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HISTORY

of

100TH FIGHTER SQUADRON (SE)

(332D FIGHTER GROUP (SE)

(332D FIGHTER WING (SE)

(NINTH AIR FORCE)

(TACTICAL AIR COMMAND)

for

JULY-SEPTEMBER 1948

Lockbourne Air Force Base
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CHAPTER I

ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION

During the first half of this reporting period, the administrative framework of the squadron remained the same as was evident in the last period. However, the squadron was reorganized under Table of Organization and Equipment No. 1-1213, dated 24 March 1948, on instructions issued in Sec. III, General Order 16, Hq 332d Fighter Wing, dated 25 August 1948 1/. The current change became effective 26 August 1948, however, because of the present participation of the major sections of the squadron in 9th Air Force's Operations Combine III at Eglin Field, Florida, the complete reorganization has not been realized.

At the close of the period, no visible problems had presented themselves as a result of the reorganization.

The unit mission remained the same as that of the preceding reporting period, however, many more missions were assigned by higher headquarters which consisted of rendering air-support to ground activities.

There was a temporary change in station for forty (40) percent of the enlisted personnel and ninety-five (95) percent of the aircrews, who departed the home station, 30 August 1948, for Eglin AFB, aux #7, Eglin Field, Florida, for participation in Operations Combine III. The temporary duty at Eglin #7 is contemplated until 10 November 1948, at which time, all personnel will return to the home station. 2/

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- 1/ 1. Sec III, GO #16, Hq 332d Ftr Wg, dated 25 August 48.
2. Organizational Chart, 100th Ftr Sq as of 26 August 48.

- 2/ PO #13, 332d Ftr Gp, dated 19 August 48.

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CHAPTER II

PERSONNEL

As far as the strength of the squadron was concerned, the officer section still had shortages as contrasted with the small overage in the enlisted section. The strength report for the period was as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Auth</u>		<u>Asgd</u>	
	<u>Off</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>EM</u>
1 July 48	32	100	26	108
31 July 48	32	100	27	126
1 August 48	32	100	27	126
31 August 48	30	106	25	127
1 Sept 48	30	106	25	127
30 Sept 48	30	106	27	123

No warrant officers, WAFS, nor civilians are authorized this organization. The variations in the above authorized strength totals since 1 August 1948, were due to the recent reorganization of the squadron under TO & E 1-1 13 as of 26 August 1948. 3/ The variations in the assigned officer strength columns were due to a shortage of fighter pilots, single engine (SSN 1055). This shortage has been most prevalent since the squadron was activated fifteen months ago, and although Wing Headquarters has stated many times that additional pilots would be assigned, this shortage has continued to place a strain on the available pilots in carrying out the assigned missions. Also, the fact that all but one

3/ Sec III, GO #16, HQ 332d Ftr Wg, dated 25 August 48 (vid. s. d. #1).

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of the various technical and administrative jobs in the squadron are held by aircrew members adds to this personnel problem. Of course, as a temporary solution to the problem, all assigned pilots perform duties of aircrew members, in addition to whatever other administrative or technical duty held.

During the entire period, there was an overage in enlisted personnel, however this overage is being rapidly reduced by the numerous transfers of personnel to other bases and to oversea assignments.

For the first two months of the reporting period, the Commanding Officer, Captain Elwood T. Driver, was still on temporary duty at the Air Tactical School, Tyndall Field, Panama City, Florida, however the squadron was placed under the command of Captain Joseph D. Elsberry, who proved to be a most capable successor. 4/ The other key positions in the squadron were held without changes, except in two cases, those of the communications and S-1 sections. The former communications officer, First Lieutenant Jack Chin was replaced by First Lieutenant Samuel W. Watts, the latter having recently completed the officer's communications course (0200) at Scott Field, Ill. This represented great progress for the unit. In the S-1 section, First Lieutenant Allen G. Lane was replaced by Second Lieutenant William Clark, Jr. 5/ This latter change affected the unit in that an additional officer was assigned the squadron whose duties would be purely administrative, thus relieving Lt. Lane for flying as

4/ Par. 9, SO #88, Hq 332d Ftr Gp, dated 14 July 48.

5/ Par. 1, SO #101, Hq 332d Ftr Gp, dated 4 August 48.

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his primary duty. A roster of the key personnel for the period is as follows:

As of 31 July 1948

Commanding Officer	Captain Joseph D Elsberry
Dep Commander	Captain Woodrow W Crockett
S-1	1st Lt Allen C Lane
S-2	1st Lt Leon L Turner
S-3	1st Lt William W Green
S-4	Captain Herbert V Clark
Communications O	1st Lt Jack Chin
Armament O	1st Lt Virgil A Daniels
Tech Supply O	1st Lt James E Harris

The above roster indicates those personnel who held the key positions as of 31 August 48, also of 30 September 48, excepting in the case of the commanding officer, where Captain Elwood T Driver resumed command as of 20 September 48 in the temporary absence of Captain Elsberry. Lt. William E Clark, Jr. replaced Lt. Lane in the S-1 position, and Lt. Samuel W Watts, Jr. replaced Lt. Jack Chin in the position of Communications Officer, both replacements being made during August.

Of primary importance during the latter half of this period was the departure of personnel, this organization, to various technical schools which would give the much needed skills necessary in carrying out the squadron mission. As was brought out most forceably in the last report, the majority of the men performing duty as crew chief (SSN 750-B) could not be reclassified and given the proper Military Occupational Specialty for that position because of the lack of an additional specialty in the

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maintenance field. This additional specialty is required by the AF Classification Manual 35-O-1, and although many attempts were made to set up a training unit on the station for this purpose, the lack of adequate training facilities precluded same. Fourteen (14) enlisted personnel departed the station for technical schools, of which were the following: 6/

- One (1) EM departed 24 July 48 for Chanute Fld, Ill for SSN 686 tng.
- One (1) EM departed 9 August 48 for Chanute Fld, Ill for SSN 686 tng.
- Four (4) EM departed, 9 August 48 for Chanute Fld, Ill for SSN 684 tng.
- One (1) EM departed 9 August 48 for Chanute Fld, Ill for SSN 528 tng.
- One (1) EM departed 15 August 48 for Chanute Fld, Ill for SSN 548 tng.
- Two (2) EM departed 6 Sept 48 for Chanute Fld, Ill for SSN 684 tng.
- One (1) EM departed 13 Sept 48 for Chanute Fld, Ill for SSN 548 tng.
- One (1) EM departed 13 Sept 48 for Chanute Fld, Ill for SSN 555 tng.
- One (1) EM departed 15 Sept 48 for Keesler, Miss for SSN 687 tng.
- One (1) EM departed 17 Sept 48 for Scott Fld, Ill for SSN 754 tng.

It is believed that future quotas will be allotted this organization at the above rate, and if so all personnel will receive the required technical training in the very near future.

The picture of the officer personnel regarding duty at technical schools was somewhat different, however, as mandatory quotas for the Air Tactical School were the only ones which would bring really needed

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- 6/ 1. Par 16, SO #142, Hq 332d Ftr Wg dated 12 July 48.
 2. Par 3, SO #163, Hq 332d Ftr Wg dated 5 August 48.
 3. Par 3, SO #169, Hq 332d Ftr Wg dated 13 August 48.
 4. Par 6, SO #3, Hq 332d Ftr Wg dated 1 September 48.
 5. Par 8, SO #8, Hq 332d Ftr Wg dated 9 September 48.

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training as far as the unit is concerned. Three aircrew members returned from Tactical school during this period, including the unit commander. One officer departed for Chanute Field, Hantoul, Ill, for a thirty-two (32) weeks, weather officer's course 7/, and another aircrew member was on temporary duty at Lowry Field, Denver, Colo., for the entire reporting period attending a twenty week photographic officer's course. Neither of these latter two courses will bring back any significant training as far as aiding the accomplishment of the unit's mission is concerned. What was hoped for by the command, was that the aircraft maintenance officer be detailed to a school of that nature as this training is much needed.

The Station Training Program as setup under the provisions of TAC Regulation 50-44, dated 1 July 1948 has done much to improve the proficiency of all personnel undergoing training. As of the end of the reporting period, the percentage of completion of training for those personnel not skilled in their proper MOS was as follows: 8/

<u>SSN</u>	<u>NO. MEN UNDERGOING TNG.</u>	<u>PERCENT OF COMPLETED TNG.</u>
684	25	(Program suspended)
911	7	
055	2	100
070	1	(TDY at Eglin Fld, Fla)
144	1	(TDY)

7/ Par 21, SO #142, Hq 332d Ftr Wg, dated 12 July 48.

8/ Interview Lt. L. Roberts, Ground Tng C., 100th Ftr Sq, 30 Oct 48.

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SSN	NO. MEN UNDERGOING TNG.	PERCENT OF COMPLETED TNG.
573	1	100
685	1	66 2/3
747-B	2	100
747-B	1	66 2/3
750-B	24	100 (Awaiting additional specialty before reclassification)
754	1	33 1/3

Of note is the fact that the men, who were undergoing training in the 684 specialty were striving for the award of the SSN 750-B, crew chief. They are skilled 747-Bs and their training was greatly hampered because of the lack of adequate training facilities on the station which would provide them with some training in an additional specialty in the aircraft maintenance field.

Also adding to the problem of station training was the fact that in the past large numbers of personnel have been departing the station for long temporary duties elsewhere. This necessitated the suspension of the training and consequently, brings on a lull in the progress of the training.

Sixteen enlisted personnel were recommended for appearance before a classification board after having been deemed fully trained by the commanding officer, however, official orders have come down on but one awarding the new authorized MOS. Action on the others is expected shortly.

No officer personnel received changes in primary SSN.

The court-martial rate took an upward swing during this period. There was a total of six cases, of which, there were four (4) summaries,

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one special, and one general. The command attributes the rise in the rate to the fact that the unity of the organization was disrupted somewhat by the various temporary duty periods at Eglin Field, Fla. It will be a major project in the future to control this situation.

The venereal disease rate was more along that which is demanded by the squadron commander. There was one case for the three month period, however, it is the duty of each individual in the organization to watch closely his personal hygiene at all times to keep all such disorders in check.

Special service activities, during the reporting period were at a minimum due primarily to the fact that the majority of the squadron was on TDY at Eglin Field, during the first month of the period for the gunnery program, and during the last month for Operations Combine III. Because of the physical setup of the auxiliary field at which the units were stationed in Florida, the showing of class "B" films, volley and softball playing provided the major forms of recreation.

At the home station, the remainder of the unit which was left behind carried on a vigorous beautification program on the squadron dayroom.

The morale of the squadron was very high, however, after the return to Florida, there was evidence of a drop as many of the departing personnel have their families in the Lockbourne area. In spite of the latter, however, the unit commander estimates that ninety percent of the EM, who are eligible for separation will reenlist for further military service.

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CHAPTER III

SUPPLY AND EQUIPMENT

The supply and equipment section received much attention during the period, the reason for this being the changeover to new supply procedures and to a new TO & E. This latter change was effected 26 August 48, however, there have been no visible increases in efficiency. ^{9/}

During the early part of the year, the allowable authorized supplies were set at eighty (80) percent of table of equipment in accordance with the AF's then existing policy of supply and equipment. Since that time, however, the unit may receive and keep on hand one hundred (100) percent of what is authorized by the TO & E. The following are the percentages of allowable authorized equipment the limit being eighty (80) percent: ^{10/}

<u>As of 21 July</u>		<u>As of 21 August</u>		<u>As of 30 Sept</u>	
<u>AF</u>	<u>QM</u>	<u>AF</u>	<u>QM</u>	<u>AF</u>	<u>QM</u>
57%	79%	53%	79.3%	54%	79.3%

It is believed that the above percentages will increase sharply during the next period because of the special emphasis placed on the subject by higher headquarters.

The lack of an Aircraft Jack 3200 30-163 Kit, during the last period is no longer of much concern as the complete kit was received during this period. The outstanding shortage was:

7800-732 860 Stand Assembly-Portable Hydraulic Tester. Although, the proper requisition was submitted quite some time ago, no action by

^{9/} Sec III, CO #16, Hq 332d Ftr Wg, dated 25 August 48 (vid. s. d. #1).

^{10/} Interview, Lt. J. Harris, Tech Sup Co, 100th Ftr Sq, 4 October 48.

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has been taken by the 56th AF Supply in completing it. The above problem ceased to exist when one such unit was borrowed from another squadron. The tester borrowed was believed to be inoperative by the landing squadron, however, after the display of a bit of ingenuity on the part of one of the men in the technical supply section, the inoperative tester has been put to good use.

There was only one instance of defective equipment in the case of a tire casing on the main gear of a squadron ship. The tire blew out during the takeoff roll which resulted in a major aircraft accident off the end of the runway. 11/ The tire was condemned after seventy-three (73) days of use during which time fifty (50) landings were made. The tire was the ice-grip type which was being tested for hot weather operation. It had proven to be very successful during Arctic operations, however, after this accident, an Unsatisfactory Report was forwarded and instructions were received from Air Materiel Command at Wright-Patterson Field to replace all icegrip tires with those of standard stock.

Along this line of defective equipment, in the case of another major aircraft accident sustained, a broken weld was found at the upper air chamber of one strut and the down lock assembly of one of the main landing gear. 12/ The gear failed after the aircraft had run off the runway into some soft sand and the above defect was listed as the probable cause for the collapsing of the gear. No checks of this weld could be made on routine inspections as it was a part of the internal structure of the strut. The proper unsatisfactory report was forwarded.

11/ Extract accident report, aircraft #4489046.

12/ Extract accident report, aircraft #4489031.

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CHAPTER IV

MAINTENANCE

The maintenance section did not undergo the complete reorganization as was brought about by the new TO & E, the reason being the fact that one half of the personnel was on temporary duty in Florida during the majority of the period. The physical setup of the temporary duty field precluded the assignment of more personnel from the home base even though the commitments for Operations Combine III required every available man. The completed reorganization of this section should be effected during the following period after the squadron returns to the home station.

As was brought out above, the commitments of the squadron as far as Operations Combine III was concerned necessitated a change in the organization of the maintenance section even though this change did not conform with current TOs. There were many experienced men who had to be left at the home station because their current enlistments were expiring. These men were to depart the station either on separation leave or permanently. There were other men who had departed for technical schools and who could not be counted on for an indefinite period. The men who were available for the extended temporary duty in Operations Combine III were not the most qualified assigned the squadron. This problem was solved by the maintenance officer by resorting to the aircraft maintenance crew, which consisted of grouping all the qualified specialists in one unit and having them move from one aircraft to the other and perform all required inspections and enough of the maintenance necessary until the crew chief concerned could step in and complete the job without difficulty. The effectiveness of this procedure was immeasurable.

