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APO 464, US ARMY

1 NOVEMBER 1943

GROUND INFORMATION ON MISSION RESULTS

1. WHEN THE BRIDGE ON THE MAIN HIGHWAY SOUTH OF MIGNANO (H-005105) WAS DESTROYED LAST FRIDAY, V ARMY INTERCEPTED A MESSAGE FROM THE GERMANS ORDERING THE TROOPS TO USE THE BY-PASS THROUGH MIGNANO PROPER.

2. WHEN THE BRIDGE ACROSS THE RIVER AT ROCCAMONFIA (M-985985) WAS DESTROYED LAST FRIDAY, V ARMY INTERCEPTED A MESSAGE FROM THE GERMANS INSTRUCTING THE GERMAN TROOPS TO CONSTRUCT A PONTOON BRIDGE. A LOW CEILING PREVENTED ALLIED RECONNAISSANCE PLANES FROM OBSERVING WHETHER THIS BRIDGE HAD BEEN CONSTRUCTED.

3. WHEN THE BRIDGE AT MIGNANO (G-987118) WAS DESTROYED, THIS TOGETHER WITH THE DESTRUCTION OF THE BRIDGES MENTIONED IN #1 AND #2 RESULTED IN ENTRAPPING THE GERMANS IN A TRIANGULAR POCKET BOUNDED AS FOLLOWS- MIGNANO, ROCCAMONFIA, TEANO, VIRIANO. SHORTLY AFTER THE BOMBING OF THE MIGNANO BRIDGE V ARMY INTERCEPTED A FRANTIC MESSAGE FROM THE GERMAN COMMANDER TO HIGHER HEADQUARTERS TO THE EFFECT THAT THE TROOPS WERE TRAPPED WITH NO WAY OF ESCAPE, THAT HE HAD NO REPAIR OR BRIDGING MATERIAL AND TO RUSH SUCH MATERIAL IN A HURRY. ANOTHER MESSAGE WAS ALSO INTERCEPTED ORDERING THE GERMAN TROOPS TO AGAIN OCCUPY THE LINE ROCCAMONFIA, TEANO, VIRIANO FROM WHICH THEY STARTED TO WITHDRAW AND TO HOLD IT AT ALL COSTS TO PERMIT TIME TO PREPARE EVACUATION ROUTES.

4. AS A RESULT OF THE ENTRAPMENT AND THE ORDER TO HOLD THE AFORESAID LINES AT ALL COSTS, ONE AMERICAN REGIMENT ON SATURDAY CAPTURED MORE PRISONERS THAN HAD BEEN CAPTURED IN THE PRECEDING THREE WEEKS.

5. LT. COLONEL HANSBOROUGH, AMERICAN AIR CONTROL OFFICER AT V. ARMY HQA, STATED YESTERDAY THAT GENERAL CLARK KNEW OF THE SPLENDID WORK BEING DONE BY THE INVADER PLANES, WAS EXTREMELY PLEASED BY THE BOMBING RESULTS OBTAINED AND KNEW THAT IT WAS THE 85TH FIGHTER BOMBER GROUP WHICH WAS DOING THIS GOOD WORK.

WILLIAM R. C. FORD  
MAJOR, FIELD ARTILLERY,  
AMERICAN AIR CONTROL,  
LIAISON OFFICER.

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SHEET NO. 1. OUTLINE HISTORY 527TH FTR. BOMBER SQ., 86TH FTR. BOMBER GP.

DATE NOV. 1, 1943 - NOV. 30, 1943. PREPARED BY: DONALD L. WHITNEY,  
1ST LT., AIR CORPS,  
527 FTR. BOMBER SQ.

