

HEAD QUARTERS  
 FIRST TACTICAL AIR FORCE  
 European Theater of Operations  
 Public Relations Section

17 May 1945

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DUTY</u>	<u>HOME ADDRESS</u>	<u>NO. OF SORTIES</u>
1. Lt. Col. George T. Lee	Group C.O.	26 Rock St., Norwood, Mass.	258
2. Maj. William B. Colgan	C.O. Sq. 525	412 Ranshart St., Waycross, Ga.	208
3. 1st Lt. John G. Weiner	Flt. Ldr. Sq. 526	1225 16th Ave., San Francisco, Calif.	148
4. Capt. Eli J. Setencich	Flt. Ldr. Sq. 525	436 18th St., Oakland, Calif.	142
5. Capt. Graydon S. Brown	Flt. Ldr. Sq. 525	RD #2, Seneca Falls, N.Y.	139
6. Maj. John H. Dolny	C.O. Sq. 527	5137 15th Ave., Minneapolis, Minn.	134
7. Capt. James R. Whiting	Flt. Ldr. Sq. 527	1320 N. 11th St., Waco, Tex.	123
8. Capt. James E. Schiro	Flt. Ldr. Sq. 527	10126 Wallece Ave., Chicago, Ill.	123
9. Capt. Lloyd K. Babcock	Flt. Ldr. Sq. 526	739 Manzinita Dr., Laguna Beach, Calif.	123
10. 1st Lt. Carl C. Baranek	Flt. Ldr. Sq. 525	Carrolville, Misc.	121
1st Lt. John E. Erink	Flt. Ldr. Sq. 525	742 Berkshire, Grosse Pointe Park, Mich.	121

2. None of the above pilots has gone home.

Respectfully submitted

*James P. Fabick*

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 Public Relations Officer  
 86th Fighter Group

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Office of the Group Intelligence Officer

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SUBJECT: Historical Records.

TO : Commanding General, First Tactical Air Force (Prov)  
Attention: Historical Section

1. OUTLINE HISTORY, Hq. 86th Fighter Group, period 1 - 30 April 1945.
  - a. Present designation: Hq. 86th Fighter Group AAF, XII Tactical Air Command, APO 374, U.S. Army.
  - b. Changes in organization: None.
  - c. Changes in designation, assignment, or attachment: None.
2. Subordinate units: None.
3. Changes in Command: None.
4. Changes of Staff officers: 1st Lt. G. H. Fry appointed Asst Sp. Operations Officer on 4 April 1945. 1st Lt. G. P. Maple transferred Hq. and appointed Asst Air Inspector, on 6 April 1945. Major W. P. Benedict relieved as Air Inspector and transferred to 1st T.A.C.I.A.F. Service Command, on 24 April 1945.
5. Changes in T/O: None.
  - d. Strength: 28 Officers, 1 Warrant Officer and 60 Enlisted Men.
  - e. Present Station: Y-72, Braunschweig, Germany, 18 April 1945.
  - f. Campaigns: Sicilian - 6 July 1943 to 17 August 1943.  
Naples Foggia - 18 August 1943 to 21 January 1944.  
Rome Arno - 22 January 1944 to 21 February 1945.  
Southern France - 15 August 1944 to 26 September 1944.  
German - 25 February 1945 - still in progress.
  - g. Operations:
    - (1) Nature of Operations: Bombing and strafing attacks on enemy communication targets, rolling stock, occupied areas and strongpoints, patrol, escort and close support with the ground forces.
    - (2) Number of Missions and Sorties:
      - a. 225 Missions
      - b. 2,359 Sorties

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- (3) Outstanding missions: See Sq. Histories.
- h. Leaders of outstanding missions: See Sq. Histories.
- i. Losses in action: None for Headquarters.
- j. Awards received during period: See Incl.

Incl. Ser Diary

PAUL E. THOMPSON,  
Major, Air Corps,  
Group 1-2.

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XII TACTICAL AIR COMMAND

APO 374, US ARMY,  
9 April 1945.

GENERAL ORDERS )

NUMBER 33 )

Award of Bronze Star Medal.....I  
Award of Oak Leaf Cluster to Bronze Star Medal.....II

SECTION I -- AWARDS OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

By direction of the President, under provision of AF 100-45, as amended and in accordance with authority delegated by First Tactical Air Force (Prov), the Bronze Star Medal is awarded the following named personnel, Air Corps; United States Army, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations against the enemy between the dates indicated, residence as indicated:

JAMES K. THOMAS, 0917908, Lieutenant Colonel, 86th Str. Gp., from 6 July 1943 to 15 March 1945. -Charleston, W. Va.

PERCY C. RANKIN, 0552776, Major, 86th Str. Gp., from 6 July 1943 to 15 March 1945. Portland, V.D.

PAUL E. WADSWORTH, 0562252, Major, 86th Str. Gp., from 22 April 1944 to 15 March 1945. Grand Rapids, Mich.

JACK W. GROSS, 0561160, Captain, 86th Str. Gp., from 6 July 1943 to 15 March 1945. Harrisburg, Pa.

WILSON W. ROBERTSON, 0561920, Captain, 86th Str. Gp., from 30 December 1943 to 15 March 1945. Negaunee, Mich.

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By Command of Brigadier General BARNES:

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

OFFICIAL:

/s/ W. M. Reese  
W. M. REESE,  
Major, A. G. D.,  
Adjutant General.

A TRUE EXTRACT COPY:

DONALD L. WHITNEY,  
Captain, Air Corps.

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WAR DIARY OF THE 86TH FIGHTER GROUP, AAF

D-V-3

- Group Headquarters -

Braunschardt Airbase, Germany

April

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1. Easter Sunday. A dance was held at the enlisted men's club. The Girls came from Nancy and the surrounding villiages dressed up in their Sunday best. To have seen this one would never think that there was still a war going on, as everyone had a very good time.

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  2. Weather hampered the activity of the day yet all in all there were very good results when the final tally was made. A new member to Headquarters, 1st. Lt. R.B. Royle was assigned today in the capacity of Ass't. Air Insp.