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Of note is the fact that the service stock section of the 56th AF Supply still lacks sufficient trained personnel to keep an accurate classification and account of all items of supply on hand. Many man hours were often lost to the maintenance section as many times crew chiefs had to wait until the technical supply NCO could track down the requisition, and find out why the item of equipment had not been returned. 13/

The outstanding problem of the past still exists, that of the lack of sufficient trained maintenance personnel, however, this problem is being corrected somewhat as quotas are being received in sizeable numbers for the various technical schools (see chapter II).

The new maintenance procedures adopted included the discontinuance of the oil clarification procedures on verbal directive of the 9th AF Technical Inspector. The Brig's Portable Filtering and Clarifying Units, MC-1, 2, 3 covered in Technical Order 01-1-213 dated 19 November 45 are no longer manufactured, which now requires the change of all oil at each fifty (50) hour inspection. 14/

On the subject of inspections, due to the continuous flying during the Operations Combine III, all aircraft inspections made were running inspections. This was a system which allowed some of the necessary inspections between missions flown, and prevented the grounding of the aircraft for long periods of time when they were very much in need.

Outstanding maintenance jobs accomplished included the removal of the entire empennage section from an F-47N because the services of the

13/ Interview, Capt H. V. Clark, S-4, 100th Ftr Sq, 30 September 48.

14/ Ibid.

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aircraft were very much in need, and at the time, the Field Maintenance Activity had a large back log of work, which precluded any immediate action on this particular aircraft. Also, there were the cases of six (6) propeller power plant units which were completely overhauled. This was done because of the fact that essential new parts were not available from the 56th AF Supply, and the lack of these parts was causing the aircraft concerned to be carried in an out of commission status.

Much credit is due the maintenance chief, who invented a test unit for testing tachometer generators for serviceability while installed on the aircraft engine. This test unit proved to be an excellent air in trouble shooting mal-functions of the tachometer generator system. It also prevented the loss of much time and maintenance, also the necessity of shipping the unit back to the factory for checking.

The daily percentage of aircraft in and out of commission on a monthly basis was as follows:

1 - 31 July		1 - 31 August		1 - 30 Sept	
<u>In</u>	<u>Out</u>	<u>In</u>	<u>Out</u>	<u>In</u>	<u>Out</u>
47.7%	52.3%	32.48%	67.52%	74.53%	25.47%

The sharp decline in the percentage of aircraft in commission during August can be attributed to the fact that much maintenance was required on the aircraft after the squadron returned from the gunnery program in July. Also, the aircraft were being readied for the forthcoming Operations Combine III.

During the last period, the fact was brought out that there was a delay in the installation of AN/ARC-3 radio sets in the aircraft because of the delay in receiving the equipment from 56th AF Supply. It can be

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noted here that there was a complete installation of these sets during the period. This brings about a happy condition as far as flying training is concerned. There was also, during the last period, a shortage of "C" channel crystals, however, at the present time, the squadron is well stocked with all types of required crystals.

The personnel situation is not so beautiful, however, in the communications section, as there was a fifty (50) percent shortage of qualified personnel. This condition necessitated the maintenance during the past major operations of all of the aircraft radios by the few personnel assigned, however, this was done without lowering the high standard of maintenance.

Armament difficulties were centered around shortages of G-9 gun solenoids during the previous period. At the close of this period, this condition has been relieved as a large supply of these items of equipment are now available for issue.

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CHAPTER V

TRAINING

The major training during this period consisted of training for aircrews. There was the continuous training for all personnel in the squadron, however, this type suffered somewhat because of the two moves of the unit. Also, as was brought out in chapter II, this report, the Station Training program as set up under TAC Reg 50-44 received a sharp setback because of the lack of adequate training facilities for the majority of those requiring the training.

Under continuous training, chemical warfare lectures were outstanding. One lecture was held each month by a qualified chemical warfare officer. Because of the six weeks stay at Eglin auxiliary #7, Florida, physical training, in the form of softball, volley ball, and touch football played an important part in the continuous training.

Outstanding in this chapter will be the training received by aircrews, who were continuously participating in some type of mission which would add to the proficiency of the individual pilots and flight commanders. The most important of these missions concerned joint operations with the ground forces. Of these, four missions were flown, totalling sixteen (16) sorties in conjunction with "Operations Pointer" at Ft. Bragg, North Carolina. The aircrews were based throughout the exercises at Pope Field, N.C. 15/ During these exercises, the unit performed dive bombing with two hundred and fifty pound general purpose bombs.

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- 15/ 1. FO #9, Hq 332d Ftr Gp, dated 15 July 48.
2. FO #12, Hq 332d Ftr Gp, dated 9 August 48.

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At Ft. Knox, Ky, squadron aircrews, which were based at Godman Fld, Ky., participated in similar missions for the Armored School. Air ground support was provided a battalion of Infantry in attack with the use of 250# GP bombs, 5" HVAR rockets, and the firing of .50 cal. ammunition. Screening smoke was also placed upon the direction of the ground controller. Thirty-six sorties were flown, all of which were highly successful.

Excellent training is received by all personnel concerned from the above type missions, also, operations personnel receive much training in the planning which is necessary for a good show and at the same time observing all safety precautions.

The 9th AF operations 200 missions were suspended in the most part during the period. However, two (2) control missions were flown with a total of eight (8) sorties. This latter type mission also adds much to the pilot proficiency even though no live ordnance is used.

Of the flying training scheduled, ninety-five (95) percent of the aircrews completed eighty (80) percent, the other five (5) percent completed only fifty (50) percent. The retarded progress of the five (5) percent who have completed only fifty percent is due mainly to the fact that these pilots have just recently returned to active duty and it was necessary for all of them to be checked out in the T-6 aircraft and regain some of their lost proficiency before starting on the tactical aircraft. 16/

Another reason for the retarded progress of these aircrews was the

16/ Interview, Lt. W. Green, S-3, 100th Ftr Sq, 6 Oct 48.

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fact that eight pilots had to receive transition in one (1) T-6 aircraft² available to the squadron. To compensate for this lack of enough transition aircraft, every available minute was used to check out these returnee pilots which almost suspended entirely the dual rides in the instrument training program. Instrument flying was restricted to fighter instruments and to that which would be received in the line trainer, excepting, of course, the required instrument checks, most of which were given in the T-6.

Ninth Air Force's Training Standard 10-1 and Air Force Regulation 60-2 received major attention throughout the period, and to date the majority of the aircrews have completed the requirements for the first half of the fiscal year 1948-49.

The story of aircraft accidents sustained during the period is a very sad one. In the first of five (5) accidents 17/, the hands of fate took from the organization one of the most respected officers on the base. During a landing after a routine night formation flight, the pilot of aircraft #4489217, was overrun by aircraft #4489089, the following aircraft to land. The standard operating procedure for night formation landings was observed by both pilots and an additional three hundred and sixty (360) degree circle was made by pilot #2. However, during an ensuing go around by pilot #2, his aircraft struck pilot #1's which was still on the runway, and a violent explosion followed. Pilot

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- 17/ 1. Extract, Accident report, aircraft #4489217.
 2. Extract, Accident report, aircraft #4489089.
 3. Extract, Accident report, aircraft #4489900.
 4. Extract, Accident report, aircraft #4489046(vid. s. d. #13).
 5. Extract, Accident report, aircraft #4489031(vid. s. d. #14).

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#1, who was pinned in his cockpit, received fatal burns, and both aircraft were destroyed by the fire. Pilot #2 was able to clear his aircraft receiving only minor lacerations and shock.

Pilot #2 above was immediately suspended from flying duty pending appearance before a local flying evaluation board during the process of trying to determine the cause of the accident.

The above accident meant the loss of the squadron's most consistent pilot, also one of its much needed instrument instructors.

The third accident involved the loss of aircraft #4489900, which was loaned to the squadron while at Eglin auxiliary #6 to support the gunnery training program. During the approach for landing on 3 July 48, a piston was damaged causing a great loss of engine lubricating oil, which in turn caused engine failure. Although, the pilot of the aircraft was maneuvering to bring the ship down safely, because of his restricted visibility, and the loss of power, the aircraft settled down just short of the runway striking the soft sand and causing a gear to become sheared off. On the second bounce, the aircraft lost its other main gear and received other major damage to the engine and fuselage. No action was taken in that the cause for the damaging of the piston could not be determined.

As was touched upon in the maintenance section of this report, another major accident was caused when a tire blew out on the main gear of aircraft #4489046 during the takeoff roll on 12 September 48. Major damage was received by the aircraft when it continued to the end of the runway and dug in the soft sand. This was mainly a case of defective equipment (see chapter III, page 10).

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The final accident was brought on when on 26 September, the pilot of aircraft #4489031, during a takeoff roll, was unable to get any response from his surface controls, and decided to cut his power and remain on the ground. The aircraft rolled off the end of the runway, and received major damage. One defective part was found in the landing gear, which, however was not a contributing cause of the accident. No cause could be found for the accident, consequently, no definite action could be taken. The appropriate unsatisfactory report was forwarded on the defective gear part.

It is of importance to note that, the aircraft accidents sustained during the period far outnumbered those sustained during the last reporting period, however, it is the opinion of the command that had the field in Florida been more adequate for the F-47 type aircraft, sixty (60) percent of the accidents would not have occurred.

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CHAPTER VI

FACILITIES

As far as the temporary duty at Eglin auxiliary #7 was concerned, the landing field facilities were inadequate for the F-47. All pilots carrying bombs, 500# and 350#, were able to get off the ground at all times which was very well, however, had an engine failed immediately after takeoff, or after the first one half of the runway had been used, the chances of saving the aircraft from major damage were very slim. The clearances at the ends of all runways were conducive to accidents as was brought out in chapter V, this report. The detachment operations did as much as could be done with the available facilities, however, the situation was not corrected very much. Adequate briefings were given all pilots as to the possibilities of avoiding danger areas in and around the field should their aircraft get out of control at the end of the runway.

Other recreational facilities at Eglin #7, such as dayrooms and an officers' club were not available. Of course, the above situation did not lower the morale of the unit to any great extent because all personnel realized that the main idea was to get the mission accomplished, and the stay in Florida was only a temporary one. It was understood, also, that as far as possible, there would be a rotation of personnel at Eglin #7 with those left at the home station.

The beautification program of the squadron dayroom at Lockbourne received major attention by those on duty there. Many of the off-duty moments were spent by personnel left at the home station trying to complete the dayroom before the sections on maneuvers returned in November.

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Two additional recreational facilities made available during the last period by the Wing were some tennis courts and a softball diamond, both with night lighting facilities. Little use was made of either during the period, however, it is a certainty that next season will bring many interesting contests on both.

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CHAPTER VII

S/SGT MAL WHITFIELD AT OLYMPICS

In that the whole world knows how S/Sgt Malvin Whitfield blasted six-tenths of a second from the old olympic record on August 2, when he captured the 800 meter run in 1:49.2, it is of importance now to record the very favorable publicity which his victories brought to the United States Air Force and to his unit. 18/

S/Sgt Whitfield, as the winner of the 800 meter run, became one of the few participants to receive three (3) winner's medals. The second received was the gold medal for the triumph of the 1600 meter relay team on which occasion, Sgt Whitfield provided a most outstanding anchor. In winning third place in the 400 meter run, Sgt Whitfield received his third of the day, a bronze award.

On all occasions when Sgt Whitfield was mentioned, it was Sgt Mal Whitfield of Lockbourne Air Force Base, Columbus 17, Ohio, a community proud of him in its entirety.

Sgt Whitfield spent many days of hard practice while a member of the organization, and although it was believed by all of his squadron mates that he was a certainty to win in the London games, deep down inside, many others who knew him gathered added hopes after considering the extra efforts put forth by him to make himself eligible for competition.

It is not definite at this writing whether Sgt Whitfield's native California will win out over the USAF at the expiration of his current enlistment, however, it is hoped that more in the military will strive and reach the heights as has just been done.

18/ News release, Ohio Journal, Columbus, Ohio 3 August 48.

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COLUMBUS, 17, OHIOGENERAL ORDERS)
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25 August 1948

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Section III

Redesignation and Reorganization of Units

1. Having been redesignated the units listed below are reorganized effective 26 August 1948, as indicated:

<u>Present Organization</u>	<u>New Designation</u>	<u>T/O & E</u>	<u>Authorized Strength</u>	
			<u>Off</u>	<u>EW</u>
Hq 332d Fighter Group		1-1212, 24 Mar 48 (1 x Colm 5)	11	25
Fighter Squadron, Single Engine 99, 100, 301		1-1213, 24 Mar 48 (1 x Colm 5)	30	106 (each)

- a. Group assignment of fighter squadrons listed above remains unchanged.
2. Personnel will be furnished from sources under control of this headquarters.
3. Equipment is authorized in accordance with T/O & E's cited.

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332D FIGHTER GROUP
 Lockbourne Air Force Base
 Columbus 17, Ohio
 19 August 1948

FO 13

MAPS: 1:1,000,000 AF WAC 358,409,467

1. a. Omit

b. Basic facilities will be provided by the 33d Ftr Wg.

2. Units of the 33d Ftr Gp, 16 Acft, 18, Off, 50 EM, each sqdn, will proceed by F-47 and C-82 acft to EGLIN AUX #7, VALPARISO, FLA o/a 30 Aug 48 for a period of about seventy-five (75) days for the purpose of participating in "OPERATIONS COMBINE III. Acft, crews and accompanying personnel will return to this station at conclusion of assigned mission.

ROUTE: Direct except as directed by AIRWAYS CONTROL.

3. a. Organization acft, 16 per sq, will depart this sta as follows 30 Aug 48: 0800 hrs 99th Ftr Sq, 0815 hrs 100 Ftr Sq, 0830 hrs 301st Ftr Sq. They will proceed directly to EGLIN AUX #7 and land as briefed at fifteen (15) minute intervals. Briefing for all sqdns will be held at 332d Ftr Gp Operations at 0700 hrs 30 Aug 48.

b. Other personnel will depart at times to be directed by Wing A-3 on 30 Aug 48 in C-82 acft. (See Loading list in Annex to FO 13.)

c. Acft selected for this mission will be equipped for dive bombing, rocket firing, and strafing.