- A. ORIGINAL UNIT: (SEEPERIOD FEB. 10, 1942, SEPT. 30, 1943)
- B. CHANGES IN ORGANIZATION: NONE
- C. STRENGTH OF ORGANIZATION:
  - (1) AT BEGINNING OF PERIOD - NOV. 1, 1943 - 53 OFFICERS ASSIGNED  
224 E.M. ASSIGNED.
  - (2) AT END OF PERIOD - NOV. 30, 1943 - 46 OFFICERS ASSIGNED  
220 E.M. ASSIGNED.
- D. STATIONS (PERMANENT OR TEMPORARY) OF UNIT OR PARTS THEREOF:
  - (1) POMIGLIANO D'ARCO AIRPORT, ITALY 1 NOVEMBER 1943  
30 NOVEMBER 1943.
- E. CAMPAIGNS:
  - (1) ITALIAN CAMPAIGN - SQUADRON CONTINUED MISSIONS IN SUPPORT  
OF GROUND TROOPS DURING NOVEMBER, ACCOMPLISHING 23 MISSIONS.
- F. COMMANDING OFFICERS IN IMPORTANT ENGAGEMENTS:
  - (1) CHARLES F. CASSIDY, JR. MAJOR, A.C. COMMANDED SQUADRON  
PERIOD NOV 1, 1943 - 30 NOV. 1943.
- G. LOSSES IN ACTION:
  - (1) ITALIAN CAMPAIGN:
    - (A) 2ND LT. JOHN D. HUNTER REPORTED MISSING IN ACTION  
15 AUGUST 1943, REPORTED PRISONER OF AXIS (LETTER  
HQ NORTH AFRICAN THEATRE OF OPERATIONS - 3 NOV.  
1943.
- H. MEMBERS WHO HAVE DISTINGUISHED THEMSELVES IN ACTION:
  - (1) SICILIAN CAMPAIGN.
    - (A) JOHN W. HARSH, MAJOR, A.C. FOR EXTRAORDINARY  
ACHIEVEMENT IN AERIAL FLIGHT IN NORTH AFRICAN  
THEATRE OF COMBAT, (INCIDENT CITED IN THE SICILIAN  
CAMPAIGN IN WHICH MAJOR HARSH LED 18 FIGHTER  
BOMBERS AGAINST TROINA, SICILY ON AUG. 4 HASTENING  
ITS OCCUPATION BY 7TH ARMY) AWARDED DFC. 9 NOV.  
1943, BY MAJ. CHARLES F. CASSIDY, SQUADRON COMMANDER.

MONTH OF NOVEMBER 1943. PREPARED BY: DONALD L. WHITNEY,  
1ST LT., AIR CORPS,  
527TH FTR. BOMBER SQ.

DAY EVENTS

- 1 TWO MISSIONS TODAY. ON THE FIRST MISSION LED BY LT. JOES, THE FLIGHT PASSED OVER SECRETARY OF TREASURY MORGENTHAU AND OTHER OFFICIALS, AND AT A DESIGNATED PLACE, DIVE BOMBED A PIN POINT TARGET, KNOCKING OUT A RAILROAD BRIDGE AND SERIOUSLY DAMAGING A HIGHWAY BRIDGE.

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- 2 MAJOR HARSH RETURNED FROM CAIRO TODAY BRINGING SOME SCOTCH, AND BOURBON TO REPLENISH THE OFFICERS BAR - AND TALES OF HIS TRIP TO PALESTINE FROM CAIRO. LTS. DOTSON AND WESTFALL WENT TO DS XII AF. OCT. 20, 1942. 1ST LT. WILLIAM WESTFALL ASSIGNED SQUADRON AT TAFAROU, ALGERIA N.A. ON JUNE 14, 1943. BOTH PILOTS HAVE COMPLETED EXCELLENT COMBAT TOURS. LT. D.J. "BUTTON" SMITH LED A SUCCESSFUL MISSION ON PONTOON BRIDGE TODAY (SEE CLIPPING).

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- 3 LT. DUVALL RETURNED TO SQUADRON FROM HOSPITAL. LT. SNIDER RETURNED FROM DS ALGIERS, WHERE HE DID SOME PUBLICITY WORK ON A-36'S AND DIVE BOMBING. CAPT. DUNGAN, AND LTS. EGELHOFF AND KUBLY LEFT FOR REST CAMP TODAY.

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- 4 ORDERS CAME TRANSFERING 1ST LTS YETTER AND PETSICK FROM DS. XII AF (10/27/43) TO ZONE OF INTERIOR. E.M. FORMED A CLUB TODAY ELECTING SGT. LLOYD B. THOMAS, PRES; S/SGT. M. DOIRON, VICE PRES; AND SGT. SID HOWARD, SECY/TREAS. THEY TOOK OVER SEVERAL ROOMS IN BASEMENT OF APARTMENT AND PLAN TO HAVE BAR SET UP, PING PONG TABLES ETC.

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- 5 HAD AN AIR RAID ALERT THIS AM. AND JUST AS ALL CLEAR WAS SOUNDED 2 MINES EXPLODED ON EDGE OF FIELD, EVERYONE JUMPED FOR SLIT TRENCHES. S/SGT. MEREDITH L. SUTTON AND SGT. JOHN PICHNEY RECEIVED LETTERS OF COMMENDATION (COPIES ATTACHED) FROM LT. COL. ROBERT C. PAUL, GROUP COMMANDER, ON EXCELLENT RECORD OF AIRPLANE THEY CREWED. HAD AN HOUR RAID OVER NAPLES TONIGHT, THEN A SECOND ALERT. JERRY'S GETTING TO BE A NUISANCE.