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  3. Bad weather curtailed activity for the day. 1st. Lt. G. J. Frey was transferred to Group Headquarters in the position of Ass't. Operation's Officer.

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  4. Today's major effort was directed against the enemy in Gloge Support missions, with very good results. For the first time this year Group Headquarters E.M. had their spring workout in baseball.

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  5. Information and Education forms were distributed to the men of the Group for a survey which is being conducted in order to determine the various courses of instruction to be held after V-E Day.

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  6. The film presented at Group theatre was "Roughly Speaking", with Rosalind Russell and Jack Carson. The book of the same name had been read by many and therefore the film made quite a hit with many of the men. Now that the push into Germany is going on, many of the Pilots can be seen driving German captured vehicles which were secured from the 7th Army.

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  7. In today's missions we had two contacts with enemy aircraft - strikes were scored and both enemy formations were broken up.

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  8. A wave of excitement prevailed when a P-51 attempted to land and was caught in a cross-wind and ran off the runway. Seeing that he was going to run into the 527th Intelligence area he hit his brakes and nosed over. The pilot was reported alright and the plane was damaged slightly.

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  9. This was Flag day for the "Invaders", namely the most successful day in the Group's History against enemy aircraft. The Grand Total: Destruction of 3 FW-190's and 2 ME-109's in the air, 2 ME-109's on the ground, in addition to the damaging of 8 more FW-190's (5 on the ground, 3 in the Air) and one ME-262 in the air. 1 locomotive, 16 R/R cars, 20 M/T, 5 buildings, 2 tanks were destroyed, 2 locomotives, 12 R/R cars, 10 M/T, 32 buildings, 2 AFWS damaged and had a tendency to make the cheese more binding -- Congratulations are in order.
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10. The following members of this Group have honored themselves by receiving the Bronze Star Award on General Order #63, dated 9 April 1945, 12th T.A.C.:

Lt. Col James K. Thomas	0917908	Charleston W. Va.
Major Paul E. Verseput	0512252	Grand Rapids Mich.
Major Percy C. Fauskin	0559776	Portland N.D.
Captain Julius D. Robertson	0561920	Negaunee Mich.
Captain Jack B. Gross	0561160	Harrisburg Pa.

The Group's total missions and sorties increased heavily today with the addition of 12 Missions and 137 Sorties to the total.

11. The Group flew 9 missions and 107 sorties today. The effort directed chiefly against enemy strongpoints and the town of ODHelm with the ultimate result in claims most satisfactory. Major Verseput and an enlisted man of his section left for the new field at Gross Gerau, Germany, to start the ball rolling and to expedite the Group's next move, the first one into Germany. The general feeling among the men regarding the proposed move to Nazi land is not of elacriety but perhaps one of curiosity. The prohibition of fraternization definitely cuts out the so successful dance of both officers and enlisted men's club -- Oh Well!!! C'Est La Guerre!!!

12. Col. Lee, Captains Relyea and Gross flew to the new field today to join Major Verseput primarily to check on housing and mess facilities for officers and enlisted men, designate areas for the line and various section, dispersal areas, etc. and check the general conditions of the field. Here at good Ol'e Tantonville the usual signs of hustle and bustle so common prior to moving are taking form, including (lest and but not least) the "Parting is such sweet sorrow" scenes between the men and their respective Mademoiselles, Rough!!! Especially considering the imminent move is to Germany where "Hands Off" is and must be the policy.

13. Friday the thirteenth, fortunately was uneventful with respect to "Old Man Hardluck", with no operations due to inclement weather. Advance parties of various sections have begun to leave for Germany and the new field. Reports drifting back (via the old "Grapevine") tell us the new locality is ideal for operation. Elevation of 350 feet with a East to West runway of approximately 5,600 feet, steel matting in the center with concrete on both ends. A great improvement over the virtual ski jump we have here in Tantonville. The new field we hear also boasts of approximately 75 dispersal areas on our side of the runway with approx. 40 on the other side which shall be used by the 415th Night Fighter Sq.

14. As it stands now, a goodly percentage of the group should be in Germany by Monday evening. Rumors have it, that as of now it shall be Lt. Col. Kirsch, Major Core, Major Bullard and Captain Meyle. Speaking of promotions, our ubiquitous S/Sgt. Anthony Sacco should be advised of being upped one grade to T/Sgt., also Cpl. Danny Sheerin of the Code room to Sgt. and Dick Williams of the power to Corporal. Congratulations to the well deserved promotions. Here come the cigars, if there were cigars.

15. Still operating out of Tantonville. Tomorrow will probably be our last day of flying from this field, and then to the land of the Tedeschi.

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This brings to mind our slogan way back in Gela, Sicily, "Thanksgiving in Rome, Christmas at home!". That was 1943. On well, at least the end of this theatre is now definitely imminent, and after that; who knows?

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16. Wound up our last day of operations from Tantonville, France flying 8 missions and 88 sorties. Our move to the new field is now in full swing via motor transport and B-25. With the exception of the few necessary rear parties the group as a whole should be in Germany by Wednesday. Many of the men drew their last P.X. rations from this area in lieu of the potential possibility of no P.X. for awhile.

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17. Our first mission from German soil off at 0620 hours, inaugurated with a day of air cooperation with VI Corps flying Armed Recces. The total for the day was 10 missions, and 92 sorties. Of necessity our initial menus consisted of "C" rations, but fortunately the new variety, which are definitely a big improvement, complaints - Nil. The setup here is most satisfactory. The villages of Gross Gerau and Buttelborn border the field. The bivouac area for the enlisted personnel is located in a beautifully wooded area bordering the South end of the field. The Group and Squadron Ops, and Int., Group Engineering, Armament, Ordnance and Communications Sections all line the edge of this wooded area. Running West to East adjacent to the runway are the line sections of 527 - 525 - 526 respectively. Group S-1 and S-4, enlisted mess and I and E are also situated in the wooded area. The officers are quartered in requisitioned houses in Gross Gerau. For the mess the local "Gasthaus" though partially damaged by artillery fire is being utilized to good advantage. A former cafe and pastry shop (replendent with outdoor terrace) serves as the officers club. Those officers who were fortunate enough to have been here last evening, enjoyed the privilege of participating in the informal opening and imbibing in local beer and the usual hard stuff. A partially destroyed photo shop will serve as the Group's photo shop. The town of Gross Gerau boasts of a good sized outdoor swimming pool (slightly damaged) on which repairs have already begun and which will afford many hours of relaxation for the men in the near future.