4. a. Administrative control of sqdns based at EGLIN AUX #7 will remain with the parent orgns at LOCKBOURNE AFB.

b. Personnel from Hq., 332d Ftr Gp will be superimposed on the squadrons.

c. Acft selected to participate will be carried XC on sqdn AF 110 Rpts.

5. a. All acft selected for this mission will be equipped with "9AF Common" Crystals.

b. The 332d Ftr Wg will provide necessary communications equipment and personnel for the administration of reports to this headquarters.

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 /t/ROBERT W. DEIZ
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9. Eff this date CAPTAIN JOSEPH D ELSBERRY AO 47 700, USAF, 100th Ftr Sq (SE), is designated Sq Commander vice 1ST LT SAMUEL W WATTS JR AO 830 796, USAF 100th Ftr Sq (SE), reld.

BY ORDER OF MAJOR CAMPBELL:

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Columbus 17, Ohio

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1. 2ND LT 2200 WILLIAM A CLARK JR AO 590 179, USAF, this Hq (PP)
is reld from asgmt trfd for dy to 100th Ftr Sq(\$E)(PP), t is sp. PDY
2110 Race (N) comp USAFR EDCMR 9 Aug 48.

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332ND FIGHTER WING
LOCKBOURNE AIR FORCE BASE
Columbus 17, Ohio

21 July 1948

16. The fol named EM USAF orgns indicated this sta WP o/a 24 Jul 48 on TDY for approx sixteen (16) wks to 3502d AFB Chanute AFB Ill for the purpose of pursuing Crse #68600, Ap Instrument Mech, rptg upon arrival to commandant of school thereat NLT 0800 26 Jul 48 for classes beginning 28 Jul 48. Upon compl of TDY EM will ret to proper orgns this sta. C/C 04120. (Auth: Ltr Hq 9th AF Greenville SC Subj: Almt of Quotas for Tech Crses dtd 28 Jun 48 and Ltr Hq TAC Langley AFB Va subj: Tng of asgd pers dtd 22 Jun 48.) Dy SSN 686

ORGRS

Cpl Alexander Gardner, AF18245930 Maint Sq 332d Maint and Supply Gp
Pfc Phillip H Fletcher Jr, AF 17226193 100th Ftr Sq (SB) 332 Ftr Gp

Tvs will be performed by mil acft, rail and/ or bus fr this sta to TDY sta and ret. Where nec, RTO will furn nec T. PAC AR 30-2215 the RTO will determine and issue the number of meal tickets as the journ y may require. TDM 902-7206 P 432-02 A 2190425 S 33-024. The Budget and Fiscal O this sta certifies that available balance of funds chargeable to the accounting classification shown that herein is sufficient and Finance O making payment against this order will fwd a copy of the paid voucher to the Budget and Fiscal O this sta.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL DAVIS:

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3. The fol named EM USAF orgns indicated this sta WP on TDY o/a
8 Aug 48 for approx number of wks as indicated to 3502d AFBU Chanute AFB
Rantoul Ill for the purpose of pursuing crses indicated below rptg MLT
9 Aug 48 for crses beginning 11 Aug 48. Upon compl of TDY EM will ret
to proper orgns this sta. C/C 04120. (Auth: Ltr Hq oth AF Greenville
SC Subj: Almt of Quotas for Tech Crses dtd 28 Jun 48 and Ltr Hq TAC
Langley AFB, Va file PER-B 352, subj: Tng of Asgd pers dtd 22 Jun 48 and
Ltr Hq 9th AF Greenville SC subj: Almt of Quotas for Tech Crses dtd 22 Ju 1
48.)

AP HYDRUALIC MECH CRSE #52800 BY SSN 528

ORGNS Nine (9) Wks

Sgt John C McGruder, AF1315965
Sgt Lionel Sweeney, AF18245610
Pfc Alfred Boyd Jr, AF13148429

Maint Sq 332d Maint and Supply Gp
99Ftr Sq (SE) 332Ftr Gp
100th Ftr Sq (SE) 332d Ftr Gp

AP POWERPLANT MECH CRSE #68496 (V-1710) Dy SSN 684

Eight ((8) Wks

Sgt Jonathan C Gibson, AF12235382
Col Henry T Neely, AF 19240168
Pfc Charles H Willis, AF 13147368
Pfc George Clark Jr, AF 12281795
Pfc Garmen A Banks, AF12292452

100th Ftr Sq (SE) 332d Ftr Gp
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100th Ftr Sq (SE) 332d Ftr Gp
100th Ftr Sq (SE) 332d Ftr Gp
Maint Sq 332d Maint and Supply Gp

AP INSTRUMENT MECH CRSE #68600 Dy SSN 686

SIXTEEN (16) Wks

Pfc Aubrey Trigg Jr, AF 16246725

100th Ftr Sq (SE) 332d Ftr Gp

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is auth. RTO will furn ne: T. PAC AR 30-2215 the RTO will determine and
issue the number of meal tickets as the journey may require. TDN 902-
7206 P 432-02 2190425 S 33-024. The Budget and Fiscal O this sta certifies
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LOCKBOURNE AIR FORCE BASE
Columbus 17, Ohio

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3. The fol named EM USAF orgns indicated this sta WFO/A 14 Aug 48 to 3602d AFBU Chanute AFB Rantoul Ill for approx number of wks indicated for purpose of ursuing crses indicated rptg thereat NLT 0800 16 Aug 48 for Classes beginning 16 Aug 48. Upon Compl to TDY EM will ret to proper orgn this sta. C/C 04120.

FABRIC AND ROPE MECH CRSE #54800 Eight (8) Wks Dy SSN 548
(Auth: Ltr Hq 9AF Greenville SC File 9AF 352 Subj: Amnt of Quotas for Tech Crses dtd 9 Jun 48)

Pfc Charles A Wesley AF15 257 841 100th Ftr Sq (SE) 332d Ftr Gp

Tvl to TDY sta will be performed by mil Acft. For ret Tvl, RTO will furn nec Tvl Pac AR 30-2215 the RTO will furn and issue the number of meal tickets as the journey may require. TDN 902-7206 P 432-02 2190425 S 33-024. The Budget and Fiscal O this sta Certifies that available balance of funds chargeable to the accounting Classification shown here si sufficient ant Finance O making payment against this order will fws a copy of the paid voucher to the Budget and Fiscal O this sta.

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6. The fol named EM USAF orgns indicated this sta WP on TDY o/a 6 Sep 48 to 3502d AFBU Chanute AFB Rantoul Ill for approx eight (8) wks for purpose of pursuing Airplane Power Plant Mech crse #68406, rptg thereat NLT 6 Sep 48 for classes beginning 8 Sep 48. Upon compl of TDY EM will ret to proper orgns this sta. C/C 04120. Dy SSN 684. (Auth: ltr 9AF Greenville SC File 9AF352 SubjAlmt of Quotas for Technical Crses dtd 28 Jun 48 and Ltr TAC Langley AFB Va file per-B 352 Subj: Tng of Asgd personnel dtd 22 Jun 48)

Sgt Horace D Hollis AF39871326 100th Ftr Sq (SE) 332d Ftr Bp
Cpl Frank T Travis AF14 211745 100th Ftr Sq (SE) 332d Ftr Bp

Tvl by mil acft is directed fr this sta to TDY sta. For ret tvl will be performed by rail. PAC AR 30-2215 the RTC will determine and issue the number of meal tickets as the journey may require. TDN 902-7206 P 432-02 2190425 S 33-024. The Budget and Fiscal O this sta certifies that available balance of funds chargeable to the accounting classification shown herein is sufficient ant Finance O making Payment against this order will fwd a copy of the paid voucher to the Budget and Fiscal O this sta.

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 Columbus 17, Ohio

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12. The fol named EM USAF orgns indicated this sta WP on TDY o/a 13 Sep 48 for approx number of wks indicated to 3502d AFBU, Chanute AFB, Rantoul Ill for the purpose of pursuing crses indicated rptg thereat NLT 13 Sep 48 for Classes beginning 15 Sep 48. Upon compl of TDY EM will ret to proper orgns this sta. C/C 04120. (Auth Ltr Hq 9th AF Greenville SC, file 9AF 352, subj: Alot of quotas for Tech Crses dtd 22 Jul 48.

FABRIC AND OPE MECH, CRSE #54800 Approx ei ht (S) wks Dy SSN 548

Pfc Blinn Bl, AF 16 248 955 100th Ftr Sq (SS) 332d Ftr Wp

AP SHEETMETAL WORKER, Crse #55500 Approx eighteen (18) wks Dy SSN 555

Pvt Clarence A White, AF 12 290 342 100th Ftr Sq (SS) 332d Ftr Wp

Tvl to TBY sta will be performed by mil acct. For ret, tvl by Rail T. RTO will determine and issue PAC AR 39-7206 P 432-03 2190425 S 33-024 The Budget and Fiscal O t is sta certifies that available balance of funds chargeable to the accounting classification shown herein is sufficient and Finance O making payment against this order will fwd a copy of the paid voucher to the Budget and Fiscal O this sta.

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21. 1ST LT CHARLES V BRANTLEY, AO 2039316 USAF 100th Ftr Sq (SE)
332d Ftr Gp this sta WP on TDY c/a 13 Jul 48 for approx thirty-two
(32) wks to 3702d AFB Chanute AFB Rantoul Ill fpts thereat NLT 14 Jul 48
for the purpose of pursuing Weather Officers Crse #32191. UPON Compl. of
TDY Off will ret to proper orgn this sta. C/C 04120. Dy SSN 2700. Tvl
will be performed by mil acft, rail and/ or bus fr this sta to Chanute
AFB Rantoul Ill and for ret to this sta. (Auth: TT 9AFIG 311 Hq 9th
AF Greenville SC dtd 9 Jul 48 and TT PER-B 331 Hq TAC Langley AFB Va Dtd
8 Jul 48.) PTO-CI.

Per diem auth only while traveling. TDN902A7206 P 432-02 2190425 S 3
3-024. Govt Qrs will be used when available and the provisions of TAC Reg
30-2 Hq TAC Langley AFB Base Va dtd 11 Feb 48 will be complied with. "Voucher
for reimbursement under this order must be submitted to Finance O within
thirty (30) days after compl of TDY." The Budget and Fiscal Officer this
sta will fwd a copy of the paid voucher to the Budget and Fiscal O this
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100TH FIGHTER SQUADRON (SE)
332ND FIGHTER GROUP
LOCKBOURNE AIR FORCE BASE

Columbus 17, Ohio
4 March 1949

Historical Data for Period 1 February 1949 - 28 February 1949

I Organization and Administration

a. There were no changes in the organization and administration or in the Unit Mission during this period.

b. There was no new relationship established with any Higher Headquarters.

II Personnel.

a. Strength report was as follows:

As of 1 Feb 49

Officers

Auth: 30
Asgd: 30

Airmen

Auth: 106
Asgd: 98

As of 28 Feb 49

Officers

Auth: 30
Auth: 29

Airmen

Auth: 106
Asgd: 83

Shortages in Airmen strength columns were due to expiration of enlistments of assigned personnel.

b. Roster of Key Personnel was as follows:

Commanding Officer	-----	Capt Elwood T Driver
Adjutant	-----	1st Lt William E Clark Jr
Operations & Tng Officer	-----	1st Lt John F Briggs
Maintenance & Supply Officer	-----	Capt Clarence D Lester
Armament Officer	-----	1st Lt Virgil A Daniels
Communications Officer	-----	1st Lt Samuel W Watts Jr
Intelligence Officer	-----	1st Lt Leon L Turner
Technical Supply Officer	-----	1st Lt James E Harris

c. The major personnel problem during this period was that of the shortage of personnel due to expiration of current enlistments in the case of many airmen. The work load has increased greatly because of such which necessitated certain changes in maintenance activities for the coming period twelve (12) airmen were training for proper 332nd's which include the following:

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(3) SSN 747-B	100%	Complete, awaiting reclassification.
(3) SSN 750-B	50%	Complete
(1) SSN 791	90%	Complete
(1) SSN 685	90%	Complete
(1) SSN 686	90%	Complete
(1) SSN 631	25%	Complete
(2) SSN 754	100%	Complete

There were no outstanding Special services activities during the period. However, the morale of the Unit is normal.

III. Supply and Equipment.

a. The following shortages of supply and equipment were outstanding:

1. Three (3) compressor, Air 8100 - 21200 TO 0030-108 TO 0030-19.
2. One (1) 7800 -80 1880 Stand Assembly, Portable Hydraulic Tester (TO 0030-19).
3. One (1) Test assembly, Air engine Compression 7800-802616.
4. One (1) Test Assembly Aviation Ignition Assembly Cable.
5. One (1) One, 8047-PWA 4800 Kit req'd Heli-coil insert, installation (TO 0030 - 206 B)

b. The above shortages were requisitioned during November 1948.

c. No instances of defective equipment.

d. In the future AF Form 115 will be used which in turn, will be used which in turn will necessitate a complete change of property records.

e. The percentage of organizational equipment as of 28 February was as follows:

General Supply - 82.0% Air Force Supply - 68.0%

IV. Maintenance.

a. No charges were made in the organization for maintenance.

b. No outstanding maintenance problems.

c. No new maintenance procedures adopted.

d. One outstanding maintenance job accomplished centered around the removal of the main fuel tank (TO 01-65-BD-2) from aircraft 4-89970. A certain amount of Depot maintenance was involved which had to be performed because of the shortage of personnel in the Field maintenance unit on the station.

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e. The shortage of personnel in this section still hinders the efficiency of the section. However, during the next period certain changes will become effective to combat this problem.

f. The percentage of airplanes in commission on a twenty-four (24) hour basis was as follows:

No. Aircraft assigned -	1-9 Feb	10-18 Feb	19-28 Feb
	25	23	24

Percentage in commission Forty (40) percent

g. Training

a. Training for aircrews constituted the most important training accomplished during the period. This included three (3) hours per week of ground training which was supervised by Fighter Group Operation and flying training.

Flying time accomplished was as follows:

Total Time 382:35 Hours
Instruments 59:00 Hours
Night 2:20 Hours

Average Total Time Per Pilot 12:45.2 (hours)

Total Night Time 24:00 (hours)
Av. per pilot 00:53.3 (~~NAKED~~) (Minutes)

b. In compliance with 9th AF Training Dir., 10-1 seven (7) aircrews are undergoing training. Of these one has completed ten (10%) one aircrew forty (40%), Three aircrews twenty (20%), Two aircrews zero (0) percent. Inclement weather has been main factor retarding the program.

c. There was one (1) aircraft accident, aircraft # 44-89258.

