Warfare Materiel Dump will be located by the Formosa trees just to the East of Group Headquarters.

b. Chemical decontamination dumps will be set up by each squadron where material will be readily available including 3 gallon decontaminating apparatus, DANC, lime, brushes etc.

c. Gas alarms for each squadron will be hung in readily accessable spots. They will be sounded only after gas is detected.

d. All trucks will be equipped with 1½ qt decontaminating units charged with DANC. These will be recharged every three (3) months.

e. Five men from the decontaminating squad of Headquarters Squadron will be assigned to the Headquarters Squadron 400 gallon decontaminating unit during air alert. Five men from the decontaminating squad of the 3d Engineering Squadron will be assigned to the Engineering Squadron 400 gallon decontaminating unit during air alert.

f. Personnel assigned to the 400 gallon power driven decontaminating unit will report to their vehicles upon sounding of the Air Alert Alarm.



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g. The 400 gallon Decontaminating Units of both squadrons will be parked at night near the Headquarters Squadron Enlisted Men's shower stand.

h. Unit Gas Officers will prepare unit plan of defense against Chemical Attack to be coordinated with the Group Chemical Defense Plan subject to the approval of the Group Chemical Officer.

By order of Lieut Colonel HEWITT:

G. C. Sturgeon

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Headquarters
65th Service Group
APO 244, C/O Postmaster
San Francisco, Calif
11 Oct 44

MEMORANDUM)
:
NO 46-2e)

SECURITY

Temporary Area Air Raid Defense Plan

1. So much of par 4g, Memorandum 46-d, this Headquarters, dated 27 Sep 44 as pertains to the carrying of gas maska and steel helmets after 1800 to the movies is REVOKED.

By order of Lieut Colonel HEWITT:

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Headquarters
65th Service Group
APO 244, C/O Postmaster
San Francisco, Calif
9-Oct 44

MEMORANDUM)
:
NO 27-1 )

ARMY EXCHANGE

Sale of Beer and Fruit Juices

1. Satisfactory assurances of future compliance with regulations covering the proper disposition of empty bottles and cans by all personnel having been received by the Group Commander, the rationed distribution of these items will be resumed.

2. It is hoped that no further violations will make restrictive action again necessary.

3. Memorandum 27-1, this Headquarters, dtd 5 Oct 44 is rescinded and will be removed the files.

By order of Lieut Colonel HEWITT:

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Major, AC
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## PERSONNEL

During the month of November two men, Cpl (835) Albert Zuckerman and Cpl (835) Richard L. Meyer, were transferred out of the organization. To replace them, the Squadron received Pvt (835) Raleigh F. Jacobs and Pvt (835) John A. Cooper.

At last a long-overdue replacement for Cpl Avery arrived. The man is Sgt (747) Harold H. Russell.

As a reward for hard work and ability, the Commanding Officer recommended that two sergeants openings be awarded to kitchen personnel. Pfc (060) Harry R. Hagan and Pfc (060) Carman J. Cappozi were promoted to sergeant.

Enlisted strength at the endof November was 130.

To all practical purposes, four men have been lost by the Squadron, although they still aremembers of this organization. Pvt (590) Edward S. Wilenski was placed on detached service with the 1st Prov Engr Pet Distributing Co., this station; Pvt (055) James J. McLeavy, and Pvt (835) William C. Valentine were placed on DS with the 1st Prov MP Co., this station; and Pvt (747) Walter L. Peretto was placed on DS with the 1st Prov Truck Co, this station.

## MORALE

There occurred during November a series of events which did much to bring a fuller realization to the members ofthe organization that their connection with the war against Japan consists ofmore than just hard work.

A total of 11 hours and10 minutees was spent in sand-bagged shelters while the island and/or the immediate camp vicinity was under air attack. This aggregated from six separate raids occurring on four days during the month.

For the first time men and officers knew the cold cringing fear that strikes deeply within one as machine gun bullets rip out a visible path on the ground nearby, and experienced the feeling of helplessness as bombers drone unseen overhead. Luckily no one in the Squadron was injured.

Faith in the island defense measures was shaken temporarily as the result of the successful surprize penetration by the enemy of the warning net, but this doubt has been practically abolished by the visible increase in fighter and destroyer protection cast around the island.

The sight of American planes damaged or destroyed by enemy action has



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tended to intensify hatred of the Japanese to the point where each individual feels that personal vengeance should be his. During strafing attacks men have been reported to have forsaken cover for the purpose of trying to shoot enemy planes with carbines, a practice that is forbidden as both ineffective and dangerous.

The effect on personnel of this organization by enemy raids may be described as negligible, except that every one is more quickly responsive to air raid signals and is more acutely aware of the fact that this island is in an active theater of war. After each incident there is much recounting of personal actions and impressions, always attended with humorous remarks.

The lapse of nearly 10 days in mail delivery accounted for some degree of gloom, but the arrival of great quantities of Christmas packages from home helped to counteract this feeling.

Selection of volunteer permanent K.P.'s met with widespread approval, especially among the lower grades who were delighted in their escape from this time-honored task. The volunteers receive extra pay.

The greatest single boost in morale resulted from the first raid on Tokyo by Saipan-based B-29's. Hearing the results of their labor described in enthusiastic news released gave each man a feeling of pride in his work, however menial, for it has been emphasized by high officers that every job contributes to the success of the mission.

## FACILITIES

In regards to facilities, only slight improvement was made during the month of November. Air Corps Supply, Corps of Engineers Supply, and Signal Supply still operate from squad tents on the line. Technical Co-ordination occupies a small part of one Quonset hut used as the Materiel Office. Quartermaster section has moved the bulk of its supplies to a 40' x 120' Japanese building, but Ordnance section has no immediate prospect of getting a similar building.

## SUPPLY AND EQUIPMENT

Continued smooth operation, in spite of warehousing difficulties, was reported by the Ordnance section for the month of November. Requisitions increased over the preceeding month. One problem which the section has not been able to solve is the maintenance of an extremely high stock level of 50 cal machinegun barrels. The required number simply can not be procured at the Ordnance depot.

At least one B-29 crew member isgrateful to the Ordnance section for the issue of flak suits. When his plane landed on Saipan he was the only



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soldier without such a suit, and, co-incidentally, he was the first soldier to test the effectiveness of the protection. After the first raid on Tokyo his newly acquired flak suit had a heavy dint in the belly section, but its wearer suffered only from jitters over the narrow escape.

(SIGNAL)

Signal Supply did a rushing business in requisitioning supplies during November. A total of 42 requisitions were submitted to the Guam Air Depot and 16 were submitted to the AGF Depot on Saipan. Most of the former were included in the attempt to make the Table II packups meet the requirements of the modified aircraft.

Corps of Engineers Supply experienced a stalemate in the procurement of building materials. No lumber or cement was drawn throughout the whole month of November. This has resulted in the costly delay of construction of maintenance shops and supply warehouses. In one phase of activity, however, there was an unprecedented upward surge; more than 200,000 sandbags, to be used in the construction of bullet proof shelters, were issued to Service Center A organizations alone, and still more were provided for other units.

(AIR CORPS)

During November the Air Corps Supply section completed its inventory and made stock records current. Approximately 5,000 requisitions - constituting a great increase over the previous month, were handled by the section. During November Technical Supply, of which Air Corps Supply is a part, was inspected by Brig Gen H. S. Hansell, Jr., commander of the 21st Bomber Command, Brig Gen E. O'Donnell, commander of the 73rd Bombardment Wing, and Col Ervine, from the office of the Ass't Chief of Air Staff, Maintenance and Supply, with favorable results.

(TECH CO-ORDINATION)

Tech Co-ordination section took over control of the canibilization of damaged aircraft for the purpose of putting other aircraft in operating condition. This duty arose as a result of enemy attacks on grounded planes. The responsibility for receipt, storage, and issue to shops of all repairables and the expediting of repairables to the depot overhaul ship was assumed by the section. It also set up the procedure for the transmission of requisitions by radiogram to Guam and to the United States. Statistical reports pertaining to supply and maintenance for the entire preceding Period of operation were compiled; these, however, will be periodic henceforth. In addition to the above tasks accomplished during November, a large portion of the work formerly handled by Air Corps Supply section, i.e., the filling of emergency and AOCP requisitions, was taken over by Tech Co-ordination.

(QUARTERMASTER)

The Quartermaster section initiated an individual clothing and equipment salvage program, which afforded every organization concerned an opportunity to replace worn articles. Near the end of the month the section moved most of its supplies to its new location on the line.

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS

A congratulatory radiogram from General Arnold was forwarded down through



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channels to all personnel, with accompanying letter and indorsements.(1)

A separate letter of commendation, emanating from the XXIst Bomber Command Hq, was similarly forwarded. (2)

Thirty-six Good Conduct ribbons were awarded to members of the Squadron at an impressive ceremony attended by the whole 65th Service Group. A copy of the General Orders was placed in the 201 file of each recipient.(3)

Letters of commendation concerning various enlisted men, which were received months ago but never read publicly, were included in the same ceremony. Commended were:

Sgt Robert W. Honaker, jr, Cpl Lawrence F. Winter, Pfc Delbert L. Gibbs, Pvt Oscar Linton (transferred), Cpl John D. Larsen, Pfc Thomas J. Green, Pfc John E. Hall, Pfc Lester Durham, and Pfc Nathan Kaufman.

The above named men received praise as "diligent and efficient workers" from the OIC, Supply Branch #1, Supply Division, Hq, OCASC, Tinker Field, Oklahoma City, Okla., -- letter dated 20 July 1944.

Also commended was Sgt Stanley T. Pieluszczak, who, while a member of the 91st Service Group, served 30 days as a representative on a special project involving 14 P-40 airplanes used by the Brazilian Air Force. The letter --dated 8 March 1944-- came from Headquarters, Alachua Army Air Field, Gainesville, Fla.



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Hq 65th Serv Gp, APO 244, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif, 5 Dec 44.

To: Commanding Officer, 573d Material Squadron, 65th Service Group, APO 244, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.

It is most gratifying to me to receive the above letter of commendation. It exemplifies those principles of initiative and aggressiveness for which we should all strive to attain. Because of men like you in the 65th Service Group, we have been able to accomplish our missions so successfully over Japan.

/s/ C. L. Hewitt Jr
/t/ C. L. HEWITT JR
Lieut Colonel, Air Corps
Commanding

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Hq 73RD BOMBARD WNG WING, APO #5666, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, California, 30 November 1944.

TO: Commanding Officer, 65th Service Group, APO #244.

1. It is with utmost pride that this command has received the basic communication and I take great pleasure in passing General Arnold's message and General Hansell's letter on to you and the members of your command.

2. It is requested that the contents of this message be given wide publicity in order that members of your command become cognizant of General Arnold's and General Hansell's appreciation of their efforts.

/s/ E O'Donnell
/t/ E O'DONNELL
Brigadier General, USA
Commanding

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HEADQUARTERS XXI BOMBER COMMAND
Office of the Commanding General
APO 234, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

26 November 1944

SUBJECT: Commendation.

TO : Brigadier General Emmett O'Donnell Jr, Commanding General, 73d Bombardment Wing, APO 5666.

1. The following message has been received from General Arnold:

"YOU HAVE SUCCESSFULLY ENGAGED THE ENEMY IN THE VERY HEART OF HIS EMPIRE. THIS MARKS THE BEGINNING OF WHAT I KNOW WILL BE A MOST DISTINGUISHED CAREER FOR THE TWENTY-FIRST BOMBER COMMAND. WE ARE PROUD OF YOU. GOOD LUCK AND GOD BLESS YOU."

2. This message, I know, will be a source of great pride to you and to your entire command, and in indorsing it forward I would add a word of my own pride in you and your command, not only for the operation which was the occasion of this message but also for the arduous months of preparation which preceded this first major strike.

3. A copy of this letter will be placed in you 201 file, and it is desired that you further publish its contents as widely in your command as you may decide to be appropriate.

/s/ Haywood S Hansell
/t/ HAYWOOD S HANSELL Jr,
Brigadier General, USA,
Commanding

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Hq 65th Serv Gp, APO 244, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif. 2 Dec 44.

To: Commanding Officer, 573d Materiel Sq, 65th Serv Gp, APO 244, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.

1. It is indeed a great pleasure to convey to you the aforementioned commendations and my personal commendation to each and every one of you for your superior performance of duty. Your ingenuity, cooperative spirit, devotion to duty and dogged determination to press forward in the face of many obstacles exemplify the principles of initiative and aggressiveness which typifies the gunuine spirit of American Soldierhood.

2. By your unfaltering efforts you have reflected great credit upon yourself and your organization and by those same efforts you have contributed no small part to the overall success of our missions to date.

/s/ C. L. HEWITT JR
/t/ C. L. HEWITT JR
Lieut Colonel, Air Corps
Commanding

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HEADQUARTERS 73RD BOMBARDMENT WING, APO #5666, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif., 30 November 1944.

TO: Commanding Officer, 65th Service Group, APO #244, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, C lif.

It is with extreme gratification that I note the foregoing commendation, and I take great pleasure in adding my own commendation to you, and through you to every individual officer, warrant officer, and enlisted man of your command, without whose unstinted efforts the degree of success of our missions thus far attained could not have been achieved.

/s/ E. O'DONNELL
/t/ E. O'DONNELL
Brigadier General, USA
Commanding

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HEADQUARTERS, XXI BOMBER COMMAND
Office of the Commanding General
APO 234, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

27 November 1944

SUBJECT: Letter of Congratulations.

TO : Commanding General, 73rd Bombardment Wing, APO 5666, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, California.

1. The fine achievements of your air crews in the skies over Tokyo clearly and forcibly demonstrate the excellence of the job performed here on the ground by all personnel of your command and its subordinate units. Our air crews could not have accomplished what they did without the unstinting support of every officer and man whose duties necessarily are earth-bound.

2. I wish to take this opportunity to congratulate particularly these members of your Command for what I consider exceptionally meritorious service. To every one of them, whether staff officer or clerk, technician or adjutant, intelligence officer or cook, I say this:

You came to this island of Saipan when the areas we now occupy were cane fields and coral rubble; you carried on your official work with efficiency above the usual under rugged conditions which made normal performance of duty difficult in the extreme. In addition to that, with hard labor, ingenuity, and a kind of subborn will that typifies the spirit of American pioneering, you made with your own hands a place to live and a place to work, over obstacles which were not foreseen. The job you did in those first weeks on Saipan, in preparation for the start of our air attacks against the Japanese war machine, reflects great credit upon you as an individual and as a member of this Command.

/s/ H. S. HANSELL, JR.
/t/ H. S. HANSELL, JR.
Brigadier General
Commanding.

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HEADQUARTERS
SIXTY-FIFTH SERVICE GROUP

APO 244 c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, Calif
22 Nov 44

GENERAL ORDERS)
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NO 4)

1. Pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-68 dtd 4 May 43 and AR 600-45 dtd 22 Sep 43 a Good Conduct Medal is awarded to the following named EM for exemplary behavior, efficiency and fidelity:

HQ & BASE SERVICE SQ

| GRADE | NAME | ASN |
|---|---|---|
| Sgt | William Amberlavage | 36 000 426 |
| Sgt | Edward J King | 31 220 255 |
| Sgt | Clinton C Lee | 38 053 004 |
| Sgt | Thomas V Pudan | 39 120 250 |
| Cpl | John W Comstock | 37 552 214 |
| Cpl | Sigmunt C Cooper | 32 683 102 |
| Cpl | John J Danda | 31 204 913 |
| Cpl | Joseph J Demonico | 33 169 771 |
| Cpl | Donald C Erlewine | 37 476 706 |
| Cpl | Keto W Ettleman | 37 439 877 |
| Cpl | Christopher M Hudgins | 33 518 974 |
| Cpl | William A Lynn | 34 337 741 |
| Cpl | Erhard C Pries | 37 426 068 |
| Pfc | France Alexander | 35 141 627 |
| Pfc | Milton Berezein | 12 153 428 |
| Pfc | James Bratek | 16 125 101 |
| Pfc | Philip Chapman | 31 247 153 |
| Pfc | Tillman B Franks | 14 099 463 |
| Pfc | James F Grasham | 34 722 256 |
| Pfc | Charles C Hamm | 15 077 599 |
| Pfc | Walter A Hopkins | 13 119 887 |
| Pfc | Eddie L Khuntz | 39 127 768 |
| Pfc | Vincent Lazauskas | 32 894 317 |
| Pfc | Albert I Lindblom | 32 775 221 |
| Pfc | Norman O Manson | 37 163 577 |
| Pfc | Roy E May | 35 496 578 |
| Pfc | Harold E McBroom | 12 004 540 |
| Pfc | Vernon R McCombs | 34 720 180 |
| Pfc | Victor C Phillips | 36 577 470 |
| Pfc | Gordon S Reed | 15 107 557 |
| Pfc | Roy Richards | 34 700 682 |
| Pfc | Paul M Rossitto | 31 278 645 |
| Pfc | Allen B Samsil | 35 486 769 |
| Pfc | Robert D Sihler | 32 676 276 |



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| Pfc | Dale L Stonebrook | 35 589 099 |
| Pfc | Ralph Sweeney | 31 101 751 |
| Pfc | Wilbur C Young | 15 089 085 |
| Pfc | Edward J Zak | 32 605 047 |
| Pfc | Oscar Green | 34 624 095 |
| Pfc | Edward E Wilson | 38 357 113 |
| Pvt | George W Banks | 37 412 726 |
| Pvt | Leroy G Chapman | 37 477 926 |
| Pvt | Anthony Colapietro | 31 170 396 |
| Pvt | Richard H Danforth | 11 097 248 |
| Pvt | J T Dean | 34 570 878 |
| Pvt | Paul E Garland | 33 397 337 |
| Pvt | Chesley Gibson | 35 486 091 |
| Pvt | Wendelin Halter | 37 392 553 |
| Pvt | Harold B Hipps | 34 439 712 |
| Pvt | Orville L Johnson | 37 667 811 |
| Pvt | James J LaMaite | 42 001 284 |
| Pvt | Sidney Lansky | 11 111 061 |
| Pvt | Harry W Larrick | 33 729 031 |
| Pvt | Walter E Lindsley | 39 218 274 |
| Pvt | Joseph H McElroy | 39 924 715 |
| Pvt | Robert A McNutt | 33 642 218 |
| Pvt | Michael Modelski | 33 599 734 |
| Pvt | Marlin Preus | 33 430 553 |
| Pvt | Merrell Reed | 35 318 148 |
| Pvt | Thomas W Scraper | 38 322 292 |
| Pvt | John R Tenney | 36 420 352 |
| Pvt | Eugene F L'Hommedieu | 12 142 004 |
| Pvt | James Van Dyk | 42 001 339 |
| Pvt | Valentino J Vannelli | 39 035 734 |
| Pvt | William L Welch | 14 200 015 |

3RD ENGR SQ

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|---|---|---|
| S Sgt | John H Adams | 32 419 299 |
| S Sgt | Vernon J Cizek | 33 274 228 |
| S Sgt | Peter D Goehring | 37 439 966 |
| S Sgt | Ralph H Skidgell | 31 147 848 |
| S Sgt | Erben C Wardwell | 31 147 864 |
| Sgt | Peter W Andersen | 37 442 916 |
| Sgt | Raymond Anderson | 32 393 470 |
| Sgt | Robert H Aspinwall | 36 642 138 |
| Sgt | Edward L Babington | 32 512 960 |
| Sgt | Silver J Boyd | 14 072 227 |
| Sgt | Richard V Brokaw | 17 160 999 |
| Sgt | Lawrence J Chabot | 31 175 096 |
| Sgt | Warren E Collins | 15 318 191 |
| Sgt | Joseph D'Agosta | 32 496 117 |



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| Sgt | Orris L Davies | 16 123 004 |
| Sgt | John P Dooley | 35 368 313 |
| Sgt | Francis W Edmondson | 12 139 772 |
| Sgt | Edward T Fitzgerald | 12 182 311 |
| Sgt | Tideman S Gladem | 16 140 890 |
| Sgt | David B Goodwin | 32 476 930 |
| Sgt | Archie A Harrison | 6 821 264 |
| Sgt | Lawrence W Hyde | 12 146 646 |
| Sgt | Hayden L Jackson | 18 133 104 |
| Sgt | Lee Jones Jr | 36 742 995 |
| Sgt | William R Jones | 35 765 732 |
| Sgt | Carleton W Kallaugher | 31 215 655 |
| Sgt | John Kovacs | 35 531 249 |
| Sgt | Joseph G Lazor | 39 192 166 |
| Sgt | Jack H Margolis | 15 374 755 |
| Sgt | Chester G Nickel | 17 111 447 |
| Sgt | Hilburn E Milstead | 38 307 371 |
| Sgt | Thomas J Murphy | 12 022 548 |
| Sgt | Thomas J Murphy | 31 048 026 |
| Sgt | Arthur Myers | 16 014 250 |
| Sgt | Harold Oldfield | 39 902 937 |
| Sgt | Robert H Pohle | 32 449 608 |
| Sgt | Charles N Remington | 31 204 151 |
| Sgt | Edward G Seidl Jr | 31 084 785 |
| Sgt | Max Shapiro | 13 006 978 |
| Sgt | James P Sweeney | 32 700 948 |
| Sgt | Alfred J Tosi | 32 639 887 |
| Sgt | Lawrence J Van Dusen | 16 086 084 |
| Sgt | Loyd Wilson | 34 765 977 |
| Sgt | James L West | 18 098 411 |
| Cpl | Frank J Anderson | 14 173 295 |
| Cpl | James A Parr | 32 711 973 |
| Cpl | Claude F Bates | 38 370 474 |
| Cpl | William M Bauman | 33 572 964 |
| Cpl | Samuel M Bifalco | 32 781 025 |
| Cpl | Clarence A Bowden | 18 176 357 |
| Cpl | Marvin R Bryant | 14 165 001 |
| Cpl | George A Buney | 36 634 001 |
| Cpl | Anthony J Carasco Jr | 39 044 720 |
| Cpl | Robert J Cohen | 16 171 111 |
| Cpl | John P Connolly | 13 079 528 |
| Cpl | Woodrow W Creason | 16 085 460 |
| Cpl | Deadrick W Davis | 34 457 399 |
| Cpl | Robert P Decker | 32 926 214 |
| Cpl | Christopher D DeMarco | 32 808 132 |
| Cpl | John A Destolfo | 33 597 455 |
| Cpl | Carl W DiNunzio | 35 504 453 |



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| Cpl | Donald R Dube | 31 175 103 |
| Cpl | Elven R Dykes | 34 610 777 |
| Cpl | Sol Friedman | 32 808 187 |
| Cpl | Ralph A Friend | 33 420 068 |
| Cpl | George Gagerman | 16 172 404 |
| Cpl | Ray M Gall | 16 100 187 |
| Cpl | Peter E Garrity | 32 562 604 |
| Cpl | George E Geer | 31 274 555 |
| Cpl | Joseph D Gilmore Jr | 39 207 240 |
| Cpl | Emil J Habib | 32 454 530 |
| Cpl | Jack Hacker | 35 154 652 |
| Cpl | William M Halfast | 33 411 031 |
| Cpl | William G Heitman | 32 840 944 |
| Cpl | Edward J Johnston | 12 087 260 |
| Cpl | Leon J Klein | 16 009 126 |
| Cpl | Daniel A Kolacki | 35 549 630 |
| Cpl | William Korey | 16 121 117 |
| Cpl | Carl J Kowalski | 37 017 555 |
| Cpl | Jean G Laffitte | 39 030 109 |
| Cpl | Lawrence A Lewis | 39 280 741 |
| Cpl | Burton F Luberda | 31 286 867 |
| Cpl | Harry E MacKenzie | 15 019 058 |
| Cpl | Bruce A Mackley | 13 117 994 |
| Cpl | Howell Manning | 19 110 669 |
| Cpl | Adelard Michaud | 31 147 875 |
| Cpl | James P Nelson Jr | 39 200 699 |
| Cpl | Mack H Parker | 34 282 912 |
| Cpl | Nelson R Phillips | 33 500 818 |
| Cpl | Lester H Poe | 32 094 008 |
| Cpl | Edwin R Puls | 37 389 639 |
| Cpl | Lee J Reynolds | 37 497 861 |
| Cpl | Rudolph Schoop | 16 066 594 |
| Cpl | Fay H Sechler | 39 262 990 |
| Cpl | Richard E Seley | 37 652 036 |
| Cpl | William L Shoemaker | 38 307 347 |
| Cpl | Edward A Sims | 33 558 625 |
| Cpl | Henry J Sirois | 31 147 838 |
| Cpl | Oliver F Skelly Jr | 33 365 690 |
| Cpl | LeRoy Slimp | 38 396 767 |
| Cpl | George I Smith | 39 329 965 |
| Cpl | Victor C Storck | 39 556 578 |
| Cpl | Morton D Schaap | 12 141 168 |
| Cpl | Theodore J Swistak | 32 713 169 |
| Cpl | Clair E Thompson | 13 130 809 |
| Cpl | Charles K. Water Jr | 16 124 267 |
| Cpl | John H West | 32 931 149 |
| Cpl | Earl E Wheeler | 36 283 964 |



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| Cpl | Russell Yapchanyk | 33 285 780 |
| Cpl | James F Zecher | 12 130 705 |
| Pfc | Paul E Bradford | 35 482 053 |
| Pfc | Hallie D Bradley | 39 550 821 |
| Pfc | Joseph C Buckley | 15 335 818 |
| Pfc | John A Chruszcz | 12 152 902 |
| Pfc | Edwin A Clark | 31 277 600 |
| Pfc | Herman R Cordes | 37 425 383 |
| Pfc | Ashton S Epps Jr | 33 518 946 |
| Pfc | Gerald H Grambau | 36 421 871 |
| Pfc | John M Harris | 33 627 973 |
| Pfc | Urban G Kill | 38 398 834 |
| Pfc | Elmer Kreahling | 33 421 941 |
| Pfc | James N Lynch | 15 334 284 |
| Pfc | Thomas L Martin | 18 116 624 |
| Pfc | Erie J Neill | 37 185 672 |
| Pfc | Joseph T Oziemblowsky | 33 294 241 |
| Pfc | Lewis E Potter | 37 516 542 |
| Pfc | William A Quest | 34 509 746 |
| Pfc | Edward B Radcliffe | 35 685 694 |
| Pfc | William I Raynor Jr | 32 828 524 |
| Pfc | Donald V Rodby | 37 439 695 |
| Pfc | Samuel L Stephens | 14 104 091 |
| Pfc | Dudley L Wise | 39 273 150 |
| Pfc | Charles W Weiss | 12 124 602 |
| Pvt | Edward B Bier | 32 806 816 |
| Pvt | Floyd E Crable | 33 674 464 |
| Pvt | Henry Haverland | 36 866 558 |
| Pvt | Garnett Nunnally | 34 824 255 |
| Pvt | Alton L Roach | 34 346 624 |
| Pvt | Hinds Tee | 38 396 764 |
| Pvt | Raymond Yantes | 37 566 217 |

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|---|---|---|
| S Sgt | John P Coppola | 32 602 438 |
| Sgt | John E Guyant | 35 091 187 |
| Sgt | George B Spisak | 35 421 607 |
| Sgt | William J Welsh Jr | 32 486 038 |
| Sgt | Haig Yaghoobian | 31 180 865 |
| Cpl | Max Cohen | 31 242 541 |
| Cpl | Oneal N Cormier | 34 612 374 |
| Cpl | John T Cosgrove | 33 551 725 |
| Cpl | Frederick V Deno | 36 193 977 |
| Cpl | Philip M Mann | 35 522 604 |
| Cpl | James E Puffenbarger | 13 118 030 |
| Cpl | Ralph J Rodkey | 6 946 210 |



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| Cpl | Howard R Smith | 31 282 429 |
| Cpl | Darwin E Stokes | 33 737 493 |
| Cpl | Alfred L Sumperl | 32 630 574 |
| Cpl | George A Wineland | 13 090 003 |
| Pfc | James D Clary | 35 470 147 |
| Pfc | Joseph P Dellorso | 13 031 787 |
| Pfc | Lester Durham | 33 480 124 |
| Pfc | Thomas J Green | 12 049 828 |
| Pfc | Sam Guzy | 37 543 131 |
| Pfc | Albert W Kubiak | 33 288 991 |
| Pfc | Wallace L Markham | 38 194 928 |
| Pfc | James J McGrath | 32 192 307 |
| Pfc | Richard J McKillip | 35 547 566 |
| Pfc | Thomas J Munson | 32 608 729 |
| Pfc | John Papas | 36 605 067 |
| Pfc | Edward Slymack | 32 588 701 |
| Pfc | Stanley H Stahl | 36 754 468 |
| Pfc | Gertis Stevens | 34 337 707 |
| Pfc | Robert A Mitchell | 36 074 562 |
| Pvt | Andrew Blevins | 35 447 657 |
| Pvt | Robert L Davis | 37 309 255 |
| Pvt | George P Gillespie | 19 162 764 |
| Pvt | John C Weisenmiller | 33 549 874 |
| Pvt | John E Yentzer Jr | 33 502 696 |

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65th Air Service Group

73rd Bombardment Wing

XXI Bomber Command

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Present Station: APO 237, Saipan, M. I.

Date of Arrival Present Station: 7 Sept 1944

Losses in Action: Negative

Awards: Negative

Organization: Redesignated 573RD AIR MATERIEL SQUADRON

Strength: 1 January 1945 --- 130 EM, 7 Off, 1 WO

31 January 1945 -- 136 EM, 7 Off, 1 WO

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## INTRODUCTION

The 573RD AIR MATERIEL SQUADRON, the smallest squadron of the 65th Air Service Group, still is growing up. Although the majority of its personnel knew each other for months before activation of the Squadron, there was the disadvantage of never having worked together as an integral unit, which had to be overcome. This would be accomplished only after coming overseas, because of the brief time intervening between activation and movement to the port of embarkation.

Since its arrival in a forward area of operations, the 573RD AIR MATERIEL SQUADRON has demonstrated its fitness to perform its assigned mission with a highly satisfactory record of supplying the materiel necessary to keep the B-29 "Destroyers of Japanese Industry" flying.

Although the Squadron is a comparatively young organization officially, the problems which it has had to face (including enemy attacks and pioneering hardships) have quickly transposed it into a veteran outfit.

The magnanimity of the overall task still confronting the command of which the 573RD AIR MATERIEL SQUADRON is a vital part necessitates a gradual and constant striving to eliminate proven inefficient methods. Steady progress is being made in that direction every month.

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## REDESIGNATION

On 11 January 1945 the Squadron officially began to use the designation 573RD AIR MATERIEL SQUADRON, 65TH AIR SERVICE GROUP. (Auth: Section II, G.O. No. 3, Hq, XXI Bomber Command, APO 234, 3 January 1945.) (1)

## EVENTS

There was a decided decline in enemy air activity in the vicinity of the island during January. Red alerts were sounded on only two days (2 January and 3 January), although there were a number of "blue" alerts.

On 2 January enemy planes managed to penetrate the island's aerial defenses and one large bomb was dropped on the runway of Isely Field No. 1. The following day two early-morning attempts were made to reach the island, but neither succeeded. A total of only 2 hours and 15 minutes was spent under cover.

The dry season officially began 15 January. Consequently, water must be limited to 5 gals. per day per man. Also, the burning of trash after 1700 hours is prohibited.

One member of the Squadron, Pfc (0901) Donald E. Straub, was injured in an accident at East Field, which occurred when an airplane crashed into a bomb revetment in which Straub and several other men were working. Straub was hospitalized 19 January, with 2nd degree burns on his back, but returned to duty later in the month.

## PERSONNEL

A number of personnel changes took place during January. Five men



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were promoted and five new men were transferred into the Squadron.

The following-named privates were promoted to private first class:

(901) Charles J. Mandracchia
(901) Donald E. Straub
(901) John C. Weisenmiller

The following-named privates first class were promoted to corporal:

(405) James D. Clary
(835) Robert A. Mitchell

The following-named EM were transferred in grade to this organization from the 3rd Engineering Squadron, 65th Air Service Group.

Pfc (055) William F. Ebnet
Pfc (055) Mario J. Grence

The following-named EM was transferred in grade from Headquarters and Base Service Squadron, 65th Air Service Group:

Pfc (055) Joseph T. Oziemblowski

The following-named EM were transferred in grade to this organization from the 388th Air Service Group, APO 959:

Pfc (835) George H. Reynolds
Pvt (835) Floyd C. Davis
Pvt (835) Francis E. Gilbert

Cpl Mitchell became the first man in the organization to return to the United States on furlough. Mitchell was placed on DS with the Casual Depot, CPBC, for 30 days (emergency).

As of 31 January 1945 the unit strength stood at 136, the highest figure since the organization left Tinker Field. Some re-classification must be done, however, to meet the requirements of the TO & E.

## FACILITIES

During January adequate office and storage space was acquired for all



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sections except Air Corps Supply, which still is operating from squad tents, pending completion of wooden warehouses. Ordnance and Signal Supply moved into Quonset huts on the Line.

In the Squadron area several improvements were made. Construction was begun on a permanent shower, wash house, and barber shop; a permanent urinal was installed; a concrete wash rack for the kitchen was built; and two 500-gallon water tanks were procured. In addition to these improvements, a new loudspeaker for our public address system was installed, and 65 dollars worth of special services equipment was requisitioned.

## MORALE

January was a month of rumors. A number of stories caught the interest of the men and spread like wildfire through the ranks. Naturally they were woven around the subject which all soldiers overseas like most to talk about, --going home.

One such rumor-story was that the whole 73rd Wing, of which the 573rd Air Materiel Squadron is a part, is scheduled to be replaced sometime this coming spring and sent back to the United States. Another was that, beginning in March or April, cadres will be drawn from these organizations and returned to the States for activation of new outfits--this process to continue until, eventually, the whole Wing would consist of new personnel.

No better explanation can be given for the sudden birth of these rumors than for any other G. I. rumor; they just burst into circulation, and appear to have originated in several organizations simultaneously.

Needless to say, with such pleasant possibilities to consider, morale has been very high. If no attempt to discount them is made, morale may suf-



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fer when it becomes apparent to the men that these rumors are without foundation in fact.

Probably the greatest single influence on morale during January was the heartening war news. The Russian offensive aimed at taking Berlin and ending the European war, and the rapid American gains in the Philippine Islands have strengthened the opinion that total peace will come early in 1946.

There has been some grumbling over the refusal of the Group Commander to make wholesale promotions to the grade of private first class. Only three such promotions were made on authority of Section I, Circular No. 84, Hq, USAFPOA, 12 September 1944, (2) while neighboring groups have been known to promote all privates.

In January the Squadron got its first taste of ice cream since leaving the United States. This innovation was received enthusiastically.

Evidence of the generally good attitude and high morale of the men is the fact that only one man from the Squadron attended a complaint hour held by the Air Inspector of the XXI Bomber Command.

## SUPPLY AND EQUIPMENT

During January action was begun on a series of consolidating measures, which were designed to eliminate many of the "bugs" that have hitherto existed in the supply procedures on this base.

By 31 January only two supply sections had taken steps toward accomplishing this consolidation, although the others will do so upon receipt of forthcoming orders.

Pursuant to the provisions of Regulation 65-17, Hq, XXI Bomber Command, APO 234, 12 January 1945, (3) a centrally located stock record account has been



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established to take care of both Service Center "A" and Service Center "B". This move was designed to conserve manpower, increase efficiency, and avoid loss of time in procurement, receipt, and distribution of Air Corps supplies.

To date (31 January) only two classes (03 and 6-1F) have been posted and transferred to the Central Stock Control Section. Assignment of personnel to the section has been tentatively accomplished and the preparation of bin cards is underway. No physical transfer of property is to be involved under the new set-up. It will be possible next month to explain more fully the developments of this plan.

The Ordnance Section under Lt. DODD took over all armament supply responsibility for both service centers. This required a physical transfer of such supplies from the warehouses of Service Center B to the new quonset huts from which Lt DODD's section is operating. Likewise, no automotive supplies will be handled by Service Center "A". The transfer of that property from the section has been accomplished. Certificates of release and acceptance were exchanged by the two Ordnance officers. (4+5) No change in personnel was necessary, as all men in the Ordnance Section are qualified to handle armament supplies.

Air Corps Supply

The consolidation referred to above has required a great deal of attention, but the regular activities of the section has proceeded smoothly. The initial distribution of Tech Orders was received, and requisitions were submitted for those not available in current files. A new policy--that of consolidating requests which are needed by all bomb squadrons, by clearing them through the bomb groups' S-4 officers--was initiated.



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Communications Supply

Communications Supply Section moved during January to three quonset huts and one squad tent behind the radar shops on the engineering service apron. An additional quonset hut, now in use by the parachute shop, soon will be turned over to Communications Supply.

The section was faced with a problem of great importance in obtaining radar and airborne radio supplies. An AAFPOA radiogram recently received by the depot at Guam, and brought to the attention of the command by a communications representative from there, cites the staggering consumption by this Bomb wing of 360 days supply of radar and airborne radio equipment during only three months of operation.

To offset the great number of requisitions which have been made in the past, equipment of this type now is being salvaged from disabled and wrecked planes more speedily.

Quartermaster Section

Although some sort of consolidation of Quartermaster activities was anticipated, no action was taken, pending receipt of orders to that effect, and normal supply functions were carried on.

Only one of the two ice-making machines is now in working order. However, approximately 55,000 lbs of ice was dispensed from this single machine. Repair parts are being expedited for the other machine.

Larger shipments of fresh meats, fruits, and vegetables were received in January, which made the work of the ration sub-section somewhat heavier but at the same time more enjoyable, for the Squadron never fails to give deserved praise to the men who labor at the task of storing and delivering



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the army's food, particularly when the rations are so palatable.

From the very beginning of operations on the island, automotive gasoline has been dispensed from 55-gal drums by means of a portable refueling unit, type A-6. This method is satisfactory, but it entails a great expenditure of labor both in the transportation of gasoline from the island depot and in servicing and keeping in repair the motor of the refueling unit.

A more satisfactory method has been instituted by the installation of a 5,000-gal storage tank. This tank has been set up on an incline so that gasoline can be dispensed through four outlets below by gravity flow. Pressure is satisfactory to insure a steady flow; however, one of the portable refueling units has been inserted into an outlet on the side of the tank so that gasoline can be pumped into 55-gal drums.

A six-foot revetment was built around the storage tank for fire protection. Also, unleaded gasoline, fuel oil, and kerosene has been removed from ramps and placed in a revetment.

The property sub-section has experienced minor difficulties in obtaining large pieces of canvas which are to be used for weather protection on damaged Japanese buildings. Arrangements have been made with the Salvage Repair Company to repair approximately 50 unserviceable tents now on hand.

One bit of Quartermaster statistics which is particularly significant is the figure on shoe repair. Most of the army's foot soldiers may be in the Infantry, but the men of this Air Force installation have done their best to rival the doughboys' coral-pounding reputation. During January a total of 1603 pairs of shoes were repaired for officers and men of the four groups in Service Center "A".



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Corps of Engineers Supply

The majority of items handled during January continued to be construction materials, such as lumber, nails, and miscellaneous hardware for the completion of benches and bins, workshops and supply quonsets.

Lumber shipments received during the month eased the construction situation greatly. The issue of authorized quonsets was completed on 29 January. The issue of quonset huts to all squadrons for use as orderly rooms is awaiting approval by the Island Commander. A request for this approval has been submitted. As of 31 January no serious TE shortages existed.

Ordnance Section

The Ordnance Supply Section underwent several changes during January. The Automotive Supply sub-section moved out of tents in the 65th Air Service Group bivouac area and occupied two Jap buildings on the Line, while the Armament Supply sub-section maintained a skeleton crew to operate stock control and the warehouse pending erection of three Quonset huts on the repair line by the remainder of the personnel.

On 17 January Armament Supply occupied the new quonsets and began active operations on 19 January, when the complete stock had been moved from the old tent area of Service Center "A" to the repair line.

On 26 January Lt DODD received notification by letter from the XXI Bomber Command that Ordnance activities were to be consolidated. Headquarters, 73rd Bomb Wing, decided that Service Center "A" was to take over all armament supplies for the Wing and that Service Center "B" would handle all automotive supplies. On 28 January the transfer of stock accounts was completed and the personnel of Automotive Supply took positions in stock control and warehouse sections of Armament Supply to meet the increased



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need for workers under the augmented operations.

Some items of issue peculiar to Gun, Machine, cal..50 were defted from our stocks but efficient salvaging and repairing of parts was accomplished to forestall the possibility of any aircraft being red-lined because of incomplete ordnance equipment.

Requisitioning procedure is slow and many items had to be procured locally from units stationed on the island. The one critical item of issue is flak suits, which are frequently abandoned during flight. Due to transportation problems and increased use of armored clothing by combat crewmen, the procurement of this item has been difficult. It is anticipated that cannibalization by bomb groups will alleviate the situation until a supply becomes available.

## HONORS

The last mission flown by aircraft of the 73rd Wing while General of the XXI Bomber Command Hansell was in command/was probably the best since operations began last October. All planes returned safely to their base and a very high percentage of bomb hits was made on the target. This was a fitting farewell gift to the Commanding General, and he expressed his appreciation in the message to General O'Donnell, Commanding General of the 73rd Wing. This message was passed on to all members of the Command through the Daily Information Bulletin, Hq, Provisional Army Air Base No. 1, 21 January 1945.(6)



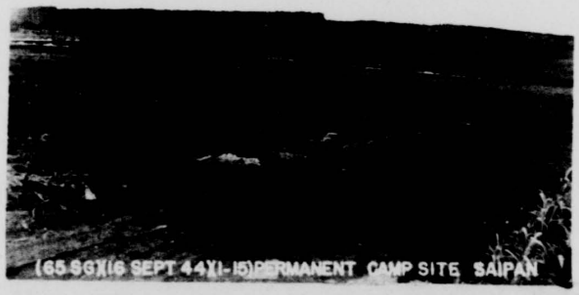
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LIST OF DOCUMENTS

1. General Order No. 3, Hq, XXI Bomber Command, 3 January 1945
2. Circular No. 84, Hq, USAFPOA, 12 September 1944
3. Regulation No. 65-17, Hq, XXI Bomber Command, 12 January 1945
4. Certificate, Office of Ordnance Officer, Service Center "A", 73rd Bombardment Wing, APO 237, 29 January 1945.
5. Certificate, Office of Ordnance Officer, Service Center "B", 73rd Bombardment Wing, APO 237, 29 January 1945.
6. Daily Information Bulletin, Hq, Provisional Army Air Base No. 1, APO 237, 21 January 1945.



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SECTION II

Pursuant to authority contained in paragraph 4, secret letter AG 322 (27 Nov 44) OB-I-AFRPG-M, subject: Assignment of Certain Army Air Forces Units, dated 14 December 1944, announcement is made confirming the assignment and redesignation of units to this command upon their arrival in this theater:

* * * *

573rd Air Materiel Squadron

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By command of Brigadier General HANSELL:

R M RAMEY
Brigadier General, GSC
Chief of Staff

OFFICIAL:

/s/ Aleyn H Burtis
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APPOINTMENT TO PRIVATE FIRST CLASS.....I

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SECTION I

APPOINTMENT TO PRIVATE FIRST CLASS..1. The War Department has advised that AR 615-5, 30 June 1943, is changed by the addition of subparagraph 1c and 1d which are quoted below for compliance:

"1. c. Commanding Officers authorized in paragraph 6 of these regulations to appoint privates first class may waive the requirement of an authorized vacancy to appoint to that grade, at their discretion, enlisted men or women who:

(1) Have completed one year of satisfactory service or--
(2) Have served or are serving outside the continental limits of the United States or in Alaska, except that individuals inducted or enlisted for appointment under the provisions of this subparagraph unless they are serving or have served outside of the continental limits of the United States (excluding Alaska) other than the territory of possession in which inducted or enlisted.

d. Authority of "C" above will not be used for the automatic promotion of all privates in the categories listed therein, but will be reserved for those qualified for but denied promotion because of lack of position vacancies in the grade of Private First Class."

2. Appropriate changes to AR 615-5 will be issue by the War Department at a later date.
(AG 220.2)

* * * *

By command of Lieutenant General RICHARDSON:

CLARK L. RUFFNER
Brigadier General, GSC
Chief of Staff

OFFICIAL:

/s/ C. N. Thompson,
/t/ C. N. THOMPSON,
Colonel, AGD,
Adjutant General.

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OSBORNE S. BEANEY
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Office of the Commanding General
APO 234

12 January 1945

REGULATION )
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Property Accounting Procedure

1. Purpose: In order to conserve manpower, increase efficiency and avoid loss of time in procurement, receipt, and distribution of Air Corps supplies, it is directed that only one centrally located stock record account for Air Corps property be maintained at any one Wing Base.

2. Scope: Effective upon receipt of this regulation, necessary action will be taken to effect the operation of this system by all activities of the XXI Bomber Command.

3. Definition: Consolidated Wing Base Air Corps Stock Record Accounts:

a. The Wing Commander is responsible that the Centralized Control Procedures outlined herein are carried out at Wing Stations and will designate an accountable officer for all Air Corps property included within the limits of this regulation.

b. Accountability: While no formal accountability exists in a combat theater, all agencies which store property for issue are accountable for such property until issued under existing regulations. Such accountability ceases when property is issued.

4. Importance of Centralized Stock Record Accounts at a Wing Base:

a. Conservation of Manpower: Personnel may be pooled to effect specialization in individual property classes.

b. Increase efficiency by:

(1) Centralizing procurement

(2) Maintaining consolidated records at one location, eliminating one or more sets of records.

(3) Conserving and governing issue of critical items and aircraft parts.

(4) Decreasing research procedures.



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(5) Expediting action on ACCP requests.

(6) Eliminating excessive administrative work.

(7) Maintaining more accurate records on stock consumption.

5. Property Accounting Officer: The Property Accounting Officer will effect a consolidation of stock record accounts and personnel as prescribed herein. Stock records will be maintained on W.D., AAF Form 105 in the manner prescribed by AAF Reg 15-105.

6. General: Where practicable, stocks of individual property classes will be merged and concentrated in one central warehouse. Shipping and receiving departments will be consolidated in so far as is necessary to accomplish, to the highest extent, efficiency in Consolidated Stock Record Accounting. It is not required that Engineering, andother departments of Service Centers, be merged into one section for opration unless, due to physical location of such sections, a saving of personnel and an increase in efficiency of operation can be obtained.

By command of Brigadier General MANSELL:

J B MONTGOMERY
Colonel, GSC
Actg Chief of Staff

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OFFICE OF THE MATERIEL OFFICER
SERVICE CENTER A
73rd BOMBARDMENT WING
APO 237

Saipan, Marianas Islands
29 January 1945

C E R T I F I C A T E

I certify that the balances shown on the stock record account of the Automotive Supply, as of this date, last Voucher No. CV-4088-45 dated 28 January 1945, are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and that the property has this date been turned over to NORMAN H. THEILER, 1st Lt., A. C., persuant to letter, hdqrs. XXI Bomber Command, APO 234, Subject: Consolidation of Ordnance Stock Record Accounts, dated 17 January 1945.

s/CHARLES M. DODD JR.
t/CHARLES M. DODD JR.
1st Lt., A. C.

I certify that I have this date received from Charles M. Dodd Jr., 1st Lt., A. C., predecessor, all property pertaining to the above designated stock record account for which my said predecessor is responsible, as shown by the last audit of the account plus all proper charges against and less all authorized credits to my predecessor's account to the time of transfer, last Voucher No. CV-4088-45 dated 28 January 1945, and that I have this date assumed responsibility for the property pertaining to this account.

s/NORMAN H. THEILER
t/NORMAN H. THEILER
1st Lt., A. C.

APPROVED: s/CLINTON MENEELY
t/CLINTON MENEELY
Major A. C.
Materiel Officer
Service Center A

A Certified True Copy:

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SERVICE CENTER B, AAB #1,
APO #237, % Postmaster
San Francisco, California.

29 January 1945

C E R T I F I C A T E

I certify that the balances shown on the stock record account of the Armament Supply, as of this date, last Voucher No. 0-2277, dated 28 January 1945, are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and that the property has this date been turned over to CHARLES M. DODD JR., 1st Lt., A. C., pursuant to letter, Hqs. XXI Bomber Command, APO #234, Subj: Consolidation of Ordnance Stock Record Accounts, dated 17 January 1945.

s/NORMAN H. THEILER
t/NORMAN H. THEILER
1st Lt., Air Corps

I certify that I have this date received from NORMAN H. THEILER, 1st Lt., A C, predecesser, all property pertaining to the above designated stock record account for which my said predecesser is responsible, as shown by the last audit of the account plus all proper charges against and less all authorized credits to my predecesser's account to the time of transfer, last Voucher No. 0-2277, dated 28 January 1945, and that I have this date assumed responsibility for the property pertaining to this account.

s/CHARLES M. DODD JR.
t/CHARLES M. DODD JR.
1st Lt., A C

APPROVED:
PAUL W. MCCOMISH
Major, Air Corps
Deputy for Mat.
Service Center B

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2. REPEAT STRIKE MESSAGE

The following Telecon message received from XXI Bomber Command is quoted for your information:

"FROM: BCM OOA 21
TO : OOA GEN 73 BW
CONGRATULATIONS ON A VITAL JOB WELL PLANNED FOR AND WELL DONE. ACTION OF THE SEVENTY THIRD WING TODAY PERMITS ME TO LEAVE THIS COMMAND WITH A SENSE OF REAL ACCOMPLISHMENT AND PRIDE AND CONFIDENCE IN YOUR FUTURE. GOOD LUCK AND GOOD BOMBING. (O'DONNELL FROM HANSELL PASS TO ALL COMMANDS BOTH COMBAT AND SERVICE)"

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By command of Brigadier General O'DONNELL:

WALTER C. SWEENEY JR
Colonel, Air Corps
Chief of Staff

OFFICIAL:

/s/ M. M. Farquhar
/t/ M. M. FARQUHAR
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573RD AIR MATERIEL SQUADRON

66th Air Service Group

73rd Bombardment Wing

Twentieth Air Force

Period: 1 - 31 Aug

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Present Station: APO 237, Saipan, M. I.

Date of Arrival Present Station: 7 Sep 1944

Losses in Action: None

Awards: None

Strength: 1 August 45 — 134 EM, 1 WO, 7 Off.

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INTRODUCTION

During the month of August, 1945, activities of this unit definately slowed due to the cessation of bombing missions brought on by Japan's willingness to surrender. The flow of supplies, except for emergency issues was literally halted and since no disposition of supplies on hand has been given by higher headquarters, supply activities for most of the month were at a standstill. No major problems confronted the unit and activities were routine.

S. R. BUTLER, JR.
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Historical Officer

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PERSONNEL

The officer and enlisted strength took a dip this month when the following changes took place:

The following named EM was promoted to Private First Class

Pvt (050) John M. Yentzer

Pvt (590) Edward S. Wilenski (on TDY 1101st POA Prov Pet Engr Distr Co, APO 244) was brought to trial by Special Court for violation of 61st and 96th Articles of War and was sentenced to be confined at hard labor for six (6) months and to forfeit thirty five dollars ($35.00) per month for a like period. It is the belief of this organization that this Courts Martial was illegal due to the fact that the EM concerned is still assigned to this organization for administration and the Commanding Officer of the EM was never consulted.

The following named Officer and enlisted men were transferred to Hqs, USASTAF, APO 234:

1st Lt (2110) Osborne S. Beeney
S/Sgt (835) Gordon H. Wilcott
Sgt (835) George B. Spisak
Pfc (835) Francis E. Gilbert

Capt (4000) John P. Turner, Asst Gp Mat Officer was reclassified from 4000 to 4010.

Pfc Wallace L. Markham returned from TDY 1106th POA Prov Trk Co APO 244 and was replaced by Cpl Leslie F. Shirley.

S/Sgt (581) Herbert L. Wright was relieved from assignment and attached unassigned to Det of Patients, 148th Gen Hosp, APO 244, after completing 60 days of continuous hospitalization.

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8089TH MAINTENANCE AND SUPPLY GROUP
APO 334, c/o Postmaster
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NARRATIVE HISTORY FOR PERIOD

1 October 1947 to 31 October 1947

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A. ORIGINAL UNIT:
1. Designation: 574th Air Material Squadron
2. Date of Organization: 11 May 1944
3. Place of Organization: Robins Field, Georgia
4. Authority for Organization: G O 83, Warner Robins Air Service Command, Robins Field, Georgia
5. Sources from which personnel was obtained: 56th Air Service Group

B. CHANGES IN ORGANIZATION:

1. Negative

C. STRENGTH? COMMISSIONED AND ENLISTED:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. At beginning of period: | 14 Officers---- | 101 Enlisted Men |
| 2. Net increase for month: | 1 Officer----- | 5 Enlisted Men |
| 3. Net decrease for month: | 1 Officer ---- | 2 Enlisted Men |
| 4. At end of month: | 14 Officers---- | 104 Enlisted Men |

D. AIRCRAFT:

1. At beginning of period: NONE
2. At end of period: NONE

E. STATION, CHANGES IN :

1. Not applicable

F. OPERATIONS, MISSIONS:
1. Not applicable

G. AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

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   2. Net increase for month: 2 Officers------ 13 Enlisted Men
   3. Net decrease for month: 4 Officers------ 15 Enlisted Men
   4. At end of month: 14 Officers------100 Enlisted Men

D. AIRCRAFT:

   1. At beginning of period: NONE
   2. At end of peiod: NONE

E. Station, CHANGES IN:

   1. Not Applicable

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1. All O's & EM, AC, Race-W, Hq & Base Sv Sq, 31st Air Sv G prsently on SD/w 8087th Gd Squadron (P), are reld fr SD thereto and will be asgd to pertinent section of the Hq & Base Sv Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp, as outlined in TO&E 1-452R 5 Mar 45.

2. All O's & EM, AC, race-W, Hq & Base Sv Sq, 31st Air Sv G presently on SD/w 8084th Communications Sq (P),are reld fr SD thereto and will be asgd to pertinent section of the Hq & Base Sv Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp. as outlined in TO&E 1045?R 5 Mar 45.

3. All O's & EM, AC, race-W, Hq & Base Sv Sq, 31st Air Sv G presently on SD/w 8086th Trans Sq (P), are reld fr SD thereto and will be asgd to pertinent section of Hq & Base Sv Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp as outlined in TO&E 1-452R 5 Mar 45

4. LT COL (2162) CHARLES H. HASE , 042081, AC, is reld fr SD with the 8089th Maintenance & Supply Gp (P).

5. Fol EM,AC, Hq & Base Sv Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp are trfd in to Orgns indic, and are pl ced on SD/w Base Transportation Sectio Hq & Base Sv Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp. EDCMR: 20 Dec 47
EM are stchd to pre ent orgn for Ors.

56th Air Engr Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp

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| M/Sgt | (965) | Wilbert B. Richardson | RA32458214 |
| T/Sgt | (965) | Ridley Brown | RA14020385 |
| S/Sgt | (965) | Charles H. Plott | RA34704755 |
| S/Sgt | (014) | Cass Shettis | RA32371315 |
| Sgt | (932) | Harold N. Abbott | RA36528339 |
| Sgt | (256) | John T. Chambers Jr | RA39761032 |
| Sgt | (965) | Albert S. Frederick | RA35029130 |
| Sgt | (914) | Herschel H. Helton | RA19246406 |
| Sgt | (965) | Fred K. Roush | RA13213897 |
| Sgt | (965) | Edgar H. Thorp | RA45043516 |
| Cpl | (932) | Robert G. Anderson | RA37773608 |
| Cpl | (114) | Arlen O. Annas | RA14196900 |
| Cpl | (965) | Luther C. Brown | RA14233168 |
| Cpl | (965) | Reinhold E. Bornemann | RA46071578 |
| Cpl | (014) | Ygnacio Cruz | RA19276213 |
| Cpl | (965) | Robert A. Cline | RA2070749 |
| Cpl | (014) | Lawrence J. Erdman | RA38788698 |
| Cpl | (965) | Daniel E. Fowler | RA14144703 |
| Cpl | (965) | Bert D. Hanna | RA15208595 |
| Cpl | (965) | Wilfred A. Herrera | RA17094158 |
| Cpl | (965) | Nicholas Hinojosa | RA18230406 |
| Cpl | (965) | William R. Lyre | RA15237323 |
| Cpl | (965) | James H. McGeryn | RA42199789 |
| Cpl | (573) | Jessie L. Ogley | RA18211590 |
| Cpl | (965) | Albert N. Truyne | RA12114150 |
| Cpl | (965) | James M. Rorley | RA13232724 |
| Cpl | (965) | Curtis S. Vosburg | RA13206455 |
| Pfc | (256) | James C. Akers | RA13226640 |
| Pfc | (055) | George Archuleta | RA18059166 |
| Pfc | (965) | Lawrence A. McGill | RA14144428 |
| Pvt | (911) | Patrick F. Best | RA12113509 |

574th Air Mat'l Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp

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|---|---|---|---|
| T/Sgt | (932) | Francis I. Lockrell | RA20301736 |
| Sgt | (485) | Lawrence E. Creekmur | RA6281936 |
| Sgt | (932) | Allen W. Baker | RA12149690 |
| Sgt | (932) | Robert M. Irwin | RA39495945 |
| Sgt | (932) | Millard M. Taylor | RA38343362 |
| Cpl | (815) | James I. Barnhett | RA18245888 |

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| Cpl | (932) | Erving F. Gumz | RA17026066 |
| Cpl | (932) | Samuel D. Marker | RA43010812 |
| Cpl | (932) | Linwood R. Straughn | RA44159019 |
| Pfc | (590) | Robert Bargo | RA35786584 |
| Pfc | (521) | Charles R. Cain | RA18297161 |
| Pfc | (590) | Frank L. Piper | RA43053700 |
| Pfc | (590) | James E. Posey | RA18315627 |
| Pfc | (055) | Charles E. Swingle | RA14145227 |
| Pfc | (932) | William D. Terry | RA14244544 |
| Pvt | (521) | Robert L. Chambers | RA15231212 |
| Pvt | (932) | William F. Simpson | RA18304736 |
| Cpl | (014) | Thomas I. Krauss | RA6811472 |
| Cpl | (014) | James T. McCracken | RA44145540 |
| Cpl | (014) | Edward D. McNabb | RA46066102 |
| Cpl | (014) | William J. Prater | RA15354982 |
| Cpl | (014) | Clayton I. Roberts | RA15237362 |
| Cpl | (014) | John A. Tackett | RA14186037 |
| Cpl | (014) | Dale E. Tingler | RA35996110 |
| Cpl | (014) | Thomas T. Walton | RA15355434 |
| Cpl | (014) | James H. Whaley | RA15237193 |

Hq, 19th Bomb Gp

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| Pfc | (014) | Louis E. Gilbert | RA14241397 |

30th Bomb Sq, 19th Bomb Gp

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| Pfc | (014) | Ramon S. Garcia | RA39870760 |
| Pfc | (014) | Wilbur F. Goodwin | RA36603687 |
| Pfc | (014) | Leonard Feigenbaum | RA15221201 |
| Pfc | (521) | Frank T. Lopez | RA18247021 |
| Pvt | (521) | Robert J. McCardle | RA16251658 |

28th Bomb Sq, 19th Bomb Gp

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|---|---|---|---|
| Pfc | (014) | Glenn R. Hickey | RA15220772 |
| Pfc | (014) | Paul C. Morrison | RA18207809 |
| Pfc | (014) | Walter Spashko | RA12252636 |

93rd Bomb Sq, 19th Bomb Gp

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|---|---|---|---|
| Pvt | (014) | Warren E. Dill | RA15238530 |
| Pvt | (014) | Greal B. Hester | RA34836446 (DS M.R.M.) |
| Pvt | (014) | Edward O'Donaghue | RA12247124 (DS M.R.M.) |

6. Fol EM, AC, Race-W, Hq, 19th Bomb Gp, are reld fr asgmt thereto and trfd in gr to 56th Air Engr Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp. PCS. EDCMR: 20 Dec 47. EM are atchd to present orgn for rpts.

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| Cpl | (747D) | Simon Fernandez | RA18264551 |
| Pfc | (747D) | Thomas J. Doyle | RA13236021 (Lv to ZI) |
| Pfc | (590) | Albert Crandenitti | RA16205571 |
| Pfc | (620) | James E. Gramling | RA18220147 |
| Pfc | (747B) | Wilfred E. Kevelighan | RA16222094 |
| Pfc | (620) | James L. Young | RA14145566 |
| Pfc | (594) | William B. Saunders | RA38612493 |

7. Fol EM, Race-W, AC, Hq, 19th Bomb Gp, are reld fr asgmt & dy thereto and trfd in gr to orgns indic, and placed on SD with Base Operations Section, Hq & Base Sv Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp. EDCMR: 20 Dec 47. EM are atchd to present orgn for rpts.

93rd Bomb Sq, 19th Bomb Gp

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|---|---|---|---|
| M/Sgt | (509) | John H. Rosequist | RA13088353 |
| Sgt | (791) | Charles Quartaro | RA18247209 |

Hq & Base Sv Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp

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|---|---|---|---|
| M/Sgt | (791) | Chester O. Ritter | RA13045847 |
| S/Sgt | (791) | Martin Bernanke | RA18237616 |
| Pfc | (791) | Nuburn M. Hester | RA14238137 |

5[illegible]th Air Engr Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp

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| T/Sgt | (502) | Elmer A. Simpson | RA15062580 |

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E X T R A C T

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1. All O's & EM, AC, Race-W, Hq & Base Sv Sq, 31st Air Sv G presently on SD/w 8067th Gd Squadron (P), are reld fr SD thereto and will be asgd to pertinent section of the Hq & Base Sv Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp, as outlined in TO&E 1-452R 5 Mar 45.

2. All O's & EM, AC, race-W, Hq & Base Sv Sq, 31st Air Sv G presently on SD/w 8084th Communications Sq (P),are reld fr SD thereto and will be asgd to pertinent section of the Hq & Base Sv Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp. as outlined in TO&E 10452R 5 Mar 45.

3. All O's & EM, AC, race-W, Hq & Base Sv Sq, 31st Air Sv G presently on SD/w 8086th Trans Sq (P), are reld fr SD thereto and will be asgd to pertinent section of Hq & Base Sv Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp as outlined in TO&E 1-452R 5 Mar 45

4. LT COL (2162) CHARLES H. HASSE , 042081, AC, is reld fr SD with the 8089th Maintenance & Supply Gp (P).

5. Fol EM,AC, Hq & Base Sv Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp are trfd in grd to orgns indic, and are pl ced on SD/w Base Transportation Sectio Hq & Base Sv Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp. EDCMR: 20 Dec 47
EM are atchd to pre ent orgn for Qrs.

56th Air Engr Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp

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|---|---|---|---|
| M/Sgt | (965) | Wilbert D. Richardson | RA32458214 |
| T/Sgt | (965) | Ridley Brown | RA14020385 |
| S/Sgt | (965) | Charles H. Flott | RA34704755 |
| S/Sgt | (014) | Cass Shettis | RA32371315 |
| Sgt | (932) | Harold N. Abbott | RA36526339 |
| Sgt | (256) | John C. Chambers Jr | RA39761032 |
| Sgt | (965) | Albert S. Frederick | RA35029130 |
| Sgt | (014) | Herschel H. Holton | RA19246406 |
| Sgt | (965) | Fred K. Rousn | RA13213897 |
| Sgt | (965) | Edgar H. Thorp | RA45043516 |
| Cpl | (932) | Robert G. Anderson | RA37773608 |
| Cpl | (114) | Arlen O. Annas | RA14196900 |
| Cpl | (965) | Luther C. Brown | RA14233168 |
| Cpl | (965) | Reinhold E. Bornemann | RA46071578 |
| Cpl | (014) | Ygnacio Cruz | RA19276213 |
| Cpl | (055) | Robert A. Cline | RA2070749 |
| Cpl | (014) | Lawrence J. Erdman | RA38788698 |
| Cpl | (965) | Daniel E. Fowler | RA14144703 |
| Cpl | (965) | Bert D. Hanna | RA15208595 |
| Cpl | (965) | Wilfred A. Herrera | RA17094158 |
| Cpl | (965) | Nichol s Hionjosa | RA18230406 |
| Cpl | (965) | William R. Hyre | RA15237323 |
| Cpl | (965) | James H. Kotaryn | RA42199709 |
| Cpl | (573) | Jessie L. Miley | RA18211590 |
| Cpl | (965) | Albert N. Truyne | RA12114150 |
| Cpl | (965) | James M. Romey | RA13232724 |
| Cpl | (965) | Curtis S. Vosburg | RA13206455 |
| Pfc | (256) | James C. Akers | RA13228640 |
| Pfc | (055) | George Arehuleta | RA18059166 |
| Pfc | (965) | Lawrence A. McGill | RA14144428 |
| Pvt | (911) | Patrick F. Best | RA12113509 |

574th Air Mat'l Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp

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|---|---|---|---|
| T/Sgt | (932) | Francis I. Mackrell | RA20301736 |
| Sgt | (485) | Lawrence E. Creekmur | RA6281936 |
| Sgt | (932) | Allen W. Baker | RA12149690 |
| Sgt | (932) | Robert M. Irwin | RA39495945 |
| Sgt | (932) | Willard M. Taylor | RA38343362 |
| Cpl | (815) | James I. Barnnett | RA18245858 |

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| Cpl | (932) | Erving F. Gumz | RA17026066 |
| Cpl | (932) | Samuel D. Marker | RA43010812 |
| Cpl | (932) | Linwood R. Straughn | RA44159019 |
| Pfc | (590) | Robert Bargo | RA35786584 |
| Pfc | (521) | Charles R. Cain | RA18297161 |
| Pfc | (590) | Frank L. Piper | RA43053700 |
| Pfc | (590) | James E. Posey | RA18315827 |
| Pfc | (055) | Charles E. Swingle | RA14145227 |
| Pfc | (932) | William D. Terry | RA14244544 |
| Pvt | (521) | Robert L. Chambers | RA15231212 |
| Pvt | (932) | William F. Simpson | RA18304736 |
| Cpl | (014) | Thomas I. Krauss | RA6811472 |
| Cpl | (014) | James I. McCracken | RA44145540 |
| Cpl | (014) | Edward D. McNabb | RA46066102 |
| Cpl | (014) | William J. Prater | RA15354982 |
| Cpl | (014) | Clayton I. Roberts | RA15237362 |
| Cpl | (014) | John A. Tackett | RA14186037 |
| Cpl | (014) | Dale E. Tingler | RA35996110 |
| Cpl | (014) | Thomas T. Walton | RA15355434 |
| Cpl | (014) | James H. Whaley | RA15237193 |

Hq, 19th Bomb Gp

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| Pfc | (014) | Louis E. Gilbert | RA14241397 |

30th Bomb Sq, 19th Bomb Gp

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| Pfc | (014) | Ramon S. Garcia | RA39870760 |
| Pfc | (014) | Wilbur F. Goodwin | RA36603667 |
| Pfc | (014) | Leonard Feigenbaum | RA15221201 |
| Pfc | (521) | Frank T. Lopez | RA18247021 |
| Pvt | (521) | Robert J. McCardle | RA16251658 |

28th Bomb Sq, 19th Bomb Gp

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|---|---|---|---|
| Pfc | (014) | Glenn R. Mickey | RA15220772 |
| Pfc | (014) | Paul C. Morrison | RA18207809 |
| Pfc | (014) | Walter Sneshko | RA12252636 |

93rd Bomb Sq, 19th Bomb Gp

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| Pvt | (014) | Warren E. Dill | RA15238530 |
| Pvt | (014) | Greal B. Hester | RA34836446 (DS M.R.M.) |
| Pvt | (014) | Edward O'Donaghue | RA12247124 (DS M.R.M.) |

6. Fol EM, AC, Race-V, Hq, 19th Bomb Gp, are reld fr asgmt thereto and trfd in/gr to 56th Air Engr Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp. POS. EDCMR: 20 Dec 47. EM are atchd to present orgn for rpts.

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|---|---|---|---|
| Cpl | (747D) | Simon Fernandez | RA18264551 |
| Pfc | (747D) | Thomas J. Doyle | RA13236021 (Lv to ZI) |
| Pfc | (590) | Albert Grandenitti | RA16205571 |
| Pfc | (620) | James E. Gramling | RA18220147 |
| Pfc | (747D) | Wilfred E. Kevelighan | RA16222094 |
| Pfc | (620) | James L. Young | RA14145566 |
| Pfc | (594) | William B. Saunders | RA38612493 |

7. Fol EM, Race-V, AC, Hq, 19th Bomb Gp, are reld fr asgmt & dy thereto and trfd in gr to orgns indic, and placed on SD with Base Operations Section, Hq & Base Sv Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp. EDCMR: 20 Dec 47. EM are atchd to present orgn for rpts.

93rd Bomb Sq, 19th Bomb Gp

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|---|---|---|---|
| M/Sgt | (509) | John H. Rosequist | RA13088353 |
| Sgt | (791) | Charles Quartaro | RA18247209 |

Hq & Base Sv Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp

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|---|---|---|---|
| M/Sgt | (791) | Chester O. Ritter | RA13045847 |
| S/Sgt | (791) | Martin Bernanke | RA12237616 |
| Pfc | (791) | Nuburn M. Hester | RA14238137 |

56th Air Engr Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp

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| T/Sgt | (502) | Elmer A. Simpson | RA19062580 |



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E X T R A C T

8. T/5 (590) Willie J. Teasley, RA 34955700, AC, H/S Co. 811th Engr Avn Bn APO 334, is granted thirty (30) days ord l v/a 22 Dec 47, with permission to visit Manila, Philippine I. Upon Arrival EM will rpt to CO 8113th Sv Det (Manila Casual APO 900, Upon compl of l v EM will ret to prop sta, APO 334. Tvl will be in a lv status on space available govt trans. TDN. FAGWT. AUTH: 5th Ind Hq 20th AF dtd 3eDec.47, and Par 3a(2) CI Cir 50, dtd 8 May 47.

9. So much of par 10,SO 267, this Hq, as pertains to TDY Pfc 683 Charles M Shaeffer RA13218827 56th Air Engr Sq, 8089th M&S Gp (P) is deleted and amended to read: Pfc 521 Wendell E Ly RA1929 2423 56th Air Engr Sq, 8089th M&S Gp.

10. Pfc C55 George Archuleta RA18059166 Hq & Base Sv Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp SD 8083th Transp Sq APO 334, is granted twenty (20) days ord lv eff o/a 20 Dec 47, with permission to visit Manila, Philippine Islands. Upon Arrival Manila EM will rpt to CO 8113th Sv Det (Manila Casual Center) APO 900. Upon compl of lv EM will ret to prop sta, APO 334. Tvl will be in a lv status on space available govt trans. TDN. TINAA. FAGWT. AUTH: 4th Ind, Hq 20th AF, file 220.7 (30 Oct 47) AIGAP dtd 12 Nov 47, and Par 3a (2) CINCPA Cir 50, dtd 8 May 47.

11. Having rptd 6 Dec 47 in compl with Par 9 SO 235, Hq 20th Ftr Wg, APO 182, for the pur of 12 wks DS to attend Basic Ap & Eng Mech Sch (SSN 747) ea fol named EM is atchd to Hq & Base Sv Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp, Upon compl DS unless sooner reld EM will ret prop sta., APO 182.

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| Pvt | 521 | Anthony J Geremella | RA 12289874 |
| Pvt | 521 | Martin Etler | RA 12289255 |

12. Fol EM,AC, 56th Air Engr Sq, 8089 Maint & Sup Gp, is trfd in gr to 30th Bomb Sq, 19th Bomb Gp. PCS. EDCMR 20 Dec 47

T Sgt 867 Dan M Oaks RA 16000087

. Fol EM, AC, Hq & Base Sv Sq.

13. Fol EM AC, Hq & Base Sv Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp, is trfd in gr to 93rd Bomb Sq, 19th Bomb Gp. PCS. EDCMR 20 Dec 47

M/Sgt 7737 John J Sabol RA 6944864

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1. Fol EM, Race-, AC, Hq, 19th Bomb are reld fr assgt & dy thereto and trfd in gr to orgns indic. EBGA. EDCOR: 16 Dec 47.

28th Bomb Sq, 19th Bomb Gp

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|---|---|---|
| Pfc (521) | Paul E. Odneal | RA19292400 |
| Pfc (521) | Earl C. Strickland | RA14262396 |
| Pfc (521) | Richard P. Eddy | RA13149437 |

93rd Bomb Sq, 19th Bomb Gp

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|---|---|---|
| Pfc (521) | Thomas O. Mahar | RA13149430 |
| Pvt (521) | John R. Black Jr | RA18306737 |
| Pfc (521) | Joseph V. Filardi | RA12289629 |

30th Bomb Sq, 19th Bomb Gp

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| Pfc (521) | Bobby F. O'Quinn | RA14258167 |
| Pvt (345) | Paul C.E. Morin | RA12281394 |

1946th EAU Co, 31st Air Sv Gp

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|---|---|---|
| Pfc (521) | Clifton E. Fender | RA14258165 |
| Pfc (521) | Lawrence E. Jones | RA17188282 |
| Pvt (521) | Robert O. Merrill | RA12282029 |
| Pvt (521) | Walter L. Smith | RA16251847 |
| Pfc (521) | Hugh H. Rozzel | RA17126995 |
| Pfc (521) | Robert W. Patterson | RA11173484 |
| Pfc (521) | Ralph E. Mickle | RA12289790 |
| Pvt (521) | Glendon W. Bozman | RA13262997 |

Hq & Base Sv Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp, for SD/w 8087th Gd Sq

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| Pfc (521) | Carl E. Taylor | RA15230953 |
| Pfc (521) | Quentin B. Keenan | RA13160791 |
| Cpl (345) | Charles R. Jenkins | RA18256786 |

Hq & Base Sv Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp, for SD/w 8086th Trans Sq

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|---|---|---|
| Pfc (590) | James C. Posey | RA18215827 |
| Pvt (521) | Robert J. McCardle | RA18251658 |
| Pfc (521) | J. C. Henson | RA14256591 |
| Pfc (521) | Ernest L. Grimes | RA14258208 |
| Pfc (521) | Robert L. Chambers | RA15231212 |
| Pfc (521) | Charles R. Cain | RA18297161 |
| Pfc (521) | Burley E. Florence | RA14264403 |

56th Air Engr Sq, 8089th Maint & Sup Gp

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| Pvt (521) | Roy L. Wolff | RA18318319 |
| Pfc (521) | Harry J. Mutton | RA15231105 |
| Pfc (521) | Fred W. Manning Jr | RA14266163 |
| Pfc (685) | William J. Cosler | RA12252036 |
| Pvt (521) | General H. Dougherty | RA14257037 |
| Pvt (521) | Dean L. Glassbrook | RA19308929 |

574th Air Mat'l Sq, 8089th Maint & Sup Gp

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| Pfc (521) | Almer H. Richardson | RA18316252 |
| Pfc (521) | Gerald L. Crop | RA16251597 |
| Pvt (521) | Donald J. Payne | RA16251643 |
| Pvt (521) | Leroy D. Trainor | RA16232885 |
| Pfc (521) | Judson L. Deitrick | RA19292377 |



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| Pfc (521) | Alfred F. Anderson | RA14265608 |
| Pfc (521) | Wendell E. Dodge | RA11173454 |
| Pvt (521) | Jack O. Stempski | RA16251862 |
| Pvt (521) | James F. Rogers | RA14265600 |
| Pfc (521) | Robert A. Finley | RA11173120 |

2. Fol EM, Race-W, MC, 31st Air Sv Gp, SD/w8087th Gd Sq ( ) are placed on indef DS with 226th MP Co, PO 246, for the purp of Prison Gd with MARBC Stockade. EM T o/a 13 Dec 47.

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| Pfc (677) | Buford J. Thompson | RA14145137 |
| Pvt (590) | Carl J. Kirk | RA15247857 |

3: Having rptd in comp with Par 6, SO 209, Hq MARAM, APO 2 for the purp of 12 Wks DS to attend Basic Airplane & Eng Mech crse (CSN 747) ea fol EM is atchd to Hq & Base Sv Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp, Upon compl ofDS or unless sooner reld EM will ret to prop sta, APO 264.

Hq & Base Sv Sq, 367th Air Sv Gp

Pfc (677) Robert Kenosha RA17154856

19th Air Depot Gp

Pfc (590) John F. Francioso RA11160241

4. Having rptd in comp with Par 7 SO 220, Hq MARBC (P), APO 86, for the purp of 12 Wks DS to attend Basic Airplane & Engine Mech crse (CSN 747), the fol EM is atchd to Hq & Base Sv Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp, Upon compl of DS or unless sooner reld EM will ret to prop sta, APO 86.

Pfc (677) Dale C. Adams RA19306077 13th Airdrome Sq

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1. MAJ (2136) CHARLES E. TIBBS, 035493, AC, Hq, 19th Bomb Gp is reld fr asgmt & dy thereto and trfd to Hq & Base Sv Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp, and atchd to 28th Bomb Sq, 19th Bomb Gp for the purp of flying duties only. EDCMR: 10 Dec 47.

2. 1ST LT (2120) BURLEIGH N. GRIFFITH, 02066660, AC, Hq, 19th Bomb Sq, 19th Bomb Gp, is reld fr asgmt & dy thereto and trfd to Hq & Base Sv Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp, and atchd to 28th Bomb Sq, 19th Bomb Gp for the purp of flying duties only. EDCMR: 10 Dec 47

3. 1ST LT (1093) HAROLD F. ALVIN, 040933, AC, Hq, 19th Bomb Gp is reld fr asgmt & dy thereto and trfd to Hq & Base Sv Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp, and atchd to 30th Bomb Sq, 19th Bomb Gp for the purp of flying duties only. EDCMR: 10 Dec 47.

4. 1ST LT (2136) CHARLES D. ROBINSON, 0674403, AC, Hq, 19th Bomb Gp, is reld fr asgmt & dy thereto and trfd to 574th Air Mat'l Sq, 8089th Maint & Sup Gp, and atchd to 93rd Bomb Sq, 19th Bomb Gp for the purp of flying duties only. EDCMR: 10 Dec 47.

5. 1ST LT (1093) A. D. STEPHENSON, 0764495, AC, Hq, 19th Bomb Gp, is reld fr asgmt & dy thereto and trfd to 574th Air Mat'l Sq, 8089th Maint & Sup Gp, and atchd to 93rd Bomb Sq, 19th Bomb Gp, for the purp of flying duties only. EDCMR: 10 Dec 47.

6. S/Sgt (750D) John E. Merrill, RA31074671, AC, 93rd Bomb Sq, 19th Bomb Gp, is granted fifteen (15) days ord lv on the island of Guam eff o/a 10 Dec 47. AUTH: 600-115.

7. S/Sgt (580) John R. Anderson, Jr, RA35929689, AC, Race-W, (Date of enlmt: 3 Dec 45) (Term of enlmt: 3 Yrs) 28th Bomb Sq, 19th Bomb Gp, is reld fr asgmt & dy thereto and trfd (PIPELINE) & o/a 13 Dec 47 WP MARBO Repl Depot APO 246, for furth processing and ret to ZI for reasgmt in US. CO of EM will insure that all pert records are checked and forwarded. EM will notify correspondents and publishers to discontinue the mailing of ltrs and publications until informed of new address. Clothing and equip will be carried in accordance with current regs. TDN. FCS. TBMAC. TBGAC. FAGNT. 801-16 P431-02 A2180425 S99-999 L413. Auth: MARX 97371, dtd 2 May 47, and Ltr, Dept of the AF file AFPMP-2, dtd 12 Nov 47, and 1st Ind, Hq FEAF, file AG 201-Anderson, John R. (Enl) Pers-1E, dtd 25 Nov 47. EDCMR: 13 Dec 47.

8. Par 17 SO 264, Hq NAMBO (P), dtd 17 Nov 47 as pertains to the trf of Pvt Morris B. Gray, RA34805806, is hereby revoked.

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9. Sgt (204) Joaquin B. Mendez, RA18012258, AC, 56th Air Engr Sq, 8089th Maint & Sup Gp is reld fr asgmt & dy thereto & trfd in gr to Kobe Quartermaster Depot, APO 317. EM WP o/a 15 Dec 47. CO of EM will insure that all pert records are checked and forwarded. EM will notify correspondents and publishers to discontinue the mailing of ltrs and publications until informed of new address. Clothing and equip will be carried in accordance with current regs. TDN. PCS. TBMA. Necessary rail trans auth. Auth: 5th Ind Hq FEAF file AG 201-Mendez, Joaquin (Enl) Pers -1E dtd 28 Nov 47. EDCMR: 15 Dec 47.

10. Cpl (555) J. D. Blassingame, RA14144784, AC, 56th Air Engr Sq, 8089th Maint & Sup Gp is granted twenty (20) days ord lv eff o/a 11 Dec 47 with permission to visit Philippine Islands. Upon avl Manila EM will rpt to CO 8113th Sv Det (Manila Casual Ctr) APO 900 Upon compl of lv EM will ret to prop sta, APO 334. Tvl will be in a lv status. TDN. PBMA. FAGT. Auth: Par 3a (2) CINCFE Cir 50, dtd 8 May 47, and 6th Ind Hq 20th AF, file 220.7 (25 Oct 47) AIGAP dtd 29 Nov 47.

11. Cpl (911) Herbert Y. W. Yun, RA10732133, AC, Race-A, (Date of enlmt: 17 Nov 45) (Term of enlmt: 3 Yrs) 56th Air Engr Sq, 8089th Maint & Sup Gp, is reld fr asgmt & dy thereto and trfd (PIPELINE) & o/a 13 Dec 47 WP MARBO Repl Depot APO 246, for furth processing and ret to ZI for reasgmt in US. CO of EM will insure that all pert records are checked and forwarded. EM will notify correspondents and publishers to discontinue the mailing of ltrs & publications until informed of new address. Clothing and equip will be carried in accordance with current regs. TDN. PCS. TBMA. TBGA. FAGT. 801-16 A431-02 A2180425 S99-999 L413. Auth: WD Cir 249, 1947. EDCMR: 13 Dec 47.

12. Pfc (960) Richard C. Gaissert, RA12257350, AC, Race-A, (Date of enlmt: 26 Jun 46) (Term of enlmt: 3 Yrs) 28th Bomb Sq, 19th Bomb Gp, is reld fr asgmt & dy thereto and trfd (PIPELINE) & o/a 13 Dec 47 WP MARBO Repl Depot APO 246, for furth processing and ret to ZI for reasgmt in US. CO of EM will insure that all pert records are checked and forwarded. EM will notify correspondents and publishers to discontinue the mailing of ltrs & publications until informed of new address. Clothing and equip will be carried in accordance with current regs. TDN. PBMA. PCS. PBGA. FAGT. 801-16 A431-02 A21 0425 S99-999 L413. Auth: WAR 97371,dtd 2 May 47; Ltr, AG 220.3/Pers-1E, FEAF, dtd 25 Nov 47 and Ltr Hq 20th AF,file AIGAP 220.3 subj: Mal assignment of EM, dtd 4 Dec 47. EDCMR: 13 Dec 47.

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13. Under the the prov of Par 21, AR 210-10, Sgt (0?7)Richard C. Edelman, RA15129630, AC, 4th Mess Sq (T), 31st Air Sv Gp is granted permission to ration separately from his orgn.

14. So much of Par 1, SO 282, Hq NAMBC dtd 9 Dec 47 as pertain to the promotion of Pfc (060) Raymond H. Smith RA44107600, 4th Mess Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp is revoked.

15. Upon recommendation of his immediate CO, Sgt (059) Clarence I. Caldwell, RA33282847, AC, Race-N, Co "A", 811th Engr Avn Bn, is promoted to the temp grade of S/Sgt. Auth: AR 615-5.

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1. Upon recommendation of their immediate CO, the fol EM, Race-W, AC, orgns indic, are promoted to the temp gr indic, Auth: AR 615-5, dtd 23 Sept 46.

Hq, 19th Bomb Gp

TO BE STAFF SERGEANT

Sgt (502) Arnold L. Sturgeon RA16196175
Sgt (275) Robert H. Cordell Jr RA15337893

TO BE SERGEANT

Cpl (405) Carlos A. Ramos RA19242502
Cpl (405) William B. Link RA13209809
Cpl (667) Harold L. Jones RA18271610

28th Bomb Sq, 19th Bomb Gp

TO BE CORPORAL

Pfc (747D) Calvin C. McCarty RA19276548
Pfc (747D) Jimmy D. Lawrence RA18323596
Pfc (747D) Floyd W. Whetton RA19280313
Pfc (747D) Nile H. Lieneman RA17215458

30th Bomb Sq, 19th Bomb Gp

TO BE SERGEANT

Cpl (747D) James R. Spence RA14226231
Cpl (747D) C. L. Dobbs RA44107141
Cpl (684A) Jose F. Rodriguez RA18230503
Cpl (405) Donald N. Justard RA11148724
Cpl (852) Donald E. Malone RA19254451
Cpl (867) Albert H. Butlin RA16210411
Cpl (611) Frank L. Short RA42145889

TO BE CORPORAL

Pfc (2756) Ralph L. Robinson RA19216770
Pfc (747D) Bobby E. Taylor RA14187247
Pfc (867) Norman J. Carroll RA19248606
Pfc (2756) Paul H. Fitch RA15196464

93rd Bomb Sq, 19th Bomb Gp

TO BE STAFF SERGEANT

Sgt (2756) Marvin L. Hanson RA37581203
Sgt (2756) Arthur W. Mendens RA32785825
Sgt (580) Harold B. Lawson RA12030946

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TO BE SERGEANT

Cpl (2756) Carrol F. Pristovak — R.42265425
Cpl (2756) Robert E. Backoff — R.11077547

TO BE CORPORAL

Pfc (747D) Jarvis M. Williams — R.14245537
Pfc (747D) Donald B. Steffens — R.16221848
Pfc (747D) Joseph E. Biles — R.14236952
Pfc (747D) Glenn L. Swartz — R.13217757
Pfc (867) Joseph Gabriel Jr — R.16213847
Pfc (911) Harold C. Houle — R.[illegible] 4202
Pfc (345) Ordian Dove — R.13228038
Pfc (867) Carl Mercer — R.14233931
Pfc (867) Dale R. O'Brien — R.17191968

Hq & Base Sv Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp

TO BE STAFF SERGEANT

Sgt (945) George Heller — R.46042491

TO BE SERGEANT

Cpl (405) Michael A. Alaksin — R.13220322
Cpl (502) Emil S. Smyzenski — R.12274924
Cpl (405) Leroy A. Zahnow — R.19196031

TO BE CORPORAL

Pfc (405) Billie G. Hardin — R.18221361
Pfc (345) Harry B. Rufener — R.15400112
Pfc (945) Floyd D. Catlin Jr — R.19189786

56th Air Engr Sq, 8069th Maint & Sup Gp (F)

TO BE SERGEANT

Cpl (555) Sherman R. Lawson — R.43055141
Cpl (747D) Otis V. Martinez — R.18210607

TO BE CORPORAL

Pfc (747D) Sherman Clifford — R.11152881
Pfc (683) William M Thomas Jr — R.14216956
Pfc (555) Halbert Pershing — R.15255367
Pfc (114) Walter T. Brannan — R.19245347
Pfc (555) John B. Thompson — R.14226616

574th Air Mat'l Sq, 8069th Maint & Sup Gp (F)

TO BE SERGEANT

Cpl (835) Stanton C. Welch — R.44172677
Cpl (835) James E. Childs — R.13237699

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Pfc (405) Verlin D. Mosses — R.14221398

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8088th Air Install Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp

TO BE CORPORAL

Pfc (345) Frank J. Bezdek RA38118896

8087th Gd Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp

TO BE STAFF SERGEANT

Sgt (677) Adolph J. Watkins RA38785558

TO BE SERGEANT

Cpl (677) Herman E. Ford RA39191372

TO BE CORPORAL

Pfc (677) William C. Parks RA14145687

8086th Trans Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp

TO BE SERGEANT

Cpl (931) Samuel D. Williams RA14048808
Cpl (014) Herschel H. Holton RA19246406
Cpl (932) Allen M. Baker RA12149690
Cpl (965) Fred K. Roush RA13213897
Cpl (965) Edgar H. Thorp RA45043516

TO BE CORPORAL

Pfc (965) Wilfred M. Herrera RA17094158
Pfc (965) Daniel M. Fowler RA14144703
Pfc (014) James H. Whaley RA15237193
Pfc (014) Edward D. McNabb RA46066102
Pfc (014) Huling J. Bowker RA12244819
Pfc (014) William J. Prater RA15354982
Pfc (014) Dale M. Pingler RA35996110
Pfc (345) James J. Barnett RA18245088
Pfc (345) H. K. Gann RA35981428
Pfc (345) Marcus I. Hester RA14125348
Pfc (345) Marshall E. Tanksley RA18324403

TO BE PRIVATE FIRST CLASS

Pvt (345) Rueben E. Zeitner RA39191833
Pvt (014) Stephen M. Adamec RA12238070
Pvt (014) Ramon S. Garcia RA39870760
Pvt (014) John M. Cottrell RA15218069
Pvt (345) William F. Holder RA14198706

8084th Comm Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp

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Cpl (650) Donald Elsten RA17178938

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Pfc (650) Charles C. Garden RA14224412



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4th Mess Sq (F), 31st Air Sv Gp

TO BE SERGEANT

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| Cpl (824) | Wilbur Simon | RA20608124 |
| Cpl (060) | Edward G. Rogers | RA43006444 |
| Cpl (060) | Oliver J. Adams | RA14086094 |
| Cpl (060) | Thomas E. Swartz | RA35295398 |

TO BE CORPORAL

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| Pfc (405) | Garland F. Clifton | RA20829971 |
| Pfc (060) | W. E. Harmon | RA3[illegible]745 |
| Pfc (060) | Paul A. Lewis | RA17178778 |
| Pfc (060) | Bernard D. Anderson | RA16209760 |
| Pfc (060) | Raymond H. Smith | RA44107600 |

1946th Engr Avn Util Co, 31st Air Sv Gp

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| Pfc (070) | William B. Stowe | RA19277751 |
| Pfc (345) | Larry D. Swander | RA15403817 |

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2. Upon recommendation of their immediate CO, the fol EM, Race-N, MC, organs indic, 811th Engr Avn Bn, are promoted to the temp gr indic, AUTHL AR 615-5, dtd 23 Sept 46.

H/S Co

TO BE TECHNICIAN FIFTH GRADE

Ffc (013) John W. Lee RA13235742

Co "A"

TO BE TECHNICIAN FOURTH GRADE

T/5 (060) Major Ezekiel RA34618712
T/5 (060) George L. Steger RA18146267

Co "B"

TO BE TECHNICIAN FOURTH GRADE

T/5 (060) Willie Bryant RA38658353

TO BE TECHNICIAN FIFTH GRADE

Ffc (242) Francis Dickinson RA12258192
Ffc (931) Morris Hill RA 13232951

Co "C"

TO BE SERGEANT

T/5 (060) James D. Sewell RA 18245333

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3. Under the prov of AAF Reg 60-4, the fol Instrument Flying Examiners Board is aptd. The Board will flight check the instrument flying prof of all pilots atchd to their Squadrons.

DETAIL FOR THE BOARD

CAPT (2161) JOSEPH SVEJKAR 047140 Hq, 19th Bomb Gp(Off in C)
CAPT (2161) WILLIAM R. SULLIVAN 026582 28th Bomb Sq, 19th Bomb Gp
CAPT (2161) PAUL J. HAMM 026843 93rd Bomb Sq, 19th Bomb Gp
CAPT (1093) WILLIAM T. COURTNEY 026877 30th Bomb Sq, 19th Bomb Gp
CAPT (1051) JAMES E. FOLEY 024624 Hq & Base Sv Sq, 31st ASG
1ST LT (1051) WILLIAM H. WHILAND 068439 Hq & Base Sv Sq, 31st ASG

The Instrument Flying Board, aptd by Par 1, SO 197, this Hq cs, as amended is hereby dissolved.

4. Mr. Edward F. Honadel, (Civ) (CAF-7), is placed on approx thirty (30) days TDY to [redacted], APO 264 for the purp of P-47 project. Mr Honadel WP on 9 Dec 47. Upon compl of TDY Mr Honadel will ret to prop sta, APO 334. Auth: Msgfm # 33, Hq 20th AF, dtd 9 Dec 47

5. CAPT (1035) JAMES E. GRAHAM, 0674757, AC, Hq & Base Sv Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp (3D w/ 4th Mess Sq (P) is appointed Custodian of the Officer's Mess Fund. (AD).

6. 1ST LT (1328) VICTOR D. TREVINO, 01105872, CE, Hq, 19th Bomb Gp is reld fr asgmt & dy thereto and trfd to 1946th Engr Avn Util Co, 31st Air Sv Gp. EDCMR: 10 Dec 47.

7. 1ST LT (1093) GEORGE S. DUCKWORTH, 0813347, AC, 30th Bomb Sq, 19th Bomb Gp is reld fr asgmt & dy thereto and trfd to 56th Air Engr Sq, 8089th Maint & Sup Gp. EDCMR: 10 Dec 47.

8. 1ST LT (1028) WILLIAM C. CULER, 050211, AC, 30th Bomb Sq, 19th Bomb Gp, is reld fr asgmt & dy thereto and trfd to 56th Air Engr Sq, 8089th Maint & Sup Gp. EDCMR: 10 Dec 47.

9. CAPT (9100) SIEGRIED F. SULECKI, 01798082, CMP, Hq & Base Sv Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp is aptd Summary Court (AD) for the purp of administering Oaths.

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| Cpl (2756) | Robert E. Backoff | R.11077547 |

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| Pfc (747D) | Glenn L. Swartz | R.13217757 |
| Pfc (867) | Joseph Gabriel Jr | R.16213847 |
| Pfc (911) | Harold C. Houle | R. 4202 |
| Pfc (345) | Ordian Dove | R.13228038 |
| Pfc (867) | Carl Mercer | R.14233931 |
| Pfc (867) | Dale R. O'Brien | R.17191968 |

Hq & Base Sv Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp

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| Cpl (502) | Emil S. Smyzenski | R.12274924 |
| Cpl (405) | Leroy A. Zahnow | R.19196031 |

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| Pfc (405) | Billie G. Hardin | R.18221361 |
| Pfc (345) | Harry B. Rufener | R.15400112 |
| Pfc (945) | Floyd D. Catlin Jr | R.19179786 |

56th Air Engr Sq, 8089th Maint & Sup Gp (F)

TO BE SERGEANT

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| Cpl (555) | Sherman R. Lawson | R.43055141 |
| Cpl (747D) | Otis V. Martinez | R.18210607 |

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| Pfc (747D) | Sherman Clifford | R.11152881 |
| Pfc (683) | William M. Thomas Jr | R.14216956 |
| Pfc (555) | Halbert Pershing | R.15255367 |
| Pfc (114) | Walter F. Brannan | R.19245347 |
| Pfc (555) | John B. Thompson | R.14226616 |

574th Air Mat'l Sq, 8089th Maint & Sup Gp (F)

TO BE SERGEANT

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| Cpl (835) | Stanton C. Welch | R.44172677 |
| Cpl (835) | James E. Childs | R.13237695 |

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| Pfc (405) | Verlin D. Mosses | R.14221398 |



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Pfc (345) Frank J. Bezdek RA38118896

8087th Gd Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp

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Sgt (677) Adolph J. Watkins RA38785558

TO BE SERGEANT

Cpl (677) Herman E. Ford RA39191372

TO BE CORPORAL

Pfc (677) William C. Parks RA14145687

8086th Trans Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp

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Cpl (931) Samuel D. Williams RA14048808
Cpl (014) Herschel H. Holton RA19240406
Cpl (932) Allen M. Baker RA12149690
Cpl (965) Fred K. Roush RA13213897
Cpl (965) Edgar H. Thorp RA45043516

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Pfc (965) Wilfred A. Herrera RA17094158
Pfc (965) Daniel B. Fowler RA14144703
Pfc (014) James H. Whaley RA15237193
Pfc (014) Edward D. McAbb RA46066102
Pfc (014) Huling J. Bowker RA12244819
Pfc (014) William J. Prater RA15354982
Pfc (014) Dale A. Ringler RA35996110
Pfc (345) James J. Barnett RA18245688
Pfc (345) H. K. Gann RA35981428
Pfc (345) Marcus I. Hester RA14125348
Pfc (345) Marshall E. Tanksley RA18324403

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Pvt (345) Rueben E. Zeitner RA39191833
Pvt (014) Stephen A. Adamec RA12238070
Pvt (014) Ramon S. Garcia RA39870760
Pvt (014) John M. Cottrell RA15218069
Pvt (345) William F. Holder RA14198706

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Cpl (650) Donald Elsten RA17178938

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Pfc (650) Charles C. Garden RA14224412



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4th Mess Sq (P), 31st Air Sv Gp

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| Cpl (824) | Wilbur Simon | RA20608124 |
| Cpl (060) | Edward G. Rogers | RA43006444 |
| Cpl (060) | Oliver J. Adams | RA14086094 |
| Cpl (060) | Thomas E. Swartz | RA35295398 |

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| Pfc (405) | Garland F. Clifton | RA20829971 |
| Pfc (060) | W. E. Harmon | RA3[illegible]745 |
| Pfc (060) | Paul A. Lewis | RA17178778 |
| Pfc (060) | Bernard E. Anderson | RA16209760 |
| Pfc (060) | Raymond H. Smith | RA44107600 |

1946th Engr Avn Util Co, 31st Air Sv Gp

TO BE CORPORAL

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| Pfc (070) | William B. Stowe | RA19277751 |
| Pfc (345) | Larry D. Swander | RA15403617 |

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6 Dec 47

* * * E X T R A C T * * *

1. Fol EM, AC, having been asgd to Hq, 19th Bomb Gp fr Det No. 3, Hq & Base Sv Sq, 24th Air Depot APO 264 per par 23 SO 202, Hq MARAMA, dtd 2 Dec 47, with EDCMR of 8 Dec 47, are furth asgd to orgns indic, EDCMR: 8 Dec 47.

