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(L) AIR MEDALS AND/OR OAK LEAF CLUSTERS WERE AWARDED ON ORDERS INDICATED TO THE FOLLOWING PILOTS FOR MERITORIOUS ACHIEVEMENT WHILE PARTICIPATING IN AERIAL FLIGHT:

GO #123, 7 AUGUST 1944, HQ 12TH AIR FORCE.

HARRY L. CALLWELL, O-605172, CAPT. - 1ST OLC.
NEWTON L. SAUNDERS, O-651709, 1ST LT. - 1ST OLC.
GEORGE W. WALLACE, O-665245, CAPT. - 1ST OLC.

GO #148, 30 AUGUST 1944, HQ 12TH AIR FORCE.

WILLIAM DAVIE, JR. O-697313, 1ST LT. - 1ST AND 2ND OLC.
JOHN R. DOLNY, O-672579, CAPT. - 2ND OLC.
CARL JOHNSON, C-798140, CAPT. - 2ND OLC.

GO #42, 12 SEPTEMBER 1944, HQ XII TAC.

WILLIAM DAVIE, JR., O-697313, 1ST LT. - 3RD OLC.

GO #44, 21 SEPTEMBER 1944, HQ XII TAC.

PAUL E. CROWELL, T-62268, F/O - AIR MEDAL.
GLYNN E. TAYLOR, O-766772, 1ST LT. - AIR MEDAL.
ALGEO M. TOLVE, O-818318, 1ST LT. - AIR MEDAL.

2. ENCLOSED ARE WAR DIARY, 527TH FIGHTER SQUADRON FOR PERIOD 1 SEPTEMBER 1944 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 1944, AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS FOR MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 1944.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

Donald L. Whitney
DONALD L. WHITNEY,
1ST LT., AIR CORPS,
527TH FIGHTER SQUADRON

INCL:
DIARY AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS.

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MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 1944. PREPARED BY: DONALD L. WHITNEY,
1ST LT., AIR CORPS,
527TH FIGHTER SQUADRON.

- | DAY | EVENTS |
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| 1. | PAYDAY YESTERDAY AND THE USUAL CROP OF "UMBRIAGOS IN THE SQUADRON THIS MORNING. STARTED THE MONTH WITH THREE MISSIONS, 25 SORTIES. SOME OF THE NEW PILOTS GETTING A CHANCE TO LEAD FLIGHTS, WITH LTS. WHITING, GATES, AND CHAMBERS LEADING MISSIONS TODAY. NEWS FROM WESTERN FRONT GOOD WITH AMERICAN TROOPS 25 MILES FROM GERMAN BORDER, VERDUN AND OTHER TOWNS OF WORLD WAR #1 FAME FALL TO ALLIES. "THE UNINVITED", THRILLER DILLER TONIGHT, NO ONE MUCH FRIGHTENED AS MOON SHONE SO BRIGHTLY ON SCREEN THAT HALF THE PICTURE WAS INDISTINGUISHABLE. |
| 2. | OPERATIONAL STANDDOWN TODAY. CREWS GET PLANES BACK INTO CONDITION. CONSIDERABLE FLAK DAMAGE TO REPAIR, AS JERRY AS YET HASN'T RUN OUT OF FLAK GUNS OR AMMUNITION. THE MOSQUITOES USUALLY TROUBLE-SOME AT DUSK AND SUNUP ARE ON ALL DAY PATROL NOW. |
| 3. | THREE MISSIONS TODAY, NOTHING UNUSUAL. CAPT. DOLNY, LT. SAUNDERS AND LT. CORN LEFT TODAY FOR CAIRO AND TELA VIV ON REST LEAVE. CAPT. JOHNSON ASSUMED COMMAND OF SQUADRON. MOVIE TONIGHT CANCELLED WHEN PROJECTOR BROKE DOWN. THE WOES OF A GI MOVIE OPERATOR ARE MANY--ONLY ONE PROJECTOR, AILING POWER PLANT, THE ELEMENTS WREAK HAVOC ON HIS SCREEN, ETC. |
| 4. | THREE MISSIONS AGAIN TODAY, CONCENTRATED ON PO RIVER CROSSING TARGETS, HIT PONTOON BRIDGES AND BARGES. LT. CHAMBERS HIT TREE TODAY IN LOW LEVEL STRAFING, BUT BROUGHT BACK PLANE ONLY SLIGHTLY DAMAGED. |
| 5. | THREE MISSIONS TODAY, AGAIN CONCENTRATING ON BARGES AND PONTOONS. LT. MC PHERSON, "THE MUDCAT", VISITED SQUADRON TODAY BUT HAS TO GO BACK TO HOSPITAL FOR FURTHER TREATMENT. PARACHUTES DEPT. AND KITCHEN RECEIVED NEW TENTS TODAY TO REPLACE LEAKY ONES. AT LEAST THE CHOW AND PARACHUTES WILL KEEP DRY. WITH LT. SAUNDERS AND CAPT. DOLNY GONE, CAPT. JOHNSON HAS BEEN KEPT INCREASINGLY BUSY WITH BOTH OPERATIONS AND COMMANDING OFFICER'S JOBS. EACH DAY A NEW BATCH OF RUMORS IS RUN OFF ON POSSIBLE MOVES TO FRANCE, ITALY, YUGOSLAVIA, CHINA, AND INDIA. |
| 6. | A SLOW DRIZZLING RAIN FELL TODAY HERALDING THE APPROACH OF THE RAINY SEASON AND COOL WEATHER. STANDDOWN CALLED AT NOON. CAPT. MORAN AND LT. MILLER RETURNED FROM 14 DAY LEAVES IN TELA VIV. THE A-20'S WITH WHOM WE SHARE THE FIELD (47TH BOMB GP (L)) TOOK OFF FOR A NEW BASE IN SOUTHERN FRANCE BUT RETURNED DUE TO WEATHER. 2ND LTS. RAMSEY AND ROBINSON FINALLY ASSIGNED TO SQUADRON, HAVING JOINED 27 AUGUST. |
| 7. | RAIN. WEATHER RECONNAISSANCE, STANDDOWN IN THE AFTERNOON. WEATHER REMINISCENT OF POMIGLIANO, THOUGH THE RAINY SEASON SHOULDN'T START "IN EARNEST" UNTIL THE LATTER PART OF THE MONTH. LT. |

