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HEADQUARTERS
563rd SIGNAL AIRCRAFT WARNING BATTALION
DREW FIELD

Tampa, Florida
30 October 1943

SUBJECT : Historical Report, 563rd Signal Aircraft Warning Battalion, September 28, 1942 to December31, 1942.

TO : Commanding Officer, 4th Signal Aircraft Warning Training Battalion, Drew Field, Florida.

SECTION I
(PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATIVE)

1. Original Unit

The 563rd Signal Aircraft Warning Battalion was activated per Paragraph 1, General Order 44, Headquarters Army Air Base Drew Field, Florida at.DrewField, Florida on the 28th of September, 1942. The Table of Organization was 11-400, authorizing 45 Commissioned Officers, 17 Warrant Officers, and 892 Enlisted Men.

October 10, Captain Merl Crowley of the 501st Signal Aircraft Warning Regiment and five(5) Second Lieutenants, recent graduates of the Eastern Signal Corps Officer Candidate School were assigned and joined and shortly after on the 13th of October eighty-one(81) enlisted men from the 551st Signal Aircraft Warning Battalion were assigned to the battalion. On November 19th. two hundred and twelve(212) enlisted men were assigned from the 501st Signal Aircraft Warning Regiment.

2. Changes in Organization

Captain Merl Crowley was Battalion Commander from October 13,1942 until Lt. Colonel Robert W. Maloney assumed command on December 1. Lt. Colonel Maloney was transferred on December 3,1942 and Lt. Colonel Roy T. Richards became the Battalion Commander.

The Battalion was reorganized on December 27, 1942 to consist of a Headquarters and Plotting Company, Company A, Company B, Company C and Company D per Paragraph 1, General Order 73, Headquarters Army Air Base, Drew Field, Florida.

3. Strength commissioned and enlisted

On October 31,1942 the total strength of the Battalion was: Commissioned Officers-16, Warrant Officers-0, and Enlisted Men-86.

On December 31,1942, the strength had increased to: Commissioned Officers-75, Warrant Officers-0, and Enlisted Men-555.

4. Stations(permanent or temporary) of unit or parts thereof.

The organizat on was at Drew Field, Florida from October 10 to October 21,1942. From October 21 until November 19,1942 the organization was quartered at Plant Park in Tampa, Florida(Florida State Fair Grounds). From November 19, the Battalion lived in the hutment area at 10th and F Streets on Drew Field.

A detachment, later to become Company C., departed for the Sarasota Air Base, Sarasota, Florida on December 20 for Field Training.

5. MISSIONS

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5. Missions

The original mission of the Battalion, still unchanged, is to prepare the officers and men for combat efficiency prior to going overseas to serve as a tactical aircraft warning unit with an Air Force or a Task Force engaged in aerial activity.

6. Campaigns

None

7. Battles

None

8. Commanding Officers in important engagements

To be furnished in next installment of unit history.

9. Former and present members who have distinguished themselves in action.

To be furnished in future installments of unit history.

10. Photographs of personnel, important scenes, or events.

To be furnished in future installments of unit history.

11. List of records or files regularly maintained within the reporting organization.

a. Battalion General Orders
b. Battalion Special Orders
c. Battalion Memorandums
d. Battalion Bulletins
e. Battalion Correspondence
f. Battalion Reports to Higher Echelons
g. Battalion Training Schedules

12. SECTION II
(INTELLIGENCE)

Base Intelligence

Officers and men in the Battalion have been constantly trained on the importance of safeguarding the military information with which they come in c contact in their daily work. Army Regulation 380-5 has been read and explained and an active poster campaign has been distributed throughout the orgainization warning of the danger of spreading military information.

Officers and men in radar work had no notebooks in their possession pertinent to their work, and have received Certificates of Eligibility allowing them to receive this classified information.

CENSORSHIP

No active censorship has been practiced in the Battalion outisied of numerous warnings about revealing information in letters home. Passes were issued without the unit designation, and men were constantly told about leaving the post with papers or other material identifying the organization.

Public Relations

The Battalion, from its inception, has practiced the good habit of enjoying favorable relations with the public. Road marches have been well-disciplined, men have attended dances, athletic games and church socials in Tampa, and have received no bad marks on their fine record. Inspection of men for neatness and correctness of uniform before going on pass or furlough has been a Standard Operating Procedure of this Battalion.

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SECTION III
(OPERATIONS AND TRAINING)

Operations

In the early months of the Battalion's activation, the technical operations were suspended and the training was concentrated on conditioning of the troops. Administrative personnel were trained in their jobs daily, while the Battalion signal specialists underwent a training schedule which included road marches, additional hours on certain basic military subjects, base chemical warfare training, and daily inspections along with the regular weekly inspections. Parades and ceremonies were held from time to time and the men became well-conditioned and well-trained. Technical team training was to be the next step in the Battalion training program aimed at accomplishing the mission of bringing the Battalion to combat efficiency.

All this training included instruction in the weapons the men were to use in the theatre of operations, and firing on the various ranges in and about Drew Field was conducted. Many of the men had qualified in their respective weapons by December 31.

Full advantage was taken of the training aids available at Drew Field, as well as the facilities at Drew Field for training purposes. These included training films, athletic fields, rifle ranges, and demonstration areas.

SECTION IV
(MATERIAL AND SUPPLY)

Evacuation

The move on October 21, 1942 to Plant Park, Florida was accomplished in good fashion. A Field Order concerning the movement was issued, and the motor convoy move in serials from Drew to Plant Park--a distance of approximately 6 miles. The Battalion was settled in the new area three and one-half(3½) hours after departure from Drew Field.

The move on November 19th back to Drew Field was accomplished in the same orderly fashion. The morning was devoted to loading the vehicles with the organization's material, and a general clean-up of the evacuated area. The men entrucked at 1330 and at 1730 an inspection by the Battalion Commander in the hutment area at Drew Field found the Battalion in good shape.

SECTIONS V and VI
(SPECIAL STAFF ACTIVITIES and BIOGRAPHY AND HUMAN INTEREST)

To be furnished in future installments of the unit history.

For the Commanding Officer:

Arthur Bloom

ARTHUR BLOOM
2nd Lt., Sig.C.
Battalion Historical Officer

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HEADQUARTERS
563RD SIGNAL AIRCRAFT WARNING BATTALION
DREW FIELD

Tampa, Florida
8 November 1943

SUBJECT : Unit Historical Report, October 1943

TO : Commanding Officer, 4th Signal A.W. Training Battalion, Drew Field, Florida.

SECTION I
(Personnel and Administrative)

1. Original unit
Filed with original installment.

2. Changes in organization
On October 7, Lt. Colonel William McBride assumed command of the Battalion, relieving Major Thomas F. Fitzgerald who had been in command since the 10th of September 1943.(Par. 1, S.O. 227, Hq. 563rd, dtd 7 Oct.,1943).
Reporting Company B of the Battalion, located at Bradenton, Florida was reorganized pursuant to instructions contained in General Orders 373, Hq. 3rd A.F., dtd 10 October 1943.

3. Strength, commissioned and enlisted.
The strength of the organization on October 1 was:
Officers: 45
Warrant Officers: 0
Enlisted Men: 335
On October 31,1943 the total strength of the Battalion was:
Officers: 36
Warrant Officers: 3
Enlisted Men: 797.

4. Stations(permanent or temporary) of units or parts thereof.
The Battalion was located at Drew Field on 10th and M Streets until the 14th of the month, and after that were in the West Area of the post, occupying the old WAC Area. Company B was located at Camp Weatherford in Bradenton, Florida.

5. Missions
The mission while at Drew Field was to prepare the officers and men for operational team training prior to serving as an Aircraft Warning Unit in a Theater of Operations.

6. Campaigns
None

7. Battles
None

8. Commanding Officers in important engagements.
None

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9. Former and Present members who have distinguished themselves in action
None.

10. Photographs of personnel, important scenes or events.
None.

11. List of records or files regularly maintained.
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SECTION II
(Intelligence)

Intelligence activities during October were more or less of a routine nature. An active campaign devoted to advising the men of the importance of safeguarding military information was continued through posters, talks, and regular training schedule hours.

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SECTION III

(Operations and Training)

From the 15th of the month, the Battalion went into a combat training training program, prior to going into operational training in November.

Training (See Training Schedule A ttached)

This combat training schedule was divided into two phases: tactical and technical. Each training day was divided in this manner, so that the men received technical training in the mornings and tactical training in the afternoons. This type of schedule was successful because it concentrated the training subjects into periods long enough to allow the subject matter to be taught in a good manner.

Technical training was further subdivided into the various specialist sections. Plotting platoons operated boards set up by inside wire-men, radar specialists installed and maintained their various radar units, radio men attended code classes and set up field radios while the repairmen maintained the sets, and outside wire-men ran lines throughout the battalion area. In all, the technical training was progressing very well, and the men were developing into good teams. With operational training scheduled for November, the results of this training indicated that the men would be ready by the scheduled time.

As for the tactical training phase, this was designed to give the men additional training hours on military subjects with which they would be concerned as Aircraft Warning troops in the combat zone.

In addition to the military subjects, the men received training in their respective weapons, prior to firing on the various ranges about Drew Field on the week of November 1. (See training schedule attached).

Officers' School

While the men were receiving this training, all the officers of the Battalion attended an Officers' School three nights a week. The subjects covered were mostly technical, and were designed to aquaint all the officers with various A.W. subjects. This program is very successful and is being continued.

Training of Company B

Company B at Bradenton, Florida was being trained in light weight radar reporting. This training was under the direction and supervision of cadre from the 6th Signal AW Training Battalion.

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SECTION IV
(Material and Supply)

Procurement

The main activity in supply was procuring signal equipment necessary for carrying on the combat training schedule technical phase and to prepare the Battalion for operational training. This included field radios, radar units, and the usual signal equipment.

Transportation

A Battalion Motor Pool was established on 10th and M Streets, and transportation was furnished on a consolidated basis with requests from organizations being filled by the Battalion dispatcher. All the personnel engaged in transportation were pooled, and transportation and maintenance problems were easily handled. In this manner, each vehicle in the motor pool was kept in good running condition because there were enough drivers to assign to the vehicles, and enough mechanics to maintain the deadlined vehicles.

SECTION V
(Special Staff Activities)

No report.

SECTION VI
(Biography and Human Interest)

No report.

There is no daily diary to submit, as this officer was assigned as Battalion Historical Officer too late in the month. There was no previous records or journals kept, making the daily diary impossible to make up.

ARTHUR BLOOM
2nd Lt, Sig.C.
Battalion Historical Officer

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UNIT TRAINING SCHEDULE

Training Schedule — 563 Signal AW Battalion — Hq and Pl Co, Co A, Co C

From 18 Oct to 23 Oct

Day and Date	From	To	Personnel participating	Character of Training	Place	In charge	Uniform and Equipment	Text	Remarks
Monday Oct 18									
	0730	0800	All	Close Order Drill	Parade Gr.	All Officers	Fatigues	FM 22-5	
	0800	1130	"	Technical Training	Bn. Area		"		See Notes
	1300	1400	"	Chemical Warfare	"		"	FM 21-40	
	1400	1500	"	Field Fortifications	"		"	FM 5-15, 5-20	
	1500	1600	"	Camouflage	"		"	FM 5-20	
	1600	1700	"	Physical Training	Parade Gr.		Shorts		
Tuesday Oct 19									
	0730	0800	All	Close Order Drill	Parade Gr.	All Officers	Fatigues	FM 22-5	
	0800	1130	"	Technical Training	Bn. Area		"		See Notes
	1300	1400	"	Chemical Warfare	"		"	FM 21-40	
	1400	1500	"	Field Fortifications	"		"	FM 5-15	
	1500	1600	"	Camouflage	"		"	FM 5-20	
	1600	1700	"	Physical Training	Parade Gr.		Shorts		
Wednesday Oct 20									
	0730	0815	All	Close Order Drill	Parade Gr.	All Officers	Fatigues	FM 22-5	
	0815	0930	"	Lecture "AW in Combat"	Bn. Area		"		Per Memo Hq 4th Tng.Bn.
	0930	1130	"	Technical Training	"		"		See Notes
	1300	1400	"	Practice Bn. Parade	Parade Gr.		"	Fm 22-5	
	1400	1500	"	Sanitation and First Aid	Bn. Area		"		
	1500	1600	"	Physical Training	Parade Gr.		Shorts		
	1600	1645	"	Preparation for Parade	Bn Area				
	1645	1715	"	Parade	Parade Gr.		Khaki		

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UNIT TRAINING SCHEDULE

From 18 Oct to 23 Oct.

Day and Date	From	To	Personnel Participating	Character of Training	Place	In charge	Uniform and Equipment	Text	Remarks
Thurs. Oct 21	0730	0800	All	Close Order Drill	P arade Ground	All Officers	Fatigues	Fm 22-5	
	0800	1130	"	Technical Trainin g	Bn. Area		"		See Notes
	1300	1400	"	Care of Equipment and Tent Pitching	"		"	FM 21-100	
	1400	1600	"	Interior Guard	"		"		
	1600	1700	"	Physical Training	Parade Ground		Shorts	FM 26-5	
Fri. Oct 22									
	0730	0800	All	Close Order Drill	Parade Ground	All Officers	Fatigues	FM 22-5	
	0800	1130	"	Technical Training	Bn. Area		"		See Notes
	1300	1600	"	Weapons .03 Rifle B.A.R. .50 Cal M.G. Carbine	"			FM 23-10 FM 23-15 TM 9-226	and charts
	1600	1700	"	Physical Training	Parade Ground		Shorts	Training Charts	
Sat. Oct 23									
	0730	0800	All	Close Order Drill	Parade Ground	All Officers	Fatigues		
	0800	1130	"	Technical Training	bn. Area		"		See Notes
	1300	1400	"	Cleaning of Barracks and Tents	"		"		
	1400	1500	"	Physical Training	Parade Ground		Shorts		
	1500	1600	"	Preparation for Inspection	Bn. Area		Fatigues		
	1600	1700	"	Inspection	"	Lt. Col. McBride	Khaki		Form outdoors one pr. shoes in hand.

By order of Lt. Col. MC BRIDE

Robert O. Schurke

ROBERT O. SCHURKE
2nd Lt., Sig C
Adjutant

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NOTES ATTACHED TO TRAINING SCHEDULE : Week of 18 Oct to 23 Oct.

1. All information center personnel and wiremen report to IC Area

2. All radio operators and radio repairmen report to radio school classroom

3. All radar personnel report to radar area.

4. All cooks and administrative personnel will be used to complete as far as possible their normal functions in the morning. In the afternoon, these functions will be skeletonized and all possible will conform to the training schedule.

5. Reveille held daily at 0600.
Retreat held daily at 1730/

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HEADQUARTERS
563RD SIGNAL A W BATTALION
DREW FIELD

Tampa, Florida
15 November 1943.

SUBJECT : 2nd Installment, Battalion Historical Report, 1 January 1943 to 1 October 1943.

TO : Commanding Officer, 4th Signal Aircraft Warning Training Battalion, Drew Field, Florida.

SECTION I
(Personnel and Administrative)

1. Original Unit
Included in previous installment.

2. Changes in Organization
a. Changes in Battalion Commanders
On the 21st of May, Captain Roger F. Detman relieved Lt. Colonel Roy T. Richards who had been in command of the Battalion since December 3,1942.(Par. 1, General Order 4, Hq.,563rd Sig A W Bn.) Captain Robert A. Foard assumed command of the organization on August 16(Par.1, General Order 7, Hq.563rd Sig A W Bn.) and on the 31stof August he was relieved by Major CharlesE. Smithson(Par.1,General Order 8,Hq.563rd Sig A W Bn.)Captain Foard became the Battalion Commander again on September 3(Par.1,General Order 9,Hq.563rd Sig A W Bn.) but was relieved on September 10 by Major Thomas F. Fitzgerald ~~xx~~(Par.1,General Order 10,Hq. 563rd Sig A W Bn.) who remained in command through October 1,1943.
b. Changes in higher echelon.
The Battalion, activated under "C" Stage, AWUTC,which later became the 4th Signal Aircraft Warning Training Battalion came under the jurisdiction of the 5th Signal Aircraft Warning Training Battalion on July 19, 1943. On September15, the Battalion's next higher authority was changed to the 2nd Signal Aircraft Warning Training Battalion, and on October 2,1943 had moved back to the 4th whereit has remained.
c. Changes in T/O.
The Battalion was reorganized on September 10 according to a new Tables of Organization,11-400 whichwas dated 17 June 1943.

3. Strength, commissioned and enlisted.
The strength of the Battalion fluctuated considerably during this period, as the following figures show:
January 1,1943--Officers-75,Warrant Officers-0,Enlisted Men-555
April 30, 1943--Officers-46,Warrant Officers-2,Enlisted Men-1113
September 30,1943-Officers-45,Warrant Officers-0,Enlisted Men-335

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4. Stations (permanent or temporary) of unit or parts thereof.

During this period, units of the Battalion made frequent moves, and they will be so listed in the following table:

Headquarters
March 3--Moved from hutment area to Area "F", Block 18 at DrewField.
April 3--Moved back onto Drew Field proper
April 14-Ground Observer teams moved to "D" Stage, Site E(location unknown) for operational training.
April 29-Ground Observer temas completed Operational Training and returned to Headquarters.

A Company
February 27--1st platoon only moved with Headquartersto Area "F".
March 10-----2nd platoon moved to Site "C"(Bellair,Fla.)
March 13-----3rd platoon moved to Site "F"(Myakka,Fla.)
March 24-----2nd platoon returned to organization at Drew Field
March 27-----3rd platoon returned to organization at Drew Field
April 26-30--Company moved to Lake Butler,Florida area.
May 17-30----Company moved to Lake Morvian, lorida area.

B Company
March 1,1943--Moved with Headquarters to Area "F".
April 1-------Moved back to Drew Field area, 5B Block.
April 17------1st and 2nd platoons moved to site at Tampa Junction,Fla.
April 18------3rd platoon moved to Myakka,Florida
May 5---------1st platoon moved to site at Parrish,Florida
May 6---------2nd platoon moved to site at Myakka,Florida.
May 13--------1st platoon moved to site at Myakka,Florida
May 21--------All platoons returned to 5B block at Drew Field

C Company
January 5--Returned from Sarasota, Florida where it had been since December 22,1942.
April 23---Moved to site at Citrus Park, Florida.
May 11-----Bivouaced at Keystone Lake and returned on May 13.
May 27-----Moved to bivouac area at Lake Butler,Florida
May 30-----Rejoined organization at Drew Field.

5. Missions
The mission of the Battalion as a whole was to prepare the organization to serve as an AircraftWarning Unit in the Theater of Operations. The mission of the individual companies was to prepare their units for this task by actual operational training.

6. Campaigns
None

7. Battles
None

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8. Commanding Officers in important engagements.
None

9. Former and present members who have distinguished themselves in action.
None.

10. Photographs of personnel, important scenes, and events.
None.

11. List of records or files regularly maintained within the organization.
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SECTION II
(Intelligence)

Intelligence activities during this period were purely of a routine nature. Safeguardingmof military information was stressed, especially the personnel engaged in radar work. Certificates of eligibility were issued after the proper investigation allowing the people concerned to handle classified information and materiel. Full co-operation was given to the Drew Field Intelligence Officer in selecting agents among the enlisted men to report any suspicious activity or persons in their platoons according to a Base Intelligence Plan.

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SECTION III
(Operations and Training)

During the period covered by this report, the keynote on training was actual field operationof the units comprising the Battalion. Use was made of the various training sites of "D" Stage, AWUTC and the radar platoons spent most of their time at these sites operating the radar units which they would be using in combat.

While the personnel were on Drew Field proper, they underwent a combat training schedule designed to bring their proficiency in military subjects on a par with the technical training they were receiving on such a large scale. This training besides the military subjects included conditioning road marches accompanied by overnight bivouacs as well as firing their platoon weapons on the range.

In summation, the training of the men had the primary objective of smoothing off the rough edgesx of the Battalion with the intent to develop an organization capable of fulfilling its mission in the combat zone.

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SECTION IV
(Material and Supply)

Supply

The main activity of the supply section in this period of the organization's history was one cheifly of supplying the units in the outlying sites over Florida. Material had to be distributed to these units, and much experience in the problems of supplying an Aircraft Warning Battalion was gathered by the supply personnel. Supply headquarters back at Drew Field became a veritable depot, and the organizations in the field were kept up by truck deliveries. This meant that the units requisitioned material from Battalion S-4, who in turn procured the necessary supplies from Drew Field supply depots, and in turn filled the requests of the units per original requisition.

Evacuation(See attached field order)

The many moves made by units of the Battalion developed within the organization a good process of evacuation. The many moves necessary made it almost a foregone indication that evacuation problems would be minor in the combat zone. The moves were all well-planned, smoothly run affairs and presented no problem after the first few times.

In all, the problem of supply was well-handled, and indicated that the supply personnel were in stride with the rest of the organization in job performance and proficiency.

SECTION V
(Special Staff Activities)

No information available, as far as this period is concerned.

SECTION VI
(Biography and Human Interest)

No information available as far as this period is concerned.

For the Commanding Officer:

Arthur Bloom

ARTHUR BLOOM
2nd Lt, Sig.C.
Battalion Historical Officer.

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563RD SIGNAL AW BATTALION
Drew Field, Florida

3 March 1943

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MAPS: Map of Area "F", Block 18, Drew Field, Florida.

1. DECISION: In order to provide adequate housing, the 563rd Sig. AW Bn. will move from it's present area to Area "F", Block 18, Drew Field, Florida this date. Movement will be accomplished by motor vehicle as hereinafter indicated.

2. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS: Movement of personnel, supplies, and individual equipment will be carried out in accordance with the following schedule:

TIME

0800 Trucks will report as follows:
Battalion Headquarters --- Two 2½ Ton & one Weapons Carrier
Company "C"---------- Nine 2½ Ton & one Weapons Carrier
Battalion Supply --------- Two 2½ Ton

0830 Mess Hall detail furnished by Company "C" and Latring Details furnished by Headquarters & Plotting Company will leave Co. C. area for new area in three (3) 2½ ton trucks under S/Sgt. O'Connell. Trucks will return to Company "B" as soon as personnel are delivered.

1000 Battalion Headquarters will move out in vehicles furnished, under M/Sgt. Greider.

Supplies and individual equipment of Companies "B" and "C" will be moved in vehicles furnished. Company personnel will not be moved at this time except for necessary loading details.

Battalion Supply will move in vehicles furnished.

1115 Vehicles will bring details back to Kitchen #27 for mess. Company "C" will furnish guard for new area during lunch hour.

1245 Three 2½ ton trucks will pick up kitchen and latrine details from Company "C" area and return them to new area. Trucks will return to Headquarters & Plotting Company for further use.

1300 Trucks will report as follows:
Headquarters & Plotting Company - Seven 2½ ton and one W. C.
Company "D" ---------- Four 2½ ton and one W. C.
Battalion Supply ---------- Two 2½ ton.

Supplies and individual equipment of Headquarters & Plotting company and Company "D" will be moved at this time.
Rations for 4 March 43 will be transferred from Kitchen #27 to Kitchen #7 at this time.

Personnel of Companies "B" & "C" will make a thorough polise of the old area under the supervision of T/4 Turska.

1500 Four 2½ ton trucks will be furnished Company "A" for moving supplies and individual equipment.

Provisions will be made at this time for transfer of Motor Pool equipment to the new area under the supervision of Lt. Suiter.

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1730 All personnel except necessary guards will be returned to old area for mess.

1830 All personnel will assemble by companies in the battalion retreat area for transportation to new area immediately after mess.

1845 First convoy of personnel to new area.

1930 Final convoy of personnel to new area.

2000 All First Sergeants will call roll and report any absent men to Battalion Headquarters.

Any exigencies arising will be referred to the Battalion Executive Officer.

By Order of LT. COL. RICHARDS:

HOWARD D. EVANS JR.
Capt., Signal Corps
Executive Officer

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HOWARD D. EVANS JR.
Capt., Signal Corps
Executive Officer

ANNEX: Schedule of Buildings.

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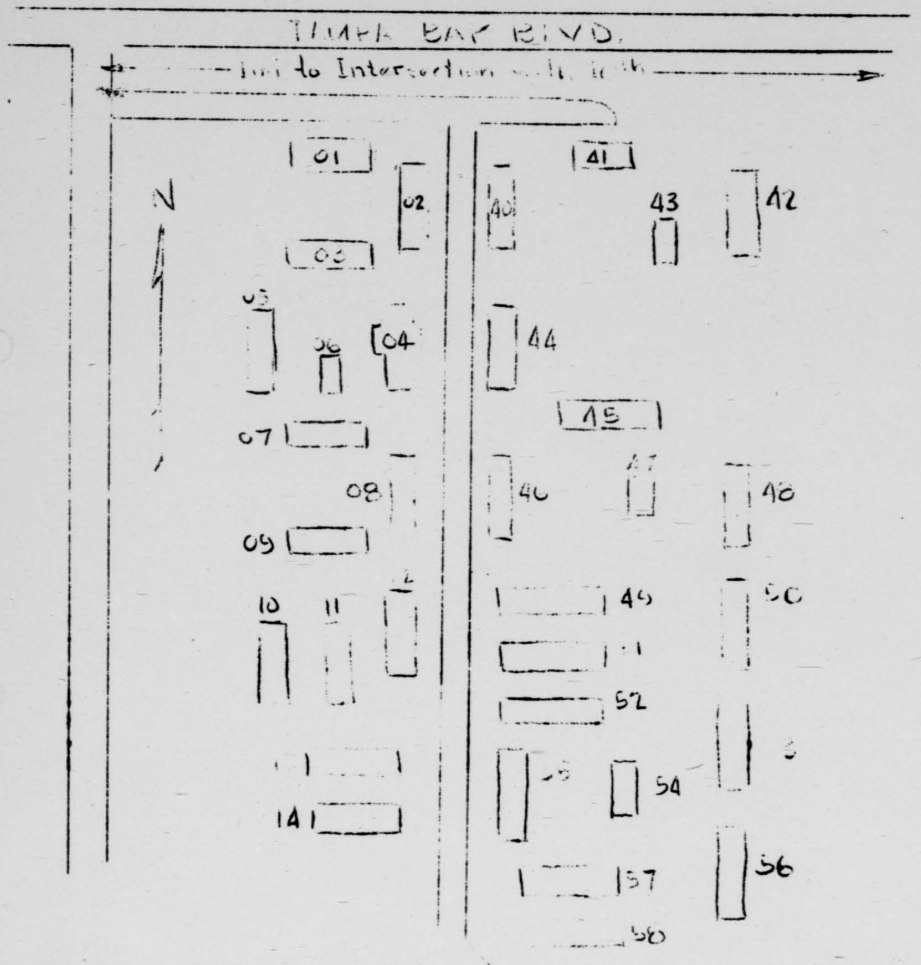
SCHEDULE OF BUILDINGS

		BLDG. NO.
BATTALION HEADQUARTERS		40
BATTALION SUPPLY		44
OFFICERS:		
Quarters		42
Latrine		43
HEADQUARTERS & PLOTTING COMPANY		
Orderly Room	East end of	01
Barracks		01
		03
		05
		07
		09
		10
Supply	North half of	02
COMPANY "A"		
Orderly Room & Company Supply		49
Barracks		45
		46
		48
COMPANY "B"		
Orderly Room & Company Supply		51
Barracks		50
		53
		56
COMPANY "C"		
Orderly Room & Company Supply		52
Barracks		55
		57
		58
COMPANY "D"		
Orderly Room	East end of	13
Company Supply	South end of	02
Barracks		13
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MAP OF AREA 'F'
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HEADQUARTERS
563RD SIGNAL AIRCRAFT WARNING BATTALION
DREW FIELD

Tampa, Fla.
2 December 1943

SUBJECT: Historical Report, 563rd Signal AW Battalion, Month of November 1943

TO : Commanding Officer, 4th Signal Aircraft Warning Training Battalion, Drew Field, Florida.

SECTION I
(Personnel and Administrative)

1. Original Unit
Included in previous reports.

2. Changes in organization
On November 10, the Battalion was reorganized into 3 companies consisting of a Headquarters and Plotting Company, A Company and B Company. (Authority for change is classified and contained in higher echelon files.)

3. Strength, commissioned and enlisted
During the current month, the strength of the organization fluctuated considerably due to the reorganization. The following figures indicate this very well:

November 1--Officers--36; Warrant Officers-- 3; Enlisted Men--792

November 15-Officers--52; Warrant Officers-- 5; Enlisted Men--716

November 30-Officers--49; Warrant Officers-- 5; Enlisted Men--652

4. Stations, (permanent or temporary) of unit or parts thereof.
From November 1 to November 22, the Battalion was located in the West Area (Old WAC Area) barracks and buildings. On Monday November 22, the Battalion moved into close in operational training bivouac in the immediate vicinity of the West Area, and on November 27 the Battalion consisting of Headquarters and Plotting Company and A Company moved to Bartow and vicinity for normal distance operational training. B Company remained in Bradenton under the 6th Signal AW Training Battalion for the training of their particular radar units.

5. Missions
No change in original mission of the Battalion--to prepare the unit for service in the theater of operations as an Aircraft Warning Service.

6. Campaigns
None

7. Battles
None

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8. Commanding Officers in important engagements.
None

9. Former and present members who have distinguished themselves in action.
None

10. Photographs of personnel, important scenes, or events.
None

11. List of records or files regularly maintained within the organization.
Included in previous reports.

SECTION II
(Intelligence)

Intelligence activities were routine until the organization went into operational training at normal distance. At this time all steps were initiated to simulate the combat area. In brief, intelligence activities included the following:

1. Combat intelligence
   a. Scouting and patrolling missions seeking information about the enemy(simulated).
2. Censorship
   a. S.O.I.
   b. Blackout at night
   c. Strict radio and wire security insofar as messages in the clear are concerned.

SECTION III
(Operations and Training)

The training of the Battalion was twofold during November. Up to the 21st of the month, the combat traing schedule was continued and completed, and from the 22nd of the month, the Battalion was in operational training. However, during the operational training hours it was found necessary to have refresher hours on basic training subjects.(See attached Field Orders—Inclosure A.)

Operational Training

At 2200 on November 27, the 563rd Signal AW Battalion had established its aircraft warning service to enable the 2nd Air Division to successfully defend its sector from an enemy force.(See Field Order No. 2--Inclosure B).

All the various teams immediately set up their installations upon arrival at the area where they would be located. Within 9 hours, the Battalion moved from Drew Field in motor convoy to their operational positions, set up their installations, and were prepared to operate at 2400, per orders from the 2nd Air Division, our tactical commanders.

The Battalion S.O.P. which had been written weeks in advance was set into operation as the guide for operations.(See S.O.P.,563rd Sig AW Bn,--Inclosure C.)

Camouflage discipline was maintained and stressed at the various installations as well as the maintaining of fox-holes at living quarters and installations such as radio sets, filter centers, radars, and such.

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Operational Training(cont'd)

Training orders were issued from time to time to serve as a guide in the training and the situation.(See attached Training orders--Inclosures D & E.)

SECTION IV
(Material and Supply)

Procurement

The main problem in supply was the procuring of material to complete the organizational property allowances under the T/BA and the T/E so that each unit would go out into operational training with the same property that they would have in the combat zone. This meant securing from the various base supply agencies all the necessary shortages. The Battalion S-4 undertook this project of procurement, and upon receipt, distributed them to the companies.

Transportation

The problem in transportation was closely allied with evacuation. To move the battalion into its operational set-up, each vehicle in the battalion had to be serviced and prepared for field duty. The vehicles in convoy left the area at Drew Field in 4 columns with men and their baggage, supplies and materiel functioning as a mobile unit. No difficulties were experienced either in forming the convoy, or in the actual march. In operational training, it became necessary for the Battalion Motor Officer to set up a Motor Pool at Headquarters with a roving crew of maintenance men to handle all the vehicles distributed throughout the operational sector.

SECTION V
(Special Staff Activities)

Medical Section

The medical section went out into operational training fully prepared to handle the problems arising from the existing situation of a battalion widely dispersed. Medical teams were trained and prepared for first aid and medical assistance, and the Battalion Surgeon undertook to regularly visit all the installation at least once a day.

The Battalion dentist set up a dentist chair to treat patients in the field, and worked with the Battalion surgeon in setting up medical records and bringing all the physical delinquncies in the battalion up to 100% fit for overseas duty.

SECTION VI
(Biography and Human Interest)

No report.

For the Commanding Officer

ARTHUR BLOOM
2nd Lt,Sig.C.
Bn. Historical Officer

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2-Battalion S.O.P.
3-7--Supporting documents to report

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HEADQUARTERS
563RD SIGNAL AIRCRAFT WARNING BN
DREW FIELD

TAMPA, FLA.
2 DECEMBER 1943

DAILY DIARY FOR MONTH OF NOVEMBER

NOVEMBER 1-21--ROUTINE TRAINING ACTIVITIES--FOLLOWED TRAINING SCHEDULES ISSUED WEEKLY BY S-3 SECTION--WORK INCLUDED A 7-DAY TRAINING WEEK.

NOVEMBER 21-27--BATTALION MOVED INTO CLOSE IN OPERATIONAL TRAINING AT OLD WAC AREA. TEAMS ORGANIZED AND CO-ORDINATED ON DUTIES, HOURS, ESTABLISHMENT OF INSTALLATION IN OPERATIONAL SET-UP.

NOVEMBER 28--BATTALION IN OPERATION AS AIRCRAFT WARNING NET AT 0001. MOVE FROM DREW FIELD ACCOMPLISHED WITHOUT ANY LOSS OF MEN OR MATERIAL.

