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Sheet No. 1 History, 301st Fighter Squadron Montecorvino
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 SAMUEL C. SCOTT,
 1st Lt, AC,
 301st F Sq.
 Month of Oct. Nov. Dec., 1942. Prepared by
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The 301st Fighter Squadron was activated at Tuskegee Army Air Field, Tuskegee, Alabama October 13, 1942, per ltr AGO 320.2 (7-3-42) MR-M-AF, July 4, 1942. Its next higher Headquarters was the 332nd Fighter Group, also at Tuskegee. At the time no personnel was assigned to the Squadron; therefore, for the months of Oct. and Nov. 1942, there was no activity.

On the 12th of December 1942, 110 EM were assigned to the Squadron per par 1 Special Orders 10, Headquarters, 332nd Fighter Group and operations began. Later in the month, 24 more EM were assigned. On the 26th of the month, the Squadron received its first Officer, 2nd Lt WILLIAM M. WOMACK, O-570847, who became the first Adjutant of the Squadron. At the end of December there were 134 EM and 1 Officer in the Squadron.

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Sheet No. 2 History, 301st Fighter Squadron Montecorvino
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 Month of January, 1943. Prepared by 1st Lt. AC 301st Fgr Sq

The month of January brought quite an influx of Officers into the Squadron. 42nd were assigned to the Squadron and 2 of our previous 3 were promoted. On January 15, 1943, 1st Lt FREDERICK E. LILES, O-398665 was assigned to the Squadron for the purpose of command, per par 4, SO 4, Hq, 332nd Fighter Group. Lt LILES remained in command until January 25, 1943, when he was relieved and redesignated to the Group. On January 25, 1943, 1st Lt CHARLES H. DUNN, O-411708 was assigned and assumed command of the 301st Fighter Squadron, per par 2, SO 5, Hq, 332nd Fighter Group.

On the same date, 2nd Lt WILLIAM A. BURNS, O-570472 was appointed Squadron Armament Officer; 1st LOUIS E. COLEBERT, O-571307, Squadron Engineering Officer; 2nd Lt ROBERT H. DENNIS, O-571405, Squadron Statistical Officer; 2nd Lt LEO J. DECHIS, O-572026, Squadron Communications Officer; 2nd Lt DONALD E. BROWN, O-572075, Supply Officer; 2nd Lt SAUL C. SCOTT, O-572309, Intelligence Officer; and 2nd Lt EUGENE C. WATKINS, O-572312, Personnel Officer, per par 4, SO 6, Hq, 332nd Fighter Group. The Squadron consisted of 177 PW and 9 Officers at the end of January.

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Sheet No. 3 History, 301st Fighter Squadron Montecorvino

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Month of February 1943.Prepared by 1st Lt. 301st Ftr Sq
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The month of February added 86 new EM to the Squadron, brought 18 promotions to the ranks of the EM, and cost us one EM who was transferred. Also, during the month, the Squadron received the first five of its Flying Officers. 2nd Lts ANDREW MAPLES, JR., O-796264; GEORGE T. McCURMBY, O-796265; ARMOUR G. McDANIELS, O-796266; CLINTON B. MILLS, O-796267; and QUITMAN C. WALKER, O-796269 were assigned to the Squadron, per par o SO 14 Hq, 332nd Fighter Group.

Throughout the month the Squadron was undergoing a continuous period of organization, during which the Officers and EM were becoming acquainted with their jobs and with each other.

Lt Lt WEAVER was appointed Squadron Insurance Officer, per Sq O 3 301st Fighter Squadron.

The Squadron consisted of 263EM and 14 Officers at the end of February.

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Sheet No. 4 History, 301st Fighter Squadron Montecorvino
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The month of March started off with 2 EM being promoted on the first day. On the 6th, 2nd Lts BANKS and WEAVER were assigned to the Group and 2nd Lt JOSEPH A. CHRISTMAS, was assigned to the Squadron, per par 2, SO 16, Hq, 33rd Fighter Group. Lt CHRISTMAS, O-571905 was appointed Personnel Officer. On the 11th of the month, the Commanding Officer, 1st Lt CHARLES H. DEBOW, appointed 2nd Lts WILLIAM M. WOMACK and ROLAND H. DANIELS to assist him on the Fund Council of the Squadron. Lt DANIELS was also appointed Squadron Gas Officer and Lt NORRIS was to be his assistant.

The month of March brought the Squadron its Weather Officer, 2nd Lt PAUL F. BYRD, O-856969, who, in addition to his other duties, was appointed Asst Supply Officer. Lt COLBERT, Squadron Engineering Officer, was appointed, in addition to his other duties, Assistant Technical Supply Officer.

On the 23rd of the month, the Squadron received orders for its first change of station. It was to leave its birthplace, Tuskegee, by train, on the 27th, heading for its Operational Base, Selfridge Field, Michigan, to train for combat duties. The Squadron arrived at Selfridge Field on the morning of the 29th, amidst the welcoming strains of music from two bands and a large gathering of Officers and EM to greet us. The entire Squadron viewed its future at the new Base with great enthusiasm and expectancy. With the addition of 91 EM, the Squadron consisted of 354 EM and 15 Officers at the end of March.

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Sheet No. 5 History, 301st Fighter Squadron Montecorvino
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The month of April saw the Squadron start on that long, tedious trail of training for combat duties. On the 6th of the month, 2nd Lt WOMACK was relieved from the Squadron and assigned to the 302nd Fighter Squadron and 2nd Lt CHARLES R. STANTON, O-796268 was assigned to the Squadron, per par 2, SO 26, Hq, 332nd Fighter Group.. Two days later he was appointed Operation Officer. On the same date, the 8th, Lt CHRISTMAS, Personnel Officer, was appointed, in addition to his other duties, Statistical Officer, Insurance Officer, and War Savings Bond Officer and Lt NORRIS was appointed Special Service Officer. On the 12th of the month, the Squadron received its new Adjutant, 2nd Lt DANIELS; who had previously been relieved of his duties as Statistical Officer and Lt Norris was appointed Mess Officer.

The 14th brought a new group of Flying Officers to the Squadron. 2nd Lts WALTER M. DOWNS, O-797218; WILLIAM E. GRIFFIN, O-797220; JOHN H. PROWELL, O-797222; CLAUDE B. GOVAN, O-797219; WILLIAM H. WALKER, O-797224; JAMES R. POLKINGHORNE, O-797221; and ROY M. SPENCER, O-797223 had just arrived from Tuskegee and were assigned to the Squadron; per par 8, SO 28, Hq, 332nd Fighter Group. 2nd Lt JOSEPH D. ELSBERRY, O-792420, also a Flying Officer, was assigned to the Squadron, relieved from the 100th Fighter Squadron, per par 11, SO 28. 2nd Lt PERCY EXUM, O-1553992 was assigned as Armament Officer.

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On the 17th of the month, Lt Stanton was relieved as Operations Officer and appointed assistant to Lt ELSBERRY, who, on the same date, was appointed Operations Officer. Also, during the month of April, Lt COLBERT was appointed Physical Training Officer. All of the pilots in the Squadron, along with the Armament Officer, were attached to the 100th Fighter Squadron at our Auxillary Base, Oscoda Army Air Field, Oscoda, Michigan, for training in Aerial Gunnery, per par 2, SO 30, Hq, 332nd Fighter Group, dated April 19, 1943.

The remainder of the month was rather uneventful. Lt COMMIE WILSON was appointed Camouflage Officer and Lt EXUM was appointed Gun Camera Officer. 35 EM were promoted, 3 EM reduced in grade, and 34 were assigned to the Squadron. The month closed with preparations being made for the movement of the entire Squadron to the Base at Oscoda, Michigan. The Squadron consisted of 388 EM and 23 Officers at the end of April.

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Sheet No. 7 History, 301st Fighter Squadron Montecorvino
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The month of May opened with promotions for five of our AM. On the 3rd of the month, the entire Squadron moved to Oscoda to join the pilots who were already there. Also on the 3rd of the month, 2nd Lts ALFONZA W. DAVIS, O-798944; WILBERT W. SIDAT-SINGH, O-798952; ELMER L. GORDON, O-798947; LEROY BOWMAN, O-798942; and LLOYD G. SIN-LETARY, O-798953, Flying Officers, were assigned per par, 18, 30 35, Hq, 332nd Fighter Group. The activities for the remainder of the month consisted mainly of training periods for the pilots and for the ground personnel. In inclement weather ground school was held for everyone, but when it was clear, every effort was made to get as many planes into the air for as long a period of time as was possible.

On the 9th of the month the Squadron had its first tragedy. Lt SIDAT-SINGH baled out of his plane while over Lake Huron. Although he was seen to leave the plane, his body was not recovered until the latter part of June and it was in such a condition that the immediate cause of death could not be determined.

Also during this month Lt WILSON was appointed Summary Court Officer, Lt CHRISTMAS was assigned to Hq, and 1st Lt BASCOM S. WAUGH, O-492056 was assigned to the Squadron, per par 2, 30 37, Hq, 332nd Gp.

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On the 19th of May, 2nd Lt CLARENCE W. ALLEN, O-798941, a Flying Officer, was assigned to the Squadron, per par 4, SO 39. On the 24th, Lt SCOTT, Intelligence Officer, was sent to Selfridge Field, Michigan to attend Intelligence School. Also during the month, the 29th, 2nd Lts CHARLES P. RILEY, O-801161; HAROLD W. STROO, O-801162; WILLIAM J. FLUNKNER, O-801166; VERNON W. H. WOOD, O-801168; HAROLD P. BARTER, O-801175; ULYSSES S. TAYLOR, O-801177; WILSON V. ELLISON, O-801165; and WALTER T. FOREMAN, O-801167, Flying Officers, were assigned, per par 8, SO 42, Hq, 332nd Fighter Group. The month closed with the Squadron deep in the training program at Osceola.

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Sheet No 9 History, 301st Fighter Squadron Montecorvino
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Items of interest outside of regular Squadron duties were nil for month of June. The training program was in full swing, and every man was doing his utmost to get it over with.

On the 11th of the month, we received another Ground Officer, 2nd Lt MORRIS M. HATCHETT, O-561230. He was relieved of his duties with the 302nd Fighter Squadron and assigned to the 301st, per par 1, SO 50, Hq, 332nd Fighter Group. On the 26th, Lts HATCHETT and SCOTT, who had been attending Intelligence School at Selridge Field, Michigan, were sent to Army Air Forces Air Intelligence School at Harrisburgh, Pa. to attend their course in Combat Intelligence.

Also during the month, Lt EXUM was appointed Special Service Officer, Lt DANIELS appointed Unit Fire Officer, Lt WILSON appointed Tech Supply Officer, and Lt MCDANIELS was appointed Summary Court Officer, in the case of Lt SIDAT-SINGH, who had been killed the month before.

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Sheet No. 10 History, 301st Fighter Squadron Montecorvino
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Our first period of training at Oscoda was fast drawing to a close as the month of July opened. With the help of a very efficient ground crew, the pilots had been able to get an enormous amount of time in the air and through their excellent marksmanship, had been able to set a few records in Aerial Gunnery, but, for the most part, they were tired and anxious to see their training at Oscoda completed.

On the first day of the month, 2nd Lts MAURICE V. ESTERS, O-804550, JOSEPH P. GOMER, O-804552, and JOHN L. HAMILTON, O-15700, flying Officers, reported to the Commanding Officer for their assignment into the Squadron, per par 1, SO 61. Also on the first, the Squadron received an exchange of Armament Officers. Lt EXUM was relieved from duty and replaced by 2nd Lt THOMAS H. PORTER, O-1552959, per par 10, SO 61. On the same date, Lts MCDANIELS, HAYWOOD, STANTON, DAVIS, and SPENCER were relieved from their duties with the Squadron. Lt. MCDANIELS was reassigned to us.

By the sixth of the month, seemingly some of our pilots were well trained enough for combat. 2nd Lts WILLIAM H. WALKER, GEORGE MCCRUMBY, were relieved and placed on readiness for overseas duty, in compliance with orders from the Commanding General, Third Fighter Command.

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Finally, on the 9th, training at Oscoda Army Air Base was ended. The Ground Echelon left that morning by truck, arriving and setting up operations at Selfridge Field that afternoon. They were to get things in readiness for the pilots who flew down the next day under the supervision of Capt FREDRICK E. MILLS, per Field Orders 1, Hq, 332nd Fighter Group.

The 28th of the month was another very eventful day for us. The Squadron was relieved from assignment to the Third Air Force and assigned to the First Fighter Command of the First Air Force. This caused many rumors concerning what was in store for us in the future.

During the month, 36 EM were transferred out of the Squadron, bringing our strength to 306 EM and 33 Officers

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Sheet No. 12 History, 301st Fighter Squadron Montecorvino
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During the month of August Officers and EM of the Squadron were constantly being transferred back and forth to Oscoda Army Air Base, to further their combat training. Ground and Aerial Gunnery played the principal roles in their training. On the first of the month, 2nd Lts WAYNE V. LIGGINS, O-807102; WILLIAM F. WILLIAMS, O-807114; JOE A. LEWIS, O-807101; FRANK D. WALKER, O-807111; and VIRGIL J. RICHARDSON, O-807107, all Flying Officers, were assigned to the Squadron, per par 1, SO 80, Hq, 332nd Fighter Group. On the same date, 2nd Lt MARSHALL S. CABINESS, O-792780, who was later appointed Engineering Officer, was assigned, per par 2, SO 80.

2nd Lt AMINDER WASHINGTON, O-1641971 was assigned per par 1, SO 35, Hq, 332nd Fighter Group, dated 8 August 1943. On the 10th 2nd Lt JAMES M. MCFATRIDGE, O-863360, was assigned and appointed Squadron Armament Officer, and the aforementioned Lt WASHINGTON was appointed Asst Communications Officer. The 16th brought Capt HILLS back into the Squadron as Flying Safety Officer. Also during the month, two of our pilots, 2nd Lts GORDON and WALKER, were relieved from Flying Status.

On the 23rd, Lts SCOTT and HATCHETT returned from Intelligence School and on the 25th, Lts EGGLESON, GRIFFIN, ALLEN, were transferred for overseas replacements for the 99th Pursuit Squadron. The Squadron consisted of 41 Officers and 369 EM at the end of the month.

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Sheet No. 13 History, 301st Fighter Squadron Montecorvino
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On the First of September, one of our recently grounded pilots, 2nd Lt WALKER, was transferred out of the Squadron and assigned to the 302nd Fighter Squadron, per par 9, SO 105, Hq, 332nd Fighter Group.

The 2nd of the month brought us a new group of Flying Officers. 2nd Lts ROBERT A. NELSON, O-809250; CORNELIUS G. ROGERS, O-809252; GEORGE B. GREENLEE, O-809247; JOHN R. LEHR, O-809245; JOHN H. DANIELS, O-1166669; ALVA N. TEMPLE, O-809255; and ROBERT H. WIGGINS, O-809259 were assigned per par 2, SO 106, Hq, 332nd Fighter Group. 2nd Lt COLBERT was transferred to Headquarters on the 13th and on the 21st, Lt GORDON was transferred to the 302nd Fighter Squadron. The 23rd saw another of our pilots grounded permanently. Lt SINGLETARY was taken off Flying Status because of a physical disability.

Two new Flying Officers, 2nd Lts CLAYCOURNE A. LOCKETT, O-809246, and JOHNSON C. WELLS, O-807112, were assigned to the Squadron on the 25th of the month. Three days later, while on a training mission, Lt WELLS was killed when his plane crashed. In attempting to make a forced landing, his plane crashed into some telegraph wires, killing him instantly.

2nd Lts CHARLES D. WALKER and WALDO E. WILLIAMS, O-1641069, who were assigned on the 24th of August, were appointed Asst Mess Officer and Plans and Training Officer respectively.

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Also during the month, 1st LEROY BOWMAN was relieved from the Squadron and assigned to the Army Air Force Officers Replacement Pool, Lowry Field, Col. He was attached to the 1022nd Service Unit, Fort Sheridan, Ill. On the 19th, 1st BARRY was transferred to Camp Patrick Henry, Va. for oversens duty with the 99th Pursuit Squadron.

The month brought promotions to 16 AM and closed consisting of 45 Officers and 380 AM

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Sheet No. 15 History, 201st Fighter Squadron Montgomery
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Month of October, 1943 Prepared by STUART C. SCOTT
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(Name, Rank, Unit)

Flying Officers are still coming in, on the 5th day to the Squadron received seven more of those gentlemen with wings. 2nd Lts. CHARLES A. DUNNIE, O-811277, JIMMY W. WATKINS, O-811280, GEORGE A. BAYNE, O-811291, FRED A. THOMPSON, O-111293, ALVIN W. WILLIAMS, O-811293, RICHARD A. WILSON, O-811290, and STERLING E. WYNN, O-111290 were assigned per Par. 3-3.1.1.120, No. 232nd Fighter Group.

On the 6th 2nd Lt. DANIEL I. NEAL O-8-9551 was assigned and appointed assistant to the Squadron Executive Officer. On the same day Lt. COL. W. H. PATTERSON, was appointed to the position of Executive Officer, a brand new job in the T/O of a Squadron. Lt. PHILIP C. BAYNE, O-582159 took over Lt. Dan's old job of Squadron Adjutant and also took on the job of Base Officer.

On the 8th of the month Lt. JIMMY A. WILSON was relieved from his duties and assigned to Group Hq. per Par. 3-3.1.1.125 No. 232nd Fighter Group. 2nd Lts. WILSON WILSON and DANIEL NEAL were relieved and assigned to Special Duty with the 14th Aviation Squadron on the 10th per P.O. 127 No. 232nd Fighter Group.

On the 10th of the month Lt. JIMMY WILSON was relieved and assigned to Sharp Patrick Henry for Overseas duty.

Another of our pilots, Lt. EDWARD T. SAWYER, was suspended from duty on the 10th of the month. On the 2nd, Lt. Greenlee was appointed assistant to the Group Executive Officer for the Squadron. Lt. Simultery was appointed Assistant Squadron Executive Officer.

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Sheet No. 16 History, 301st Fighter Squadron Montgomery
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Month of October, 1943 Prepared by SAUL C. SCOTT
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The Squadron lost four (4) of its flying officers on the 23rd: 2nd Lt. LOUIS C. STEWART, SAUL JEFFERSON, GEORGE A. TAYLOR, and ROBERT E. NELSON were relieved and assigned to the 100th Fighter Squadron. But we gained just as many as we lost. 2nd Lt. CHARLES W. WATKINS, O-811290, HUBERT L. JONES, O-811284, LAWRENCE W. JEFFERSON, O-811282, and EVERETT J. BENTON, O-811283 who had just arrived from Tuskegee Army Flying School, and were assigned to the Squadron on the same day per Par. 3, S.O. #145 Hq. 332nd Fighter Group.

The 24th was a happy day for four (4) of the officers in the Squadron 2nd Lt. RUTH F. FORD, JOSEPH B. BISHOP, ANDREW BILES and ARTHUR G. MCDONNELL received the first promotion in the Squadron. They were promoted to the extraordinary rank of 1st Lt. The very next day three (3) other officers in the persons of 2nd Lt. EDWARD W. DAVIS, SAUL C. SCOTT, and CONNIE NELSON received their promotions to the same rank. The Squadron is on its way up.

The 25th also brought us still more flying officers. 2nd Lt. GENE C. BROUTE, O-811190, CARL E. JOHNSON, O-811194, and CARROLL E. LAMSTON, JR., O-811197 were assigned per Par. 9 S.O. #146, Hq. 332nd Fighter Group.

During the month, 80 of our E-5s were awarded the Good Conduct Medal and 61 were promoted.

The month closed with the Squadron composed of 54 Officers and 254 E-5s.

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Sheet No. 17 History, 301st Fighter Squadron Montgomery
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1st Lt. 301st Ftr Sq
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The month of November saw very little of interest happening within the Squadron. On the 3rd Lt JIMMIE C. WALKER was reassigned to the Squadron. 2nd Lt L. L. FULLER, O-373152 was assigned as Squadron Communications Officer relieving Lt MORRIS.

On the 9th of the month, the Squadron moved once more to Oscoda Army Air Base, where, this time, the training centered mostly around Ground Gunner and Ship Bombing. 2nd Lt LAWRENCE C. DOOLEY, O-1556117, was assigned and appointed Ordnance Officer, per par 1, SO 157, Hq, 332nd Fighter Group, dated 12 November 1943. On the 18th, Lt WASHINGTON was assigned to the 100th Fighter Squadron and Lt ROBERT L. KING, O-1641468, was assigned to us as 1st Communications Officer.

