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g. Operations:

(1) Campaign: German. Ended 9 May 1945.

(2) Nature of operations: Combat missions by flights of P-47 type aircraft, on dive-bombing, strafing and escort, particularly in attacking enemy communications, and principally of dive-bombing and strafing type.

(3) Number of missions and sorties for period: (1 May to 10 May 1945).

- (a) Missions: 10.
- (b) Sorties: 96.

(4) Results of important missions:

(a) No important missions flown.

h. Commanding Officer and important missions:

(1) Commanding Officer: Captain CLYDE H. BAILES, (Acting).

(2) Important missions: None to report.

i. Losses in action. None.

j. Former and present members who have distinguished themselves.

WALTER C. TAYLOR, JR., Capt.	SILVER STAR
BUSHNELL W. WELCH, Capt.	FIRST CLC TC DFC
JAMES C. KUNL, Capt.	DFC
JOHN H. KUPPERS, 1st Lt.	DFC
JOHN W. LEPRY, 1st Lt.	DFC
WALLACE A. HEFFNER, Capt.	FIRST CLC TC DFC
JAMES R. GLOCKLER, 1st Lt.	DFC
ALFRED E. REHARD, 1st Lt.	DFC
ALVIN W. JONES, 1st Lt.	DFC
JOHN W. LOVETT, JR.	DFC
BERRIGER A. ANDERSON, 2nd Lt.	DFC
THOMAS J. HUSS, Flight Officer	DFC
ROBERT L. GOFF, S/Sgt.	Bronze Star
JACK (M1) HART, S/Sgt.	Bronze Star

2. Inclosed is War Diary, 526th Fighter Squadron, 86th Fighter Group, APC 374, New York, N. Y., for period 1 May 1945 to 1 June 1945.

For the Commanding Officer:

- 4 Incls:
- 1. War Diary.
  - 2. General Order # 112, First TAF
  - 3. General Order # 61, XII TAC.
  - 4. General Order # 70, XII TAC.

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 Unit Historian

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HEADQUARTERS  
XII TACTICAL AIR COMMAND

APO 374, US Army  
31 March 1945

GENERAL ORDERS)  
NUMBER 61)

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SECTION III - AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS (DLA)

By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and in accordance with authority delegated by First Tactical Air Force (Prov), the First Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Distinguished Flying Cross is awarded to the following named officer, now missing in action, Air Corps, United States Army, citation and next of kin as indicated:

BUSHNELL N. WELCH, O-759135, Captain, 526th Ftr. Sq., 86th Ftr. Gp. For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight in the European Theater of Operations. On 9 March 1945, Captain WELCH led a flight of P-47's in an attack on enemy railroads north of Achern, Germany. He skillfully maneuvered below low overcast and bombed a 35-car train, destroying fifteen cars loaded with heavy guns and damaged the others carrying motor vehicles and equipment. In the face of intense accurate anti-aircraft fire, he made repeated strafing attacks on another equipment loaded train, setting two cars afire before his aircraft was crippled by a shell fragment. Displaying resolute courage, he flew his aircraft to friendly territory before bailing out. The outstanding professional skill and steadfast devotion to duty have reflected great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Next of Kin: James E. Welch (Father), 12 Pine Ridge Road, Wellesley Hills, Mass.

SECTION IV - AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS

By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and in accordance with authority delegated by First Tactical Air Force (Prov), the Distinguished Flying Cross is awarded to the following named officers, Air Corps, United States Army, citation and residence as indicated:

JAMES C. KUHL, O-661226, Captain, 526th Ftr. Sq., 86th Ftr. Gp., For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight as pilot of a P-47 type aircraft. On 23 December 1944, Captain KUHL flew in a formation attacking enemy rail and motor transport targets in the Central Po Valley, Italy. Displaying exceptional flying skill in adverse weather conditions, he participated in a series of low level strafing attacks which resulted in destruction or damage of three steam locomotives, forty-three railroad cars, a railroad wrecker, and one motor transport. Captain KUHL's resolute courage in the face of enemy fire, his outstanding proficiency, and his steadfast devotion to duty have reflected great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

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JOHN H. KUPPERS, O-823093, First Lieutenant, 526th Ftr. Sq., 86th Ftr. Gp. For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight as pilot of a P-47 type aircraft. On 10 January 1945, Lt. KUPPERS led a flight in a formation attacking an enemy oil depot at Milan, Italy. Undaunted by adverse weather, he skillfully maintained his flight in formation and diving in precision attack bombed the target with devastating effect. Reforming his flight, he led it in strafing targets of opportunity, destroying or damaging two steam locomotives, one motor transport, and thirty-four railroad cars, six of which burned and three of which exploded with terrific impact blowing out the railroad bed for a length of forty feet. His outstanding proficiency and steadfast devotion to duty have reflected great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Lakeland, Fla.