574th Air Mat'l Sq, 8089th Maint & Sup Gp

Pfc (521) William T. Campbell RA11173389

56th Air Engr Sq, 8089th Maint & Sup Gp

Pfc (521) Wendell K. Eddy RA19292423

1946th Engr Avn Util Co, 31st Air Sv Gp

Cpl (229) Robert B. Platt RA19276487
Pfc (521) Herbert F. Cox RA18293042

2. Fol EM, AC, having been asgd to Hq, 19th Bomb Gp fr Det No 3, Hq & Base Sv Sq, 24th Air Depot APO 264 per par 23 SO 202, Hq MARAMA, dtd 2 Dec 47 with EDCMR: 8 Dec 47, are furth asgd to orgns indic, EDCMR: 8 Dec 47.

574th Air Mat'l Sq, 8089th Maint & Sup Gp

Pfc (521) George M. Borgens RA17192808
Pfc (521) Harold S. Fenner, Jr RA12289275
Pvt (521) Lossie G. Carlilse, RA14265592
Pfc (521) William H. Bailey RA13241302
Pfc (521) Bobbie J. Epperson RA19307795

56th Air Engr Sq, 8089th Maint & Sup Gp

Pfc (521) Paul H. Bryant, RA13241267
Pfc (521) John H. Grant RA13161826
Pfc (521) Luther C. Kirkwood, Jr RA18323977

Hq & Base Sv Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp for SD/w 8086th Trans.Sq (-)

Pfc (521) Frank T. Lopez RA18247021
Pfc (521) Truman E. Jones RA18306758
Pfc (521) Douglas O. Hanks RA18306853

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2 Dec 47

SPECIAL ORDERS
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4. Fol EM, Race -W, AC, orgns indic, are reclassified to the primary MCS indic, AUTH: AAF Manual 35-0-1.

| | | | Hq & Base S Sq. | RECLASSIFIED TO: |
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| Pfc. (055) | Billie G. Hardin | RA18221361 | 405 | Clerk Typist |
| Cpl. (055) | Michael A. Alaksin | RA13270322 | 405 | Clerk Typist |

574th AMS
(8089th H & S Gp)

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| Pfc. (590) | Arthur A. Schweitzer | RA 16218899 | 835 | Supply Clerk. |
| Sgt. (932) | Leslie Rollins | RA 7007506 | 835 | Supply Clerk |
| Pfc. (345) | Samuel R. Brown | RA 13214805 | 835 | Supply Clerk |
| Pfc. (786) | Edgar D. Canupp | RA 14245609 | 835 | Supply Clerk |
| Pfc. (786) | William B. Irion | RA 18318051 | 835 | Supply Clerk |
| Pfc. (911) | Archie E. Bruce | RA 44187457 | 835 | Supply Clerk |
| Pfc. (590) | Frederick Lyons | RA 19283744 | 835 | Supply Clerk |
| Cpl. (911) | Thomas R. Gonseal | RA 16163447 | 835 | Supply Clerk |
| Pfc. (911) | Julius C. Christopher | RA 14215406 | 835 | Supply Clerk |
| Cpl. (835) | Welch, Slaton C. | RA44172677 | 405 | Clerk Typist |

93rd Bomb Sq.19th Bomb Group

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| Pfc. (911) | George T. Lewis | RA 37519081 | 611 | Aerial Gunner |
| Pfc. (345) | Ordian Dove | RA 13228038 | 932 | Heavy Equip. Operator |
| Pfc. (612) | Arthur F. Angell | RA 12040496 | 580 | Remote Control Turret Mechanic-Gunner |
| Pfc. (359-C) | Walter J. Brown | RA 15247983 | 345 | Auto Equip Opr. |

30th Bomb Sq. 19th Bomb Group

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| Pfc. (611) | Clifford W. Roelle | RA 12208387 | 747-D | Airplane & Eng Mec. |
| Cpl. (747-D) | Junior L. Wright | RA 17191585 | 580 | Remote Cont. Turret Mechanic-Gunner. |
| S/Sgt.(611) | Walter E. Beard | RA 35358746 | 580 | Remote Cont.Turret Mechanic-Gunner |
| S/Sgt.(911) | Bill J. DeBlasio | RA 13109206 | 580 | RCT Mech-Gunner |
| Pfc. (747-D) | William E. Spence | RA 14236480 | 684-A | Airplane Power Plant Mec. |
| Pfc. (747-D | Anthony Fluder | RA 16218301 | 684-A | Airplane Pow Plant Mec |
| Pfc. (747-D | Andrew J. Nadeau | RA 11162684 | 684-A | Airplane Pow Plant Mec |

20th Bomb Sq.,19th Bomb Group.

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| S/Sgt (2750) | Vincent H. Anders | RA 13041055 | 750-D | Airplane Main Tech. |
| Cpl. (747-D) | James E. Stewart | RA 34974171 | 684-A | Airplane Power Plant Mec |
| Pfc. (747-D) | Robert West | RA 10222094 | 684-A | Airplane Power Plant Mechanic. |
| Cpl. (911) | Arvel R. Harding | RA 15223820 | 611 | Aerial Gunner |

1946th Eng Avn Ut Co., 31st ASG

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| M/Sgt.(059) | James R. Phillipy | RA 15058808 | 502 | Admin. Specialist. |



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| | 8087th Guard Sq., 31st ASG. | | RECLASSIFIED TO: |
| Cpl. (677) | Wallace H. Moss | RA 19245849 | 405 Clerk Typist |
| | 8088th AIS, 31st ASG | | |
| Cpl. (070) | Robert M. Baker | RA 16231252 | 791 Air Operations Specialist |
| | 56th AES, 8089th AFS Gp | | |
| Pfc. (747-G) | Ronald W. Hodges | RA 17203529 | 747-D Airplane & Eng Mech |

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1 Dec 47

* * * E X T R A C T * * *

20. Fol EM, Race-W, AC, orgns indic, are placed on approx thirty (30) days DS o/a 1 Dec 47 to Hq M.R.M., APO 264. Upon compl of DS EM will ret to prop sta, APO 334. TDN. PEG... Auth: Msgfm # 4, Hq 20 AF, dtd 1 Dec 47.

28th Bomb Sq, 19th Bomb Gp

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| S/Sgt | (747C) | Frank E. Teel | RA38549027 |
| Sgt | (747D) | Walden H. Stuhr | RA19163114 |
| Cpl | (747D) | Frank E. Hobbs | RA11153447 |
| Cpl | (747D) | James W. Johnson | RA13207519 |
| Pfc | (747D) | Billy S. Aultman | RA14239181 |
| Pfc | (747D) | Eugene M. Balthaser | RA13251443 |
| Pfc | (747D) | Robert L. Garner | RA18305000 |
| Pfc | (747D) | Abner B. Hart | RA14234221 |
| Pfc | (747D) | Nile H. Lienemann | RA17215458 |
| Pfc | (747D) | Donald G. Price | RA14245550 |
| Pfc | (747D) | George C. Smith | RA12260663 |
| Pfc | (747D) | Robert West | RA14222094 |
| Pfc | (747D) | Floyd W. Whetton | RA19280313 |

30th Bomb Sq, 19th Bomb Gp

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| M/Sgt | (750D) | Marshall M. Bennett | RA6380387 |
| T/Sgt | (750D) | Howard J. Fielder | RA17030722 |
| Cpl | (747D) | Wilburn B. Brown | RA18211592 |
| Pfc | (747D) | Allen C. Wood | RA13239406 |
| Pfc | (747B) | Anthony J. Fluder Jr | RA16218301 |
| Cpl | (611) | Clifford B. Harward | RA14145322 |
| Cpl | (747D) | George W. Mobst | RA42210187 |
| Pfc | (747D) | Gilbert Leo | RA14236745 |
| Pfc | (747D) | George Sargis | RA16222104 |
| Pfc | (611) | Theodore C. Harris | RA35929449 |
| Pfc | (747D) | Elwyn E. Strong | RA19196901 |
| Cpl | (747D) | James M. Stewart | RA18147384 |
| Cpl | (747D) | Jerrold E. Lindberg | RA17186145 |
| Pfc | (747D) | Vernon J. Cuny | RA17173006 |
| Pfc | (747D) | James L. Marshall | RA15226720 |

93rd Bomb Sq, 19th Bomb Gp

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| S/Sgt | (750D) | John H. Imlay | RA39680515 |
| S/Sgt | (750D) | Isaac Kelly | RA6287067 |
| Pfc | (747D) | Donald B.Steffens | RA16221848 |
| Pfc | (747D) | Jarvis M. Williams | RA14245537 |
| Pfc | (747D) | Glenn L. Swartz | RA13217757 |
| Pfc | (747D) | James M. Lynch | RA14228832 |
| Pfc | (747D) | Herbert L Jean | RA16209438 |

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| Pfc | (747D) | Daniel F. Elze | RA19197066 |
| Pfc | (747D) | Donald H. Demosky | RA16222258 |
| Cpl | (747D) | John E. Nance | RA13239518 |
| Cpl | (747D) | Michael J. Gabel | RA12244913 |
| Cpl | (747D) | Walter G. Beeker | RA14197816 |
| Cpl | (747D) | David V. Baxley | RA14226351 |
| Cpl | (747D) | Edgar L. Adams | RA14234070 |
| Pfc | (747D) | George Fenechi | RA13220119 |

Hq & Base Sv Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp

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| Cpl | (835) | Carl R. King | RA43017222 |
| Pfc | (555) | Felix U. Velasco | RA19283616 |

56th Air Engr Sq, 8089th Maint & Sup Gp

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| Pfc | (747D) | John H. Lafreneire Jr | RA19258014 |
| Pfc | (555) | John B. Thompson | RA14226616 |
| Pfc | (555) | Vernon J. Reed | RA19197350 |
| Pfc | (555) | Halbert H. Pershing | RA15355367 |
| Pfc | (665) | Floyd R. McGinnis | RA19261722 |
| Pfc | (555) | James F. Linker | RA18146451 |
| Sgt | (555) | James W. Oliver | RA14211629 |
| Pfc | (555) | Otis E. Garrison | RA18153490 |
| Pfc | (555) | Corliss O. Mackey | RA15222204 |
| Pfc | (685) | Irwin F. Whitehurst Jr | RA13238934 |
| Cpl | (685) | Leroy Werts Jr | RA18175148 |
| Cpl | (686) | Mark H. Hease | RA19245639 |

574th Air Mat'l Sq, 8089th Maint & Sup Gp

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| T/Sgt | (826) | Lawrence F. Benton | RA18054702 |
| Cpl | (835) | Albert R. Haas | RA18146190 |
| Pfc | (835) | Charles R. Teck | RA38466154 |
| Cpl | (835) | Winfred N. Reichold | RA11031592 |
| Cpl | (835) | Ralph E. Hafner | RA15237634 |
| Cpl | (835) | L. B. Dockery | RA15207268 |
| Pfc | (835) | Albert J. C. Jones | RA14144727 |
| Sgt | (821) | Marvin R. Hill | RA6280913 |

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1 Dec 47

* * E X T R A C T * * *

1. Upon recommendation of his immediate CO, Pvt (114) John Alexanderovich, RA31260298, AC, 56th Air Engr Sq, 8089th Maint & Sup Gp is promoted to the temporary gr of P.F.C. AUTH: AR 615-5, dtd 23 Sept 46.

2. Fol EM, Race-W, AC, orgns indic, are reld fr asgmt & dy thereto and trfd (NONEFFECTIVE) & o/a 15 Dec 47 WP MARBO Repl Depot, APO 246, for furth processing and ret to ZI for the purp of disch fr the sv under the prov of AR 615-360. CO of EM will insure that all pert records are checked and forwarded. EM will notify correspondents and publishers to discontinue the mailing of ltrs and publications until informed of new address. Clothing and equip will be carried in accordance with current regs. TDN. PCS. TBMAA. TBGAA. FAGWT. 801-16 P431-02 A2180426 S99-999 L413. Auth: AR 615-5. EDCMR: 4 Dec 47.

Hq & Base Sq Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp

Pfc (345) Maurice Scaturro RA16166109 (SD 8084th Comm Sq (F)
(Date of enlmt: 20 Feb 46) (Term of enlmt: 2 Yrs)

28th Bomb Sq, 19th Bomb Gp

Cpl (405) Eric A. Niland RA19265991
(Date of enlmt: 6 Aug 46) (Term of enlmt:18 Mos)

3. S/Sgt (611) Charles H. Starks, RA14014857, AC, 30th Bomb Sq, 19th Bomb Gp is granted twentyfive (25) days ord lv eff o/a 1 Dec 47 with permission to visit Philippine Islands. Upon arr Manila EM will rpt to CO 8113th Sv Det (Manila Casual Ctr) APO 900 Upon compl of lv EM will ret to prop sta, APO 334. All [illegible] will be counted as lv time. TDN. TBMAA. FAGWT. Auth: 5th Ind Hq & [illegible] AF file 220.7 (9 Oct 47) AIGAP and CINCFE Cir 50, dtd 8 May 47.

4. Fol EM, Race-W, AC, orgns indic, are reld fr asgmt & dy thereto and trfd (PIPELINE) & o/a 15 Dec 47 WP MARBO Repl Depot, APO 246, for furth processing and ret to ZI for thepurp of reasgmt in US. CO of EM will insure that all pert records are checked and forwarded. EM will notify correspondents and publishers to discontinue the mailing of ltrs and publications until informed of new address. Clothing and equip will be carried in accordance with current regs. TDN. TBGAA. TBMAA. FAGWT. 801-16 P431-02 A2180425 S99-999 L413. Auth: WD Cir 249, 1947. EDCMR: 4 Dec 47.

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| Sgt (932) James C. Clark | RA44079876 | 19 Nov 45 | 3 Yrs |
| Cpl (650) Joseph Mancuso | RA31489080 | 29 Sep 45 | 3 Yrs |
| **Hq, 19th Bomb Gp** | | | |
| Pvt (620) Edgar Murdy | RA19202638 | 25 Oct 45 | 3 Yrs |
| **30th Bomb Sq, 19th Bomb Gp** | | | |
| S/Sgt (750D) Carl Homanyi Jr | RA6667482 | 28 Oct 45 | 3 Yrs |
| S/Sgt (747D) William L. Kotowski | RA36578295 | 26 Sept45 | 3 Yrs |
| S/Sgt (2756) Vernon R. Nofziger | RA39343983 | 8 Nov 45 | 3 Yrs |
| **93rd Bomb Sq, 19th Bomb Gp** | | | |
| S/Sgt (2756) Donovan E. Waghar | RA16188647 | 27 Oct 45 | 3 Yrs |
| **56th Air Engr Sq, 8089th Maint & Sup Gp (F)** | | | |
| S/Sgt (620) Leland G. Stone | RA38371158 | 22 Oct 45 | 3 Yrs |

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574th Air Mat'l Sq, 8089th Maint & Sup Gp (Prov)

S/Sgt (826) Charles E. Helsor RA13159728 9 Oct 45 3 Yrs

5. Fol EM, Race-W, AC, 93rd Bomb Sq, 19th Bomb Gp, is reld fr asgmt & dy thereto and trfd in gr to 315th Comp Wing, APO 929. EM WP o/a 2 Dec 47. TDN. TBMAA. PCS. Auth: FEAF Radio MX 37936 Pers-1 C, dtd 21 Nov 47, and Msgfm # 92, Hq 20th AF, dtd 22 Nov 47. EDCMR: 6 Dec 47.

Pfc (747D) William M. Lathrop RA1621824

6. CAPT (1093) WARREN D. BROCKMAN, 047048, AC, 30th Bomb Sq, 19th Bomb Gp is granted five (5) days ord lv on the island of Guam, eff o/a 29Dec 47. Auth: AR 600-115.

7. Under the prov of AAF Manual 35-0-1, 1ST LT (1024) WILLIAM J. STEINER, 01822071, AC, Co "B", 811th Engr Avn Bn is redesignated to the Primary MOS of 1337- Avn Engr Unit Off.

8. Fol EM, Race-W, AC, 28th Bomb Sq, 19th Bomb Gp, are placed on SD/w 1946th Engr Avn Util Co, 31st Air Sv Gp.

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| T/Sgt | (754) Albert T. Tyree | RA6986987 |
| S/Sgt | (612) William J. Bowman Jr | RA35226345 |
| Sgt | (747D)Franklin W. Bullock | RA15117558 |
| Pfc | (900) Richard C. Gaissert | RA12257350 |
| Pfc | (852) James A. Harrell | RA14228936 |
| Pfc | (611) John N. LaGrander | RA19253192 |
| Pfc | (747B)James R. Walters | RA18270778 |
| Pfc | (867) Harry J. Warren | RA17191695 |
| Pvt | (690) John W. Byers, Jr | RA19284730 |
| Pvt | (2756)Edwin F. Thunder | RA31144007 |

9. Pfc (188) Solomon Speat, RA34634294, AC, Co "B", 811th Engr Avn Bn, APO 334, is granted sixty (60) days ord lv eff o/a 2 Dec 47 with permission to visit Manial, Philippine Islands. Upon arr thereto EM will rpt to CO 813th Sv Det (Manila Casual Ctr) APO 900. Upon compl of lv EM will ret to prop sta, APO 334. Tvl will be [illegible] status on space available govt T. TDN. TBMAA. FAGWT. Auth: 5th Ind Hq 20th AF, dtd 1 Nov 47, & Par 3a (2) CINCFE Cir 50, dtd 8 May 47.

10. Fol EM, Race-W, AC, orgns indic, are placed on approx eight (8) wks DS to Tachikawa AAB, Honshu, Japan, APO 704 for the purp of attending Power Plant Spec (SSN 684) class, beginning 8 Dec 47, rptng time not later than 6 Dec 47. TBMAA. Class III Priority and necessary rail trans auth. Depart o/a 4 Dec 47. Upon compl of DS or unless sooner reld EM will ret to prop sta, APO 334. TDN. Auth: FEAF Reg 50-25, dtd 24 Oct 47, & Msgfm # 99, Hq 20th AF, dtd 24 Nov 47.

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| Cpl (747D) | Harold L. Williams | RA14146273 | 30th B. S. 19th B.G. |
| S/Sgt (750D) | Floyd Jones | RA38450791 | 30th B. S. 19th B.G. |
| Cpl (747D) | Oscar L DeVaney | RA19239837 | 28th B. S. 19th B.G. |
| Cpl (747D) | Albert E. Daniels | RA16158679 | 28th B. S. 19th B.G. |
| Pfc (747D) | Roger W. Holmes | RA11149636 | 28th B. S. 19th B.G. |
| Cpl (747D) | Allan W. Gregory | RA13248749 | 93rd B. S. 19th B.G. |
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| S/Sgt | (747C) | Frank E. Teel | RA38549027 |
| Sgt | (747D) | Walden H. Stuhr | RA19163114 |
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| Cpl | (747D) | James W. Johnson | RA13207519 |
| Pfc | (747D) | Billy S. Aultman | RA14239181 |
| Pfc | (747D) | Eugene M. Balthaser | RA13251443 |
| Pfc | (747D) | Robert L. Garner | RA18305000 |
| Pfc | (747D) | Abner B. Hart | RA14234221 |
| Pfc | (747D) | Nile H. Lienemann | RA17215458 |
| Pfc | (747D) | Donald G. Price | RA14245550 |
| Pfc | (747D) | George C. Smith | RA12260663 |
| Pfc | (747D) | Robert West | RA14222094 |
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| M/Sgt | (750D) | Marshall M. Bennett | RA6380387 |
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| Cpl | (747D) | Wilburn B. Brown | RA18211592 |
| Pfc | (747D) | Allen C. Wood | RA13239406 |
| Pfc | (747B) | Anthony J. Fluder Jr | RA16218301 |
| Cpl | (611) | Clifford B. Harward | RA14145322 |
| Cpl | (747D) | George W. Kobst | RA42210187 |
| Pfc | (747D) | Gilbert Lee | RA14236745 |
| Pfc | (747D) | George Sargis | RA16222104 |
| Pfc | (611) | Theodore C. Harris | RA35929449 |
| Pfc | (747D) | Elwyn E. Strong | RA19196901 |
| Cpl | (747D) | James M. Stewart | RA18147384 |
| Cpl | (747D) | Jerrold E. Lindberg | RA17186145 |
| Pfc | (747D) | Vernon J. Cuny | RA17173006 |
| Pfc | (747D) | James L. Marshall | RA15226720 |

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| Pfc | (747D) | Donald B.Steffens | RA16221848 |
| Pfc | (747D) | Jarvis M. Williams | RA14245537 |
| Pfc | (747D) | Glenn L. Swartz | RA13217757 |
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| Pfc | (747D) | Donald H. Demosky | RA16222258 |
| Cpl | (747D) | John E. Nance | RA13239518 |
| Cpl | (747D) | Michael J. Gabel | RA12244913 |
| Cpl | (747D) | Walter G. Beeker | RA14197816 |
| Cpl | (747D) | David V. Baxley | RA14226351 |
| Cpl | (747D) | Edgar L. Adams | RA14234078 |
| Cpl | (747D) | George Fenechi | RA13220119 |
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Hq & Base Sv Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp

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| Cpl | (555) | Felix U. Velasco | RA19283616 |
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56th Air Engr Sq, 8089th Maint & Sup Gp

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| | (747D) | John H. Lafreneire Jr | RA19258014 |
| Pfc | (555) | John B. Thompson | RA14226616 |
| Pfc | (555) | Vernon J. Reed | RA19197350 |
| Pfc | (555) | Halbert H. Pershing | RA15355367 |
| Pfc | (665) | Floyd R. McGinnis | RA19261722 |
| Pfc | (555) | James F. Linker | RA18146451 |
| Pfc | (555) | James W. Oliver | RA14211629 |
| Sgt | (555) | Otis E. Garrison | RA18153490 |
| Pfc | (555) | Corliss O. Mackey | RA15222204 |
| Pfc | (685) | Irwin F. Whitehurst Jr | RA13238934 |
| Cpl | (685) | Leroy Werts Jr | RA18175148 |
| Cpl | (886) | Mark H. Haase | RA19245639 |

574th Air Mat'l Sq, 8089th Maint & Sup Gp

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| T/Sgt | (826) | Lawrence F. Benton | RA18054702 |
| Cpl | (835) | Albert R. Haas | RA18146190 |
| Pfc | (835) | Charles R. Teck | RA38466154 |
| Cpl | (835) | Winfred N. Reichold | RA11031592 |
| Cpl | (835) | Ralph E. Hafner | RA15237634 |
| Cpl | (835) | L. B. Dockery | RA15207268 |
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A. ORIGINAL UNIT:

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2. Date of Organization: 11 May 1944
3. Place of Organization: Robbins Field, Georgia.
4. Authority for Organization: G.O. #83 Warner Robbins Air Service Command, Robbins Field, Georgia.
5. Sources from which personnel were obtained: 56th Air Service Group

B. CHANGES IN ORGANIZATION:

1. Negative

C. STRENGTH, COMMISSIONED AND ENLISTED:

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| 1. At beginning of period: | 22 | Officers | 206 | Enlisted Men |
| 2. Net increase for period: | 7 | Officers | 45 | Enlisted Men |
| 3. Net decrease for period: | | Officers | 141 | Enlisted Men |
| 4. At end of period: | 15 | Officers | | Enlisted Men |

D. AIRCRAFT:

1. At beginning of period: Negative
2. At end of period: Negative

E. STATIONS, CHANGES IN:

1. Negative

F. OPERATIONS, MISSIONS:

1. Negative

G. AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

1. Negative

B. Changes in Organization:

1. Asgd XXI Bomber Command 27 (A) Jan 45 per Sect II, GO #14, Hq XXI, dtd 27 Jan 45.
2. Reorganized per Sect V, GO #9, Hq 20th AF dtd 17 Jan 46.
3. Reorganized 28 Jun 46 per Sect I, GO #80, Hq 20th AF dtd 24 Jun 46, as amended by Sect I, GO #88 Hq 20th AF dtd 12 July 46.

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Vast improvement was made in the squadron area during the month of May and June, in keeping with the new base wide clean-up, paint-up policy. Work was started just before the four prefabricated barracks were given to the newly arrived 54th Weather Reconaisance Squadron (VLR). After the men of the 574th vacated the "pre-fabs", the remaining 13 quonset huts were speedily painted grey on the outside and white on the inside. Most of the painting was done with power spray guns, but a good deal of inside work had to be done with a brush. About the same time the painting was in progress. coral walk ways were laid throughtout the area. All large rocks were cleared out and weeds cut. A volley ball court was set up in front of one the quonsets.



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About this time, and in keeping with the general moral policy, the first three graders were assigned to dallas huts with about four to a hut. The 574th Squadron had four huts assigned to them counting the 1st Sgt's hut. Although there were several first three graders who preferred to remain in barracks, the move was generally appreciated.

It was on the 30th of June that the Base Air Corps Supply Officer, Captain Daniel P. Dee, in an attempt to improve the efficiency of base supply, started a supply school for the base supply personnel (574th squadron). Classes were held two afternoons a week and were to run for 9 weeks.

In the month of July, the squadron gained 6 officers and 8 enlisted men. Among the officers gained, was Major Charles H. Pritchard who was assigned the 1st of July to take command of the squadron, leaving Captain Skaggs to concentrate on base supply. Major Pritchard was instrumental in successfully initiating the squadron to the new routine of guard duty which was first held on 21 July 1947. It was the first guard duty that the presently assigned personnel had performed and much time and energy was expended to instruct the men in their general orders and the procedures required.

Meanwhile, Special Service was attempting to promote a softball league which would encourage a spirit of competition between the squadrons. The 574th had a good trun out and won a good share of their games despite the fact that their personnel were for the most part younger than the personnel of the other squadrons. It was difficult to arrange. however, as it was the policy of the base for some weeks back, to police and cut weeds around the places of work each Tuesday afternoon, and to police and cut weeds around the barracks area each Thrusday afternoon. In as much as each Friday afternoon was devoted to



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the Information & Education lecture, Monday and Wednesday afternoons were all that were open. To offset this tight schedule some what, the squadron conducted a free beer and coke party after each Thursday work detail; and though it did not help the athetic program, it did help moral during the several weeks that it was conducted. The refreshments of course were paid for by the Unit Fund.

On the 4th of September, 1947, Captain Howard W. Larsen, who had been working as Assistant Executive for Materiel, was directed to assume command of the squadron. One of his first duties was to draft up a new manning table. The purpose of the new draft was to exchange unnecessary Millitary Occupational Specialties for some that were more in demand at the present time. Also, certain of the MOSs demanded greater numbers than were currently authorized. In later months, this shortage was overcome to a degree by bulk alotments authorized the base.

Along with the personnel situation, considerable interest and action was also directed to the T/O & E property levels of the squadrons. An attempt was made to have all property on requisition or on hand. A general jacking up of requisitions had resulted in the squadron getting a good percentage of property in. Also, much of the worn out property such as flashlights had been turned in and serviceable property ordered.

The squadron mail room was finished during the Month of September and took of efficent operation under Cpl Leonard Leite and Pfc Joseph Healey. This project was delayed due to the fact that Cpl Leite was recouperating in the hospital for some weeks with a sprained ankle which he received in one of the soft ball games.

The first of October came without a typhoon, and those of the squadron who still remembered the typhoon that hit the Island about this time last year gave a brief sigh of relief. Meanwhile, the speed of activity on North Army Air Base Command was increasing. In spections were made a weekly routine in each organi-



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On 1 November 1947, the squadron participated in the review for General Griswold of the 20th Air Force. All men turned out with their best leather and brass. All in all, if was a fine showing, but in its background, was the forcast of maximum effort toward a fully operational base by the first of the new



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year. Another series of inspections was under way and each left its wake of red faces and renewed activity. Emphasis was of a more general nature than previously, but equally as persistant. Unforms were to be complete and in good condition. Full use was to be made of the new Phillippine barbers in the Post Exchange. A more serious attitude was to be attained toward assigned duties.

On 24 November, announcement was made to the squadron that property would be requisitioned on the basis of the old T/O & E 1-458R as officially changed. Local changes of T/O & E were cancelled. Requistions were immediately screened.

From about the middle of Novemeber throught the month of December, personnel began to take an interest in their AGCT score. Serveral of the enlisted men made application and took the test over again. Invariably, their new score was an improvement over the former score. The object of course was to permit more men to attend army schools which required a high score on the Army General Classification Test. The base I & E office was quick to see the potentiality of this proceedure and recommended that all those interested in raising their score attend a special course at the Guam Area School

Preparations for the Dhristmas season were started on the 23 of December. Special Services had provided a complete set of decorations and on Tuesday afternoon, the 23rd, several men assisted Pfc Jacob Ivy who was then manager of the EM Club, to decorate the tree which had been set up near the bar. The whole of the inside was decorated with colorful trappings and palm branches. Chrestmas Eve at the 574th Club was celebrated with a good spirit of festivity. Both Christmas Day and New Years Day were off duty and the men used them appropriately to recover from the previous evenings hilartity. For most of the men, it was their first Christmas out of the States, but for all, it was a time to forget little differences and and join with each other in the spirit of friendliness, and cheer, which was conceived so long ago.



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On the 4th of September, 1947, Captain Howard W. Larsen, who had been working as Assistant Executive for Materiel, was directed to assume command of the squadron. One of his first duties was to draft up a new manning table. The purpose of the new draft was to exchange unnecessary Millitary Occupational Specialties for some that were more in demand at the present time. Also, certain of the MOSs demanded greater numbers than were currently authorized. In later months, this shortage was overcome to a degree by bulk alotments authorized the base.

Along with the personnel situation, considerable interest and action was also directed to the T/O & E property levels of the squadrons. An attempt was made to have all property on requisition or on hand. A general jacking up of requisitions had resulted in the squadron getting a good percentage of property in. Also, much of the worn out property such as flashlights had been turned in and serviceable property ordered.

The squadron mail room was finished during the Month of September and took of efficent operation under Cpl Leonard Leite and Pfc Joseph Healey. This project was delayed due to the fact that Cpl Leite was recouperating in the hospital for some weeks with a sprained ankle which he received in one of the soft ball games.

The first of October came without a typhoon, and those of the squadron who still remembered the typhoon that hit the Island about this time last year gave a brief sigh of relief. Meanwhile, the speed of activity on North Army Air Base Command was increasing. In spections were made a weekly routine in each organi-

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zation on the base. There was the inspection party from 20th Air Force Headquarters, and from the Far Eastern Air Forces. Emphasis was placed on T/O & E Property and a general shot in the arm of supply was given as many of the "Bottle Necks", were investigated and speedily eleminated. October and November saw the men of the 574th spending long hours working at their respective tasks in base supply. Air Corps Supply especially made a strenuous drive to complete their requisitions and procurement, in an effort to get all planes in first class operational condition before the first of the year. In the meantime, the program throughtout the base turned from one of "clean-up and to one of beautification. All squadrons were encouraged to improve on their area and to construct athletic facilities and recreational center for the men. All scrap piles and refuse piles were removed and a special drive was directed to grass cutting. Grass which formally was allowed to grow to "weeds" would draw the attention of the Base Inspector. Gradually electric grass cutting devices came into service. These were actually nothing more than machetties fashioned onto the end of electric motors and fixed on wheels, A few lawn mowers were in use during this time, but they were privately owned. It was not until the latter part of December that Air Instalations procurred several lawn mowers for the general use of the base. The outlook of a base with freshly cut green grass insted of the previously tall weeds and bushes (boondocks) promised to be a pleasant one and all personnel of the squadron gave their support to make the 574th one of the most attractive areas.

On 1 November 1947, the squadron participated in the review for General Griswold of the 20th Air Force. All men turned out with their best leather and brass. All in all, if was a fine showing, but in its background, was the forecast of maximum effort toward a fully operational base by the first of the new



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year. Another series of inspections was under way and each left its wake of red faces and renewed activity. Emphasis was of a more general nature than previously, but equally as persistant. Uniforms were to be complete and in good condition. Full use was to be made of the new Phillippine barbers in the Post Exchange. A more serious attitude was to be attained toward assigned duties.

On 24 November, announcement was made to the squadron that property would be requisitioned on the basis of the old T/O & E 1-458R as officially changed. Local changes of T/O & E were cancelled. Requisitions were immediately screened.

From about the middle of Novemeber throught the month of December, personnel began to take an interest in their AGCT score. Serveral of the enlisted men made application and took the test over again. Invariably, their new score was an improvement over the former score. The object of course was to permit more men to attend army schools which required a high score on the Army General Classification Test. The base I & E office was quick to see the potentiality of this procedure and recommended that all those interested in raising their score attend a special course at the Guam Area School

Preparations for the Christmas season were started on the 23 of December. Special Services had provided a complete set of decorations and on Tuesday afternoon, the 23rd, several men assisted Pfc Jacob Ivy who was then manager of the EM Club, to decorate the tree which had been set up near the bar. The whole of the inside was decorated with colorful trappings and palm branches. Chrestmas Eve at the 574th Club was celebrated with a good spirit of festivity. Both Christmas Day and New Years Day were off duty and the men used them appropriately to recover from the previous evenings hilartity. For most of the men, it was their first Christmas out of the States, but for all, it was a time to forget little differences and and join with each other in the spirit of friendliness, and cheer, which was conceived so long ago.



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8089th MAINTENANCE AND SUPPLY GROUP
APO 334

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NUMBER 22)

28 November 1947

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A. ORIGINAL UNIT

1. Designation: 574th Air Materiel Squardron
2. Date of Organization: 11 May 1944
3. Place of Organization: Robins Field, Ga
4. Authority for Organization: G O 83 Warner Robbins Air Service Command, Robins Field Ga
5. Sources from which personnel was obtained: 564th Air Service Group

B. CHANGES IN ORGANIZATION

1. Negative

C. STRENGTH, COMMISSIONED AND ENLISTED:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | At beginning of period: | 14 Officers | 110 Enlisted Men |
| 2. | Net increase for month: | 3 Officers | |
| 3. | Net decrease for month: | | 9 Enlisted Men |
| 4. | At end of month: | 17 Officers | 101 Enlisted Men |

D. AIRCRAFT:

1. At beginning of period: None
2. At end of period: None

E. STATIONS, CHANGES IN:

1. Not applicable

F. OPERATIONS, MISSIONS:

1. Not applicable

G. AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

1. None

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A. Administration and personnel

1. Usual organization duties during the month of August 1947.

2. During the month, ther were fo r (4) Officers assigned to this organizatio.

3. Two (2) Officers was relieved assignment and duty during the month.

4. There were five (5) Enlisted men promoted to the grade of Corporal.

5. Our total losses during the month was three (3) Officers, and fourteen Enlisted men.

6. Our total gains for the month, were five (5) Officers , and three (3) Enlisted men.

7. There were two (2) men reclassified during the month.

8. During the month three (3) men returned from detatached service, and one (1) Enlisted man left for Japan on six (6) days ordinary leave.

9. Two men were sent to 22nd station hospial, one (1) Officer and One(1) EM was put on sick quaters.

10. During the month, men have been working in the squadron area reparing the quonsets, painting the orderly room and supply warehouse and general policing of the area.

11. The squadron softball team is competing with the north field softball team.

12. During the month the squadron the squadron had a free beer party in the squadron area.

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PERSONNEL ASSIGNMENT ORDERS )
NO 41 ) 6 August 1947.

1. M/Sgt (750-D) FORREST C. PALMER, RA20135833, AC, is reld fr asgmt & dy with Hq 19th Bomb Gp & transfd in gr to the 28th Bomb Sq, 19th Bomb Gp. EDCMR 8 August 1947.

2. M/Sgt (750-D) JOHN P. McGOFF, RA6780413, AC, 28th Bomb Sq, 19th Bomb Gp is reld fr asgmt & dy thereto & transfd in gr to Hq 19th Bomb Gp. EDCMR 8 August 1947.

3. Capt (4512) HOWARD W. LARSEN, 0665695, AC, having been asgd to the 19th Bomb Gp per Par 2 SO 103 Hq Marianas Air Materiel Area (Prov), APO 264 (Prov), dtd 4 Aug 1947 is fur asgd to the 574th Air Materiel Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp. EDCMR 8 August 1947.

4. Capt (4823) FLOYD E. DIXON, JR, 0565201, AC, having been asgd to 19th Bomb Gp per Par 2 SO 103 Hq Marianas Air Materiel Area (Prov), APO 264, dtd 4 Aug 47, is fur asgd to 30th Bomb Sq, 19th Bomb Gp. EDCMR 8 August 1947.

5. Capt (4805) BERNARDO J. PROCOPIO, 0753243, AC, having been asgd to 19th Bomb Gp per Par 2 SO 103 Hq Marianas Air Materiel Area (Prov) dtd 4 August 1947, is fur asgd to Hq & Base Sv Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp for SD with the 8086th Transportation Sq (Prov). EDCMR 8 August 1947.

6. 1st Lt (1051) THANIEL A. BELL, 0842253, AC, having been asgd to 19th Bomb Gp per Par 2 SO 103, Hq Marianas Air Materiel Area (Prov) dtd 4 August 1947, is fur asgd to Hq & Base Sv Sq, 31st Air Service Gp. EDCMR 8 Aug 47.

7. 1st Lt (2554) CHARLES W. SWINDELL, 041168, AC is reld fr dy & asgmt to Hq & Base Sv Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp, & transfd to the 28th Bomb Sq, 19th Bomb Gp. EDCMR 8 Aug 47.

8. 1st Lt (4822) CLIFFORD V. MORRIS, 0872663, AC, is reld fr asgmt with the 56th Air Eng Sq, NAABC (Prov) & SD with the 8085th Shop Sq (Prov) & transfd to the 93d Bomb Sq, 19th Bomb Gp. EDCMR 8 August 1947.



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9. Fol EM AC having been asgd to 19th Bomb Gp fr Hq 20th AF APO 234, per Par 6 SO 184 Hq 20th AF dtd 2 Aug 47, are fur asgd to orgns indic. EDCMR 8 August 1947.

93d Bomb Sq, 19th Bomb Gp
M/Sgt (750-D) Jack E. Holland, RA34098234
S/Sgt (750-D) Marion A. Nelson, RA14104932
S/Sgt (750-D) Richard A. Goldsmith, RA12022478.

28th Bomb Sq, 19th Bomb Gp
M/Sgt (750-D) Norman J. Kingston, RA6554653

30th Bomb Sq, 19th Bomb Gp
M/Sgt (750-D) Dennis G. Laverty, RA6908062.

56th Air Eng Sq (NAABC) (Prov)
SD 8085th Shop Sq (P)
Pfc (683) Billy N. Jones, RA18269782
Pfc (960) Philip S. Kahn, RA12245512
Pfc (683) Frank H. Kovacs, RA12274482

Hq & Base Sv Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp
M/Sgt (673) Ray C. Talley, RA18020514
S/Sgt (673) Ralph Sanders, RA34010747

10. Pfc (861) MYLES STANDISH, JR, RA11155765, AC, having been asgd to 19th Bomb Gp fr Hq 20th AF APO 234, per par 8 SO 184 Hq 20th AF dtd 2 August 1947, is fur asgd to Hq & Base Svc Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp. EDCMR 8 August 1947.

11. Sgt (1685) HARVEY E. PECKENSCHNEIDER, RA37668345; AC, having been asgd to 19th Bomb Gp fr Hq 20th AF APO 234, per Par 1 SO 183, Hq 20th AF dtd 1 Aug 1947, is fur asgd to the 93d Bomb Sq, 19th Bomb Gp. EDCMR 8 August 1947.

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3. Capt (4823) FLOYD E DIXON, 0565201, AC, 30th Bomb Sq, 19th Bomb Gp, is reld fr dy & asgmt thereto & transfd to the 574th Air Materiel Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp. EDCMR 15 August 1947.

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22. 1st Lt (1034) LEE O LEONARD, 02064280, AC, 30th Bomb Sq, 19 Bomb Gp, is reld fr dy & asgmt thereto & transfd to the 574th Air Materiel Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp. EDCMR 14 August 1947.

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3. Capt (1093) JOHN O McELVEY II, 026878, AC, 574th Air Materiel Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp, is reld fr dy & asgmt ther thereto & transfd to the 28th Bomb Sq, 19 Bomb Gp. EDCMR 18 August 1947.

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NO 1 ) 27 August 1947.

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3. 1st Lt (4400) VERNON E ELKINS, 01691494, SC, 574th Air Materiel Sq, 8089th Maint & Sup Gp, is reld fr dy & asgmt thereto & asgd to Hq & Base Sv Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp. EDCMR 1 September 1947.

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9. Capt (1093) DANIEL P LEE, 026684, AC, 574th Air Materiel Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp, is reld fr asgmt & dy thereto & transfd to the 28th Bomb Sq, 19th Bomb Gp. EDCMR 14 Aug 47

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2. Capt (1093) DANIEL P LEE, 026684, AC, 28th Bomb Sq, 19 Bomb Gp, is reld fr dy & assgmt thereto & transfd to the 574th Air Materiel Sq, 31 Air Sv Gp. EDCMR 18 August 1947.

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1. Designation: 574th Air Materiel Squadron
2. Date of Organization: 11 May 1944
3. Place of Organization: Robins Field, Ga
4. Authority for Organization: G O 83 Warner Robbins Air Service Command, Robins Field, GA
5. Sources from which personnel was obtained: 56th Air Service Group

B. CHANGES IN ORGANIZATION

1. Negative

C. STRENGTH, COMMISSIONED AND ENLISTED:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | At beginning of period: | 8 Officers | 104 Enlisted Men |
| 2. | Net increase for month: | 6 Officers | 8 Enlisted Men |
| 3. | Net decrease for month: | | |
| 4. | At end of month: | 14 Officers | 112 Enlisted Men |

D. AIRCRAFT:

1. At beginning of period: None
2. At end of period; None

E. STATIONS, CHANGES IN:

1. Not applicable

F. OPERATIONS, MISSIONS:

1. Not applicable

G. AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

1. None

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A. Administration and Personnel

1. Usual organizational duties during the month of July 1947.

2. During the month, there were seven (7) officers assigned to this organization.

3. One (1) officer was relieved assignment and duty during the month.

4. There were fourteen (14) Enlisted Men promoted to the following grades: eight (8) men promoted to the grade of Private First Class; four (4) men promoted to the grade of Corporal; and two (2) men promoted to the grade of Sergeant.

5. Our total loss during the month was seventeen (17) Enlisted Men, and one (1) Officer.

6. Our total gains for the month were six (6) Officers, and eight (8) Enlisted Men.

7. There were five (5) men reclassified during the month.

8. During the month two (2) men returned from Detached Service, and one (1) returned from ordinary leave to Japan.

9, One (1) officer was given a thirty (30) day emergency leave to the United States.

10, Two (2) men were sent to 22nd Station Hospital, both having returned to duty. One (1) man was placed sick in quarters.

11. During this month, Major Pritchard was assigned to this organization and assumed command of the squadron. He also accepted appointment as Lt Colonel in the Air Reserve Corps.

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12. All men were present at the Physical Inspection for the month of July 1947, with the exception of those on Detached Service and Temporary Duty.

13. During the month, men have been working in the squadron area repairing and painting the Mail Room, latrines, shower rooms, and quonset huts.

14. A squadron softball team has been organized and will compete in the North Field softball league.

15. During the month the squadron had a free beer party at the 574th Enlisted Men's Club.

16. The squadron had Guard Duty from 21 July through 24 July 1947.

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PERSONNEL ASSIGNMENT ORDERS
NUMBER 14

3 Jul 47

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3. CAPT (1093) RANDOLPH H ANDREWS, 026686, AC, is reld asgmt & dy 574th Air Mat'l Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp and trfd ti 30th Bomb Sq, 19th Bomb Gp. EDCMR: 3 Jul 47.

4. 1ST LT (1035) GEORGE W MELCHING, 02099481, AC, is reld asgmt & dy 30th Bomb Sq, 19th Bomb Gp and trfd to 574th Air Mat'l Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp. EDCMR: 3 Jul 47.

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Eugene F. Callaghan

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4. MAJ (2136) CHARLES H PRITCHARD, 0282599, AC, is reld asmt & dy Hq 19th Bomb Gp and trfd to 574th Air Mat'l Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp. EDCMR: 1 Jul 47.

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8. Capt (4512) George A Hart, 01550185, AC, having been assgd to Hq 19th Bomb Gp per par 4, SO 171, Hq 20th AF dtd 17 Jul 47, is fur assgd to 574th Air Materiel Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp. EDCMP 25 July 1947.

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NUMBER 30) 23 July 1947

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5. Fol named AC Officers having been assgd to Hq 19th Bomb Gp per par 1 SO 176, Hq 20th AF dtd 23 Jul 47, are fur assgd to orgns indic. EDCMR 25 Jul 47.

574th Air Mat Sq, 21st ASG
2d Lt (1034) William J Castro 02100072

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BY ORDER OF COLONEL WADE:

OFFICIAL:

/s/J T LITTLE
/t/J T LITTLE
Major, AC
A-1

J T LITTLE
Major, A C
A-1

A TRUE EXTRACT COPY:

ROBERT H KUHL
1st Lt, AC
Adj, 574th AMS

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NUMBER 29: 22 July 1947

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7. 1st Lt (1034) Elwyn W Spencer, 02086938, AC, having been asgd to Hq 19th Bomb Gp per par 6 SO 171, Hq 20th AF dtd 17 Jul 47, is fur asgd to 574th Air Materiel Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp. EDCMR 23 July 1947.

11. Capt (7130) Charles W Warmack, 038063, AC having been asgd to Hq 19th Bomb Gp per par 1 SO 91, Hq Marianas Air Materiel Area (Prov), APO 264, dtd 18 July 1947, is fur asgd to 574th Air Materiel Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp. EDCMR 23 July 1947.

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BY ORDER OF COLONEL WADE:

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A TRUE EXTRACT COPY:

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ROBERT H KUNZ
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PERSONNEL ASSIGNMENT ORDERS:
NUMBER 24: 16 Jul 47

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5. The fol named Officers having been asgd to Hq 19th Bomb Gp per par 17 SO 167, Hq 20th AF, dtd 12 Jul 1947, are furt asgd and placed on 3D to orgns indic. EDCMR 16 Jul 47.

574th Air Materiel Sq, 31st ASG

1ST Lt (1092) Carl N Cederholm, 0837756

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BY ORDER OF COLONEL WADE:

J T LITTLE
Major, AC
A-1

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574TH AIR MATERIEL SQUADRON
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NARRATIVE HISTORY FOR PERIOD

1 June 1947 to 30 June 1947

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NARRATIVE

A. ORIGINAL UNIT

1. Designation: 574th Air Materiel Squadron
2. Date of Organization: 11 May 1944
3. Place of Organization: Robins Field, Ga
4. Authority for Organization: G O 83 Warner Robbins Air Service Command, Robins Field, Ga
5. Sources from which personnel was obtained: 56th Air Service Group

B. CHANGES IN ORGANIZATION

1. Negative

C. STRENGTH, COMMISSIONED AND ENLISTED:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | At beginning of period: | 7 Officers | 157 EM |
| 2. | Net increase for month: | 1 Officers | |
| 3. | Net decrease for month: | | 53 EM |
| 4. | At end of month: | 8 Officers | 104 EM |

D. AIRCRAFT:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | At beginning of period: | None |
| 2. | At end of period: | None |

E. STATIONS, CHANGES IN:

1. Not applicable

F. OPERATIONS, MISSIONS:

1. Not applicable

G. AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

1. None

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A. Administration and Personnel

1. Usual organizational duties performed during the month of June 1947.

2. During the month, there were Two (2) Officers assigned to this organization.

3. One (1) Officer was relieved assignment and duty during the month.

4. There were five (5) Enlisted Men promoted to the following grades in the month of June 1947: Four (4) men promoted to grade of Sergeant; One man promoted to grade of Corporal.

5. Our total loss during the month was seventy-one (71) Enlisted Men, and one (1) Officer. These losses were mainly due to the transfer to the 4th Mess and Motor Pool personnel.

6. Our total gains for the month were two (2) Officers, and eighteen (18) Enlisted Men.

7. There were six (6) men reclassified during the month.

8. During the month, one (1) man returned from Detached Service, and one (1) man returned from Ordinary Leave to the United States.

9. Two (2) men were granted Local Leaves, both of whom have returned to duty. One (1) man was given a six (6) day rest leave to Japan.

10. Two men were sent to 22nd Station Hospital; one having returned, the other transferred to the United States. Two (2) men were placed on sick in quarters. Both of them are now back to duty.

11. The 574th Air Materiel Squadron received an Excellent rating on the Air Inspector's monthly inspection.



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12. The Physical Inspection was held 28 May 1947. All men with the the exception of Mess Personnel and those on TDY and DS were present. Mess Personnel have regular Physical Inspections at the Base Dispensary.

13. All prefabricated buildings have been evacuated by the 574th personnel. These barracks will be used by the men of the Weather Squadron.

14. Some of the First Three Graders have moved in the Dallas huts assigned to the 574th Air Materiel Squadron.

15. During the month, men have been working in the Squadron Area. New walks have been made, all barracks and quonsets have been painted, and general clean-up of the area is worthy of notice.

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SPECIAL ORDERS
NUMBER 119

27 May 47

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8. 1ST LT (1035) JAMES E BROOK, 0788628, AC, is reld asgmt & dy Hq 19th Bomb Gp and trfd to 56th Air Engr Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp. No T invol. PCS. EDCIR: 1 Jun 47.

9. CAPT (1093) RANDOLPH H ANDREWS, 026686, AC, is reld asgmt & dy 30th Bomb Sq, 19th Bomb Gp and trfd to 574th Air Int'l Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp. No T invol. PCS. EDCIR: 1 Jun 47.

10. CAPT (2136) JAMES R LIPARI, 0674690, AC, Hq 19th Bomb Gp is awarded the primary MOS of (6402) Statistical Control Officer.

11. CAPT (1093) WILLIAM J HUMM, 026861, AC, Hq & Base Sv Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp is awarded the primary MOS of (2161) Operations Officer, Air Forces.

12. Under the provisions of par 13, AR 210-10, CAPT RALPH L RHODES, 002667, 614th Air Engr Sq, APO 182 is reld asgd public qrs #43 at Interim Housing Area, North Army Air Base Command (Prov), eff 28 May 47.

13. Under the provisions of par 13, AR 210-10, CAPT MADFORD C CALKINS, 039393, AC, 20th Ftr SQ, APO 182, is reld asgd public qrs #22 at Interim Housing Area, North Army Air Base Command (Prov), eff 26 May 47.

14. VOCO, dtd 4 Apr 47, Hq North Army Air Base Command (Prov), assigning the fol EM public qrs at Interim Housing Area, North Army Air Base Command (Prov), APO 334, under the provisions of par 13, AR 210-10 is hereby confirmed and made a matter of record.

S/Sgt (826) John J Stevens RA37360703 4th ERS, APO 182 Asgd Qrs #113

15. Under the provisions of par 13, AR 210-10, S/Sgt (826) John J Stevens, RA37360703, AC, 4th ERS, APO 182, is reld asgd public qrs #113 at Interim Housing Area, North Army Air Base Command (Prov), eff 9 May 47.

16. M/Sgt (750) Albert L Gaede, RA6668046, AC, Hq 19th Bomb Gp is granted twenty five (25) days ordinary leave on the Island of Guam, eff o/a 2 Jun 47. AUTH: AR 600-115, 1946, & 20th AF Reg 35-11, dtd 1 Apr 47.

17. S/Sgt (835) William E Reaves, RA6275809, AC, 574th Air Int'l Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp is authorized to ration separately from his orgnization, eff 27 May 47.

18. Fol EM, Race-W, AC, orgns indic, are placed on Special Duty to 4th Mess Sq (Prov). No T invol.

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| Pfc (2756) Morgan H Clegg | RA44126677 | 30th Bomb Sq, 19th Bomb Gp |
| Pvt (060) Leyane H Alcox | RA16222296 | Hq & Base Sv Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp |

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BY ORDER OF COLONEL WADE:

OFFICIAL:

LONNIE Q WESTMORELAND
Capt., Air Corps
Adjutant

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SO 44, Hq 31st ASG, dtd 1 Jun 47 cont'd.

2. CAPT (1098) DANIEL P. LYNN, 020684, AC, is reld asmt & dy 56th Air Base Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp and trfd to 574th Air Natl Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp. No T invol. EDN. PCS. EDCIR: 1 June 47.

3. Under the prov of AR 35-1490 & AAF Reg 35-29 as amended, Cpl (747-D) Albert C Forsythe, RA13052272, AC, Hq & Base Sq Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp, is placed on duty requiring Regular and Frequent Aerial Flights, eff this date, until prop reld.

BY ORDER OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL SIGGINS:

LAURENCE L. CLAYTON, JR
Capt., Air Corps
Adjutant

OFFICIAL:

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Capt., Air Corps
Adjutant



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1 June 1947

SPECIAL ORDERS
NUMBER 44

1. Upon recommendation of their immediate CO's & under prov of AR 615-5, as amended, Col EM, AC, arms indic, are promoted to grades indic:

H & BASE SV SQ, 31ST AIR SV GP

TO SF STAFF SERGEANT (T/UE)

S-t (301) Franklin Coleman RA15027739

TO SF SERGEANT (T/UE)

Cpl (055) Charles F Cooper RA33899568 Cpl (060) Billy L Cooper RA38799142
Cpl (102) Ingelton Revelle RA14217177 Cpl (030) Luther T Bobley RA38788169
Cpl (875) Kenneth G Scott RA46035207 Cpl (017) Thomas A Podcornak RA46044907
Cpl (027) Richard Wolman RA15129660

TO SF CORPORAL (T/UE)

Pfc (522) Joel D Hodge RA14210122 Pfc (677) Frank J Kiely RA32420241
Pfc (835) Cecil A Davis RA41166307 Pfc (035) William Cunningham RA11148301
Pfc (056) James L Taylor RA15009217 Pfc (056) Garnett Cleveland RA14144481
Pfc (056) Wilford L Goodwin RA10246145 Pfc (003) Marvin F Falls RA46072645

TO EM (WOMAN) FIRST CLASS (T/UE)

Pvt (500) Harry B Davis RA31403649 Pvt (677) Edmund McClintock RA14066537
Pvt (677) Don C Shannon RA19248568 Pvt (677) William B Wilson RA14214080

56TH AIR TRANS SQ, 31ST AIR SV GP

TO SF STAFF SERGEANT (T/UE)

S-t (821) John I Baker RA6388714

TO SF SERGEANT (T/UE)

Cpl (134) Grady E Ivy RA14187928 Cpl (055) Charles R Haley RA21501786
Cpl (052) Robert F Irwin RA39495045 Cpl (606) William T Porter RA14693102

TO SF CORPORAL (T/UE)

Pfc (014) James C Baker RA14068212 Pfc (134) Clarence Carter RA15237457
Pfc (887) Paul Terango RA31210058 Pfc (137) Charles S Driggers RA14087458
Pfc (095) Gum T Joo RA39563231 Pfc (060) Alexander Zebubic RA12271586
Pfc (144) Ludovic Mora Jr RA38743011 Pfc (747-T) Otis Martinez RA19210607

TO PV2 (T/UE) FIRST CLASS (T/UE)

Pvt (821) Arline R Johnson RA17173052 Pvt (114) Milton D Nelson RA15246936

574TH AIR TRANS SQ, 31ST AIR SV GP

TO SF SERGEANT (T/UE)

Cpl (835) Celestino Jalifi RA38765401 Cpl (060) Patrick Tierney RA43046163
Cpl (835) Robert Crawford RA13214038 Cpl (835) James Stephens RA37826317

TO SF CORPORAL (T/UE)

Pfc (062) Charles R Bowers RA14211201



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SO 44, Hq 31st ASG, dtd 1 Jun 47 cont'd.

2. CAPT (1098) DANIEL P. LEE, 020684, AC, is reld asmt & dy 56th Air Base Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp and trfd to 574th Air Battl Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp. No T involv. EDM. POS. EDCOR: 1 June 47.

3. Under the prov of AR 35-1480 & AAF Reg 35-29 as amended, Cpl (747-D) Albert C Forsythe, RA13052272, AC, Hq & Base Sv Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp, is placed on duty requiring Regular and Frequent Aerial Flights, eff this date, until prop reld.

BY ORDER OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL SIGWIN:

LAURENCE L. CLAYTON, JR.
Capt., Air Corps
Adjutant

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Capt., Air Corps
Adjutant



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SPECIAL ORDERS
NUMBER 47

9 June 1947

1. Fol Off, Race-W, AC, orgns indic, are reld asgmt & dy thereto and trfd to Hq & Base Sv Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp. No T invol. EDCMR: 9 June 1947.

56TH AIR ENGR SQ, 31ST AIR SV GP

1ST LT (1035) JAMES E BROCK 0788628
1ST LT (1093) MALCOLM R CUFFEL 0748563

574TH AIR MAT'L SQ, 31ST AIR SV GP

1ST LT (1035) JAMES J CASS 02098822

2. Fol EM, Race-W, AC, orgn indic, are reld asgmt & dy thereto and trfd in gr to Hq & Base Sv Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp and placed on SD to 312th Air Install Sq (P). C.F.T. TDN. PCS. EDCMR: 9 June 1947.

56TH AIR ENGR SQ, 31ST AIR SV GP

S/Sgt (573) Don E Burnett RA34189096
Sgt (911) Lloyd O Kirtley RA36003524
Pfc (01A) Dewey H Herring RA18246029

3. Fol EM, Race-W, AC, orgn indic, are reld asgmt & dy thereto and trfd in gr to Hq & Base Sv Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp and placed on SD to 310th Trans Sq (P). C.F.T. TDN. PCS. EDCMR: 9 June 1947.

56TH AIR ENGR SQ, 31ST AIR SV GP

T/Sgt (932) Francis P Mackrell RA20301736
Cpl (965) Dert D Hanna RA15203595
Pfc (521) Lanwood R Straughn RA41159019
Pfc (932) James O King RA15222642
Pfc (001) Billie L Copeland RA18246064
Pvt (521) Marshall E Tanksley RA16324403
Pfc (533) Richard F Hurley RA19240034
Pvt (522) Henry E Peluaga RA39949384
Pfc (521) Robert E Bryant RA13203724
Pvt (911) Patrick F Best RA12113519
Pvt (521) Donald E Giannone RA19254575

4. Pfc (590) Carl A Sandberg, RA13201541, AC, is reld asgmt & dy Hq & Base Sv Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp and SD to 4th Mess Sq (P) and trfd in gr to 56th Air Engr Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp. C.F.T. TDN. PCS. EDCMR: 9 June 1947.

5. So much of par 1, SO 45, this Hq cs as pertains to Pfc (359) James A Kline, RA13221892, 56th Air Engr Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp is deleted.

BY ORDER OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL SIGHTS:

LAWRENCE L. CLAYTON, JR
Capt., Air Corps
Adjutant

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Lawrence L. Clayton Jr.
LAWRENCE L. CLAYTON, JR
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NARRATIVE HISTORY FOR PERIOD

1 May 1947 to 31 May 1947

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A. ORIGINAL UNIT

1. Designation: 574th Air Materiel Squadron
2. Date of Organization: 11 May 1944
3. Place of Organization: Robins Field, Ga
4. Authority for Organization: G O 83 Warner Robbins Air Service Command, Robins Field, Ga
5. Sources from which personnel was obtained: 56th Air Service Group

B. CHANGES IN ORGANIZATION

1. Negative

C. STRENGTH, COMMISSIONED AND ENLISTED:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | At beginning of period: | 9 Officers | 105 EM |
| 2. | Net increase for month: | | 52 EM |
| 3. | Net decrease for month: | 2 Officers | |
| 4. | At end of month: | 7 Officers | 157 EM |

D. AIRCRAFT

1. At beginning of period: None
2. At end of period: None

E. STATIONS, CHANGES IN

1. Not applicable

F. OPERATIONS, MISSIONS

1. Not Applicable

G. AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

1. None

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A. Administration and Personnel

1. Usual organizational duties performed during the month of April 1947.

2. There were four (4) officers released from assignment and duty from this organization during the month of May 1947.

3. There were two (2) officers assigned to this organization during the month of May 1947.

4. During the month, Capt JES E S SKAGGS Jr was appointed Base Accountable Officer, Executive for Materiel, and assumed command of 574th AMS, vice Capt SEYMOUR E LATHAM.

5. There were ten (10 ) Enlisted Men promoted during the month of May 1947 to the following grades: Four (4) Enlisted Men promoted to grade of Sergeant, one (1) man promoted to grade of Corporal, and three (3) Enlisted Men promoted to Private First Class.

6. During the period 1 May 1947 to 31 May 1947, our total loss was (17) Enlisted Men.

7. Our gains for the month were (68) Enlisted Men.

8. There were (20) Enlisted Men reclassified during the month.

9. During the period, (4) men were placed on Detached Service. At a later date, (6) men returned from Detached Service.

10. One Private First Class was given an emergency leave, and one (1) Sergeant was given an ordinary leave. One (1) Staff Sergeant returned from Ordinary furlough.

11. Five (5) Enlisted Men were relieved from Special Duty to 4th Mess. One (1) man was placed on Special Duty to 4th Mess.

12. There were two (2) Enlisted Men placed on Sick in Quarters, both of whom have returned to duty.

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13. The Physical Inspection for the month was held on 28 May 1947. All men except Mess Personnel and those on TDY or DS were present. Mess Personnel have Physical Inspections at the Base Dispensary.

14. A Clothing and Equipment Inspection was held on 26 May 1947. All shortages will be acquired from Quartermaster as soon as possible.

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SPECIAL ORDERS
NUMBER 115

22 May 47

E X T R A C T

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5. 1ST LT (0200) LEO H GULLEY, 0861407, AC, is reld asgmt & dy 574th Air Ftl Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp and trfd to Hq, 24th Air Depot, APO 264. Off IP o/a 23 May 47. EDCIR: 25 May 47. CIT. TDN. POE.

9. Confirming VCCO, dtd 22 May 47, so much of par 12 SO 99, this Hq as pertaining to 1ST LT (4402) LEO H GULLEY, 0861407, AC, 574th Air Ftl Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp as reads: TDY for a period of approx seven (7) days is amended to read: TDY for a period of approx eleven (11) days.

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BY ORDER OF COLONEL WEBB:

LONNIE Q WESTMORELAND
Capt., Air Corps
Adjutant

OFFICIAL:

Lonnie Q. Westmoreland

LONNIE Q. WESTMORELAND
Capt., Air Corps
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SPECIAL ORDERS
NUMBER 99

3 May 47

E X T R A C T

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5. CAPT (1093) GEORGE A BROWN, 026706, AC, 24th Bomb Sq, 19th Bomb Gp is aptd Base Post Exchange Off (AD) vice CAPT (1051) [illegible] H [illegible], AC, Hq & Base Sv Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp reld.

6. CAPT (0101) THOMAS H ABNEY, 033443, AC, is reld asgmt & dy Hq & Base Sv Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp and trfd to Hq 19th Bomb Gp. No T invol. PCS. EDCIR: 5 May 47.

7. CAPT (0101) THOMAS H ABNEY, 033443, AC, Hq 19th Bomb Gp is aptd Co[illegible] & Boards Off (AD) vice CAPT (1034) WILLIAM R PEARSON, 0362365, AC, Hq 19th [illegible] Gp reld.

8. 1ST LT (0902) LOUIS L PFEFFER, 0439851, AC, is reld asgmt & dy Hq 19[illegible] Bomb Gp and trfd to Hq & Base Sv Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp. No T invol. PCS. EDCIR: 5 May 47.

9. CAPT (1051) JESSE S SKAGGS, 0724637, AC, 574th Air Mat'l Sq, 31st [illegible] Sv Gp is aptd Executive for Material (AD) vice CAPT (4000) SEYMOUR E LATHAM, 040995, AC, 574th Air Mat'l Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp reld.

10. 2ND LT (1051) NATHAN L GILES, 0842405, AC, is reld asgmt & dy 93rd Bomb Sq, 19th Bomb Gp and trfd to Hq & Hq Sq, 20th AF, APO 234. Off MP o/a 6 May 47. GNT. TDN. PCS. EDCIR: 6 May 47.

11 Par 4, SO 99, this Hq is revoked.

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BY ORDER OF COLONEL WADE:

LOUIS F OLIVERI
Major, Air Corps
Adjutant

OFFICIAL:

Louis F Oliveri

LOUIS F OLIVERI
Major, Air Corps
Adjutant

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NORTH ARMY AIR BASE COMMAND (PROV)
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SPECIAL ORDERS
NUMBER 100

5 May 47

E X T R A C T

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1. Confirming VOCO, dtd 29 Apr 47, under the provisions of par 13, AR 210-10, the fol OFF, AC, deceased, are reld asgd public qrs no's indic at Interim Housing Area, North Army Air Base Command (Prov).

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| MAJ | WILCOX G NOYES | Qrs #94 |
| CAPT | QUINTIN B JACKSON | Qrs #30 |
| 1LT | LT JOHN P FLIGHT JR | Qrs #39 |
| 1LT | LT KEITH L GREEN | Qrs #103 |

2. Under the provisions of par 13, AR 210-10, CAPT (4000) SEYMOUR E LEVY 040\$\$5, AC, 574th Air Nat'l Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp, is reld asgd public qrs #6 at Interim Housing Area, North Army Air Base Command (Prov), eff 5 May 47.

3. CAPT (1093) LAWRENCE L CLAYTON,JR, C2[illegible], AC, is reld asgmt & dy 30th Bomb Sq, 19th Bomb Gp and trfd to Hq & Base Sv Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp. No T/O [illegible] POS. AEDIR: 7 May 47.

4. So much of par 7 SO 95, this Hq cs as pertains to CAPT (1051) JESSE S SKAGGS, 0724837, as reads: is reld asgmt & dy 30th Bomb Sq, 19th Bomb Gp and trfd to 574th Air Nat'l Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp is amended to read: is reld asgmt & dy 30th Bomb Sq, 19th Bomb Gp and trfd to 574th Air Nat'l Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp for purpose of assuming command.

5. So much of par 9 SO 95, this Hq cs as pertains to MAJ (4023) FREDERICK WELCH, 0792413, as reads: is reld asgmt & dy Hq 19th Bomb Gp and trfd to 56th Air Engr Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp is amended to read: is reld asgmt & dy Hq 19th Bomb Gp and trfd to 56th Air Engr Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp for purpose of assuming comd.

6. So much of par 3 SO 96, this Hq cs as pertains to T/5 (359) Clarence Smith*, RA45021700, AC, Co "A", 611th Engr Avn Bn is deleted.

*-Denotes Negro Enlisted Man

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4. CAPT (1051) JESSE S SKAGGS, 0724837, AC, 574th Air Mat'l Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp is aptd Base Accountable Off (AD) vice CAPT (4000) SEYMOUR E LATH 0440995, AC, 574th Air Mat'l Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp reld, eff 1 May 47.

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1 May 47

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9. Fol Off, Race-W, AC, (AAF), orgnaindic, is reld asgnt & dy thereto and atchd unasgd and o/a 8 May 47 WP HARDO Pers Ctr & Casual Depot APO 244, via first available govt water transportation for further processing and for rot to ZI for the purpose of reasgnt under the provisions of WD Cir 272, 1946 Off is to be reasgd to 3543 AAF BU, San Antonio, Texas. Off will insure that all part records are checked and forwarded. Off will notify correspondents and publishers to discontinue the mailing of ltrs and publications until informed of new address. Baggage insp in accordance with WD Ltr AG 52[illegible], 13 [illegible] 45, CM-S-D-M subj: "Processing of Baggage", 23 [illegible] 45 as amended by WD Ltr [illegible] 524, 20 Feb 46, CM-S-D-E-SPHOT-M subj: "Processing of Baggage" (Sec IV) 7 [illegible] 46. Personal baggage allowances for the fol named Off on water transportation to the ZI or between major commands will be those as auth in Cir 17, GHQ, FEC, 13 Feb 47. Current WD directives stipulating personnel baggage allowances will apply after arrival at POD in the US. TDN. POS. 701-31 P431-0203 A2170425 S99-999 L413. AUTH: WD WAD WCL 38487; FEAF FAD M 21662 Pers-L, & WD Cir 272, 1946. EDCIR: 11 MAY 47.

CAPT (4000) SEYMOUR E LATHAM 040995 574th Air Instl Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp

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SPECIAL ORDERS
NUMBER 98

2 May 47

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4. Fol EM, Race-W, AC, orgns indic, are reld asgmt & dy thereto and ord unasgd & o/a 5 May 47 WP 97370 Pers Ctr & Casual Depot APO 244, via first avail able govt air transportation for further processing and for rot to ZI for the purpose of disch from the sv under the provisions of WD MLD WX 85018. CO of EM will insure that all port records are checked and forwarded. EM will notify correspondents and publishers to discontinue the mailing of ltrs and publications until informed of new address. Baggage insp in accordance with WD Ltr AG 524. 13 Aug 45, OPD-D-M subj: "Processing of Baggage", 23 Aug 45 as amended by WD Ltr AG 524, 20 Feb 46, OPD-S-D-E-SPMT-M subj: "Processing of Baggage" (Sec IV) 7 Mar 46. TDN. POE. 701-52 P 431-02 A2170425 899-999 M13. AUTH: WD MLD WX 85018. EDCIA: 5 May 47.

Hq 19th Bomb Gp

Pfc (747-D) Nelson M Milcox RA14221306
Pfc (754) Darwin R Thanos RA16270074

5. So much of par 9 SO 97, this Hq cs as pertains to C.I.T (4000) ELKHOUN E LAMMAM, 040995, AC, 574th Air Mat'l Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp, as reads: Off is to be reasgd to 3543 AAF BU, San Antonio, Texas, is amended to read: Off is auth a sixty (60) day delay enroute prior to reasgmt to 3543 AAF BU, San Antonio, Texas.

6. S/Sgt (AC) Paul J Groth, RA31157515, AC, 56th Air Engr Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp is granted ten (10) days ordinary leave on the Island of Guam, off o/a 2 May 47. AUTH: AR 600-115 and 20th AF Msgfm 34, dtd 10 Sep 46.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
The Adjutant General's Office
Washington 25, D C

AGPA-O 201 Weir, John G
(14 Apr 47)

17 April 1947

SUBJECT: Orders

TO: Captain John G. Weir, O26771, AC
1869 Wyoming Avenue, N W
Washington, D C

1. Captain JOHN G WEIR, O26771, AC, now on leave at 1869 Wyoming Avenue, N W, Washington, D C, is relieved from assignment to North Army Air Base Command (Prov), APO 334, San Francisco, California, and is assigned to 64th AAF Base Unit, Andrews Field, Maryland. He will proceed from leave address to station assigned and report for duty.

2. EDCOR 30 April 1947. PCS. TDN. 701-31 7431-02, 03, 07, 08 A 2170425.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

/s/ R G CRAWFORD
R G CRAWFORD
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23 Apr 47

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NUMBER 90

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3. CAPT (1093) JAMES R CUNNERPATCH, 026659, AC, is reld asgmt & dy 26th Bomb Sq, 19th Bomb Gp and trfd to Hq & Base Sv Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp. No T Involved. TCS. EDCHR. 24 Apr 47.

4. CAPT (1093) JAMES R CUNNERPATCH, 026659, AC, Hq & Base Sv Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp is aptd Asst Base Adjutant (AD) vice CAPT QUITMAN D JACKSON deceased.

5. So much of par 10 SO 83, this Hq as as pertains to the fol Off, AC, orgns indic, is deleted.

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| 1LT (1034) EDWARD S FOHY | 0697332 | 26th Bomb Sq, 19th Bomb Gp |
| 1ST LT (2136) ALLEN O PETERSON | 0705217 | 30th Bomb Sq, 19th Bomb Gp |

6. 1ST LT (1034) HOWTON D MCCLELLAND, 02065[illegible], (AAF), AC, is reld asgmt & dy 30th Bomb Sq, 19th Bomb Gp and trfd to Hq 5th AF, APO 71[illegible]. Off WP o/a 25 Apr 47. Tvl is auth by P.G.T. Off will report to Prohibition & Traffic Off, MTC, Passenger Terminal, Harmon Fld, Guam, for air transportation. Cert of health and record of prevalance of contagious diseases as prscb in AD Cir 2[illegible], 1943, will be furnished MTC, APO 184. Baggage [illegible] of 350 lbs auth. TDN. TCS. EDCHR: 1 May 47. AUTH: 20th AF Msgfn A-GAP 1[illegible]-T, dtd 10 Apr 47.

7. Fol Off, AC, are reld asgmt & dy orgns indic and trfd to Hq 20th Fhtr Wg, APO 182. Off WP o/a 25 Apr 47. G.T. TDN. TCS. EDCHR. 1 May 47. AUTH: 20th AF Msgfn 32, dtd 14 Apr 47.

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| CAPT (1034) FRANK J LESLIE JR | 0800732 | 574th Air Int'l Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp |
| 1ST LT (1034) CLARENCE C GHELARDING | 02066823 | 30th Bomb Sq, 19th Bomb Gp |
| 1ST LT (1034) JOSEPH F PALMORE | 0717352 | 93rd Bomb Sq, 19th Bomb Gp |

8. So much of par 1 SO 87, this Hq as as pertains to acft No 7641 as reads: WP o/a 21 Apr 47 is amended to read: WP o/a 26 Apr 47.

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24 May 1947

1. CAPT (1093) JOHN O. McELVEY, II, 026878, AC, is reld asgmt & dy 56th Air Engr Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp and trfd to 574th Air Mat'l Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp. No T involv. PCS. EDCMR: 25 May 47.

2. Pvt (521) Carl M. Hayden, RA16214798, AC, is reld asgmt & dy 56th Air Engr Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp and trfd in gr to Hq & Base Sv Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp. GMT. TDN. PCS. EDCMR: 25 May 47.

3. Pfc (932) James C. Wing, RA15222642, AC, is reld asgmt & dy 574th Air Mat'l Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp and trfd in gr to 56th Air Engr Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp. GMT. TDN. PCS. EDCMR: 25 May 47.

BY ORDER OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL SIGGINS:

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Capt., Air Corps
Adjutant.

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Lawrence L. Clayton Jr.

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SPECIAL ORDERS
NUMBER 95

29 Apr 47

E X T R A C T

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1. 1LT (1330) ANTHONIE J GOUDEMOND, O1104176, CE, 811th Engr Avn Bn, is granted twenty (20) days ordinary leave on the Island of Guam, off o/a 1 May 47. AUTH: AR 600-115, & FECOM Cir No 9, 1947.

2. So much of par 2 SO 93, this Hq cs as pertains to Cpl (060) Adolph I Mludyka, RA41179026, AC, 56th Air Engr Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp, as reads: is placed on Special Duty to 4th Mess Sq (Prov) is amended to read: is reld Special Duty to 4th Mess Sq (Prov).

3. Under the provisions of par 13, AR 210-10, CAPT (4000) ALONZO E GOODWIN, 0477546, AC, WAMAC(F), APO 264, Off Mess, is reld asgd public qrs #70 at Imoc in Housing Area, North Army Air Base Command (Prov), off 23 Apr 47.

4. 1ST LT (1035) URBAN F THINNES, 0788673, AC, is reld asgmt & dy 28th Bomb Sq, 19th Bomb Gp and trfd to Hq & Base Sv Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp. No T invol. PCS. EDCIR: 1 Nov 47.

5. Fol Off, Base-H, AC, orgn indic, is reld asgmt & dy thereto and otd unasgd and o/a 1 Nov 47 AP MARC Pers Ctr & Casual Depot APO 244, via first available govt air transportation for further processing and for rot to ZI for the purpose of terminal lv and separation from the sv under the provisions of WD Cir 72, 1947, & WD Cir 126, 1946. Off will insure that all port records are checked and forwarded. Off will notify correspondents and publishers to discontinue the mailing of ltrs and publications until informed of new address. Baggage insp in accordance with WD Ltr AG 524, 13 Aug 45, OD-S-D-M subj: "Processing of Baggage" (Sec IV) 7 Nov 46. TDN. PCS. 70I-E-SPHOT-M subj: "Processing of Baggage" (Sec IV) 7 Nov 46. TDN. PCS. 70I-31 PA31-02 A2170425 399-999 L413. AUTH: Sec III, WD Cir 72, 1947, & Sec I, WD Cir 126, 1946. EDCIR: 2 Nov 47.

1ST LT (1028) LAWRENCE W ALDERTS 0558792 28th Bomb Sq, 19th Bomb Gp

6. LT COL (7536) ALBERT P SIGHTS, 021123, AC, is reld asgmt & dy Hq 19th Bomb Gp and trfd to Hq & Base Sv Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp. No T invol. PCS. EDCIR: 1 Nov 47.

7. CAPT (1051) JESSE S SKAGGS, 0724837, AC, is reld asgmt & dy 30th Bomb Sq, 19th Bomb Gp and trfd to 574th Air Int'l Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp. No T invol. PCS. EDCIR: 1 Nov 47.

8. 1ST LT (1028) CHARLES H KELLEY, 02099621, AC, 56th Air Engr Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp is aptd Base Weight and Balance Off (AD).

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NARRATIVE HISTORY FOR PERIOD

1 February 1947 to 28 February 1947

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A. ORIGINAL UNIT

1. Designation: 574th Air Materiel Squadron
2. Date of Organization: 11 May 1944
3. Place of Organization: Robins Field, Ga.
4. Authority for Organization: G.O. 83 Warner Robbins Air Service Command, Robins Field, Ga.
5. Sources from which personnel was obtained: 56th Air Service Group

B. CHANGES IN ORGANIZATION

1. Negative

C. STRENGTH, COMMISSIONED AND ENLISTED:

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|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | At beginning of period: | 14 Officers | 161 EM |
| 2. | Net increase for month | | 13 EM |
| 3. | Net decrease for month | 3 Officers | 34 EM |
| 4. | At end of month | 11 Officers | 160 EM |

D. AIRCRAFT

1. At beginning of period: None
2. At end of period: None

E. STATIONS, CHANGES IN

1. Not applicable

F. OPERATIONS, MISSIONS

1. Not applicable

G. AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

None

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NARRATIVE

A. Administration and personnel

1. Usual Organizational duties performed during the month of February 1947.

2. Three officers were released from assignment and duty during the month and returned to the Zone of Interior for the purpose of separation from the service. See copies attached.

3. There were no Officers assigned to this organization during the month of February 1947.

4. There were twenty-eight Enlisted Men promoted during the month of February 1947 to the following grades: 1 EM promoted to the grade of Staff Sergeant, 3 EM promoted to the Grade of Sergeant, 19 EM were promoted to the grade of Corporal and 5 EM were promoted to the grade of Private First Class.

5. The rotation policy is still showing a definite decrease of EM in the Squadron. At the beginning of the month the EM strength was 181 but has dropped to 160 EM during the period.

6. Of the EM who went back to the ZI for separation 14 were low AGCT's and approximately five remain in the Squadron at this time. Action is being taken to return these five EM as soon as possible.

7. Six (6) 1946 draftees left for the ZI for separation under the 11 months service plan leaving the Squadron with 21 Non-Regular Army EM.

8. At the monthly inspection by the Air Inspector for the month of February 1947 the rating was again Excellent with a few minor discrepancies. Many of the Publications had no discrepancies whatsoever.

9. The Basic Training Program continued this month with a lecture given at the Base Theater and with a practice march to Tarague Beach. The officer in charge of the march from this Squadron was 1st Lt Robert H Kunz. The men were briefed on Camouflage, Security, Tent pitching, Digging of Foxholes. Hot meals were served while on Bivouac at Tarague Beach.

10. Nine (9) EM were transferred into this Squadron from others Squadrons and one (1) EM was transferred in as a replacement. The 9 EM were cooks and Mess Attendants and have relieved a great deal of work that was formerly placed on the few cooks and Mess Attendants that were already at the Mess Hall. The food has improved to a certain degree with more men to do the work.

11. Two (2) EM of this Squadron have gone on Detached Service to Hawaii to attend Schools.

12. Three (3) EM of this Squadron went on Tdy to Manila with a Flight that went there during the month.

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Administration and personnel (Cont'd)

13. Work has begun on the extension of the kitchen in the 574th Mess Hall but the shortage of skilled personnel may cause it to be a long job to complete.

14. Captain John G Weir, the Squadron Adjutant, went to Hamid on Tdy as President of a Boards Officers to investigate the disappearance of some property belonging to the North Area Air Base Command (Provisional) Officers Club and the duties of the Squadron Adjutant went to 1st Lt., Robert H Kunz, Assistant Adjutant.

15. 4 EM went to the Hospital (22nd Station) during the month and 1 EM was put on Quarters. 2 EM returned from the Hospital and 6 remained at the end of the period.

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NUMBER 44

26 Feb 47

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1. Fol O's, AC, organs indic, are reld asgmt & dy thereto and atchd & o/a 27 Feb 47 WP MARBO Pers Cen & Casual Depot APO 244, via first avail govt water trans for furth processing and for rel to ZI for purp of termnl lv and disch fr sv under the provs of RAD WDL 46177. O's will insure that port records are checked and forwarded. O's will notify correspondents and publishers to discontinue the mailing of ltrs and publications until informed of new address. Clo & equip will be carried as prescribed in WD Cir 72, 1945 as amended. Baggage insp in accordance with WD Ltr AG 524, 13 Aug 45, OB-S-D-M subj: "Processing of Baggage", 23 Aug 45 as amended by WD Ltr AG 524, 20 Feb 46, OB-S-D-M-SPMOT-M subj: "Processing of Baggage" (Sec IV) 7 Mar 46. TDN. PCS. 701-52 P 431.02 A217425 413-999. AUTH: RAD WD 46177.
EDCIR: 28 Feb 47.

CAPT (7688) TODD G WILLIAMS 0861927 563d Air Depr Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp
1ST LT (1093) BENNETT H BURKS 0799322 574th Ass Intl Sq 31st Air Sv Gp

2. Fol EM, AC, organs indic, are reld asgmt & dy thereto and atchd unasgd & o/a 27 Feb 47 WP MARBO Pers Cen & Casual Depot APO 244, via first avail govt water trans for furth processing and for rel to ZI for purp of termnl lv and dep tation fr sv. CO of EM will insure that all port records are checked and forwarded. EM will notify correspondents and publishers to discontinue the mailing of ltrs and publications until informed of new address. Clo & equip will be carried as prescribed in WD Cir 72, 1945 as amended. Baggage insp in accordance with WD Ltr AG 524, 13 Aug 45, OB-S-D-M subj: "Processing of Baggage", 23 Aug 45 as amended by WD Ltr AG 524, 20 Feb 46, OB-S-D-M-SPMOT-M subj: "Processing of Baggage" (Sec IV) 7 Mar 46. TDN. PCS. 701-52 P 431.02 A217425 413-999. AUTH: PACUSA RAD MX 12043 Pers-1 and AR 1-1.
EDCIR: 28 Feb 47.

| | Hq 19th Bomb Gp | |
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| Cpl (060) Horace E Darr | RA38722974 | 4 Apr 47 |
| Cpl (945) Robert M Mason | RA14143753 | 4 Apr 47 |

28th Bomb Sq, 19th Bomb Gp

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| M/Sgt (750) Robert C Everett | RA35131091 | 10 Apr 47 |
| Sgt (060) Casimir Franczak | RA35285757 | 11 Apr 47 |
| Cpl (747) Ferdinand P Grasso | RA11134588 | 5 Apr 47 |
| Pfc (2756) Carl A Knight | RA13228096 | 15 Apr 47 |
| Pfc (835) William W Lively | RA15204527 | 2 Apr 47 |
| Pfc (014) Louis Lopushansky | RA45022541 | 3 Apr 47 |

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26 Feb 47

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1. Fol O's, AC, organs indic, are reld asgmt & dy thereto and atchd & o/a 27 Feb 47 WP NAMPO Pers Cor & Casual Depot APO 234, via first avail govt water trans for furth processing and for rel to AD for purp of term lv and disch fr sv under the prov of RAD WCL 46177. O's will insure that all port records are checked and forwarded. O's will notify correspondents and publishers to discontinue the mailing of ltrs and publications until informed of new address. Clo & equip will be carried as prescribed in WD Cir 72, 1945 as amended. Baggage insp in accordance with WD Ltr AG 524, 13 Aug 45, OB-S-D-M subj: "Processing of Baggage", 23 Aug 45 as amended by WD Ltr AG 524, 20 Feb 46, OB-S-D-SPMOT-M subj: "Processing of Baggage" (Sec IV) 7 Mar 46. TDN, POS. 701-52 P 431-02 A217425 413-999. AUTH: RAD WCL 46177, HDQNA: 26 Feb 47.

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| X | CAPT (0-538) TODD G WILLIAMS | 0861927 | 5680 Air Depr Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp |
| | 1ST LT (1093) BENNETT H BURKS | 0799322 | 574th Ass Natl Sq 31st Air Sv Gp |

2. Fol EM, AC, organs indic, are reld asgmt & dy thereto and atchd unasgd & o/a 27 Feb 47 WP NAMPO Pers Cor & Casual Depot APO 234, via first avail govt water trans for furth processing and for rel to AD for purp of terminal lv and dep ation fr sv. CO of EM will insure that all port records are checked and forwarded. EM will notify correspondents and publishers to discontinue the mailing of ltrs and publications until informed of new address. Clo & equip will be carried as prescribed in WD Cir 72, 1945 as amended. Baggage insp in accordance with WD Ltr AG 524, 13 Aug 45, OB-S-D-M subj: "Processing of Baggage", 23 Aug 45 as amended by WD Ltr AG 524, 20 Feb 46, OB-S-D-SPMOT-M subj: "Processing of Baggage" (Sec IV) 7 Mar 46. TDN, POS. 701-52 P 431-02 A217425 413-999. AUTH: FACUSA RAD MX 12043 Pers-1 and AR 1-1. HDQNA: 26 Feb 47.

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| Cpl (060) Horace E Darr | RA38722974 | 4 Apr 47 |
| Cpl (945) Robert M Mason | RA14143753 | 4 Apr 47 |
| **28th Bomb Sq, 19th Bomb Gp** | | |
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| Pfc (014) Louis Lopushansky | RA45022541 | 3 Apr 47 |
| **30th Bomb Sq, 19th Bomb Gp** | | |
| Sgt (747) Marvin Puckett Jr | RA45037793 | 30 Apr 47 |
| Sgt (611) Cleil L Sechrest | RA17134825 | 17 Apr 47 |
| Cpl (055) William E Tackett | RA45041122 | 28 Apr 47 |
| Pfc (522) John W Dillon | RA11075286 | 20 Apr 47 |
| **93rd Bomb Sq, 19th Bomb Gp** | | |
| Cpl (014) Dewey C Jones | RA12205419 | 1 Apr 47 |
| **Hq & Base Sv Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp** | | |
| S/Sgt (824) Eugene R Craigmiles | RA15056248 | 12 Apr 47 |
| Sgt (809) Edward F Kontny | RA36811254 | 12 Mar 47 |
| Sgt (623) Warren S O'Sullivan | RA13197960 | 8 Apr 47 |



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| Cpl | (522) Henry S Ante | RA38414962 | 24 Apr 47 |
| Cpl | (622) Francis W Beleis | RA42201667 | 14 Apr 47 |
| Cpl | (623) John W Brandt | RA13160455 | 12 Apr 47 |
| Cpl | (056) George W Lee | RA45022798 | 5 Apr 47 |
| Cpl | (0[illegible]) J C Sharer | RA45015624 | 17 Apr 47 |
| Cpl | (3[illegible]) Albert W Smith | RA13206055 | 21 Apr 47 |
| Cpl | (6[illegible]) Irvin Weinsman | RA12242107 | 14 Apr 47 |
| PFC | (6[illegible]) Walter H Borgner | RA33391458 | 14 Apr 47 |
| PFC | (6[illegible]) Jos[illegible] Bornstein | RA42256955 | 14 Apr 47 |
| PFC | (522) Eugene R Clarke | RA45015051 | 1 Apr 47 |
| PFC | (5[illegible]) Wood L Fisher | RA44144055 | 5 Apr 47 |
| PFC | (5[illegible]) William E Marshfield | RA45015269 | 19 Apr 47 |
| PFC | (650) Henry S Kowalski | RA45036840 | 6 Apr 47 |
| PFC | (677) Norbert L Root | RA45015174 | 14 Apr 47 |
| PFC | (065) Robert L White | RA44031537 | 5 Apr 47 |

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| Sgt | (405) Lloyd Sandstrom | RA37807191 | 26 Apr 47 |
| Cpl | (556) Robert J Appleton | RA35797560 | 25 Apr 47 |
| Cpl | (345) David G Ardley | RA17137116 | 3 Apr 47 |
| Cpl | (136) Marvin E Bowman | RA45036323 | 1 Apr 47 |
| Cpl | (059) Ralph L Gosling | RA45036830 | 11 Apr 47 |
| Cpl | (903) Jack H Mason | RA16172205 | 2 Apr 47 |
| Cpl | (359) Roy E Pelfrey | RA45032740 | 3 Apr 47 |
| Cpl | (521) Angelo Tatomanni | RA42253996 | 23 Apr 47 |
| Cpl | (014) Mack D Treece | RA44161475 | 2 Apr 47 |
| Cpl | (070) William R Vernon | RA16178949 | 9 Apr 47 |
| PFC | (521) Joseph Huber | RA12110190 | 30 Apr 47 |

574th Air Mtl Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp

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| Sgt | (821) Paul L Chamblin | RA45032794 | 4 Apr 47 |
| Sgt | (932) Tony Spinuzzi | RA37881354 | 2 Apr 47 |
| PFC | (835) Donald R Boncoutter | RA45027554 | 15 Apr 47 |
| Cpl | (835) Donald H Burnside | RA35997574 | 1 Apr 47 |
| PFC | (521) David G Kimberlin | RA45015435 | 21 Apr 47 |
| PFC | (932) Dyer F Stonebraker | RA45026878 | 22 Apr 47 |

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47. 1 LT [illegible] (O-[illegible]) 0699954 AC, now stchd wnasgd this HAB, is reld from Hq North AAB, CG (FEAF) APO 304, and is assd to Sep Ctr, Fairfield-Suisun AAF, Calif., reporting to the CO thereat for separation fr the sv under prov of current WD. [illegible] 201-32 P 491-00-03 A 2170425 S 99-999. EDCON 22 Jan 47, AL. Add: 213 East Fourth Street, Roswell, New Mexico.

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2. Under the prov of AR 35-1480 & AAF Reg 35-29 as amended, the fol WM Race-W, AC, orgns indic, are placed on dy requiring Regular and Frequent Aer Flights, eff this date, until prop reld.

HQ & BASE SV SQ, 31ST AIR SV GP

Pfc (805) Jack C Hochhaus RA19246930

56TH AIR ENGR SQ, 31ST AIR SV GP

Sgt (960) Charles C Porter RA17182224
Pfc (747) Harold E Olson RA37894629

3. CAPT (1093) DANIEL P LEE, 026684, AC, is reld asgmt & dy 574th Air Mat'l Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp & trfd to Hq & Base Sv Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp. No T invol. PCS. EDCMR: 3 Feb 47.

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NARRATIVE HISTORY FOR PERIOD

1 January 1947 to 31 January 1947

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FRONTISPIECE

A. ORIGINAL UNIT

1. Designation: 574th Air Material Squadron
2. Date of Organization: 11 May 1944
3. Place of Organization: Robins Field, Ga.
4. Authority for Organization: G.O. 83 Warner Robbins Air Service Command, Robins Field, Ga.
5. Sources from which personnel was obtained: 56th Air Service Group

B. CHANGES IN ORGANIZATION

1. Negative

C. Strength, Commissioned and Enlisted:

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| 1. | At Begginning of period: | 22 Officers | 206 EM |
| 2. | Net increase for month: | | |
| 3. | Net decrease for month: | 8 Officers | 25 EM |
| 4. | At end of month: | 14 Officers | 181 EM |

D. AIR CRAFT

1. At beginning of period: None
2. At end of period: None

E. STATIONS, CHANGES IN

1. Not applicable

F. OPERATIONS, MISSIONS

1. Not applicable

G. AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

None

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NARRATIVE

A. Administration and personnel

1. Usual orgn duties performed during the month of January.

2. Ten officers reld asgmt & dy during the month, see copies atchd.

3. Two officers asgd & jd during the month, sse copies atchd.

4. Ninteen enlisted men received promotions during the month.

5. Had New Years Eve party in 574th EM Club. Beer and Coca Cola was purchased from the Unit Fund. Club was not officially open but was completed sufficiently to hold the party.

6. Base supply agencies have been attempting setting up a 45 day stock level.

7. Sixteen EM appeared before the low AGCT board for determination of retention in the service. The squadron has been very hard hit by the rotation policy. Strength at first of month was 210EM, at the end of the month 181 EM. The orderly room has been cut down to one officer and one EM.

8. Grand opening of the 574th EM Club was held on Saturday night, 18 January 1947. Beer and coke was purchased from the Unit Fund. The building which was rebuilt and redecorated by the efforts of a handful of men was packed to overflowing. The party appeared to be a great success. The Club is being managed by Sgt. Alfred C Brier, who is assisted by Pfc Charles Armstrong and Pfc Earl B Cannon.

9. At the monthly inspection by the Air Inspector the squadron administration appeared to have improved, over the previous month. The rating jumping from Satisfactory the month before to Excellent with several minor discrepancies.

10. In the temporary absence of the Commanding Officer, Captain S.E. LATHAM, who was in Japan on T.D.R&R, Command of the squadron fell to Captain WILLIAM H MILNOR, Assistant executive for Materiel.

11. Basic training program has been initiated for the EM who have not had 8 weeks basic training. Plans have been laid for a proposed practice march to Tarague Beach.

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Administration and personnel (Cont'd)

12. ROBERT H KUNZ, 1st Lt., 0396052, AC was aptd EM Club Officer, of the 574th Enlisted Mens Club.

13. JOHN G WEIR, Capt., 026771, AC, was appointed Unit Postal Officer, of the 574th Air Materiel Squadron.

14. Jerry D Allen, Pfc, RA44171801, was appointed Squadron Mail Clerk, 574th Air Materiel Squadron vice Herbert J Colorado, Cpl, RA3944384, reld.

15. William Jabalie, Pfc, RA18147082, is hereby aptd alternate mail clerk, 574th Air Materiel Squadron.

16. ROBERT H KUNZ, 1st Lt., 0396052, AC was appointed Squadron Supply Officer, 574th Air Materiel Squadron vice ALFRED J STONE 1st Lt., 0820597, AC reld.

17. Due to the disasterous fire at the 93rd Bomb Squadron Mess Hall a good part of the EM started eating in the 574th Air Materiel Squadron Mess Hall. Some of the cooks and Mess Attendants from the 93rd Mess Hall were put into the 574th Mess Hall but as a good number of the men working in the Mess Hall had low AGCT's it meant that little by little the Mess Hall would grow shorter of men. At the end of the month it has become notable that there exists a shortage of men in the Mess Hall. There have been no complaints about how the food is prepared nor to the quantity given out. The Mess Sgt, cooks, and Mess Attendants have done a good job of feeding the men considering the fact that the Mess Hall is understrength.

18. There were two Sergeants and one Corporal who went to Japan on Temporary Duty, Rest and Recreation from this Squadron.

19. There was $55.93 contributed to the Infantile Paralysis March of Dimes Program. Contributions were taken up at the 574th Air Materiel Squadron Mess Hall.

20. 46 EM were put on the Flight Line from this Squadron.

21. 5 EM went to the Hospital (22nd Station) during the month. 1 EM returned and 4 EM remained at the end of the period.

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6. 1ST LT (1054) ALFRED J STONE, AC, 0820597, is reld asgmt & dy 574th Air Int'l Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp and trfd to 30th Bomb Sq, 19th Bomb Gp. No T invol. POS. EDCIR: 10 Jan 47.

7. 1ST LT (1093) CURTIS B SLOAN, 0684570, AC, is reld asgmt & dy 56th Air Engr Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp and trfd to 28th Bomb Sq, 19th Bomb Gp. No T invol. POS. EDCIR: 10 Jan 47.

8. 1ST LT (0210) CLARENCE C DALL JR, 0840214, AC, is reld asgmt & dy 28th Bomb Sq, 19th Bomb Gp and trfd to Hq & Base Sv Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp. No T invol. POS. EDCIR: 10 Jan 47.

9. Fol O's, AC, having been asgd to 19th Bomb Gp per par 8 SO 1, Hq GAFA, dtd 2 Jan 47 are reld asgmt & dy thereto and trfd to orgns indic. No T invol. POS. EDCIR: 10 Jan 47.

Hq & Base Sv Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp

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| CAPT (1034) MILLARD PYNE | 0710625 |
| 1ST LT (1034) BILLY J SHULTS | 0723501 |

56th Air Engr Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp

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| CAPT (1093) HAMLET TROST | 0757337 |
| 1ST LT (1093) CLARENCE P ELDER | 0804310 |
| 2ND LT (1034) EDWARD A SCHICKLING | 0936626 |
| 2ND LT (1034) ALBERT A KLIF | 0936971 |

10. CAPT (1093) GEORGE L INGERSOLL, 026482, AC, having been asgd to 19th Bomb Gp per par 2 SO 331, Hq 20th AF, dtd 28 Dec 46, is reld asgmt & dy thereto and trfd to 56th Air Engr Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp. No T invol. POS. EDCIR: 10 Jan 47.