The 19th saw the Squadron on its way back to Selfridge Field, having completed 955 hours of flying and looking forward to the POM inspection. On the 27th, five more of our Officers received promotions. 2nd Lts GOVAN, DOWNS, PROWELL, and POLKINGHORNE changed the color of their bars from Gold to Silver and our Commanding Officer, 1st Lt CHARLES DEBOW, was promoted to Captain. During the month, 80 EM were promoted and one was reduced. Our status, at the end of the month, was 50 Officers and 269 EM.

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Sheet No. 18 History, 301st Fighter Squadron on Montgomery
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1st Lt., 301st Fighter Sq.
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December was the month. All flying ceased after the first few days. The FOM inspection was made and the Squadron passed satisfactorily.

On the 3rd Lt. Samuel C. Scott was appointed Historical Officer. Lt. King was appointed Radio Officer. On the 10th Lt. Johnston was appointed assistant Adjutant and on the 12th Lt. Lee Rayford was made Operations Officer. Also around this time 2nd Lts. Carl Johnson, Robert L. Jones, and Charles W. Tate were assigned to the 553rd Fighter Squadron per S.O. #325 No. Selfridge Field, Michigan.

On the 14th the Squadron received Port Call and on the 23rd we were on our way, arriving at our POE, Camp Patrick Henry, Virginia at 0900 in the morning of Christmas Day. It was a pretty gloomy Christmas for most of the men in the Squadron.

While we were at the port five (5) more of our Officers received their promotions. 2nd Lts. FLYNN, FURBER, GIBCO, and SNYDER going up to 1st Lts. and 1st Lt. BASCOM S. BUGH, our Medical Officer getting his Captaincy.

At the end of the month we were still waiting at the Port and our total strength was 39 Officers and 254 E.M.s.

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Sheet No. 19 History, 301st Fighter Sq Squad, non Montecorvino
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 Month of January 1944 Prepared by 301st Lt., 301st Fighter Sq
301st Lt., 301st Fighter Sq

New Year's Day, and there we were, still at the Port, waiting for our ship to come in. A Liberty Ship which was to carry us to our new combat adventures. Finally, on the 3rd we boarded her, the Clark Noble, a sturdy craft. At any rate, it got us here.

The first days out, the sea was fairly rough, and most of our men were confined to their bunks because of certain green palor about their bills. After those first few days, though, the sea calmed down, and we were able to enjoy fairly decent weather for the remainder of our voyage. When we were about seventy (70) miles off the African coast we got our first and only "sub" scare. Destroyer Escort vessels began dodging in and out of the convoy dropping depth charges. Indiscriminately or, at least, it seemed so to us. We never did see any evidence of a sub, but anyway it did show us how fast our men could move in an emergency.

On the 29th, after 26 days at sea, we landed at Taranto, Italy, all of us extremely happy to get feet once more on solid ground. We didn't stay happy any too long though. In a very short time we got pretty tired of getting our feet so solidly to the ground. We marched with full pack to our staging area, five (5) miles away from our landing point, the whole distance, seemingly uphill.

When the march ended we were just beginning to get ourselves settled for our stay in Italy. Our strength was 44 Officers and 358 ETC.

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February was quite a month for the Squadron. It brought us a bit of joy and a bit of sorrow. It brought us our new Commander and took away our old. Above all, it gave us an idea of just what our life in combat would be like.

On the 3rd Capt DeBow was confined to the hospital, and Lt Rayford, our Operations Officer, took over command in his, Capt DeBow's absence.

On the 7th the organization broke camp at Taranto and proceeded by motor convoy to Montecorvino Airdrome, arriving there and setting up its new camp, the following morning.

The 9th brought five of our pilots back into the Squadron. 1st Lt ARMOUR G. McDANIEL, and 2nd Lts JOSEPH P. GOMER, HARRY DANIELS, WAYNE V. LIGGINS and CLAYBURNE LOCKETT, were assigned per SO 2, Hq, 332nd Fighter Group. These men had previously been relieved of their duties with the Squadron and assigned to Group Headquarters.

On the 15th some of our pilots got into the air for the first time in over two months. Their first flight being an Operational Mission, Convoy Protection. At the time it seemed to be quite a thing, starting right off on combat duty.

On the 16th Lts DANIELS, CABINESS, FULLER and McFATPIDGE, along with 56 EM were attached to the 99th Fighter Squadron at Capedichino. They were to prepare the way for the movement of our entire Squadron to Capedichino. The movement was not made.

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Capt DeBow returned to the Squadron and took over his command again on the 20th. Lt Rayford went back to his duties as Operations Officer.

The 23rd was quite a sad day for us. Four of our pilots were up on a Training Mission around Avellino when the weather closed in on them. One of them, Lt U.S. TAYLOR, was forced to bail out in the sea. Luckily, he was picked up by a motor launch, after staying in the water for a little less than an hour, and taken to a hospital where he was treated for shock and exposure. Another, Lt LANGSTON, had quite a bit of difficulty with his plane, going into spin after spin. Finally he decided to jump but just when he was about to leave the plane, he spotted the coast line through the soup, righted his plane, and landed at Pompeii, sans door. The third man, Lt WIGGINS, managed to get back to the base without a mishap. The fourth man, Lt HARRY DANIELS, was lost soon after they got into the bad weather, and no trace of either he or his plane has been found since. Lt DANIELS was a very likeable fellow, and the entire Squadron grieved his loss.

The Squadron received its first mail on the 25th. All cares and worries were forgotten for the day.

Lt PAUL F. BYRD, our Weather Officer was wounded by an accidentally discharged pistol, as usual, an unloaded gun. Lt BYRD is now confined to the hospital, but he will recover. Meanwhile we have no weather in our Squadron.

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On the 28th Capt DeBow was relieved from flying and of his command of the Squadron. 1st Lt LEM RAYFORD was appointed our new Commanding Officer, per par 1, 3 and 4, SO 10, Hq, 322nd Fighter Group.

During the month our pilots spent 160 hours in the air, 70 hours 25min. of that time being operational. At the end of the month they had 8 sorties to their credit.

Our status at the end of the month was 44 Officers and 258 Enlisted Men.

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As the month of March opened, our pilots were still flying Protection for convoys and training missions. Most of them seemed to be anxious to get into something a little more exciting. On the 8th, our former Commanding Officer, Capt BENO was relieved from the Squadron and assigned to the Group. Also on the 8th, its LIGGINS, BROOME, PROXIE, and BOYD were credited with the first sorties within the Squadron. Each of them had five missions of Convoy Escort under his belt. They were well on their way to become seasoned pilots.

Tragedy struck again on the 9th. Lt WAYNE V. LIGGINS, while on a training flight, crashed and was killed. His death, along with the many accidents that been occurring within the Squadron, hit both the men and the Officers pretty hard.

At 0200 hours on the 15th, Enemy Aircraft flew over our area. Anti-aircraft guns blasted the peaceful stillness of the night for about fifteen minutes. They told us about it the next morning. We were asleep. Either the Squadron was very brave or very tired. In the afternoon of that same day, the Squadron had its first scramble. Its LIGGINS and GOMER attempted to intercept a Reconnaissance Plane that was seen flying around over our heads. Interception was not made.

On the same day, the Squadron received a new Executive Officer, 1st Lt ROBERT S. SCHMIDT, O-399235. Lt ROLAND H. DANIELS, former Executive Officer, was assigned to the Group. On the 19th, Lt DOOLEY was appointed to Summary Courts Martial. On the 20th, Lt RAYFORD was appointed to a Board of Officers to analyze all aircraft accidents. The rain of cinders from Mt Vesuvius, on the 22nd, caused all flying to be suspended for a few days. The Squadron consisted of 42 Officers and 258 EM at the end of the month. No news from Lt HARRY J. DANIELS.

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Sheet No. 1 War Diary, 301st Fighter Sqdn. Montecorvino
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Month of March, 1944. Prepared by MORRIS M. HATCHETT, 2nd Lt. AC, 301st F Sq
(Name, Rank, Unit)

DAY	EVENTS
1	There is definite hope that the rains may cease. If the old axiom about March means anything, she will really resemble the proverbial lamb. Today however is another non-flying day. Another PX was held today.
2	"Beautiful" March weather is still holding out. Sherran really knew what he was talking about.
3	Mud as usual and rain. This would be a very "Merciful" country to the "Bard of the Avon". The Red Cross with American women workers passed out coffee, doughnuts and cigarettes. What we need is much more of the same.
4	More rain, more rest. Squadron cooks had a very "Heated debate" about their several culinary achievements.
5	"BREAKFAST". Eggs, not powdered, but in the shell. The original best efforts of a hen. But enough of this cackling an egg should be an event only to a hen. Miss Mae Moore, Red Cross Worker, visited with the Squadron and passed out "Chow" with the cooks. A very gracious lady. Another orchid to the Red Cross.
6	The day, just another twenty-four hours. The evening, AH! The pause that refreshes and Coca-Cola was there. Special Service is finally coming astride of the spherical object commonly known as the ball.
7	Routine Camp and Squadron duties.
8	Today Lts Downs, Frowell, Liggins and Browne were credited with the first sorties of the Squadron.
9	The Squadron was saddened by the loss of Lt Wayne V. Liggins, killed on a routine training mission. An officer and gentleman the Squadron will miss him.
10	Lt Liggins was buried in Paestum with the members of his cadet class and all others possible in attendance.
11	Time inches slowly on nothing of interest new.
12	Don't know why, There's no sun up in the sky, "Stormy Weather". Yes, "Stormy Weather" and the beautiful Lena Horne thrilled the Squadron at the movies. In the language of the jivester. The hep-cats ankled down the drag to the flicks. Busted their conks and were solidly sent by some super fine patter. Do tell.
13	The Squadron was inspected by Col Israel. Apparently he was as impressed with us as we with ourselves. Ten new Q-20's made their debut.
14	Lt Charles Dunne put a Q-20 through her paces is not quite satisfied. He and his "bunk" mechanic confederate are thinking up changes.

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Month of March, 1944. Prepared by MORRIS M. HATCHETT, 2nd Lt, AC, 301st F Sq.
(Name, Rank, Unit)

DAY	EVENTS
15	Stop the Presses. Enemy Aircraft sighted in vicinity of field. Lts Higgins and Gomer "scrambled" off to intercept. "Bogey" returned in good order. Lts Higgins and Gomer highly disappointed. "Sport Flash", Lt Bernard (Bernie) Jefferson, former Northwestern Flash was tackled by the runway. One P-39 thrown for a loss. New Executive Officer is appointed to Squadron, Lt Robert Scurlock vice Lt Daniels relieved. Beware the Ides of March.
16-17	Routine camp duties and Coca-Cola was there.
18	Post Exchange Day. A grand sale. A Super-Market for all personnel. Flight "A" left for Capodichino to help the other Squadrons in the Group. Anyway that's our story. Some Morale 5th columnist says its because our runway isn't operational.
19-21	Routine camp duties.
22	Now the Squadron has seen it all. Today its raining volcanic ash. Vesuvius is erupting and doing a truly noble job of it. The Squadron is awaiting orders to "put that volcano out".
23-27	Vesuvius is still holding the center of the stage. Ash is about four inches deep. All flying has been suspended. There is much discussion as to how long Vesuvius can hold out at the present rate. Long forgotten science is being recalled. Earthquake and tidal wave possibilities are being discussed.
28	The field is operational again and our sterling squadron is again "Active" escorting Convoys.
29	Routine duties, "Reveille", squadron mongrel mascot met with an accident. Presented himself on sick call. Capt Taugh, Squadron Flight Surgeon reports the patient as comfortable as possible.
30	Routine Camp duties. Squadron provided escort for one Convoy. This evening marked the opening of the football and volleyball leagues. Enlisted Men versus the Officers. Today the enlisted football team won quite decisively. The officers' volleyball teams were the winners. The Squadron's enlisted personnel suffered their first accident tonight. Sgt Jenkins Bluit and S/Sgt Cathedral Smith were injured in a truck accident. Their conditions are serious.
31	Another pay-day helps to bolster squadron morale. These newly formed leagues showing sign of becoming highly competitive.

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 Month of April, 1944 Prepared by SAMUEL C. SCOTT
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During the month of April the 301st Fighter Squadron managed to add quite a few flying hours to its meager overseas total of the preceding two months. The majority of these flying hours was spent protecting Allied Shipping in the Tyrrhenian Sea, but some certain few of them were acquired when we flew four Familiarization Missions over enemy territory. All of our pilots were able to get in at least one of these missions, most of them two, and some, three. Our Commanding Officer, Capt RAYFORD, was the leader of all four missions.

The month opened with another bit of sorrow for the Squadron. Sgt Jenkins, W. Blunt, an Armorer, died as a result of injuries sustained in an accident just a few days before. The truck that he was riding in was struck by a locomotive at the railroad crossing just up the road from our camp. In the same accident S/Sgt Cathedral Smith, a Mechanic, was injured, and is now confined to the hospital.

On the 5th of the month 1st Lt LEE RAYFORD, our Commanding Officer, received notification of his promotion to Captain, which had been in effect since the 29th of March. Also on the 5th, "A" Flight, consisting of ten pilots, was sent on DS to Capodichino. Seven of the pilots were assigned to the 180th Fighter Squadron, which is stationed there. The other three were assigned to the 302nd Fighter Squadron.

2nd Lt JOSEPH P. GOMER, a pilot, was grounded on the seventh pending his appearance before the Flying Evaluation Board. On the same day 1st Lt SCOTT and 2nd Lts JEFFERSON, LANOSTON, and PENN were sent to the 332nd Fighter Group

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Sheet No. 25 History, 301st Fighter Squadron Montecorvino
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 Month of April, 1944. Prepared by SAMUEL C. SCOTT
1st Lt, 301st Air Sq.
 (Name, Rank, Unit)

Rest Camp for a well needed three days rest.

Lt GOWEN WILSON, Supply Officer, while making a trip to Bari on the 18th, attempted to bail out of a truck when it got out of control and started over an embankment. Lt WILSON received for his trouble, injuries which kept him laid up for a few days thereafter. The driver of the truck got a scratched face.

On the 19th Lt GOWEN was returned to full flying status. Two war correspondents, Mr. Graves and Mr. Carter, visited the Squadron on the same date and spent the day interviewing and taking pictures of the Officers and EM. The 22nd of the month brought promotions to seven more of our Officers. Lts DOOLEY, RUTHERFORD, FORDMAN, HATCHETT, KING, and MCWATLING were the lucky ones, jumping from 2nd to 1st Lt. Also on the 22nd 1st Lt EDWARD G GLENN, O-794508, the former Commanding Officer of the 303rd Fighter Squadron, was assigned to the Squadron. Lt GLENN was introduced to the men of the Squadron at the ceremony held for the presentation of Good Conduct Medals and Campaign Ribbons on the 25th.

Up until the 28th of the month the Squadron had a total of 755 flying hours, and 50 of that being Operational. Along we were credited with 148 sorties. The month closed with our Squadron's strength at 255 EM and 42 Officers. 2nd Lt HARRY C. DANIEL, who had been reported missing on the 24th of February, was dropped from the rolls of the Organization, per per 2, Sec II, MATRUSA GLE 10.

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Month of April, 1944. Prepared by WILLIAM M. HUGHES, 1st Lt, AG, 301st F Sq.
(Name, Rank, Unit)

DAY	EVENTS
1	The Squadron suffered its first enlisted loss with the death of Sgt. Jerbin E. Blumitt as the result of an automobile accident.
2-4	Routine Duties no Cling.
5	1st Lt LEE HAYFORD our Commanding Officer promoted to Capt. Much luck and best wishes CG.
6-10	Conver duties of no interest.
20	Squadron was visited by two War Correspondents, Mr. Carter and Mr. Graves. Squadron's glamour boys now awaiting their pictures in press.
21	Received notification of Lt Byrd's transfer to 22nd General Hospital. The question is whether or not our weather will return to us.
22	Today 2nd Lt Cabiness, Decker, Esters, Foreman, King, McFetridge and Reichelt received notice of their promotion to 1st Lt as of 7 April 1944.
23	1st W. J. Daniels missing pilot officially dropped from the roster.
24-25	Routine Squadron Duties.
26	Squadron receives Official Commendation from Colonel ROBERT J. ISHALL Jr., Commanding Officer of 62nd Fighter Wing. The Squadron was really on the ball when the recent inspection was conducted by the Air Inspector of the 62nd Fighter Wing, Headquarters.
27-28	Routine Squadron Duties.
29	The Group is dealing in superb times about the newly opened rest camp. So borrow from Hollywood its stupendous, colossal, terrific. I need a rest I think. It been was away to pay a visit to his brother no less.
30	Church Services were attended by officers and enlisted men in large numbers. Routine Squadron, Squadron Duties.

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MAY WAS RATHER AN EVENTFUL MONTH FOR THE 301ST FIGHTER SQUADRON. QUITE A FEW CHANGES WERE MADE. A NUMBER OF REPLACEMENTS TO THE RANKS OF OUR PILOTS WERE RECEIVED, AND THAT SMALL PERIOD OF THIRTY-ONE DAYS COST US THREE OF OUR PILOTS AND ONE GROUND OFFICER.

ON THE 5TH OF THE MONTH 1ST LT JAMES R. POLKINGHORNE WAS REPORTED MISSING FROM A STRAFING MISSION THAT WENT OVER THE GAETA POINT AREA OF CENTRAL ITALY. LT POLKINGHORNE WAS ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR OFFICERS IN THE SQUADRON, LIKED BOTH BY THE EM AND HIS FELLOW OFFICERS. ALTHOUGH HE IS STILL MISSING, WE ARE ALL KEEPING FAITH THAT HE IS SAFE.

2ND LT HENRY B. SCOTT, O-814206, A REPLACEMENT PILOT, WAS ASSIGNED TO THE SQUADRON ON THE 6TH. LT SCOTT IS THE BROTHER OF OUR SQUADRON INTELLIGENCE OFFICER, LT SAMUEL C. SCOTT, AND A HAPPY REUNION TOOK PLACE WHEN THEY MET.

ON THE 7TH OF MAY LT ROBERT L. KING WAS TRANSFERRED FROM THE SQUADRON AND ASSIGNED TO HEADQUARTERS, 332ND FIGHTER GROUP. LT KING HAD BEEN OUR COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER UNTIL THAT TIME. ON THE 8TH, LT WILLIAM M. MOULDEN WAS TRANSFERRED IN FROM THE 302ND FIGHTER SQUADRON. LT MOULDEN WAS LATER APPOINTED PERSONAL EQUIPMENT OFFICER AND ACTING COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER.

ON THE 9TH OF THE MONTH LT CLAUDE B. GOVAN WAS APPOINTED SUMMARY COURT OFFICER IN THE CASE OF LT JAMES R. POLKINGHORNE.

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THE 12TH OF THE MONTH BROUGHT EIGHT MORE PILOTS TO THE SQUADRON. 2ND LTS CLARENCE H. BRADFORD, O-817581, ROBERT H. DANIELS JR, O-817582, OTHEL DICKSON, O-817583, ROBERT J. FRIEND, O-817584, FREDERICK D. FUNDERBURG, O-817585, LLOYD S. HATHCOCK, O-817588, STANLEY L. HARRIS, O-817587, WELLINGTON G. IRVING, O-817589 WERE ASSIGNED TO THE SQUADRON, PER PAR 3, SO #40, HQ, 332ND FIGHTER GROUP.

LT COMMIE WILSON, OUR SUPPLY OFFICER, WHILE CLEANING A HAT IN HIS TENT, WAS SEVERELY BURNED ABOUT THE FACE AND HANDS BY A GASOLINE FIRE ON THE 14TH OF THE MONTH. HE WAS CONFINED TO THE HOSPITAL, AND AT THE TIME OF THIS WRITING, IS STILL BEING TREATED FOR HIS BURNS.

ON THE 19TH, THE SQUADRON HAD ANOTHER ACCIDENT. LT DICKSON, ONE OF THE NEW PILOTS, WHILE TRANSITIONING INTO P-47, BELLY-LANDED HIS PLANE, TOTALLY WRECKING IT. LT DICKSON WALKED AWAY.

THE ENTIRE 332ND FIGHTER GROUP, ON THE 22ND OF THE MONTH, WAS RELIEVED FROM ITS ASSIGNMENT WITH THE XII AIR FORCE AND ASSIGNED FOR DUTY TO THE XV AIR FORCE, PER GO #28, HQ, AAF, MTO, DATED 22 MAY 1944.