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7.	(CONT'D) WOLFSON, FORMER PILOT OF ORGANIZATION (SEE 1 JULY ENTRY) RECEIVED D.F.C. TODAY.
8.	NO MISSIONS. LT. MAC FARLAND HAD TO DITCH HIS PLANE TODAY WHILE ON TEST HOP. HE WAS PICKED UP BY AIR SEA RESCUE. HE RECEIVED MINOR INJURIES AND IS AT THE 15TH FIELD HOSPITAL. CAPT. ATCHLEY, SQUADRON INTELLIGENCE OFFICER, RECEIVED A LONG AWAITED APPOINTMENT TO JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT AND DONNED THE PEAK, SWORD AND WREATH. HE HAS TRAVEL ORDERS AND WILL LEAVE FOR THE STATES AS SOON AS HE CAN PACK. GROUP BAND PLAYED AT OFFICER'S CLUB TONIGHT. CAPT. ELLIS AND 6 ENLISTED MEN WENT TO ROME TODAY IN 8-25 TO BECOME "ROME ROVERS" FOR THREE DAYS (REST CAMP).
9.	THREE MISSIONS TODAY. TWO OF THEM FLEW TO CECINA, ITALY TO BE BRIEFED ON CLOSE SUPPORT TARGETS BY RAF WING THERE. NOTICE CAME TODAY THAT LT. DAVID A. WATERMAN, "SANDY" MIA SINCE 9 MAY 1944, IS A PRISONER OF WAR AS IS COL. EDWIN A. BLAND, FORMERLY GROUP OPERATIONS OFFICER. ORDERS ARRIVED TODAY AWARDING THE PURPLE HEART TO CAPT. CALDWELL AND LT. MC PHERSON AS RESULT OF INJURIES DUE TO ENEMY ACTION.
10.	TWO MISSIONS ON RAIL LINES, DESTROYED A LOCOMOTIVE AND 10 BOXCARS. A THIRD MISSION WAS SCRUBBED BECAUSE OF WEATHER. ENLISTED MEN'S AREA LOOKS RATHER BARE BECAUSE A NUMBER OF TENTS WERE TAKEN TO AJACCIO FOR SALVAGE. CAPT. ATCHLEY LEFT THE SQUADRON FOR THE STATES AND JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL SCHOOL. CAPT. ATCHLEY WAS APPOINTED SQUADRON INTELLIGENCE OFFICER DECEMBER 1942, AND HAS SERVED WELL IN THAT CAPACITY TO DATE. LT. WHITNEY WAS APPOINTED INTELLIGENCE OFFICER VICE CAPT. ATCHLEY, RELIEVED.
11.	THREE MISSIONS TODAY WITH LT. SCHIRO LEADING A GOOD ONE ACCOMPLISHING A ROAD BLOCK AND DESTROYING A 100' TRAWLER. NEWS OF THE DAY WAS THE ORDER TO PREPARE FOR A MOVE TO GROSSETTO MAIN, ITALY. ORDERS ARRIVED AWARDING THE SOLDIER'S MEDAL TO LEONARD P. HICKS, CREW CHIEF, FOR HEROISM (SEE ENTRY 10 AUGUST 1944) AND DFC'S TO CAPT. DOLNY, SQUADRON COMMANDER, AND LT. MITCHELL WHO LEFT ORGANIZATION 28 JULY 1944. LTS. MILLER AND REICHERT WENT TO HEAD-QUARTERS 12TH AIR FORCE TO APPEAR BEFORE THE EVALUATION BOARD. P.X. RATIONS TODAY WITH A GOODLY SUPPLY OF BEER, COKES, AND CANDY. ENLISTED MEN WORKING ON BAR. MOVIE TONIGHT "TWO GIRLS AND A SAILOR".
12.	FOUR MISSIONS TODAY, THREE ARMED RECCES AND A FLAK DELOUSING MISSION. THE FLAK DELOUSING MISSIONS ARE RATHER ROUGH AND ARE NOT AT ALL RELISHED BY PILOTS. TWO PILOTS DITCHED PLANES TODAY. LT. GOSLIN WAS HIT IN OIL LINE BY FLAK AND MADE IT ALMOST ALL OF THE WAY BACK TO THE ISLAND, HIS SHIP LEAKING TWO QUARTS OF OIL PER MINUTE. HE DID AN EXCELLENT JOB DITCHING AND WAS PICKED UP BY AIR SEA RESCUE. F/O KAPNER DITCHED AGAIN, THE SECOND TIME, HE HAD TROUBLE ON TAKEOFF. HE WAS PICKED UP BY CATALINA. BOTH PILOTS TOOK THE EXPERIENCE VERY COOLY..LT. GOSLIN'S ONLY REGRET