11. S/Sgt (683) Richard S Thomas, RA6267752, AC, is reld asgmt & dy 56th Air Engr Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp and trfd in gr to 3rd Recon Sq, VIR (Photo), APO 234. GFT. TDN. 1CS. EDCIR: 10 Jan 47. AUTH: 20th AF Radio.

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2. So much of par 4 SO 173, this Hq cs as pertains to Pfc (239) Edward G Santoro, RA39[illegible]641, 90th Air Engr Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp is deleted.

3. 1ST LT (1028) CHARLES T KETCHEL, 0869814, AC, 28th Bomb Sq, 19th Bomb Gp is hereby awarded the additional MOS of (7536) Technical Inspector, AAF.

4. Cpl (345) Seibert L Kessler, RA35784584, is reld asgnt & dy Hq & Base Sv Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp and trfd in gr to 93rd Bomb Sq, 19th Bomb Gp. GMC. TDN. EDCIR: 2 Jan 47.

5. CAPT (1035) ROBERT F MILLS, 0636544, AC, is reld asgnt & dy Hq & Base Sv Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp and trfd to Hq 19th Bomb Gp. No T invol. ICS. EDCIR: 2 Jan 47.

6. CAPT (1093) JOHN DOMINC, 0868[illegible], AC, is reld asgnt & dy Hq & Base Sv Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp and trfd to 93rd Bomb Sq, 19th Bomb Gp. No T invol. ICS. EDCIR: 2 Jan 47.

7. CAPT (1093) WILLIAM T COURTNEY, 026877, AC, is reld asgnt & dy 574th Air Mat'l Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp and trfd to 93rd Bomb Sq, 19th Bomb Gp. No T invol. ICS. EDCIR: 2 Jan 47.

8. 1ST LT (1093) RICHARD B CHEATHAM, 0670503, AC, 93rd Bomb Sq, 19th Bomb Gp is hereby awarded the additional MOS of (4114) Food Service Supervisor.

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4 Jan 47

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1. Fol O, AC, orgn indic, is reld asgmt & dy thereto and is atchd unasgd eff o/a 5 Jan 47 to WPDC Pers Ctr & Casual Depot, APO 244, via first avail govt air trans for processing and rot to ZI for purp of disch under the prov of WD Radio WCL 23066. O's records and allied papers will accomp him when departing pres sta. Clo & equip will be carried as prescribed in WD Cir 72, 1945 and par 1b WPDC NR 1-2. Baggage insp in accord with WD Cir 355, 1944 as amended. TDN. FCS. AUTH: WD Radio WCL 23066; 20th AF Reg 35-23, 20 Feb 45. EDCIR: 9 Jan 47.

1LT LT (4400) ELMER I ESHELMAN JR 0694055 574th Air Int'l Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp Mgt 140

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10. 1ST LT (1034) LAWRENCE E AUSTIN, 01693049, AC, is reld asgnt & dy 574th Air Natl Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp and trfd to 30th Bomb Sq, 19th Bomb Gp. No T invol. EDCIR: 1 Jan 47. FCS.

11. 1ST LT (1036) HORTON D BRUNFIELD, 02064240, AC, is reld asgnt & dy Hq & Base Sv Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp and trfd to 30th Bomb Sq, 19th Bomb Gp. No T invol. EDCIR: 1 Jan 47. FCS.

12. 2ND LT (1061) NATHAN L GILES, 0642405, AC, is reld asgnt & dy Hq & Base Sv Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp and trfd to 93rd Bomb Sq, 19th Bomb Gp. No T invol. FCS. EDCIR: 1 Jan 47.

13. 1ST LT (1035) KEITH L GREEN, 0772961, AC, is reld asgnt & dy 56th Air Engr Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp and trfd to 93rd Bomb Sq, 19th Bomb Gp. No T invol. FCS. EDCIR: 1 Jan 47.

14. Fol O's, AC, are reld asgnt & dy 574th Air Natl Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp and trfd to 28th Bomb Sq, 19th Bomb Gp. No T invol. FCS. EDCIR: 1 Jan 47.

~~2/LT (1063) LLOYD BARNETT JR 02064~~
2ND LT (1036) DARLYNE E BRANDT 02077019
2ND LT (0142) EDWARD C CARROLL 02069369

15. 1ST LT (1093) HERBERT H MORINE, 0779944, AC, is reld asgnt & dy Hq & Base Sv Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp and trfd to 28th Bomb Sq, 19th Bomb Gp. No T invol. FCS. EDCIR: 1 Jan 47.

16. 1ST LT (1034) ROBERT POKRINCHAK, 02072527, AC, is reld asgnt & dy 56th Air Engr Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp and trfd to 28th Bomb Sq, 19th Bomb Gp. No T invol. FCS. EDCIR: 1 Jan 47.

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20 Jan 47

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1. Fol O's, AC, orgns indic, are reld asgmt & dy thereto and are atchd unassgd & o/a 22 Jan 47 WP MARBO Pers Ctr & Casual Depot APO 244, via first avail govt water trans for furth processing and for ret to ZI for purp of terminal lv and disch fr sv under the prov of RAD WCL 46177. O's will insure that all pert records are checked and forwarded. O's will notify correspondents and publishers to discontinue the mailing of ltrs and publications until informed of new address. Clo & equip will be carried as prosc in WD Ltr AG 524, 13 Aug 45 OB-S-D- subj: "Processing of Baggage", 23 Aug 45 as amended by WD Ltr AG 524, 20 Feb 46, OB-S-D-B-SPPOT-M subj: "Processing of Baggage" (Sec IV) 7 Mar 46. TDN. POS. AUTH: RAD WCL 46177. EDCMT: 24 Jan 47.

Hq 19th Bomb Gp

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| CAPT (1093) THOMAS W LAIRD | 0526577 | 1ST LT (1034) | GEORGE E RAY | 0703650 |
| 1ST LT (1034) DONALD BARKLEY | 0801113 | 2ND LT (1028) | JOHN W DOWNEY | 0843230 |
| 1ST LT (1035) JOHN M SNYDER | 0930909 | 2ND LT (1028) | RUSSELL W SNOW | 0709181 |

28th Bomb Sq, 19th Bomb Gp

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| CAPT (4823) WALTER J MILLINER | 0747855 | 1ST LT (1034) | WALTER E POINDEXTER | 02068739 |
| CAPT (1036) MARCUS REAGAN | 01287409 | | | |
| CAPT (1034) HAROLD C STRAIN | 0676782 | 1ST LT (1093) | GEORGE E SOUDIE | 0790601 |
| 1ST LT (1036) DEWAYNE E BRANDT | 02077019 | 1ST LT (0142) | CHARLES L WEST | 02087094 |
| 1ST LT (1034) ANDREW R HANNA | 0713175 | 2ND LT (1024) | WILLIAM H BRUSTAD | 02085755 |
| 1ST LT (1093) MARDEN S KING | 0822463 | 2ND LT (1035) | BRUCE B FEES | 02090507 |
| 1ST LT (1035) JEROME F McLAUGHLIN | 0666104 | 2ND LT (0142) | RICHARD SCHULZ | 02090788 |
| 1ST LT (1054) GEORGE R MONROW | 0756658 | 2ND LT (1035) | WILLIAM D WATSON | 0090895 |

20th Bomb Sq, 19th Bomb Gp

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| CAPT (1093) BEN H McCRACKIN JR | 0432626 | 1ST LT (0142) | ROGER T LARSON | 02086620 |
| 1ST LT (1034) JAMES E CARLSON | 01691691 | 1ST LT (1036) | JAMES R O'DONNEL | 0697903 |
| 1ST LT (1035) FRANK S HARDIN | 02082594 | 2ND LT (0142) | PAUL P LOVYEAU | 02088277 |
| 1ST LT (1036) MAURICE L HOOKS | 0672950 | 2ND LT (1028) | DANIEL K HEILMAN | 02101547 |
| 1ST LT (0142) GENE HOPKINS | 02080701 | | | |

93rd Bomb Sq, 19th Bomb Gp

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| CAPT (1093) ROBERT LEIBERT | 0684011 | 1ST LT (1093) | WILLIAM J SEMETANA | 0664071 |
| CAPT (1093) KENNETH R REA | 0413800 | 1ST LT (1035) | VICTOR W SHAIN | 0668798 |
| 1ST LT (2120) LESLIE F BRAZELTON | 0763926 | 1ST LT (0142) | JAMES A WEISS | 0751691 |
| 1ST LT (1034) ROBERT R BROWN | 02078925 | 1ST LT (1028) | KENNETH E WOLF | 0772637 |
| 1ST LT (0142) JOHN W CARROL | 0707011 | 2ND LT (1028) | HAROLD J HAYE | 02101028 |

56th Air Engr Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp

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| WOJG (4025) ROBERT R REISINGER | 0863968 | CWO (4023) | BYRON B TODD | W2104534 |

574th Air Mat'l Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp

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| 1ST LT (1054) JAMES W JONES | 0780972 | 2ND LT (4400) | ORLO D ELFES | 02016644 |
| 1ST LT (1092) CHARLES M PARTLOW | 0689342 | | | |
| 1ST LT (1034) THOMAS L WRIGHT Jr | 0683923 | | | |

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1. 1ST LT (4402) LEO M GULLEY, 0861487, AC is reld asgmt & dy Hq & Base Sv Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp & trfd to 574th Air Mat'l Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp. No T involv. PCS. EDCMR: 12 Jan 47.

2. Under the prov of AR 35-1480 & AAF Reg 35-29 as amended, the fol T/, Race-W, AC, Hq & Base Sv Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp are placed on dy requiring Regular and Frequent Aerial Flights, eff this date, until prop reld.

Pfc (805) La Mar C. Hunley RA45030237
Pvt (805) Alexander Gibson RA13009061

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Adjutant

OFFICIAL:

QUITMAN B. JACKSON
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SPECIAL ORDERS
NUMBER 199

18 Dec 46

E X T R A C T

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1. Pvt DH, AC, ergnjnd'g, are placed on DS to 4th Base Sq (Prov).

574th Air Int'l Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Cpl (055) | William B Tackett | RA45041122 |
| Pfc (060) | Coolidge Wells | RA45029170 |
| Pfc (521) | Paul Scott | RA43030020 |
| Pvt (521) | Anthony T Cartolano | 4600415 |
| Sgt (060) | Roberto Serrano | RA30462294 |
| Pvt (060) | Paul W Moran | 37019044 |
| Pfc (521) | Gerald D Flock | RA37082025 |

Hq & Base Sv Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp

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|---|---|---|
| Cpl (017) | James L Black | RA34190370 |
| Pfc (060) | Augustino J Pinzone | 42244363 |

2. Pfc (521) Andres H Alicante, RA39761200, AC, 574th Air Int'l Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp is reld indef DS with 4th Base Sq (Prov)

3. Pfc (060) Augustino J Pinzone, 42244363, AC, having been asgd to 19th Bomb Gp per par 6 SO 69, Hq 11th Bomb Gp, dtd 23 Nov 46 is reld asgnt & dy thereto and trfd in gr to Hq & Base Sv Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp. GMT. TDN. PCS. EDCIR: 1 Jan 47.

4. CAIT (1034) FRANK J LISKE JR, 0800732, having been asgd to 19th Bomb Gp per par 2 SO 199, Hq GMR, cs, is reld asgnt & dy thereto and trfd to 574th Air Int'l Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp. No T invol. PCS. EDCIR: 1 Jan 47.

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BY ORDER OF COLONEL POWELLS:

LOUIS F OLIVERI
Capt., Air Corps
Adjutant

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FRONTISPIECE

A. ORIGINAL UNIT

1. Designation: 574th Air Materiel Squadron
2. Date of Organization: 11 May 1944
3. Place of Organization: Robins Field, Ga.
4. Authority for Organization: G.O. 83 Warner Robbins Air Service Command, Robins Field, Ga.
5. Sources from which personnel was obtained: 56th Air Service Group

B. CHANGES IN ORGANIZATION

1. Negative

C. Strength, Commissioned and Enlisted:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | At Beginning of period: | 18 Officers | 168 EM |
| 2. | Net increase for month: | 4 Officers | 38 EM |
| 3. | Net decrease for month: | | |
| 4. | At end of month: | 22 Officers | 206 EM |

D. AIRCRAFT

1. At beginning of period: None
2. At end of period: None

E. STATIONS, CHANGES IN

1. Negative

F. OPERATIONS, MISSIONS

1. Not applicable

G. AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

None

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NARRATIVE

A. Administration and personnel

1. Usual orgn duties performed during the month of December.

2. One officer reld asgnt & dy during the month, see copy atchd.

3. Five officers asgd & jd during the month, see copies atchd.

4. Two officers promoted during the month, see copy atchd

5. Twenty-six enlisted men received promotions during the month.

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NORTH FIELD AIR BASE COMMAND (FROV)
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SPECIAL ORDERS
NUMBER 157

4 Dec 46

E X T R A C T

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1. 2ND LT (6402) HENRI L TAPIE, 02087597, AC, is reld asgmt & dy 93rd Bomb Sq, 19th Bomb Gp and trfd to 33rd Stat Control Unit, APO 234. GNT. TDN. PCS. EDCIR: 6 Dec 46. AUTH: Msgfm 129, dtd 30 Nov 46, 20th AF.

2. Pfc (590) James J Bailey, RA37808643, AC, is reld asgmt & dy 574th Air Mat'l Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp and trfd in gr to 93rd Bomb Sq, 19th Bomb Gp. No T.invol PCS. EDCIR: 6 Dec 46.

3. So much of par 6 SO 146, this Hq cs as pertains to Cpl (405) George A Machado, RA39761146, AC, 574th Air Mat'l Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp is deleted.

4. Pfc (858) Jacob H Swotinsky, 42272521, AC, is reld asgmt & dy Hq & Base Sv Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp and trfd in gr to 239th Medical Disp Avn, APO 234. GNT. TDN. PCS. EDCIR: 6 Dec 46. AUTH: Msgfm 129, dtd 30 Nov 46, 20th AF.

5. Fol O, AC, orgns indic, are reld asgmt & dy thereto and trfd to 28th Bomb Sq, 19th Bomb Gp. No T invol. EDCIR: 6 Dec 46. PCS.

574th Air Mat'l Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp

CAPT (1093) LLOYD BARNETT JR 026648

56th Air Engr Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp

CAPT (1093) LAWRENCE L CLAYTON JR 026886

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BY ORDER OF COLONEL REYNOLDS:

LOUIS F OLIVERI
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NUMBER 156

3 Dec 46

E X T R A C T

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3. Fol O, AC, orgn indic, is placed on indef TDY to Hq 20th AF APO 238. Upon compl of TDY subj O will rot to prop sta, APO 334. GIT. TDN. AUTH: 20th AF Hqtr 127, dtd 29 Nov 46.

MAJ (0200) EDWIN L MURRILL, 024605, Hq & Base Sv Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp

4. Fol O's, AC, having been asgd to 19th Bomb Gp per par 1 SO 62, Hq 11th Bomb Gp, dtd 15 Nov 46 are reld asgmt & dy thereto and trfd to orgns indic. No T invol. FCS. EDCMR: 5 Dec 46.

574th Air Mat'l Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp

CAPT (1093) WILLIAM H MILNOR 026602
CAPT (1093) JOHN G WEIR 026771
~~CAPT (1093) MELVILLE B WITHERS~~ 026925

56th Air Engr Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp

CAPT (1093) DANIEL P LEE 026684
CAPT (1028) SAM J STRICKLAND 0564422
CWO (4823) CLYDE W DOYELL W901689

Hq & Base Sv Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp

2ND LT (1035) JAMES T HOUCK 0809046

5. 1ST LT (1035) JOHN H SNYDER, 0930909, AC, Hq 19th Bomb Gp is hereby awarded the additional MOS of (9301) Intelligence Staff Officer (Combat).

6. Pfc (521) Raymond C Hall, RA19238451, AC, is reld asgmt & dy 574th Air Mat'l Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp and trfd in gr to 28th Bomb Sq, 19th Bomb Gp. GIT. TDN. FCS. EDCMR: 5 Dec 46.

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BY ORDER OF COLONEL REYNOLDS:

LOUIS F OLIVERI
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NUMBER 158

5 Dec 46

E X T R A C T

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17. So much of par 4 SO 156, this Hq cs as pertains to CAPT (1093) DANIEL F LEE, 026684, as reads: 25th Air Engr Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp is amended to read: 574th Air Mat'l Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp.

18. Pfc (405) William Jabalio, RA18147086, is reld asgmt & dy Hq 19th Bomb Gp and trfd in gr to 574th Air Mat'l Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp. GMT. TDN. PCS. EDCIR: 8 Dec 46.

19. Confirming VOCO, 4 Dec 46 so much of par 6 SO 120 this Hq cs as pertains to 1ST LT (1093) ARMAND W GULICK, 0837809, AC, 28th Bomb Sq, 19th Bomb Gp (Recorder) is deleted and amended to add: CAPT (1093) WILLIAM J HUHN, 026861, AC, 30th Bomb Sq, 19th Bomb Gp (Recorder).

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BY ORDER OF COLONEL REYNOLDS:

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SPECIAL ORDERS
NUMBER 159

6 Dec 46

E X T R A C T

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1. So much of par 7 SO 120, this Hq cs as pertains to 1ST LT (1024) WILLIAM H JONES, 02082054, AC, 28th Bomb Sq, 19th Bomb Gp as reads: TDY for a period of approx 15 da is amended to read: TDY for a period of approx 30 da.

2. 1ST LT (1093) CURTIS B SLOAN, 0684570, 56th Air Engr Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp is aptd Ass't Base Post Exchange O (AD) eff 7 Dec 46.

3. 2ND LT (1035) JAMES J GASS, 02098822, AC, is reld asgmt & dy 30th Bomb Sq, 19th Bomb Gp and trfd to 574th Air Nat'l Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp. No T invol. PCS. EDCIR: 8 Dec 46.

4. S/Sgt (502) Horace C Rarick, RA20382900, AC, is reld asgmt & dy Hq 19th Bomb Gp and trfd in gr to 56th Air Engr Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp. GHT. TDN. PCS. EDCIR: 8 Dec 46.

5. So much of par 7 SO 146 this Hq cs as pertains to Pfc (965) Kenneth G Allison, RA37617775, 56th Air Engr Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp is deloted.

6. So much of par 6 SO 146, this Hq cs as pertains to Pvt (345) Earl R Ott, 46064140, Hq & Base Sv Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp is deloted.

7. So much of par 6 SO 152, this Hq cs as pertains to 1ST LT WARREN S KING as reads: 1ST LT (1024) WARREN S KING, 0822463, 20th Bomb Sq, 19th Bomb Gp is amended to read: 1ST LT (1093) WARREN S KING, 0822463, 20th Bomb Sq, 19th Bomb Gp.

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BY ORDER OF COLONEL REYNOLDS:

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8. 2ND LT (1035) FRED D GERKIN, 0927295, AC, is reld asgmt & dy 30th Bomb Sq, 19th Bomb Gp and trfd to 574th Air Ftr'l Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp. No T in... IOS. EDCR: 14 Dec 46.

9. Fol EM, Recd-W, AC, orgns indic, are placed on TDY for approx 14 da to 11th Bomb Gp, APO 182. Upon Compl of TDY EM will rpt to prop sta APO 334. GFT. TDN.

574th Air Ftr'l Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Cpl (035) | Patrick J Buckley | RA43038019 |
| Pfc (786) | Raymond E Fields | RA14190367 |
| Pfc (870) | Earnest L Stancy | RA14211655 |
| Pfc (590) | James V Fossia | RA43039508 |

28th Bomb Sq, 19th Bomb Gp

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|---|---|---|
| Pfc (050) | Anthony J Fioronza | RA43042475 |

56th Air Depot Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp

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| Pfc (050) | Edward B Hahn | RA43060191 |

Hq 19th Bomb Gp

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Pfc (521) | Ludovic Mars Jr | RA38743011 |
| Pfc (050) | Donald C Scharon | RA12250733 |
| Pfc (521) | Edward C Porusek | 37883301 |
| Pvt (521) | Douglas F Brogan | 31500764 |
| Pvt (050) | Elmer D Crippen | 37883360 |
| Pvt (521) | John Luppino | 42270118 |
| Pvt (521) | Eugene J Szpara | 42223955 |

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NUMBER 299)

HEADQUARTERS
PACIFIC AIR COMMAND, U.S. ARMY
APO 925 - 11 December 1946

-EXTRACT-

1. The temp promotion of ea of the fol-named Off in the AUS eff and to rank 11 Dec is announced (Auth AG 210.2 GNQ AFPAC subj Auth to Promote, 16 Jul 45):

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2D LT TO 1ST LT

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BENJAMIN H BRANDT 02077019 AC 574th Air Mat Sq 334 20th AF
31st Air Sv Gp

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FRED E GENKIN 0927295 AC 30th Bomb Sq 19th 334 20th AF
Bomb Gp

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BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL WHITEHEAD:

THOMAS D WHITE
Major General, U.S. Army
Chief of Staff

OFFICIAL:

/s/ James W Porter
JAMES W PORTER
Colonel, Adjutant General's Department
Assistant Adjutant General

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JOHN G WEIR
Captain, Air Corps.

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574th AIR HANDLING SQUADRON
31st AIR SERVICE GROUP
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PROMULGATION

A. ORIGINAL UNIT

1. Designation: 574th Air Materiel Squadron
2. Date of Organization: 11 May 1944
3. Place of Organization: Robins Field, Ga.
4. Authority for Organization: G.O. 83 Warner Robbins Air Service Command, Robins Field, Ga.
5. Sources from which personnel was obtained: 56th Air Service Group.

B. CHANGES IN ORGANIZATION

1. Negative

C. STRENGTH, COMMISSIONED AND ENLISTED:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | At beginning of period: | 19 Officers | 158 EM |
| 2. | Net increase for month: | | 10 EM |
| 3. | Net decrease for month: | 1 Officer | |
| 4. | At end of month: | 18 Officers | 168 EM |

D. AIRCRAFT

1. At beginning of period: None
2. At end of period: None

E. STATIONS, CHANGES IN

1. Negative

F. OPERATIONS, MISSIONS

1. Not applicable

G. AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

None

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NARRATIVE

A. Administration and personnel

1. On the 27th November the Squadron moved to the new open pitch formerly was occupied by the 30th Bombardment Squadron.

2. Usual orgn duties were performed during the month of November.

3. One officer reld Asgmt & dy during the month, see copy attchd.

4. Forty-nine enlisted men received promotions during the month.

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PACIFIC DIVISION
HEADQUARTERS 1504th AAF BASE UNIT
FAIRFIELD-SUISUN ARMY AIR BASE, CALIFORNIA

SPECIAL ORDERS) 10 November 1946

NUMBER 289) EXTRACT

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2. 1ST LT (1093-HOSP-52,Cat 1) FARLEY A LATTA (M-F) 0805076 AC, Corps AUS, Now attached this PAR for trans to his overseas sta is relieved from assgmt and dy with North Field Air Base Coml (Prov) APO 334 and attached this sta and is assd Separation Ctr Cp Beale Calif., reporting upon arrival thereat to CO for separation from the sv under prov of current RR. POS TDN 7 1-52 P ASU-03-00 a. 2170425 S 99-999. AUTH: TWX from MDGN 1222302 Oct 46 AL. HDGN 15 Nov 46 (Off signed Certificate for immediate release.)

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BY ORDER OF LT COL ARMSTRONG:

FOREST J JOHNSON
Capt, AC
Adj

OFFICIAL:

Anthony S Chong /s/
ANTHONY S CHONG /t/
Capt, AC
Asst Adj

A CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

Louis F Oliveri /s/
LOUIS F OLIVERI /t/
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FRONTISPIECE

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2. Date of Organization: 11 May 1944
3. Place of Organization: Robins Field, GA.
4. Authority for Organization: G.O. 83 Warner Robins Air Service Command, Robins Field, GA.
5. Sources from which personnel was obtained: 56th Air Service Group.

B. CHANGES IN ORGANIZATION

1. Negative

C. STRENGTH, COMMISSIONED AND ENLISTED:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. At beginning of period: | 17 Officers | 98 EM |
| 2. Net increase for month: | 2 Officers | 55 EM |
| 3. Net decrease for month: | | |
| 4. At end of month: | 19 Officers | 153 EM |

D. AIRCRAFT

| | |
|---|---|
| 1. At beginning of period: | None |
| 2. At end of period: | None |

E. STATIONS, CHANGES IN

1. Negative

F. OPERATIONS, MISSIONS

1. Not applicable

G. AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

None

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NARRATIVE

A. Administration and personnel

1. Objectives for October were to furnish personnel for administration of Base supply activities and to perform the necessary house keeping functions in connection with the administration of assigned personnel.

2. Usual organizational duties were performed.

3. Three officers joined during the month and three received promotions, see copies of orders attached.

4. Six enlisted men received promotions during the month. Enlisted strength increased by sixty-five during the month; ninety-three men joining the organization and 28 departing. Two of the departures were for return to the United States.

5. Plans are being completed and work has begun to move the Squadron from its present location to the area formerly occupied by the 30th Bombardment Squadron. No change of station is involved.

6. The squadron ceased operation it's own mess during the month and that function was assumed by the 4th Mess Squadron (Prov). Former Mess personnel have now been placed on Detached Service with the 4th Mess Squadron.

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PACIFIC AIR COMMAND, U. S. ARMY
APO 925 - 18 October 1946

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6. The temp promotion of ea of the fol-named AC Offs in the AUS off and to rank 18 Oct 46 is announced (Auth AO 210.2 CHQ AFPAC, subj Auth to promote, 16 Jul 45):

1ST LT TO CAPT

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| LLOYD BARNETT JR | 026646 | 574th Air Materiel Sq | 334 20th AF |
| WILLIAM T COURTNEY | 026877 | 574th Air Materiel Sq | 334 20th AF |

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL WHITEHEAD:

CLEMENTS McMULLEN
Major General, U.S. Army
Chief of Staff

OFFICIAL:

/s/ James W. Porter
JAMES W. PORTER
Colonel, Adjutant General's Department
Adjutant General

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THOMAS T. WRIGHT, JR.,
1st Lieut., Air Corps.

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San Francisco California

SPECIAL ORDERS
NUMBER 105

1 October 1945

E X T R A C T

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5. LOT LT (1034) THOMAS L WRIGHT, 0683923, AC is reld asgmt & dy Hq 19th Bomb Gp and is trfd to 574th Air Mat Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp.

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BY ORDER OF COLONEL REYNOLDS:

LOUIS F OLIVERI
Capt., Air Corps
Adjutant

OFFICIAL:

/s/ Louis F. Oliveri
LOUIS F. OLIVERI
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17 Oct 46

SPECIAL ORDERS
NUMBER 116

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10. Sgt C'a having been assgd to Hq 19th B omb Gp are reld asgmt & dy thereto and trfd to orgns indic. PCS. TDN. GMT. EDCOR: 19 Oct 46

1ST LT (1093) BENNETT H BOOTS JR 079 322 574th Air Mat Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp

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BY ORDER OF COLONEL REYNOLDS:

LOUIS F OLIVERI
Capt., Air Corps
Adjutant

OFFICIAL:

/s/ Louis F. Oliveri
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NORTH FIELD AIR BASE COMMAND (PROV)
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San Francisco California

24 Oct 46

SPECIAL ORDERS
NUMBER 124

E X T R A C T

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14. 1ST LT (1034) LAWRENCE E. AUSTIN, 01692849, AC, is reld assgnt & dy 30th Bomb Sq, 19th Bomb Gp and trfd to 574th Air Mat Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp. No T invol. PCS. EDCOR: 27 Oct 46

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BY ORDER OF COLONEL TORHAUS:

LOUIS F OLIVERI
Capt., Air Corps
Adjutant

OFFICIAL:

/s/ Louis F Oliveri
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Capt., Air Corps
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FRONTISPIECE

A. ORIGINAL UNIT

1. Designation: 574th Air Materiel Squadron
2. Date of Organization: 11 May 1944
3. Place of Organization: Robins Field, Ga.
4. Authority for Organization: G.O. 83 Warner Robins Air Service Command, Robins Field, Ga.
5. Sources from which personnel was obtained: 56th Air Service Group

B. CHANGES IN ORGANIZATION

1. Negative

C. STRENGTH, COMMISSIONED AND ENLISTED:

1. At beginning of period: 12 Officers 144 EM
2. Net increase for month: 4 Officers
3. Net decrease for month: 56 enlisted men
4. At end of month: 16 Officers 88 EM

D. AIRCRAFT

1. At beginning of period: none
2. At end of period: none

E. STATIONS, CHANGES IN

1. Negative

F. OPERATIONS, MISSIONS

1. Not applicable

G. AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

None

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NARRATIVE

A. Administration and personnel

1. The passage of Typhoon Querida on the morning of the 20th left considerable damage in its wake. In general buildings were damaged and light and water services were disrupted. No casualties were suffered. For the remainder of the month the efforts of the organization were bent toward repairing the damage wrought. Buildings have been repaired as far as possible by squadron personnel, and light and water facilities have been restored.

2. Four shipments of enlisted men were relieved from the organization this month for return to the States, totaling 101 men. Incoming enlisted personnel amounted to approximately 51, offsetting the losses to some degree.

3. Six officers joined during the month and two departed the organization.

4. Twenty-four enlisted men were awarded promotions during the month.

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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. True copy paragraph 2, Special Order 93, Headquarters North Field Air Base Command (Prov), dated 16 September 1946.

2. True copy paragraphs 5 and 6, Special Order 100, Headquarters North Field Air Base Command (Prov), APO 334, dated 25 September 1946.

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SPECIAL ORDERS
NUMBER 93

16 Sep 46

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2. Fol O's are reld asgmt & dy Hq 19th B Gp and asgd to orgns indicated. TDN. GMT. PCS. EDCMR: 16 Sep 46.

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1ST LT 1034 | FRANK DOCTON | 0800208 | AC | 574th AMS, 31st ASG |
| 1ST LT 1035 | ROBERT H KUNZ | 0396052 | AC | 574th AMS, 31st ASG |
| 1ST LT 1036 | DOYLE R MURPHREE | 0695954 | AC | 574th AMS, 31st ASG |
| 2ND LT 4400 | ORLO B ELFES | 02016644 | Sig C | 574th AMS, 31st ASG |

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BY ORDER OF COLONEL REYNOLDS:

LOIUS F OLIVERI
Capt., Air Corps
Adjutant

OFFICIAL:

/s/ Louis F Oliveri
LOUIS F OLIVERI
Capt., Air Corps
Adjutant

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THOMAS L. WRIGHT, JR.,
1st Lieut., Air Corps.



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SPECIAL ORDERS
NUMBER 100

25 Sep 46

E X T R A C T

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5. CAPT (4532) LAWRENCE P STRAUSS, 0325236 AC, is reld asgmt & dy Hq 19th B Gp and is trfd to 574th AMS, 31st ASG. PCS. No T invol. EDCMR: 25 Sep 46.

6. 1ST LT (4805) JAMES A MCCOY, 01548945, AC, is reld asgmt & dy Hq 19th B Gp and is trfd to 574th AMS, 31st ASG. PCS. NO T invol. EDCMR: 25 Sep 46.

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BY ORDER OF COLONEL REYNOLDS:

LOUIS F OLIVERI
Capt., Air Corps
Adjutant

OFFICIAL:

/s/ Louis F Oliveri
LOUIS F OLIVERI
Capt., Air Corps
Adjutant

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FRONTISPIECE

A. ORIGINAL UNIT

1. Designation 574th Air Materiel Squadron
2. Date of Organization 11 May 1944
3. Place of Organization Robins Field, Ga.
4. Authority for Organization G.O. 83 Warner-Robins Air Service Command, Robins Field, Ga.
5. Sources from which personnel was obtained

56th Air Service Group

B. CHANGES IN ORGANIZATION

1. Negative

C. STRENGTH, COMMISSIONED AND ENLISTED:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. At beginning of period - | 9 Officers | 209 EM |
| 2. Net increase for month - | 3 Officers | |
| 3. Net decrease for month - | | 65 EM |
| 4. At end of month | 12 Officers | 144 EM |

D. Aircraft

1. At beginning of period None
2. At end of period None

E. STATIONS, CHANGES IN

1. Negative

F. OPERATIONS, MISSIONS

1. Not applicable

G. AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

None

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August 1946

NARRATIVE

A. Administration and Personnel

1. During the month of August two shipments of men left to return to the States for seperation. Cutting the man power shortage a great deal.

2. We had four Officers assigned near the end of the month.

3. 1st Lt Farley A. Latta, 0805076, was aptd Adjutant of the 574th Air Material Squadron on Squadron Order # 28. See true copy atchd.

4. Capt James J. Flynn, 0593208, was aptd Group Stock Control O, (PD), per par 1 SO 121 Hq 31st ASG. See extract of true copy atchd. Was Also was aptd Base Stock Control O (AD), and ass't Executive for Materiel (AD), per par 3 SO 81 Hq NFABC (Prov). See extract of true copy atchd.

5. Thirteen (13) enlisted men were awarded promotions this month.

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27 August 1946

ORDER)
# 28)

FARLEY A. LATTA, 1st Lt, 0805076, AC., is hereby aptd Adjutant of the 574th Air Materiel Squadron, vice 2nd Lt Edward C. Carroll, 02089389, AC., reld.

BY ORDER OF CAPT LATHAM:

F. A. LATTA
1st Lt AC
Adjutant

OFFICIAL:

F. A. LATTA
1st Lt AC
Adjutant

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F. A. LATTA
1st Lt AC
Adjutant

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SPECIAL ORDERS
NUMBER 121

30 Aug 46

1. CAPT (7536) JAMES J. FLYNN, 0583208, AC, 574th AMS, 31st ASG, is aptd Group Stock Control O (PD).

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BY ORDER OF COLONEL POLHAMUS:

JAMES R. CUMBER PATCH
1st Lt., Air Corps
Adjutant

OFFICIAL:

S JAMES R CUMBERPATCH
T JAMES R CUMBERPATCH
1st Lt., Air Corps
Adjutant

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F. A. LATTA
1st Lt. AC
Adjutant

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SPECIAL ORDERS
NUMBER 81

30 Aug 46

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3. CAPT (7536) JAMES J FLYNN, 0583208, AC, 574th AMS, 31st ASG, is aptd Base Stock Control O, (AD), and Assistant Executive for Materiel (AD).

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BY ORDER OF COLONEL REYNOLDS:

LOUIS F OLIVERI
Capt., Air Corps
Adjutant

OFFICIAL:

S LOUIS F OLIVERI
T LOUIS F OLIVERI
Capt., Air Corps
Adjutant

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F. A. LATTA
1st Lt AC
Adjutant

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A. ORIGINAL UNIT

1. Designation
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3. Place of Organization
4. Authority for Organization
5. Sources for which personnel was obtained

B. CHANGES IN ORGANIZATION

1. Negative

C. STRENGTH, COMMISSIONED AND ENLISTED:

1. At beginning of period -
2. Net increase for month - 13 Officers 208 EM
3. Net decrease for month - 4 Officers 8 EM
4. At end of month 9 Officers 200 EM

D. Aircraft

1. At beginning of period None
2. At end of period None

E. STATIONS, CHANGES IN

1. Negative

F. OPERATIONS, MISSIONS

1. Not applicable

G. AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

None

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July 1946

a. Adminstration and Personnel

1. This month of July ended with only eight men short of what it started with.

2. We have moved the Orderly Room to where the old 31st Group Hq. was at one time located.

3. On 23 July 46 the squadron was assigned a new Commanding Officer Lt Col George T. Chadwell was relieved by Capt Seymour E. Lathan. Extract of true copy of 31st ASC SO 110 par par 4 attached.

4. Due to the rapid turn over of Officers caused by Category V Officers being returned to the States for separation there have been several new Officers assigned to duty within the squadron. Lt Roderick H. Now has been appointed squadron Mess Officer and Lt Jack Broussard relieved Lt. Courtney as Squadron I & E Officer.

5. On 23 July 46 Sgt David E. Treibel relieved S/Sgt Robert F. Harmon as 1st Sgt. of the squadron. True copy of Squadron order # 23 attached.

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31st AIR SERVICE GROUP
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San Francisco California

30 July 1946

GENERAL ORDER)
NO. 23)

Sgt (502) DAVID E. TRIBBEY, 39484314, is hereby apld 1Sgt, 1st Sgt, vice S/Sgt (502) [illegible], 20018423, reld.

BY ORDER OF CAPT LATTA:

C. J. DUHON
1st Lt AC
Adjutant

OFFICIAL:

S C. J. DUHON
T C. J. DUHON
1st Lt AC
Adjutant

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F. T. LATTA
1st Lt AC
Adjutant

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24 July 1943

SPECIAL ORDERS
NUMBER 110

4. CAPT (AC00) SEYMOUR E. [illegible]ATHAM, 0580908, AC, 574th Air Mat'l Sq, is aptd CO of 574th Air Mat Sq. (Primary dy), vice LT [illegible] (1002) [illegible] T. CHADWELL, O 2620, AC, reld.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL POLHAMUS:

JAMES R. CUMBERPATCH
1st Lt., Air Corps
Adjutant

OFFICIAL:

S JAMES R. CUMBERPATCH
T JAMES R. CUMBERPATCH
1st Lt., Air Corps
Adjutant

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F. A. [illegible]ATTA
1st Lt AC
Adjutant

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A. ORIGINAL UNIT

1. Designation - 774th Air Materiel Squadron
2. Date of Organization - 11 May 1944
3. Place of Organization - Robins Field, Ga.
4. Authority for Organization - G.O. 28 Warner-Robins Air Service Comd and Robins Field, Ga.
5. Sources for which personnel was obtained

56th Air Service Group

B. CHANGES IN ORGANIZATION

1. Negative

C. STRENGTH, GAIN BY ASSIGNED AND RELEASED:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. At beginning of period - | 15 Officers | 251 EM |
| 2. Net increase for month - | | |
| 3. Net decrease for month - | 2 Officers | 41 EM |
| 4. At end of month | 13 Officers | 210 EM |

D. Aircraft

1. At beginning of period - None
2. At end of period - None

E. STATIONS, CHANGES IN

1. Negative

F. OPERATIONS, MISSIONS

1. Not applicable

G. AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

None

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June 1946

NARRATIVE

A. Administration and Personnel

This month we are 47 men short of what we had at the beginning of the month. Most of the enlisted men left with the number of months required to be seperated from the Service. Other than this very little can be said about this very inactive month.

Twenty three enlisted men were awarded promotions to the grades of sergeant and Cpl.

Lt. ClaiBorne J. Duhon was appointed Squadron Typhoon Officer. True copy of Squadron Order #13 attached.

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31st AIR SERVICE GROUP
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San Francisco California

24 June 1945

(ORDER)
# 18)

1. 1st Lt. Claiborne J. Dubon, 02082399, is hereby apt'd. Typhoon Officer of this Squadron.

BY ORDER OF LT COL CHADWELL:

C. J. DUHON
1st Lt AC
Adjutant

OFFICIAL:
S C. J. DUHON
T C. J. DUHON
1st Lt AC
Adjutant

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P. A. LATTA
1st Lt AC
Adjutant

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A. ORIGINAL UNIT

1. Designation 7744th AAF Materiel Squadron
2. Date of Organization 21 May 1944
3. Place of Organization Robins Field, Ga.
4. Authority for Organization G.O. 88 Warner-Robins Air Service Command, Robins Field, Ga.
5. Sources for which personnel was obtained

564th Air Service Group

B. CHANGES IN ORGANIZATION

1. Negative

C. STRENGTH, COMMISSIONED AND ENLISTED:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | At beginning of period - | 12 Officers | 257 EM |
| 2. | Net increase for month - | 3 Officers | |
| 3. | Net decrease for month - | | 6 EM |
| 4. | At end of month | 15 Officers | 251 EM |

D. Aircraft

1. At beginning of period None
2. At end of period None

E. STATIONS, CHANGES IN

1. Negative

F. OPERATIONS, MISSIONS

1. Not applicable

G. AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

None

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May 1946

NARRATIVE

A. Adminstration and Personnel

1. During the month of May everything was pretty quite. A few were assigned and a few left. With the gains and losses we fell back only five men. We gained 3 new Officers during the month of May.

2. Another new commanding officer was assigned this squadron. Lt Col George T. Chadwell assumed commaddon 23 May 1946 as directed by North Field Air Base Command (Prov) SO 4 par 1. Extract copy attached.

3. Lt Elmer Eshelman relieved Lt Charles G Farr as asst Mess Officer of the 574th mess hall.

4. Fourteen (14) enlisted men of this squadron were promoted.

5. Squadron duties were carried on as usual throughout the month.

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SPECIAL ORDERS
NUMBER 4

23 May 1946

E X T R A C T

1. LT COL (1093) CHARLES F CHAMBELL, 022620, AC, is reld asgmt & dy, 19th Bomb Gp, and asgd to 31st Air Sv Gp, for duty as Commanding Officer, 574th Air Mat. Sq. TOS. PCS. GMT. EDCOR: 23 May 1946

BY ORDER OF COLONEL SNYDER:

ALVIN KASKIN
Major, AGD
Adjutant

OFFICIAL:

SF ALVIN KASKIN
TS ALVIN KASKIN
Major, AGD
Adjutant

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F. A. LATTA
1st Lt AC
Adjutant

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A. ORIGINAL UNIT

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2. Date of Organization 11 May 1944
3. Place of Organization Robins Field, Ga.
4. Authority for Organization C.O. 56 Ferry-Robins Air Service Command, Robins Field, Ga.
5. Sources for which personnel was obtained

56th Air Service Group

B. CHANGES IN ORGANIZATION

1. Negative

C. STRENGTH, COMMISSIONED AND ENLISTED:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. At beginning of period - | 10 Officers | 235 EM |
| 2. Net increase for month - | 2 Officers | 41 EM |
| 3. Net decrease for month - | | |
| 4. At end of month | 12 Officers | 256 EM |

D. Aircraft

1. At beginning of period None
2. At end of period None

E. STATIONS, CHANGES IN

1. Negative

F. OPERATIONS, MISSIONS

1. Not applicable

G. AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

None

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April 1946

NARRATIVE

A. Administration and Personnel

1. During the month of April we gained forty one men. Only a very few men left to return to the States this month. On the whole ti was a very quiet month. The only indications of activity were the assignment of two new officers and 21 promotions of enlisted men.

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A. ORIGINAL UNIT

1. Designation — 27th Air Materiel Squadron
2. Date of Organization — 11 May 1944
3. Place of Organization — Robins Field, Ga.
4. Authority for Organization — G.O. 85 Warner-Robins Field Air Service Command. Robins Field Ga.
5. Sources from which personnel was obtained — 564th Air Service Group

B. CHANGES IN ORGANIZATION

1. Negative

C. STRENGTH, OF ASSIGNED AND ENLISTED:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. At beginning of period - | 5 Officers | 197 EM |
| 2. Net increase for month - | 5 Officers | 25 EM |
| 3. Net decrease for month - | | |
| 4. At end of month | 10 Officers | 222 EM |

D. Aircraft

1. At beginning of period — None
2. At end of period — None

E. STATIONS, CHANGES IN

1. Negative

F. OPERATIONS, MISSIONS

1. Not applicable

G. AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

None

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March 1946

NARRATIVE

A. Administration and Personnel

1. During the month of March we had our ups and downs. Quite a few men left for the states but there were a few more assgd this month than we lost which put a little ahead.

2. We had a very nearly complete change in our officers this month. Capt Wagner relelved Lt. Tillotson as Commanding Officer and Lt Claiborne Duhon relieved Lt. John C. McMillan as squadron Adjutant. Lt. Brevard S. Myers was assigned as Mess Officer of the 31st ASC Mess hall and Lt. Charles C. Farr was appointed ass't Mess Officer.

3. Our promotions have been coming thick and fast among the enlisted men. This month 41 new stripes were sewed on by various members of this organization.

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31st AIR SERVICE GROUP
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20 March 1946

ORDER)
# 9)

1. 1st Lt (1034) CLAIBORNE DURHN, O2062399, AC, is hereby apt'd Sq Adjutant and Sq Supply O, vice 1st Lt (7888) JOHN C McMILLAN, O872997, AC, reld.

BY ORDER OF CAPT WAGNER:

CLAIBORNE DURHN
1st Lt. AC
Adjutant

OFFICIAL:

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T CLAIBORNE DURHN
1st Lt AC
Adjutant

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Edward C Carroll
EDWARD C CARROLL
2nd Lt., AC

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2. Date of Organization 11 May 1944
3. Place of Organization Robins Field, Ga.
4. Authority for Organization G.O. 88 Warner-Robins Air Service Command, Robins Field Ga.
5. Sources for which personnel was obtained

56th Air Service Group

B. CHANGES IN ORGANIZATION

1. Negative

C. STRENGTH, COMMISSIONED AND ENLISTED:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. At beginning of period | 7 Officers | 61 EM |
| 2. Net increase for month | | 135 EM |
| 3. Net decrease for month | 2 Officers | |
| 4. At end of month | 5 Officers | 196 EM |

D. Aircraft

1. At beginning of period None
2. At end of period None

E. STATIONS, CHANGES IN

1. Negative

F. OPERATIONS, MISSIONS

1. Not applicable

G. AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

None

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February 1946

NARRATIVE

A. Administration and Personnel

1. During this month the enlisted men have increased greatly. We had 136 men asgd to this organization which took the heavy burden off the few men that still remained at the end of January. Of the 136 men assigned 65 where put on DS to the Wing Headquarters Squadron.

2. February has been a very confusing month. It is very difficult to decide where to look for headership. Lt Tillatson was assigned as Squadron Commanding Officer, relieved by Lt Korff and then reassigned as Commanding Officer.

3. Lt. Joseph Richardson was assigned this organization for duty.

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574TH AIR SERVICE SQUADRON
31ST AIR SERVICE GROUP
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NARRATIVE HISTORY FOR PERIOD

1 January 1946 to 31 January 1946

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FRONTISPIECE

A. ORIGINAL UNIT

574th Air Material Sqdn.

1. Designation
2. Date of Organization 11 May 1944.
3. Place of Organization Robins Field, Ga.
4. Authority for Organization G.O. 88 Warner-Robins Air Service Command
5. 58th Air Service Wing Personnel was obtained

B. CHANGES IN ORGANIZATION

1. Negative

C. STRENGTH, COMMISSIONED AND ENLISTED:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | At beginning of period - | 7 Officers | 158 EM |
| 2. | Net increase for month - | Negative | 97 EM |
| 3. | Net decrease for month - | 7 Officers | 61 EM |
| 4. | At end of month | | |

D. Aircraft

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | At beginning of period | None |
| 2. | At end of period | None |

E. STATIONS, CHANGES IN

1. Negative

F. OPERATIONS, MISSIONS

1. Not applicable

G. AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Good Conduct Medal awarded to Cpl John J. Ruby 32765041 general order 1 31st Air Sv. Gp. Extract copy attached.

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January 1946

NARRATIVE

A. Administration and Personnel

1. During the month of January we have lost to many men and it is only possible to keep the mess hall and warehouses open. At the end of this month only 61 men remain attached to the squadron.

2. A good many additional duty assignments outside the squadron were given to the Officers of this organization.

3. The only other indication of activity this month is the fact that we have had several changes of MOS's of enlisted men.

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13 January 1946

GENERAL ORDERS
NUMBER 1

Upon recommendation of their organization commander and under provisions of Par 3 (2) AR 600-68, the following enlisted men, organizations indicated, are hereby awarded the Good Conduct Medal:

574th Air Materiel Squadron

* Corporal John J Ruby 32765814

(*) - Indicates EM on DS to WPDC.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL BARZYNSKI:

HERBERT D CARPENTER
1st Lt, Air Corps
Adjutant

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3. Place of Organization Robins Field, Ga.
4. Authority for Organization G.O. 88 Warner-Robins Air Service Command. Robins Field, Ga.
5. Sources for which personnel was obtained

56th Air Service Group

B. CHANGES IN ORGANIZATION

1. Negative

C. STRENGTH, COMMISSIONED AND ENLISTED:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. At beginning of period - | 11 Officers | 212 | EM |
| 2. Net increase for month - | 5 Officers | 54 | EM |
| 3. Net decrease for month - | 5 Officers | 54 | EM |
| 4. At end of month | 6 Officers | 158 | EM |

D. Aircraft

1. At beginning of period None

2. At end of period None

E. STATIONS, CHANGES IN

1. Negative

F. OPERATIONS, MISSIONS

1. Not applicable

G. AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

None

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December 1945

NARRATIVE

A. Administration and Personnel

1. During this month the enlisted men have continued to leave in large numbers. The sections are down to the bare minimum.

2. This month the squadron suffered such a great loss of personnel that we were almost down to the 31 October level. In spite of the fact that were so shorthanded the squadron managed to perform its usual functions.

3. Due apparently to the shortage mentioned above promotions were very rare this month. Only one man of this organization received an additional stripe.

4. 1st Lt John C. McMillan was assigned squadron Adjutant per par 6 SO 161 extract copy attached.

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SPECIAL ORDERS
NUMBER 161

30 December 1945

6. 2nd Lt (7388) JOHN C MC MILLIAN, 0872997, AC, this Gp, is aptd Adj, (2110), 574th Air Materiel Sq (Primary Dy).

BY ORDER OF COLONEL BARZYNSKI:

M. I. RIBBLE
Captain, AC
Adjutant

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A. ORIGINAL UNIT

1. Designation
2. Date of Organization
3. Place of Organization
4. Authority for Organization
5. Source and [illegible] personnel was obtained

744th Air Material Sqdn.
11 May 1944
Robins Field, Ga.
G.O. 88 Warner-Robins Air Service Command, Robins Field, Ga.

56th Air Service Group

B. CHANGES IN ORGANIZATION

1. Negative

C. STRENGTH, COMMISSIONED AND ENLISTED:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. At beginning of period - | | | |
| 2. Net increase for month - | 9 Officers | 136 EM | |
| 3. Net decrease for month - | 3 Officers | 75 EM | |
| 4. At end of month | 12 Officers | 211 EM | |

D. Aircraft

1. At beginning of period — None
2. At end of period — None

E. STATIONS, CHANGES IN

1. Negative

F. OPERATIONS, MISSIONS

1. Not applicable

G. AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

None

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November 1945

NARRATIVE

A. Administration and Personnal

1. During the month of November the 89th Air Service Group deactivated and assigned most of their men to this Squadron.

2. We lost forty two men as those elgible to go home left during the month of November.

3. We gained approximately another seventy men as the other Bomb Wings started on the Sunset home. The low pointers were transferred to 314th Wing and some inevitably to our squadron. This month ended with 211 men assigned.

4. Among the 13 enlisted men promoted this month was first sergeant Clifford E. Schurmann.

5. The Squadron enjoyed an appreciable increase in both officer and enlisted personnel which relieved the acute shortage somewhat.

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56th Air Service Group

B. CHANGES IN ORGANIZATION

1. Negative

C. STRENGTH, COMMISSIONED AND ENLISTED:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. At beginning of period - | 5 Officers | 179 EM |
| 2. Net increase for month - | 4 Officers | |
| 3. Net decrease for month - | | 43 EM |
| 4. At end of month | 9 Officers | 136 EM |

D. Aircraft

1. At beginning of period None

2. At end of period None

E. STATIONS, CHANGES IN

1. Negative

F. OPERATIONS, MISSIONS

1. Not applicable

G. AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

None



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October 1945

NARRATIVE

A. Administration and Personnel

1. During the month of October the Squadron has lost many men as they have started going home in large quanities. The point system for enlisted men has really hit hard. A few men have been assigned to the Squadron from other wings.

2. 16 enlisted men were awarded promotions during this month.

3. The usual squadron business was maintained in spite of fluctuation in squadron strength.

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56th Air Service Group

B. CHANGES IN ORGANIZATION

1. Negative

C. STRENGTH, COMMISSIONED AND ENLISTED:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. At beginning of period - | 7 Officers | 127 EM |
| 2. Net increase for month - | | 52 EM |
| 3. Net decrease for month - | 2 Officers | |
| 4. At end of month | 5 Officers | 179 EM |

D. Aircraft

1. At beginning of period None
2. At end of period None

E. STATIONS, CHANGES IN

1. Negative

F. OPERATIONS, MISSIONS

1. Not applicable

G. AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

None

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September 1945

NARRATIVE

A. Administration and Personnel

1. During the month of september a shipment of men were received in this squadron. The man shortage was somewhat relieved by this shipment.

2. We lost two of our Officers this month as ther went home due to month and point system.

3. On the 5 September 1945 a new Commanding Officer was assigned this squadron. See extract of SO 83 par 2 attached.

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SPECIAL ORDERS
NUMBER 83

5 September 1945

2. CAPT (AOLO) NORMAN J. WOOD, 0570851, AC, this Gp, is aptd Cp Materiel O and CO, 574th Air Materiel Sq (primary duties), vice MAJ (AOLO) VICTOR D ARMSTEAD, 0359195, AC, reld.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL des ISLETS:

JAMES H. FLOYD
Major, AC.
Adjutant

OFFICIAL:

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San Francisco, California

SPECIAL ORDERS
NUMBER 1

1 Jan 1947

1. Upon recommendation of their immediate CO's & under Prov of AR 615-5 as amended, fol EM, Race-W, AC, orgns indic, are promoted to grades indic:

HQ & BASE SV SQ, 31ST AIR SV GP

TO BE SERGEANT (TEMP)

Cpl (931) James K Rider RA42133722
Cpl (623) Warren S O'Sullivan RA13197960
Cpl (825) Marion H Damore Jr RA45030347

TO BE CORPORAL (TEMP)

Pfc (275) Edwin R Carmel RA42274353
Pfc (511) Harold E Purvis Jr 45025070
Pfc (677) Adolph J Watkins RA30735558
Pfc (261) Forrest N Mayhugh RA10119632
Pfc (345) Donald V Korth RA45024250
Pfc (055) William E Boulo 12103872
Pfc (060) William T Broughman RA42067563
Pfc (050) Edward V Dunham RA11[illegible]495
Pfc (055) Chester A Nadvidek Jr 42274769
Pfc (014) Philip A Descharps RA13507341
Pfc (677) Robert H Smith RA15174936
Pfc (522) Harold L Radcliff RA35905998
Pfc (056) George L Lee 45022798
Pfc (809) James F Hardy RA14092820
Pfc (405) Ralph C Alexandro 33895563
Pfc (060) Franklin Turchis Jr RA16194732
Pfc (060) Billy J Cooper RA37991[illegible]2
Pfc (623) George R Thompson RA43029084
Pfc (673) Robert L Stevens 46072504
Pfc (014) Billy G Harry RA44107090

TO BE PRIVATE FIRST CLASS (TEMP)

Pvt (060) Joel D Hodge RA14210998
Pvt (345) Emil S Bryzenski RA12274924
Pvt (521) William A Jacobs 42271830
Pvt (521) John Guido 42272468
Pvt (521) Leonard R Rebernik RA43016604
Pvt (521) Albert E Brooker 42272446
Pvt (060) John L Horton 37864646
Pvt (521) William E Poach Jr 45025054

274TH AIR WAT'L SQ, 31ST AIR SV GP

TO BE STAFF SERGEANT (TEMP)

Sgt (932) Richard L Robbins RA39490694

TO BE SERGEANT (TEMP)

Cpl (932) Tony Spinuzzi RA37081354
Cpl (345) Deward P Martin Jr RA43012674
Cpl (901) Davy Mitchell RA36267310
Cpl (060) George M Oakes Jr RA43045483
Cpl (014) George A Canady RA15402147

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574TH AIR MAT'L SQ, 31ST AIR SV GP (CONT'D)

TO BE CORPORAL (TEMP)

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Pfc (835) Francis L Bohr | 37827405 | Pfc (060) Jack K Sandahl | RA37810928 |
| Pfc (055) James E Young | RA15203904 | Pfc (932) Willard M Taylor | RA38343362 |
| Pfc (060) Donald A Roudebush | RA46045475 | | |

TO BE PRIVATE FIRST CLASS (TEMP)

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Pvt (521) William C Pretz | RA45044566 | Pvt (060) Louis G Filuis | RA15236194 |
| Pvt (932) Paul H Fitch | RA15196464 | Pvt (521) Lester P Hickey | RA44171783 |
| Pvt (931) John C Mastin | RA39199099 | Pvt (060) Billy J Tyler | RA16175111 |
| Pvt (590) Norge L Venditti | RA45024483 | | |

BY ORDER OF COLONEL POLHAMUS:

QUITMAN P. JACKSON
Capt., Air Corps
Adjutant

OFFICIAL:

QUITMAN P. JACKSON
Capt., Air Corps
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574TH AIR MATERIEL SQUADRON
31ST AIR SERVICE GROUP
APO 334 c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, Calif

3 Oct 1945

MEMORANDUM

TO: Adjutant, 31st Air Service Group, POST.

1. As per your verbal request, the following-outlined resume of supply activities of the 31st Air Service Group is submitted.

2. Upon arrival at Guam, and after the unloading of all the 31st's own equipment, the Group personnel commenced to unload the impediments of the Bomb Groups, inasmuch as their ground echelon had not yet arrived. All Service Group vehicles were used for this purpose. After this operation Group personnel were returned to the Service Center to commence with the establishment of supply agencies for the Wing. Officers and enlisted men from this Group were assigned key jobs in all branches of the Service Center Supply.

a. Air Corps Supply.

(1) Dock to area delivery of Air Corps Supply equipment, upon arrival on Guam, was made at all hours of day and night, requiring 24-hour duty with men working 12-hour shifts. Material was segregated according to classes, supervisors and assistants appointed to care for their particular classes. The equipment was removed from the first area to a second, and finally into warehouses. Operation began and continued while table of supplies was being broken down and equipment warehoused. During all of this activity, the Group Commanding Officer gave orders to the men to be able to find and issue any given article within ten minutes. This was accomplished.

(2) Seven-day weeks were required; working time later was cut to six and a half days per week, then to six days weekly. Procedure was devised and set up to handle supplies in a volume far in excess of anything contemplated in previous plans. Not only were four separate organizations consolidated and

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integrated to take care of the requirements, but both branches (Stock Control and the Warehouse Section) continued in the closest of cooperation to maintain stock level, obtain "emergency" issues quickly, and to expedite AOCP. Both sections were in operation every hour of the day and night. The 574th was one of the two original units in charge of the initial undertakings; thus, most of the planning and labor fell upon them.

(3) Supplies provided included:

(a) All parts and materials to keep two hundred B-29's in operation.

(b) Shortages and replacements for T/O & E equipment for four Very Heavy Bombardment Groups, plus quantities of additional special equipment deemed necessary for efficient operation.

(c) Personal equipment of all flying personnel in 314th Bombardment Wing.

(d) Millions of gallons of gasoline.

(4) At peak, 166 men were assigned, including Class IIIA.

(5) The following unofficial summary will demonstrate amount of work accomplished: At Fairmont Army Air Field, Geneva, Nebraska, approximately 150 persons were required to keep some fifteen planes operative. Forty to fifty percent of planes in condition was considered a good record. On Guam, thousands of miles from supply centers in the States, the same number of men maintained 95 to 99 percent efficiency on two hundred B-29's for a six-month period (approximate period of operation until end of War).

(6) Eight issue warehouses handled 25 separate and individual classes. During top operation as many as 175 issues were made in one day in one class. This is not an all-time high but is a representative average figure.



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(7) In July the Reparable warehouse received 103,528 items over the counter in reparable or serviceable condition.

(8) Total number of seperate items which went through the warehouses on a daily basis were 21,601 (Stock Record cards of August 31). (There are some seven hundred thousand items in Air Corps Supply. We had action on 21,601 of them during operation on Guam.)

(9) Kits for equipment were built by own personnel by working with borrowed equipment at night.

(10) Number of days without ACCP was 204 as of September 30.

(11) In June, 30,863 requests for stock were made. Of these, 24,838 were on hand in the warehouse; 5,376 were requisitioned from Harmon Field.

b. A General Supply was at once put into operation, composed of the following:

(1) Chemical Warfare Supply for supply of all chemical warfare expendables or nonexpendables.

(2) Corps of Engineers Supply for the supply of all its expendables and nonexpendables. As this was a new base and development, a great demand was made on this agency for construction and utilities items.

(3) Signal Supply. Ground Signal and Airborne Signal were a combined agency. Due to the great abundance of T/O & E expendable equipment brought overseas by units, Ground Signal operations were not too great, but the heavy demand made on the personnel, which also handled Airborne equipment, was gigantic, due to the augmentation of aircraft within all Bombardment Groups. The 31st Air Service Group had a highly efficient and qualified Communications Supply Section,



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which handled great quantities of radio and radar equipment and thus helped to keep AOCP to a minimum.

(4) Medical Supply for this base was incorporated into a consolidated Wing Medical Supply, using all Medical Supply personnel to perform all functions therein. The Medical Supply Section of the 31st Air Service Group occupied key positions within this consolidated agency.

(5) Ordnance Supply. Immediately upon arrival at Guam, automotive vehicles were put into use by all units of this Wing; Ordnance Supply had to commence supplying parts and equipment at once. This job was established and executed in a most efficient manner by the Ordnance Supply personnel of this Group. Contacts were established with AOF and Naval Ordnance Supply depots to expedite the flow of all spare parts and equipment. The planning and management of this activity was such that this Wing has enjoyed the privilege of having one of the lowest, if not the lowest, "deadline" rates in the Twentieth Air Force.

The Ammunition Section of the 31st Air Service Group was one of the original Service Group Ammunition Sections to operate in the Guam Bomb Storage Area, and as such were a portion of the personnel that loaded and hauled bombs and ammunition for the initial missions from Guam. After the augmentation of the aircraft assigned this Wing, pressure became greater on this small section doing such a large job. Duty during "war days" was carried on over and beyond normal duty hours of this Wing. All officers in charge of the Guam Bomb Storage Area have commended the 31st Air Service Group Ammunition Section.

(6) Quartermaster Supply. The 31st Air Service Group Quartermaster office was the first supply office to operate at this station. Upon the Quartermaster's arrival, he made



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the necessary contacts with AGF and other island supply depots to obtain the necessary supplies and equipment needed for the bivouac of the newly arrived troops. After the arrival of the Group Quartermaster Section on North Field, supply and supply procedure were established for all drawing units within the Wing, and an efficient and speedy flow of same was realized by 12 January 1945. During the first days on Guam the Quartermaster sections encountered and overcame many and varied obstacles while operating under primitive conditions. In the "early days" on Guam, the Quartermaster Class III Section was informed by the Navy Supply Point #21 that "unleaded" white gasoline shipments to Guam would be held up approximately three weeks. The Quartermaster Class III Section immediately went to work and constructed a filter to break down 81 octane leaded red gasoline to unleaded white, suitable for use in field ranges and lanterns. This section was further called on to obtain a heavy grease compound, and when this could not be obtained through Army or Navy sources, the Class III section made a heavy viscosity grease from water pump grease and asphalt compound. This filled the order to such an extent that until two months ago the same compound was being used. To date this section has hauled to North Field and dispensed 1,844,562 gallons red gasoline (leaded), 700,452 gallons unleaded white gasoline, and 193, 519 gallons diesel fuel, which quantities have instituted a large scale operation for this section.

Aside from handling all salvage and shoe repair for the entire Wing, the Quartermaster Section has in the Class I Section, hauled and broken down 3,107,048 rations, manufactured and delivered in break-down form 1,236,525 pounds of ice.

To date Quartermaster Class II and IV sections have screened, processed, and issued against 6,202 requisitions. The Quartermaster office has prepared and shipped the



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personal effects of missing or deceased personnel in the total amount of 48,197 pounds, and has handled incoming baggage totaling 15,555 pounds. The Quartermaster section has developed to such a degree and extent that today it is second to none within the Twentieth Air Force.

3. Supply procedure as established and developed by the 31st Air Service Group greatly expedited the flow of all equipment and spare parts to the using units and sections, as may be well substantiated by the statistics written in the above paragraphs. In so doing, the 31st Air Service Group Supply Section carried out its intended mission in a superior manner and thus as a unit aided materially in the bringing of the Pacific war to a successful conclusion.

NORMAN J WOOD
Capt, AC
Comdg



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HEADQUARTERS TWENTIETH AIR FORCE
APO 234, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

AIHIS 314.7

1 October 1945

SUBJECT: Publication of Unofficial Unit Histories

TO: See Distribution

The following messageform, file 314.7, subject: "Publication of Unofficial Unit Histories", 25 September 1945, from the Commanding General, United States Army Strategic Air Forces, is quoted for your information

"1. Reference your messageform, file 314.7, subject: "Publication of Unofficial Unit Histories", 21 September 1945.

2. Answers to your questions follow:

a. Unit funds can be used for publication of popular Histories if such Histories are group projects without profit to any member of the unit.

b. Material used in such publications should be cleared with the A-2 of your command.

c. Officers cannot be returned to the mainland on TDY to supervise publication of Histories by commercial concerns. However, an officer from this headquarters who is experienced in the publication of such material is returning to the states for reassignment. On his arrival he will secure estimates of publication costs from several responsible commercial printing establishments, and this information along with all necessary details for the preparation of copy and the delivery of published Histories will be furnished your headquarters by approximately 15 October.

d. Topo mapping unit and photo squadron facilities may be utilized for publishing Unofficial Histories if it is a unit project and if the mapping or photo unit is willing to undertake publication."

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL TWINING:

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HEADQUARTERS
UNITED STATES ARMY STRATEGIC AIR FORCES
APO [illegible]

AG 314.7

AUG 24 1945

SUBJECT: Interview with Organization Commanders.

TO : Commanding General, Twentieth Air Force, APO 234.

1. In order to preserve the opinions and experiences of commanders in the field as an important source of the history of the Army Air Forces, historical officers of each wing, air service center, group, battalion, and all other separately administered organizations not forming a part of an air service center, group or battalion under the command of the Commanding General, United States Army Strategic Air Forces, will conduct an interview with their respective organization commanders.

2. The exact questions to be asked will be left to the individual unit historian, although as a minimum the commander's opinions on the following subjects will be furnished:

a. Mission-extent to which mission of the organization was accomplished; important factors contributing to or hindering accomplishment of mission; outstanding successes or failures.

b. Problems-primary problems encountered during course of war; measures taken to solve them.

c. Administrative organization and policies- trend in the efficiency of the organization; adequacy of the TO and E; adequacy of the personnel and supply systems; efficiency of the command setup in POA as it affected the organization concerned.

d. General-suggestions for the improvement of overall efficiency; comparison of PO. with other theaters (if applicable); relative effectiveness of weapons used; general comments.

3. The heading of the interview will contain the following information: organization, commander, interviewer, date and place of interview. It will be typed on 8½" x 11" paper, submitted in triplicate to this headquarters on or before 15 September 1945. This report will bear the clearance number SAF-HIT-81-2.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL SPAATZ:

/s/ A.B. TEMPLE
/t/ A.B. TEMPLE
LT COL., AGD
ASST. DJ.GEN

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HEADQUARTERS TWENTIETH AIR FORCE, APO 234 c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, California, 25 August 1945

TO: See Distribution

The provisions of basic letter will be complied with.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL TWINING:

ROBERT T. THICE
Captain, AGD
Asst Adj General

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HEADQUARTERS 314TH BOMBARDMENT WING, APO 334, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, California, 30 August 1945.

TO: Commanding Officers, All Units, 314th Bombardment Wing

For information and action.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL STORRIE:

FLOYD COOLEY
Lt Col, AGD
Adjutant General

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HEADQUARTERS
UNITED STATES ARMY STRATEGIC AIR FORCES
APO 234

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SUBJECT: Appendix to Unit Histories for the Period 1 August - 31 August 1945.

TO : Commanding General, Twentieth Air Force, APO 234.

1. In accomplishing the objectives of the AAF Historical Program as provided in AR 345-105 as amended by Change 4, AAF Regulation 20-8, and other pertinent directives, historical officers of each wing, air service center, group, and battalion, and all other separately administered organizations not forming a part of an air service center, group, or battalion under the command of the Commanding General, United States Army Strategic Air Forces, will, in addition to instructions contained in AAFTOA Memorandum 20-3, 15 September 1944, and AAFTOA Memorandum 20-3B, 14 May 1945, submit the following with the unit histories for the period 1 August 1945 - 31 August 1945:

a. An appendix with the following data for the period since 7 December 1941:

(1) Original unit: Designation, and date of activation.

(2) Changes in organization, i.e., changes in the designation, transfer of the unit to other commands.

(3) Stations (permanent or temporary) of units or parts thereof:

(a) Date of arrival at each station.
(b) Date of departure from each station.

(4) Commanding officers (names and dates assumed command)

(5) Losses in action by name and date (wings and air service centers will limit their lists to Headquarters):

(a) Killed
(b) Wounded
(c) Missing

(6) Former and present members who have distinguished themselves in action (wings and air service centers will limit their lists to headquarters):



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(a) Name
(b) Award
(c) Date

(7) Strength, officers and enlisted men, on last day of each month.

(8) Strength - airplanes by types - on last day of each month.

(9) Losses - airplanes by types - by month:

(a) Combat losses
(b) Operational losses
(c) Transfer

b. An evaluative narrative or summary covering the period since 7 December 1941 to include the following:

(1) The unit's primary contribution in winning the air war against Japan: difficulties encountered, problems solved, and new techniques evolved.

(2) Significant factors which affected the living conditions and morale of the unit.

(3) Description of the organization of the unit, including a chart if possible; basic changes in the organization of the unit since activation; changes in the Table of Organization; administrative factors and relations with other echelons which affected the operations of the unit.

(4) Summary of lessons learned and suggestions for improving the functioning of the organization.

c. All available supporting documents of historical value relating to any portion of the unit's history (See par 11, AR 345-105, change 4, and par 3.d., sec IV, AAFHOA Memorandum 20-3).

2. The unit histories prepared by the units themselves and submitted to this Headquarters will be forwarded to Headquarters Army Air Forces where they will become a part of the permanent and official record of the unit's participation in the war. Completeness and accuracy of the unit's history is the responsibility of each organization commander.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL STAATZ:

/s/ A.D. TENOLD
/t/ A.D. TENOLD
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HEADQUARTERS 314TH BOMBARDMENT WING, APO 334, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, California, 30 August 1945.

TO: Commanding Officers, All Units, 314th Bombardment Wing, APO 334.

For your information and any necessary action.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL STORRIE:

ALVIN KASKIN
Captain, AGD
Asst Adj Gen



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ARMY AIR FORCES
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1 March 194

Subject: Historical Program Letter No. 4 - Style Sheet

To: All Area, Overseas and Miami Air Depot Commanders
Attention: Control Officers

1. This Letter prescribes footnote procedures, the treatment of quotations, and other matters of style in the preparation of histories of Air Service Command areas, the Atlantic and Pacific Overseas Commands, and the Miami Air Depot, and recommends a format for all Unit Histories.

2. It is suggested that copies of this letter be distributed to subordinate units and installations which are preparing Unit Histories (see Letter No. 3, paragraph 3 b). The procedures outlined herein should be followed in general in the preparation of Unit Histories, but it is recognized that some recommendations will not be applicable in the lower levels.

3. Note-taking: In taking notes, the following methods have proved helpful and are recommended wherever practicable.

a. Use note cards or sheets of paper of uniform size that can be manipulated easily and filed efficiently.

b. Notes can be used more effectively if only one point or subject is included on each card.

c. Much labor will be saved if each note card carries full information on source of data or quotation.

4. Footnote Procedure:

a. Although sources for all important statements should be given in footnotes, footnotes should be used sparingly, particularly in Unit Histories. Statements concerning routine matters or covering well-known facts need not be footnoted. Major policy changes, etc., should be footnoted.

b. In general, the writer should consider the footnote as primarily a reference to a source of information, not as a dumping ground for detailed information of only an incidental nature. Usually, material which is pertinent should be placed in the text.

c. A list of abbreviations, including those used in footnote citations, should be inserted in each Major Unit History.



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d. All military titles should be abbreviated except when referring to a general officer without giving his rank and first name: i.e., Lt. Col. Johnson, Maj. Gen. Oscar Westover, but General Andrews. (Military titles should be written out in the text.)

e. Footnotes will be placed at the bottom of the page on which the reference occurs. Footnotes will be single spaced, and footnote numbers will be flush with the margin of the text. The footnotes will be numbered consecutively unless the history contains more than one chapter, in which case they will be numbered consecutively commencing with "1" in each chapter.

f. It is highly important that footnotes be accurate. To insure this accuracy, in the final stage of preparation or study, citations should be checked against the writer's notes or the original sources.

g. The following are specific examples of footnote forms recommended for use in the Historical Program:

Books

1. Daniel J. Brimm, Jr., and H. Edward Boggess, Aircraft Maintenance (Pitman, New York, 1940), 107.

2. Prandtl, "The Mechanics of Compressible Fluids," in William D. Durand, Aerodynamic Theory (California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, 19[illegible] III, 91.

Periodicals

1. Arthur Schweitzer, "The Air Transport Command," in Air Trails, XXX (19[illegible] 234.

2. "Why Do We Fight?" editorial in Life, No. 26 (29 June 1943), viii-ix.

Newspapers

1. Times-Herald (Washington) 2 June 1943.

Army Publications

1. AR 95-5, 20 June 1941, par. 4.

2. WD Training Circular No. 47, 1 July 1938.

3. AAF Reg. No. 20-5, 17 June 1942.

4. ASC Reg. No. 75-7, 10 March 1943, par. 2a.

5. WRASC, SO No. 4, 5 Jan 1943, par. 5.



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Manuscript Materials

1. Memorandum Report, Material Division, Serial No. EXP-M-50/573, 25 July 1941, in AAG 373 B2.

2. Memo for CG ASC by Colonel John Doe, 29 March 1943, in ASCAG 320.9.

3. Letter to CG ASC from Maj. L. S. Howell, Ass't, Adj. Gen., ASC, Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio, 25 April 1942, in ASCAG 323.3.

4. Taylor, SBASC to CG ASC, 26 Feb 1944, Teletype No. SBASCC01-2-25 in ASCAG 314.7.

5. Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Command, G. O. No. 16, 8 Aug 1942.

6. Interview with Lt. Elliot Vandevanter, 9 April 1942, in AFABI Air Room.

5. Quotations:

a. Ordinarily, the writer should attempt to prevent overloading the text with long, single-spaced quotations. Ease of reading is not served by a series of quotations together with a minimum of exposition by the writer. Especially effective quotations, however, which conveniently sum up a point of view or which give forceful expression of opinion, are often subject to damage when paraphrased.

b. Normally, quotations of more than six lines in length will be indented from both sides of the page and single-spaced. Quotation marks will be omitted. Omissions will be indicated by three dots (thus: . . .) with one space between each. A fourth dot will be used when a period denoting the end of a sentence is necessary. A footnote should be used to indicate the source of all quoted material.

c. All quotations must be carefully proofread for accuracy, and no editorial liberties should be taken with them, with the exception that an obviously unintentional inversion of letters by a typist or printer causing a misspelling may be corrected.

6. Format:

a. The text of the narrative history will be prepared on letter size paper (8" x 10 1/2") of durable grade and will be securely bound.

b. The text will be double-spaced, except for quotations of more than six lines in length.

c. Wherever possible supporting documents should be prepared on letter size paper. Oversize charts should be reduced as much as is consistent with legibility. Where it is not possible to reduce the appendices to letter



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size, documents should be folded to that size in all cases where the folding will not mutilate the attachment (e.g., photographs).

d. The supporting documents should be numbered consecutively as appendices following the text. The appendices should be securely bound together, either in the same folder with the text or in an appropriately labeled separate folder, depending upon the bulk of the text and supporting documents.

By command of Major General DUNTON:

/s/ Ward Wheelock
WARD WHEELOCK,
Colonel, Air Corps,
Control Officer.



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ARMY AIR FORCES
Headquarters
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Patterson Field, Ohio
28 February 1944

Subject: Historical Program Letter No. 3 - Suggested Procedures in Subordinate Units and Installations Below the Area Commands to Accomplish Historical Program.

To: All Area, Overseas, and Miami Air Depot Commanders.
Attention: Control Officers.

1. Historical Program Letter No. 3 has been prepared to aid Control Officers in area and Overseas Air Service Commands and the Miami Air Depot to carry out their duty of exercising technical supervision over historical activities of subordinate units and installations of their headquarters, as set forth in ASC Regulation No. 20-1X, 4 February 1944, paragraph 4 (b) 3.

2. Since the procedures suggested in this Letter are designed to aid responsible officers in subordinate units and installations in performing their duties in the Historical Program, it is suggested that copies of this Letter be distributed by the Control Office of each of the area and Oversees Air Service Commands and the Miami Air Depot to subordinate units and installations of his headquarters.

3. General.

a. The Historical Program of ASC has been established to obtain such historical data and to prepare such documents as are necessary to compile a complete administrative and operational history of this Command. This history will be an integral part of the history of the Army Air Forces being compiled by the Historical Division, AC/AS, Intelligence, Hq. AAF, Washington, D. C. Within this Command, data will be obtained and histories will be written at each of three levels:

(1) Headquarters, ASC.

(2) Area and Overseas Air Service Commands and the Miami Air Depot.

(3) Subordinate Units and Installations.

b. By "Subordinate Units and Installations" is meant:

(1) Intransit Depots, Storage Depots, Specialized Depots, and Replacement Depots.

(a) Histories of Air Depots are the responsibility of area Air Service Commands and the Miami Air Depot, and will be covered in their histories.



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(b) Histories of sub-depots, both prior to 1 January 1944 and current, are the responsibility of the Air Forces or commands to which they are currently assigned. Copies of their histories will eventually reach the ASC Historical Officer through the Historical Division, Headquarters AAF, Washington, D. C.

(2) Air Service Command bases, fields, and airports.

(3) Air Service Command training centers, training stations, and training detachments.

(4) Service Groups and Air Depot Groups.

(5) Miscellaneous organizations, such as the 13th Station Complement Air Depot, the Engineer Aviation Camouflage Battalion, the Air Depot Detachments, and the AAF Regional Crystal Banks.

c. The history of smaller units of each of these subordinate units (for example, a Medical Supply Platoon of an Air Depot Group) will be studied only insofar as the subordinate unit affects the functions of the parent organization. The history of a unit with detachments will deal with the history of the detachments only insofar as they affect the functions of the parent organization. The history of the various housekeeping units (for example, Medical, Veterinary, and Finance Detachments) and various base and field services (for example, Base Hq. and AB Squadrons, Guard Squadrons, and Aviation Squadrons) will be discussed as a part of the Station History.

d. The duties of officers responsible for the Historical Program in these subordinate units and installations are stated in paragraph 5, ASC Regulation No. 20-1X, 4 February 1944. These duties will be performed by Control Officers where such exist. They are:

(1) Collect and forward material needed by higher headquarters to accomplish their historical functions.

(2) Prepare a brief organizational history of the unit or installation.

e. Hereafter in these Letters, the organizational histories of subordinate units and installations will be termed Unit Histories.

4. Unit Histories.

a. Unit Histories prepared as outlined in this Letter are designed to meet the requirements of AR 345-105 and AAF Regulation No. 20-8, interpreted in the light of the organization and functions of this Command.



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b. Unit Histories will serve two purposes:

(1) Higher headquarters will extract from them such data as are pertinent to their historical activities.

(2) The Unit Histories, which will eventually reach Headquarters, Army Air Forces, will stand as the official history of the unit which produced it.

c. Unit Histories should be forwarded to the area or Overseas Air Service Command Control Officer not later than 1 June 1944.

d. Files and data should be compiled and maintained currently so that further historical reports, forming supplements to the Unit History, can be made periodically.

e. Unit Histories, together with supporting documents, should be forwarded in triplicate. The area or Overseas Air Service Command will retain one copy, one copy will remain in the files of the Historical Section, Control Office, Hq. ASC, and one copy will be forwarded by the ASC Historical Officer to the Historical Division, Hq. AAF, Washington.

f. Subordinate units and installations which have already prepared or submitted Unit Histories in accordance with AAF Historical Officers Circulars need not revise them to meet the conditions set forth in this Letter, except that they should be brought up to date (i.e. 1 January 1944).

5. Scope of Unit Histories:

a. In preparing Unit Histories, historians in all echelons should constantly bear in mind that the ASC Historical Program is primarily utilitarian in nature. Its purpose is to record experience in such a way that it will be useful:

(1) In the conduct of this war.

(2) For future military instruction.

(3) For guidance in possible future wars.

(4) For guidance in the solution of comparable problems of training, personnel, and maintenance likely to be encountered by industrial organizations in the postwar period.

b. To serve these purposes effectively, experience must be recorded - that is, history must be written - in sufficient detail to be full of meaning. Detail, however, must not be allowed to become burdensome, and compact



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writing should characterize every page. Objectivity necessitates frankness - the relation of failures as well as successes. Above all, complete accuracy must be sought constantly.

c. Since the detailed study of operational activities of the Air Service Command is to be undertaken by the Historical Section of Hq. ASC, the Unit Histories will be primarily organizational in nature. In many cases, six to ten pages should be sufficient to cover the essentials desired. In others, a history of greater length will be necessary.

d. The Unit Histories should cover the period from activation of the unit to 1 January 1944.

6. Form of Unit Histories: The following is a suggested outline for a Unit History. As the subordinate units and installations differ widely in function, it may be modified to meet the unique characteristics of the unit compiling the history. With the exception of the first item in the outline, the history should be written in narrative form. In order to insure historical accuracy, statements of fact should rest upon documentary evidence or the testimony of participants. Sources for all important statements should be given in footnotes.

a. Chronological list of important dates in history of unit.

b. Activation of unit.

(1) Designation.

(2) Date and authority of activation. (Give date of authority activating and effective date of activation.)

(3) Place.

(4) Sources from which personnel obtained.

(5) Names of key personnel.

c. Mission of organization.

(1) Original.

(2) Additions to or alterations of mission.

d. Growth of organization.

(1) Strength of personnel.

(2) Materiel on hand.

(3) Facilities available.



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e. Stations (permanent or temporary) of units or detachments thereof.

(1) Date of arrival at and departure from each station.

(2) Reasons for change in station.

(3) Conditions of installation.

f. Changes in organization.

(1) Change in designation of unit.

(2) Transfer of unit to another organization of higher echelon.

(3) Changes caused by T/O's, etc.

(a) Problems confronted.

(b) Reasons for change.

(4) Units or detachments assigned to unit.

(a) Historical sketches of principal subordinate units.

g. Major organizational problems faced by unit.

(1) Solved.

(2) Unsolved.

h. Outstanding personalities, human interest stories, and unusual events associated with unit, including short biographies of commanding officers of unit.

7. Supporting Documents:

a. Supporting documents should comprise the appendix of the Unit History. These supporting documents will be originals or true copies of the documents which have been of major importance in the history of the unit. By "major importance" is meant such matters as activation, original mission, significant additions to or alterations of mission, and significant descriptions of procedures or alterations of procedures. In addition, such supplementary documents as Engineers' completion reports, important statistical reports, and instructional manuals unique to the unit should be included. In general, morning reports, special orders, memorandums, bulletins, unit periodicals, newspaper clippings, and all documents having to do with routine functions should not be included.



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8. Footnotes, Format, and Style Rules. Unit Histories should be provided with footnotes, and should observe the format and style rules set up for the Historical Program. Historical Program Letter No. 4 will be devoted to these matters.

9. Classified Materials.

a. Access to classified data needed in the compilation of Unit Histories is granted in AAF Regulation No. 20-8, paragraph 3, and in ASC Regulation No. 20-1X, 4 February 1944, paragraph 2 (d). It is necessary to make a thorough survey of classified documents in order to write an adequate Unit History.

b. Notes taken from classified documents should be given the same classification as the material upon which they are based. In addition, a historical manuscript of any kind should be given the same classification as the materials from which it was taken. If materials of more than one classification are used, the manuscript should be given the highest classification. If only unclassified material is used, the historical document should be classified "Restricted", in accordance with instructions from The Adjutant General.

By command of Major General DUNTON:

WARD WHEELOCK,
Colonel, Air Corps,
Control Officer.



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HEADQUARTERS
31ST AIR SERVICE GROUP
APO 246 UNIT 2, C/O POSTMASTER
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

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15 February 1945

SUBJECT: Unit Histories.

TO : Commanding General, 314th Bombardment Wing, APO 246 Unit 2, c/o PM, San Francisco, California.
(Attention: Wing Historical Officer).

1. Transmitted herewith organizational histories of the units of this Group, for the period 1 November 1944 to 31 January 1945.

For the Commanding Officer:

JAMES H. FLOYD,
Captain, AC,
Adjutant.

2 Incls:

Incl # 1 - History, Hq. 31st Air Service Gp.
Incl # 2- History, Hq & Base Services Sq.
Incl # 3 - History, 56th Air Engineering Sq.
Incl # 4 - History, 574th Air Material Sq.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICE
XXI BOMBER COMMAND

RELEASE NO.182 17 June 1945

Four Japanese cities of less than 200,000 population each were hit with incendiaries in the early morning darkness of Monday, 18 June (Japanese time) dropped by a force of B-29s of Maj. Gen. Curtis E. LeMay's XXI Bomber Command.

The cities were Omuta (177,000) and Kagoshima (181,000) on the home island of Kyushu and Hamamatsu (165,000) and Yokkaichi (102,000) on the island of Honshu. None of these cities has been the subject of all-out attack by B-29s, although Hamamatsu and Kagoshima both have suffered damage from secondary raids.

Damage to Hamamatsu before this attack amounted to about half a square mile, and Kagoshima has about 26 acres blasted out of its urban area.

The B-29s flew in four separate formations to make the attack at low altitude. It was the first night incendiary strike by the B-29s since the 17 May mission against Nagoya.

With these four attacks, 10 Japanese cities have now been dealt 22 incendiary blows by the XXI Bomber Command.

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HAMAMATSU -- With a population of 165,000 and an area of about four and one-half square miles, Hamamatsu is the second largest city between Yokohama and Nagoya. It is about four miles inland from Hamamatsu Beach, a 70-mile long stretch of unusually regular coastline between Tokyo and Nagoya.

Hamamatsu is an outlying component of the Nagoya industrial area and contains important plants producing parts and materials used in the aircraft industry. It is also the site of an Imperial Government Railway shop, third largest railroad repair works in Japan.

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It has an average population density of 37,500 per square mile. Most of the city lies west and north of a loop in the Magome river. It is a relatively small but typical Japanese urban-industrial area, with congested districts of predominantly wooden houses and narrow streets and a very considerable mixture of small industries.

The main Tokaido Railroad line, linking Tokyo and Kobe, runs roughly at a northeasterly angle through the southern half of the city; a large marshalling yard and roundhouse are near the center of the area.

A large textile center before the war and a trade and marketing point for the area, Hamamatsu is an outstanding mixture of dense housing and small industrial plants.

Among the installations in the target area are the Japan Musical Instrument company (now producing aircraft propellers), the Suzuki Loom works (now converted to ordnance and machinery production), the Railroad station, Marshalling Yards and Roundhouse; an airplane dope plant, the Kawasaki Musical Instrument company (converted to war production), the Nippon Dye plant, Nishikawa Tool company, Asahi Photographic Equipment company, Hamamatsu Gas company, a rubber factory, the Nakamura Sugar company and four spinning mills.

OMUTA --This city with a population of 177,000 is located on Kyushu Island on the northeast coast of Shimabara gulf. It is roughly five miles long along the waterfront in a north-south direction and two and a half miles wide. It is crossed by two rivers--the Omuta through the northern section and the Suwa through the southern section.

The village of Miike which lies across the Domen river about a

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[illegible] to the northeast of Omuta has given its name to the coal fields. These adjacent coal fields supply Omuta with the material which is used in her manufacture of complicated chemicals, coke and such allied products as synthetic oil.

Omuta has the largest artificial harbor in Japan. Two jetties 450 feet apart are on each side of the 6,000 foot long channel leading into the Miike harbor.

It is one of the most important chemical centers of the Empire and as a shipping port for coal, Omuta is one of the first in Japan proper. As a site of one of their 10 largest synthetic oil refineries, a major source of zinc refining, it stands out as one of the top concentrations in Kyushu.

The population density is about 65,000 per square mile.

YOKKAICHI --With a population of 102,771 and an area about two miles north and south and a little less than a mile and a half east and west, Yokkaichi is an important commercial city.

Yokkaichi lies upon a narrow coastal plain approximately 20 miles southwest of Nagoya on the western shore of Ise bay. The Mitaki river runs through the northern part of the city and the Tempaku river follows the southern margin. The city is compact and land reclamation projects have been undertaken to increase harbor facilities and factory sites. The industrial section includes the southern and southeastern parts of the city, where textile mills and the Ishihara Smelter and Refinery have their sites. On the northern margin of the city, along the shore of Ise bay stands the Toho Heavy Industry steel plant. The railroad station with its extensive freight yards is in the central part of the city.

Yokkaichi has one of the best-developed harbors on the Ise bay and served for many years as the port of Nagoya. With the develop-

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been developed in Kagoshima in recent years. The principal plant is a tool and machinery factory located at the junction of the railroads near the western edge of the city. Railroad repair shops are also located here.

Kagoshima is easily accessible by water, as vessels of fairly deep draft can come alongside the pier. A single-track railroad system connects Kagoshima with the main cities and towns of the island.



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HEADQUARTERS XXI BOMBER COMMAND, GUAM--The first anniversary of two history-making events--important mile-stones on the road to the defeat of Japan, took place one year ago today.

On June 15, 1944 India-based B-29s of the XX Bomber Command delivered the first land-based aerial blow of the war against the Japanese homeland when their bombs crashed into the iron and steel plants of Yawata. Even as their bombs fell, marines were assaulting the beaches of Saipan, thousands of miles away...the first step in a series that would send other fleets of B-29s striking into the very centers of Jap war production.

The War Department's first announcement of the history-making attack on Japan's home islands was a tersely worded release: "B-29 Superfortresses of the United States Army Air Forces' Twentieth Bomber Command bombed Japan today."

In connection with this announcement, General of the Army (then General) H. H. Arnold, commanding the Twentieth Air Force, made this statement: "This employment of the B-29 makes possible the softening up attack on Japan very much earlier than would be possible with aircraft hitherto known to combat."

Twentieth Air Force communique No. 1, issued June 16, said: "A sizeable task force of B-29s from the 20th Bomber Command bombed industrial targets at Yawata on Kyushu island in the Japanese homeland on Thursday, June 15.

"Preliminary reports reveal that although enemy aircraft were encountered and antiaircraft was moderate to intense, none of the planes was lost as a result of enemy action.

"Fliers who participated in the mission report the bombing was

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accurate and that large fires and explosions were observed.

"The planes operated from bases in China which were completed recently. Two B-29s were lost as the result of accidents, one crew of which is safe. This communique is based on the preliminary incomplete reports from the combat zone."

Later in the day (June 16) communique No. 2 was issued.

"The Imperial Iron and Steel Works, Japan's largest steel mills located at Yawata on Kyushu Island in the Japanese homeland was the target of yesterday's B-29 mission of the 20th Bomber Command.

"The bombing was accurate and effective. Enemy fighter craft offered some resistance to a few units. Antiaircraft fire was moderate to intense over the target area. No enemy planes were reported shot down.

"There were no casualties aboard returning aircraft. Four planes failed to return from the mission. Of these, one was lost due to antiaircraft action over the target. Two failed to return due to accidents and of these the crew of one is known to be safe. A fourth airplane is missing."

Brig. Gen. (now Maj. Gen.) Kenneth B. Wolfe, commanding general of the 20th Bomber Command commented on the strike: "This is but the beginning of our organized destruction of the Japanese industrial empire."

Brig. Gen. LaVerne "Blondie" Saunders, Aberdeen, S. D., a Wing commander, was ranking officer on the mission. General Wolfe had been "grounded" at the last moment by orders from Washington after reserving a place on one of the planes.

Col. James Garcia, now a staff member of the XXI Bomber Command, was in the second plane over the Yawata target, riding as an ob-

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server. It was his wife's name, Betty, which was flashed back to the B-29 base in China signalling bombs away over the target.

Tokyo radio was silent for several hours after the attack then made this announcement: "Flying planes of the China-based American Air Force appeared over Japan in Northern Kyushu at 1:15 Friday morning, June 16.

"Effective interception by the Japanese resulted in the shooting down of six enemy planes. The Japanese pilots who engaged the raiders also disclosed that among the enemy planes shot down were the new B-29s or Super-bombers."

Later the Japanese admitted the Yawata plant of the Japan Iron Manufacturing company had been hit with "a few bomb fragments" but asserted there was "no damage whatever to plant facilities."

Other Japanese reports said planes were detected two hours ahead of their arrival over Japan and that "several were brought down, including a B-29," and that the largest number of persons killed at any one place was "ten inmates of the Kokura army hospital."

Tokyo claimed about 20 planes were in the attacking group. "Although fires broke out at several places as the result of the enemy bombing," said one broadcast, "our military and civilian fire fighters were quick in action and the fires were put under control by morning."

Many members of that original B-29 strike celebrated the anniversary of their global air force today by bombing Jap targets at will and on a scale surpassing that which brought Germany to her knees.

The celebration took place here in the Marianas shortly after

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the announcement that 150 Superforts of the original China-India command had joined forces with Maj. Gen. Curtis E. LeMay's XXI Bomber Command to add their strength to the aerial assault against Japan's industrial targets.

The original group had to fly the treacherous Himalayan "Hump" even to get into position to bomb interior Japan.

They flew from strips built of small stones carried by hand a distance of three miles and smeared over with a mudpie mixture called slurry. They blew whistles on the take-off to part the thousands of Chinese coolies constantly at work on improvised air fields.

This morning they rose from the smoothest blacktop runways modern American machinery can build.

At the time of the Yawata mission there were only 114 B-29s in operation in the entire theater, a mere handful compared to the fleets of Superforts now massed in the Marianas.

For every Superfort that took off for the Yawata target, 12 trips had to be made over the "H ump" to supply the necessary gasoline alone, a total of 24 Himalayan crossings.

Today in the Marianas gasoline flows unlimited from tankers anchored conveniently off shore.

Ninety-five airplanes took off from India on the first Yawata mission. Of these, 27 were grounded in China for mechanical failure and other causes, and of the 68 which left China for the target, only 47 reached it and dropped their bomb load of 94 tons. (Recently 564 Superforts dropped 4,119 tons.)

In June, 1944, the month of the first raid, 62 per cent of the total hours flown were consumed in flying supply missions. Of the 49,229 tons flown over the "Hump" in the first year of

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B-29 operations, only 4,444 were flown by aircraft on actual tactical missions. The remaining 44,785 tons, a large part of them gasoline, were flown by B-29s converted as "tankers" and by Air Transport Command to supply tactical airplanes.

The figure of more than half the total bomb tonnage dropped in the entire period of the China-India operation, was surpassed in the month of May by the 58th Bombardment Wing--a unit of the original XX Bomber Command, now operating from the Marianas.

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Chapter IX

1 February 1945 to 28 February 1945

When this War is over and miracles of construction are made more public, perhaps one of the miracles discussed will be the one connected with North Field at Guam. Engineers leveled several miles of taxi-strip and run way out of what had once been nothing but jungle, and the entire job took only a matter of perhaps two months. A similar job in peace time America prior to the War would have required over 400 days; this latter according to a former civilian engineer who made the estimate.

The field itself was dedicated by Lt. Gen Harmon, Commander of the POA&AF, and the first plane to land on the field, a B-24, had as two of its occupants members of the colored engineering outfit which had done the job. The press was on hand for the dedication as P-38s also landed that day and after shake-down missions would take their part in the bombing of Japan and Japanese territory.

For a fact, the entire area surrounding North Field underwent changes. Coral topping was placed on the roads and these were later tarred down; more equipment was moved into the warehouses; water towers were constructed; the mess-hall was completed for the 574th and other squadrons of the Group, and a 31st Air Service Group Service Club was opened for the men. The officers, of course, had their Officers' Club.

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On the first day of the month, Captain Taylor and Corporal Moonjean flew to Saipan for three days temporary duty to learn various things connected with Air Corps Supply procedure. On the third, the 574th Materiel Squadron was redesignated the 574th Air Materiel Squadron per authority Change 3, T/O & E 1-458F, 21 November 1944, War Department. Complete address for the organization was now as follows:

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31st Air Service Group,
A.P.O. 246 - Unit 2 - % P.M.,
San Francisco, California.

As more of the bomb group planes arrived, requirements on the 574th were increased in all departments, and as the planes began flying their practice raids over Rota and other small islands, these requirements became more pronounced. It was near the end of the month when 202 planes from the Marianas, China and other places jointly raided Tokyo. Twenty-two of those planes left from North Field, Guam. All but one returned and that one landed safely at Saipan. We were helping to win the war at last, and from now on in the 574th had a place to take with other outfits in the Army. It was still difficult for a man to imagine how handing a mechanic a screw driver was aiding in winning the war. The proof was obviously in the fact that the planes were flying and over enemy territory.

And as the 31st Air Service Group "got its feet wet", the Marines of the 3rd, 4th and 5th Division landed on a pin-point in the Pacific, the 2 x 5 mile Iwo Jima, only 750 miles from Japan proper. The fight was one of the bloodiest in

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Slowly the areas began to take shape. Rains proved a hindrance at times, making roads of mud, but despite that the equipment continued to move and was placed in the warehouses, the fuel dump opened to service trucks and quartermaster furnished the rations. By the end of the month, a few quonset huts had been erected for the medics and personnel work, showers were available and "outhouses" had taken the place of straddle trenches. Some men were sent to work with the Wing, but it was thought that was to be only a temporary arrangement. Great strides were made during the month, for the jungly appearance was fast disappearing.