ON THE 24TH, ANOTHER OF OUR PILOTS WAS REPORTED MISSING. LT JOHN PROWELL, VERY POPULAR AMONG THE MEN OF OUR ORGANIZATION, WHILE ON A CONVOY ESCORT MISSION, HAD ENGINE TROUBLE DEVELOP IN HIS PLANE AND WAS FORCED TO BAIL OUT. AIR SEA RESCUE WAS SENT OUT. HIS DINGHY WAS PICKED UP, BUT NO TRACE OF LT PROWELL WAS FOUND. ON THE SAME DAY, LT VIRGIL RICHARDSON, RETURNING FROM THE SEARCH FOR LT PROWELL, LANDED INTO A FLOCK OF SHEEP. HIS PLANE WAS COMPLETELY DEMOLISHED. TWENTY-THREE SHEEP WERE KILLED. LT RICHARDSON RECEIVED MINOR INJURIES TO HIS FACE AND HANDS.

ON THE 25TH, THE ADVANCE ECHELON OF THE SQUADRON, COMMANDED BY LT LAWRENCE DOOLEY, LEFT MONTECORVINO TO SET UP ITS NEW CAMP AT RAMITELLI AIRDROME. THEY WERE JOINED BY THE REST OF THE SQUADRON ON THE 30TH OF THE MONTH.

LT LLOYD S. HATHCOCK, WHILE FERRYING ONE OF OUR PLANES FROM MONTECORVINO TO RAMITELLI ON THE 29TH, WAS LOST, AND HAS NOT BEEN HEARD FROM SINCE. IT IS STILL A MYSTERY AS TO WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM.

DURING THE MONTH, THE SQUADRON WAS CARRYING ON ITS USUAL DUTIES OF ESCORTING CONVOYS, BUT EVERY NOW AND THEN, A SCRAMBLE, OR AN AIR SEA RESCUE WAS THROWN IN, AND ONCE THE SQUADRON WAS SENT ON A STRAFING MISSION OVER ENEMY LINES.

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THE TOTAL FLYING TIME FOR THE MONTH WAS 812 HOURS AND 13 MINUTES, 570 HOURS AND 38 MINUTES OF THAT TIME BEING OPERATIONAL.

THE MONTH CLOSED WITH THE SQUADRON'S STRENGTH AT 49 OFFICERS AND 255 EM.

FOR THE SQUADRON COMMANDER:

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Robert S. Scurlock
ROBERT S. SCURLOCK,
1ST LT, AIR CORPS,
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Month of May, 1944. Prepared by MORRIS M. HATCHETT, 1st Lt, AC, 301st F Sq
(Name, Rank, Unit)

DAY	EVENTS
1	Routine post duties. Our selection for King of the May. Leonard F. Turner who is convinced May must be his month after the way April treated him. May came bringing eggs for breakfast.
2	Quibble, quibble, quibble. Pilots of the Squadron are all in a dither about the operative schedule. Lt Cisco is "agin it" whatever it is. The pressure is far too great for Squadron Operations Officer, Lt McDaniel who left for the rest camp today, together with Lts Maples and Leahr.
3	Coming events truly cast their shadows before them. The Squadron was visited by General Strothers, Commander of the 306th Wing. Spratmer has it that we will be in the Fifteenth Air Force soon. The youthful General indelibly impressed the boys in his P-51.
4	Sweet visions of home New Pilots arrived from the states. Rife speculations of homeward journeys have begun. H. B. Scott "fratello" to our Snoop-2 arrived and was assigned. Myself and a few others are convinced that one Scott should be enough for any outfit. "Cuch"
5	The Squadron suffered a very definite loss when Lt James R. Polkinghorne failed to return from from a Strafing Mission. One of our oldest and best liked officers he will be ever irreparable.
6	They don't care who goes to the rest camp. Lt Paulus C. Taylor the Adjutant of our Squadron left for the cure today. What this scribe can't understand is how a man who is only Adjutant and Mess Officer and a few other things can get tired. Why in the old army we all had a dozen jobs. Notwithstanding we wish him an enjoyable and well deserved rest. Lt Claude "The Ram" Govan and Arnold Cisco also left to rest and pursue their eternal chase of Diana.
7	Shades of the mighty Casey and many a man struck out. The Enlisted Men's baseball team thoroughly trounced the 2689th in a free swinging game. Lt Col Basler, Operations Officer of the 306th Wing talked to the pilots today on the P-47. Mighty thunderbolt that Fifteenth Air Force assignment is strictly on the beam. "Scribes comment". Remember you read about it here first. Lt Samuel Fuller and Lt Robert King left today to get heavy in that cryptography. Snoop-2 will really appreciate their help when they return from the battle of Algiers.
8-9	Routine Squadron Duties.
10	April Showers bring May Flowers, that's about all this one did bring. Luttin was doing to Nobuddy.
11	Much more of the same. You're as welcome as the flowers in May would be said of anything that would happen now.

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Month of May, 1944. Prepared by MORRIS M. HATCHETT, 1st Lt. AC, 301st F Sq
(Name, Rank, Unit)

DAY	EVENTS
12	More "J.P.'s" (Junior Pilots) arrived from the states. The boys are very volubly telling the tales of terror they have wrought. A very willing audience is gulping it all in. New pilots are taking up a nights' vigil to look for Jerry.
13	Big winged visitors dropped out of the skies today 2 B-24's and a P-38 landed to gas up after a long mission. Our friend lightning put down a buzz on the tower to end all buzzes.
14	Church Services that were up to their usual plane. Our Chaplain is a grand guy and deserves all the bouquets of song and story about Army Chaplains. Lt Wilson our Supply Officer was burned rather severely tonight in a gasoline fire. We wish him a very speedy recovery.
15	Lt "J.P." Gomer, no relation to the Morgan by that name, caused a scramble on a nearby field as a "bogey" in his P-47. "Bogey" man returned to base completely unaware of his enemy status.
16	Routine Squadron Duties.
17	These B-24's are getting to be regular visitors at our field. Some of the boys are eyeing them with wistful glint in their eyes.
18	Ho-Hum another day, another doldrum. that was a fast one.
19	Lt "Iron Pants" Dickson demolished a P-47 today and slowly walked away after an engine failure over the field. Lts Maples, Cisco and Williams ganged up on a P-38 today. A good day had by all. Cisco is still tweaking.
20	All pilots report to the line immediately. Sixty plus "bogies". Much hurry and scurry. Wait a minute call off-your dogs slight error. Bogies are in Yugoslavia.
21	I'd walk a mile for a Camel. PX day and still none of those delicious dromedarys in sight. It looks as if it looks as though I must need walk farther thus than that.
22	Super-duper spring cleaning wing inspection on the way today. So I cleaned up the mantle and I swept the floor and I polished up the handle of the big front door.
23	No work. No nothing.
24	Lt John H. Prowell who was beyond a doubt one of the most if not the most popular pilot in the Squadron was lost on a routine convoy patrol today. Level-headed and efficient and always the gentleman, J.H. as he was affectionately called will always be remembered and forever missed. Any feeble efforts on our part to eulogize would be a vain attempt to express our loss and the pleasure we had in knowing him. He was a man.

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Month of May, 1944. Prepared by MORRIS M. HATCHETT, 1st Lt. AC, 301st F Sq
(Name, Rank, Unit)

DAY	EVENTS
24	Contd Swastickas there have been on planes and Rising Suns, but to Lt Virgil "Lord" Richardson goes the unique distinction of the Lamb Chop. Lt Richardson totally demolished 23 sheep who ambled across the runway in his path as he was landing.
25	"I'm gonna move way on the outskirts of town", would be a very appropriate ditty today. Movement preparations were in evidence everywhere. Fifteenth here we come.
26	Advance Echelon departs to explore the wilds of Ramitelli, our new base.
27-30	Over hill over dale we did hit the dusty trail and the sixes went rolling along. During these three days we moved from hyar to thar. The wide open spaces had nothing on Ramitelli and its rolling planes, I mean plains. Why must we pun? Well no pun no fun. Hold it enough of this. Anyway we're here and rapidly getting settled as far as the boys are concerned this is it. The last for which the first was made. On the 29th of May Lt Hathcock one of our Junior Pilots was lost ferring a P-47 to Ramitelli. It is believed he slightly overshot and landed in enemy territory.
31	Fay day and no place to go. Monte Carlo will be wide open tonight. Lt Walter Tecumseh Foreman is rubbing his hands in fiendish glee. There will be multo "off and running" tonight. So we bid adieu to May and her flowers and reach for June. And what is so rare as a day with June. Our apologies to the poet, but our phrasing much more closely fits our case.

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It is indeed a task to prepare a history for a newly activated unit. The officers and men of the 301st Fighter Squadron have been constantly busy during the past quarter, getting their new squadron functioning. Actually the men had very little, if any, time to bother with a curious and prying historian. But everyone I confronted stopped their various tasks to give me countless bits of information and statistics on the activities of the squadron. Without their accounts of the activities and without the opinions concerning the efficiency and progress of the squadron, this history could not have been written.

Therefore to the men of the 301st Fighter Squadron and to Cpl. Norman Hedges of the Wing Public Information Office (who graciously volunteered to type this history), I express my sincere appreciation.

Robert A. Sinton
ROBERT A. SYNTON
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The 617th Bombardment Squadron (M), 477th Composite Group, was deactivated on 30 June 1947. The 301st Fighter Squadron (SE), 332d Fighter Group was activated on 1 July 1947. This is the first history of the squadron since its activation.

Every effort has been made to give a "true" picture of the activities of the unit. All irrelevant items have been left out. Only material that would aid in keeping with the spirit of organization histories has been included.

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Immediately following activation of the new 301st Fighter Squadron (38) (*1) the primary mission of the unit was transition training to single engine aircraft for the twin engine pilots. This meant much more than it seems on the surface. Personnel had to be shifted within the squadron to meet the demands of a fighter squadron. Surplus personnel had to be transferred to other units on the base. Shortages in many TO & E (*2) positions had to be filled. And in many cases, these positions had to be filled by men with inadequate training. This fact necessitated an efficient on-the-job-training program. The personnel who had been keeping B-25's flying now had to keep P-47N's and AT6's flying. It was certainly no easy task.

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- (*1) General Order 15 9AF RAD 9AFAS 999, dated 30 June 1947
(*2) TO & E 1-27R, dated 5 March 1945, with change I as modified.

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Beginning this quarter with a serious shortage of trained personnel, the squadron began a well-planned on-the-job-training program. This shortage of trained personnel was due primarily to the change from a bombardment squadron to a fighter squadron. Most of the personnel of the new fighter squadron were men who had filled positions in the old 617th Bombardment Squadron (M). The squadron strength is as follows:

<u>Authorized(*3)</u>	<u>Assigned 1 July 1947(*4)</u>	<u>Assigned 30 September 1947(*5)</u>
Officers 32	21	24
EM 100	107	99

The distribution of personnel by rank and grade is as follows(*5):

Officers and Enlisted Men:	Capt 7	F/3gt 1	Sgt 20
	1st Lt 17	M/3gt 1	Cpl 21
	2nd Lt 0	T/3gt 8	Pfc 16
		S/3gt 31	Pvt 1

(*3) TO & B 1-27R, WD, 5 Mar 1945, with Change I, as modified.

(*4) Morning Report, 1 July 1947

(*5) Morning Report, 30 September 1947

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To aid the squadron in carrying out its mission, six (6) 1056's were transferred to the unit (*6) as instructor pilots for AT6's. Only one of these pilots is qualified to give instrument instruction. The rest of the instructor pilots (5) were used as transition instructors to familiarize former twin engine pilots with single engine aircraft.

In the furtherance of the training of personnel to qualify them to perform a job better, only five (5) officers and one enlisted man were sent to various service schools (*7). Captain Fitzgry Newsam is on TDY for twenty-eight (28) weeks taking a Communications course at Scott Field, Illinois; 1st Lt. Harold H. Millery is also on TDY at Scott Field for nine (9) weeks. 1st Lt. Edward J. Williams is taking a fighter gunnery course at Williams Field, Arizona. 1st Lt. William D. Phears is at the Air Forces Institute of Technology for two (2) years at Wright Field, Ohio. Captain Theodore Wilson (1055) attended a two weeks course in Engine Conditioning classes at Olmsted Field, Middletown, Pa. 1st Lt. Lee Archer was transferred from the squadron to the

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(*6) SO 145, Par 9, Hqs LAB
 (*7) MR, 2 Aug 1947

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Air University, Maxwell Field, Alabama. Lt. Archer will attend the University of Southern California at Los Angeles for two years. One (1) SSN 911 is attending Gun Turret School at Lowry Field, Denver, Colorado. All officers of the squadron having designated their choice of schools are awaiting quotas.

The relief from flying status of twenty-one (21) enlisted men in the squadron caused a definite lowering of the morale of the entire squadron (+8). This change was necessitated by the fact that there is no need for EM on flying status in a fighter squadron.

There were no promotions of officer personnel during the quarter. Three (3) EMs were promoted as follows: One (1) 747 was promoted to Sgt., one (1) 750 was promoted to S/Sgt., one (1) 911 was promoted to Pfc.

Three EMs were separated during the quarter. One (1) corporal (747), one corporal (405), and one (1) sergeant (750) failed to re-enlist when their enlistments were terminated.

(+8) SO #1, Par 17, Hqs 332d Fighter Group, eff 1 July 1947

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Captain Charles I. Williams, Captain Vernon V. Haywood, Captain Hubert L. Jones and 1st Lt. William D. Phears received and accepted Regular Army Commissions (First Lieutenant) (*9).

Two (2) officers received appointments in the ORC as 1st Lt. and three (3) officers received appointments as Captains, ORC (*10).

Thirteen Reserve Officers were assigned to the squadron for active duty training for a period of two weeks (*11). Six (6) of these officers are 1055s, three (3) are 1081s, one (1) is a 1051, one (1) a 4322 and one (1) is a 1054.

Five (5) SSN 911s were attached to the 99th Fighter Squadron (SE) for rations, quarters, administration and duty (EDCMR 2 Sept 47) and five (5) 1055s were attached to the 99th for administration and duty in order that the 99th could accomplish its mission at the Air Indestruction Course at Lawson Field, Georgia (*12).

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- (*9) SO #121, par 23, MD
 - (*10) Ltr, Hq. 11th AF, Harrisburg, Pa., dated 15 July 1947, 23 July 1947
 - (*11) SO 35, Par 1, Hq. 332d Fighter Grp., dtd 3 Sept 47
 - SO 40, Par 6, Hq. 332d Fighter Grp., dtd 11 Sept 47
 - SO 43, Par 1, Hq. 332d Fighter Grp., dtd 16 Sept 47
 - (*12) SO 32, Par 2, Hq. 332d Fighter Grp., dtd 28 Aug 47
 - SO 32, Par 3, Hq. 332d Fighter Grp., dtd 28 Aug 47

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The 301st has no intelligence functions except the maintenance of the security of classified written matter. This is done by the various sections concerned. The preparation of the Squadron History is handled by the Squadron Historian who coordinates with the S-2 section of the 332d Fighter Group.

Briefing of the pilots is now being accomplished by the Squadron Operations Officer.

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Operations was mainly concerned with training 1081s to become 1055s. AT6's were used as transition aircraft. The squadron received a total of six AT6's. Two of these aircraft were designated "Instrument Ships" and were used solely for instrument training. All twin-engine pilots were required to get a minimum of twenty (20) hours (including transition, formation, aerobatics, instruments) before they were eligible for check out in the P-47N. The squadron flew a total of 1005 hours during the quarter with time broken down as follows:
Average time per pilot - 45 hours, total instrument time - 56 hours, total night time - 97 hours, total P-47 time - 150 hours, total AT-6 time - 805 hours, total hours during ferry missions - 55 hours.

Flying safety has been consistently stressed during the quarter. Weekly flying safety meetings have been held with a general discussion period following the reading of various accident reports from Flying Safety. The squadron experienced no accidents with AT-6 aircraft. On 25 August, 1st Lt. Virgil Brashears had a minor accident with a P-47N. He damaged a propeller while making an emergency landing.

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Captain Vernon V. Maywood was assigned duty as operations officer (*13) at the beginning of the quarter. In a subsequent shift of personnel, Captain Richard C. Pullan took over the job as Operations Officer when Captain Maywood was assigned to duty as Deputy Commander of the Squadron (*14). Later in the quarter, 1st Lt. Elliott M. Blue was assigned the job of Operations Officer. Due to the very few planes (six (6) AT-6's and three (3) P-47N's) in the squadron and the shortage of pilots this rapid change in personnel did not hamper operations.

PERSONAL EQUIPMENT

Personal Equipment functions have been seriously hampered in the Squadron because there wasn't a qualified Personal Equipment Technician (SSN 594). The squadron was fortunate in having a Parachute Rigger (SSN 920). This 920 has been transferred to the Airdrome Group leaving the squadron minus any personnel to handle Personal Equipment.

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- (*13) 301st Fighter Squadron Orders No. 1, dated 14 July 1947
(*14) Orders No. 4, dated 15 August 1947

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P. 301st Fighter Squadron:

Working under enormous handicaps, the Engineering and Technical Supply Sections did a magnificent job in keeping them flying with just a few aircraft securing parts which hampered the mission of the section. Many of the former B-25 mechanics had worked on AT-6's and P-47N's. These men were used to give ^{on an ad hoc basis} ~~to~~ to personnel with no experience on the single-engine A/C. ^{Much work was accomplished even with the} ~~There is still~~ A critical shortage of tools for the R-2800 type engine. Engineering continued its policy of co-operating fully with the operations section.

Captain Theordore Wilson took over the job of Engineering Officer when 1st Lt. William D. Phears left for the Air Force Institute of Technology.

S U P P L Y

Even though the TO & E has no position for a squadron supply, the 301st has used a Navigator (4113) in this duty. A request has been made to operate over the TO & E and keep a Supply Officer. ~~omit~~

~~(301)~~ TAC Reg 37-2, dtd 10 Sept 47
TAC Ltr 320.3, dtd 23 Sept 47
332d Fighter Grp Ltr, Request for Add. Per. & Justifications, 23 Sep 47

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The Armament section is functioning with an officer who is Armament Officer as an additional duty. The lending of five (5) G11s to the 99th did not affect the unit because only two (2) of the three (3) F-47N's assigned the squadron had equipment to be cared for.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Communications section has had no difficulties in carrying out its mission. ^{except the} ^{which has} The shortage of parts ~~has~~ hindered Communications as it has all other Sections.

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301st FIGHTER SQUADRON (SE)
332nd FIGHTER GROUP

1 October through 31 December
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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

To each and every member of this organization who assisted me in compiling the material for this document, I extend the congratulations and appreciation of the Command.

Elliott H. Blue
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1st Lt., U. S. A. F.,
Squadron Historian.

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ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION

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The Administrative framework of the squadron has not changed in the past three months. However, one Officer has been assigned an additional duty as Squadron Intelligence Officer in accordance with Squadron T/O (*1).

A roster of key personnel is shown below:

ADMINISTRATION

Commanding	Capt. Charles I. Williams
Executive Officer	Capt. Vernon V. Haywood
Adjutant	1st Lt. Joseph B. Evans
First Sergeant	F/Sgt. James C. Gray

OPERATIONAL

Operations Officer	Capt. Richard C. Pullam
Engineering Officer	Capt. Theodore A. Wilson
Tech Supply Officer	1st Lt. Harold H. Brown
Supply Officer	1st Lt. Virgil Brashears
Armament Officer	1st Lt. Frank Lee
Communications Officer	1st Lt. William B. Ellis
Intelligence Officer	1st Lt. Elliott H. Blue

(*1) T/O & E 1-27R War Department, 5 March 1945, Change 1

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The overall picture of the squadron personnel has not changed to any great degree during this quarter. There has been quite a bit of shuffling of personnel both within the squadron and between squadrons. The following tables show the monthly picture:

	AUTHORIZED (*2)		ASSIGNED (*3)	
	1 Oct 47	31 Dec 47	1 Oct 47	31 Dec 47
OFFICERS	32	32	24	21
ENL. MEN	100	100	96	99

DISTRIBUTION BY RANK AND GRADE (*4)

	1 Oct 47	31 Oct 47	1 Nov 47	30 Nov 47	1 Dec 47	31 Dec 47
Captain	7	7	7	7	7	7
1st Lt.	17	12	12	12	12	13
2nd Lt.	0	0	0	0	0	1
M/Sgt	1	1	1	1	1	1
F/Sgt	1	1	1	1	1	1
T/Sgt	8	8	8	7	8	7
S/Sgt	31	30	30	29	27	31
Sgt	20	22	22	22	22	23
Cpl	18	18	18	19	19	21
Pfc	16	15	15	15	15	13
Pvt	1	0	1	4	4	2

(*2) T/O & E 1-27R War Department, 5 March 1945, Change 1

(*3) Morning Reports - 1 Oct 47 and 31 Dec 47, 301st Ftr Sq

(*4) Morning Reports - 1 Oct 47, 31 Oct 47, 1 Nov 47, 30 Nov 47, 1 Dec 47, 31 Dec 47, 301st Ftr Sq.