NOVEMBER 29--OPERATIONAL TRAINING CONTINUED--CAMOUFLAGE COMPLETED AND INDIVIDUAL CONCEALMENTS IN PROCESS OF COMPLETION 3 FILTER CENTERS COMPLETELY SET UP--GROUND OBSERVERS AND RADAR SENDING IN GOOD REPORTS.

NOVEMBER 30--OPERATIONS CONTINUED AS MEN WERE PAID IN FIELD. BATTALION COMMANDER MADE TOUR OF INSPECTION OF CERTAIN INSTALLATIONS. MUSTER HELD WITH PAY CALL--ALL OFFICERS AND MEN WERE PRESENT OR ACCOUNTED FOR.

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REPORTING COMPANY "B"
563 SIGNAL AW BATTALION
DREW FIELD, FLA.

SUBJECT: WEEKLY DIARY REPORT
CO. "B", 563 SAW BN.
DREW FIELD, FLA.
FOR THE WEEK, 30 OCT. 43 TO 6 NOV. 43

COMPLETE TRAINING SCHEDULE FOR THIS ORGANIZATION, FOR DATES FROM 27 OCT. 43 TO 23 NOV. 43, PREPARED UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE 6TH SIG. AW TNG. BN., DREW FIELD, FLA., WAS RECEIVED BY THIS ORGANIZATION AND IMMEDIATELY PUT INTO EFFECT. THIS SCHEDULE PLACED A MAJOR PORTION OF THE COMPANY ON A TRAINING DAY FROM 0700 TO 2200, WITH THE EXCEPTIONS OF SAT. AND SUN. EVENINGS. ON FRIDAY, 5 NOV. 43, WITH VERBAL AUTHORIZATION FROM 6TH SIG. AW TNG. BN., THIS SCHEDULE WAS ALTERED TO INCLUDE 1 HOUR OF INFANTRY DRILL FROM 0730 TO 0830 EACH MORNING. ON THURSDAY, 4 NOV. 43, A SPOT CHECK WAS MADE OF THE ORGANIZATIONS RECORDS BY THE 6TH SIG. AW TNG. BN. PROCESSING OFFICER AND CERTAIN RECOMMENDATIONS WERE SUBMITTED TO THE COMPANY PERSONNEL OFFICER, 2ND LT. JACK F. ROBERTS. A VERBAL DIRECTIVE WAS RECEIVED BY THE COMMANDING OFFICER, CAPT. ARTHUR G. ROOT, JR., ON 4 NOV. 43, FROM HQS. 6TH SIG. AW TNG. BN., REORGANIZING THE COMPANY UNDER A NEW T/O.

THE ENTIRE COMPANY ENGAGED IN TECHNICAL TRAINING ON MON., 1 NOV. & TUES., 2 NOV. 43, UNDER THE ABLE DIRECTION OF 6TH SIG. AW. TNG. BN. CADRE. MILITARY TRAINING WAS GIVEN TO ALL E.M. OF THE COMPANY FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE WEEK. THIS TRAINING INCLUDED ONE 7 MILE HIKE ON THURS., 4 NOV. 43.

LT. M. SPROUSE ATTENDED S-2 MEETING AT 6TH TNG. HQRS. ON TUES., 2 NOV. 43. CAPT. A.G. ROOT, JR. & LT. E.A. FRANZ ATTENDED S-3 MEETING ON WED., 3 NOV.43.

ALL AVAILABLE E.M. TOOK PART IN BN. PARADE ON TUES. & THURS. AFTERNOONS. THE COMPANY PERSONNEL SECTION IS COMPLETELY ENGAGED IN GETTING ALL E.M. RECORDS IN CONDITION FOR DETAILED INSPECTION. COMPANY SUPPLY IS ENGAGED IN HAVING SHOW-DOWN INSPECTIONS OF ALL E.M.'S CLOTHING AND ISSUED EQUIPMENT. EVERY EFFORT IS BEING MADE BY ALL PERSONNEL TO GET ALL DETAILS IN ORDER SO THAT THE COMPANY CAN PROCEED INTO OPERATIONAL TRAINING ON THE SCHEDULED DATE.

SUBMITTED BY JACK F. ROBERTS, 2ND LT., SIG. C.
ACTING HISTORICAL OFFICER

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DAILY OFFICE DIARY
of
REPORTING COMPANY "B"
563 SIGNAL AW BATTALION
DREW FIELD, FLA.

6 Nov. 1943 (Sat.)
Military Training offerred all personnel of this Company under the direction of all Officers available for Duty. This training consisted of a 12 mile hike, Tear Gas, and machine gun emplacements. 116 Enlisted Men and 8 Officers arrived from Co. "B" of the 566 Sig AW Bn. This group represented 2 "U" Teams and is part of the reorganization as mentioned in the Diary Report for the week beginning 30 Oct 1943. The Officers of this group: 4th Platoon--2Lt. G.W. Taylor, 2Lt. J.E. Doolittle, 2Lt. N.R. Ridgely, 2Lt. M. Dworshak:--5th Platoon--2Lt. C. Cobb, 2Lt. E.T. Altmann, 2Lt. M. Auerbach, 2Lt. J.E. Ha gberg. All Officers and E.M. received the first of a series of 3 "shots" for Tetanus. All Officers and E.M. took part in the Retreat and 6th Sig.AW Tng. Bn. Parade formation. Capt. A.G. Root, Jr. attended 6th Tng. Officers Call.

7 Nov. 1943 (Sun.)
Sunday--no training. Usual Administrative duties handled in the Orderly R oom and Personnel Section.

8 Nov. 1943 (Mon.)
Technical Training under the direction of the 6th Sig. AW Tng. Bn. for the entire day, from 0730 up to 2200, with usual time out for Phys. Tng. & Messing. 2Lt. J.F. Roberts & 2Lt. M. Sprouse entered the Base Gas School at Drew Field for a course of Instruction in Chemical Warfare. 2Lt. D. Burns returned from Camouflage School, Walterboro, S.C. where this officer had been pursuing a course of instruction in Camouflage.

9 Nov. 1943 (T ues.)
Technical Training under the direction of the 6th Sig. AW Tng. Bn. for the entire day, from 0730 to 2200 with the usual time out for Phys. Tng., Bn. Parade, and Messing.

10 Nov. 1943 (Wed.)
Military Training for the entire day. A portion of the training for this day included an 8 mi. road march, in which nearly all available units in the 6th Sig. AW Tng. Bn. participated. This march program included, Tear Gas, select ion of Bivouac, putting up of shelter-halves, and machine gun emplacements. The march under the direction of Lt. Bouton & Lt. Franz. 2Lt. Franz attended 6th Tng. S-3 meeting. First Aid C la sses held from 1900 to 2100 under direction of 6th Sig. AW Tng. Bn. Medical Officer.

11 Nov. 1943 (Thurs.)
The entire Company participated in the 6th Sig.AW. Tng. Bn. Parade through downtown Bradenton, Fla. to the Memorial Pier where an Armistice address was given by Brig. Gen. Sherrill. Military Training lectures were given in the afternoon by Company

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Officers. All Personnel took part in the 6th Sig. AW Tng. Bn. Retreat & Bn Parade Formation. First Aid classes held in the evening from 1900 to 2100.

12 Nov. 1943 (Fri.)

Military Training for the entire day. First Aid lecture by the 6th Sig. AW Tng. Medical Officer from 1300 to 1530. The Motion Picture (Tng. Film) for Fri. evening was cancelled by the 6th Tng. Bn. S-3.

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REPORTING COMPANY "B"
563 SIGNAL AW BATTALION
DREW FIELD, FLA.

13 Nov. 1943 (Sat.)

Military Training given all personnel of the Company, with instruction given by available Company Officers. This instruction consisted of a 10 mile hike, camouflage, machine gun emplacements and tear gas. All officers and E.M. received the 2nd of a series of 3 Tyfus shots. "Articles of War" & "Sex Morality" was given to available E.M. of the organization who had not received same within the past 6 months. All Personnel took part in Retreat & Parade of the 6th Sig. AW Tng. Bn.

14 Nov. 1943 (Sun.)

All members of the organization who had not previously fired the carbine or 30 cal. mach. gun were taken, by means of Motor Convoy, to the respective ranges--Carbine at St. Petersburg, Fla., Mach. Gun at Drew Field, Fla. The clerical sections in the Company Orderly Room & Personnel Room were very much engaged in many additional duties.

15 Nov. 1943 (Mon.)

The same personnel that were on the Firing Ranges 14 Nov. were again convoyed to the Carbine and Mach. Gun Ranges. For the Remainder of the Company Personnel--lectures and practical training in Military subjects was carried out.

16 Nov. 1943

Technical Training under the direction of the 6th Sig. AW Tng. Bn. for the entire day--from 0730 to 2200 with the usual time out for phys. Tng., Bn. Parade, & messing.

17 Nov. 1943 (Wed.)

Technical Training for the entire day--0730 to 2200, under the direction of the 6th Sig. AW Tng. Bn., with time out for Phys. Tng., Retreat, and messing. The Co. Commander, Capt. Arthur G. Root, jr., was advised by verbal conversation from the 6th Sig AW Tng. Bn. that the Organization should be ready to move into Operational Training on 19 Nov. 1943.

18 Nov. 1943 (Thurs.)

46 men, who had not previously fired, were convoyed to the Carbine Range at St. Petersburg. For the remainder of the Company, training in Military subjects was given under the direction of Company Officers. Training in First Aid (lecture) was given by 6th Tng. Bn. medical staff. All personnel took part in Retreat Parade--6th Sig AW Tng. Bn.--AWUTC Band was present. The Co. Commander, Capt. Arthur G. Root, Jr., was advised by verbal conversation from 6th Tng. Bn., that the operational Training date had been changed to 23 Nov. 1943.

19 Nov. 1943 (Fri.)

Training in Military subjects for the entire Organization during the first half of the day. All personnel of the Organization was given a visual physical examination by the 6th Tng. Bn. medical staff. All personnel

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received the 3rd of a series of 3 tyfus shots.

During the entire week all Officers were very much engaged in the many duties pertaining to their respective Platoons and Sections prior to the beginning of Operational Training, which is now scheduled for 23 Nov 1943. Company Supply and Personnel have completed, in a very large percentage, the many tasks that superceeds Operational Training.

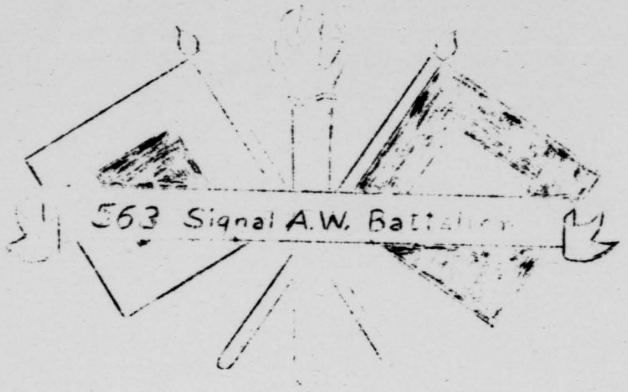
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OPERATING PROCEDURE



Lt Col William L. Mc Bride

Commanding

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HEADQUARTERS
563RD SIGNAL A W BATTALION
DREW FIELD, FLORIDA

15 November 1943.

Subject: Standard Operating Procedure

To : All concerned.

1. The purpose of this standard operating procedure is to obtain uniformity of operation and reduction of orders and instructions. Normally the standard operating procedure will be followed. Situations arising wherein variations produce more efficient results will be prescribed in orders.

2. Company commanders are responsible that pertinent information contained in the standard operating procedures are made known to the lowest element of their command who must know the information in order that each procedure undertaken may be assured of success. It will be concerned.

3. This standard operating procedure will be effective upon receipt. Additions or changes will be published when appropiate and added to this publication when issued.

4. Superceded data will be removed and destroyed.

By order of Lieut. , Colonel McBRIDE

Maurice Byrne
MAURICE E. BYRNE
Major, Signal Corps
Executive

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SECTION I

ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY

1. GENERAL. The detailed duties of staff sections are set forth in Chapter 1, Staff Officers Field Manual FM 101-5. This reference will be used in all cases as a standard operating procedure unless modified by the Commanding Officer. In case of conflict of the above reference with this SOP, this SOP will guide. All previous standard operating procedures memorandums and bulletins are hereby rescinded.

2. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COMMANDING OFFICER. a. Correspondence of special importance or interest to the Commanding Officer.

b. Communications relating to irregularities within the Battalion.

c. Communications containing censure, criticism or commendation to the battalion or its various units.

d. Important orders and instructions from higher echelons.

3. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER. a. Communications of special importance not covered by existing policies or instructions.

b. Accidents or damage involving personnel, installations or equipment of the battalion which are of a serious nature.

c. Communications in which the proposed action disapproves a recommendation of the Company Commander.

d. Applications for leave, detached service or other absence of the head of any staff section.

e. Matters covered by paragraph 2 in the absence of the Commanding Officer.

4. CORRESPONDENCE TO BE SIGNED BY THE COMMANDING OFFICER a. Communications addressed to civilian officials.

b. Correspondence in which it is desired to emphasize that the Commanding Officer has given his personal attention.

5. CORRESPONDENCE TO BE SIGNED BY THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER. a. Correspondence mentioned in paragraph 4 in the absence of the Commanding Officer.

6. CORRESPONDENCE TO BE SIGNED BY THE ADJUTANT. a. All correspondence not listed in paragraph 4 and 5.

SECTION II

STAFF RESPONSIBILITIES

7. RESPONSIBILITY OF THE ADJUTANTS SECTION. a. Organization and maintenance of a message center in Battalion headquarters.

b. Organization of the headquarters file section other than matters pertaining to pure supply, personnel and technical matters.

c. Coordination and forewarding of all reports prepared by staff heads of Company Commanders.

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8. RESPONSIBILITY OF THE S-1 SECTION. a. Coordination of the personnel reports required by higher headquarters, consolidating where necessary.

b. Coordination of the personnel functions in all companies.

c. Inspection and supervision of all administrative functions in companies.

d. Custodian of the Forms 66-1 and 201 files for all officers.

9. RESPONSIBILITY OF THE S-2 SECTION. a. All intelligence functions as directed by higher headquarters.

b. Cryptographic security officer for the battalion.

c. Custodian of classified documents and cipher device used in battalion headquarters.

10. RESPONSIBILITY OF THE S-3 SECTION. a. Preparation of all field orders, march orders, training directives, master training schedules.

b. Coordination of use of training equipment.

c. Preparation, revision, publication and distribution of Standard Operating Procedures.

d. Preparation or consolidation of all reports to higher headquarters of all things pertaining to training, operations or tactics.

e. Custody and maintenance of a technical and tactical library at Battalion headquarters.

11. RESPONSIBILITY OF THE S-4 SECTION. a. Preparation or consolidation of all reports to higher headquarters pertaining to supply.

b. Supervision and responsibility for the functioning of all supply throughout the battalion.

12. COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER. a. The Communications officer of the Headquarters and Plotting Company will also be Communications officer for the Battalion. He will be responsible for the installation and maintenance of all signal communications employed within the Battalion headquarters and the information center, except the inter-room and intra-room communications that are provided for in the information center equipment. He will supervise all other communications.

b. He will assist the S-3 in the issuance of instructions, SOP as pertains to communications, line route diagrams, SOI, allotment of call signs and frequencies to all radio nets.

13. GAS OFFICER. a. The Gas officer will supervise the operation and instruction of unit gas officers and maintain liaison with gas officers of higher echelons.

14. MOTOR OFFICER. a. Supervision of the operation and maintenance of all motor transportation.

15. CHAPLAIN. a. Supervision of the spiritual welfare of the command.

16. SURGEON. a. Adviser to the commander on all matters pertaining to health and sanitation.

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b. Training of all troops in military sanitation and first aid, coordinate with S-3.

c. Location and operation of medical aid stations and evacuation service.

d. Training of Medical troops.

17. POSTAL OFFICER. a. Safeguarding and breakdown by companies of all mail services.

18. UNIT JOURNAL. a. A unit journal will be kept by the Battalion. It is under the supervision of the S-3. The journal is a cronological record of one days events of the unit. It will contain a record of all important decisions that were made and of all tactically important written messages and orders received and sent by headquarters and the action thereon. The journal is supplemented by the journal file. This file contains copies of all messages, orders and other documents arranged in the order of entry in the journal. They serve as a permanent record of the operations of the unit and are the basis for the war diary. The work sheet affords the staff officers a convenient means of keeping memoranda for their own ready reference map.

19. OPERATIONS MAP. a. A single map will be kept at the battalion Command post, this map will incorporate the situation and operation map. All data pertinent to the situation is plotted. The map should be kept posted up to date at all times by correcting, or adding information that can be shown graphically. The prescribed symbols are used whenever possible, and notes may be used to explain, or to take the place of symbols. Such notes should be placed on the margins where they will not obscure important data or terrain feature. The S-3 is responsible for the keeping of this official map. The information plotted on the map will include: Location of Radars, ground observers, Relay stations, Wire and other obstacles, anti-aircraft weapons, automatic weapons, Observation posts and command posts, boundaries between units, dumps, aid stations and supply establishments, shelled, bombed or gassed areas, adjacent, higher and supporting units.

SECTION III

ORGANIZATION OF THE BATTALION

20. HEADQUARTERS AND PLOTTING COMPANY will consist of four platoons Headquarters Platoon, Filter Platoon, Operations Platoon, and Communications Platoon. In addition a medical section will be attached.

a. Headquarters platoon will consist of 1 A team less 1 2nd Lt, 1 M/Sgt (542), 1 Sgt (261), 1 T/4 (089) all to the communications platoon, 1 T team, and 3 P teams.

b. The Filter Platoon will consist of 1 E team, 1 L team, and 6 F teams.

c. The Operations platoon will consist of 1 E team.

d. The Communications platoon will consist of 12 I teams, 2 J teams, and 1 2nd Lt, M/Sgt (542), S/Sgt (261), T/4 (089) all from the A team.

21. REPORTING COMPANY A will consist of three platoons, Headquarters Platoon, 1st Reporting Platoon (EW), 2nd Reporting Platoon (GCI).

a. Headquarters platoon will consist of 1 B team, and 12 I teams.

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b. The 1st Reporting Platoon will consist of 1 C team, 1 P team and 1 S team.

c. The 2nd Reporting Platoon will consist of 1 C team, 1 S team, 1 J team and 1 P team.

22. REPORTING COMPANY B will consist of three platoons, Headquarters Platoon, 1st Reporting Platoon and 2nd Reporting Platoon.

a. Headquarters platoon will consist of 1 B team.

b. The 1st Reporting Platoon will consist of 1 J team 3 P teams, 1 S team and 1 U team.

c. The 2nd Reporting Platoon will consist of 1 J team 3 P teams, 1 S team and 1 U team.

23. REPORTING COMPANY C will consist of three platoons, Headquarters Platoon, 1st Reporting Platoon and 2nd Reporting Platoon.

a. Headquarters platoon will consist of 1 B team.

b. The 1st Reporting Platoon will consist of 1 C team 1 J team 1 P team and 1 S team.

c. The 2nd Reporting Platoon will consist of 1 C team 1 J team 1 P team and 1 S team.

24. GROUND OBSERVER COMPANY D will consist of three platoons, Headquarters platoon, Ground Observer Platoon, and Reporting Platoon.

a. The Headquarters Platoon will consist of 1 B team.

b. The Ground Observer platoon will consist of 24 M teams, 3 P teams and 1 S team.

c. The Reporting Platoon will consist of ½ U team, 2 N teams, 1 S team and 1 P team.

25. GROUND OBSERVER COMPANY E will consist of three platoons, Headquarters platoon, Ground Observer Platoon, and Reporting Platoon.

a. The Headquarters Platoon will consist of 1 B team.

b. The Ground Observer Platoon will consist of 24 M teams, 2 P teams and 1 S team.

c. The Reporting Platoon will consist of ½U team, 2 N teams, 1 S team and 1 P team.

NOTE: Tentative tactical considerations dictate the following employment for tactical purposes: 2 officers in the L team of the filter platoon of headquarters and plotting company will be placed on Special Duty with Ground Observer Companies D and E, one officer in each company, for the purpose of commanding the ground observer platoons in those companies. The 12 I teams in the Headquarters platoon of Reporting Company A will be put on Special Duty with the Headquarters and Plotting Company for use in the Communications Platoon. The T/Sgt (953) in the U team divided among the Ground Observer Companies will be assigned to Company D. The Sgt (824) in the U team divided among the Ground Observer Companies will be assigned to Company E.

SECTION IV

ADMINISTRATIVE SOP FOR THE BATTALION

26. PURPOSE. The purpose of the procedure outlined below is to relieve the company headquarters of some of the burden of keeping track of the enlisted men; to develop leadership among the non-commissioned officers; to improve the control of the command as a whole; to impress the platoon

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officers and non-commissioned officers with their responsibilities; to raise the general morale by making the training more interesting and to improve the physical condition of the command as a whole.

27. BREAKDOWN OF THE COMPANY. a. The Company will be divided into platoons paralleling the T/O. Each platoon will be assigned an area and a barracks for which it will be responsible.

b. The headquarters platoon will consist of the company administrative overhead, administrative overhead for battalion headquarters, transportation, supply and mess personnel.

c. All Personnel over 38 years of age, CCD, and others awaiting discharge, physically or technically disqualified and overages will be placed in one or more complete platoons in Headquarters and Plotting Company.

d. Each platoon will be divided into squads of 10 to 12 men.

e. The organization will be built up around key positions. Each key position will have an assistant who will act in the absence of the key man. Their key positions and assistants are as follows:

Platoon Commander----------Officer	Asst Platoon Sergeant---NCO
Asst Platoon Commander-----Officer	Squad Leader ------NCO or Act/NCO
Platoon Sergeant----------NCO	Asst Squad Leader--NCO or Act/NCO

28. GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR OFFICERS. a. Our primary purpose here is the training of troops for combat operations. With this objective always in mind, officers will spend every available moment on training. Office work will be left to enlisted clerks. A properly organized office staff can carry the bulk of routing administrative paper work.

b. It is the responsibility of the Company Commander to insure that officers are detailed as training instructors. Schools for officers and non-commissioned officers will be held after training hours to insure each instructor is well qualified in the subject of instruction for the following day.

c. All officers will participate in physical exercise at each period prescribed by the training schedule.

d. One officer in the Company will stand reveille each day.

e. One officer in each platoon will stand retreat each day. He will make an inspection of all weapons in the platoon before the retreat formation. He will also inspect personnel at the retreat formation.

29. DELEGATION OF DUTIES. a. Company duties as outlined in paragraph 30, 31, 32, 33, and 34 will, where practicable, be delegated to platoon officers and warrant officers as additional duties.

30. DUTIES OF THE COMPANY TRAINING OFFICER. a. He will post the training schedule on the officers bulletin board and the company bulletin board.

b. He will clearly designate, at least 24 hours in advance, the exact area in which each class is to be conducted; the time the class starts; the equipment to be brought by the individual enlisted men; the uniform to be worn; and other remarks deemed necessary for the smooth functioning of the class.

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c. He will notify instructors concerned of any change in training directed by battalion headquarters. This will be done at least 24 hours in advance of the proposed change.

d. He will cooperate with instructors in the manufacture, requisitioning or procurement of training aids and training equipment.

e. He will be custodian of company training material and property which is not picked up by the company supply.

f. He will keep the Company Supply, Mess, and Transportation Officer informed at least 24 hours in advance of any requirements that may be made of him in accord with training procedures.

31. DUTIES OF COMPANY ATHLETIC OFFICER. a. He will be in charge of the obstacle course and responsible for its maintenance.

b. He will keep records pertaining to the physical achievement of the men in the entire company.

c. He will supervise athletics at all periods of organized athletics and will be assisted by other company officers designated from time to time by the Company Commander.

32. DUTIES OF THE COMPANY SUPPLY MESS AND TRANSPORTATION OFFICER. a. He will store, requisition, preserve, inspect and distribute all company supplies in accordance with AR's.

b. He will handle all details pertaining to mess and transportation as required for training purposes or movements as requested by company officers, and authorized by the Company Commander.

c. He will coordinate matters of supply, mess and transportation for all other company functions.

d. He will be responsible to the Company Commander for First echelon maintenance of company vehicles.

33. DUTIES OF THE COMPANY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER. a. He will coordinate all company administration matters except those pertaining solely to supply mess and transportation.

b. He will supervise the operation of the orderly room.

c. He will conduct all normal routine administration and sign for the company commander. He will prepare outgoing correspondence for the signature of the Company Commander.

d. He will maintain the company files and post appropriate data on the bulletin boards and will inspect the bulletin board frequently to insure that all superseded and outdated information is removed.

e. For all the above duties he will employ the company clerks.

34. DUTIES OF PLATOON COMMANDERS OR ASSISTANT PLATOON COMMANDERS ACTING IN THEIR ABSENCE. a. He will appoint squad leaders and assistant squad leaders for each squad and recommend platoon and assistant platoon sergeants.

b. He will divide his platoon into squads assigning 10 or 12 men to each squad.

c. He will be responsible to the company commander for the appearance and behavior of all the enlisted men in his platoon and the condition of their clothing and individual equipment.

d. He will be responsible that members of his platoon report for

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formation and classes or details at the designated time and place with the proper equipment and prescribed uniform.

e. He will be responsible to the Company Commander for the disposition of each man in his platoon during duty hours.

f. He will be responsible that men in his organization who have medical or dental appointments or are alerted, will be ready at the proper place and time.

g. He will assign and reassign enlisted men to squads in his platoon and keep the records he deems necessary to facilitate the same.

h. He will keep the organization progress chart up to date.

i. The platoon commander will handle breaches of discipline in his own platoon with the exception of cases to be handled by court martial, or cases which occur off the post, or where a delinquency report is concerned. Such cases will be handled by the Company Commander.

36. DUTIES OF THE PLATOON SERGEANT OR THE ASSISTANT PLATOON SERGEANT ACTING IN HIS ABSENCE. a. He will be the assistant to the platoon commander.

b. He will call for the report from his squad leaders at all formations and report the number absent to the First Sergeant. At each class he will report the absentees to the instructor.

c. He will form the platoon and be responsible for getting his platoon to the proper place at the proper time with the proper equipment and uniform.

d. He will be responsible to the Platoon Commander for the appearance of the individuals of the platoon as well as the policing of the barracks and platoon area.

e. He will be responsible to the Platoon Commander ~~for~~ all assigned to details report at the proper time and place and to the proper person.

f. He will check with the squad leaders to be sure that those men who have medical and dental appointments keep them.

g. He will, at all times, keep an up to date roster of members of his platoon. For this purpose he will maintain a card file. A card will be made up for each man assigned to his platoon. This card will initiate with company headquarters and will come down to the platoon when the man is assigned to the platoon. If a man is reassigned to another platoon the card will be sent to the new platoon. If the man is transferred out of the company the card is sent back to the company headquarters to the dead file. This card will always be marked in pencil with the most recent squad assignment of the man in order that the man may be readily located if necessary.

37. DUTIES OF THE SQUAD LEADER OR THE ASSISTANT SQUAD LEADER ACTING IN HIS ABSENCE. a. He will habitually keep a roster of the men in his squad being prepared to check roll at any time.

b. He will know the whereabouts of all men in his squad at all times.

c. He will be responsible to the platoon sergeant for the cleanliness and appearance of all his men and their individual equipment at all times.

d. He will be responsible to the platoon sergeant to get his men to the proper place at the proper time with the proper clothing and equipment.

e. He will not be authorized to excuse men from school, detail or other duty.

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38. CONCLUSION. a. The success of the system depends upon whether the squad leader has constant check and control of the men in his squad in order to accomplish this, all requests for details, medical appointments, dental appointments, pass and furloughs must go through the squad leader. The squad leader will be responsible to the platoon commander for the disposition of his men at all times during duty hours. Obviously, squad leaders must be checked frequently to determine their efficiency and sense of responsibility.

b. Men appointed as non-commissioned officers must not only be capable of meeting normal duty requirements but they must be fully aware of the responsibilities of their position. Non-commissioned officers who do not meet the requirements of the grade in every way must give way to more competent men. Non-commissioned officers are the backbone of the company and the importance of having capable men in these positions cannot be stressed too strongly.

SECTION V
STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE FOR GROUND OBSERVERS

39. INTRODUCTION. a. In order for the Ground Observer team to function properly, and to insure the reception of intelligent information at the Information Center rapidly and accurately, it is necessary that a uniform procedure be adopted. This procedure, must of necessity be carefully observed by all Ground Observer units in Operational Training in this battalion.

b. With this objective in mind, the procedure contained herein has been set forth as standard.

40. TEAMS a. The ground observer team must be a flexible unit, and the number of members of the team may range from three to as many as ten. The number of members will depend on the type of coverage desired.

b. The teams will be grouped together in sections but may be deposed in any manner as dictated by the tactical situation.

c. One ground observer team will operate an observation post.

d. A Relay Station will consist of one relay team and usually one ground observer team.

41. CHIEF GROUND OBSERVER IS the man in charge of each ground observer post and duties are as follows:

a. Selection of site for location of post.

b. Spacing his observers. Since each observer can see for about five miles to either side with conditions of normal visibility, spacing of observers at six mile intervals should provide adequate overlap for good coverage.

c. Cover. Because of the short time normally spent at each location both observer scouts and the relay station crew will limit themselves to the simplest facilities. These should include:

(1) Construction of foxholes and slit trenches at spots well covered by shrubs or trees for the protection of personnel from ground or aircraft fire.

d. See that observers under his jurisdiction do not violate radio net discipline.

e. Supervise camouflage in order that it will be consistent with the terrain around the post. Remember, the best defense for the ground observer is to avoid detection.

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43. REPORTING OBSERVATION POST TO RELAYS STATION. a. The sections of each ground observer platoon will be numbered, and each relay station will assume the number of its section or platoon. Outlying observation posts will be lettered to distinguish each post from the other of the same section.

b. Information on aircraft will be reported by observation posts to the relay station in polar coordinates, according to the following procedure:

c. Alphabetical name of the reporting post.
d. Direction and distance of aircraft from the post.
e. Direction of flight.
f. Number of aircraft.
g. Identification of aircraft.
h. Altitude of aircraft in thousands of feet.

44. VOICE TRANSMISSION.

a. Post to Relay Station. - An example of a report would be:
Able, East five miles, going south, one P-40, at four.
This means that observation Post A, is reporting one aircraft five miles to the east of its post, flying in a southerly direction at a height of 4,000 feet.

b. Relay station or Net Control Station to Information Center. At the relay station, a radio operator at the receiver will plot the information received from the observation post on a small gridded plotting board. A teller operator will read grid coordinates from the plotting board and pass them on to the Information Center, using the following procedure:

(1) Relay Station number. (Same as section number).
(2) Grid coordinates.
(3) Direction of Flight.
(4) Number and identification of aircraft.
(5) Height in thousands of feet.

Example of Relay Station or Net Control Report:
2 Nan 3468, south, one friendly bomber, at 6.

c. This means that Relay Station Number Two reports a flight in position 34 (abscissa) 68 (ordinate) in the major grid square N, flying southward, the flight consisting of one friendly bomber at a height of six thousand feet. Reports made at night or in conditions of poor visibility should be rendered as "heard". To render a "heard" report, insert the word "heard" after post or NCS identification.

45. CW TRANSMISSION. a. While it is desirable to use voice transmission whenever possible in reporting plots, it may occasionally be necessary to use continuous wave (code) transmission to cover the reporting distances involved. For the efficient reporting of plots by CW in such instances, a different procedure is required.

b. Normally CW, when necessary will only be used from the Relay Station to the Information Center. This procedure for reporting grid coordinates from the Relay Station in code gives information in the sequence as voice reports. Plotting information is all contained in two groups of numbers and letters. The first group will contain one letter and five numbers, while the second group will contain six numbers. Two groups together represent the following in order:

c. First Group:

(1) Number of relay or net control station transmitting the plot (necessary only when more than one station is reporting to one plotter).

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(2) Letter indicating the major grid square in which the plot is located.

(3) and (4) Numbers indicating the abscissa of the plot in the major grid square, the first number indicating the basic grid square in which the plot falls, the second number indicating the abscissa of the plot within the basic square.

(5) and (6) Two numbers indicating the ordinate of the plot in the major grid square, in the same manner as the abscissa was indicated by the previous two numbers.

d. Second Group:

(7) Number indicating direction in which the flight is moving. This may be any number from 1 to 8, representing the eight principal compass directions, starting with North as 1 and Proceeding around the points of the compass in a clockwise direction, so that:

1. North
2. Northeast
3. East
4. Southeast
5. South
6. Southwest
7. West
8. Northwest.

(8) Two numbers indicating the number of aircraft. If there are less than ten (10) aircraft in the flight, a zero is used as the first number of this two-number group.

(9) One number representing the type of aircraft. Numbers are assigned the type of aircraft to represent the type according to the following classification table.

1. Hostile bomber
2. Hostile fighter
3. Hostile transport
4. Hostile Observation
5. Sound Plot
6. Friendly Bomber
7. Friendly Fighter
8. Friendly Transport
9. Friendly Observation
0. Unknown

(10) One number giving height of the flight in thousands of feet.

EXAMPLE

First Group			Second Group			
Relay No.	Grid Square	Grid Coordinates	Direction of Flight	No. Of A/C	Type	Alt.
2	H	6545	3	03	5	4

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e. If CW is used from Post to Relay or Net Control Station, report in the number code in the following sequence.

First Group

1. Number of letter designating post identification.
2. Number identifying Net Control Station or Relay Station, to which the plot is reported.
3. Number denoting sector in which plane is sighted (use one of numbers in Chart in Paragraph 7).
4. Number denoting miles away from post.
5. Number showing direction of flight. (Use Chart in Paragraph 7)

Second Group

6. Two numbers denoting number of aircraft. If less than ten insert a zero before number viz; three aircraft would be shown as 03.
7. Number designating type.
8. Altitude of plane using one number for each thousand feet.