JOHN W. LEFRY, O-822208, First Lieutenant, 526th Ftr. Sq., 86th Ftr. Gp. For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight in the European Theater of Operations. On 19 March 1945, Lt. LEFRY flew as element leader in a formation of P-47's attacking railroad rolling stock northeast of Pforzheim, Germany. Undaunted by intense anti-aircraft fire, he skillfully bombed a locomotive, scoring direct hits, and returning in the face of enemy fire made repeated strafing passes on other targets of opportunity. He accounted, with his flight, for the destruction or damage of eleven locomotives, three motor transports, and sixteen railroad cars. His outstanding professional skill and steadfast devotion to duty have reflected great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Apponaug, R. I.

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SECTION V -- AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS

By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 500-45, as amended, and in accordance with authority delegated by First Tactical Air Force (Proy), the First Oak Leaf Cluster to the Distinguished Flying Cross is awarded the following named officers, Air Corps, United States Army, citation and residence as indicated:

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WALLACE A. MCFTIEZER, O-704347, Captain, 526th Ftr. Sq., 86th Ftr. Gp. For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight in the European Theater of Operations. On 9 March 1945, Captain MCFTIEZER led a formation of P-47 type aircraft in an attack upon a train loaded with heavy guns, motor transports and other equipment, near Achern, Germany. Despite low overcasts and in the face of intense accurate anti-aircraft fire, he executed a run on the objective enabling his flight to cover the train with bomb hits, destroying fifteen flat cars and blowing out 150 feet of the rail line. In strafing attacks he started fires among the vehicles and equipment on the remaining cars and silenced five light guns in the target area. His outstanding proficiency and steadfast devotion to duty have reflected great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Coatsburg, Wis.

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BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL BARCUS:

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GEORGE L. HART, JR.,  
Colonel, G. S. C.,  
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

FRANCIS T. EGAN,  
1st Lt., Air Corps,  
Intg. Asst. Adj. Gen.

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HEADQUARTERS  
FIRST TACTICAL AIR FORCE (PROVISIONAL)  
AFC 374

GENERAL ORDERS)  
NUMBER 112)

11 May 1945

E X T R A C T

I. AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and in accordance with authority delegated by the War Department, the following named officers are awarded the SILVER STAR:

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WALTER C. TAYLOR, JR., O-821561, Captain, 526th Fighter Squadron, 86th Fighter Group. For gallantry in action while participating in aerial flight in the European Theater of Operations. On 18 March 1945, Captain TAYLOR led a nine-plane formation of fighter-bombers in an attack upon enemy motor transports and tanks near Homburg, Germany, while friendly ground troops assaulted positions in the Siegfried Line. Although exposed to great danger from antiaircraft fire, he led his formation beneath a low cloud cover to bomb with devastating effect four concentrations of vehicles. Then in the face of continuing enemy fire he returned to make ten strafing passes, breaking off only after he had exhausted his supply of ammunition. This bombing and strafing attack left forty-six motor vehicles and two tanks a mass of twisted and burning wreckage and greatly aided American ground troops in overcoming the enemy in the Siegfried Line. Captain TAYLOR's gallant courage and intrepid leadership are in keeping with the finest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Newark, N. J.

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BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL WEBSTER:

C. E. CRUMBINE,  
Col., Air Corps,  
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

T. J. BEOGAN,  
Col., AGD,  
Adjutant General.

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GENERAL ORDERS )  
NUMBER 70 )