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- 12. (CONT'D) WAS NOT BEING ABLE TO TAKE CLOCK OUT OF SHIP BEFORE IT SUNK, SAYS NEXT TIME HE DITCHES A PLANE HE'LL TAKE SCREWDRIIVER ALONG. CPL. SPENIL AND PVT. WHEAT OF TRANSPORTATION LEFT FOR FRANCE TODAY TO GET THE GROUP COMMANDER'S SLEEPING TRAILER. THE ADVANCED ECHELON 4 OFFICERS AND 70 ENLISTED MEN WENT TO STAGING AREA AT ILLE ROUSSE, CORSICA TODAY, LEAVING AT 1500 HOURS.

- 13. THREE MISSIONS TODAY. DESTROYED 2 BRIDGES, BOXCARS, AND MT AND CAUSED A ROAD BLOCK. SQUADRON HAS BEEN WORKING LATE HOURS. DUE TO WEATHER TAKEOFF TIME OFTEN HAS TO BE MOVED UP MAKING THE WHOLE SCHEDULE LATE. TODAY ALL MISSIONS WERE ACCOMPLISHED BY 1500, AND THE LINE CONSIDERED IT A "HALF DAY" OFF. LT. DAVIE WENT TO HQ. 12TH AIR FORCE TO APPEAR BEFORE EVALUATION BOARD. BIG NEWS IN NORTHERN FRANCE--AMERICAN'S REPORTED TO BE IN GERMANY PROPER. SOUTH PACIFIC NEWS REPORTS INDICATE 52 JAP SHIPS SUNK BY AMERICAN PLANES. MOVIE PROJECTOR WENT WITH THE ADVANCE PARTY, SO THE REMAINDER OF THE SQUADRON JOURNEYED TO THE SERVICE SQUADRON AREA FOR MOVIE TONIGHT.