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- 6 1ST LTS. SNIDER AND LYNAM AND 2ND LTS. DUVALL AND HOLLAND WENT TO DS XII AF TODAY. 1ST LT J. MARTIN SNIDER ASSIGNED ORGANIZATION NOV. 27, 1942 AT KEY FIELD. 1ST LT. ROBERT J. LYNAM ASSIGNED OCT. 12, 1942 AT KEY FIELD. BOTH "J. MARTIN" SNIDER AND "CUTTER" LYNAM COMPLETED EXCELLENT TOURS AS COMBAT PILOTS AND FLIGHT LEADERS. 2ND LT. THURMAN O. DUVALL JOINED SQUADRON ON JUNE 25, 1943 AND 2ND LT. DANIEL E. HOLLAND ON JUNE 5, 1942 AT TAFAROU, N.A. "CURLEY" DUVALL, AND "DANNY" HOLLAND LIKEWISE HAVE COMPLETED EXCELLENT COMBAT TOURS.

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- 7 AN EARLY MISSION, KNOCKED OUT OR NEUTRALIZED SOME GUN POSITION. STANDDOWN REST OF DAY. S/SGT. LONARD P. HICKS AND S/SGT. ALBERT F. SCHULTZ RECEIVED LETTERS OF COMMENDATION, (COPIES ATTACHED) FROM LT. COL. PAUL, GROUP COMMANDER, ON EXCELLENT RECORD (112 MISSIONS) OF AIRPLANE THEY CREWED. LT. JACK MADIGAN LOCATED HIS BROTHER S/SGT. THOMAS MADIGAN IN NAPLES TODAY. CHAPLAIN FISCHER HELD SERVICES IN BASEMENT OF APARTMENT THIS EVENING.

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- 8 RAINED MOST OF DAY FORCING STANDDOWN, ANOTHER GREY MONDAY WITH POKER GAMES IN THE BARRACKS, AND BUSINESS AT THE BAR "STEPPED UP". E.M. BAR HAS INITIATED A DRINK CALLED "INVADER" CONSISTING OF A JIGGER OF GIN, JIGGER OF CHERRY BRANDY, 4 JIGGERS OF GRAPE FRUIT JUICE --- VERY POTENT.

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DAY EVENTS

- 9 TWO MISSIONS CAPTS. ATCHLEY AND VORIS LEFT ON TRANSPORT FOR TEMPORARY DUTY (REST LEAVE) AT CAIRO. RECEIVED 2 NEW PILOTS IN UNIT TODAY. 2ND LTS. JOHN OLEHOVICK, AND KNIGHT C. TREAT, ASSIGNED FROM XII ASC.

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- 10 RUDELY AWAKENED AT 2 AM BY AIR RAID SIREN - 3/4 HOUR RAID OVER NAPLES. LTS. LYNAM, DUVALL, AND HOLLAND FROM DS XII AF (NOV. 6) TO ZONE OF INTERIOR.

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- 11 LT. WESTFALL FROM DS XII AF (NOV. 2) TO TRANSFERRED ZONE OF INTERIOR. LT. DOTSON FROM DS XII AF (NOV. 2) TO TRANSFERRED TO HQ AND HQ SQ. XII AF. CAPT. DUNGAN, LTS. EGELHOFF, AND KUBLY BACK FROM REST CAMP AT MALFI, LTS. GEE, KASTNER, "SYD" SMITH AND HUMPHRY LEFT FOR REST CAMP. ONE MISSION TODAY, HIT THE JACKPOT - AMMUNITION DUMP -- THE RESULTANT FIREWORKS WERE VERY NICE.

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- 12 SOME HOT AND HEAVY EXCITEMENT TODAY, SEVERAL FOCKE WULFS ATTACKED THE FIELD, JUST AFTER BREAKFAST. THEY DROPPED A FEW "FRAGS" ON END OF RUNWAY AND STRAFED A SMALL AREA DAMAGING A P-38, P-51 AND A CUB. ACK ACK (EOMM) GOT ONE FOCKE WOLF OVER FIELD, AND IT DISINTEGRATED IN THE AIR. A PALL OF BROWN SMOKE WAS ALL THAT REMAINED. LOTS OF MUD ON UNIFORMS, TERRA FIRMA BECAME VERY DEAR FOR A FEW MINUTES - AREA AROUND OPERATIONS LOOKS LIKE A MOLES CONVENTION THIS P.M. -- SLIT TRENCHES BEING MADE IN A HURRY. HAD 3 RHUBARBS NORTH OF HOME TODAY.