AGO 374, US ARMY  
8 May 1945

E X T R A C T

SECTION I - AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS

By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and in accordance with authority delegated by First Tactical Air Force (Prov), the Distinguished Flying Cross is awarded to the following named officers, Air Corps, United States Army, citation and residence as indicated:  
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JAMES R. GLOCKNER, O-774117, First Lieutenant, 526th Ftr. Sq., 86th Ftr. Gp. For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight in the European Theater of Operations. On 31 March 1945, leading a flight of P-47 type aircraft, Lt. GLOCKNER destroyed a large convoy of enemy transport withdrawing from the battle area near Bad Mergentheim, Germany. Undaunted by the enemy fighters in the area, he courageously led his flight in bombing and strafing equipment packed vehicles, destroying a tank which fired at his formation and returning to make numerous low-level strafing attacks. His ammunition exhausted, he returned to base, leaving behind more than sixty enemy motor transports burning or severely damaged. The outstanding courage and professional skill displayed by Lt. GLOCKNER reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Turlock, Calif.  
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ALFRED E. IRELAND, JR., O-774168, First Lieutenant, 526th Ftr. Sq., 86th Ftr. Gp. For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight in the European Theater of Operations. On 4 April 1945, Lt. IRELAND led a formation of P-47 fighter-bombers attacking defended railroad trains loaded with motor vehicles near Orsilsheim, Germany. Displaying outstanding leadership and great courage as he pressed his attack at low-level, he made repeated strafing passes on these trains, silencing the gunners and destroying or damaging the locomotives and the vehicles. He strafed targets of opportunity in the area, until his ammunition almost completely exhausted, he broke off the attacks and returned to base, having accounted with his flight for destruction or damage of eighty-two motor vehicles, two locomotives, fifty-one railroad cars, and three horse-drawn vehicles, besides causing untold casualties among enemy personnel. Lt. IRELAND's gallant leadership and professional skill reflect great credit upon himself and the Army Air Forces. Long Beach, Calif.  
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LAWRENCE W. JONES, O-487458, First Lieutenant, 526th Ftr. Sq., 86th Ftr. Gp. For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight in the European Theater of Operations. On 24 March 1945, Lt. JONES flew on a fighter-bomber mission attacking enemy rail, highway and river traffic south of Mannheim, Germany. Displaying outstanding flying ability, he dive bombed and wrecked a twelve car railroad train, strafed and destroyed four motor

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transports, and then pressed a vigorous strafing attack against a concentration of motor launches in the Rhine River. Three direct hits by enemy anti-aircraft set fire to his plane, damaged the horizontal stabilizer and elevator, knocked out his air speed indicator and hydraulic system. By sheer courage, exposing himself to the danger of gasoline explosion, he remained in his crippled aircraft and skillfully piloted it back for a perfect crash landing at his base. Lt. JONES' resolute courage and exceptional skill reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Portland, Ore.

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JOHN W. LOWITT, JR., O-720886, First Lieutenant, 526th Ftr. Sq., 86th Ftr. Gp. For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flights in the European Theater of Operations. On 5 April 1945, Lt. LOWITT was a flight leader of a P-47 mission to bomb and strafe enemy railroad trains between Orailsheim and Ansbach, Germany. Displaying great courage and determined leadership as he maneuvered through intense anti-aircraft fire to strike at the enemy, he personally accounted for five locomotives and twenty-five railroad cars out of thirteen locomotives and fifty-five cars destroyed or damaged by his formation. Lt. LOWITT's outstanding proficiency and steadfast devotion to duty have reflected great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Detroit, Mich.

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PERCIVAL A. AMERSON, O-777974, Second Lieutenant, 526th Ftr. Sq., 86th Ftr. Gp. For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight in the European Theater of Operations. On 9 April 1945, Lt. AMERSON, flew as element leader in an attack upon three enemy gun positions obstructing the path of friendly ground troops near Niederstetten, Germany. He skillfully dive-bombed his objective, then circled above to provide cover for other members of the formation. Sighting four Me-109's on the deck, he pressed a vigorous attack against two of the enemy fighters until they exploded in flame and crashed. The outstanding professional skill and aggressiveness displayed by Lt. AMERSON reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. San Francisco, Calif.

THOMAS J. HUSS, T-126696, Flight Officer, 526th Ftr. Sq., 86th Ftr. Gp. For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight in the European Theater of Operations. On 20 April 1945, Flight Officer HUSS distinguished himself through superior leadership and resolute courage leading a formation of P-47 fighter-bombers in an attack upon a heavily defended airdrome at Ingolstadt, Germany. Undaunted by intense accurate anti-aircraft fire, he skillfully led his flight in bombing and repeatedly strafing the airdrome, destroying or damaging twenty-six enemy aircraft and demolishing two ammunition dumps which exploded with terrific impact sending smoke and debris up to 10,000 feet. The outstanding courage and professional skill displayed by Flight Officer HUSS reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Des Moines, Iowa.

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BY ORDER AND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL BARCUS:

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GEORGE L. BENT, JR.,  
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W. N. RENDE,  
Major, A. S. C.,  
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Sheet No. 154. War Diary. 526th Fighter Sq., 86th Fighter Gp., APC 374, N. Y.

Month of May 1945. Prepared by HOWARD C. WOLF, 1st Lt., above named Sq.