- 14. TWO MISSIONS TODAY--ROUTINE. A LITTLE EXCITEMENT TODAY WHEN LT. LEFKOW CRACKED UP ON THE RUNWAY AS HE LANDED. HIS RIGHT LANDING GEAR COLLAPSED, HE ESCAPED WITHOUT INJURY. THE ADVANCE ECHELON RETURNED FROM ILLE ROUSSE--NO BOAT. AFTER THEIR DRY RUN THERE, THEY'LL SWEAT OUT A BOAT IN BASTIA.

- 15. TWO MISSIONS TODAY, NOTHING UNUSUAL. M/SGT REGAN, COMMUNICATIONS CHIEF, ACTING 1ST SGT. AS SGT. PARKER LEFT WITH "A" PARTY. "A" PARTY LOADED ON TO BOATS (LST'S) IN BASTIA HARBOR TONIGHT. ORDERS CAME TODAY PROMOTING 2ND LT. JUNG TO 1ST LT.

- 16. THREE MISSIONS TODAY, ONE FLAK DELOUSING AND THE OTHER TWO ON RAILS TARGETS. TWO OF PILOTS BROUGHT HOME FLAK DAMAGED SHIPS. SQUADRON WORKING SHORT HANDED WITH ONE PARTY ENROUTE TO GROSSETTO AND "B" PARTY PREPARING TO LEAVE--THIS MOVE TO TAKE PLACE IN THREE SECTIONS... "A" PARTY HAS GONE, "B" PARTY WILL LEAVE TOMORROW, "C" PARTY WILL BRING REMAINING EQUIPMENT AND COME BY LST LATER. LTS. REICHERT AND MILLER RECEIVED ORDERS TO RETURN TO STATES. LT. REICHERT COMPLETED 73 MISSIONS, JOINED THE SQUADRON 13 MARCH 1944. "BABY" MILLER COMPLETED 80 MISSIONS AND JOINED SQUADRON 18 FEB. 1944. BOTH PILOTS JOINED SQUADRON AT POMIGLIANO AND WERE STAND-BYS IN THE HARD SLUGGING ON CASSINO AND THE PUSH ON ROME.

- 17. THREE MISSIONS TODAY, THE FIRST EXCELLENT, LED BY CAPT. WALLACE. IT ACCOMPLISHED MAXIMUM DAMAGE DESTROYING FOUR LOCOMOTIVES, A STRING OF BOXCARS, SOME MT AND MESSED UP MARSHALLING YARDS AT VENTIMIGLIA. FROM PARACHUTE TENT TO BRIEFING ROOM THE EXCITED CHATTER INDICATED AN EXCELLENT JOB. "B" PARTY LOADED ONTO LST'S TONIGHT. TIME MOVED BACK AN HOUR TODAY, BUT AS CHOW WAS SERVED AT 0500 HOURS TO ACCOMODATE "B" PARTY, THE BENEFIT OF EXTRA HOURS