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- 13 STARS AND STRIPES, WHICH HAS BEEN GIVING THE GROUP SOME EXCELLENT PUBLICITY HAD A SHORT ARTICLE (ATTACHED) ON COL. TARRANTS STRAFING AMMUNITION DUMP (OCT. 25). ONE MISSION ON GUN EMPLACEMENT, DIRECT HITS ON AT LEAST ONE POSITION. GROUP COMPLETED ITS 500TH MISSION TODAY (SEE CLIPPING).

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- 14 FORTY-EIGHT HOUR STANDDOWN, OFFICERS AND EM HEADED FOR NAPLES, POMPEII, SERRENTO, ETC, DESPITE RAINY WEATHER. SEA WAS TOO ROUGH FOR TRAFFIC TO CAPRI. 2ND LTS. STANLEY J. CAMPBELL AND ROBERT R. TEEPLE ASSIGNED FROM 325 FTR. GP. HERETO-FORE THEY'VE FLOWN P-40'S AND ARE ANXIOUS TO TRY OUT A-36'S.

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- 15 LETTER FROM HQ. NORTH AFRICA THEATER OF OPERATIONS 11/3/43 "INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM ADJUTANT GENERAL, WASHINGTON, D.C. THAT THESE INDIVIDUALS ARE PRISONERS OF WAR OF THE AXIS:---2ND LT. JOHN D. HUNTER." EVERYONE GLAD TO HEAR THAT HUNTER, MISSING SINCE AUG. 15 (SEE ENTRY), WAS AT LEAST ALIVE - AND PROBABLY FAIRLY WELL TREATED, AS THE GERMANS REPUTEDLY TREAT OUR AIRMEN HUMANELY. LT. JONES TO DS XII AF. 1ST LT. GEORGE D. JONES JOINED SQUADRON FEB. 3, 1943 AT KEY FIELD, "JONESY" COMPLETED 64 COMBAT MISSIONS AND WAS BOTH AN EXCELLENT PILOT AND FLIGHT LEADER.

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- 16 LT. SNIDER FROM DS XII AF (NOV. 6) TO TRANSFERRED TO DEPT. OF PATIENTS, 3RD GENERAL HOSPITAL, NO MISSIONS ---MORE RAIN.

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- 17 ANOTHER RAINY DAY - WITH NO MISSIONS - LT. KUBLY, ARTIST EXTRAORDINARY, IS PAINTING A PICTURE OVER BAR IN OFFICERS CLUB. THE PICTURE - TWO WALT DISNEYISH ELEPHANTS RIDDEN BY A BLOND AND BRUNETTE THAT'D PUT VARGA TO SHAME, AN ELONGATED "RHUBARB" (SQUADRON MASCOT) WITH HALO AND WINGS KEEPS ELEPHANTS IN CHECK. THE CLUB HAS BEEN APPROPRIATELY DUBBED THE "FLAK, SNACK AND SACK KLUB."

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- 18 CAPT. VORIS AND ATCHLEY RETURNED FROM CAIRO TODAY WITH SOUVENIRS AND PICTURES OF PYRAMIDS - AND TALES OF SCOTCH AND SODA, MILK SHAKES, AND RICH ORIENTAL DISHES (FOOD).

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1ST LT. AIR CORPS,  
527TH FTR. BOMBER SQ.