WAR DIARY

- 1 The big event of the day was Command assigning the Group a special mission. Thirty-six planes from the Group were to go to the Munich area, pick up some enemy fighters and escort them back to the field, where the enemy planes would land. Some arrangements had been made with the enemy but bad weather prevented the show from taking place. All the pilots were excited and rumors ran high as to whether or not this was the end of the war.
- 2 Stand-down for maintenance. The Stars and Stripes and the German radio reports Hitler dead. That is indeed good news, if true. The German Army in Italy surrendered today.
- 3 A telegram from Hap Arnold arrived today. The contents of it made fresh rumors fly and speculation ran high. According to the telegram experienced units will return to the States for training. The question seems to be, are we an experienced unit or less experienced than some others in the Theater? Two years overseas for most of the enlisted men should qualify it as an experienced Group.
- 4 Rain and cloudy skies kept the Squadron grounded for the day. Hoffiezer and Lepry, two pilots who have finished their tour of duty, left today for Nancy, France, where they will wait for their papers to come through. The War news continues good and as each day goes by the missions get longer. No bombs are carried now and finding a target is a complicated job.
- 5 Stand-down for maintenance. Rumor has it that the outfit will soon be leaving for Stuttgart. The unconditional surrender of Northern Germany and Holland was welcome news. It seems, from all accounts, that this War has just about had it.
- 6 According to the radio the announcement that V-E Day is here can be expected at any hour. Churchill will announce it from London and at the same time it will be announced in Russia and Washington. Rumors still persist in floating around and whether we will go home or where we will go remains a high point of speculation. Two missions flown today and no bombing or strafing targets could be found. The advance echelon is supposed to leave for Stuttgart 8 May.
- 7 The schedule has been tapered off the last few days and today we only have three missions. The news looks better and better and a telegram was received by Group today stating that the Germans had surrendered unconditionally and that it would go into effect at 0001 hours, 9 May. It looks as though the long awaited day is in sight and the question now arises as to what will become of the Group. Will we go back to the States or to CBI or are we occupation Army, three good questions for which we would like to know the answers.
- 8 Today is V-E Day. Churchill will announce to the world at three PM that the war in Europe is over. From all indications the day will be well celebrated by all and some of the officers already have a good start for tonight.
- 9 This morning a memorial service will be held for all the pilots who are missing in action or have been killed in action. A Six-plane formation will fly over

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WAR DIARY

the Services and will fly in such a formation that it will appear as though one of the planes is missing. Everyone will attend and the Group Commander will speak. Everyone is still wondering where we are going and whether or not we will move to Stuttgart. Some of the boys who went down there on the advanced scrounging party are still down there and are wondering whether to come back here or stay down there. From all reports there are barracks for enlisted men and officers down there. Our Commanding Officer, Major Taylor, has been transferred to Group and at present Captain Hailes is our Acting Commanding Officer. Captain Wood while flying a small German trainer hit an aerial on the field and crashed injuring the crew chief quite seriously and shaking himself up quite badly besides knocking out several teeth and fracturing a rib. Mike Brown, the crew chief, was sent back to the States via C-54.

- 10 Celebrations in the enlisted men's area are a nightly occurrence and continue well into the wee hours of the morning. Shortly after arriving at this base someone discovered a large brewery close to Worms that seemed to have an unlimited stock of wine and champagne and for several days the fellows kept hauling it in until nearly everyone had at least one case. White wine and champagne seemed to be the favorite but a large quantity of red champagne and wine could also be found. Regardless of color it produced the desired effect complete with hangovers. Poker and drinking are the only diversions for the men stationed in Germany and they are both entered into whole heartedly. The area resembles a cooperative farm in many respects. Some of the fellows have a couple of pigs, others chickens and geese and the savory odor of roast fowl and barbecued meat fill the air every evening. The Squadron was stood down for the day. The present plan calls for one squadron a day standing by and two stood down. The pilots are already starting to bitch about so little flying. The enlisted men receive a paper today and they are to put down whether they want to go to GBI or go to CBI. Not much of a choice, however most of them would rather go to CBI than stick around Germany.
- 11 A forty-eight plane mission was flown by the Group today in preparation for an Air Show over Paris in the near future. After they landed the runway was closed and flying suspended for the day. Still no definite report as to where we'll move and when.
- 12 The Squadron received about fifteen new pilots today. These pilots were C-47 pilots who came overseas and then when the crossing of the Rhine was made were thrown into gliders and C-47's. Now they are assigned to fighters and will start transition flying as soon as possible.
- 13 The main topic of the day seems to be points. All the enlisted men are running around trying to figure out how many points they have and how soon they can get out of the Army. There seems to be a little confusion as to how many battle stars we have and some of the men who are just on the border line are sweating out at least one more star.
- 14 The new pilots are getting indoctrination now and cockpit time in the P-47. They are anxious to start flying and to try their hand at something a