War news, as a whole was good. Russian troops were inside Germany, 98 miles from Berlin; the Allies had halted the German drive of the 16th of December and were now slowly pushing forward toward the Reich; Leyte was conquered and Luzon invaded with the Yanks nearing Manila.

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On the 17th of November, all personnel of the Group was restricted to the base. Two days later, on Sunday night, at 2100 PWT, the troop train pulled out of the Geneva, Nebraska depot carrying with it the equipment-laden, frizzle-happened, expectant soldiers of the 21st Service Group.

Life on a troop train was not new to the 574th, but this time it was different. This time they did not know where the train was going, nor when it would arrive, nor what would happen upon arrival. Card games sprang up, magazines and books were pulled out of field packs and pockets, tobacco smoke drifted thru the car, mess gear rattled as car after car made its way to the mess car, scenery rolled past -flat plains, snowy mountains - and on the 22nd the train stopped in Seattle. It was 2230 PWT and raining. From the train station, the troops were carried by truck into Fort Lawton's staging area and there they were bivouacked in tar-paper hutments.

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Toward the end of the month the routine began to slow. At noon on the 21th, eight sergeants left Fort Lawton to go aboard ship and act as guides for their unit. The next afternoon the Group came aboard. It was a military move, a move of secrecy and security, the censors had said so, but when the organization reached the dock, there was the faithful Red Cross and Grey Ladies with their ever-present doughnuts and coffee and their human smiles. They had probably seen so many units depart that they no longer seemed to feel that the picture of men and equipment was anything more than an ordinary event. There were, too, the office workers, the warehousemen and stevedores all peering from their places of work.

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Life on a troop train was not new to the 574th, but this time it was different. This time they did not know where the train was going, nor when it would arrive, nor what would happen upon arrival. Card games sprang up, magazines and

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books were pulled out of field packs and pockets, tobacco smoke drifted thru the car, mess gear rattled as car after car made its way to the mess car, scenery rolled past -flat plains, snowy mountains - and on the 22nd the train stopped in Seattle. It was 2230 PWT and raining. From the train station, the troops were carried by truck into Fort Lawton's staging area and there they were bivouacked in tar-paper hutments.

The next week was an endless round of lectures: boat drill, insurance, allotments and many others. There were inspections of clothing and weapons and new issues made when it was necessary. There was the physical examination, the one incident which provided more laughs and caused more talk than any other affair. Hundreds of men stripped to the shoes and ran in front of doctors who pointed what must have been a half dozen hands in the general direction of mouth, armpits and penis, and with their seventh hand the doctors would motion for the soldier to pass on. As the soldier ran back to his clothes he felt a light brush sweep his hand. It was a blue indelible ink mark, the Government stamp of approval: the man was accepted for duty overseas.

Toward the end of the month the routine began to slow. At noon on the 28th, eight sergeants left Fort Lawton to go aboard ship and act as guides for their unit. The next afternoon the Group came aboard. It was a military move, a move of secrecy and security, the censors had said so, but when the

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when the organization reached the dock, there was the faithful Red Cross and Grey Ladies with their ever-present doughnuts and coffee and their human smiles. They had probably seen so many units depart that they no longer seemed to feel that the picture of men and equipment was anything more than an ordinary event. There were, too, the office workers, the warehousemen and stevedores all peering from their places of work.

When the boat, The U.S.A.T. Fred C. Ainsworth, pulled anchor the following day at noon there were no drums beating more people waving - but there probably was not a Fascist in the town who did not know by nightfall that another troopship of American soldiers was leaving the States.

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Chapter VI

1 October 1944 to 31 October 1944

In a meeting held in the mess hall on the 28th of the month, Colonel John M. L. des Islets, CO of the Group, told the men the outfit would be going over "sooner than any of us expected". That, in itself, was not a too significant fact as none of the men knew when the organization was expected to be sent overseas in the first place. But it tended to give the rumor mill food to be ground. Colonel des Islets also informed the Group that inspectors from Oklahoma City, ASTC Headquarters for this area, had praised the 31st Service Group as one of the best ever to be under their command.

The month evidenced the usual GI mode of talk and psychology learned in the Army. Some persons expressed doubt that the Group would go across at all, while others made bets as to where Christmas dinner would be eaten. Christmas and Overseas go hand in hand. Since the war began in Europe; there have been those yearly optimists who predict Christmas will see an end to the conflict. As for the soldiers themselves, they wager bets as to whether or not their Christmas dinner will be eaten in the states, overseas or, indeed, at their present camp.

To make the men feel as tho the organization was going across, the packing and crating boys continued to work harder than anyone else in the Group. An advanced party was composed, but remained confidential. Form 412s were re-typed on Form 413s. Three officers, who held commissions in branches of service other than the Air Corps, were detailed to the Air Corps. The CO went to Tinker Field on temporary duty for two days, later



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followed by the Warrant Officer. Two EM were sent to Ak-Sar-Ben Field in Omaha, Nebraska to deliver and pick up automotive parts.

And, to confuse the issue, just so no one would know exactly what the score is, other objectives were carried thru which seemd to indicate a long stay at FAAF. The Air Corps Supply Section set up, organized and operated a small warehouse located on the line. The warehouse operated in conjunction with the Sub-Depot, but handled only Classes 01, 02, 03, 04, 05 and 08-B. Three shifts were used to maintain a 24 hour schedule, seven days a week. Also, a series of barracks were rushed to completion into which the 574th moved the night of the 27th. Official reason given for the change of areas was that a storm from the Dakotas might blow towards FAAF at any time and make living in tents very uncomfortable.

Interspersed between every-day affairs came the weekly Chemical Warfare demonstration. The best of these was a mustard gas decontamination practical demonstration. A pin point of the liquid was applied to the forearm of each man who then decontaminated his own arm. Such a method would not be forgotten as easily as the words of the Chemical Warfare Officer.

A very good fire demonstration, during which an unfortunate accident occured, was exhibited. A small incendiary bomb was set off too close to a small open gasoline pit. The exploding charge of the bomb forced one of the observers back into the pit. Sparks from the bomb ignited the gasoline, which then lighted the man's clothes. He jumped from the pit, but was immediately tackled by a by-stander and two or three men rolled over him to extinguish the flames while one of the instructors turned a fire extinguisher on him. It was a vivid lesson in fire fighting.



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News from the fighting fronts was alternately bad and good. While the Allies were slowed by the German armies, General MacArthur in the Pacific landed his forces on the Island of Leyte in the Philippines. Great naval assistance was given, and tremendous aerial support was in evidence. Aerial activity was used to "soften up" the defenders before the ground forces went in. B-29s took part in raids on Formosa and other points nearer the Japanese mainland. But the Japs advanced in China.

And at home, the Presidential election went into its final stages.

Attached to this month's history are a group of pictures, the majority of which were taken during maneuvers in Kansas in September. The packing and crating warehouse is also shown.



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## Chapter V

1 September 1944 to 30 September 1944

It was a busy month, this month of September, what with POM inspectors making the rounds, a maneuver thru Kansas, a parade and the regular camp and garrison duties also to be maintained. Packing and crating for overseas continued, TAT material came in, and the quartermaster section issued another administrative order similar to the one of last month except the new one was sent to the 16th Bomb Group and was accepted by that outfit.

On the 11th, POM inspectors from Army Air Forces Headquarters arrived for an inspection, which continued thru the following day. On the heels of these inspectors came the IG inspectors from the same headquarters. The 31st Service Group passed all inspections, being pronounced ready for overseas.

It was now necessary for the group to leave on bivouac. In preparation for the part which the 574th was to play in the maneuver, Captain Wood and M/Sgt Hanrahan left on the 4th of the month to temporary duty at Belleville, Kansas to make a tour of the bivouac area. They returned on the fifth.

The bivouac, which was scheduled for six and one half days, began on Monday the 18th as the first section passed the IP at 0600, on schedule. A distance of 654 miles was covered, stopping on consecutive days at Rooks County State Park, Sheridan County State Park, Scott County State Park for two days, Oberlin Sappa State Park - all in Kansas - and returning to FAAF on Saturday afternoon, thus cutting a half day from the program because of



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the success acknowledged by the umpires from Oklahoma City.

Major Armistead, CO of the squadron, served as acting Executive Officer for the bivouac and Deputy Convoy Commander. Captain Wood was serial commander of the main body in the first serial and Lt. Bernebohm was assistant. Class III section of QM, under Lt. Arendt, handled all gasoline and oil for the entire convoy enroute.

Among the many lessons learned was the organization and operation of a large motor convoy. It was also learned that K rations are not "just like Motherused to make". Possibly one of the greatest lessons was to always have personal equipment ready for instant use at any time of the day or night regardless of conditions and/or assumptions.

On the 21st, while at Scott County State Park, a gas and incendiary bomb demonstration was given for the benefit of the 31st and 69th Service Groups. During the demonstration, an A-25 with spray tanks attached came over the area. Just previous to that attack, there was a simulated bombing attack. The effectiveness of each type of attack was clearly brought home to all personnel assembled.

The last day of the month was unique in two ways. Not only was it pay day, but there was also a review held on the ramp with the entire soldiery of the base participating. Six officers and men, recently returned from overseas, were decorated.

Thus, the extra-curricular activities for the month.

Camp and garrison duties continued. Seven EM left on the fourth for temporary duty at Camp Phillips, Kansas to fire the machine gun .50 cal. On the 6th Lt Lamon departed for two weeks camouflage school at March Field, California. The next day, Major Armistead left for one day temporary duty



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at Oklahoma City. One EM departed to Tinker Field in Oklahoma City for approximately three weeks on-the-job training in Ordnance Supply.

Two other units also went on DS. The first, composed of one warrant officer and eight EM, had to report on the 18th at Topeka, Kansas for two weeks of special supply training. On the 27th, four men went to Great Bend, Kansas to help in the reapir of a B-29.

In the theaters of operation, Allied Armies struck German soil and were making slow progress againstthe Seigfried Line. A detachment of airborne troops, dropped in Holland to outflank the line, was forced to withdraw, suffering heavy casualties. Meantime, the frontal assault continued. In the Pacific, the air war against the Philippines was stepped up, while land forces moved to attack the Palau Islands.



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Chapter IV

1 August 1944 to 31 August 1944

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On 1 August 1944, an Administrative Memorandum was prepared and submitted to the 504th Bombardment Group (B-29) for their approval. This was not forthcoming as the 504th had also received movement orders and were reluctant to alter their existing system for the remainder of their stay at Fairmont Army Air Field. Following is a true copy of the memorandum as it was written and offered to the 504th -



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HEADQUARTERS
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ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM) : Fairmont Army Air Field
: Geneva, Nebraska
NO. 1) 1 August 1944

1. GENERAL. The instructions contained in this Memorandum are pertinent to the activities of the Quartermaster Supply Section of the 574th Materiel Squadron, 31st Service Group. These instructions will be applicable to the 504th Bomb Group, 31st Service Group, and all other organizations and units that the 574th Materiel Squadron may be called on to service.

2. CLASS I QUARTERMASTER SUPPLIES (Subsistence):

a. Rations for each unit are drawn in accordance with Par 10, WD Cir 208, dated 15 September 1943, and any known specific changes.

b. Ration Returns will be submitted as follows:

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Tuesday for Friday
Wednesday for Saturday
Thursday for Sunday and Monday
Friday for Tuesday
Saturday for Wednesday

The ration returns for each squadron of the 504th Bomb Group will be consolidated by the 504th Bomb Group personnel section and submitted to the Quartermaster section of the 574th Materiel Squadron (Building 1902) by 0830 each morning.

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The HISTORY of the 574th MATERIEL SQUADRON

PROLOGUE

On 2 May 1944, the old 31st Service Group entrained at Campbell Army Air Field, Camp Campbell, Kentucky. The Group was being transferred to Herbert Smart Airport, six miles from Macon, Georgia, where a re-organization was to be under-taken.

Accompanying the move from Camp Campbell were the following squadrons and companies within the Group:

Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron

56th Service Squadron

305th Service Squadron

1731st Ordnance Supply & Maintenance Company (Avn)

1732nd Ordnance Supply & Maintenance Company (Avn)

1112th Quartermaster Company

Transferred completely out of the Group were the:

1039th Signal Company (sent to Kelly Field, Texas)

1916th Quartermaster Trucking Company (sent to Patterson Field, Fairfield, Ohio)

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It was noon on May 3rd when the Group reached itsnew station. Personnel left the train in Camp Wheeler, Georgia and marched approximately two miles to their area at the small municipal

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airport located across the street from the infantry training camp. Barracked in hutments, six men per, the 31st awaited orders from Robins Field, Georgia for instructions to re-organize. The paper work and shuffling around of men during this period of comparative inactivity was tremendous.

Then, on 17 May 1944, Headquarters Warner Robins Air Service Command, Robins Field, Georgia issued General Orders No. 88. What follows is the history of the 874th Materiel Squadron, whose activation began the date of the above mentioned General Order.

## Chapter I

20 May 1944 to 31 May 1944

A complete re-organization of the 31st Service Group had taken place. To fully comprehend all the component parts of it and the authority by which it was begun, a true copy of General Order No. 3, issued from the headquarters of the 31st Service Group is offered for the information and guidance of all concerned:

R E S T R I C T E D

GENERAL ORDERS )
:
NUMBER 3 )

HEADQUARTERS, 31ST SERVICE GROUP,
AAB, HERBERT SMART AIRPORT,
LACON, GEORGIA,
19 May 1944.

1. Pursuant to General Orders No. 88, Hq. Warner Robins Air Service Command, Robins Field, Georgia, dated 17 May 1944, the Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, this Group, having



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been redisgnated effective 10 May 1944, as the Headquarters and Base Service Squadron, this Group, is reorganized effective as of 11 May 1944, without change of station, in accordance with T/O & E 1-452T, dated 15 April 1944. The subject T/O & E will be augmented by Column 29 and two (2) times Column 28 (less eight (8) Control Tower Operators). Authorized strength of the units as augmented will be twenty-six (26) officers, one (1) warrant officer and two hundred eighty-five (285) enlisted men.

2. Further, pursuant to the above cited General Orders, the 56th Service Squadron having been redisgnated as the 56th Engineering Squadron effective 10 May 1944, is reorganized without change of station effective as of 11 May 1944, in accordance with T/O & E 1-457T, dated 15 April 1944. Subject T/O and E will be augmented by columns 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, and 35. The 56th Engineering Squadron as augmented will have an authorized strength of eleven (11) officers, one (1) warrant officer and two hundred forty-six (246) enlisted men.

3. Further, pursuant to the above cited General Orders, the 574th Materiel Squadron, having been activated and assigned to this Group as of 11 May 1944 is activated effective as of 11 May 1944, in accordance with T/O & E 1-458T, dated 15 April 1944. The authorized strength of each Materiel Squadron will be seven (7) officers, one (1) warrant officer and one hundred thirty-two (132) enlisted men.

4. Further, pursuant to the above cited General Orders, and concurrently with the above actions, the following units of this Group are disbanded, effective as of 11 May 1944:

1731st Ord Supply & Maintenance Company (Avn),
1732nd Ord Supply & Maintenance Company (Avn),
1112th Quartermaster Company, Service Group.

5. Personnel replacements for the above newly activated and/or reorganized units will be accomplished in the usual manner by submission of AAF Form 127-A and/or 127-B, submitted through this headquarters.

6. Automatic issue of equipment will not apply. Training equipment as authorized by T/A 1-26, dated 21 September 1943, will be utilized by these units. Equipment of the former organizations of this Group will be disposed of as follows:

a. Hq & Hq Sq, this Group, will ship one-half of all equipment and property on hand at this station, to the Hq and Base Service Squadron, 69th Service Group, this station.



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b. 56th Service Squadron will retain all equipmentand property now on hand.

c. 305th Service Squadron will retain all equipment and property on hand upon relief from assignment to this Group.

d. 1112th Quartermaster Company Service Group will ship one-half of all equipment and property on hand to the 574th Materiel Squadron, this Group, and one-half to the 575th Materiel Squadron, 69th Service Group, this station.

e. 1731st Ordnance S&M Company (Avn) will ship its equipment and property now on hand to the 574th Materiel Squadron, this Group.

f; 1732nd Ordnance S&M Company (Avn) will ship its equipment and property now on hand to the 575th Materiel Squdron, this station.

g. Any surplus property remaining in possession of this Group upon completion of the above transfer will be turned in to appropriate supply agencies at this station.

7. No individual will be reduced in grade as a result of above re-organizations, redesignations, activations and/or disbandments.

8. The Commanding Officer of the 574th Materiel Squadron will report by letter without delay to the Commanding General, Air Service Command, (Attn: ASCAG, Publications Section), and to the Commanding Officer, Warner Robins Air Service Command (Attn: WRPT2), Robins Field, Georgia, through this headquarters, the following information:

a. Date Headquarters Personnel will arrive at the station of activation.

b. Correct mailing address for initial files of War Department and Air Service Command publications.

9. The Commanding Officer of each unit will comply immediately with the applicable provisions of AAF Regulation 15-108 (Report of Controlled and Other Critical Items of Equipment).

10. Each Unit Commander is charged with the responsibility of insuring compliance with the applicable provisions of the following directives:



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a. AAF Regulation No. 65-48, subject: "Supply & Maintenance - Inactivation or Disbandment of Organization," dated 6 April 1943 and Technical Manual No. 38-120, subject: Stock Control Manual for Ports, Camps and Stations.

b. Technical Order 00-25-3, dated 1 March 1944, relative to disposition of technical publications on hand in disbanded units.

11. Each unit commander will comply with the provisions of Par 15, AR 210-50, dated 29 December 1942, in the disposition of organization fund.

12. All reports required by current directives will be submitted through the normal channels.

13. Morning reports for newly activated and/or redesignated and re-organized units will be submitted to this headquarters for consolidation and proper disposition in accordance with current regulations. The first morning report of above units will be submitted for 20 May 1944 as of 2359 E.W.T., that date.

By order of Colonel TRINDLE:

JAMES H. FLOYD,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

OFFICIAL:

/s/ JAMES H FLOYD
/t/ JAMES H. FLOYD,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

R E S T R I C T E D

Original personnel of the new 574th Materiel Squadron is here listed, with the organization from which each came:



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FROM HEADQUARTERS & HEADQUARTERS SQUADRON

1st Lt Harry S. Arendt, QMC
1st Lt Boyd H. Rennebohm, ORD
1st Lt Norman J. Wood, AC

S/Sgt Morris A. Larson
T/5 Joseph P. Sylvester

FROM 56TH SERVICE SQUADRON

Major Victor D. Armistead, AC.
2nd Lt Homer N. Lamon, AC

M/Sgt Eugene M. Gleason
T/Sgt Douglas E. Carter
T/Sgt Howard G. Estes
S/Sgt Kenneth O. Schreck
S/Sgt Wayne B. Weech
Sgt Milton F. Bobe
Sgt Ben W. Clark
Sgt Albert A. Glath
Sgt James L. Groves
Sgt Clifford B. Kaufman
Sgt James E. O'Bannon
Sgt James R. Waller
Cpl Luther T. Barnes
Cpl Harry E. Mongold
Cpl Paul J. Reep
Cpl Phil Sanchez
Cpl Walter H. Welty
Pfc Gerard Francoeur
Pfc Gabriel Greenwald
Pfc Robert L. Mathews
Pfc Claude C. Ollson
Pfc Lloyd W. Smith
Pfc Joseph J. Wagner
Pvt Peter P. De Farolis
Pvt Dan V. McLeod
M/Sgt Clyde R. Hunter
T/Sgt Numa V. Crowder
S/Sgt George H. Broderick
S/Sgt Clifford E. Schurmann
S/Sgt Jack K. Wilson
Sgt Paul O. Bragg
Sgt Earl N. Evans
Sgt Julius Gottesman
Sgt William A. Hamer
Sgt Lester V. Morrow
Sgt Frank E. Orthey
Sgt Eugene Wortsman
Cpl Fred V. Levatino
Cpl Earl E. Myers
Cpl Clifford M. Reid
Cpl James H. Walkup
Cpl John W. Woods, Jr.
Cpl Jack R. Rogers
Pfc Dan D. Highnote
Pfc Berge Moomjean
Pfc William F. Scanlon
Pfc Clarence H. W. Straley
Pvt Emory J. Childress
Pvt Thomas C. Edwards
Pvt Wilfred Myers

FROM 305TH SERVICE SQUADRON

Capt Jack H. Taylor, AC
WO (jg) Robert J. Beaudry, USA

FROM 1112TH QUARTERMASTER COMPANY SERVICE GROUP

M/Sgt Michael J. Hanrahan
T/Sgt Worden Jackson



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T/Sgt Leo Siegel
T/4 Frank J. Jansky
Cpl Gregory G. Retman
T/5 Frederic W. Forst
Pfc William R. Cooper
Pfc William F. Isbell
Pfc Jack Malamas
Pfc Bynum K. Patrick
Pfc Gilbert D. Rueff
Pfc Johnny O. Thomason
Pvt August R. Burgess
Pvt Rue E. Daniels
Pvt Thomas Plampin
Pvt Henry L. Soles
Pvt Joseph K. Trainor

Sgt Bruno J. Kata
Cpl Marshall R. C. Patton
T/5 Joseph W. Bekoscke
T/5 Donald J. Kurvers
Pfc Willie L. Hamby
Pfc L. J. Lane
Pfc Joseph A. Mott
Pfc Rex Ritter
Pfc Walter D. Smith, Jr.
Pfc William R. Wuestenfeld
Pvt John E. Carver
Pvt Edward L. Jones
Pvt James O. Rice
Pvt Samuel E. Soles
Pvt Robert M. Williford

FROM 1731ST ORDNANCE SUPPLY & MAINTENANCE COMPANY AVN

F/Sgt James W. Lacey
T/Sgt Joy A. Humphrey
Sgt Ross H. Cairns
Cpl Harvey H. Anderson
Cpl Henry A. Thomsen
T/5 Charles B. Evans
T/5 Curtis E. Hageman
T/5 Everett L. Silvertooth
Pfc Lawrence E. Grimm
Pfc Frank J. Peterka
Pfc Edward J. Steinmetz
Pfc Harold E. Wolter
Pvt Roy A. Lotz

T/Sgt Andrew Balog
S/Sgt Carl A. Garrett
Sgt Paul Smith
Cpl Raymond H. Bagnall
T/5 William G. Driemeyer
T/5 Richard Gray
T/5 Wesley K. Peterson
Pfc James N. Eddy
Pfc Curtis C. McElroy
Pfc Russell D. Reynolds
Pfc Raymond W. Thompson
Pvt William J. Black
Pvt Guadalupe C. Magana

The first Squadron Order assigned officers to their specific jobs. Below is a true copy of same:



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574TH MATERIEL SQUADRON VDA/hem
31ST SERVICE GROUP

SQUADRON ORDER) Herbert Smart Airport,
: Macon, Ga,
NUMBER 1) 22 May 44.

1. Capt. FRANK B. WHITE, 01 574 179, MC (2120), is hereby appointed Second in Commend (Primary Duty).

2. Capt JACK H. TAYLOR, O 573 547, AC (4902), is hereby appointed Assistant Materiel Officer (Primary Duty) and Unit Gas Officer and Air Corps Supply Officer (Additional Duties).

3. 1st Lt NORMAN J. WOOD, O 570 851, AC (4000), is hereby appointed Squadron Supply and Assistant Group Supply Officer (Primary Duty).

4. 1st Lt HARRY S. ARENDT, 01 586 411, SMC (4015) is hereby appointed Quartermaster Supply Officer (Primary Duty).

5. 1st Lt BOYD H. RENNEBOHM, 01 552 156, ORD (4514), is hereby appointed Ammunition Supply Officer (Primary Duty).

6. 2d Lt HOMER N. LAMON, O 580 899, AC (4113) is hereby appointed Squadron Adjutant, Mess and Transportation Officer (Primary Duty).

7. WO (jg) ROBERT J. BEAUDRY, W2 125 629, USA (4902) is hereby appointed Materiel Control Officer (Primary Duty).

V. D. ARMISTEAD,
Maj, AC,
Comdg.

OFFICIAL:
/s/ V D ARMISTEAD
/t/ V. D. ARMISTEAD,
Maj, AC,
Comdg.

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1 c file
1 c Unit Pers
1 c each O
7 c Odly Rm 201
11 c Gp Hq



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From the date of activation until 31 May 1944, various detail jobs were maintained through-out the squadron. The exact duties-to-be were not known precisely, but interdepartmental training, aircraft identification classes and classes in map reading were inaugurated. Instruction was given in swimming and time was spent on the range firing at moving targets. An S.O.P. was written for future operations, and it was widely rumored and suggested that the function of the squadron would be the maintenance and servicing of B-29s. The 574th, it seemed, was to operate with the heavy bomber groups.



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## Chapter II

1 June 1944 to 30 June 1944

During the above noted time, a phamplet was prepared on the organization and functions of the 574th Materiel Squadron. As stated in the paper, the mission of the squadron was: ".....to care for all supply needs of a Heavy Bombardment Group and allied Units.....to procure, warehouse, issue and distribute supplies of all kinds to ALL units in the Group Airdrome Area, and to set up and operate such DPs and RPs as the Service Group Commander may direct....."

Personnel was assigned as follows:

Major, (AC) - Commanding Officer of Squadron and Deputy for Materiel of Group.
Captain,(AC) - Assistant deputy for Materiel and in direct charge of Technical Coordination and Control Sections.
Captain,(AC) - Primary duty Air Corps Supply, and secondary duty to supervise all warehouses; also Squadron Supply Officer.
1st Lt.,(Ord) - Primary duty to handle all Ordnance matters in Control Section and supervise all Ordnance warehouses and dumps within the Service Group.
1st Lt.,(AC) - Squadron Adjutant, Mess and Transportation.
1st Lt., (QMC) - Primary duty to handle all QM matters in Control Section, supervise issue of rations, and supervise all QM warehouses and dumps within the Service Group.
2nd Lt.,(SC) - Primary duty to handle all Signal Corps matters in Control Section and supervise all Signal Corps warehouses and dumps within the Service Group.
W. O. (Tech) - Primary duty, assistant to captain and in charge of Air Corps Supply



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matters in Control Section. Secondary duty - direct charge of Technical Coordination.

Enlisted personnel:
18 men in Squadron Administration.
43 men in Control Section.
64 men in Warehouse Section.
7 men in Technical Coordination.

The organization Morning Report for June records no change until Friday the 18th when Captain Norman J. Wood and WO (jg) Robert J. Beaudry were ordered from duty to DS as an advance party to Fairmont Army Air Field, Geneva, Nebraska.

Four days later, on Tuesday the 20th, the squadron entrained at Camp Wheeler, Georgia for the new location. Departure from Herbert Smart Airport took place at 1245 EWT. On June 22, at 1530 CWT, the 574th arrived in Fairmont, Nebraska, where they detrained and rode trucks and GI buses from the small town to the Air Field.

Upon arrival at the new field, the squadron was set-up in barracks as living quarters and worked in pyramidal and squad tents. Various sections were assigned to the hangar and sub-depot for work. An inventory of all equipment, which had been shipped from Kentucky, was taken by Tech Supply personnel and the paper work was prepared to be turned into the sub-depot.

The 31st Service Group was assigned to function with the 504th Heavy Bombardment Group, which was under the command of the 2nd Air Force. Three B-29s were already stationed at Fairmont Army Air Field, all of them being under constant guard



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while on the ground. Interest in the huge planes was immense as many of the men had not seen the B-29 previously. The natural interest and curiosity was upped by the fact that during the month similar planes, operating from secret bases in China, had made their first announced raid of the War. The planes had struck at Japan proper, thus signalizing a new phase of the conflict. Passes were subsequently issued to a few of the men who were authorized to work on the big planes.

At the end of the month, plans were still in the formative stage as to the actual work required of the squadron. The men were working in their own sections, with the exceptionof those assigned to the inventory and other special jobs.

As this history is being written during the course of World War II, it is only proper to note another epic event within these pages. On June 6th, the Allies, operating from England, landed in France to begin the long-awaited second front. News of the invasion swept thru the camp with speed, but after the first few days of excitement, the interest slowly dwindled, and the soldiers, always the last to speak of the war, returned to normalcy in their speech and actions. But the invasion had begun, and it was followed, for it meant that now, at last, the Armies of the Allies were on the road to winning the War.



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## Chapter III

1 July 1944 to 31 July 1944

Activity, during the month of July, settled into a normal routine of work. Chief difficulty was in setting up and maintaining a system agreeable to all interested parties, Difficulties arose, some of which were straightened out, while others remain to be re-arranged. The maintenance of the 504th Bombardment Group is still not functioning as was hoped because of a lack of a successful system of supply which must flow thru the Sub-Depot.

Personnel received further on-the-job training, as well as lectures and medical shots. Several show-down inspections were also held. On 16 July, 21 men departed for approximately three weeks of training at the Sioux Ordnance Depot in Sidney, Nebraska. Men making the trip were all from the ammunition section of the Squadron. The day previously, three men had left for Tinker Field In Oklahoma City for a nine-day course in Chemical Warfare. On 22 July, four more men traveled to the same field for a week's instruction in Camouflage.

Camp and garrison duties remained as usual. The barracks, first occupied by the EM upon arrival at this field, were turned back to the Base, and the EM moved into pyramidal tents, four men per, which were erected in the rear of the barracks area.



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## Chapter IV

1 August 1944 to 31 August 1944

As the month of August unfolded, preparations for the movement of the squadron began to take shape. It was on 10 July 1944 that alert orders were received, and one month and two days later, on 12 August, the War Department T/O had also been delivered into our hands. Plans were laid for present operations and for future events. Classes were held at least three times weekly, then upped to five times per week with "extra-curricular activities" added.

The activities were not frenzied movements as if someone was grasping for a straw. Rather, they were the result of careful planning. Men were sent to schools for additional training, leaves and furloughs were granted, inspections were held, men were transferred in and out according to T/O specifications and such other necessities as are required by such orders were realized.

In the realm of the specific, it is here noted exactly what occurred:

On 1 August 1944, an Administrative Memorandum was prepared and submitted to the 504th Bombardment Group (H-29) for their approval. This was not forthcoming as the 504th had also received movement orders and were reluctant to alter their existing system for the remainder of their stay at Fairmont Army Air Field. Following is a true copy of the memorandum as it was written and offered to the 504th -



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Thursday for Sunday and Monday
Friday for Tuesday
Saturday for Wednesday

The ration returns for each squadron of the 504th Bomb Group will be consolidated by the 504th Bomb Group personnel section and submitted to the Quartermaster section of the 574th Materiel Squadron (Building 1902) by 0630 each morning. A breakdown showing the number of rations for each squadron will accompany this report.

3. CLASSES II & IV SUPPLIES:

a. Requisitions.

HEADQUARTERS
31ST SERVICE GROUP (SP)
OFFICE DEPUTY FOR MATERIEL

ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM)
:
NO. 1)

Fairmont Army Air Field
Geneva, Nebraska
1 August 1944

1. GENERAL. The instructions contained in this Memorandum are pertient to the activities of the Quartermaster Supply Section of the 574th Materiel Squadron, 31st Service Group. These instructions will be applicable to the 504th Bomb Group, 31st Service Group, and all other organizations and units that the 574th Materiel Squadron may be called on to service.

2. CLASS I QUARTERMASTERSUPPLIES (Subsistence):

a, Rations for each unit are drawn in accordance with Par 10, WD Cir 209, dated 15 September 1943, and any known specific changes.

b. Ration Returns will be Submitted as follows:

Monday for Thursday
Tuesday for Friday
Wednesday for Saturday
Thursday for Sunday and Monday
Friday for Tuesday
Saturday for Wednesday

The ration returns for each squadron of the 504th Bomb Group will be consolidated by the 504th Bomb Group personnel section and submitted to the Quartermaster section of the 574th Materiel Squadron (Building 1902) by 0630 each morning. A breakdown showing the number of rations for each squadron will accompany this report.

3. CLASSES II & IV SUPPLIES:

a. Requisitions.

(1) Requisitions for all Quartermaster Supplies will be accomplished on WD AGO Form 446, which will be submitted to Control Section of the 574th Materiel Squadron in five (5) copies. TO: General Supply Office, Quartermaster Section, FOR: 574th Materiel Squadron for reissue to (Organization). Control Section is located in first tent north of parachute tower. Phone 634.



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(2) Requisitions for expendable supplies will be submitted to the Control Section no later than the 15th of each month. If an emergency occurs, requisitions for expendables can be submitted any time during the month.

b. Salvage of Individual Clothing and Equipage:

(1) Salvage will be turned into the Quartermaster Section of the 574th Materiel Squadron by 1200 each Wednesday. WD AGO Form 447 will be prepared in five (5) copies. TO: General Supply Office, (QM Section Section) thru Salvage. FOR: 574th Materiel Squadron for reissue to (Organization). Class II Supply is located in tent south of parachute tower. Phone 631.

c. Shoe Repair:

(1) Shoes in need of repair will be turned in to the Quartermaster Section, 574th Materiel Squadron, by 1000 each Friday morning.

(2) Shoes will be tied together and properly tagged with QMC Form 449.

(3) Organization supply section will accomplish shoe repair tally form (unnumbered) and submit form with shoes. These forms may be secured thru Quartermaster Section, 574th Materiel Squadron.

d. Clothing Repair:

(1) Clothing for repair will be taken by the individual to Building 1800, where work will be accomplished.

4. CLASS III QM SUPPLIES:

a. Gasoline, lubricants, and solvents will be drawn direct from the Class III DP operated by the Quartermaster Section of the 574th Materiel Squadron which is located south of the 31st Service Group Motor Pool. These items will be issude on Form 437, Delivery Order and Receipt Form.

b. The Class III DP will operate from 0800 to 1630. In case of emergency, call Charge of Quarters for 574th Materiel Squadron. Phone 630.



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HOYT L. PRINDLE,
Colonel,
Cmdg.

OFFICIAL:

/s/ V.D. ARMISTEAD
V.D. ARMISTEAD,
MAJ, AC,
Deputy for Materiel.

The Class III DP mentioned in paragraph 4 above was put into operation by men of the Quartermaster Section of this squadron.

One officer and six enlisted men, of the Air Corps Supply Section, departed on 14 August 1944 for one week's stay at Topeka, Kansas where they attended the Supply School in connection with the B-29. Twice during the month an Air Corps Supply man was sent on temporary duty to Oklahoma City, once to pick up supplies and later for lumber. The lumber was required for boxing and crating organizational equipment in compliance with pertinent publications. Crating began on the 28th of the month.

Major Armistead, commanding officer, left on 19 August 1944 to attend a "COs' Conference" at OCASC. Upon completion of the conference, the Major received seven days leave. Other officers in the squadron received approximately the same number of days, some leaving prior to the Major, others, after his return. Enlisted men who had not had a furlough for four months or more were given seven days plus travel time.

On the same day that Major Armistead departed for OCASC, five enlisted men went on DS to Tinker Field in Oklahoma for approximately six days at Fire Fighting School.



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For the Combat Chest Supply School, also at Oklahoma City, 2 enlisted men left on the 28th of the month. They were, in a way, the lucky ones, for they left in time to avoid half of the "pre-POM" inspection being held. Said inspection, which took place on the 28th and 29th of the month, was an air inspection team of officers from OCASC. A show-down of clothing, inspection in ranks and other requirements were met.

The final days of the month found the squadron awaiting orders to begin processing. It was scheduled for 1 September 1944.

The outstanding war achievements accomplished by the Allied Armies during August were the invasion of Southern France by troops from Italy and neighboring points, and the quick march thru France by most of the American, British, Canadian and French Forces, aidded by the FFI. Speculation ran high as to how much longer the German war machine could last, how long it would then take to conquer the disciples of the "Son of Heaven", and, lastly, the ever-present question of "when can we go home?".



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Chapter V

1 September 1944 to 30 September 1944

It was a busy month, this month of September, what with POM inspectors making the rounds, a maneuver thru Kansas, a parade and the regular camp and garrison duties also to be maintained. Packing and crating for overseas continued, TAT material came in, and the Quartermaster section issued another administrative order similar to the one of last month except the new one was sent to the 16th Bomb Group and was accepted by that outfit.

On the 11th, POM inspectors from Army Air Forces Headquarters arrived for an inspection, which continued thru the following day. On the heels of these inspectors came the IG inspectors from the same headquarters. The 31st Service Group passed all inspections, being pronounced ready for overseas.

It was now necessary for the group to leave on bivouac. In preparation for the part which the 874th was to play in the maneuver, Captain Wood and M/Sgt Manrahan left on the 4th of the month to temporary duty at Belleville, Kansas to make a tour of the bivouac area. They returned on the fifth.

The bivouac, which was scheduled for six and one half days, began on Monday the 18th as the first section passed the IP at 0600, on schedule. A distance of 654 miles was covered, stopping on consecutive days at Rooks County State Park, Sheridan County State Park, Scott County State Park for two days, Oberlin Sappa State Park - all in Kansas - and returning to PAAF on Saturday afternoon, thus cutting a half day from the program because of



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the success acknowledged by the umpires from Oklahoma City.

Major Armistead, CO of the squadron, served as acting Executive officer for the bivouac and Deputy Convoy Commander. Captain Wood was serial commander of the main body in the first serial and Lt. Pennebohm was assistant. Class III section of QM, under Lt. Arendt, handled all gasoline and oil for the entire convoy enroute.

Among the many lessons learned was the organization and operation of a large motor convoy. It was also learned that K rations are not "just like Mother used to make". Possibly one of the greatest lessons was to always have personal equipment ready for instant use at any time of the day or night regardless of conditions and/or assumptions.

On the 21st, while at Scott County State Park, a gas and incendiary bomb demonstration was given for the benefit of the 31st and 69th Service Groups. During the demonstration, an A-25 with spray tanks attached came over the area. Just previous to that attack, there was a simulated bombing attack. The effectiveness of each type of attack was clearly brought home to all personnel assembled.

The last day of the month was unique in two ways. Not only was it pay day, but there was also a review held on the ramp with the entire soldiery of the base participating. Six officers and men, recently returned from overseas, were decorated.

Thus, the extra-curricular activities for the month.

Camp and garrison duties continued. Seven EM left on the fourth for temporary duty at Camp Phillips, Kansas to fire the machine gun.50 cal. On the 6th Lt Lamon departed for two weeks camouflage school at March Field, California. The next day, Major Armistead left for one day temporary duty



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at Oklahoma City. One EM departed to Tinker Field in Oklahoma City for approximately three weeks on-the-job training in Ordnance Supply.

Two other units also went on DS. The first, composed of one warrant officer and eight EM, had to report on the 18th at Topeka, Kansas for two weeks of special supply training. On the 27th, four men went to Great Bend, Kansas to help in the repair of a B-29.

In the theaters of operation, Allied Armies struck German soil and were making slow progress against the Seigfried Line. A detachment of airborne troops, dropped in Holland to outflank the line, was forced to withdraw, suffering heavy casualties. Meantime, the frontal assault continued. In the Pacific, the air war against the Philippines was stepped up, while land forces moved to attack the Palau Islands.



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Chapter VI

1 October 1944 to 31 October 1944

In a meeting held in the mess hall on the 28th of the month, Colonel John W. I. des Islets, CO of the Group, told the men the outfit would be going over "sooner than any of us expected". That, in itself, was not a too significant fact as none of the men knew when the organization was expected to be sent overseas in the first place. But it tended to give the rumor mill food to be ground. Colonel des Islets also informed the Group that inspectors from Oklahoma City, ASTC Headquarters for this area, had praised the 31st Service Group as one of the best ever to be under their command.

The month evidenced the usual GI mode of talk and psychology learned in the Army. Some persons expressed doubt that the Group would go across at all, while others made bets as to where Christmas dinner would be eaten. Christmas and war go hand in hand. Since the war began in Europe, there have been those yearly optimists who predict Christmas will see an end to the conflict. As for the soldiers themselves, they wager bets as to whether or not their Christmas dinner will be eaten in the states, overseas or, indeed, at their present camp.

To make the men feel as tho the organization was going across, the packing and crating boys continued to work harder than anyone else in the Group. An advanced party was composed, but remained confidential. Form 412s were re-typed on Form 413s. Three officers, who held commissions in branches of service other than the Air Corps, were detailed to the Air Corps. The CO went to Tinker Field on temporary duty for two days, later



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followed by the Warrant Officer. Two EM were sent to Ak-Sar-Ben Field in Omaha, Nebraska to deliver and pick up automotive parts.

And, to confuse the issue, just so no one would know exactly what the score is, other objectives were carried thru which seemd to indicate a long stay at FAAF. The Air Corps Supply Section set up, organized and operated a small warehouse located on the line. The warehouse operated in conjunction with the Sub-Depot, but handled only Classes 01, 02, 03, 04, 05 and 08-B. Three shifts were used to maintain a 24 hour schedule, seven days a week. Also, a series of barracks were rushed to completion into which the 574th moved the night of the 27th. Official reason given for the change of areas was that a storm from the Dakotas might blow towards FAAF at any time and make living in tents very uncomfortable.

Interspersed between every-day affairs came the weekly Chemical Warfare demonstration. The best of these was a mustard gas decontamination practical demonstration. A pin point of the liquid was applied to the forearm of each man who then decontaminated his own arm. Such a method would not be forgotten as easily as the words of the Chemical Warfare Officer.

A very good fire demonstration, during which an unfortunate accident occured, was exhibited. A small incendiary bomb was set off too close to a small open gasoline pit. The exploding charge of the bomb forced one of the observers back into the pit. Sparks from the bomb ignited the gasoline, which then lighted the man's clothes. He jumped from the pit, but was immediately tackled by a by-stander and two or three men rolled over him to extinguish the flames while one of the instructors turned a fire extinguisher on him. It was a vivid lesson in fire fighting.



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News from the fighting fronts was alternately bad and good. While the Allies were slowed by the German armies, General MacArthur in the Pacific landed his forces on the Island of Leyte in the Philippines. Great naval assistance was given, and tremendous aerial support was in evidence. Aerial activity was used to "soften up" the defenders before the ground forces went in. B-29s took part in raids on Formosa and other points nearer the Japanese mainland. But the Japs advanced in China.

And at home, the Presidential election went into its final stages.

Attached to this month's history are a group of pictures, the majority of which were taken during maneuvers in Kansas in September. The packing and crating warehouse is also shown.



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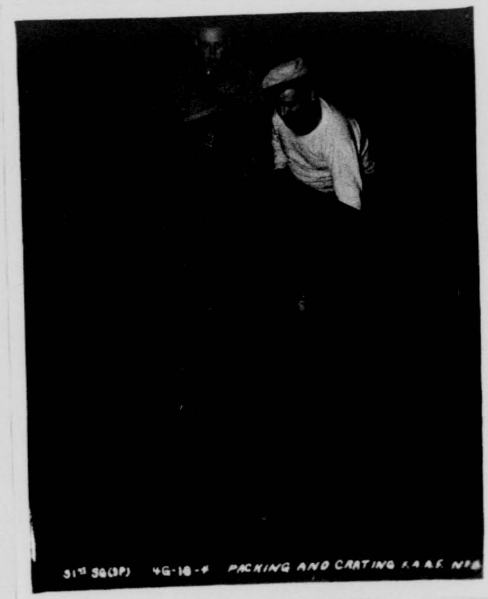


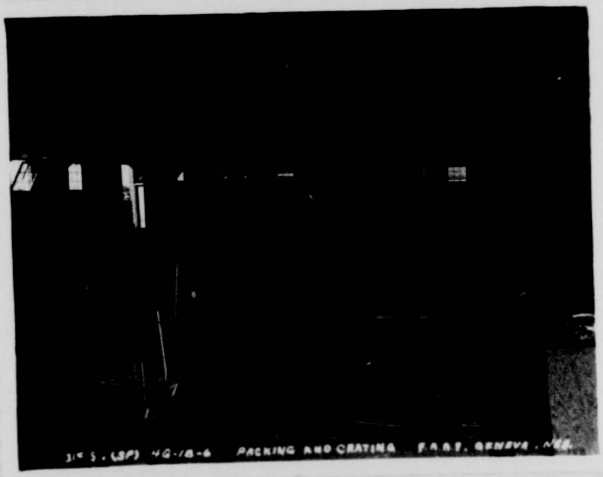
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4. Authority for Organization G.O. 88 Warner-Robins Air Service Command. Robins Field, Ga.
5. Sources for which personnel was obtained

56th Air Service Group

B. CHANGES IN ORGANIZATION

1. Negative

C. STRENGTH, COMMISSIONS AND ENLISTED:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | At beginning of period - | 7 Officers | 127 EM |
| 2. | Net increase for month - | | 52 EM |
| 3. | Net decrease for month - | 2 Officers | |
| 4. | At end of month | 5 Officers | 179 EM |

D. Aircraft

1. At beginning of period None

2. At end of period None

E. STATIONS, CHANGES IN

1. Negative

F. OPERATIONS, MISSIONS

1. Not applicable

G. AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

None

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September 1945

NARRATIVE

A. Administration and Personnel

1. During the month of september a shipment of men were received in this squadron. The man shortage was somewhat relieved by this shipment.

2. We lost two of our Officers this month as ther went home due to month and point system.

3. On the 5 September 1945 a new Commanding Officer was assigned this squadron. See extract of SO 83 par 2 attached.

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SPECIAL ORDERS
NUMBER 83

5 September 1945

2. CAPT (4010) NORMAN J. WOOD, 0570851, AC, this Gp, is aptd Gp Materiel O and CO, 574th Air Materiel Sq (primary duties), vice MAJ (4010) VICTOR D ARMSTEAD, 0359195, AC, reld.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL des ISLETS:

JAMES H. FLOYD
Major, AC.
Adjutant

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11 May 1944
Robins Field, Ga.
G.O. 88 Warner-Robins Air Service

56th Air Service Group

B. CHANGES IN ORGANIZATION

1. Negative

C. STRENGTH, OFFICERS AND ENLISTED:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. At beginning of period - | | | |
| 2. Net increase for month - | 5 Officers | 179 EM | |
| 3. Net decrease for month - | 4 Officers | | |
| | | 43 EM | |
| 4. At end of month | 9 Officers | 136 EM | |

D. Aircraft

1. At beginning of period — None
2. At end of period — None

E. STATIONS, CHANGES IN

1. Negative

F. OPERATIONS, MISSIONS

1. Not applicable

G. AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

None

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October 1945

NARRATIVE

A. Administration and Personnel

1. During the month of October the Squadron has lost many men as they have started going home in large wuanities. The point system for enlisted emn has really hit hard. A few men have been assigned to the squadron from other wings.

2. Sixteen enlisted man were awarded promotions during the month.

3. The usual squadron business was maintained in spite for fluctuations in squadron strength.

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B. CHANGES IN ORGANIZATION

1. Negative

C. STRENGTH, OFFICERS AND ENLISTED:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. At beginning of period - | | | |
| 2. Net increase for month - | 9 Officers | 136 EM |
| 3. Net decrease for month - | 3 Officers | 75 EM |
| 4. At end of month | 12 Officers | 211 EM |

D. Aircraft

1. At beginning of period None
2. At end of period None

E. STATIONS, CHANGES IN

1. Negative

F. OPERATIONS, MISSIONS

1. Not applicable

G. AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

None

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November 1945

NARRATIVE

A. Administration and Personnel

1. During the month of November the 89th Air Service Group deactivated and assigned most of their men to this Squadron.

2. We lost forty two men as those elgible to go home left during the month of November.

3. We gained approximately another seventy men as the other Bomb Wings started on the Sunset home. The low pointers were transferred to 314th Wing and some inevitably to our squadron. This month ended with 211 men assigned.

4. Among the 13 enlisted men promoted this month was first sergeant Clifford E. Schurmann.

5. The Squadron enjoyed an appreciable increase in both officer and enlisted personnel which relieved the acute shortage somewhat.

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B. CHANGES IN ORGANIZATION

1. Negative

C. STRENGTH, GAIN ASSIGNED AND ENLISTED:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | At beginning of period - | 11 Officers | 212 EM |
| 2. | Net increase for month - | [illegible] Officers | 54 EM |
| 3. | Net decrease for month - | 5 Officers | 54 EM |
| 4. | At end of month | 6 Officers | 158 EM |

D. Aircraft

1. At beginning of period None

2. At end of period None

E. SECTIONS, CHANGES IN

1. Negative

F. OPERATIONS, MISSIONS

1. Not applicable

G. AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

None

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December 1945

NARRATIVE

A. Administration and Personnel

1. During this month the enlisted men have continued to leave in large numbers. The sections are down to the bare minimum.

2. This month the squadron suffered such a great loss of personnel that we were almost down to the 31 October level. In spite of the fact that were so shorthanded the squadron managed to perform its usual functions.

3. Due apparently to the shortage mentioned above promotions were very rare this month. Only one man of this organization received an additional stripe.

4. 1st Lt John C. McMillan was assigned squadron Adjutant per par 6 SO 161 extract copy attached.

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SPECIAL ORDERS
NUMBER 161

30 December 1945

6. 2nd Lt (7888) JOHN C MC MILLIAN, 0872997, AC, this Gp, is aptd Adj, (2110), 574th Air Materiel Sq (Primary Dy).

BY ORDER OF COLONEL BARZYNSKI:

M. I. RIBBLE
Captain, AC
Adjutant

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B. CHANGES IN ORGANIZATION

1. Negative

C. STRENGTH, OFFICERS AND ENLISTED:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. At beginning of period - | 7 Officers | 158 EM |
| 2. Net increase for month - | Negative | |
| 3. Net decrease for month - | | 97 EM |
| 4. At end of month | 7 Officers | 61 EM |

D. Aircraft

1. At beginning of period None
2. At end of period None

E. STATIONS, CHANGES IN

1. Negative

F. OPERATIONS, ISSUANCE

1. Not applicable

G. AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Good Conduct Medal awarded to Cpl John J. Ruby 32765841 general order 1 31st Air Sv. Gp. Extract copy attached.

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January 1946

NARRATIVE

A. Administration and Personnel

1. During the month of January we have lost to many men and it is only possible to keep the mess hall and warehouses open. At the end of this month only 61 men remain attached to the squadron.

2. A good many additional duty assignments outside the squadron were given to the Officers of this organization.

3. The only other indication of activity this month is the fact that we have had several changes of MOS's of enlisted men.

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13 January 1946

GENERAL ORDERS
NUMBER 1

Upon recommendation of their organization commander and under provisions of Par 3 (2) AR 600-68, the following enlisted men, organizations indicated, are hereby awarded the Good Conduct Medal:

574th Air Materiel Squadron

* Corporal John J Ruby 32765814

(*) - Indicates EM on DS to WPBC.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL BARZYNSKI:

HERBERT D CARPENTER
1st Lt, Air Corps
Adjutant

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B. CHANGES IN ORGANIZATION

1. Negative

C. STRENGTH, GAIN ISSUED AND ENLISTED:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | At beginning of period - | 7 Officers | 61 EM |
| 2. | Net Increase for month - | | 135 EM |
| 3. | Net decrease for month - | 2 Officers | |
| 4. | At end of month | 5 Officers | 196 EM |

D. Aircraft

1. At beginning of period None

2. At end of period None

E. SECTIONS, CHANGES IN

1. Negative

F. OPERATIONS, MISSIONS

1. Not applicable

G. AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

None

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February 1946

NARRATIVE

A. Administration and Personnel

1. During this month the enlisted men have increased greatly. We had 136 men asgd to this organization which took the heavy burden off the few men that still remained at the end of Janurary. Of the 136 men assigned 65 where put on DS to the Wing Headquarters Squadron.

2. February has been a very confusing month. It is very difficult to decide where to look for headership. Lt Tillatson was assigned as Squadron Commanding Officer, relieved by Lt Korff and then reassigned as Commanding Officer.

3. Lt. Joseph Richardson was assigned this organization for duty.

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B. CHANGES IN ORGANIZATION

1. Negative

C. STRENGTH, OFFICERS AND ENLISTED:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | At beginning of period - | 5 Officers | 197 EM |
| 2. | Net increase for month - | 5 Officers | 25 EM |
| 3. | Net decrease for month - | | |
| 4. | At end of month | 10 Officers | 222 EM |

D. Aircraft

1. At beginning of period None
2. At end of period None

E. STATIONS, CHANGES IN

1. Negative

F. OPERATIONS, MISSIONS

1. Not applicable

G. AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

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March 1946

NARRATIVE

A. Administration and Personnel

1. During the month of March we had our ups and downs. Quite a few men left for the states but there were a few more asgd this month than we lost which put a little ahead.

2. We had a very neatly complete change in our officers this month. Capt Wagner releived Lt. Tillotson as Commanding Officer and Lt Claiborne Duhon relieved Lt. John C. McMillan as squadron Adjutant. Lt. Brevard S. Myers was assigned as Mess Officer of the 31st ASG Mess hall and Lt. Charles C. Farr was appointed ass't Mess Officer.

3. Our promotions have been coming thick and fast among the enlisted men. This month 41 new stripes were sewed on by various members of this organization.

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20 March 1946

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# 9)

1. 1st Lt (1034) CLAIBORNE DUHON, 02082399, AC, is hereby aptd S~~u~~ Adjutant and Sq Supply O, vice 1st Lt (7888) JOHN C McMILLAN, 0872997, AC, reld.

BY ORDER OF CAPT WAGNER:

CLAIBORNE DUHON
1st Lt. AC
Adjutant

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B. CHANGES IN ORGANIZATION

1. Negative

C. STRENGTH, COMMISSIONED AND ENLISTED:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | At beginning of period - | 10 Officers | 215 EM |
| 2. | Net increase for month - | 2 Officers | 41 EM |
| 3. | Net decrease for month - | | |
| 4. | At end of month | 12 Officers | 256 EM |

D. Aircraft

1. At beginning of period None

2. At end of period None

E. STATIONS, CHANGES IN

1. Negative

F. OPERATIONS, MISSIONS

1. Not applicable

G. AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

None

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April 1946

NARRATIVE

A. Adminstration and Personnel

1. During the month of April we gained forty one men. Only a very few men left to return to the States this month. On the whole ti was a very quiet month. The only indications of activity were the assignment of two new Officers and 21 promotions of enlisted men.

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B. CHANGES IN ORGANIZATION

1. Negative

C. STRENGTH, COMMISSIONED AND ENLISTED:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | At beginning of period - | 12 Officers | 257 EM |
| 2. | Net increase for month - | 3 Officers | |
| 3. | Net decrease for month - | | 6 EM |
| 4. | At end of month | 15 Officers | 251 EM |

D. Aircraft

1. At beginning of period None

2. At end of period None

E. STATIONS, CHANGES IN

1. Negative

F. OPERATIONS, MISSIONS

1. Not applicable

G. AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

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May 1946

NARRATIVE

A. Adminstration and Personnel

1. During the month of May everything was pretty quite. A few were assigned and a few left. With the gains and losses we fell back only five men. We gained 3 new Officers during the month of May.

2. Another new commanding officer was assigned this squadron. Lt Col George T. Chadwell assumed commandon 23 May 1946 as directed by North Field Air Base Command (Prov) SO 4 par 1. Extract copy attached.

3. Lt Elmer Eshelman relieved Lt Charles C Farr as ass't Mess Officer of the 574th mess hall.

4. Fourteen (14) enlisted men of this squadron were promoted.

5. Squadron duties were carried on as usual throughout the month.

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SPECIAL ORDERS
NUMBER 4

23 May 1946

E X T R A C T

1. LT COL (1093) GEORGE T CHADWELL, 022620, AC, is reld asgmt & dy, 19th Bomb Gp, and asgd to 31st Air Sv Gp, for duty as Commanding Officer, 574th Air Mat. Sq. TDN. PCS. GMT. EDCMR: 23 May 1946

BY ORDER OF COLONEL SNYDER:

ALVIN KASKIN
Major , AGD
Adjutant

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B. CHANGES IN ORGANIZATION

1. Negative

C. STRENGTH, OFFICERS AND ENLISTED:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | At beginning of period - | 15 Officers | 251 EM |
| 2. | Net increase for month - | | |
| 3. | Net decrease for month - | 2 Officers | 41 EM |
| 4. | At end of month | 13 Officers | 210 EM |

D. Aircraft

1. At beginning of period None

2. At end of period None

E. STATIONS, CHANGES IN

1. Negative

F. OPERATIONS, MISSIONS

1. Not applicable

G. AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

None

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June 1946

NARRATIVE

A. Adminstration and Personnel

This month we are 47 men short of what we had at the beginning of the month. Most of the enlisted men left with the number of months required to be seperated from the Service. Other than this very little can be said about this very inactive month.

Twenty three enlisted men were awarded promotions to the grades of sergeant and Cpl.

1t. ClaiBorne J. Duhon was appointed Squadron Typhoon Officer. True copy of Squadron Order #18 attached.

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574th AIR MATERIEL SQUADRON
31st AIR SERVICE GROUP
APO 334 c/o Postmaster
San Francisco California

24 June 1946

ORDER)
# 18)

1. 1st Lt. Claiborne J. Duhon, 02082399, is hereby aptd. Typhoon Officer of this Squadron.

BY ORDER OF LT COL CHADWELL:

C. J. DUHON
1st Lt AC
Adjutant

OFFICIAL:

S C. J. DUHON
T C. J. DUHON
1st Lt AC
Adjutant

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F. A. LATTA
1st Lt AC
Adjutant

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A. ORIGINAL UNIT

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2. Date of Organization 11 May 1944
3. Place of Organization Robins Field, Ga.
4. Authority for Organization G.O. 88 Warner-Robins Air Sercice Command. Robins Field, Ga.
5. Sources for which personnel was obtained

B. CHANGES IN ORGANIZATION

1. Negative

C. STRENGTH, GAIN ASSIGNED AND ENLISTED:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | At beginning of period - | 13 Officers | 206 EM |
| 2. | Net increase for month - | | |
| 3. | Net decrease for month - | 4 Officers | 8 EM |
| 4. | At end of month | 9 Officers | 200 EM |

D. Aircraft

1. At beginning of period None

2. At end of period None

E. STATIONS, CHANGES IN

1. Negative

F. OPERATIONS, MISSIONS

1. Not applicable

G. AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

None

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July 1946

a. Adminstration and Personnel

1. This month of July ended with only eight men short of what it started with.

2. We have moved the Orderly Room to where the old 31st Group Hq. was at one time located.

3. On 23 July 46 the squadron was assigned a new Commanding Officer Lt Col George T. Chadwell was relieved by Capt Seymour E. Latham. Extract of true copy of 31st ASG SO 110 per par 4 attached.

4. Due to the rapid turn over of Officers caused by Category V Officers being returned to the States for separation there have been several new Officers assigned to duty within the squadron. Lt Roderick H. Row has been appointed squadron Mess Officer and Lt Jack Broussard relieved Lt. Courtney as Squadron I & E Officer.

5. On 23 July 46 Sgt David E. Treibel relieved S/Sgt Robert P. Harman as 1st Sgt. of the squadron. True copy of Squadron order # 23 attached.

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30 July 1946

ORDER)
# 23)

Sgt (502) DAVID E. TREIBEL, 39484314, is hereby aptd Actg 1st Sgt, vice S/Sgt (502) ROBERT P. HARMAN, 38618623, reld.

BY ORDER OF CAPT LATHAM:

C. J. DUHON
1st Lt AC
Adjutant

OFFICIAL:

S C. J. DUHON
T C. J. DUHON
1st Lt AC
Adjutant

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F. A. LATTA
1st Lt AC
Adjutant

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24 July 1946

SPECIAL ORDERS
NUMBER 110

4. CAPT (4000) SEYMOUR E. LATHAM, 0580908, AC, 574thAir Mat'l Sq, is aptd CO of 574th Air Mat Sq. (Primary dy), vice LT COL (1093) GEORGE T. CHADWELL, 02620, AC, reld.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL POLHAMUS:

JAMES R. CUMBERPATCH
1st Lt., Air Corps
Adjutant

OFFICIAL:

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T JAMES R. CUMBERPATCH
1st Lt,. Air Corps
Adjutant

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F. A. LATTA
1st Lt AC
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5. Sources for which personnel was obtained

56th Air Service Group

B. CHANGES IN ORGANIZATION

1. Negative

C. STRENGTH, COMMISSIONED AND ENLISTED:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. At beginning of period - | 9 Officers | 209 EM |
| 2. Net increase for month - | 3 Officers | |
| 3. Net decrease for month - | | 65 EM |
| 4. At end of month | 12 Officers | 144 EM |

D. Aircraft

1. At beginning of period None

2. At end of period None

E. STATIONS, CHANGES IN

1. Negative

F. OPERATIONS, MISSIONS

1. Not applicable

G. AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

None

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August 1946

NARRATIVE

A. Administration and Personnel

1. During the month of August two shipments of men left to return to the States for seperation. Cutting the man power shortage a great deal.

2. We had four Officers assigned near the end of the month.

3. 1st Lt Farley A. Latta, 0805076, was aptd Adjutant of the 574th Air Materiel Squadron on Squadron Order # 28. See true copy atchd.

4. Capt James J. Flynn, 0593208, was aptd Group Stock Control O, (PD), per par 1 SO 121 Hq 31st ASG. See extract of true copy atchd. Also was aptd Base Stock Control O (AD), and ass't Executive for Materiel (AD), per par 3 SO 81 Hq NFABC (Prov). See extract of true copy atchd.

5. Thirteen (13) enlisted men were awarded promotions this month.

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27 August 1946

ORDER)
# 28)

FARLEY A. LATTA, 1st Lt, 0805076, AC., is hereby aptd Adjutant of the 574th Air Materiel Squadron, vice 2nd Lt Edward C. Carroll, 02089389, AC., reld.

BY ORDER OF CAPT LATHAM:

F. A. LATTA
1st Lt AC
Adjutant

OFFICIAL:

F. A. LATTA
1st Lt AC
Adjutant

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F. A. LATTA
1st Lt AC
Adjutant

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SPECIAL ORDERS
NUMBER 121

30 Aug 46

1. CAPT (7536) JAMES J. FLYNN, 0583208, AC, 574th AMS, 31st ASG, is aptd Group Stock Control O (PD).

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BY ORDER OF COLONEL POLHAMUS:

JAMES R. CUMBER PATCH
1st Lt., Air Corps
Adjutant

OFFICIAL:

S JAMES R CUMBERPATCH
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1st Lt., Air Corps
Adjutant

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F. A. LATTA
1st Lt. AC
Adjutant

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SPECIAL ORDERS
NUMBER 81

30 Aug 46

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3. CAPT (7536) JAMES J FLYNN, 0583208, AC, 574th AMS, 31st ASG, is aptd Base Stock Control O, (AD), and Assistant Executive for Materiel (AD).

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BY ORDER OF COLONEL REYNOLDS:

LOUIS F OLIVERI
Capt., Air Corps
Adjutant

OFFICIAL:
S LOUIS F OLIVERI
T LOUIS F OLIVERI
Capt., Air Corps
Adjutant

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F. A. LATTA
1st Lt AC
Adjutant

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FRONTISPIECE

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2. Date of Organization: 11 May 1944
3. Place of Organization: Robins Field, Ga.
4. Authority for Organization: G.O. 83 Warner Robins Air Service Command, Robins Field, Ga.
5. Sources from which personnel was obtained: 56th Air Service Group

B. CHANGES IN ORGANIZATION

1. Negative

C. STRENGTH, COMMISSIONED AND ENLISTED:

1. At beginning of period: 12 Officers 144 EM
2. Net increase for month: 4 Officers
3. Net decrease for month: 56 enlisted men
4. At end of month: 16 Officers 88 EM

D. AIRCRAFT

1. At beginning of period: none
2. At end of period: none

E. STATIONS, CHANGES IN

1. Negative

F. OPERATIONS, MISSIONS

1. Not applicable

G. AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

None

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NARRATIVE

A. Administration and personnel

1. The passage of Typhoon Querida on the morning of the 20th left considerable damage in its wake. In general buildings were damaged and light and water services were disrupted. No casualties were suffered. For the remainder of the month the efforts of the organization were bent toward repairing the damage wrought. Buildings have been repaired as far as possible by squadron personnel, and light and water facilities have been restored.

2. Four shipments of enlisted men were relieved from the organization this month for return to the States, totaling 101 men. Incoming enlisted personnel amounted to approximately 51, offsetting the losses to some degree.

3. Six officers joined during the month and two departed the organization.

4. Twenty-four enlisted men were awarded promotions during the month.

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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. True copy paragraph 2, Special Order 93, Headquarters North Field Air Base Command (Prov), dated 16 September 1946.

2. True copy paragraphs 5 and 6, Special Order 100, Headquarters North Field Air Base Command (Prov), APO 334, dated 25 September 1946.

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SPECIAL ORDERS
NUMBER 93

16 Sep 46

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2. Fol O's are reld asgmt & dy Hq 19th B Gp and asgd to orgns indicated. TDN. GMT. PCS. EDCMR: 16 Sep 46.

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1ST LT | 1034 | FRANK DOCTON | 0800208 | AC | 574th AMS, 31st ASG |
| 1ST LT | 1035 | ROBERT H KUNZ | 0396052 | AC | 574th AMS, 31st ASG |
| 1ST LT | 1036 | DOYLE R MURPHREE | 0695954 | AC | 574th AMS, 31st ASG |
| 2ND LT | 4400 | ORLO B ELFES | 02016644 | Sig C | 574th AMS, 31st ASG |

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BY ORDER OF COLONEL REYNOLDS:

LOIUS F OLIVERI
Capt., Air Corps
Adjutant

OFFICIAL:

/s/ Louis F Oliveri
LOUIS F OLIVERI
Capt., Air Corps
Adjutant

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THOMAS L. WRIGHT, JR.,
1st Lieut., Air Corps.


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NORTH FIELD AIR BASE COMMAND (PROV)
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San Francisco, California

SPECIAL ORDERS
NUMBER 100

25 Sep 46

E X T R A C T

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5. CAPT (4532) LAWRENCE P STRAUSS, 0325236 AC, is reld asgmt & dy Hq 19th B Gp and is trfd to 574th AMS, 31st ASG. PCS. No T invol. EDCMR: 25 Sep 46.

6. 1ST LT (4805) JAMES A MCCOY, 01548945, AC, is reld asgmt & dy Hq 19th B Gp and is trfd to 574th AMS, 31st ASG. PCS. NO T invol. EDCMR: 25 Sep 46.

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BY ORDER OF COLONEL REYNOLDS:

LOUIS F OLIVERI
Capt., Air Corps
Adjutant

OFFICIAL:

/s/ Louis F Oliveri
LOUIS F OLIVERI
Capt., Air Corps
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4. Authority for Organization: G.O. 63 Warner Robins Air Service Command, Robins Field, GA.
5. Sources from which personnal was obtained: 56th Air Service Group.

B. CHANGES IN ORGANIZATION

1. Negative

C. STRENGTH, COMMISSIONED AND ENLISTED:

1. At beginning of period: 16 Officers 8 EM
2. Net increase for month: 3 Officers 6 EM
3. Net decrease for month:
4. At end of month: 19 Officers 153 EM

D. AIRCRAFT

1. At beginning of period: None
2. At end of period: None

E. STATIONS, CHANGES IN

1. Negative

F. OPERATIONS, MISSIONS

1. Not applicable

G. AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

None

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NARRATIVE

A. Administration and personnel

1. Objectives for October were to furnish personnel for administration of Base supply activities and to perform the necessary housekeeping functions in connection with the administration of assigned personnel.

2. Usual organizational duties were performed.

3. Three officers joined during the month and three received promotions, see copies of orders attached.

4. Six enlisted men received promotions during the month. Enlisted strength increased by sixty-five during the month; ninety-three men joining the organization and 28 departing. Two of the departures were for return to the United States.

5. Plans are being completed and work has begun to move the Squadron from its present location to the area formerly occupied by the 30th Bombardment Squadron. No change of station is involved.

6. The squadron ceased operation it's own mess during the month and that function was assumed by the 4th Mess Squadron (Prov). Former Mess personnel have now been placed on Detached Service with the 4th Mess Squadron.

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SPECIAL ORDERS)
NUMBER 255)

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APO 925 - 18 October 1946

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6. The temp promotion of an of the fol-named AC offrs to the AUS eff and to rank 18 Oct 46 is announced (Auth AG 210.2 CHP AFPAC, subj Auth to promote, 16 Jul 45):

1ST LT TO CAPT

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| ELMER BARNETT JR | 0426648 | 574th Air Materiel Sq | APO 234 c/o PM SF |
| WILLIAM C BOURNEY | 0426877 | 574th Air Materiel Sq | APO 234 c/o PM SF |

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL GEORGE:

CLEMENTS McMULLEN
Major General, U.S. Army
Chief of Staff

OFFICIAL:

/s/ James W. Porter
JAMES W. PORTER
Colonel, Adjutant General's Department
Adjutant General

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Thomas L. Wright
THOMAS L. WRIGHT,
1st Lieut., Air Corps.

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SPECIAL ORDERS
NUMBER 105

1 October 1946

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5. LOT LT (1034) THOMAS L. WHITE, 0663983, AC is reld asgmt & dy Hq 19th Bomb Gp and is trfd to 574th Air Mat Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp.

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BY ORDER OF COLONEL REYNOLDS:

LOUIS F. OLIVERI
Capt., Air Corps
Adjutant

OFFICIAL:

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LOUIS F. OLIVERI
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NUMBER 118

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10. Fol O's having been send t Hq 19th B omb Gp are reld asmt & dy thereto and trfd to orgns indic. PCS. TDN. CWE. AUTH: AO Oct A6

1ST LT (1093) BENNETT B HUGHES JR 079 322 57Wth Air Dat Sq, 31st Air Ov Cp

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BY ORDER OF COLONEL REYNOLDS:

LOUIS F CLIVERI
Capt., Air Corps
Adjutant

OFFICIAL:

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LOUIS F. CLIVERI
Capt., Air Corps
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SPECIAL ORDERS
NUMBER 124

24 Oct 46

E X T R A C T

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14. 1ST LT (1034) LAWRENCE E. AUSTIN, 01692849, AC, is reld asgmt & dy 30th Bomb Sq, 19th Bomb Gp and trfd to 574th Air Mat Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp. No T invol. PCS. EDCTR: 27 Oct 46

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BY ORDER OF COLONEL POLHAMUS:

LOUIS F OLIVERI
Capt., Air Corps
Adjutant

OFFICIAL:

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5. Sources from which personnel was obtained: 56th Air Service Group.

B. CHANGES IN ORGANIZATION

1. Negative

C. STRENGTH, COMMISSIONED AND ENLISTED:

1. At beginning of period: 19 Officers 168 EM
2. Net increase for month: 10 EM
3. Net decrease for month: 1 Officer
4. At end of month: 18 Officers 168 EM

D. AIRCRAFT

1. At beginning of period: None
2. At end of period: None

E. STATIONS, CHANGES IN

1. Negative

F. OPERATIONS, MISSIONS

1. Not applicable

G. AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

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AIR TRANSPORT COMMAND
PACIFIC DIVISION
HEADQUARTERS 1504th AAF BASE UNIT
FAIRFIELD-SUISUN ARMY AIR BASE, CALIFORNIA

SPECIAL ORDERS)
NUMBER 289)

10 November 1946

E X T R A C T

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2. 1ST LT (1093-MOSV-54-Cat 1) FARLEY A LATTA (M-W) 0805076 AC, Comp AUS, Now attached this PAE for trans to his overseas sta is releived from asgmt and dy with North Field Air Base Comd (Prov) APO 334 and attached this sta and is asgd Separation Ctr Cp Beale Calif., reporting upon arrival thereat to CO for separation from the sv under prov of current RR. PCS TDN 7 1-52 P 431-02-03 a 2170425 S 99-999. AUTH: TWX from KHGW 1222302 Oct 46 AL. EDCMR 15 Nov 46 (Off signed Certificate for immediate release.)

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BY ORDER OF LT COL ARMSTRONG:

OFFICIAL:

FOREST J JOURDEN
Capt, AC
Adj

Anthony S Chong /s/
ANTHONY S CHONG /t/
Capt, AC
Asst Adj

A CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

Louis F Oliveri /s/
LOUIS F OLIVERI /t/
Capt., Air Corps
Adjutant

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SPECIAL ORDERS
NUMBER 157

4 Dec 46

E X T R A C T

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1. 2ND LT (6402) HENRI L TAPIE, 02087597, AC, is reld asgmt & dy 93rd Bomb Sq, 19th Bomb Gp and trfd to 33rd Stat Control Unit, APO [illegible] CMT. TDN. PCS. EDCMR: 6 Dec 46. AUTH: Msgfm 129, dtd 30 Nov 46, 20th AF.

2. Pfc (590) James J Bailey, RA37808643, AC, is reld asgmt & dy 574th Air Mat'l Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp and trfd in gr to 93rd Bomb Sq, 19th Bomb Gp. No T invol PCS. EDCMR: 6 Dec 46.

3. So much of par 6 SO 146, this Hq cs as pertains to Cpl (405) George A Machado, RA39761146, AC, 574th Air Mat'l Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp is [illegible].

4. Pfc (858) Jacob H Swotinsky, 42272521, AC, is reld asgmt & dy Hq & Base Sv Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp and trfd in gr to 239th Medical Disp, Avn, APO 234. CMT. TDN. PCS. EDCMR: 6 Dec 46. AUTH: Msgfm 129, dtd 30 Nov 46, 20th AF.

5. Fol O, AC, orgns indic, are reld asgmt & dy thereto and trfd to 28th Bomb Sq, 19th Bomb Gp. No T invol. EDCMR: 6 Dec 46. PCS.

574th Air Mat'l Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp

CAPT (1093) LLOYD BARNETT JR 026648

56th Air Engr Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp

CAPT (1093) LAWRENCE L CLAYTON JR 026886

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3. Fol O, AC, orgn indic, is placed on indef TDY to Hq 20th AF [illegible]. Upon compl of TDY subj O will ret to prop sta, APO 334. GLT. TDN. AUTH: 20th AF Hq Cir 127, dtd 29 Nov 46.

IWJ (0200) EDWIN L MURRILL, 0244605, Hq & Base Sv Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp

4. Fol O's, AC, having been asgd to 19th Bomb Gp per par 1 SO 62, Hq 11th Bomb Gp, dtd 15 Nov 46 are reld asgmt & dy thereto and trfd to orgns indic. No T invol. PCS. EDCHR: 5 Dec 46.

574th Air Mat'l Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp

CAPT (1093) WILLIAM H HILNOR 026602
CAPT (1093) JOHN G WEIR 026771
CAPT (1093) MELVILLE B WITHERS 026925

56th Air Engr Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp

CAPT (1093) DANIEL P LEE 026684
CAPT (1028) SAM J STRICKLAND 0564422
CWO (4823) CLYDE W DOYELL W901689

Hq & Base Sv Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp

2ND LT (1035) JAMES T HOUGH 0209046

5. 1ST LT (1035) JOHN H SNYDER, 0930909, AC, Hq 19th Bomb Gp is hereby awarded the additional MOS of (9301) Intelligence Staff Officer (Combat).

6. Pfc (521) Raymond C Hall, RA19238451, AC, is reld asgmt & dy 574th Air Mat'l Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp and trfd in gr to 28th Bomb Sq, 19th Bomb Gp. GLT. TDN. PCS. EDCHR: 5 Dec 46.

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17. So much of par 4 SO 156, this Hq cs as pertains to CAPT (1093) DANIEL F HEB, 026604, as reads: 56th Air Engr Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp is amended to read: 574th Air Matl Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp.

18. Pfc (405) William Jabalio, RA18147086, is reld asgmt & dy Hq 19th Bomb Gp and trfd in gr to 574th Air Mat'l Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp. GMT. TDN. PCS. EDCIR: 6 Dec 46.

19. Confirming VOCO, 4 Dec 46 so much of par 6 SO 120 this Hq cs as pertains to 1ST LT (1093) ARMAND W GUMICK, 0837609, AC, 28th Bomb Sq, 19th Bomb Gp (Recordor) is deleted and amended to add: CAPT (1093) WILLIAM J HUHN, 026661, AC, 30th Bomb Sq, 19th Bomb Gp (Recordor).

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1. So much of par 7 SO 120, this Hq cs as pertains to 1ST LT (1024) WILLIAM H JONES, 02082054, AC, 28th Bomb Sq, 19th Bomb Gp as reads: TDY for a period of approx 15 da is amended to read: TDY for a period of approx 30 da.

2. 1ST LT (1093) CURTIS B SLOAN, 0684570, 56th Air Engr Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp is aptd Ass't Base Post Exchange O (AD) off 7 Dec 46.

3. 2ND LT (1035) JAMES J GASS, 02098822, AC, is reld asgmt & dy 30th Bomb Sq, 19th Bomb Gp and trfd to 574th Air Mat'l Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp. No T invol. PCS. EDCIR: 8 Dec 46.

4. S/Sgt (502) Horace C Rarick, RA20382900, AC, is reld asgmt & dy Hq 19th Bomb Gp and trfd in gr to 56th Air Engr Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp. GMT. TDN. PCS. EDCIR: 8 Dec 46.

5. So much of par 7 SO 146 this Hq cs as pertains to Pfc (965) Kenneth G Allison, RA37817775, 56th Air Engr Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp is deleted.

6. So much of par 6 SO 146, this Hq cs as pertains to Pvt (345) Earl R Ott, 46064140, Hq & Base Sv Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp is deleted.

7. So much of par 6 SO 152, this Hq cs as pertains to 1ST LT WARREN S KING as reads: 1ST LT (1024) WARREN S KING, 0822463, 28th Bomb Sq, 19th Bomb Gp is amended to read: 1ST LT (1093) WARREN S KING, 0822463, 28th Bomb Sq, 19th Bomb Gp.

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8. 2ND LT (1035) FRED E GERKIN, 0927295, AC, is reld asgmt & dy 30th Bomb Sq, 19th Bomb Gp and trfd to 574th Air Nat'l Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp. No T inv ICS. EDTA: 14 Dec 46.

9. Fol EM, Recc-W, AC, orgns indic, are placed on TDY for approx 14 da to 11th Bomb Gp, APO 182. Upon Compl of TDY EM will ret to prop sta APO 334. GMT. TDN.

574th Air Nat'l Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp

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| Cpl (635) Patrick J Buckley | RA43038019 |
| Pfc (708) Raymond E Fields | RA14190367 |
| Pfc (670) Earnest L Stancy | RA14211355 |
| Pfc (590) James V Fossia | RA43039508 |

28th Bomb Sq, 19th Bomb Gp

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| Pfc (050) Anthony J Fiorenza | RA46042475 |

56th Air Depot Sq, 31st Air Sv Gp

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| Pfc (050) Edward B Hahn | RA46060161 |

Hq 19th Bomb Gp

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| Pfc (521) Ludovic Mars Jr | RA38743011 |
| Pfc (050) Donald C Scharon | RA12250733 |
| Pfc (521) Edward C Porusek | 37883301 |
| Pvt (521) Douglas F Brogan | 31500764 |
| Pvt (050) Elmer D Crippen | 37883300 |
| Pvt (521) John Luppino | 42270118 |
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NARRATIVE HISTORY FOR PERIOD

1 January 1947 to 31 December 1947 Incl.

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I FRONTISPIECE

A. ORIGINAL UNIT:

1. Designation: 574th Air Materiel Squadron.
2. Date of Organization: 11 May 1944
3. Place of Organization: Robbins Field, Georgia.
4. Authority for Organization: GO #83, Warner Robbins Air Service Command, Robbins Field, Georgia.
5. Sources from which personnel were obtained: 56th Air Service Group.

B. CHANGES IN ORGANIZATION:

1. Asgnd XXI Bomber Command 27 Jan 45 per Sect II, GO #14, Hq XXI, dtd 27 Jan 45.
2. Reorganized per Sect V, GO #9, Hq 20th AF dtd 17 Jan 46.
3. Reorganized 28 Jun 46 per Sect I, GO #80, Hq 20th AF dtd 24 June, as amended by Sect I, GO #88 Hq 20th AF dtd 12 July 46.

C. STRENGTH, COMMISSIONED AND ENLISTED:

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|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | At beginning of period: | 22 Officers | 206 Enlisted Men |
| 2. | Net increase for period: | 0 Officers | 0 Enlisted Men |
| 3. | Net decrease for period: | 7 Officers | 45 Enlisted Men |
| 4. | At end of period: | 15 Officers | 161 Enlisted Men |

D. AIRCRAFT:

1. At beginning of period: Negative
2. At end of period: Negative

E. STATIONS, CHANGE IN:

1. Negative.

F. OPERATIONS, MISSIONS:

1. Negative.

G. AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

1. Negative.

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## II NARRATIVE

The early months of 1947 found the 574th Air Materiel Squadron on a particularly trying situation with regards to personnel. Work was increasing in quantity and personnel were decreasing in number. In early January, the loss of eight officers was a serious handicap in the face of two projects which were forthcoming. The first project which was not altogether new, was the setting up of a forty-five day stock level at base supply; a task which requires fine research into the past records, and more important, one which requires experienced personnel. The other project concerned the procurement of parts for the B-29 aircraft which were ordered out of storage. Parts for T.O. compliance had to be ordered as soon as possible in an attempt to have them by the time the maintenance crews were ready to use them. The project of getting the planes in the air emerged fairly satisfactorily from all the activity, but it was the usual price of haste which is the loss of accurate records or accounts on the stock records. Also, the inventory which base supply had been attempting to complete accurately for the past several months had been retarded.

To provide some sort of relief from the heavy duties of the day, a new enlisted mans club building was designated and eager hands came forth to clean, repair and paint the new club. The club was the first effort to set up a recreation center since the squadron had moved from its old area and consequently had to abandon the former club. The new club was smaller, but promised more seclusion and opened more opportunity for improvement. The building consisted of a large size quonset extended onto a barracks size quonset. The first party was New Years Eve and although the club was not fully completed, the men enjoyed a damp evening with beer and cokes from the squadron Unit Fund. However, it was not officially proclaimed operative until 18 January 1947. Most of the effort expended was put forth by the club personnel. S/Sgt. A.C. Brien, manager and PFC's C. Armstrong and E. B. Cannon as bartenders. On the Saturday of 18 January , another party was given by the squadron Unit Fund and the club was given its position in the squadron's social life.

And it was well that thoughts were being given to recreation for an almost critical situation arose in the squadron the latter part of January 1947, following the fire at the 93rd mess hall. Many of the 93rd personnel were instructed to eat at 574th mess. This would have been of very little, if another order had not come out at the same time, which was; all men with low AGCT scores were to be discharged from the Army. Considering the fact that forty-six (46) enlisted men were assigned to the flight line from this squadron, the help given by the 93rd mess personnel was barely adequate to maintain a working mess.

Another smaller project which had its start during the month of January, was the Basic training program for the men of the 574th who had not as yet had basic training. The program consisted mostly of lectures at the post theatre and in February, was climaxed by a short practice march to Tarague beach. The men from this squadron were led by 1t R.H. Kunz. At the beach, they were instructed on camouflage, security, tent pitching and digging of fox holes. Hot meals were served while on bivouac at the beach. After the return march a critique was held and errors and corrections were pointed out. A significant fact was brought to light by the necessity for basic training in an overseas theater. It showed that experienced personnel were being replaced by new men

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who had not the remotest idea of army supply procedures. It meant a drop in efficiency and loss of time in the progress toward a correct and accurate peacetime accounting system in the base supply sections of North Army Air Base Command.

On through the month of March, the personnel problem increased with the total assigned dropping from 160 to 123. The new assignments for that month was only thirteen (13) with five first three graders who were greatly appreciated at that time. One of the new first three graders was a 1st Sgt. 1st Sgt. William R. LeVeck was welcomed to the thirty day vacancy of squadron "Top Kick" on the very day of his arrival.

By the end of March, all but one of the men with low AGCT scores returned to the ZI, for discharge and separation. Also, all the men who were draftees were returned to the ZI for separation under the eleven month plan. This was the greatest part of the decrease of personnel. As misfortune would have it, at just that time, the 28th Mess hall closed for repairs. It caused the 574th mess to accomadate four squadrons and ninety (90) civilians. Already, personnel were looking for new stoves to replace those which were cracking from overheating. A start was made during the month of March to move the stoves out into a special addition adjoining the kitchen. If this were accomplished, it would greatly reduce the fire hazard. However, The project was doomed to failure at the outset as personnel who were qualified to do the job were not available. In the ensueing weeks since its beginning, the project was finally abandoned, and less expansive means were found to fire-guard the ceiling around the stoves.

About this time Capt. J,G, Weir, the squadron adjutant, was given a thirty day leave to the Zone of Interior. During his absence, 1st Lt. R.H. Kunz was appointed adjutant, by Capt. S.E. Latham, the squadron commander. On 17 April,Capt. Weir was permanently assigned to the states, and Lt Kunz was assigned primary duty as adjutant with additional duty as squadron supply officer.

Shortly thereafter, the 28th mess hall reopened and relieved some of the personnel from the 574th Mess. However, the civilian personnel being fed at the mess rose from 90 to 150.

On 3 May, Capt. J.R. Skaggs was assigned to the 574th to relieve Capt. Latham as Base Accountable Officer, and as SquadronCommander.

It was during the month of June that most changes occured in this squadron. A reduction of seventy-one (71) enlisted men was made but though the reduction was large, it did not greatly hamper the effectiveness of the squadron, as the duties were transferred also. The men who were assigned to the mess hall, were assigned to the newly activated 4th Mess Squadron, and men who had been working at the motor pool, were assigned to the newly activated 8086th Transportation Squadron. These squadrons were provisional, but helped take the necessary work from the other squadrons, thereby unifying the policy and administration of mess and transportation.

Vast improvement was made in the squadron area during the month of May and June, in keeping with the new base wide policy of clean-up and paint-up. Work was started just before the four pre-fabricated barracks were given to the newly arrived 54th Weather Recon. Squadron, (VLR). After the men of the

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574th vacated the "pee-fabs", the remaining 13 quonset huts were speedily painted grey on the outside and white on the inside. Most of the painting was done with power spray guns, but a good deal of the inside work was accomplished with brushes. At about the same time, coral walkways were laid all through the area. All large rocks were cleared out and weeds cut. Avolley ball court was set up in front of onem of the quonsets.

About this time, and in keeping with the general morale policy, the first three graders were assigned to Dallas huts with abou t for to a hut. The 574th had four huts assigned to them counting the 1st. Sgt.s hut. Although there were several first three graders who preferred to remain in the barracks, the move was generally appreciated.

It was on 30 June that the Base Air Corps Supply Officer, Capt, D.P. Lee, in an attempt to improve the efficiency of basem supply, started a supply school for the base supply personnel (574TH). Classes were held two afternoons a week and were run for aperiod of nine (9) weeks.

In the month of July, the Squadron gained six (6) officers and eight (8) enlisted men. Among the officers gained, was Major Pritchard who was assigned the commander of the squadron, leaving Capt. Skaggs to concentrate on base supply. Major Pritchard was instrumental in successfully initiating the squadron to the new routine of guard duty which was first held on 21 July 1947. It was the first guard duty that the presently assigned personnel had performed and much time and energy was expended to instruct the men in their general orders and procedures required.

Meanwhile the Special Service was attempting to promote a softball league which would encourage a spirit of competition betweem the squadrons. The 574th had a good turn-out and won a good share of their games despite the fact that the personnel were for the most part younger than the personnel of the other squadrons.

It was difficult to arrange, however, as it was the policy of the base for some weeks back, to police the area and cut weeds around the places of work, and accomplish the same job in the squadron on Tuesdays and Thursdays respectively. Inasmuch a each Friday was devoted to the Information & Education lectures , Monday and Wednesdayx afternoons were all that were open. To offset this tight schedule somewhat, the squadron conducted a free berr and coke party after each Thursday work detail; and though it didn't help the athletic program, it did help morale during the several weeks that it was conducted. The refrshments of course were paid for by the Unit Fund.

On th 4th of September 1947, Capt. H.W. Larsem, who had been working as assistant executive officer for Materiel, was directed to assume command of the squadron. One of his first duties was to draft up a new manning table. The purpose of the new draft was to exchange unnecessary MOS's for some that were in demand at the present time. Also, certain of the MOS'S demanded greater numbers than were currently authorized. In lafew months, this was over come to a degree by bulk allotments authorized the base.

Along with the personnel situation, considerable interest and action was also directed to the TO&E property levels of the squadrons. An attempt was made to have all property on requisition or on hand. A general jacking up of requisitions had resulted in the squadron getting a good percentage of property in.

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Also much of the worn out property such as flshlights had been turned in and serviceable property ordered.

The squadron mail room was finished during th month of September and took on efficient operation under Cpl. and Pfc J. Healy. This project was delayed due to the fact that Cpl Leite was recuperating in the hospital for some weeks with a sprained ankle which he received in ome of the softball games.

The first of October came without a typhoon, and those of the squadron who still remembered the typhoon that hit the island about this time last year gave a brief sigh of relief. Meanwhile, the speed of actitity on North Field was increasing. Inspections were made a weekly routine in each organization of the base. There was an inspection from 20th Air Force Headquarters nd from FEAF. Emphasis was placed on TO&E property and a general shot in the arm of supply was given, as many of the "bottle necks" were investigated and speedily cleared up.

October and November saw the men of the 574th spending long hours working at their respective tasks in base supply. Air Corps Supply especially made a strenuous drive to complete their requisitions and procurement, in an effort to get all the planes in first class oprational condition, before the first of the year. In the meantime, the program throughout the base turned from one of clean-up to one of beautification. All squadrons were encouraged to improve on their area and to construct athletic facilities and a recreational center. All scrap piles and refuse piles were removed and a special drive was directed to grass cutting. Grass which formerly was allowed to grow up to weeds would draw the attention of the Base Inspector. Gradually electric grass cutting devices came into service. These were actually nothing more than machettes fashined on the end of a hand drill motor and mounted on wheels. A few lawn mowers were in usem at this time, but were privately owned. It was not until the latter part if December that Air Installations procuredseveral lawn mowers for the general use of the base. The outlook of the base with freshly cut green grass instead of the previously tall weeds and bushes (boondocks) promised to be a pleasant one and all personnel of the squadron gave their support to have the 574th area one of the most attractive.

On 1 November 1947, the squadron participated in the review for General Griswold of 20th Air Force. All men turned out with their best leather and brass. All in all it was a fine showing, but in its background, was the forecast of a maximum effort toward a fully operational baseby the first of the new year. Another series of inspections was under way and each left its wake of red faces and renewed activity. Emphasis was more a general nature than previously, but equally as persistent. Uniforms were to be complete and in good condition. Full use was to be made of the new Philipine barbers in the Post Exchange. A more serious attitude was to be attained toward assigned duties.

From about the middle of November through the month of December, personnel began to take an interest in their AGCT scores. Several of the enlisted men made application and retook the test. Invariably, their new score was an improvement over theirr last one. The object in doing that makes more men qualified to attend Tech schools which required a higher AGCT than they had.

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1. Effective 20 December 1947, the following listed units are relieved from attached to North Army Air Base Command (Prov) and are assigned thereto:

Headquarters, 19th Bombardment Group(VH)
28th Bombardment Squadron(VH)
30th Bombardment Squadron(VH)
93rd Bombardment Squadron(VH)
Headquartets and Base Services Squadron, 31st Air Services Group
56th Air Engineering Squadron
574th Air Materiel Squadron
*811th Engineer Aviation Battalion
1946th Engineer Aviation Utilities Company
4th Mess Squadron, Twentieth Air Force (Provisional)

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North Guam Air Force Base Command (Prov)
APO 334

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1. Unit: 574th Air Materiel Squadron (Heavy), North Guam Air Force Base Command (Prov) APO 334.

   a. Original Unit: 574th Air Materiel Squadron, (H)

      (1) Designation: Air Materiel Squadron

      (2) Date of organization: 11 May 1944

      (3) Place of organization: Robbins Field, Georgia

      (4) Authority for organization: GO, #83 Warner Robbins Air Service Command, Robbins Field, Georgia.

      (5) Sources from which personnel obtained: 56th Air Service Group.

   b. Changes in organization: Inactivated per Section I, GO #58, Hq 20th Air Force, APO 234, dtd 16 August 1948.

   c. Strength

| | Commissioned | Enlisted |
|---|---|---|
| (1) At begining of period | 15 | 157 |
| (2) Net (decrease) for Jan | 1 | 2 |
| (3) Net (decrease) for Feb | 2 | 3 |
| (4) Net (increase) for Mar | 0 | 4 |
| (5) Net (increase) for Apr | 1 | 29 |
| (6) Net (increase) for May | 2 | 9 |
| (7) Net (decrease) for Jun | 2 | 0 |
| (8) Net (increase) for Jun | 0 | 1 |
| (9) Net (decrease) for Jul | 1 | 0 |
| (10) Net (increase) for Jul | 0 | 16 |
| (11) Net (decrease) for Aug | 12 | 246 |
| (12) At end of period | 0 | 0 |

   d. Stations of units or parts thereof: Headquarters, 31st Air Service Group, APO 334.

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e. Marches:

None

f. Former and present members who have distinguished themselves in operation.

None

g. Photographs of personnel, important scenes or events:

None

2. Narrative:

a. The 574th Air Materiel Squadron (H), under the command of Captain Edward E. Toye, primary mission was to supply all Units at North Guam Air Force Base Command (Prov), APO 334.

b. From the first of January, 1948, until the date of inactivation 24 August 1948; the 574th Air Materiel Squadron performed the usual organizational duties.

c. Outstanding missions, unusual happenings, distinctive personnel and unit achievements:

None

d. Training: "On the Job" training. At the period of inactivation there were twenty (20) men on the job training, for various supply fields.

e. Station life, provided by the parent organization, has been a pleasant and comfortable one. Quarters, messes, theaters and recreational facilities have been improving steadily and are continuing to do so. Because of these factors, morale is soaring to new heights.

3. Supporting Documents:

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NARRATIVE HISTORY OF THE 574TH AIR MATERIEL SQUADRON
FOR THE YEAR 1948

The month of January 1948 brought with it many changes to the Air Force and to the members of the 574th Air Materiel Squadron. Organization was transferred to the Department of the Air Force per General Orders # 1 National Military Establishment, dtd 26 September 1947. Then the first change of course the prefixing of serial numbers to designate the Air Force which had gained its "Independence" on 2 Jan 48. Enlisted men prefixed their serial numbers with "AF" and the officers were prefixed with "AO" this was accomplished the 2nd of January and thought it marked a mile stone of the Air Force in general. The 574th was too busy at work to gain any real amount of appreciation of the situation. For it meant that the Air Force must prove itself worthy of self sustenance, and down through the channels of command could be felt the eagerness to grasp the rains and speed on to heightened efficiency and perfection of a war worth peace time Air Force.

In keeping with the exacting trend toward more intelligent operation and management, there was initiated into the daily routine of all officers, the Interim Training Program which commenced on 10 January 48. The program which was in effect for twenty four weeks of all activities of the base along with nornal officer training subjects.

At this time the old tropical hours were abandoned for the full eight hour day, with Wednesday and Saturday afternoons off. To the men of the 574th this was not entirely unwelcome, as the previous long hours of extra duty were now terminated on the afternoons off, and of course Sunday was still off duty. It was to some indeed a welcome change as it also gave the men an extra hour of sleep each working morning.

Meantime, the supply situation in the squadron was improving and there

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was a drive to renew all requisitions which were overdue for over six months. This of course increased the requisitioning and editing activity at base supply.

With the increased activity of the base supply there was the aid of the increasing numbers of civilian workers, who proved themselves valuable assets to the prime function of the squadron. The chief relief attributed to the civilian workers was in the stock record section. Here the civilian personnel mostly women, took over the tedious and exacting jobs such as posting, vouchering and editing. Their attention and efficiency were certainly appreciated by the command, and by the men who were freed to preform the necessary stock handling, classification and placement.

On 2 February 48 Capt Howard W. Larsen was releived command of the squadron and Capt Jesse S. Skaggs assumed command.

At this time a efford to hasten the fuctions of supply, daily status reports were required to show the progress of requisitions and receipts. These reports topered down after a month so they were required weekly until the squadron property was up to an operational level.

On 17 August word was received that the 574th Air Materiel Squadron, would be inactivated and designated to the 19th Supply Squadron. This brought about a great movement of personnel reassigned to new organization.



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HEADQUARTERS
TWENTIETH AIR FORCE
APO 234

GENERAL ORDERS )
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NUMBER 58 )

16 August 1948


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| INACTIVATION OF UNITS - TWENTIETH AIR FORCE..... | I |
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| DISCONTINUANCE OF PROVISIONAL UNITS..... | IV |


SECTION I

1. Pursuant to authority contained in Radio, Headquarters, Far East Air Forces, AX 7756, dated 13 August 1948, citing Chief of Staff, Air Force, Radio AFOOR 50694, dated 11 August 1948 and Department of the Air Force AAG Letter 322 (AFOOR 800e), Subject: "Redesignation and Reorganization of 347th Fighter Group and Other Air Force Units", dated 10 August 1948, the following listed units are inactivated effective 24 August 1948, at location shown below:

| UNIT | LOCATION |
|---|---|
| Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, 46th Fighter Wing | Northwest Guam Air Force Base, Guam, APO 182 |
| Headquarters and Base Services Squadron, 31st Air Service Group | North Guam Air Force Base, Guam, APO 334 |
| Headquarters and Base Services Squadron, 358th Air Service Group | North Guam Air Force Base Guam, APO 334 |
| Headquarters and Base Services Squadron, 363d Air Service Group | Northwest Guam Air Force Base, Guam, APO 182 |
| 56th Air Engineering Squadron | North Guam Air Force Base, Guam, APO 334 |
| 614th Air Engineering Squadron | Northwest Guam Air Force Base, Guam, APO 182 |
| 574th Air Materiel Squadron | North Guam Air Force Base, Guam, APO 334 |
| 621st Air Materiel Squadron | Northwest Guam Air Force Base, Guam, APO 182 |

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| UNIT | LOCATION |
|---|---|
| 13th Airdrome Squadron | Central Air Force Base, Iwo Jima, APO 86 |
| Headquarters and Headquarters and Service Company, 933d Engineer Aviation Group | Harmon Air Force Base, Guam, APO 234 |
| *1918th Engineer Aviation Company | Harmon Air Force Base, Guam, APO 234 |

2. No personnel will be reduced in grade as a result of this action. Personnel rendered surplus as a result of this action will be reassigned to fill authorized vacancies within this command.