EXAMPLE

f. Assume that post number 2, reporting to NCS number 4, sights two P-40's three miles north of the post going south at an altitude of 6000 feet, the following report in the number code would be rendered:

24135 0276

g. If planes are heard instead of seen insert letter "H" after NCS number and the number 5 in place for type of plane. This shows it to be a sound plot.

EXAMPLE

24H135 0256

46. ROUTINE REPORTS. a. "ALL WELL." Reports. It is not contemplated that incoming plot will normally be acknowledged either by the relay station or by the plotter at the Information Center. Routine "ALL WELL" reports will be made by each observation post by transmission of the post letter followed by the word "null". The frequency of these reports will depend on the situation. Thus observation post "A" would report "Able null."

Such reports will be made only if no plots have been reported by the post in a designated period of time. The time of each post reporting its "null" should be specified by the officers in charge. These reports should be sent at staggered intervals.

b. Administrative Messages. - Periodically, as required by the situation administrative traffic will be handled over the net. Such time shall be set aside by the Unit Commander or other higher headquarters.

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47. LOG SHEETS. a. Log sheets will be kept at each Observation Post and Relay Station. All plots reported will first be entered upon this log sheet.

b. Ground Observer will put his initials in column provided, after transmission of each plot.

c. Under "Remarks" indicate any unusual occurences or action of aircraft such as "Circling," "Strafing", "Bombing" etc.

48. WEATHER. In accordance with an existing Army Regulation, the weather will never be sent over the air in clear text. A coded sheet to cover will be issued by the next higher headquarters.

49. FALSE GRIDS. During Operational Training, true grid coordinates will not be sent to Information Center but shall be coded in the false grid coordinates in use by the battalion during such training period.

SECTION VI
STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE
OPERATIONAL PROCEDURE, INFORMATION CENTER

50. OPERATIONS BOARD PLOTTER. a. The Operations Board Plotter plots all information told him by the OPS Teller. Thus, he reproduces on the operations board any flight exactly as it appears on the filter board.

b. He will plot with 3 colors of arrows, red, yellow, and blue as indicated by the color clock. When a color is repeated on the color clock he will remove all previous arrows of that particular color.

c. The OPS plotter will not ask the OPS teller to repeat any information, unless instructed to do so by the controller.

d. The OPS plotter calls to the raid orderly for a card stand, giving target designation, No. of AC, and height.

1. Solid Red Flag for Hostile.
2. Solid Green Flag for Fighter.
3. Yellow "F" Flag for Friendly
4. Yellow "X" for unknown.

e. Card stands displaying the proper designations and data will be kept at the head of the proper tracks at all times by the OPS plotter.

f. If the OPS board plotter gets two flights called at the same grid reference, he will use only one set of arrows, and carry both of his flight identification markers at the head of the one track.

g. Raid Orderly. The Raid Orderly is responsible to the OPS Board, Plotter, and must furnish to him the exact display equipment requested. To aid him in doing this as quickly as possible he should:

1. Keep all cards filed in numerical order.
2. Know what the next new raid will be numbered. He should have that number in a card stand ready for the OPS Board Plotter.

h. He will use the following order in marking the card stand. From top to bottom:

1. Identification.
2. Raid Number
3. No. of AC
4. Height
5. Speed.

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51. All other functions will be as per War Department Standing Orders for Radar Filter Room.

SECTION VII
STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE
PROCEDURE FOR RADIO, RADAR TO FILTER ROOM NETS

52. GENERAL DESCRIPTION. The transmission of information from Radar Stations to the Filter Room must be accomplished in the minimum time and with complete accuracy. The use of radio to accomplish this is not the most rapid means; however, in most mobile installations, radio will be the only rapid means of communications available. In an active theater, radio is more dependable than wire.

53. SIZE OF NETS. The present table of Basic Allowances provides for two (2) Radio Sets SCR-188-A per Reporting Platoon. One of these is used at the Radar Station, and the other at the Filter Room. This means that each Reporting Station will be in a two-station net. However, if it happens that insufficient sets or personnel are available to accomplish this, up to three reporting platoons can report in one net on a single frequency. Any more than three stations in one net will seriously reduce the effectiveness of the net.

54. FREQUENCY ASSIGNMENTS. a. In a two station net, it has been found advantageous to use a different frequency for each station if the frequencies are available. This is generally termed the Duplex Method. It will generally be difficult to obtain a sufficient number of frequencies in this country, but easy in foreign theaters. The Radar Station transmits, and the Filter Radio Station transmissions on another frequency. The Duplex Method is more difficult to use than the single frequency or Break-in method, but is more secure and less vulnerable to jamming.

b. Another possible method of operation places each radar reporting platoon on a separate frequency. At the information center, there is a separate radio receiver and radio operator for each reporting platoon, but only one transmitter for each three to six reporting platoons. The Information Center operators take turns using the transmitter. Each such operator should have his own key. A signal system is necessary to indicate when the transmitter is in use. This prevents two operators from attempting to use the Information Center transmitter at the same time. Targets will generally have to be receipted for in groups. The system described is not desirable, but it provides for the economical use of transmitting equipment and maintenance personnel. When all stations are at true normal distance, a number of high power transmitters are saved.

55. NET CONTROL STATION. In all cases, the Filter Station in each net is the Net Control Station (N.C.S.), and will follow the procedure for a N.C.S. as outlined in "Combined Radio Telegraph (W/T) Procedure," FM 24-10.

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56. SPEED. The speed of transmission in any net will always be the speed of the slowest operator in the net.

TEAMS

57. GENERAL. a. All radio teams are essentially the same in that they have the same mission and use procedure standard throughout the armed forces. However, because of the special requirements of Aircraft Warning, the composition and specific duties of the operating teams require special definition and discussion.

58. RADAR RADIO TEAMS. a. The group of men that operate the radio station in a reporting platoon is called the Radio Section. The Section is made up of as many 3 man operating crews as there are tours of duty. Each three man operating crew is called a Radar Radio Team. This team is composed of:

(1) One Operator, Radio
(2) One Recorder, Rader - - - - - (See Fig 1A)
(3) One Electrician, Radio

b. The duties of the men on the radar radio team are as follows:

(1) The Operator will transmit all information given him to the Filter Radio Station as quickly and as accurately as possible. The Operator is responsible for the maintenance of Radio discipline at his station.

He is responsible for the correct tuning adjustments of the transmitter and receiver, and correct frequency calibration with the Net Control Station. He will adjust his frequency to zero beat with the N.C.S. once each hour.

He is responsible that all messages sent are coded and that all traffic received is promptly delivered to its destination.

He will transmit Radar reports as urgent messages. Reports should not be more than one minute old. All reports sent will be sent in the same order that they appear in the Log. He will keep a Station Log and Number Sheet.

(2) The recorder will perform his duties as outlined in the Standard Operating Procedure for his Radar.

He will sit in such a position that the radio operator can read his Log and transmit reports directly from this Log.

(3) The Radio Electrician is always on call to make repairs within the limit of his ability, tools, and parts.

He will conduct preventative maintenance periodically, and will include the Power Plant when it is separate from the Radar power supply.

He will turn in to the Supply section all damaged and worn out parts for replacement.

59. FILTER RADIO TEAM. a. The personnel at the Filter Radio Station have different duties and responsibilities. The team is composed of:

(1) One Operator, Radio
(2) One Converter-Teller - - - - - - (See Fig 1B)
(3) One Electrician, Radio

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b. The Duties of the Filter Radio Team members are as follows:

(1) The operator will control the communications net. He will assure that the proper radio discipline, procedure, and frequency is used.
He will copy all radar reports in a radar log, and locate the Log sheet so that the converter-teller can readily see it.
He will keep a Station Log.

(2) The converter-teller is a member of the plotting platoon. His duties are outlined in Memorandum 55-10, which outlines False-grid procedure. When no false grid is used, this man will only be a teller, transmitting his data direct to the filter board plotters as it is logged by the radio operator.

(3) The Radio Electrician is always on call to make repairs within the limit of his ability, tools, and parts.
He will conduct preventive maintenance on the equipment for which he is responsible.
He will turn in to the supply section all damaged and worn out parts for replacement.

60. In order to attain continuous and satisfactory communication between Radar and Radar Filter Room, many factors must be considered. Among those that will directly affect radio operation are:

Weather
Distance Between Stations
Frequencies
Location of Individual Sets and Antenna Systems.

of these, only the latter can be selected or controlled by the Aircraft Warning Organization. Therefore, it is essential that this one be as perfect as possible to get the best operation.

61. SPECIFICATIONS The following requirements have been found to be necessary in order to obtain reasonably good operation.

a. Radar Radio Station (MOBILE)

(1) The radio station should be located approximately 200 to 500 yards from the Radar. This is a distance sufficient to eliminate most of the electrical interference caused by radar equipment.

(2) The radio transmitter should be located to the rear of the radar with respect to the normal area of sweep.

(3) If the proper wire is available for transmission of power, the Radar power supply should be used for Radio, and the radio power plant kept on "stand-by".

(4) When set up, the antenna should be installed with due consideration given to the camouflage problem in addition to the usual technical considerations. For an ideal installation, the antenna should be located on high ground with no large obstruction in the direction of the Filter Room. When hills interfere, the effectiveness of the array will generally be reduced, although the condition is often unavoidable.

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b. Radar Radio Station (FIXED)

(1) The radio station should be located as far from the radar operations building as possible. If the barracks or bivouac area is at some distance from the station, radar traffic should be told by wire line to the radio station.

(2) The antenna should be placed so that it will get the least interference from the radar, and also give optimum communications performance.

(3) The radar power supply may be used for the radio equipment whenever possible. As the radar power supply often supplies power for the barracks installations, this should generally be no problem.

c. Filter Center Radio Stations

(1) The receivers should all be located side by side in the communications room of the filter center, each receiver plainly marked with the code name of the reporting platoon it is to serve.

(2) The transmitters should, whenever possible, be located from one-half to two miles from the Filter Room. This arrangement requires the use of remote control lines between the transmitters proper and the communications room at the Information or Filter Center.

(3) Transmitters should be on high ground with no obstructions near antennas.

(4) Antennas should be so arranged in order that each gets the best results with the particular station in its net.

(5) Commercial power should be used whenever it is available.

(6) A stand-by power installation is almost mandatory because the entire AI System is dependent upon continuous communications facilities at the Information Center.

62. ADMINISTRATIVE. a. The types of traffic that come under this classification include all messages that have the routing classification of "urgent" or "priority" or routine. Every effort will be made to handle administrative matters by radio, holding the use of messengers to a minimum. In this command priority administrative traffic will be given precedence over radar traffic. In a theater, the reverse will normally hold. The hours for dispatch of routine administrative traffic are from 2200 to 0400, and when ever the radar is shut down. If more than one reporting platoon is in a net, each radar radio station must be careful not to interfere with the reporting of another. This is best accomplished by scheduling each station for its administrative traffic during the periods listed above, and also by sending target reports in groups of two or three, then pausing to allow the other stations to report if necessary.

b. Nets will be opened using Combined Radio Telegraph W/T Procedure. Thereafter, all contact will be made and all traffic except radar reporting will be handled with "Q" signals.

c. All messages will be encoded, using the current code as prescribed in the Signal Operation Instructions (S.O.I.). Nothing will be sent in the clear, unless the message itself includes the phrase "authorized in clear" and the original of the message filed bears the signature of the officer authorizing such transmission.

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63. TACTICAL. a. Radar reports and other Radar Information will always be considered as having an urgent classification.

b. (1) The average radar report will consist of a series of jumbled letters and numbers. It is absolutely necessary that each of these be transmitted accurately, because incorrect information is often more dangerous than none at all.

A sample report might be: SM645Ø15FØ3

(2) If more than one reporting station is in a single net, every station in the net will send the first letter of its code as the first of a report or message.

(a) LSM645Ø15, for example, carries "L" as the identifying letter.

c. Procedure (1) Continuous wave (CW) transmission will be used.

(2) When the recorder starts to receive a report from the radar team the operator will send a V followed by the code identifier. Immediately following this, he will transmit the coordinates as noted in paragraph 2b above. If there is more than one coordinate to send, a separate sign (II) will be transmitted between coordinates. At the end of each coordinate or series of coordinates, K will be transmitted. A pause will always be made after each three coordinates sent in close succession, if there are other reporting stations in the net. This will allow the other reporting stations to transmit their coordinates. If the NCS received the intelligence, he will acknowledge with an R. If he fails to receive it, he will send IMI and the report will be repeated until it is either received, or is more than a minute old, at which time it is cancelled. Break-in will be used, if possible, and the transmitting operator will be "broken" by the NCS as soon as a repeat or correction is necessary.

(3) In the handling of administrative traffic the regular call letters will be used. This will identify to the receiving operator as to what type of traffic is coming through. Regular call signs identifying "Administrative Traffic"; code identifiers indicating "Radar Traffic".

(4) If there is more than one reporting station in the net, the same procedure will be used by each reporting station. However, if the traffic is heavy at all stations, the NCS will designate an order of reporting, so that stations will not interfere with each other.

(5) If for reasons of security, the NCS has been ordered to remain silent, the reporting stations will utilize the same procedure as outlined above except that after the transmission of the coordinate once, he will transmit IMI and repeat the entire transmission starting with V followed by AR instead of K.

(6) A good operating team, operating at a speed of 10 words per minute, should be able to handle between 5 and 6 average radar reports per minute.

d. There may be from time to time additional information to send, or questions that the Filter room wants to ask. Rather than take time to encode the messages, a short abbreviated prearranged code is used. This is complete enough to cover most tactical situations. The current code appears in the Signal Operations Instructions.

e. If the radar reports are being made faster than the radio operator can handle them, it becomes his duty to see that none are sent which the Recorder has had on his log more than one minute. Any that have been on the log for one minute or longer and which have not been sent forward will be scratched off the log and not sent at all.

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f. Visual reports will be plotted on the plotting board, and the recorder will enter the information in his log. The altitude will be estimated.

64. CONCLUSION a. The requirements of an efficient Warning System are stringent. Speed, accuracy and teamwork must be achieved before an organization is prepared for combat duty, and this can be attained only through standardized procedure. No one phase is the most important part of the Warning System. Each is equally important, and the success of the system depends on all. Radio communication is a necessary link in the chain of successful interception and must be a strong link if the mission of the Aircraft Warning Service is to be realized.

65. REFERENCES

Combined Radio Telegraph (W/T) Procedure	FM24-10
Signal Communications	FM24-5
Training of Signal Communication Personnel	TM11-450
The Radio Operator	TM11-454
TM's in reference to types of radio used.	

SECTION VIII
STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE
WIRE COMMUNICATIONS
RADAR TO FILTER ROOM

66. INTRODUCTION. a. Speed and accuracy are the most important considerations in the Aircraft Warning System. Wire communications affords the fastest, most secure and most reliable means of transmitting information from the radar stations to the Information Center. In order to obtain the most from this type of communication, however, the operating personnel must be well trained in the correct procedure and well disciplined in the use of available facilities.

67. OBJECTIVE: The objective of the various types of wire communication is to transmit the information from the radar station to the information center, accurately, securely and in a minimum amount of time.

68. GENERAL. a. When reporting by wire visual reports will be made. In making these reports the information will be given to the plotter and recorder. The plotter will plot the target and call the grid coordinates to the recorder. The recorder will log the grid coordinates and any other information received. In the remarks column he will note that it was a visual report.

b. The reporting line between the radar station and the filter room is an operational line and may only be used for administrative and other matters when the line is not required operationally. Such matters should, where possible, be dealt with on the line during the maintenance period of the station.

c. Under no circumstances will the reporting line be left unmanned at either end.

69. OPERATING PROCEDURE. a. For purposes of uniformity, the description of the operating procedure will begin with the plotter and recorder since all radar equipment employs a plotter and recorder. The operations previous to the time the plotter and recorder receive the information is described in the standard operating procedure for the particular type of radar used.

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70. TELEPHONE. a. Crew; when reporting by telephone; no additional personnel is required.

b. Equipment (1) The plotter and recorder will have head and chest sets partied on the line to the operators. Their transmitter switches will normally be in the "off" position.

(2) The radar teller, who will be the radio operator on the shift will have a head and chest set in the reporting line.

(3) The reporting line at the information center is connected directly to the filter room plotters head and chest set.

c. Operating Procedure (1) The plotter plots the targets as received from the operating crew.

(2) The recorder will log any additional information received from the operating crew such as altitude, number of aircraft and identification.

(3) The plotter will convert the target to grid coordinates and call them to the recorder.

(4) The recorder enters the grid coordinates on the log and removes his hand allowing the teller to see the log.

(5) The teller reads the information from the log to the filter room plotter.

(6) The report will contain, in order, the following information:

Station identification (if two or more stations are partied)
Number of aircraft
Identification
Altitude (if determined)

(7) All reports must contain grid coordinates and number of aircraft. The other information is omitted where not applicable.

(8) A typical report is Orange Nan Fox sev-ven too ate fi-iv thu-ree AC showing niff wun fi-iv.

(9) Broken down, this report means Orange-station code name used with two or more stations partied. Negat Fox sev-ven too ate fi-iv grid coordinates, thu-ree AC-number of aircraft, Showing niff Identification (narrow IFF), Wun Fi-iv altitude in 1000 feet (15000 feet).

(10) When no IFF is indicated no mention is made of it. If a broad IFF is indicated the letters SOS are used.

(11) The recorder will log the number of aircraft and altitude as two digits but one digit may be used in reporting.

(12) The phonetic alphabet and numerals will be used at all times.

(13) Should the traffic become too heavy for the plotter to convert all targets to grid coordinates the recorder will assist in converting.

(14) The radar teller and filter room plotter teller will never refer to aircraft as such but will use the letters "AC" instead. They will not use the words thousands, altitude, feet or height.

7. TELEGRAPH. a. Crew, when reporting by telegraph the radio teams which would be normally employed on radios will operate the nets.

b. Equipment (1) The instrument at the radar station will be located near the plotter and recorder. The three positions will be arranged so the telegraph operator can easily see the recorders log, and the recorder can see the plotting board.

(2) The instrument at the Information Center is located in the communications room. The communications room teller will sit where he may see the operators log and relay the information by use of a head and chest set to the filter room plotter.

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c. Operating Procedure for telegraph is the same as that for radio.

72. TELETYPE. a. Crew (1) Two telegraph printer teams consisting of three operators and installer repairman, will be added for each reporting platoon. One team will be at the radar and one at the information center.

b. Equipment (1) The teletype instrument at the radar station will be located near the plotter and recorder, using the same arrangements as for telegraph.

(2) The instrument at the Information Center will be located in the communications room of the information center the operator will wear a head and chest set to relay the reports to the filter room plotter.

c. Operating procedure (1) The plotter plots the target as received from the operating crew.

(2) The recorder logs any additional information as to number of aircraft, altitude, and identification received from the operating crews.

(3) The plotter converts the target to grid coordinates and calls them to the recorder who enters them in his log.

(4) The teletype operator will send the information from the recorders log without the preliminary call-up.

(5) The operator will receipt for the report by sending an "R" and then call the information to the filter room plotter over his head and chest set.

(6) Each report will start a new line and the receipts for each will appear on the end of the same line.

(7) Should several stations be netted and the traffic become heavy the operator at the communications room will designate a reporting order for the radar station.

(8) The reporting sequence is the same as that described for telephone.

SECTION IX
STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE
FALSE GRID PROCEDURE RADAR TO FILTER ROOM

73. GENERAL. The flase grid plotting board is operated by one plotter-converter. At the radar station the plotter, who is a member of the radar operating team, gets his information from the scope operator and azimuth teller, if the latter is used on the team. He tells the false grid information to the recorder. At the filter room, the converter is a member of the plotting platoon. He gets the false grid plots from the radio operator, and tells the true grid plots to the filter room plotter.

74. EQUIPMENT. a. Radar station off the early warning type has a wooden plotting board with the true grid and azimuth circle painted on it. A range arm is fastened to the board at the center of the circle. The false grid is overlayed on the board. The plotter converter plots the true grid and reads the false grid.

b. Radar Station of the GCI type must use an illuminated board since the operating room is blacked out.

c. The filter room uses the same equipment as the Radar station early warning type. His procedure is to plot on the false grid and read the true grid to the filter room plotter.

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SECTION X

MESSAGE CENTER PROCEDURE

75. MESSAGE CENTER PERSONNEL a. The message center personnel will operate under the direction of the Adjutant and will consist of the following personnel. Message Center Chief - senior enlisted specialist.
Code and Authentication Clerk
Messengers
The following listed personnel are not included in the message center personnel list but must work in close coordination with the message center in order to accomplish the mission of handling of messages in the minimum amount of time, employing the proper means of communication to each message and finally obtaining the greatest accuracy, security and speed.
Radio Operators
Operators of Panels, Flags, Lamps, etc.
Telegraph operators
Telegraph printer operators.

76. OUTGOING MESSAGES. a. Message center chief
(1) Receives message from writer, scans message for legibility, sufficient address, signature and form in general.
(2) Enters "time filed", "message center Number" and "how sent" on message form in the appropriate place.
(3) Draws diagonal line through next unused number on the numbers wheel, and enters on line after the number the following remarks concerning message: From-To-How sent-Urgency classification.
(4) The duplicate, (or if no duplicate, a skeleton copy) is filed in the live file of the unit to which the message is addressed.
(5) If the message must be encoded before transmission, he hands the message to the code and authentication clerk.
(6) Receives serviced original message from operator and files in dead file of unit to which message is sent then destroys duplicate in live file.
(7) Completes X mark on number sheet.

b. Authentication and Code clerk.
(1) If message is in the clear he determines the authenticator according to the system being used and places it in the correct location on the message if the message is in the clear. He then disposes of it by giving it to the operator of the means concerned.
(2) If message is to be encoded he encodes message making one copy of encoded message.
(3) He is very careful in encoding to repeat all entries made by the chief on top line of message form and replaces the address, signature, urgency classification and operating instruction from the clear message by placing the radio operators heading below the word "Message" on the message form such as AB_1 V CD_2 Y O
(4) When encoded he determines the authenticator and gives the completed message to the operator of the means selected.
(5) He services the original clear message which has been encoded by writing "Encoded" followed by his initials or personal sign.
(6) He places the serviced original message which has been encoded in the "Clear" file.

c. Operator of the means selected.
(1) Completes radio heading as begun by code and authentication clerk or places radio heading at top of message form.

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(2) Transmits, obtains receipt, and services message by placing his personal sign and time of receipt in a clear place at bottom of the message form.

(3) Returns serviced message to chief.

77. INCOMING MESSAGES. a. Operator of means which the message was received.

(1) Copies incoming message in duplicate and services.

(2) Sends both copies to code and authentication clerk.

b. Code and Authentication clerk.

(1) Receives message in duplicate from operators, or a single copy and skeleton from the chief.

(2) Determines the correct authenticator according to the system being used and compares this value with that shown on message.

(3) If the message had the correct authenticator on it, the word "Authenticated" will be written or stamped plainly on both copies of the message or if the message did not have the correct authenticator on it the phrase "not Authenticated" will be written on both copies of the message. He then goves the duplicate or a skeleton to the message chief.

(4) If the message is in code he decodes the message making one copy of clear message, using the retained original message.

(5) When decoding he repeats the radio call up and station serial number on the clear message. Replaces remainder of the radio heading by inserting address, designation of sender, urgency classification, and operating instructions in correct place on clear message. He repeats the authentication on the clear message.

(6) He sends the single clear message which has been decoded to the chief who time stamps it "in".

(7) If the message is in the clear he authenticates it and gives it to the chief who time stamps it "In".

c. Message center chief.

(1) Receives single copy of incoming messages by local, special or scheduled messenger from other message center or pidgeon loft or ground panel.

(2) He time stamps such message in blank space and makes a skeleton.

(3) He sends the original and skeleton to the authentication and code clerk for authentication.

(4) In the case of a code message he receives duplicate of skeleton from the authentication and code clerk which he time stamps and files in the live file.

(5) Dispatches message by messenger on local delivery list listing message center designation at the top, showing the message on the list by number, by time stamping the delivery list "out".

(6) Dispatches local message with delivery list and message.

(7) Local messenger delivers message to addressee, obtaining signature and time of receipt on the delivery list.

(8) Messenger initials and returns list to chief.

(9) Chief receives completed delivery list and takes corresponding duplicate or skeleton from live file; staples or clips the two togother, and files in the dead file of the unit from which the message came.

d. Messenger.

(1) The messenger delivers the message to the addressee, obtaining the signature and time of receipt on the delivery list. Initials and returns to chief.

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78. RELAYED MESSAGE. a. Operator

(1) Receives and copies message in duplicate, services and sends both copies to the chief.

(2) Receives message to be relayed from the code and authentication clerk if message has been re-authenticated or encoded, and transmits it.

(3) Services message which has been transmitted and returns it to the chief.

b. Message Center Chief.

(1) Receives message to be relayed in duplicate from the operator or receives single copy of message from scheduled or special messenger which is to be relayed. Makes skeleton copy of single copy messages.

(2) Time stamps the message indicates the means it is to be relayed with and places duplicate or skeleton copy in live file of unit from which the message came.

(3) If the message must be re-authenticated before transmission the original is handed to the authentication and code clerk or if clear message is to be transmitted by radio it is handed to the authentication and code clerk.

(4) He receives completed delivery list from the messenger if message was dispatched by messenger and removes duplicate or skeleton from the live file, places delivery list and the duplicate or skeleton together in the dead file or receives serviced copy of message from the operator, files in the dead file, and destroys duplicate or skeleton which is in the live file if transmitted by other means.

c. Code and Authentication clerk.

(1) Never decodes relayed messages;

(2) Encodes message received in clear text to be transmitted by radio exactly as in an outgoing message being extremely careful to show for the benefit of the operator the retransmission instructions necessary to route the message to its destination.

(3) Determines the authenticator according to the system being used and places it in the correct location on the message.

(4) Disposes of message sent by messenger by sending back to chief or by sending to operator or means selected, other than messenger.

79. TECHNICAL STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES NOT INCLUDED IN THIS PUBLICATION. a. Certain procedures are not provided for in this publication because they are prescribed by War Department or are included in other tentative manuals. For reference they are as follows:

Filtering Procedure--Chapter IV "Radar Filterers Manual" Hq AAF
AW Drafting Procedure--"Tentative Drafting Manual for Aircraft Warning" Hq 4th B
G.O. Filter Room--"Standing Orders for Fixed Ground Observer Filter Centers HqAAF
Radar Filter Room--"Standing Orders for Radar Filter Rooms Hq AAF
SOP for SCR-588--"Tentative Operating Procedure for Radio Set SCR-588 Hq AAF
SOP for SCR-602--"Tentative Operating Procedure for Radio Set SCR-602 AAFSAT
SOP for SCR-270--"Operational Procedure for Radio Set SCR-270 Hq AAF
Performance Test Procedure "Section IV Radar Performance Testing Manual Hq AAF
Siting Procedure--"Siting of Radar Equipment AAFSAT
Radar RCM Procedure--"Radio Counter-measures an Air Defense AAFSAT
SCR-270 Log.--"TM 11-1310 Equipment Performance Log Instruction Book WD.
SCR-270 Installation, Maintenance Procedure TM 11-1114D Section II & V.W.D.
RC 150 Installation Operation and Maintenance TM 11-1117 WD.

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SECTION XI
STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE
VEHICLES IN CONVOY

80. GENERAL. a. The organization of a motor column depends primarily on the tactical and traffic conditions likely to affect its movement. The main column may be organized into serials and march units to facilitate column control. The management of the main column is handled by the column commander, assisted by the column trail officer, commanders of serials and march units, and such traffic control personnel as may be posted along the route. Necessary ambulances and medical personnel and necessary maintenance vehicles, equipment and personnel, accompany the column to care for march casulties. Detached parties, operating apart from the main column, are detailed to perform special duties in connection with the march. Such parties may be provided by a higher headquarters for general assistance to several columns, or they may be detailed from the march column itself. Often it will be possible to combine one or more of the groups indicated below. When so combined, they are collectively referred to as the advanced party.

81. COMMAND a. Movements of organically motorized tactical units are made under the direction and supervision of the senior commander in the column.

b. Motorized columns carrying organic equipment, and supplies likewise move under the command of the senior officer, or non-commissioned officer present in the column and each individual vehicle is commanded by the senior officer or man riding therein.

c. Movements of troops or supplies in non-organic vehiles are in the absence of orders to the contrary, commanded by the senior line officer present. In this case the motor transport officer accompanying the vehicles acts only as a technical advisor to the commanding officer of troops. However, if the troop or supply movement is being handled by the staff of a higher headquarters as part of a large move, command arrangements are as follows:

(1) The motor-transport units are organized, staffed, and a commander of troops and a convoy commander are designated by higher headquarters ordering the move.

(2) The convoy commander designated by such orders is responsible both for the technical operations of vehicles and for the movement of the column. Orders to convoy-operating personnel in this case are given only by the convoy commander and his assistants.

(3) The commander of troops exercises no control over the movements of the convoy or of individual vehicles, except in a tactical situation; then the decision rests solely with him. The troop commander is in all situations responsible for the administration and discipline of the troops being transported.

(4) Whenever a tactical situation can be anticipated, the senior combat troop commander will be placed in command of the convoy, the motor-transport acting as his technical advisor.

d. The following are the officers exercising control of the movement.

(1) Column commander is the senior officer with the column or the person designated by him to exercise command.

(2) Control officer is an officer designated by the column commander, who rides in the control car, normally at the head of the column and

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regulates the march. Upon occasion he may direct the lead truck to regulate the march and may and should, drop out of the column to observe the march, and double banking the column police the same with reference to speed, distance, discipline and the like.

(3) Trail officer rides in the trail car, at the rear of the column or element thereof, usually is the Motor Maintenance Officer. He polices the column from the park to the IP and supervises the initial movements thereto. During the march he:

(a) Inspects disabled vehicles and decides whether to repair them on the spot, or take them in tow.

(b) Reports location of tail of column to control officer when called on to do so.

(c) Notes infractions of march discipline and takes immediate corrective action.

(d) Prevents vehicles or other column from passing from the rear whenever this operation presents a traffic hazard.

(e) When the column halts he posts the necessary guards, warning flags, lights or flares to warn traffic approaching from the rear.

(f) In case of a disabled vehicle not possible to take in tow, he is responsible that all traffic precautions are taken or displayed and carefully notes location for report to column commander for future wrecking or salvage operations.

(g) Prior to the beginning of the march he thoroughly familiarizes himself with the route, including detours and alternate routes. Provides himself with all data, maps, etc., procurable and in the event that an element or elements of the column become lost, he reorganizes the same without delay and assumes command thereof proceeding to the prescribed destination or rejoining the column, at which time he resumes his normal post and duties.

82. PLANNING AND PREPARATION. a. The running of a successful convoy requires careful planning and a constant supervision on the part of the officer in charge. A successful convoy is one which clears the IP at the exact time prescribed in orders and reaches its destination without accident or loss of time, vehicles, personnel or equipment, and having arrived at the destination, moves off the highway in a prompt and orderly manner to areas or lanes previously selected and marked. With a number of vehicles traveling on the road, much time and money (in the way of gasoline, etc.) can be lost not to mention complete fumbling of the tactical situation, should the convoy run out of gasoline or go astray. Days may possibly be required to obtain the needed supply. Therefore, careful planning is imperative if there is to be any certainty that the convoy movement will run smoothly. All the care and skill of the planning officer (that time permits) is well spent.

83. PREPARATIONS. a. Check that you have competent drivers and that they are familiar with the type of vehicle they are assigned to drive, and that they are familiar with the type of vehicle they are assigned to drive, and that an assistant driver is assigned to each vehicle.

b. Assign the best driver to the lead position, since improper driving of the lead truck will prevent even good drivers in the rear trucks from doing a good job.

c. Check all vehicles before starting.

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(1) Mechanical faults in engine, brakes, battery, generator, wind shield wipers, lights (especially trailer and stop lights), trailer couplings and safety clips.

(2) Check gasoline, water, oil and air on all vehicles. Include spare tires.

(3) Check for a full complement of tools in each truck, including spare winch shear pins.

(4) Check all vehicles for lubrication, include inspection of the rear end and transfer cases, grease cups, etc.

(5) Check fire extinguishers.

d. (Pick the route and overnight stops with care.)

(1) The route and other pertinent data will probably be prescribed in the March or Warning Order, together with maps or March Graph. Study this data carefully and obtain clarification of anything not entirely understood.

(2) If you do not know the route well, select a capable and experienced reconnaissance officer to go over the prescribed route and at least the alternate route, in time to return, if possible, at least one full day before the start of the march.

(3) Obtain all information possible on condition of the roads and bridges, etc., from any units which have recently traveled the proposed route. Particular emphasis should be placed on the location and character of road blocks, time distance between various points marking off distinct sections of route, and types, conditions and widths of surface including shoulders.

(4) Pick overnight stops whenever possible at military posts, camps, stations, or bivouac areas, since obtaining supplies is much easier in such location.

(5) When military establishments are not on the route and overnight stops are necessary, carefully study the terrain and determine the terrain features on the map that will help prevent stopping at an unsuitable location.

(6) Do not try to cover too much ground in any single day, since fatigue of drivers is extremely dangerous. Three hundred miles is a practical maximum on good roads with good drivers, and, under the same conditions, 250 miles is average. With poor roads and inexperienced drivers, considerably less mileage must be expected.

(7) Knowledge of the following will be of inestimable value.

(a) Limiting features (clearance widths and heights and culverts and underpasses.

(b) Location of turnouts for concealments, cover or protection from hostile attacks (mechanized or air), turn around facilities, detours, by-passes around congested areas, bottlenecks, possible ambush sites and road blocks.