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Lt. John L. Harrison was assigned to the 332nd Fighter Group Headquarters Squadron as Classification Officer. (*5)

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Lt Rolin A. Bynum was transferred to the Separation Center and Lt. Charles E. Walker was assigned to the 332nd Fighter Group Headquarters Squadron as Assistant Technical Supply Officer. (*7)

Two Reserve Officers were assigned to two weeks Active Duty with the squadron. They were 2nd Lt. Lawrence E. Roberts and 2nd Lt. Herbert J. Schwing (*8)

The following appointments to the Officer's Reserve Corps were secured under the provisions of pertinent directives. (*9) :

1st Lts : Elliott H. Blue
Floyd A. Thompson

The On-The-Job-Training program brought quite a few changes in MOS and PDY assignments (*10) among the Enlisted personnel. It is expected in the near future that several of the Enlisted Personnel who are now rated unskilled and semi-skilled will receive skilled ratings.

The Venereal Disease rate for the quarter was one (1) in October, one (1) in November, and fell to a perfect score of none (0) in December.

(*)5) Par 2, SO 54, Hq 332d Ftr Gp

(*)6) Par 1, SO 62, Hq 332d Ftr Gp, see appendix

(*)7) Par 4, SO 45, Hq 332d Ftr Gp, see appendix

(*)8) Par 7 & 8, SO 48, Hq 332d Ftr Gp, see appendix

(*)9) WD Circular 97, 1947

(*)10) Par 2, SO 47; Par 8, SO 59, Hq 332d Ftr Gp, see appendix

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RESTRICTEDA. ENGINEERING

In the past three months, the maintenance problem has been increased due to the addition of more aircraft to the squadron. This period was begun with five (5) AT 6 and six (6) P 47 type aircraft. At the end of this period the five AT 6 aircraft had been transferred to the 332nd Airdrome Group and the number of P 47 Aircraft had been brought to a total of twenty-five (25). However, the increased number of aircraft did not affect the efficiency of the Engineering section. Although the personnel was below T/O strength, an average of 60% of the aircraft were kept in commission. The "In Commission" status went from a low of 40% in November to a high of 85% in December. The majority of the aircraft out of commission were undergoing acceptance inspections or, were out of commission awaiting parts.

In the latter part of November, cold weather operations began to play havoc with the "In" status. The crew chiefs and pilots alike were inexperienced in the operation of P 47 type aircraft but, after a few extremely cold mornings they began to learn through experience. In the meantime, the Engineering Officer, conducted a series of classes in Cold Weather Operations and Engine Build Up for the crew chiefs and pilots. At the end of December, the status of the squadron's aircraft was twenty five (25) P47 N's assigned. (*11)

B. ARMAMENT

As with all sections, the Armament Section operated understrength from 1 October 1947 to 31 December 1947, starting the period with ten (10) Enlisted Men and one (1) Officer. Five (5) Enlisted Men were on TDY with the 99th Fighter Sq at Myrtle Beach Air Base, S. C. It was felt that the experience and on-the-job training received by these men made the temporary shortage to the Armament Section worthwhile.

The entire squadron fired for record on the small arms range with the .45 cal. pistol under the supervision of the Armament Officer and Section (*12) The firing was conducted on schedule and without accidents.

C. COMMUNICATIONS

The Communications Section has had a rather quiet time for the past quarter. With all new planes in the squadron there has been no necessity for major repair work. In connection with "Operations 200", sixteen (16) aircraft have been equipped with the common Ninth Air Force frequency (114.46 Mhz) on Channel "Charlie". All other aircraft will be so equipped as soon as the necessary crystals are received.

(*11) AAF Form 110A Entry, 31 Dec 1947 (301st Ftr Sq) -- -- --
(*12) AR 775-10 30 December 1943

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SUPPLY AND EQUIPMENT

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The Administrative Supply Section had no major problems during this period. Clothing at one time was a major issue but at the present, items are beginning to arrive. The replacement of salvaged items has been slow because of the length of time it takes for them to come from the depot.

The Technical Supply Section was faced with the same problem in regards to aircraft battery carts. At the present, only four (4) battery carts are available in the squadron. The Technical Supply Section is undergoing a thorough inventory and at this writing too much cannot be said about it. A full report of Supply activities will be covered in this section of future quarterly histories.

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It was planned in this quarter that each pilot would have attained a minimum of sixty (60) hours in the P 47 type aircraft by 31 December 1947. However, because of the shortage of aircraft during the first half of this period, and because of several days of typical "Ohio Valley" winter weather, only half of the goal was attained. However, the requirements of AAF Regulation 60-2 were met 100%.

At the activation of the 301st Fighter Squadron, there were only eight (8) fighter pilots assigned. The rest of squadron was composed of bomber (B 25) pilots. While the latter were old pilots as far as flying goes, none of them had received any training at all in single engine aircraft since Basic Flight Training; so, this was a transition period for them in every sense of the word. During this period, all transition except night flying was accomplished. Now that the squadron is up to aircraft T/O strength, the Operations Officer has set a minimum of four (4) hours flying time per day per pilot with an emphasis on squadron and group formations.

All Pilots have been made familiar with "Operations 200" now being conducted by the Ninth Air Force. The Intelligence Officer has set up a ground and air situation map and a briefing map in the briefing room so that the individual may keep abreast of day to day changes in the theatre of operations. The emphasis on squadron formations was made with an eye to future missions in conjunction with "Operations 200".

One accident occurred in this quarter. A pilot on a night navigational proficiency flight in an AT 6 was returning to Lockbourne Air Base from Cleveland, Ohio on the 6th October 1947. He lost radio contact with all ground stations somewhere in the Columbus area, and, because of ground fog blanketing the area, could not orientate himself. He elected to fly out E. T.A. and then decided to abandon the aircraft since his fuel was almost gone. While preparing to abandon the aircraft he sighted a small civilian field and attempted a landing after dragging it twice. The visibility was bad, and upon landing the left wing tip grazed a boundary post and the AT 6 nosed up. The Pilot and passenger received superficial scratches.

The next morning, a crew was sent to the scene of the accident to bring the aircraft back by truck if necessary, but a pilot who accompanied them, inspected the aircraft, pronounced the damage minor and flew the aircraft back to Lockbourne.

The accident was discussed thoroughly in group and squadron Flying Safety Meetings, but at this writing no board action has been returned from Ninth Air Force Headquarters.

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Existing facilities have been adequate during the past quarter. For a while, the lack of fuel trucks seriously hampered operations, but recently a fuel truck has been assigned to each squadron and that obstacle is no longer a menace.

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HEADQUARTERS
332D FIGHTER GROUP
332D FIGHTER WING
LOCKBOURNE ARMY AIR BASE

Columbus 17, Ohio
29 October 1947

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1. 1ST LT 1081 ROLIN A. BIXUM O 819 14/7, AG, (N) CAT I; 301st Ftr Sq (SS) 332d Ftr Gp this sta is reld fr asgmt and dy thereto trfd WF 318th AAF BU (Assembly, Processing and Separation) Lockbourne AAB Columbus 17 Ohio for sep rptg 1 Nov 47 for TDY as required for processing thence to his home 71 Elm Street, Montclair, New Jersey for relief fr AD under provisions of RR 1-1 and WD Message WCL 23722 TAGO dtd 7 Jun 47 in accordance with orders to be issued by CO 318th AAF BU (Assembly, Processing and Separation) this Sta. EDCMR 31 Oct 47. Temp appt in AUS will continue in force for duration plus six (6) months unless sooner terminated DP.

(Amended to add Sq X, 318th AAF BU)

BY ORDER OF MAJOR MCDANIEL:

OFFICIAL:

sst/ WILLIAM H. LEWIS,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Adjutant.

t/ WILLIAM H. LEWIS,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
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LOCKBOURNE ARMY AIR BASE

Columbus 17, Ohio
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h. 1ST LT 1042 CHARLES E WALKER O 519 151, AC, 301st Ptr Sq (SS), this
Op, is relieved from duty and asgmt thereto and to Hq 332d Ptr Gp and designated
Asst Technical Supply Officer (4902) primary duty. EDCMR 2 Oct 47.

BY ORDER OF MAJOR McDANIEL :

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7. The fol named O's (Air Res) (N) ORC having been atchd this Op for adm and Active Duty Training the VOSO 4 Oct 47 further attaching O's to orgn indicated is confirmed and made a matter of record. O's are atchd unasgd to Sq Y-1 430th AAF BU (Hq 11th AF) Harrisburg, Pa, for strength reporting purposes only and any strength changes will be reported by TWX to orgn of record. O's will be carried as atchd from other orgn. Parent orgn: Sq Y-1 430th AAF BU, Harrisburg, Pa.:

1st Lt 1055	CHARLES W COOPER	O 935 707	POY 1055	100th Ptr Sq (SE)
2ND LT 1081	CHARLES D. HILL	O 443 995	POY 1081	100th Ptr Sq (SE)
2ND LT 1054	WESLEY D HURT	O 213 109	POY 1054	100th Ptr Sq (SE)
2ND LT 1081	LAWRENCE E ROBERTS	O 240 208	POY 1081	301st Ptr Sq (SE)

8. 2ND LT 1081 HERBERT J SCHWING O 241 273, AC Res (N) ORC, having been atchd this Op for adm and Active Duty Training, Off is further atchd to 301st Ptr Sq (SE), this Op. Off is atchd unasgd to Sq Y-1 430th AAF BU, (Hq 11th AF) Harrisburg, Pa for strength reporting purposes only and any strength changes will be reported by TWX to orgn of record. Off will be carried as atchd from other orgn. Parent orgn: Sq Y-1 430th AAF BU, Harrisburg, Pa. EDCMR 6 Oct 47.

BY ORDER OF MAJOR MCDANIEL:

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Adjutant.

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332D FIGHTER GROUP
332D FIGHTER WING
LOCKBOURNE ARMY AIR BASE

Columbus 17, Ohio
2 October 1947

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2. The PDY of the 2ol named RM, 301st Ftr Sq (SE), this Op, are changed as indicated, eff 30 Sep 47:

GRADE	NAME	ASN	P-NO	FROM PDY	TO PDY
Sgt	Joseph Grant	RA 42 252 756	678	678	911
Sgt	Eddie Abner	RA 35 753 189	747-B	747-B	750-B
Sgt	Arthur L. Brown	RA 15 383 562	747-G	747-B	750-B
Sgt	Harry W. English	RA 42 084 072	747-G	747-B	750-B
Sgt	Eugene O Haywood	RA 34 246 089	747-G	747-B	750-B
Spl	Doreathaer Johnson	RA 14 212 148	747-G	747-B	750-B
S/Sgt	Lea R Lamberth	RA 34 900 147	747-G	747-B	750-B
S/Sgt	John H Livingston	RA 34 975 649	747-G	747-B	750-B
Sgt	Murray Piper	RA 34 660 339	747-G	747-B	750-B
Sgt	Thomas, J Simon	RA 34 542 324	750-B	747-B	750-B
Sgt	Fred T Fowler	RA 34 319 110	750-G	750-B	747-B

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332D FIGHTER WING
LOCKBOURNE ARMY AIR BASEColumbus 17, Ohio
23 October 1947

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E X T R A C T

8. The primary MOS of the fol named EM, AC, 301st Ftr Sq (SS), this Gp are changed as indicated, eff this date:

Rank	Name	ASN	From	To
S/Sgt	John Livingston	RA 34 075 649	747-G SK	750-B SK
T/Sgt	Frank K. Keene	RA 32 209 676	748 SK	750-B SK
*Sgt	Vernon Harris	RA 33 469 477	747-G SSK	747-B SSK
S/Sgt	Milton K. Knight	RA 32 931 821	748 SK	747-B SK
Cpl	Charles A. Bishop	RA 12 254 152	747-G SK	747-B SK
S/Sgt	Roy B. King	RA 33 532 607	757 SK	754 SK
Cpl	Roosevelt Cobbs	RA 38 039 930	747-G SSK	747-B SK
Cpl	Raymond Curtis	RA 18 212 432	747-G SSK	747-B SK
Cpl	Lowell R. Dodson	RA 15 209 359	747-G SSK	747-B SK
Cpl	R. L. Stills	RA 18 210 684	747-G SK	747-B SK
Pfc	Loston C. Amos	RA 38 754 876	747-G SK	747-B SK
Pfc	Alfred W. Edwards	RA 15 224 516	684-A SK	747-B SK
Pfc	Wendell A. Farrell	RA 13 199 702	747-G SSK	747-B SK
Pfc	Curtis W. McGee	RA 17 179 185	684-A SSK	747-B SK
Pfc	Edward McNeal	RA 11 109 600	747-G SSK	747-B SK
Pfc	Marshall Watson Jr.	RA 14 189 759	747-G SK	747-B SK

* The SSN 747-G will be deleted from the subject EM's WD AGO Form No. 20 UP par 506.3 AAF Manual 35-0-1.

9. The fol named EM, AC, 301st Ftr Sq (SS), this Gp, are awarded additional MOS's as indicated, eff this date:

Rank	Name	ASN	ADD MOS
S/Sgt	John Livingston	RA 34 075 649	684-A SK
Cpl	Roosevelt Cobbs	RA 38 039 930	747-G SK
Cpl	Raymond Curtis	RA 18 212 432	747-G SK

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<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>ADD MOS</u>
Cpl	Lowell R. Dodson	RA 15 209 359	747-G SK
Pfc	Wendell A. Farrell	RA 13 199 702	747-G SK
Pfc	Curtis W. McGee	RA 17 179 185	684-A SK
Pfc	Edward McNeal	RA 11 109 600	747-G SK

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HISTORY
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301ST FIGHTER SQUADRON (SE)
(332D FIGHTER GROUP)
FOR
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LOCKBOURNE AIR FORCE BASE, OHIO

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CHAPTER I
ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION

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The general organizational framework of the Squadron has not changed in the past three months as compared with the preceding quarter. (1) There has, however, been a shuffling of personnel in several of the administrative positions due to transfers and hospitalization. These changes will be explained in Chapter II.

The entire Organization was transferred to the Department of the Air Force as of 26 September 1947. All personnel assigned to this organization as of 2 January 1948 have been transferred to the Department of the Air Force except the following who remain assigned to the Department of the Army.

1st Lt William B Ellis (2)

The Squadron activities during the past quarter were for the most part centered around compliance with the 9th AF's Accelerated Training Program (2) designed to standardize the duties of all Air Force Personnel and generally raise the proficiency level. Flying was forced to take a back seat to this program which entailed long hours of lectures and general instruction by skilled personnel.

(1) - Organizational Chart

(2) - Transfer Order #1, National Military Establishment 26 September 1947

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PERSONNEL

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The personnel picture hasn't changed during the past quarter except for a few losses and gains which just about cancelled out leaving the Squadron at about the same strength.

While the authorized enlisted quota is about up to strength, the officer complement is sorely lacking. Most heavily felt is the lack of the 6 (six) non-rated officers that the Squadron is authorized. The assignment of rated officers to desk jobs decreases their availability for flying and the Squadron flying record decreases accordingly.

The general picture and understrength is reflected in the following table:

<u>Strength</u>	<u>Authorized (3)</u>	<u>Assigned (4)</u>
Officers	32	22
Enlisted Men	100	100
<u>Rank and Grade</u>		
Lt Col	1	0
Major	1	0
Capt	8 AF 1 Med	6
1st Lt	21	14
2d Lt	0	2
H/Sgt	7	2
T/Sgt	29	7
S/Sgt	13	33
Sgt	33	26
Cpl	21	17
Pfc)		13
Pvt)	7	2

The morning reports for the first and last day of each month shows a minimum of change in the number of assigned personnel of throughout the period.

	<u>1 Jan 48</u>	<u>31 Jan 48</u>	<u>1 Feb 48</u>	<u>29 Feb 48</u>	<u>1 Mar 48</u>	<u>31 Mar 48</u>
Capt	7	7	7	6	6	6
1st Lt	13	14	14	14	14	14
2d Lt	1	1	1	2	2	2
TOTAL	21	22	22	22	22	22

(3) - T/O&E War Dept-5 March 1945 Change I
(4) - Morning Report 301st Ftr Sq (SE) 31 Mar 1948

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RESTRICTEDMorning Report (cont'd)

M/Sgt	1	1	1	1	1	1
F/Sgt	1	1	1	1	1	1
T/Sgt	7	8	8	7	7	7
S/Sgt	31	32	32	33	32	33
Sgt	23	23	23	26	24	26
Cpl	21	21	21	17	18	17
Pfc	13	14	14	13	14	13
Pvt	2	2	2	2	2	2
TOTAL	102	102	102	100	99	100

There have been three changes in the roster of key personnel of the Squadron in the past quarter. The position of Operations Officer is being filled temporarily by Capt Walter Downs(5) due to the hospitalization of Capt Richard C. Pullan(6)

The position of Intelligence Officer and Communications Officer were vacated due to the transfer of Lt Elliott H. Blue(7) and Lt William B. Ellis(8) respectfully.

Lt Thomas D. Harris was appointed Intelligence Officer(9), while the position of Communications Officer remains temporarily vacant.

The Squadron suffered quite a loss as a result of the transfer of 1st Sgt James C. Gray overseas(10). He has been replaced by 1st Sgt Peter C. Howard(11) who is filling in admirably.

The roster of key personnel with the appropriate changes appears below:

Commanding Officer	Capt Charles I. Williams
Executive Officer	Capt Vernon V. Haywood
Adjutant	1st Lt., Joseph B. Evans
First Sergeant	F/Sgt Peter C. Howard
Operations Officer	Capt Walter Downs
Engineering Officer	Capt Theodore A. Wilson
Tech Supply Officer	1st Lt Harold H. Brown
Armament Officer	1st Lt Frank Lee
Communications Officer	- - - - -
Intelligence Officer	2d Lt Thomas D. Harris

While losing three officers during the period, the Squadron gained four officers thereby increasing the number of assigned officers by one for the period covered by this report.

- (5) Squadron Order # 5 dated 25 March 1948 - - - - -
 (6) Trans Order 32 Hq 332nd Med Gp Dated 6 February 1948
 (7) Par 6 SO 38 Hq 332d Ftr Gp Dated 24 March 1948
 (8) Par 4 SO 38 Hq 332d Ftr Gp dated 24 March 1948
 (9) Squadron Order # 4 Dated 19 March 1948
 (10) Par 3 SO 48 Hq 332d Ftr Wg Dated 23 March 1948
 (11) Par 3 SO 28 Hq 332d Ftr Gp Dated 9 Mar 1948

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2d Lt Alvin E. Harrison returned from civilian life on a competitive tour of duty leading to a Regular Army Commission.(12)

1st Lt Walter I. Lawson(13) and 1st Lt Felix J. Kirkpatrick(14) were transferred to this organization from the 99th Fighter Squadron (SE).

1st Lt Andrew Johnson(15) was transferred to this organization from the Maintenance and Supply Group.

The gain and loss picture among the enlisted men remained about the same, however there were two promotions to S/Sgt, five to Sgt, and one to Cpl(16) throughout the period. Reclassification of personnel by board action netted 15 changes of MOS (Semi-Skilled or Skilled) and 2 awards of an additional MOS. These reclassifications were all to the benefit of the Engineering section.

S/Sgt Ernest Craigwell was accepted as an Aviation Cadet and Transferred to Randolph Field for pilot training(17).

There was no Venereal disease whatsoever reported in the Squadron during the period.

 12 Par 1 SO 15 Hq 332d Ftr Op Dated 7 February 1948
 13 Par 1 SO 38 Hq 332d Ftr Op Dated 24 March 1948
 14 Par 2 SO 38 Hq 332d Ftr Op Dated 24 March 1948
 15 Par 2 SO 4 Hq 332d Ftr Op Dated 20 January 1948
 16 Par 1 SO 17 Hq 332d Ftr Op Dated 11 February 1948
 17 Par 8 SO 26 Hq 332d Ftr Wing Dated 19 February 1948

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CHAPTER III

SUPPLY AND EQUIPMENT

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RESTRICTEDTechnical Supply

The technical supply section has done a magnificent job despite the fact that all of the personnel are untrained. The section is authorized one 835 and one 826.(18) These men were not available, therefore one 746 and one 747 were taken from the Engineering section and given on-the-job training. They are both rated semi-skilled at present.

The section has all T/O&E equipment that is authorized except for a few items of mechanics tools that are not available to the command at present.

Administrative Supply

During the past three months, little change has occurred in the General Supply Section. All enlisted men have been issued additional clothing mainly the cap service which takes the place of the now obsolete, cap, garrison.

T/O & E items have been received steadily during the past three months bringing our total and average percentage up to 91.8%.