DAY	EVENTS
19	ATTEMPTED MISSION BUT TARGET OBLSCURED, RETURNED WITH BOMBS - WEATHER REMAINS BAD.
20	LTS. GEE, HUMPHRY, KASTNER, AND S.G. SMITH RETURNED FROM REST CAMP. REST CAMP CHANGED FROM MALFI TO ISLE OF CAPRI, SO PILOTS SPENT LAST 2 DAYS OF WEEK AT CAPRI. GOOD FOOD AND BEDS, HOT BATHS, AND FREEDOM FROM WORRY, FOR A WEEK DO A GREAT DEAL TOWARD RELIEVING THE PILOTS FATIGUE, TENSION AND STRAIN.
21	STANDDOWN. PGM - RADIO NAPLES, MENTIONED OUR UNIT IN 2 BROADCASTS TODAY (SCRIPTS ATTACHED). CONCERT THIS AFTERNOON AT S. CARLO THEATER, NAPLES, ALSO MOVIE IN POMIGLIANO. RED CROSS HAS NICE E.M.'S CLUB IN TOWN, AND AMG. HAS PUBLISHED LIST OF RESTAURANTS MEETING ARMY SANITATION REQUIREMENTS.
22	LT. JONES FROM DS XII AF (NOV. 15) TO TSFD ZONE OF INTERIOR. LTS. FOWLER, GUBSER, AND HOOD TO DS. REST CAMP. MAJ. CASSIDY LED EXCELLENT MISSION OVER PORT OF CIVITAVECCHIA. (SEE CLIPPING AND GEN. HOUSE'S MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATION).
23	UNFAVORABLE WEATHER - NO MISSIONS.
24	ONE MISSION ON BRIDGES - DAMAGE UNCERTAIN. LT. BANOV TRANSFERRED TO 47TH BOMB GROUP. 1ST LT. ABEL BANOV WAS ASSIGNED UNIT AT KEY FIELD, ON DEC. 2, 1942, SHORTLY THEREAFTER HE ASSUMED DUTIES OF COMMUNICATION O. VICE LT. HILL.
25	A RAINY THANKSGIVING IN ITALY - NO MISSIONS. VICE AIR MARSHALL CONNINGHAM MADE A SPEECH (SEE CONDENSATION) TO 86TH BOMB GP. ON THE LINE THIS A.M. HAD EXCELLENT THANKSGIVING DINNER THIS EVENING COMPLETE WITH APPETIZERS, COCKTAILS, FLOWERS, AND CLEVER MENU (ATTACHED) DESIGNED BY CPL. PROUTY AND SGT. RANDOLPH. AFTER DINNER A NUMBER OF OFFICERS AND MEN ATTENDED OPERA "LA BOHEME" IN NAPLES - FIRST OPERA OF THE SEASON IT WAS RECEIVED ENTHUSIASTICALLY BY A PACKED HOUSE.
26	ONE MISSION ON BRIDGE - RATHER GOOD ARTICLE ON "PILOTS WEATHER IN" (SEE CLIPPING) GLEANED BY STARS AND STRIPES REPORTER DURING STAND-DOWNS THE LAST SEVERAL DAYS.
27	STANDDOWN - THE USUAL TREK TO HOTEL (IN NAPLES) FOR BATH, ETC.
28	2ND LT. STONE RECEIVED ORDERS PROMOTING HIM TO 1ST LT. NOV. 15, 1943. 1ST LT. HARRY A. STONE, PILOT, ASSIGNED SQUADRON. JUNE 25, 1945 AT TAFAROU, N.A. NO MISSIONS TODAY.
29	LTS. FOWLER, GUBSER AND HOOD RETURNED FROM REST CAMP. THOROUGHLY SOLD ON ISLE OF CAPRI - THE SCENERY - HOTELS - FOOD - ETC. ATTEMPTED 2 MISSIONS TODAY. BUT WEATHER UNFAVORABLE.
30	WEATHER BAD - NO MISSIONS - 23 MISSIONS, 263 SORTIES DURING MONTH OF NOVEMBER, WITH NO LOSS OF PILOTS OR APPRECIABLE DAMAGE TO PLANES.

NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS

CHICAGO DAILY TRIBUNE, NOV. 6, 1943 (CHICAGO, ILL.)

INVADER PILOTS NIBBLE GERMAN PONTOON BRIDGE - BY WILLIAM STRAND

How American Dive Bomber Pilots thwarted elaborate German attempts to prevent the destruction of a pontoon bridge over the Garigliano river southeast of Minturno was told today by [redacted] of Green Bay, Wis. Smith led a flight which twice attacked the bridge which was built to replace bombed out structures in that sector.

In the first assault Smith and 11 other pilots flying A-36 invader Dive Bombers rained bombs on the pontoons for close to 10 minutes. The Germans, Smith said, apparently had a spotting system which warned the bridge guards of the approaching bombers. By the time he and his comrades reached the target, several sections had been pulled almost into the shore.

"But that only lined 'em up better for us," Smith continued. "We had a perfect target for strafing and we had little difficulty in laying our bombs right on some sections. If we didn't sink that bridge they've got some patching job."

One pilot, [redacted] of Clores, Ill., saw at the last moment he had overshot his mark. rather than waste his precious bombs, he pulled out of his dive and continued further along the river until he found a railroad trestle upon which he laid his "EGGS".