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18. The men have all been sweating out K.P. duty, but lo and behold our good mess sergeants have acquired some brawny Russian lads to do the kitchen chores. A sign of relief is in order. An effort is being made to set up a barber shop, and none too soon as everyone is badly in need of tonsorial work. Looks as though everyone and his brother will have a civilian car of his own, but rumors have it, that Command will shortly call in all requisitioned cars. Well, it's fun while it lasts.

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19. To date no regular P.X. has been established in this neck of the woods. However one package of cigarettes and one chocolate bar (tropical type) is the regular daily issue, in addition to tooth powder, soap, matches and gum. No complaints about chow these days, what with fresh meat once a day, fresh eggs several mornings during the week, and potential deer hunters already on the loose with promises of venison steaks any day now. The officers club is now in full swing and plans are being made to get the enlisted men's club going.

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20. In addition to his other duties, 1st. Lt. James F. Short O-5, 0228 has been appointed base engineering officer, effective as of even date. Quartermaster called inquiring as to whether we'd care for a few kegs of beer. Would we??? Well, it was enjoyed by all! Our mess also acquired quite a cache of captured pickles and hors d'ouvres.

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21. One of the local Burgermeisters was over today relative to obtaining permission for the farm workers to enter the field to work at their crops. Naturally for security reasons permission was not granted. Radio reports Bologna, Italy has been liberated, and the advance on Berlin is continuing at a steady pace. Good Snow...

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23. A meeting of the board of the enlisted men's club was held to discuss plans for the coming anniversary party, and to decide upon suitable location. The 527th bivouac area has been tentatively chosen. Everyone is looking forward to the coming celebration.

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24. Chalk up two more ME-109's (in the air) during today's dusk patrol. Credit... 526th Squadron. The Group was fortunate in requisitioning a large assembly hall (former Nazi Versammlungs Saal) in the local canning factory. The swimming pool is ready for use, however the weather is still unseasonably on the chilly side

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25. From the standpoint of morale this was V-day. The officers club furnished ice cream for men chew and for dinner the hunters came through and our appetites were satiated with delicious venison steaks and ice cream topped this grand meal. The day wound up with the showing of the riotous comedy "Follow the Waves" with Bing Crosby and Betty Hutton. Rough day, What??

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26. As suspected, the boys have been notified to turn in all captured cars by noon today. Naturally there was plenty of the expected griping. The numerous cars gave one an idea of what the "Big Parade" of World War #1.

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27. The popular subject for discussion these days is what the fate of the 86th will be after Germany surrenders. The optimists have hopes of going to the states, but generally the men expect C.B.I. The area in front of the groups OPS and INT sections reminded one of the parking lot at a Sunday ball game. Everything from two cylinder jobs to the expensive Mercedes Benz was parked there to be later turned over to Command.

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28. Final preparations are being made for the big celebration tomorrow commemorating two years overseas. The group band will furnish the music, and from all reports there should be an abundance of food and drinks, but unfortunately no girls.

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29. Good news to the enlisted men was the announcement that the hall which is being used for the anniversary party tonight will serve as the enlisted mens club. From all reports tonight should really be quite a party. Champagne aplenty at a dollar a bottle, plenty of local beer and the usual cognac. Club members will be presented with a \$3.00 book of bar tickets and at least ten bottles of good American whiskey will be raffled off.

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30. Outside of the usual few exceptions a grand time was had by all at the Group party. Officers and enlisted men had the opportunity to spend an evening together and exchange opinions, gripe to their hearts content, and really become acquainted. In addition to the drinks, delicious barbecued pig was served. Naturally the sincere hope of all is that it will never be necessary to have a celebration commemorating three years overseas.

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HEADQUARTERS 86TH FIGHTER GROUP AAF  
Office of the Group Intelligence Officer  
APO # 374 U. S. Army

10 April 1945.

Subject: Commendation.

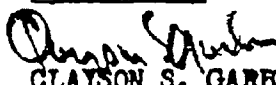
To : All Squadron S-2's.

1. The following message received from 100th Div. dated 060945B

The 100th Inf. Div. wish to send its sincere thanks for the help, excellent cooperation given the Division by the 86th Fighter Group on 5 April 1945. The most outstanding mission rendered the Division was when the 527th squadron bombed pillboxes at S-055715. Our troops only a few hundred yards N and S of the pillboxes and were catching hell from the pillboxes before bombing. All bombs were in the target area and with one direct hit. Since the bombing our troops have not received any fire. The mission was performed very close to our Inf. troops and they were able to see the great job you did and have expressed their great appreciation. The mission was exemplary in the close coordination between Air Corps and Ground Forces. Your work enabled them to continue the assault with minimum casualties.

PAUL E. VERESPUT,  
Major, Air Corps,  
Group S-2.

A TRUE COPY:

  
CLAYSON S. GARBER,  
Capt., Air Corps.

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III. Base

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III. Story

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III. News

Memorandum, 10th Floor Brass, 10th Street, Wash. D.C.

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31. [Illegible text]

IV. COMBAT OPERATIONS - NEGATIVE

V. NON-COMBAT OPERATIONS - NEGATIVE

VI. TRAINING

a. See Appendix for schedules of pilot and ground personnel training programs, as being carried out in accordance with 9th AF Memo No. 50-3, dated 21 June 1945.

VII. STATISTICS - NEGATIVE

VIII. STAFF ACTIVITIES AND CONFERENCES

a. Taking cues from Colonel Jackson's Weekly Letter, several staff conferences were held concerning an efficient solution to, or initiating action on, the following problems: Venereal Disease Control, Safety Program, Personnel Records (discrepancies), Cleanliness of Areas, Military Customs and Courtesies, Inspection of Motor Pool and proper preparation of Reports of Survey.