During the month of February, Sgt Ralph W. Snell (18) the general supply very capable clerk was transferred overseas. Therefore, the supply has been functioning under a strain and has been greatly handicapped because of lack of personnel. However the supply has continued to function efficiently for the benefit of the enlisted men this organization.

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- (18) - T/O & E 1-27R War Dept., 5 March 1945 Change I
 (19) - Par 6 SO 43 Hq 332d Ftr Wing, EDCMR 10 Mar 48

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CHAPTER IV
MAINTENANCE
A. ENGINEERING
B. ARMAMENT
C. COMMUNICATIONS

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RESTRICTEDEngineering

The engineering section has been functioning smoothly under the able guidance and supervision of Captain Theodore Wilson in spite of the handicap of personnel shortages. The section is short seven crew chiefs (750), two sheetmetal workers (555), an instrument specialist (686), clerk (055) and a paint and dope man (144).

During the period the section has been engaged in an engine reconditioning program that has resulted in the reconditioning of twenty-three engines while one engine is in the process. The program has been hampered by damp weather which prevents final carburetor adjustments, and by the presence of only one magic wand and one compression tester in the entire Fighter Group.

The general in-commission status of aircraft for the period is reflected in the following table.

	Assigned	Out
15 Jan 48	27	4
30 Jan 48	25	9
15 Feb 48	22	12
29 Feb 48	24	13
15 Mar 48	23	7
31 Mar 48	25	11

The large out-status as shown on the 15 and 29 of Feb and 31 Mar can be attributed to the engine conditioning and, routine inspections.

By percentage the in-commission status was highest for January (94%) and dropping to its lowest point (17%) in February.

Armament

The armament section has completed beresighting of the guns on 18 aircraft in preparation for a proposed gunnary course sometime this spring.

Classes have been held in familiarization in small arms and all personnel assigned to the squadron has completed firing on the range both for familiarization and record as outlined in AR 7-75-10. This firing was accomplished without an accident.

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The communications section has been engaged in routine inspection and minor repair work, during this period. Their work has been hampered by a shortage of test equipment and spare parts that have been on requisition since July 1947. There are no crystals at all for 7350 K transmitters and 820 KC receivers. These items have been on requisition since November 1947 but are not available to the command.

Nine aircraft are equipped with modified AN/ARC -3 (8 channel) radio sets. All aircraft assigned are on work orders for this equipment.

The section is up to T/O strength and the morale is generally good.

The overall picture of authorized strength as compared with assigned strength for all three sections can be seen in the following table of organization.

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TABLE OF ORGANIZATIONENGINE RING SECTION

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MOS	AUTH	DUTY	AUTH M/SGT	ASSIGN	AUTH T/SGT	ASSIGN M/SGT	T/SGT	S/SGT	SGT	CPL	PLC	PVT
055	1	0								X		
502-405	1	1		1				X	1	X		
114	1	0								X		
555	3	1							2	1		
548	1	1								1		
528	1	1							1		2	
573	1	2									2	
685	2	2						X	1	1		
686	2	1						1	X			
687	2	2						X	1	1		
747	27	29						3	10	12	4	
750	30	23	5	1	25	5	1	5	12	5		
821	1	1						X	1			
826	1	1						1				
835	2	1							X	1		
925	1	1					X					

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ARMAMENT SECTION

911	9	9						6	X	1	2	1
941	1	1						X	1			

COMMUNICATION SECTION

405	1	1							X	1		
542	1	0					X					
754	3	3						2	1	X		

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MOS	SHORT
750	7
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114	1
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CHAPTER V
TRAINING

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With the coming of warm weather, the flying activity in the Squadron has increased. The total amount of time put in by the Squadron per month is as follows.

	Total Time	No. Pilots Asgd	No. Pilots available	Hrs per Pilot
Jan	245	21	15	16
Feb	193	21	15	13
Mar	532	21	15	36

In conjunction with the above it must be remembered that other duties prohibited some personnel from flying as much as others. The usual number of pilots available daily average about twelve.

During the period this organization participated in five 9th AF missions in conjunction with "Operation 200."

One of two accidents for this period, occurred on an "Operation 200" mission. (20) Lt William B Ellis bailed out of his plane after experiencing engine trouble under instrument conditions. Lt Ellis was unhurt but the plane was demolished.

The other accident occurred on a local flight when Lt E. J. Williams made a wheels down forced landing after experiencing trouble with his gear followed by engine failure.

The operational effectiveness of the squadron was decreased by the temporary transfer of Captain Alva M. Temple to Williams Field, Arizona for a course in fighter gunnery (21)

The general curricula for flying training included formation, high altitude formation, cross-country and navigation missions, and two nights of night-flying.

As a result of the above, all pilots, except Lt Alvin Harrison, who has just checked out in the P-47 aircraft are 50% trained. All pilots have completed 75% of the I Phase of Training as outlined in 9AF training directive 10-1, with the exception of the bombing and gunnery phases.

The on-the-job training program has been progressing favorably under the guidance of Lt Herman Campbell and S/Sgt James McCrae.

Troop Information (22) accomplished once weekly under the supervision of the Squadron Troop Information and Education Officer.

(20)-9th AF Mission #756 3 Feb 48

(21)-Ltr Order #24 Hq 332d Pwr Wing 10 Feb 48

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The squadron personnel are scheduled for physical training twice a week but due to extensive flying and the standardization training program this was not strictly adhered to. Pilots were also required to log a minimum of two hours per month link trainer time.

All in all as a result of the aforementioned schedule, and the cooperation of the personnel this organization is rapidly emerging from the embryonic state that characterizes all new units and approaching the high level of proficiency demanded by the United States Air Force.

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CHAPTER VI

FACILITIES

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The general picture, as far as Squadron facilities are concerned, has not changed during the reporting period. The personnel at present are utilizing two barracks, an orderly room, and a combination day room and supply room in the Squadron area. Although these facilities are basically adequate, the day room is badly in need of furniture, the cost of which is too great to be met by the monthly appropriation (\$50.00). The Squadron personnel has shown initiative in the improvement of the facilities by establishing reading rooms in each barrack and painting the day room.

On the line, the appearance of the operations section has been improved by a new wall, wall map, and additional furniture.

The water has been turned on after being shut off all winter to prevent pipe freezing and a Coca-Cola machine installed.

The condition of the hangar and warehouse is generally good.

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301ST FIGHTER SQUADRON (SE)

332ND FIGHTER GROUP

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CHAPTER I

ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION

The administrative framework of the squadron has not changed in the past three months. There have been changes in the command, however, due to assignment of personnel to schools. Further reference to these assignments will be made in Chapter II.

The squadron changed stations temporarily to Eglin Aux #6, Valpariso, Florida, for a period of 14 days for the purpose of gunnery training. The details of this training is included in Chapter V.

A roster of key personnel is shown below:

ADMINISTRATIVE

Commanding Officer
Executive Officer
Adjutant
First Sergeant

Captain Richard C. Pullam
Captain Walter M. Downs
1st Lt. Joseph B. Evans
P/Sgt. Peter C. Howard

OPERATIONAL

Operations Officer
Engineering Officer
Tech-Supply Officer
Armament Officer
Communications Officer

Captain Alva W. Temple
Captain Theodore Wilson
1st Lt. Harold E. Brown
1st Lt. Yancey Williams
Captain Fitzroy Newsom

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CHAPTER II

PERSONNEL

The overall picture of the squadron shows a gain in strength, tho there have been some exchanges of personnel between the squadrons of the 332nd Fighter Wing and especially between the other two squadrons of the 332nd Fighter Group.

Although the squadron has gained in strength, the officer complement is still lacking to the extent that our operations are handicapped severely. The assignment of rated officers to desk jobs decreases their availability for flying and the squadron flying record decreases accordingly.

The general picture is shown in the following table:

<u>Strength</u>	<u>Authorized (*1)</u>	<u>Assigned (*2)</u>
Officers	32	
Enlisted Men	100	
Lt Col.	1	0
Major	1	0
Captain	8 AF 1 Med	7
1st Lt.	21	15
2nd Lt.	-	4
M/Sgt.	7	2
T/Sgt.	29	8
S/Sgt.	15	33
Sgt.	23	24
Cpl.	21	20
Pfc.	7	20
Pvt.	-	2

The strength as shown by the morning reports for the first and last day of each month is as follows:

	1 Apr	30 Apr	1 May	31 May	1 June	30 June
Officers	22	21	22	23	23	26
Enlisted Men	99	107	107	107	107	109

On the 13th of April, 1st Lt., Felix J. Kirkpatrick Jr. accepted appointment as Captain in the USAF ORC (*3).

(*1) T/O & E War Dept 5 March 1945 Change 1

(*2) Morning Report 301st Ftr Sq (SE) 30 June 1948

(*3) Letter from Hq 11 AF, Harrisburgh, Penn. Dated 2 April 1948

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Chapter II Cont.

Captain Richard C. Pullam was reassigned to the squadron from Valley Forge General Hospital on the 19th of April (-1).

The TDY of Captain Fitzroy Newsom was changed from 2700 to 0200 on the 9th of April (-2).

The additional duty squadron assignments were made on the 27th of April (-3).

Ground Safety Officer	Capt. Fitzroy Newsom
Unit VD Control Officer	Lt. Daniel James
Squadron Training Officer	Lt. Walter I. Lawson
Unit Supply Officer (General)	Lt. Alvin E. Harrison
Unit Intelligence Officer	Lt. Felix J. Kirkpatrick Jr.
Squadron I & E Officer	Lt. Vancey Williams

Lt. Walter I. Lawson was designated Squadron Personnel Services Officer (add dy) and Lt. F. J. Kirkpatrick Jr. was designated as Flying Safety Officer (add dy) on the 29th April (-4).

Captain Richard C. Pullam assumed command of the Squadron on the 30th of April in the temporary absence of Captain Charles I. Williams (-5).

During the month of April, five officers of the squadron were placed on TDY to attend schools; one officer reported to duty from TDY at school.

On the 3rd day of May, Lt. E. J. Williams was relieved from assignment and duty and was transferred to the 332nd Airdrome Group this station (-6).

2nd Lt Robert E. Lawrence was assigned to the Squadron on the 1st of May. He returned from civilian status for a competitive tour leading to a Regular Army Commission (-7).

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- (1) Par 3 SO 53 Hq 332nd Ptr Gp
 - (2) Par 3 SO 55 Hq 332nd Ptr Gp
 - (3) Par 1-7 SO 4 Hq 301st Ptr Sq
 - (4) Par 1-2 SO 5 Hq 301st Ptr Sq
 - (5) Par 8 SO 56 Hq 332nd Ptr Gp
 - (6) Par 10 SO 70 Hq 332nd Ptr Wg
 - (7) Par 11 SO 54 Hq 332nd Ptr Gp

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2nd Lt. Stephen Jenkins also returned from civilian status for a competitive tour reporting to the Squadron on 14th May (1).

Captain Alva M. Temple was assigned as Squadron Operations Officer on the 3rd of May in the temporary absence of Captain Walter M. Downs (2).

1st Lt. George E. Hardy and 1st Lt. William H. Holloman were assigned to the squadron, both having recently returned to the service from civilian status and are on extended active duty as reserve officers. Lt. Hardy reported on the 3rd of June and Lt. Holloman reported on the 10th of June (3).

Captain Theodore Wilson was reassigned to the squadron (4) after reporting back to the station from detachment of patients Valley Forge General Hospital, Phoenixville, Pennsylvania (5).

During the month of June one officer left on TDY of 40 weeks to attend school and one officer returned to the squadron from TDY at school.

The Venereal Disease rate for the quarter was 0 - April 1 - May 1 - June.

There were no General or Special Courts-Martials during this period.

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- (1) Par 3 SO 61 Hq 332nd Ftr Wg
 - (2) Par 4 SO 56 Hq 332nd Ftr Gp
 - (3) Par 8 SO 109 Dept of the Air Force, Washington D.C.
 - (4) Par 9 SO 71 Hq 332nd Ftr Gp
 - (5) Par 4 SO 110 Hq 332nd Ftr Wg

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CHAPTER III

ENGINEERING

During the past period the Engineering section has functioned smoothly and efficiently. We have had some difficulties with Air Corps Supply, Base Maintenance, Special Purpose Vehicles and the Fuel Servicing Unit. We have not, however, permitted these difficulties to interfere greatly with the accomplishment of our assigned mission.

During the dates of 17 May to 1 June, the Squadron was stationed at Eglin Aux #6 for the purpose of gunnery training and the sections functioned in a superior manner, completing all missions and returning to the home station in a shorter time than had been anticipated.

This section is not critically short of any personnel. We are short of clerk (055) and one paint and dope specialist (144).

The general in-commission status of aircraft for the period is shown in the following table:

	Assigned	Out
18 April	25	5
30 April	25	11
17 May	25	6
30 May	24	11
16 June	23	13
30 June	17	10

During the period from the 20th of April to the 16th of June, Lt. Floyd Thompson acted as Engineering Officer in the temporary absence of Captain Theodore Wilson.

ARMAMENT

The month of April was spent in preparing our ships for Gunnery at Eglin Field. Our greatest difficulty in this task was supply. The fact that Air Corps Supply does not keep a stock level on armament equipment makes it extremely difficult to prepare for any extended mission.

We are also handicapped by a lack of trained personnel. The number of armorers allowed the existing T.O. is grossly inadequate.

The Squadron arrived at Eglin Aux #6 on the 10th of May and began actual operation on the 19th of May. By the 1st of June we had completed actual firing.

The armament section loaded a total of 128,427 rounds and a total of 104,158 rounds were actually fired. The biggest single day was the 28th of May, when a total of 17,305 rounds were fired.

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On the 31st of May the squadron dropped a total of 72 AP and SAP bombs in two hours and thirty minutes.

The total armament expended during the entire mission is as follows:

357--100 pound practice bombs
72---AP and SAP bombs
104,156 rounds of ammunition
719 rockets

S/Sgt. John E. Wright, Spl. William Peeks and Pfc. Alfred Greene were on TDY with the 99th Fighter Squadron during their period of training at Eglin Aux #6. Pfc. Cleveland Thompson and Pfc. Alfred Greene were on TDY with the 100th Fighter Squadron while they were at Eglin Aux #6.

During this reporting period Pfc. Rafael Maldonado was promoted to the grade of Corporal.

Lt. Frank Lee was placed on TDY at Chanute A B, Rantoul, Illinois and during his temporary absence Lt. Vancey Williams was named as armament officer (1).

COMMUNICATION

During this reporting period S/Sgt. Holmes' Ackett was called for duty overseas and has been replaced by S/Sgt. Roy H. King as communications chief.

The efficiency of the section has been maintained at a very high level although we have a 542 and a 754 that are OJT.

A 542 was transferred to this section from the ground forces, but due to the difference in ground force equipment and air force equipment this man went OJT for 754 AP.

The section acquired a new communications officer in the person of Captain Fitzroy Newsam who returned the 2nd of April from a 40 week communication course at Scott Air Force Base, Illinois.

Work orders have been submitted on 14 aircraft for TD compliance 01-65BD-38. This TD has been completed on two aircraft and two others are presently undergoing compliance.

(1) Par 2 Letter Order #121 Hq 332nd Fighter Wing

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We have been working under a handicap during the past three months due to a shortage of radio tubes and a tube checker. At the time of this report for history, this section still has not been able to obtain a tube checker.

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CHAPTER IV

SUPPLY AND EQUIPMENT

Operation of the 301st Fighter Squadron General Supply has entailed much work and effort on the part of the personnel assigned due to the changing of the T/O & E. All shortages of new equipment have been requisitioned and are coming in very rapidly. At the time of the writing of the History, the squadron had 80% of T/O & E property.

All excess of equipment due to the changing of T/O's has been transferred to other organizations and the balance turned in to Base Supply.

There have few changes in supply procedures. The most important one is Wing Regulation 57-12 Salvage procedures. This regulation specifies the use of 332nd Fighter Wing Form #4. It is felt by this section that this form is not practicable and should be revised.

The Technical Supply Section has placed priority #3 requisitions with Air Corps Supply for Republic Aircraft parts, class 01-W.

The manufacture of P-47N aircraft parts has been stopped and Air Corps Supply Depots find it extremely difficult to get certain parts that have ordered because of this.

One Enlisted Man, Cpl. Richard C. Hamilton has been added to Tech-Supply and is of great help to the section. This man is learning the procedures of Tech-Supply very rapidly.

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CHAPTER V

TRAINING

During the past quarter the squadron has participated in five 9th AF Missions in conjunction with Operation 200.

The squadron was engaged also in the joint maneuvers "Operations Assembly" during the month of May at Campbell, Kentucky and flew four maximum effort missions on four successive days.

We also coordinated with the 89th Fighter Squadron in participating in a demonstration with the armored school at Fort Knox, Kentucky during the month of April.

The total amount of time flown by the squadron per month is as follows:

	Total Time	Hours per pilot
April	345	26
May	734	46
June	429	30

For approximately 14 days during the month of May the Squadron went to Eglin Field Aux #6 for Gunnery training which consisted of air to air, air to ground, rocket firing, camera gunnery and dive bombing. We took a total of 13 pilots, all of whom completed the gunnery phase as outlined in 9th Air Force Training Directive 10-1.

Three accidents occurred during the period. Lt. Daniel James was on a dive bombing mission when his electrical system failed completely. His plane flipped over on its back during the landing. Lt. Floyd Thompson crash-landed at Eglin Main after experiencing power failure while on a gunnery mission. During an emergency landing at night, Lt. Alvin Harrison noticed a flame beneath the aircraft and nosed up when he attempted to stop too suddenly. None of these pilots were injured.

Captain Charles E. Williams, Lt. Thomas D. Harris and Lt. Andrew Johnson were transferred temporarily to Tyndall AFB, Florida for approximately 16 weeks to attend the Air Tactical School (1).

Lt. Virgil Brashears, Lt. Herman R. Campbell and Lt. Frank Lee were temporarily transferred to Chanute AFB, Rantoul, Illinois, for a 40 week course in Maintenance (2).

- (1) Letter Order #92 Hq 332nd Fighter Wing
(2) Par 2 Letter Order #121 Hq 332nd Fighter Wing

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Lt. Louis Johnson and Lt. Felix J. Kirkpatrick Jr. attended a two week course on the J-35 jet engine at the Allison Division of General Motors, Indianapolis, Indiana. (1).

The station training program within this unit is progressing quite efficiently, though in some instances there is a shortage of qualified personnel to instruct in certain fields, however in the past three months, this unit has stressed the point of station training.

In this reporting period, this unit has had three EM return from formal school training and are now undergoing the phase of station training to obtain a skilled rating in their particular fields.

There were seven 747-D's assigned to this unit of five are on station training and two are TBY getting formal school training in related fields. There are twenty EM assigned who require station training. The average number of personnel receiving training this period was twenty-six. There are six EM who are waiting on the classification board to meet in order to complete their training. There were four EM who have either gained a skilled MOS or an additional MOS in this three month period.

At present there is a plan in effect that will enable this unit to keep a more accurate and closer supervision of all station trainees.

(1) Par 2 Letter Order #139 Hq 332nd Fighter Wing.

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FACILITIES

The facilities of the squadron has not changed during the reporting period.

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 332D FIGHTER GROUP
 332D FIGHTER WING
 LOCKBOURNE AIR FORCE BASE

Columbus 17, Ohio
 27 April 1949

ORDERS)
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 NO. 4)

1. Capt 2161 FITZROY NEMSON AO 409 854 (USAF), this sq. is designated Ground Safety O (add dy), vice 1st Lt DANIEL JAMES, AO 809 244, (USAF), trfd.
2. 1st Lt 1061 DANIEL JAMES AO 809 244 (USAF), this sq is designated Unit VD Control O (add dy), vice 1st Lt VIRGIL BRASHEARS AO 131 3712 trfd.
3. 1st Lt 1055 WALTER I. LANSON AO 791 783 (USAF), this sq. is designated Sq Station Tag O, (add dy), vice 1st Lt HERMAN R. CAMPBELL AO 614 041 trfd.
4. 1st Lt 1055 YANCEY WILLIAMS AO 52 771, (USAF), this sq. is designated Sq Summary Court O. (add dy).
5. 2d Lt 1061 ALVIN E. HARRISON JR. AO 943 508, (USAF), this sq. is designated Unit Supply Officer General (4000), (add dy), vice 1st Lt VIRGIL BRASHEARS, AO 131 3712, trfd, eff 1 Apr 48.
6. 1st Lt 1055 FELIX KIRKPATRICK JR. AO 904 555 (USAF), this sq. is designated Unit Intelligence O, (add dy), vice 2d Lt THOMAS D. HARRIS AO 56 685, (USAF) trfd.
7. 1st Lt 1055 YANCEY WILLIAMS AO 52 771, (USAF), this sq. is designated Sq T I & E O, (add dy), vice 1st Lt EDWARD J. WILLIAMS, AO 169 2804, (USAF) trfd.
8. Cpl 747-B Lowell R. Dodson, AF 15 209 359, USAF, this sq. is designated Unit Ground Safety NCO (add dy)

/s/ CHARLES I. WILLIAMS
 /t/ CHARLES I. WILLIAMS
 Captain, USAF
 Commanding

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 1st Lt., USAF
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CHAPTER I

ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION

The general organizational framework of the squadron remained unchanged during the past quarter until the 26th of August 1948. At that time the squadron was reorganized under a new Table of Organization and Equipment¹ with the proper authority.² This new T/O & E differs primarily from the old one³ in that it has a separate strength authorization for both peace time and war time operation. It is designed to limit the number of assigned personnel that are superfluous and at the same time, to provide a firm nucleus of higher trained personnel that can be expanded rapidly in event of a national emergency. Under this new table more rank is authorized enlisted heads of sections than was authorized previously.