1. Left gear collapsed immediately after landing.
Investigation of gear revealed a piece of .030 S.T. Aluminum approximately 1" square, with an imprint on one end, found directly underneath the down lock and locking pin.

2. Major damage was suffered by the aircraft.

3. All pilots on the station are being indoctrinated to exhaust all efforts prior to landing in an emergency of this nature.

d. No change in the content of the training program.

e. A special mission was shown in conjunction with the "Premier" showing of motion picture film "Command Decision" in city of Columbus, Ohio. Five (5) aircraft participated in a group flight on 18 February 1949.

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f. No joint missions with ground and or sea forces.

g. Twelve (12) airmen are under going training for authorized SSNs.
Of these:

One (1) Airman is 90% Complete for SSN 635
One (1) Airman is 90% Complete for SSN 686
Three(3) Airmen are 100% Complete for SSN 747-B
One (1) Airman is 25% complete 631
One (1) Airman is 90% complete for SSN 754
Three (3) Airmen are 50% complete for SSN 750-B
One (1) Airman ~~is~~ returned from Tech School, SSN 754 SSN
One (1) Airman 90% complete for SSN 791

VI. Facilities

None.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

LEON L TURNER
1st Lt., USAF
Intelligence Officer

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*100th Fighter Squadron*HISTORICAL DATA

A. No change in the Administrative Framework of the Organization.

1. No change in mission of Unit
2. No change in station
3. No redesignation of Unit
4. No new relation ship established with higher echelons.

b. PERSONNEL

1. Strength report was as follows:

As of 1 Mar 49

	<u>AUTH</u>	<u>ASCD</u>
Officers	30	29
Airmen	106	83

As of 31 Mar 49

	<u>AUTH</u>	<u>ASCD</u>
Officers	30	29
Airmen	106	80

No warrant officers, enlisted women or civilians are assigned the organization. The shortages in the airman section are the result of recent discharges.

2. A roster of the key personnel as of 31 March 49 was as follows:

Commanding Officer	Captain Elwood T Driver
S-1	Lt William E Clark Jr
S-2	Lt John F Briggs
S-3	Lt James Hurd
S-4	Lt Virgil A Daniels
Armament Officer	Lt Samuel M Watts Jr
Communications Officer	Lt Leon I Turner
Intelligence Officer	Lt James E Harris
Technical Supply Officer	

The only change reflected in the above roster during the last period was in the position of the S-4. Capt Clarence R Lester, the former S-4 was transferred from the unit. Lt James Hurd is a most capable replacement having recently completed the aircraft maintenance officers' course at Chanute AFB, Rm Toul, Ill.

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History Cont'd

The major personnel problem, that of the shortage of skilled maintenance personnel was relieved some what with the transfer of four (4) aircraft and the crash of one (1) other. There are nineteen (19) remaining aircraft to be maintained by 79% of the authorized strength available.

3. The morale of the unit is currently at a high level. Because of the fact that there are so many aircraft to be maintained and so few maintenance personnel every one is kept busy continuously. Another boost in the morale came as a result of the assignment of clothing lockers to the maintenance section. These lockers ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ provided means whereby the maintenance personnel could change clothing on the line before going to the mess hall and to the area during the noon hour.

Court-Martials - One (1)
Venereal Disease Case - None
Board Reclassifications - None

SUPPLY AND EQUIPMENT

C. 1. Important shortages were as follows:

- a. One (1) compression - Air Portable, 3 stage 1- CFM covered in TO CC-30-19.
- b. One (1) stand Assembly, Hydraulic portable ~~xxx~~ covered in TO CC-30-19.
- c. Three (3) compressors- Air Portable, type A-1 6 CFM covered in TO CC-30-19.
- d. Sixty seven (67) Bayonets, -4 with scabbard, covered in TO&E 1-1213, August 1948.
- e. Thirty one (31) watch, Wrist, seven or more jewels, covered in TO&E 1-1213, Aug 48.

2. Above shortages are not available at the 56th AF Supply this station.

3. Reason why unit was not hindered in the accomplishment of the mission was that the items needed were borrowed from other Squadrons.

4. No defective equipment

5. No changes in Supply Procedure.

6. No instances of outstanding speed in solving problems at supply and equipment.

D. MAINTENANCE

1. No change in the structural organization for maintenance. However, there was the transfer of the old aircraft maintenance officer Capt Lester and the vacancy filled by Lt James Hurd.

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MAINTENANCE COM'D

2. There has been an acute personnel problem in that many men were discharged from the organization. However, the various commitments require many aircraft in commission.
3. No new maintenance procedures adopted.
4. An outstanding maintenance job accomplished centered around aircraft # 44-89913 which had been out for maintenance for a period greater than one year. The aircraft was placed in-commission in two (2) days so that it could be flown away from the station.
5. Aircraft percentage in-commission was as follows:

In-Commission	46%
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6. The Armament section has been hindered in the boreighting of the guns by the inclement weather. With the approach of the good weather, however, this problem will correct itself.
7. Percentage of supply on hand as follows:

AF	GMN
71%	82%

E. TRAINING

1. Ground training. 100% of this type training scheduled was completed

Two (2) Airmen received training for SSN
 One (1) " " " " "
 One (1) " " " " "
 One (1) " " " " "

747B 71% com.
 631 AFTER A HANCO
 791 TRAIN WILL MOST
 754 - FINISH 72.

The above airman training for SSN 747B are 50% complete.

Above airman training for SSN 791 is 75% complete

Above " " " " 754 " 25% Complete

Above " " " " 631 " 75% Complete

All trainees are progressing normally with their training.

FLYING TRAINING

Very little flying training was accomplished during this period because of the shortage of flyable aircraft and inclement weather. Five (5) aircrews are training to meet the requirements of 9th AF Tng Dir 10-1 which will make them proficient as fighter pilots, Single engine.

Three (3) of the above aircrews are 25% complete

Two (2) of the above aircrews are 10% complete.

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2. There was one aircraft accident ,
 - a. Cause has not yet been determined by the investigation board.
 - b. Extent of damage-total loss of aircraft.
 - c. Resulting action - none at this time.
3. No change in content of training program.
4. No special training exercises or missions.
5. One (1) joint operation with the armored school, Ft. Knox, Ky. from 27 Mar thru 30 Mar 49.
There were four missions flown Two practice, two live runs for a total of thirty-two (32) sorties.

Ordnance expended:

Eight (8) 250 # 9P bombs

Forty-four (44) 5" HVAR Rockets

6. Total Flying Time - 450:30 AUP/Pilot
- Total Instrument Time - 79:25 AUP/Pilot
- Total Link 36:25 "

CHANGES IN MCS WERE AS FOLLOWS:

One (1)	Airman received SSN 826	SK
One (1)	" " " 750B	SSK
Two (2)	" " " 750B	SSK
Two (2)	" " " 754	SK
One (1)	" " " 548	SK
One (1)	" " " 686	SK
One (1)	" " " 685	SK

E. FACILITIES

The tennis courts were completed by the Wing and made available to the ~~xxxx~~ personnel of the base.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

LEON L TURNER
1st Lt., USAF
Historian

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100th Fighter Squadron
HISTORICAL DATA

A. ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION.

1. No Change in mission of Unit
2. No change in station
3. No Redesignation of Unit
4. No new relationship established with higher echelons.

5 May 1949

B. PERSONNEL

1. Strength Report :

As of 1 April 1949

	AUTH	ASCD
OFFICERS	30	29
AIRMEN	106	30

As of 30 April 1949

OFFICERS	30	27
AIRMEN	106	76

No Warrant Officers, Enlisted Women or Civilians are assigned to the Organization. The reduction of two officers was due to one transfer and one death. The reduction of four Airmen was due to two discharges and two sent on recess.

2. A Roster of Key Personnel as of 30 Apr was as follows:

Commanding Officer-----	Capt Elwood T Driver
S-1-----	2nd Lt George M Boyd
S-2-----	1st Lt John F Briggs
S-4-----	1st Lt James Hurd
Arm. Officer-----	Capt Richard S Harder
Comm. Officer-----	1st Lt Samuel W Watts
Intelligence Officer-----	1st Lt Virgil A Daniels
Tech Supply Officer-----	1st Lt James E Harris

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HISTORICAL DATA CONT'D

There were three changes in the Key Personnel Roster for this month. 2nd Lt George M Boyd, A recent graduate of OCS, Lackland AFB, Texas replaced Lt William B Clark Jr as S-1. Lt Clark was transferred to Cal. Capt Richard S Harder replaced Lt Virgil A Daniels, who was previously Armament Officer. Lt Daniels, who recently returned from Air Tactical School, replaced Lt Leon L Turner as Intelligence Officer. Lt Turner was transferred to 332nd Fighter Wing, this station.

3. The morale of the Unit at this time is hard to determine. There is a great deal of apprehension due to the unconfirmed rumors concerning the integration program and the future of Lockbourne AFB. Practically all of the personnel of the Unit are for the proposed program.

Courts-Martial	-----	0
Venerel Decease Cases	-----	1
Board Reclassification	-----	5

C. SUPPLY AND EQUIPMENT

Same as previous month.

D. MAINTENANCE

1. No change in the structural organization for maintenance. T/Sgt Norvel W Curtis replaced T/Sgt Russell D Henderson, as Line Chief. T/Sgt Russell D Henderson, was transferred to 332nd Fighter Group Headquarters. Also due to personnel losses and transfers the flights have been rearranged and reduced to two. Shortages of personnel is still a problem.

2. No new maintenance procedures adopted.

3. An outstanding maintenance job was accomplished on A/C #44-88973 Although grounded away from the stations, the engine was changed and ship returned in two days, by Squadron Maintenance personnel.

4. Seven A/C were lossed this month, five by transfer and two crashes This leaves a total of thirteen on hand.

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6. A/C Percentage in-commission was as follows:

52%

6. The Armament Section practically discontinued its bore-sighting, due to personnel shortages. Outstanding work was done by this section at the Gunnery meet at Eglin Fld, Florida.

B. TRAINING

1. The following airmen were still in the process of ground training:

Two (2)	Airmen received training for SSN	747B
One (1)	" " " " "	631
One (1)	" " " " "	791

One (1) Airmen finished training for 754, and met and passed the reclassification board. The above airmen training for 747B were 60% completed although training was interrupted because of maneuvers. The above airmen in training for 631 and 791 are ready to meet the Board after a short period of practical work.

F. FLYING TRAINING

1. All pilots completed 60-2 except four (4) men.
2. There was one aircraft accident.
 - a. Cause undetermined by Investigating Board.
 - b. Extent of Damage-total loss of pilot and A/C.
 - c. Resulting action - None
3. No change in content of training program.
4. No Special training exercises other than two pilots dispatched to Eglin AFB #2 for practice Gunnery Training in anticipation for the AF National Meet.

5. Total Flying Time	466:45
Total Instrument Time	69:20
Total Link	19:00

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B. Facilities:

No new facilities for the men.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

VIRGIL A DANIELS
1st Lt., USAF
Historian

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*100th Fighter Squadron*HISTORICAL DATA

A. ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION.

1. No change in mission of Unit
2. No change in station
3. No redesignation of Unit
4. No new relationship established with higher echelons.

B. PERSONNEL

1. Strength Report:

As of 1 May 1949

	ACTU	ACED
OFFICERS	30	27
AIRMEN	106	76

As of 31 May 1949

OFFICERS	30	27
AIRMEN	106	75

No warrant officer, enlisted women or civilians are assigned to the organization. The reduction of two officers in April was due to death and transfer. The reduction of one airman this month, was due to discharge.

2. A Roster of Key Personnel as of 31 May 1949 was as follows:

Commanding Officer	-----	Capt Elwood T Driver
S-1	-----	2nd Lt George M Boyd
S-3	-----	1st Lt John F Briggs
S-4	-----	1st Lt James Hurd
Arm Officer	-----	Capt Richard G Harder
Communication Officer	-----	1st Lt Samuel W Watts
Intelligence Officer	-----	1st Lt Virgil A Daniels
Tech Supply Officer	-----	1st Lt James E Harris

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There were no changes in Key Personnel Roster for this month.

3. The morale of the Unit at this time is hard to determine. Most of the personnel are working in suspense. Majority of the personnel are hoping the program take place immediately.

Courts-martial ----- 0

Venerable Disease Cases -----

BOARD DECLASSIFICATION ----- 0

C. SUPPLY AND EQUIPMENT

Same as previous month.

D. MAINTENANCE

1. No change in structural organization for maintenance. All aircraft are being worked on and inspected for transfer. No losses this month. One gain from 332nd Fighter Group. The Aircraft number: F-47N #44-89052.

2. One new maintenance adoption was made. The adoption was the skeleton crew system. The crew inspects aircraft and see that all work is properly done.

3. A/C Percentage in-commission was as follows:

60%

4. The Armament Section done a outstanding job at the gunnery meet in Las Vegas.

E. TRAINING

1. The following airmen were still in the process of ground training:

Two (2) Airmen received training for SSN	747B
One (1) Airmen received training for SSN	631
One (1) Airmen received training for SSN	791

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one (1) Airmen finished Training, but no Reclassification Board. The AF Screening Board which was at Lockbourne Air Force Base determine qualification in the field which Airmen was qualified and desired.

F. FLYING TRAINING

1. All pilots completed 6-2.c
2. No change in content of training program.
3. No special training exercises other than ~~xxx~~ ^{one} pilot dispatched Las Vegas for AF National Meet. The Squadron was very proud of 1st Lt Harry T. Stewart bring in second place in the meet.

4. Total Flying Time	300:30
Total Instrument Time	56:00
Total Link	8:00

G. FACILITIES FOR THE MEN.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

IRING A DANIELS
1st Lt., USAF
Intelligence Officer

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MONTH OF: FEBRUARY 1944.PREPARED BY: W.L. ALLEN, CPL, 100TH FTR SQDECLASSIFIED
DOD DIR 52007**DAY****EVENTS**

1. A HOT MEAL OF BEEF STEW WAS SERVED FOR BREAKFAST AND A COLD LUNCH WAS GIVEN EACH MAN. WE DEBARKED AT ABOUT 1130 AND PROCEEDED TO A STAGING AREA IN BAD LTO. WE MADE OURSELVES AS COMFORTABLE AS POSSIBLE IN A COLD BUILDING AND DINED ON FIELD RATION K AT NIGHT. WE FOUND SOLDIERS FROM ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD A GREAT INTEREST TO US. THE ITALIANS BOTHERED US ALL DAY FOR CIGARETTES AND FOOD. CAPTAIN THESVILLE CALLED A MEETING OF ALL DEPARTMENTS HEADS TO DISCUSS FUTURE PROBLEMS.