IX. PRESS RELEASES AND PHOTOGRAPHS - NEGATIVE

X. APPENDIX

1. See attached sheets for information on training program.
  - a. Schedule No. 1 - Pilot Training Program.
  - b. Schedule No. 2 - Ground School Schedule.

*Theodore W. Peterson*  
THEODORE W. PETERSON,  
1st Lt., Air Corps,  
Unit Historian.

PILOT TRAINING PROGRAM

SCHEDULE #1

JULY		525 TH		526 TH		527 TH	
DATE		A & B FLIGHT	C & D FLIGHT	A & B FLIGHT	C & D FLIGHT	A & B FLIGHT	C & D FLIGHT
23	am	GS	A	F	A	F	A
	pm	A	GS	A	F	A	F
24	am	F	A	GS	A	A	F
	pm	A	F	A	GS	F	A
25	am	A	F	A	F	GS	A
	pm	F	A	F	A	A	GS
26	am	A	GS	F	A	A	F
	pm	GS	A	A	F	F	A
27	am	F	A	A	GS	F	A
	pm	A	F	GS	A	A	F
28	am	SMI	SMI	SMI	SMI	SMI	SMI
	pm	A	A	A	A	A	A
Sunday 29							
30	am	F	A	GS	A	F	A
	pm	A	F	A	GS	A	F
31	am	A	F	A	F	A	GS
	pm	F	A	F	A	GS	A
AUGUST	am	GS	A	F	A	F	A
1	pm	A	GS	A	F	A	F
2	am	A	F	A	GS	A	F
	pm	F	A	GS	A	F	A
3	am	F	A	F	A	GS	A
	pm	A	F	A	F	A	F
4	am	SMI	SMI	SMI	SMI	SMI	SMI
	pm	A	A	A	A	A	A
Sunday 5							
6	am	F	A	F	A	GS	A
	pm	A	F	A	F	A	GS
7	am	A	GS	A	F	A	F
	pm	GS	A	F	A	F	A
8	am	F	A	GS	A	F	A
	pm	A	F	A	GS	A	F
9	am	A	F	A	F	A	GS
	pm	F	A	F	A	GS	A
10	am	GS	A	F	A	F	A
	pm	A	GS	A	F	A	F
11	am	SMI	SMI	SMI	SMI	SMI	SMI
	pm	A	A	A	A	A	A
Sunday 12							

LEGEND: F - FLYING  
 A - ATHLETICS  
 GS - GROUND SCHOOL  
 SMI - SATURDAY MORNING INSPECTION

DETAILED GROUND SCHOOL SCHEDULE

SCHEDULE #2

\* \* CLASS TIMES & SUBJECTS \* \*

DATE	0830 -- 0920	0930 - 1020	1030 - 1120
	1330 - 1420	1430 - 1520	1530 - 1620
JULY 23	Weather	Chemical Warfare	Link
24	Weather	Chemical Warfare	Link
25	Weather	Chemical Warfare	Link
26	Code	Censorship Security	Engineering
27	Code	Censorship Security	Engineering
28	SATURDAY MORNING INSPECTION		
30	Code	Tactics	Aircraft Recognition
31	Code	Censorship Security	Engineering
AUGUST 1	Practical Engineering - (actual line work)		
2	Practical Engineering - (actual line work)		
3	Practical Engineering - (actual line work)		
4	SATURDAY MORNING INSPECTION		
6	Code	Tactics	Aircraft Recognition
7	Code	Tactics	Aircraft Recognition
8	Code	War Review	Link
9	Code	War Review	Link
10	Code	War Review	Link
11	SATURDAY MORNING INSPECTION		

PILOT TRAINING PROGRAM

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SCHEDULE #1

AUGUST		526 TH		527 TH		525 TH	
DATE		A & B FLIGHT	C & D FLIGHT	A & B FLIGHT	C & D FLIGHT	A & B FLIGHT	C & D FLIGHT
13	am	GS	A	F	A	F	A
	pm	A	GS	A	F	A	F
14	am	F	A	GS	A	A	F
	pm	A	F	A	GS	F	A
15	am	A	F	A	F	GS	A
	pm	F	A	F	A	A	GS
16	am	A	GS	F	A	A	F
	pm	GS	A	A	F	F	A
17	am	F	A	A	GS	F	A
	pm	A	F	GS	A	A	F
18	am	S.M.I.	S.M.I.	S.M.I.	S.M.I.	S.M.I.	S.M.I.
		A	A	A	A	A	A
----- Sunday 19							
20	am	F	A	GS	A	F	A
	pm	A	F	A	GS	A	F
21	am	A	F	A	F	A	GS
	pm	F	A	F	A	GS	A
22	am	GS	A	F	A	F	A
	pm	A	GS	A	F	A	F
23	am	A	F	A	GS	A	F
	pm	F	A	GS	A	F	A
24	am	F	A	F	A	GS	A
	pm	A	F	A	F	A	F
25	am	S.M.I.	S.M.I.	S.M.I.	S.M.I.	S.M.I.	S.M.I.
	pm	A	A	A	A	A	A
----- Sunday 26							
27	am	F	A	F	A	GS	A
	pm	A	F	A	F	A	GS
28	am	A	GS	A	F	A	F
	pm	GS	A	F	A	F	A
29	am	F	A	GS	A	F	A
	pm	A	F	A	GS	A	F
30	am	A	F	A	F	A	GS
	pm	F	A	F	A	GS	A
31	am	GS	A	F	A	F	A
	pm	A	GS	A	F	A	F
SEPT. 1	am	S.M.I.	S.M.I.	S.M.I.	S.M.I.	S.M.I.	S.M.I.
	pm	A	A	A	A	A	A
----- Sunday 2							

LEGEND:

- F - FLYING
- A - ATHLETICS
- GS - GROUND SCHOOL
- S.M.I. - SATURDAY MORNING INSPECTION

DETAILED GROUND SCHOOL SCHEDULE

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SCHEDULE #2

\* \* CLASS TIMES & SUBJECTS \* \*

DATE	0830 - 0920	0930 - 1020	1030 - 1120
	1330 - 1420	1430 - 1520	1530 - 1620
AUGUST 13	PRACTICAL ENGINEERING (LINE WORK)		
14	PISTOL QUALIFICATION (REPORT TO THE FIRING RANGE)		
15	G. C. A. EQUIPMENT	AIRCRAFT RECOGNITION	LINK
16	G. C. A. EQUIPMENT	AIRCRAFT RECOGNITION	LINK
17	G. C. A. EQUIPMENT	AIRCRAFT RECOGNITION	LINK
18	SATURDAY MORNING INSPECTION		
20	PRACTICAL ENGINEERING (LINE WORK)		
21	PISTOL QUALIFICATION (REPORT TO THE FIRING RANGE)		
22	NAVIGATION	WAR REVIEW	CHEMICAL WARFARE
23	NAVIGATION	WAR REVIEW	CHEMICAL WARFARE
24	NAVIGATION	WAR REVIEW	CHEMICAL WARFARE
25	SATURDAY MORNING INSPECTION		
27	PRACTICAL ENGINEERING (LINE WORK)		
28	PISTOL QUALIFICATION (REPORT TO THE FIRING RANGE)		
29	AGF ORGANIZATION	SQDN ADMINISTRATION	CUSTOMS AND COURTESIES
30	AGF ORGANIZATION	SQDN ADMINISTRATION	CUSTOMS AND COURTESIES
31	AGF ORGANIZATION	SQDN ADMINISTRATION	CUSTOMS AND COURTESIES
SEPT 1	SATURDAY MORNING INSPECTION		

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HEADQUARTERS 86TH FIGHTER GROUP AAF (SE)

September 1945

UNIT HISTORY

1. ORGANIZATION AND CURRENT STATUS

1. Organization

a. The current T/O of this organization: 1-12 A.C. dated 28 December 1943, with Change 1 dated 26 February 1944 and Change 2 dated 23 November 1944. Total Strength authorized: 30 officers, 70 enlisted men.

2. Strength

a. For the period of this report: 27 officers, 54 enlisted men.  
b. Gains and losses for September: Gain: none, Losses: 27 enlisted men, 3 officers.

\* Information compiled from the morning report, Hq., 86th Fighter Group.

3. Stations

a. Departed Y-72, Braunschweig, Germany, 27 September 1945 for present station of R-25, Schweinfurt, Germany, 28 September 1945.

4. Losses in Action: Negative

5. Awards and Decorations:

a. SOLDIER'S MEDAL to Harold (HAI) Kanter, Captain, Dental Corps, ASI. 0369767, for heroism (no description of act available), per General Order No. 151, XII TACTICAL AIR COMMAND, dated 1 September 1945.

II. NARRATIVE

There was some hope aroused among low point men, because of several drops in critical scores necessary for discharge, that the future will see them "under the line and on the way". The replacement depot, operated by this Group, having fulfilled its purpose in processing men for shipment to the Zone of the Interior, is now inoperative. Training programs and Information and Education activity, understandably, were nil due to the Group's moving to a new station; however, the I & E Office did manage to submit nine applications of enlisted men for attendance at vocational schools in England. The few remaining "Lee's Lieutenants" were sorry to see Col Lee leave the organization this month. Major Buckner is the new Commanding Officer. The last day of the month revealed this Headquarters personnel strength as 26 officers and 54 enlisted men, many new at their tasks, with the resultant confusion inevitably following the disintegration of efficiently functioning offices through the transfers of old personnel.

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III. DIARY

September, 1945.

1. According to Stars & Stripes, the War Department G-1 has approved a plan whereby all soldiers, thirty-five years of age or over, who have been in the army for two years, would be made eligible for discharge regardless of their number of points; all such men anxiously await more detailed information.

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2. World War II is now officially over with the Japanese delegates signatures affixed to surrender documents today, V-J Day. The news that additional points will be computed from V-E through V-J Day was glad tidings for some men, who were formerly just below the critical score.

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3. Generally, the only interest shown here currently by soldiers, pertaining to happenings in Japan, is limited to how it affects them, individually, and their chances of going home. Captain Richard B. Moyle and Lt Col Robert J. Kirsch, an old-timer of the Group, both pilots, left for the Reinforcement Depot in England; Captain Dale M. Redding took over the responsibilities of Group Adjutant in place of Major Fauskin who is going home. Other new Headquarters Officers are 1st Lieutenants Warren S. Williams and Theodore A. Peterson, assigned to Special Services and Intelligence, respectively.

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4. Much conversation about the number of points needed for discharge being lowered from eighty-five to eighty has caused some elation among the lucky ones and has aroused hopes of lower score individuals that further cuts are on the way.

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5. Captain Robert W. Price joined Group Headquarters as Communications Officer today. The Office of Information and Education has posted lists of various type schools; only low point men or volunteers for the Army of Occupation may now make application for attendance.

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6. A good number of replacements for men going home from this Group are from England; they are low in points, notwithstanding almost two years service overseas, since their type of work did not entitle them to campaign stars. Current talk of these soldiers reveals their belief that they have not been given proper consideration insofar as points are concerned and, with this attitude, it remains to be seen whether or not they will diligently apply themselves to tasks assigned them. Eight enlisted men in this Headquarters discovered themselves to be one grade higher than formerly.

7. The Paris announcement that all seventy point men would sail Statue-of-Liberty-way by X-mas brought renewed speculation of low point men as to when they might expect to be released; at the same time, those soldiers falling into this latest category were somewhat cheered to know that their sojourn in Deutschland would soon be a memory. Twenty-five men departed here for the R-30 airbase near Stuttgart, en route home -----  
H A P P Y   D A Y ! ! !

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8. The new discharge plan for officers, as printed in Stars & Stripes, left a high percentage of commissioned personnel wondering if the AAF would be affected --- as it would mean that many officers, eligible under the AAF system, would face the prospect of army life for a longer period than they care to anticipate.

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9. Cloudy, drizzly, weather throughout the entire day did not prevent twenty-one ships from flying a training mission to Copenhagen, Denmark, and returning safely, for the purpose of brushing up on tactical formation flying.