No specific administrative difficulties were experienced as a result of the change, however it should be noted that there is no peacetime authorization for a Deputy Commander. This situation depletes orderlyroom officer personnel, and in addition puts a heavier workload on the Adjutant.

Among the major events of the quarter was the movement of fifteen (15) officers and forty-five airmen (45) with the appropriate operational equipment to Eglin Air Force Base, Auxiliary # 7, Florida on the 30th of August 1948 to participate in Operation Combine # 3.⁴

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- ¹/ T/O & E 1-1213 Department of the Air Force, dated 24 March 1948.
²/ General Order 16, Headquarters 332nd Fighter Wing, dated 26 August 1948.
³/ T/O & E 1-27R Change 1, War Department, dated 5 March 1945.
⁴/ Annex # 11, Field Order # 2, Headquarters 332nd Fighter Wing, dated 18 August 48.

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This is a joint operation that includes the ground forces, air forces, and the navy in a gigantic rehearsal and display that is designed to improve the techniques of cooperative effort among the different branches of service. This temporary tour of duty is scheduled for approximately seventy-five (75) days and at the time of this writing, the 301st Fighter Squadron has more than contributed its share toward making the mission of the entire group a success.

The relationship between the sections of the unit has been characterized by one theme -- that of cooperation. It is felt by the command that only through cooperation among sections of the unit and among units of the group, can the mission of the group and the mission of the Tactical Air Command be accomplished with maximum effectiveness.

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CHAPTER II

PERSONNEL

The general personnel picture shows a slight increase in complement among the airmen while the officer strength remains about the same as compared with the previous quarter. While the organization has an over strength of airmen, that over strength is reflected in one MOS (747). This results in an under-strength in other MOS's that affects the operating efficiency of the squadron. The shortage of four (4) officers has not been felt too keenly as all commitments from higher headquarters have been met adequately. For example - the squadron, in the past week, has participated simultaneously in three separate operations. Besides the regular Operation Combine mission, units of the squadron have given demonstrations at Lawson Field, Georgia and Godman Field, Kentucky.

The general strength picture is as follows:

<u>Strength</u>	<u>Authorized 5/</u>	<u>Assigned 6/</u>
Officers	30	26
Airmen	106	116
<u>Rank & Grade</u>		
Lt. Colonel	1	0
Major	1	0
Captain	5	6
Lieutenant	23	20
M/Sgt	7	1
F/Sgt	1	1
T/Sgt	31	8
S/Sgt	15	31
Sgt	25	19
Cpl	24	21
Pfc)	3	29
Pvt)		6

5/ T/O & E 1-1213, Department of the Air Force, dated 24 March 1945.

6/ Morning Report, 301st Fighter Squadron (SE), dated 30 September 1945.

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The Morning Reports for the first and last day of each month shows a very small amount of fluctuation in the number of assigned personnel.

	<u>1 July 48</u>	<u>31 July 48</u>	<u>1 August 48</u>	<u>31 August 48</u>	<u>1 Sept 48</u>	<u>30 Sept 48</u>
Capt.	7	7	7	6	6	6
1st Lt.	15	16	16	15	15	15
2nd Lt.	4	5	5	5	5	5
Total	26	28	28	26	26	26
M/Sgt	1	1	1	1	1	1
F/Sgt	1	1	1	1	1	1
T/Sgt	8	8	8	8	8	8
S/Sgt	33	33	33	33	33	31
Sgt	22	21	21	20	20	19
Cpl	20	20	20	21	21	21
Pfc	21	28	28	29	30	29
Pvt	2	4	4	6	6	6
Total	106	116	116	119	120	116

The shortages in MOS's are as follows:

1 Classification Specialist (275)

1 Sheet Metal Worker (555)

6 Airplane Crew Chiefs (750)

1 Supply Clerk (835)

The most effective way to remedy this situation is to send men to the formal schools operated by the Air Training Command as the facilities for training specialists such as 555's and 275's are not adequate at squadron level. As soon as the quotas are open in the desired schools, men will be assigned so that the shortages will be eliminated. At present S/Sgt Thomas J. Simon and Pfc Roy L. Ward are engaged in on-the-job training for Supply Sergeant and Supply Clerk, respectively.

There have been two changes in the roster of key personnel in the past quarter. The position of Executive Officer is no longer authorized

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Lt. Wyrain T. Schell, who recently returned to active duty from civilian life, 7/ has replaced Captain Theodore Wilson as the squadron Engineering Officer. Captain Wilson is now attending Air Tactical School, Panama City, Florida. 8/

The present roster of key personnel appears below.

Administrative

Commanding Officer	Captain	Richard C. Pullam
Adjutant	1st Lt	Joseph B. Evans
First Sergeant	F/Sgt	Peter C. Howard

Operational

Operations Officer	Captain	Alva N. Temple
Engineering Officer	1st Lt	Wyrain T. Schell
Tech Supply Officer	1st Lt	Harold H. Brown
Armament Officer	1st Lt	Yancey Williams
Communications Officer	Captain	Fitzroy Newsom

The squadron gained one officer and lost two during the reporting period. Lt. Claude Platte, the first officer to graduate from flying school under the new integrated program of training, was assigned to the squadron from Williams Air Force Base, Arizona. 9/ Captain Charles I. Williams and Captain Vernon V. Haywood, Lt. Andrew Johnson and Lt. Thomas D. Harris returned to the organization from Air Tactical School. Captain Williams was immediately assigned to the Airdrome Group, 10/ much to the regret of the men whom he has commanded for over four years. Lt. Andrew Johnson was relieved from duty with this organization and assigned to the Maintenance and Supply Group. 11/ Lt. George Hardy is now attending Radar school at Keesler Field, Mississippi - duration of the course is approximately forty-two (42) weeks. 12/

- 7/ Par 8, Special Order 114, Hq. Department of the Air Force, dated 10 June 1948.
8/ Par 6, Special Order 174, Hq. 332nd Fighter Wing, dated 20 August 1948.
9/ Par 5, Special Order 135, Hq. Williams Air Force Base, Arizona, dtd 23 June 1948.
10/ Par 27, Special Order 176, Hq. 332nd Fighter Wing, dated 25 August 1948.
11/ Par 14, Special Order 176, Hq. 332nd Fighter Wing, Dated 25 August 1948.
12/ Par 21, Special Order 178, Hq. 332nd Fighter Wing, dated 31 August 1948.

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There were no promotions and no awards of additional MOS's among the Airmen during the reporting period. However two men had their MOS changed from semi-skilled to skilled and one man was down graded. 13/ At present there are eight men up for reclassification but the results from the classification board are very slow in coming. Among the officers there have been awarded quite a few MOS's 1055 replacing the old 1061 that marked the former B-25 pilot. For a general picture of the current utilization of all squadron personnel in their respective MOS's see Personnel Accounting Chart in appendix. 14/

There were three new cases of Venereal Disease reported during the period and one Court Martial (Special). 15/

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- 13/ Par 10, 11, 12, 13, Special Order 117, Hq. 332nd Fighter Group, dated 8 Sept 48.
14/ Substantiating data, Incl #1.
15/ Court Martial Order #37, Hq. 332nd Fighter Wing, dated 14 July 1948.

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CHAPTER III

SUPPLY AND EQUIPMENTTECHNICAL SUPPLY

The tech- supply section is authorized a ^{PERSONNEL} personal complement of one Tech supply MCO (826) and one supply clerk(835) . At present, while T/SGT Earl Adams is doing an admirable job, there is no supply clerk in the section. There have been men assigned to this position in the past but the difficulty is that their MOS was never changed. Consequently when a shortage existed in their MOS, these men had to return to their primary duty leaving the section shorthanded. It is recommended that in the future a man be assigned to this vacancy in an on the job training status and eventually be classified in the corresponding MOS. There has been an acute shortage of parts during the past three months, resulting in a number of A.O.C.P. cases. In most cases the normal requisition waiting period is from three to four months. Pleadings should be extended to the Airmen in the section for their ingenuity in manufacturing parts in some cases, in an effort to keep the planes in the air. An example of this ingenuity can be seen in the manufacture of a clamp for the exhaust housing of an F-47, the lack of which had the aircraft. A.O.C.P. 16/. To date this part has not been received but the Aircraft in question is flying.

16/- A.O.C.P. REQUISITION

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The only quick way to get parts is to submit a priority III requisition but this has draw-backs because the part must be used within seventy-two hours or be returned. The following items are badly needed and have been ordered. Asterisk denotes parts, the lack of which would cause an A.O.C.P. condition.

CLASS OL-N

0123-39F63183-3	Spacer-Cowl Ring Support. *
0123-96F71161	Gunsight K-14
0123-93F84063	Headrest Installation
0123-93F65254-1	Elbow-Main Tank Ventline *
0123-89F84302-1	Case-Map
0123-93F31509-1	Strap Assy-Control Lock

CLASS OL-A

6500-295808-5	Clamp-Series 945 Stainless Steel with plain Hex nuts 3.312" I.D.X.375 Nuts-Self locking steel (1/4"-25T) *
6500-903565	Washer-plain corrosion (Resistant steel 1/4" I.D.

CLASS OL-B

6600-489675	Hose-Fuel self sealing (1" I.D. - 7' length. *
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CLASS OL-F

6019-8KB3AC1	Control-Auto Pilot bank & turnType G-1,
6019-8KB3AC1	Control-Auto Pilot directional (Type G-1.

CLASS 29

6700-206090	Cock-Drain Fuel.
6700-319215	Lubricator-straight Alomite.

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The unit now has a total of twenty-five (25) aircraft assigned with sixteen (16) based at Eglin Auxiliary Field #7, Florida, since of the 30th August 1948. It should be noted that since the unit is now split into two segments, one at Lockbourne Air Force Base and the other in Florida there are two supply systems actually operating. The supply section at the home base has been operating very smoothly during the past three months. The movement of the unit to Eglin Field required additional requisitioning, however enough advance notice was given to insure adequate preparation. Among the additional items needed for this trip were shot guns, riot guns, field desks, folding tables and chairs, typewriters, stationery and janitorial supplies. All the enlisted personnel have received new allowances of clothing as authorized. 17/ T/A 21 War Dept, dated 7 Aug 48. Included are poncho, suspenders, trousers, caps, gloves, handkerchiefs, drawers and undershirts. It is felt by the section heads, that the general supply situation is better than it has been during the past year with the exception of the slowness of the base shoe repair shop. The supply section will suffer a great loss when S/Sgt Dana Myers become a civilian next month, S/Sgt Ernest Mitchell is being groomed to replace him. At Eglin Field the general supply section of the squadron has been consolidated with the supply section of the other two squadrons, and the base supply. So far this system has proved very effective.

17/ T/A 21 War Dept. Dated 7 Aug. 1948

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CHAPTER IV

MAINTENANCEEngineering

The efficiency of the engineering section has received several severe tests during the past quarter. The success of the movement to Eglin Field followed by a high level of operating efficiency proves that the organization for maintenance as set up under Lt. Wyrain T. Schell, is very effective. This is evidenced by the fact that of the sixteen (16) aircraft based at Eglin Field, all of them are in flying condition, and available almost daily for the flying commitments of the unit. The enlisted men of this section deserve the highest praise for their effort and ingenuity in maintaining such a satisfactory record.

The following table shows the assigned and in commission status of aircraft for the middle and end of each month.

<u>MONTHS</u>	<u>ASSIGNED</u>	<u>OUT</u>
15 July 1948	25	13
30 July 1948	25	12
15 August 1948	25	16
31 August 1948	25	14
15 September 1948	25	4
30 September 1948	25	7

It should be noted that the large out status for July and August can be explained in that preparations were being made for the Eglin Field trip. On the 15th of August approximately four planes were out due to T. O. Compliance. One problem that has been encountered by the Florida echelon is the failure of magnetos due, probably to, the warm weather.

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A total of sixteen magnetos have been replaced during the month of September. A major problem of morale presented itself toward the last of the quarter. The airman were promised a rotation plan after the first month of Florida operation. They feel that they've done a good job in setting up their sections and that there are qualified replacements available at the home base to facilitate this proposed plan. Although the transportation problem is acute it should be noted that any extreme ^{LOWERING} lowering of morale tends to not only effect the efficiency of the unit but also have some bearing on the number of re-enlistments. Among the key personnel, those whose enlistments run out in the ^{NEXT} two months. Already discharges have deprived the unit of an Inspector and a Flight Chief. If this trend continues the work load left on the remaining men will be too great to expect efficiency.

Armament

During the months of July and August this section was busily engaged in preparations for operation combine #III. Fresh from a Spring gunnery course the armorers are well trained and efficient. All bomb racks and shackles were tested and new solenoids were installed. During the reporting period this section was well tested in operation pointed at Pope Field, N. C. in July and numerous other demonstrations at Lawson Field, Ga. and Godman Field, Kentucky. At Pope Field men of this section confronted by a lack of arming wire for the bombs, manufactured their own wires, thereby accomplishing the mission. The section is authorized eleven men and is organized so that each armorer is responsible for two planes, although the section is short of qualified armorers the work is being accomplished through cooperation and fine spirit shown by the men. The section is badly in need of a continuity tester for the rockets.

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There is only one in the entire group, and it is not always available due to the widespread commitments of the group.

Communications

The communications section is hampered by the absence of S/Sgt. James Bell who is away in school. The remaining four men are effectively performing their duties. During the reporting period the old 522 four channel VHF sets were replaced in all the planes by the new ARC-3 eight channel sets

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CHAPTER V

TRAININGFLYING

During the past quarter the flying training program has been somewhat hindered by numerous demonstrations, maneuvers, and air shows. The beginning of this reporting period is also the beginning of the fiscal year as outlined in AF Regulation 60-2. In spite of the interruptions the following training has been accomplished to meet the requirements of AF Reg 60-2:

Percentage of Instrument Flying.....37%
 Percentage of Night Flying.....35%
 Percentage of Total Time.....48%

Credit should be given to the Operations Officer, Capt Alva N. Temple, for pushing this program during the months of July and August as there has not been much opportunity for night and instrument flying during the month of September at Eglin Field. During the month of July this unit participated in three demonstration missions over Columbus and two 9AF Operations #200 Missions and four bombing and strafing missions at Pope Field, S.C. in conjunction with Operations "Pointer"

The month of August saw our Group in 4 (four) Operation #200 Missions followed by the movement to Eglin #7 at the end of the month. The unit has flown 17 (seventeen) missions while at Eglin #7 during the month of September. These missions included practice and live missions with Operation Combine III, holiday air shows over Pensacola, Fla and sections of Alabama and practice and live missions at Lawson Field, Ga., in a demonstration for the Command and General Staff School.

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Dive bombing missions were assigned to the 301st and in all cases, the missions were highly successful with the pilots dropping 100 pound practice bombs and 250 and 500 pound G/P bombs. It is felt that participating in these demonstrations and maneuvers serves as additional training for pilots of the unit and tends to raise the flying proficiency level.

There is also an opportunity of applying the live dive bombing missions toward accomplishment of the 9AF Training Directive 10-1. This would shorten the next gunnery tour of duty considerably.

No major aircraft accidents occurred during the last three months. Three planes picked up shrapnel holes in the tail surfaces due to low dive bomb runs but, these were repaired immediately without sacrifice.

Pilots of the squadron accomplished the following monthly flying time:

MONTH	TOTAL TIME	ASSIGNED PLTS	AVAILABLE PLTS	AVERAGE
July				
August				
September	380	23	16	24

While at Lockbourne during the months of July and August, weekly flying safety meetings were held in the squadron. This procedure has been changed somewhat as the weekly meeting in Florida include pilots of the entire Fighter Group.

During the month of August, pilots of the squadron flew to Turner Field Ga for demonstration of the radar control system employed by the Tactical Air Forces Station Training

The squadron Station Training program has been interrupted quite a bit due to the various movements throughout the period. At present we have eighty-three (83) airmen skilled in their MOS, twenty (20) airmen semi-skilled in MOS.

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and four (4) men attending formal schools off the station. There are eight (8) airmen awaiting re-classification but there have no results received from the Classification Board. The estimated time needed to completely train the squadron is four (4) months.

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CHAPTER VI

FACILITIES

The facilities at the home base (Lockbourne AFB, Columbus 17, 0) have not changed during the past quarter.

In Florida, the facilities are about the best available under the circumstances. The men occupy one (1) barrack with members of the 100th Fighter Squadron (SE). All of the officers of the Group are housed in two (2) buildings, two (2) officers to a room.

The food is generally good ^{and} with essential personal items can be purchased at the Post Exchange. The remote location of the base creates a recreation problem, but this is alleviated by nightly movies, softball, touch football and truck convoys to the main base and nearby towns.

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6. So much of par 7 SO 172 this Hq, cs, as pertains to 1ST LT JESS WAINSWORTH Ad 18648 is deleted and amended to add: "CAPT THEODORE A WILSON Ad 9087 USAF 301st Ftr Sq (SE) 332d Airdrome Gp." (Re: TDY of O's to Tyndall AFB Panama City, Fla)

BY ORDER OF MAJOR McDANIEL:

THOMAS J. MONEY
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5. The fol named Officers (P SSN 1054) (Pilots, on flying status) having graduated fr Adv SE Tng. Class 48-B, are reld fr asgmt and dy Sq ST-1 (Pipeline) 3010th AFBU this sta (AFTRC) and reasgd to bases indicated. WP o/a 27 Jun 48. Reporting date and EDGMR as indicated. Officers auth-delay enroute (1v) as indicated plus off tvl time. In accordance with AF Reg 36-25 dtd 20 May 48, officers will be asgd to an active Air Base and/or Tactical Unit in Z/1 for a minimum period of one (1) year, and will be excepted fr O/S and Sch commitments for that period. RCS TRA TBMMA TO will furn T if requested. TDN 80L-15 P 431-02 03 07 A2180125 899-999. (Auth: RL Hq USAF Washington 25, DC dtd 24 May 48, AFTRP-1-R, subj: Asgmt of Graduates of SE Adv Fly Sch):

TO: 332nd Fighter Wing, Lockbourne AFB, Columbus, Ohio: EDGMR 4 July 1948:2ND LT CLAUDE R PLATTE A01903253 USAFR (no O/S) (21 days delay enroute auth)
Reporting NLT 26 Jul 48. (N)

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL DARCY:

OFFICIAL:

NICHOLAS H NANCE
Major, USAF
Adjutant

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14. 1ST LT 2110 ANDREW JOHNSON, AO56331 USAF (N) 301st Ftr Sq. (SE) 332d Ftr Op (P/P) this sta is rel'd fr asgmt and dy thereto trfd 332d Maint and Supply Op (P/P) this sta for dy. EDCMR 25 Aug 48.

27. CAPT 1055 CHARLES I WILLIAMS, AO45366 USAF (N) 301st Ftr Sq (SE) 332d Ftr Op (P/P) this sta is rel'd fr asgmt and dy thereto trfd 332d Airdrome Op (P/P) this sta for dy as Sq CO. EDCMR 25 Aug 48. Dy SSN 2136.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL DAVIS:

THOMAS J MONEY
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Asst Adjutant

OFFICIAL:

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T/ THOMAS J MONEY
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21. 1ST LT GEORGE E HARDY, A0838029 USAF 301st Ftr Sq (SE) 332d Ftr Gp this sta WP on TDY o/a 31 Aug 48 for approx forty-two (42) wks to 3704th AFBU Keesler AFB, Miss for the purpose of attending Electronics O's Crse #01410 rptg NLT 13 Sept 48 for classes beginning 15 Sep 48. Upon compl of TDY Off will ret to proper orgn this sta. Dy SSN 2700. (Auth: Ltr Hq 9th AF Greenville SC subj: "Almt of Quota for Electronics O's Crse, file 9AF201-Hardy, George E (O) dtd 20 Aug 48.) Per diem auth only while traveling. C/C 0120. O auth none (9) days delay en-route plus five (5) days tvl time not to interfere with rptg date.