2. LT QUICK, SQUADRON INTELLIGENCE OFFICER, WHO HAD COLLECTED OUR AMERICAN CURRENCY ON THE BOAT, DISTRIBUTED INVASION CURRENCY TO US. WE WERE NOT ALLOWED TO LEAVE THE AREA, THEREFORE WE AMUSED OURSELVES BY WALKING AROUND THE CAMP. SOME OF THE MEN WENT TO THE MOVIES. THE RATIONS WERE TOLERABLE AND MUST HAVE CONTAINED A POTENT LAXATIVE, BECAUSE NEARLY THE ENTIRE SQUADRON MADE A RUN ON THE LATRINE TONIGHT. CAPTAIN THESVILLE WENT TO NAPLES TO INQUIRE ABOUT OUR FUTURE DESTINATION. EN DO GUARD DUTY.

3. LTS JOHNSON, EXUM AND CAESAR, SQUADRON SUPPLY, ARMAMENT AND ENGINEERING OFFICERS RESPECTIVELY, WHO HAD BEEN LEFT ON THE BOAT WITH A CLEANUP DETAIL ARRIVED IN THE AREA WITH THE MEN WHO WORKED ON THE DETAIL. LT QUICK CONTINUED TO ISSUE INVASION CURRENCY. EN CONTINUED TO DO GUARD DUTY. AT 1300 HE BEGAN TO PACK UP, AT THE ORDER OF THE COMMANDING OFFICER, AND MOVED OUR BELONGINGS OUTSIDE. WE BOARDED TRUCKS AT 1600 AND WERE DRIVEN TO MONTECORVINO AIRFIELD. WE ARRIVED IN DARKNESS, PITCHED TENTS IN DARKNESS AND SHOWERS, ATE K RATIONS AND RETIRED FOR THE NIGHT.

4. WE ADORE TO FIND OURSELVES CAMPED IN A WIDE PASTURE OUTSIDE MONTECORVINO AIRFIELD. WE ATE K RATIONS AGAIN AND AGAIN. IN THE AFTERNOON WE PITCHED PYRAMIDAL TENTS AND DID OUR BEST TO GET SOME semblance OF HEAT INSIDE. SOME OF THE IMPROVISED STOVES WERE TOUCHES OF GENIUS. EVERY CAN IN SIGHT WAS PUT TO USE AS A STOVE. WE ATE K RATIONS FOR LUNCH AND DINNER AND STAYED INSIDE OUR TENTS, OUT OF THE HEAVY RAIN.

5. LT W.T. JOHNSON WAS DISPATCHED TO BARI TO INVESTIGATE OUR SUPPLIES, THE WHEREABOUTS OF WHICH WE HAD NOT THE SLIGHTEST IDEA. ALL OF US WONDERED ABOUT THE WHEREABOUTS OF THE REST OF THE 32ND FIGHTER GROUP. WE ARE STILL EATING K RATIONS AND THE RAIN IS STILL FALLING. WE BEGAN OPERATIONAL FLYING TODAY.

6. AT LAST THE DRESS HALL IS FUNCTIONING AND WE HAD OUR FIRST HOT MEAL

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SHEET NO. 2 WAR DIARY 100TH FIGHTER SQUADRON APO # 650, U.S. ARMY

MONTH OF: FEBRUARY 1944.PREPARED BY: W.L. ALLEN, CPL, 100TH FTR SQDAY

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EVENTS

THIS MORNING. THE PILOTS WENT TO THE LINE TO FLY. THE WEATHER WAS OFF AND ON. SOME OF OUR SUPPLIES ARRIVED. THE PX OPENED AND WE HAD A FIELD DAY. RATIONS WERE GOOD.

7.

SAME ROUTINE, EXCEPT THAT WE MADE OUR LATRINES A BIT MORE FASHIONABLE BY PUTTING STOOLS OVER THE STRADDLE TRENCHES. RATIONS GOOD. IT RAINED LIKE HELL.

8.

RUMOR REACHED US THAT THE REST OF THE GROUP IS ON ITS WAY TO JOIN US. OTHER DUTIES AND EVENTS WERE ROUTINE. PX ALL SOLD OUT.

9.

THE REST OF THE GROUP ARRIVES. GROUP HQ PERSONNEL ARE ATTACHED TO US FOR RATIONS. WEATHER IS STILL BAD. MANY EXPLOSIONS HEARD AT NIGHT AS THE GASOLINE STOVES FROM THE OTHER SQUADRONS EXPLODE LEFT AND RIGHT.

10.

TRENCH KNIVES ARE ISSUED TO US. THE PILOTS REPORT FOR FLYING. MANY OF THE MEN BUSY THEMSELVES BY CLEANING THEIR GUNS. THERE IS MUCH LETTER WRITING. RATIONS GOOD.

11.

ROUTINE. THE MEN ARE DYING FOR A GOOD SHOWER OR A HOT BATH. WATER IS SO SCARCE THAT IT CAN BE USED FOR DRINKING ONLY. SOME OF THE MEN VISITED SALERNO, RETURNED WITH HAIRCUTS AND TALES OF SHOWERS AND BATH TUBS.

12.

ITALIANS ARE GRADUALLY RAISING THEIR PRICES ON ORANGES AND WALNUTS. THE BARTERING IS BECOMING MORE ACUTE. MEN CONTINUE TO RECEIVE PASSES. THE PASSES ARE USED TO GO TO TOWN TO GET HAIRCUTS AND BATHS, AND TO SEE MOVIES.

13.

WE BEGAN BREAKING CAMP AT 0900. BY 1700 THE SQUADRON HAD ESTABLISHED ITSELF ON MONTECORVINO AIRFIELD. WE ATE K RATIONS FOR BREAKFAST AND C RATIONS FOR DINNER AND SUPPER.

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SHEET NO. 3 WAR DIARY 100TH FIGHTER SQUADRON APO 850, U.S. ARMY

MONTH OF: FEBRUARY 1944. PREPARED BY: H.L. ALLEN, CPL, 100TH FTR SQDAY
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EVENTS

MOST OF PILOTS CAME DOWN TO S-2 AND S-3 TO FLY. FLYING WAS PUT OFF UNTIL THE AFTERNOON AND THEN THE WEATHER PROHIBITED FLYING. GROUND SCHOOL WAS IN PROGRESS. HANGER IS TAKEN OVER BY 100TH AND 302ND CREWS. THE 91ST SQUADRON IS ABOUT ALL GONE NOW.

15. LTS MATTISON AND HOLSCLAW ACTED AS FLIGHT LEADERS FOR THE 301ST THIS MORNING. LT MATTISON NOSES OVER BENDING PROP (MISTAKE IN LEVERS) MISSION WAS CONVOY PROTECTION. CAPTAIN BELLS FROM HQ, 62ND FIGHTER WING, MAKES SPEECH TO SQUADRON ON RELATIONS WITH ITALIANS. FIRST OPSUM REPORT WAS MADE.

16. PILOTS FLEW NUMBER OF FLIGHTS THIS MORNING. P-38'S ARE GROUNDED FOR A THOROUGH INSPECTION. THE MEN ARE FEELING A BIT BETTER TODAY. THEY RECEIVED THEIR FIRST PAY ON FOREIGN SOIL. LT MOSBY WAS CLASS A FINANCE OFFICER. THE FOOD IS BETTER THAN WE HAVE HAD IN THE LAST FEW MONTHS. MAPS WERE PUT IN ALL OF OUR PLANES BY SGT MAHAN OF S-2 THIS MORNING. PILOTS HAVE CLASSES IN AFTERNOON. OFFICERS WENT TO SALERNO TO SEE MOVIES.

17. PILOTS WENT TO CLASSES IN THE MORNING AND FLEW IN THE AFTERNOON. B FLIGHT WAS ALERTED AND SENT UP AFTER A BOGIE (PRACTICE FLIGHT). NO OPERATIONAL FLIGHTS. COOKS TENT BURNED DOWN DUE TO CARELESSNESS AND DRINKING. PX OPEN FOR MUCH NEEDED SERVICE. RATIONS WERE GOOD.

18. PILOTS HAVE GROUND SCHOOL ALL DAY. SQUADRON HAD A VISIT FROM CAPTAIN HALL, OF THE 90TH FIGHTER SQUADRON, WHO SHOT DOWN THE FIRST ENEMY PLANE FOR HIS SQUADRON. OFFICERS WENT TO SALERNO IN THE EVENING TO SEE A MOVIE.

19. FIRST MISSION, CONVOY PATROL, FOR THE 100TH PILOTS. ROUTINE DAY. THE RATIONS WERE GOOD.

20. SQUADRON GETS TELEGRAM FROM U.S. RED CROSS. CAPTAIN TRESVILLE IS THE PROUD FATHER OF A BABY GIRL. WE ARE MOVING TO CAPODICHINO FIRST THING IN THE MORNING. THE FELLOWS HAVE JUST GOTTEN SITUATED AND COMFORTABLE WITH GAS STOVES, WOODEN FLOORS ETC. SOME ARE ANXIOUS TO MOVE AND SOME DREAD IT AS USUAL. THE OCCASION CAUSED US TO BIVOUAC OVER NIGHT AS IT WAS NECESSARY TO STRIKE TENTS.

21. WE ATE BREAKFAST AND LOADED THE TRUCKS AND WERE READY TO MOVE AT 1040. WE ARRIVED AT CAPODICHINO AT 1340 AND SET UP OUR TENTS. FIRST REAL MAIL

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SHEET NO. 4 WAR DIARY 100TH FIGHTER SQUADRON APO 650, 650, U.S. ARMY

MONTH OF: FEBRUARY 1944. PREPARED BY: H.L. ALLEN, CPL, 100TH FTR SQDAYEVENTS

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CALL WAS SOUNDED. MORALE JUMPED SKY HIGH.

22.

100TH HAVE ACQUIRED 16 P-39'S AT CAPODICHINO. THE SQUADRON HAS A PLACE ON THE LINE NEXT TO THE 347TH FIGHTER SQUADRON. PILOTS WENT ON TRAINING FLIGHTS THIS AFTERNOON. CAPTAIN ANDERSON, MEDICAL OFFICER HAD THE MEN TO WASH THEIR MESS KITS BEFORE EACH MEAL FOR EXTRA SANITARY PURPOSES. THE FOOD WAS GOOD. AT 2240 HOURS THERE WAS ABOUT FIFTEEN MINUTES OF CONSTANT ACK-ACK HEARD IN THIS AREA. THIS WAS OUR BAPTISM OF FIRE ON THESE SHORES.

23.

SECOND MISSION. WEATHER WAS HAZY AND RAINING PART OF THE TIME. FOOD WAS GOOD. LT WYATT, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, CALLED A MEETING OF DEPARTMENT HEADS TO DISCUSS S.O.P. ON FUTURE MOVEMENTS. MUCH NEEDED SUPPLIES ARE ARRIVING.

24.

LT DICKSON FLIES TO MONTECORVINO FOR SUPPLIES. .50 CALIBER GUN GOES OFF ACCIDENTLY IN ONE OF OUR PLANES. 72 ROUNDS FIRED. NO ONE INJURED.

25.

SPECIAL SERVICE EQUIPMENT HAS ARRIVED. THE FELLOWS PLAY FOOTBALL AND BASEBALL BETWEEN FLIGHTS. ROUTINE DAY. RATIONS GOOD.

26.

A FEW ENLISTED MEN BEAT SOME OFFICERS IN A GAME OF TOUCH FOOTBALL. THE COOKS ARE DRUNK AGAIN. ONE (RALPH KNIGHTS) WENT TO THE GUARD HOUSE. S/SGT CHARLIE GOLDEN IS BEING RELIEVED OF HIS DUTIES AS MESS SERGEANT.

27.

SAME OLD ROUTINE. RAIN OFF AND ON. THE ARE IS BECOMING VERY MUDDY AND MANY OF THE TENTS ARE BECOMING FLOODED. RATIONS GOOD.

28.

FOOD IS SWELL TODAY AND THAT IS SAYING A LOT. WE HAVE A NEW MESS SERGEANT. LACK OF RUBBER BOOTS SEEM TO BE THE ONE BIG GRIPE IN THE SQUADRON. IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO KEEP A PAIR OF SHOES CLEAN IN THIS MUD.

29.

LEAP YEAR DAY, BUT NO ONE IN THE SQUADRON TOOK ADVANTAGE IF IT.

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SHEET NO. 5 WAR DIARY 100TH FIGHTER SQUADRON APO 650, U.S. ARMY

MONTH OF: FEBRUARY 1944.PREPARED BY: W.L. ALLEN, CPL, 100TH FTR SQDAY

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EVENTS

THE PILOTS FLEW HARBOUR PATROL AS USUAL. SPECIAL ORDER NO 2, THIS SQUADRON, APPOINTS LT QUICK PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER; LTS JACKSON, PULLAM AND MATTISON ARE APPOINTED FLIGHT COMMANDERS OF FLIGHTS A, B, AND C RESPECTIVELY; LTS HOLSCLOUGH, CROCKETT AND DICKSON ARE APPOINTED DEPUTY FLIGHT COMMANDERS OF A, B, AND C RESPECTIVELY; LT L.E. JOHNSON, ASSISTANT OPERATIONS OFFICER AND SQUADRON OXYGEN OFFICER; LT MOSBY, ADJUTANT, IS APPOINTED CUSTODIAN OF SQUADRON FUNDS; LT LUMPKIN, ASSISTANT INTELLIGENCE OFFICER, IS APPOINTED SQUADRON INVESTIGATING OFFICER; AND CPL BERNARD BURCH IS APPOINTED SPECIAL SERVICE N.C.O. RATIONS WERE GOOD. DAILY ROUTINE.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER

John B. Quick
JOHN B. QUICK
1ST LT. AC,
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SHEET NO. 1 WAR DIARY

100TH FIGHTER SQUADRON

CAPODICHINO
(STATION)MONTH OF: MARCH 1944.PREPARED BY: W.L.ALLEN, CPL, 100TH FTR SQDAYEVENTS

1.