3. Inactivation will be carried out in accordance with the provisions of Army Air Force Manual 80-20-2, dated June 1945, and Twentieth Air Force Regulation 80-5, dated 14 August 1948.

4. Upon inactivation, units will submit Unit Histories in accordance with paragraph 7, Twentieth Air Force Regulation 80-4, dated 26 April 1948. This regulation outlines the correct procedure for the compilation and preparation of Unit Histories.

5. Records will be disposed of and reported in accordance with Far East Command Circular Number 4, dated 13 January 1947; Far East Air Forces Regulation 181-1, dated 14 July 1948; Technical Manual 12-259; and Army Regulation 35-6700. Records will be marked for shipment to Central Records Depot Number 4, Baski Building, Number 258, APO 343, Care of Postmaster, San Francisco, California, and forwarded to this Headquarters in accordance with Far East Air Forces Regulation 181-1, dated 14 July 1948.

6. Obligation of the appropriate allotments to the extent necessary is authorized in accordance with Circular Number 143, War Department, 1947, as amended.

*Denotes Negro enlisted men.

SECTION II

1. Pursuant to authority contained in Department of the Air Force Letter 322 (AFOOR 798e), Subject: "Inactivation of Engineer Service Units (ARWAF), dated 14 July 1948, and Radio, Headquarters Far East Air Forces, AX 7756, dated 13 August 1948, the following listed white units are inactivated at the location shown below, effective 24 August 1948.



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| UNIT | LOCATION |
|---|---|
| 1938th Engineer Aviation Utilities Company | Northwest Guam Air Force Base, Guam, APO 182 |
| 1944th Engineer Aviation Utilities Company | Central Air Force Base, Iwo Jima, APO 86 |
| 1946th Engineer Aviation Utilities Company | North Guam Air Force Base, Guam, APO 334 |
| 1951st Engineer Aviation Utilities Company | Central Air Force Base, Iwo Jima, APO 86 |

2. Concurrently with inactivation, the units are transferred to the control of the Department of the Army.

3. The following disposition of military personnel is in accordance with this action:

a. Enlisted personnel rendered surplus by this action are relieved from assignment to the Department of the Army and assigned to the Department of the Air Force. Records will be amended in accordance with paragraph 4c of Joint Army and Air Force Adjustment Regulation 1-1-2, dated 22 December 1947.

b. Enlisted personnel so transferred who desire duty with the Department of the Army may be transferred to the Department of the Army under the provisions of Joint Army and Air Force Adjustment Regulation 1-1-2, dated 22 December 1947.

c. Army officer personnel will remain attached to the United States Air Force initially.

d. No personnel will be reduced in grade as a result of this action. Personnel rendered surplus as a result of this action will be reassigned to fill authorized vacancies within this command.

4. Equipment rendered excess by this action will be turned over to the Department of the Air Force.

5. Inactivation will be carried out in accordance with the provisions of Army Air Force Manual 80-20-2, dated June 1945, and Twentieth Air Force Regulation 80-5, dated 14 August 1948.

6. Records will be disposed of and reported in accordance with Far East Command Circular Number 4, dated 13 January 1947; Far East Air Forces Regulation 181-1, dated 14 July 1948; Technical Manual 12-259; and Army Regulation 35-6700. Records will be marked for shipment to the Organization Records Branch, Building 102, Records Administration Center, AGO, St Louis, 20, Missouri, in accordance



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with the provisions of Technical Manual 12-259, as amended, and forwarded to this Headquarters in accordance with Far East Air Forces Regulation 181-1, dated 14 July 1948.

7. Upon inactivation, units will submit Unit Histories in accordance with paragraph 7, Twentieth Air Force Regulation 80-4, dated 26 April 1948. This regulation outlines the correct procedure for the compilation and preparation of Unit Histories.

8. Obligation to the extent necessary of the appropriate allotments in accordance with Circular Number 143, War Department, 1947, as amended, is authorized.

SECTION III

Pursuant to authority contained in Army Regulation 220-5, dated 16 December 1944, as amended, Detachment Number 3, 619th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron is discontinued at Isely Air Force Base, Saipan, APO 244, effective 24 August 1948.

SECTION IV

1. Pursuant to authority contained in Army Regulation 220-5, the Central Air Force Base Command (Provisional), Central Air Force Base, Iwo Jima, APO 86 is discontinued, effective 24 August 1948.

2. Pursuant to authority contained in Army Regulation 220-5, the North Guam Air Force Base Command (Provisional), North Guam Air Force Base, Guam, APO 334, is discontinued, effective 24 August 1948.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL GRISWOLD:

OFFICIAL:

FRANCIS D SHOEMAKER
Colonel, USAF
Chief of Staff

JOHN J GECK
Capt, USAF
Adjutant General

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5 - Hq 46th Fighter Wing APO 182
5 - Hq 31st Air Sv Gp APO 334
2 - Hq 358th Air Sv Gp APO 334
5 - Hq 363d Air Sv Gp APO 182
2 - 56th Air Engr Sq APO 334
2 - 614th Air Engr Sq APO 182
2 - 574th Air Materiel Sq APO 334
2 - 621st Air Materiel Sq APO 182
2 - 13th Airdrome Sq APO 86
2 - Hq & Hq & Sv Co, 933d Engr Avn Gp APO 234
2 - 1918th Engr Avn Co APO 234
5 - Hq Twentieth AF Attn: Comdr of Troops APO 234
2 - 1930th Engr Avn Utilities Co APO 182
2 - 1944th Engr Avn Utilities Co APO 86
2 - 1946th Engr Avn Utilities Co APO 334
2 - 1951st Engr Avn Utilities Co APO 86
2 - 619th Aircraft Control & Warning Sq APO 182
2 - Det #3, 619th Aircraft Control & Warning Sq APO 244
5 - Central AFB Comd (P) APO 86
5 - North Guam AFB Comd (P) APO 334





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of

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69th Air Service Group

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CONSOLIDATED HISTORY OF

575TH AIR MATERIEL SQUADRON

Pursuant to authority contained in General Order #88 dated 17 May 1944 Headquarters Warner Robbins Air Service Command, the 575th Materiel Squadron was activated as of 11 May 1944 in accordance with TO/E 1/458. Announcement was made at Herbert Smart Air Port, Macon, Georgia, effective 0001 EWT 20 May 1944 by RICHARD G. HOLLAND, MAJOR, Air Corps, Commander, 69th Service Group.

On 23 May 1944 MAJOR HOLLAND was relieved of command of the group and his post was taken by LIEUTENANT COLONEL MARTIN J. SULLIVAN. MAJOR HOLLAND then assumed command of the 575th Materiel Squadron. His personnel came chiefly from the 1112th Quartermaster Company and from the 1732nd Ordnance Company. Overages of personnel were also drawn from Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron and from the 305th Engineering Squadron to fill up the TO. On 25 July MAJOR MYRON D. RAYMOND assumed command of the squadron and also position of squadron executive officer.

Only limited facilities were available at Herbert Smart Air Port and the time was spent in Basic Training and Physical Training. On 16 June 1944 the 69th Service Group entrained for Harvard Army Air Field, Harvard, Nebraska. While at Harvard the squadron Quartermaster section set up its own gasoline and oil dump to service the 69th Service Group. The rest of the Quartermaster section worked with the base Quartermaster in the supply of Class I, II, and IV supplies. The Ordnance Section worked with the base Ordnance Section in the ammunition dump.

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The squadron participated in a five day bivouac with the entire group from 18 September 1944 to 23 September 1944. After the bivouac the training was considered complete and a POM team from the Second Air Force declared that the group was ready for overseas shipment.

On 19 November 1944 the group entrained for Seattle Washington; arriving there on 24 November 1944. On 29 November the POE processing was complete and at 1200 on 30 November 1944 the group sailed for Guam on the USAT Fred C. Ainsworth.

Stops enroute were made at Honolulu, Eniwetok, Marshall Islands, and on 28 December 1944 the Ainsworth dropped anchor in Apra Harbor, Guam.

This squadron in cooperation with the Materiel Squadrons of the three other Service Groups of the 314th Bomb Wing operated the Supply Section for the entire wing. Many problems were encountered from time to time but all were overcome in turn.

On March 17, 1945 MAJOR HARRY D. SIMMONS was appointed Commanding Officer of this Squadron vice MAJOR MYRON D. RAYMOND (transferred).

In November the 69th Air Service Group was awarded the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque for superior performance of duty. This Squadron is justly proud of the part it played in carrying out the mission of the wing.

On 15 November 1945 MAJOR JOSEPY HOWARD was appointed Commanding Officer of the Squadron. On 11 December 1945 CAPTAIN ABE A. RISSMAN was appointed Commanding Officer and on 15 January 1946 1ST LIEUTENANT CHARLES EGGER was appointed Commanding Officer.

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Due to rapid demobilization the strength of the squadron was dwindling fast. On 8 February 1946 1ST LIEUTENANT ROBERT REISINGER was appointed Commanding Officer of the Squadron.

On 14 February 1946 the squadron was reduced to an inoperative status of two officers and one enlisted man.

Pursuant to General Order #56 Headquarters Twentieth Air Force, dated 19 April 1946 the 575th Air Materiel Squadron was inactivated iffective 20 May 1946.

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576TH AIR MATERIEL SQUADRON
77TH AIR SERVICE GROUP
APO 719

2 May 1946

SUBJECT : Monthly Historical Report

TO : Commanding Officer, 77th Air Service Group, APO 719
(Attn: Group Historical Officer).

1. In compliance with Thirteenth Air Force Regulation No. 80-15, the monthly Historical Report is herewith submitted.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER

JACK P. MORRIS
1st Lt. AC
Adjutant

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UNIT HISTORY
576TH AIR MATERIEL SQUADRON
77TH AIR SERVICE GROUP

1 April - 30 April 1946

1. OUTLINE OF FACTS

A. Organization of the Unit :

1. Designation : 576th Air Materiel Squadron, 77th Air Service Group

2. Mission : No Change

3. Date and Place of Activation : No Change

4. Sources from which Personnel are Drawn : Shipments from the United States, 77th Air Service Group, and Miscellaneous Organizations in the Philippines.

5. Activation : No Change

6. Strength, Personnel :

| | FLYING | | GROUND | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | EM | OFF | EM | OFF |
| a. At beginning of Period | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| b. Net Increase | 0 | 6 | 227 | 2 |
| c. Net Decrease | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| d. Total | 0 | 7 | 229 | 2 |

~~7. Strength, Airplanes : None~~

8. Key Personnel :

Capt Stanley C. Mckee - Squadron Commander
1st Lt. Jack D. Morris - Squadron Adjutant
F/O Robert K. Beahore - Squadron Supply Officer
2nd Lt. Austin W. Ruch - AC Supply Administrative Officer
F/O Paul F. Boehm - Group S-2 Officer

8. Command Relationship : No Change

9. Resume of Movements : None

10. Campaigns : None

11. Chief Military Mission : No Change

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7. 2. Losses in Action : None

8. 3. Awards and Decorations : None

2. Narrative
April

At the beginning of March our Squadron was almost inactive, with one Enlisted Man on Tinian with our property and one came to Clark Field with me, that compromised the complete Squadron, one officer, two enlisted men. On 2 April we received 269 Enlisted Men and 12 officers from the 1936th Air Material Squadron which was in the process of moving out of the Camp Dau area. On 8 April Captain McNee was transfered to our outfit to be the Commanding Officer, replacing myself, at which time I was placed on orders as Squadron Adjutant. On 23 April Sgt. Colling was brought into the orderly room to be acting First Sergeant since we had none.

At the present time our unit is functioning with great efficiency and is accomplishing all routine duties.

JACK D. MORRIS
1st Lt. AC
Adjutant

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UNIT HISTORY
576TH AIR MATERIEL SQUADRON
77TH AIR SERVICE GROUP
APO 74

1 November - 30 November 1946

I. OUTLINE OF FACTS

A. Organization of the Unit:

1. Designation : 576th Air Materiel Squadron, 77th Air Service Group.

2. Mission: To train and supply personnel to the bomb group which we are servicing.

3. Date and Place of Activation: No Change

4. Sources from which Personnel are Drawn : Shipments from the United States, 77th Air Service Group, and Miscellaneous Organizations in the Phillipines.

5. Activation : No Change

6. Strength, Personnel :

| | GROUND | | FLYING | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | EM | OFF | EM | OFF |
| a. At beginning of Period | 251 | 6 | 0 | 8 |
| b. Net Increase | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| c. Net Decrease | 11 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| d. Total | 240 | 6 | 0 | 8 |

7. Key Personnel :

| | |
|---|---|
| Captain Witold B. Monkiewicz | Squadron C. O. |
| 1st Lt. Eugene R. Furru | Squadron Adjutant |
| 1st Lt. Joseph L. Stinson Jr | Sq Supply Officer & Sq Mess Officer |
| 1st Sgt Robert G. Mitchell | Sq 1st Sgt |

8. Command Relationship : No Change

9. Resume of Movements : None

10. Campaigns : None

11. Chief Military Mission : No Change

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12. Losses in Action: None

13. Awards and Decorations: None

II. NARRATIVE

1 November 1946, per S.O. 232, 313th Bomb Wing, APO 74, dated 22 Oct 46, 3 EM were transferred in grade to this organization from the 72nd Air Service Group. 2 Nov, 4 PFC, 16 PVT transferred in grade from the Squadron. 4 Nov , Pvt Louis A. Serra listed as AWOL. 6 Nov one EM placed on D. S. with 8th Army Signal Corps School, APO 181, Japan. 15 Nov 46, Pvt Louis A. Serra from AWOL to confinement. Pfc Thomas, S. D. from duty to AWOL. Pfc Conrad Sloan from duty to AWOL. 17 Nov 46, Pfc Conrad Slean AWOL to duty. Pvt Leonard L. Powell placed on D.S. with ADWESPAC ADM Clerical School. 19 Nov, 4 EM transferred into this Squadron from the 534th AES, 77th ASG, 8 EM transferred into this Squadron from Hqs and Base Service Squadron, 77th ASG. 25 Nov 46, Pfc Jack D. Palmer reduced to Private per authority Summary Court # 5, 77th ASG, dated 2 Nov 46. 27 Nov, gained 4 EM from Hdqts & Base Service Sq, 77th Air Service Group.

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WITOLD B. MONKIEWICZ
Captain, Air Corps
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576TH AIR MATERIEL SQUADRON
77TH AIR SERVICE GROUP
APO 74

31 December 1946

SUBJECT: Historical Data Report

TO : Commanding Officer, 77th Air Service Group, APO 74
(Attn: Historical Officer)

1. Transmitted herewith is the Squadron History of the 576th Air Materiel Squadron, for the month of December 1946.

2. Acknowledgement of receipt by indorsement hereon is requested.

Witold B. Monkiewicz

WITOLD B. MONKIEWICZ
Captain, Air Corps,
Commanding

1 Incl:
1. Secret - Squadron History for the Month of December 1946, 5 copies.

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HEADQUARTERS, 77TH AIR SERVICE GROUP, APO 74, 31 December 1946

TO : Commanding Officer, 576th Air Materiel Squadron,
77th Air Service Group, APO 74

Receipt acknowledge.

ALFRED D. McGINNIS
1st Lt., Air Corps
Group Historical Officer

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UNIT HISTORY
576TH AIR MATERIEL SQUADRON
77TH AIR SERVICE GROUP
APO 74

1 December - 31 December 1946

I. OUTLINE OF FACTS

A. Organization of the Unit:

1. Designation : 576th Air Materiel Squadron, 77th Air Service Group

2. Mission : To train and supply personnel to the bomb group which we are servicing.

3. Date and Place of Activation: No Change

4. Sources from which Personnel are Drawn: Shipments from the United States, 77th Air Service Group, and Miscellaneous Organizations in the Philippines.

5. Activation: No Change

6. Strength, Personnel:

| | GROUND | | FLYING | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | EM | OFF | EM | OFF |
| a. At beginning of period | 236 | 6 | 0 | 8 |
| b. Net Increase | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| c. Net Decrease | 11 | 2 | 0 | 1 |
| d. Total | 225 | 4 | 0 | 7 |

7. Key Personnel:

| | |
|---|---|
| Captain Witold S. Monkiewicz | Squadron C.O. |
| 1st Lt. Eugene R. Furru | Squadron Adjutant |
| 1st Lt. Joseph L. Stinson Jr | Sq Supply Officer & Sq Mess Officer |
| 1st Sgt Robert G. Mitchell | Sq 1st Sgt |

8. Command Relationship : No Change

9. Resume of Movements : None

10. Campaigns : None

11. Chief Military Mission : No Change

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12. Losses in Action: None

13. Awards and Decorations: None

II. NARRATIVE

1 December 1946, 3 EM reld fr asgmt & dy this orgn and trfd in grade to 620th Aeft Control & Warning School, APO 719. Moreland, Ernest N. from duty to DS. 2 December 1946, Capt. Bray requested release fromactive duty. 1st Lts. Dively, Furru and WO/JG Stiles requested release from active duty. 3 December 1946 7 Pfc's and 14 Pvt's reld asgmt & dy w/534th Air Eng Sq, 72th Air Sv Gp & trfd in gr this organ & further atchd to 1129th MP Co for dy. Lost Campbell, Henry G., CWO & trfd to Hqs & Bs Sv Sq, 77th ASG, APO 74; Pfc Thomas Gomas & Pvt Louis T. Pikulski are placed on TDY w/ Naval Supply depot, Samar, P.I.. Pvt Ray M. Rooks reld asgmt & dy 72th ASG andtrfd in gr this orgn & further atchd to 1129th MP Co for dy. 6 December,1st Lt. Chester J. Dyzel reld asgmt & dy this orgn and reasgnd to 5th Rcn Sq; T/Sgt Birkenstock Arnold W. placed on TDY to 78th QM Co., APO 75. Dec 6 gained 3 EM from Hq & Bs Sv Sq; lost 1 EM to 534th Air Eng Sq.. 7 Dec 1946, Pfc Andrew Yarina reduced to the grade of Pvt. 11 December Cpl Manuel, Angel L. and Ray, Carl V promoted to the rank of Sgt.; 8 Pfc's promoted to corporal. 13 December 2nd Lt. Nick Mack promoted to 1st Lt. 17 December Pfc Vermuele reduced to the grade of Pvt under the provisions of AR 615-369 pp 1 Sq Order. 20 December Pfc Leonard Seagraves trfd in gr atchd unasgnd to Paranaque Repl & Disp Center APO 354 pp 9 SO 280 Hqs,313th Bomb Wing. 28 December Pvt Makin, Richard L. went AWOL at 0800., 26 Dec 1946; 30 Dec 1946 Makin AWOL to duty.

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WITOLD B. MONKIEWICZ
Captain, Air Corps
Commanding

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UNIT HISTORY
576TH AIR MATERIEL SQUADRON
77TH AIR SERVICE GROUP
APO 74

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1 January to 31 January 1947

I. OUTLINE OF FACTS:

A. Organization of the Unit:

1. Designation: 576th Air Materiel Squadron, 77th Air Service Group

2. Mission: To train and supply personnel to the bomb group which we are servicing.

3. Date and Place of Activation: No Change

4. Sources from which Personnel are Drawn: Shipments from the United States, 77th Air Service Group, and miscellaneous organizations in the Philippines.

5. Activation: No Change

6. Strength, Personnel:

| | GROUND | | | FLYING | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | EM | OFF | W/O | EM | OFF |
| a. At beginning of period | 225 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 7 |
| b. Net Increase | 48 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| c. Net Decrease | 56 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| d. Total | 217 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 6 |

7. Key Personnel:

| | |
|---|---|
| Captain Witold B. Monkiewicz | Sqdn C. O. |
| 1st Lt Mick (NMI) Mack | Sqdn Adjutant |
| 1st Lt Joseph L. Stinson Jr. | Sqdn Supply and Mess Officer |
| 1st/Sgt Robert G. Mitchell | Sqdn 1st/Sgt |

8. Command Relationship: No Change

9. Resume of Movements: None

10. Campaigns: None

11. Chief Military Mission: No change

12. Losses in Action: None

13. Awards and Decorations: None

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II. NARRATIVE:

1 Jan 47: 1st Lt Mack, Nick apptd Sqd Adj, vice 1st Lt Furru, Eugene
2 Jan 47: 30 Pvts reld asgmt & dy this organ & trfd in gr atchd unasgnd to Paranaque Repl & Disp Center, APO 354, SO 289, Hqs 313th Bomb Wing, APO 74: Pvt Postlewait, Verl E., reld asgmt & dy this organ & trfd in gr to Hqs & Bs Sv Sq: S/Sgt Felix Fox requested transfer to Japan:
3 Jan 47: Pvt Cantrell, Lorne L, conf to dy:
4 Jan 47: 2 Cpls, 4 Pfcs, 2 Pvts reld asgmt & dy this organ & trfd in gr atchd unasgnd to Paranaque Repl & Disp Center, APO 354, SO 2 Hqs 313th Bomb Wing; Pvt Lowell, Leonard L., from Hosp to dy: Pvt McMaster, Merle R from dy to hosp:
6 Jan 47: Pfc Thomas, S. D. dropped fr rolls completely under AR 615-300:
7 Jan 47: Pfc Blanton, Jesse J. reld asgmt & dy this organ & trfd in gr atchd unasgnd to Paranaque Repl & Disp Center APO 354, pp7 SO 2 Hqs 313th Bomb Wing, APO 74:
10 Jan 47: Cpl Altomare, Louis A. and Cpl Stout, William M. promoted to gr of Sgt: Pfc Gomes, Thomas & Pfc Toole Charles L Jr promoted to gr of Cpl:
11 Jan 47: Pfc Machusak, Steve dy to hosp: Pvt Serra, Louis A reld asgmt & dy & trfd in gr atchd & unasgnd to 248th General Hospital, APO 74, Transferred O 371 Hqs 248th General Hospital, APO 74
12 Jan 47: Pvt McMaster, Merle R fr hosp to dy: Capt Monkiewicz, Witold B., 1st Lt Dively, George E., 1st Lt. Mack, Nick, 1st Lt. Stinson, Joseph L Jr. placed on TDY at Paranaque Repl & Disp Center APO 354 pp 1 SO 6 Hqs 313th Bomb Wing, APO 74: Capt Walker, G. P. TDY at Camp John Hays leave center Baguio PI, pp 12 SO 7 Hqs 313th Bomb Wing APO 74:
14 Jan 47: Gained 1 S/Sgt, 1 Sgt, 1 Cpl, 12 Pfcs, 5 Pvts, reld asgmt & dy w/Hqs & Bs Sv Sq & trfd in gr to this organ: Pvt Sellars, Robert L., fr dy to 248th General Hospital:
15 Jan 47: Capt. Monkiewicz, Witold B., 1st Lt. Dively, 1st Lt. Mack, 1st Lt. Stinson Jr, from TDY to DY: S/Sgt Bryan, James R. and Pfc Teixeira, Elman P reld asgmt & dy w/534th AKS & trfd in gr this organ: S/Sgt Cain, Richard & Sgt Hendrix, Marvin C placed on TDY w/the CFAAB Food Sv Sq:
16 Jan 47: Pfc Baham, Edward H reld asgmt & dy w/ Hqs & Bs Sv Sq & trfd in gr this organ:
17 Jan 47: Pfc Powers, Ronald H fr dy to 248th Gen Hosp: Pvt Fenimore, Paul J. fr 248th Gen Hosp to dy:
18 Jan 47: Pfc Da Costa, James F & Pfc Trujillo, Ruben L reld asgmt & dy w/ Hqs & Bs Sv Sq & trfd in gr this organ:
19 Jan 47: S/Sgt Riehl, Eugene R., Sgt Swayne, Lowrance & Pfc Narus, Joel M. fr dy to DS: Pfc Huffman, John B., TDY to DY:
20 Jan 47: Pfcs Cartwright, Floyd W & Wahl, George A reld asgmt & dy w/ Hqs & Bs Sv Sq & trfd in gr this organ:
21 Jan 47: Pfc Machusak, Steve 248th Gen Hosp to DY:
22 Jan 47: T/Sgt Birkenstock, Arnold W fr DS to DY:
23 Jan 47: 1st Lt. Dively, George E reld asgmt & asgd Hqs & Bs Sv Sq, 72 nd ASG, APO 74 pp 7 SO 16 Hqs 313th Bomb Wing, APO 74 dtd 20 Jan 47:
24 Jan 47: 1st Lt. Stinson, Joseph L Jr. dy to 248th Gen Hosp:

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25 Jan 47: 24 Pvts promoted to gr of Pfcs; Cpl Sternfeld, Lawrence DS to DY: Pfc Powers, Ronald H 248th Gen Hosp to DY:
26 Jan 47: Pfc Dodson, Charlie L Dy to 248th Gen Hosp:
27 Jan 47: Pfc Tucker, Robert G dy to ds:
28 Jan 47: Capt Walker, G. P. fr TDY to DY: Cpl Pinto, Victor J. ds to dy: Pfc Gomes, Thomas fr TDY to DY: Pvt Pikulski, Louise T fr TDY TO DY:
29 Jan 47: 11 Pvts, 3 Pfcs, 1 Cpl asgnd & jd fr 534th AES: 2 Pfcs & 1 Pvt asgnd & jd fr Hqs & Bs Sv Sq, 77th ASG: Capt Bray, John F. & 1st Lt. Furtys, Eugene R. reld asgmt & atchd unasgnd to Paranaque Repl & Disp Center, APO 354, SO 22 Hqs 313th Bomb Wing, APO 74: 3 Cpls, 4 Pfcs, 3 Pvts, reld asgmt & atchd unasgd to Paranaque Repl & Disp Center APO 354, SO 23, Hqs 313th Bomb Wing, APO 74: Pfc Kennedy, Ransom O reld asgmt & asgd to 534th AES:
30 Jan 47: 1st Lt. Stinson, Joseph L. Jr. fr 248th Gen Hosp to DY: Pfc Martin, Richard L. 248th Gen Hosp to DY: S/Sgt Riehl, Eugene R & Sgt Swayze, Lowrance fr TDY to DY: Cpl McCann, Bernard Cpl Payapaya, Sergio, Cpl Manandic, Salvador, & Cpl Gomes Thomas fr DY to TDY Camp John Hay leave center:
31 Jan 47: Pfc Dodson, Charles fr 248th Gen Hosp to DY: Pvt Fenimore, Paul J fr DY to 248th Gen Hosp:

III. Documents and Supporting Papers: None

WITOLD B. MONKIEWICZ
Captain, Air Corps
Commanding

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HEADQUARTERS
TWENTIETH AIR FORCE
APO 234, c/o Postmaster

AHSQ 314.7 JAN 06 1948

SUBJECT: Annual Unit History of the 576th Air Materiel Squadron, 77th Air Service Group for 1947.

TO : Commanding General
Far East Air Forces
APO 925

In compliance with Message Form 80245 (Restricted) your Headquarters, 27 December 1947, subject, "Submission of 'Records Unit' Histories.", the following narrative history of the 576th Air Materiel Squadron, 77th Air Service Group (Records Unit), for the Period 1 January 1947 thru 31 December 1947, is hereby submitted:

The 576th Air Materiel Squadron, 77th Air Service Group, stationed at Clark Field, APO 74, was reduced to zero strength on 21 April 1947 per VOCG Thirteenth Air Force, APO 719.

On 9 June 1947, this organization (less personnel and equipment) was transferred to Harmon Field Army Airbase, APO 234 per paragraph 1, Movement Order No. 20, Hq Thirteenth Air Force, 8 May 1947 and assigned to Hq Twentieth Air Force, APO 234, per Section I, General Orders No. 46, Hq Twentieth Air Force, 16 June 1947.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

PATRICK D. CHAMPION
CAPTAIN USAF
ACTING ASST ADJ GEN

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576TH AIR MATERIAL SQUADRON
77TH AIR SERVICE GROUP
APO 74

8 April 1947

SUBJECT: Historical Data Report

TO : Commanding Officer, 77th Air Service Group, APO 74
(ATTN: Historical Officer)

1. Transmitted herewith is the Squadron History of the 576th Air Materiel Squadron, for the month of March 1947.

2. Acknowledgement of receipt by indorsement hereon is requested.

NICK MACK
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Adjutant

2 Incl:
Secret - Squadron History for the month of March 1947, 5 copies
Squadron Group Picture attached

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HEADQUARTERS, 77TH AIR SERVICE GROUP, APO 74, U. S. ARMY 8 April 1947

TO: Commanding Officer, 576th Air Materiel Squadron, 77th Air Service Group, APO 74

Receipt acknowledged.

ALFRED D. McGINNIS
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Group Historical Officer

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UNIT HISTORY
576TH AIR MATERIEL SQUADRON
77TH AIR SERVICE GROUP
APO 74

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1 March 1947 to 31 March 1947

I. OUTLINE OF FACTS:

1. Organization of the Unit:

1. Designation: 576th Air Materiel Squadron, 77th Air Service Group.

2. Mission: To train and supply personnel to the bomb group which we are servicing.

3. Date and Place of Activation: No Change

4. Sources from which Personnel are Drawn: Shipments from the United States, 77th Air Service Group, and miscellaneous organizations in the Philippines.

5. Activation: No Change

6. Strength, Personnel:

| | GROUND | | FLYING | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | EM | OFF | EM | OFF |
| a. At beginning of period | 182 | 1 | 0 | 6 |
| b. Net Increase | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| c. Net Decrease | 186 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| d. Total | 2 | 0 | 0 | 4 |

7. Key Personnel:

| | |
|---|---|
| Captain Witold B. Monkiewics | Sqdn C.O. |
| 1st Lt Nick (NMI) Mack | Sqdn Adjutant |
| 1st Lt Joseph L. Stinson Jr | Sqdn Supply and Mess Officer |
| 1st/Sgt Robert G. Mitchell | Sqdn 1st/Sgt |

8. Command Relationship: No Change

9. Resume of Movements: None

10. Campaigns: None

11. Chief Military Missions: No Change

12. Losses in Action: None



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13. Awards and Decorations: None

II. NARRATIVE:

(a)2 Mar 47: Pvt Stubbs, Lenard R Dy to TDY at Camp John Hay Leave Center, Par 21 SO 48, Hqs, 313th Bomb Wg, APO 74, dtd 27 Feb 47; Pfc Pierce, Stuart E and Pfc Thompson, John J Tdy to Dy.

3 Mar 47: Pfc Smith, Charles L. reld asgmt and transferred in gr to Det of Pnts 248th Gen Hospital APO 74, Hos Transfer Order No. 100, Hqs, 248th General Hospital APO 74 dtd 27 Feb 47; 8 Pfcs promoted to gr of Cpl, par 1 SO 35, Hqs, 77th Air Sv Gp dtd 1 Mar 47.

4 Mar 47: Pfc Adkins, Clifford DY to 248th Gen Hospital; 19 Pvts promoted to gr of Pfc par 1 & 2 Squadron Order No. 5, Hqs, 576th Air Materiel Squadron.

5 Mar 47: 1st Lt Reynolds, Matt C (AC) 0-690822, reld asgmt & trfd in gr to Det Pnts 248th Gen Hospital, APO 74, Hosp Transfer Order No. 105, Hqs, 248th Gen Hospital; 1 Sgt, 1 Cpl, 5 Pfc & 1 Pvt reld asgmt & trfd in gr to Paranaque Repl & Disp Center SO 51, Hqs 313th Bomb Wing APO 74 dtd 3 Mar 47; Cpl Payapaya, Sergio reduced to Pvt fr Cpl, Summary Court-Martial No. 17.

10 Mar 47: Pfc Goodrum, Willie R. reld asgmt & trfd in gr to Paranaque Repl & Disp Center APO 354 par 14, SO 54, Hqs, 313th Bomb Wing APO 74 dtd 6 Mar 47; Pfc Cymbura, Joseph M DY to 248th Gen Hospital; 1st Lt Wilcox, Max A (AC) reld asgmt & trfd in gr to Paranaque Repl & Disp Center par 20, SO 54, Hqs 313th Bomb Wing APO 74 dtd 6 Mar 47; Cpl Paugh, Harold C reld asgmt & trfd in gr to Hq & Hq Sq 313th Bomb Wing par 4 SO 55 Hqs 313th Bomb Wing dtd 7 Mar 47.

12 Mar 47: Cpl Burmeister, Robert D DY to 248th Gen Hospital.

13 Mar 47: Pfc Moore, Winston H. 248th Gen Hospital to DY.

14 Mar 47: 1 S/Sgt, 2 Cpl, 17 Pfc reld asgmt & trfd in gr to Hq & Bs Sv Sq, 77th Air Sv Gp, APO 74 par 1 SO 41, Hqs, 77th Air Sv Gp dtd 12 Mar 47; Pvt Sellars, Robert L 248th Gen Hospital to Dy.

17 Mar 47: 3 Cpl, 8 Pfc, 1 Pvt reld asgmt & trfd in gr to Paranaque Repl & Disp Center APO 354 par 7, 8 & 6, SO 60 Hqs 313th Bomb Wing dtd 14 Mar 47; Sgt Ray, Carl V. Dy to 248th Gen Hospital; Pfc Dempelo, Campbell (521) reclassified to (835) par 4 SO 43, Hqs 77th Air Sv Gp dtd 15 Mar 47.

18 Mar 47: 7 Pfc's promoted to gr of Cpl par 1 SO 45 Hqs 77th Air Sv Gp eff 18 Mar 47, dtd 18 Mar 47.



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19 Mar 47: [illegible] Robert G reld asgmt & trfd in gr to [illegible] Sq 313th Bomb Wing par 24 SO 62 Hqs 313th Bomb Wing dtd 17 Mar 47; Pfc Nafus, Joel M Ds to Dy; Pfc Adkins, Clifford 248th Gen Hospital to Dy; At present the Squadron and Group are transferring their personnel pending orders to bring the Group, (77th Air Service Group, APO 74) down to O-0.

20 Mar 47: The losses today of 114 EM are as a direct result of orders pending bringing the 77th Air Service Group to O-0; Total EM remaining in Squadron 24: Officers-5; 1 M/Sgt, 3 T/Sgt, 7 S/Sgt, 3 Sgt, 19 Cpl, 73 Pfc, & 8 Pvt.

21 Mar 47: SMOP 7 SO 62 Hqs 313th Bomb Wing is amended to delete Cpl William Asmondy, Cpl Richard Fiedler, Cpl Lawrence Sternfeld, Pfc William Creason, Pvt Paul Fenimore.

24 Mar 47: SMOP 7 SO 62 Hqs 313th Bomb Wing is amended to delete Pvt Greer, James A.

25 Mar 47: Capt Ray L. Huffman reld asgmt & trfd in gr to 567th Air Materiel Squadron, 358th Air Sv Gp APO 74 par 21 SO 66 Hqs 313th Bomb Wing; 2 S/Sgt, 2 Sgt, 5 Cpl, 5 Pfc, 1 Pvt reld asgmt & trfd in gr to Hq & Bs Sv Sq, 77th Air Sv Gp; Pfc Nafus, Joel M reld asgmt & trfd in gr to Hq& Bs Sv Sq 358th Air Sv Gp, APO 74 par 16 SO 66 Hqs 313th Bomb Wing.

26 Mar 47: T/Sgt Phillips, Vernon W reld asgmt & trfd in gr to Hq & Bs Sv Sq, 358th Air Sv Gp APO 74 par 9, SO 68, 313th Bomb Wing dtd 24 Mar 47.

(b) During this reporting period all T/O & E and MR property have been turned in to Base Supply with the exception of property still in use and needed for remaining operations. The Motor Pool and Supply are preparing the turn-in and surveys on the remaining vehicles and equipment which include 24 M-27s which must be prepared for storage.

(c) The Squadron Mess, equipment, and personnel have been transferred to Hq & Base Sv Sq, 77th Air Sv Gp to mess the remaining personnel for the remainder of the period.

(d) The Unit Fund has been closed and records have been prepared for storage.

(e) The Squadron records are in the process of being packed for shipment and storage.

(f) It is expected that the Squadron will be zeroed before the end of April 1947.

III. Documents and Supporting Papers:



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1. 576th Air [illegible] Squadron by personnel picture

(a) Names and positions of personnel in picture:

Rear row: Left to right:

S/Sgt Charles Henry - - - - - - Supply Sergeant
1st Lt Joseph L. Stimson - - - - Squadron Supply Officer
Capt Witold B. Menkiewicz - - - Commanding Officer
1st Lt Nick Mack - - - - - - - - Squadron Adjutant
S/Sgt Robert G. Mitchell - - - - 1st Sergeant
Front row: Left to right
Cpl Robert Rovelli - - - - - - - 1st Cook
Cpl Robert O. Burmeister - - - - File Clerk
Cpl Willard Johnston - - - - - - Duty NCO
S/Sgt Richard C[illegible]in - - - - - - - Mess Sergeant
Pfc Clarence Garett - - - - - - Supply Clerk
Sgt Herbert F. Boyd - - - - - - - Asst Mess Sgt
Pfc Milford Erb - - - - - - - - - Mail Clerk
Cpl Arvid L. Wise - - - - - - - Sgd Armorer

Nick Mack

NICK MACK
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Adjutant

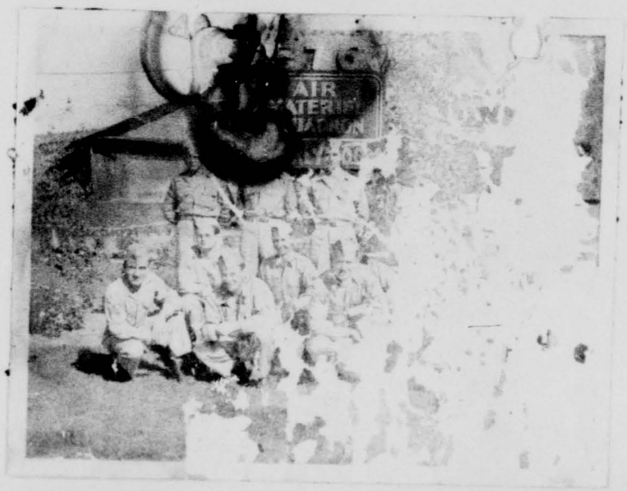
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UNIT HISTORY
5284th AIR MATERIEL SQUADRON
77th AIR SERVICE GROUP
APO 74

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1 April 1947 to 21 April 1947

I. OUTLINE OF FACTS:

A. Organization of the Unit:

1. Designation: 5284th Air Materiel Squadron, 77th Air Service Group.

2. Mission: To train and supply personnel to the bomb group which we are servicing.

3. Date and Place of Activation: No Change

4. Sources from which Personnel are Drawn: Shipments from the United States, 77th Air Service Group, and miscellaneous organization in the Philippines.

5. Activation: No Change

6. Strength, Personnel:

| | GROUND | | FLYING | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | EM | OFF | EM | OFF |
| a. At beginning of period | 2 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| b. Net Increase | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| c. Net Decrease | 2 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| d. Total | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

7. Key Personnel:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Captain | Witold S. Monkiewicz | Sqdn C.O. |
| 1st Lt | Nick (NMI) Mack | Sqdn Adjutant |
| 1st Lt | Joseph L. Stinsen Jr | Sqdn Supply and Mess Off |
| 1st/Sgt | Robert G. Mitchell | Sqdn First Sergeant |

8. Command Relationship: No Change

9. Resume of Movements: None

10. Campaigns: None

11. Chief Military Missions: No Change

12. Losses in Action: None

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I. Awards and Decorations: None

II. NARRATIVE:

(a) 5 April 47: S/Sgt Henry, Charles S. RA-33555234, awarded additional 30S of 05S, per paragraph 3, Special Order 53, Headquarters, 77th Air Service Group, APO 74

6 April 47: Captain Monkiewicz, Witold B. AC., 0441030 from duty to TDY at Camp John Hay Leave Center, Baguio, Luzon, P.I. per paragraph 9, Special Order 77, Headquarters, 313th Bomb Wing, APO 74.

8 April 47: 1st Lt Stinson, Joseph L. AC., 0693325, appointed Commanding Officer 576th Air Materiel Squadron, during temperary absence of Captain Witold B. Monkiewicz.

14 April 47: Pfc Carr, Leroy E. 43059055, relieved from assignment and attached unassigned to Paranaque Repl & Dispesition Center, APO 354 per paragraph 1, Special Order 81, Hqs, 313th Bomb Wing, APO 74.

15 April 47: Captain Monkiewicz, Witold B. AC., 0441030 and 1st Lt Hamlin, John W. AC., 0659210, relieved from assignment and assigned to 534th Air Engineering Squadron, per paragraph 1, Special Order 58, Headquarters, 77th Air Service Group, APO 74.

16 April 1947 1st Lt Stinson, Joseph L. Jr., AC., 0693325, relieved from assignment and assigned to 534th Air Engineering Squadron, per paragraph 3, Special Order 58, Headquarters 77th Air Service Group, APO 74

17 April 1947 1st Lt Hamlin, John B., 0659210 (1092) relieved from assignment & attached unassigned to 670th Medium Port Co. APO 90[illegible] per paragraph 5, Special Order 85, Hqs 313th Bomb Wing, APO 74.

20 April 47 1st Lt Stinson, Joseph L Jr 0693325 (4000) relieved from assignment and assigned Hqs 5th Air Force, APO 710 per paragraph 2, Special Order 84, Hq 313th Bomb Wing, APO 74.

21 April 47 S/Sgt Henry, Charles RA33555234, relieved from assignment & transferred in grade to 534th Air Eng Sq per paragraph 1 Special Order 61, Hqs, 313th Bomb Wing, APO 74.

b. During this period all T/O & E & M/R property has been turned in to Base Supply.

c. All Quartermaster property has been turned in.

d. The Unit Fund has been closed and records have been packed for storage.

e. The 576th Air Material Squadron, 77th Air Service Group was sent at 2400 hours, 21 April 1947.

III. Supporting Documents: None

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HISTORICAL DATA
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OF
549th NIGHT FIGHTER SQUADRON
(23rd Ftr Gp)(20th Ftr Wg) (Twentieth AF)
Period: 1 December 1946 to 31 December 1946

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HEADQUARTERS SEVENTH AIR FORCE
Office of the Commander of Troops
APO 234, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

311.7 AC/AG 20 September 1948

SUBJECT: Final Unit History of the 57[illegible]th Air Material Squadron

TO: Commanding General
Twentieth Air Force
APO 234

In compliance with paragraph [illegible], 20AF Regulation No. [illegible]-11, subject: Historical Program in the Far East Air Forces, 17 Mar 1948, a adjutive history for the period 1 January 1946 through 20 September 1948 is hereby submitted upon the inactivation of the 57[illegible]th Air Squadron, 77th Air Service Group.

FOR THE COMMANDER OF TROOPS:

[signature]
[illegible] Lt., USAF
Adjutant

1 Incl:
General Order No. [illegible], Hq 20th Air Force, 11 Sept 48

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HEADQUARTERS
TWENTIETH AIR FORCE
APO 234

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11 September 1948

INACTIVATION OF UNITS - TWENTIETH AIR FORCE

1. Pursuant to authority contained in Department of the Air Force Letter 322 (AFOOR 818e), Subject: "Inactivation of the Headquarters and Base Services Squadron, 473d Air Service Group, and Certain other Air Force Units", dated 5 August 1948, and Letter, Headquarters, Far East Air Forces AG 322, Tr Con-3, Subject: "Inactivation of Units", dated 1 September 1948, the following units are inactivated, effective 20 September 1948 at Harmon Air Force Base, Guam, APO 234:

Headquarters and Base Services Squadron, 75th Air Service Group
507th Air Engineering Squadron
581st Air Materiel Squadron

Headquarters and Base Services Squadron, 77th Air Service Group
534th Air Engineering Squadron
576th Air Materiel Squadron

2. No personnel will be reduced in grade as a result of this action. Personnel rendered surplus as a result of this action will be reassigned to fill authorized vacancies within this command.

3. Inactivation will be carried out in accordance with the provisions of Twentieth Air Force Regulation 80-5, dated 14 August 1948, as amended by Twentieth Air Force Regulation 80-5A, dated 2 September 1948, except for so much of paragraph 2 as pertains to a project officer.

4. Concurrently with inactivation, units are transferred to the control of the Department of the Air Force.

5. Equipment will revert to stocks to fill present and future requirements.

6. Records will be disposed of by shipment to Central Records Depot Number 4, Baski Building Number 258, APO 343, Care of Postmaster, San Francisco, California in accordance with Far East Air Forces Regulation 181-1, dated 14 July 1948, and further shipment to Organization Records Branch, Building 102, Records Administration Center, AGO, St Louis 20, Missouri, in accordance with Air Force Letter 181-20.

7. Obligation of the appropriate allotments to the extent necessary is authorized in accordance with Circular Number 143, War Department, 1947, as amended.

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FRANCIS D SHOEMAKER
Colonel, USAF
Chief of Staff

JOHN J CECK
Capt, USAF
Adjutant General

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CORRECTION

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

322 (AFOOR 818e) 5 August 1948

SUBJECT: Inactivation of the Headquarters and Base Services Sq, 473d Air Service Group, and Certain other Air Force Units

TO: Commanding Generals,
Air Defense Command
Strategic Air Command
Tactical Air Command
Far East Air Forces

1. The following units will be inactivated by the commander concerned as indicated:

| Unit | Command | To be accomplished: |
|---|---|---|
| Hq and Base Services Squadron, 473d Air Service Group<br>891st Air Engineering Squadron<br>715th Air Materiel Squadron | Air Defense Command | Within thirty (30) days after date of this letter. |
| Hq and Base Services Squadron, 72d Air Service Group<br>535th Air Engineering Squadron<br>579th Air Materiel Squadron | | |
| Hq and Base Services Squadron, 75th Air Service Group<br>587th Air Engineering Squadron<br>581st Air Materiel Squadron | Far East Air Forces | At the earliest practicable date. |
| Hq and Base Services Squadron, 77th Air Service Group<br>534th Air Engineering Squadron<br>576th Air Materiel Squadron | | |
| Hq and Base Services Squadron, 69th Air Service Group<br>629th Air Engineering Squadron<br>507th Air Materiel Squadron | | Within thirty (30) days after date of this letter. |
| Hq and Base Services Squadron, 73d Air Service Group<br>586th Air Engineering Squadron<br>580th Air Materiel Squadron | Strategic Air Command | |
| Hq and Base Services Squadron, 86th Air Service Group<br>9th Air Engineering Squadron<br>584th Air Materiel Squadron | | |

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| Unit | Command | To be accomplished: |
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| Hq and Base Services Squadron, 87th Air Service Group<br>31st Air Engineering Squadron<br>589th Air Materiel Squadron | Strategic Air Command | Within thirty (30) days after date of this letter. |
| Hq and Base Services Squadron, 439th Air Service Group<br>865th Air Engineering Squadron<br>689th Air Materiel Squadron | | |
| Hq and Base Services Squadron, 475th Air Service Group<br>893d Air Engineering Squadron<br>717th Air Materiel Squadron | | |
| Hq and Base Services Squadron, 371st Air Service Group<br>808th Air Engineering Squadron<br>632d Air Materiel Squadron | | |
| Hq and Base Services Squadron, 455th Air Service Group<br>873d Air Engineering Squadron<br>697th Air Materiel Squadron | | |
| Hq and Base Services Squadron, 478th Air Service Group<br>896th Air Engineering Squadron<br>720th Air Materiel Squadron | Tactical Air Command | |
| Hq and Base Services Squadron, 481st Air Service Group<br>899th Air Engineering Squadron<br>723d Air Materiel Squadron | | |
| 47th Liaison Squadron | | |

a. Concurrently with inactivation, units are transferred to the control of the Department of the Air Force.

b. Personnel will be absorbed in other Air Force units under control of the commander concerned without loss in grade.

c. Equipment will revert to stocks to fill present and future requirements.



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d. Records will be disposed of by shipment to the Organization Records Branch, Building 102, Records Administration Center, AGO, St. Louis 20, Missouri, in accordance with AFL 181-20.

2. When the actions directed herein have been accomplished, report will be made to Headquarters USAF by means of the Air Force Organization Status Change Report (Reports Control Symbol AF-SC-01D) in compliance with current instructions.

3. Thirty (30) copies of the order issued pursuant to this letter will be forwarded to the Chief of Staff, USAF, Washington 25, D. C., (ATTENTION: Publications Division, Air Adjutant General).

4. Obligate to the extent necessary the appropriate allotments in accordance with WD Cir 143, 1947, as amended.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE:

L. L. JUDGE
Colonel, USAF
Air Adjutant General

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11 September 1948

INACTIVATION OF UNITS - TWENTIETH AIR FORCE

1. Pursuant to authority contained in Department of the Air Force Letter 322 (AFOOR 818e), Subject: "Inactivation of the Headquarters and Base Services Squadron, 473d Air Service Group, and Certain other Air Force Units", dated 5 August 1948, and Letter, Headquarters, Far East Air Forces AG 322, Tr Con-3, Subject: "Inactivation of Units", dated 1 September 1948, the following units are inactivated, effective 20 September 1948 at Harmon Air Force Base, Guam, APO 234:

Headquarters and Base Services Squadron, 75th Air Service Group
507th Air Engineering Squadron
581st Air Materiel Squadron

Headquarters and Base Services Squadron, 77th Air Service Group
534th Air Engineering Squadron
576th Air Materiel Squadron

2. No personnel will be reduced in grade as a result of this action. Personnel rendered surplus as a result of this action will be reassigned to fill authorized vacancies within this command.

3. Inactivation will be carried out in accordance with the provisions of Twentieth Air Force Regulation 80-5, dated 14 August 1948, as amended by Twentieth Air Force Regulation 80-5A, dated 2 September 1948, except for so much of paragraph 2 as pertains to a project officer.

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587th Air Engineering Squadron
581st Air Materiel Squadron

Headquarters and Base Services Squadron, 77th Air Service Group
534th Air Engineering Squadron
576th Air Materiel Squadron

2. No personnel will be reduced in grade as a result of this action. Personnel rendered surplus as a result of this action will be reassigned to fill authorized vacancies within this command.

3. Inactivation will be carried out in accordance with the provisions of Twentieth Air Force Regulation 80-5, dated 14 August 1948, as amended by Twentieth Air Force Regulation 80-5A, dated 2 September 1948, except for so much of paragraph 2 as pertains to a project officer.

4. Concurrently with inactivation, units are transferred to the control of the Department of the Air Force.

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587th Air Engineering Squadron
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Headquarters and Base Services Squadron, 77th Air Service Group
534th Air Engineering Squadron
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2. No personnel will be reduced in grade as a result of this action. Personnel rendered surplus as a result of this action will be reassigned to fill authorized vacancies within this command.

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TWENTIETH AIR FORCE
APO 234, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

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AIHSQ 314.7

30 Sep 48

SUBJECT: Submission of Unit History Upon Inactivation of the 576th Air Materiel Squadron

TO : Commanding General
Far East Air Forces
APO 925

In compliance with paragraph 6, FEAF Regulation No. 80-13, subject, Historical Program in the Far East Air Forces, 19 May 1948 a negative history for the period 1 January 1948 thru 30 September 1948 is hereby submitted upon the inactivation of the 576th Air Materiel Squadron, 77th Air Service Group.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

1 Incl:
General Order No. 68, Hq 20th Air Force, 11 Sep 48

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2. No personnel will be reduced in grade as a result of this action. Personnel rendered surplus as a result of this action will be reassigned to fill authorized vacancies within this command.

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577TH AIR MATERIAL SQUADRON
337TH AIR SERVICE GROUP
APO 239 UNIT 2

31 December 1947

SUBJECT: Historical Report.(RCS 1AD-GE-U1)

TO : Commanding Officer, 337th Air Service Group, APO 239 Unit 2.

1. The following information is submitted for historical value for period 1 December 1947 and ending 31 December 1947.

a. The Squadron strength as of 1 December 1947 was 14 officers and 131 enlisted men.

b. Pfc Fred Tucker RA35 082 437 was killed in an automobile accident 7 December 1947.

c. The Squadron area and living quarters are fairly improved, but a shortage of material and labor is slowing the progress. A volley ball court and horse shoe pit has been active for the entire month.

d. The 301st Fighter Wing Commissary was opened for business the 15 December 1947.

e. The central power unit that was serving this squadron burned out. A generator was moved to the area to furnish power.

f. A squadron day room has been opened. It is located in the Squadron Orderly Room. A varity of games has been received from Special Service and placed in the Day Room.

g. The water heater is now in commission causing a rise in the moral of the squadron personnel.

h. Request for discharge under AR615-368 was initiated against Pvt. Schuster but was disproved by board.

i. Strength as of 31 December 1947 was 13 officer and 131 enlisted men.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

HAROLD R. OAKS
1st. Lt., AFUS
Squadron Historical Officer

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577TH AR MATERIL SQUADRON
337TH AIR SERVICE GROUP
APO 239 UNIT 2

30 November 1947.

SUBJECT: Historical Report.

TO : Commanding Officer, 337th Air Service Group, APO 239 Unit 2.

Squadron strength for the past month was as follows; 1 November 14 Officers, 125 EM, 30 November 14 Officers, 120 EM.

Promotions for this month included 3 Sgt's and 9 Cpl's.

Extreme difficulties have been encountered with our lighting system, generator depreciation may be put forth as the source of these difficulties. It is hoped that this problem may be solved in the near future since it has hampered and lowered efficiency to some extent.

A successful Thanksgiving holiday was enjoyed by all members of this organization.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

HAROLD D. OAKS
1st Lt., AF US
Squadron Historical Officer.

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GHQ FEC Cir 98, dtd 4 Oct 47

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377TH AIR MATERIEL SQUADRON
337TH AIR SERVICE GROUP
APO 239 UNIT 2

30 September 1947.

SUBJECT: Historical Report.

TO : Commanding Officer, 337th Air Service Group, APO 239 Unit 2.

The following information of Historical value is submitted in accordance with 1st AD Memo 150-46, dated 3 October 1946.

a. Squadron strength as of: 1 September 1947 10 Officers, 126 EM.
30 September 1947 10 Officers, 140 EM.

b. Captain HENRY P. BENZ accepted appointment in the Air Corps, Officers Reserve Corps as major, 23 September 1947.

c. One EM returned to the Zone of Interior for the purpose of Separation from the Military Service.

d. Four EM returned to the Zone of Interior for the purpose of reassignment, under the provisions of WD circular 310, 1946.

e. The promotions for this month included twelve (12) Opns.

f. The Squadron area has been greatly improved by cutting grass and doing away with breeding places of mosquitoes. New screen have been put on doors and windows of each barracks.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

HAROLD D. OAKS
1st Lt., Air Corps
Historical Officer.

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577TH AIR MATERIEL SQUADRON
337TH AIR SERVICE GROUP
APO 239 UNIT 2

31 August 1947.

SUBJECT: Historical Report.

TO : Commanding Officer, 337th Air Service Group, APO 239 Unit 2.

The following information of Historical value is submitted in accordance with 1st AD Memo 150-41, dated 3 October 1946.

a. Squadron strength as of: 1 August 47 10 Officers 136 EM
31 August 47 11 Officers 135 EM

b. Major WINDSOR T. ANDERSON was granted ten (10) days ordinary leave 26 August 1947.

c. Captain ELMER F. GHRAM assumed command durning the absence of Major WINDSOR T. ANDERSON.

d. The promotions for this month included twelve (12) Corporals and five (5) Pfc's.

e. The Squadron Area has been greatly improved by cuting grass and doing away with breeding places of mosquitoes. New screen have been put on doors and windows of each barracks.

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577TH AIR MATERIEL SQUADRON
337TH AIR SERVICE GROUP
APO 239 UNIT 2

31 July 1947.

SUBJECT: Historical Report.

TO : Commanding Officer, 337th Air Service Group, APO 239 Unit 2.

Following information of Historical value is submitted in accordance with 1st AD Memo 150-41, dated 3 October 1940.

Squadron strength as Of: 1 July 47 7 Officers 121 EM
10 Officers 126 EM

Six enlisted men returned to the Zone of the Interior for the purpose of seperation.

1st Sgt James Wilson was granted fifteen days (15) ordinary leave 10 July 1947.

The promotions for the month incluaeded three (3) Pfc's.

Captain Elmer F. Ghram accepted appointment in the Regular Army 30 July 1947.

The squadron area has been subjected to a thorough policing which has greatly improved apperarances.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

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577TH AIR MATERIEL SQUADRON
337TH AIR SERVICE GROUP
APO 239 UNIT 2

7 June 1947.

SUBJECT: Report of Unit Intelligence and Historical Officer.

TO : Commanding General, Headquarters 31st Fighter Wing APO 239 Unit 2.
ATTN: A-2.

1. In compliance with letter four Headquarters, subject, Information concerning unit Intelligence and Historical Officers, dated, 29 May 1947, File, A-2, the following report is submitted.

Organization: 577th Air Material Squadron.

Name: CRAIG, HAROLD E.

Rank and arm of service: 1st Lt. Air Corps.

ASN: O 807052

MOS: 4381 Primary Duty: Squadron Adjutant (3110)

Experience: No previous Intelligence or Historical experience.

Telephone No. None.

Office Location: Building no. 413.

Date due to return to ZI: July 1949.

2. This report was delayed due to the fact that correspondence directing same was not received by this Headquarters until 5 June 47.

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577TH AIR MATERIEL SQUADRON
337TH AIR SERVICE GROUP
APO 239 UNIT 2

31 May 1947

SUBJECT: Historical Report

TO : Commanding Officer, 337th Air Service Group, APO 239

Following information of Historical value is submitted in accordance with 1st A.F. Memo 150-41, dated 8 October 1946.

Squadron strength as of: 1 May 47 5 Officers 110 EM
31 May 47 5 Officers 107 EM

One EM returned to the Zone of Interior for ninety-day reenlistment leave.

Ten EM returned to the Zone of Interior for separation.

Promotions for the month included thirty two PFC's.

The Squadron moved from APO 239 to APO 239 Unit 2 on 28 May 1947 and set up operations, for it's assigned mission.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

HAROLD D OAKS
1st Lt, Air Corps
Historical Officer.

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577TH AIR MATERIEL SQUADRON
327TH AIR SERVICE GROUP
APO 239

30 April 1947

SUBJECT: Historical Report

TO : Commanding Officer, 327th Air Service Group.

Following information of Historical value is submitted in accordance with 1st A.D. Memo 150-41, dated 3 October 1946.

Squadron strength as of 1 April 7 Officers and 110 EM.
30 April 8 Officers and 117 EM.

Two Officer and one EM was returned to the ZI for the purpose of seperation.

Promotions for the month included seven (7) Privates First Class.

The usual squadron activities were carried on during the month.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

HAROLD D. OAKS
1st Lt., Air Corps
Squadron Hist. Officer

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HEADQUARTERS
337th AIR SERVICE GROUP
377TH AIR [illegible]
APO 639

2 April 1947.

SUBJECT: Historical Report.

TO : Commanding Officer, 337th Air Service Group.

The following information of Historical Value is submitted in accordance with Ltr A.G.O. Memo 150-41, dated 3 October 1940.

Squadron strength as of 1 March 8 Officers and 35 EM.
31 March 7 Officers and 110 EM.

Four enlisted men were transferred to the AF for the purpose of separation.

This Squadron moved into the new area this month and the usual difficulties of a new area were incompleted. The organization is now very well set up and everything operating as it should.

31 March we closed our mess hall and moved into the consolidated mess which will feed the entire group.

SHERMAN J. [illegible]
1st Lt. Air Corps
Squadron Stat. Officer

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HEADQUARTERS
577TH AIR MATERIAL SQUADRON
337TH AIR SERVICE GROUP
APO 239

1 March 1947

SUBJECT: Historical Report.

TO : Commanding Officer, 337th Air Service Group.

Squadron strength of the past month was as follows: 1 February--13 officers, 6[illegible] Enlisted Men;28 February--7 Officers, 88 Enlisted Men.

Five Enlisted Men were transfered to the Zone of Interior during the previous month. There were one Officer and Forty-four Enlisted Men assigned to this Squadron during the previous month also.

It appears that this Squadron will be moved to their new area by 1 March.

SHERMAN J. GAGE
1st Lt. Air Corps
Squadron Mist. Officer

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HEADQUARTERS
577TH AIR MATERIEL SQUADRON
337TH AIR SERVICE GROUP
APO 239

1 February 1947

SUBJECT: Historical Report.

TO : Commanding Officer, 337th Air Service Group.

Squadron strength of the past month was as follows: 1 January--15 officers, 71 Enlisted Men; 31 January--13 officers, 68 Enlisted Men .

One officer and thirteen Enlisted Men were transferred to the Zone of Interior during the previous month. Thirteen Enlisted Men were assigned from basic training at Ioly Beach. Two EM were transferred to the 371st Air Engineering and 349th Station Complement Squadrons while two others were relieved of assignment with this organization. Two officers were gained, one from Zone of Interior, the other from the 51st Fighter Group.

It appears this squadron will move once again to the new consolidated area within a few days.

SHERMAN J. GACK
1st Lt., Air Corps
Squadron Hist. Officer

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HEADQUARTERS
SIXTH AIR MATERIEL SQUADRON
387TH AIR SERVICE GROUP
APO 239

31 December 1946

SUBJECT: Monthly Historical Report.

TO: Commanding Officer, 387th Air Service Group.

Squadron strength for the past month was as follows: 1 December--15 Officers, 86 Enlisted Men; 31 December--15 Officers, 71 Enlisted Men.

One officer and thirty-eight EM were transferred to the Zone of Interior during the month of December. In that same period personnel were gained from the following organizations: 371st Air Engineering Squadron--one man; 802nd Engineer Aviation Battalion--6 men; 301st Fighter Wing--one man. One EM was transferred to the Headquarters and Base Squadron, 387th Air Service Group.

Continued construction of the new area necessitated the moving of this organization during the second week of December. The shacks, orderly room, supply room and multifarious other buildings which formerly housed this squadron were leveled. At present, temporary quarters have been taken up in three Quonset huts, two of which house EM, the third acting as orderly and supply room.

Little trouble has been encountered with our generators recently which has made possible the occasional showing of movies and greater overall efficiency.

A squadron party was held 24 December 1946 which was attended by officers and Enlisted Men.

SHERMAN J. CAGE
1st Lt., Air Corps
Squadron Historical Officer

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HEADQUARTERS
577TH AIR MATERIEL SQUADRON
337TH AIR SERVICE GROUP
APO 239

1 December 1946

SUBJECT: Monthly Historical Report.

TO: Commanding Officer, 337th Air Service Group.

Squadron strength for the past month was as follows: 1 November -- 14 Officers, 96 EM; 30 November -- 14 Officers, 101 EM.

Two EM were transferred to the 371st Aviation Engineering Squadron. Eleven men were promoted to Private First Class, Cpl. Joseph J. Thiry was promoted to sergeant and has taken over the duties of acting first sergeant vice Sgt. Eugene Carroll. Five EM and three officers were absorbed into this organization during the past month. One Officer was transferred to Headquarters and Base Squadron, 337th Air Service Group. Emergency leaves were granted to two officers who have returned to the Zone of Interior.

Extreme difficulties have been encountered with our lighting system, generator depreciation may be put forth as the source of these difficulties. It is hoped that this problem may be solved in the near future since it has hampered and lowered efficiency to some extent.

A successful Thanksgiving holiday was enjoyed by all members of this squadron.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

SHERMAN J. BACH
1st Lt., Air Corps
Squadron Historical Officer

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HEADQUARTERS
377TH AIR MATERIAL SQUADRON
337TH AIR SERVICE GROUP
APO 239

1 November 1946

SUBJECT: Monthly Historical Report.

TO : Commanding Officer, 337th Air Service Group.

Squadron strength for the month was as follows: 1 October--13 officers, 118 enlisted men. 31 October--14 officers, 98 enlisted men.

During the month 25 men were returned to the Zone of Interior. One officer was transferred to the Headquarters Squadron, 501st Fighter Wing, one AC Headquarters Squadron, 337th Air Service Group, and two EM to the 371st Aviation Engineering Squadron.

1st Lt. [redacted] O-660145 was promoted to Captain.

The usual squadron activities were carried on during the month.

[redacted]
1st Lt., Air Corps
Adjutant

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HEADQUARTERS
577th AIR [illegible] SQUADRON
577th AIR SERVICE GROUP
APO 239

2 October 1945

SUBJECT: Monthly Historical Report.

TO : Commanding Officer, 577th Air Service Group.

Strength of the organization as of the first of the month numbered eight (8) officers, one hundred fifteen (115) EM. Strength of this organization as of 30 September 1945 numbered thirteen (13) officers, one hundred sixteen (116) EM.

Captain Lloyd F. Shrum replaced Captain Eugene [illegible] as squadron commander on 1 September 1945.

Promotions for the month included two (2) sergeants, seven (7) corporals, and nine (9) privates first class.

Four members of this organization were involved in an automotive wreck on the morning of 8 September, 1945 which resulted in the complete loss of one 3/4 ton 4x4 weapons carrier.

The squadron area has been subjected to a thorough policing which has greatly improved appearances.

Native labor has not proven as efficient as P.W. details. The number of Okinawans appearing for work sometimes varies from 65% to 90% of the strength alloted this squadron.

Housing facilities for civilians has been a difficulty. Eventually all non-military personnel will be consolidated in one area. A new area for this squadron is under construction at the moment.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

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1st. Lt., Air Corps
Adjutant

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HEADQUARTERS
577TH AIR MATERIEL SQUADRON
337TH AIR SERVICE GROUP
APO 239

1 September 1945

SUBJECT: Historical Report.

TO : Commanding Officer, 337th Air Service Group, APO 239.

This report covers the period from 1 August to 31 August 1945.

A tray system is being installed in the Squadron Mess Hall to supplant the old messing facilities. A marked improvement has been noted in the quality of food due to quantities of fresh meat and vegetables. Loss of Prisoner of War labor is anticipated in the near future, provisions for native civilian labor are being made to fill the vacancy caused by the repatriation of P. W.'s.

This organization's strength is rapidly diminishing due to personnel being returned to the Zone of Interior for separation. Lack of replacements continue to leave the squadron undermanned. Present strength is: 7 Officers; 1 Warrant Officer; 121 Enlisted Men.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

SHERMAN J. BAIR
2nd Lt., Air Corps
Adjutant

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HEADQUARTERS
301ST FIGHTER WING
APO 239

314.7D 27 August 1945

SUBJECT: Monthly Historical Reports

TO : Historical Officers, All Units, 301st Fighter Wing, APO 239

1. Historical report as required by AR 345-105 and AAF Regulation 20-8 will be submitted to the A-2 office prior to the 10th of each month for the period of the preceding month.

2. The reports should be submitted in quintuplecate, accompanied by a letter of transmittal. The reports will be classified as "Confidential".

3. When applicable the following information should be included in a concise narrative form:

a. Strength of the unit, both commissioned and enlisted, on the first and last of the month.

b. Any change in location, designation, or TO & E.

c. Promotions or changes of command.

d. Activities, progress and outstanding accomplishments of the unit.

e. Difficulties encountered, their solutions, and any new policies evolved.

4. Photographs of celebrations, important events, construction, or similar items would greatly enhance the historical value of the reports.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL BRADLEY:

H. E. REED
Captain, AGD
Adjutant

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STANLEY E. SATTILLA
1st Lt, Air Corps
Adjutant, 337th Air Sv Group

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HEADQUARTERS, 577TH AIR MATERIEL SQUADRON
337th Air Service Group
APO 239, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

2 August 1946

HISTORICAL DATA

History of 577th Air Materiel Squadron
(Present Unit Designation)

Period Covered: 1 July 1946 to 31 July 1946.

1. Origen of Unit

a. Original Designation: 577th Air Materiel Squadron.

2. Changes in Organization:

a. Change in Unit Designation: Negative.

b. Change in Unit Assignment: Negative.

c. Change in T/O: Negative.

d. Change in Unit Commander: Negative.

3. Strength

a. Original total strength of Officers, Warrant Officers, Enlisted Men and Airplanes:

6 - Officers and 89 EM

1 - Warrant Officer

Airplanes - None

b. Total strength of Unit in Officer, Warrant Officers, Enlisted Men and Airplanes as of 31 July 1946.

8 - Officers and 151 EM

1 - Warrant Officer

Airplanes - None

4. Changes of Stations: (Permanent or Temporary)

Negative.

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5. OPERATIONS:

a. Tactical: Negative.

b. Non-tactical

(1) Date or Period: 1 July to 31 July 1946.

(2) Brief statement of important work or training accomplished:

Usual organizational duties.

(3) Total airplane accidents not reported elsewhere in this History:

Negative.

6. Losses in Action: Negative

7. Former and present Members of Squadron who have distinguished themselves In Action: Negative.

8. Remarks and Inclosures:

The number of experienced personnel continues to decrease in all sections of this organization. However, recently acquired new personnel are learning rapidly.

FOR THE SQUADRON COMMANDER:

Sherman J. Gage

SHERMAN J. GAGE
2nd Lt., Air Corps
Adjutant



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[redacted], 577TH AIR MATERIEL SQUADRON
337th Air Service Group
APO 239, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

5 June 1946

HISTORICAL DATA

History of 577th Air Materiel Squadron
(Present Unit Designation)

Period Covered: 1 May 1946 to 31 May 1946.

1. Origin of Unit.

a. Original Designation: 577th Air Material Squadron.

2. Changes in Organization:

a. Change in Unit Designation: Negative.

b. Change in Unit Assignment: Negative.

c. Change in T/O: Negative.

d. Change in Unit Commander: Negative.

3. Strength.

a. Original total strength of Officers, Warrant Officers, Enlisted Men and Airplanes:

6 - Officers and 89 EM

1 - Warrant Officer

Airplanes - None

b. Total strength of Unit in Officer, Warrant Officers, Enlisted Men and Air planes as of 31 May 1946.

10 - and 160 EM

Warrant Officers - None

Airplanes - None

4. Changes of Station: (Permanent or Temporary)

Negative

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5. Operations

a. Tactical: Negative.

b. Non-tactical.

(1) Date or Period: 1 May 1946 to 31 May 1946.

(2) Brief statement of important work or training accomplished: Usual organizational duties.

(3) Total airplane accidents not reported elsewhere in this history: Negative.

6. Losses in Action: Negative.

7. Former and Present Members of Squadron who have distinguished themselves in action: Negative

8. Remarks and Inclosures:

Lack of trained personnel still must be advanced as our major problem, at present, there is still an acute shortage of trained personnel however this obstacle is gradually being removed by "On the Job Trainees."

Housekeeping functions as well as line duties are hard pressed for experience.

FOR THE SQUADRON COMMANDER:

JOSEPH W. [illegible]
2nd Lt., Air Corps
Adjutant

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HEADQUARTERS, 577TH AIR MATERIEL SQUADRON
337th Air Service Group
APO 239, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

6 May 1946

HISTORICAL REPORT, APRIL 1946

The following officers were transferred from the 577th Air Material Squadron during the month of April 1946 to return to the Zone of the Interior: None.

The following officer was transferred from the Headquarters, and Base Service Squadron, 337th Air Service Group, to this organization during the month of April 1946.

1st Lt. Berl H. Cox

This officer was subsequently transferred from the 577th Air Materiel Squadron to 4th Air Service Area Command during the month of April 1946.

1st Lt. Berl H. Cox

The following officer was transferred from the 577th Air Materiel Squadron to the 93rd Airdrome Squadron, APO 239, during the month of April 1946.

2nd Lt. William B. Maben

The following officer was transferred into the Squadron during the month of April 1946.

Captain Eugene E. Vance

There were no officers promoted during April.

During the month of April the 577th Air Materiel Squadron was under two different Commanding Officers; 1st Lt. William F. Schierholz and Captain Eugene E. Vance. Captain Eugene E. Vance is the present Commanding Officer.

Most of the enlisted personnel in this squadron, who have not already been trained in their duty assignments are receiving, or will recieve when reporting for work, "on the job" training.

Complaints within the Squadron have been universal between enlisted and officer personnel and have been directed primarily toward the inadequacy of fresh meat in the mess. The situation was somewhat improved toward the end of the month. Then to add to the dissatisfaction toward the end of the month our mess was crowded practically beyond capacity what with feeding 101 A.A.C.S. personnel and our own men.



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No items of construction were carried on in this organization during the month of April. Improvements have been made during the month on sanitary conditions. Sanitation teams have been kept current and up to date on pertinent regulations and directives.

Lack of untrained personnel in all duty assignments is still our greatest problem. Replacements with training cannot be found to step into duties of enlisted personnel who will shortly be leaving for home. Housekeeping functions as well as line duties hard pressed for experience.

Below is a roster of officers showing duty assignments, as of 30 April 1946.

Captain Eugene E. Vance — Squadron Commanding Officer

1st Lt. William F. Schierholz Jr. — Supply Control Officer

1st Lt. Theodore C. Backe — Squadron Adjutant

1st Lt. Edward E. Tate — Group Ordance Officer

1st Lt. Elmer H. Foster — Assistant Quartermaster Supply Officer

2nd Lt. Robert E. Tilley — Group Signal Supply Officer

As of 30 April 1946 this Squadron has a shortage of two officers.

During the month the Squadron gained 1 and lost 13 enlisted men, leaving and overall shortage of 121.

During the month the Squadron has continued to perform its supply and sundry duties to the best of its ability.

Shortage of personnel and inadequacy of variety in mess has caused morale to remain only average.

With the proposed new group setup and influx of new, possibly trained, personnel the squadron looks forward to a successful month.

EUGENE E. VANCE
Captain Air Corps
Commanding



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577TH AIR MATERIAL SQUADRON, 337TH AIR SERVICE GROUP
APO 239, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

31 March 1946

HISTORICAL DATA

History of 577th Air Materiel Squadron
(Present Unit Designation)

Period Covered: 1 March 1946 to 31 March 1946.

1. Origin of Unit.

a. Original Designation: 577th Materiel Squadron.

2. Changes in Organization.

a. Change in Unit Designation: Negative.

b. Change in Unit Assignment: Negative

c. Change in T/O: Negative

d. Change in Unit Commander: Negative.

3. Strength.

a. Original total strenght of Officers, Warrant Officers, Enlisted Men and Airplanes:

6 - Officers and 89 EM

1 - Warrant Officer

Airplanes - None

b. Total Strength of Unit in Officer, Warrant Officers, Enlisted Men and Airplanes as of 31 March 1946.

6 - Officers and 70 EM

Warrant Officers - None

Airplanes - None

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4. Changes of Station: (Permanent or Temporary)

Negative

5. Operations

a. Tactical: Negative.

b. Non- tactical.

(1) Date or Period: 1 March 1946 to 31 March 1946.

(2) Brief statement of important work or training accomplished: Usual organizational duties.

(3) Total airplane accidents not reported elsewhere in this history: Negative.

6. Losses in Action: Negative.

7. Former and Present Members of Squadron who have distinguished themselves in action: Negative.

8. Remarks and Inclosures:

Lack of trained personnel still must be advanced as our major problem. At present, there is such an acute shortage of men that considerable difficulty has been encountered in maintaining ordinary housekeeping functions. To do anything extra in the way of additional construction, sanitation, or area policing is quite impossible.

Rock bottom has been reached in the battle for conservation of manpower. From now on the trind must be upward else operations can no longer be feasible.

FOR THE SQUADRON COMMANDER:

THEODORE C. BACKE
1st Lt., Air Corps
Adjutant

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577TH AIR MATERIEL SQUADRON, 337TH AIR SERVICE GROUP
APO 239, c/o postmaster
San Francisco, California

28 February 1946

HISTORICAL DATA

History of 577th Air Materiel Squadron
(Present Unit Designation)

Period Covered: 1 February 1946 to 28 February 1946.

1. Origin of Unit.

a. Original Designation: 577th Materiel Squadron.

2. Changes in Organization.

a. Change in Unit Designation: Negative.

b. Change in Unit Assignment: Negative.

c. Change in T/O: Negative.

d. Change in Unit Commander: William F. Schierholz Jr, 1st Lt., AC, assumed command 25 February 1946, vice, Bert A. Collison, Capt, AC relieved.

3. Strength.

a. Original total strength of Officers, Warrant Officers, Enlisted Men and Airplanes:

6 - Officers and 89 EM

1 - Warrant Officer

Airplanes - None

b. Total Strength of Unit in Officer, Warrant Officers, Enlisted Men and Airplanes as of 28 February 1946:

6 - Officers and 83 EM

Warrant Officers - None

Airplanes - None



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4. Changes of Station: (Permanent or Temporary)

Organization departed Kadena Air Fld, Okinawa RI 5 Feb 46 and arrived Yontan Air Field, Okinawa RI 5 Feb 46 authority Hq 8th Air Force (Permanent change of station)

5. Operations

a. Tactical : Negative.

b. Non-tactical

(1) Date or Period: 1 Feb 1946 to 28 Feb 1946

(2) Brief statement of important work or training accomplished: Usual organizational duties.

(3) Total airplane accidents not reported elsewhere in this history: Negative.

6. Losses in Action: Negative.

7. Former and Present Members of Squadron who have distinguished themselves in action: Negative.

8. Remarks and Inclosures:

During the past month conditions were anything but good. Apparently thru lack of intelligent foresight and organized planning, the 577th Air Materiel Squadron moved directly from Kadena to the transient area which is located northeast of Yontan Air Strip. This latter area was found unsuitable from many standpoints and within a few days the entire Squadron had to move again.....This time to the old 928th Engineer's location. Thus, many days and hours of time and labor were consumed in accomplishing the two moves when actually only one should have been necessary.

Lack of personnel, especially men with supply backgrounds, has hampered us at every turn. It is very difficult, in this critical time to train infantry men who are, for the most part, possessed with little aptitude and no knowledge commensurate with what is actually required to perform the supply jobs satisfactorily In addition, we are missing key officers whose absence necessitates the adding of extra duties upon the officers who are actually present.

Our warehouses, on the supply line, have never received the utilities work which we requested for them many weeks ago. As a result, they are anthing but burglar-proof and loss of equipment is not only imminent but recently has become an actually.

FOR THE SQUADRON COMMANDER:

THEODORE C. BACKE
1st Lt., Air Corps
Adjutant

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577TH AIR MATERIEL SQUADRON, 577TH AIR SERVICE GROUP
APO 239, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

31 January 1946

HISTORICAL DATA

History of 577th Air Materiel Squadron
(Present Unit Designation)

Period Covered: 1 January 1946 to 31 January 1946.

1. Origin of Unit.

a. Original Designation: 577th Materiel Squadron.

2. Changes in Organization.

a. Change in Unit Designation: Negative.

b. Change in Unit Assignment: Negative.

c. Change in T/O: Negative.

d. Change in Unit Commander: Bert A. Collison, Capt, AC assumed Command 5 January 1946, vice Julius L. Lybrand, Captain, AC, relieved.

3. Strength

a. Original total strength of Officers, Warrant Officers, Enlisted Men and Airplanes:

6 - Officers and 89 EM
1 - Warrant Officer
Airplanes - None

b. Total Strength of Unit in Officer, Warrant Officers, Enlisted Men and Airplanes as of 31 January 1946:

6 - Officers and 68 EM

Warrant Officers - None

Airplanes - None

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4. Changes of Station: (Permanent or Temporary) Negative.

5. Operations.

a. Tactical: Negative.

b. Non-tactical

(1) Date or Period: 1 January 1946 to 31 January 1946.

(2) Brief statement of important work or training accomplished; Usual organizational duties.

(3) Total airplane accidents not reported elsewhere in the history: Negative

6. Losses in action: Negative.

7. Former and present members of Squadron who have distinguished themselves in Action: Negative.

8. Remarks and Inclosures: None.



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577TH AIR MATERIEL SQUADRON, 337TH AIR SERVICE GROUP
APO 902, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

31 December 1945

HISTORICAL DATA

History of 577th Air Materiel Squadron
(Present Unit Designation)

Period Covered: 1 December 1945 to 31 December 1945.

1. Orgin of Unit.

a. Original Designation. 577th Materiel Squadron.

2. Changes in Organization.

a. Change in Unit Designation: Negative.

b. Change in Unit Assignment: Negative.

c. Change in T/O: Negative.

d. Change in Unit Commander: Negative.

3. Strength.

a. Original total strength of Officers, Warrant Officers, Enlisted Men and Airplanes:

6 - Officers and 89 EM

1 - Warrant Officer

Airplanes - None

b. Total Strength of Unit in Officer, Warrent Officers, Enlisted Men and Airplanes as of 31 December 1945:

6 - Officers and 66 EM

Warrant Officers - None

Airplanes - None



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4. Changes of Station. (Permanent or Temporary) Negative

5. Operations.

a. Tactical: Negative

b. Non-tactical

(1) Date or Period: 1 December 1945 to 31 December 1945

(2) Brief statement of important work or training accomplished: Usual organizational duties.

(3) Total airplane accidents not reported elsewhere in this history: Negative.

6. Losses in Action: Negative

7. Former and Present Members of Squadron Who Have Distinguished Themselves in Action: Negative

8. Remarks and Inclosures: None



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577TH AIR MATERIEL SQUADRON, 337TH AIR SERVICE GROUP
APO 902, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

30 November 1945

HISTORICAL DATA

History of 577th Air Materiel Squadron
(Present Unit Designation)

Period Covered: 1 November 1945 to 30 November 1945.

1. Orgin of Unit.

a. Original Designation. 577th Materiel Squadron.

2. Changes in Organization.

a. Change in Unit Designation: Negative.

b. Change in Unit Assignment: Negative.

c. Change in T/O: Negative.

d. Change in Unit Commander: Negative.

3. Strength.

a. Original total strength of Officers, Warrant Officers, Enlisted Men and Airplanes:

6 - Officers and 89 EM

1 - Warrant Officer

Airplanes - None

b. Total Strength of Unit in Officer, Warrant Officers, Enlisted Men and Airplanes as of 30 November 1945:

6 - Officers and 90 EM

Warrant Officers - None

Airplanes - None



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4. Changes of Station. (Permanent or Temporary)

Organization departed Ie Shima 1 Nov 45. arrived Kadena, Okinawa 1 Nov 45 in connection with movement of 301st Fighter Wing, per Hq 8th Air Force plan. (Permanent change of Station)

5. Operations.

a. Tactical: Negative

b. Non-tactical

(1) Date or Period: 1 Nov 1945 to 30 Nov 1945

(2) Brief statement of important work or training accomplished: Usual organizational duties.

(3) Total airplane accidents not reported elsewhere in this history: Negative.

6. Losses in Action: Negative

7. Former and Present Members of Squadron Who Have Distinguished Themselves in Action: Negative

8. Remarks and Inclosures: None



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APO 245, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

31 October 1945

HISTORICAL DATA

History of 577th Air Materiel Squadron
(Present Unit Designation)

Period Covered: 1 October 1945 to 31 October 1945.

1. Origin of Unit.

a. Original Designation: 577th Materiel Squadron.

2. Changes in Organization.

a. Change in Unit Designation: Negative.

b. Change in Unit Assignment: Negative.

c. Change in T/O: Negative.

d. Change in Unit Commander: Julius L. LyBrand, 1st Lt, AC, assumed Command 15 October 1945, vice Herbert Hertzberg, Major, AC, relieved.

3. Strength.

a. Original total strength of Officers, Warrant Officers, Enlisted Men and Airplanes:

6 - Officers and 89 EM

1 - Warrant Officer

Airplanes - None

b. Total Strength of Unit in Officer, Warrant Officers, Enlisted Men and Airplanes as of 31 October 1945:

5 - Officers and 122 EM

Warrant Officers - None

Airplanes - None

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Historical Data. (Cont'd)

4. Changes of Station: (Permanent or Temporary) Negative.

5. Operations.

a. Tactical: Negative.

b. Non-tactical

(1) Date or Period: 1 October 1945 to 31 October 1945.

(2) Brief statement of important work or training accomplished: Usual organizational duties.

(3) Total airplane accidents not reported elsewhere in this history: Negative.

6. Losses in Action: Negative.

7. Former and present members of Squadron who have distinguished themselves in Action:

a. Names: Sgt John W. Mrugowski
Pvt Elmer Kovach

b. Award: Soldier's Medal per G.O. 52, Hq 8th Air Force, APO 902, San Francisco, California, 5 October 1945.

c. Nature of Act: Helped remove seriously injured pilot from burning plane.

8. Remarks and Inclosures: None.



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San Francisco, California

30 September 1945

HISTORICAL DATA

History of 577th Air Materiel Squadron
(Present Unit Designation)

Period Covered: 1 July 1945 to 30 September 1945.

1. Origin of Unit.

a. Original Designation: 577th Materiel Squadron.

2. Changes in Organization.

a. Change in Unit Designation: Negative.

b. Change in Unit Assignment: Negative.

c. Change in T/O: Negative.

d. Change in Unit Commander: Negative.

3. Strength.

a. Original total strength of Officers, Warrant Officers, Enlisted Men and Airplanes:

6 - Officers and 89 EM

1 - Warrant Officer

Airplanes - None

b. Total Strength of Unit in Officers, Warrant Officers, Enlisted Men and Airplanes as of:

(1) 31 July 1945

7 - Officers and 129 EM

1 - Warrant Officer

Airplanes - None



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Historical Data. (Cont'd)

(2) 31 August 1945

7 - Officers and 127 EM

1 - Warrant Officer

Airplanes - None

(3) 30 September 1945

5 - Officers and 102 EM

Warrant Officers - None

Airplanes - None

4. Changes of Station: (Permanent or Temperary) Negative.

5. Operations.

a. Tactical: Negative

b. Non-tactical

(1) Date or Period: 1 July 1945 to 30 September 1945.

(2) Brief statement of important work or training accomplished: Usual organizational duties.

(3) Total airplane accidents not reported elsewhere in this history: Negative.

6. Losses in Action: Negative.

7. Former and present members of Squadron who have distinguished themselves in Action:

a. Name: T/Sgt Earl B. Hart

b. Award: Bronze Star Medal per G.O. 112, Hq 7th Air Force, APO 903, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, California, 6 September 1945.

c. Nature of Act: Meritorious achievement in connection with Military operations against the enemy from 6 December 1944 to 28 January 1945.

8. Remarks and Inclosures: None.



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577TH AIR MATERIEL SQUADRON, 337TH AIR SERVICE GROUP
APO 245, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

30 June 1945

HISTORICAL DATA

History of 577th Air Materiel Squadron
(Present Unit Designation)

Period Covered: 1 April 1945 to 30 June 1945.

1. Origin of Unit.

a. Original Designation: 577th Materiel Squadron

2. Changes in Organization.

a. Change in Unit Designation: Negative.

b. Change in Unit Assignment: Negative.

c. Change in T/O: Negative.

d. Change in Unit Commander: Negative.

3. Strength.

a. Original total strength of Officers, Warrant Officers, Enlisted Men and Airplanes:

6 - Officers and 89 EM

1 - Warrant Officer

Airplanes - None

b. Total Strength of Unit in Officer, Warrant Officers, Enlisted Men and Airplanes as of:

(1) 30 April 1945:

7 - Officers and 133 EM

1 - Warrant Officer

Airplanes - None

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Historical Data. (Cont'd)

(2) 31 May 1945:

7 - Officers and 133 EM

1 - Warrant Officer

Airplanes - None

(3) 30 June 1945:

7 - Officers and 131 EM

1 - Warrant Officer

Airplanes - None

4. Changes of Station. (Permanent or Temporary)

a. Organization transferred to SEPE, Seattle, Washington, enroute to permanent change of Station. Departed Bluethenthal Field, North Carolina, 28 March 1945, arrived Seattle, Washington, 2 April 1945. (Auth: Par 1 SO 75 Hq AAB Bluethenthal Field, Wilmington, North Carolina)

b. Departed Fort Lawton, Washington, 7 April 1945 enroute to Asiatic-Pacific Theater aboard S S Sea Quail. Arrived Honolulu, T. H. 14 April 1945. Organization departed S S Sea Quail 15 April 1945 for recreation activity at 0930 at Moana Park. Returned to S S Sea Quail at 1700. Departed Honolulu, T. H. 17 April 1945. Crossed International Date Line Latitude 16° 48' North, Longitude 180° 21 April 1945. Arrived and anchored at Eniwetok 25 April 1945. Departed Eniwetok 29 April 1945. Arrived and anchored in lagoon at Ulithi 3 May 1945. Departed Ulithi 15 May 1945. Arrived APO 245, 19 May 1945. Debarked from S S Sea Quail 19 May 1945. (Auth: Par 1 SO 80 Hq ASF Fort Lawton Staging Area, Fort Lawton, Washington)

5. Operations.

a. Tactical: Negative.

b. Non-tactical

(1) Date or Period: 1 April 1945 to 30 June 1945.

(2) Brief statement of important work or training accomplished: Usual organizational duties.

(3) Total airplane accidents not reported elsewhere in this history: Negative.



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Historical Data. (Cont'd)

6. Losses in Action: Negative.

7. Former and present members of Squadron who have distinguished themselves in Action: Negative.

8. Remarks and Inclosures: None



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577TH AIR MATERIEL SQUADRON, 337TH AIR SERVICE GROUP
Enroute To
Seattle, Washington

31 March 1945

HISTORICAL DATA

History of 577th Air Materiel Squadron
(Present Unit Designation)

Period Covered: 1 March 1945 to 31 March 1945.

1. Orgin of Unit.

a. Original Designation. 577th Materiel Squadron.

2. Changes in Organization.

a. Change in Unit Designation: Negative.

b. Change in Unit Assignment: Negative.

c. Change in T/C: Negative

d. Change in Unit Commander: Negative.

3. Strength.

a. Original total strength of Officers, Warrant Officers, Enlisted Men and Airplanes:

6 - Officers and 89 EM

1 - Warrant Officer

Airplanes - None

b. Total Strength of Unit in Officer, Warrant Officers, Enlisted Men and Airplanes as of 31 March 1945:

7 - Officers and 133 EM

1 - Warrant Officer

Airplanes - None

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Historical Data. (Cont'd).

4. Changes of Station. (Permanent or Temporary)

Departed Bluethenthal Field, North Carolina, 28 March 1945, by rail enroute to SEPE, Seattle, Washington.

Enroute to Permanent change of station.

5. Operations.

a. Tactical: Negative

b. Non-tactical

(1) Date or Period: 1 March 1945 to 31 March 1945.

(2) Brief statement of important work or training accomplished: Usual organizational duties.

(3) Total airplane accidents not reported elsewhere in this History: Negative.

6. Losses in Action: Negative

7. Former and Present Members of Squadron Who Have Distinguished Themselves in Action: Negative.

8. Remarks and Inclosures: None



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577TH AIR MATERIEL SQUADRON, 337TH AIR SERVICE GROUP
Bluethenthal Field
Wilmington, North Carolina

28 February 1945

HISTORICAL DATA

Period Covered: 1 February 1945 to 28 February 1945

1. Origin of Unit.

a. Original Designation: 577th Materiel Squadron.

2. Changes in Organization.

Change in Unit Designation: 577th Materiel Squadron, 337th Service Group, redesignated 577th Air Materiel Squadron, 337th Air Service Group, par 1 ltr Hq AAF, ATSC, Wright Field Dayton, Ohio.

Change in Unit Assignment: Negative.

Change in T/O: Change No. 3.

(1) Date change was made: 21 November 1944
(2) Authority therefor: War Department, Washington, D.C.

3. Strength.

a. Original total strength of Officers, Warrant Officers, Enlisted Men and Airplanes.

6 Officers and 89 Enlisted Men
1 Warrant Officer
0 Airplanes

b. Total Strength of Unit in Officers, Warrant Officers, Enlisted Men and Airplanes as of 28 February 1945.

7 Officers and 136 Enlisted Men
1 Warrant Officer
0 Airplanes



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4. Change of Station.

a. Negative

5. Operations.

a. Negative

b. Non-tactical.

(1) Date or Period: 1 February 1945 to 28 February 1945

(2) Brief Statement of Important Work or Training Accomplished:

Usual Organizational Duties.

(3) Fatal airplane accidents not reported elsewhere in this History:

Negative

6. Losses in Action: Negative

7. Former and Present Members of Squadron Who Have Distinguished Themselves in Action: Negative.

8. Remarks and Inclosures: None.

HERBERT HERTZBERG,
Captain, Air Corps,
Commanding.





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577th AIR MATERIEL SQUADRON, 337th AIR SERVICE GROUP
Bluethenthal Field
Wilmington, North Carolina

31 January 1945

HISTORICAL DATA

History of 577th Air Materiel Squadron
(Present Unit Designation)

Period Covered: 1 January 1945 to 31 January 1945

1. Origin of Unit.

a. Original Designation: 577th Materiel Squadron.

2. Changes in Organization.

Change in Unit Designation: 577th Materiel Squadron, 337th Service Group, redesignated 577th Air Materiel Squadron, 337th Air Service Group, par 1 ltr Hq AAF, ATSC, Wright Field Dayton, Ohio,

Change in Unit Assignment: Negative.

Change in T/O: Change No. 3.

(1) Date change was made: 21 November 1944
(2) Authority therefor: War Department, Washington, D.C.

3. Strength.

a. Original total strength of Officers, Warrant Officers, Enlisted Men and Airplanes.

6 Officers and 89 Enlisted Men
1 Warrant Officer
0 Airplanes

b. Total Strength of Unit in Officers, Warrant Officers, Enlisted Men and Airplanes as of 31 January 1945

7 Officers and 133 Enlisted Men
1 Warrant Officer
0 Airplanes

4. Change of Station

a. Negative

5. Operations.

a. Negative



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Historical data (Cont'd)

b. Non-tactical.

(1) Date or Period: 1 January 1945 to 31 January 1945

(2) Brief Statement of Important Work or Training Accomploished:

Usual Organizational Duties.

(3) Fatal airplanes accidents not reported elsewhere in this History:

Negative

6. Losses in Action: Negative

7. Former and Present Menbers of Squadron Who Have Distinguished Themselves in Action: Negative.

8. Remarks and Inclosures: None.

HERBERT HERTZBERG
Captain, Air Copps
Commanding.



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577th MATERIEL SQUADRON, 337th SERVICE GROUP
Bluethenthal Field
Wilmington, North Carolina

31 December 1944

HISTORICAL DATA

History of 577th Materiel Squadron
(Present Unit Designation)

Period Covered: 1 November 1944 to 31 December 1944

1. Origin of Unit.

a. Original Designation: 577th Materiel Squadron.

2. Changes in Organization.

Change in Unit Designation: Negative

Change in Unit Assignment: Negative

Change in T/O: Changes No. 2.

(1) Date change was made: 12 October 1944
(2) Authority therefor: War Department, Washington, D. C.

Change in Unit Commanders: Negative

3. Strength.

a. Original total strength of Officers, Warrant Officers, Enlisted Men and Airplanes.

6 Officers and 89 Enlisted Men
1 Warrant Officer
0 Airplanes

b. Total Strength of Unit in Officers, Warrant Officers, Enlisted Men and Airplanes as of 30 November 1944:

6 Officers and 98 Enlisted Men
1 Warrant Officer
0 Airplanes



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Historical Data (Cont'd)

c. Total Strength of Unit in Officers, Warrant Officers, Enlisted Men and Airplanes as of 31 December 1944.

7 Officers and 143 Enlisted Men
2 Warrant Officers
0 Airplanes

4. Changes of Station

a. Organization transferred to Bluethenthal AAB, Wilmington, North Carolina. Departed Stinson Field, Texas, 2 December 1944, arrived Bluethenthal Field, North Carolina 5 December 1944, distance traveled 1464 miles.

5. Operations.

a. Tactical: Negative

b. Non-tactical.

(1) Date or Period: 1 November 1944 to 31 December 1944.

(2) Brief Statement of Important Work or Training Accomplished:

5 Officers and 108 EM departed Stinson Field Texas on bivouac to Goose Island, Corpus Christi, Texas. Departed Stinson Field 3 November 1944, returned 9 November 1944.

(3) Fatal airplane accidents not reported elsewhere in this History:

Negative.

6. Losses in Action: Negative

7. Former and Present Members of Squadron Who Have Distinguished Themselves in Action: Negative.

8. Remarks and Inclosures: None.

Herbert Hertzberg
HERBERT HERTZBERG,
Captain, Air Corps,
Commanding.



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577th MATERIEL SQUADRON, 337th SERVICE GROUP
Stinson Field
San Antonio, Texas

31 October 1944

HISTORICAL DATA

History of 577th Materiel Squadron
(Present Unit Designation)

Period Covered: 1 October 1944 to 31 October 1944.

1. Origin of Unit.

a. Original designation. 577th Materiel Squadron.

2. Changes in Organization.

a. Change in Unit Designation: Negative.

b. Change in Unit Assignment: Negative.

c. Change in T/O: Negative.

d. Change in Unit Commander: Negative.