"Voucher for reimbursement under this order must be submitted to Finance O within thirty (30) after compl of TDY." TDN 902-7206 P 432-02 03 2190425 S 33-021. The Budget and Fiscal O this 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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10. The Primary MOS of S/Sgt Lee R. Lamberth AF 34 009 447, USAF, 301st Ftr Sq (SE), this Op, is changed from Airplane Hydraulic Mech (528-SSK) to Airplane Hydraulic Mech (528-SK) off this date. Auth: AF Manual 35-1.

11. The Primary MOS of Cpl Richard C. Hamilton AF 34 340 648, USAF, 301st Ftr Sq (SE), this Op, is changed from Airplane & Engine Mech (747-B BSK) to Airplane & Engine Mech (747-B SK) off this date. Auth: AF Manual 35-1.

12. The Primary MOS of S/Sgt Joseph Mahaffey Jr AF 37 383 661, USAF, 301st Ftr Sq (SE), this Op, Communications Technician (542-SK) is deleted, off this date. Auth: AF Manual 35-1.

13. S/Sgt Joseph Mahaffey Jr AF 37 383 661, USAF, 301st Ftr Sq (SE), this Op, is awarded the Primary MOS of Basic Soldier (521) off this date. Auth: AF Manual 35-1.

BY ORDER OF CAPTAIN HUTCHINS:

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CHAPTER I

ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION

The organization framework of the squadron has not changed since it was reorganized under the new table of organization and Equipment 1/ previously reported. 2/

There have been some administrative difficulties experienced both as a result of the change and as a result of a shortage of trained personnel. The elimination of the old position of Deputy Commander place such a workload on the Adjutant, that it is felt that the Table of Organization & Equipment should be revised to include the peacetime authorization of deputy commander.

The beginning of this reporting period saw a large portion of the squadron on temporary duty at Eglin Air Force Base, Florida, engaged in Operation Combine #3. 3/ This Operation was terminated on 10 November 1948. On the 11 November 1948 Seven (7) officers and twenty-five (25) airmen returned to this station. 4/ The remaining eight (8) officers and twenty (20) airmen moved to Lawson AFB, Ga. to participate in a demonstration for the Infantry school and then returned to this station 16 November 1948. 5/

1/ T/O & E 1-1213, Department of the Air Force, dated 24 March 1948

2/ Chapter I History of 301st Fighter Squadron 1 July 1948 to 30 Sept 48

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CHAPTER II

PERSONNEL

The general personnel picture shows a slight increase in complement among both airmen and officers in the organization. There has been some confusion due to the fact that many of the airmen's enlistment were up during the past two months. Sections lost key men for long reenlistment furloughs and a general lowering of efficiency resulted.

The general strength picture is as follows:

<u>Strength</u>	<u>Authorized 6 /</u>	<u>Assigned 7 /</u>
Officers	30	28
Airmen	106	105
<u>Rank & Grade</u>		
Lt Colonel	1	0
Major	1	0
Captain	5	8
Lieutenant	23	20
M/Sgt	7	1
F/Sgt	1	1
T/Sgt	31	7
S/Sgt	15	34
Sgt	25	15
Cpl	24	19
Pfc)		
Pvt)	3	21
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6 / T/O & E 1-1213, Department of the Air Force, dated 24 Mar 48
 7 / Morning Report, 301st Ftr Sq (SE), dated 30 Nov 48

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The Morning Reports for the first and last day of each month are as follows:

	<u>1 Oct 48</u>	<u>31 Oct 48</u>	<u>1 Nov 48</u>	<u>30 Nov 48</u>
Capt	6	6	7	8
1st Lt	14	16	16	14
2nd Lt	5	5	5	6
Total	<u>25</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>28</u>
M/Sgt	1	1	1	1
F/Sgt	1	1	1	1
T/Sgt	8	7	7	7
S/Sgt	31	35	35	34
Sgt	19	13	13	15
Cpl	21	17	18	19
Pfc	29	27	27	21
Pvt	6	8	8	7
Total	<u>116</u>	<u>109</u>	<u>110</u>	<u>105</u>

The roster of key personnel as appears below saw little change during the past two months. Captain Alva N. Temple was replaced by Captain Walter M. Downs as operations officer upon the return of the group from Operation Combine.

Administrative

Commanding Officer	Captain Richard C. Pulla m
Adjutant	1st Lt Joseph B. Evans
First Sergeant	F/Sgt Peter C. Howard

Operational

Operations Officer	Captain Walter M. Downs
Engineering Officer	1st Lt Wyrain T. Schell
Tech Supply Officer	1st Lt Harold H. Brown
Armament Officer	Captain Yancey Williams
Communications Officer	Captain Fitzroy Newsom

Further additional duty assignments are as follows:

Training Officer	1st Lt Walter I. Lawson
I & E Officer	2nd Lt Stephen S. Jenkins
Intelligence Officer	2nd Lt Thomas D. Harris
General Supply Officer	2nd Lt Thomas D. Harris
Gas Officer	Captain Yancey Williams

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After quite a bit of assigning and reassigning of personnel the squadron gained a total of two (2) officers over the total reported in the last history.

Officers Gained

Rank

Edwards, John E	9/	1st Lt
Bynum, Rolin A	10/	1st Lt
Walker, James A	11/	Capt
Martin, George	12/	1st Lt
Hoskins, Harold	13/	2d Lt

Officers Lost

Rank

Kirkpatrick, Felix J	14/	1st Lt
James, Daniel Jr	15/	1st Lt
Bynum, Rolin A	16/	1st Lt

Officers on TDY

Holloman, William H	17/	1st Lt
Harrison, Alvin E	18/	2nd Lt
Roberts, Lawrence E	19/	2nd Lt

The attached roster of officers will show the assigned by component. The squadron at present has three regular Air Force Officers and the remainder reserve officer.

9/	Par 7 SO 125 Hq 332d Ftr Op dtd 1 Oct 48
10/	Par 2 SO 136 Hq 332d Ftr Op dtd 26 Oct 48
11/	Par 3 SO 137 Hq 332d Ftr Op dtd 1 Nov 48
12/	& 13/ Par 2 SO 140 Hq 332d Ftr Op dtd 17 Oct 48
15/	Par 1 SO 50 Hq 332d Ftr Wg dtd 2 Nov 48
16/	Par 9 SO 142 Hq 332d Ftr Op dtd 8 Nov 48
17/	& 18/ Par 5 SO 67 Hq 332d Ftr Wg dtd 16 Nov 48
19/	Par 8 SO 46 Hq 332d Ftr Wg dtd 1 Nov 48

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There was one officer promoted during the period - Lt Yancey Williams from 1st Lt to Captain (USAF). 20/

Among the Airmen there were four (4) promotions to Staff Sergeant 21/, five (5) promotions to Sergeant 22/ and six (6) promotions to Corporal 23/.

There was one (1) General 24/ and one (1) Special 25/ Court martial during the period and verdicts of guilty were returned in both cases. There was also one (1) reduction by the 369 board. 26/

No new cases of Venereal disease were reported and morale is generally high now that Operation Combine is over.

20/ Par 7 SO 210 Dept of AF Wash, D. C.

21/ Par 22 SO 146 Hq 332d Ftr Wing dtd 25 Oct 48

22/ Par 1 SO 143 Hq 332nd Ftr Group dtd 5 Nov 48

23/ Par 2 " " " " " "

24/ General Court Martial Order No 149 Hq 9th AF dtd 27 Sept 48

25/ Special Court Martial Order No 59 Hq 332d Ftr Wg, dtd 18 Nov 48

26/ Par 1 SO 137 Hq 332d Ftr Gp dtd 26 Oct 48

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RESTRICTEDCHAPTER IIISUPPLY AND EQUIPMENTTechnical Supply

The personnel problem that existed in the tech supply system as reported in the history for the previous quarter has been somewhat alleviated with the assignment of a tech-supply clerk. This man is on OJT status and his position at present seems to be permanent.

Since returning to Lockbourne the section has been able to get most of the parts reported as lacking in the previous history 27/.

The big problem now is to get some gyro flight instruments the lack of which limits flying at night and during adverse weather conditions.

The following items are on a Priority III requisition at this writing:

Class 05-F

6019-SKB 3AC1- Control auto Pilot bank & turn type G-1
6019-SKC 3AC1- Control auto Pilot directional type G-1

General Supply

This section is operating under the handicap of being staffed with inexperienced men, however the work is being done to the satisfaction of all concerned. Lt Thomas Harris replaced Lt Alvin E. Harrison as general supply officer 17 Nov 48 at which time a joint inventory of MR and T/O & E property was taken. Since that time, excess clothing on hand, has been turned in and a Sq shakedown inspection of all clothing has been accomplished. The section is hampered by the slowness in the return of salvage and the slowness of operation of the shoe repair shop.

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Recently requisitions have been coming through promptly but the items appearing in the following list have been requisition more than once without results:

	Auth <u>28/</u>	Need
3F325-297 Multimeter, T5-297/U	6	6
FOOL-0040631 Quadrant, Gunners, MI	2	2
54-C-308 Case Fld, for Typewriter	3	3
Non-Port 11" Car		
54-T-16000 Typewriter Portable w/carrying case	3	2
41-M-839 Maul, Wood, Reenforced	2	2
55-S-771255 Shirt Poplin - One for Each EM		
55-T905 Tags, Shipping		

28/ T/A 21 War Dept. dtd 7 Aug 48

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CHAPTER IV

MAINTENANCE

The organization for maintenance has not changed since submission of the last report, however there has been a leaning toward the crew chief system of maintenance and away from the section type due to the shortages of trained personnel as a result of reenlistment furloughs. The crew chief system makes the individual crew chief responsible for all maintenance, including inspections, with little help from other members of the section.

The following table shows the assigned and in commission status of aircraft for the middle and end of each month.

<u>Months</u>	<u>Assigned</u>	<u>Out</u>
15 Oct	25	2
31 Oct	25	3
15 Nov	25	4
30 Nov	25	7

On a 24 hour basis the percentage of A/C in commission was approximately 60%. A general picture of the organization for maintenance, the no. of planes, and the status can be seen in the copy of the A/C status board for the 21 Dec.

Cold weather has produced a number of other problems. Ice, and frost on wings lengthens the time of preflighting and heaters are in need of repair. The section also needs tools for cylinder changes.

Armament

The section has been operating with a shortage of personnel but all commitments demanded by operations combine and subsequent demonstrations have been met. The section is fully equipped and plans are being laid for the boresighting of all ships in preparation for a spring gunnery course.

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It is felt that, in view of the heavy work load placed on the section, the T/O & C does not authorized enough personnel for the section and that it should be revised accordingly.

Communications

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CHAPTER V

TRAININGFlying

The majority of the flying accomplished during the period was in conjunction with operation Combine III. At the end of November, the following percentage of AF Regulation 60-2 had been accomplished.

Percentage of Instrument Flying	40%
Percent of Night Flying	35%
Percentage of Total Time	51%

A breakdown on the individual accomplishment can be seen in the attached chart. 28/

The following chart shows the mission flown by pilots of this organization for the reported period.

Gunnery missions flown while in Florida:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Mission Symbol</u>	<u>No of A/C</u>	<u>Hrs Flown</u>
14 Oct 48	T-14	8	14
14 Oct 48	T-16	4	7
15 Oct 48	T-5	12	15
21 Oct 48	T-14	10	12
22 Oct 48	T-14	12	12

Missions flown in conjunction with Operation Combine:

12 Oct 48	T-5	8	16
13 Oct 48	T-5	8	10
14 Oct 48	T-5	4	10
20 Oct 48	T-5	8 (16 Sorties)	48 (Air demonstration)
27 Oct 48	T-5	6 (16 Sorties)	20 (Air " ")
3 Nov 48	T-5	12	14
8 Nov 48	T-5	8	10
10 Nov 48	T-5	12	13

Following mission flown in conjunction with Operation Readiness test at Lockbourne Air Force Base:

30 Nov	T-16F	12	25
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28/ Chart "Compliance with 60-2 requirements"

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During the above mission the following ammunition and ordnance was expended:

<u>Type</u>	<u>Amount</u>
250 lb G. P. Bombs	21 1/4
100 lb Practice Bombs	46
50 Cal Ammunition	11,422 Rds
5" rockets	91

This organization has established an enviable record of no accidents over the last two reporting periods.

Pilots of the squadron accomplished the following monthly flying time:

<u>Month</u>	<u>Total time</u>	<u>Available Pilots</u>	<u>Average</u>
October	168	14	12
November	84	14	6

The weekly flying safety meetings were held at group level while in Florida. During the latter part of November at Lockbourne the meetings are back on the weekly basis at Squadron level.

The station training program is progressing favorably after some re-organization in the section. There was one change of MOS during the period. 29/

The general picture in the squadron shows 77 men skilled in their MOS, 18 men semi-skilled in MOS, 8 men awaiting classification, and the following six (6) men attending formal schools:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>AFSN</u>	<u>Type of School</u>	<u>MOS Date</u>
Bell, James L.	S/Sgt	AF 15 372 302	Radar Mech Crse	867 7/4/48
Cook, Lonnie Jr	Pfc	AF 18 310 753	Aaft Welder	573 9/20/48
Parran, Thomas Jr	Pfc	AF 16 247 588	Radar Mech Gen	867 9/20/48
Thompson, Cleveland	Pfc	AF 12 264 620	Gunsight Mech	574 8/16/48
Lockett, Morris V	Pfc	AF 15 214 368	Sheet Metal	555
Evans, Herman	Cpl	AF 34 075 576	Radar Mech Gen	867 11/16/48

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CHAPTER VI

FACILITIES

The facilities available to the men of the squadron while on temporary duty in Florida have been previously reported. 30 /

At the home station the men have contributed money in addition to the squadron fund, to redecorate the day room.

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6. The PDY of CAPTAIN WALTER M DOWNS AO 744 658, 301st Ftr Sq (SE),
this Op, is changed from 1055 to 4323 eff this date.

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BY ORDER OF MAJOR CAMPBELL:

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Ass't Adjutant

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7. 1ST LT JOHN E EDWARDS AO 835 407, USAF, this Hq (PP), is reld
from asgmt and trfd for dy to 301st Ftr Sq (SE) (PP), this Op. Race (N)
Comp USAFR PDY 1055 EDCMR: 1 Oct 48.

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2. 1ST LT ROLIN A BYNUM AO 819 447, USAF, this Hq (P/P), is rel'd from
asgmt & trfd for dy to 301st Ftr Sq (SE), this Op. Race (N) Comp USAFR PDY
1055 EDCMR 26 Oct 48.

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3. CAPTAIN JAMES A. WALKER AO 804 562, USAF, this Hq (P/P), is rel'd from
asgmt & trfd for dy to 301st Ftr Sq (SE), this Op. Race (N) Comp USAF EDY
1055 EDCH 1 Nov 48. (SSN 1055)

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2. The fol named O's USAF (H), having been asgd this Op from 3525th Trg Sq, 3525th Flt Trg Wg (Adv SE) (AFTRC) (P/L) par 32 SO 218 Hq 3525th Flt Trg Wg, (ADV SE) Williams AFB, Chandler, Az dtd 7 Oct 48, VOCC 17 Oct 48 further assigning O's to orgn indicated this Op, for dy are confirmed and made a matter of record. DCMR 17 Oct 48. Dy SSN 0006. R-SSN 1054.
Comp: USAFR:

301st Fighter Squadron (SE)

1ST LT GEORGE H O MARTIN A02 068 900 (O auth fifteen (15) days delay enroute rptg NLT 2 Nov 48 for dy.)

2D LT HAROLD K HOSKINS A01 908 426 (O auth fifteen (15) days delay enroute rptg NLT 2 Nov 48 for dy.)

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29 October 1948

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NUMBER 50)

1. 1ST LT 1055 DANIEL JAMES JR, A0609244 USAF (N) 301st Ftr Sq (SE) 332d Ftr
Op (P/P) this sta is reld fr asgmt and dy thereto trfd 332d Air Base Gp (P/P) this
sta for dy. EDCMR 2 Nov 48. AFSS. No tvl involved. PCA.

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BY ORDER OF COLONEL DAVIS:

OFFICIAL:

/s/ Junius R Savage
/t/ JUNIUS R SAVAGE
1st Lt, USAF.
Asst Adjutant

JUNIUS R SAVAGE
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3 November 1948

SPECIAL ORDERS)
NUMBER 112)

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9. 1ST LT ROLIN A BYNUM AO 319 447, USAF, 301st Ftr Sq (SE), this Gp, is
reld from asgmt & trfd for dy to Hq, this Gp (PP). Race (N) Comp USAFR PDY 1055
EDCMR 8 Nov 48.

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15 November 1948

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5. The fol named O's USAF 301st Ftr Sq (SE) 332d Ftr Gp this sta WP on DS o/a 22 Nov 48 for approx forty-two (42) wks to 3380th Tech Tng Wg, Keesler AFB, Miss for the purpose of attending Electronics Officer Crse #01110 rptg NLT 22 Nov 48 to Commandant of sch concerned for classes beginning 24 Nov 48 thereat. Commandant of sch concerned will notify CO this sta at least ten (10) days prior to compl of subject crse for the issuance of nec orders by this Hq for the ret of O's to proper orgns this sta. (Auth: Ltr Hq 9th AF Greenville SC file 9AF 352 subj: Almt of Quotas for Tech Crses dtd 9 Nov 48.) Dy SSN 2700. PIO-CI completed. Tvl to DS sta will be performed by mil acft. Govt qrs will be used when available and the provisions of TAC Reg 30-2A dtd 9 Mar 48 will be complied with.

1ST LT WILLIAM H HOLLOWAY III, A0858030 2D LT ALVIN E HARRISON, AO 943508

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BY ORDER OF COLONEL DAVIS:

RUTH A LUCAS
Capt., USAF
Asst Adjutant

/s/ Ruth A Lucas
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25 October 1948

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8. 2D LT LAWRENCE E ROBERTS, AO 840208 USAF 301st Ftr Sq (SE) 332d Ftr Gp this sta WP on DS o/a 1 Nov 48 for approx thirty-eight (38) wks to 3308th Tech Tng Wg, Keesler AFB, Miss for the purpose of pursuing aircraft and Warning Off Crse AN/CPS-5, Crse No 0110; rptg NLT 1 Nov 48 for classes beginning 3 Nov 48. Upon compl of TDY Officer will ret to proper orgn this sta. Commandant of sch concerned will notify CO this sta ten (10) days prior to termination date of crse and necessary orders will be issue for ret tvl. Tvl to DS sta will be performed by mil acft. PIO CI completed in accordance w/AF Ltr 200-65. Dy SSN 2700 (Auth: Ltr Hq 9th AF Greenville SC file 9AF 352 subj: Almt of Quotas for Tech Tng dtd 12 Oct 48.)

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25 October 1948

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22. The fol named Enlisted Personnel orgns indicated this sta are promoted to the PERMANENT gr of STAFF SERGEANT eff this date. (Auth: AR 615-5 and TT 9AF-ALE 222 Hq 9th AF Greenville SC dtd 8 Oct 48.) NEW atchd 4413th WAF Sq, 332d Air Base Op this sta

ORDERS

Sgt Harvey A Gordon Jr, AF13197194
Sgt Elijah J Johnson, AF13147630
Sgt William H Rooks, AF12236692
Sgt Percy E Morris, AF 44149430

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301st Ftr Sq (SE) 332d Ftr Op
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5 November 1948

SPECIAL ORDERS)

NUMBER 113)

1. The fol named EM orgns indicated, this Op, are promoted to the
PERMANENT gr of SERGEANT eff this date. (AUTH: AR 615-5 and AF Regulation
35-54)

Cpl Leston C Amos Jr	AF 38 754 876	301st Ptr Sq (SE)
Cpl Willie Peaks Jr	AF 15 338 321	301st Ptr Sq (SE)
Cpl Richard C Hamilton	AF 34 340 648	301st Ptr Sq (SE)
Cpl Emmitt Fuller	AF 34 732 160	301st Ptr Sq (SE)
Cpl Edward McNeil	AF 11 192 600	301st Ptr Sq (SE)

2. The fol named EM orgns indicated, this Op, are promoted to the
PERMANENT gr of CORPORAL eff this date: (AUTH: AR 615-5 and AF Regulation
35-54)

Pfc Willie J Berman	AF 15 207 896	301st Ptr Sq (SE)
Pfc Robert L Joiner	AF 15 263 461	301st Ptr Sq (SE)
Pfc Johnny Bradford	AF 16 216 732	301st Ptr Sq (SE)
Pfc Alfred F Green	AF 13 111 908	301st Ptr Sq (SE)
Pfc Thomas L Ringold	AF 13 207 462	301st Ptr Sq (SE)
Pfc Ulysses A White	AF 38 744 354	301st Ptr Sq (SE)
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1. Sgt Joseph B Blackstone AF 33 451 356, USAF, 301st Ftr Sq (SE),
this Gp, is reduced to the grade of PRIVATE for cause eff this date. Auth:
Par 15, AR 615-5.