WEATHER BAD. FIRST FLIGHT LED BY CAPTAIN TRESVILLE. BRIGADIER GENERAL MORRIS, OF THE X11 AIR FORCE, PAID VISIT TODAY. IN TALK TO PILOTS, HE EXPRESSED HOPE OF THEM GETTING FASTER AND BETTER PLANES. MAIL CONTINUES TO COME IN, STILL A MATTER TO CELEBRATE. TRANSPORTATION PROBLEM STILL ACUTE. MEN ARE BEGINNING TO SEND SOUVENIRS HOME. COLONEL DAVIS, OF GROUP HEADQUARTERS, WAS VISITING TODAY. LTS BRIGGS, STODMIRE, AND TAYLOR WENT TO MONTECORVINO BY MOTOR, FOR NEW PLANES.

2.

WEATHER BAD TO FAIR. CAPTAIN TRESVILLE AND LT DICKSON TEST HOPPED 2 P-39'S OVER PONZIANE ISLANDS; FIRST OF SQUADRON TO FLY OVER DISPUTED TERRITORY. MOST OF SQUADRON DUG SLIT TRENCHES; SAME PROMPTLY USED DURING FIRING OF AA GUNS IN THE EARLY HOURS OF THE NIGHT. SGT RUFUS HIGGINS, OUR NEW MESS SGT. CONTINUES TO RECEIVE THE PRAISE OF EM FOR THE FINE FOOD THAT IS BEING SERVED. COMMON CONSENSUS IS THAT IT WON'T LAST. LT C.S. WOODS DROPPED HIS BELLY TANK WHEN HIS MOTOR BEGAN TO MISS.

3.

WEATHER BAD TO FAIR. PAYDAY FOR EM COMPENSATED FOR RAIN. CAPT. ANDERSON, OF THE MEDICAL STAFF, GAVE TALK TO MEN ON VD CONTROL. SUM OF 135 DOLLARS WAS CONTRIBUTED BY EM TO PURCHASE BRO KITS. CPL CLARENCE HUNTLEY RECEIVED FIRST MAIL, WITH APO # 650, TO COME TO US.

4.

STILL RAINING. PILOTS PASS TIME PLAYING CARDS. ROADS AND AREA VERY MUDDY. EM HAVE LEGITIMATE GRIPE AT LAST, NO GALOSHES. KITCHEN STOREROOM ROBBED DURING NIGHT OF BREAD AND SUGAR. GUARDS ARE BEING POSTED TO PREVENT REPETITION.

5.

WEATHER BEAUTIFUL, BUT FIELD CLOSED TO FLYING. TWO WANDERERS RETURNED TO SQUADRON AFTER SPENDING SOME DAYS IN NAPLES; OF WHICH THE LAST TWO WERE AS GUESTS OF THE MILITARY POLICE. SOME GALOSHES WERE ISSUED TO MEN TODAY.

6.

FLYING RESUMED TODAY. PILOTS ARE IMPROVING ON LESS TALK IN THE AIR. GROUP SPECIAL ORDER # 12 RECEIVED TODAY. THE FOLLOWING ENLISTED

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MEN, S/SGTS WILLIAM T. JONES, JAMES MC GHEE, SGT HOYT E. HARRIS AND CPL BONNELL THURMAN WERE REDUCED TO PRIVATES (AUTHORITY: AR 615-5, SECTION 2, PAR 15). IN PAR 3 OF SPECIAL ORDER # 12, PVTS WILLIAM T. JONES AND JAMES MC GHEE ARE PROMOTED TO SERGEANTS. THE SQUADRON ENJOYED FRESH EGGS (COLD STORAGE) FOR BREAKFAST, OUR FIRST IN ITALY. WOUNDED DOG WANDERED INTO OUR AREA AND SOUGHT REFUGE IN MEDICS TENT. THE SIGHT OF BLOOD CAUSED SOME MEN TO DECLINE DINNER. PX OPEN TODAY.

7.

FINE FLYING WEATHER. THIRD FLIGHT IGNORED PRACTICE FLAK WARNING AS POSTED BY SGT BLOW OF THE S-2 SECTION; AS A RESULT SOME PLAIN AND FANCY PEELING WAS ACCOMPLISHED. THE WING OF A PARKED PLANE WAS DAMAGED BY THE 302ND FIGHTER SQUADRON. FIRST DAY THAT TWO SEPARATE MISSIONS HAVE BEEN FLOWN.

8.

WEATHER FAIR TO RAIN. LT COL DAVIS, OF GROUP, VISITED SQUADRON TODAY. EM COMMENDED BY THE COMMANDING OFFICER FOR THE FINE JOB THEY ARE PERFORMING. THREE SEPARATE MISSIONS FLOWN TODAY. LT QUICK AND SGT MAHAN, OF S-2 SECTION, VISITED THE CONTROLLERS OFFICE. NEW PROCEDURE OF THE ORDERLY ROOM, WHEREIN ONE MAN IS ON DUTY ALL DAY, IS VERY GOOD.

9.

WEATHER FAIR TO RAIN. ORDERLY ROOM MODERNIZED BY ADDITION OF GAS HEAT. MAIL CALL MORE CONSISTENT. SOME OFFICERS WENT TO THE MOVIES IN NAPLES. PRACTICE SESSION OF BASKETBALL HELD THIS AFTERNOON.

10.

ROUTINE DAY. WEATHER FAIR TO SHOWERS. BASKETBALL GAME WITH SERVICE TEAM IN NAPLES POSTPONED. FOOD GOOD.

11.

BEAUTIFUL DAY. MECHANICS INDULGE IN FOOTBALL BETWEEN FLIGHTS. SQUADRON BASKETBALL TEAM LOST FIRST GAME. LT HOLSCLOW, LANDING AFTER DARK, COLLIDED WITH A P-47 PARKED ON THE FIELD. DAMAGE TO HIS PERSON AND PLANE WAS SLIGHT.

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RAINING AS USUAL. ONE FLIGHT, LED BY LT HALL, WAS DETAILED ON SPECIAL MISSION TO THE BOMB LINE. BAD WEATHER FORCED THE FLIGHT TO RETURN. THE MESS SITUATION IS CONTINUING ON A HIGH PLANE.

13.

WEATHER BEAUTIFUL. PILOTS ARE ESCORTING TASK FORCE TO GAETA. LT. ELLINGTON DAMAGED PLANE ON LANDING. NO INJURY TO HIMSELF. OPERATIONS AND INTELLIGENCE MOVED TO LARGER QUARTERS TODAY. SPECAIL ORDER # 17; HEADQUARTERS 332ND FIGHTER GROUP WAS RECIEVED TODAY. 42 EM RECIEVED PROMOTIONS, RANGING FROM TECHNICAL SERGEANT TO PRIVATE FIRST CLASS.

14.

RAINING ALL MORNING. ROUTINE DAY. FOOD GOOD.

15.

JERRY STARTED OUR DAY FOR US, COMING OVER AROUND 0130, HE AROUSED EVERYONE IN SQUADRON. NO DAMAGE WAS DONE TO PERSONNEL OR PLANES. FRANTIC DIGGING WAS OBSERVED ALL DURING DAY AS OFFICERS AND EM DUG IN FOR ANY EVENTUALITY.

16.

WEATHER FINE. FIRST FLIGHT, LED BY LT PULLAM, WAS FIRED ON BY A B-26. ALL OF FLIGHT IN TURN OPENED FIRE ON PLANE.

17.

WEATHER FAIR. WHAT STARTED AS A ROUTINE DAY CHANGED. LT TURNER, OPERATIONS OFFICER, WAS THE LAUGHING STOCK OF THE PILOTS TODAY WHEN HE NOSED OVER HIS PLANE ON LANDING. THIS WAS HIS FIRST ACCIDENT SINCE BEGINING TO FLY. EVERYONE IS STILL WAITING FOR JERRY TO VISIT US AGAIN

18.

WEATHER FINE. LT GIVINGS, ON A SEARCH FOR WRECKAGE OF A JU 88, CRASHED INTO THE SEA. THIS IS OUR FIRST CASUALTY. MEN AND OFFICERS ALIKE FEEL THE LOSS OF ONE OF OUR MOST POPULAR FLYERS. SQUADRON ORDER NO. 6 APPOINTS 1ST LT MORRIS T. JOHNSON SQUADRON EXECUTIVE OFFICER, IN ADDITION TO HIS OTHER DUTIES, VICE 2ND LT WILLIAM C.

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18. (CONT'D)

WYATT RELIEVED. LT WILLIAM C. WYATT IS APPOINTED ASSISTANT SUPPLY OFFICER. LT MOSES M. HOPKINS, WEATHER OFFICER, IS APPOINTED SQUADRON PERSONAL EQUIPMENT OFFICER, IN ADDITION TO HIS OTHER DUTIES. LT THEOPHILIS D. MOORE IS APPOINTED ASSISTANT SQUADRON PERSONAL EQUIPMENT OFFICER, IN ADDITION TO HIS OTHER DUTIES. LT ROBERT NELSON IS APPOINTED ASSISTANT TRANSPORTATION OFFICER.

19.

SPRING IS DEFINITELY HERE. EM ARE PLAYING BALL BETWEEN FLIGHTS. THERE IS NO LETDOWN ON THEIR PART IN THEIR DUTIES. FOOD GOOD. ROUTINE DAY.

20.

SQUADRON RECEIVED NEW P-39'S TODAY. SQUADRON MEETING HELD AT 1830 HOURS. AFTER AN INTRODUCTORY TALK BY 1ST SGT MABRY COVERING THE EFFORTS, ON THE PART OF THE SQUADRON, IN SECURING A CLUB IN TOWN, TO THE CONDUCT (GOOD) OF THE MEN. LT MOSBY, OUR ADJUTANT, FOLLOWED WITH A FEW REMARKS ON THE FINE COURTESY SHOWN BY THE MEN WHILE ON PASS. LT MORRIS T. JOHNSON, OUR NEW EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WAS GREETED WITH LOUD CHEERS AND MADE A SHORT SPEECH. HE STRESSED THE FACT THAT CLOSER COOPERATION WAS TO BE DESIRED AT ALL TIMES. CAPTAIN (WELL FELLOWS HERE I AM AGAIN) ANDERSON, MEDICAL OFFICER, CAME ON WITH HIS PEP TALK ON V.D. SEVERAL DRASTIC CHANGES ARE TO BE INSTITUTED IN AN EFFORT TO CUT THE RATE. CHAPLAIN PERRY GAVE A SHORT TALK ON CONTROLLING OUR EMOTIONS. CAPTAIN TRESVILLE, COMMANDING OFFICER, FOLLOWED WITH HIS BATTLE PLAN FOR V.D. CONTROL. THE MEETING ENDED IN A GENERAL DISCUSSION OF WYAS AND MEANS TO MAKE LIFE MORE PLEASANT.

21.

ROUTINE DAY. ALTHOUGH ITS THE FIRST DAY OF SPRING, NO NOTICEABLE CHANGE IS EVIDENT IN THE MEN. NO FLYING TODAY AND PILOTS ARE MAKING THE MOST OF IT, RESTING AND DOING ODD JOBS.

22.

WEATHER BAD. NO FLYING UNTIL THIS AFTERNOON. QUITE A FEW MEN ARE HAVING LETTERS RETURNED TO THEM, DUE TO MENTIONING OF THE ERUPTING OF MT VESUVIUS.

23.

RAINING ALL MORNING, BUT CLEAR IN THE AFTERNOON. MT VESUVIUS CONTINUES TO HOLD THE ATTENTION OF MOST MEN. ROUTINE DAY.

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24.

ROUTINE DAY. FLYING NOT CONTINUOUS DUE TO WEATHER. THE QUALITY OF THE FOOD IS SLIGHTLY OFF (NOT GOOD, NOT BAD).

25.

WEATHER STILL BAD. PILOTS STARTED TWO MISSIONS, BUT WEATHER PREVENTED THE COMPLETION OF EITHER. FOOD IS IMPROVING AGAIN. EM ARE BEING CALLED ON TO SOLDIER MORE, IN REGARD TO NEATNESS OF TENTS.

26.

COLD AND WINDY. SOME MEN WORE OVERCOATS TO WORK THIS MORNING. OPERATIONS SHACK HAS BECOME HOME FOR EVERYONE ON THE LINE (UNTIL THEY GET WARM). PHOTO OF LT TURNER, AT THE TIME OF HIS CRASH, POSTED ON BULLETIN BOARD. IT IS A SOURCE OF MUCH AMUSEMENT TO HIS FRIENDS.

27.

TODAY WE RUN BOTH HARBOR AND POINT PATROL ALL MORNING. ITS UNIQUE IN THAT IT IS THE FIRST TIME THAT WE HAVE BEEN REQUIRED TO KEEP 16 SHIPS IN THE AIR AND 4 ON THE ALERT. RATIONS ARE GETTING SHORT FOR SOME REASON. WEEKLY SQUADRON MEETING HELD WITH POOR ATTENDANCE. WE WERE INFORMED THAT NO CLUB COULD BE ESTABLISHED FOR OUR EM IN NAPLES. AS A SUBSTITUTE, RECREATIONAL FACILITIES WILL BE INCREASED ON THE FIELD. IT IS NOT HELPING EM'S MORALE ANY, THEY STILL WANT A PLACE OF THEIR OWN IN TOWN.

28.

FAIR AND COLD. EVERYONE IS THINKING THAT THE SEASONS ARE REVERSED. LT (COLONEL JUG) TURNER, OPERATIONS OFFICER, WENT TO INFORM TWO ALERT PILOTS TO SCRAMBLE, ONLY TO FIND THAT HE WAS A MAN SHORT. RESULT: HE HAD TO FLY HIMSELF.

29.

SPECIAL SERVICE EQUIPMENT, INSTALLED YESTERDAY, PROVED AN INSTANT SUCCESS. SQUADRON MEETING HELD AT 1830 HOURS AND MOVIES AFTERWARDS. EVERYONE ENJOYED IT. CAPTAIN TRESVILLE DAMAGED PLANE ON LANDING AFTER DARK. HE ESCAPED WITH ONLY HIS PRIDE INJURED.

30.

FAIR TO SHOWERS. FLYING DISCONTINUED IN THE AFTERNOON. 9TH CALVARY BAND, UNDER THE AUSPICES OF SPECIAL SERVICE, RENDERED CONCERT IN OUR AREA. VOLLEY BALL COURT IS PROVING TO BE THE MOST POPULAR OF ALL RECREATION, WITH OFFICERS AND EM PARTICIPATING.

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31.