3. Strength.

a. Original total strength of Officers, Warrent Officers, Enlisted Men and Airplanes.

6 - Officers and 89 - Enlisted Men

1 - Warrent Officer

Airplanes - None

b. Total Strength of Unit in Officers, Warrent Officers, Enlisted Men and Airplanes as of 31 October 1944

7 - Officers and 94 Enlisted Men

1 - Warrent Officer

Airplanes - None



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4. Changes of Station (Permanent or Temporary)

5. Operations.

a. Tactical: Negative.

b. Non-Tactical.

(1) Date or Period: 10October 1944 to 31 October 1944

(2) Brief statementof important work or training accomplished: Usual organizational duties.

(3) Fatal airplane accidents not reported elsewhere in this History: Negative.

6. Losses in Action: None.

7. Former and Present Members of Squadron Who Have Distinguished Themselves in Action: Negative.

8. Remarks and Inclosures: None.

HERBERT HERTZBERG
Captain, Air Corps,
Commanding.



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577th MATERIEL SQUADRON, 337th SERVICE GROUP
Stinson Field
San Antonio, Texas

30 September 1944

HISTORICAL DATA

History of 577th Materiel Squadron
(Present Unit Designation)

Period Covered: 1 September 1944 to 30 September 1944.

1. Origin of Unit.

a. Original designation. 577th Materiel Squadron.

2. Changes in Organization.

a. Change in Unit Designation: Negative.

b. Change in Unit Assignment: Negative.

c. Change in T/O: Negative.

d. Change in Unit Commander: Herbert Hertzberg, Capt., A.C. assumes command 11 September 1944, vice James C. Downs, Capt., A.C. relieved.

3. Strength.

a. Original total strength of Officers, Warrent Officers, Enlisted Men and Airplanes.

6 - Officers and 89 - Enlisted Men

Warrent Officers - 1

Airplanes - None

b. Total Strength of Unit in Officers, Warrent Officers, Enlisted Men and Airplanes as of 30 September 1944

7 - Officers and 90 - Enlisted Men

Warrent Officers - 1



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Strength. (Cont'd)

Airplanes - None

4. Changes of Station (Permanent or Temporary) Negative.

5. Operations.

a. Tactical: Negative.

b. Non-Tactical.

(1) Date or Period: 1 September 1944 to 30 September 1944.

(2) Brief statement of important work or training accomplished: Usual organizational duties.

(3) Fatal airplane accidents not reported elsewhere in this History: Negative.

6. Losses in Action: None.

7. Former and Present Members of Squadron Who Have Distinguished Themselves in Action: Negative.

8. Remarks and Inclosures: None.

HERBERT HERTZBERG,
Captain, Air Corps,
Commanding.



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577th MATERIEL SQUADRON, 337th SERVICE GROUP
Stinson Field
San Antonio, Texas

31 August 1944

HISTORICAL DATA

History of 577th Materiel Squadron
(Present Unit Designation)

Period Covered: 1 August 1944 to 31 August 1944.

1. Origin of Unit.

a. Original designation. 577th Materiel Squadron.

2. Changes in Organization.

a. Change in Unit Designation: Negative.

b. Change in Unit Assignment: Negative.

c. Change in T/O: Changes No. 1.

(1) Date change was made: 23 June 1944.

(2) Authority therefor: War Department, Washington 25, DC.

d. Change in Unit Commander: James C. Downs, Capt., A.C., assumes Command 4 August 1944, vice John Hamilton, Capt., A.C. relieved.

3. Strength.

a. Original Total Strength of Officers, Warrant Officers, Enlisted Men and Airplanes:

6 - Officers and 89 - Enlisted Men

Warrant Officers - 1

Airplanes - None

b. Total Strength of Unit in Officers, Warrant Officers, Enlisted Men and Airplanes as of 31 August 1944.

7 - Officers and 96 - Enlisted Men



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3. Strength. (Cont'd)

Warrant Officers - 1

Airplanes - None

4. Changes of Station (Permanent or Temporary) Negative.

5. Operations:

a. Tactical : Negative.

b. Non-tactical.

(1) Date or Period: 1 August 1944 to 31 August 1944.

(2) Brief statement of important work or training accomplished: Usual Organizational Duties.

(3) Fatal airplane accidents not reported elsewhere in this history: Negative.

6. Losses in Action: None.

7. Former and Present Members of Squadron Who Have Distinguished Themselves in Action:

(1) Name: T/Sgt Frank J. Banaszak.

(2) Award: Soldier's Medal per G.O. 162, Hq. ADC, APO 942, Seattle, Washington, 28 September 1943.

(3) Nature of Act: Defused Bombs in a B-25 that were accidently armed.

8. Remarks and Inclosures: None

JAMES C. DOWNS,
Captain, A.C.,
Commanding.



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577th MATERIEL SQUADRON, 337th SERVICE GROUP
Stinson Field
San Antonio, Texas

31 July 1944

HISTORICAL DATA

History of 577th Materiel Squadron
(Present Unit Designation)

Period Covered: 1 July 1944 to 31 July 1944.

1. Origin of Unit.

a. Original Designation. 577th Materiel Squadron.

2. Changes in Organization.

a. Change in Unit Designation. Negative.

b. Change in Unit Assignment: Negative.

c. Change in T/O: Changes No. 1.

(1) Date change was made: 23 June 1944.

(2) Authority therefor: War Department, Washington 25, DC.

d. Change in Unit Commander: Negative.

3. Strength.

a. Original Total Strength of Officers, Warrent Officers, Enlisted Men and Airplanes:

6 - Officers and 89 - Enlisted Men

Warrent Officers - 1

Airplanes - None

b. Total Strength of Unit in Officers, Warrent Officers, Enlisted Men and Airplanes as of 31 July 1944.

6 - Officers and 94 - Enlisted Men

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3. Strength. (Cont'd)

Warrant Officers - 1

Airplanes - None

4. Changes of Station (Permanent or Temporary) Negative.

5. Operations.

a. Tactical: Negative.

a. Non-tactical.

(1) Date or period: 1 July 1944 to 31 July 1944.

(2) Brief statement of important work or training accomplished:

Usual Organizational Duties.

(3) Total airplane accidents not reported elsewhere in this history: Negative.

6. Losses In Action: None.

7. Names and Present Stations of Officers and Men Who Have Distinguished Themselves In Action:

(1) Name: T/Sgt Frank J. Banaszak.

(2) Award: Soldier's Medal per S.O. 162, Hq. ADC, APO 942, Seattle, Washington, 28 Sept 1943.

(3) Nature of Act. Removed Bombs In a B-25 that were accidentally armed.

8. Remarks and Inclosures. None

JOHN HAMILTON,
Captain, A.C.,
Commanding.



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577th MATERIEL SQUADRON, 337th SERVICE GROUP
Stinson Field
San Antonio, Texas

30 June 1944

HISTORICAL DATA

History of 577th Material Squadron
(Present Unit Designation)

Period Covered: 11 May 1944 to 30 June 1944.

1. Origin of Unit.

a. Original designation. 577th Materiel Squadron.

b. Date of Original organization. 11 May 1944.

c. Place of Original organization. ASCTC Fresno 2 California.

d. Authority for Original organization. par 5 G.O. No. 51, Hq. SASC, McClellan Field, California, dated 19 May 1944.

e. Sources from which Original personnel was obtained: 577th Materiel Sqd activated 11 May 1944, Personnel transferred to, from 1623rd Ord S & M Co (Avn) (Disbanded), and 1084th Signal Company (Disbanded), 1903rd QM Co Trk. (Disbanded), 1990th QM Trk Co (Disbanded), 1102nd QM Co Serv Gp, Avn (Disbanded), 1743rd Ord S & M Co (Disbanded) per par 9, G.O. No. 51, Hq SASC, McClellan Field, California dated 19 May 1944, and from Hq & Hq Squadron, 337th Sv Gp., (Redesignated), 371st Service Sqd., 337th Sv Gp., (Redesignated) per par 1, G.O. No. 51, Hq. SASC, McClellan Field, California, dated 19 May 1944.

f. T/O under which originally organized. T/O & E 1 - 458 T, 15 April 1944.

g. Larger unit to which originally assigned. 337th Service Group.

h. Original unit Commander. Captain John Hamilton., A.C.

2. Changes in Organization. Negative.

3. Strength.

a. Original Total Strength of Officers, Warrant Officers, Enlisted Men and Airplanes:



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3. Strength. (Cont'd)

1. Organization activated as of 11 May 1944.

2. Personnel assigned 31 May 1944:

6 - Officers and 89 - Enlisted Men

Warrant Officers - 1

Airplanes - None

b. Total Strength of unit in Officers, Warrant Officers, Enlisted Men and Airplanes as of 30 June 1944:

6 - Officers and 92 - Enlisted Men

Warrant Officers - 1

Airplanes - None.

4. Changes of Station (Permanent or Temporary)

a. Departed 6 June 1944 from AAFTC Fresno 2 California for Temporary change of station per par 3, S.O. 154, Hq. AAFTC Fresno 2 California.

b. Arrived 9 June 1944 at Stinson Field, San Antonio, Texas.

5. Operations.

a. Tactical: Negative.

b. Non-tactical

(1) Date or Period: 11 May 1944 to 30 June 1944.

(2) Brief statement of important work or training accomplished:
Formation and organization complete.

(3) Fatal airplane accidents not reported elsewhere in this history:

Negative.

6. Losses in Action: None.

7. Former and Present Members of Squadron Who Have Distinguished Themselves in Action:

(1) Name: T/Sgt Frank J. Banasnak



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7. Former and Present Members of Squadron Who Have Distinguished Themselves in Action: (Cont'd).

(2) Award: Soldier's Medal per G.O. 162, Hq. ADC, APO 942, Seattle Wash., 28 Sept 1943.

(3) Nature of Act: Defussed Bombs in a B-25 that were accidently armed.

8. Remarks and Inclosures: None.

JOHN HAMILTON,
Capt., A.C.,
Commanding.



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337TH AIR SERVICE GROUP
APO 239 UNIT 2

21 August 1948.

SUBJECT: Monthly Historical Report. (RCS-LAD-GE-U1)

TO : Commanding Officer
337th Air Service Group
APO 239 Unit 2

Transmitted herewith is Monthly Histoical Report for this organization for the period 1 to 21 August 1948, in accordance with Wing Memorandum 15-19, dated 11 March 1948, 1st Air Division Reg. 15-33 and AR 345-105.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

JOHN C BARTHOLF
1st Lt, USAF
Historical Officer.

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ORIGINAL UNIT:

Designation: 577th Air Materiel Squadron

Date of Organization: 11 May 1944

Place of Organization: ASC Training Center, Fresno, California

Authority for Organization: General Order No. 51, Headquarters, Sacramento, Air Service Command, McClellan Field, California

Personnel were obtained by transfer from other units, per above quoted order.

CHANGES IN ORGANIZATION: TO&E 1-458R, 5 March 1945 and General Order No. 5, Hq, 1st Air Division, dated 18 June 1946.
Organization inactivated eff 21 August 1948, per General Order No. 39, as amended, Headquarters, 1st Air Division, dated 17 August 1948.

STRENGTH, COMMISSIONED AND ENLISTED:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1 August 1948 | 10 Officers | 166 Enlisted Men |
| Net Increase | 0 Officers | 0 Enlisted Men |
| Net Decrease | 10 Officers | 166 Enlisted Men |
| 21 August 1948 | 0 Officers | 0 Enlisted Men |

STATION OF UNIT: (Permanent)

Arrived Naha Air Force Base, Okinawa, Ryukyus Island, 28 May 1947. Departed: Inactivated.

MARCHES: Negative

CAMPAIGNS: Negative

BATTLES: Negative

COMMANDING OFFICER IN IMPORTANT ENGAGEMENTS: Negative

LOSSES IN ACTION: Negative

FORMER AND PRESENT MEMBERS WHO HAVE DISTINGUISHED THEMSELVES IN ACTION: Negative.



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HEADQUARTERS
577TH AIR MATERIEL SQUADRON
337TH AIR SERVICE GROUP
APO 239 UNIT 2

5 August 1948

SUBJECT: Monthly Historical Report. (RCS 1AD-GE-U1)

TO : Commanding Officer
337th Air Service Group
APO 239 Unit 2.

Transmitted herewith is Monthly Historical Report for this organization for the month of July 1948, in accordance with Wing Memorandum 15-1, dated 11 March 1948, 1st Air Division Regulation 15-3 and Army Regulation 345-105.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

JOHN C BARTHOLF
1st Lt., USAF
Adjutant



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ORIGINAL UNIT:

Designation: 577th Air Materiel Squadron

Date of Organization: 11 May 1944

Place of Organization: AAF Training Center, Fresno, California

Authority for Organization: General Order No. 51, Headquarters, Sacramento Air Service Command, McClellan Field, California

Personnel were obtained by transfer from other units, per the above quoted General Order.

CHANGES IN ORGANIZATION: TO/E 1-458R, 5 March 1945, and General Order #5, Hq, 1st Air Division, dated 18 June 46.

STRENGTH, COMMISSIONED AND ENLISTED:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 July 1948 | 14 Officers | 155 | Enlisted Men |
| Net Increase | 0 Officers | 12 | Enlisted Men |
| Net Decrease | 4 Officers | 0 | Enlisted Men |
| 31 July 1948 | 10 | 167 | Enlisted Men |

STATION OF UNIT: (Permanent)

Arrived Naha Air Force Base, Okinawa, Ryukyus Island, 28 May 1947.
Departed: Remain assigned.

RANGER: Negative

CAMPAIGNS: Negative

BATTLES: Negative

COMMANDING OFFICER IN IMPORTANT ENGAGEMENTS: Negative

LOSSES IN ACTION: Negative

FORMER AND PRESENT MEMBERS WHO HAVE DISTINGUISHED THEMSELVES IN ACTION: Negative.

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577th AIR MATERIAL SQUADRON
337th AIR SERVICE GROUP
APO 239 UNIT 2

3 July 1948

SUBJECT : Monthly Historical Report (RCS 1AD GB-01).

To : Commanding Officer, 337th Air Service Group, APO 239 Unit 2.

Transmitted herewith is Monthly Historical Report for this organization for the month of ~~May~~ June 1948, in accordance with Wing Memorandum 15-19, dated 11 March 1948, 1st Air Division Regulation 15-33 and Army Regulations 345-105.

BRUCE R COKE
Major, USAF
Commanding



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ORIGINAL UNIT :

Designation: 577th Air Material Squadron

Date of Organization: 11 May 1944.

Place of Organization: ASC Training Center, Fresno, California.

Authority for Organization: General Order No. 81, Headquarters, Sacramento Air Service Command, McClellan Field, California.

Personnel were obtained by transfer from other units, per the above quoted General Order.

CHANGES IN ORGANIZATION: T/O&E 1-458, 5 Mar 45, and General Order #5, Hqs, 1st Air Division, dated 18 June 46.

STRENGTH, COMMISSIONED AND ENLISTED:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1 June 48 | 14 Officers | 146 Enlisted Men |
| Net increases | 2 Officers | 15 Enlisted Men |
| Net decreases | 2 Officers | 6 Enlisted Men |
| 30 June 48 | 14 Officers | 155 Enlisted Men |

STATION OF UNIT: (Permanent)

Arrived Naha Air Force Base, Okinawa, Ryukyus Island, 28 May 1947.
Departed: Remain assigned.

MARCHES: Negative

CAMPAIGNS: Negative

BATTLES : Negative

COMMANDING OFFICERS IN IMPORTANT ENGAGEMENTS: Negative

LOSSES IN ACTION: Negative

FORMER AND PRESENT MEMBERS WHO HAVE DISTINGUISHED THEMSELVES IN ACTION: Negative.



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577TH AIR MATERIEL SQUADRON
337TH AIR SERVICE GROUP
APO 239 UNIT 2

7 June 1948

SUBJECT: Monthly Historical Report (RCS 1AD GB-U1)

TO : Commanding Officer, 337th Air Service Group, APO 239 Unit 2.

Transmitted herewith is Monthly Historical Report for this organization for the month of May 48, in accordance with Wing Memorandum 15-19 dated 11 March 1948, 1st Air Division Regulation 15-33 and Army Regulation 345-105.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

WENDELL B TERRY
1st Lt., USAF
Adjutant

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1st Sgt

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HISTORICAL RECORD

ORIGINAL UNIT:

Designation: 577th Air Material Squadron

Date of Organization: 11 May 1944

Place of Organization: ASC Training Center, Fresno, California

Authority for Organization: General Order No. 51, Headquarters Sacramento Air Service Command, McClellan Field, California.

Personnel were obtained by transfer from other units, per the above quoted General Order.

CHANGES IN ORGANIZATION: TO&E 1-458, 5 March 1945 and General Order No. 5 Headquarters, 1st Air Division dated 18 June 1946.

STRENGTH, COMMISSIONED AND ENLISTED:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1st May 1948 | 11 Officers | 146 Enlisted Men |
| Net Increases | 3 Officers | 0 Enlisted Men |
| Net Decreases | 0 Officers | 0 Enlisted Men |
| 30 May 1948 | 14 Officers | 146 Enlisted Men |

STATION OF UNIT: (PERMANENT)

Arrived Naha Air Force Base, Okinawa, Ryukyus Island, 28 May 1947, Departed: Remain assigned.

MARCHES: Negative

CAMPAIGNS: Negative

BATTLES: Negative

COMMANDING OFFICERS IN IMPORTANT ENGAGEMENTS: Negative

LOSSES IN ACTION: Negative.

FORMER AND PRESENT MEMBERS WHO HAVE DISTINGUISHED THEMSELVES IN ACTION: Negative.



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HISTORICAL DRAFT

CHANGES, UNIT:

Designation: 375th Air Materiel Squadron

Date of Organization: 11 May 1944

Place of Organization: Hamilton Field, California

Authority for Organization: General Orders No. 51
Headquarters, Army Air Forces
Washington 25, D. C.

Personnel were attached to Hamilton Field on the
11th May pursuant to Orders.

Stations: [illegible] Field, [illegible]
Special Order No. [illegible]
Station, dated 17 June 1944

STRENGTH, COMMISSIONED AND ENLISTED:

1st of Month: 12 Officers [illegible] Enlisted Men
Net Increase: 0 Officers 0 Enlisted Men
Net Decrease: 2 Officers 1 Enlisted Men
30 April 1948 10 Officers [illegible] 147 Enlisted Men

STATION OF UNIT: (At Close):

Arrived Naha Air Force Base, Okinawa, Ryukyus Island,
20 May 1947. Departed: Remain assigned.

WOUNDED: Negative

CAMPAIGNS: Negative

BATTLES: Negative

CASUALTIES: OFFICERS IN ACTION AND OTHERS: Negative

LOSSES IN ACTION: Negative

DECEASED AND MISSING WHO DIED WHILE PRISONERS AND NOT KILLED IN ACTION:
Negative

Major DEWEY R CRUM, A0424577, USAFR, assumed command of this organization 19 April 1948, vice Lt Colonel W G [illegible], AO 21610, USAF, who was transferred.



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577TH AIR MATERIEL SQUADRON
337TH AIR SERVICE GROUP
APO 239 UNIT 2

8 April 1948

SUBJECT: Monthly Historical Report (RCS [illegible])

TO : Commanding Officer, 337th Air Service Group, APO 239 Unit 2.

Transmitted herewith is Monthly Historical Report for this organization for the month of March 1948, in accordance with Wing Memorandum 15-19 dated 11 March 1948, 1st Air Division Regulation 15-33 and Army Regulation 345-105.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

WENDELL B TERRY
1st Lt., USAF
Adjutant

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HISTORICAL REPORT

1. Original Unit:

   a. Designation: 577th Air Materiel Squadron

   b. Date of organization: 16 May 1944

   c. Place of organization: McClellan Field, Calif.

   d. Authority for organization: General Order No. 51 Headquarters, Sacramento Air Service Command.

   e. Personnel were obtained by transfer from other Units.
   (General Order No. 51, Headquarters Sacramento Air Service Command was authority for par 1, a above.

2. Changes in organization: T O & E 1-458R, 5 March 1945 and General Order No. 5, Headquarters 1st Air Division dated 18 June 1946.

3. Strength, commissioned and enlisted:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| a. | 1st March 48: | 13 Officer | 146 Enlisted Men |
| b. | Net increase: | 0 Officer | 2 Enlisted Men |
| c. | Net Decrease: | 0 Officer | 0 Enlisted Men |
| d. | 31 March 48: | 13 Officer | 148 Enlisted Men |

4. Station of Unit: (Permanent)

   a. Arrived Naha Air Force Base, Okinawa, Ryukyus Island, 28 May 1947

   b. Date of departure: Remain assigned.

5. Marches: Negative

6. Campaigns: Negative

7. Battles: Negative

8. Commanding Officers in important engagements: Negative

9. Losses in action: Negative.

10. Former and present members who have distinguished themselves in action: Negative

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HEADQUARTERS
577TH AIR MATERIEL SQUADRON
337TH AIR SERVICE GROUP
APO 239 UNIT 2

BFG/fpm

6 March 1948

SUBJECT: History of Progress, Base Supply.

TO : Commanding Officer, 337th Air Service Group, APO 239 Unit 2.

1. The following is a chronological list of events of the Commissary Yard from 1 December 1947 to 5 March 1948:

a. 1 December 1947 - Received Meat Cooler and Freezer for Commissary under construction in Bldg T-42.

b. 5 December 1947 - Roof for New Reefer Shed completed.

c. 15 December 1947 - Naha Air Base Commissary Sales Store opened for business.

d. 9 January 1948 - Permanent 1000 gallon gas tank installed for reefer use.

e. 22 January 1948 - Destruction of permanent Charge of Quarters started and finished.

f. 30 January 1948 - Dependent Housing supply moved from Bldg T-41 to Officers Billeting Area.

g. 31 January 1948 - Moved ration line (Troop Issue) from outside platform inside Bldg T-41.

h. 2 February 1948 - Started destruction of old Ration Shed.

i. 2 February 1948 - Branch PX opened for business in Commissary.

j. 6 February 1948 - Ration Breakdown Office combined with Commissary Office.

k. 9 February 1948 - Completed destruction of old Ration Shed and Ration Breakdown Office.

l. 10 February 1948 - Started construction of Water line to Commissary and Reefers.

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m. 12 February 1948 - Trash platform constructed behind Commissary.

n. 16 February 1948 - Ice machines to be installed were placed on old Reefer Platform.

o. 29 February 1948 - 1st Lt Glen M. Haynes relieved Captain Byron C. Ray as Sales Officer.

p. 2 March 1948 - Started construction of New Security fence.

2. The following is a chronological list of events of Ordnance Supply from 1 December 1947 to 5 March 1948.

a. Date of receipt and number of trucks received from 226th.

| DATE | NUMBER OF ¼TON 4X4 C&R REC'D |
|---|---|
| 5 December 1947 | 1 |
| 6 December 1947 | 1 |
| 9 December 1947 | 1 |
| 22 December 1947 | 8 |
| 23 December 1947 | 5 |
| 29 December 1947 | 14 |
| 31 December 1947 | 2 |
| 1 January 1948 | 1 |
| 5 January 1948 | 6 |
| 7 January 1948 | 2 |
| 8 January 1948 | 10 |
| 9 January 1948 | 8 |
| 14 January 1948 | 5 |
| 16 January 1948 | 7 |



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History of Progress, Base Supply (cont - 3)

| DATE | NUMBER OF ¼TON 4X4 C&R REC'D |
|---|---|
| 26 January 1948 | 1 |
| 11 February 1948 | 4 |
| 13 February 1948 | 3 |
| 16 February 1948 | 2 |
| 17 February 1948 | 1 |
| 24 February 1948 | 1 |
| 27 February 1948 | 2 |
| 1 March 1948 | 4 |
| 4 March 1948 | 14 |
| | NUMBER OF 2½TON CARGO REC'D |
| 9 December 1947 | 2 |
| 6 January 1948 | 2 |
| 9 January 1948 | 2 |
| 16 January 1948 | 9 |
| 19 January 1948 | 5 |
| 29 January 1948 | 4 |
| 11 February 1948 | 43 |
| 13 February 1948 | 15 |
| 16 February 1948 | 34 |
| 17 February 1948 | 2 |
| 24 February 1948 | 2 |

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| DATE | NUMBER OF CLASS B AMBULANCE REC'D |
|---|---|
| 29 February 1948 | 3 |
| | **NUMBER OF SLIGHT & MEDIUM 5 PASS REC'D** |
| 11 December 1947 | 1 |
| 30 January 1948 | 1 |
| 18 February 1948 | 2 |
| 2 March 1948 | 1 |
| | **NUMBER OF BUS 29 & 37 PASS REC'D** |
| 11 December 1947 | 1 |
| 30 February 1948 | 1 |
| | **NUMBER OF 2½TON DUMP 6 X 6 REC'D** |
| 7 January 1948 | 1 |
| 13 January 1948 | 1 |
| 16 January 1948 | 3 |
| 19 January 1948 | 3 |
| 27 January 1948 | 2 |
| 28 January 1948 | 2 |
| 11 February 1948 | 3 |
| 24 February 1948 | 1 |
| 1 March 1948 | 2 |
| | **NUMBER OF 3/4TON W/C 4 X 4 REC'D** |
| 9 December 1947 | 3 |
| 9 December 1947 | 2 |
| 23 December 1947 | 1 |
| 31 December 1947 | 1 |
| 9 January 1948 | 1 |

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History of Progress, Base Supply (cont - 5)

| DATE | NUMBER OF 3/4TON W/C 4X4 REC'D |
|---|---|
| 16 January 1948 | 2 |
| 21 January 1948 | 4 |
| 20 February 1948 | 4 |
| 21 February 1948 | 12 |
| 26 February 1948 | 7 |
| 28 February 1948 | 19 |

| | NUMBER OF 4 TO 5TON TRUCK TRACTOR REC'D |
|---|---|
| 16 January 1948 | 2 |
| 19 January 1948 | 3 |

| | NUMBER OF 5 TO 6TON 4 X 4 REC'D |
|---|---|
| 22 January 1948 | 2 |
| 13 February 1948 | 2 |
| 17 February 1948 | 2 |

| | NUMBER OF 4TON DUMP 6 X 6 REC'D |
|---|---|
| 11 December 1947 | 3 |
| 30 January 1948 | 1 |

| | NUMBER OF 1½TON BST REC'D |
|---|---|
| 29 February 1948 | 2 |

b. Date of turn-in and number of trucks turned in to 226th:

| DATE | NUMBER OF 4TON 4X4 TURNED IN |
|---|---|
| 29 December 1947 | 4 |
| 26 December 1947 | 4 |
| 8 January 1948 | 11 |
| 15 January 1948 | 4 |
| 28 January 1948 | 1 |

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| DATE | NUMBER OF TRAILER BOMB, M-5 TURNED IN |
|---|---|
| 22 January 1948 | 4 |
| | NUMBER OF 2½TON DUMP TURNED IN |
| 22 January 1948 | 1 |
| | NUMBER OF TRUCK TRACTOR 4-5TON TURNED IN |
| 21 January 1948 | 1 |
| 16 January 1948 | 1 |
| | NUMBER OF 2½TON ORD SHOP AUTO REPAIR |
| 20 January 1948 | 1 |
| | 2½TON - MACH SHOP TURNED IN |
| 20 January 1948 | 2 |
| | 2½TON SMALL ARMS TURNED IN |
| 20 January 1948 | 1 |
| | 2½TON, ARTILLERY REPAIR TURNED IN |
| 20 January 1948 | 1 |
| | 2½TON, SMALL ARMS TURNED IN |
| 4 February 1948 | 1 |
| | TRUCK 2½TON SMALL ARMS REPAIR |
| 30 January 1948 | 1 |
| | NUMBER OF CAR 5 PASS. TURNED IN |
| 26 December 1947 | 1 |
| | NUMBER OF TRUCK 3/4TON AMBULANCE |
| 26 December 1947 | 1 |
| 16 January 1948 | 1 |
| 16 January 1948 | 2 |

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| DATE | NUMBER OF 2½TON CARGO TURNED IN |
|---|---|
| 26 December 1948 | 2 |
| 8 January 1948 | 2 |
| 16 January 1948 | 1 |
| | NUMBER OF 3/4TON W/C TURNED IN |
| 29 December 1947 | 8 |
| 7 January 1948 | 1 |
| 28 January 1948 | 1 |
| | NUMBER OF WATER TRAILER TURNED IN |
| 28 January 1948 | 1 |
| | NUMBER OF TRAILER 1TON CARGO |
| 29 December 1947 | 3 |
| 7 January 1948 | 1 |
| | NUMBER OF TRAILER ¼TON CARGO 2 WHEEL |
| 7 January 1948 | 1 |

c. The ready Ammunition Dump for Naha AF Base was started on about the 24th of February 1948 and is under construction. One revetment is almost completed and bombs are about to be transferred to it.

3. The following is a chronological list of events of QM Supply from 1 December 1947 to 5 March 1948:

a. Officers Sales Store opened 18 February 1948. Operating hours 1300-1600 each Wednesday. Over $200.00 taken in to date during 9 hours generation.

b. 23 each 6 cubic feet household type refrigerators received from AF 727 SO February 1948 and issued to Billeting Officer for distribution to dependents housing area.

c. Received first bulk quantity of AVGAS from Tengan QM Depot December 1947.

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d. Initial requisition for 3 searchlights for use in conjunction with night flying of aircraft fighter . Searchlights procured and issued to 93rd Airdrome Squadron.

e. Secured samples of JP-1 fuel to forward to JOSCO for test to determine whether or not drum stock of JP-1 fuel will be used for aircraft.

4. The following is a chronological list of events of the Warehouse Section from 1 December 1947 to 5 March 1948:

GENERAL INFORMATION

a. First Maintenance Inspector assigned to Supply in accordance with TM 38-410 reported 29 December 1947.

b. During January electricity supplied by portable generator was cut off due to malfunction of generator. This section had lights 28 days this month which helped the inventory and stocking of items immensely.

c. Continued effort was shown in clearing up excess Ordnance equipment left over from Depot roll up.

d. On 9 February 1948 8 reefers were moved by Air Installations giving us more storage area. One was converted to strong room for gun storage.

e. 2 bomb service trucks were finally assigned to Ordnance Section on 7 February 1948.

f. The Office was painted and personnel moved up on 11 February 1948.

g. Clothing was drawn from Tengan Depot for Officers Sales Store.

h. Maintenance Inspectors assigned to this section stayed on 3 weeks. This held up processing of reparable and condemned supplies. Maintenance Inspectors should be attached to Inspection Unit in accordance with TM 38-410 for permanent duty.

i. P-47 parts shipment was temporarily halted due to five P-47 airplanes still remaining. They are to be flown to MIRAMA and shipment of supplies will then be continued.

j. Shipment of 375 belly tanks is held up due to lack of decision as to whether tanks have to be crated. At present lumber is not available for crating. A radiogram has been dispatched by Accountable Officer requesting permission to ship tanks uncrated.

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SPECIAL PROJECTS

a. Movement of 125 tip tanks uncrated to Dock for shipment to PI. Work accomplished by 12 soldiers and 500 natives in 2 shifts. Difficulty was encountered due to rotted crates and finding fittings. 2 natives were hospitalized due to accidents on this project.

b. 250 drums of fuel were moved back into area. They were blown and washed over the runway by high wing and water in December 1947. This project took nine days due to mud and water conditions which hampered operations.

c. Warehouse personnel wired the Warehouse since AlO disapproved the work order request stating that power was unavailable. Since General Whitehead last inspection at least one receptacle has been installed of scrounged material. Supplies from AlO were disapproved.

d. Project restarted on movement of 100 octane gasoline from JP-1 storage yard to main yard. 251 drums were moved before lack of transportation or personnel stopped the project.

e. Inspection of Class 01-N items in stock started for condition status on 16 January 1948.

f. Work began on movement of 5000 empty oxygen cylinders to MINAMA and at some time 38 reparable engines booked. Using 32 men, 6 trucks, 2 tractors and 8 trailers the job was completed in 3 days.

g. 2 M-47 A-1 Napalm bombs were picked at China Bomb Dump for test purposes by 25th Fighter Squadron.

h. 5 Warehouse personnel spent 1½days regaining fence around Wing tip area.

i. 2500 JP-1 empty fuel drums were moved to dock for water shipment utilizing dock and warehouse personnel.

j. On February 4 the project of a new Supply Office was started and completed in 5 days by Warehouse personnel. Material was obtained by personnel. AlO refused to issue wire and other needed supplies necessary for construction purposes.



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k. Work was started on 26 fuel units for shipment to JAMA on 9 February 1948. Work should have been done by Maintenance Personnel prior to turn in to Supply.

l. On 9 February 1948 construction was started on Officers Sales Store by Warehouse personnel. Sales Store was completed on 18 February 1948.

m. Construction was started on Ammo Storage Area, 20 February 1948. This project was a result of the Fighter Squadron's refusal to store ammunition. Work order on revetments, fence, and other necessary work was disapproved. A bulldozer was provided by AlO, work being done ammunition section.

n. All OIN items removed from the Mezzanine, inventoried, checked against 00-35A-32 and theater critical list. All critical items being boxed for immediate shipment to designated depots.

o. A wall was constructed by personnel separating QM from the rest of the Warehouse in 3 days.

p. 29 vehicles were taken to the port for shipment to JAMA in February.

q. Up till 6 March 1948 39 more vehicles were hauled to port with aid of moving wrecker from Maintenance.

r. Rewarehousing was started under a plan prepared by A-4. Outside help is being provided so as not to interfere with Warehouse operation. Target date on rewarehousing is 15 April 1948.

s. Permanent vehicle storage yard plans are drawn up and project will begin on Wednesday 10 March 1948.

t. Rubber storage room is being constructed as part of the rewarehousing program.

TRANSPORTATION

a. The backlog of supplies not coming in due to unadequate transportation at the end of December was 80 40 ft trailer loads. Very little transportation in the form of trailers and tractors was available this month for movement of goods from depots.

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b. The movement of rockets, bombs, and ammo requested by using organizations was affected due to lack of proper type vehicles assigned this section.

c. In January the back log of supplies was built up to 135 flatbed loads. Transportation situation showed improvement during January and February. The back log of supplies at depot dropped down to approximately 25 trailer loads. These are being cut down rapidly. Base Refueling Unit has provided us with tractors to draw trailers when Motor Pool was unable to do so. A new plan of removing supplies from port is under way to cut down the transportation problem on moving incoming supplies. Trailers are to be spotted in designated yard, and port personnel notify us when trailers are loaded for our pick up. This cuts down on time that Motor Pool drivers need to be assigned for duty to a minimum.

5. The following is a chronological list of events of A/C Supply from 1 December 1947 to 5 March 1948:

a. Cancelled all C-54 requisitions which were outstanding at time of transfer of Flight "C" 22nd Troop Carrier.

b. Cancelled P-47 requisition due in from the Depot and due outs to organizations covering these items which were requested before 7 October 1947.

c. Cancelled all TO/E requisitions dated on or before 7 October 1947. New requests from the organizations were received and re-submitted to MARAMA.

d. Reviewed levels on P-80 aircraft parts and prepared a complete list of all items on which a level is carried in Class 02Q. Similar lists of other classes of P-80 supplies are being prepared as the 51st Fighter Group completes their review of these classes.

e. Publications checked against new index for shortages and a new requirements table prepared.

f. Monthly review of requisition file is in progress for the purpose of eliminating, in accordance with Depot regulations, all requisitions over 180 days and cancelling the due outs on these items so that the organizations may resubmit any still required.

W. G. RHINEHART
Lt Col, USAF
Commanding



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HEADQUARTERS
577th AIR MATERIEL SQUADRON
337th AIR SERVICE GROUP
APO 239 UNIT 2

29 February 1948

SUBJECT: Monthly Historical Report.

TO : Commanding Officer, 337th Air Service Group, APO 239 Unit 2.

1. At the beginning of this month the Squadron had 12 officers and 133 enlisted men.

2. Range firing of all enlisted personnel of the organization has been completed.

3. No other events of importance occurred outside of normal performance of assigned mission.

4. 29 Feburary 1948 found the Squadron with 13 Officers and 146 Enlisted men.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

WENDELL B TERRY
1st Lt, USAF
Unit Historical Officer



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877TH AIR MATERIEL SQUADRON
877TH AIR SERVICE GROUP
APO 230 UNIT 2

31 January 1948

SUBJECT: Monthly Historical Report.

TO : Commanding Officer, 877th Air Service Group, APO 230 Unit 2.

1. At the beginning of this month the Squadron had 13 Officer and 134 Enlisted Men.

2. A Squadron party was held in the Group Mess Hall on the 9 January.

3. Pvt. Morgan, Runyon was confined on the 14 January, pending charges against him for rape.

4. A new building for living quarters was moved into the area relieving the crowded condition to lesser degree.

5. 1st. Lt. Leo A. Higgins was transferred to 31st Fighter Group.

6. Painting of the Squadron building has improved the looks, also improved the morale of the Squadron personnel.

7. Plans for landscaping the entire area have been drawn and work will start immediately.

8. An area for a Squadron Day Room has been cleared and approved. The Day Room should be completed within two weeks.

9. Results of the time of entire personnel with USAFI lecture tours, is the enrollment of 18 member of the Squadron in USAFI courses.

10. Technical training for enlisted personnel has been completed except for range firing.

11. 31 January 1948 found the Squadron with 13 Officers and 134 Enlisted Men.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

HAROLD D OAKS
1st. Lt., USAF
Unit Historical Officer

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578TH MATERIEL SQUADRON
25TH SERVICE GROUP
APO 493

c/o Postmaster,
N. Y. C., N. Y.

HISTORICAL REPORT (JULY 1944)

July 1 - - - the beginning of a new month - - - a new month and a new organization, for it was on this date that our Squadron was activated. We were designated as the "578th Materiel Squadron"; and composed of personnel from deactivated units, including a Headquarters & Headquarters Squadron, a Service Squadron, an Ordnance Company, a Signal Company, a Quartermaster Service Company, a Quartermaster Truck Company and an Engineer Detachment.

Our job deals with supply of all types, from furnishing engines and wing assemblies for B-29's to the furnishing of food and clothing for men of this base and bases in the forward area.

For the first few days we are all working overtime, in an effort to get accustomed to our new jobs, and to improve the appearance of our new Squadron area. The area designated us by higher headquarters is located in a "pocket", causing it to be a mud hole during the present monsoon season. This necessitates the digging of drainage ditches and hauling huge quantities of laterite to surface the entire area. The jungle is cleared, tent floors are layed, tents pitched and the area that was jungle only a few days ago is now taking on the appearance of one of the best squadron areas on the base.

On the supply line we find that the men who started on a completely new and foreign job only a few short days ago are already performing their jobs in an efficient manner. Ordnance supplies, which have been



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very hard to secure, are starting to roll in at last. Signal, Quartermaster, and Air Corps supplies are coming in steadily and demands are being met very satisfactorily considering the shortage of many supplies in this Theater.

There was a slight shifting of personnel throughout the month. All enlisted men who came into the organization from other branches of the service were transferred to the Army Air Forces on 10 July 1944. Fifteen enlisted men who were carried as overages, were attached to Headquarters and Base Service Squadron on 13 July 1944. All enlisted men with Technicians ratings were promoted to the equivalent grade of Corporal and Sergeant on 18 July 1944.

In spite of the long days of toil there is time left for pleasure. A baseball team is organized, and after a few hours of practice in the evening, we played our first game on July 30th. A very good game, even though we lost by the score of 3 - 2.

A dayroom is set up, and though far from complete, there are a few writing desks, card tables, magazines and games available for the men during their "off duty" hours. Arrangements were made to secure a projector and several rolls of Sports films on one occasion and they were thoroughly enjoyed by all.

As the month draws to a close, we find our organization only a month old, but already performing it's mission smoothly and efficiently. All men look forward with optimism to a new month, as Allied victories increase on all fronts.



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1 August 1944.

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TO : Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington, 25, D. C.

THRU : Proper Command Channels.

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For the Commanding Officer:

B. O. VERRILLO,
1st Lt., CMC.
Sq Historical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
578TH MATERIEL SQUADRON
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c/o PM, N. Y. C.
1 September 1944.

SUBJECT: Historical Report.

TO : Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington, 25, D. C.

THRU : Commanding Officer, 25th Service Group, APO 493.

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For the Commanding Officer:

B. G. VERELLEN,
1st Lt., QMC.
Sq Historical Officer.

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578TH MATERIEL SQUADRON
25TH SERVICE GROUP
APO 493

c/o Postmaster,
N. Y. C., N. Y.

HISTORICAL REPORT (August 1944)

Our Squadron begins its second month of operation very quietly. Aside from an occasional trip to the Bengal Air Depot after supplies, activity is limited to routine duties of all personnel in their respective supply sections.

On the fourth of the month we received orders from higher headquarters relieving Major William J. Harris from his duties as Squadron Commander. He is assigned to duty back in the States. Many hearts go with him as he bids us farewell, boards his plane and is off for home.

On the 13th of August, two of our men, M/Sgt Bailey and T/Sgt Langford, who were in the advance party that preceeded the Group to India, and have been in the theater approximately six months, depart for the rest camp at Darjeeling. They are the first members of the organization to have this privilage.

Our supply sections report that supplies are rolling-in steadily, and in spite of the heavy demand placed on Air Corps Supply, because of the several B-29 raids on enemy territory, not a single plane was grounded for want of parts.

Our Squadron area which was a mud hole, during the heavy rains





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of last month, is now filled and graded, and at a recent inspection was awarded first place in the Group.

During their hours of relaxation our men are taking advantage of the new day-room which is well stocked with reading material and games, also a ping-pong table has been recently added. Our Squadron barber Pfc Kaschak has set up his shop in one corner, and is being kept quite busy. Weekly, our men all gather in the day-room for a discussion of the latest war news, led by our Commanding Officer, Captain Schwarz.

Three men from our organization are taking a leading role in the new 25th Service Group N. C. O. Mess and Club, which was organized this month. M/Sgt Warth is president of the Board of Governors, T/Sgt Langford was elected president of the club, and Cpl Lewey, secretary and treasurer. The club room, located in the barracks near Headquarters Squadron mess hall, has been beautifully furnished and decorated.

Our squadron baseball team is rounding into shape and will be ready to enter the Group Baseball League which opens the last of the month.



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HEADQUARTERS
578TH MATERIEL SQUADRON
25TH SERVICE GROUP
APO 493

c/o Postmaster,
N. Y. C., N. Y.
1 October 1944.

SUBJECT: Historical Report.

TO : Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington 25, D. C.

THRU : Commanding Officer, 25th Service Group, APO 493.

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For the Commanding Officer:

B. G. VERELLEN,
1st Lt., QMC.
Sq Historical Officer.

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578TH MATERIEL SQUADRON
25TH SERVICE GROUP
APO 493

c/o Postmaster,
N. Y. C., N. Y.

HISTORICAL REPORT (SEPTEMBER 1944)

Our Squadron has been very unfortunate this month in losing personnel, and thereby dropping below T/O strength. On 30 August 1944, five enlisted men were placed on detached service with the C-109th Provisional Unit. Again on 21 September 1944, thirteen more enlisted men were placed on detached service with the same unit. No replacement has been made to this Squadron for this personnel. This has not lowered the efficiency of supply operation as each member has accomplished the job with our usual high standard of work.

The activities of the Squadron are now falling into an efficient routine. Supplies are coming to the various sections in increasing amounts from the various sources of supply.

On 5 September 1944, enlisted men from this squadron were dispatched to APO 492, for the purpose of conveying vehicles back to this field.

Again Air Corps Supply has maintained its record of having had no planes dead-lined for lack of spare parts at the time of a mission. The Air Corps Supply section has been very busy stream-lining its supply setup. This will mean even greater efficiency in the handling of supplies for this section. The Air Corps Supply section has taken



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over the handling of engineering and chemical supplies. This together with the increase in stock of Air Corps supplies has made it necessary to secure another warehouse, which is already nearly filled with supplies, as the end of the month approaches.

Air Corps supplies for the forward area were this month dispatched "over the Hump" with an officer and an enlisted man accompanying them. This tends toward closer cooperation between us and the forward echelon.

Our medical record for Malaria and Venereal disease is still being maintained. In our three months since activation we have had only one case of Malaria and no cases of venereal disease.

The Squadron area has taken on a new and beautified aspect as the job nears its completion. We now have the best area on the Base.

Our baseball team is now performing several times each week for the enjoyment of players and non-players alike. After a slow start, our team is now riding a winning crest having won three out of our last four games.



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HEADQUARTERS
578TH MATERIEL SQUADRON
25TH SERVICE GROUP
APO 493

c/o Postmaster,
N. Y. C., N. Y.
1 November 1944.

SUBJECT: Historical Report.

TO : Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington 25, D. C.

THRU : Commanding Officer, 25th Service Group, APO 493.

1. In compliance with Base Regulation No. 45-2, Hq, AAB, APO 493, c/o Postmaster N. Y. C., dtd 30 June 1944, attached herewith is the Historical Report of this organization for the month of October 1944.

LEWIS E. SCHWARZ, JR.,
Captain, Air Corps,
Commanding.

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578TH MATERIEL SQUADRON
25TH SERVICE GROUP
APO 493

c/o Postmaster,
N. Y. C., N. Y.

HISTORICAL REPORT (OCTOBER 1944)

The month of October saw the stabilization of personnel for our Squadron, which is understrength at the present time. We had no more enlisted men placed on Detached Service; also we were unable to get any replacements for our shortages.

All sections of this Squadron report that their section is now obtaining enough supplies to satisfy all demands placed on them. This speaks for the efficiency of the Squadron personnel.

October was the month that saw the real beginning of much earned and needed "Rest Camp" leaves for the men in our Squadron. The first group left on the 11th of October. It consisted of the following named officer and enlisted men: Capt LEWIS B. SCHWARZ, T/Sgt Carrigan, Sgt Rupp, Sgt Sullivan, Cpl Hackl, and Pvt Albright. On the 25th of October, the second group departed. This group consisted of the following named officers and enlisted men: 1st Lt B. G. VERRILLI, WOJG JACK R. LEWIS, T/Sgt Green, S/Sgt Underhill, S/Sgt Kuss, Sgt Arndt, Sgt Elkins, Sgt Gott, Sgt Saul, Cpl Lemmond, Cpl McAllister and Pfc Martini.

We have to report a blemish on our perfect record of having no venereal diseases on record. Two cases were reported this month. Our record of no cases of malaria was maintained with no cases reported.



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The monthly area and sanitation inspection officers of this command awarded this Squadron an "excellent" rating. We are honored with this award in as much as it was the only "excellent" rating given out by these inspectors this month.

Our base ball team has after a slow start, finished its regular season with a total of 15 wins against 11 losses. It will now play in the Al SC (Shaughnessy) Play-Off Series to see which team might receive the trophy as the best team for this station.

Next on the list of Squadron competitive sports will be volley ball. This will be followed by basket ball. Our Squadron now has its courts completed for these sports. Our basket ball court has a concrete floor and is 45 feet wide by 80 feet long.

Our day room has been completely screened in. We have new rugs, easy chairs and lights. A new phonograph with many new records complete the serenity of this room, making this the ideal place to end the activities of the day.



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578TH MATERIEL SQUADRON
25TH SERVICE GROUP
APO 493

c/o Postmaster,
N. Y. C., N. Y.
1 December 1944

SUBJECT: Historical Report.

TO : Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington 25, D.C.

THRU : Commanding Officer, 25th Service Group, APO 493.

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LEWIS E. SCHWARZ, JR.,
Major, Air Corps,
Commanding.

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578TH [illegible] SQUADRON
25TH SERVICE GROUP
APO 493

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[illegible] REPORT (NOVEMBER 1944)

There was a constant shifting of squadron personnel during the month of November. The first group, consisting of five (5) men, were transferred to the Cargo Service Unit, APO 493, on 1 November 1944. Six days later, on the 6 November, two (2) more men were transferred to the same organization. On the 7th and 12th of November, a total of eight (8) enlisted men, who were on detached service with the Cargo Service Unit, rejoined our squadron. The following day, 13 November, two (2) men were transferred to the squadron from Headquarters, 25th Service Group. Less than a week later, on the 17th of November, four (4) men arrived from the 794th Bombardment Squadron. On the same day three (3) more men were returned to the squadron from detached service with the Cargo Service Unit.

Two (2) of the Officers and five (5) Enlisted Men had the good fortune to attend Rest Camp at Knanfket during the month.

For the first time since activation, a few promotions were made in the squadron. The Commanding Officer, Captain Schwarz, was promoted to Major, Sergeants Bach, Dorsett and Van Kirk were promoted



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to the grade of Staff Sergeant, and Privates Albright, Beck, Gaul, Gilligan, Hennequant, and Thomas were promoted to the grade of Private First Class.

In the various supply sections this month, it is noted that the flow of supplies is becoming constantly smoother. The entire ordnance supply setup was moved to a new location in order to make it more easily accessible to the Third and Fourth Echelon vehicle repair shops. The Quartermaster section also moved all classes of supply to a new location where facilities for storage are much improved, for they now have permanent warehouse structures of iron instead of canvas tents.

The Air Corps Supply section maintained it's record of not having a single plane deadlined at the time of a mission for want of spare parts. The stock on hand has constantly increased and is getting relatively nearer the authorized stock level.

Many members of the squadron are showing a keen interest in sports. Our baseball team finished the season in third place--- just a few percentage points out of second place in the league, but at the top of the list among the teams in the Service Group.

The volleyball season has just started, and to date the squadron team has won six (6) games and lost three (3). Although a basketball league has not yet been started, there are numerous intra-squadron games.

Squadron social activities this month consisted of a supper party on the 4th of November. Among the guests were Colonel Gardner, Commanding Officer of the Group, Captain Reynolds, Group Adjutant, and Major Byers from the XX Bomber Command A-4 office. The second



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----- social affair of the month was an excellent Thanksgiving dinner, with a menu that would be the envy of many folks back in the States. A good time was had by all and many of us had the vacant stare of the daydreamer reflected in our faces that day, as we thought back one year, when we had our Thanksgiving dinner in "God's Country", and fervently hoped that we would have the good fortune to spend next Thanksgiving Day back in Shangri-la in a world at peace.



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578TH MATERIEL SQUADRON
25TH AIR SERVICE GROUP
APO 493

c/o Postmaster,
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1 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Historical Report.

TO : Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington 25, D.C.

THRU : Commanding Officer, 25th Service Group, APO 493.

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For the Commanding Officer:

B.G. VERELLEN
1st Lt., Air Corps
Sqdn Historical Officer

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HEADQUARTERS
578TH MATERIEL SQUADRON
25TH AIR SERVICE GROUP
APO 493

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HISTORICAL REPORT (DEC MBER 1944)

The first of the month saw the transfer of four (4) men, all with the identical MOS 345, to the Camp Angus Replacement Center near Calcutta. The following day, December 2, we welcomed back five (5) enlisted men and two (2) officers from a well earned rest at U.S. Army Rest Camp #7, Nanket, India. They gave a very glowing account of the scenic background for the Himalaya Mountains are world famous. On the 29th of the month, four (4) enlisted men, including our First Sergeant, were sent to U.S. Army Rest Camp #10, at Madras, India. This is a popular winter resort for the British colony in India. Except for the transfer of two (2) more men to Camp Angus, no further changes in personnel occurred.

This was the first Christmas that we have celebrated overseas. The outstanding Christmas Supper prepared by our mess personnel, served in the gaily decorated mess hall, compensated somewhat for the absence of our loved ones. We all said a silent prayer for a speedy victory and a quick return to Shangri-La. To attain that end, we pledged ourselves to continued and sustained effort in



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upholding our excellent record of materiel supply to the bombardment squadrons. Our various supply sections have made some noteworthy achievements in upholding the Army Air Force watchword, "Keep 'Em Flying". For instance, the Air Corps Supply section still maintains it's record of not allowing any combat planes to remain grounded from a mission for lack of essential parts. In view of the size and complexity of the Superfortress, plus the time and distance involved in requisitioning and maintaining adequate stockpiles, this is indeed an accomplishment. In insuring a continuous flow of transportation in and around the base, our Ordnance section has earned the praise and heartfelt thanks of all Base units. Our Class 13 Supply section has successfully met the critical equipment needs of hundreds of combat crew personnel, who could not accomplish their extremely high altitude missions without complete and airworthy clothing equipment. Many bombardment squadron plane commanders have expressed their personal gratitude at the speed with which indispensible items of equipment were obtained on shortnotice in order to successfully carry out vital missions.

The highlight of the month was a raid by a lone Japanese plane on Christmas Night. Anti-aircraft batteries on the base had their first taste of action against an enemy plane, sending ack-ack fire screaming skyward in a brilliant display of red and white tracers against the background of a full moon in a blue evening sky. The enemy plane crossed at right angles to the runway, releasing incendiaries and anti-personnel bombs on establishments and warehouses adjacent to the flight strip. Our Signal Supply



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Warehouse was hit, but suffered minor damage. This was the first time that personnel of the squadron have come in contact with the enemy, and squadron discipline was excellent. Immediately after the raid, the Commanding Officer gave a brief talk to the squadron on air raid discipline.

In the field of sports, our volleyball team placed second in our base league, losing a tie for first place by one game. The squadron basketball court has been wired for night games, attracting many men from other base units because of this unique feature. Night basketball games games are now a regular part of our sports program. Plans are being drawn up for participation in the Base indoor baseball league. Many men in the squadron have signified their desire to play this most popular sport.

The end of the month- the end of an action crammed year-- saw the gala celebration of New Years Eve with a Squadron Party. Toast were drunk and resolutions hopefully offered by many members of the squadron. Some were said in jest, but many were given with an earnestness and sincerity that was heartily reflected in the hearts and minds of our men. For we renewed our pledges to sustained effort for an early victory, and prayed that the coming year would find us at home in a world at peace.



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25th Air Service Group

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578TH AIR MATERIEL SQUADRON
25TH AIR SERVICE GROUP
APO 493

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N. Y. C., N. Y.

HISTORICAL REPORT (JANUARY 1945)

The first of the New Year saw our Quartermaster Supply Officer, Lieutenant Robert Peterson, off on a well deserved leave of absence to Rest Camp #2, at Darjeeling. Three days later we witnessed the long awaited promotion to Captain of our Stock Control Officer, W.E. Dreve. It came in the first Special Order put out for the New Year by the newly formed Office of the Deputy Commander, Twentieth Air Force. On the 6th of the month, one of our men received an emergency furlough through the XX Bomber Command. It's importance lay in the fact that the men of the squadron realized that the personel problems of the average soldier were not being ignored, in spite of the problems of replacement and transportation that the Bomber Command faced in this "end of the line" Theater of Operations.

On the 3rd and 4th of the month, squadron members participated in a very successful Service Group musical revue, "All 'Zin Fun", featuring the top G.I. band in India, the Jive Bombers, who broadcast almost daily from the American Armed Forces Radio Station, VU2Zu, in Calcutta. A combination of skits, songs, and featured specialties

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made it the best G.I. show ever seen on this base, in the opinion of scores of enlisted men and officers who witnessed it.

There was some change and movement among the squadron officers. Our Commanding Officer, Major Lewis E. Schwarz, Jr. was transferred to the 142nd Station Hospital in Calcutta for a short period of treatment. During his absence Captain Wendell E. Dreve acted as Commanding Officer. Our Deputy Air Corps Supply Officer, Warrant Officer Jack Lewis, was transferred to Headquarters, Air Service Command in India. Later in the month, 2nd Lieutenant Jess Fisher was assigned to the squadron and was designated as Communication Equipment Officer.

On the 13th, a group of men from the squadron participated in an All-India track meet in Calcutta. A soldier from the Ammunition Company attached to our Service Group established a new record for the high jump in India, with a leap of 6 feet, 5 inches. The same group of men participated in a track meet held in the neighboring town of Kharghpur on the 28th, and one of our men managed to place fourth in the mile run against very tough competition. The enlisted man who had won the high jump event at the Calcutta meet, a former West Coast track star, also walked away with the event at the Kharghpur meet.

In an effort to bring the squadron up to full strength, two men who had recently seen service at advanced bases in China, and one corporal direct from the States were assigned to us. The return of our First Sergeant and three other enlisted men from rest camp at Madras brought the squadron almost up to operating strenght. Near



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the end of the end of the month, two other men were fortunate in winning the drawing to fill the squadron rest camp quota for February and they left for a well earned vacation to the rest camp at Madras. They were accompanied by 1st Lieutenant John T. Wakefield. Our Quartermaster Supply Officer, Lieutenant Robert Peterson, returned on the 18th from the rest camp at Darjeeling. He confirmed the reports that the mountainous north country had undergone it's worst cold spell in fourteen years.

On the 22nd, our squadron, heretofore designated as the 578th Materiel Squadron, was redesignated by official order as the 578th Air Materiel Squadron, in line with the previous redesignation of our 25th Service Group as the 25th Air Service Group. This follows the Air Force policy of identifying it's service organizations more closely with it's tactical groups, both as a morale factor and in order to more easily distinguish between Air Force and Ground Force service units.

Inspections by base and Bomber Command Air Inspectors during the month again attested to the high efficiency rating that this squadron has enjoyed since it's activation in July of 1944. Of special note were the superior ratings awarded to our large Air Corps Supply section, where there were "no irregularities or deficiencies noted." The vital tactical equipment and clothing continually supplied to the Bomb Squadrons by this section with high efficiency and dispatch has earned the thanks of tactical



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groups and plane commanders alike. The section still maintains it's record of never allowing a plane which was alerted for a mission to be grounded for lack of spare parts. With a supply line 14,000 miles long, this is indeed a record to be proud of.

The recent stepping up of operations both in Europe and in the Pacific has led to a reappraisal and preparation of organizational equipment for possible movement. While no word has been received from the Bomber Command of any future move, it has been the policy of this organization to be thoroughly prepared for any eventuality. In line with this policy, which the squadron has followed since it was activated, plans set up and initiated almost since activation have been carried out and will continue to be carried out until official word is received to take final action. Whatever the order and whenever it may come, this squadron stands ready to carry it out with speed and dispatch.



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HEADQUARTERS
579TH AIR SERVICE SQUADRON
25TH AIR SERVICE GROUP
APO 493

HISTORICAL REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

After long months of speculation, the 25th Air Service Group was finally given the go-ahead signal to get ready for shipment. Orders came down from higher Headquarters that we were to take a thirty (30) day stock level of all supplies with the exception of Quartermaster. We were told to pack this equipment and supplies but that we would also be responsible to maintain the flow of supplies to the Tactical Bombardment Group necessary to perform missions without any interruption.

A production line for the manufacture of a standard size box which could be used as bins at our next destination was started and the fun really began then as the fight for lumber, nails, paint, banding machines, stencils and other needed materials was on. The speed with which much of this has been accomplished has surprised every one. All HQ have and are still doing a grand job on this project. Even though packed, we are still supplying the needs of all activities of this base.

Early Sunday morning, 25 February 1945, the first phase left this base. Colonel Rogers A. Gardner, the Commanding Officer of the 25th Air Service Group was in charge of this shipment. Major Louis E. Schwarz, Jr., our Squadron Commander, Lt. D. Verellen, Lt. Alfred H. Walters and approximately one-half of our Squadron strength of enlisted men were members of the first phase shipment. Captain Wendel E. Dreve assumed Command of the Squadron during the absence of Maj. Schwarz. Everyone wanted to leave on the first phase, as the heat of India is again



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starting. It would have been nice in leaving at this time but unfortunately this could not be. All Materiel duties are being carried on by the remaining section of the Materiel Squadron.

Lt. Gerald J. Doyle, the Air Corps Supply Officer was promoted to the rank of Captain on the 10 February 1945. Lt. John T. Wakefield and four (4) enlisted men returned from rest camp at Madras during the month.

During the month of February our Squadron Strength has remained the same. One man was transferred to the 142nd General Hospital while three (3) were shipped to another Squadron. Four men were received to replace these losses.

The month drew to a close with everyone working harder to complete the many tasks assigned to us.

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HEADQUARTERS
578TH AIR MATERIEL SQUADRON
25TH AIR SERVICE GROUP
APO 493

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New York, New York
28 February 1945

HISTORICAL REPORT (FEBRUARY 1945)

The month of February was a proverbial beehive of activity for the Materiel Squadron. There was also a constant shifting and movement of personnel that began on the first day of the month when four men from the Ammunition Section were placed on detached service with the 589th Air Materiel Squadron, 87th Air Service Group to "brush up" on recent changes in ammunition handling; as our own section has not been in operation for several months.

There were several promotions during the month. 2nd Lt. Jess G. Fisher was promoted to 1st Lt., also 1st Lt. Gerald J. Boyle was promoted to the grade of Captain; and two enlisted men, Privates Ora G. Allen and Clarence H. Burley were promoted to the grade of Private First Class.

On the fifth of the month, Major Lewis E. Schwarz Jr., who had been the Squadron Commander prior to his transfer to the 142nd General Hospital, rejoined the organization and assumed command.



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On the eleventh of the month six enlisted men were attached for administration, rations and quarters, from the 468th Bombardment Group; and within the period of a few days four enlisted men were assigned, from the same organization, and three men were transferred from our unit to the Forward Echelon Detachment of the 468th Bombardment Group.

The first instructions on our movement were received on the 12th of February; and the huge job of packing and crating organizational equipment and a 30 day level of supplies was started by each section. The entire job was completed by the time the Movement Orders were received on 21st of February. During these nine days, many Officers and Enlisted Men became aware that a soldier is subject to duty twenty four hours a day.

The majority of the shifting of personnel took place on the nineteenth, when five Officers and fifty six Enlisted Men were attached to Headquarters and Base Services Squadron. On the same day nine Officers and one hundred and forty four Enlisted Men were attached from Headquarters and Base Services Squadron; and 4 Officers and one hundred and twenty two Enlisted Men were attached from the Thirty Fifth Air Engineering Squadron.

On the 25th at 0200 the 578th Air Materiel Squadron, together with all attached personnel, departed APO 493. Forty-five minutes later we arrived at Kharagpur, India, where we boarded a train bound for Calcutta. At 0800 the train pulled



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into Calcutta, where all personnel detrained and marched down to the Houghly River, boarded a barge, and by 1200 we were all aboard the the USS GENERAL C G MORTON, enroute by water, to our New Destination.



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furlough to Stateside because of serious illness of his Mother.

Three-day passes were given to EM of the Squadron when it was practical to release them from their assigned duties.

The month ended with all of us wondering how soon we would be given our day of departure to rejoin the first phase shipment of our Group at destination unknown.

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HISTORICAL REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH

The Materiel Squadron has completed its first month of operation with only one-half of actual Squadron strength. All duties of the Materiel have been performed with utmost efficiency, having maintained a constant flow of all materiels to all units serviced by this Squadron. The boxing of materiels to go forward with us to our next destination is nearing completion. The loading of boxes for shipment is slow due to the fact that we can not get the wagons needed to complete this phase of our work.

The Company Area has receded in size. All EM having lived in tents, moved into the Squadron barracks so that all tents could be struck and returned to the Quartermaster. Our Squadron although attached to the Headquarters & Base Services Squadron is maintaining its distinction as a seperate unit.

A physical training program has been instituted for the 25th Air Service Group. A three hour per week program has been outlined. For the present time, volley ball and soft ball fill up the required time. The Squadron has also taken the EM to the firing range so that the men can re-orient themselves to their individual pieces.

Pfc. Civilla has been released from the Station Hospital at APO 465 and been reassigned to our Squadron. Cpl. Gettings has been dropped from our Squadron roster and has been assigned to the Station Hospital at APO 465. Pfc. Jones M. Hickman was also released from the Squadron roster, having been given an emergency

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HISTORICAL REPORT (MARCH 1945)

The squadron was the guest of the United States Navy throughout the entire month of March, aboard the troop transport USS General C. G. MORTON. The first eighteen (18) days were spent enroute from Calcutta, India to Melbourne, Australia. Morale was very high despite the almost unbearable heat that was encountered several days either side of the equator. Most of the personnel enjoyed the opportunity for relaxation. Many books were made available to us throughout the voyage, which afforded us all the opportunity to catch up on our reading.

At 1800 on the 18th of March the USS General C. G. MORTON pulled up to the dock at Melbourne, and on the following day all military personnel, with the exception of a minimum number of men for essential duties, were granted shore leave. Although our shore leave was but a few hours in length, the experiences we had in Melbourne made excellent topics for discussion throughout the rest of the voyage.

On the 20th of March at 0730, we slowly pulled away from the docks at Melbourne, headed eastward through the Bass Straits and gradually changed our course to the north as we paralleled the eastern coast of Australia. After several days we left the coast of Australia and headed approximately due north through the Coral Sea. Unlike the first 18 days of our trip,



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during which we did not sight land; we were continually seeing small islands. Some appeared to be practically at ocean level, while others protruded out of the water like a hugh rock and extended several thousand feet into the air.

On the 25th of March we passed through the narrow channel of water that separates New Guinea from Rabaul. Early on the morning of the 27th we dropped anchor in the harbor at Manus Island in the Admiralty Group, and remained in the harbor until 0900 the 30th of March, when we raised anchor and headed north once more.

By the time the month ended the predictions as to our ultimate destination were narrowed down to Guam, Saipan, Tinian and a minimum of personnel had their odds on Iwo Jima.

Morale throughout the month had been very high, with not a single disciplinary case among our 348 officers and enlisted men. This is a very good record considering the heat, idleness, crowded conditions, lack of recreational facilities and other inconveniences that are evident aboard a troop transport.



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APO 493

HISTORICAL REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL

The month of April was brought to a close with final boxing up of all property to go forward to our next destination in sight. All Sections of the Materiel Squadron have had a very busy month completing their final phase of work consisting of several definite tasks. The constant flow of all materiels to the Squadrons serviced by us has continued in a highly efficient manner. All excess stocks has been turned back to next higher supply channels. All T.A.E. boxes has been completed and shipped thus completing the final phase of work for the Squadron. All Sections are still taking care of all emergency requisitions needed to supply all units serviced by this Squadron.

The 578th Air Materiel Squadron was awarded a Meritorious Service Unit Plaque by the 20th Air Force for extraordinary service from 1 July 1944 thru 1 January 1945.

M/Sgt Anthony N. Bailey was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for efficient administrative achievement in proformance of his duty from 1 July 1944 thru 31 December 1944.

28 April 1945 sees the completion of one year in India for Officers and Enlisted Men of the 578th Air Materiel Squadron.

Cpl. Byron D. Gettings of the Ordnance Section of the Materiel Squadron was released from the hospital and rejoined the Squadron on the 19 April 1945.

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HEADQUARTERS
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25TH AIR SERVICE GROUP
APO 247

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HISTORICAL REPORT (APRIL 1945)

The first day of April found our odyssey off the Caroline Islands and by evening we had moored at Ulithi. We did not disembark, however, and we sailed again the next morning.

The question of our destination was settled when on the fourth day of April, all of us, with one exception, set feet on Tinian Island of the Marianas Group. The one exception (who shall be nameless) set feet in Tinian Harbor and received a very wet reception.

Since our biveuac area had not been set up, we were quartered in the Quonset Huts on the line. Later tents were raised and, in lieu of manufactured facilities, the usual G.I. ingenuity was set in motion to make life as livable as possible under the circumstances.

We were given to understand that this was, of all the Marianas Islands, the best. It has a prevailing wind which counteracts in a great degree the steady heat of the sun.

The Island, set in a sea of cobalt blue, appears to be solid coral with a thin layer of fertile top soil. It has wooded coral hills and a few beaches---the rest of the coast being lined with pock-marked ragged coral cliffs.

The only beach now open for swimming is like a scene from a Dorothy Lamour movie---without, it might be added, Dorothy. Small bow-like waves glide toward the shore over the aquamarine shallows and wash upon the coral sand shore. Interlaced against the gray weather beaten face of a coral cliff are green



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tropical trees. From the coral rock studded sand, a wooden stairway twists one hundred feet into the air to meet the rim of the cliff which rises precipitously from the shore. All this and not a chance for romance!

We have read in BRIEF, the AAF magazine for the Pacific Ocean area, that the Seabee Officer who was told to lay out this Island, noted the similarity in shape to that of the Island of Manhattan, N.Y. To make that similarity more apparent, the roads that were layed out were numbered and named the same as corresponding avenues and streets of that fabulous city. All we lack are night clubs, liquor, theaters, high buildings, subways, lunch stands, daily newspapers, and crowds, particularly of women.

On the Island with us are another B-29 Wing, several battalions of Seabees and Marines and "Gooks". These Gooks are mainly Okinawan civilian laborers that inhabited the island prior to invasion. They live about one and one half miles from our camp site. A fervent hope is that the prevailing wind should not shift and put us to the leeward of them.

Along the lines of moral and recreation, our favorite activities, perhaps, are swimming and collecting the beautiful shells whose creatures attach themselves to the coral. It has become an occupation for some. They collect the shells for ornaments and sell them. One Seabee quoted $75.00 for a Cat's Eye necklace.

Mail for the month of April has been very irregular and late in the month, we received the sudden surge of back logged publications and gift packages from October on.

Some of our confirmed beer topers are suffering the slings and arrows of the outragious fortune of having but six beers a week. Cokes are but a glimmering hope of the future.



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We have second run movies every night. Thses are run by the genial Chaplain Wallace who also gives the news reports before he grinds out the flickers.

During the month we have been busy setting up the base and unloading ships. Outside of such routine duties very little unusual happened, although we did have a warning for a possible night alert as the month waned.

Another chilling event occured when Pfc Haun went shell hunting on the reefs on the east side of the island. A huge wave suddenly swept over the reef and carried him out. Another fortunately, swept him back on the reef where he sustained a gashed knee.

Our Commanding Officer, Major Lewis E. Schwarz, Jr., was twice in the hospital for a dermatitis. At months end he was still there on the second hospitalization.

As the month drew to a close, six efficers /1 and nineteen enlisted men/2 from the United States joined the squadron. At that time 1st Lt Bernard G. Verellen was relieved as Squadron Adjutant and the additional duties that went with it /3 and was succeeded by 1st Lt Sydney L. Horevitz /3 who also assumed the duty of Personal Affairs Officer /4. Lt Verellen left us to become our Group S-2 /5.

We wound up our activities of the month by continuing to set up while awaiting the arrival of the main body.

1/ SO #4, Hqs, Adv Det, 25th Air Ser Gp, dtd 18 Apr 45

2/ Par 1, SO #5, Hqs, Adv Det, 25th Air Ser Gp, dtd 18 Apr 45

3/ Par 1, SQ O #4, Hqs 578th Air Mat Sq, 25th Air Ser Gp, dtd 25 Apr 45

4/ Par 2, SQ O #4, Hqs 578th Air Mat Sq, 25th Air Ser Gp, dtd 25 Apr 45

5/ Par 1, SO #7, Hqs, Adv Det, 25th Air Ser Gp, dtd 18 Apr 45 as amended by Par 1, SO #8, Hqs, Adv Det, 25th Air Ser Gp, dtd 4 May 45



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HISTORICAL REPORT (~~APRIL~~ MAY 1945)

The month of May saw our heavily ladened B-29's roar down the runways in increasing numb ers to pay their fiery social obligations to Dai Nippon. Behind them, in the curling dust of their dying slipstreams, stood the warehouses, shops, and hardstands, that were manned by our personnel in support of these angels from Hell.

Undermanned; working 24 hours a day, 7 days a week; nevertheless, these groundcrews gave proof that the motto "Sustineo Alas" was not mere rhetoric. Their work, seemingly prosaic in performance, was spectacular in achievement. For, in spite of those difficulties, missions were launched every other day. Tokyo, Nagoya, and Yokohama were the flaming fruits of their labors.

On 4 May 1945, Capt Felix G. Garrett and 10 Enlisted Men of the Group Finance Section /1 together with the M P Section consisting of 1st Lt Richard E. Bookout and 36 Enlisted Men /2 were relieved from attached to our squadron and placed on Detached Service to Wing Headquarters.

On 12 May the wheels of redeployment were set in motion all over the world. In this part of the world they didn't even creak. After viewing the movie, "Two Down and One to Go," we were resigned to the prospect of "sweating out the rock."

1/ Par 4 SO #18, Hqs, 58th Bomb Wing dtd 30 April 1945.
2/ Par 5 SO #19, Hqs, 58th Bomb Wing dtd 2 May 1945.

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Therefor it was with no trepidation that they'd miss a ride home that 1st Lt Clarence E. Clegg, Jr., and Sgt Gladstone G. Smith departed on that date for Hawaii for the purpose of attending the Cardox Crash Fire Truck Operational School. /3

Lt Clegg's Fire Fighting Section had been operating under the handicap of a lack of personnel and equipment. It is largely due to the leadership of Lt Clegg and the personal interest and ingenuity displayed by the enlisted personnel that their record stands as it does today.

A typical example of the initiative of this outfit is shown by Michael J. Bennetts. After observing that the issued applicators for fog nozzles were inadequate to allow the line man to get in close to the fire, he designed a new one that is in use today.

Lt Clegg and Sgt Smith were joined at the Cardox School by four other Enlisted Men. /4 This equipment has not been proved on B-29 fires yet and they have none issued to them. However, as a stop-gap, the section is using two Naval type fire trucks on a loan. Supplementing these is a five ton trailer mounting two 1200 gallon pontoons. A fine job is being done with the equipment on hand, but a lack of personnel and proper equipment renders the section unable to operate at the peak of efficiency. Fifteen men are attempting to do what will necessitate one hundred forty men after base plans are completed.

During the month our Commanding Officer, Major Lewis E. Schwarz and Pfc Clarence E. Burley were evacuated to the Mainland for treatment. 5/

3/ Par 2, SO #25, Hqs, 58th Bomb Wing, dtd 19 May 1945
4/ Par 5, SO #27, Hqs, 58th Bomb Wing, dtd 12 May 1945
5/ Ltr, Subj., Evac O #3, Hqs, 374th Sta. Hosp, APO 247 dtd 12 May 1945



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Early one morning 1st Lt Vincent E. Shanks, while investigating the suspicious activities of two unidentified soldiers, was blinded by sand and was attacked brutally and without provocation. The assailants had not been found at month's end.

On 30 May 1945 the personnel of the Sheet Metal Department were commended by Major Kenneth D. Thompson, Maintenance Controller for outstanding ability and remarkable supervision in completion of repairs on B-29 #35557 of the 444th Bombardment Group. Operations on aforementioned aircraft began 8 May 1945 and were completed 27 May 1945. /6

The month closed with the transfer of Captain Rollin L. Gray to the 313th Bombardment Wing. /7

6/ 1st Ind, Office of Maintenance Controller, 58th Bomb Wing, APO 247, dtd 2 June 45
7/ Par 9 SO #39, Hqs, 58th Bomb Wing, dtd 28 May 1945



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SUPPLY SQUADRON
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CARSWELL AIR FORCE BASE
Fort Worth, Texas

5 February 1948

History of 578th Air Materiel Squadron from 1 July 1944
to 20 November 1947

1. 578th Air Materiel Squadron activated at APO 493 C/O Postmaster, New York, New York 1 July 1944 per Par 1d, General Orders #13, Headquarters AX, BC, dated 1 July 1944.

2. Redesignated 578th Air Materiel Squadron at the time 25th Service Group was redesignated 25th Air Service Group. This policy was adopted to distinguish difference between Air Force and Ground Force Service Forces.

3. The 578th Air Materiel Squadron departed APO 493 by Government Vehicles 0200 25 February 1945 for new station. Arrived Kharagpur, India 0245, entrained at 0300. Departed at 0400 arriving at Calcutta, India 0800. Embarked USS General CG Morton (AP-138) 1200, 25 February 1945.

4. Arrived Melbourne Australia 1800 18 March 1945, departed at 0730 20 March 1945.

5. Arrived at Manus Islands of the Admiralty Group 0800 27 March 1945 departing 0900 30 March 1945.

6. Arrived Llithi Island in Carolina Group 1900 1 April 1945, departed 1300 2 April 1945.

7. Disembarked USS General CG Morton (AP-138) at Tinian Island, Marianna Group 1200 4 April 1945.

8. After completing 39 days enroute from Calcutta, India to Tinian Islands on board US General CG Morton (AP-138) 578th Air Materiel Squadron started establishing Camp site in new area 5 April 1945.

9. Squadron deleted of personnel at March Field, California 21 January 1946, Auth: Ltr WD AGO BC 32012 dated 7 November 1945, Subject: Deleting specified personnel from strength accountability.

10. 578th Air Materiel Squadron was reactivated at March Field, California 31 January 1946 per Par 6, Special Order 1, Headquarters 25th Air Service Group, March Field, California, dated 29 January 1946.

11. Unit transferred to 2nd Air Force without change of station effective 2359 hours 29 March 1946, in compliance with Section II, Special order #32 Headquarters 4th Air Force.



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12. Departed March Field, California 8 May 1946 for new station Davis Monthan, Field, Tucson, Arizona, arriving 9 May 1946. Air movement, permanent change of station per General Order #4, 25th Air Service Group, dated 8 May 1946 & Letter Headquarters 15th Air Force A-3 370.5 Subject: Movement orders dated 4 May 1946.

13. All personnel transferred and departed from 578th Air Materiel Squadron. No personnel assigned, attached unassigned or attached effective 2359 20 September 1946.

14. Transferred to FWAAFld, Fort Worth, Texas and assigned to 7th Bombardment Group, per Sec II General Order 75, Headquarters, 15th Air Force. Upon inactivation of 637 Air Materiel Squadron all personnel assigned to 578th Air Materiel Squadron.

15. 578th Air Materiel Squadron inactivated at FWAAFld, Fort Worth, Texas effective 19 November 1947 per Sec II Par 1 General Order 15, Headquarters FWAAFld, dated 15 November 1947. No personnel assigned or attached effective 0001 19 November 1947.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

JAMIE R. STRICKLAND
1st Lt., USAF
Adjutant



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7. Disembarked USS General CG Morton (AP-138) at Tinian Island, Marianna Group 1200 4 April 1945.

8. After completing 39 days enroute from Calcutta, India to Tinian Islands on board US General CG Morton (AP-138) 578th Air Materiel Squadron started establishing Camp site in new area 5 April 1945.

9. Squadron deleted of personnel at March Field, California 21 January 1946, Auth: Ltr WD AGO BC 32012 dated 7 November 1945, Subject: Deleting specified personnel from strength accountability.

10. 578th Air Materiel Squadron was reactivated at March Field, California 31 January 1946 per Par 6, Special Order 1, Headquarters 25th Air Service Group, March Field, California, dated 29 January 1946.

11. Unit transferred to 2nd Air Force without change of station effective 2359 hours 29 March 1946, in compliance with Section II, Special order #32 Headquarters 4th Air Force.

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12. Departed March Field, California 8 May 1946 for new station Davis Monthan, Field, Tucson, Arizona, arriving 9 May 1946. Air movement, permanent change of station per General Order #4, 25th Air Service Group, dated 8 May 1946 & Letter Headquarters 15th Air Force A-3 370.5 Subject: Movement orders dated 4 May 1946.

13. All personnel transferred and departed from 578th Air Materiel Squadron. No personnel assigned, attached unassigned or attached effective 2359 20 September 1946.

14. Transferred to FWAAFld, Fort Worth, Texas and assigned to 7th Bombardment Group, per Sec II General Order 75, Headquarters, 15th Air Force. Upon inactivation of 637 Air Materiel Squadron all personnel assigned to 578th Air Materiel Squadron.

15. 578th Air Materiel Squadron inactivated at FWAAFld, Fort Worth, Texas effective 19 November 1947 per Sec II Par 1 General Order 15, Headquarters FWAAFld, dated 15 November 1947. No personnel assigned or attached effective 0001 19 November 1947.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

RAZZIE R. STRICKLAND
1st Lt., USAF
Adjutant

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578TH AIR MATERIEL SQUADRON
7TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP, VERY HEAVY
FORT WORTH ARMY AIR FIELD
Fort Worth, Texas

10 November 1947

SUBJECT: Unit History (October 1947)

TO : Historical Officer
Fort Worth Army Air Field
Fort Worth, Texas

A. CURRENT ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION:

1. Lt Col Melvin V. Engstrom, now temporary duty with A-5 Division Headquarters Strategic Air Command, Washington, D. C., for thirty days, temporary duty extended for indefinite period.

2. Major Jay W. Stansbury assigned and assumed command vice Lt Col Melvin V. Engstrom relieved.

3. Major Earle F. Gray, Jr., acting Commanding Officer was relieved of duty upon Major Jay W. Stansbury being assigned.

4. 2nd Lt Robert E. Gerlach Assistant Sales Commissary Officer was assigned duty as Sales Commissary Officer vice 1st Lt Kline relieved.

5. 2nd Lt Robert E. Gerlach was promoted to First Lt with date of rank 26 September 1947.

6. First Lt Charles E. McMhirk, Squadron Adjutant was transferred to 27th Fighter Wing, Kearney Army Air Field, Kearney, Nebraska.

7. First Lt Robert A. Galvan Assistant Salvage and Property Disposal Officer was placed on Detached Service at Kelly Field, Texas for purpose of attending Salvage School.

8. Captain Van C. Burnett Laundry Officer and Salvage and Property Disposal Officer assumed additional duty of Squadron Adjutant.



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9. Four (4) Enlisted Men reenlisted from a civilian status all for three (3) years and were assigned this organization. Thirteen (13) Enlisted Men were transferred to other organizations and thirty (30) Enlisted Men were transferred in from other organizations.

10. An almost complete change in Supervisory Personnel has been made in the Station Supply Office during the month of October. Major Jay M. Stansbury has relieved Major Earle F. Gray, Jr., who is separating from the service, of his duties as Station Supply Officer; Master Sergeant Edmond R. Edmonds has replaced Mr. Carrington as Chief Clerk; Mr. Stewart who was in charge of the requirements Section, is now Chief of Property Accounting, replacing Mr. R. A. Smith, who resigned; Master Sergeant Cuvia B. Tracy took over the supervision of the Requirements Branch; Master Sergeant Teddie G. Ashmore is now in charge of the Inspection and Inventory Section and Master Sergeant Raymond M. Beamer is Supervisor of the Voucher Section.

11. An Internal Audit Section has been set up, consisting of three (3) civilians, to screen all vouchers for completeness and authenticity to filing in permanent file.

12. Two (2) civilian employees were monitored out by permanent personnel and two (2) resigned during the month. A request has been made to the civilian personnel Office for a clerk typist for the Purchasing and Contracting Office, due to the heavy work load existing in that section.

13. The missions and functions of this Squadron, remains essentially the same.

14. This organization was inspected by the Air Inspectors Office this month. An excellent rating was received.



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B. PERSONNEL:

1. The morale of this Squadron is excellent.

2. The Squadron Day Room continues to supply all available facilities for the rest and recreation of the men. Plans are being formulated for a Squadron Touch Football team, also a Basket Ball Team.

C. SUPPLY AND EQUIPMENT:

1. Factors Impeding the Overall Operation of Supply.

a. Considerable overtime work has been required by Supply Personnel to meet the deadline date of 1 November to complete inventory and have it posted so that the Auditor may begin the audit 10 November. It is anticipated that this audit and the transfer of accountability will be made concurrently. In other words, an additional audit will not be required because of the change of accountable officers, in addition to the periodic audit.

b. A meeting was held of Squadron Commanders, personal equipment officers, tech supply officers and Squadron supply officers relative to the meeting at Eighth Air Force on the 55 Group Plan, which completely alters previous instructions. It was necessary for a crew of personnel to remain on duty over a week-end to complete requisition action for squadron TO&E and Unit Essential Equipment requirements, in order to meet the deadline established for the completion of this project.

2. Factors Assisting the Unit in Accomplishing it's Mission.

a. Personnel from San Antonio General Distribution Depot visited this office for the purpose of inspecting the signal stock record cards and assisting personnel with any problems pertaining to the Signal Account.

b. The Commissary & Sales Unit received a TWX from Headquarters, Eighth Air Force, 6 Oct 47, quoting a TWX from the War Department, directing adjustments in troop menus. It is estimated that the following savings will



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result from the reductions listed in this directive during the month of October: Bread, 2324 lbs; Cereal, Wheat uncooked, 58 lbs; Cereal, Whole Wheat, 96 lbs; Flour, hard wheat, 2000 lbs; Butter, 100 lbs; Lard or Lard substitute, 300 lbs and 5705 lbs of meat.

c. The shipment of lumber was received, which will enable the packing and crating unit to process a backlog of large items for shipment.

d. The Purchasing and Contracting Office is practically up on the backlog work, due to the assignment of additional personnel. It is expected that with the present force to maintain a schedule of processing all requisitions the same day they are received.

e. Three Laundry Contracts with Superior Laundry were cancelled, since Government owned laundry facilities are now available at Camp Hood, Texas, for use by this station. Details have been completed to initiate this service in November. A meeting was held 30 October of all Squadron Supply Officers and Supply Sergeants to explain all procedures for the new service.

3. Factors Affecting Operation:

a. Mr. Branch Lipscomb, Liaison Coordinator from SAAMA, has visited this office for the purpose of checking all phases of supply, during the week of 17 October.

b. Approximately 2 tons of educational property was donated to the Fort Worth Technical Institute, with approval of Strategic Air Command.

c. A carload of waste paper, consisting of slightly over 20 tons, was shipped to the Contractor by the Salvage Unit. A net of $511.00 was received for this material. Two small lot sales were completed, and a net of $2,167.51 was turned over to the Finance Officer.



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d. The Warehouse Unit was charged with the receipt of 6338 pieces of freight, totalling 931,523 lbs. Pilot pickup, 2426 pieces, totalling 230,539 lbs; Mail and Express, 796 pieces totalling 10,177 lbs; Commercial Freight 3116 pieces, totalling 690,807 lbs; Outgoing Freight amounted to 177,474 lbs; 43 tank cars and 22 tank trucks containing 507,935 gallons of 100 octane gasoline was received; 2 tank cars of JP-1 fuel were received amounting to 19,939 gallons; 5 tank cars of 91 octane gasoline were received amounting to 23,328 gallons. No 1120 weight oil was received.

D. MAINTENANCE:

This Squadron does not have any maintenance problems as they are all under the Supervision of the Base Unit.

E. TRAINING:

The Squadron OJT Program is continuing; however it is hampered considerably by the lack of fully qualified personnel in the Squadron to instruct OJT Personnel. All available personnel are being utilized to the utmost.

F. STRENGTH:

1. The Morning Report strength as of 1 October 1947 was as follows:

| | Assigned | Attached |
|---|---|---|
| Officers | 9 | 3 |
| Warrant Officers | 0 | 0 |
| Enlisted Men | 197 | 8 |
| Civilians | 74 | 0 |

2. The Morning Report strength as of 31 October 1947 was as follows:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Officers | 9 | 3 |
| Warrant Officers | 0 | 0 |
| Enlisted Men | 214 | 8 |
| Civilians | 74 | 0 |

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

VAN C. BURNETT
Capt, Air Corps
Adjutant.



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STATION SUPPLY OFFICE
FORT WORTH ARMY AIR FIELD
FORT WORTH, TEXAS

7 November 1947

SUBJECT: Historical Report of Supply Division for Month of October

TO : Commanding Officer
578th AMS, FWAAFld
Fort Worth, Texas

1. Subject report is submitted as follows:

a. Changes in Policy or Administration.

(1) An almost complete change in supervisory personnel has been made in the Supply Office during the month of October. Major Jay W. Stansbury has relieved Major Earle F. Gray, Jr, who is separating from the service, of his duties as Station Supply Officer; M/Sgt Edmonds has replaced Mr. Carrington as Chief Clerk; Mr. Stewart, who formerly was in charge of the Requirements Section, is now Chief of Property Accounting, replacing Mr. R. A. Smith, who resigned; M/ Sgt Tracy took over the supervision of the Requirements Branch; M/Sgt Ashcraft is now in charge of the Inspection & Inventory Section and M/Sgt Beamer is supervisor of the Voucher Section.

(2) An Internal Audit Section has been set up, consisting of 3 civilians, to screen all vouchers for completeness and authenticity prior to filing in permanent file.

b. Factors Impeding the Overall Operation of Supply.

(1) Considerable overtime work has been required by Supply personnel to meet the deadline date of 1 November to complete inventory and have it posted so that the Auditor may begin the audit 10 November. It is anticipated that this audit and the transfer of accountability will be made concurrently. In other words, an additional audit will not be required because of the change of accountable officers, in addition to the periodic audit.

(2) A meeting was held of squadron commanders, personal equipment officers, tech supply officers and squadron supply officers relative to the meeting at Eighth Air Force on the 55 Group Plan, which completely alters previous instructions. It was necessary for a crew



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(3) A carload of waste paper, consisting of slightly over 20 tons, was shipped to the Contractor by the Salvage Unit. A net of $511.00 was received for this material. Two Small Lot Sales were completed, and a net of $2,167.51 was turned over to the Finance Officer.

(4) The Warehouse Unit was charged with the receipt of 6338 pieces of freight, totalling 931,523 lbs. Pilot pickup, 2426 pieces, totalling 230,539 lbs; Mail and Express, 796 pieces totalling 10,177 lbs; Commercial Freight 3116 pieces, totalling 690,807 lbs; Outgoing Freight amounted to 177,474 lbs; 43 tank cars and 22 tank trucks containing 507,935 gallons of 100 octane gasoline were received; 2 tank cars of JP-1 fuel were received amounting to 19,939 gallons; 5 tank cars of 91 Octane Gasoline were received, amounting to 23,328 gallons. No 1120 weight oil was received.

F. O. Personnel.

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(1) Lt Gilmore has replaced Lt. Wood as Purchasing & Contracting Officer.

(2) Two civilian employees were monitored out by permament personnel and two resigned during the month. A request has been made to the Civilian Personnel Office for a clerk-typist for the Purchasing & Contracting Office, due to the heavy work load existing in that section.

(3) Lt Galvan, Ass't Salvage Officer, is attending a Salvage School in SAAMA.

(4) Personnel assigned at the end of September:

| Officers | EM (White) | EM (Colored) | Civilians |
|---|---|---|---|
| 7 - 1 Tdy | 175 | 43 | 74 |

Personnel assigned at the end of October:

| Officers | EM (White) | EM (Colored) | Civilians |
|---|---|---|---|
| 7 - 1 Tdy | 199 | 42 | 74 |

Earle F. Gray Jr

EARLE F. GRAY, JR
Major, Air Corps
Station Supply Officer



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of personnel to remain on duty over a weekend to complete requisition action for squadron TO&E and Unit Essential Equipment requirements, in order to meet the deadline established for the completion of this project.

2. Factors Assisting the Unit in Accomplishing it's Mission.

a. (1) Personnel from San Antonio General Distribution Depot visited this office for the purpose of inspecting the Signal stock record cards and assisting personnel with any problems pertaining to the Signal Account.

b. (2) The Commissary & Sales Unit received a TWX from Headquarters, Eighth Air Force, 6 Oct 47, quoting a TWX from the War Department, directing adjustments in troop menus. It is estimated that the following savings will result from the reductions listed in this directive during the month of October: Bread, 2324 Lbs; Cereal, wheat uncooked, 58 Lbs; Cereal, whole wheat, 96 Lbs; Flour, hard wheat, 2000 Lbs; Butter, 100 Lbs; Lard or Lard substitute, 300 Lbs and 5705 lbs of meat.

c. (3) The shipment of lumber was received, which will enable the packing and crating unit to process a backlog of large items for shipment.

d. (4) The Purchasing & Contracting Office is practically up on the backlog of work, due to the assignment of additional personnel. It is expected that with the present force to maintain a schedule of processing all requisitions the same day they are received.

e. (5) Three Laundry Contracts with Superior Laundry were canceled, since Government owned laundry facilities are now available at Camp Hood, Texas, for use by this station. Details have been completed to initiate this service in November. A meeting was held 30 October of all Squadron Supply Officers and Supply Sergeants to explain all procedures for the new Service.

3. Factors Affecting Operation.

a. (1) Mr. Branch Lipscomb, Liaison Coordinator from SAAMA, has visited this office for the purpose of checking all phases of supply, during the week of 17 October.

b. (2) Approximately 2 tons of educational property was donated to the Fort Worth Technical Institute, with approval of Strategic Air Command.



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578TH AIR MATERIEL SQUADRON
7TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP, VERY HEAVY
FORT WORTH ARMY AIR FIELD
Fort Worth, Texas

10 October 1947

SUBJECT: Unit History (September)

TO : Historical Officer
Fort Worth Army Air Field
Fort Worth, Texas

A. CURRENT ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION:

1. Colonel Alan D. Clark, Post Commander, with Major Earle F. Gray, Jr. Squadron Commander and Station Supply Officer inspected Squadron and Supply Area.

2. Captain Van C. Burnett assigned and assumed duty as Salvage and Property Disposal Officer.

3. Lieutenant Colonel Melvin V. Engstrom, Squadron Commanding Officer TDY approximately 30 days with A-5 Division Headquarters Strategic Air Command, Washington, D. C.

4. Major Earle F. Gray, Jr., Station Supply Officer, assumed Command vice Lieutenant Colonel Engstrom TDY.

5. This organization is making preparations for reorganization under the Hobson Plan. A roster of personnel filling the T/O and showing authorization, overages, shortages, and surplus was submitted to Base Headquarters. Personnel shown as surplus are not surplus to the needs of the Squadron in accomplishing its mission.

6. Six (6) EM reenlisted from a civilian status, all for three years, and were assigned this organization. Seven (7) EM were transferred to other organizations and twelve (12) EM were transferred in from other organizations.



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7. The mission and functions of this Squadron, remains essentially the same.

8. This organization was inspected by the Air Inspectors Office this month. An excellent rating was received.

B. PERSONNEL:

1. The morale of this Squadron is excellent.

2. The Squadron Dayroom continues to supply all available facilities for the rest and recreation of the men. Plans are being formulated for a Squadron Basket Ball team to become active when the season starts. It is contemplated that suitable uniforms will be purchased through the use of the Squadron Fund.

C. SUPPLY AND EQUIPMENT:

1. Changes in Policy or administration.

a. In order to attain a maximum of efficiency and utilization of both supervisory and operating personnel, the previous accounting structure has been abolished and this branch now operates under a completely new structural arrangement. An editing section has been established for the purpose of screening and reviewing all requisitions received for processing by the Supply Division and also acts as a liaison agency between the Station Supply Office and the using organizations. The requirements section has been established for the purpose of processing all requisitions to the depot, maintaining stock control procedures, preparation of correspondence and all miscellaneous accounting functions other than the actual recording or posting of issue and receiving documents. A posting section has been established for the purpose of posting all documents, affecting the accountable records.



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2. Factors impeding the overall operation of the Supply Division:

a. As a result of the current audit and in order to bring the Air Corps Account to a current and accurate status, a complete inventory of all accountable stock balances is in progress. A schedule has been prepared for AAF property classes for completion not later than 1 November 1947. This initial inventory will only cover serviceable balances on hand. Immediately upon completion, a complete inventory will be accomplished for the reparable and due on work order balances. A complete audit of all Memorandum Receipt balances will also be accomplished during this period. The period of 1 November through 15 November 1947 will be utilized for the purpose of bringing the reparable, memorandum receipt and due on work order columns into agreement. Both warehouse and inventory personnel will be used to accomplish this project.

3. Factors assisting the unit in accomplishing it's missions:

a. The difficulties encountered in completing construction of the officers club have been overcome by further negotiations with the contractor. Work is expected to be resumed some time between 5 October and 15 October. The delay is occasioned by the contractor having to furnish special hardware for the construction of the roof trusses.

b. Efforts have been made by the Salvage Officer to improve the laundry service for this field. The plant manager at the Superior Laundry has agreed to attempt to improve the quality of service. The Quartermaster Laundry at Camp Hood was visited in response to a letter from Headquarters, Fourth Army. Arrangements have been made to secure the services of the laundry at that installation.



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4. Factors affecting operation:

a. A further breakdown on the Unit Essential Equipment list has been made by giving the stock numbers and correct nomenclature of authorized items under the UEL. This project required considerable research of Technical Orders, Technical Manuals and Supply Catalogs, and was made up for the units throughout the Eighth Air Force in order that requisitions may be submitted in compliance with existing regulations by showing stock number, correct nomenclature, etc.

b. Personnel was sent to Roswell Army Air Field to obtain a list of all items applicable to C-54 type aircraft to be used by the 1st ATU, and the control level which Roswell has been keeping on these parts. This office is now in the process of making up cards and setting control levels accordingly.

c. Instructions have been received from Air Materiel Command that previous instructions concerning the transfer of all furniture from AAF to Quartermaster have been rescinded, and all furniture that had been transferred under those instructions will now be physically transferred back to the AAF from Quartermaster, and the AAF will retain control and issue responsibility.

d. As a result of the directive from Air Materiel Command, the disbandment of Classification 17-D has been discontinued and all kits listed in T.O. 0038-1 will be assembled prior to issue. A meeting was held of all Tech Supply Officers 17 September 1947 to discuss the procedure for accomplishing the reassembling of kits which had been previously broken down into component parts by this office and the using organizations. The supply officers were instructed to request all kits as a complete kit rather than components.