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10. A low ceiling all morning made the afternoon's sunshine a pleasant surprise. The ground training program was, of necessity, cancelled for the month due to its impracticability because of the continual turn over in personnel.

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11. A ceiling beginning at the ground, kept flying at nil until late afternoon when the sun peeped through and an L-plane, piloted by one of the squadron birdmen, took off into the not-so-blue to shoot landings. Lt Peterson took over the job of writing the Group History in place of Capt Whitney, whose high number of points may enable him to return home in the very near future.

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12. No spicy rumors or noteworthy activity to report for today. A German technicolor film, "Girl of my Dreams", was shown at the theatre in Gross Gerau and proved to be enjoyable (a musical) despite the fact that scarcely anyone understood the words of the actors.

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13. Talk has it that we will move "sometime this month" to winter quarters. Moves no longer seem to hold the interest of the men now, as during the war, when there was always considerable speculation as to what the new location would be like.

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14. An overcast, dreary, day seemed to drive hordes of flies and mosquitoes into each departmental tent and created a unanimous wish in the minds of all that the near-future home of the Group would be free of such pestilence. The adjutant's office, seemingly, continued to be the only

locale which might appropriately be termed a "beehive of activity" with transfers out, assignments of new men, etc.

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15. There was only one cloud observed all day --- but it covered the entire sky and looses just enough rain throughout the morning and afternoon to enable letter-writers to catch up on all of their back correspondence.

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16. Today, the combination of a nothing-to-do Sunday and a carryover of yesterday's miserable weather, made the matinee showing of "It's in the Bag" a welcome diversion.

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17. A beautiful, sunny, day kept training flights in the air both morning and afternoon. Nineteen more high point enlisted men were sent on the way to the most wonderful country in the world ----- AMERICA!

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18. Good weather continues. The last order transferring men out of the replacement depot came out today; the depot has been operated by this Group in order to expedite the getting home of men from this outfit and other units; the depot is now inoperative. The movie this evening was excellent; Greer Garson in "Valley of Decision".

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19. A solid overcast in the morning, with rain in the afternoon limited the amount of training flights somewhat. Film showing of Ernie Pyle's "GI JOE" went over big and helped relieve the tedium of the day.

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20. Few clouds and a bright sun saw the 527th Fighter Squadron convey off this morning to Schweinfurt. The remainder of the Group to follow later in the month. Capt Redding, just recently appointed Group Headquarters Adjutant, is going home; his successor is Capt Hensell H. Carter.

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21. General Marshall's printed statement that the army discharge score would be lowered to 60 by 1 November, along with word of all two-year men being eligible for release in the not-too-distant future, seemed to up morale somewhat.

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22. Gradual preparations are under way for the move to Schweinfurt in the form of boxing all items not immediately necessary to carry on routine operation. Captains Whitney and Gross, Intelligence and Executive Officers, respectively, left for home.

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23. Major John H. Buckner assumed command of this Group vice Col George T. Lee. The young Colonel has borne the responsibility of commanding the Group through many months of combat and his obvious disinclination to

leave was matched only by the reluctance of his few remaining old-timers in saying goodbye. The bulk of the 525th Fighter Squadron left for Site H-2 this left only Group Headquarters and the 526th Fighter Squadron at Braunschweig airbase.

24. Entire day was utilized in packing - in readiness for the loading of convoy trucks. S-1 office is having its time amply occupied what with the move scheduled for tomorrow and transfers of fourteen high point officers, some of whom will be sorely needed for their experience when we take over the large, permanent, airbase near Schweinfurt.

25. Group Headquarters and the 526th Fighter Squadron broke up housekeeping at Y-72 and departments took off for what they hope will be greener pastures. Rainy weather saw vehicles leaving the old base in two's and three's, depending on how rapidly the departments could clear up last minute details and take off.

26. Today we looked over our new location and it's an agreeable sight. Quarters for both enlisted men and officers were satisfactory; main gripe is "no heat". Most of the day was spent in deciding locations of departmental offices.

27. Departments were initially set up and unloading of office equipment continued throughout the day. Much confusion was evident; no one seemed to know where to go for anything, what to do next, etc. There is a huge Fest Theatre and another theatre in Schweinfurt. A civilian bus makes regular runs between the airbase and town but the town is a shambles from bombings and, aside from the theatre, there seems to be little reason to visit Schweinfurt.

28. Major Oscar H. Kraft was assigned as Information & Education Officer; Major William R. Young was appointed Group Executive in place of Capt Julius D. Robertson who is now G-4; Major John H. Lay was appointed Base Commandant and Lt Andrew B. Beattie, who held the job of Provost Marshal before this Group arrived, was assigned to this Headquarters and will continue in the capacity of Provost Marshal.

29. The Office of Information & Education reported that nine applications of men have been submitted for attendance of vocational schools in England. The weather has been rather chilly lately and vile remarks have been overheard concerning non-functioning heating systems.

30. Not a few individuals took advantage of "the day of rest" today, Sunday, after last week's hectic period of loading, moving, and unloading convoy trucks. May the end of next week see us completely and comfortably settled and going about our duties as efficiently as we were before leaving our old airfield.

525th Fighter Squadron AAF (SE)  
86th Fighter Group A AF (SE)

September 1945

UNIT HISTORY

I. ORGANIZATION AND CURRENT STATUS

1. Organization
  - a. The current T/O of this organization: 1 - 27 listed 28 December 1943 as amended by change 1, dated 26 February 1944 and change 2 dated 1 December 1944. Authorized Organization order number 2 Headquarters 12 TAC Air Command dated 1 September 1945 to 525th Fighter Squadron. Total strength authorized: 27 officers (pilots), 245 enlisted men.
  
2. \*Strength
  - a. For the period of this report: 38 officers, 164 enlisted men.
  - b. Gains and losses for September: Gain: none. Losses: 13 officers, 118 enlisted men.

\* Information compiled from morning report, 525th Fighter Squadron.
  
3. Stations
  - a. Change of station: Moved to present station R 25 Schweinfurt, Germany. Past station: Y 72, Braunschweig, Germany. Authorized V.O. 00.
  