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| 17. | (CONT'D) SLEEP WAS NOT ENJOYED. CAPT. RIDER WENT ALONG TO TELA VIV TO PICK UP THE REST LEAVE PILOTS. |
| 18. | TWO MISSIONS THIS MORNING. CAPT. JOHNSON DID SOME SPECTACULAR LOW LEVEL BOMBING TOSSING A PAIR OF BOMBS IN TUNNEL MOUTH ON THE COASTAL LINE. THE FLIGHT ECHELON, THE PILOTS AND 15 CREW CHIEFS LEFT FOR GROSSETTO VIA P-47 AND C-47 RESPECTIVELY. "B" PARTY ARRIVED TONIGHT DISEMBARKING AT PIOMBINO. "C" PARTY STILL IN CORSICA CLEANING UP AND PACKING FOR MOVE. ONLY 1 P-47 LEFT ON FIELD AT PORETTA. PLANES PARKED ON DIRT STRIP HERE IN GROSSETTO, AS THERE ARE NOT SUFFICIENT HARD STANDS. OFFICERS QUARTERED IN BUILDING JUST VACATED BY ARMY HOSPITAL. ENLISTED MEN BIVOUACED IN CLEARING ABOUT 1/2 MILE FROM THE FIELD. |
| 19. | SQUADRON HAD TWO MISSIONS TODAY, ONE ON A COMMAND POST AND THE SECOND AN ARMED RECONNAISSANCE. THE LINE AREA IS ALL SET UP AND THE BIVOUAC AREA FAIRLY WELL ESTABLISHED. CAPT. DOLNY, LT. SAUNDERS AND LT. CORN RETURNED FROM TELA VIV TODAY WITH HIGH PRAISE FOR THE REST CAMP FACILITIES IN TELA VIV, THE MODERN CITY, AND ENTERTAINMENT OFFERED. THEY ARRIVED AT PORETTA AND CAUGHT THE B-25 TO GROSSETTO. |
| 20. | STANDDOWN - RAINED MOST OF DAY. BIVOUAC AREA MUDDY AND ALMOST UNTENABLE - CO LOOKING FOR BUILDING FOR ENLISTED MEN'S QUARTERS. |
| 21. | "C" PARTY DEPARTED, WITH NO REGRETS, FROM PORETTA AIRFIELD TO THE STAGING AREA OUTSIDE OF BASTIA. BAD WEATHER - GROSSETTO. MEN MOVED FROM TENTS INTO ARTILLERY-ARSENAL BUILDINGS ABOUT 4 MILES FROM FIELD. THE BUILDINGS ARE LONG BARNLIKE WITH CONCRETE FLOORS, MAKE VERY LIVABLE BARRACKS. COL. BATES HAS SECURED A LARGE BUILDING IN TOWN FOR ENLISTED MEN'S CLUB. |
| 22. | FLYING RESUMED TODAY - FLEW THREE MISSIONS. "C" PARTY IS STILL IN THE STAGING AREA, BUT WORD CAME TO THEM TONIGHT THAT THEY WOULD LEAVE EARLY TOMORROW MORNING. THE MESS HALL DREW RATIONS IN THE STAGING AREA, BUT WAS UNABLE TO COOK THE CHICKEN DUE TO THE FACT THE SQUADRON WAS ALERTED FOR AN ALMOST HOURLY MOVE. |
| 23. | LT. LEFKOW MISSING IN ACTION TODAY, BUT HE IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BAILED OUT QUITE NEAR OUR OWN LINES. A VERY BUSY DAY WITH FOUR MISSIONS. "C" PARTY LEFT CORSICA ABOARD LST #283 SANS A FEW VEHICLES WHICH WERE "RANKED OFF" THE BOAT AND WILL HAVE TO REMAIN FOR A FEW DAYS. LT. HAROLD J. INGLEY, THE PILOT OF "STREAMER CHUTE" FAME (SEE 22 AUGUST 1944 ENTRY) JOINED THE ORGANIZATION, AND WAS APPOINTED ASSISTANT INTELLIGENCE OFFICER. |
| 24. | "C" PARTY ARRIVED IN THE WEE HOURS OF THE MORNING AFTER A TRIP TO LEGHORN FIRST AND THENCE TO PIOMBINO, THE SQUADRON IS OPERATING TOGETHER FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE LEAVING CORSICA. CAPT. TILLESON, HEADING THE TRUCK DETAIL, MADE TWO TRIPS TO PIOMBINO EARLY THIS MORNING TO CLEAN UP ALL THE EQUIPMENT THAT WAS LEFT ON THE DOCKS. 3 MISSIONS TODAY, BUT THEY WERE UNSUCCESSFUL BECAUSE OF WEATHER. PROMOTIONS CAME THROUGH TODAY FOR PILOTS. |