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All paper work covering the previously broken down kits will be returned to the organization and will remain charged to that organization as a complete kit. Stencils for the new packing list, to be attached to these kits, were furnished by this office. Any tools drawn as individual items will be handled in the same manner as any other memorandum receipt property. This office will assemble kits as required, and has requisitioned the necessary components to enable the assembling of a minimum of 100 each of various kits.

e. The sum of $2506.98 was returned to the Government thru Salvage activities, small lots sales, kindling, etc. Invitation to Bid, covering the sale of salvaged items, has been prepared and mailed to 153 prospective bidders. A new garbage system was initiated this past month, increasing the amount of waste paper being salvaged. The Technical Institute of Fort Worth picked up property that was approved for donation by Air Materiel Command. This property included 2 B-32 Mockups, 3 Cutaway Engines, 3 Power Plants, 1 Roughrounding Machine, 1 Trailer and various other items.

f. The 4116th Area Service Unit, Fourth Army Escort Detachment, Fort Worth, Texas, was assigned to this station for supply of their rations. Authority for this assignment has been made by Headquarters, Fourth Army, Fort Sam Houston, Texas

g. Two new display cases have been received by the Sales Commissary for meat and dairy products. These cases add considerably to the appearance of the store, as well as improving the service now being offered customers of the store.



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h. The Warehouse unit was charged with the receipt of 5599 pieces of freight totalling 504,869 Lbs; Pilot Pickup 1242 pieces, totalling 109,942 lbs; Mail and express, 645 lbs and commercial freight 3712 pieces, totalling 385,845 lbs. Outgoing freight amounted to 506,918 lbs. 73 tank cars of 100 octane gasoline was received , amounting to 608,610 gallons. 1 tank car of JP-1 fuel, amounting to 10,089 gallons: 2 tank cars of 91 octane gasoline, amounting to 9285 gallons.

D. MAINTENANCE:

a. This squadron does not have any maintenance problems as they are all handled under the supervision of the Base Unit.

E. TRAINING:

a. The squadron OJT Program is continuing; however, it is hampered considerably by the lack of fully qualified personnel in the squadron to instruct OJT Personnel. All available personnel are being utilized to the utmost.

F. STRENGTH:

1. The Morning Report strength as of 1 September 1947 was as follows:

| a. Officers | Authorized | Assigned |
|---|---|---|
| Lt. Col. | 1 | 1 |
| Major | 0 | 1 |
| Captain | 4 | 1 |
| 1st Lt. | 5 | 4 |
| 2nd Lt. | 0 | 1 |
| Warrant Officer | 1 | 0 |
| Total | 11 | 8 |

| b. Enlisted Men | | |
|---|---|---|
| M Sgt | 2 | 13 |
| T Sgt | 7 | 19 |
| 1 Sgt | 1 | 1 |
| S Sgt | 22 | 29 |
| Sgt | 72 | 39 |
| cpl | 101 | 42 |
| Pfc | 54 | 32 |
| Pvt | 53 | 7 |
| Total | 312 | 182 |



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2. The Morning Report Strength as of 30 September 1947 was as follows:

| a. Officers | Authorized | Assigned |
|---|---|---|
| Lt. Col. | 1 | 1 |
| Major | 0 | 1 |
| Captain | 4 | 2 |
| 1st Lt. | 5 | 4 |
| 2nd Lt. | 0 | 1 |
| Warrant Officer | 1 | 0 |
| Total | 11 | 9 |

| b. Enlisted Men | | |
|---|---|---|
| M Sgt | 2 | 15 |
| 1 Sgt | 1 | 1 |
| T Sgt | 7 | 19 |
| S Sgt | 22 | 35 |
| Sgt | 72 | 36 |
| Cpl | 101 | 46 |
| Pfc | 54 | 29 |
| Pvt | 53 | 12 |
| Total | 312 | 193 |

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

CHARLES E. McGHIRK
1st Lt., AC
Adjutant.



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STATION SUPPLY OFFICE
FORT WORTH ARMY AIR FIELD
FORT WORTH, TEXAS 8 October 1947

SUBJECT: Historical Report of Supply Division for Month of September.

TO : Commanding Officer
578th AMS, FWAAFld
Fort Worth, Texas

~~I. Subject report is submitted as follows:~~

a. Changes in Policy or Administration.

~~(1)~~ In order to attain a maximum of efficiency and utilization of both supervisory and operating personnel, the previous accounting structure has been abolished and this branch now operates under a completely new structural arrangement. An editing section has been established for the purpose of screening and reviewing all requisitions received for processing by the Supply Division and also acts as a liaison agency between the Station Supply Office and the using organizations. The requirements section has been established for the purpose of processing all requisitions to the depot, maintaining stock control procedures, preparation of correspondence and all miscellaneous accounting functions other than the actual recording or posting of issue and receiving documents. A posting section has been established for the purpose of posting all documents, affecting the accountable records.

b. Factors impeding the overall operation of the Supply Division.

~~(2)~~ As a result of the current audit and in order to bring the Air Corps Account to a current and accurate status, a complete inventory of all accountable stock balances is in progress. A schedule has been prepared for AAF property classes for completion not later than 1 November 1947. This initial inventory will only cover serviceable balances on hand. Immediately upon completion, a complete inventory will be accomplished for the reparable and due on work order balances. A complete audit of all Memorandum Receipt balances will also be accomplished during this period. The period of 1 November through 15 November 1947 will be utilized for the purpose of bringing the reparable, memorandum receipt and due on work order columns into agreement. Both warehouse and inventory personnel will be used to accomplish this project.

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576TH AIR MATERIEL SQUADRON
7TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP, (VH)
FORT WORTH ARMY AIR FIELD
Fort Worth, Texas

10 September 1947

SUBJECT: Unit History (August)

TO : Historical Officer
Fort Worth Army Air Field
Fort Worth, Texas

1. CURRENT ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION:

1. 1st Lt William H Wood Jr., assigned and assumed duty as Purchasing and Contracting Officer.

2. 1st Lt Robert A Calvan, assigned and assumed duty as Assistant Salvage and Property Disposal Officer.

3. 1st Lt Marvin W Gilmore Jr., assigned and assumed duty as Supply Officer General, and has taken over all Memorandum Receipt Property Accounts.

4. 1st Lt Roy C Hansen relieved from assignment and transferred to AAF CRD, Hamilton Field, California.

5. Capt Raymond J Burke, relieved from assignment and transferred to 1st Ordnance Squadron, (Aviation)

6. 1st Lt John J Siple relieved from assignment and transferred to 1st Ordnance Squadron. (Aviation)

7. Capt Millard E Morgan, relieved from assignment and transferred to 701st AAF BU, Hamilton Field, California.

8. Lt Col Marvin H Ahrens, relieved from assignment and duty as Deputy Squadron Commander, and transferred to Squadron "Z", 233rd AAF BU, this Station.

9. There were two requests for transfers to overseas during the Month of August. Eight (8) Enlisted Men reenlisted from a civilian status, all for three years, and were assigned this Organization during the Month. Thirty five (35) Enlisted Men were transferred to other Organizations, and nine (9) Enlisted Men transferred in from other Organizations.

10. The mission and functions of this Squadron, remains essentially the same as for previous Months.

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B. PERSONNEL

1. The shortage of personnel in the MOS's 405, 821, 815, 835 and 901 as reported in previous histories has not been alleviated.

2. The morale of the men of this Squadron was rather low during the first part of the month due to the clash between the Civilian and Military Personnel working in Base Supply. Military personnel resented having Civilian personnel placed over them. Taking orders from Civilians is generally disliked by most of the personnel, but from certain Civilian personnel, there was a definite resentment shown. This matter was taken up with both Military and Civilian personnel; Interviews were held, and this was made a special subject for orientation at which time reasons for the use of Civilian personnel were explained, pri es aired, and clarification made on a number of details. The clash and misunderstanding had lowered the morale of the men of this Squadron and had consequently lowered the efficiency of the Organization. The Orientation plus adjusting of descrepencies existing on the part of both Military and Civilian personnel, has greatly alleviated this undesirable condition and the morale of this Squadron has returned to it's previous Excellent Rating.

3. The Squadron Day Room continues to supply all available facilities for the rest and recreation of the men. Plans are being formulated for a Squadron Basketball team to become active when the season starts. It is contemplated that suitable uniforms will be purchased through the use of the Squadron fund.

C. SUPPLY AND EQUIPMENT:

1. Factors impeding the overall operation of the Supply Division

a. Difficulty is still being experienced in acquiring aviation fuel from suppliers. About 60% of the normal needs have been secured for the month of August from two contractors.

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D. MAINTENANCE:

This squadron does not have any maintenance problems as they are all handled under the supervision of the Base Unit.

E. TRAINING:

The squadron OJT Program is continuing; however it is hampered considerably by the lack of fully qualified personnel in the squadron to instruct OJT Personnel. All available personnel are being utilized to the utmost.

F. STRENGTH:

1. The Morning Report strength as of 1 August 1947 was as follows:

a. Officers:

| | Authorized | Assigned |
|---|---|---|
| Lt. Col. | 1 | 2 |
| Major | 0 | 1 |
| Captain | 4 | 3 |
| 1st Lt. | 5 | 5 |
| 2d Lt | 0 | 1 |
| Warrant Officer | \1 | 0 |
| Total | 11 | 12 |

b. Enlisted Men:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| M Sgt | 2 | 18 |
| 1st Sgt | 1 | 1 |
| T Sgt | 7 | 18 |
| S Sgt | 22 | 32 |
| Sgt | 72 | 38 |
| Cpl | 101 | 51 |
| Pfc | 54 | 38 |
| Pvt | 53 | 4 |
| Total | 312 | 200 |

2. The Morning Report strength as of 31 August 1947 was as follows:

a. Officers:

| | Authorized | Assigned |
|---|---|---|
| Lt Col | 1 | 1 |
| Major | 0 | 1 |
| Captain | 4 | 1 |
| 1st Lt | 5 | 4 |
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| Warrant Officer | 1 | 0 |
| Total | 11 | 8 |



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|---|---|---|
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| T Sgt | 7 | 19 |
| S Sgt | 22 | 24 |
| Sgt | 72 | 35 |
| Cpl | 101 | 42 |
| Pfc | 54 | 36 |
| Pvt | 53 | 7 |
| Total | 312 | 182 |

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

CHARLES E. MCGHEE
1st Lt, Air Corps
Adjutant



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STATION SUPPLY OFFICER
FORT WORTH ARMY AIR FIELD
FORT WORTH, TEXAS

S4S 8 Sep 1947

SUBJECT: Historical Report of Supply Division for Month of August 1947.

TO : COMMANDING OFFICER
578th Air Materiel Squadron
FWAAFLD

1. Subject report is submitted as follows:

C - SUPPLY AND EQUIPMENT.

a. Changes in Policy or Administration.

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Monthly History - Supply History (Cont'd)

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(3) Lt. Orvin W. Gilmore has assumed the MR accounts of Lt. Rome and Lt. Hansen, who have transferred from this Unit.

(4) Personnel assigned at the 1st of August were as follows:

| Officers | EM(White) | EM (Colored) | Civilians |
|---|---|---|---|
| 8 - 1 WAC | 163 | 42 | 73 |

Personnel assigned at present:

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|---|---|---|---|
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HARLE F. GRAY, JR
Major, Air Corps
Station Supply Officer

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FORT WORTH ARMY AIR FIELD
FORT WORTH, TEXAS

22 Jul 47

**EXTRACT**

17. The fol named Off Sq indicated, AC (W) are reld fr asgmt and dy thereto orgns this sta, Eighth Air Force (SAC) and are trfd to 70lst AAFBU Hamilton Fld, Calif Fourth Air Force (ADC) for asgmt to PROJ AACS Filter eff o/a 22 Aug 47, reptg thereat NLT 24 Sept 47 unless otherwise indicated, (Delays enroute as indicated) for TDY pending movement overseas for dy in temperate climate. SDCMR 26 Aug 47. MP TDN TOT TPA PAC 801-15 P 431-02 03 07 A 2180425 S 99-999. Auth: Ltr, Hq Eighth Air Force File AIOA 210.3, Subj: Project AACS Filter, dtd 27 Jun 47. Equipment will be secured at ORD. Automobiles, relatives, dependents, friends, or pets will neither accompany nor join Off at ORD. Immunization in accordance with MD Pamphlet 29-2 will be accomplished immediately. MD overseas destination of this movement even by shipping number as meaning thereof may later become known to correspondents. Class and Asgmt Off certifies that Prim and Ship SSN as indicated are correct:

| RANK, F MOS, NAME, ASN | S/ SN ASGD | S | MCO CAT&M | CUST CODE | RATED | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 30 Day delay enroute. | | | | | | |
| CAPT (9100)MORGAN, WILLARD B 0478377 | 2120 | 576 | AMS 99,942 | I | 200.06 | None |
| CAPT (9100)TROUTMAN, DUNCAN TP 0478647 | 2120 | 25 | BSS 27.054 | I | 200.05 | None |
| 1ST LT(4823)WIBKING, LOUIS F 0578675 | 4000 | Sq C | 05.801 | I | 200.06 | None |
| 12 Days Delay enroute 0471713 | | | | | | |
| MAJ(4010)VAN SWERINGEN, JOSEPH H/ | 4000 | Sq A | 01.010 | I | 200.09 | None |

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BY ORDER OF COLONEL RIDER:

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Major, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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s/W. A. McNEASE,
CWO, USA,
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FORT WORTH ARMY AIR FIELD
FORT WORTH, TEXAS

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31 July 1947 rmc

**EXTRACT**

27. 1st Lt (4320) WOOD, WILLIAM H. JR. 0700590 AC is reld fr asgmt Sq A, dy (4320) Purch & Contr Off and trfd to 578th AAF dy Purch & Contr Off (4320). EDCAF 1 Aug 47.

28. 1st Lt (1092) GALVAN, ROBERT A. 0672598 AC is reld fr asgmt Sq A, dy Asst Safy & Prop Disp Off (4600) OJT and is trfd to 578th Air Mat Sq, 7th Bomb Gp (VH) dy Asst Safy & Prop Disp Off (4600) OJT. EDCAF 1 Aug 47.

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BY ORDER OF COLONEL RADER:

T. F. MANION, JR.
Major, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

OFFICIAL:

/s/ W A McNease

W. A. MC NEASE,
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FOFBF-Finance Off will furn budget and fiscal Off this sta, cy of pd vou covering payment for this TDY.
URSVP-Upon return to proper sta vou for per diem will be submitted for payment within ten(10) days.
FN-following named
UCRPS-Upon compl of which to return to proper sta
APPROX-approximately
cc-Cost Code
fr-from
Reptg-reporting
crses-courses

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: Fort Worth, Texas
NUMBER 165 )

**EXTRACT**

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37. LT COL (2161) AHRENS, MARVIN H. 0403706, AC,578th Air Mat Sq, 7th Bomb Gp(VH), this sta, Eighth Air Force (SAC) is reld of asgmt and dy thereto and trfd to Sq Z, 233d AAF Base Unit w/dy(0001) pending separation. Auth: Sec IV, WD Cir 72, 1947, RR 1-1 and ltr TAGO, subj: "Relief from Active Duty," file AGPO-S-C 201-Ahrens, Marvin H, dtd 19 Aug 47. EDCMR 27 Aug 47.

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FORT WORTH ARMY AIR FIELD
Fort Worth, Texas

12 August 1947

**EXTRACT**

9. FN Off (W) are reld fr asgmt and dy Sqdns indicated this Sta, Eighth Air Force (SAC), eff o/a 13 Aug 47 and are trfd to 1st Ordnace Sq (Avn), Eighth Air Force (SAC), this sta. Officers will remain on Special Duty and perform duties with present organization for an indefinite period. No T involved. No delay enroute authorized. EDCMR 13 Aug 47. Auth: Eighth Air Force TWX A10A dtd 5 Jul 47.

| RANK | FMOS | NAME, ASN | S | OS | O/S | MO | A/D | CAT | SHIPPING | SSN |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| CAPT | (4532) | BURGHEIM, WILLIAM D. 01554870 | ORD | Hq 7BG | Yes | 3 | 2/3 mo | 21 | Jul 47 | 83 I 453 |
| 1st Lt | (0141) | GRAY, CHARLES D. 0864811 | AC | 436 BS | Yes | 19-Jul | 45 | 59 | I | 014 |
| 1st Lt | (4532) | ROME, BERNARD M. 01554964 | ORD | 436 BS | Yes | 23 Nov | 45 | 77 | I | 453 |
| 1st Lt | (4532) | SIPLE, JOHN J. 01552176 | ORD | 578 AMS | Yes | 35-Mar | 46 | 64½ | I | 453 |
| CAPT | (0141) | MAHONEY, JERRY J. 0917833 | AC | Hq 7BG | Yes | None | 80 | | I | 014 |
| CAPT | (4514) | BURKE, RAYMOND J. 0455954 | ORD | 578 AMS | Yes | 53-Dec | 46 | 83 | I | 451 |
| 1st Lt | (4805) | GLEISBERG, WILLIAM R. 01553999 | ORD | 35 AES | 22-15 | Nov | 45 | 83 | I | 453 |
| 1st Lt | (4822) | OTTO, OSWIN R. 0857719 | AC | Hq 7BG | Yes | None | 54½ | | I | 453 |

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FORT WORTH ARMY AIR FIELD
FORT WORTH, TEXAS

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6 August 1947

**EXTRACT**

4. 1ST LT (1024) GILMORE, ERWIN W. J., 0672602 AC is reld asgmt 25th Base Service Sq, 7th Bomb Group (VH) dy Asst Mess Off Gen Mess (4110) OJT and trfd to 578th Air Material Sq, 7th Bomb Group (VH) this sta dy Supp Off Gen (4000) OJT. EXCH 7 Aug 47.

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578TH AIR MATERIEL SQUADRON
7TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP, VERY HEAVY
FORT WORTH ARMY AIR FIELD
Fort Worth, Texas

10 August 1947

SUBJECT: Unit History (July)

TO : Historical Officer
Fort Worth Army Air Field
Fort Worth, Texas

A. CURRENT ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION:

1. Lieutenant Colonel MELVIN V. ENGSTROM assigned and assumed duty as Squadron Commander.

2. Lieutenant Colonel MARVIN H. AHRENS relieved duty as Squadron Commander and assumed duty as Deputy Commander.

3. Major JOHN W. GREEN relieved from assignment and transferred to Headquarters, 7th Bombardment Group, This Station.

4. Captain ROY L. GEDEBORG relieved from assignment and transferred to El Paso, U. S. Army Recruiting District.

5. Captain EVERETT W. STEINER assigned and assumed duty as Stock Control Officer, with additional duty as assistant Station Supply Officer.

6. First Lieutenant BERNARD M. ROME relieved from assignment and transferred to 7th Bombardment Group, This Station.

7. Second Lieutenant ROBERT E. GERLACH assigned and assumed duty as Assistant Commissary Sales Officer.

8. There were far less requests for transfers to overseas and other organizations during the month of July than there were for the month of June. Nineteen (19) Enlisted Men reenlisted from a civilian status, all for three (3) years were assigned this organization during the month. Thirty one (31) Enlisted Men were transferred to other organizations and four (4) Enlisted Men transferred in from other organizations.

9. The mission and functions of this Squadron remained essentially the same as for previous months.

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B. PERSONNEL:

1. The shortage of personnel in the MOS 405, 821, 815, 835, and 901 as reported in previous histories has not been alleviated. Word has been received that our critical personnel shortage is going to be greatly enlarged by a shipment of a large number of Supply Personnel to Kearney Army Air Field Kearney, Nebraska. Such a move will greatly hamper the efficiency of our entire function and will consequently hurt the entire base.

2. The morale of the men in this squadron is excellent.

C. SUPPLY AND EQUIPMENT:

1. Changes in Policy or Administration.

No major changes in policy or administration were made during the month of July.

2. Factors impeding the overall operation of the Supply Division

a. Information was received from Hq SAC to the effect that the Petroleum Industry was going to be able to furnish only 35% of AAF requirements on aviation fuel. Due to the inability of the supplier to furnish fuel, a new contract was changed to new suppliers on a restricted delivery basis. Humble Oil and Refining Company was authorized to furnish 70,000 gallons for the month of August and Cities Service Oil Company , Lake Charles, La., was authorized to furnish 340,000 gallons for the month of August, making a total of 410,000 gallons allocated to this station for August. From all information available at the present time, this amount will be the total quantity authorized for the month, and represents approximately 65% of normal monthly requirements during the past 6 months period.

3. Factors assisting the unit in accomplishing its mission.

a. Truck transportation was arranged between this station and Roswell AAFld for the purpose of transporting Bomb Bay fuel tanks, which now gives a quantity on hand sufficient to install 2 tanks for each B-29 in the 7th Bomb Group.

b. Work is in progress in QM Warehouse No 5 during the month installing AAF type bins. All clothing and supplies stored in the building are in the process of being transferred from the old bins, which are being disassembled, to the new AAF type bins. This change will allow a greater utilization of space in the building, make a neater appearance of arrangements and furnish greater accessibility to items stored in that building.

c. Station Supply has been alloted a space approximately 30 feet wide across the center of the Brown hanger to store items of bulk storage. The balance of the large items of bulk storage will be stored in the reclamation yard and covered with tarpaulins.

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4. Factors affecting operation

a. A long distance call was made to SAAMA in an effort to obtain the quickest possible delivery on 5 F1A Trailer Refueling Units to replace like unservicable items at the station. A delivery date of 15 August was promised by the Depot on these items. 3 calls were made to Kelly Field in regard to LA122 Manifold Assy to complete Tech Order Compliance by the Maintenance Section.

b. The Salvage Unit was audited and the outcome of this audit was considered satisfactory, since only minor discrepancies in posting were noted. These discrepancies were corrected at the time of audit. A small lot sale was held and a net of $1, 500,00 was returned for the materials sold. 178 lots were advertised, 11 lots of which were withdrawn because bids received were considered too low, and 30 lots received no bids. These lots will be readvertised at a later date.

c. Instructions were received from AMC to the effect that all work in the disassembly of 17-D kits would be stopped and all kits disassembled under previous instructions would be reassembled. Due to the large number of man hours used in the disassembly of these kits and the accounting processes, a UR was written on the new regulation and a request for a waiver of the instructions contained in the regulation was submitted to AMC for consideration.

d. All OQ-3 Target Planes and accessories are being shipped to Davis Monthan Field, Tucson, Arizona, by commercial freight. Kelly Field was contacted by telephone in regard to arrangement for pilot pickup of multilith supplies for use of Hq, Eighth Air Force.

e. A meeting was held in the Station Supply Office, 15 July 1947 of all Tech Supply Officers and NCOICs, for the purpose of discussing the progress of the new reparable turn-in procedure that has been recently placed into effect at this station.

f. The storage area between the 2 Air Corps Supply Warehouses has been eliminated. All property that was stored in this area is either stored in the storage tents or in the storage area adjoining the reclamation Yard. The different classes stored in the storage tents are now identified by signs on the outside of these tents. These signs are made so that the class can be readilly changed in case the property is moved from one location to another.

g. In the Purchasing and Contracting Section 8 additional contracts have been awarded on installation of power circuit, resealing joints in Air Field Pavement, surfacing of street intersection radii, resealing runway shoulders, air conditioning buildings and for an addition to the Officers Club.

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h. The warehousing unit was charged with the receipt of 3328 pieces of freight aggregating a total of 783,950 lbs. Pilot pickup, 116,280 lbs, mail and express 16,335 lbs and commercial freight amounted to 651,335 lbs. Outgoing freight amounted to 251,363 lbs, 21 cars of 100 Octane Fuel, totaling 207,246 gallons, 1 car of 1120 aviation oil, totaling 9487 gallons. No JP-1 fuel or 73 octane fuel were received the past month.

i. The Squadron Supply is functioning smoothly and efficiently. A work order for needed additional shelving has been submitted.

D. MAINTENANCE:

1. This Squadron does not have any maintenance problems as they are all handled and supervised by the Base Unit.

E. TRAINING:

1. The Squadron OJT Program is continuing; however, it is hampered considerably by lack of fully qualified personnel in the Squadron to instruct OJT personnel. All available personnel are being utilized to the utmost.

F. STRENGTH:

1. a The Morning Report Strength as of 1 July 1947 was as follows:

| | AUTHORIZED | ASSIGNED |
|---|---|---|
| Officers | 10 | 10 |
| Warrant Officers | 1 | 0 |
| Enlisted Men | 312 | 219 |

b. The Morning Report Strength as of 31 July 1947 was as follows:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Officers | 10 | 8 |
| Warrant Officer | 1 | 0 |
| Enlisted Men | 312 | 201 |

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

CHARLES E. McWHIRK
1st Lt., Air Corps
Adjutant.

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578TH AIR MATERIEL SQUADRON
7TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP, VERY HEAVY
FORT WORTH ARMY AIR FIELD
Fort Worth, Texas

10 July 47

SUBJECT: Unit History (June)

TO: Historical Officer
Fort Worth Army Air Field
Fort Worth, Texas

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A. CURRENT ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION:

1. There were no key personnel changes for the month of June 1947.

2. There were far less requests for transfers to overseas and other organizations during the month of June than there were for the month of May. The descrepancies in records of men transferring into this Squadron during the month of June were mostly in WD AGO Forms #20 Qualification Card. Ten men reenlisted from a Civilian Status, all for three (3) years were assigned this organization during the month. Four (4) men were discharged and did not reenlist. Fourteen (14) men were transferred to other organizations and eight (8) men transferred in from other organizations.

3. The missions and functions of this Squadron remained essentially the same as for previous months.

B. PERSONNEL:

1. This Squadron is still suffering a definite shortage of clerk-typists (405's). Considerable OJT is necessary for the 405's assigned to this Squadron at the present time before they are fully qualified: The 405's were not adequately trained in the schools which they attended. The shortage of personnel in the MOS's 821, 835, 815 and 901 as reported in previous histories has not been alleviated.

2. The morale of the men of this squadron is excellent.

C. SUPPLY AND EQUIPMENT:

1. The supply problems of Air Corps Supply are many and varied. The greatest problem in Air Corps, Quartermaster, and Ordnance Supply at present is shortage of manpower with which to work.

2. The Squadron Supply is functioning smoothly and efficiently.

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D. MAINTENANCE:

1. This Squadron does not have any maintenance problems as they are all handled and supervised by the Base Unit.

E. TRAINING:

1. This Squadron is acutely aware of the necessity for a training program: The men are responding excellently to OJT, which is stressed in all fields. Competent instructors are ever alert to train men in catagories most needed. The dormancy of this program is largely due to the fact that the trained men have not had the proper material to work with on this program.

F. FACILITIES:

1. An additional pool table has been located for the Squadron Day Room which will relieve the congestion on the present table. This table is now in the process of being set up by Squadron personnel. Payment for materials for the new pool table plus a donation requested from the Unit Fund for buying baseball uniforms for the Post Team will bring the total of money in the Fund down to zero. It is hoped that a dividend will alleviate this condition, but the outlook for the desired dividend does not appear favorable.

G. STRENGTH:

1. a. The Morning Report Strength as of 1 June 1947 was as follows:

| | AUTHORIZED | ASSIGNED |
|---|---|---|
| OFFICERS | 10 | 10 |
| WARRANT OFFICERS | 1 | 0 |
| ENLISTED PERSONNEL | 312 | 217 |

b. The morning Report Strength as of 31 June 1947 was as follows:

| | AUTHORIZED | ASSIGNED |
|---|---|---|
| OFFICERS | 10 | 10 |
| WARRANT OFFICERS | 1 | 0 |
| ENLISTED PERSONNEL | 312 | 217 |

FOR THE CO MANDING OFFICER:

CHARLES E. McWHIRK,
1st Lt., AIr Corps
Adjutant.

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578TH AIR MATERIEL SQUADRON
7TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP, VERY HEAVY
FORT WORTH ARMY AIR FIELD
Fort Worth, Texas

10 June 47

SUBJECT: Unit History (May)

TO: Historical Officer
Fort Worth Army Air Field
Fort Worth, Texas

A. CURRENT ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION:

1. There were no key personnel changes for the month of May, 1947.

2. Administrative traffic was rather heavy during the month. There were a number of requests for transfer overseas. The greater percentage of men requesting transfer were called for overseas shipment during the month. It is noted that men transferring into the Squadron very often have a large number of discrepancies in their records which must be corrected. Two men were given assistance in applying for hardship discharge.

3. The missions & functions of this Squadron remained essentially the same as for previous months.

B. PERSONNEL:

1. This Squadron is still suffering a definite shortage of clerk-typists (405's). Considerable OJT is necessary for the 405's assigned to this Squadron at the present time before they are fully qualified: The 405's were not adequately trained in the schools which they attended. The shortage of personnel in the MOS's 821, 835, 815, and 901 as reported in previous histories has not been alleviated.

2. Several men were sent on mandatory ORD Shipments. Most of these men were performing jobs in MOS's critical to this Squadron, as seems to be the case in most mandatory shipments.

C. SUPPLY AND EQUIPMENT:

1. The supply problems of Air Corps Supply are many and varied. The greatest problem in Air Corps, Quartermaster, and Ordnance Supply at present is shortage of manpower with which to work.

2. In the previous months this Squadron has experienced difficulty in procuring recreational equipment, and this failure was a definite detriment to morale. Recently, ample baseball & softball equipment have been obtained and men of this Squadron have shown an immediate interest in both games.

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3. The Squadron Supply is functioning smoothly and efficiently.

4. Since the Squadron has procured these added recreational facilities, the morals of the men has shown a marked improvement.

D. MAINTENANCE:

1. This Squadron does not have any maintenance problems as they are all handled and supervised by the Base Unit.

E. TRAINING:

1. This Squadron is acutely aware of the necessity for a training program: The men are responding excellently to OJT, which is stressed in all Fields. Competent instructors are ever alert to train men in catagories most needed. The dormancy of this program is largely due to the fact that the trained men have not had the proper material to work with on this program.

F. FACILITIES:

1. An additional pool table has been located for the Squadron Day Room which will relieve the congestion on the present table. This table is now in the process of being set up by Squadron personnel. Payment for materials for the new pool table plus a donation requested from the Unit Fund for buying baseball uniforms for the Post Team will bring the total of money in the Fund down to Zero. It is hoped that a dividend will alleviate this condition, but the outlook for the desired dividend does not appear favorable.

G. STRENGTH:

1. a-The morning report strength as of 1 May 1947 was as follows:

| | AUTHORIZED | ASSIGNED |
|---|---|---|
| OFFICERS | 10 | 10 |
| WARRANT OFFICERS | 1 | 0 |
| ENLISTED PERSONNEL | 312 | 224 |

b. The morning report strength as of 31 May 1947 was as follows:

| | AUTHORIZED | ASSIGNED |
|---|---|---|
| OFFICERS | 10 | 10 |
| WARRANT OFFICERS | 1 | 0 |
| ENLISTED PERSONNEL | 312 | 217 |

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

CHARLES E McWHIRK
1st Lt, Air Corps
Adjutant

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578TH AIR MATERIEL SQUADRON
7TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP, VERY HEAVY
FORT WORTH ARMY AIR FIELD
FORT WORTH, TEXAS

14 May 47

SUBJECT: Unit History (April)

TO : Historical Officer

A. CURRENT ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION

1. There were no key personnel changes for the month of April, 1947.

2. Administrative traffic was rather heavy during the month. There were a number of requests for transfer overseas. The greater percentage of men requesting transfer were called for overseas shipment during the month. Eight men were transferred to the Provisional Guard Squadron on this station. A continuous screening of records, (form 20,24 and 24a) is now in progress in an endeavor to bring all Squadron records up to date in every detail. It is noted that men transferring into the Squadron very often have a large number of descrepencies in their records which must be corrected. A few men were given assistance in applying for hardship dependency discharge.

3. The mission of the Squadron by the TO&E is to supply the 7th Bombardment Group. However, the actual function of the Squadron is to operate Supply (Air Corps, Quartermaster and Ordnance), the Commissary (sales store and issue warehouses) and the Ordnance ammunition section. The number of men assigned to this Squadron for the operation of the above named functions is entirely inadequate. The loss of men working out of the Squadron Squadron functions and the gain of men working for this Squadron that were assigned to other Squadrons, although the change resulted in a slight loss in our overall strength has been of considerable benefit from administrative standpoint.

B. PERSONNEL:

1. Some personnel were put on TDY to various schools and some returned from schools. Most personnel attending schools are taking courses that will graduate them with an MOS unauthorized in this Squadron, necessitating transfer of these men to Squadrons where their MOS can be utilized. With the Squadron so greatly understrengthed, loss of these men is very undesirable.

2. Several men were sent on mandatory ORD shipments.

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Most of these men were performing critical jobs in this Squadron, as seems to be the case in most mandatory shipments.

3. The great shortage of MOS's 835,821,405,055 and 001 is greatly undermining every function of this Squadron. This condition was reported in detail in the Unit History for March 1947 and exists now in an even greater degree.

C. SUPPLY AND EQUIPMENT:

1. The greatest problems in Base Supply at present is the shortage of personnel. Descrepencies are continually found on inspections but rather than making progress, we are falling behind in some sections due to the fact that is impossible to make headway with the limited amount of personnel assigned. The Squadron is steadily losing men and each loss has a very definate effect on the efficiency of the supply function. It is felt that all sections of supply have done an exceptionally admirable job with the limited amount of personnel assigned. The greatest shortage in supply is in the MOS's 405,055,835 and 821. Men with any MOS can be trained in these MOS's through the Squadron OJT program if arrangments could be made to have the bodies assigned.

2. In Squadron Supply, difficulty is encountered in procuring collar insignia and Cpl And Sgt chevrons. The Squadron Supply is functioning smoothly and efficiently even though this Organization has the added duty of supplying the Headquarters Squadron, 7th Bomb Group.

D. MAINTENANCE:

This Squadron does not have any maintenance functions.

E. TRAINING:

1. The OJT program is continuing very satisfactorily with all men being awarded the MOS their job calls for as soon as they are sufficiently qualified.

F. FACILITIES:

1. The Squadron Day Room is now completed and has raised the morale of the men considerably. It is believed to be the best Day Room on the Base, the building having been completely repainted, and the floors sanded and varnished. Almost every man in the Squadron helped in the redecoration at various times and therefore proper care of the building and facilities should present no problem. A radio and soft drink machine have not as yet been obtained, but is hoped this situation can be remedied in the near future.

2. Considerable work has been done on the Squadron area and is still in progress. Lack of lumber is one of the major problems. New walks, to replace the unsafe and unsightly ones presently in the area, are partly completed, but work is presently at a standstill as no materials are available. Grass seed

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has been obtained and an attempt is being made to cover the many barren spots in the area.

G. STRENGTH:

1.a. The Morning Report strength as of 1 April 1947 was as follows:

| | AUTHORIZED | ASSIGNED |
|---|---|---|
| OFFICERS | 10 | 10 |
| WARRENT OFFICERS | 1 | 0 |
| ENLISTED PERSONNEL | 312 | 241 |

1.b. The Morning Report strength as of 30 April 1947 was as follows:

| | AUTHORIZED | ASSIGNED |
|---|---|---|
| OFFICERS | 10 | 10 |
| WARRENT OFFICERS | 1 | 0 |
| ENLISTED PERSONNEL | 312 | 231 |

MARVIN H. AHRENS
Lt Col, Air Corps
Commanding

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578TH AIR MATERIEL SQUADRON
7TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP, VERY HEAVY
FORT WORTH ARMY AIR FIELD
FORT WORTH, TEXAS

14 May 47

SUBJECT: Unit History (April)

TO : Historical Officer

A. CURRENT ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION

1. There were no key personnel changes for the month of April, 1947.

2. Administrative traffic was rather heavy during the month. There were a number of requests for transfer overseas. The greater percentage of men requesting transfer were called for overseas shipment during the month. Eight men were transferred to the Provisional Guard Squadron on this station. A continuous screening of records, (form 20,24 and 24a) is now in progress in an endeavor to bring all Squadron records up to date in every detail. It is noted that men transferring into the Squadron very often have a large number of descrepencies in their records which must be corrected. A few men were given assistance in applying for hardship dependency discharge.

3. The mission of the Squadron by the TO&E is to supply the 7th Bombardment Group. However, the actual function of the Squadron is to operate Supply (Air Corps, Quartermaster and Ordnance), the Commissary (sales store and issue warehouses) and the Ordnance ammunition section. The number of men assigned to this Squadron for the operation of the above named functions is entirely inadequate. The loss of men working out of the Squadron Squadron functions and the gain of men working for this Squadron that were assigned to other Squadrons, although the change resulted in a slight loss in our overall strength has been of considerable benefit from administrative standpoint.

B. PERSONNEL:

1. Some personnel were put on TDY to various schools and some returned from schools. Most personnel attending schools are taking courses that will graduate them with an MOS unauthorized in this Squadron, necessitating transfer of these men to Squadrons where their MOS can be utilized. With the Squadron so greatly understrengthed, loss of these men is very undesirable.

2. Several men were sent on mandatory ORD shipments.

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Most of these men were performing critical jobs in this Squadron, as seems to be the case in most mandatory shipments.

3. The great shortage of MOS's 835,821,405,055 and 901 is greatly undermining every function of this Squadron. This condition was reported in detail in the Unit History for March 1947 and exists now in an even greater degree.

C. SUPPLY AND EQUIPMENT:

1. The greatest problems in Base Supply at present is the shortage of personnel. Descrepencies are continually found on inspections but rather than making progress, we are falling behind in some sections due to the fact that is impossible to make headway with the limited amount of personnel assigned. The Squadron is steadily losing men and each loss has a very definate effect on the efficiency of the supply function. It is felt that all sections of supply have done an exceptionally admirable job with the limited amount of personnel assigned. The greatest shortage in supply is in the MOS's 405,055,835 and 821. Men with any MOS can be trained in these MOS's through the Squadron OJT program if arrangments could be made to have the bodies assigned.

2. In Squadron Supply, difficulty is encountered in procuring collar insignia and Cpl And Sgt chevrons. The Squadron Supply is functioning smoothly and efficiently even though this Organization has the added duty of supplying the Headquarters Squadron, 7th Bomb Group.

D. MAINTENANCE:

This Squadron does not have any maintenance functions.

E. TRAINING:

1. The OJT program is continuing very satisfactorily with all men being awarded the MOS their job calls for as soon as they are sufficiently qualified.

F. FACILITIES:

1. The Squadron Day Room is now completed and has raised the morale of the men considerably. It is believed to be the best Day Room on the Base, the building having been completely repainted, and the floors sanded and varnished. Almost every man in the Squadron helped in the redecoration at various times and therefore proper care of the building and facilities should present no problem. A radio and soft drink machine have not as yet been obtained, but is hoped this situation can be remedied in the near future.

2. Considerable work has been done on the Squadron area and is still in progress. Lack of lumber is one of the major problems. New walks, to replace the unsafe and unsightly ones presently in the area, are partly completed, but work is presently at a standstill as no materiels are available. Grass seed

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has been obtained and an attempt is being made to cover the many barren spots in the area.

G. STRENGTH:

1.a. The Morning Report strength as of 1 April 1947 was as follows:

| | AUTHORIZED | ASSIGNED |
|---|---|---|
| OFFICERS | 10 | 10 |
| WARRENT OFFICERS | 1 | 0 |
| ENLISTED PERSONNEL | 312 | 241 |

1.b. The Morning Report strength as of 30 April 1947 was as follows:

| | AUTHORIZED | ASSIGNED |
|---|---|---|
| OFFICERS | 10 | 10 |
| WARRENT OFFICERS | 1 | 0 |
| ENLISTED PERSONNEL | 312 | 231 |

MARVIN H. AHRENS
Lt Col, Air Corps
Commanding

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# HISTORY

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578TH AIR MATERIEL SQUADRON

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578TH AIR MATERIEL SQUADRON
7TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP, VERY HEAVY
FORT WORTH ARMY AIR FIELD
Fort Worth, Texas

10 March 1947

SUBJECT: Unit History (February)

TO : Historical Officer

A. CURRENT ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION:

1. Administrative traffic continued unabated during the month: Requests for transfer to ROTC, Recruiting, the Alaskan Theatre, and numerous Inter Group transfers as well as Inspections of Air Corps Supply did considerable to raise the volume of traffic.

2. The mission of the Squadron remained identical with previous months though indication has been given that the Squadron will shortly be relieved of minor functions and given a complete complement for operating Air Corps Supply, Ordnance and the Commissary. This plan, as yet in the formative stage will, it is believed, prove very beneficial both from administrative and functional viewpoints.

3. Under the provisions of Par 6, AR 600-20, Lt Col Hervey A McDaniel assumed command of the Squadron on 26 February 1947 for the period Lt Col Rasmusen will be confined to the Station Hospital recovering from a severe spinal injury.

B. PERSONNEL:

1. Six enlisted men were placed on TDY to various schools during the month. An extensive program of reclassification in proper MOS was inauguarated in conjunction with the OJT program.

2. Because of the shortage of qualified personnel in the MOS of 055 and 405.a careful screening of personnel in these specialties was instituted by the Adjutant: It was found that personnel graduating from the Base Clerk-Typist school are highly incompetent: It was noticed that persons graduated were basically unsuited to this type of training: Personnel, otherwise qualified, cannot be spared from present duties and hence the quotas for the Base School are, of necessity, given to inept personnel. Every effort is being made to remedy this condition but initial assignment of qualified personnel must first be made.

C. SUPPLY AND EQUIPMENT:

1. The supply problems of Air Corps Supply are many and varied. Much thought is being given this phase and results are expected to reach the material stage during March.

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2. The Squadron is experiencing difficulty in procuring recreational equipment and this failure is a definite detriment to morale. Baseball and soft-ball equipment cannot be obtained with the result the men are losing interest in the plans formed during the winter.

D. MAINTENANCE:

This Squadron does not have any maintenance functions.

E. TRAINING:

1. The OJT program is resulting in the addition of qualified personnel in many sections. A definite overage exists in the following MOS's: 502-826-835: However subject personnel are being used in other avenues. A shortage of basic soldiers hampers the formulation of plans to train personnel in jobs necessary to the functional operation of the Squadron. The transfer of supervisory personnel to other Fields and the assignment of basic soldiers as replacements would alleviate this condition.

F. FACILITIES:

1. The assignment of a jeep to this Squadron would obviously be of material benefit since the agencies controlled by this Squadron are at the extreme opposite limits of this Field: At present runners are used with a resultant loss of time and effort.

2. The need of a Day Room remains the overall factor in retaining even the present status of morale. The continued presence of a seldom used "Hobby Shop" (Building T2-144) occupying what is justly presumed to be the Squadron Day Room presents a problem that cannot be solved unless the Hobby Shop is moved and the Building converted to use as a Day Room. It is considered of vital importance that promises extracted on this matter become a reality.

3. The continued inability to secure a class "C" Telephone for this Orderly Room has proven to be detrimental to the efficient operation of this Orderly Room: The additional burden of personnel, Personal Affairs, Officers and Enlisted Men's records has taxed the single telephone presently installed to that stage where inefficiency must surely result.

G. STRENGTH:

1.-a- The morning report strength as of 1 February 1947 was as follows:

| | Authorized | Assigned |
|---|---|---|
| Officers | 12 | 9 |
| Warrant Officers | 1 | 0 |
| Enlisted Personnel | 312 | 277 |



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b. The morning report strength as of 28 February 1947 was as follows:

| | Authorized | Assigned |
|---|---|---|
| Officers | 12 | 9 |
| Warrant Officers | 1 | 1 |
| Enlisted Personnel | 312 | 259 |

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

CHARLES E McWHIRK
1st Lt, Air Corps
Adjutant

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578TH AIR MATERIEL SQUADRON
7TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP, VERY HEAVY
FORT WORTH ARMY AIR FIELD
Fort Worth, Texas

26 February 1947

ORDERS
NUMBER 4

1. Under the provisions of par 6 AR 600-20 The undersigned assumes command of the 578th Air Material Squadron, effective 22 February 1947, in the absence of PHILO C. RASMUSEN, Lt. Col. AC, O-29354.

HERVEY A. McDANIEL Jr.
Lt. Col. Air Corps
O-35217

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

CHARLES E McWHIRK
1st Lt, Air Corps
Adjutant

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578TH AIR MATERIEL SQUADRON
7TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP, VERY HEAVY
FORT WORTH ARMY AIR FIELD
Fort Worth, Texas

10 February 1947

SUBJECT: Unit History, 578th. (January)

TO : Historical Officer

I. CURRENT ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION:

1. The volume of administrative activity uncreased abnormally during the month of January due to the discharges authorized under SAC TWX, "Dependency." A majority of the members of this Squadron who took advantage of the Xmas furloughs, caused a considerable increases in traffic upon their return in the month of January: Traffic during the month averaged well in excess of a hundred pieces a day.

2. The missions and functions of the Section remained essentially the same as for previous months:

3. Lt Col Rasmusen, Commanding Officer, was confined to the Station Hospital for a few days: Lt Col McDaniel acted as Commanding Officer during this period.

II. PERSONNEL:

1. This Squadron is suffering a definite shortage of Clerk-typists (405). Considerable OJT is necessary for the 405's assigned to this Squadron at the present time before they are fully qualified: The 405's were not adequately trained in the schools which they attended:

a. A very close check has been made of the men on OJT during the month and every effort is being made to qualify these men in the MOS which they are being trained. Approximately twenty (20) requests for change of MOS were submitted to the Classification Board.

b. The Adjutant has personally interviewed most of the men of the Squadron in the matter concerning the School Courses offered by the army. Since it is realized that the service will be benefited, every effort is being made to encourage attendance at these Schools.

c. It has been necessary to accellerate the training program of this Squadron due to the discharges previously mentioned: A majority of the Enlisted Men retained are definitely Army Career men.

III. SUPPLY AND EQUIPMENT:

1. The ordnance Section has experienced difficulty in procuring tires and tubes in the past months. There has also been a shortage of parts for General Purposes Vehicles for a considerable length of time until a recent order authorized local purchase: This order has greatly alleviated the condition.

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2. Effort has been made to secure the Hobby Shop as a Squadron Day-Room. All men were in favor of making the change since there are no other recreational facilities in this Squadron at the present time. It is believed that this will help to uphold the morale of the men. However, since it necessary the Squadron first secure a building for the Hobby Shop the change is stalemated.

3. Due to the fact that the small arms section has been moved into the automotive parts section, the efficiency of both departments has greatly increased.

4. There is still a shortage of typewriters in this Squadron due to the fact that the Eighth Air Force requisitioned many of the typewriters previously held by the organization. A survey is being made of the Field to insure more adequate distribution of these machines.

a. A new requisitioning schedule for TE-21 is being set up; this will greatly increase the efficiency of this Unit.

5. A daily Status Report of aircraft as reflected by Chart, which is being maintained by the Property Accounting Unit for the purpose of showing total hours flown and percentage of aircraft in commission, also shows the percentage out of commission.

IV TRAINING:

This Squadron is acutely aware of the necessity for a training program: The men are responding excellently to OJT, which is stressed in all Fields. Competent instructors are ever alert to train men in catagories most needed. The dormancy of this program is largely due to the fact that the trained men have not had the proper material to work with on this program.

V FACILITIES:

1. There have been no changes in the facilities of this Organization.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

CHARLES E McMHIRK
1st Lt, Air Corps
Adjutant

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578TH AIR MATERIEL SQUADRON
7TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP, VERY HEAVY
FORT WORTH ARMY AIR FIELD
FORT WORTH, TEXAS

15 January 1947

SUBJECT: Unit History, 578th. [illegible] 46

TO : Historical Officer

I. CURRENT ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION:

1. Due to the discharges authorized under SAC TWX "Dependency", the volume of administrative activity increased abnormally during the month of December: Another activity that caused traffic to increase was the fact that the Xmas furloughs were taken advantage of by a majority of the members of this Squadron: Traffic during the month averaged well in excess of a hundred pieces a day.

2. The missions and functions of the Section remained essentially the same as for previous months:

3. There have been no changes in administration in this Squadron:

II. PERSONNEL:

1. Since this is a Materiel Squadron, it is essential that clerical and technical MOS's be utilized to the fullest extent: A definite shortage of clerk-typists (405) exists in this Squadron; the 405's assigned to this Squadron have not been adequately trained in this Schools attended, and, though they are listed as 405's considerable OJT is necessary before they are fully qualified:

a. During the month a very close check has been made of men on OJT and every effort is being made to qualify these men in the MOS in which they are being trained:

b. Most of the men in this Squadron have been interviewed personally by the Adjutant concerning the School Courses offered by the Army: Every effort is being made to encourage attendance at these schools since it is realized that the Service will be benefited.

c. Due to the Discharges previously mentioned it has been necessary to accellerate the training program of this Squadron: Results have been satisfactory primarily due to the fact that the Enlisted Men retained are definitely Army Carreer men.

III. SUPPLY AND EQUIPMENT:

1. Ordnance Section has experienced difficulty in procuring tires and tubes. Shortage of parts for

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for General Purposes vehicles had existed for a considerable length of time until a recent order authorized local ;urchase; this has alleviated the condition:

2. The parts shortage for Air Corps Special Purpose Vehicles has not been improved though it is of note that the Red River Arsonel and San Antonio are very prompt in filling requisitions.

3. It is gratifying to note that the Ammo Storage Area, rated "Unsatisfactory" in the past was rated "Excellent" by the Air Inspector during a recent Inspection.

4. The shortage of typewriters remains acute: This situation is largely due to the fact that the Eighth Air Force requisitioned many of the typewriters previously held by this Organization. A few typewriters were obtained from Abilene and a survey of the Field is being made to insure more adequate distribution of these machines.

a. A new requisitioning schedule for TE-21 is being set up; this will greatly increase the efficiency of this Unit.

5. An addressograph Unit has been established for the purpose of preparing Stock Record Cards. This will expedite preparation of Stock Record and Locator Cards, and will insure agreement between Stock Recors and list.

a. The small arms parts section has been moved into the Automotive parts section; this move will increase the efficiency of both departments.

6. A Daily Status Report of aircraft as reflected by chart is being maintained by the Property Accounting Unit for the prupose of showing total hours flown and percentage of aircraft in commission.

1. This also shows the percentage of Aircraft out of commission in addition to acting as a means to keep all personnel aware of station training program which info can be used for substantiating requisitions and anticipating shortages and establishing adequate stock record levels.

IV. TRAINING:

This Squadron is acutely aware of the necessity for a training program: OJT is stressed in all fields and the men are responding excellently. At the present time the men are in a transitory stage and the results cannot be clearly ascertained. Competent instructors are ever alert to train men in categories most needed. The dormancy of this program is largely due to the fact that the trained men have not had the proper materiel to work with on this program.

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V. FACILITIES:

1. There have been no changes in the facilities of this organization.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER

CHARLES E McWHIRK
1st Lt Air Corps
Adjutant

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# UNIT HISTORY

of

578TH AIR MATERIEL SQUADRON

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578TH AIR MATERIEL SQUADRON
7TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP, VERY HEAVY
FORT WORTH ARMY AIR FIELD
Fort Worth, Texas

11 December 46

UNIT HISTORY
19 November 46
to
30 November 46

A. ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION

1. The Squadron was transferred from the Fifteenth Air Force to the Eighth Air Force. Necessary changes in records were made by the Squadron.

2. The Muster, ordered by the Fifteenth Air Force was completed and the results sent to Statistical Control for forwarding to Headquarters Fifteenth Air Force.

3. A thorough scanning of Duty SSN's was made and records adjusted accordingly.

4. The Orderly Room continues to lack experienced personnel but men being sent to School at this Station are expected to rectify the situation upon graduation.

B. PERSONNEL

1.-a- The Morning Report strength as of 19 November 46 was as follows:

| | AUTHORIZED | ASSIGNED |
|---|---|---|
| OFFICERS | 11 | 11 |
| WARRANT OFFICERS | 1 | 1 |
| ENLISTED PERSONNEL | 312 | 294 |

b. The Morning Report strength as of 30 November 46 was as follows:

| | AUTHORIZED | ASSIGNED |
|---|---|---|
| OFFICERS | 11 | 10 |
| WARRANT OFFICERS | 1 | 1 |
| ENLISTED PERSONNEL | 312 | 301 |

2. The following is a roster of key personnel as of 30 November 46:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Commanding Officer: | Philo O. Rasmusen | Lt Col |
| Squadron Adjutant: | Charles E. McWhirk | 1st Lt |
| General Supply Officer: | Charles E. McWhirk | 1st Lt |
| Signal Supply Officer: | None: | |

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3. The Squadron shows overages in the following MOS's 037, 060, 502, 345, 590, 815, 821, 824, 826. These Overages are not excess to the needs of the Squadron since the men are on OJT or are being used in their secondary MOS's.

C. SUPPLY AND EQUIPMENT

1. There has been a definite improvement in the clothing problem. Clothes are being secured at the Quartermaster and most of the men in the Squadron are completely equipped.

D. MAINTENANCE

1. This Squadron does not have any maintenance problems as they are all handled and supervised by the Base Unit.

E. TRAINING

1. On the Job Training is continuing satisfactorily.

F. FACILITIES

1. There has been no change of Facilities for this Squadron.

PHILO O. RASMUSEN
Lt Col A/C
Commanding



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578TH AIR MATERIEL SQUADRON

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578TH AIR MATERIEL SQUADRON
7TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP, VERY HEAVY
FORT WORTH ARMY AIR FIELD
Fort Worth, Texas

11 December 46

UNIT HISTORY
1 November 46
to
18 November 46

A. ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION:

1. Records of the 637th Air Materiel Squadron having been sent to Salina, Kansas, the 578th activated a new set of records and commenced operation as a Unit.

2. SAC Regulations and Letters are being set up as a Unit filing system is inaugurated for the Squadron.

3. Lt. Col. Philo O. Rasmusen assumed Command of the Squadron vice Capt. N. K. Castle. Lt. Charles E. McWhirk has been retained as Squadron Adjutant.

4. The Orderly Room continues to lack experienced personnel and every effort is being made to rectify this condition.

B. PERSONNEL:

1.-a- The morning report strength as of 1 November was as follows:

| | AUTHORIZED | ASSIGNED |
|---|---|---|
| OFFICERS | 11 | 5 |
| WARRANT OFFICERS | 1 | 0 |
| ENLISTED PERSONNEL | 312 | 227 |

b. The morning report strength as of 18 November 46 was as follows:

| | AUTHORIZED | ASSIGNED |
|---|---|---|
| OFFICERS | 11 | 11 |
| WARRANT OFFICERS | 1 | 1 |
| ENLISTED PERSONNEL | 312 | 291 |

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Basic: History, Unit, 578th Air Mat Sq, 11 Dec 46

2. The following is a roster of key personnel as of 18 November 46.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Commanding Officer | Philo O. Rasmusen | Lt Col |
| Squadron Adjutant: | Charles E. McClirk | 1st Lt |
| General Supply Officer: | T. J. Guntherberg | 1st Lt |
| Signal Supply Officer: | None: | |

3. We have overages in the following MOS's: 037, 060, 502, 345, 590, 815, 821, 824, 826. These Overages however, are being used either on OJT in other jobs or in their secondary MOS and are definitely not surplus to the needs of the Squadron.

C. SUPPLY AND EQUIPMENT:

1. Difficulty is being experienced in drawing an ample amount of equipment from the Quartermaster. Trousers continue to remain a scarce item.

D. MAINTENANCE:

1. This Squadron does not have any maintenance problems as they are all handled and supervised by the Base Unit.

E. TRAINING:

1. On the Job Training is continuing satisfactorily, although it is naturally being retarded by lack of experienced personnel.

F FACILITIES:

1. There have been no changes in Facilities.

PHILO O. RASMUSEN
Lt Col A/C
Commanding

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578TH AIR MATERIEL SQUADRON
7TH BOMB GROUP VERY HEAVY
FORT WORTH ARMY AIR FIELD
Fort Worth, Texas

11 November 1946

UNIT HISTORY
1 October 46
to
31 Oct. 46

A. ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION

1. The Squadron was transferred as a whole to the 578th Air Materiel Squadron and assigned to the 7th Bomb Group. Records of the 637th Air Materiel Squadron are to be sent to Salina, Kansas.

2. The Squadron is slowly gaining experienced personnel and is training inexperienced personnel as rapidly as possible; thereby greatly improving the efficiency of the Squadron.

3. The Squadron has had one key personnel change this month: Lt. Col R. D. Grandmontagne was assigned to Squadron Z pending separation and Captain N. K. Castle assumed command of the Squadron.

4. The Orderly Room has had an eighty per cent turnover in personnel giving us a more experienced staff. This change was very badly needed as work was being held up because of the inexperience of the former personnel.

B. PERSONNEL

1.-a- The morning report strength as of 1 October 1946 was as follows:

| | Authorized | Assigned |
|---|---|---|
| Officers | 11 | 6 |
| Warrant Officers | 1 | 0 |
| Enlisted Personnel | 312 | 201 |

b. The morning report strength as of 31 October 1946 was as follows:

| | Authorized | Assigned |
|---|---|---|
| Officers | 11 | 5 |
| Warrant Officers | 1 | 0 |
| Enlisted Personnel | 312 | 227 |

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2. The following is a roster of key personnel as of 31 October 1946

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Commanding Officer | Nial K. Castle | Captain |
| Squadron Adjutant | Charles E McWhirk | 1st Lt |
| General Supply O. | Thos. J. Guntherberg | 1st Lt |
| Signal Supply Officer | None | |

3. We have overages in the following MOS's: 037, 060, 502, 345, 590, 815, 821, 824, 826. These overages however, are being used either on O.J.T. in other jobs or in their secondary MOS and are definately not surplus to the needs of the Squadron.

C. SUPPLY AND EQUIPMENT

1. There has been no change in the supply problem. The Supply still has clothes back ordered. However, a large majority of the men have their clothes. The clothes are not available at the Quartermaster.

D. MAINTENANCE

1. This Squadron does not have any maintenance problems as they are all handled and supervised by the Base Unit.

E. TRAINING

1. On the Job Training is continuing satisfactorily although it is being retarded in some sections by lack of trained personnel.

2. The Squadron has several men attending specialized schools.

F. FACILITIES

1. There has been no change of facilities during the month of October.

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HISTORY

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578TH AIR MATERIEL SQUADRON

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578th AIR MATERIEL SQUADRON
25th Air Service Group
Davis Monthan Field, Tucson, Arizona

13 Sept 1946

SUBJECT: Historical Report

TO: Commanding Officer
25th Air Service Group
Davis Monthan Field
Tucson, Arizona
(ATTENTION: Historical Officer)

1. The following information concerning the 578th Air Materiel Squadron is submitted to be included in the 25th Air Service Group Historical Report. The period covered by this report is from 1 Aug 46 to 31 Aug 46 inclusive.

A. ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION

1 Unit Administration continued in a normal manner during the month with no major difficulties encountered.

2 There were no outstanding administrative problems.

B. PERSONNEL

1 Officer personnel assigned this month was the same as in the month of July with the following exceptions.
a. On 31 July WO (jg) Edward B. White departed this station to Fort Sheridan, Illinois for relief from active duty.
b. Capt. Wilson F. Moul departed this station to Shaw field for temporary duty as a member of a General Courts Martial Board at that station, on 19 Aug 46. Capt. Moul returned to this station 27 Aug 46.
c. Lt. Rene G. Lequeux assumed command vice Major Donald C. Harpole who departed this station on leave on 21 Aug 46.

2 Total number RA enlisted men now assigned is twenty-seven. The only man assigned through the month was Sgt. Wilbur E. Hanson, who was transfered into this unit from the 248th AAFBU, this station, on the 23rd of August.

C. SUPPLY AND EQUIPMENT

1 No major supply problems were encountered throughout the month.

D. MAINTENANCE

1 None

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B. TRAINING

1 Training schedules as received from higher Headquaters were carried out in full thru the past month.

F. SPECIAL EVENTS

1 Inspection of the unit was conducted by the Group Commander, Col. Quentin C. Quick on the 8th And 15th of the month.
2 Personnel of the unit also participated in the Parade and Review in conjunction with the presentation of Medals to personnel of this base.

THOMAS B. VINSON
CWO, USA
Adjutant



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B. TRAINING

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F. SPECIAL EVENTS

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THOMAS B. VINSON
CWO, USA
Adjutant



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578th AIR MATERIEL SQUADRON
25th Air Service Group
Davis Monthan Field, Tucson, Arizona

7 Aug 1946

SUBJECT: Historical Report

TO: Commanding Officer
25th Air Service Group
Davis-Monthan Field
Tucson, Arizona
(ATTENTION: Historical Officer)

1. The following information concerning the 578th Air Materiel Squadron is submitted to be included in the 25th Air Service Group Historical Report. The period covered by this report is from 1 July 1946 to 31 July 1946 inclusive.

a. ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION

1 Unit administration continued in a normal manner during the month with no major difficulties encountered.

2 The outstanding administrative change during the month was the reciept of General Order 44, Hq. 15th Air Force dated 24 July 1946, which slightly changed the organization T/O, to be effective 30 July 1946. A total strength of 323 is authorized, with ten (10) officers, one (1) warrant officer and three-hundred twelve (312) enlisted strength. The major change in the T/O was the authorization in the T/O for the squadron commander from Major to Lt. Colonel, with that title changed from "Executive for Materiel" to read "Executive". The new T/O involves no change in total strength.

b. PERSONNEL

1 At the beginning of the month, the following officer personnel were assigned this unit: One (1) Major, one (1) 1st Lt., Two (2) CWO. On 5 July 1946 CWO John C. Michalac departed on 120 days TDY to Chanute Field, Illinois to persue a course of instruction on B-29 engineering. Capt. Wilson F. Moul, O-470453 was assigned to the squadron on 30 July 1946, and was placed on temporary duty with the Technical Supply section of the 40th Bomb Group (VH) Capt Moul entered active duty on 8 May 1942 as a Captain at Washington D.C. His past duty assignments have included over two (2) years duty in Hawaii, New Hebrides and Guadalcanal.

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b. PERSONNEL Cont'd

1 A bombardier, Captain Moul holds the following decorations and service bars: Air Medal with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters, Purple Pacific Theater with four (4) bronze stars, American defense and Victory Medal World War II.

2 Enlisted strength of the unit remained the same throughout the month, at twenty-six (26) all Regular Army.

c. SUPPLY AND EQUIPMENT

1 Pursuant to a directive from 15th Air Force all T/O & E equipment of this unit has been turned in to Base Supply and that which is needed for immediate operations re-issued on M/R from base Supply when this unit departs its present station it will draw all necessary T/O & E equipment from Base Supply at its new station, thus eliminating the need for transporting this equipment and effecting a savings on time, paper work and transportation costs.

d. MAINTENANCE

1 None

e. TRAINING

1 Training schedules are handed down each week and are carried out in full by this unit. The unit attends a weekly orientation lecture each Wednesday, given by the Base.

f. SPECIAL EVENTS

1 The unit was given its regular monthly inspection by Group Air Inspector and was given a rating of Excellent.

D. C. HARPOLE
Major, Air Corps
Commanding

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578th AIR MATERIEL SQUADRON
25th Air Service Group
Davis-Monthan Field, Tucson, Arizona

3 July 1946

MEMORANDUM:

TO: Commanding Officer
25th Air Service Group
Davis-Monthan Field
Tucson, Arizona

1. The following information concerning the 578th Air Materiel Squadron is submitted to be included in the Group Historical Report. The period covered by this report is from 1 June 46 to 30 June 46 inclusive.

(a) ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION

1 Unit administration continued in the normal manner during the month with no major difficulties encountered.

2 The outstanding adminstrative problem noted throughout the past month was the intergration of the Base Unit with the Tactial and Service Groups. This matter was clarified at a meeting of all military personnel by Col. A.Y. Smith Commanding Officer of Davis-Monthan Field.

(b) PERSONNEL

1 At the beginning of the month the following officer personnel were assigned this unit; Two (2) Majors, one (1) Captain, two (2) 1st Lieuts and three(3) Warrant officers Captain Henry A. Slentz, 1st Lt. Philip F. Carolan departed for reassignment overseas. Major Heber B. Etheredge was relieved from assignment and reassigned to the 35th Air Engineering Squadron, this station on 3 June 1946. Officer personnel at the close of the month was one (1) Major, 1 one 1st Lt and three (3) Warrant Officers.

2 Enlisted strength of the unit dropped from 32 assigned at the beginning of the month to 26 assigned at the close of the month.

3 Comparsion of the preceeding paragraphs with the table of Organization show that the organization is very short on both officer and enlisted personnel.

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(c) SUPPLY AND EQUIPMENT

1 No T O & E equipment was received during the proceeding month and no other supply problems have arisen.

(d) MAINTENANCE

1 None.

(e) TRAINING

1 Trainig schedules are handed down each week and are carried out in full by this organization.

(f) SPECIAL EVENTS

1 The Squadron was inspected by representives of the Inspector General and was given an Excellent rating.

D. C. HAROLD
Major, Air Corps
Commanding

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578th AIR MATERIEL SQUADRON
25th Air Service Group
Davis Monthan Field, Tucson, Arizona

4 June 1946

SUBJECT: Historical Report

TO: Commanding Officer
25th Air Service Group
Davis Monthan Field, Tucson, Arizona
(ATTENTION: Historical Officer)

1. 578th Air Materiel Squadron, 25th Air Service Group, Davis Monthan Field, Tucson, Arizona.

2. The period covered by this report is 1 May 1946 to 31 May 1946.

3. During the month the efforts of all sections were cooridinated in moving the organization from March Field, Riverside, California to Davis Monthan Field, Tucson, Arizona. The advance echelon left March Field, California on 6 May 1946 for the purpose of setting up the orderly and Supply rooms and arranging housing facilities. The whole hearted corperation of the base personnel at this station contributed much toward the rapid accomplishment of the above task. The remainder of the personnel less the rear echelon departed from March Field on 9 May 1946. Most of the supplies were flown over by B-29's and the balance was shipped by train and truck. The movement was completed without a mishap.

a. The enlisted strength of the organization was decreased by the loss of five (5) men while the officer strength was increased by the assignment of Major Heber E. Etheredge, CWO John C. Michalac and CWO Thomas. B. Wilson who were transferred to the organization from the 35th Air Engineering Squadron. Major Donald C. Harpole assumed command of the organization upon the transfer of Major Arthur C. Stone Jr.

b. Major Donald C. Harpole 01570089 entered active duty on 15 July 1942. He was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Quartermaster Corps and Transferred to the AAF on 3 December 1942. His past duty assignments have included two (2) years of duty in England, France, Belgium, and Germany. The Major wears the following service bars: American Defense Medal, American Theater, EAME Ribbon with four (4) Bronze stars and the Victory Medal World War II.

4. The movement of the organization from March Field to Davis Monthan Field described above was the only event of the month worthy of note.

5. This Squadron experienced no supply problems during May 1946.

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6. The development of the Squadron is still retarded by the lack of personnel however those men presently assigned are continuing their training with the aim of passing on their knowledge to those men who will later be added to the Squadron to bring the organization up to T/O strength. The Group Commanding Officer, Colonel Quentin T. Quaik during a recent inspection expressed complete satisfaction with the condition of the Squadron area and buildings in which the personnel are housed. 1st Sgt. Edwin A. Hess was particularly commended for the part he played in this accomplishment.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

JOHN C. MICHALAC
CWO, USA
Adjutant

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578th AIR MATERIEL SQUADRON
25th Air Service Group
March Field, California

2 May 1946

SUBJECT: Historical Report

TO: Commanding Officer
25th Air Service Group
March Field, California
(ATTENTION: Historical Officer)

1. 578th Air Materiel Squadron, 25th Air Service Group, March Field California.

2. The per od covered by this report is 1 April 1946 to 30 April 1946.

3. During the month the orderly room personnel devoted themselves to bring all publications up to date while the supply section installed the necessary administrative procedures for requisitioning and following up of supplies. The strength was increased by the assignment of two (2) officers and three(3) enlisted men bringing the total strength to five (5) officers and thirty- seven (37) enlisted men. Eight enlisted men were placed on the job training in the Base Air Corps Supply to study the administrative set up with the aim of utilizing these men to install a Base Air Corps Supply establishment should the mission of the Squadron require such operation in the future.

4. The Squadron carried on it's usual functions of administration and housing during the month of April.

5. There were no particular supply problems since only a small fraction of the T O & E property has been received to date. Some difficulty was experienced during the early part of the month in obtaining repacement fatigues for enlisted personnel but this was eliminated later due to the efforts of M Sgt Louis J. Schwiebert , supply Sgt for this organization.

6. The development of the Squadron has not progressed as rapidly as desired due to the limited number of personnel assigned to the organization however, it is felt that with the present nucleus of personnel being trained the transition to a completely manned squadron working to full capacity will be relatively simple. All personnel of the organization participated in three (3) hours of athletics each week. Two (2) days of the month were devoted to a complete police of the squadron and surrounding areas. There were no unusual happenings worthy of note during the past month.

PHILIP F. CARCLAN
1st Lt. Air Corps
Historical Officer

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578th AIR MATERIEL SQUADRON
25th Air Service Group
March Field, California

20 April 1946

SUBJECT: Historical Report

TO: Commanding Officer
25th Air Service Group
March Field, California
(ATTENTION: Historical Officer)

The 578th Air Materiel Squadron was re-activated 31 January 1946 with Major Arthur C. Stone Jr. Commanding. On that date two other officers one Warrant Officers, and thirteen enlisted men were assigned.

Lt. Lequeux was assigned quartermaster group supply officer 31 January 1946. The group quartermaster office was set up and all Post Camp and Station property was obtained for the three Squadrons in the Group.

Lt. Langhans from Headquarters and Base Service Squadron was put in charge of eight enlisted men in the 578th and was responsible for requisitioning all the group T O & E equipment. All equipment for immediate use was requisitioned and all other requisitions were made up and filed.

On 1 March 1946 1st Sgt Edwin A. Hess was assigned and the orderly room was opened.

The Squadron strength 31 March was three officers, one Warrant Officer and thirty four enlisted men.

Arthur C. Stone Jr.
ARTHUR C. STONE., JR.
Major, Air Corps
Commanding

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578TH AIR ENGINEER SQUADRON
25TH AIR SERVICE GROUP
APO 183

c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, Calif.
30 September 1945

SUBJECT: Historical Report.

THRU : Commanding Officer
25th Air Service Group
APO 183.

TO : Commanding General
Army Air Forces
Washington, 25, D. C.

1. In compliance with Hqs, XXI Bomber Command Regulation #20-1, Hqs, XXI Bomber Command, APO 234, c/o PM, San Francisco, Calif., and under the authority of Section II, General Order Number 2, Headquarters, 20th Air Force, dated 16 July 1945, the following attached Historical Report of this organization is submitted for the month of September 1945.

For the Commanding Officer:

SYDNEY L. HOROVITZ,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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Historical Report, September 1945 (Quad)

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578TH AIR MATERIAL SQUADRON
25TH AIR SERVICE GROUP
APO 183

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30 September 1945

SUBJECT: Historical Report.

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25th Air Service Group
APO 183.

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For the Commanding Officer:

JOSEPH L. HOROVITZ,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Adjutant.

1 Incl:
Historical Report, September 1945 (Quad)

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HEADQUARTERS 58TH BOMBARDMENT WING
APO 183, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, Calif.

SPECIAL ORDERS 19 September 1945

NUMBER 125 E-X-T-R-A-C-T

1. The following named Officer is relieved from assignment and duty organization indicated and is attached-unassigned to AFPC Personnel Center & Casual Depot APO 244 for discharge from the service under authority indicated and WP by first available water transportation thereto. CO of O concerned will insure that all pertinent records are checked and forwarded. Officer will notify correspondents and publishers to discontinue the mailing of letters and publications until informed of new address. Clothing and equipment will be carried as prescribed by WD Circ 72, 7 Mar 45 as amended by WD Circ 146 and 201, 1945 and par 11b of AFPC RR 1-2. Baggage inspection will be in accordance with WD Circ 335, 44 as amended by Sec IV, Cir 31, WD 45 and Sec III Cir 75 1945. TDN. PCS. Auth: 4th Ind Hq 20th AF, 12 Sep 45 to Ltr 25th Air Sv Gp 23 Aug 45 and provisions of Par 8a USASTAF RR 1-5 4 Aug 45. WDCMR 19 Sep 45.

| NAME & ORGN | ASN | GRADE | S SRV | PCS | ASRS |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| (S) Dreve, Wendel E<br>578th Air Mat Sq 25th Air Sv Gp APO 183 | 01590414 | Capt | AC | 4010 | 57 |

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BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL RISLEY:

OFFICIAL:

D. O. MONTEITH
Colonel, Air Corps,
Chief of Staff.

ROSS L. INGLEY
Major, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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Adjutant.

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SPECIAL ORDERS 19 September 1945

NUMBER 185 E-X-T-R-A-C-T

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| No. | NAME | ASN | GRADE | SERV | MOS | ARMS |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
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| | 25th Air Sv Group | | | | | |
| 3. | (S) SULLIVAN, THOMAS P | 31128262 | SGT | AC | 835 | 55 |
| 5. | (S) HUNT, WILLIAM R | 34208205 | Sgt | AC | 405 | 57 |
| 9. | (S) DANIEL, MILDRED E | 35042352 | Cpl | AC | 835 | 66 |

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BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL RAMEY:

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Adjutant.

D. O. MONTEITH
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SPECIAL ORDERS 19 September 1945

NUMBER 125 E-X-T-R-A-C-T

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13. Cpl (275) William J Lowey 13155024, is reld from further assgmt and dy 578th Air Mat Sq, 25th Air Sv Gp, and is trfd in grade to H & H Sq, 58th Bomb Wg, will rpt to CO for dy. Auth: Twentieth Air Force Reg 35-23. No tvl involved. EDCMR 21 Sep 45.

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HEADQUARTERS 25TH AIR SERVICE GROUP
APO 183, C/O POSTMASTER,
San Francisco, California,
21 September 1945.

SPECIAL ORDERS )
NUMBER 147 )

1. The [illegible]named EM, organizations indicated, are promoted to the grades as shown. Auth: AR 615-5, recommendation of Squadron Commanders, and concurrence by Enlisted Men's Promotion Bd.

TO BE STAFF SERGEANT

Sgt 677 Ray S. Satterwhite, 18 030 384, Hq & BSS

TO BE SERGEANT

Cpl 809 Jesse M. Cauthen, 20 406 [illegible]36, Hq & BSS
Cpl 055 John T. Spirios, 35 578 1[illegible], Hq & BSS
Cpl 835 Merle A. Dewey, R1 552 516, 578th Air Mat Sq

TO BE CORPORAL

Pfc 945 Russell D. Allan, 11 083 765, Hq & BSS
Pfc 345 [illegible]eon N. Baker, 35 607 245, Hq & BSS
Pfc 364 [illegible]o S. Bartlett, 33 682 561, Hq & BSS
Pfc 055 Ernest Bentsen, 42 031 913, Hq & BSS
Pfc 667 William F. Byron, 36 413 682, Hq & BSS
Pfc 060 Alfredo O. Munoz, 39 402 937, Hq & BSS
Pfc 405 Wil[illegible]m C. Patsch, 33 438 751, Hq & BSS
Pfc 055 John J. Hickey, 32 410 429, 35th Air Eng Sq
Pfc 055 Christian F. Nielson, 20 655 779, 35th Air Eng Sq
Pfc 835 Thomas F. O'Dea, 31 369 295, 578th Air Mat Sq
Pfc 405 Joseph P. Belick, 33 619 917, 578th Air Mat Sq
Pfc 060 Robert H. Weathers, 34 [illegible]45 938, 578th Air Mat Sq

BY ORDER OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL BU[illegible]S:

E. J. REYNOLDS,
Major, Air Corps,
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HEADQUARTERS 58TH BOMBARDMENT WING
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San Francisco, Calif.

SPECIAL ORDERS 25 September 1945

NUMBER 127

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11. The fol named O and EM are reld from further asgmt and dy with orgns indicated and are atchd unassgd and TF to PBC Personnel Center & Casual Depot APO 244 for further processing under current Readjustment Regulations. TD by First available water transportation. CO of O and EM concerned will insure that all pertinent records of each individual are checked and forwarded. Personnel will notify correspondents and publishers to discontinue the mailing of letters and publications until informed of new address. Clothing and equipment will be carried as prescribed in Cir 72, WD, 7 Mar 45, and par 11b of V PBC RR 1-2. Baggage inspection in accordance with WD Cir 335, 1944, as amended by Sec IV, Cir 31, WD, 1945, and Sec III, Cir 75, 1945. TDN. Auth: WD MR 1-1 and 1-5 and Radio WARX 60240. EDCER 28 Sep 45.

| No. | NAME | ASN | GRADE | SVC | MOS | ASCD |
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| | | 25th Air Sv Gp | | | | |
| 4. | DITTLE, Avi C | 32520212 | Pfc | AC | 835 | 88 |

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BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL RALEY:

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SPECIAL ORDERS 19 September 1945

NUMBER 125 E-X-T-R-A-C-T

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13. Cpl (Z75) William J Lowey 13155024, is reld from further asgmt and dy 578th Air Mat Sq, 25th Air Sv Gp, and is trfd in grade to Hq & Hq Sq, 58th Bomb Wg, will rpt to CO for dy. Auth: Twentieth Air Force Reg 35-23. No tvl involved. EDCMI 21 Sep 45.

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SPECIAL ORDERS 19 September 1945

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| No. | NAME | ASN | GRADE | SERV | MOS | ASRS |
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| | 25th Air Sv Group | | | | | |
| 3. | (S) SULLIVAN, THOMAS P | 31128262 | SGT | AC | 835 | 55 |
| 5. | (S) RUFF, WILLIAM R | 34208205 | Sgt | AC | 405 | 57 |
| 9. | (S) DANIEL, MILDRED E | 35042352 | Cpl | AC | 835 | 66 |

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SPECIAL ORDERS 25 September 1945

NUMBER 127 E-X-T-R-A-C-T

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| No. | NAME | ASN | GRADE | SERV | MOS | ASHS |
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| | | 25th Air Sv Gp | | | | |
| 4. | DITTLE, ROY C | 32320212 | Pfc | AC | 835 | 88 |
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BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL RAMEY:

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HEADQUARTERS
578TH AIR MATERIEL SQUADRON
25TH AIR SERVICE GROUP
APO 183

c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, Calif.

HISTORICAL REPORT (SEPTEMBER 1945)

V-J Day, so long awaited by the world, finally came. On that day which both closed and opened an era, the Morning Report stated: "No Change". What the Morning Report could not record was the relief, the hope of return and fulfillment of long deferred ambitions that moved us all.

As the month wore on, hopes were alternately mounted to dizzy heights and dashed to dismal depths by rumors which were rife. It seemed as though no one knew. Statements by Congressmen and General Officers were played up as authorized policy until all were bewildered and some what bitter. However, publicized communications on redeployment issued by higher Hqs, were of some help in allaying speculation.

This month saw another change in Commanding Officers. Captain Wendel E. Dreve left for the Land of Promise /1 and Captain Gerald J. Boyle assumed command.

Following Captain Dreve by a day were Sergeants William R. Rupp and Thomas P. Sullivan and Corporal Miller E. Daniel /2. They left for separation under the 38 year old clause.

1/ Par. 1, SO #125, Hqs. 58th, dtd 19 Sept. 1945.
2/ Par. 16, SO #125, Hqs. 58th, dtd 19 Sept. 1945.

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Corporal William J. Lewey, our Classification Specialist, was transferred to Hqs & Hq s Squadron of the Wing /3. We were sorry to see him leave since he was one of the best of his line in the group.

Transfers gave us one of a very few opportunities to promote. Corporal Merle A. Dewey was promoted to Sergeant /4 and Pfcs' Joseph P. Belick and Robert H. Weathers each made Corporal /4.

Towards the close of the month, we dropped Pfc Roy C. Biddle for separation /5.

At the end of the month our morale was heightened by the fact that every man in the squadron is eligible for return to the States.

3/ Par. 13, SO #125, Hqs 58th, dtd 19 Sept 45.
4/ Par. 1, SO #147, Hqs 25th, dtd 21 Sept 45.
5/ Par. 11, SO #127, Hqs 58th, dtd 25 Sept 45.



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SPECIAL ORDERS 19 September 1945

NUMBER 125 E-X-C-E- -C-T

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BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL KOSLY:

OFFICIAL:

ROSS LANGLEY
Major, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

D. C. MONTGOMERY
Colonel, Air Corps,
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HEADQUARTERS 25TH AIR SERVICE GROUP
APO 183, C/O POSTMASTER,
San Francisco, California,
21 September 1945.

SPECIAL ORDERS )
NUMBER 147 )

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TO BE STAFF SERGEANT

Sgt 677 Ray S. Satterwhite, 18 030 384, Hq & BSS

TO BE SERGEANT

Cpl 809 Jesse M. Cauthen, 20 406 336, Hq & BSS
Cpl 055 John T. Spirios, 35 578 143, Hq & BSS
Cpl 835 Merle A. Dewey, RA 552 516, 578th Air Mat Sq

TO BE CORPORAL

Pfc 945 Russell D. Allan, 11 083 765, Hq & BSS
Pfc 345 Leon N. Baker, 35 607 245, Hq & BSS
Pfc 164 Leo S. Bartlett, 33 682 561, Hq & BSS
Pfc 055 Ernest Bentsen, 42 031 913, Hq & BSS
Pfc 667 William F. Byron, 36 413 682, Hq & BSS
Pfc 060 Alfredo Q. Munoz, 39 402 937, Hq & BSS
Pfc 405 William C. Patsch, 33 438 751, Hq & BSS
Pfc 055 John J. Hickey, 32 410 429, 35th Air Eng Sq
Pfc 055 Christian F. Nielson, 20 655 779, 35th Air Eng Sq
Pfc 835 Thomas F. O'Dea, 31 369 295, 578th Air Mat Sq
Pfc 405 Joseph P. Belick, 33 619 917, 578th Air Mat Sq
Pfc 060 Robert H. Weathers, 34 645 938, 578th Air Mat Sq

BY ORDER OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL BURNS:

E. J. REYNOLDS,
Major, Air Corps,
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HEADQUARTERS 58TH BOMBARDMENT WING
APO 183, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, Calif.

25 September 1945

SPECIAL ORDERS

NUMBER 127

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| No. | NAME & ORGN | ASN | GRADE | SERV | MOS | ASRS |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | 40th Bomb Group | | | | |
| 1. | (S)TISCHLER, DONALD E | 0721254 | 2d Lt | AC | 1093 | 35 |

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| No. | NAME | ASN | GRADE | SERV | MOS | ASRS |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | 40th Bomb Group | | | | |
| 1. | ADLER, BARTHOLOMEW A | 0437759 | Capt | Ch C | 5310 | 109 |
| | | 86th Air Sv Gp | | | | |
| 2. | PRICE, MELVIN C | 6990315 | Pfc | AC | 835 | 87 |
| 3. | TAYLOR, DAN C | 6967947 | S Sgt | AC | 014 | 91 |
| | | 25th Air Sv Gp | | | | |
| 4. | DITTLE, ROY C | 32320212 | Pfc | AC | 835 | 88 |

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BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL RAMEY:

OFFICIAL:

Paul E McDermott Jr

PAUL E McDERMOTT JR
Captain, Air Corps
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Colonel, Air Corps
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SPECIAL ORDERS 19 September 1945

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| No. | NAME | ASN | GRADE | SERV | MOS | ASRS |
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| | | 25th Air Sv Group | | | | |
| 1. | (S) CONNER, HARRY L | 33696806 | Pfc | AC | 677 | 46 |
| 2. | (S) ZANDE, ENRICO J | 35645879 | S Sgt | AC | 677 | 52 |
| 3. | (S) SULLIVAN, THOMAS P | 31128262 | Sgt | AC | 835 | 55 |
| 4. | (S) DAVIS JR, HARRY M | 33332124 | Sgt | AC | 405 | 79 |
| 5. | (S) RUPP, WILLIAM R | 34208205 | Sgt | AC | 405 | 57 |
| 6. | (S) MacPHERSON, WARREN | 31136408 | Sgt | AC | 550 | 57 |
| 7. | (S) LEVINE, SAM | 32693287 | Cpl | AC | 835 | 51 |
| 8. | (S) McCAN, OTTIE L | 18074313 | S Sgt | AC | 686 | 83 |
| 9. | (S) DANIEL, MILLER E | 35042352 | Cpl | AC | 835 | 66 |
| 10. | (S) WYATT, ERNEST V | 14125909 | Sgt | AC | 747 | 65 |
| 11. | (S) JOHNSON, ERNEST C | 36110938 | Sgt | AC | 911 | 81 |
| 12. | (S) ST PETER, HENRY J | 32562405 | Cpl | AC | 374 | 53 |
| 13. | (S) LOES, WILFRED A | 37190668 | Pfc | AC | 522 | 79 |
| 14. | (S) D'ERARIO, ALFONSO | 32806225 | Pfc | AC | 345 | 49 |
| 15. | (S) HORTON, LOUIS M | 31380756 | Cpl | AC | 941 | 44 |
| 16. | (S) PARTRIDGE, LAURENCE | 31398599 | Cpl | AC | 050 | 41 |
| | | 28th Air Sv Group | | | | |
| 17. | (S) GOLDBLACK, MAX | 42003996 | Pfc | AC | 677 | 75 |
| | | 86th Air Sv Group | | | | |
| 18. | (S) CASCARELLI, ANDREW | 32802792 | T Sgt | AC | 502 | 49 |
| 19. | (S) McALONEY, WILLIAM T | 32799675 | S Sgt | AC | 673 | 50 |
| 20. | (S) HART, HARRY E | 38106052 | Sgt | AC | 060 | 58 |
| 21. | (S) HOLMSTROM, EDWARD E | 33683487 | Cpl | AC | 256 | 41 |
| 22. | (S) FLURY, WALTER D | 32454315 | Cpl | AC | 345 | 56 |



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| No. | NAME | ASN | GRADE | SERV | MOS | ASRS |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | 56th Air Sv Group | | | | |
| 23. | (S) BRETT, JOHN J | 32457032 | Pfc | AC | 345 | 55 |
| 24. | (S) GARRETT, RICHARD J | 34537448 | Pfc | AC | 345 | 51 |
| 25. | (S) STARLING, JAMES T | 34665577 | Cpl | AC | 345 | 50 |
| 26. | (S) WOELFLE, MAURICE H | 33610749 | Pfc | AC | 345 | 41 |
| 27. | (S) BRANCH JR, EDWARD C | 35807239 | Cpl | AC | 383 | 52 |
| 28. | (S) BARRICK, NOAH O | 36752721 | Cpl | AC | 189 | 44 |
| 29. | (S) DALTON, JOHN R | 35711634 | M Sgt | AC | 542 | 51 |
| 30. | (S) KEMP, RAYMOND M | 36589787 | Cpl | AC | 805 | 85 |
| 31. | (S) McCLUN, ROBERT M | 6725330 | S Sgt | AC | 925 | 62 |
| 32. | (S) JONES, DAVID A | 353393[illegible] | Sgt | AC | 685 | 53 |
| 33. | (S) KISER, ROBERT R | 36756346 | Sgt | AC | 685 | 56 |
| 34. | (S) GLOVER, NEAL J | 38443832 | Cpl | AC | 835 | 51 |
| 35. | (S) SCHWAB, ALBERT | 32515298 | Cpl | AC | 014 | 66 |
| 36. | (S) SICKLER, OSCAR W | 328[illegible]2816 | Cpl | AC | 014 | 60 |
| 37. | (S) ARGUOPOLAS, THEODORE G | 36639739 | Pfc | AC | 550 | 49 |
| 38. | (S) SCHILLING, CARL A | 33199259 | Cpl | AC | 932 | 60 |
| 39. | (S) SHAFFER, EARL E | 36679195 | Pfc | AC | 677 | 44 |
| | | 87th Air Sv Group | | | | |
| 40. | (S) SWEARINGEN, GERALD W | 36533743 | Sgt | AC | 264 | 54 |
| 41. | (S) KEANE, JOHN M | 32980540 | Pfc | AC | 677 | 58 |
| 42. | (S) BRAINARD, EDWARD H | 35068920 | Cpl | AC | 677 | 46 |
| 43. | (S) COLE, WINFORD E. | 34362416 | Pfc | AC | 383 | 47 |
| | | 2021st Ord Maint Co [illegible] | | | | |
| 44. | (S) MEYER, FRANK | 34[illegible]23 | [illegible] | Ord | 848 | 28 |
| 45. | (S) KLINE, ALEXANDER B | 33849686 | T/5 | Ord | 348 | 30 |
| 46. | (S) WILLIAMS, EDWARD E | 33775933 | T/4 | Ord | 965 | 14 |
| 47. | (S) CAMPBELL, DUNCAN F | 11106520 | T/4 | Ord | 912 | 30 |
| | | 805th Chemical Co | | | | |
| 48. | (S) WOOD, BENJAMIN P | 36261884 | T/5 | CWS | 055 | 97 |
| 49. | (S) HALL, RICHARD E | 33004608 | T/4 | CWS | 060 | 85 |

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BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL RAMEY:

OFFICIAL:

D. O. MONTEITH
Colonel, Air Corps
Chief of Staff

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ROSS LANGLEY
Major, Air Corps
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HEADQUARTERS 58TH BOMBARDMENT WING
APO 183, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, Calif.

SPECIAL ORDERS 19 September 1945

NUMBER 125 E-X-T-R-A-C-T

1. The fol named Officer is reld from asgmt and dy orgn indicated and is atchd-unasgd to WPBC Personnel Center & Casual Depot APO 244 for discharge from the service under auth indicated and WP by first available water transportation thereto. CO of O concerned will insure that all pertinent records are checked and forwarded. Officer will notify correspondents and publishers to discontinue the mailing of letters and publications until informed of new address. Clothing and Equipment will be carried as prescribed by WD Cir 72, 7 Mar 45 as amended by WD Cir 146 and 201, 1945 and par 11b of WPBC RR 1-2. Baggage inspection will be in accordance with WD Cir 335, 44 as amended by Sec IV, Cir 31, WD 45 and Sec III Cir 75 1945. TDN. PCS. Auth: 4th Ind Hq 20th AF, 12 Sep 45 to Ltr 25th Air Sv Gp 23 Aug 45 and provisions of Par 8a USASTAF RR 1-5 4 Aug 45. EDCMR 19 Sep 45.

| NAME & ORGN | ASN | GRADE | SERV | MOS | ASRS |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| (S) DREVE, WENDEL E<br>578th Air Mat Sq 25th Air Sv Gp APO 183 | 01590414 | Capt | AC | 4010 | 57 |

2. MAJ (2162) ALBERT R EVANS 0447388 AC is reld from further asgmt and dy 28th Air Sv Gp, TDY 40th Bomb Gp and is asgd 40th Bomb Gp for dy. Auth: Twentieth Air Force Reg 35-23. No tvl involved. EDCMR 20 Sep 45.

3. S Sgt (383) Max Weinberg 32993818, Hq & Base Sv Sq 28th Air Sv Gp is reld from further DS with Hq & Hq Sq 58th Bomb Wg and is placed on SD 40th Bomb Gp for purpose of performing dy thereat. Auth: Twentieth Air Force Reg 35-23. EDCMR 20 Sep 45.

4. The fol named EM orgns indicated are reld from further SD this Hq and are directed to rpt to CO proper orgn for dy. Auth: Twentieth Air Force Reg 35-23.

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|---|---|---|---|
| S Sgt | (911) William D Daniel | 14138360 | 40th Bomb Gp |
| S Sgt | (938) Bernard E Patchett | 17121169 | 462nd Bomb Gp |
| Cpl | (960) William L Hewes | 33115219 | 444th Bomb Gp |
| Pfc | (580) Swayne E Slocumb | 20431058 | 462nd Bomb Gp |
| Pvt | (055) John R Law | 36688812 | 40th Bomb Gp |

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HEADQUARTERS
578TH AIR MATERIEL SQUADRON
25TH AIR SERVICE GROUP
APO 183

c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, Calif.
31 August 1945

SUBJECT: Historical Report.

THRU : Commanding Officer
25th Air Service Group
APO 183.

TO : Commanding General
Army Air Forces
Washington, 25, D. C.

1. In compliance with Hqs, XXI Bomber Command Regulation #20-1, Hqs, XXI Bomber Command, APO 234, c/o PM, San Francisco, California, and under the authority of Section II, General Order Number 2, Headquarters, 20th Air Force, dated 16 July 1945, the following attached Historical Report of this organization is submitted for the month of July 1945.

For the Commanding Officer:

SYDNEY L. HOROVITZ,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Adjutant.

1 Incl:
Historical Report, August 1945 (quad)

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HEADQUARTERS
578TH AIR MATERIEL SQUADRON
25TH AIR SERVICE GROUP
APO 183

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San Francisco, Calif.

HISTORICAL REPORT (AUGUST 1945)

August opened with the squadron standing at an enlisted strength of 113 - the lowest since the organization landed on the island.

The squadron lost one (1) officer and three (3) enlisted men. 1st Lt. Alfred N. Walters, Squadron Supply Officer and assigned to duty at Service Center Air Corps Supply, left on an emergency leave /1 and was subsequently transferred out /2. C/1 James McCannon, having reached his fortieth birthday, was transferred to Casual Depot, [illegible]-PAC Base Command /3 on the first leg of his journey home for discharge. Later we sent out S/Sgt Wheeler N. Newman /4 and Pfc Cecil R. Plumley /5 on DS to join the Port of Debarkation pending their assignment to continental USA for discharge or reassignment.

The Japanese offer of surrender on 15 August 1945 (Western Pacific Time) caught this organization with its points down due to the lack, in many cases, of battle stars. This continues to be a sore point among all personnel in this organization as in others.

The devasting effects of the atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki was a topic of discussion for several days. The surrender offer followed so swiftly that it seemed an anti-climax.

1/ Travel Orders, Hqs 58th, dtd 16 August 1945.
2/ Ltr: ANGAP 370.5, Hqs 58th, dtd 17 August 1945.
3/ Par. 1, SO #15, Hqs 20th AF, dtd 30 July 1945.
4/ Par 18, SO #112, Hqs 58th, dtd
5/ Par 20, SO #112, Hqs 58th, dtd

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The news was received with much satisfaction and in good order. To forestall any possible accidents, arms and ammunition had been collected.



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HEADQUARTERS, 25TH AIR SERVICE GROUP
A.P.O. 247, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California.
16 July 1945

SPECIAL ORDERS )
:
NUMBER 111 )

1. 1ST LT ROBERT G. CHEATUM, O 439 591, AC, 35th Air Eng Sq, WP b/a 17 Jul 45 to Hq, XXI Bomber Command, APO 234, for approx three (3) days TDY thereat, for the purpose of attending conference pertaining to Maintenance matters. Upon completion of TDY Off is directed to return to proper orgn. TDN. TEMP. No per diem. Auth: Teletype TOD 23202 LPK.

2. Fol named EM, Hq & BSS, are placed on Special Duty with Director of Supply and Maintenance, 58th Bomb Wing Service Center, and will report thereto for duty:

S Sgt 870 Keith S. Bowman, 37 226 119
Cpl 809 Jesse M. Cauthen, 20 406 236

3. The fol EM, orgns indicated, are promoted to the grades indicated. AUTH: AR 615-5, recommendation of Squadron Commander and recommendation of EM Promotion Board:

35TH AIR ENGINEERING SQUADRON

To Be Sergeant

Cpl 573 Albert M. Mattock, 36 824 354
Cpl 681 William T. Stone, 19 069 821

To Be Corporal

Pfc 747 Thomas F. O'Neill, 31 002 315
Pfc 014 Ernest F. Lammers, 37 464 936

HEADQUARTERS & BASE SERVICES SQUADRON

To Be Corporal

Pfc 409 Walter Burzynski, 36 652 603

578TH AIR MATERIEL SQUADRON

To Be Staff Sergeant

Sgt 505 Harold F. Kuhlman, 36 374 019

BY ORDER OF COLONEL GARDNER:

OFFICIAL:

E. J. REYNOLDS
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant

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HEADQUARTERS 25TH AIR SERVICE GROUP,
A.P.O. 247, c/o Postmaster,
San Francisco, California,
21 Jul 45.

SPECIAL ORDERS )

NUMBER 116 )

1. Sgt C60 Finas H. Elkins, 35 455 824, 578th Air Mat Sq, is promoted to the grade of Staff Sergeant (TW). Auth: AR 615-5, recommendation of Squadron Commander, and recommendation of Enlisted Men's Promotion Board.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL GARDNER:

E. J. REYNOLDS,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

OFFICIAL:

E. J. REYNOLDS,
Captain, Air Corps,
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HEADQUARTERS 25TH AIR SERVICE GROUP,
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San Francisco, California,
31 Jul 1945.

SPECIAL ORDERS )
NUMBER 173 )

1. Having been asgd this Gp per par 7, SO 93, Hq, 58th Bomb Wg, dtd 27 Jul 45, T Sgt (505) Robert J. Harder, 19 064 606, is further asgd 57th Air Mat Sq. EDCR 30 Jul 45.

2. MAJOR AUSTIN J. SHANNON, O 909 135, AC, is aptd Group Mess Officer (additional duty) vice 1ST LT SYDNEY L. HOROVITZ, O 561 308, AC, reld.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL GARDNER:

E. J. REYNOLDS,
Major, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

OFFICIAL:

E. J. REYNOLDS,
Major, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS
578TH AIR MATERIAL SQUADRON
25TH AIR SERVICE GROUP
APO 247

c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, Calif.
30 June 1945

SUBJECT: Historical Report

THRU : Commanding Officer
25th Air Service Group
APO 247

TO : Commanding General
Army Air Forces
Washington, 25, D. C.

1. In compliance with Hqs, XXI Bomber Command Regulation 20-1, Hqs, XXI Bomber Command, APO 234, c/o PM, San Francisco, California, the following attached Historical Report of this organization is submitted for the month of June 1945.