Later the Army Ground forces requested a second attack on the bridge. Apparently they wanted to make sure it was not used by the German's retreating rear guard during the night. The word was received gleefully by the pilots.

"I've got a couple of those flak gunners spotted. I'll pay a call on them with my machine guns after I drop my bombs," Smith declared. "I wonder whether that g I saw radling one of those pontoons is still there," said [redacted] of Holyoke, Mass.

The returning pilots reported the structure again was swung to the sides of the stream. again it had been strafed and bombed successfully. They said they were unable to tell whether it had ever been back in service since their morning visit.

These attacks were part of the Army Strategy to cut off German escape routes and isolate rear guard forces from supplies and reinforcements. Thus they will be left at the mercy of the ground forces.

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HEADQUARTERS 26TH FIGHTER BOMBER GROUP  
APO 320 U. S. ARMY

5 NOVEMBER 1943.

SUBJECT: COMMENDATION.

THRU : COMMANDING OFFICER, 527TH FIGHTER BOMBER SQUADRON, APO 320,  
U. S. ARMY.

TO : STAFF SERGEANT MEREDITH L. SUTTON, 18063127, 527TH FIGHTER  
BOMBER SQUADRON.

- 1. THE AIRPLANE OF WHICH YOU ARE CREW CHIEF HAS COMPLETED THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF MISSIONS OF ANY AIRPLANE IN THIS GROUP.
- 2. SUCH AN ENVIABLE RECORD INDICATES HIGHLY EFFICIENT MAINTENANCE WORK AND AN OUTSTANDING ATTENTION TO DUTY.
- 3. THE GROUP COMMANDER TAKES PLEASURE IN OFFICIALLY COMMENDING SUCH AN OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE BY YOU AND YOUR CREW.
- 4. THIS COMMENDATION WILL BE MADE A PART OF YOUR OFFICIAL FILE.

/S/ ROBERT C. PAUL  
ROBERT C. PAUL,  
LT. COLONEL, AIR CORPS  
COMMANDING.

A TRUE COPY:

*Donald L. Whitney*  
DONALD L. WHITNEY,  
1ST. LT., AIR CORPS.

HEADQUARTERS 86TH FIGHTER BOMBER GROUP  
APO 520 U. S. ARMY

5 NOVEMBER 1943.

SUBJECT: COMMENDATION.

THRU : COMMANDING OFFICER, 527TH FIGHTER BOMBER SQUADRON, APO 520,  
U. S. ARMY.

TO : SERGEANT JOHN PICHNEY, 3219747E, 527TH FIGHTER BOMBER  
SQUADRON.

1. THE AIRPLANE OF WHICH YOU ARE ASSISTANT CREW CHIEF HAS COMPLETED THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF MISSIONS OF ANY IN THIS GROUP.
2. SUCH AN OUTSTANDING RECORD WOULD ONLY HAVE BEEN MADE BY HARD AND EFFICIENT WORK ON YOUR PART.
3. YOU ARE OFFICIALLY COMMENDED FOR YOUR PART IN MAKING THIS RECORD ON YOUR AIRPLANE POSSIBLE.
4. THIS COMMENDATION WILL BE MADE A PART OF YOUR OFFICIAL FILE.

/s/ ROBERT C. PAUL  
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LT. COLONEL, AIR CORPS,  
COMMANDING.

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HEADQUARTERS 86TH FIGHTER BOMBER GROUP AAF  
APO #520 U. S. ARMY

7 NOVEMBER 1943.

SUBJECT: COMMENDATION

TO : STAFF SERGEANT ALBERT F. SCHULTZ, 17010909, AC, 527TH  
FIGHTER BOMBER SQUADRON, 86TH FIGHTER BOMBER GROUP, APO  
520, U.S. ARMY. THRU COMMANDING OFFICER, 527TH FIGHTER  
BOMBER SQUADRON.

1. YOUR AIRPLANE IN COMPLETING OVER 112 COMBAT MISSIONS HAS  
MADE ONE OF THE FINEST RECORDS IN THE GROUP.

2. YOU ARE COMMENDED FOR YOUR HARD AND EFFICIENT WORK THAT MADE  
THIS POSSIBLE.

3. THE GROUP TAKES PRIDE IN YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO THE HIGH  
COMBAT EFFICIENCY OF YOUR ORGANIZATION.

4. THIS LETTER WILL BE MADE A PART OF YOUR OFFICIAL RECORD.

/S/ ROBERT C. PAUL  
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