(c) Maximum gradients and length of steep hills, condition of fords, etc., and an estimate of pioneer engineer work necessary as well as the time, equipment, material and personnel involved.

(d) Location and characteristics of mines and contaminated areas, and estimate of personnel, equipment and materials required for neutralization or decontamination.

(e) Data on at least one alternate route, if the movement is over any considerable distance, to the same destination.

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f. Secure gasoline credit cards if travel is to be performed in the Continental limits. In other cases, be sure that there will be gas supplies at various points along the route, and whenever possible notify the supply depots of your arrival in advance. Where gas supply is impossible, be sure that sufficient gas is carried in the convoy. Figure into the expected mileage a surplus supply to cope with any unexpected situations.

g. Obtain instructions from the finance officer in regard to emergency procurement.

h. Make the last truck in the convoy a maintenance truck, and have extra oil, gas, water, small parts, first-aid kit, tools, tow chain and any wrecking tools available in this truck.

i. If the first stop is to be a military post, camp or station notify the commanding officer of such an establishment on the preceding day by radio, telegram of your arrival, stating the number of officers and men, whether quarters and mess are desired, the type and number of such meals, the expected time of your arrival and whether large amounts of supplies (such as gasoline) are required. All this will aid in the obtaining what you need when you arrive.

j. Instruct the personnel of the last truck of their maintenance duties.

84. MOVEMENT. a. Halts for rest stops should be made fifteen (15) minutes at the end of the first hour and ten (10) minutes at the end of every two hours thereafter. Refer to reconnaissance report for determination of rest stops in congested areas and adjust halts accordingly.

b. Switch drivers at each stop, if sufficient drivers are available. Rest stops should not be made in congested areas due to lack of latrine facilities and the traffic problem generally caused by parking. Pick a suitable spot for the lunch stop, in the shade when possible. Post guards on the convoy and in a theater or operation disperse the vehicles for protection from air attack.

c. The lead vehicle must travel at the speed of the slowest truck. The lead truck must not slacken speed going down all but the steepest hills, as the heavier trucks need the additional speed in order to negotiate the next rise without excessive shifting of gears.

d. Ride the lead truck on the shoulder of the road several times, to be sure that the shoulder is not too soft for the heavier vehicles. Do this prior to each stop. Avoid parking on a hill or curve unless the vehicles can be pulled well off the road. Do not park on approaches to bridges or other places where traffic may be tied up due to congestion. When going through congested areas, close the intervals between vehicles and reduce speed. Request police escort through large cities. Have men refrain from giving destination, type and organization of the convoy in their conversations with civilians encountered along the route. Such conversations should be held to a minimum. When necessary, stop the lead truck at intersections, and without stopping the convoy wave the convoy in the right direction.

e. Check all suspicious bridges for load carrying capacity. If the owner of a toll bridge refuses passage to the convoy, show the orders, unless secret and instruct him to charge the cost of the toll to the authority shown in the orders. Should this fail, let the situation govern the action. Armed force is never to be resorted to in the continental limits or friendly country; but such things as stopping traffic on the road by having the convoy parked at the bridge entrance will often suffice. Such methods are to be resorted to only after all

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normal methods fail. When necessary to drive through water, drive very slowly. Report all accidents and obtain the names and statements of all witnesses.

e. Stopping at a post overnight.

(1) Send a truck ahead whenever possible to make final arrangements.

(2) On arriving at the post gate, call on the adjutant for instruction as to where to park, mess and quarters.

(3) Call the Officer of the Day if the adjutant is not to be found.

(4) Unload the men, except drivers at the sleeping area, to set up either their cots or ruptents, and to wash up.

(5) Park vehicles, leaving the keys in the cabs or in the care of an officer of the convoy. At this time the vehicles must be gassed and oiled, etc. Post guards on the parked convoy.

(6) Arrange to mess as near the normal mess time as possible and request the type and number of noon lunches required.

(7) If the men are to arise the following morning for a long trip, do not allow them to go to town at night and order an early Lights Out.

(8) If the next days trip is long, leave as early as possible in order to get the maximum number of daylight driving hours.

85. MAINTENANCE AND SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS. a. Have a good maintenance man ride in the maintenance truck. This truck is to stop whenever a vehicle drops out of the convoy.

b. The towing of a vehicle for long distances is a difficult and dangerous job. It is hard on both drivers and trucks. Make every effort to repair inoperative vehicles on the spot where the breakdown occurs.

c. Do not stop the convoy when a vehicle drops out since in most cases the trouble is minor and quickly repaired. If, after inspection of the damaged vehicle, it is found impossible to make the necessary repairs, onto the remaining trucks of the convoy. Abandonment applies only to vehicles other than radar vans.

d. It is essential that sufficient precautions be taken to safeguard against the possibility of enemy operation as well as other emergency.

(1) In hostile country, have the assistant driver a Thompson sub-machine gun man, with the stock removed. This latter will allow for easy operation in the cramped quarters of a truck cab.

(2) In case of an air raid, disperse the trucks as widely as possible, then have the men leave the trucks and disperse themselves.

(3) When working in dangerous country, set up weapons in strategic positions and have them manned at all times.

(4) After a gas attack, have all portions of the trucks that men come in contact with decontaminated and if possible, decontaminate the entire truck and its contents to reduce the fumes.

(5) During a blackout, drive very slowly and very close together. Drivers must be instructed never to show other than blackout lights under any conditions. Under very difficult conditions a man walking in front of each truck or riding a fender can aid the driver.

(6) During bad weather, drive slowly and when necessary use chains. Have a winch truck or two near the head of the column to "snake" the vehicles across the bad spots in the road, etc.

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SECTION XII
STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE
OCCUPATION OF A BIVOUAC

86. OPERATIONAL RADAR SITE. a. The position of the radar, within the designated area is the first priority, inasmuch as the characteristics of the Radar equipment over certain terrain conditions require extended and definite consideration of antenna site position. The Radar Platoon Commander will make his own selection of site and bovouac within the area designated by the tactical plan.

b. Beginning at the time that the platoon is released to the command of the RPC at either a Control Point on Motor March, or an assembly area, or at an Operational position, and the RPC is ordered to occupy bivouac within a defined area, he becomes in effect the Officer in Charge of a Motor March column and he is responsible for the movement of his command in accordance with SOP for Motor Convoy. In addition he is responsible to make disposition of his various components and personnel to achieve the best possible technical and tactical results from a standpoint of Operation, Security, Defense, Camouflage, Supply and Communications.

87. RECONNAISSANCE. a. The Commanding Officer makes a reconnaissance for the purpose of selecting and exploring the route from the point where the platoon was released to him to the area designated for bivouac. He also selects the best locations in the area for cover, defense, security, shelter and evacuation.

b. He will sketch a plan showing the route of ingress from the last main highway, with location of prominent land marks and speedometer mileage to cross roads, road junctions, orientation etc., in sufficient detail and scale to serve as a guide map for one not familiar with the terrain to find the bivouac. He will show on the sketch the location of the various components of the platoon such as the Radar vans, antenna, Radio units, mess, supply, headquarters, medical aid station, heavy weapon emplacements, BAR, shelter areas for personnel, road circulation, observation and alert guard posts, decontamination stations and alarms. He will also sketch the location of and route to alternate site, details of which should be completely prepared not later than the day following actual occupation of the present bivouac.

88. LOCATION OF ARMAMENT. a. The location of armament is based upon the reconnaissance of the ground bearing in mind the approaches available to the enemy, vulnerability of the position to mechanized attack, field of fire and final protective lines of automatic weapons, and availability of the machine guns for anti-aircraft fire, remembering the Machine gun is capable of defense against mechanized attach as well as anti-aircraft.

89. PRIORITY. a. The priority of vehicles in the convoy so that they may pull into the area in the order needed is as follows.

(1) Radar vehicles.
(2) Personnel carrying vehicles
(3) Camouflage material
(4) Radio equipment.
(5) Mess and Supply
(6) Medical Aid.

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(7) Platoon Headquarters.
(8) Maintenance Vehicles or Wrecker.

b. Signs and stakes will have been placed to mark the positions of the various components. Guides have been assigned to lead the several components to their positions. Plans will have been made for the use of the wrecker and winch trucks when road conditions are adverse to the movement into the bivouac area.

c. Normally, the bivouac will be occupied during the dark hours, generally just before daylight following a night movement. Therefore the first action after pulling into the area with each element in its designated position will be the quick and efficient camouflage of all vehicles, installations, and personnel. During this time the area guard has been posted. Following this in order of priority will be:

(1) Dig in by constructing slit trenches around all operating positions and fox holes near quarters. Care will be taken to insure that this operation does not destroy camouflage security.
(2) Dig in emplacements for machine guns including slit trenches for operating personnel.
(3) Dig in fox holes for automatic weapons.
(4) Put Radar into operation and install Radio.
(5) Send log equipment.
(6) Lay defensive wire
(7) Install administrative communications.

d. All protective measures will be installed before any thought is given to sleep or mess. When sufficient progress has been made to offer security to personnel installation of mess, supply and headquarters facilities may be worked concurrently with the installation of the Radar and Radio utilizing the various specialists in their own function.

90. ALARMS. a. The approach of enemy by land will be three blasts on the claxtons repeated several times. This will be accomplished by wiring the horns of several vehicles to a common point so that the observer can blow the horns easily from a convenient position.

b. Upon the approach of enemy aircraft no action will be taken unless it is a certainty that the pilot has discovered the site, in which case the claxtons will signal one long blast.

c. The gas alarm will be the normal percussion device and will be beat by the gas sentry, after he has put on his own mask.

91. OPERATIONAL CONTROL CENTER SITE. a. The Commanding Officer Headquarters Company will be responsible for the protection and local security of the Control center and Battalion Headquarters as well as his own company headquarters.

b. Upon the alarm signifying the approach of enemy, all headquarters personnel will report on the double to previously prepared positions for the defense of the area. This plan will work in coordination with the troop commanders of other branches in the vicinity of the control center. Plotting functions will cease upon direct order of the Officer in Charge of the Control Center only. Defensive measures will be necessarily based upon the utilization of small arms. The priority of vehicles will be as follows:

(1) Plotting Equipment.

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(2) Radio equipment
(3) Personnel carrying vehicles
(4) Camouflage materiel
(5) Mess and Supply
(6) Battalion Headquarters
(7) Medical Aid
(8) Company Headquarters.

c. Order of priority for installation will be:
(1) Camouflage of installations and personnel
(2) Dig in slit trenches for operating personnel and bivouac.
(3) Installation of plotting equipment and radios.
(4) Sandbag equipment.
(5) Lay defensive wire.
(6) Lay administrative communications.

All defensive and protective measures will be installed beofre any thought is given to sleep or mess. When sufficient progress has been made to insure security to personnel the installation of the mess, supply and headquarters facilities may be worked concurrently with the installation of the Plotting and Radio equipment utilizing the various specialists in their own functions.

92. TEMPORARY BIVOUAC. a. All functions in a temporary bivouac will be the same as in an operational bivouac except that the technical equipment will not be set up with exception of administrative radio.

SECTION XIII
STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE
RAPID MOVEMENT WITHIN 4 HOURS

93. RADAR PLATOON, HEAVY. a. Orders for the movement of a Reporting platoon may normally be expected to specify that the unit is to remain in operation until a given time and be ready to move at a given time later. If so, the Platoon Commander has some additional time to prepare the other sections of his command for the move. However, an order or the tactical situation may necessitate a movement at any time. The following preparations will effectuate a rapid movement with the minimum of confusion.

(1) Assemble Officers, Warrant Officers, and key NCO's.
(2) Acquaint them with the orders, time of movement, availability of transportation, and whether it is to be a complete move or a shuttle.
(3) Direct the Warrant Officer to disassemble the radar and prepare it for movement using the Radar crew on duty at the time of the disassembly, assisted by one other crew.
(4) If a complete move, direct the administrative officer to load the mess, supply and headquarters materiel and impediments so as not to interrupt normal operation until the shutdown. For these functions, he will employ the mess supply and administrative personnel. If a shuttle movement, he will split the overhead personnel so as to maintain such facilities at both positions as are necessary.
(5) Direct the Platoon Sergeant to take charge of filling and marking of latrines, filling of fox-holes, and police of area, camouflaging abandoned installations. For this function he will employ the remaining two operating crews.
(6) Direct the Radio Chief to disassemble and pack the radio equipment and pick up the wire using the radio personnel.

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(7) Direct the Senior Medical Aid to check the sanitary conditions and report back the condition before the area is evacuated.

(8) After final inspection assures the platoon commander that the readiness for movement in completed according to plan he gives the order to move.

b. If the movement is a shuttle the Platoon Commander will accompany the forward echelon with the Warrant Officer and such overhead personnel as are necessary plus one of the operating crews and half of the radio operators. The supply Sergeant and the Mess sergeant will go in the first echelon. The administrative Officer and the Platoon Sergeant will stay with the rear echelon. The supply sergeant will accompany the shuttle vehicles back so as to report to the administrative officer any requirements or special arrangements that are necessary due to the move. The Administrative officer will then load the remainder of the equipment and personnel and complete the move.

94. RADAR SECTIONS, LIGHT. a. Normally the light radar section will move intact. The operating crew will load the radar, the mess personnel will load the mess equipment and rations and the radio operators will load the radio equipment and pick up the wire. The preparation for the move will involve the same general plan as the heavy radar.

95. CONTROL CENTER. a. Normally, the Control Center will move by leapfrog and will depend primarily on the movement of the radar and ground observer in front of it. A part of a board already painted will be prepared in advance. At the time of the move, this board will be sent forward along with sufficient communications equipment and plotting personnel to start operations at the new position. When enough facilities are available to carry on operations at the forward position, the remainder of the control center will move up. The Communications Officer will send up with the forward group, the forward Control Center. When the installations are completed and sufficient volume of information has accumulated on the board, the rear Control Center will close and the forward Control Center will open. One filter officer will move forward with the forward Control Center.

96. BATTALION HEADQUARTERS. a. Each staff section will be responsible to move the equipment pertaining to his own section. The S-4 will furnish the necessary Transportation.

97. COMPANY HEADQUARTERS. a. Normally, Company Headquarters will be superimposed on one of its platoons and will move with that platoon. In case of shuttle movement, the Commanding Officer will go with the first echelon and the Supply Officer with the rear echelon.

98. GROUND OBSERVER POSTS. a. Normally, Ground Observers will move by nets. All personnel in one net will move together. This is because of the limited range of their equipment, since when one moves out, it looses contact with the relay station. If movement is by foot each post will move forward in squad columns with the squad leader at the head.

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SECTION XIV
STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE
DESTRUCTION OF EQUIPMENT IN CASE OF CAPTURE

99. RADAR EQUIPMENT. a. Before equipment is destroyed in the combat area, the Platoon Commander must make a quick estimate of the tactical situation to determine the necessity for destruction. If the equipment is to be destroyed, the following equipment will be destroyed by the persons indicated.

b. The Administrative officer will keep a five (5) gallon can of gasoline in the close proximity to the storage space of registered and classified documents. Burn each sheet separately, crumpling it if the time allows. Saturate, with gasoline, and ignite from a distance of six (6) feet.

c. The Power Man on the shift will destroy the Engine, generator, Rectifier and power switchboards in the power van. The engine in the van and the engine in the vehicle will be destoyed by crushing the radiator with an ax, smashing the magneto, carburetor, distributor, with a sledge. Cracking the head and block with a sledge. Destroy all meters with a pick or sledge. Brake off commutator brushes and crack case of generator and alternator. Gouge slip rings and commutators on all alternators with a chisel and hammer. Saturate several fused thermite bombs on the engine head of each engine and on the generators and alternators. Fire the gasoline. If there is a rectifier unit in the power van smash all meters in the unit, open a hole in the case with an ax and set off the gasoline by tossing a hand grenade into the hole. For the destruction of the power unit, the power men will be assisted by one operating crew.

d. The Warrant Officer will destroy the antennae and the operating vans and maintenance vans using the operating crew on the shift at the time. If time permits, the components will be taken out of their cases and each circuit element will be crushed with an ax. All tubes will be broken, variable condensers smashed, coils and wires mutilated with an ax. In any event the operating van will be saturated with gasoline and ignited by tossing in a hand grenade. The vehicle engine will be destroyed in the same manner as indicated in (c).

e. The Radio Section will destroy the radio set by shearing off all knobs and dials with an ax. Smash panel face, top bottom, and sides. Smash tubes and circuit elements. Smash coils, crystals, microphones, keys and batteries with an ax. Bend or break poles and masts. Cut antenna wire and cordage, smash head of generator with a sledge. Saturate the remains with gasoline and ignite.

e. Large installations such as antennae for raders will be destroyed by using one half pound packages of nitro-starch. Tied to the frame-work the selsen motors, drive motors and the base and midpoint of the tower. Telephone and telegraph equipment will be destroyed by smashing. All test instruments and meters in the maintenance van will be smashed and the drawers emptied out on the floor in a pile. The pile of parts will be smashed with a sledge and the entire van saturated with gasoline and ignited.

100. PLOTTING EQUIPMENT. a. Each plotter will remove his head and chest equipment and destroy the transmitter and receiver units by hammering.

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The telephone operator on duty will destroy the switchboard by hammering the front panel and shearing the switch handles. He will cut the cords and the wiring connected to the switchboard. The frameman on duty will destroy the main frames by slashing the relays and wiring with an ax. He will then cut open the back side of the switchboard and destroy all circuit components with the ax. The Wire Chief will cut all the cords and cables and pile in a heap, saturate with gasoline and burn. All information will be cleared from the plotting boards and paint spilled over the surface. The tables and balconies will be piled in a heap and ignited by the Filter Officer.

SECTION XV
CHEMICAL DEFENSE PLAN

101. MISSION. a. The mission of this plan is to reduce to a minimum the disruption of normal operations incident to any form of chemical attack likely to be projected on the field. The plan is intended to include all measures deemed necessary for defense. 1. Prior to attack. 2. During attack. 3. After Attack.

102. SITUATION. a. The area is susceptible to chemical attack both by spray and bomb.

103. DEFENSIVE PREPARATION. a. A map of the area will be kept up to date showing locations of all gas alarms. The gas officer of each organization will be responsible for the location of suitable alarms in his area. In the case of the Radar Platoon, the second in command will be the Gas Officer.

b. Each unit will instruct men as gas sentries, and as soon as the first alarm is given the sentries will repeat the alarm, on the local alarms. In the case of isolated units the responsibility will rest with the second in command (who is the gas officer or non-commissioned officer). Personnel in charge of storage facilities and mess installations will immediately cover all food and other material.

c. Gas proof shelters not being available, officers and men will immediately put on gas masks at the first alarm and report to their prearranged positions, if they are members of decontamination groups or will continue normal operations if they are not.

104. DURING ATTACK. a. All orders from the gas officer or sentries will be obeyed implicitly. Any violations will be reported to the Commanding Officer. The gas officer only will give the signal for the "All Clear". Any contaminated personnel will report immediately to the first aid station for treatment.

105. AFTER ATTACK. a. The gas officer and non-commissioned officer will reconnoiter their zones for the effect of gas. Each unit will have their decontamination personnel trained and will have available required material. This group will report to the Chemical Officer for assignment.

b. The Gas Officer will submit his findings to the Commanding Officer and priority assignments for decontamination will be given. The Gas Officer will supervise decontamination within their zones. All food and water will be inspected by the Medical Officer.

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c. The Gas Officer will submit to the Commanding Officer, a report consisting of the following:

(1) Unit or units affected by the Chemical Attack.
(2) Time, place, and duration of the Chemical Attack.
(3) The meterological condition at the time of the attack.
(4) The Chemical Agent used.
(5) The number and type of aircraft and method of chemical dispersion.
(6) The size and number of chemical bombs used.
(7) The extent of area and facilities covered by the attack.
(8) Areas and facilities contaminated with persistent agents which are to be decontaminated or evacuated.
(9) The number and nature of casualties.
(10) Any defects noted in chemical protection equipment or supplies.
(11) Deficiencies noted in chemical defense plan.
(12) Description of chemical material found.
(13) Notation of samples of contaminated earth, duds, or unidentified agents being forwarded.
(14) Recommendations.

SECTION XVI
STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE
DEFENSE AGAINST VERTICLE ATTACK

106 GENERAL a. Knowing that the enemy is capable of dropping paratroops and that he will try to put your site out of action, the platoon leader will make definite plans against paratroops landing.

b. He will place men on high ground, camouflaged to observe in all directions for paratroops. At the sight of paratroops they will blow three (3) long blasts on a whistle, repeated on vehicle horns or klaxtons thereby alerting the platoon. He will give the information to the Commanding Officer and continue to observe.

107 RADAR PLATOONS a. The Commanding Officer will quickly assemble sufficient troops to cope with the situation. This group will move out to the area of the landing of enemy in a skirmish formation, scouts out and will take sufficient force to envelop their position. The area and roads will have been previously reconnoitered. It is necessary to attack before the enemy have a chance to form a defense. He will no doubt try to assemble under cover of woods, so a careful search must be made to assure that all have been put out of action.

b. The Platoon Commanding Officer will lead the attacking force. It is possible for paratroopers to be dropped after darkness so every precaution must be taken to always be alerted for any attempted attack at the time, especially at dawn. Barbed wire entaglements will help defend the site.

c. The BAR men will move out in the attacking party. The .50 Cal Macine gun crews will man the guns and be prepared to fire at planes or use the weapons for ground defense.

d. The radar and radio men on shift will remain with their equipment and continue operations. They will be prepared to destroy equipment on orders of the second in command or officer remaining with equipment in accorance with SOP "Destruction of Equipment".

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108. PLOTTING PLATOON a. The Commanding Officer of Headquarters Company will quickly assemble sufficient troops to cope with the situation. This force will be employed as in paragraps 107 a & b.

b. The information center personnel and radio men on shift will remain with their equipment and continue operations. They will be prepared to destroy equipment on orders of the second in command or officer remaining with the equipment in accordance with SOP "Destruction of Equipment.

SECTION XVII
STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE
MATERIAL TO BE SACRIFICED IF REQUIRED

109. GENERAL The organization will be able to perform its primary mission even if certain equipment is required to be sacrificed. The major items of equipment which each platoon may sacrifice under this condition is as listed below.

110. HEADQUARTERS COMPANY a. Radio sets will be reduced in the communications room by netting. Two radars will be netted into one NCS station. Each pair of ground observer relay stations will be netted into one NCS station.. One set will still be used for each cross telling channel. The number of command sets will be reduced to one and the channels to the airports for the control of Company B will be netted to one NCS station. With this number of radio sets in use the remaining radio sets will be sacrificed, and equal number of typewriters NC 188 will be sacrificed.

b. If the requirement is stringent enough the entire wing operations room will be sacrificed including the AN/TPQ-1 and associated tentage and auxiliary equipment. This will only be done on direct orders from the Air Commander.

c. All tentage used for purposes other than Radio and Information Center shelter will be sacrificed. All officer equipment and supplies other than the bare essentials will be sacrificed. One Switchboard BD-72 will be sacrificed. Fifty-six (56) telephone sets EE-8A will be sacrificed. Three (3) Converters M-209 will be sacrificed. One company drafting set, one Transit, one each of Unit equipment, second echelon set no 2, 5, and 7, one-third of all GI Cans, Officers Mess equipment, all safes, and one Frequence Meter Set SCR 211, will be sacrificed.

111. REPORTING COMPANIES a. All office equipment and supplies other than the bare essentials will be sacrificed. All tentage except the radio shelter will be sacrificed. Officers mess equipment, one switchboard BD-72, all Telephone EE-8A except five per radar, and two safes will be sacrificed.

112. GROUND OBSERVER COMPANIES a. All office equipment and supplies other than the bare essentials will be sacrificed. All tentage except the radio shelter will be sacrificed. Officers mess equipment, all large tools except tools in individual kits, one switchboard BD-72 will be sacrificed. All telephones except five (5) per Radar will be sacrificed. Two (2) safes will be sacrificed.

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APPENDIX A

DIVISION OF THE A TEAM

Lieut Col	Battalion Commander	
Major	Executive Officer	

ADJUTANTS SECTION

1st Lt	Adjutant	
WOJG	Assistant Adjutant and S-2	
M/Sgt	Sergeant Major	(502)
Pvt	Clerk, General	(055)
T/5	Clerk, Typist	(405)
T/5	Clerk, Typist	(405)
Pvt	Orderly	(695)
Pvt	Basic	(521)
Pvt	Basic	(521)
Pvt	Basic	(521)

TO COMMUNICATIONS PLATOON

2nd Lt	Communications Officer	
M/Sgt	Communications Chief	(542)
S/Sgt	Wire Chief	(261)
T/4	Frameman	(089)

S-1 SECTION

Sgt	Chief Clerk	(052)
Pvt	Clerk, General	(055)
T/5	Clerk, Typist	(405)

S-3 SECTION

Captain	S-3	
Pvt	Clerk, Supply	(835)
T/5	Draftsman	(070)
Pvt	Draftsman	(070)

S-4 SECTION

Captain	S-4	
1st Lt	Supply Officer	
WOJG	Motor Officer	
T/Sgt	Motor Sgt	(813)
S/Sgt	Mess Sgt	(824)
S/Sgt	Supply Sgt	(821)
T/5	Armorer	(903)
T/4	Motor Mechanic	(014)
T/5	Motor Mechanic	(014)
T/5	Clerk, Supply	(835)
Pvt	Clerk, Supply	(835)
T/5	Mechanic, General	(121)
T/5	Truckdriver, Heavy	(245)
T/5	Truckdriver, Heavy	(245)
T/5	Truckdriver, Heavy	(245)
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Pvt	Truckdriver, Light	(345)
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APPENDIX B

DISTRIBUTION OF VEHICLES

		Trailer ¼ T		Trailer 1 T		Truck ¼ T		Truck 1½ T		Truck 2½ T		Truck 2½ WW		Truck 2½ W		Truck 4T W		Truck 3 C&R		Truck 3 G	
		TO	Add	TO	Add	TO	Add	TO	Add	TO	Add	TO	Add	TO	Add	TO	Add	TO	Add	TO	Add
HQ	Hq			6	3	2			8	4		2		1		1		2		4	*
	Fil			1	3	2				1	1									1	
	Opr				2	1					1									1	
	Com				2	2				2											
A	Hq			2						1	3	1				1		1		1	
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	2nd			2	2	1				1	3	1								1	
B	Hq			2						1		1				1		1		1	
	1st				4	3	2		4	2	2	1								1	
	2nd				4	3	2		4	2	2	1								1	
C	Hq			2						1	1	1				1		1		1	
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	2nd			2	2	1				1	3	1								1	
D	Hq			2						1		1				1		1		1	
	GO					1					1									24	
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	GO					1					1									24	
	Rep	2				3	1		2	1	1										
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* Disposition as per Bn Motor Officer

TO column authorized on TO 11-400
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APPENDIX C

USE OF VEHICLES

Headquarters Company	1	¼T	Chaplain
	1	¼T	Surgeon
Headquarters Platoon	1	3/4 T C&R	Company Commander
	1	3/4 T W.C.	Message Center
	1	¼ T	Executive Officer
	1	3/4 T W.C.	Adjutant & S-1 Office
	1	1 T Trailer	Adjutant & S-1 Supplies
	1	2½ T Cargo	Battalion Headquarters
Filter Platoon	2	2½ T Cargo	Mobile group cont.
	2	1 T Trailer	Motor Generators
Operation Platoon	1	2½ T Cargo	Mobile Operations Room
	1	1 T Trailer	Motor generator
Communications Platoon	2	2½ T Cargo	Wire trucks

All other vehicles as per disposition of Company Commanders.

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DISTRICT D

563rd Signal AW Battalion
DREW FIELD, TAMPA, FLORIDA
10, November 1943

WARNING ORDERS)
NO 1)
Maps: Aeronautical Charts L-8 and O-8

1. INFORMATION: To be given later

2. MISSION: To move out into normal distance operational training simulating combat conditions with a situation to be prescribed later by higher headquarters. Position of Enemy around TAMPA.

3.a. HEADQUARTERS AND PLOTTING COMPANY, less one I team, 9-ground observers (518) from L teams and 3-Filter officers (Ground Observer specialists from L teams) will choose a site to set up an information center in the vicinity of BARROW. They will operate a communications room and a filter center consisting of three rooms each plotting all information separately and simultaneously (see annex A for room arrangement)

b. REPORTING COMPANY A with one I team from Headquarters and Plotting Company attached will
(1) Set up a SCR 270 set in the vicinity of FROSTPROOF for EW
(2) Set up a SCR 527 set in the vicinity of FLORYDOR VILLA for CHL
(3) Set up two SCR 527 sets for GCI in the vicinity of ALTURAS so that the distance between these stations will not exceed 10 miles by wire line route.
(4) Install a SCR 573 and SCR 574 at one of the GCI sites with two pairs of field wire from the SCR 573-574 positions to the operating vans of each of the SCR 527 GCI sets. One pair of each line will be simplexed for telegraph with a way station at the SCR 573-574. The I team will attend the VHF equipment.

c. GROUND OBSERVER COMPANY D with 9 ground observers (518), and 3 filter officers attached will install relay stations in the vicinity of along the line PLANT CITY and AW highway 54 and highway 32. They will deploy the observer posts in front of these relay stations. Ground Observer nets will be manned by wire whenever practical and this wire will be used only when radio net fails.

4. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS.
a. During Operational training, site commanders will cover the following minimum of hours in the subjects indicated. This basic training will be arranged so that it will not interfere with normal operations.

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	Hours	
	C O.	Others
Physical training		9
Map Reading; compass	8	4
Chemical warfare	5	5
Camouflague	5	4
First Aid & Sanitation	9	10
Protective measures	17	
Field Fortifications		3
Defense against air		2
Defense against mech.		4
Truck driving	12	15

Each site commander will prepare a schedule weekly and forward it to Battalion Headquarters through Company Headquarters. In order that this instruction may be given to all individuals it will be necessary to repeat each days schedule several times so as to catch all crews. This training will be conducted for a minimum of 2 hours daily.

b. All site commanders will prepare Gas plans and Defense plans complete with morning tables. This will be accomplished and finished before the first day out. In order to do this it will be necessary to make a thorough recon and organize the ground and stake it out prior to moving into the area. Morning tables for operation will also be completed before going out.

c. All recons will be made and exact information given S-3 on or before 15 November 1943.

d. Using the information of locations mentioned in the previous paragraph the S-4 will draft his recommendations for paragraph 4 of the field order so as to complete it 20 November 1943.

e. Each organization will notify S-4 of any shortages of essential equipment on or before 15 November 1943. S-4 will obtain this equipment if possible and distribute it on or before 20 November 1943.

5. COMMUNICATIONS: (see annex B for net diagram which will be used as a guide) a. Command Posts
Headquarters and Plotting Co near Filter Center.
Company A superimposed on CO1 platoon with VHF equipment.
Company D located centrally so as to feed all the ground observers in the most efficient manner.

By order of Lieut. Colonel McBride

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Annex A Plotting Room arrangements
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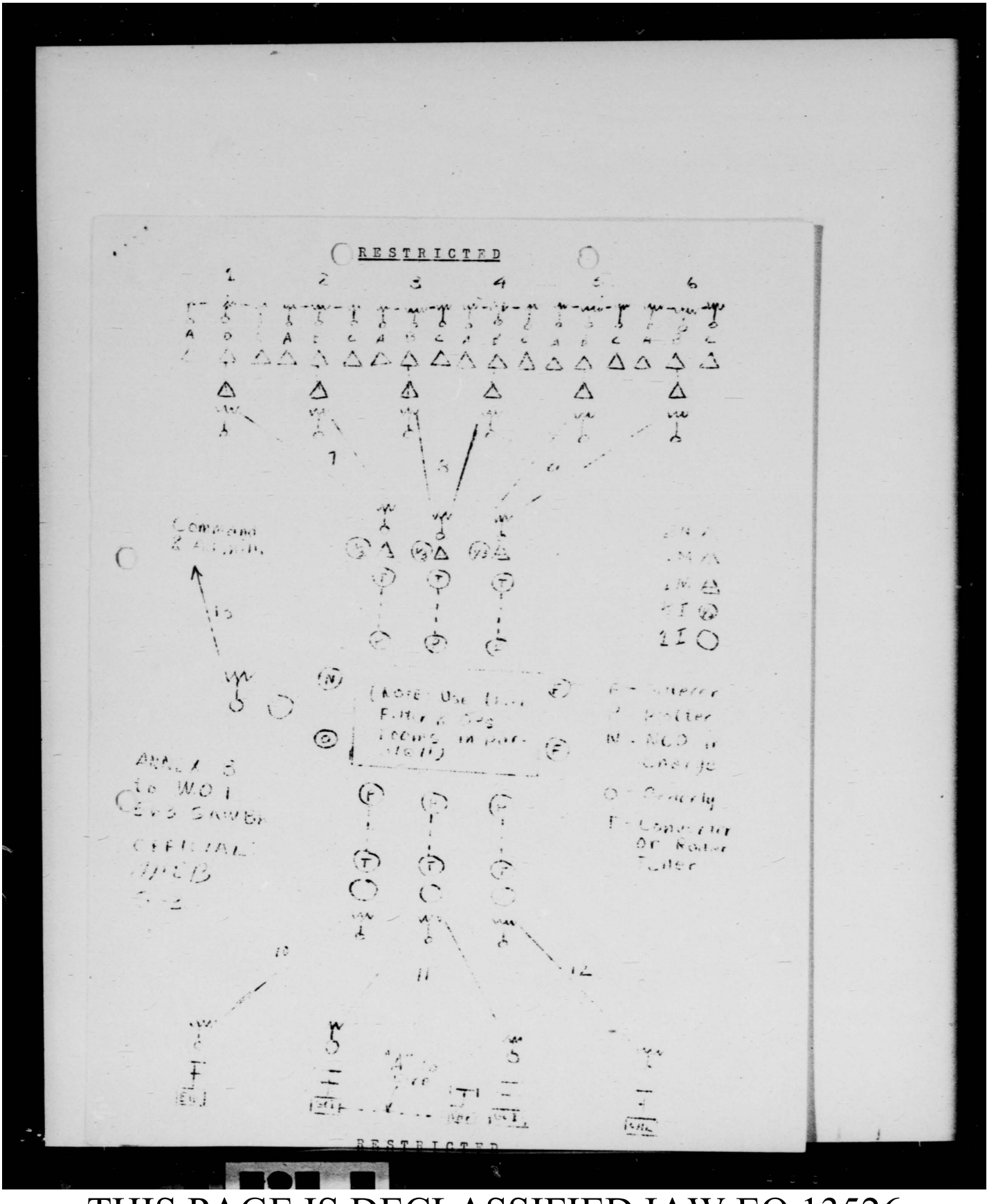
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HEADQUARTERS
563RD SIGNAL AIRCRAFT WARNING BATTALION
DREW FIELD

Tampa, Florida
18 November 1943

TRAINING ORDER)
NO 1)

1. INDIVIDUAL SPECIALISTS TRAINING. a. The individual specialists training for personnel will be completed on 20 November 1943. By that time all individuals will have had sufficient training as individuals to enable them to conform with the standards prescribed in AAF Training Standards 10-2-1, the teams will have been formed and functioned as teams and each team member will understand his function within the team.

b. On 21 November 1943 unit training will begin. For this phase all individuals will eat and sleep in the field, instruction and operation will be carried on on a 24 hour a day basis with full field equipment at close in distances. This phase will continue until 26 November 1943.