EVENTS

WEATHER BAD TO FAIR. LT NORVELL STODMIRE CRASHED INTO THE SEA WHILE ON HARBOR PATROL. DEATH WAS INSTANTANEOUS. MOVIES SHOWN IN THE EVENING. PAYDAY FOR EM, WITH LT MOSBY, ADJUTANT, BEING "CLASS A FINANCE OFFICER. A TOTAL OF \$73.00 WAS CONTRIBUTED FOR PURCHASE OF PRO KITS.

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SUBJECT: WAR DIARY.

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, X11 FIGHTER COMMAND, APO # 650.
ATTENTION: HISTORIAN.

2. ENCLOSED IS THE WAR DIARY OF THE 100TH FIGHTER SQUADRON FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 1944.

DAY

1. WEATHER FAIR. MOVIES SHOWN IN THE EVENING. LT STODMIRE'S FUNERAL HELD IN THE AFTERNOON WITH CHAPLAIN PERRY OFFICIATING.

2. WEATHER FAIR. QUITE A FEW MEN WERE LATE FOR WORK THIS MORNING BECAUSE OF THE CHANGE IN TIME DURING THE NIGHT. CHURCH SERVICES HELD IN SQUADRON AREA BY CHAPLAIN PERRY.

3. WEATHER FINE. MESS FOR TODAY WAS GOOD. ROUTINE DAY.

4. BEAUTIFUL DAY. LT WILKERSON, ON A TRAINING FLIGHT, BAILED OUT OF HIS PLANE. LANDING IN A TREE HE RECEIVED A BROKEN LEG.

5. WHAT STARTED AS A ROUTINE DAY TURNED OUT OTHERWISE. LTS WYATT AND RICHARDSON, ON SEPARATE FLIGHTS, DAMAGED THEIR PLANES WHILE LANDING. CPL FARQUHAR, MAIL ORDERLY, IS DOING A THRIVING BUSINESS IN PILLOW CASE SOUVENIRS. MOVIES SHOWN IN THE EVENING.

6. ROUTINE DAY. QUITE A FEW MEN LOST THEIR APPETITES WHEN THEY DISCOVERED BEANS AND MACARONI ON THE MENU TODAY. EASTER TELEGRAMS ARE BEING SENT BY NEARLY EVERYONE IN THE SQUADRON.

7. WEATHER HAZY. ROUTINE DAY. TYPHUS AND CHOLERA SHOTS GIVEN SQUADRON BY MEDICAL STAFF. A VERY INTERESTING PROGRAM, SPONSORED BY SPECIAL SERVICE, WAS GIVEN IN THE EVENING.

8. MANY MEN STARTED DAY WITH SORE ARMS. WEATHER FAIR. MOVIES SHOWN

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IN EVENING. MESS CONTINUES TO BE BAD.

9. EASTER SUNDAY. WEATHER FAIR. MANY MEN ATTENDED MASS IN NEARBY VILLAGE. NO FLYING IN AFTERNOON. OFFICERS AND EM PLAYED SOFTBALL ON THE LINE BETWEEN FLIGHTS. CHURCH SERVICES HELD IN AREA. ORDERS FOR MOTHERS DAY FLOWERS ARE BEING TAKEN BY SPECIAL SERVICE.
10. WEATHER FAIR. PILOTS STARTED ON A RECONNAISSANCE FLIGHT ONLY TO BE TURNED BACK BY BAD WEATHER. AN IMPROMPTU PROGRAM WAS GIVEN BY SPECIAL SERVICE. IT INCLUDED MEMBERS OF THE 1765 TRUCKING COMPANY, 575 QUARTERMASTER COMPANY AND MEMBERS OF OUR OWN SQUADRON.
11. MESS NOT SO GOOD TODAY. OUR FIRST SERGEANT SUPRISED EVERYONE WITH A FINE RENDITION OF SONG OVER THE PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM. ROUTINE DAY.
12. ROUTINE DAY. PILOTS WENT ON A RECONNAISSANCE MISSION OVER THE BOMB LINE. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME WE HAVE FLOWN OVER THE ENEMY MAINLAND. MESS IS IMPROVING.
13. HEAVY FOG PREVENTED FLYING. SPECIAL SERVICE IS STILL TAKING ORDERS FOR FLOWERS TO BE DELIVERED IN THE STATES ON MOTHERS DAY. MOVIES SHOWN IN THE EVENING.
14. THE SQUADRON BASEBALL TEAM LOST A GAME TODAY BY A SCORE OF 8-2. SQUADRON MEETING WAS HELD IN THE EVENING.
15. MORNING STARTED WITH AN AIR RAID. NO DAMAGE CAUSED IN OUR AREA. ROUTINE DAY.
16. CHURCH SERVICES HELD IN AREA BY CHAPLAIN PERRY. ATABRINE TABLETS GIVEN MEN FOR THE FIRST TIME. PROGRAM GIVEN IN THE EVENING.
17. LT WYATT CRASHED WHILE ON ROUTINE POINT PATROL, SUFFERING SERIOUS INJURIES. MESS GOOD. ROUTINE DAY.

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18. WEATHER FAIR. SQUADRON MEETING HELD IN THE EVENING. MESS GOOD. ROUTINE DAY.
19. LT WYATT DIED THIS MORNING. HIS FUNERAL WAS HELD THIS AFTERNOON AT THE 17TH GENERAL HOSPITAL CEMETERY. CHAPLAIN PERRY OFFICIATED. WEATHER FAIR. MOVIES SHOWN IN THE EVENING. ROUTINE PATROLS FLOWN.
20. SQUADRON SOFTBALL TEAM LOST A GAME TO THE 316TH SERVICE SQUADRON. AN ITALIAN BAND, SPONSORED BY SPECIAL SERVICE, RENDERED A SHORT PROGRAM IN THE EVENING.
21. ROUTINE PATROLS FLOWN DURING DAY. MOVIES SHOWN IN THE EVENING. MESS GOOD. MUCH NEEDED TRANSPORTATION FINALLY ARRIVED; THREE JEEPS AND ONE SIX BY SIX.
22. SPECIAL SERVICE RECEIVED NEW PHONOGRAPH RECORDS TODAY. MOVIES SHOWN IN THE EVENING. ROUTINE DAY. MESS GOOD.
23. CHURCH SERVICES CONDUCTED BY THE GROUP CHAPLAIN IN THE SQUADRON AREA. SERVICES WERE VERY GOOD. OUR SQUADRON HEADQUARTERS TEAM LOST A GAME TODAY TO GROUP HEADQUARTERS BY A SCORE OF 8-0.
24. WHILE TAKING OFF ON A PRE-DAWN STRAFING MISSION, LT EDGAR L. JONES CRASHED INTO A PARKED PLANE AND WAS KILLED. ALTHOUGH WITH THE SQUADRON FOR ONLY A SHORT TIME, LT JONES WAS WELL LIKED BY ALL. AFTER AN AIR RAID MANY MEN RETURNED TO THEIR TENTS AND FOUND BITS OF SHRAPNEL HAD FALLEN INSIDE DURING THEIR ABSENCE. NO ONE WAS INJURED.
25. BREAKFAST WAS VERY GOOD TODAY. HAM AND EGGS WERE SERVED IN TRUE AMERICAN STYLE. SQUADRON BASEBALL TEAM WON A GAME FROM THE 36TH DEPOT REPAIR SQUADRON BY A SCORE OF 4-2.
26. NO OPERATIONS TODAY BECAUSE OF BAD WEATHER. MANY MEN SPENT DAY WRITING LETTERS. MESS GOOD.

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27. WEATHER STILL BAD. NEW REFUELING UNITS RECEIVED FOR ENGINEERING SECTION. ROUTINE DAY.
28. SOFTBALL TEAM WON GAME FROM THE 416TH NIGHT FIGHTER SQUADRON. SGT DEWITT A. MORRIS STRUCK OUT 17 MEN.
29. NEW RECREATION HALL OPENED TODAY. MOVIES SHOWN IN EVENING. WEATHER FAIR.
30. WEATHER FINE. EM PAID TODAY, WITH 1ST LT PERCY J. EXUM, ASS'T ADJUTANT, AS CLASS "A" FINANCE OFFICER. MESS VERY GOOD.

ROBERT B. TRESVILLE,
CAPTAIN, AC,
COMMANDING.

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DAY

EVENTS

1. WEATHER FINE. PILOTS CARRIED OUT A STRAFFING MISSION THIS MORNING. CAPT TRESVILLE'S SHIP WAS HIT BY FLAK. ALL RETURNED WITHOUT INJURY TO PILOTS. THE SQUADRON SOFTBALL TEAM LOST A GAME TO GROUP HEADQUARTERS BY A SCORE OF 1-0.
2. A PROGRAM, SPONSORED BY SPECIAL SERVICE, FEATURED A BATTLE OF SWING BETWEEN THE 94TH ENGINEERS AND THE 386TH ENGINEERS. AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE PROGRAM, THE VERDICT OF ALL WAS THAT BOTH WERE TOPS. MESS VERY GOOD.
3. SQUADRON SOFTBALL TEAM WON A GAME FROM THE 62ND FIGHTER WING TEAM BY A SCORE OF 6-0. PILOT MEETING HELD IN OPERATIONS OFFICE ON THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE P-47. MOVIES SHOWN IN THE EVENING.
4. ROUTINE DAY. SPECIAL SERVICE INAUGURATED THE SENDING OF NIGHT LETTERS TO THE STATES. OUR NEW PILOTS ARE FLYING WITH THE REST OF THE SQUADRON.
5. WEATHER FAIR. PILOTS BEGIN TRANSITIONAL FLYING IN THE P-47. 2ND LT EARL S. SHERARD WAS THE FIRST TO MAKE A FLIGHT IN THE NEW PLANE. THREE OFFICERS WENT TO THE AAFRC TODAY. MOVIES SHOWN IN THE EVENING.
6. ROUTINE PATROLS FLOWN. NEW PILOT PHYSICAL TRAINING PROGRAM STARTED TODAY. THE ANTI-MALARIA CAMPAIGN IS MAKING A DECIDED CHANGE IN THE APPEARANCE OF OUR AREA, AS ALL WEEDS AND LIKELY BREEDING SPOTS FOR MOSQUITOES ARE BEING CLEANED UP.

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DAY

EVENTS

7. WEATHER FINE. AN INSPECTION OF THE SQUADRON AREA WAS HELD TODAY BY SOME OFFICERS OF THE X11 AIR FORCE. NEW SCREENS FOR THE MESS HALLS AND LATRINE BUILT TODAY.
8. CAPTAIN MULZAC VISITED SQUADRON TODAY. CLASSES HELD ON THE CARE OF THE CARBINE. LT T.G. LUMPKIN IS ACTING ADJUTANT.
9. ROUTINE PATROLS FLOWN DURING THE DAY. FOUR OFFICERS LEFT FOR THE REST CAMP TODAY. MESS VERY GOOD.
10. SQUADRON RECEIVED CHANGE OF COMMITMENTS TODAY. FOUR OFFICERS WENT TO THE REST CAMP TODAY. COL ISRAEL CONDUCTED AN INSPECTION OF THE AREA.
11. WEATHER FINE. SQUADRON LAUNDRY STARTED TODAY WITH PFC WOODSON IN CHARGE.
12. ALL WEEDS AND GRASS HAVE REMOVED FROM THE AREA. SPECIAL SERVICE RECEIVED NEW RECORDS TODAY. ROUTINE FLYING.
13. WEATHER FAIR. PILOTS PROVIDED COVER FOR NAVAL VESSELS SHELLING GAETA POINT. MOVIES SHOWN IN THE EVENING.
14. MOTHERS DAY BEGAN WITH A RAID BY JERRY. NO DAMAGE TO THE SQUADRON. SOME EM ATTENDED MASS IN NEARBY VILLAGE. ROUTINE PATROLS FLOWN.
15. RIFLE CALSSES RESUMED TODAY. SEVEN EM RETURNED FROM DS WITH GROUP TODAY. MOVIES SHOWN IN THE EVENING.
16. LT LAIRD MADE A BELLY LANDING TODAY WHEN HE FORGOT TO LOWER HIS LANDING GEAR. MESS VERY GOOD. FIVE MISSIONS FLOWN TODAY.
17. WEATHER CLOUDY. FOUR OFFICERS WENT TO THE REST CAMP TODAY. PILOT S AGAIN COVERED NAVAL VESSESL SHELLING ENEMY SHORE INSTALLATIONS.
18. WEATHER FAIR. LTS PULLAM AND JEFFERSON SIGHTED AN ENEMY PLANE TODAY BUT WERE TOO FAR TO ENGAGE IT IN COMBAT. MESS VERY GOOD.

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EVENTS

19. ROUTINE PATROLS FLOWN DURING THE DAY. SQUADRON MEETING HELD IN THE EVENING. LT QUICK MADE A SHORT TALK ON VD CONTROL AND CENSORSHIP REGULATIONS. LT MORRIS T. JOHNSON SPOKE OF THE CONDITIONS AND STATE OF EFFICIENCY IN THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS.

20. WEATHER FINE. SQUADRON MEETING HELD THIS EVENING. LT MOSBY RETURNED TO THE SQUADRON FROM THE HOSPITAL TODAY. MOVIES SHOWN.

21. SQUADRON LAUNDRY OPERATING AT CAPACITY AFTER SOME DISCREPANCIES WERE ELIMINATED. SOME PILOTS FLEW COVER FOR NAVAL VESSELS TODAY.

22. SOME EM WENT TO THE RIFLE RANGE TODAY. ROUTINE PATROLS FLOWN. MOVIES SHOWN IN THE EVENING. MESS VERY GOOD.

23. LT DICKSON MADE A FORCED LANDING AT CASTEL VOLTURNO WHEN HIS PLANE DEVELOPED ENGINE TROUBLE. HE WAS COMMENDED BY CAPTAIN TRESVILLE FOR MAKING A FINE LANDING UNDER DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES. EVERY EFFORT IS BEING MADE TO INCREASE THE EFFICIENCY OF THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS.

24. CAPT TRESVILLE BEGAN HOLDING CLASSES FOR DEPARTMENTAL NCO'S, STRESSING THE NEED FOR STRICT DISCIPLINE. MOVIES SHOWN IN THE EVENING. NEW RECORDS RECEIVED BY SPECIAL SERVICE TODAY.

25. SIX MEN WENT ON DS TODAY WITH GROUP HEADQUARTERS. LT SHERARD MADE A FORCED LANDING ON THE BEACH HEAD. HIS WAS THE HONOR OF BRINGING THE FIRST NEWSREELS OF THE MEETING OF THE ALLIED ARMIES ELIMINATING THE ANZIO BEACH HEAD.