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| 24. | (CONT'D) THOSE THAT RECEIVED SILVER BARS WERE LTS. TAYLOR, LEWIS, PIERCE, ROSMAN AND TOLVE. LTS. MILLER AND REICHERT WERE TRANSFERRED TO PERSONNEL CENTER #7 FOR RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES. |
| 25. | TWO MISSIONS TODAY, ONE CLEAR TO ITALIAN-SWISS BORDER ON LAKE MAGGIORE. THE PILOTS TOOK OFF AFTER BRIEFING, YODELING AND JOKING ABOUT SPENDING THE BALLANCE OF THE "DURATION" IN SOME NICE SWISS HOTEL. 2ND LT. FULTON, IN HOSPITAL AS RESULT OF INJURIES SUFFERED (SEE 5 JULY ENTRY) WHEN HE CRASHED ON TAKEOFF, WAS TRANSFERRED TO DETACHMENT OF PATIENTS, 16 STATION HOSPITAL. 1ST LT. JOHN T. BOONE, WAS ASSIGNED ORGANIZATION AFTER JOINING ORGANIZATION 21 SEPTEMBER. LT. BOONE TRANSFERRED TO THIS ORGANIZATION FROM THE 79 FIGHTER GROUP AND HAD 108 MISSIONS. SQUADRON AREA CONTINUES TO TAKE SHAPE AS ENLISTED MEN ARE MAKING TABLES, CHAIRS, CLOTHES TREES, WASH STANDS, ETC. OUT OF AVAILABLE MATERIAL AT THE ARSENAL. THE OFFICERS STARTED EATING AT A GROUP OFFICER'S MESS ON 21 SEPTEMBER. CAPT. GROSS HAS SECURED SOME RANGES AND IMPROVISED OTHERS, BORROWED EQUIPMENT FROM SQUADRONS, HIRED ITALIAN LABOR, AND SET UP A VERY EFFICIENT MESS. FIRST TIME ALL OF THE OFFICERS HAVE MESSED TOGETHER SINCE THE ORGANIZATION LEFT THE STATES AND THEY'RE ENJOYING IT. |
| 26. | FIVE MISSIONS TODAY WITH RAIL TARGETS PREDOMINATING. THE DAYS TOTAL INCLUDED - DESTROYED: 1 LOCOMOTIVE, 19 BOXCARS, 3 OIL CARS, 1 TWIN ENGINE AIRCRAFT; DAMAGED: 25 BOXCARS, A 150' BOAT, 2 TUGS, 2 MOTOR TRANSPORTS. THE ENEMY IS FALLING BACK STEADILY ON THE GOTHIC LINE. NEWS FROM THE WESTERN FRONT HAS A SOMBER NOTE WITH ALLIED AIRBORNE ARMY TRAPPED IN HOLLAND. ORDERS CAME THROUGH TODAY AWARDING SILVER STAR TO LT. MC PHERSON (SEE 23 JULY ENTRY) AND DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS TO LT. SAUNDERS. (SEE SEPTEMBER HISTORY FOR CITATION). CPL. SPENIL AND PVT WHEAT RETURNED FROM FRANCE TODAY WITH THE GROUP COMMANDERS SLEEPING TRAILER AND GLOWING TALES OF THE FRENCH RIVIERA AND ATTRACTIVE FRENCH GIRLS. LT. YORK AND 13 ENLISTED MEN LEFT ON THE DOCKS AT BASTIA, JOINED THE SQUADRON TODAY, BRINGING THE BALANCE OF THE SQUADRON VEHICLES, RELIEVING THE RATHER ACUTE SHORTAGE OF TRANSPORTATION. THREE OFFICERS AND FOUR ENLISTED MEN LEFT FOR ROME TODAY TO ATTEND JEWISH SERVICES FOR YOM KIPPUR IN THAT CITY. GROUP ENLISTED MEN'S CLUB RAPIDLY TAKING SHAPE AS ENLISTED MEN RUSH AROUND GETTING READY FOR A BIG SATURDAY NIGHT OPENING. |
| 27. | TWO MISSIONS TODAY WITH ONE MISSION HITTING A TROOP CONCENTRATION, PILOTS REPORTING EXCELLENT COVERAGE OF TARGET AREA. LT. DAVIE, ANOTHER STANDBY OF THE DAYS BELOW ROME, WAS TRANSFERRED TO 62ND FIGHTER WING, PROBABLY ON A NON COMBAT FLYING BASIS. LT. DAVIE HAD COMPLETED 61 COMBAT MISSIONS, WILL BE RECOMMENDED FOR DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS FOR EXCELLENT WORK DONE IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO THE BREAK THROUGH TO ROME |