2. CLOSE IN OPERATIONAL UNIT TRAINING PHASE. a. In this phase stress will be put into instruction of teams in the SOP, the set-up and takedown of equipment and facilities, continuation of certain Basic subjects, and actual operations. No emphasis will be put on camouflague and defense of an area. During this phase practice will be conducted in the installation of defensive measures only inasmuch as the teamwork is involved. Consequently, any defensive measures will be in the nature of instruction and demonstration. Instruction will be carried out on the basic subjects listed in Par 4a Warning Order 1 and shifts will be arranged in accordance with Training Schedule 21 Nov to 26 Nov so as to include medical training listed thereon which will be conducted in Battalion Mass by the Battalion Surgeon.

b. Radar Platoon will stress take-down and set-up of radars. Each set will be taken down and set up by each crew a minimum of three times one of which will be in blackout. Instructions will continue in SOP for reporting and familiarization with the SOP for preventative Maintenance. Whenever possible, radars will report into the I.C. by reduced power radio. Radio teams will work actual field nets instructions & will continue on SOP for preventative maintence. Great stress will be put on set-up and take-down. All members of teams will practice setting up, tuning and take-down. Radio operators will perform simple 1st echelon maintenance on actual sets. Repairmen will do trouble shooting.

c. Filter teams will set up three filter and operations rooms in accordance with Annex A and B Warning Order 1. Stress will be put on setting up and taking down IC equipment. Plotting and filtering will be carried on from information sent in by radars when operating and by cannery when they are not operating.

d. Ground observers will continue instruction in voice procedure, recognition and will stress set-up and take-down of radio equipment and laying field wire. Each member will practice set-up, tuning and breakdown of radios and will perform simple 1st echelon maintenance on radios.

e. Administrative personnel will continue to process records and complete all files and records. Unit files will be shaken down to the point where they are left with minimum essential equipment as authorized in POM 4k (4) and will prepare their excess records for storage as per POM 44w, WD cir 28/43 and AR 345-10.

By order of Lt. Col. McBRIDE

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HEADQUARTERS
563RD SIGNAL AIRCRAFT WARNING BATTALION
DREW FIELD

Tampa, Florida
1200 25 November 1943

Field Order
No 2

Maps; Operations Map (Annex 2)
Sectional Aeronautical Charts M8 and C-8
Hillsboro County FSR Dept 1936 1/63000
Polk County FSR Dept 1936 1/63000
USC and G. Survey 14 January 1943 1/5000,000

1. a. An enemy task force has assembled off the north coast of SOUTH AMERICA and is steaming towards the west coast of FLORIDA It is believed the enemy will attempt a landing in the vicinity of TAMPA. The strength of the enemy force is unknown.

b. The 563rd Signal AW Battalion is attached to the 2nd Air Division for Air warning. The 2nd Air Division is in direct support of the II Corps and will operate within the boundaries of the II Corps. Boundaries of the II Corps are a line from BRADENTON to FROSTPROOF.on the South, and a line from TAMPA to HAINES CITY on the North. The I Corps is in the north sector and the III Corps is in the south sector. The I Corps is supported by the 1st Air Division and the III Corps is supported by the 3rd Air Division. The 564th SAWBn is attached to the 3rd Air Division. The Command post of the 2nd Air Division is at LAKELAND, II Corps Command post is located at BARTOW.

2. The Battalion will move in four columns into pre-reconnoitered operational positions in the vicinity of BARTOW (UC7087) (Annex 1, location of Sites), and provide aircraft warning for the sector. The head of the first column will pass the IP at 1500 27 November and the remaining columns will pass the IP at 10 minutes interval in the following order:

Column 2	1500
Column 3	1510
Column 1	1520
Column 4	1530

The IP will be the intersection of MEMORIAL HIGHWAY and HILLSBORO AVENUE. Column 1 will consist of the 4th Reporting Platoon Company A; Column 2 will consist of Headquarters Company; Column 3 will consist of the Headquarters platoon 2nd Reporting Platoon 3rd Reporting Platoon of Company A, and VHF team from 4th Training Battalion; Column 4 will consist of the 1st Reporting Platoon of Company A. (Annex 2 Route of March). Each echelon will set up operations immediately on arrival at their operational site.

3. a. Headquarters and Plotting Company will set up 3 combined rooms in the woods 3 miles north of BARTOW (UC6891) (Warning Order 1 Annex A and B Radio Nets and Filter Room Arrangement). Ground Observer system will be set up as follows:

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Relay Section Number	Relay Section Location	Post Letter	Post Location
1	UC4863	A	UC4560
		B	UC4563
		C	UC4567
2	UC5273	A	UC5072
		B	UC4971
		C	UC5076
3	UC5283	A	UC5185
		B	UC5176
		C	UC5185
4	UC5287	A	UC5085
		B	UC5187
		C	UC5184
5	UC5396	A	UC5195
		B	UC5093
		C	UC5298
6	UC5696	A	UC5399
		B	UC5297
		C	PX5401

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b. Company A with a VHF team attached from the 4th Signal AW Training Battalion will set up their radars as follows:

Platoon	Location	Initial Sweep
1st Platoon EW	UC7763	220° to 340°
2nd Platoon GCI	UC9772	215° to 320°
3rd Platoon GCI	UC0179	240° to 325°
4th Platoon CHL	PY9421	215° to 310°

VHF equipment and Company headquarters will be superimposed on the 2nd Platoon. One pair of field wire will be laid from the 3rd Platoon to the VHF equipment for control channel.

c. Company B is attached to the 6th Training Battalion. The Commanding Officer Company B will make reconnissances before 3 December so that double sections of SCR 602 may be set up during darkness 4 December in the vicinity of the following points.

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1st Platoon	Section 1 and 2	PX6603
	Section 3 and 4	PX4803
2nd Platoon	Section 1 and 2	UC4897
	Section 3 and 4	UC4897
3rd Platoon	Section 1 and 2	UC3886
	Section 3 and 4	UC3873
4th Platoon	Section 1 and 2	UC4258
	Section 3 and 4	UC4052
5th Platoon	Section 1 and 2	UC5360
	Section 3 and 4	UC6360

Company headquarters will be superimposed on the 1st platoon.

x. On 0900, 3 December the Commanding Officer Headquarters and Plotting Company will dispatch a 1½ ton truck to BRADENTON to pick up 12 radio operators from Company B. These radio operators will be attached to Headquarters and Plotting Company to operate the NCS for the 602 nets. On 3 December 1943 the filter center will be converted

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3rd Platoon	Section 1 and 2	UC3886
	Section 3 and 4	UC3873
4th Platoon	Section 1 and 2	UC4268
	Section 3 and 4	UC4062
5th Platoon	Section 1 and 2	UC5360
	Section 3 and 4	UC6360

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into 1 Ground Observer Filter room, 1 Radar filter room, and 1 combined room (Annex 3, Arrangement of Rooms)

4. a. The gasoline dump will be located in the bivouac area of Headquarters and Plotting Company. Each day empty gasoline containers will be brought to the dump and exchanged for full ones. Effort will be made to furnish enough containers to furnish each installation enough fuel to last for a period of 48 hours. The initial supply of gasoline will be taken from this station in the containers now provided. The individual installation commanders will be responsible thereafter to furnish information regarding the daily consumption of fuel to the company supply officer. Company supply officers will be responsible to see that each installation in his company is properly supplied.

b. Rations will be drawn from Kitchen #30, Drew Field. Company supply officers will be responsible for the hauling of rations from Drew Field and for the break down of rations to the various kitchens within their companies. Company Commanders will be responsible to see that an accurate ration return is submitted daily.

c. Requisitions for clothing, clothing exchanges, salvage, and shoe repair will be turned in to the battalion supply officer not later than 1200 each Tuesday. Requisitions for supplies and equipment other than those mentioned above will be submitted to the battalion supply officer not later than 1200 Thursdays. Only emergency requisitions will be submitted at other times. The battalion supply will be located in the vicinity of Headquarters and Plotting Company.

d. MESSAGE CENTER SCHEDULE

0600 Leave Battalion Headquarters at Bartow for Drew Field.
0830 Arrive Drew Field (Fourth Training, AAUTC, AAB, Drop Mail)
0930 Return to Battalion Headquarters (Bartow)
1200 Arrive Battalion Headquarters
1230 Distribution and Pick Up Hq & Plotting Company
1300 Leave for Drew Field
1530 Arrive Drew Field Pick Up and make necessary distribution (Pick up mail)
1630 Return to Battalion Headquarters (Bartow)
2030 Distribution and Pick up Headquarters and Plotting Company
2100 Leave for Company A Headquarters for Distribution and Pick up
2230 Arrive Company A Headquarters
2400 Arrive Battalion Headquarters (Bartow)

e. MORNING REPORTS AND ALL REPORTS due the following day, will be submitted on the following pickup:

Headquarters and Plotting Company at 2030
Company A at 2230

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f. COMPANY MAIL CLERKS will pick up and deliver mail once daily at Message Center. This run will be coordinated with Paragraph a regarding fuel.

g. SPECIAL MESSENGER SERVICE will be operated as needed.

h. THREE runners will be supplied daily from Headquarters and Plotting Company on the following schedule:

0600 to 1200 (One (1) Runner)
1200 to 1800 (One (1) Runner)
1800 to 2400 (One (1) Runner)

5. a. (1) See Index No. 2 to SO 1

(2) All nets will open 2400, 27 November. If contact is not made, each ½ hour on the ½ hour all stations will call for five minutes until contact is established. (Annex 4, Nets to be established 2400 4 December)

b. (1) Command Posts: Battalion Headquarters Closes at present location 1500, 27 November and opens at the same time at the head of Column 2.

Headquarters and Plotting Company 3 Miles North of BARTOW (UC6891) after 1900, 27 November.

(2) Axes of signal communications: route of march.

c. An advance information center will be established at woods 4 miles West of BARTOW (UC5488) and will open 2400, 4 December.

By Order of Lieutenant Colonel McBRIDE:

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MAJOR SIGNAL CORPS
Executive

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ANNEX I Location of Sites
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563RD SIGNAL AIRCRAFT WARNING BATTALION
DREW FIELD

Tampa, Florida
1200 25 November 43

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LOCATION OF SITES

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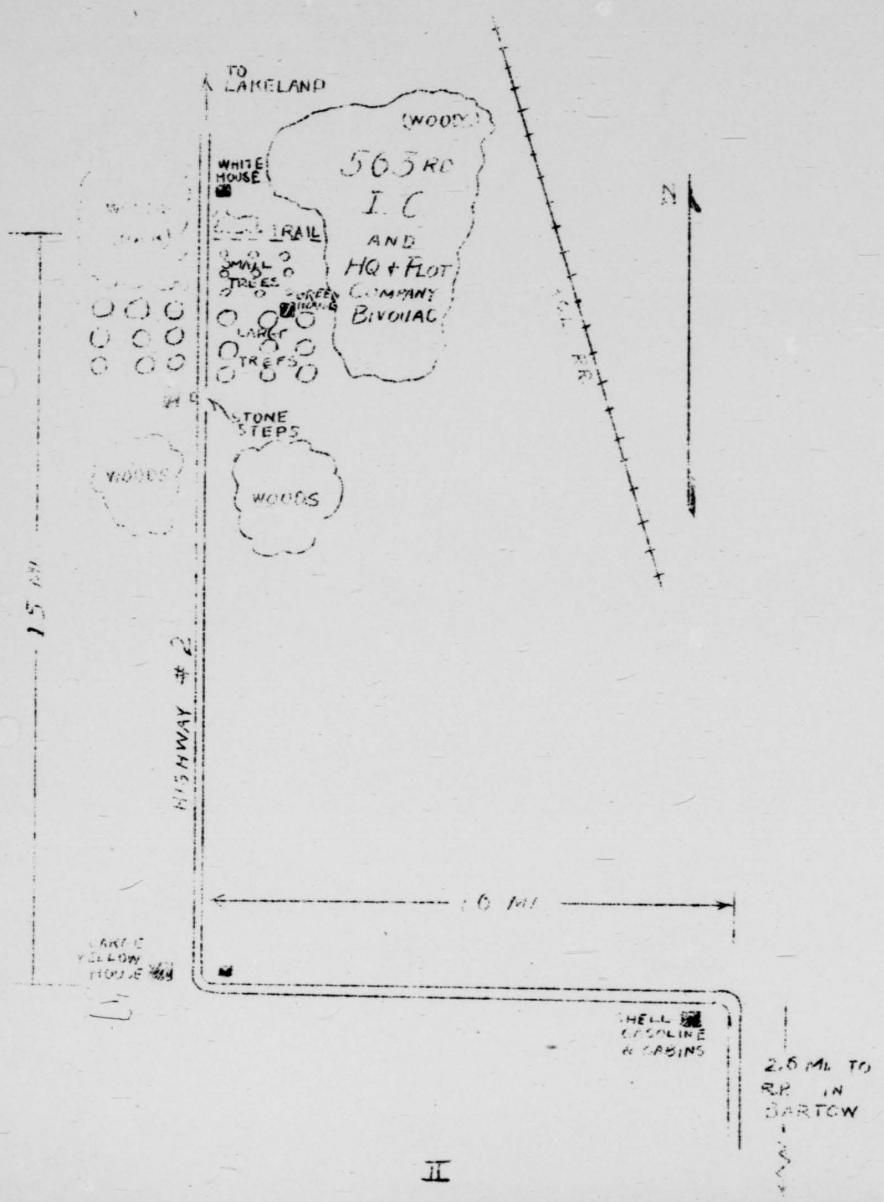
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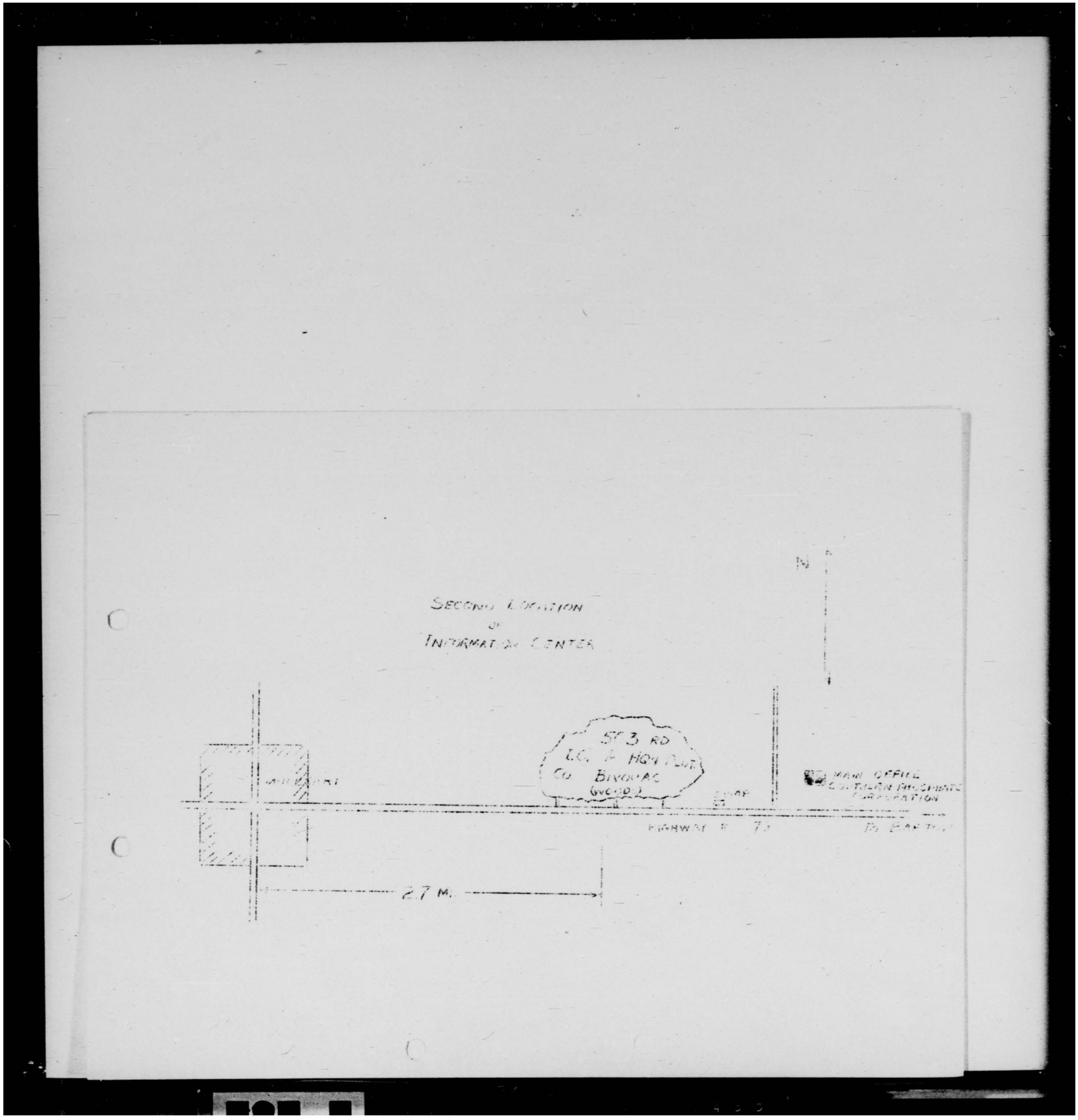
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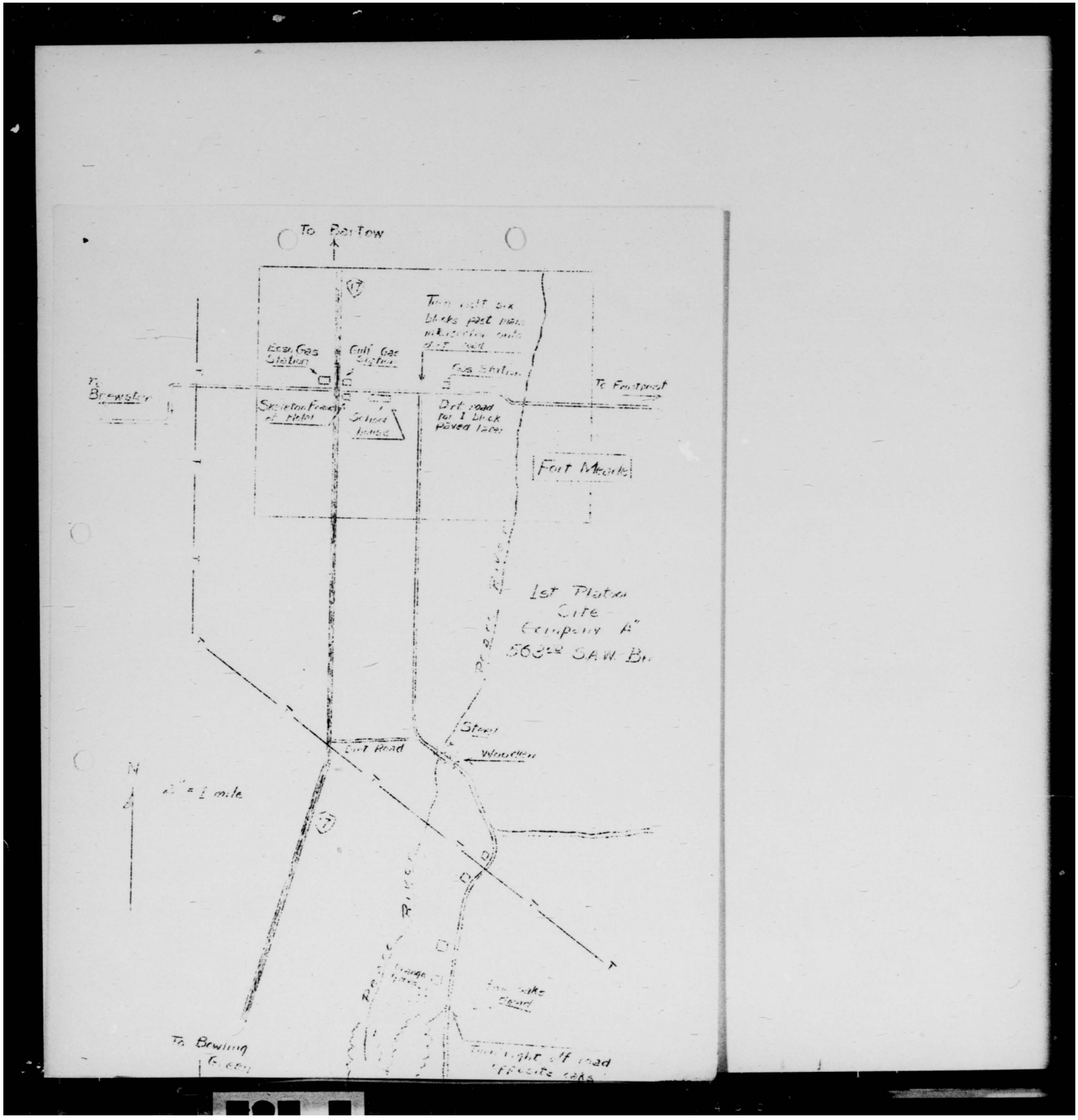
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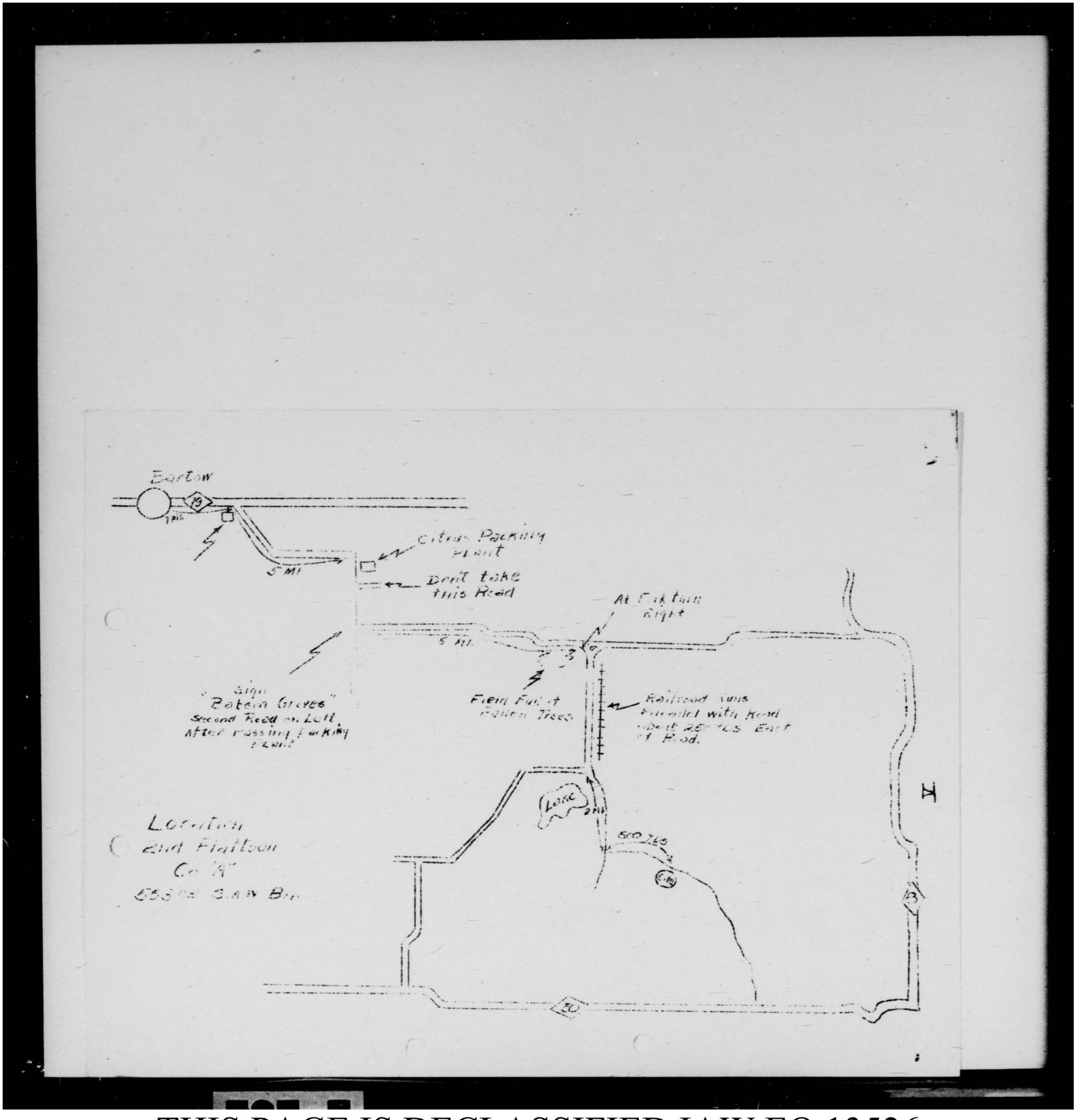
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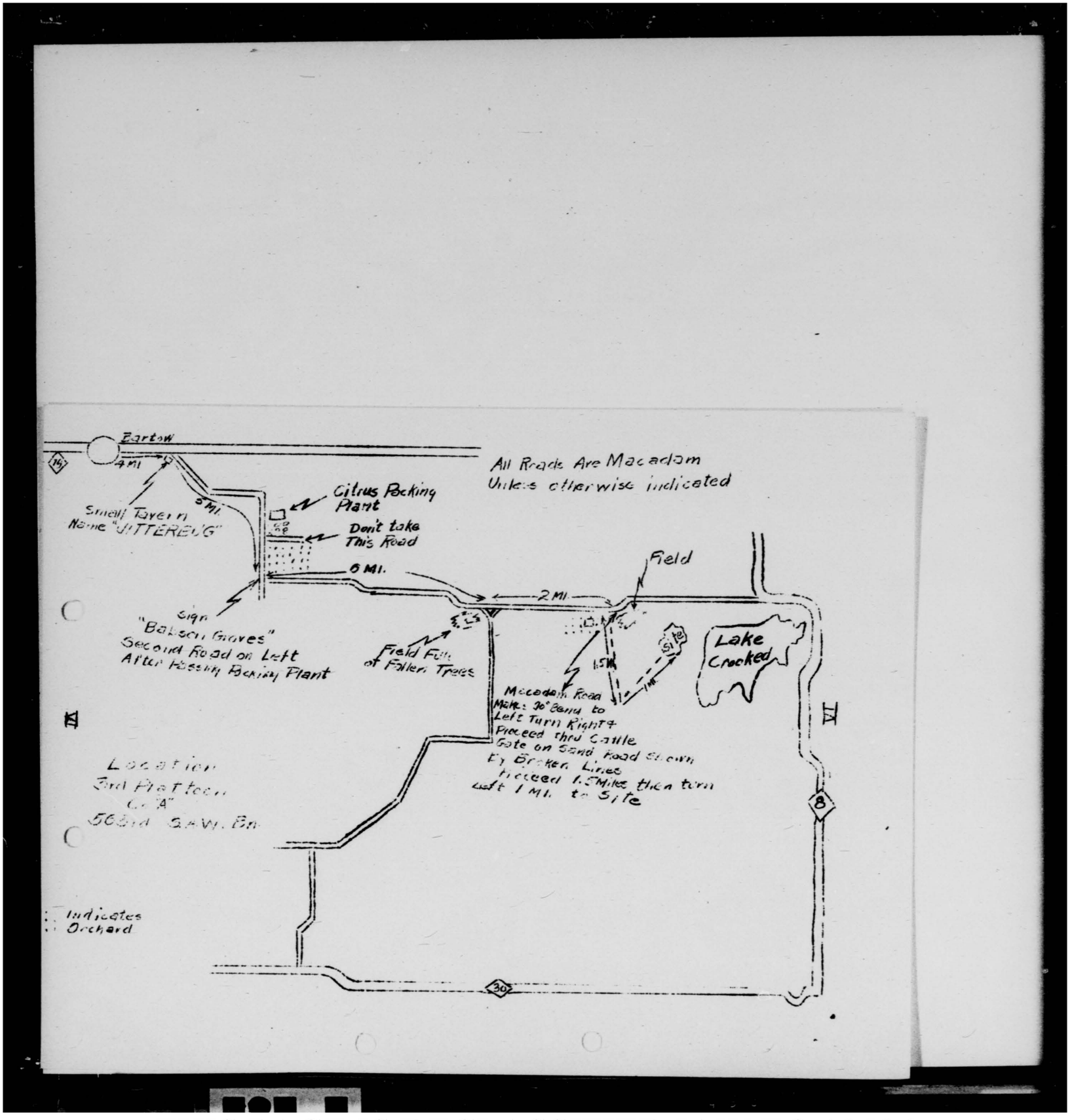
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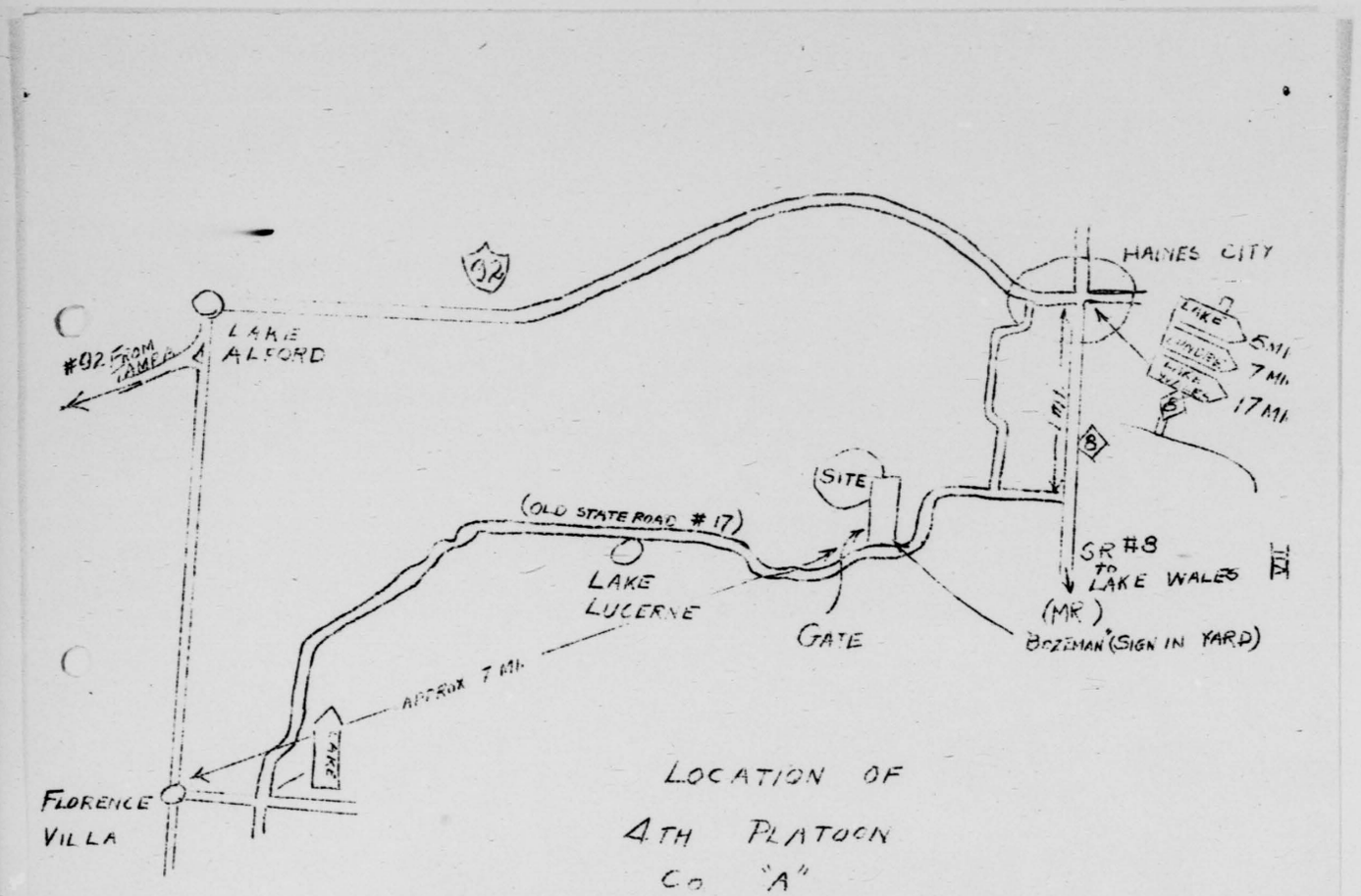
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HEADQUARTERS
565RD SIGNAL AIRCRAFT WARNING BATTALION

28 November 43

FIELD ORDER 2)

ANNEX 5a)

Effective 0001, GCT, 28 November 1943

1. The following short titles are provided to eliminate encoding long messages. These short titles will be encoded or enciphered in all codes or ciphers.