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5. The primary MOS of Pfc Ulysses A. White AF 38 744 354, USAF, 301st Ftr Sq (SE), this Op, is changed from 686 SSK to 686 SK, eff this date.

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History of ³¹⁴⁷301st FIA SA
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Historical Data - 301st Ptr Sqdn
for months of December 1948 and January 1949

CHAPTER I Organization and Administration

There were no changes in the administration framework of the organization throughout the period.

CHAPTER II Personnel

Strength Report

Morning report extracts, for the first & last day of each month.
(Asgd Column)

	1 Dec 48	31 Dec 48	1 Jan 49	31 Jan 49
Capt —8		7	7	7
1st Lt —14		14	14	12
2nd Lt —6		6	6	4
Total	28	27	27	23
M/Sgt 1		1	1	1
F/Sgt 1		1	1	1
T/Sgt 7		11	10	10
S/Sgt 34		31	31	31
Sgt 15		12	12	12
Cpl 18		22	20	20
Pfc 21		15	11	11
Pvt 7		7	7	7
Total	104	100	100	93

1 - Roster of Key Personnel - Same as reported in Sqdn history 1 Oct 48 to 30 Nov 48 with one change. Lt Harold Hillery replaced Capt Fitzroy Newsam as Communications Officer.

2 - Personnel Problems

a. There is an acute personnel shortage throughout the organization due to the fact that the current enlistments are up at this time.

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CHAPTER II- Personnel Cont'd2- Personnel Problems cont'd

b. While the strength report shows a loss of 11 men throughout the period the actual loss to the squadron is much greater due to the fact that the men who reenlist take long furloughs which lower the efficiency of the unit.

c. During the reporting period the sqdn lost permanently the following no of men with much needed MOS's

3 - 750-B
5 - 747-B

3- Morale tends to be below average due to the inability to meet commitments of the unit because of the shortage of personnel.

The constant striving to increase flying time with limited facilities and men for maintenance is naturally discouraging.

4- Promotions-

4 promotions to Tech Sgt.

Par 7 SO 203 Hq TAC, Langley Fld, 30 Nov 48
Par 1 SO 1 Hq Con AC, Mitchell Fld, 1 Dec 48

3 Promotions to Staff Sgt.

SO 159 Hq 332d Ftr Op, 15 Dec 48

8 Promotions to Cpl

Par 1 SO 157 Hq 332d Ftr Op, 8 Dec 48
Par 7 SO 5 Hq 332d Ftr Op, 10 Jan 49

There were (B) three 369 board reductions. No court martials and (1) one new case of venereal disease.

CHAPTER III Supply and Equipment(a) General Supply

1- Lack of transportation due to shortage of drivers in motor pool. To remedy this situation a member of the section has obtained a license and will drive for the daily sqdn commitments.

2- During month of January a report of TO/& E items on requisition and not received was submitted to Group S-4. At the time of this writing most of these items have been received bringing the percentage of equipment on hand nearer the 100% mark.

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CHAPTER III Supply and Equipment contd(a) General Supply contd

3- Normal requisitioning and turn-in of all supplies is at a stand still due to personnel problems at base supply level. All requisitions during the past two weeks in Jan have been returned stamped "resubmit in 10 days".

(b) Tech Supply

1. One clerk attending 835 school.
2. Shortage report submitted 20 Jan 49 but no equipment received.
3. Physical inventory taken during month of Dec.
4. Account at base supply closed pending preparation of a consolidated report of property - This operation is taking an exceptional long time and precludes transaction between this section and base supply.

CHAPTER IV Maintenance

1- Personnel shortage decreases effectiveness of the present organization for maintenance (for ex. Not enough crew chiefs for the no of airplanes.

2- No of A/C assigned - 25

(b) No of A/C in commission on specific dates:

1 Dec 48	17
15 Dec 48	15
3 Jan 49	9
14 Jan 49	13

3- Percentage of A/C in on 24 hr basis - 55%

4- Physical tng schedule which takes the middle period three times a week interferes with pre-flight schedule and prevents a large "in status" of ships.

ARMAMENT

1. 2 men asgd OJT (Dec)
2. 14 Jan completed physical inspection of all ships followed by satisfactory group inspection.
3. 11 Jan - 20% small arms (carbines & 45 cal cleaned in racks.
4. 11 Jan - submitted work order rocket installation on 4 TF-47 - no action so far.
5. 14 Jan removed all sway braces for corrosion treatment also S I shackles (21 Jan)

CHAPTER V TrainingFlyingDecember

1. Normal local flying raining
2. All pilots completed first half of 60-2 requirements.
3. 1 mission to Godman Fld for demonstration (9AF FO 244- GP FO 16)

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CHAPTER V TRAINING contdFlying contd

3. 1 mission to Godman Fld., for demonstration. (9 AF FO 244-
Ftr Op FO 16 dtd 7 Dec)

- a. Time away from station: 7 to 10 Dec 1948
- b. Dropped 28 - 250 lb Bombs (8 Ships)
4 Smoke Tanks (2 Ships)
- c. Total Time 65 Hrs Total Ships 12
- d. 10 Enlisted men 12 Officers
 - (1) Practice day = dry run 8 Dec 48
 - (2) " " - live run 9 Dec 48
 - (3) Mission day 10 Dec 48

4. Month flying Time

Time	Pilots Asgd	Pilots Avail	Aver
285 Hrs	26	20	14.2 Hrs.

January

- 1. Normal local flying training
- 2. 2 new instrument cards
- 3. Months flying time

Time	Pilots Asgd	Pilots avail	Aver
130 Hrs	23	19	7 Hrs

Station TrainingDecember

- 1. 8 Airmen met classification board.
- 2. 3 awarded new MOS's
 - a. 405 60 275 Sak
 - 754 60 542 Sak
 - 521 to 754 Sak

January

- 1. 4 Airmen met classification board
- 2. 67 men skilled in MOS
10 men semi-skilled in MOS
7 attending schools off station.

CHAPTER VI
Facilities

Same as reported in previous history.

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HISTORY of ³¹⁴⁷ 301st FIR SQ
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Historical Data - 301st Ftr Sqdn

for month of February 1949

CHAPTER I Organization and Administration

There were no changes in the administrative framework of the organization throughout the period.

CHAPTER II - PersonnelA. - Strength Report

Morning report extracts for the first and last day of the month.

	1 Feb 1949	28 Feb 1949
Capt- 7	8	
1st Lt-12	14	
2nd Lt- 4	3	
Total	25	25
M/Sgt- 1	1	
F/Sgt- 1	1	
T/Sgt- 10	10	
S/Sgt- 31	30	
Sgt-12	9	
Cpl-20	20	
Pfc-11	11	
Pvt 7	8	
Total	93	85

B. Roster of Key Personnel

Commanding Officer - Capt Richard C. Pullan
 Adjutant - 1st Lt Joseph B. Evans
 First Sgt - Sgt Peter C. Howard
 Operations Officer - Capt Alva H. Temple
 Engineering Officer - Capt Frederick Parker
 Tech Supply Officer - 1st Lt. Harold H. Brown
 Communication Officer - 1st Lt Harold Hillery

Additional duty assignments

Armament Officer - Capt Yancey Williams
 Training Officer - 1st Lt Walter Lawson
 General Supply Officer - 1st Lt Thomas Harris
 Intelligence Officer - 1st Lt Thomas Harris
 Flying Safety Officer - 1st Lt Floyd Thompson
 I & E Officer - 2nd Lt Stephen Jenkins

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CHAPTER II- Personnel Cont'dC. Personnel Problems

1. Acute shortage of personnel due to discharges and transfers during the month.
2. Maintenance section suffered the greatest loss because the men discharged possessed the following MOS:

5 - #47-B
2 - 750-B

- 1 - of each of the following:

548
505
573
528

3. The Sqdn lost one (1) officer and gained three (3) during the month.

4. Promotions

1 - 2nd Lt to 1st Lt
1 - Par 5 SO 32 Dept of AF Wash D.C. 16 Feb 49
1 - Sgt to S/Sgt
1 - Cpl to Sgt
2 - Pfc to Cpl
SO 23 Hq 332d Ftr Gp, dated 27 Feb 49

There were no court martial, no 369 reductions and one (1) new venereal disease case.

5. - Morale - Average

CHAPTER III Supply & EquipmentA. General Supply

- 1 - Percentage report for month of February shows 70 & E equipment up to 98.5%.
- 2 - Action on requisitions submitted to Base Supply is very slow on all items. No requisitions submitted during the past month have been filled.

Items due out to this organization are as follows:

<u>Stock or Part No.</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Quantity</u>
27-P-570	Pillowcases, Ctn. white	27
8600-118122	Cabinet, file steel, lockcomb	1
72-S-755-93	Shoes, low Qtr	3

Plus numerous items of clothing & individual equipment.

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CHAPTER III Supply & Equipment cont'dB. Tech Supply

1- Two men in section obtained drivers licenses and thereby solved the transportation problem in the S-4 section.

2- 1 man completed Base 835 School with grade of excellent.

3- MR account still closed which prohibits all turn in and issue of MR property, except direct replacement, as a result there is a shortage of parts.

4- There is one day per week designated as turn-in day for the organization this creates a line lag for vital parts when they can be gotten as replacements.

CHAPTER IV- MaintenanceA. Engineering1- Personnel shortage

Section authorized - 73
Section has assigned - 42

2- No of A/C assigned - 25

3- No of A/C in commission on specific dated

1 February 1949 - 14 A/C	21 February 1949 - 9 AC
7 February 1949 - 10 "	25 February 1949 - 9 A/C
15 February 1949 - 14 "	28 February 1949 - 12 A/C

4- In commission status on a 24 hr basis for the period - 45%

B. Armament

1- Completed boresighting and inspection of all armament on 11 ships.

2- 25 Feb- 20% small arms were cleaned in racks in preparations for a wing inspection.

3- Loss- 1 - 911(MOS)

4- 18 Feb - Group armament inspection - no report received as of this writing.

C. Communications

1- Wing inspection conducted 4 February 1949.

Results-

Minor discrepancies on two A/C

A/C 14-89301

1- Bad shock mounts on AM/ARC-3 comp

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CHAPTER IV-Maintenance Cont'dC. Communications cont'd

A/C 44-89304

- 2-Broken tuning shaft on BC-543/SCR-274N
- 3-Plug damaged wire in bad condition on range rec. BC-453
- 4- TO. CI-1-287 not complied with.

A/C 44-89009

- 1-Same as 1 above.
- 2-Broken tuning shaft on BC-543/SCR-274N
- 3-Plug on SCR-695 IFF set not taped
- 4-Microphone and headset cords should be secured away from controls
- 5-Stay wire on range rec. antenna needs replacing.

Overall rating- satisfactory

2- One man in the section working as 754 met the classification board and demonstrated adequate knowledge of his job. This man was denied this MOS because he has a low ACCT score (69).

3-Personnel shortage

Section authorized - 6 airmen
Section has assigned- 3 airmen

CHAPTER V- TrainingA. Flying

1. Normal local flying training was conducted during the month. Flying time was low due to the lack of available ships on a daily basis.

2. Month Flying time

<u>Time</u>	<u>Pilots Asgd</u>	<u>Pilots Available</u>	<u>Average</u>
307 Hrs	24	19	15 hrs per Pilot

3. Percentage of 60 - 2 requirements accomplished

Instruments - 70%
Night - 50%
Total Time - 92%

4. Two demonstration flights were conducted over Columbus, Ohio in conjunction with two movies based on the Air Force.

B. Station Training

- 1. Seven (7) men met the Group Classification Board.
- 2. Six (6) men awarded skilled ratings

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CHAPTER V Training Cont'd

B. Station Training Cont'd

2.

No of men change in MOS

- 1 - 747-B to 750-B
- 3 - 747-D to 747-B Sk
- 1 - 754 to 542 SSk
- 1 - awarded 911 Sk.

3. Current overall status-seven (7) airmen on OJT.

- 7 - Semi skilled
- 66 - Skilled
- 6 - Attending schools off the post

CHAPTER VI - Facilities

No change over previous report.

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Historical Data - 301st Fighter Squadron (SE) for month of April 1949

CHAPTER I - Organization and Administration

There were no changes in the administrative framework of the organization throughout the period.

CHAPTER II - Personnel

A - Strength Report

Morning report extracts for the first and last day of the month:

	1 April 1949	30 April 1949
Capt	8	8
1st Lt	12	13
2nd Lt	5	5
Total	25	26
M/Sgt	1	1
F/Sgt	1	1
T/Sgt	10	19
S/Sgt	30	28
Sgt	8	9
Cpl	15	17
Pfc	5	3
Pvt	4	4
Total	74	73

B. Roster of Key Personnel

Commanding Officer - Capt Richard C. Pullan
 Adjutant - 1st Lt Joseph B. Evans
 First Sergeant - F/Sgt Peter C. Howard
 Operations Officer - Capt Walter M. Downs
 Engineering Officer - 1st Lt. Herman R. Campbell
 Tech Supply Officer - Capt Theodore A. Wilson
 Communications Officer - 1st Lt Harold A. Hillery
 Armament Officer - Capt Lancy Williams
 Training Officer - 1st Lt Walter I. Lawson
 Intelligence Officer - 1st Thomas D. Harris

C. Personnel Problems

1. There has been no relief from the problem of personnel shortage during the period. The Squadron gained three (3) men but this gain was nullified by the loss of four (4) experienced mechanics due to expiration of enlistment.

The gains and losses of airmen are shown below by MOS

Gained

Loss

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C. Personnel Problems contd

Gains	Losses
One 542	Four 747-B's
One 750-B	One 514
One 521	One 686

2. The squadron gained one (1) officer during the month - 2nd Lt Theibert Wormack.

3. Promotions

One (1) 2nd Lt to 1st Lt - Stephen S. Jenkins
 four (4) Pfc to Cpl - par 2 SO 48 332d Ftr Op dtd 21 Apr 49
 two (2) Cpl to Sgt - par 9 SO 101 332d Ftr Wing dtd 23 Apr 49

4. There was one (1) Summary Court Martial and conviction and one (1) new venereal disease case during the month.

CHAPTER III Supply and Equipment

A. General Supply

1. There has been a marked improvement in the service given by the base shoe repair shop. Shoes are now being repaired and returned to the organization within four (4) days.

2. Percentage of TO & E equipment on hand remains at 98.5% in spite of the submission of a monthly shortage report listing the items needed to bring the supply up to 100%.

3. All personnel have their full quota of summer clothing for the summer season however some recently issued shirts have to be exchanged because the desired sizes were not on hand in GM supply.

B. Tech Supply

1. A joint inventory of all tech supply property was conducted preparatory to a change of responsible officers.

2. MR account at base supply is now open permitting normal turn-in and requisitioning of supplies.

CHAPTER IV Maintenance

A. Engineering

1. Section has 45 men assigned showing an understrength of 34 men.

2. The loss of eight (8) A/C to Tinker Fld for maintenance relieved the workload for the assigned personnel.

3. No of A/C assigned as of the end of Apr - 14.

4. In commission status of A/C on specific dates

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A. Engineering contd

Date	A/C assigned	A/C in commission	Percentage
1 Apr 49	22	15	68%
8 Apr 49	22	19	86%
15 Apr 49	22	20	90%
22 Apr 49	14	11	79%
29 Apr 49	14	7	50%

B. Armament

1. The section maintained the armament and ordnance on planes of the organization enabling satisfactory participation in gunnery missions at Eglin Field, "Little Operations Combine" at Pope AFB, N. C. and Greenville S. C. plus a demonstration at Ft Knox, Kentucky (Detail of missions in Chapter V Training)

2. Morale and efficiency of section is very high. Especially commendable is the section status board which gives a clear concise picture of all phases of operation and might be used as a guide for other armament sections in the group.

C. Communications

1. Section acquired two (2) men as OJT's bringing the section strength to five (5).

2. Section is badly in need of voltmeter that was turned in for repair about five (5) months prior to this writing.

CHAPTER V Training

A. Flying

1. Flying during the period was hampered somewhat due to the loss of 7 aircraft to the Tinker Field depot for overhaul and one (1) to base maintenance. However special effort was put forth to complete the time required by AF Reg 60-2 with the following results.

Total time for month	Pilots assigned	Pilots Available	Aver per pilot
551 hours	25	19	29 hrs

Percentage of 60-2 requirements accomplished

Night time 98%
Instrument time 98%
Total time 100%

2. The unit participated in the following missions during month.

a- Eglin Fld., Fla - gunnery practice.

No of ships	Hrs flown	Armo & Ord Ex
3	60	11,612 Rds 50 Cal 96 100 lb Practice bombs 100 2.5 inch rockets

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b. Pope AFB & Greenville AFB
(Operations Order # 20 14 Apr 49)

No of ships	Hrs flown	Ammo & Ord Expended
7	131.05	41 100 lb bombs 21 Rockets

c. Fort Knox Kentucky

No of ships	Hrs flown	Ammo & Ord Expended
7	52.10	12 100 lb bombs 10 P.S. Tanks 4 Napalm tank 110 Rounds 50 Cal ammo

B. Station Training

1. Four (4) men met the Group Classification Board and the following MOSs were awarded: 555 Sk, 821 Sk, 275 sk, 573 SSk.

2. Current overall status

65 airmen skilled in MOS
4 airmen semi-skilled in MOS
4 airmen attending schools off stations

CHAPTER VI Facilities

No change over previous report.

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(Station)
Month of February, 1944. Prepared by MORRIS M. HATCHETT
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DAY	EVENTS
1-2	Routine camp duties.
3	Group Headquarters arrived and occupied the camp site with us. Capt DeBow transferred from duty to sick in hospital. Lt Rayford assumed command.
4-6	Routine camp duties.
7	Prepared to break camp and left Taranto for Montecorvino. Arrived at Montecorvino 8 February 1944 at 0700 hrs. After a scenic ride across Italy's mountains.
8	Set up camp at Montecorvino and saw the 100th for the first time since leaving the states.
9-11	Routine camp duties.
12	Received cots and got out of the mud. "Enough said"
13	Changed our camp site at Montecorvino to an area a little closer to the flying line.
14	St Valentine's Day the Squadron Romeo's remeniscce
15	More squadron equipment arrives from Bari. Enlisted Men paid for first time. Pilots break ground for the first time. A-2 Convoy Protection. This combat may be something after all.
16	Life goes as usual. Mud is doing a terrific dampening of spirits. Some EM Promotions. Our first PX.
17	School days or daze are being experienced by the pilots attending ground school again. Things are slightly monotonous.
18	Still doing business at the same stand. Squadron wonders how the war is struggling along without them. "Helped" another Convoy.
19	The 96th received some mail. The Squadron has hopes. We may live until that day. Several dissertations have been written on "Sunny Italy". The sun so far has come down in bucketsful and blends into "beautiful mud".
20	Capt DeBow returns from hospital and resumes command.
21	Squadron had its busiest day thus far. With the protection of two Convoys. All pilots were airborne at some time during the day.

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DAY	EVENTS
22	More Convoy protection. Those Convoys don't know how lucky they are with the 301st covering them.
23	The Squadron was saddened today by its first lost. Lt Harry Daniels was lost in bad weather. Flight consisting of Lt Taylor, Lt Langston, Lt Wiggins and Lt Daniels had quite a mishap. Lt Taylor bailed out into the Bay of Naples. Lt Langston landed at Pompeii. Lt Daniels is unaccounted for. Lt Wiggins made it back alone slightly behind schedule.
24	Routine, no flights because of bad weather.
25	RED LETTER DAY. First mail arrives for the Squadron. All operations temporarily suspended. Morale is definitely in the Bull Market. S-2 can smile again. No more questions about incoming mail.
26	Squadron censor threatens resignation the answers to yesterdays mail too prolific.
27	The censor surely is saved the pilots have voluntarily pitched in and helped censor mail. Lt Robert "Archie the Cockroach" Wiggins has his second "tweak session" bringing one in on the belly. Lt Byrd is accidently wounded by a discharging pistol.
28	Capt DeBow relieved from flying and command of Squadron. Lt Rayford assumed command.
29	Squadron anticipates drawing up a petition abolishing Leap Year. The 29th is unfair to units stationed overseas. Come and get your "Dough" boys helped quite a bit. These Lire has the Squadron "leary". Even the historian puns.