4. Losses in action: Negative
  
5. Awards and decorations: Negative

II. NARRATIVE

September proved to be a very eventful month for the Squadron due mainly to the transfer of the unit from Braunschweig, Germany to Schweinfurt, Germany. The move greatly improved the living conditions for both the officers and the enlisted men. Morale was noticeably higher among the replacements in the Squadron and also the high point men who were rapidly being redeployed to the Z. I. The Squadron organization seems to have improved with the morale

The departure of Major Colgan for the states was a loss to the Squadron, but the position of commanding officer was filled by the able Captain Bill Heidinger.

The training program has gone to pot, due to the loss of many mechanics and ground personnel, and extra duties imposed on the outfit. All but four of the Squadrons P-47s are pickled and in storage on the field. On a whole the Squadron has taken on every aspect of an occupational unit and has lost all combat tendencies.

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IV. COMBAT OPERATIONS - NEGATIVE

V. NON-COMBAT OPERATIONS - NEGATIVE

VI. TRAINING

a. There was no Ground Training Program for the month of September and only a negligible amount of Aerial Training. Lt Duncan, who was Ass't Intelligence Officer and handling training activity, was transferred from the organization and no provisions have been made, thus far, for the continuance of training activity, pending settlement of more urgent matters.

VII. STATISTICS - NEGATIVE

VIII. STAFF ACTIVITIES AND CONFERENCES

a. Negative, due to change in command and circumstances, such as personnel turnover and change of station.

IX. PRESS RELEASES AND PHOTOGRAPHS - NEGATIVE

X. APPENDIX - NEGATIVE

*Theodore W. Peterson*

THEODORE W. PETERSON,  
1st Lt., Air Corps,  
Unit Historian.

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Headquarters, 80th Fighter Group AAF (CG)  
39th Fighter Squadron  
36th Fighter Squadron  
37th Fighter Squadron

for the period 1 October thru 31 October 1945.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR AND  
OFFICE OF THE GROUP INTELLIGENCE OFFICER

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IV. COMBAT OPERATIONS - Negative

V. NON-COMBAT OPERATIONS - Negative

VI. TRAINING

- a. From the 22 October 1945 through the 25 October 1945, daily classes were held for approximately six officers who were learning Armament and Ordnance.
- b. Every morning all enlisted men of this Hq. are required to take calisthenics.
- c. Saturdays the enlisted men undergo infantry drill.

VII. STATISTICS - Negative

VIII. STAFF ACTIVITIES AND CONFERENCES

- a. There were four Staff meetings during the month of October. In the meetings, the general policy of the base were discussed.

IX. PRESS RELEASES AND PHOTOGRAPHS - Negative

X. APPENDIX - Negative

*Earl H. Braiford*  
 LT. EARL H. BRAIFORD  
 1st.Lt., Air Corps.,  
 Acting Unit Historian.

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HEADQUARTERS 86TH FIGHTER GROUP AAF (SB)

October 1945

UNIT HISTORY

I. ORGANIZATION AND CURRENT STATUS

1. Organization

a. The current T/O of this organization: 1-27 A.C. dated 22 December 1943, with Change 1 dated 26 February 1944 and Change 2 dated 23 November 1944. Total strength authorized: 147 officers, 805 enlisted men.

2. \*Strength

a. For the period of this report: 138 officers, 473 enlisted men.  
b. Gains and losses for October: Gain: 10 officers, Losses 7 enlisted men.

\*Information compiled from the morning report, Hq., 86th Fighter Group.

3. Stations

a. No change in station. Present station R-25, Schweinfurt, Germany, 26 September 1945.

4. Losses in Action: Negative

5. Awards and Decorations:

a. Bronze Star Medal to Thomas J. Malone, 33175737, S/Sgt., A.C. for services rendered from 15 March 1945 to 22 March 1945 in recognition of meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy between dates indicated.

As per General Order 155, Section II, dated 14 September 1945.

II NARRATIVE

During the early portion of October, everyone seemed fairly well satisfied with the manner in which the point system was functioning, but the strikes at home and the British withdrawal of ships being used for redeployment occasioned an increasingly evident lowering of morale. Recreational facilities both on and off the base have been improved and helped keep the morale generally satisfactory. The policy of weekly Staff meetings have proven beneficial and it is apparent that many that difficulties have been overcome with more efficiently functioning offices as evidence of worth of discussions of problems.

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III. NEWS

October, 1945.

1. The month began with the opening of both the officers' and enlisted men's canteen. As it is known, no one had to be carried home. Major Luckner, the second command of the group late last month, called an informal get-together of officers and introduced himself and stated that the policy of having a staff meeting every Monday would go into effect.

2. The commanding officer has given notice that he will conduct a Bureau Conference Hour each Wednesday at 1300 hours, during which time any man in the entire 86th Fighter Group may see him --- should work out as a kind of oral E-Log.

3. Orders dated 14 September 1945 came through regarding Bronze Stars to officers and enlisted men of the Group. Most men appear more eager for the additional five points toward discharge that a star will bring than for the award itself. Nineteen enlisted men were notified of promotion. Lt Fred J. DeSteven was assigned here as Group Photo Officer. There was a slight amount of going up at the "wearing of neckties" order which was printed in the Daily Bulletin.

4. Major John H. Hatch joined the organization and has been appointed Deputy Group Commander. Two good movies, "Gashiot" - at the East Theater, and "Escape in the Desert" - in Schweinfurt, left personnel tossing coins in order to determine which to attend. There is always recreational activity in Bad Hissingen, also, and most men have no trouble providing themselves with amusement.

5. Today, a Group Motor Pool system was inaugurated; squadrons will still provide personnel for maintenance but vehicles will be dispatched through a single office. Lt Glen Betten, formerly with the 125th Fighter Squadron, is now Ass't Group Comm Officer and Lt Ray W. Anderson was appointed Group Engineering Officer. Major Hatch is campaigning to stimulate interest in a football team.

6. Officers have been notified that they can have dry cleaning done in Bad Hissingen; local civilians do laundry but have no facilities for cleaning clothes. The Base Theater presented the movie "And Now Tomorrow" as entertainment for this evening.