1.	C. O. 565 SAW Bn	Horn
2.	Executive Officer, 565 SAW Bn.	Safe
3.	Personnel " " " "	Sugar
4.	S-3, 565 SAW Bn	Avon
5.	Adjutant, 565 SAW Bn	Mark
6.	S-4, 565 SAW Bn	Lark
7.	C. O. Hq & Pl Co, 565 SAW Bn	Shoe
8.	C. O. Company A, 565 SAW Bn	Pole
9.	1st Platoon, Co. A 565 SAW Bn	Book
10.	2nd Platoon, Co. A 565 SAW Bn	Park
11.	3rd Platoon, Co. A 565 SAW Bn.	Lamp
12.	4th Platoon, Co. A 565 SAW Bn	Clip
13.	Battalion Surgeon, 565 SAW Bn	Sick
14.	Motor Officer, 565 SAW Bn	Tool

By order of Lt. Col. McBRIDE:

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HEADQUARTERS
563RD SIGNAL AIRCRAFT WARNING BATTALION
DREW FIELD

Tampa, Florida
27 November 43

TRAINING ORDER)
NO 4)

1. Time off air for radars will be requested 2 hours in advance from the Filter Officer if possible.

2. Filter Officer will prepare a schedule of routine preventative maintenance periods for radars allowing one hour per day. During this period radios will be used for administrative purposes.

3. When tracking flights are scheduled advance notice will be given and an overlay will be submitted within 36 hours giving all plots obtained withing the prescribed time.

4. Tracking flights will be recorded by the Operation center and an overlay of the tracks submitted to headquarters within 36 hours.

5. On tracking flights the Filter Officer will change the sweeps so that all radars are covering the area of the tracking flight.

6. Flights will be automatic when the controller at the site determines that the personnel and equipment is ready he will notify the 4th Training Battalion and the flights will be scheduled by them.

7. Maximum speed of vehicles in or out of convoy is 25 miles per hour. Any officer or enlisted man violating this will be punished under AW 104. The Senior Officer of NCO in the vehicle or convoy will be responsible to enforce the speed regulation. In the absence of other riders or if all the riders are privates then the driver is responsible.

8. If three or more vehicles are involved in a move of 10 or more Miles an officer will be in charge. In any event, with more than one vehicle a NCO will be in charge.

9. In convoy, vehicles behind the lead car may travel 35 miles per hour to catch up.

10. Speed through towns 15 miles per hour.

11. Spacing between vehicles in convoy on the road double the speed in yards; going through towns 10 yards.

12. All sites will be policed regularly and left in a better condition than entered.

13. SOP will be followed in all cases not changed by orders from Battalion Headquarters.

14. Effective 1200 25 November 1943. The Salute will be exchanged only in reporting as per FM 21-50 Par 7 M (6).

By Order of Lt. Col. McBRIDE:

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HEADQUARTERS
563RD SIGNAL AIRCRAFT WARNING BATTALION

3 miles
North of Bartow
28 November 45

TRAINING ORDER)

NO 5

1. SITUATION II (See Training Order 2 and 3) a. At 1530 27 November the 563rd Signal AW Battalion moved into operational positions. By 1800 the entire 2nd Air Division had evacuated to positions inland. At 0600 28 November enemy aircraft were sited over Tampa. Bombs were dropped on DREW FIELD AND McDILL FIELD. At the same hour paratroops were dropped near BRADENTON. Most of these paratroops were captured but some of them scattered inland. Information was received at 1100 28 November that the task force was within 24 hours of TAMPA. At 1200 28 November the Commanding General 2nd Air Division issued the following instructions:

"Martial law has existed since 1100 28 November. Complete blackout will be enforced, effective immediately. Every installation will be on the alert for paratroops and Commando parties."

The Commanding Officer of the 563rd Signal AW Battalion then informed his installations to observe strict blackout conditions effective immediately and to be especially watchful for commandos and paratroops.

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HISTORICAL REPORT

563rd SIGNAL AW BATTALION

Month of December 1943

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SECTION I

Personnel and Administration

Changes in Organization

After many months under the supervision of the 6th Training Battalion, Company B was assigned to the organization effective the 24th of December.[1] Previously, Company B had been under the control of the 6th Training Battalion for all activities except for routine administrative information from this organization.

STRENGTH

With the addition of Company B, the strength of the Battalion increased appreciably, as shown:[2]

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Dec.1,1943	49	5	654
Dec.31,1943	70	5	943
Total Increase	21	0	289

STATIONS OF UNIT

From December 1 until the 21st, the Battalion was located in bivouac in the vicinity of Bartow, Florida. The 3rd Platoon of Company A was located at Tarpon Springs, Florida. After December 21st, the Battalion returned to Drew Field in the area about 10th and L Streets.

SECTION II

Operational Training

For 21 days of the current month, the Battalion was in normal distance operational training near Bartow, Florida. The Battalion operated an Aircraft Warning system under field conditions with all possible operations emanating from tent installations.[3]

1. Par. 5, S.O. 321, Hq.AAFMC,13 Dec 43.
2. Daily Status Report,G-3, 4th Training Bn.1 & 31 Dec.1943.
3. F.O #3,Hq,563d SAW Bn,25 Nov 43.

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Section II - Operational Training - (Cont'd)

INFORMATION CENTER

The Information Center was broken down into three rooms--an SCR-602 Filter Room, a Ground Observer Filter Room, and an operations room which received filtered information from the other two rooms as well as reports from the heavy radar.[4]

GROUND OBSERVERS

The ground observer teams were dispersed in a line extending north and south from Mulberry, Florida.[4]

HEAVY RADAR

Four radar platoons of Company A were located to give early warning and for tracking purposes. They consisted of one SCR-270 platoon, 2 SCR-527 platoon with VHF equipment attached for GCI missions, and one MEW platoon located at Tarpon Spring, Florida.[4]

LIGHT RADAR

The light radar, SCR-602's, from Company B consisted of 10 sections operating as supporting information on the early warning of the heavy radar.[4]

PERSONNEL

All personnel functioned under combat conditions. Administrative personnel worked on a 24-hour a day basis as did the technical personnel. Field rations were used by Hq. personnel 3 days for training purposes.

OPERATIONS

Operations were on a 24-hour basis, and after the 28th of November blackout regulations existed.[5] Commando raids were made on the various installations to test the defences, and all possible was done to insure the maximum amount of training.

4. F.O. #2,Hq,563rd SAW Bn,25 Nov 43 (Exhibit 1)
5. Training O. #5,Hq,563rd SAW Bn,28 Nov 43.(Exhibit 2)

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SECTION III

Preparation for Overseas

INSPECTIONS

In stride with this operational training, various inspections were made by AWUTC, the 3rd Air Force, and the POM team to determine the Battalion's readiness for overseas movement. Administrative records were kept up to date, clothing and equipment was checked for marking and serviceability, and the technical training of the personnel was closely scrutnized

CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

Upon the Battalion's return to Drew Field, a clothing inspection was made and final replacements were requisitioned. All T/R equipment was returned to the issuing agencies and the Battalion cleared itself of all property not to be taken overseas.

PACKING AND CRATING

The organizational property and equipment to go with the Battalion was packed and crated for shipment. All superfluous material and equipment was destroyed or eliminated as excess.

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS

Physical defects, principally in the dental class, were brought up to requirements under the supervision of the Battalion surgeon. This dental work was begun out in the field during operational training where the Battalion Dentist worked with a field dental chest.

RANGE REQUIREMENTS

Additional firing was accomplished for the personnel required to fire special weapons. These included the grenade launcher attached to the 03 rifle and the rocket launcher(bazooka)

SECTION IV

Biography of Commanding Officer

Lt. Colonel William L. McBride was born in Woburn, Mass. On April 23, 1891. He was graduated from the Fitchburg, Mass. High School. Lt. Colonel McBride was employed by the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company since 1910 in various capacities in the Plant Department and upon entering the Federal Service in this present world emergency was a Wife Chief of a large area in Central Massachusetts.

His military experience is varied and lengthy. When his National Guard outfit was called into Federal service in the last

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SECTION IV--Biography of Commanding Officer-(Cont'd)

last great world conflict, he was 1st Sgt of Co. B of the 6th Infantry, Massachusetts National Guard. He served in various units of the 26th Division during the war and was discharged on April 29, 1919.

He was appointed a Captain in the Infantry in 1920 and commanded various units of the 181st Infintry, 26th Division. In 1940, McBride was appointed a major and soon after entered the Federal Service for the second time.

On February 7, 1941, he finished Battalion C.O. and Staff Officers Course at Ft. Benning, Georgia and was assigned as commanding Officer of the 2nd Battalion, 181st ~~Division~~ Infantry, 26th Division. In May of 1941, hh was appointed a Lt. Colonel and assumed command of the 1st Battalion, 181st Infantry, 26th Division.

Because of his extensive telephone experience, the present commander of the 563rd was transferred to the Aircraft Warning Service at Drew Field. His experience as commanding officer of organizations on Drew Field made him the logical officer to command his present organization. He has been the Executive ~~Officer~~ Officer of the 504th Sig AW Regiment, commanded the 55lst SAW Battalion, was the S-3 of AWWTC for 4 months, commanded "C" Stage, AWWTC, was commanding officer of the 4th Training Battalion, all in order.

On October 11, 1943, Lt. Colonel McBride organized the present 563rd Signal AW Battalion and has brought it along with his experience and intensive spirit of command to its present status, ready for a call to serve overseas. Lt. Colonel McBride has guided the organization with foresight and decisiveness, and the entire organization is instilled with the confidence and spirit necessary to complete a successful mission in a theater of operations.

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Daily Diary for Month of December

December 1--5th day of normal distance operational training. Operations continued as Headquarters asked for list of materials to be sacrificed so that Battalion S.O.P: could be completed by 4 December.[1]
December 2--Company B joined Battalion with 10 SCR-602's. 3d Platoon of Company A ordered into Drew Field enroute to Tarpon Springs, Florida to convert to MEW.[2]
December 3--Company B in locations and in radio contact with Battalion Hq.
December 4--Companies requested to submit copies of their defense plan and have practice before 0900 6 December.[3]
December 5--Operations normal. Supplemental annex of prearranged message codes distributed to all units.[4]
December 6--Instructions distributed to radio operators on administrative traffic.[5] Additional VHF equipment made available for 4th Platoon, Company A from 4th Training.[6] Code names assigned to 602 sections for reporting purposes[7]
December 7--S.O.P. for GCI operation distributed.[8] 3rd Air Force and AWTC inspectors held an inspection.
December 8--12th day of operational training and operations were normal.
December 9--All 602's in operation but communications between radar and radio relays bad.[9]
December 10--Annex to S.O.I. on prearranged POW reports distributed.[10] Radar platoons notified to submit overlays of check flights.[11]
December 11--Operations normal. White gas supply running low and advised 4th Training Battalion.[12]
December 12--Movement orders received from Hq. 4AF, Drew Field. Commanding Officer initiated train orders for movement from Drew Field.[13] Companies notified to submit radio and radar logs.[14]
December 13--Operations normal on 17th day of normal distance operational training.
December 14--War Dept POW team inspectors arrived and administrative records and tactical training checked.

1. Msgs 28,29, Hq 563d SAW Bn
2. F.O #2, Hq 563d SAWBn (Exhibit 1)
3. Msg 50, Hq, 563d SAW Bn
4. Tng O #8, Hq 563d SAW Bn (Exhibit 3)
5. T.O #9, Hq 563D SAW Bn (Exhibit 4)
6. Msg 55, Hq 563d SAW Bn
7. Ops. O. #12, Hq 563d SAW Bn (Exhibit 5)
8. Opns O. #14, Hq 563D SAW Bn (Exhibit 6)
9. Msg 62, Hq-563D SAW Bn
10. Ops O #17, Hq 563d SAW Bn (Exhibit 7)
11. Msg 63, Hq 563d SAW Bn
12. Msg 68, Hq. 563d SAW Bn
13. F.O. #5, Hq 563d SAW Bn (Exhibit 8)
14. Msg 69, Hq 563d SAW Bn

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Daily Diary for December 1943--(Cont'd)

December 15--POM inspection continued on technical training.
December 16--POM team inspection concluded.
December 17--Battalion Hq with Hq and Plotting Company personnel moved to pre-reconnoitered positions 4 miles east of Mulberry.
December 18--All communications established at Hq and operations returned to normal.
December 19--Operations normal
December 20--Operations ceased at noon as all platoons packed up equipment prior to movement back to Drew Field.
December 21--Battalion moved to Drew Field in motor convoy and were established in new quarters at 1730.
December 22--Equipment from 4th Training Battalion returned by companies while personnel cleaned personal equipment and new area.
December 23--Personnel authorized fired rocket launcher on range. Instruction held for all riflemen on grenade launcher. Supply began stencilling new duffel bags and crates for overseas shipment.
December 24--Riflemen fired grenades on Drew Field range. All materiel loaned from training organizations turned in with the exception of motor vehicles. Kitchen equipment being processed for crating.
December 25--All operations and functions ceased for the Christmas hilliday.
December 26--Processing of kitchen equipment and stencilling of bags continued. Motor vehicles in excess of barest need for operation on Drew Field prepared to be turned in.
December 27--A showdown clothing inspection was held for the purpose of making all necessary replacements on clothing and individual equipment.
December 28--Alll packing and crating completed except for administrative equipment which was placed in crates for final packing on the necessary day.
December 29--A short training march followed by running the obstacle course was undergone. Clothing and equipment for salvage repair and exchange was turned into Battalion supply where requisitions were prepared.
December 30--Gas masks were turned in to supply by all personel Obstacle course run for further conditioning.
December 31--Clothing and equipment for replacers to secured from Base Quartermaster for distribution to men.

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15. Ops. O. #22, Hq 563d SAW Bn (EXHIBIT 9)

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APPENDIX

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HEADQUARTERS
563RD SIGNAL AIRCRAFT WARNING BATTALION
DREW FIELD

Tampa, Florida
1200 25 November 1943

Field Order
No 2

Maps; Operations Map (Annex 2)
Sectional Aeronautical Charts M8 and C-8
Hillsboro County FSR Dept 1936 1/63000
Polk County FSR Dept 1936 1/63000
USC and G. Survey 14 January 1943 1/5000,000

1. a. An enemy task force has assembled off the north coast of SOUTH AMERICA and is steaming towards the west coast of FLORIDA It is believed the enemy will attempt a landing in the vicinity of TAMPA. The strength of the enemy force is unknown.

b. The 563rd Signal AW Battalion is attached to the 2nd Air Division for Air warning. The 2nd Air Division is in direct support of the II Corps and will operate within the boundaries of the II Corps. Boundaries of the II Corps are a line from BRADENTON to FROSTPROOF on the South, and a line from TAMPA to HAINES CITY on the North. The I Corps is in the north sector and the III Corps is in the south sector. The I Corps is supported by the 1st Air Division and the III Corps is supported by the 3rd Air Division. The 564th SAWBn is attached to the 3rd Air Division. The Command post of the 2nd Air Division is at LAKELAND, II Corps Command post is located at BARTOW.

2. The Battalion will move in four columns into pre-reconnoitered operational positions in the vicinity of BARTOW (UC7087) (Annex 1, location of Sites), and provide aircraft warning for the sector. The head of the first column will pass the IP at 1500 27 November and the remaining columns will pass the IP at 10 minutes interval in the following order:

Column 2	1500
Column 3	1510
Column 1	1520
Column 4	1530

The IP will be the intersection of MEMORIAL HIGHWAY and HILLSBORO AVENUE. Column 1 will consist of the 4th Reporting Platoon Company A; Column 2 will consist of Headquarters Company; Column 3 will consist of the Headquarters platoon 2nd Reporting Platoon 3rd Reporting Platoon of Company A, and VHF team from 4th Training Battalion; Column 4 will consist of the 1st Reporting Platoon of Company A. (Annex 2 Route of March). Each echelon will set up operations immediately on arrival at their operational site.

3. a. Headquarters and Plotting Company will set up 3 combined rooms in the woods 3 miles north of BARTOW (UC6891) (Warning Order 1 Annex A and B Radio Nets and Filter Room Arrangement). Ground Observer system will be set up as follows:

Exhibit 1

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Relay Section Number	Relay Section Location	Post Letter	Post Location
1	UC4863	A	UC4560
		B	UC4563
		C	UC4567
2	UC5273	A	UC5072
		B	UC4971
		C	UC5076
3	UC5283	A	UC5185
		B	UC5176
		C	UC5185
4	UC5287	A	UC5085
		B	UC5187
		C	UC5184
5	UC5396	A	UC5196
		B	UC5093
		C	UC5298
6	UC5696	A	UC5399
		B	UC5297
		C	PX5401

b. Company A with a VHF team attached from the 4th Signal AW Training Battalion will set up their radars as follows:

Platoon	Location	Initial Sweep
1st Platoon EM	UC7763	220° to 340°
2nd Platoon GCI	UC9772	215° to 320°
3rd Platoon GCI	UC0179	240° to 325°
4th Platoon CHL	PY9421	215° to 310°

VHF equipment and Company headquarters will be superimposed on the 2nd Platoon. One pair of field wire will be laid from the 3rd Platoon to the VHF equipment for control channel.

c. Company B is attached to the 6th Training Battalion. The Commanding Officer Company B will make reconnaissances before 3 December so that double sections of SCR 602 may be set up during darkness 4 December in the vicinity of the following points.

1st Platoon	Section 1 and 2	PX6603
	Section 3 and 4	PX4803
2nd Platoon	Section 1 and 2	UC4897
	Section 3 and 4	UC4897
3rd Platoon	Section 1 and 2	UC3896
	Section 3 and 4	UC3873
4th Platoon	Section 1 and 2	UC4268
	Section 3 and 4	UC4062
5th Platoon	Section 1 and 2	UC5360
	Section 3 and 4	UC6360

Company headquarters will be superimposed on the 1st platoon.

x. On 0900, 3 December the Commanding Officer Headquarters and Plotting Company will dispatch a 1½ ton truck to PRIDEAUX to pick up 12 radio operators from Company B. These radio operators will be attached to Headquarters and Plotting Company to operate the NCS for the 602 nets. On 3 December 1943 the filter center will be converted

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into 1 Ground Observer Filter room, 1 Radar filter room, and 1 combined room (Annex 3, Arrangement of Rooms)

4. a. The gasoline dump will be located in the bivouac area of Headquarters and Plotting Company. Each day empty gasoline containers will be brought to the dump and exchanged for full ones. Effort will be made to furnish enough containers to furnish each installation enough fuel to last for a period of 48 hours. The initial supply of gasoline will be taken from this station in the containers now provided. The individual installation commanders will be responsible thereafter to furnish information regarding the daily consumption of fuel to the company supply officer. Company supply officers will be responsible to see that each installation in his company is properly supplied.

b. Rations will be drawn from Kitchen #30, Drew Field. Company supply officers will be responsible for the hauling of rations from Drew Field and for the break down of rations to the various kitchens within their companies. Company Commanders will be responsible to see that an accurate ration return is submitted daily.

c. Requisitions for clothing, clothing exchanges, salvage, and shoe repair will be turned in to the battalion supply officer not later than 1200 each Tuesday. Requisitions for supplies and equipment other than those mentioned above will be submitted to the battalion supply officer not later than 1200 Thursdays. Only emergency requisitions will be submitted at other times. The battalion supply will be located in the vicinity of Headquarters and Plotting Company.

d. MESSAGE CENTER SCHEDULE

0600 Leave Battalion Headquarters at Bartow for Drew Field.
0830 Arrive Drew Field (Fourth Training, AAUTC, AAB, Drop Mail)
0930 Return to Battalion Headquarters (Bartow)
1200 Arrive Battalion Headquarters
1230 Distribution and Pick Up Hq & Plotting Company
1300 Leave for Drew Field
1530 Arrive Drew Field Pick Up and make necessary distribution (Pick up mail)
1630 Return to Battalion Headquarters (Bartow)
2030 Distribution and Pick up Headquarters and Plotting Company
2100 Leave for Company A Headquarters for Distribution and Pick up
2230 Arrive Company A Headquarters
2400 Arrive Battalion Headquarters (Bartow)

e. MORNING REPORTS AND ALL REPORTS due the following day, will be submitted on the following pickup:

Headquarters and Plotting Company at 2030
Company A at 2230

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f. COMPANY MAIL CLERKS will pick up and deliver mail once daily at Message Center. This run will be coordinated with Paragraph a regarding fuel.

g. SPECIAL MESSENGER SERVICE will be operated as needed.

h. THREE runners will be supplied daily from Headquarters and Plotting Company on the following schedule:

0600 to 1200 (One (1) Runner)
1200 to 1800 (One (1) Runner)
1800 to 2400 (One (1) Runner)

5. a. (1) See Index No. 2 to SO 1

(2) All nets will open 2400, 27 November. If contact is not made, each ½ hour on the ½ hour all stations will call for five minutes until contact is established. (Annex 4, Nets to be established 2400 4 December)

b. (1) Command Posts: Battalion Headquarters Closes at present location 1500, 27 November and opens at the same time at the head of Column 2.

Headquarters and Plotting Company 3 Miles North of BARTOW (UC6891) after 1900, 27 November.

(2) Axes of signal communications: route of march.

c. An advance information center will be established at woods 4 miles West of BARTOW (UC5488) and will open 2400, 4 December.

By Order of Lieutenant Colonel McPRIDE:

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MAJOR SIGNAL CORPS
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ANNEX I Location of Sites
ANNEX 2 Routes of March
ANNEX 3 Arrangement of Rooms
ANNEX 4 Nets to be Established 2400, 4 December

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563RD SIGNAL AIRCRAFT WARNING BATTALION
DREW FIELD

ANNEX 2 FO 2 (

Tampa, Florida
1200 25 November 43

LOCATION OF SITES

Page II	Hq; Hq and Plotting Company, IC
Page III	Adv. IC
Page IV	First Platoon Company A
Page V	Second Platoon Company A
Page VI	Third Platoon Company A
Page VII	Fourth Platoon Company A