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26. PART OF THE SQUADRON WENT TO THE GAS CHAMBER TODAY. SQUADRON COMMITMENTS INCREASED DUE TO THE 302ND SQUADRON LEAVING. .

27. WEATHER FAIR. PILOTS ARE STILL PROVIDING COVER FOR NAVAL VESSELS SHELLING ENEMY COASTLINE. MESS VERY GOOD. MOVIES SHOWN IN THE EVENING

28. LT BROWN DITCHED HIS PLANE IN THE HARBOR WHEN IT DEVELOPED ENGINE TROUBLE. SEVEN EM RETURNED FROM DS WITH THE 1057 MP DETACHMENT. ROUTINE PATROLS FLOWN.

29. ROUTINE PATROLS FLOWN DURING THE DAY. MOVIES SHOWN IN THE EVENING.

30. WEATHER FINE. ARTICLES OF WAR READ IN THE EVENING. ALSO A FILM ON THE SAME SUBJECT.

31. PAYDAY FOR OFFICERS AND EM, WITH LT MOSBY ACTING AS CLASS "A" FINANCE OFFICER. COLLECTIONS FOR PRO KITS, LAUNDRY SERVICE AND A SQUADRON DANCE WERE MADE. REGULAR PATROLS FLOWN DURING THE DAY.

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100TH FIGHTER SQUADRON
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SPECIAL ACCOUNT

WHILE ON CONVOY PATROL OUR CONTROLLER VECTORED THE FLIGHT, LED BY LT W.W. CROCKETT, TO ANZIO BEACH HEAD. AFTER BEING IN POSITION FOR ABOUT AN HOUR, MY SHIPS BELLY TANK BROKE LOOSE AND FOULED THE MAIN FUEL LINE, CAUSING THE ENGINE TO START CUTTING OUT. I INFORMED LT CROCKETT OF THE TROUBLE AND BEGAN TO HEAD FOR LAND. JUST OFF SHORE THE ENGINE CUT OUT COMPLETELY ON ALL TANKS. AT THE SAME TIME I SPOTTED THE LANDING STRIP THAT IS LOCATED ON THE BEACH HEAD, AND MADE A WHEELS DOWN LANDING ON THE STRIP. I WAS GIVEN EXCELLENT COVER AT ALL TIMES BY LT CROCKETT.

AFTER MY PLANE HAD BEEN SERVICED AND I HAD STARTED TO RETURN TO MY HOME BASE, SEVERAL ARMY OFFICERS RUSHED UP TO ME AND ASKED ME TO DO THEM A FAVOR. NATURALLY I SAID I WOULD. THEY INFORMED ME THAT THEY HAD THE FIRST PICTURES OF THE HISTORY MAKING MEETING BETWEEN THE ALLIED FORCES, MAKING ANZIO NO LONGER A BEACH HEAD. THEY ASKED ME TO CARRY THE PICTURES BACK TO ARMY SPECIAL SERVICES OFFICES, LOCATED NEAR OUR FIELD, SAYING THAT I WOULD BE DOING THE PEOPLE AT HOME A GREAT FAVOR BY FURNISHING FIRST HAND PICTURES THAT OTHERWISE MIGHT BE DELAYED INDEFINITELY.

EARL S. SHERARD,
2ND LT AC,
PILOT.

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SHEET NO. 1 WAR DIARY 100TH FIGHTER SQUADRON

MONTH OF: JUNE 1944

PREPARED BY: W. L. ALLEN, CPL, 100TH FTR SQ

DAY EVENTS

1 OPERATIONS TODAY CONSISTED OF HARBOR PATROL AND CONVOY PROTECTION. MOVIES SHOWN IN THE EVENING. SEVENTEEN ENLISTED MEN RECEIVED PROMOTIONS TODAY.

2 ROUTINE PATROLS FLOWN DURING THE DAY. ALL TRANSPORTATION WAS CALLED IN FOR A FINAL CHECK PREPARATORY TO MOVING. ENLISTED MEN ARE TAKING FULL ADVANTAGE OF PASSES TO NAPLES TO BUY SOUVENIRS BEFORE WE LEAVE THE VICINITY.

3 FOUR PILOTS MADE A CROSS COUNTRY FLIGHT TO RAMITELI AIR FIELD THIS MORNING. SPECIAL SERVICE RECEIVED SOME NEW RECORDS TODAY. MOVIES SHOWN IN THE EVENING.

4 BEGINNING TODAY, NO PASSES WILL BE ISSUED UNTIL AFTER WE HAVE MOVED. FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE WE HAVE BEEN AT CAPODICHINO, NO CHURCH SERVICES WERE HELD BECAUSE CHAPLAIN PERRY IS AT RAMITELI WITH THE REST OF THE GROUP. MESS VERY GOOD.

5 ROUTINE PATROLS FLOWN DURING THE DAY. ALL OPERATIONS CEASED AT 1800 HOURS. LAUNDRY SERVICE DISCONTINUED TODAY.

6 THE ADVANCE ECHELON LEFT CAPODICHINO FOR RAMITELI THIS MORNING. LT ROSEY WAS IN CHARGE OF THE SECTION, WHICH INCLUDED PARTS OF OPERATIONS, ENGINEERING, INTELLIGENCE AND HEADQUARTERS PERSONNEL. THE REST OF THE SQUADRON MOVED TO THE AREA PREVIOUSLY OCCUPIED BY THE 302ND FIGHTER SQUADRON, IN ORDER THAT IMPROVEMENTS UNDERTAKEN ON THE FIELD MIGHT CONTINUE. SUPPER WAS SERVED IN THE NEW AREA AND ALL TENTS WERE UP BEFORE DARK.

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100TH FIGHTER SQUADRONMONTH OF: JUNE 1944PREPARED BY: W.L. ALLEN, CPL, 100TH FTR SQ

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7

DURING THE NIGHT OR EARLY MORNING, THIEVES REMOVED CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT FROM THE AREA. THE SECOND ECHELON LEFT CAPODICHINO AT 1530 HOURS AND AFTER AN UNEVENTFUL TRIP, ARRIVED AT RAMITELI AIR FIELD ABOUT 2400 HOURS OF THE SAME DAY. A HOT MEAL WAS SERVED THEM ON THEIR ARRIVAL. 2ND LTS JOHN F. BRIGGS, O-811263, AC, SPURGEON N. ELLINGTON, O-804548, AC, LANGDON E. JOHNSON, O-804546, AC, AND WALTER L. MCCREARY, O-798950, AC, WERE PROMOTED TO THE RANK OF FIRST LIEUTENANT TODAY.

8

EVERYONE AT RAMITELI IS BUSY PREPARING QUARTERS AND THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS FOR OPERATIONS. THE PROXIMITY OF THE BEACH TO OUR QUARTERS IS ENJOYED BY ALL.

9

THE THIRD ECHELON ARRIVED TODAY. ONE TRUCK TURNED OVER ENROUTE AND SERGEANT JOHN R. PERRY, WHO WAS THE ONLY PASSENGER WITH THE DRIVER, RECEIVED A BROKEN LEG. HE WAS CARRIED TO THE FIELD HOSPITAL AT FOGGIA. MESS VERY GOOD.

10

CAPTAIN TRESVILLE LED A FLIGHT OF PLANES FROM CAPODICHINO TO RAMITELI AND LANDED ABOUT 1300 HOURS. THE LAST ECHELON ARRIVED TODAY. CORPORAL HENRY STALLING, SQUADRON SPECIAL SERVICE NCO, HAD AN ACCIDENT WHILE DRIVING TO OUR NEW BASE AND SPRAINED HIS WRIST.

11

CAPTAIN TRESVILLE TOLD THE SQUADRON OF THE JOB AHEAD OF IT AT A FORMATION HELD THIS MORNING. THE COMMUNICATIONS SECTION BEGAN TO INSTALL LIGHTS AND TELEPHONES IN THE AREA. MESS FOR TODAY WAS VERY GOOD.

12

THE MESS HALL WAS SCREENED AND LATRINES DUG TODAY. TRAINING FLIGHTS WERE FLOWN. INSECT REPELLENT WAS ISSUED THIS AFTERNOON.

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(STATION)SHEET NO. 3 WAR DIARY100TH FIGHTER SQUADRONAPC SEC, U.S. ARMY(STATION)MONTH OF: JUNE 1944PREPARED BY: W.L. ALLEN, CPL, 100TH FTR SQDAYEVENTS

AFTER SEVERAL DAYS OF BUILDING SHELVES AND PUTTING UP OF MAPS, THE INTELLIGENCE SECTION IS READY FOR OPERATIONS. A GROUP OF MEN WENT SWIMMING THIS AFTERNOON. SOME CARRIED THEIR CARBINES AND USED ONE END OF THE BEACH FOR A RIFLE RANGE.

14

WEATHER FAIR. 2ND LT ROGER B. BROWN, O-814826, AC, IS MISSING FOLLOWING A TRAINING FLIGHT THIS MORNING. ALL MOTOR VEHICLES WERE DEAD-LINED THIS EVENING FOR AN INSPECTION. PX OPEN TODAY. MEN RECEIVED BEER FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE BEING OVERSEAS.

15

OFFICERS AND ENLISTED MEN ARE STILL STRUGGLING TO DIG FOX HOLES IN THE HARD GROUND NEAR THEIR TENTS. SOME MEN ATTENDED THE MOVIE SHOWN IN GROUP HEADQUARTERS THIS EVENING.

16

EIGHT PILOTS WENT ON A MISSION TO HUNGARY THIS MORNING. ALL RETURNED SAFELY. NINE PILOTS LEFT THIS MORNING FOR ALGIERS TO FERRY SOME NEW PLANES BACK TO RAMITEL. SOME MEN ATTENDED THE RED CROSS SHOW GIVEN IN GROUP HEADQUARTERS THIS AFTERNOON.

17

NO OPERATIONS TODAY. 2ND LTS HENRY P. BOWMAN, O-574934, JACK D. HOLSCLAW, O-808243, AC, JAMES F. REYNOLDS, O-1840004, AND LOWELL C. STEWARD, O-808254, AC, WERE PROMOTED TO THE RANK OF FIRST LIEUTENANT TODAY.

18

CHURCH SERVICES WERE HELD IN GROUP HEADQUARTERS CHAPEL THIS AFTERNOON. OFFICERS AND ENLISTED MEN ARE FINDING LOCAL PLACES TO HAVE THEIR LAUNDRY WORK DONE. SOME MEN WENT SWIMMING THIS EVENING.

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(STATION)SHEET NO. 4 WAR DIARY 100TH FIGHTER SQUADRONMONTH OF: JUNE 1944PREPARED BY: W. L. ALLEN, CPL, 100TH FTR SQ

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19

FOUR PILOTS RETURNED FROM ALGIERS WITH NEW PLANES. TWO MORE LATRINES WERE PLACED IN THE AREA TODAY. MOVIES SHOWN IN GROUP HEADQUARTERS THIS EVENING.

20

NO OPERATIONS TODAY. REGULAR MEETING OF STAFF OFFICERS WAS HELD IN THE ORDERLY ROOM THIS AFTERNOON. THE SQUADRON CARPENTERS ARE BUILDING AN OFFICERS MESS HALL.

21

TRAINING FLIGHTS CARRIED OUT TODAY. OFFICERS MESS HALL COMPLETED TODAY. SOME MEN WENT SWIMMING THIS AFTERNOON. MESS VERY GOOD.

22

CAPTAIN TRESVILLE, LT JEFFERSON AND LT C. B. JOHNSON ARE MISSING FOLLOWING A STRAFING MISSION TO AIRASCA, ITALY. LT SHERARD DITCHED HIS PLANE AND WAS PICKED UP BY AN AIR SEA RESCUE LAUNCH. SOME ENLISTED MEN WENT TO THE MOVIES THIS EVENING.

23

THE SQUADRON WENT ON A MISSION TO RUMANIA THIS MORNING. ALL RETURNED WITHOUT HAVING SEEN ANY ENEMY FIGHTERS. LEMONADE AND DOUGHNUTS WERE SERVED THEM ON THEIR RETURN. MESS VERY GOOD.

24

WEATHER FAIR. LT SHERARD, WHO DITCHED HIS PLANE A FEW DAYS AGO, RETURNED TO THE SQUADRON THIS AFTERNOON. MESS VERY GOOD.

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MONTH OF: JUNE 1944

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25

FIVE PILOTS WENT ON A STRAFING MISSION TO POLA, ITALY, BUT FAILED TO REACH THEIR ASSIGNED TARGET DUE TO INSTRUMENT TROUBLE. DOUGHNUTS AND LEMONADE WERE SERVED THEM ON THEIR RETURN. MOVIES WERE SHOWN IN GROUP HEADQUARTERS THIS AFTERNOON.

26

LTS PALMER AND HOLSCLAW FERRIED THE FIRST P-51 PLANES TO RAMITELI TODAY. MECHANICS ARE GLAD TO RETURN TO INLINE ENGINES AGAIN. A BASEBALL DIAMOND HAS BEEN PREPARED IN OUR AREA FOR THE MEN TO USE.

27

WEATHER FAIR. PILOTS BEGIN TRANSITIONAL FLYING IN THE P-51. THE PX WAS OPEN ALL DAY AND THE MEN RECEIVED FOUR CANS OF BEER INSTEAD OF THE USUAL THREE. THE PHOTOGRAPHIC DEPARTMENT HAS BEGUN TAKING GROUP PICTURES OF THE SQUADRON.

28

LT LAIRD, O-614831, AC, WAS KILLED THIS MORNING WHILE TAKING OFF ON A PENETRATION TARGET MISSION. DOUGHNUTS WERE SERVED IN THE MESS HALL BY TWO RED CROSS WORKERS AT SUPPER. PILOT STRENGTH WAS INCREASED BY THE ARRIVAL OF EIGHT REPLACEMENTS THIS MORNING.

29

WEATHER FINE. TWO ENLISTED MEN FROM THE PHOTOGRAPHIC DEPARTMENT WERE DETAILED TO WORK WITH GROUP PHOTO LAB. MESS GOOD. SOME ENLISTED MEN WENT SWIMMING THIS AFTERNOON.

30

EM WERE PAID TODAY, WITH LT MASBY ACTING AS CLASS "A" FINANCE OFFICER. MOST EM CONTRIBUTED MONEY TO BUILD AND EQUIP A BAR FOR THE SQUADRON. MOVIES WERE SHOWN IN GROUP HEADQUARTERS THIS EVENING.

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