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7. Today -- the first one this month; also, the first day since the arrival of the group when the sun shone throughout the entire day. Presently, the Club Theater is being used for religious services. Protestant services are held at 1000 and 1230 hours, alternating with Catholic services which conduct Mass at 9:00 and 1115 hours. The Catholic Chaplain also has a daily Mass and Rosary Devotions gathering in the Group Headquarters building. Jewish services are held on Saturday afternoon at 1:30 hours.

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8. A Post Exchange opened on the Base today; formerly we had to travel to Bad Nissingen for our rations, which meant a nine mile ride. A Staff Meeting was held this evening with discussions confined to straightening out difficulties which usually face an organization moving onto a new base.

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9. Everybody's interest seems centered, momentarily, on the outcome of the Detroit-Chicago World Series baseball games, what with their hovering about radios in all corners and deciding to miss the evening movie.

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10. Enlisted men looked with favor on the new Order which permits them to discard mess kits here and eat from plates. The Red Cross opened its doors today at 1300 hours and, we hope, will remain a permanent fixture on this base; hours are set aside for snacks during morning, afternoon and evening.

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11. The USFET announcement that arrangements are under way providing for troops to be sent from the United States to the EPC between the latter part of October and January 31st for the purpose of relieving soldiers here whose point scores range from 45 to 55 was well received. Officers, though, are still wondering just how much this action will mean to them. A Liberty Run between here and the tremendous, beautiful Red Cross in Bad Nissingen was put into effect today. Daily bus schedules were posted.

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12. Post departmental offices now have signs over doors, indicating their function, and name plates of department heads are soon to follow; a Base Utilities organization here turns out the painted signs for us. All offices have been notified to have a "Policy File" revealing exactly what tasks are performed by the office.

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13. News that the British Government had withdrawn their two point liners, the Queen Elizabeth and the Aquitania, from U.S. transport service - thus throwing the entire redeployment program into uncertainty - cast gloom over the hopes of men here with points ranging from 36 to 79. USFET G-3 is quoted as having said that an attempt will be made to clear 80 pointners by 31 October. Well, at least four enlisted men from this Headquarters came out on orders for return home.

14 This afternoon our football team "Big Red Rabbits" knocked out a 12-0 victory over the "Pioneer Mustangs" of the 354th Fighter group at the Schweinfurt Stadium.

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15 The Staff meeting this evening was devoted in the main to a discussion of ways and means to improve this base militarily, installing illuminated "No Smoking" signs in the Post Theatre, prohibiting the wearing of flying at other than prescribed periods, laxness of PM guards when checking vehicles off the base, saluting, complying with instructions from higher hq, on other than U.S personnel wearing the uniform, correcting ungentlemanly habits of officers and enlisted men when in the Red Cross such as removing hats.

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16 Two Base regulations governing the curtailing of speeding vehicles on the Base and smoking in the theatres, were put into effect today.

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17 Major Kraft left for the Zef Interior this afternoon and the I and E office is without guidance; Capt. Price was one of the fortunate few to return homeward.

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18 The morning began with a heavy fog from the ground up and failed to disperse all day. A double attraction rounded out the evenings entertainment nicely; first the Ella Logan show, then a movie a "Song To Remember".

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19 A clean-up campaign has been inaugurated for the entire Base. The order lists units and areas which they must police; also the Daily Bulletin has printed a more stringent policy than formerly regarding entrance to this Airbase.

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20 A general Saturday morning inspection was made by Staff officers and it was a very nice inspection from all reports. The base theatre presented Flame of The Barbary Coast this evening with John Wayne and Ann Dvorak.

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21 The day of rest has rolled around again. During the afternoon our football team rolled over the 394th Bomb Group with an 18-6 victory. Game was played here at Kitzingen.

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22. Water from spigots on the base has been declared unfit to drink until chlorination plant is completed. There was a Staff meeting today.
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23. An order came out today that the base firing range will not be used on Sunday mornings between 0800 and 1200 hours. The reason being that the firing interferes with Religious Services being conducted in the near-by Theater.
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24. A curfew was imposed on the town of Schweinfurt today. All civilians will be off the streets by 2230 and all military personnel up to the grade of Major will be off the streets by 2300. It was stated that all violators will be picked up.
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25. A new switch board has been set up which eliminates the necessity of ringing the operator. A base enlisted men's council meeting was held today with the CO there to hear all complaints and suggestions. Movie tonight "Between Two Women".
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26. A drive to rid the base of all surplus dogs was begun today. All owners of dogs must tag them some way and keep them confined to their quarters area. Chapel Choir rehearsal tonight at 2030 hours at the Red Cross.
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27. Recruiting for the Regular Army is now open; a Group Officer has been appointed to take all applications. The 9th Air Force radio studio in Bad Kissingen will make recordings of an interview and send it to hometown radio studio.
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28. Our big "Red X Rabble" football team defeated the 79th Artillery by a score of 32 to 0. Game was played at the Schweinfurt Stadium. If the team wins the next game which they are playing at Kassel they will finish the season undefeated.
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29. 525th Squadron flew today and it was a very good day for it. General Staff meeting was held and base problems were discussed.
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30. No unusual occurrences today.
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31. The EX on the base is closed today for inventory but will be opened for business tomorrow. Men were paid and those that were missed will be taken care of tomorrow. Hunting trips will start leaving the base as a unit and in as few vehicles as they can manage.

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IV. COMBAT OPERATIONS - Negative

V. NON-COMBAT OPERATIONS - Negative

VI. TRAINING

- a. From the 22 October 1945 through the 25 October 1945, daily classes were held for approximately six officers who were learning Armament and Ordnance.
- b. Every morning all enlisted men of this Hq. are required to take calisthenics.
- c. Saturdays the enlisted men undergo infantry drill.

VII. STATISTICS - Negative

VIII. STAFF ACTIVITIES AND CONFERENCES

- a. There were four Staff meetings during the month of October. In the meetings, the general policy of the base were discussed.

IX. PRESS RELEASES AND PHOTOGRAPHS - Negative

X. APPENDIX - Negative

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