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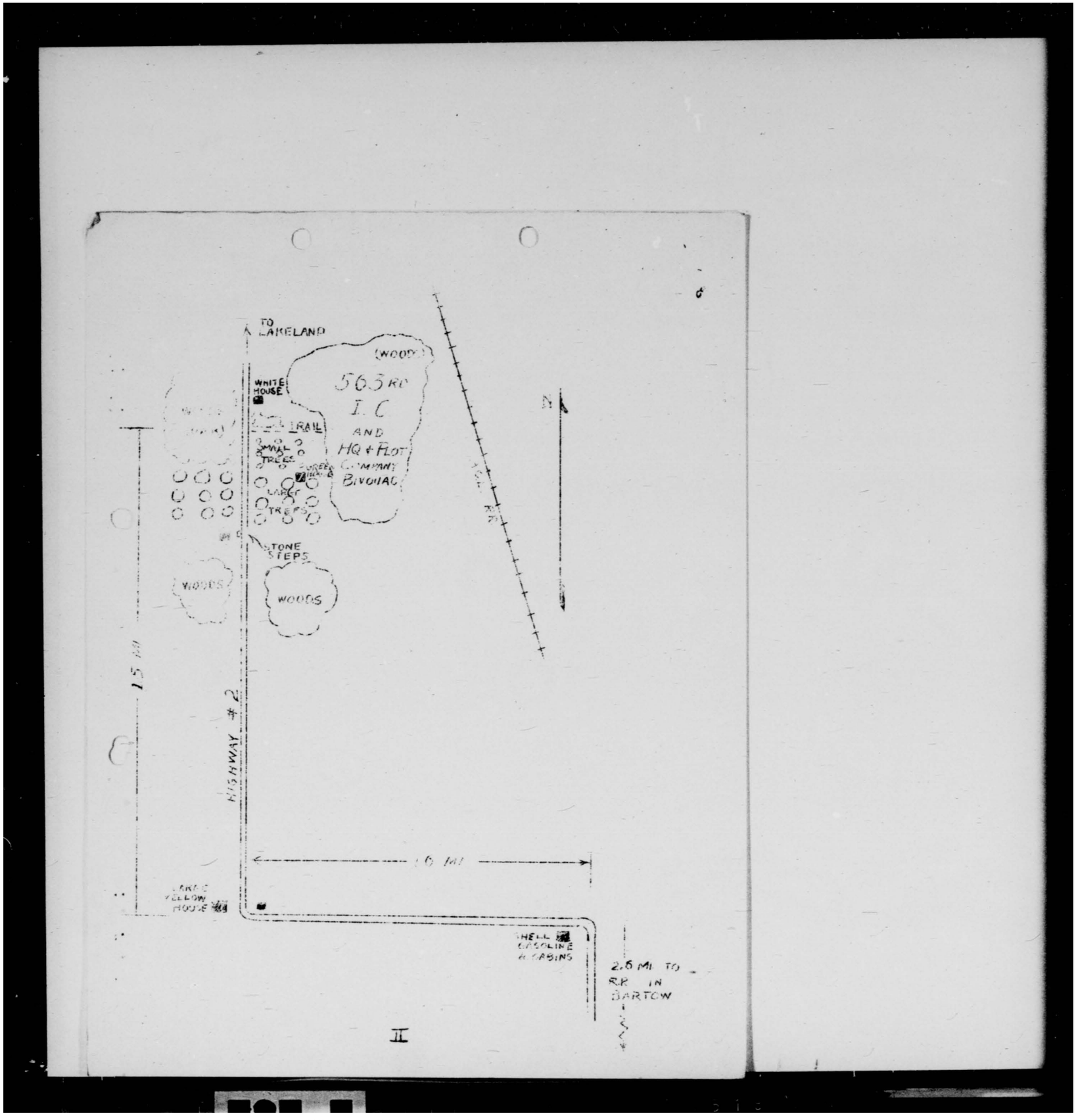
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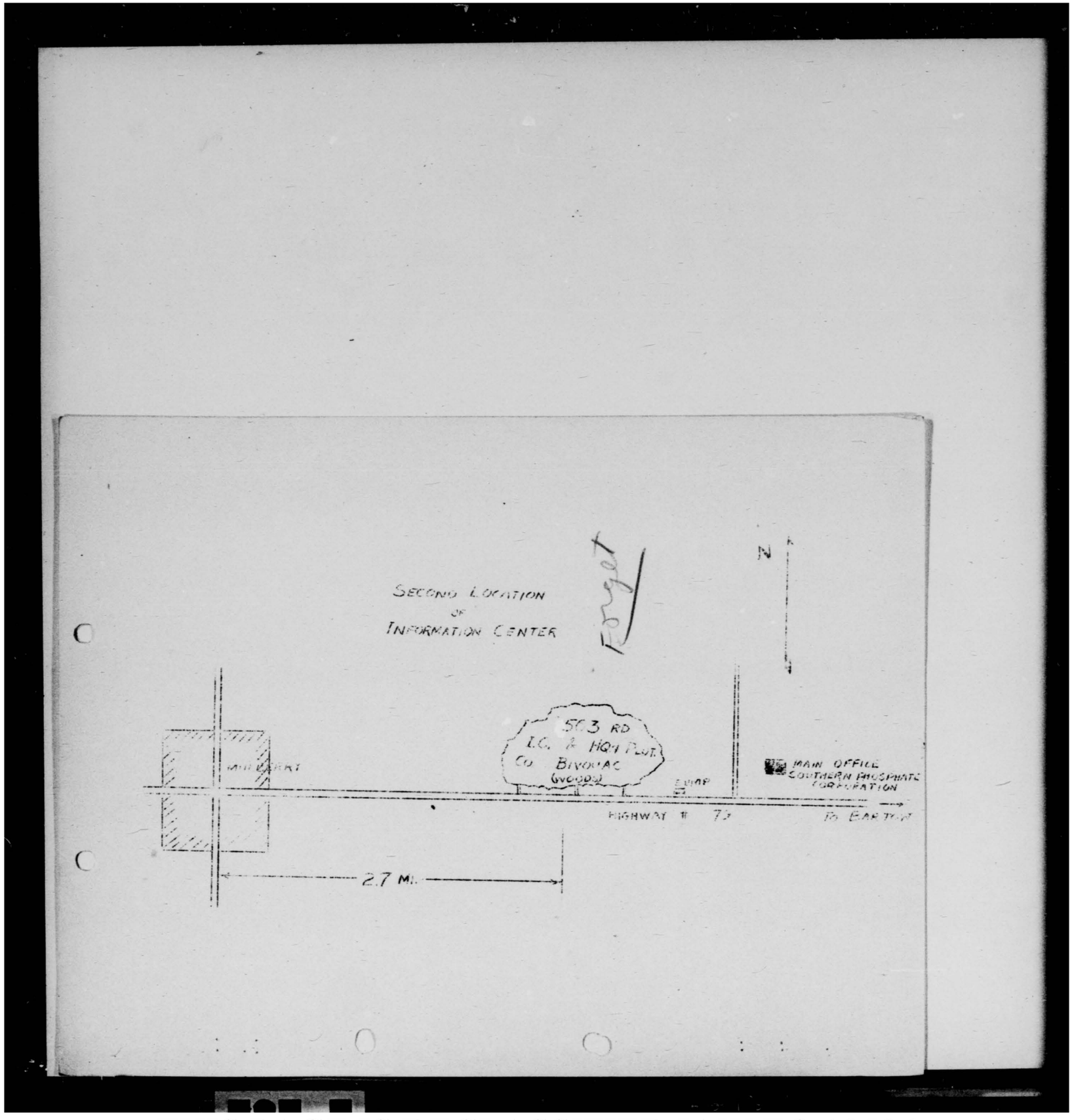
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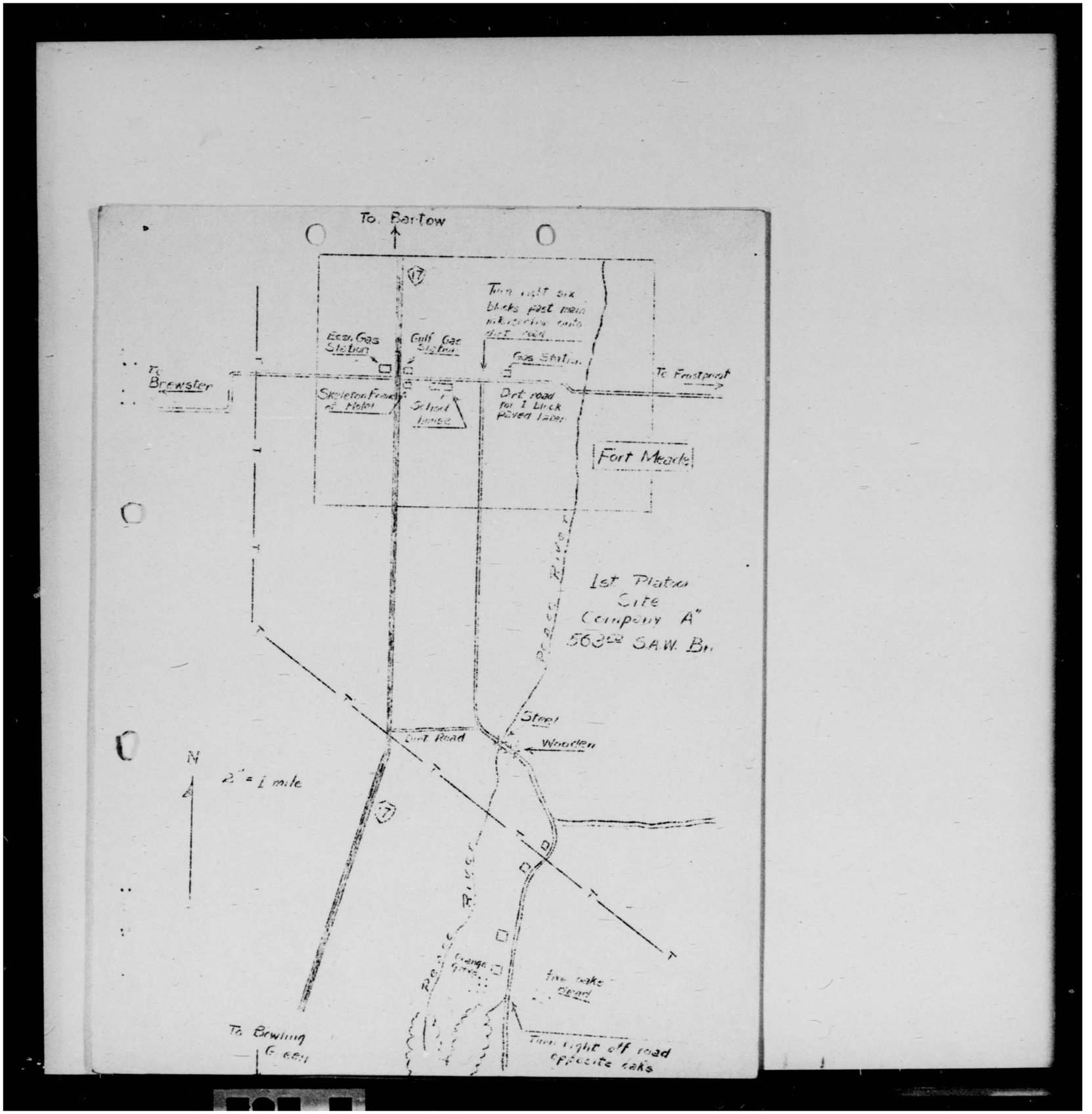
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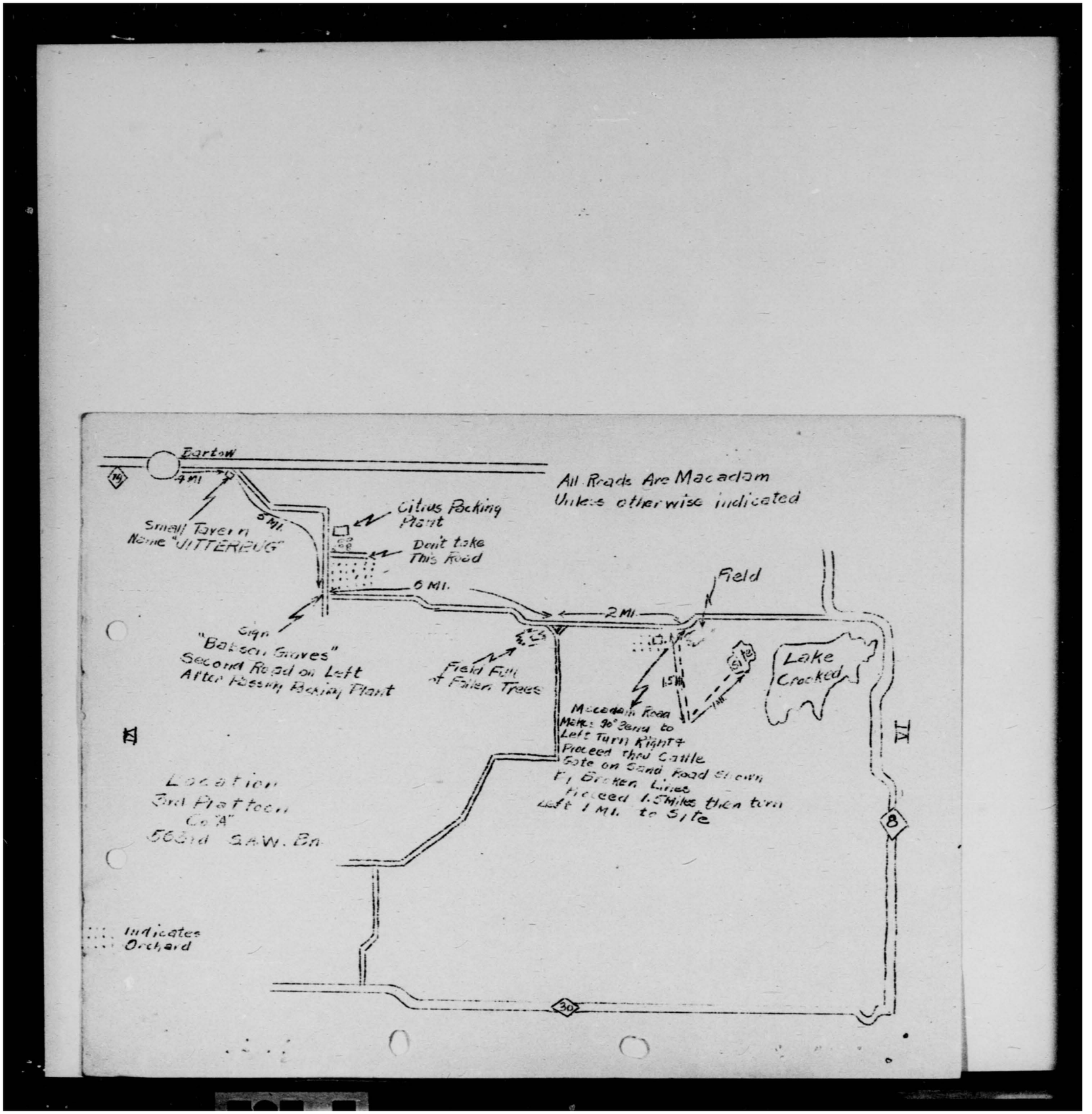
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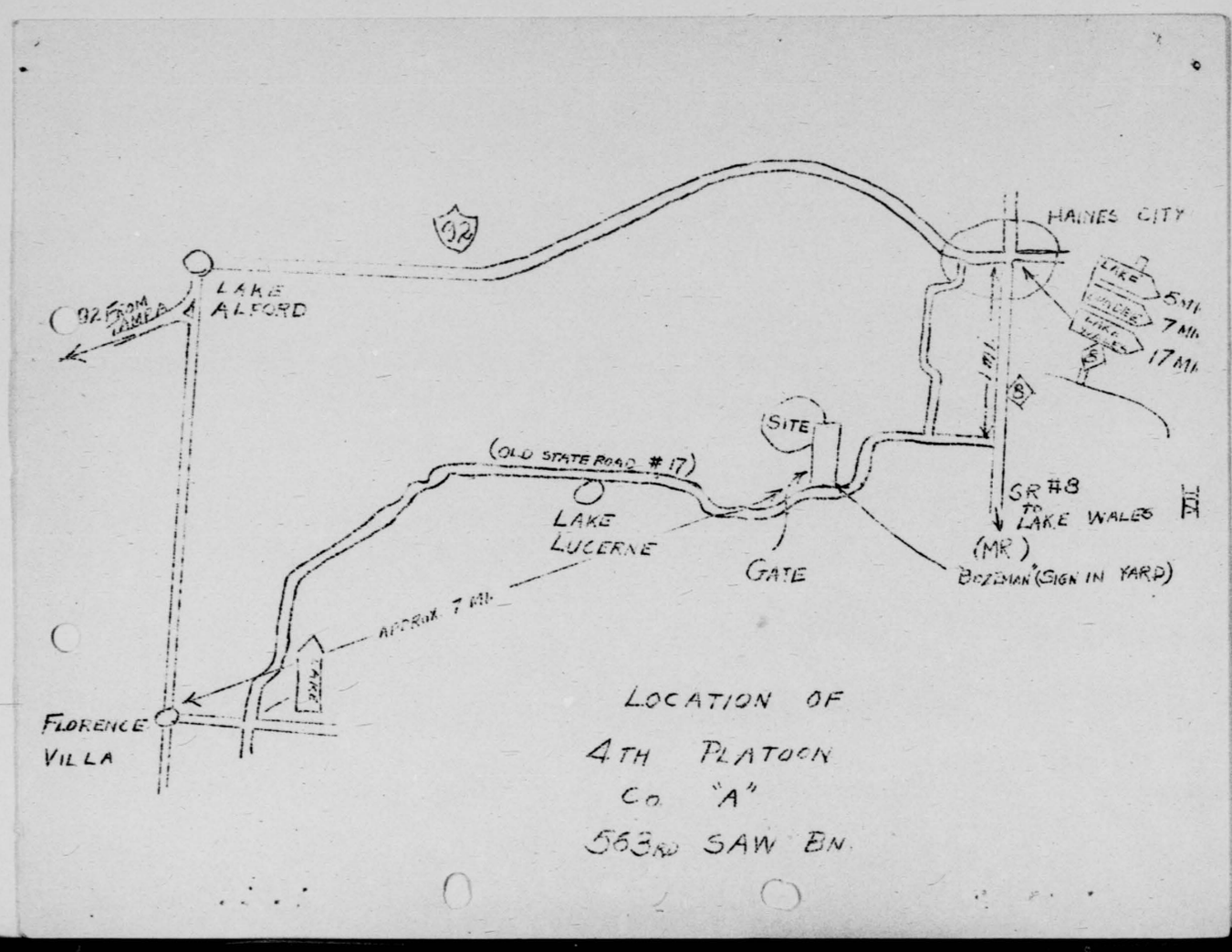
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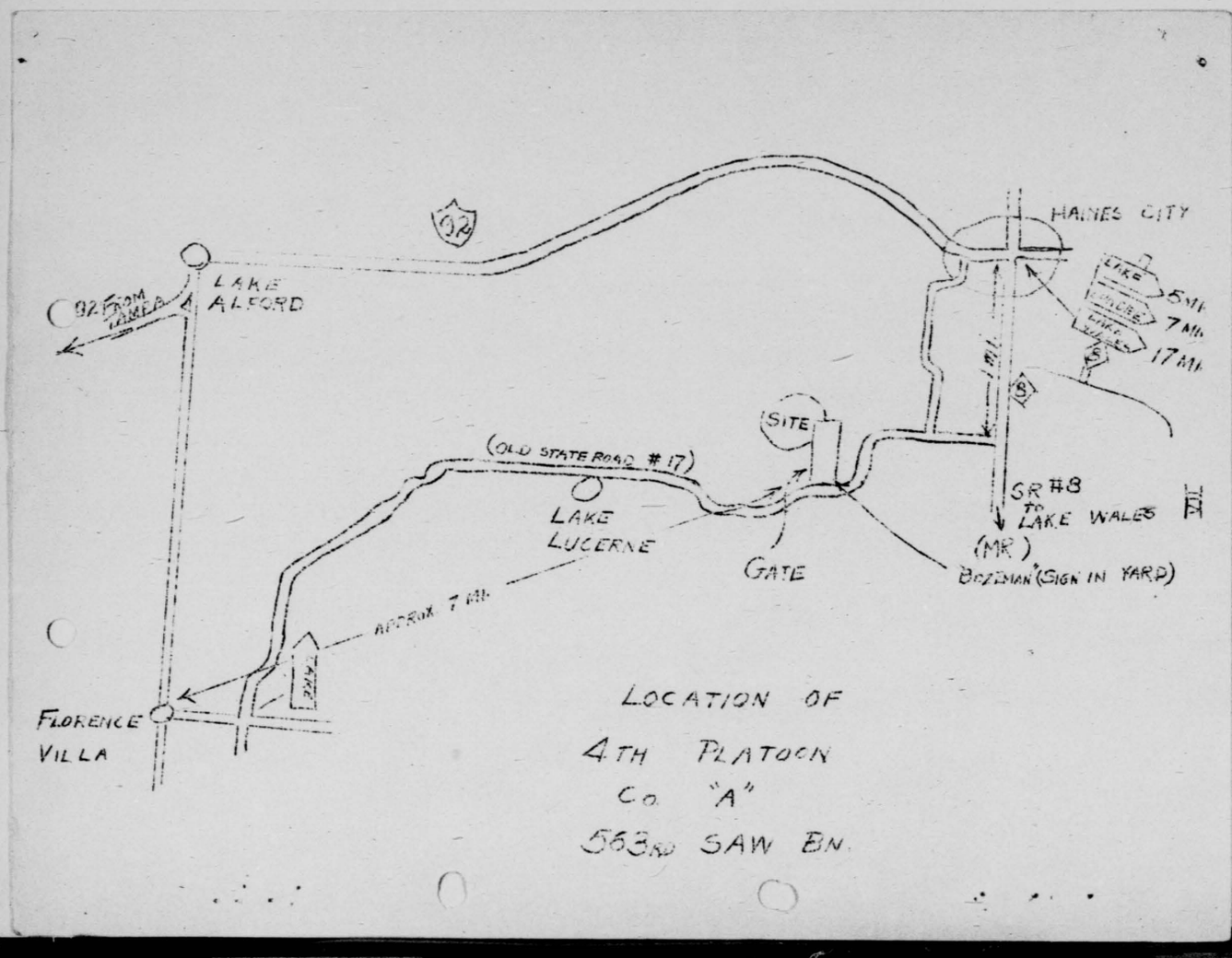
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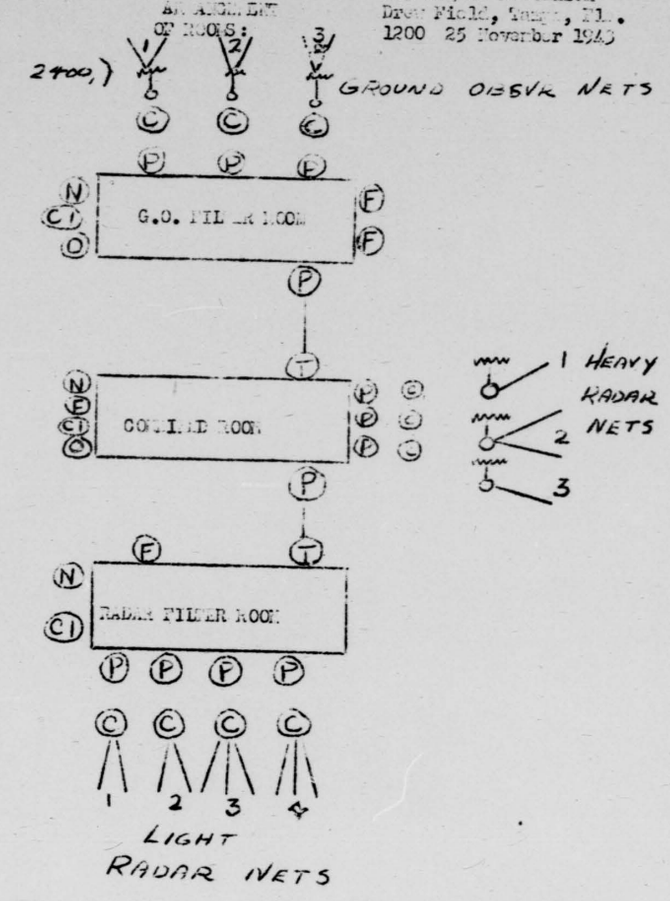
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ANNEX 3 TO 2

503 Sig [illegible] Battalion
Drew Field, Tampa, Fla.
1200 25 November 1943

ARRANGEMENT OF ROOMS:

(EFFECTIVE 2400, 4 DEC.



By order of Lt. Col, SC [illegible]:

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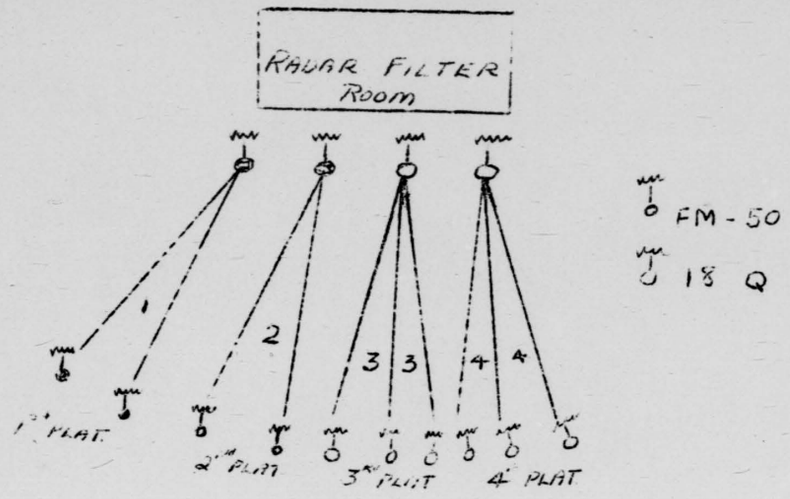
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503rd SIGNAL [illegible]
Drew Field, Tampa, Fla.
1200 25 November 1943

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(effective 2400 4 Dec)



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HEADQUARTERS
563RD SIGNAL AIRCRAFT WARNING BATTALION

3 Miles
North of Bartow
28 November 43

TRAINING ORDER)

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1. SITUATION II (See Training Order 2 and 3) a. At 1530 27 November the 563rd Signal AW Battalion moved into operational positions. By 1800 the entire 2nd Air Division had evacuated to positions inland. At 0600 28 November enemy aircraft were sited over Tampa. Bombs were dropped on DREW FIELD AND MacDILL FIELD. At the same hour paratroops were dropped near BRADENTON. Most of these paratroops were captured but some of them scattered inland. Information was received at 1100 28 November that the task force was within 24 hours of TAMPA. At 1200 28 November the Commanding General 2nd Air Division issued the following instructions:

"Martial law has existed since 1100 28 November. Complete blackout will be enforced, effective immediately. Every installation will be on the alert for paratroops and Commando parties." The Commanding Officer of the 563rd Signal AW Battalion then informed his installations to observe strict blackout conditions effective immediately and to be especially watchful for commandos and paratroops.

By order of Lt. Col. McBRIDE:

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563rd SAW BATTALION
3 MILES NORTH OF DARTON
1300 5 DECEMBER 1943

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Training Order)
Number 8)

Annex to Prearranged Message Code:
(4th Tng Dn. SOI Item 24-3)

Effective 0001 6 December 1943

(Supercedes Annex 5a FO 2 Headquarters 563rd SAW Battalion)

1. The following prearranged Message Code Annex will supplement 4th Training Battalion SOI Item 24-3 and will be used by all reporting nets. The purpose of this annex is to facilitate Training by addition of certain messages which would not ordinarily be used in combat.

MEANING	
Are you on CHL or GCI.	PK
We are on, 1 CHL; 2 GCI.	NR___
Sweep Present sector once every___Minutes.	PS___
Why will Radar go off air.	PR
Why will radio go off air.	NB
Who Assigned your sweep	ER
Use SOI index no.___	NL___
Report Nulls every___ minutes	NX___
Put radar on air immediately	PD
Maintain present sweep but look for target at approximately___degrees___miles.	PK___ ___
Distinguish between target and fighter.	NC
GCI operations stopped for lecture due bact at	PL___
Use Substitution only on false grid do not displace.	NF
Run cannery NO___begin at___.	PS___ ___
Cease Cannery revert to normal.	NO

By order of Lt Col Mc BRIDE:

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563RD SAW BATTALION
3 Miles North of BARTOW
5 December 1943

Training Order)

No. 9)
Effective ØØØ1 6 December

INSTRUCTIONS TO RADIO OPERATORS

1. ADMINISTRATIVE TRAFFIC. The following rules will be observed when handling messages for Administrative traffic:
a. Plaindress message normal form will be used including:
(1) Heading:
(a) The call (also serves as address)
(b) The preamble (station serial no., precedence)
(c) The address (date time & groups can serve as address)
(d) Message instructions (Group Count & BT)
(2) The Text (Message Authenticator, System Indicator, External Key Indicator & Edition Indicator)
(3) The Ending (BT, date time group, instructions & ending sign.)

b. Example
6FZ V BF6 NR11 OP Ø41ØØZ GR1Ø BT
XQ SSLGU PQSNB AONKS VOYLD KOKLS DOZNK SSLUG PQSNB XQ
BT Ø41ØØZ AR

SS - System Indicator
LGUPQS - External Indicator
NB - Edition Indicator
XQ - Message Authenticator

2. SERVICING a. The incoming message will be copied on a message form, or a blank piece of paper if no form is available. The heading will be put in the Blank above the word "MESSAGE" if the message form AA-210 is used. The Operator then writes the time completed on the face of the message and initials it encircling this notation. He then notifies Message Center to pick up the message. The message is sent in duplicate if possible to the Message Center.
b. In servicing outgoing messages, the Operator completes Radio heading on the message or completes heading begun by code clerk, transmits the message, obtains Receipt then services message by placing the time of receipt and his initials on the face of the message and encircles it. He then notifies the Message Center he has a serviced message to return.

3. REPEATS. During the training period, all administrative messages will be repeated to minimize errors.

4. AUTHENTICATION a. Message Authenticator is put on by Code Clerk and is part of the text.
b. If the message is in the clear or has no message authentication, the Operator will use the authentication tables and challange the other station. Before transmitting any message the receiving station will be challanged using Authentication Tables. The message will not be sent unless response is proper. On receiving all clear text messages will be challanged by using Authentication Tables.
c. In all voice nets all administrative messages will be challanged by using Authenticator Tables.

By Order of Lt. Col. McBRIDE:

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563RD SIGNAL A. BATTALION
8 MILES NORTH OF BARTOW
6 DECEMBER 1943

OPERATIONS ORDER)
:
NUMBER 12)

1. Code designations for SCR 602 RADARS.

Station	Code	Color	Net	Radio
1st Sect 2nd Pl	Heaven	Blue	Blue	18Q
2nd Sect 2nd Pl	Halo	Blue	Blue	18Q
1st Sect 3rd Pl	Harp	Blue	Blue	18Q
2nd Sect 3rd Pl	Hell	Red	Red	18Q
1st Sect 4th Pl	Devil	Red	Red	18Q
2nd Sect 4th Pl	Fire	Red	Red	18Q
1st Sect 5th Pl	High	Yellow	Yellow	FM50
2nd Sect 5th Pl	Low	Yellow	Yellow	FM50
1st Sect 1st Pl	Water	Green	Green	FM50
2nd Sect 1st Pl	Grass	Green	Green	FM50

2. Call signs and frequencies effective ØØØ1 GCT, 5 December 1943.

a. These call signs and frequencies will be used until superceded or changed by Operations Order.

8IQ8	3AJ5	32.66MC	1st Pl 1st Sect
DQ83	3AJ5	32.66MC	1st Pl 2nd Sect
J341	WJ36	2754KC	2nd Pl 1st Sect
OV98	WJ36	2754KC	2nd Pl 2nd Sect
6SH7	WJ36	2754KC	3rd Pl 1st Sect
V981	9PV3	2890KC	3rd Pl 2nd Sect
98V9	9PV3	2890KC	4th Pl 1st Sect
8AQ3	9PV3	2890KC	4th Pl 2nd Sect
Q838	8IQ1	34.74MC	5th Pl 1st Sect
8VQ5	8IQ1	34.74MC	5th Pl 2nd Sect

b. Thirty (30) hours before changes in call signs and frequencies, the communications officer will submit the assignments to the S-3. Twenty-four (24) hours before they go into effect the S-3 will make distribution to all concerned.

3. Routine Maintenance Schedule for SCR 602 RADAR Platoons.

UNIT	TIME
2nd Sect 3rd Plat.	2100 to 2200
2nd Sect 2nd Plat.	2100 to 2200
1st Sect 1st Plat.	2100 to 2200

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2nd Sect 4th Plat.	2100 to 2200
1st Sect 5th Plat.	2100 to 2200
1st Sect 3rd Plat.	2300 to 2400
1st Sect 2nd Plat.	2300 to 2400
2nd Sect 1st Plat.	2300 to 2400
1st Sect 4th Plat.	2300 to 2400
2nd Sect. 5th Plat.	2300 to 2400

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563RD SAW BATTALION
3 Miles North of Bartow
7 December 1943

OPERATIONS ORDER)
No. 14)

STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE

G.C.I. OPERATION

1. SCHEDULE OF GCI AND CHL

	2nd Platoon Company A	4th Platoon Company A		
GCI	0001-0400	0801-1200	1201-1600	2000-0001
CHL	0401-0600	0601-0800	1601-1800	1801-2000

2. CODE NAMES FOR GCI

2nd Platoon Controller	Snowball
4th Platoon Controller	Darby
Area Controller	Wetwash
Airplanes for 2nd Platoon	Bronko
	Trade wind
Airplanes for 4th Platoon	Charley
	Peter

3. CONTROL NET

a. Voice net, Controller to Flight Line
Controller to Controller
Controller to A/C

NCS	Area Controller	6EF	4342.5kc
	2nd Pla GCI Controller	25N	4342.5kc
	4th Pla GCI Controller	XN2	4342.5kc

b. During GCI missions this net will stand by for the controller.

c. A voice check over this net will be made at 1245 daily by each GCI Controller who will report to the Area Controller by radio.

d. Radios at Radar Platoons will be remoted to the controllers position in the operating van. The radio at Battalion Headquarters will be remoted to the area controller at the I.C.

4. GCI MISSIONS

a. Priority of Flights are as follows:
1. Calibration flights
2. Area controlled missions
3. Area controlled missions turned over to GCI controllers.
4. GCI controlled missions

b. Flight Requests are made by the GCI controllers to the area controller over the Control Net.

c. While operating GCI the Radar is under control of the Area Controller or to the GCI controller if the mission has been turned over to him.

d. If planes are still in the air when the station would normally revert to CHL the GCI period will automatically continue until planes have landed.

e. When Operating Crews are being trained for GCI, during the GCI period, only two A/C will be tracked at a time. If training requires the controller will stop operating to give short lectures to the crews.

f. During GCI periods the Radar will report to the I.C. designating "Target" and "Fighter". IFF information will be displayed on all flights plotted from GCI Stations at the I.C.

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g. Full use will be made of prearranged messages to keep track of changes in operation or function.

5. VHF

VHF will be operated by VHF Cadres and will stand by during the GCI period for the controllers. If the VHF goes out of service the Control Net (SCR-188) will be used by the controllers for air ground.

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3 MILES NORTH OF BARTOW
10 DECEMBER 1943

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NO. 17)

ANNEX TO SOI
PRE-ARRANGED RCM REPORTS

EFFECTIVE UPON RECEIPT:

1. IN THE ABSENCE OF S. O. I. ITEM FOR PRE-ARRANGED JAMMING REPORTS FOR RADIO COUNTERMEASURES, THE FOLLOWING CODE IS DISIGNATED FOR THE TRAINING PERIOD FOR RADAR JAMMING:

A. THE CODE WILL CONSIST OF TWO GROUPS:
(1) THE FIRST GROUP CONSISTS OF EIGHT (8) CHARACTERS WHICH WILL DESIGNATE THE STATION, THE JAMMING CODE LETTER, AND THE GRID COORDINATES.
(2) THE SECOND GROUP CONSISTS OF TWO (2) CHARACTERS WHICH WILL DESIGNATE STRENGTH AND CHARACTER.

B. STRENGTH CODE NUMBERS:
(1) STRENGTH OF JAMMING LESS THAN 10 TIMES NORMAL NOISE LEVEL.
(2) STRONG JAMMING BUT APPEARS ONLY IN MAIN HORIZONTAL LOBE.
(3) STRONGER JAMMING BUT APPEARS ONLY IN SIDE LOBES.
(4) VERY STRONG JAMMING APPEARS IN ALL LOBE DIRECTIONS.
(5) SUSPECTED IMITATIVE DECEPTION NOT RIGIDLY LOCKED TO TRACE.
(6) SUSPECTED IMITATIVE DECEPTION ABNORMAL PERIOD.
(7) SUSPECTED IMITATIVE DECEPTION SHOWS BASE LINE UNDER ECHO.
(8) PREVIOUSLY REPORTED RCM CEASED.

C. CHARACTER CODE NUMBERS:

(1) NOISE JAMMING
(2) UNMODULATED C. W.
(3) UNLOCKED LOW FREQUENCY MODULATED C. W. JAMMING
(4) LOCKED LOW FREQUENCY MODULATED C. W. JAMMING
(5) HIGH FREQUENCY MODULATED CW JAMMING
(6) RAILINGS
(7) UNDETERMINED MODULATION
(8) SUSPECTED FALSE ECHO
(9) SUSPECTED FALSE IDENTIFICATION
(0) NO CHARACTER INDICATION

D. EXAMPLE
FJUC 3099 22
F STATION (F); REPORTS JAMMING (J); AT UC3099; STRONG, APPEARING IN HORIZONTAL LOBE (2); UNMODULATED CW (2)

E. IF DIRECTION ONLY CAN BE GIVEN THE REPORT WILL BE GIVEN, THE REPORT WILL BE THE SAME EXCEPT THAT THE AZIMUTH OF THE MAXIMUM WILL BE SENT INSTEAD OF THE GRID COORDINATES. FOR EXAMPLE
FJ095 42
F STATION (F); REPORTS JAMMING (J); AT AZIMUTH 95 DEGREES (095); VERY STRONG JAMMING (4); UNMODULATED CW (2).

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F. IF NO STATION CODE LETTER IS USED IN NORMAL REPORTING IT WILL BE OMITTED FROM THE JAMMING REPORT.

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563RD SIGNAL AW BATTALION
DREW FIELD, TAMPA, FLORIDA
13 DECEMBER 1943

FIELD ORDER)

NO. 5)

1. NO TACTICAL SITUATION

2. THE BATTALION WILL ENTRAIN WITH ALL PERSONNEL, BAGGAGE AND IMPEDEMENTA AT D TIME.

3. A. TRAIN NO. 1
(1) TRAIN COMMANDER — CAPT. GLASSOW
(2) TRAIN TRANSPORTATION OFFICER — LT. POHANISH
(3) TRAIN MESS OFFICER — LT. BROWN
(4) PERSONNEL — HQ AND PLOTTING COMPANY
LESS (A) EXECUTIVE OFFICER, S-3, MOTOR OFFICER, (TO TRAIN #3)
(B) DENTAL OFFICER (TO TRAIN #2)
(C) 8 OFFICERS AND 30 ENLISTED MEN, 3RD FILTER PLATOON (TO TRAIN #2)
(D) 2 MEDIC ENLISTED MEN (TO TRAIN #2)
(E) 2 MEDIC ENLISTED MEN (TO TRAIN #3)
(F) BATTALION SUPPLY SERGEANT (TO TRAIN #3)
(5) TOTAL OFFICERS 26 (1 CAR)
(6) TOTAL ENLISTED MEN 351 (9 CARS)

B. TRAIN NO. 2
(1) TRAIN COMMANDER — LT. SLATTERY
(2) TRAIN TRANSPORTATION OFFICER — LT. IRWIN
(3) TRAIN MESS OFFICER — LT. CARR
(4) PERSONNEL — REPORTING COMPANY A
8 OFFICERS AND 30 ENLISTED MEN 3RD FILTER PLATOON, DENTAL OFFICER AND 2 MEDIC ENLISTED MEN FROM HQ AND PLOTTING COMPANY.
12 ENLISTED MEN FROM REPORTING COMPANY B
(5) TOTAL OFFICERS 23 (1 CAR)
(6) TOTAL ENLISTED MEN 276 (7 CARS)
(7) 4 ENLISTED MEN WILL RIDE IN OFFICERS' CAR.

C. TRAIN NO. 3
(1) TRAIN COMMANDER — CAPT. ROOT
(2) TRAIN TRANSPORTATION OFFICER — LT. WILSON
(3) TRAIN MESS OFFICER — LT. BONTON
(4) PERSONNEL — REPORTING COMPANY B
LESS 12 ENLISTED MEN (TO TRAIN #2)
1 MEDICAL OFFICER (ATTACHED)
2 MEDIC ENLISTED MEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, S-3, MOTOR OFFICER, BATTALION SUPPLY SERGEANT FROM HQ AND PLOTTING COMPANY
(5) TOTAL OFFICERS 26 (1 CAR)
(6) TOTAL ENLISTED MEN 312 (8 CARS)

X. EACH TRAIN COMMANDER WILL LINE UP THE MEMBERS OF HIS TRAIN IN A COLUMN OF THREE FILES BY PLATOONS. THE COLUMN FOR TRAIN 1 WILL BE COLUMN 1, THE COLUMN FOR TRAIN 2 WILL BE COLUMN 2 AND THE COLUMN FOR TRAIN 3 WILL BE COLUMN 3. WHEN MARCHING TO THE TRAIN THESE THREE (3) COLUMNS WILL MARCH ABREAST AND WILL BE FORMED BY THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER SO THAT THE COLUMNS WILL NOT CROSS WHEN THESE COLUMNS SEPARATE TO MARCH ALONGSIDE THEIR RESPECTIVE TRAINS. ON THE PARADE TO THE TRAIN, THE COLUMNS WILL MARCH IN CLOSE ORDER ABREAST THE BATTALION COMMANDING OFFICER AND THE BATTALION EXECUTIVE OFFICER IN FRONT OF THE COLUMN.

4. A. OFFICERS' BAGGAGE. TWENTY FOUR HOURS BEFORE D TIME ALL OFFICERS WILL HAVE BROUGHT THEIR TRUNKS AND BED ROLLS TO THEIR

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COMPANY SUPPLY. PREVIOUS TO BRINGING BAGGAGE TO THE COMPANY SUPPLY, IT WILL HAVE BEEN MARKED ACCORDING TO INSTRUCTIONS. THIS BAGGAGE (BED ROLL AND FOOT LOCKERS) WILL NOT BE ACCESSABLE AGAIN UNTIL THE TRAIN IS UNLOADED, THEREFORE IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO PUT ALL YOUR NECESSARY CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT IN YOUR HAND BAGGAGE AND FIELD BAG. THE FIELD BAG AND HAND LUGGAGE WILL BE PUT IN THE COACHES AND THE TRUNK AND BED ROLL WILL BE PUT IN THE BAGGAGE CAR. TWO HOURS BEFORE D TIME, ALL OFFICERS WILL TURN IN THEIR HAND LUGGAGE TO THE COMPANY SUPPLY.

B. OFFICERS' CLEARANCE. FOURTY EIGHT HOURS BEFORE D TIME ONE OFFICER FROM EACH COMPANY WILL BE ASSIGNED TO OBTAIN CLEARANCES FOR ALL THE OFFICERS IN THE COMPANY. OF THE OFFICERS WHO CANNOT BE CLEARED, A NOTE WILL BE MADE OF THE BRANCH AND THE REASON A CLEARANCE COULD NOT BE OBTAINED. CLEARANCE WILL BE OBTAINED IF AT ALL POSSIBLE TWENTY FOUR HOURS BEFORE D TIME.

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D. UNIFORM. HELMETS, LEGGINGS, PISTOL OR AMMUNITION BELT, HARNESS, FIELD BAGS, WEAPON, TRENCH KNIFE, GAS MASKS WILL BE WORN. CARRY OVERCOAT ON ARM. PUT NECESSARY TOILET ARTICLES, TOWELS, 2 PAIRS CLEAN WOOL SOCKS, 2 HANDKERCHIEFS, 2 PAIRS CLEAN UNDERWEAR, MESS KIT, AND GLOVES IN FIELD BAG.