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	28. ONLY ONE MISSION TODAY, DUE TO BAD WEATHER. THE FLIGHT CRATERED A RAILWAY TRACK, SECONDARY ROAD, AND BLOCKED A TUNNEL. THE GOTHIC LINE APPEARS BREACHED IN 5TH ARMY SECTOR, BUT JERRY CONTINUES TO COUNTERATTACK FIERCELY AND PROGRESS IS SLOW. MAIL SITUATION CONTINUES BAD, WITH BUT A FEW V-MAILS TRICKLING THROUGH, PERHAPS THE CHRISTMAS MAIL HAS SIDE TRACKED REGULAR DELIVERY.
	29. STANDDOWN THIS MORNING, THOUGH THE PILOTS WERE BRIEFED AT 0530 HOURS... MORE RAIN. LT. CORN RECEIVED ORDERS TODAY AWARDING HIM THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS. GI MOVIE IN TOWN TONIGHT. AS TOWN IS FAIRLY CLOSE TO BARRACKS AREA, THERE IS USUALLY A BIG CROWD TO MOVIES, BOTH GI AND ITALIAN.
	30. TWO TRACK BREAKING MISSIONS ACCOMPLISHING 17 DIRECT HITS ON RAIL LINE. IT HAS BEEN A PROFITABLE MONTH. THE SQUADRON FLEW 63 MISSIONS, 450 SORTIES; LOST ONE PILOT, MIA; LOST 3 P-47'S; EXPENDED 183,882 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION; DROPPED 844 X 500 BOMBS. COMMENDATION RECEIVED TODAY FROM GENERAL CHIDLAW, ENDORSED BY COL. BATES, EXTENDING CONGRATULATIONS ON OPERATIONS FROM 1ST TO 28 SEPTEMBER. (SEE ATTACHED COPY).

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527TH FIGHTER SQUADRON
OUTLINE HISTORY
OCTOBER 1944

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86TH FIGHTER GROUP AAF
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SUBJECT: HISTORICAL RECORDS.

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, XXII TACTICAL AIR COMMAND, APO 650,
U.S. ARMY.

1. OUTLINE HISTORY OF THE 527TH FIGHTER SQUADRON FOR PERIOD
1 OCTOBER THROUGH 31 OCTOBER 1944.

A. PRESENT DESIGNATION: 527TH FIGHTER SQUADRON, 86TH
FIGHTER GROUP, XXII TACTICAL AIR COMMAND.

- B. CHANGES IN ORGANIZATION:
 - (1) CHANGES IN DESIGNATION, ASSIGNMENT OF ATTACHMENT:
 - (A) CHANGES IN DESIGNATION: NONE.
 - (B) CHANGES IN ASSIGNMENT: RELIEVED OF ASSIGN-
MENT TO XII FIGHTER COMMAND AND REASSIGNED
TO THE XXII TACTICAL AIR COMMAND, PER
SECTION 1, PAR. 2, GO #75, HQ. XXII T.A.C.,
DATED 20 OCTOBER 1944.
 - (C) CHANGES IN ATTACHMENT: NONE.
 - (2) SUBORDINATE UNITS: NONE.
 - (3) CHANGES IN COMMANDING OFFICERS: NONE.
 - (4) CHANGES IN STAFF OFFICERS: NONE.
 - (5) CHANGES IN T/O: NONE.

- C. STRENGTH, COMMISSIONED AND ENLISTED:
 - (1) MONTH OF OCTOBER 1944:
 - (A) AT BEGINNING: 53 OFFICERS, 244 ENLISTED MEN.
 - (B) NET INCREASE: NONE.
 - (C) NET DECREASE: 2 ENLISTED MEN.
 - (D) AT END: 53 OFFICERS, 242 ENLISTED MEN.

- D. STATIONS:
 - (1) GROSSETTO AIRFIELD, ITALY.
 - (A) DATE OF ARRIVAL: 23 SEPTEMBER 1944.
 - (B) DATE OF DEPARTURE: (PER VOCO 86TH FIGHTER
GROUP)
 - 1. 3 OFFICERS, 73 ENLISTED MEN MOVED FROM
GROSSETTO AIRFIELD, ITALY, TO PISA AIR-
FIELD, ITALY. DEPARTED 24 OCTOBER 1944,
ARRIVED 25 OCTOBER 1944.

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