For the Commanding Officer:

SYDNEY L. HOROWITZ,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Adjutant.

1 Incl:
Historical Report, June 1945 (quad)

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HEADQUARTERS
578TH AIR MATERIEL SQUADRON
25TH AIR SERVICE GROUP
APO 247

c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, Calif.

HISTORICAL REPORT (JUNE 1945)

At the beginning of this month we moved, with the group, to a new area farther east on 80th street where we were to prepare for the coming of the rest of the men from India. It was an unpromising looking place; especially the area that is destined to belong to the 578th (for we are scheduled to move again; this time within the group area).

With some form of supply sleight of hand, the 578th lost their pyramidal tents and had to use, instead, squad tents. This caused much displeased mutterings among the men but they attacked the job of setting up temporarily and are apparently content.

Captain Wendel W. Greve assumed command when the squadron was joined by the rear echelon from India /1 on 9 June 1945 and the attached officers and enlisted men were dropped /1 and joined to their parent organizations.

S/Sgt Charles E. Blanton and Cpl William E. Lewey went to Group Headquarters and became part of the Unit Personnel Section there. With them went all the personnel records of the squadron. This

1/ SO #87, Hqs, 25th ASG, APO #247 dtd 8 June 1945.

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organization became, for all practical purposes, a hollow shell to be used as a vessel to hold and physically account for the personnel. The only major administrative function left was that of squadron supply.

Our First Sergeant, M/Sgt Harold M. Barth went to the hospital on the 22nd of the month and is still there at the month's end.

During the month three enlisted men were promoted to Private first Class /2. They were Privates Cecil H. Plumley, Jack V Robinson, and Irving S. Sexter.

The Commanding General visited the messhall during the month and praised the messhall as being the cleanest and most efficient in the Wing. This was followed by letters of commendation by Col. Gardner and the Squadron, Commander, Capt. Wendel Drove, to Lt. Sydney L. Morovitz /3 and S/Sgt Wheeler W. Newman /4 who are in charge of the messhall.

The month ended in a routine manner.

2/ Par 1, SO #94, Hqs, 25th ASC, APO #247 dtd 17 June 1945.
3/ Ltr. Subj. Commendation dtd 28 June 1945.
4/ Ltr. Subj. Commendation dtd 28 June 1945.



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HEADQUARTERS, 25TH AIR SERVICE GROUP,
A.P.O. 247, c/o Postmaster,
San Francisco, California,
8 June '45

SPECIAL ORDERS )

NUMBER 87 )

1. Fol named EM, 578th Air Mat Sq, are reld fr atchd to Hq & BSS for rations, quarters, and administration. EDCM/R 8 June '45:

M Sgt 826 Anthony N. Bailey, 13 016 367
T Sgt 821 Rex D. Gloor, 15 098 924
S Sgt 821 James M. Dorney, 35 512 374
S Sgt 826 Richard D. Underhill, 15 084 278
Sgt 747 Elmer E. Arndt, 12 090 868
Sgt 835 Harold C. Gott, 32 383 929
Sgt 835 Ross Grecco, 36 004 554
Sgt 826 Richard J. Newton, 32 454 384
Sgt 835 Thomas P. Sullivan, 31 128 252
Sgt 405 Laurence L. Wensel, 33 138 850
Cpl 835 George E. Burns, 31 283 189
Cpl 405 George L. Deigman, 32 888 980
Cpl 037 Kenneth A. Friedhoff, 37 386 149
Cpl 835 Dale Griffiths, 36 273 660
Cpl 901 Bernard J. Kallenborn, 36 373 984
Cpl 405 Roman J. Lukaszewski, 15 323 911
Cpl 835 Warner M. McAlister, 34 349 221
Cpl 050 Frank Racki, 36 741 416
Cpl 835 Henry E. Tunstall, 14 073 785
Cpl 014 Herbert A. Wolff, 36 800 918
Pfc 590 Garthel L. Burr, 18 208 345
Pfc 405 Victor L. Gaul, 37 202 911
Pfc 590 Leonard R. Kuderna, 32 771 111
Pfc 345 Kermit A. Ritter, 33 490 409
Pfc 835 Bruno S. Wathel, 18 186 979
Pfc 835 Walter J. Wdzieczkowski, 33 559 020
Pvt 405 Irving S. Sexter, 32 653 737
Pfc 835 Joseph Civilla, 37 545 714

T Sgt Harry E. Carrigan 13 030 403
S Sgt 821 Henry C. Bach, 37 473 165
S Sgt 050 Robert E. Rust, 13 045 707
S Sgt 815 John D. Van Kirk, 36 521 479
Sgt 405 Paul G. Campbell, 13 152 784
Sgt 835 Louis E. Kovacs, 35 042 573
Sgt 835 Gerald Lefkowitz, 35 512 274
Sgt 835 Andrew G. Peterson, 33 295 576
Sgt 821 Joseph Trentadue, 15 330 460
Cpl 835 Vernon H. Buchanan, 36 374 283
Cpl 835 Robert L. Davis, Jr., 34 344 792
Cpl 835 John R. Eakle, 33 335 246
Cpl 815 Byron D. Gettings, 35 599 110
Cpl 835 Casimir W. Grysiewicz, 36 546 268
Cpl 835 Charles L. Lemmond, 34 430 761
Cpl 901 Joseph C. Lulkovitz, 33 305 597
Cpl 405 Donald B. McGuire, 17 175 869
Cpl 835 Walfred M. Saari, 36 451 295
Cpl 835 Howard E. Wine, 37 665 725
Pfc 835 John A. Albright, 6 384 600
Pfc 405 John R. Edgar, 33 761 980
Pfc 590 Ardell W. Hosterman, 33 575 977
Pfc 932 Charles J. Martini, 32 280 710
Pfc 348 Earl W. Sharp, 39 280 035
Pfc 590 Rufus W. Wood, 34 177 015
Pfc 901 David H. Penn, 32 880 607
Pfc 405 Edward J. Sobieski, 36 701 681
Pvt Jack W. Robinson, 17 169 673

2. Fol named Os, 578th Air Mat Sq, are reld fr atchd Hq & BSS. EDCM/R 8 June '45:

CAPTAIN 4010 WENDEL E. DREVE, 01 590 414, AC
CAPTAIN 4000 GERALD J. BOYLE, O 581 436, AC
1ST LT 0224 JESS G. FISHER, 01 646 164, AC
1ST LT ROBERT PETERSON, 01 593 181, AC

3. Fol named Os, Hq & BSS, are reld fr atchd 578th Air Mat Sq. EDCM/R 8 June '45:

COLONEL 2120 ROGERS A. GARDNER, 016 066, AC
MAJOR 9300 AUSTIN J. SHANNON, O 909 135, AC
CAPT 7120 EMORY E. HARRIS, 01 105 495, AC
CAPT 2110 EDOLYNE J. REYNOLDS, 01 297 429, AC
1ST LT 7120 CLARENCE E. CLEGG, JR., 01 115 216, AC
1ST LT GLEN J. MILLER, O 861 080, AC

4. Fol named EM, Hq & BSS, are reld fr atchd 578th Air Mat Sq for rations, quarters, and administration. EDCM/R 8 June '45:

T Sgt 766 Byron A. Dixon, 14 459 250
S Sgt 673 Stanley J. Bejnarowicz, 36 040 645
S Sgt 805 Walter W. Binner, 13 052 859
T Sgt 502 Hubert V. Fixmer, 36 333 681
S Sgt 532 Wayne B. Banks, 33 328 220
S Sgt 014 Leonard E. Moncier, 14 077 737
S Sgt 870 Keith S. Bowman, 37 226 199
Sgt 945 William D. Carter, 13 025 616
S Sgt 822 Willie E. Duke, 33 638 048
Sgt 630 Donald R. Foster, 35 332 800
Sgt 727 Thomas G. Mairs, 37 572 193
Sgt 359 Thomas G. Rooney, 31 363 909
Sgt 383 Gladstone G. Smith, 34 793 008
Sgt 861 Edgar G. Vetter, 32 192 156

T Sgt 238 David H. Swartz, Jr., 13 064 147
S Sgt 345 James A. Eppler, 18 049 257
S Sgt 941 Joseph H. Formeller, 39 691 022
Sgt 805 James R. Austin, 36 712 067
Sgt 164 Edward D. Buddenberg, 38 507 570
S Sgt 275 Paul B. Feldberg, 33 197 807
Sgt 835 Francis J. Huntley, 13 062 264
Sgt 805 Carol T. Robinson, 33 225 453
Sgt 078 Joseph A. Savino, 32 760 302
Sgt 805 Jack R. Stein, 14 073 042
Sgt 766 Franklin H. Warren, 31 114 174

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Sgt 359 Theodore R. Woodruff, 17 170 356
Cpl 238 Willie D. Bailey, 34 186 335
Cpl 345 James T. Carey, 35 597 271
Cpl 822 Eugene A. Carrera, 32 774 894
Cpl 359 Leland A. Davis, 33 630 743
Cpl 409 Benjamin Feldman, 39 386 299
Cpl 359 Austin E. Hale, 36 852 399
Pfc 345 Herman F. Smith, 35 774 246
Cpl 345 Hjalmer Johnson, 20 657 135
Cpl 196 Louis J. Mene, 33 294 087
Cpl 805 Stanley H. Silver, 32 889 537
Cpl 345 Everett W. Spray, 39 840 793
Cpl 590 Oscar E. Truman, 33 158 881
Cpl 405 George I. Wynboom, 16 048 143
Pfc 945 Russel D. Allan, 11 083 765
Pfc 690 Leo S. Bartlett, 33 682 561
Pfc 383 ,ichael J. Bennette, 42 037 682
Pfc 345 Michael Borrieci, 32 964 578
Pfc 081 John W. Browning, 34 653 380
Pfc 667 William F. Byron, 36 413 602
Pfc 345 John A. Conley, 33 666 649
Pfc 078 Ralph A. Cummins, 39 619 585
Pfc 345 Leon R. DeBow, 11 073 519
Pfc 050 Manuel G. De Los Santos, 38 144 408
Pfc 345 Alphonse D'Errario, 32 806 225
Pfc 677 Dale R. Frick, 37 674 737
Pfc 345 Vernard R. Harner, 33 511 540
Pfc 345 Sylvester J. Jezak, 42 021 791
Pfc 590 Wilfred A. Loes, 37 190 668
Pfc 345 William E. Rehfus, 35 232 041
Pfc 345 Carl C. Russo, 33 294 021
Pfc 359 Harold D. Snyder, 35 609 937
Pfc 677 Roy B. Stewart, 38 539 969
Pfc 345 Robert E. Wagner, 35 773 277
Pvt 345 Alvin J. Wines, 19 055 914

Cpl 405 Cecil W. Allison, 18 156 211
Cpl 345 Walter J. Borowski, 36 723 135
Cpl 383 John P. Carney, 32 944 106
Cpl 059 William E. Cox, 34 811 484
Cpl 405 Louis DeMarino, 36 728 261
Cpl 081 George D. Fletcher, 33 557 413
Cpl 650 Harold Hamilton, 31 096 701
Cpl 409 Gordon K. Johnson, 34 624 087
Cpl 050 Earl H. Kattler, 35 149 192
Cpl 164 Otha C. Polvado, 38 341 825
Cpl 014 Torrance F. Smith, 33 610 622
Pfc 345 Hyman Prager, 32 824 097
Cpl 237 Ladel J. Wood, 39 354 085
Cpl 835 Clayton L. Zeigler, 35 558 260
Pfc 345 Leon N. Baker, 35 607 245
Pfc 078 Allan H. Behrens, 36 660 890
Pfc 383 Louis P. Biciocchi, 31 420 185
Pfc 383 Louis E. Brown, 36 825 072
Pfc 409 Walter Burzynski, 36 652 603
Pfc 590 Lawrence L. Clark, 34 597 115
Pfc 590 Carlos V. Cox, 6 393 551
Pfc 345 Clarence Davids, 36 744 059
Pfc 345 Jesse J. Deering, 18 035 495

Pfc 050 Herbert Detore, 32 989 571
Pfc 590 Herbert D. Giesel, 15 324 253
Pfc 345 Varnum A. Hewitt, 31 372 819
Pfc 345 Clarence W. Leppla, 36 817 004
Pfc 345 Cecil E. Mock, 14 073 036
Pfc 345 William F. Riffel, 35 765 133
Pfc 383 Percy C. Smith, 32 857 667
Pfc 650 Robert N. Stephens, 34 356 402
Pfc 677 Jerry Sykora, 12 157 062
Pvt 345 David Foley, 35 612 204

5. Fol named Os, 35th Air Eng Sq, are reld fr atchd 578th Air Mat Sq. EDCM/R 8 June '45:

CAPTAIN JAMES A. WELLWOOD, O 514 214, AC
1ST LT 4807 ELMER G. GALLAS, 01 550 593, AC
1ST LT 0130 WILLIAM A. RAYNES, O 901 064, AC
1ST LT 4823 SAMUEL L. SPEARS, O 581 240, AC
1ST LT 4806 EDWARD G. JARMAK, O 856 053, AC

6. Fol named EM, 35th Air Eng Sq, are reld fr atchd 578th Air Mat Sq for rations, quarters, and administration. EDCM/R 8 June '45:

M Sgt 555 John L. Byrd, 6 391 762
T Sgt 925 Howard C. Jackson, 7 002 177
S Sgt 647 Ralph H. Boswell, 16 094 578
S Sgt 925 Jim J. McGill, 18 084 748
S Sgt 925 James F. Ramsey, 6 887 847
S Sgt 747 Bly B. Story, 17 032 565
Sgt 528 Robert O. Beck, 19 113 670
Sgt 060 Oliver P. Chonko, 33 265 845
Sgt 955 Clark W. Fishel, 16 098 169
Sgt 573 Lawrence A. Horton, 34 201 935
Sgt 550 Russell A. Kamin, 36 111 780
Sgt 915 John J. Keller, Jr, 36 521 817
Sgt 687 Robert P. Lunna, 11 085 608
Sgt 114 John O. McCleery, 19 188 093
Sgt 665 John W. Miller, 36 395 894
Sgt 555 Joseph S. Pelizza Jr, 31 248 936
Sgt 550 Robert A. Queale, 15 073 196
Sgt 239 Stephen J. Stypinski 36 176 910
Sgt 960 Richard C. Walker, 33 786 558
Sgt 686 Jacob F. Winfree, 14 072 386
Sgt 647 Victor A. Raso Jr 32 351 810
Cpl 647 Terje Brekka, 32 519 795
Cpl 548 Ray O Carr, 39 27[illegible] 254
Cpl 647 James N Cover Jr 745 637

T Sgt 555 Oliver Church, 14 005 774
T Sgt 014 Clarence A. Simmons, 35 447 950
S Sgt 687 Roscoe B. Davies, 36 059 746
S Sgt 573 Michael Perme, 14 027 073
S Sgt 824 William C. Stanton, 34 443 000
S Sgt 925 John T. Wallace, 14 062 168
Sgt 685 John T. Buckley, 33 188 765
Sgt 955 Johnny J. Crooks, 37 497 775
Sgt 060 Jack A. Holmes, 39 541 539
Sgt 903 Ernest C. Johnson, 36 110 938
Sgt 885 Russell L. Keeler, 15 300 123
Sgt 555 George Kifowit, 35 227 743
Sgt 747 John MacEwen, 32 427 769
Sgt 095 Herman C. McElveen, 34 178 949
Sgt 960 John Parker, 17 144 680
Sgt 620 Elroy F. Pendleton, 35 106 079
Sgt 687 Peter Ralles, 15 200 250
Sgt685 Edward A. Vargo, 15 374 040
Sgt 885 David Watson 39 019 388
Sgt 683 Ernest B. Wyatt, 14 125 909
Cpl 014 Roy L. Barnett, 37 205 369
Cpl 757 Michael J. Brienza, 32 508 125
Cpl 555 Norman C[illegible]ments Jr 35 474 155
Cpl 573 Mike P. [illegible]ivello 36 268 604



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Cpl 809 Walter DeGroff, 32 502 247
Cpl 686 Frank L Dolan 19 178 080
Cpl 405 William F Evans 33 349 342
Cpl 070 Rex M Fiedler 39 034 548
Cpl 014 Louis H Fouts 16 362 465
Cpl 114 Sheldon R Gee 32 141 880
Cpl 747 Robert A Heiner 12 324 704
Cpl 405 John C Holmes 19 177 355
Cpl 904 Raymond G Janke 36 228 550
Cpl 903 Joseph M Kashawlic 13 130 418
Cpl 573 Martin M Krause 36 375 880
Cpl 555 Daniel J Lane 31 137 803
Cpl 405 Alphonse Magnotta 33 308 048
Cpl 685 Patsy C Meolie 32 496 092
Cpl 647 Jacob Munt 32 905 595
Cpl 903 Leonard L Porter 36 192 022
Cpl 060 James M Reid 38 283 825
Cpl686 Oscar D Smith 34 708 378
Cpl 960 Henry W Thron 18 166 561
Pfc 835 Ernest E Benbow 19 142 427
Pfc 620 Anthony E Daddese 31 328 186
Pfc 647 Charles A Evans 39 181 864
Pfc 573 Verlin Hill 37 405 976
Pfc 345 Ernest F Dammers 37 464 926
Pfc 014 James D Lollie 34 240 644
Pfc 686 Charles H McCormick 33 435 387
Pfc 960 Dale Miller 15 394 152
Pfc 915 Charles L Pickering 35 635 497
Pfc 685 Given W Roos 36 068 881
Pfc 014 Emil Taracka 31 336 143
Pfc 555 James I Thompson, 33 325 687
Pfc 014 Norbert J Wilda 16 342 228
Pvt 345 William E Arford 13 028 728
Pvt 555 Howard V Cowgill 34 141 734
Pvt 050 Ronald R Huston Jr 31 217 367
Pvt 960 Alphonse A Cygal 16 172 099
Cpl 960 George E Doran Jr 16 176 607

Cpl 555 Vincent J Diano 32 401 496
Cpl 620 Willard D Drake 35 702 727
Cpl 555 Leslie G Fiedler 37 264 728
Cpl 687 Roy L Fitzsimmons 39 837 520
Cpl 555 Roy L Fullmer 39 560 195
Cpl 405 Morris D Goldner 33 349 775
Cpl 683 Charles J Herrmann 13 131 260
Cpl 555 Louis W Hug 36 741 406
Cpl 555 George W Johnson 39 564 525
Cpl 060 Donald R Koch 16 356 812
Cpl 014 Bernard F Kroll 33 426 057
Cpl 014 Ralph H Lent 31 308 912
Cpl 114 Edwin T Marks 32 374 425
Cpl 955 Robert V Mitchell 16 095 426
Cpl 686 Morris A Parslow 16 060 298
Cpl 686 Norman G Radi 39 254 430
Cpl 685 Christian L Schraft 32 287 640
Cpl 681 William T Stone 19 069 821
Cpl 620 Joe H Ussery 34 235 497
Pfc 685 Carl L Carlson 36 828 156
Pfc 620 Arthur H Dean 31 332 790
Pfc 590 Richard Gallegos 37 337 279
Pfc 555 Harold W Hoskins 39 560 950
Pfc 014 Joseph Levine 32 432 073
Pfc 686 Robert P Lyon 39 563 872
Pfc 345 David F McCourt 37 122 120
Pfc 590 Dewey I Murr 35 530 957
Pfc 014 William R Puckett 35 694 727
Pfc 256 John W Spencer 6 984 236
Pfc 665 Chester F. Van Demark 32 448 748
Pfc 686 William E Waters 34 669 846
Pfc 647 Nathan H Zoll 11 117 502
Pvt 095 Daniel A Bauer 17 154 805
Pvt 014 Adron M Hayes 34 106 687
Pvt 685 Aaron Mazerowitz 12 157 390
Cpl 960 Aldred E Schofield 18 122 151

7. The fol Officers, orgns ind, are reld fr atchd 578th Air Materiel Sq. EDCMR 8 Jun 45.

2ND LT JEROME B. FISHER, O [illegible]50 515, AC, Hq & Base Svs Sq
2ND LT EARL G. RUESCH, O 872 473, AC, Hq & Base Svs Sq
1ST LT BERNARD G. VEREILEN, 01 590 235, AC, Hq & Base Svs Sq
1ST LT VINCENT E. SHANKS, O 863 608, AC, 35th Air Engineering Sq
1ST LT SIDNEY C. SOLOMON, O 866 469, AC, 35th Air Engineering Sq
1ST LT THEODORE R. SEEHORN, 01 551 739, AC, 35th Air Engineering Sq

BY ORDER OF COLONEL GARDNER:

E. J. REYNOLDS,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

OFFICIAL:

E. J. REYNOLDS,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS 25TH AIR SERVICE GROUP
A.P.O. 247, c/o Postmaster,
San Francisco, California,
17 June 1945.

SPECIAL ORDERS )

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1. Fol named EM, organizations indicated, are promoted to the grades indicated. Auth: AR 615-6, recommendation of Squadron Commanders and Recommendation of EM's Promotion Bd.

HEADQUARTERS AND BASE SERVICES SQUADRON

TO BE TECHNICAL SERGEANT (TW)

S Sgt 014 Leslie L. Munson, 32 192 081

TO BE STAFF SERGEANT (TW)

Sgt 822 Edward D. Puddenberg, 38 507 570
Sgt 502 Lawrence F. Weitkamp, 35 495 215

TO BE SERGEANT (TW)

Cpl 824 James L. Black, 14 062 160
Cpl 059 William E. Cox, 34 811 484

TO BE CORPORAL (TW)

Pfc 060 Luther Mitchell, 37 428 650

TO BE PRIVATE FIRST CLASS

Pvt 345 Richard G. Ware, 35 875 688
Pvt 345 David Foley, 35 612 204

35TH AIR ENGINEERING SQUADRON

TO BE PRIVATE FIRST CLASS

Pvt 345 William E. Arford, 13 028 728
Pvt 747 James A. Cole, Jr., 32 411 154
Pvt 747 Aubrey B. Franklin, 39 585 478
Pvt 747 Eugene Iatropelli, 12 088 871
Pvt 405 Clayton L. Meglemre, 6 573 466
Pvt 747 Julien K. Temple, 32 880 607

578TH AIR MATERIEL SQUADRON

TO BE PRIVATE FIRST CLASS

Pvt 060 Cecil R. Plumley, 35 432 243
Pvt 647 Jack W. Robinson, 17 169 673
Pvt 405 Irving S. Secter, 32 653 737

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HEADQUARTERS
25TH AIR SERVICE GROUP
APO 247

26 June 1945.

SUBJECT: Commendation.

TO : Commanding Officer, 578th Air Materiel Squadron,
25th Air Service Group.

1. I desire to commend 1st Lieutenant Sydney L. Horovitz, O 561 308, Air Corps, of your organization, for his manner of performance in organizing and placing in operation a Consolidated Mess for personnel of this Group.

2. In his capacity as Mess Officer, Lieutenant Horovitz has contributed greatly in making our Group Mess one of the finest on the Island.

3. During a recent inspection of the Mess, Brigadier General Roger M. Ramey, Commanding General of the 58th Bombardment Wing, remarked that "of the Mess Halls he had visited that day, the 25th Air Service Group Consolidated Mess Hall was by far the most efficient and cleanest". The words of the Commanding General are a manifestation of the effort and untiring devotion to duty displayed by Lieutenant Horovitz and the Mess Personnel under his supervision.

4. This letter will be deli...ed to Lieutenant Horovitz, adding whatever words of commendation you may desire. A copy of this letter has been placed in the 201 file of Lieutenant Horovitz.

R. A. GARDNER,
Colonel, Air Corps,
Commanding.

A TRUE COPY:

Sydney L. Horovitz

SYDNEY L. HOROVITZ,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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H&S, 578TH AIR MATERIEL SQUADRON, 25TH AIR SERVICE GROUP, APO 247, 28 June 1945.

TO: 1st Lt SYDNEY L. HOROVITZ, 578th Air Materiel Sq, 25th Air Service Gp, APO 247.

1. It was indeed a pleasure to read the letter of Commendation received by you from Colonel Gardner for the work you have done in organizing and in the operation of the very successful Group Consolidated Mess.

2. I wish to add my Commendation to you and your mess personnel for the success attained in this operation in such a short time.

WENDEL E. DREVE,
Captain, Air Corps,
Commanding.

A TRUE COPY:

Sydney L. Horovitz

SYDNEY L. HOROVITZ,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS
25TH AIR SERVICE GROUP
APO 247

26 June 1945

SUBJECT: Commendation.

TO : Commanding Officer, 578th Air Materiel Squadron,
25th Air Service Group.

1. I desire to commend Staff Sergeant Wheeler E. Newman, 14 027 011, of your organization, for his manner of performance in organizing and placing in operation a Consolidated Mess for personnel of this Group.

2. Working together with other Mess Sergeants of the Group, Staff Sergeant Newman spent extra hours in labor and in supervision to make our Group Mess one of the finest on the Island. During a recent inspection of the Mess, Brigadier General Roger M. Ramey, Commanding General of the 58th Bombardment Wing, remarked that "of the Mess Halls he had visited that day, the 25th Air Service Group Consolidated Mess Hall was by far the most efficient and cleanest". The words of the Commanding General are a manifestation of the effort and untiring devotion to duty displayed by Staff Sergeant Newman.

3. This letter will be delivered to Staff Sergeant Newman, adding whatever words of commendation you may desire. A copy of this letter will be placed in the 201 file of Staff Sergeant Newman.

R. A. GARDNER,
Colonel, Air Corps,
Commanding.

A TRUE COPY:

Sydney L. Horovitz

SYDNEY L. HOROVITZ,
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2. I wish to add my Commendation to you and your mess personnel for the success attained in this operation in such a short time.

WENDEL E. DREVE,
Captain, Air Corps,
Commanding.

A TRUE COPY:

Sydney L. Horovitz

SYDNEY L. HOROVITZ,
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579TH AIR MATERIEL SQUADRON
72ND AIR SERVICE GROUP, ARMY AIR FORCES
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING OFFICER

DEC 12 1946

APO 247, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California
1 March 1945

SUBJECT: War Diary, 579th Air Materiel Squadron, for January, February, 1945.

TO : Commanding Officer, 72nd Air Service Group.
ATTN: Group Historical Officer.

It may be that this portion of the history of this Squadron would be more correctly entitled "Morale History". Throughout this account the word morale will appear, for it is the end-product and it is affected by each of the topics and conditions we shall note.

LIVING CONDITIONS

For the past two months this Squadron has been housed in Squad Tents, which, despite their many inconveniences when compared with the hutments of Walker Field, they still constitute a great improvement over the pup tents in which we were quartered the first few nights following our arrival on this Island. These same Squad Tents provided an interesting situation in deciding how the twelve men to each tent would be determined. Repeatedly while enroute to this station, the men had expressed their wishes concerning this matter. Since they knew they were headed overseas, and since they surmised that at best overseas service is characterized by an absence of numerous little conveniences and facilities hardly noticed, much less appreciated, in the States, the men felt that the very least which they could rightly expect was to be given a choice among their buddies with whom they could share quarters. No difficulty was experienced immediately following the landing when men paired off by choice for pup tent quarters. When the time came to move into the Squad Tents, the order was given that men would be assigned by grade, so that first three graders would occupy one tent, buck sergeants the next, and so on. Needless to say the men were chagrined, and their morale suffered heavily. Yet in an incredibly brief time the men succeeded in adjusting themselves to the new quarters and to each other, to such an extent that not only was the matter largely forgotten, but men declared that given the choice of bunking with their closest buddies or continue as they were they would choose the latter. This is not empty big talk. The men are humanly mature enough to realize that in a technical organization like they to stress grade distinction is not essential to good discipline. They quickly discover each others abilities and compensating features, and from this stems their characteristic mutual respect. The men will certainly be heard when they are stepped on rudely or unnecessarily, but with their common knowledge of each other their morale will not be easily cracked. Under adverse conditions they have worked hard and accomplished much.

The tent quarters, while they are the best available for the time being, seem to invite or make possible the harboring of many rats, mice, and ants. Men report they have been awakened at night by rats and mice walking across their chests or along their arms, or chomping underneath their beds; or they have been aroused from sleep by weird shrieks from rats fighting each



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other in the tents. Mice are especially plentiful, and have been found even inside footlockers. Ants are most abundant, apearing constantly in vast numbers from nowhere, and in every respect are as destructive as the rats and mice. Some men have suggested that the ground in the tents be soaked in oil, then covered with coral gravel and sand as one method for eliminating ants. Others recommend that footlockers, shoes, and all equipment be kept on racks at least six (6) inches above the ground. Thus rats and mice will not be harbored underneath low racks.

Whenever it rains, which is seldom to be sure in this season of dry, hot, dusty days but often enough so that when it does come down it descends suddenly and in great volume, so much so, that improper drainage results, it is not surprising, men report, to wake up in the morning to discover puddles of water throughout the tent, and everywhere thick, sticky mud. One suggested correction is that until such time as when new and better living quarters are erected, draining ditches be so dug about each tent as to make possible the speedy drainage of water and at the same time insure dry floor space in tents.

Since space in footlockers is at such a premium it is also recommended that OD woolen uniforms together with all other woolen garments except socks be turned in by the men to their Squadron Supply to be stored there or in some Quartermaster warehouse.

The Island Quartermaster Laundry provides good service despite the small bundles and the length of the interval between service. Since men have to wash their own socks and underwear, and the mess personnel in particular have to wash their work uniforms because GI Laundry isn't frequent enough, it is recommended that a clothes-line be erected sufficient quantity and scattered throughout the area so that all men may have access to them. At least solid poles should be provided, and perhaps the men can be depended upon to supply their own ropes for lines.

The food in the Mess Hall is generally well enough prepared, considering the limited supply and variety on hand plus the lack of mechanical conveniences handy in its preparation. The occasional appearance of fresh fruits and vegetables, and particularly fresh meats is very gratifying. Such times always lift the morale after it has been bogged down in hash or stew for a while.

RECREATION FACILITIES

Recreation facilities are on the whole negligible in the Squadron area itself. The opening of the Group Day Room with its ping-pong tables, record player and radio, games such as checkers, chess, and cards, its piano, and its writing tables is appreciated by the great majority of men of this Squadron. The Special Service Officer states that plans are drawn and work has been underway for some time on the athletic area. This Group project will consist of two softball diamonds, one basketball diamond, one football gridiron, several horse shoe pitching boxes, basketball and volley ball courts, and zoo and flower gardens.

Up to the present time, the Squadron Softball Team has played several practice games in preparation for Island Softball league games. The practice games have been with teams from squadrons of the 77th Air Service Group as well as squadrons of our own Group, and the games have been played on the 77th's diamond. Whether the team won, lost, or tied scores, the men participating show a "superb spirit, a nice fast game. Everyone is excited over the prospects of the team and the League."



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Although Special Services is doing a great deal to interest the men in a program of varied sports, the greatest obstacle to such an effort is the fact that men do not have enough time off for such pursuits. With a daily work routine beginning at 0700 and ending 1700, except for those who work nights or split shifts at various jobs, most men find that letter-writing, personal toilet and hygiene, with perhaps a movie or two a week, takes up all his "free" time. Where is it possible to crowd in activities such as athletics or USAFI courses?

The arrival of magazines and periodicals from the War Department, New York Port of Embarkation, Special Service Supply Division, has provided men with an interesting assortment of literature. In addition, men who appreciate symphonic music are provided with a confortable music room in the Chapel area, a project for which they are deeply grateful to those responsible for its creation. It is impossible to reckon the good accomplished these men and their morale when they are given an opportunity to hear the best in music.

Now about movies. In the first issue of THE ISLAND SQUIRE, the Commanding Officer of the Group traced the growth and steady improvements of the Group Theatre project. He wrote, "The theatre isn't finished yet. Plans are drawn for a stage, a boxing ring, orchestra pit, drops, screens, and lights. It will be the best on the island, if not in the Marianas. . ." This is indeed to the good, and he probably realizes how appreciative every man is of this facility. But there is a serious problem in this theatre set-up, and its effect on morale is quick and hard. For the most part the films shown are of a poor kind, poor that is in idea content, in plausibility of plot or characters, in sincerity of production. It is true that the Group Commander does not select the pictures to be shown, and it is true that tastes vary considerably, but not to the extent that most men can't tell a good picture from a bad one. When a man decides to go to a movie in the evening after a day's hard work, he either wants good entertainment or a lesson well presented. No man's morale is made better if he is compelled to walk out on a movie because it stinks. And by the same token a man will endure rain if the picture is good. If the supply of newly released films does not promise something good, something plausible, something at least sensible, the men feel they would rather see return showings of pictures of former years known to be excellent.

The Group Post Exchange opened on 19 January. The service has been satisfactory despite shortages of merchandise and rationing. But one factor which is definitely not conducive to good morale is the method of distributing beer. As poor as the facilities at the Exchange are for the consumption of beer, the men feel it is unfair to demand of them that they drink it there. They not only resent having to drink their beer in a poor spot, they don't care to do it under the eyes and noses of officers stationed there. The men would prefer to enjoy the beer leisurely and in whatever privacy their tents afford. The fear that they will become intoxicated and wreak damage to the living quarters or to each other they feel to be groundless, what with two cans of beer sold three times weekly.

Although mail service is very sporadic, almost violently so at times, men agree that on the whole it is good considering our distance from "home plate."



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INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Two letters of commendation were received during the month of February, 1945, from the Commanding Officer of the Group for men of this Squadron. Here are copies of his message, followed by indorsements of the Squadron Commanding Officer:

21 February 1945

SUBJECT: Commendation.

TO : Pfc Arthur J. Sullivan, ASN 31 207 808, 579th Air Materiel Squadron, 72nd Air Service Group.
THRU: Commanding Officer, 579th Air Materiel Squadron.

It is my pleasure to forward to you, through your Commanding Officer, this commendation for your devotion to duty, quick thinking and unhesitating action at considerable risk to yourself, on the occasion of the gasoline fire which occurred on 1 February 1945, while you were burning trash at Service Center "D". Even though painfully burned and with absolute disregard of the further risk involved, you removed the gasoline can to a safe distance from the warehouse, thus eliminating the danger of destruction of the warehouse and its contents by fire. Your conduct on this occasion reflects great credit to yourself and your Group, and therefore will be made a matter of official record in the history of the Group and in your own 201 file.

/s/ Harry C. Morrison
HARRY C. MORRISON
Colonel, Air Corps
Commanding

1st Ind. LRH/csl

Hq, 579th Air Materiel Squadron, 72nd Air Service Gp, 22 Feb 45.
TO: Pfc Arthur J. Sullivan, 31 207 808.

It is a pleasure to endorse this commendation for the way you conducted yourself in the face of great danger for the well-being of our installation and of your fellow men. Such quick thinking and regard for others speak well for you as an individual, and reflect the lofty type of manhood in this organization.

/s/ Leslie R. Hopper
Major, Air Corps
Commanding

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21 February 1945

SUBJECT: Commendation.

TO : Commanding Officer, 579th Air Materiel Squadron, 72nd Air Service Group.



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1. It is my pleasure to commend the following named enlisted men of the 579th Air Materiel Squadron for their quick thinking, and prompt action on the occasion of the gasoline fire which occurred at Service Center "D" on 1 February 1945, while burning trash:

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| Pfc Thomas J. Nye | 32 816 518 | Pvt Lewis E. Flohra | 39 285 737 |
| Pfc Charles J. Hawkins | 13 131 940 | Pvt Ernest Hieshetter | 36 867 830 |

These four (4) enlisted men by their prompt action and disregard of personal danger not only averted a possible warehouse fire with loss of government property therein, but also saved a fellow soldier, Pfc Arthur J. Sullivan, from possible fatal burns by extinguishing the fire in his clothing caused by burning gasoline.

2. The conduct of the four (4) enlisted men cited above was such as to bring credit to themselves and to the entire Group. It is therefore my desire that this commendation be made a matter of official record and a copy placed in the 201 file of each.

/s/ Harry C. Morrison
HARRY C. MORRISON
Colonel, Air Corps
Commanding

1st Ind. LRH/csl

Hq, 579th Air Materiel Sq, 72nd Air Sv Gp, 22 Feb 45.
TO: Pfcs Nye and Hawkins, and Pvts Flohra and Hieshetter.

It is a pleasure to further commend each of you for your quick thinking and action in behalf of the safety of Pfc Arthur J. Sullivan. In accomplishing this you have reflected credit on yourselves and on this organization.

/s/ Leslie R. Hopper
LESLIE R. HOPPER
Major, Air Corps
Commanding

For the Commanding Officer:

Nate Weinstein
NATE WEINSTEIN
2nd Lt, AC
Adjutent



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72ND AIR SERVICE GROUP, ARMY AIR FORCES
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING OFFICER

APO 247, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California
10 February 1945

SUBJECT: Squadron History, 1-9 February 1945.

TO : Commanding Officer, 72nd Air Service Group.
ATTN: Group Historical Officer.

1 February 1945

The following letter is a copy of the commendation sent by Major R. H. HOLLAND, OIC Training, 832d AAF Specialized Depot, Topeka, Kansas, and should have been included in the Introduction to the Squadron History for the month of January 1945:

HEADQUARTERS
832D AAF SPECIALIZED DEPOT
TOPEKA, KANSAS

15 October 1944

SUBJECT: On the Job Training.

TO : Commanding Officer, 579th Materiel Squadron, 72nd Service Group, Walker Army Air Field, Victoria, Kansas.
THRU: Commanding Officer, 72nd Service Group.

1. 1st Lt PHILIP H. SISNEY, O 585 253, and the following named enlisted men have recently completed approximately ten days of "On the Job Training" at this Depot:

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| T Sgt Riley G. Sparks | Sgt Clarence E. Jordan |
| S Sgt Robert H. Simmons | Cpl Edward Anderson |
| S Sgt Jack M. Stahl | Cpl William A. Gardner |
| Sgt John E. Roark | Pfc John G. Burke |
| Sgt William M. Lesley | Pfc Robert J. Mullen |

2. They are to be commended on the attention to duty and the splendid effort put forth on the jobs assigned them. The attitude and manner in which they conducted themselves is indicative of a well-trained and disciplined military organization.

/s/ R. H. Holland
R. H. HOLLAND
Major, AC
OIC Training

Quartermaster Sections: Routine duties performed by all sub-sections of this Section. Commended moving from temporary



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in the Service Center. He was not on duty, however, and a jeep was dispatched to take Pvt Sullivan to the 19th Naval Hospital, where he was confined and treated for severe second-degree burns.

The above-mentioned four enlisted men are to be highly commended for their quick thinking and acting, for due to them Pvt Sullivan was probably saved from more serious injury.

Cpl Dale E. Aasa, 39 021 772, (060) was placed on TD this date, and attached to Headquarters Squadron 313th Bomb Wing this station for rations, quarters, and administration.

M Sgt Howard L. Kinzler, 6 714 663, (826) reported back to duty after being confined in the Ship's Hospital and the 19th Naval Hospital since 21 December 1944. Sgt Arthur E. Chappell, 11 095 028, Sgt Jesse L. Martin, 38 431 110, and Cpl Henry W. Stratton, Jr., 32 363 159 are presently in the 19th Naval Hospital.

2 February 1945

Quartermaster Section: Conference with CO Salvage and Repair Platoon recently attached to 60th QM Depot. Information received on how to handle Class II & IV repair,and instruction passed on th those concerned.

Communications Equipment Supply: The physical inventory was completed in the warehouse section. A shipment of expendable supplies was received today which were requisitioned 13 January; they were unloaded and stored by the warehousemen. A report on materials consumed was made out and submitted to Headquarters. Routine duties were performed in the stock control section.

Squadron Headquarters: Squadron Supply personnel completing construction on tent frame, and policing, tidying, and landscaping grounds in immediate vicinity of Squadron Supply.

3 February 1945

Air Corps Supply: Painted, stenciled bins in issue warehouses, and lined off storage warehouses. Personnel of this section were given a lecture on fire hazards; fire extinguishers procured.

Quartermaster Supply: Usual duties.

Ordnance Tech Supply: At a meeting between 1st Lt HEIDELBERG and Wing Ordnance Officer of the 313th Wing, it was decided that on all Armament old parts, none would be turned in to the warehouse for replacement. Old parts will be turned in to the Salvage Officer. All replacements will be requisitioned on a Property Issue Slip (WDAGO Form 446). A stockage of serviceable guns will be kept by the 3rd Echelon Shop so that guns which become unserviceable will be turned in to this shop and here be repaired. The Shop will issue a serviceable weapon for the unserviceable one. Repaired weapons will be kept by the shop for future issue on other unserviceable weapons brought in.

Communications Equipment Supply: A shipment of airborne equipment was received from Guam, the first time a complete shipment received from Guam since warehouse was set up. A number of requisitions for shortages were received from the Bomb Squadrons. The stock control section re-requisitioned this material from higher headquarters.



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579th Air Materiel Squadron History, Continued.

Headquarters: Squadron Supply Sergeant reports 75 bundles taken in for Island Quartermaster Laundry.

4 February 1945

Air Corps Supply: Moved and binned certain stock classes from temporary warehouses into permanent warehouses. Serviced Bomb Groups. Construction of bins held up.

Quartermaster Supply: Informal inspection conducted by the Commanding Officer of the 77th Air Service Group from 1030 to 1045. He advised that the Island Commander had said in a previous conference that Service Center D would carry a thirty (30) day level of all supplies when stocks were available.

Communications Equipment Supply: Regular routine work was carried out by one man from the warehouse section, and one man from the stock control section. All other men were off duty, since this is Sunday.

Headquarters:

At 1400 Sgt John E. Roark, 36 737 895, Cpl Charles F. Crum, 32 662 088, Cpl Edward Anderson, 32 662 169, and Cpl Harold J. Saunders, 32 752 802, were walking along the northern part of the island when Sgt Roark incurred first- and mild second-degree burns. The accident came about when Sgt Roark flipped a lighted match on the ground. It is presumed that the flame ignited gasoline which had been spilled on the ground sometime previously, since there were empty 5-gallon cans scattered about the area.

Two Marines also visiting in the vicinity assisted Sgt Roark to the medical tent in their area nearby. There Sgt Roark was given preliminary treatment by a Marine Medical Corpsman on duty. A truck was dispatched to bring Sgt Roark and the Corporals who accompanied him back to the Squadron area and to the Group Dispensary. Captain KLINGER was summoned and arrived immediately to treat Sgt Roark.

5 February 1945

Communications Equipment Supply: The warehouse section commenced moving into the new warehouse which is all completed except for racks and bins. The stock control section made out requisitions for material not previously requisitioned. It was noted that improper paper work for supplies was being submitted by various organizations.

Headquarters: Supply Room turned in bundles to Island Quartermaster Laundry. Mail was received after a period of several days when no mail came in. The result was the usual improved morale among the men.

6 February 1945

Ordnance Tech Supply: At a meeting with Island Engineer Supply it was decided that on all Engineering vehicles, the units would go direct to Engineering Supply rather than putting their requisitions through the Ordnance Warehouse.



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Communications Equipment Supply: Warehousemen completely finished moving into new warehouse. The Stock control office was moved into and set up in one corner of the warehouse. The armed guard was taken off duty at the warehouse, because a CQ will be on duty at all times and will also act as guard. A telephone was installed today.

Air Corps Supply: Construction of bins resumed; delay due to lack of lumber.

Headquarters: Five (5) Native laborers commenced work in Squadron area in soakage pit. Sgt David H. Allen Jr. 33 089 727, and Cpl Armando Santangelo, 32 452 770, were designated alternate supervisors.

7 February 1945

Quartermaster Supply: Class III RP was informally inspected by the Commanding Officer of the 72nd Air Service Group between 0930 and 1000; commented approvingly of plan and work progressing on the RP.

Communications Equipment Supply: Another shipment of APQ-13s were received from Shipping and Receiving; all warehousemen and most of the stock control personnel were busy unloading and checking this new shipment. Some trouble was noted with the small parts, such as transformers and coils; they are not shipped with the spare parts groups, and have to be requisitioned separately. Ammunition was re-issued to all men today.

Headquarters: Native laborers continue working on soakage pits and latrine area. No mail was received for the Squadron today. 2nd Lt WEINSTEIN attended a meeting in the North Field Provost Marshall's Office about the anticipated alert against enemy activity expected sometime between the 9th and the 14th of this month, for the purpose of creating havoc and damage to as great an extent as they can. All personnel were instructed to be on the alert. Gas masks, helmets, weapons were designated a part of the uniform at all times, and everyone was cautioned to remain close at hand.

The following named enlisted men of this Squadron were promoted to the grades indicated per paragraph 4, Special Orders No. 19, Headquarters 72nd Air Service Group, effective 4 Feb 45:

TO BE STAFF SERGEANT (TEMP)

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| Sgt | (901) | William Hand | 14 079 219 |
| Sgt | (835) | Clarence F. Wheeler | 12 130 687 |

TO BE SERGEANT (TEMP)

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| Cpl | (821) | Charles W. Bailey | 34 636 698 |
| Cpl | (405) | Charles F. Crum | 32 662 088 |
| Cpl | )505) | James A. Hand | 13 154 108 |
| Cpl | (835) | Henry W. Stratton Jr. | 32 363 159 |
| Cpl | (405) | Galveston E. York | 34 599 836 |

TO BE CORPORAL (TEMP)

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| Pfc | (835) | John G. Burke | 33 318 943 |
| Pfc | (405) | Vincent J. Cuddy | 36 725 000 |



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| Pfc | (835) | Harold Iseman | 34 384 625 |
| Pfc | (835) | Robert J. Mullen | 37 624 789 |

TO BE PRIVATES FIRST CLASS

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| Pvt | (901) | Albert J. Cancilla | 13 156 219 |
| Pvt | (590) | Cecilio V. Diaz | 38 456 089 |
| Pvt | (348) | Wesley E. Holland | 33 921 031 |
| Pvt | (590) | Clarence B. Somers | 33 336 302 |
| Pvt | (901) | Joseph X. Snyder | 33 331 538 |
| Pvt | (590) | Chester S. Zboch | 33 273 683 |
| Pvt | (590) | Joseph J. Coppola | 31 331 603 |
| Pvt | (405) | George W. Neeld Jr. | 33 588 247 |
| Pvt | (590) | Arthur J. Sullivan | 31 207 808 |

8 February 1945

Quartermaster Supply: Informal visit of 313th Wing Quartermaster from 1530 to 1535.

Ordnance Tech Supply: Started to move supplies from tents into new warehouses (#13). Seven men stayed at Warehouse all night on account of the alert.

Communications Equipment Supply: All men were busy fortifying the warehouse against a possible attack; foxholes were dug at the corners and fire-fighting equipment was put in the warehouse. All men were warned to be on the alert at all times. Regular routine duties were also performed.

Headquarters: An inspection of arms was held in connection with the anticipated enemy attack. All men of the Squadron were issued one unit of ammunition. Two jeeps were equipped with .50 calibre Browning Machine Guns. Effective at noon, all personnel were instructed to carry their weapons with them at all times.

A new mail bulletin was issued, and a new mail system set in operation with the completion of a new mail box and mail window constructed by Pfc Clarence L. Cooper and Pvt Stanley B. Huso.

Work on Group air raid shelters is impeded by a lack of equipment. No blasting has taken place since 2 February.

Squadron Supply is hampered in its operation by a lack of sufficient transportation, no trucks, no bicycle, only a wheelbarrow.

9 February 1945

Quartermaster Supply: Conference with CO and Class II Officer, 60th QM Depot, 313th Wing Quartermaster, and Class II & III QM Supply Officer, Service Center C. Four reports required by the Depot were explained. Depot Commander advised that the Island Quartermaster has ordered that Service Centers will not get a thirty (30) day supply of Class II QM items until the Depot stock has been built up to that level, whereas it had been suggested by the Service Centers that one-third of the Island stocks be held in each Service Center in order that a reasonable amount of service could be rendered AAF units. Unless reasonable stocks are permitted the Service Centers, they are not performing their mission because



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the Service Center, it would seem, would be an unnecessary channel for AAF units if their requisitions cannot be filled from Service Center stocks.

Problems encountered by the Quartermaster Section: Transportation. Insufficient trucks are made available for hauling Class I Supplies. Every fifth day a five (5) day stock of subsistence is drawn from the Depot which requires ten (10) trucks from 0700 through 1500. In addition to these ten trucks, three others are required daily to haul bread and collect bread boxes, and to haul fresh meats and vegetables. Some days, moreover, the Depot requests that we pick up additional supplies in order to clear storage space for anticipated arrival of refrigerator ships. The Depot has complained several times that we are taking too long to draw our supplies and disrupting their schedules. To solve this problem, efforts are being made to assure regular assignment of trucks to Class I, and to get both the Depot and the Transportation Officers to understand our difficulties.

Ordnance Tech Supply: Continue moving supplies from tents to warehouses. Storing inflammable supplies in squad tent across from warehouse. Conference between Major HOPPER, 1st Lt HEIDELBERG, and 2nd Lt FLYNN decided that C-2 Wrecker of Materiel will be kept in ammunition area but will be subject to call by Air Corps Supply Section for heavy lifting or hauling. Organizations did not requisition full authorization for magazine, cal. 145, M-3 before leaving States. Not enough magazines on Island to fill shortages. Requisitions must be made to higher echelon of Supply for magazines needed.

Communications Equipment Supply: Fortifications were continued. A schedule was worked out so that 50% of the men would be on duty at the area at all times. Unpacking and storing was continued in the warehouse section. Regular duties were carried out in the stock control section.

Technical Co-ordination Section: For the period 1-9 February, 1945, this Section moved from the tent area into Warehouse number Six (6), and started to function in the manner set up by the S.O.P. During this period one hundred and thirty-three (133) A.C.C.P. requests were processed through this section as well as innumerable Not-in-Stock 81s. Routine policies establishing C.Q.'s at noon and night as well as duty assignments were decided upon and put into effect. The major problem occurring during this period was the necessity for cutting the quantity of items being requisitioned to a point where the requisition would be filled by the Air Depot, APO 246. To do this, a policy was instituted requiring all 81s entered on an emergency status to have reasons substantiating the request written on the face of the 81. This practice is intended to lead eventually to a system whereby all requests regardless of status must be substantiated as to the need for the material.

Headquarters: Captain JOHN C. MACKEY designated to supervise the 24-hour guard in Service Center D during the alert. A jeep with a .50 calibre machine gun mounted was dispatched to the North Field Provost Marshall to use as he sees fit.

Cpl Howard M. Zelezny, who works with S SgT Frank F. Dodaro in the Group Motor Pool, reports concerning their work: Currently their work centers chiefly on 1000-mile and 6000-mile vehicle



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inspections. The greatest difficulty encountered in this Section seems to revolve about the procurement of parts, with apparently not much of a stock on hand. Requisitions for parts from Islands Parts Supply take 24 hours to fill; if they can't be filled here, requisitions are sent to Saipan or to Guam, consequently taking two weeks to fill.

Although the mail service as far as incoming mail is concerned is practically nil these days, the morale of the men remains good. This is true despite even the presence of mice and rats in the tent area of the Squadron. Insects are not proving much of a problem in the living quarters area, except for the great abundance of a small variety of ants.

The administrative section of Squadron Headquarters is functioning normally.

For the Commanding Officer:

Nate Weinstein

NATE WEINSTEIN
2nd Lt, AC
Adjutant



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579TH AIR MATERIEL SQUADRON
72ND AIR SERVICE GROUP, ARMY AIR FORCES
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING OFFICER

DEC 12 1946

APO 247, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California
20 February 1945

SUBJECT: Squadron History 10-20 February 1945.

TO : Commanding Officer, 72nd Air Service Group.
(ATTN: Group Historical Officer.)

10 February 1945

Communications Equipment Supply:
Daily activities went on as usual except for the fact that chow schedule was changed due to the alert.
Requisitions were made out and other routine duties were carried out by stock control section. The warehouse section was busy unpacking and storing supplies and arranging the warehouse in proper order. Fifty per cent of the personnel will be on duty tonight due to the alert.

Quartermaster Supply:
60th QM Depot notified this Section that a supply of ice was available for issue. Arrangements are being made for its pickup and distribution.

Headquarters:
Squadron Supply personnel continued work in laying concrete doorstep and walk in front of Supply Tent; also worked on the general improvement and beautification of area.
Five men were detailed on the extra guards furnished Headquarters and Base Services Squadron. Five men will be furnished nightly for the duration of the alert.
Pfc Blake B. Cunningham departed on DS to Saipan for the purpose of attending to statistical matters.
Thirty-six (36) enlisted men were given smallpox and typhoid immunizations.
No mail was received today, much to the dejection of the men. One hundred and fourteen (114) air mail letters, thirteen (13) free letters, and fourteen (14) V-Mail letters were sent out today.

11 February 1945 (Sunday)

Communications Equipment Supply:
All men were on duty as usual since no one was given time off due to the alert. Very few requisitions came in from the Bomb Squadrons, so both the warehouse and the stock control sections took this opportunity to get things straightened up and ship shape. The duties of each man in the stock control section were defined today. It was noted that water ran into the warehouse from the rain, and steps were taken to immediately remedy this situation.

Air Corps Supply:
Air Corps Supply personnel moved stock from temporary warehouses into permanent issuing warehouses. They opened, checked, and binned stock, and serviced the Bomb Groups. This section has been placed on an alert on a basis of 24-hours.

Quartermaster Supply:
Class I made distribution to Unit Mess Halls of first issue of ice. To conserve transportation, delivery was made by the vehicle and driver of



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Class 1 Section making regular bread delivery.

Technical Co-ordination:

Men were still on duty at the Service Center at night due to the alert called by Island Command. At Major HOPPER'S request, a plan was drawn up to record all 81's both issued and N.I.S. which are processed through the Air Corps Supply Section.

Headquarters:

It rained today after a dry spell of considerable length, improving living conditions on the Island despite the seepage of water into the tents and living quarters. Five men were furnished to the guard section of Headquarters and Base Services Squadron.

12 February 1945

Communications Equipment Supply:

Usual duties were carried out by all men in both sections. Supplies were moved to make room for bins and racks which are to be built in the warehouse in a few days. A check was made at Island Signal Depot on requisitions submitted some fifteen days ago. The supplies were not ready yet, but we were informed that we could expect them in a couple days. Three men remained at the warehouse as guards during the night.

Air Corps Supply:

Personnel moved stock from temporary warehouses to issuing warehouses, opening it, checking and binning it. The area around the warehouses was cleaned, and a parking lot was established between warehouses #1 and #2. Bomb Groups serviced as usual. Additional stock arriving from DF by night; alert continues.

Quartermaster Supply:

Supply of Motor Gas at Island Fuel has been depleted. The present supply at Class III necessitates a decrease in the normal allotments to the Motor Pool and other units until hauling is resumed.

Technical Co-ordination:

Activities were fairly light since most planes were out on mission. Only four AOCP requests were received.

Headquarters:

Five men furnished to the guard section of Headquarters and Base Services Squadron. Major HOPPER, T Sgt Sparks, and 1st Sgt Graham visited men sick in hospital (19th Naval). Squadron cooks and permanent KPs began work under new Mess Sergeant at consolidated mess. Major HOPPER, 1st Sgt Graham, and Cpls Goldstein and Lovdjieff appeared before an investigation board in connection with the interrogation and investigation of the loss of the council book and allied records of the Squadron Fund while enroute from Walker Army Air Field to Fort Lawton. No mail received for the Squadron today; 134 Air Mail letters, 16 Free letters, and 19 V-Mail letters were sent.

13 February 1945

Communications Equipment Supply:

Construction of the walls for the office in a corner of the warehouse was begun today. It was found that modifications have been made on quite a number of our radio sets with the result that we shall now have to turn in the old types for the new ones. All men were on duty at their regular jobs. A three man guard detail was posted at the warehouse during the night.

Air Corps Supply:

Still in process of setting up warehouses and getting them in order with such work as stenciling bins. 24-hour alert continues, and Bomb Groups are being serviced as usual.

Quartermaster Supply:

Informal visit by 313th Wing Quartermaster from 0945 to 1000.



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Ordnance Tech Supply:
Will carry ninety (90) days supply of all aviation armament parts per verbal order of 21st Bomber Command. Also on VOCG, all requisitions for pistols will bear the name, rank, and serial number of the person for whom it is intended, and a copy of the requisition will be forwarded to Ordnance Officer of the 313th Wing. Will issue each Bomb Squadron two machine guns, cal. .50 on Form 446, and ten machine guns cal. .50 to third echelon shop on Form 446.

Technical Co-ordination:
System started to show a daily count of 81s processed through the Air Corps Supply Section to show increase and decrease of daily work load. Seven AOCP and forty-eight routine N.I.S. requests were processed today.

Headquarters:
Four men were assigned to work on Group air-raid shelters to complete them by Saturday, 17 February. Men were no longer furnished the guard section of Headquarters and Base Services Squadron. Sgt Jesse L. Martin was released from the 19th Naval Hospital and returned to duty. A new bulletin board was constructed and set up by Pfc Cooper and Pvt Husc. No mail was received for the men today; 34 Air Mail letters, 10 V-Mail letters, and 5 Free letters were sent.

14 February 1945

Communications Equipment Supply:
Naval Seabees completed construction of office; it is 12' x 12' in size. With the alert declared over, the night guard at the warehouse was discontinued, and only a CQ remained on duty. The Commanding Officer of the Group conducted an inspection of the warehouse and records. All men were on duty at their regular jobs.

Air Corps Supply:
Warehouses are getting in line, and work is becoming progressively lighter. Bomb Groups serviced as usual. Stock is still being moved from tents to warehouses.

Quartermaster Supply:
Informal visit by Colonel MORRISON, Commanding Officer of the Group, and Major HOPPER, Air Corps Property Officer of Service Center D from 1115 to 1130.

Technical Co-ordination:
Schedule drawn up for days off for personnel and for CQ roster. Charge of Quarters will eat early chow both noon and night. Nine AOCP and fifty routine N.I.S. requests processed through this section.

Headquarters:
Pay roll signed today. Work on group air-raid shelters progressing satisfactorily. A portion of the orderly room's walls was painted. A meeting of most first three graders and section heads was held by Major HOPPER for the purpose of re-emphasizing cooperation, stressing that anything done in the Squadron area was for the benefit of the whole squadron, not merely its headquarters department. No section was being called upon to do the work of Squadron Headquarters. In the future the Group policy of working from 0700 to 1130 and from 1300 to 1700 will be rigidly enforced. All transportation will be utilized to the fullest, and great care will be taken in its use.

15 February 1945

Communications Equipment Supply:

All men were present for duty in both warehouse and stock control sections. Requisitions came back from Guam, and most of the materiel was back ordered from twenty to thirty days.



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Ordnance Tech Supply:
Upon verbal orders from 313th Wing Ordnance Officer, this section will process all requisitions for Corps of Engineer automotive spare parts.
Air Corps Supply:
Received gas cell units marked 2141-J, and stored them in bulk warehouses until shipping tickets are received for them. Moved, checked and binned stock; serviced Bomb Groups.
Technical Co-ordination:
Began to make some progress in getting the tactical squadrons to turn in repairable items drawn by this section on hand receipt from SC C.
Headquarters:
62 Bundles laundry taken in by Squadron Supply. Pfc Cooper painted mail box unit and other fixtures in the orderly room. The walls of the orderly room were washed by a detail of men from the ammunition section. No mail was received, resulting in low morale among the men. Even the movies at night fail to do much about lifting it, chiefly because of the poor, cheap quality of films being shown. No man's morale is good if he has to walk out on a movie because it stinks. The men would prefer to see return showings of fine pictures of former years in place of current trash. Even portions of GI movies tend to become dull with monotonous repetition.

16 February 1945

Communications Equipment Supply:
The Seabees started construction of racks and bins and completed about half of them. Many inquiries have been received about requisitions which were turned in to us and back ordered, but due to the fact that our requisitions have been back ordered in turn at Guam, we can do nothing about it. All men are present for duty.
Air Corps Supply:
Moved more stock from tents to warehouses for binning and issue. Co-ordinated with Shipping and Receiving Section on warehouses receiving stock on work orders instead of AAF Forms 82. Serviced Bomb Groups as usual.
Quartermaster Supply:
Due to existing shortages on the Island, supply of motor gasoline at the 72nd Air Service Group Motor Pool was depleted at 1600 this date. An additional issue of 250 gallons was made to this unit by Class III Section to be charged against future allotments. Informal visit by Captain ERICKSON 313th Wing Quartermaster between 1045 and 1100.
Technical Co-ordination:
New type of buck slip initiated today to expedite handling of AOCP requests. It is believed that this will eliminate errors and speed up the procurement of critically needed material.
Headquarters:
Supply personnel worked on landscaping Supply tent area; planted trees and pineapples. A considerable quantity of mail has been received, boosting the morale of the men noticeably. 43 Air Mail letters, 12 V-Mail, and 10 Free Mail were sent out today.

17 February 1945

Communications Equipment Supply:
Four rows of bins were completed today by the Seabees. Requisitions were made out and submitted on materiel not previously requisitioned. The warehouse section started setting up the warehouse in bays and marking each section so that materiel will be easy to locate and check. All men were present for duty.
Ordnance Tech Supply:
Seabees constructed eight bins in warehouse. Sent memorandum to units giving day which they will turn in requisitions to warehouse. Sent another memo



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Air Corps Supply:
Continuing with setting up warehouses and binning and checking stock. Serviced Bomb Groups.
Quartermaster Supply:
Word was received that fuel tankers had arrived, and arrangements were made with Island Fuel for Class III Section to start hauling gas at at the earliest possible time. Arrangements were also made for the use of several additional F-2 units for this purpose.
Technical Co-ordination:
Plans were made to move the section into the quonset hut the following day. Some progress was made in locating stock in warehouses as evidenced by a slight decrease in N.I.S. requests.
Headquarters:
Five-man detail which had been working on group air-raid shelters was discontinued today. Finishing touches on the shelters will be put on by the men of the Squadron during their off duty hours. An Orientation Lecture was conducted at 1815 by 1st Lt SHAFFNER on the progress of the War, with a particular emphasis on preparation for return to civilian life equipped in some measure to perform the work and man plans for himself. The USAFI program was explained in considerable detail. Photographic policies were also explained. Pictures of men recently promoted were taken by men of the Group Photo Lab. An inspection of the area was conducted by a Group representative.

18 February 1945 (Sunday)

Communications Equipment Supply:
Only the CQ and two other men were on duty. Very little activity reported in the requisitioning of supplies by Bomb Groups.
Ordnance Tech Supply:
Set up steel cabinets and stored armament parts.
Air Corps Supply:
An inspection was held by an inspection team from APO 246, and the warehouses were declared to be coming along fine, with everything lined up as it should be so far as binning is concerned.
Quartermaster Supply:
Motor Fuel was hauled by Class III Section from Island Fuel. Bomb and Air Service Groups' Motor Pools were issued fuel, and reserve stocks at Class III R P were built up.
Technical Co-ordination:
The morning was spent in usual routine duties, and the afternoon was used in moving the section and setting up operations in the new quarters.
Headquarters:
Men who wished to attend church services in the morning were given the first half of the day off; men who chose to attend afternoon services got the afternoon off. In a ball game with the 534th Air Engineering Squadron (77th Air Service Group) softball team, our Squadron team suffered a crushing defeat.

19 February 1945

Communications Equipment Supply:
The warehouse section worked at stenciling bins and storing supplies. A counter is being built. The stock control section was busy in requisitioning and getting the stock records up to date.
Ordnance Technical Supply:
The Ordnance Sections of Service Centers "C" and "D" will be combined by order of Wing Headquarters.



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579TH AIR MATERIEL SQUADRON
72ND AIR SERVICE GROUP, ARMY AIR FORCES
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING OFFICER

APO 247, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California
1 March 1945

SUBJECT: Squadron History, 21-28 February 1945.

TO : Commanding Officer, 72nd Air Service Group.
(ATTN: Group Historical Officer.)

INTRODUCTORY NOTE: To be included with the following notes on this Squadron's History for the period of 21-28 February 1945 are the true copies of letters of commendation from the Group Commander to men of this Squadron.

21 February 1945

Stock Control Section:
Two enlisted men of this Section, Sgt Vincent Iampietro and Pfc Richard F. Patterson, departed for Guam at 0900 for the purpose of studying requisitioning procedure. Continuation of working nights from 1900 to 2100.
Quartermaster Supply:
Routine duties performed by all sub-sections. Supplies and equipment were brought to Service Center "D" from the Service Center "C" Quartermaster Supply Section in accordance with consolidation orders. Warehouse #13 and one half of Warehouse #11 have been made part of the Quartermaster Supply Section. All warehouses are being reorganized because of the consolidation. An inspection of warehouses was conducted by QM Officers of 72d, 77th, 358th, and 359th Air Service Groups. Drivers of F-2 units for Class III were assigned for a ten-day period of duty to Fighter Plane Strips of the Island. The new designation of this Section under the consolidation is "Quartermaster, Provisional Army Air Base #2."
Communications Equipment Supply:
The warehouse section was busy finishing the stenciling of bins and storing supplies in them. The stock control section prepared requisitions and worked on stock records to keep them up to date. The 374th Station Hospital and the 89lst Chemical Company commenced drawing their signal equipment. It has been noted that very little issuing, if any, is done by the CQ at night. All men were present for duty.
Squadron Headquarters:
No mail was received for the men today. 72 air mail, 12 free mail letters were passed by the censor and sent out. Salvage was turned in by men to Squadron Supply. It will be turned in every Tuesday in the future.
Ordnance Tech Supply:
Usual duties were performed.

22 February 1945

Stock Control Section:
The enlisted men who were sent to Guam for information concerning requisitioning returned at 0900. The work during evening hours, 1900-2100, continues.
Quartermaster Supply:
Inspection of Class III RP by Fire Marshal. It was advised that fire walls for fuel storage be completed as soon as possible. Fire walls are a

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part of Utilities plan, and are being constructed by that section.

Communications Equipment Supply:

1st Lt SHAFFNER made a trip to Guam to check up on our requisitions which have been submitted during the past month. The warehouse section unpacked and stored supplies in the bins. The stock control section kept their records up to date, and finished another complete set of record cards. A large quantity of signal supplies were issued today to the Bomb Squadrons. All men were present for duty.

Squadron Headquarters:

Considerable quantity of mail was received for the men, including packages, newspapers, and magazines. 72 Air Mail, 2 V-Mail, and 2 Free Mail letters were censored and sent out. Sgt Galveston E. York was placed on DS with Hq & Hq Sq, XXI Bomber Command, APO 234, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, California. Seven men whose birthdays fall either on or close to this date celebrated together informally (how else?) in Tent One. Refreshments consisted of goodies which had come in the packages received this afternoon. The abundance of food permitted the occasion to become practically an open house affair for almost all members of the Squadron, with the resulting improvement in morale.

23 February 1945

Stock Control Section:

Memorandum Receipts are now being made for Group Supply Officers' signatures only, eliminating the need of sending M/Rs to Squadron within the various Groups. This eliminates the signing of M/Rs by various officers and does away with individual Squadron M/R files, since they are filed according to Groups. This is the final night session (1900-2100) of work.

Quartermaster Supply:

Informal visit by 313th Wing Quartermaster from 0845 to 0915. Visit by Major KINCAID, AAFPOA, stationed at Guam, as part of his visit was to become acquainted with all QM officers on the Island. He advised that Flight Rations were authorized to all combat crew members at all times. It was also advised that the Island Commander was to survey all cold storage installations. The problem of obtaining fuel tank trailers and tractors for use by Class III sections was also taken up by Major KINCAID, as was the problem of authorizing additional issue of khaki uniforms for enlisted men.

Communications Equipment Supply:

1st Lt SHAFFNER reported that everything possible was being done to speed up the flow of supplies from Guam. A rather large shipment of tubes, requisitioned about twelve days ago, was received, together with a large shipment of initial equipment which included equipment we were supposed to get in our first shipment upon arrival. It was noted that some organizations need more of certain items of equipment than they are authorized. Steps are being taken to remedy this situation. The warehouse section continued to store supplies in the bins, and plan to complete this by 25th February. Naval Seabees reported they would commence construction of racks for the warehouse on the 26th. The stock control section made up a new working plan for each man, and kept their records up to date. Cpl John Stetz, liaison man, is back on duty with this section.

Squadron Headquarters:

Goodly amount of mail received. 97 Air Mail, 12 Free Mail, and 9 V-Mail letters were censored and sent out. Sgts Arthur E. Chappell and Henry W. Stratton, Jr., reported to duty after a considerable period of confinement in the 19th Naval Hospital.



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Ordnance Tech Supply:
Started to move Warehouse Supplies from Service Center "D" to Service Center "C" warehouse. With the Consolidation of the two Service Centers, Service Center "C" will handle all automotive parts for 313th Wing, and Service Center "D" will handle all armament for 313th Wing. Service Center "D" will also handle cleaning and preserving materials.

24 February 1945

Air Corps Supply:
The setting up of warehouses, two issue and two bulk stores, is being completed. All parts are now located, and the warehouses are ready for inventory. As a result of Sgt York's placement on DS, a reshuffling of personnel and their duties has taken place in this section, so that his work is being done by several men now.
Stock Control Section:
Stock Control Officer, Major PHILIP R. MULLER, departed for Saipan at 1700 to check on supplies.
Quartermaster Supply:
Consolidation of Class II and IV Control Sub-sections was effected. Stock Record Cards, Requisition Register, and Voucher Registers were closed out for Service Center "D". Shipping Ticket of all Class II and IV stock was accomplished, transferring stock to Quartermaster, Provisional Army Air Base #2, as of 23 February 1945.
Communications Equipment Supply:
Regular routine duties were performed by all men in both sections. Supplies continued to come in, about five truck loads were brought to the warehouses today. The warehouse section checked and stored supplies. Our liaison man was given his duties, and will work between the warehouse and maintenance shops. War maps were brought in by Lt SHAFFNER, and pasted on the outside walls of the office. All men were present for duty.
Squadron Headquarters:
Large quantities of mail have been received. 156 letters, 32 free mail letters, and 18 V-Mail letters were censored and sent out. 2nd Lt WEINSTEIN and 1st Sgt Graham visited Pfc Sullivan recovering from burns incurred on 1st February and now confined in 19th Naval Hospital on this Island. Cpl Albert C. Freer was transferred to 535th Air Engineering Squadron of this Group. Three men from that Squadron were transferred into this squadron: Cpl Homer E. Jacoby, Cpl Ben Holston Jr., and Pvt Alvin Strope.

25 February 1945

Stock Control Section:
S Sgt John E. Krigger, of 576th Air Materiel Squadron, 72th Air Service Group, has been transferred to Reparable Section, Service Center "D". Stock Control Officer returned from Saipan.
Quartermaster Supply:
A quantity of fresh fruits and vegetables was obtained with the five-day ration supply by Class I.
Communications Equipment Supply:
Because this is Sunday, a CQ and two other men are on duty, and all other men have been given the day off. Very little activity reported in issuing supplies.



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Squadron Headquarters:
Large amount of mail received today, including packages and periodicals. 111 Air Mail, 13 Free Mail, and no V-Mail letters were censored and sent out.

26 February 1945

Air Corps Supply:
With the disbandment and shipping out of the 71st Service Group from Saipan, two men from this section, T Sgt Riley G. Sparks and S Sgt Robert H. Simmons, were sent to that Island to assist with the details of disorganization.
Stock Control Section:
Cpl William A. Gardner, of this Squadron, was transferred into this office from Tech Co-ordination, Service Center "D", to work in Requisitioning Section. Inventory team from XXI Bomber Command reported for the purpose of taking inventory at Service Centers "C" and "D".
Quartermaster Supply:
Class I Officer, accompanied by Wing QM, visited Island QM in an effort to secure additional Flight Rations. These are not available at this time. Informal visit by 313th Wing QM from 1445 to 1530.
Communications Equipment Supply:
The Seabees brought in the material to start construction of racks in the warehouse. A letter was submitted to Headquarters by 1st Lt SHAFFNER proposing the consolidation of Communications Equipment Supply in Service Centers "C" and "D". A requisition was submitted to Island Signal for ground signal equipment. The stock control section worked at requisitioning and on stock records. All other men were present for duty and worked at their regular jobs.
Squadron Headquarters:
No mail was received today, but 195 Air Mail, 11 Free Mail, and 28 V-Mail letters were censored and sent out. Squadron Supply prepared Ordnance Report on such equipment as helmets, trench knives, carbines, etc., now in the possession of the men. The floor in the orderly room was cleaned and oiled. Cpl C. J. Barry who recently replaced S Sgt Harry T. Gallagher, transferred to Hq and Base Sv Sq this Group, as Chief Clerk is encountering little difficulty with the administration details in the orderly room. Problems of administration remain negligible. Under the supervision of Cpl Barry (275) several men of this squadron were recently "promoted in MOS" from 590 to 835. A bulletin board display was set up by the mail orderly showing the correct way to address envelopes for censorship, together with a recommended way for folding letters in an effort to facilitate censorship. The results are gratifying.
Ordnance Tech Supply:
Usual duties (still moving).

27 February 1945

Stock Control Section:
Numerous discrepancies in the work from Shipping and Receiving Department of Service Center "D" are causing loss of man-hours daily in this section due to the re-checking of their work.
Quartermaster Supply:
Class III Officer was advised that a daily issue of Motor Fuel would be made from Island Fuel based on the average dispensed daily. Truck, ¼ Ton, 4 x 4, WD No W20 198 111, reported stolen from in front of warehouse #14. This vehicle was assigned to 1st Lt TINKLE.



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Communications Equipment Supply:
Some equipment was picked up at Island Signal Depot. The Officer in charge is trying to get some very urgently needed ground equipment for us. A Signal Officer from Guam inspected the records in the stock control office, and seemed very pleased with the way they were set up. Mr. Brown, a technical representative from Western Electric, was in to see 1st Lt SHAFFNER, and promised full co-operation in any of the things he could help with. All men were present for duty, and worked at their regular jobs.

Squadron Headquarters:
Squadron Supply prepared Report of Survey on three trench knives. No mail was received for the men today, and 63 Air Mail and 2 V-Mail letters were censored and sent out. Natives worked on soakage pit and policing of area. In the last few days no men have been called upon from the various Squadron sections for details within the squadron area. 1st Sgt Graham and Cpl Armando Santangelo of Squadron Supply have been working in the afternoons cleaning the area and putting finishing touches on the squadron's group air-raid shelters.

2nd Lt WEINSTEIN born a new brainstorm with his announcement this afternoon of a plan to consolidate (everything is consolidate, these days!) all squadron announcements on a Daily Bulletin to be published each evening for the following day. Pfc Albert Cancilla was asked to do the lettering for the heading. Although it promises to be another straw on the file clerk's already sagging back, its merits as far as general appearance of the bulletin board and its official nature are concerned are unquestionable.

The greatest obstacle in the smooth function of this section of the Squadron is the lack of a good typewriter with elite type. Machines assigned to Headquarters function poorly, if at all, and the only good one, a portable Corona, has pica type. The time wasted in unnecessary delays and waiting for an opportunity to use the typewriter is unnecessarily great.

Ordnance Tech Supply:
Sent memorandum to units explaining procedure of drawing supplies. (Memorandum sent to all units in both Service Centers.)

28 February 1945

Air Corps Supply:
During this month of February it has been found that the CQ system is operating successfully. Owing to the demands of the Bomb Groups during the hours of 1700 in the evening and before 0700 in the morning, this system works very satisfactorily.

Quartermaster Supply:
Class I Officer visited Cold storage at 60th QM Depot, and made arrangements to have spoiled subsistence supplies destroyed by individual units by means of a certificate from a Medical Officer or a Veterinary representative.

Colonel MORRISON, Group Commander, requested 12 ranges, field, be issued Service Groups for attached troops. Because no field ranges are available at Island QM, efforts are being made to secure them through other channels.

Communications Equipment Supply:
The Seabees built four large racks in the warehouse to store the larger supplies. A slight mix-up occurred when supplies from Saipan were shipped to Service Center "C" instead of "D" where they rightfully belonged. Everything, however, was straightened out satisfactorily. Some supplies were received from Island Signal Depot. All men were present for duty.



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Squadron Headquarters:

No mail received; 123 Air Mail, 10 Free Mail, and 8 V-Mail letters sent out by the censor. All men, except the one on DS, received their pay today. 1st Lt SHAFFNER sold three war bonds at the pay table.

Work on the Squadron Daily Bulletin idea has progressed to its fruition, despite Lt WEINSTEIN'S anxious pacing and fretting about his desk. The first copy was compiled and tacked up on the bulletin board at 1800. (Fanfare, gentlemen!) Now Lt WEIN TEIN reveals that this practice has been in use in the 835th Engineering Squadron for quite some time, "but honestly I didn't copy it from them."

The morale of the men is very good. Despite sporadic mail service, the dry, hot spell of weather accompanied by dust and high humidity, and such discomforts as empty water tanks in the shower rooms in the evenings when men come in from work--due probably in large measure to continued use of showers by men of Hq and Base Sv Sq--the morale of the men remains indeed good. Although Special Services is attempting to interest the men in a program of varied sports, the greatest obstacle in such an effort is that men do not have enough time off for such pursuits. With a daily work routine from 0700 to 1700, except for those who work nights or split shifts at various jobs, most men find that letter-writing, personal hygiene, perhaps a movie once or twice a week, with retirement about 2200, does not make possible any time for such activities as athletics or USAFI courses. The men are appreciative, however, of such facilities as the Group Day Room affords for letter-writing, along with the music room which the Group Chaplains have established. One factor which is definitely not conducive to good morale is the method of distribution of beer at the Group Post Exchange. The men feel that with facilities for the consumption of beer as poor as they are, they would rather take their beer and consume it in their tents leisurely visiting with each other and enjoying the privacy which their tents afford. This matter of having their cans of beer opened on the spot, and having to consume it under the watchful eyes of officers, is resented. They feel that there can be no grounds for fearing intoxication or damage to living quarters by any man presumed drunk with beer rationed at two cans three times weekly.

For the Commanding Officer:

Nate Weinstein

NATE WEINSTEIN
2nd Lt, AC
Adjutant



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VI. 579TH AIR MATERIAL SQUADRON

1. The Morning Report for 1 December 1946 showed the squadron strength at ten (10) Officers, one (1) Warrant Officer and two hundred twenty Enlisted Men. On 31 December 1946 the squadron strength was eleven (11) Officers, one (1) Warrant Officer and two hundred thirty-two Enlisted Men. During the month of December this squadron gained one (1) Officer and four (4) Enlisted Men.

2. The squadron day room was completed this month providing the men with books, cold drinks and stationary for writing home. This-along with the Christmas holidays-has improved the morale of the men to a great extent.

3. All barracks have been repaired during this month and the area sodded, improving the looks of the area as well as the living conditions of the men.

4. As yet there is still insufficient housing for dependents on the base although some new houses have been built. All men were informed that upon application, they would be returned to the United States for discharge or reassignment due to the shortage of housing facilities for dependents, if they were below the first three grades in rank and could show proof of having dependents.

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VI. 579TH AIR MATERIEL SQUADRON

1. The Morning Report for 1 November 1946 showed the squadron strength at eleven (11) Officers, one (1) Warrent Officer and two hundred twenty-eight Enlisted Men. On 30 November 1946 the squadron strength was still ten (10) Officers and one(1) Warrent Officer, the Enlisted Men strength however, was two hundred twenty-one. This shows a loss of seven (7) Enlisted Men. These losses were incurred by the transfer of men to other organizations and to Paranaque Replacement and Disposition Center for shipment back to the United States.

2. A muster of all personnel was held on 15 November 1946 and each man was interviewed by the Squadron Adjutant.

3. The recruiting program went into effect this month and each man was interviewed by the Squadron Adjutant who was appointed Squadron Recruiting Officer. Records show that there are three main reasons for the low precentage of reenlistments: little or no recreational facilities, Insufficient housing facilities for dependents and poor food.

4. A Red Cross Canteen was opened in the Group Area.

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VI. 579TH AIR MATERIEL SQUADRON

1. The Morning Report for 7 October 1946 showed the squadron s strength at two (2) Officers and eighteen (18) Enlisted Men. On 31 October 1946 the squadron strength was ten (10) Officers, one(1) Warrent Officer and two-hundred fifty-one (251) Enlisted Men. During the month of October the squadron gained eight (8) Officers, one (1) Warrent Officer and two-hundred thirty-three Enlisted Men bringing the squadron up to full strength.

2. The above mentioned gains in personnel was caused by the deactivation of the 567th Air Materiel Squadron of the 358th Air Service Group, this station. All men formerly assigned to the 567th Air Materiel Squadron were transfered to this Squadron.

3. The squadron moved moved form the Base Transite Area to the area formerly occupied by the 9th Bombardment Group on 7 October 1946, and began improving the area by sodding the space between the barracks and repairing the buildings.

4. A basic training camp was opened on the Group level and men assigned at the rate of twenty (20) men every two weeks. They are given instructions in military courtesy, interior guard duty, care of clothing and equipment, personal hygiene, V.D. control and customs of the service.

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VI 579TH AIR MATERIEL SQUADRON

1. The Morning Report for 1 March 1947 showed the squadron strength at eleven (11) Officers and one hundred thirty-nine Enlisted Men. On 31 March 1947 the squadron strength was one (1) officer. This loss in personnel was incurred by the inactivation of the squadron on orders from higher headquarters. On the 21 March 1947 one hundred and one (101) Enlisted Men, all that remained of the squadron, were transfered to Headquarters and Base Service Squadron, this Group. Of the seven officers remaining with the squadron, four (4) were transfered to the 567th Air Material Squadron, 35th Air Service Group, on 22 March 1947, and two (2) were transfered to Headquarters and Base Service Squadron, this Group on 25 March 1947. This left the squadron strength at one (1) officer.

2. On the morning of 16 March 1947 the squadron entrucked for Subic Bay on picnic. The squadron suffered a loss of one 6x6 vehicle which skidded into a tree while rounding a curve enroute to Subic Bay. Four Enlisted Men were slightly injured in this accident and were taken to the U.S. Naval Hospital at Subic Bay where they remained for two (2) days.

3. The squadron fund was closed out on 25 March 1947 by purchasing cigarettes for the men. After the squadron fund was closed out all records were screened and prepared for shipment.

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VI. 579TH AIR MATERIEL SQUADRON

1. The Morning Report for 1 February 1947 showed the Squadron strength at thirteen (13), Officers and one hundered and seventy-five (175), Enlisted Men. On 28 February 1947 the Squadron strength was eleven (11), Officers and one hundered and forty-one (141), Enlisted Men. During the month of February 1947 this Squadron lost three (3), Officers and gained one (1). Also thirty-four Enlisted Men were lost. Loss of EM and Officers was incurred through transfer to other Organizations and to Paranaque Replacement and Disposition Center for shipment to the United States.

2. There are several men of this Squadron attending classes in the newly opened Clark College.

3. Two (2), men were sent to Manila on temporary duty to attend classes in Auto-Mechanic and Parachute-Rigger School.

4. For the purpose of improving the morale of this Unit, one of the barracks in the far end of the area was cleared out for use as a Gym. The Squadron was taken to Mount Arayat for a picnic on 23 February 1947, total cost of which was $ 206.70. Other outings of this sort are being planned for the future.

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February 1947
579th Air Material Sqdn



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VI. 577TH AIR MATERIEL SQUADRON

1. The Morning for 1 January 1947 showed the squadron strength at eleven (11) Officers, one (1) Warrent Officer and two hundred thirty-two (232) Enlisted Men. On 31 January 1947 the squadron strength was twelve (12) Officers, one (1) Warrent Officer and one hundred seventy-six (176) Enlisted Men. During the month of January this squadron gained one (1) Officer and suffered a loss of fifty-six Enlisted Men. Loss of EM was incurred through transfer to other organizations and to Parenaque Replacement and Disposition Center for shipment back to the United States.

2. The Inspector General's team visited this squadron on 24 January 1947. The team commended this squadron on its administration records and files. One discrepancy was noted in that a unit air inspector was not appointed for this squadron. This discrepancy was immediatly corrected by the appointment of Capt. Joseph J. Brown as Squadron Air Inspector.(Additional Duty).

3. A Non-Commissioned Officer School was formed during this month with required attendance of all NCOs excepting the first two grades with more than six (6) years service. Several men of this squadron are taking advantage of classes offered at Clark College. Six (6) other Enlisted Men have been sent to specialized training schools.

4. For the purpose of improving the morale of this unit an area was established adjoining the squadron area for playing ball, pitching horse shoes and participating in volley ball. A softball team was organized to compete with other units.

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January 1947
577th Air Materiel Sqdn



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HEADQUARTERS
579TH AIR MATERIEL SQUADRON
72nd Air Service Group
APO 74, U.S. Army

1 February 1947

SUBJECT: Unit Historical Report, 1 January 1947 to 31 January 1947.

TO : A-2 Section
313th Bombardment Wing (VH)
APO 74, U.S. Army
ATTN: Historical Officer

1. The following historical report is submitted in compliance with CBAAB Regulation 80-5, dated 8 October 1946:

1 January 1947

The squadron strength this date is twelve (12) Officers and two hundred thirty-two (232) EM. The squadron consists of eighty-one percent volenteer enlistees and nineteen percent draftees. Commanding Officer: Captain ROBERT V. LANCE O-417971.

2 January 1947

Five EM departed this organization at 0730 today. Subject EM attached unassigned to Paranaque Replacement Disposition Center, APO 354, for return to the United States and discharge.

3 January 1947

2nd Lt. FRED J. FRANCHI O-2046423, transfered to this squadron from Headquarters and Base Service Squadron and assigned to duty as Squadron Adjutant.

4 January 1947

Orders were received today placing the squadron on one week of extra training.

5 January 1947

Sunday.

6 January 1947

Thirty-three EM departed this organization at 0730 today. Subject EM attached unassigned to Paranaque Replacement and Disposition Center, APO 354, for return to the United States and discharge.

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7 January 1947

Captain JOSEPH J. BROWN O-796292 transfered to this squadron from 865th Sqdr Avn Bn and assigned to duty as Squadron Supply Officer. Two EM placed on TDY to Camp John Hay Leave Center for eleven (11) days.

Pvt. Junior R. Geer court-martialed, convicted and sentenced to one (1) year at hard labor and a dishonorable discharge for disobeying a direct order of the Squadron Commander.

8 January 1947

Seven EM transfered from this organisation to 535th Air Engineering Squadron and one EM transfered to 248th General Hospital.

Usual Garrison duties.

9 January 1947

Usual Garrison duties.

10 January 1947

Captain JOSEPH J. BROWN, the Squadron Supply Officer and one EM sick to hospital.

Squadron strength this day: Fourteen (14) Officers and one hundred eighty-six EM.

11 January 1947

One EM sick to hospital and one EM AWOL.

Usual Garrison Duties.

12 January 1947

Sunday. Usual KP and Guard duties.

13 January 1947

Usual Garrison duties.

14 January 1947

Captain JOSEPH J. BROWN O-796292, transfered to Headquarters and Base Service Squadron.

One EM transfered to Paranaque Replacement and Disposition Center



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14 January 1947 (cont'd)

APO 354 for return to the United States and discharge.

Fourteen EM assigned and joined this squadron today.

15 January 1947

One EM transfered to this squadron from the 535th Air Engineering Squadron. Three (3) EM placed on DS with the CFAAB Food Service Squadron. One EM sick to 248th General Hospital.

16 January 1947

Usual Garrison duties.

17 January 1947

1st Lt. WALLACE D. MOORE O-26840, promoted to the grade of captain. Two (2) EM returned from TDY.

18 January 1947

One (1) EM returned from DS and one (1) EM sick to 248th General Hospital.

Usual Garrison duties.

19 January 1947

Sunday. Usual KP and Guard duties.

20 January 1947

One (1) EM transfered to this squadron from 313th Bombardment Wing Headquarters.

The squadron strength this day is: Thirteen (13) Officers assigned and two hundred one (201) EM assigned. This is an increase of fifteen (15) EM in the past ten days.

An "Ackward Squad" has been formed by the 72nd Air Service Group and men are placed in this squad for extra training on Wensday and Saturday afternoons for being out of uniform, failing to salute and other discrepancys.

21 January 1947

Seven EM transfered to the 535th Air Engineering Squadron from this squadron. Two EM sick to 248th General Hospital.

Usual Garrison duties.



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Historical Report, 579th AMS, continued.

22 January 1947

Twenty (20) were conducted to the firing range at 0730 today by 2nd Lt. FRED J. MEABON who instructed them in firing the carbine. The men returned to the squadron area at 1145. Average score: 150.

23 January 1947

Usual Garrison duties.

24 January 1947

The squadron was inspected by the Inspector General from 13th Air Force Headquarters.

Two (2) EM transfered to Headquarters and Base Service Squadron, this Group.

25 January 1947

Captain MORRIS H. BRADSHAW 0-1553957, transfered to Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, 313th Bombardment Wing.

Three EM transfered to 350th Air Service Group.
Usual Garrison Duties.

26 January 1947

Sunday. Usual KP and Guard duty.

27 January 1947

Usual Garrison duties.

28 January 1947

Usual Garrison duties.

29 January 1947

Thirteen EM transfered to Paranaque Replacement and Disposition Center for return to the United States and discharge.

30 January 1947

Captain JOSEPH J. BROWN 0-796292, transfered to this squadron from Headquarters and Base Service Squadron, this Group.

Usual Garrison duties.



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31 January 1947

The men were paid at 0930 today.

The squadron strength this date is Thirteen (13) Officers and one hundred seventy-six (176) EM. The squadron consists of eighty-six percent volenteer enlistees and fourteen percent draftees.

The squadron strength has decreased sixty-six EM over the past thirty days and increased by one Officer.

Posey H. Jones
POSEY H. JONES
1st Lt., Air Corps
Sqdn Historical Officer



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| 535 | SQ-SV-561-Hi | Sep-Dec44 | | | 561st Service Sqd. | U | |

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| 550 | SQ-SV-561-Hi | Jan-Apr45 | | | 561st Service Sqd. | U | |
| 568 | SQ-SV-562-Hi | Jan/44 | | | 562nd Service Sqd. | U | |
| 574 | | Feb/44 | | | | U | |
| 583 | | Mar/44 | | | | U | |
| 594 | | Apr/44 | | | | U | |
| 607 | | May/44 | | | | U | |
| 620 | SQ-SV-562-Hi | Jun/44 | | | 562nd Service Sqd. | U | |
| 636 | SQ-SV-563-Hi | Jan/44 | | | 563rd Service Sqd. | U | |
| 643 | | Jan/44-May/45 | | | | U | |
| 687 | | Feb/44 | | | | U | |
| 696 | | Mar/44 | | | | U | |
| 704 | | Apr/44 | | | | U | |
| 714 | | May/44 | | | | U | |
| 728 | | Jun/44 | | | | U | |
| 739 | | Jul/44 | | | | U | |
| 750 | | Aug-Dec44 | | | | U | |
| 807 | SQ-SV-563-Hi | Jan-Apr45 | | | | U | |
| 847 | SQ-SV-563-Su-Re-D | Feb/44 | | | 563rd Service Sqd. | U | |

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| 854 | SQ-SV-564-Hi | Dec/43-May/45 | | | 564th Service Sqd. | U | |
| 895 | | Jan-Feb44 | | | | U | |
| 902 | | Jan-Apr44 | | | | U | |
| 917 | | Mar/44 | | | | U | |
| 923 | | May/44 | | | | U | |
| 934 | | Jun/44 | | | | U | |
| 944 | | Jul/44 | | | | U | |
| 954 | | Aug/44 | | | | U | |
| 964 | | Sep/44 | | | | U | |
| 974 | SQ-SV-564-Hi | Oct/44 | | | 564th Service Sqd. | U | |
| 984 | SQ-SV-565-Hi | Feb-Mar44 | | | 565th Service Sqd. | U | |
| 999 | | Apr/44 | | | | U | |
| 1010 | | May/44 | | | | U | |
| 1028 | | Jun/44 | | | | U | |
| 1039 | | Jul/44 | | | | U | |
| 1047 | | Aug/44 | | | | U | |
| 1057 | SQ-SV-565-Hi | Sep/44 | | | 565th Service Sqd. | U | |
| 1065 | SQ-SV-566-Hi | Feb-Mar44 | | | 566th Service Sqd. | U | |

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| 1074 | SQ-SV-566-Hi | Apr/44 | | | 566th Service Sqd. | U | |
| 1082 | | May/44 | | | | U | |
| 1090 | | Jun/44 | | | | U | |
| 1098 | | Jul/44 | | | | U | |
| 1106 | | Aug/44 | | | | U | |
| 1114 | | Sep/44 | | | | U | |
| 1122 | SQ-SV-566-Hi | Oct/44 | | | 566th Service Sqd. | U | |
| 1130 | SQ-SV-567-Hi | Apr-Dec47 | | | 567th Service Sqd. | U | |
| 1239 | SQ-SV-567-Hi | Jan-Jul48 | | | 567th Service Sqd. | U | |
| 1257 | SQ-SV-569-Hi | Jan/44-Sep/45 | | | 569th Service Sqd. | U | |
| 1345 | | Feb-May44 | | | | U | |
| 1351 | | May-Jun44 | | | | U | |
| 1357 | SQ-SV-569-Hi | Sep/44 | | | 569th Service Sqd. | U | |
| 1363 | SQ-SV-571-Hi | Feb-Jul44 | | | 571st Service Sqd. | U | |
| 1376 | | Jul/44 | | | | U | |
| 1383 | | Sep/44 | | | | U | |
| 1389 | | Oct/44 | | | | U | |
| 1396 | SQ-SV-571-Hi | Jan-Feb45 | | | 571st Service Sqd. | U | |

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| 1403 | SQ-SV-571-Hi | Mar-Apr45 | | | 571st Service Sqd. | U | |
| 1409 | ↓ | May-Jun45 | | | ↓ | U | |
| 1418 | ↓ | Jul-Aug45 | | | ↓ | U | |
| 1426 | SQ-SV-571-Hi | Sep/45 | | | 571st Service Sqd. | U | |
| 1433 | SQ-SV-572-Hi | May-Oct44 | | | 572nd Service Sqd. | U | |
| 1442 | ↓ | Dec/44 | | | ↓ | U | |
| 1447 | ↓ | Jan-Sep45 | | | ↓ | U | |
| 1537 | SQ-SV-572-Hi | Aug/45 | | | 572nd Service Sqd. | U | |
| 1549 | SQ-SV-573-Hi | May-Jun44 | | | 573rd Service Sqd. | U | |
| 1559 | ↓ | Jul-Sep44 | | | ↓ | U | |
| 1590 | ↓ | Oct/44 | | | ↓ | U | |
| 1620 | ↓ | Nov/44 | | | ↓ | U | |
| 1640 | ↓ | Jan/45 | | | ↓ | U | |
| 1666 | SQ-SV-573-Hi | Aug/45 | | | 573rd Service Sqd. | U | |
| 1675 | SQ-SV-574-Hi | May/44-Oct/47 | | | 574th Service Sqd. | U | |
| 2018 | ↓ | Sep/45-Dec/46 | | | ↓ | U | |
| 2095 | ↓ | Jan-Dec47 | | | ↓ | U | |
| 2105 | SQ-SV-574-Hi | Jan-Aug48 | | | 574th Service Sqd. | U | |

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| 2118 | SQ-SV-575-Hi | May/44-May/46 | | | 575th Service Sqd. | U | |
| 2125 | | Apr/46 | | | | U | |
| 2131 | | Nov/46 | | | | U | |
| 2136 | | Dec/46 | | | | U | |
| 2142 | | Jan/47 | | | | U | |
| 2148 | | Jan-Dec47 | | | | U | |
| 2152 | SQ-SV-575-Hi | Mar/47 | | | 575th Service Sqd. | U | |
| 2161 | SQ-SV-576-Hi | Apr/47 | | | 576th Service Sqd. | U | |
| 2166 | SQ-SV-576-Hi | Jan-Sep48 | | | 576th Service Sqd. | U | |
| 2185 | SQ-SV-577-Hi | May/44-Dec/47 | | | 577th Service Sqd. | U | |
| 2249 | SQ-SV-577-Hi | Jan-Aug48 | | | 577th Service Sqd. | U | |
| 2279 | SQ-SV-578-Hi | Jul/44 | | | 578th Service Sqd. | U | |
| 2285 | | Aug/44 | | | | U | |
| 2291 | | Sep/44 | | | | U | |
| 2297 | | Oct/44 | | | | U | |
| 2303 | | Nov/44 | | | | U | |
| 2310 | | Dec/44 | | | | U | |
| 2317 | SQ-SV-578-Hi | Jan/45 | | | 578th ServiceSqd. | U | |

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| 2324 | SQ-SV-578-Hi | Feb/45 | | | 578th Service Sqd. | U | |
| 2329 | | Feb/45 | | | | U | |
| 2335 | | Mar/45 | | | | U | |
| 2340 | | Mar/45 | | | | U | |
| 2346 | | Apr/45 | | | | U | |
| 2350 | | Apr/45 | | | | U | |
| 2356 | | May/45 | | | | U | |
| 2363 | SQ-SV-578-Hi | Jun/45-Nov/47 | | | 578th ServiceSqd. | U | |
| 2484 | SQ-SV-579-Hi | Jan-Feb45 | | | 579th Service Sqd. | U | |
| 2510 | | Oct-Dec46 | | | | U | |
| 2516 | SQ-SV-579-Hi | Jan-Mar47 | | | 579th Service Sqd. | U | |
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