E. MINIMUM ESSENTIAL EQUIPMENT. WILL BE EARMARKED IMMEDIATELY AFTER RECEIPT OF MOVEMENT ORDER. EXCESS EQUIPMENT WILL BE TURNED IN TO PROPERTY BRANCHES UNDER SUPERVISION OF THE S-4. EXCESS COMPANY RECORDS WILL BE TURNED IN TO THE BASE UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE ADJUTANT, SEE POM 4K, 44W, WD CIR 28/43 AND AR 345-10.

F. DUTIES OF TRAIN OFFICERS. (1) TRAIN COMMANDERS(SEE AR 55-145 PAR 14)

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(3) TRAIN MESS OFFICER (SEE AR 55-145 PAR 16 B)

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K. IMMEDIATELY AFTER ENTRAINING, PLATOON OFFICERS WILL GIVE ONE (1) HOUR INSTRUCTION ON SAFEGUARDING MILITARY INFORMATION

L. NO ONE WILL LEAVE THE TRAIN AT ANY TIME WITHOUT DIRECT PERMISSION OF TRAIN COMMANDER.

M. ON DETRAINING, OFFICERS WILL DISMOUNT FIRST FOLLOWED BY THE GUARD AND THEN BY THE ENLISTED MEN.

5. (A) BATTALION HEADQUARTERS CP WILL CLOSE AT PRESENT LOCATION AT D TIME AND OPEN THE SAME TIME AT TRAIN #1.

(B) THERE WILL BE NO COMMUNICATIONS WHATSOEVER EXCEPT OFFICIAL NECESSARY BUSINESS BY THE TRAIN COMMANDERS.

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563RD SAW BATTALION
3 MILES NORTH OF BARTOW
15 DECEMBER 1943

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NO. 22)

1. SITUATION V (SEE OPERATIONS ORDER 2, 3, 5, 6, AND 7)
A. AT 1300, 14 DECEMBER, THE I CORPS REINFORCED BY ARMY TROOPS AND THE 5TH DIVISION OF THE II CORPS DROVE THE ENEMY FROM CLEARWATER BEACH SOUTH TO ST. PETERSBURG AND VICINITY. AT 1700, 14 DECEMBER, THE COMMANDING GENERAL II CORPS RECALLED THE 6TH DIVISION FROM RESERVE AND PLACED THEM IN THE PRE-OCCUPIED POSITIONS OF THE 5TH DIVISION. AT 2400, 15 DECEMBER, THE COMMANDING GENERAL, 1ST AIR DIVISION GAVE THE FOLLOWING ORDERS TO THE COMMANDING OFFICER 563RD SIGNAL AW BATTALION
"ON 17 DECEMBER, THE HEADQUARTERS AND PLOTTING COMPANY, 563RD SIGNAL AW BATTALION WILL MOVE INTO PRE-RECONNOITERED POSITION AROUND MULBERRY (UC5988). HEAVY AND LIGHT RADAR PLATOONS WILL REMAIN AT PRESENT POSITIONS. GROUND OBSERVER RELAYS AND OUTPOSTS WILL MOVE TO THE FOLLOWING APPROXIMATE VICINITIES:

ORGAN	CODE	COORDINATES
1A	HOUR	UC 3299
1B	WALRUS	UC 3096
2A	TIME	UC 2989
2B	DARK	UC 3382
3A	CLOCK	UC 3877
3B	SEAMAN	UC 4475

OUTPOSTS

1B - UC 3198	2B - UC 3197
1C - PX 3200	2C - UC 2997
1D - PX 3101	2D - UC 2995
3B - UC 2889.5	4B - UC 3283
3C - UC 2788	4C - UC 3282
3D - UC 2986	4D - UC 3481
5B - UC 3980	6B - UC 4576
5C - UC 3778	6C - UC 4375
5D - UC 3875.5	6D - UC 4473

THE COMMANDING OFFICER, 563RD SIGNAL AW BATTALION GAVE THE FOLLOWING ORDERS TO HIS COMMAND: "THE BATTALION WILL BE PREPARED TO MOVE INTO PRE-RECONNOITERED POSITIONS MENTIONED ON 12 HOURS NOTICE".

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HEADQUARTERS
563RD SIGNAL AIRCRAFT WARNING BATTALION
A. P. O. 638 - U. S. ARMY

10 March 1944

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Historical Report.

TO : Commanding General, 71st Fighter Wing, A.P.O. #638, U. S. Army.

1. Transmitted herewith Historical Report of this Organization, for the month of February 1944, in accordance with IX Fighter Command Memorandum 20-4, dated 22 December 1943. 314.7

2. Previous Historical records this Organization are packed in storage warehouse at Drew Field, Tampa, Florida.

For the Commanding Officer:

Robert O. Schurke

ROBERT O. SCHURKE
1st Lt., Sig Corps
Adjutant

1 Incl:
Historical report for month of Feb. 1944.

10 March 1944 1st Ind. D/N/4

HEADQUARTERS, 71ST FIGHTER WING, APO 638, US ARMY, 13 March 1944.
TO: Commanding General, IX Air Support Command, APO 638, US Army.

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FOLLOWING THE 563RD

HISTORICAL REPORT
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THE ORGANIZATION OF THE 563RD SIGNAL AIRCRAFT WARNING BATTALION, ON FEBRUARY FIRST, CONSISTED OF THREE COMPANIES, NAMELY, HEADQUARTERS AND PLOTTING COMPANY, "A" (HEAVY RADAR) COMPANY, AND "B" (LIGHT WARNING RADAR) COMPANY. HEADQUARTERS AND PLOTTING COMPANY, THUS, CONSISTED OF A HEADQUARTERS PLATOON, THREE GROUND OBSERVER PLATOONS, A MEDICAL SECTION, A RADIO SECTION, AND A WIRE SECTION. "A" COMPANY WAS COMPRISED OF FOUR REPORTING (HEAVY RADAR) PLATOONS AND A HEADQUARTERS PLATOON. "B" COMPANY HAD FOUR REPORTING PLATOONS, ONE OF WHICH INCLUDED HEADQUARTERS PERSONNEL. DURING THE MONTH THE BATTALION WAS REORGANIZED, (PER PAR 1, SEC LET., HQ., IX AIR FORCE FILE NO. 322, DTD, 30 DEC 43 SUBJ : REORG OF SIG AW UNITS). IT NOW CONSISTED OF FOUR COMPOSITE COMPANIES AND ONE HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY. THE LATTER COMPANY WAS MADE UP OF A HEADQUARTERS PLATOON, A COMMUNICATION PLATOON, AND A MEDICAL SECTION. "A", "B", AND "C" COMPANIES WERE BROKEN DOWN INTO SIX PLATOONS EACH, NAMELY: HEADQUARTERS, GROUND OBSERVER, GCI RADAR, CHB RADAR, AND FILTER. COMPANY "D" CONSISTED OF FIVE PLATOONS: FOUR REPORTING PLATOONS AND A HEADQUARTERS PLATOON.

THE STRENGTH OF THE BATTALION, ENDING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, WAS 72 OFFICERS AND WARRANT OFFICERS, AND 921 ENLISTED MEN. THE BATTALION, BEFORE REORGANIZATION AND UPON ARRIVING AT THE ETO, WAS COUNTED AT 75 OFFICERS AND WARRANT OFFICERS AND 939 ENLISTED MEN. A TRANSACTION OF PERSONNEL; THOSE TRANSFERRING IN AND OUT OF THE BATTALION, INVOLVED SOME 58 OFFICERS AND WARRANT OFFICERS AND APPROXIMATELY 910 ENLISTED MEN DURING THE MONTH.

THE 563RD SIGNAL AIRCRAFT WARNING BATTALION ARRIVED JANUARY 28, 1944 AT GREENOCK, NEAR GLASGOW, SCOTLAND. THE ENTIRE BATTALION WAS MOVED OUT IN TWO SERIALS, BY TRAIN, SOUTHWARD TO REMENHAM HAUNTS, NEAR HENLEY-ON-THAMES, BERKSHIRE, ENGLAND. REMENHAM HAUNTS STATION WAS COMMANDED BY LT.COL. WILLIAM L. MC BRIDE, COMMANDING OFFICER OF THE 563RD S.AW.BN, AND LT.COL. OSCAR E. EVERETT, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WHO ALSO COMMANDED THE 573RD S.AW.BN LOCATED THERE. THE AREA WAS ENLARGED BY ERECTING PERSONNEL, WORK AND EQUIPMENT TENTS, ADJACENT TO THE 573RD BATTALION. DAYS, THEN, WERE SPENT IN DRAINING AND IMPROVING THE MUDDY GROUNDS, AND IN BUILDING SIDEWALKS AND ROADS. DURING THE MONTH APPROXIMATELY FIFTY PERCENT OF THE OFFICERS AND ENLISTED PERSONNEL WERE TRANSFERRED OUT, ABSORBED, GENERALLY, BY THE 555TH, 564TH, AND 573RD S.AW. BATTALIONS.

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THIS PERSONNEL WAS REPLACED BY ABOUT 26 OFFICERS AND 450 ENLISTED MEN. OF THE REMAINING FIFTY PERCENT OF THE BATTALION, THE MAJORITY WAS SENT TO BRITISH ROYAL AIR FORCE SCHOOLS IN THEIR VARIOUS SPECIALTIES. FOUR LIGHT WARNING TEAMS, ONE GCI PLATOON AND ONE CHB PLATOON WENT TO NO. 21, STU, RENSCOMBE DOWNS, FOR STUDY IN FIELD OPERATION. RADIO PERSONNEL ATTENDED RADIO SCHOOL, YATESBURY, WILTSHIRE, FOR TECHNICAL AND OPERATIONAL TRAINING. THE FILTER PLATOONS AND IT'S OFFICERS STUDIED THE NEWEST SYSTEMS AT THE RAF FILTER SCHOOL AT BAWDSEY. TWENTY-THREE ENLISTED MEN AND FIVE OFFICERS FROM GROUND OBSERVER PLATOONS WERE AT CHIGWELL, LEARNING ASSAULT TRAINING. REMAINING GROUND OBSERVER PERSONNEL WAS STUDYING AIRCRAFT IDENTIFICATION AND PROCEDURE WITH BRITISH INSTRUCTORS AT THE REMENHAM HAUNTS STATION. TWO GCI PLATOONS AND ONE CHB PLATOON WENT INTO OPERATIONAL TRAINING IN THE FIELD NEAR THE ADVANCED SITE.

THERE HAS BEEN NO CONTACT WITH THE ENEMY. HENCE, WE HAVE SUFFERED NO LOSSES, NOR CASUALTIES, IN ACTION.

THERE HAVE BEEN NO AWARDS, OR DECORATIONS, DURING THE MONTH.

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APO 595
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SUBJECT: Transmittal of Historical Record.

TO : Commanding General, IX Air Support Command, APO 595, U.S. Army.

Transmitted herewith are two (2) copies of Historical Record of 563rd Signal Aircraft Warning Battalion, from 1 March 1944 to 31 March 1944.

For the Commanding General:

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563rd Sig A/C Warning Battalion
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On 1 March 1944 the 563rd Signal Aircraft Warning Battalion consisted of four composite companies and one headquarters and headquarters company. This battalion was reorganized per authority of VOCG, IX Air Support Command. "A" and "B" companies consists of one Forward Director Post, Ground Observer Units, and Company Headquarters. "C" Company consists of one Forward Director Post, Ground Observer Units, one Ground Controlled Interception, and one Light Warning Unit. "D" Company consists of twelve sections of the Light Warning Unit.

The strength of the battalion, ending the month of March 1944, was seventy-two (72) Officers and Warrant Officers, plus nine hundred and twenty six (926) enlisted men. There was approximately ten transfers in and out of the battalion during the month of March.

The forward echelon moved into the vicinity of Wey Hill from Remenham, Berks, Station 925, on 6 March 1944. The main body moved on 8 March 1944. The rear echelon completed the move on 29 March 1944.

There were approximately 30 enlisted men of this battalion trained in the waterproofing school during March.

All but one group of personnel returned from training schools being attended. Companies A, B, and C were in operational training. Several friendly flights over enemy territory were controlled by forward sites. Several enemy flights over the United Kingdom were tracked and plotted giving this organization operational training of its primary mission.

This battalion has suffered no losses, nor casualties in action.

There have been no awards, or decorations, during the month.

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On 30 March 1944, the 563rd Sig AW Bn consisted of four Composite Companies, and one Headquarters and Headquarters Company. Composite Companies A, B, and C consists of one Forward Director Post, Ground Observer Units and Company Headquarters. Headquarters and Headquarters Company consists of Ground Controlled Interception, one LW Unit, Ground Observer Unit and Battalion Headquarters. Company D consists of twelve Sections of LW Units. This Battalion was transferred from IX Air Support Command to XIX Air Support Command per Par 3, General Order #71, Hqs IX Air Force, 23 March 1944. The advance echelon moved from Station 406 to Station 410 on April 7, 1944. The main body of Battalion moved to new Station on 15-17 April 1944.

The re-organization of Battalion was completed prior to move as follows:

a. Composition of LW: 1/2 "U" Team

b. Composition of each GCI: 1 "C" Team
2 Med EM atchd from Q and R Teams

c. Composition of each FDP: 1 "B" Team 1 "P" Team
1 "C" Team 1 "L" Team
1 "J" Team 3 "I" Teams
2 "S" Teams 3 "D" Teams
1 Med EM atchd to GO and LW

d. Composition of each GO: 5 "M" Teams
5 "N" Teams
1 S/Sgt (518)
1 Lieutenant (Platoon Commander)

All Radar Operations ceased 1800 hours, 14 April 1944 at previous sites.

The first echelon of Main body, consisting of Company B and C left previous locations on 15 April 1944.

(1) Location and Operational dates of Company "B" are as follows:

SITE		GRID CORD.	OPR. DATE NEW SITE	
			Adm	Tact
FDP #2		R-273538		
LW #2		R-28548D	15 Apr 44	17 Apr 44
GO #2				
	G	R-267351	"	"
	H	R-235315	"	"
	J	R-313332	"	"
	K	R-279302	"	"
	L	R-193276	"	"

(2) Location of Operational dates of Company "C" are as follows:

SITE	GRID CORD.	OPR. DATE NEW SITE	
FDP #3-	R-081529	15 Apr 44	17 Apr 44

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SITE		GRID CORD.	OPR. DATE	NEW SITE
LW #3		R-090261	15 Apr	17 Apr
GO #3				
	M	R-078290	"	"
	N	R-052233	"	"
	P	R-127265	"	"
	Q	R-080236	"	"
	R	R-027161	"	"

The Second Echelon of Main body consisting of Headquarters and Headquarters Company and Company "A" left previous location on 17 April 1944.

(1) Location and Operational dates of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, and Company "A" are as follows:

SITE	GRID CORD.	OPR. DATE	NEW SITE
Hq,563d SAW Bn	R-262613	17 April 44	7
GCI	R-338720		
LW #4	R-365641		

(2) Location and Operational dates of Company "A" are as follows:

SITE		GRID CORD.	OPR. DATE	NEW SITE
FDP #1		R-369557	Adm	Tac
LW #1		R-358456	17	17
GO #1				
	A	R-426435		
	B	R-351399		
	C	R-511419		
	D	R-437372		
	F	R-331343		

Changes are as follows:

	From:	To:	Date
LW #3	R-090261	R-090328	21 April 1944
GCI	R-338720	R-312802	30 April 1944

Company "D" moved from previous location to new sites as listed on 14 April 1944.

SITE	GRID CORD.
Co. Hqs	R-398505
Site #2	R-322564
Site #3	R-449518
Site #4	R-317664
Site #5	R-431596
Site #6	R-433562

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This Company strength, 14 Officers and 191 EM, is attached to 635th AAA Bn per Authority TWX IX Air Support Command, P286J for Administration, Rations and Quarters, and further assigned for Tactical Employment to 21st AAA Group.

The strength of the Battalion, ending the Month of April 1944, was 75 Officers and Warrant Officers and 945 EM. Attached for Administration, Rations and Duty, 1 Officer and 31 EM.

This Battalion has suffered no losses or casualties in action.

There have been no awards, or decorations during the month.

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ON 31 MAY 1944, THE 563RD SIGNAL AIRCRAFT WARNING BATTALION CONSISTED OF FIVE COMPANIES; HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, COMPOSITE COMPANIES "A", "B", AND "C", AND LIGHT WARNING COMPANY "D". COMPOSITE COMPANIES "B" AND "C" EACH CONISTS OF ONE FORWARD DIRECTOR POST, GROUND OBSERVER POSTS, ONE LIGHT WARNING UNIT, PLUS COMPANY HEADQUARTERS. HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY IS COMPRISED OF GROUND CONTROLLED INTERCEPTIONS UNIT, ONE LIGHT WARNING UNIT, AND BATTALION HEADQUARTERS. COMPOSITE COMPANY "A" HAS AN FORWARD DIRECTOR POST, GROUND OBSERVER POSTS, LIGHT WARNING UNIT, COMPANY HEADQUARTERS PLUS ONE GROUND OBSERVER PLATOON ATTACHED FROM HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY TO WHICH IT WAS PREVIOUSLY ATTACHED FOR DUTY FROM THE 564TH SIGNAL AIRCRAFT WARNING BATTALION. LIGHT WARNING COMPANY "D" CONSISTS OF TWELVE (12) SECTIONS OF LIGHT WARNING UNITS AND IS ATTACHED TO THE 635TH AAA BATTALION PER AUTHORITY OF TWX, IX AGC, P286J, FOR ADM, RATIONS, AND QUARTERS, AND FURTHER ASGD FOR TACTICAL EMPLOYMENT TO THE 21ST AAA GROUP.

THE 563RD SIGNAL AIRCRAFT WARNING BATTALION WAS ALERTED PER ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NUMBER ONE, XIX TAC, DATED 29 APRIL 1944, AS AMENDED THROUGH 26 MAY 1944.

LOCATION AND OPERATIONAL DATES OF COMPANIES AND SITES TO DATE:

DATE OCCUPIED	NAME	TYPE CONVOY	SITE COORDINATE
1 JUNE 1944	GCI 4	AMES 15 AND 11	R 258608
26 MAY 1944	LW 4	AMES 6	R 341678
22 APRIL 1944	UNIT S		R 476564
22 APRIL 1944	UNIT T		R 481490
4 MAY 1944	UNIT U		R 620538
8 MAY 1944	UNIT V		R 534537
8 MAY 1944	UNIT W		R 511419
26 MAY 1944	FDP 1	15 AND 11	R 348500
26 MAY 1944	LW 1 GO 1	AMES 6	R 358456
8 MAY 1944	UNIT A		R 351399
8 MAY 1944	UNIT B		R 285351
8 MAY 1944	UNIT C		R 437372
8 MAY 1944	UNIT D		R 331343
8 MAY 1944	UNIT F		R 277302
8 MAY 1944	FDP 2	AMES 15	R 566628
		AMES 11	R 575598
8 MAY 1944	LW 2 GO 2	AMES 6	R 766703
8 MAY 1944	UNIT G		R 725641
8 MAY 1944	UNIT H		R 753840
8 MAY 1944	UNIT J		R 791755
8 MAY 1944	UNIT K		R 775619
8 MAY 1944	UNIT L		R 719754
1 JUNE 1944	FDP 3	AMES 15 AND 11	R 165630

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DATE OCCUPIED	NAME	TYPE CONVOY	SITE COORDINATE
30 APRIL 1944	LW 3	AMES 6	R 090328
	GO 3		R 135310
8 MAY 1944	UNIT M		R 080236
26 MAY 1944	UNIT O		R 027160
26 MAY 1944	UNIT P		R 144379
26 MAY 1944	UNIT Q		R 194275
26 MAY 1944	UNIT R		

THE STRENGTH OF THE BATTALION ENDING THE MONTH OF MAY 1944 WAS 950 ENLISTED MEN. ATTACHED 12 OFFICERS AND WARRANT OFFICERS PLUS 31 ENLISTED MEN. FOR ADM, RATS, AND DY, 1 OFFICER AND

THIS BATTALION HAS SUFFERED NO LOSSES OR CASUALTIES IN ACTION.

THERE HAVE BEEN NO AWARDS OR DECORATIONS DURING THE PAST MONTH.

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IN COMPLIANCE WITH LETTER, HEADQUARTERS NINTH AIR FORCE, FILE 314.7, SUBJECT, OFFICIAL AND POPULAR HISTORIES OF THE NINTH AIR FORCE, DATED 22 NOVEMBER 43, AND XIX TAC MEMORANDUM NO. 20-1, DATED 5 FEBRUARY 1944, THE FOLLOWING RECORD IS SUBMITTED.

1. DURING THE MONTH OF JUNE, OPERATING UNDER TO/ AND E 11-400 THERE WERE NO MAJOR TRANSFERS WITHIN OR WITHOUT THE UNIT.

INCOMING PERSONNEL TO THE BATTALION DURING THE MONTH ARE AS FOLLOWS:

1ST LT	WETHERILL, CLARENCE A.	0462367
2ND LT	HOWAN, ROBERT	0566911
CAPT (CH)FIX, CHARLES J.		0488243
CAPT (CH)ENGELL, ARTHUR T.		0488181
T/SGT	AUGUSTINO, PHILIP F.	20239610
SGT	SCHLICTING, HARRY F.	37196392
PFC	PUGLISI, LUIS A.	32707832
PVT	FLAHERTY, WILLARD E.	13025486
PVT	WRIGHT, PHILLIPS F.	19123383
PVT	BASICH, JACK A.	39320408

OUTGOING PERSONNEL:

CAPT (CH)FIX, CHARLES A.		0488243
M/SGT	BARRY, JAMES A.	12003802
T/SGT	AUGUSTINO, PHILIP F.	20239610
SGT	TABOR, GEORGE R.	7020353
TEC 5	MANSOUR, JAMES	38555529
PVT	DIVENCENZO, FRED	31256364

AN INTERESTING ITEM IS THE FACT THAT T/SGT AUGUSTINO WAS TRANSFERRED OUT AND WAS RETURNED WITHIN A PERIOD OF TWO WEEKS. CHAPLAIN FIX CAME INTO THE BATTALION FOR A FEW DAYS AND WAS TRANSFERRED OUT, BEING REPLACED BY CHAPLAIN ENGELL. DIVENCENZO, MANSOUR, AND BARRY WERE HOSPITAL CASES. SGT TABOR, BEING AN OVERAGE, WAS RELIEVED FROM ASSIGNMENT TO THIS ORGANIZATION AND REASSIGNED TO A STATION COMPLEMENT SQUADRON.

2. THE STRENGTH OF THE ORGANIZATION AT THE CLOSE OF THE MONTH WAS 75 OFFICERS AND 948 ENLISTED MEN.

3. THE FIRST ECHELON CONSISTING OF A PORTION OF HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, DEPARTED STATION 410, LASHENDEN, KENT, ENGLAND, ON 29 JUNE 44. THREE MORE ECHELONS, FDP1, LW1, AND GROUND OBSERVER POST 1 CONSISTING OF ALL OF COMPOSITE COMPANY A, DEPARTED TENTERDEN, KENT, ENGLAND, ON 30 JUNE 44.

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4. THERE WERE NO LOSSES IN ACTION. HOWEVER, THE UNIT SUFFERED A GREAT LOSS DUE TO ACCIDENTAL FALL BY MAJOR YASHAR A. VENAR, THE MEDICAL SURGEON. IN THIS FALL THE MAJOR BROKE ONE OF HIS LEGS.

5. ON 12 JUNE 44, CAPTAIN CLAUDIUS G. FARROW, COMPANY B, WAS PRESENTED THE LEGION OF MERIT FOR PREVIOUS SERVICE IN THE PACIFIC THEATER. PRESENTATION WAS MADE BY COLONEL HOMER L. SANDERS, COMMANDING OFFICER, 100TH FIGHTER WING, BEFORE A FORMAL REVIEW OF THE TROOPS OF HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY.

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THE PRIMARY MISSION OF THIS BATTALION IN ENGLAND WAS OPERATIONAL TRAINING. MANY FLIGHTS AND RAIDS ON THE CONTINENT WERE CONTROLLED DURING THIS TRAINING. GREAT ANXIETY WAS SHOWN BY THE TROOPS KNOWING THAT SOON WE WOULD ALL BE IN FRANCE AND USING OUR OPERATIONAL TRAINING AND OUR UNIT BECOMING A PART OF A REAL COMBAT TEAM.

MIDMONTH FROM THE ENEMY SKIES CAME A FLOOD OF THE PAPER-HANGER'S NEWEST SECRET WEAPON, KNOWN TO HIM AND HIS MALICIOUS COHORTS AS THE V-1, BUT TO US IT WAS JUST A NUISANCE KNOWN AS THE "DOODLE-BUG". EVEN HITLER'S V-1 WEAPON DID NOT CATCH THE ALLIED TROOPS ASLEEP. THE FIRST APPEARANCE OF THE NEW WEAPON OVER ENGLAND RECEIVED A CONTINUOUS BURST OF GUNFIRE FROM THE SMALLEST OF FIREARMS TO LARGE COASTAL GUNS. TO MY KNOWLEDGE THE FIRST ONE WAS BROUGHT DOWN WITHIN A MILE AND A QUARTER OF OUR HEADQUARTERS. AS VIEWED BY TROOPS AT ONE OF OUR OUTPOSTS CONTROLLING THE VALLEY IT SEEMED THAT THE ENTIRE VALLEY WAS LIT UP BY GUNFIRE AS IF FLOODLIGHTS HAD BEEN TURNED ON. NUMBER THREE WAS BROUGHT DOWN IN THE VALLEY AND A LOUD ROAR WAS HEARD ALL OVER THE ENTIRE VALLEY FROM THE TROOPS KNOWING THAT HITLER'S SECRET WEAPON COULD BE DESTROYED.

AT FIRST, IT CAUSED A CONSIDERABLE DISTURBANCE, DUE MOSTLY TO THE NOVELTY OF THE SITUATION AND ALSO TO THE FACT THAT WE HAD BEEN WORKING IN A VERY QUIET ATMOSPHERE FOR QUITE SOME TIME. WITHIN A WEEK'S TIME THIS UNEASINESS WORE OFF AND OPERATIONS CONTINUED IN A NORMAL VEIN. THERE WAS LITTLE CAUSE FOR WORRY FOR THE ACK-ACK BATTERIES WORKING HAND IN HAND WITH THE AIR FORCE HAD THE SITUATION WELL IN HAND. MOST OF THE BOMBS CONTINUED FAR PAST OUR POSITIONS AND STRUCK FARTHER NORTH, PRESUMABLY LONDON. IT IS ADMITTED THAT THE PROJECTILES HAVE TAKEN EFFECT AMONGST THE CIVILIAN POPULACE BUT OUR HEAVY RETALIATORY BLOWS MADE ON THE GERMAN HOME FRONT CAN NEVER BE MATCHED BY ANY OF ADOLF'S DEVICES.

THERE WERE SEVERAL NEAR MISSES, HOWEVER, GIVING THE BOYS A TEMPORARY SCARE AND ON ONE OCCASION, 2320B, 25 JUNE 44, ONE OF OUR UNITS WAS STRAFED BY 20 MM'S AND MACHINE GUN FIRE FROM AN ALLIED PLANE WHICH WAS ENDEAVORING TO DELIVER THE KNOCKOUT BLOW TO A BUZZ BOMB. NO CASUALTIES WERE SUFFERED HOWEVER.

ON JUNE 28 1944, THE FIRST ECHELON OF THE 563RD SIGNAL AIRCRAFT WARNING BATTALION, WITH MAJOR MAURICE E. BYRNE IN CHARGE, SET OUT FOR THE MARSHALLING AREA AT SOUTHAMPTON. THE DAY THAT THIS BATTALION HAD BEEN QUIETLY PREPARING FOR HAD FINALLY ARRIVED. IT WAS OUR OWN PERSONAL "D" DAY. MONTHS OF PREPARATION HAD FINALLY COME TO A CLIMAX AND WE WERE ABOUT TO LEAVE ENGLAND FOR THE BEACHES OF NORMANDY ACROSS THE ENGLISH CHANNEL.

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FOR THE MOVEMENT TO FRANCE THE 563RD SIGNAL AIRCRAFT WARNING BATTALION WAS BROKEN DOWN INTO THIRTEEN ECHELONS. SINCE THE EXPERIENCES OF THE FIRST ECHELON ARE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE OTHER TWELVE ECHELONS, THE ACCOUNT OF THE TRIP ACROSS THE CHANNELL WILL DEAL EXCLUSIVELY WITH THIS ECHELON.

AT APPROXIMATELY EIGHT O'CLOCK ON JUNE 30TH OUR SERIAL NUMBER CAME BLARING OUT OVER THE PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM, AND WE KNEW THAT WE WOULD SOON BE ON OUR WAY. UPON ARRIVAL AT THE DOCKS IN SOUTHHAMPTON, WE REGISTERED AND THEN RETIRED TO A CORNER OF THE DOCK TO AWAIT A CALL TO BOARD THE SHIP. WHILE WAITING WE ATE AND THEN SAT AROUND SPECULATING AS TO WHAT KIND OF BOAT WE WERE TO MAKE THE CROSSING IN.

FINALLY, THE CALL CAME AND WE FOUND OURSELVES FILING UP THE THE GANGPLANK ONTO A LIBERTY SHIP NAMED THE 'EMPIRE BATTLEAXE'. AS EACH MAN STEPPED ONTO THE GNAGPLANK, HE RECEIVED TWO DOUGHNUTS FROM AN ATTRACTIVE RED CROSS GIRL. AFTER DROPPING OUR EQUIPMENT IN THE COMPARTMENTS ASSIGNED TO US, WE ALL MANAGED TO FIND OUR WAY UP ON DECK. WHILE UP THERE ALL OF US CAUGHT A GLIMPSE OF DAVID NIVEN, THE FORMER CINEMA STAR, WHO WAS ALSO ON BOARD. SOME ENTERPRISING G.I.'S EVEN APPROACHED HIM TO GET HIS AUTOGRAPH.

EARLY IN THE MORNING OF JULY 1ST THE EMPIRE BATTLEAXE NOSED OUT INTO THE CHANNEL IN THE DIRECTION OF FRANCE WITH ITS BARRAGE BALLOON HOVERING OVERHEAD. MOST OF US ON SEEING THE BALLOON WERE REMINDED OF A CHILD AT THE FAIR PARADING DOWN THE MIDWAY WITH A SILVER BALLOON IN TOW.

THE TRIP ACROSS THE CHANNEL WAS QUIET AND UNEVENTFUL. THE DAY WORE ON, GRAY WITH THE THREAT OF RAIN. OCCASIONALLY A PLANE FLEW OVER OR A CORVETTE SPED BY US AS THOUGH WE WERE STANDING STILL.

IN THE MIDDLE OF THE AFTERNOON THE COAST OF NORMANDY LOOMED UP AHEAD OF US. AS WE DREW CLOSER THE MORE VISIBLE EFFECTS OF THE GREATEST MILITARY OPERATION IN HISTORY BECAME APPARENT TO US. THE HULKS OF MANY BOATS WERE BARELY SEEN JUTTING ABOVE THE WATER. OFF TO OUR LEFT WAS A LONG LINE OF SHIPS EVENLY SPACED, LISTING, SOME TO THE PORT, OTHERS TO THE STARBOARD. IT SEEMED INCREDIBLE THAT THIS COULD HAVE BEEN THE RESULT OF ENEMY ACTION. WE WERE THEN INFORMED BY ONE OF THE SHIP'S OFFICERS THAT THIS HAD BEEN DONE DELIBERATELY TO FORM A BREAKWATER AND PERMIT SMALLER CRAFT TO OPERATE INSIDE IT.

AFTER WHAT SEEMED AN INTERMINABLE LENGTH OF TIME, WE WERE FINALLY LOADED ONTO LANDING CRAFT AND SPEEDING TOWARD THE BEACH. THE BEACH WAS LITTERED WITH LANDING CRAFT OF ALL DESCRIPTIONS.

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IN THE CLIFF FACING THE CHANNEL COULD BE SEEN FORMER GERMAN GUN EMPLACEMENTS. THESE, COUPLED WITH THE BLASTED AND WRECKED LANDING CRAFT GAVE US SOME IDEA OF THE HELL THAT RAGED UP AND DOWN THIS BEACH ON "D" DAY. JERRY HAD BEEN ATTACKED AND DEFEATED AT THIS POINT, FANTASTIC AND IMPOSSIBLE AS IT SEEMED.

WE DISEMBARKED ON FLOATING DOCKS, MARCHED UP THESE AND ONTO THE OMAHA BEACH. ONCE ON SHORE WE MARCHED PARALLEL TO THE CHANNEL ABOUT 100 YARDS AND THEN TURNED RIGHT TO ASCEND A STEEP HILL. BY THIS TIME IT WAS RAINING, AND THE PATH LEADING UP WAS TURNED INTO A GREASED SLIDING BOARD. AFTER MUCH SLIPPING AND SLIDING, AND CURSING OUR PACKS WE FINALLY NEGOTIATED THE HILL. WHEN WE FINALLY CAUGHT OUR BREATHS EVERY MAN WAS STRUCK BY THE SAME THOUGHT, "WE ONLY HAD TO CLIMB IT, BUT THE INFANTRY HAD TO CLIMB AND FIGHT UP IT."

THAT NIGHT WE PITCHED OUR PUP TENTS AT THE TRANSIT AREA, OPENED OUR "K" RATIONS, AND SETTLED DOWN. THE NEXT MORNING 2 JULY 44, WE ENTRUCKED AND WERE DRIVEN TO CRIQUEVILLE, BASE OF THE 70TH FIGHTER WING. CERTAIN ELEMENTS OF THE 100TH FIGHTER WING TO WHOM WE ARE ASSIGNED WERE ALREADY HERE.

DURING THE NEXT WEEK, THE REMAINING ECHELONS OF THE 563RD SIGNAL AIRCRAFT WARNING BATTALION JOINED US AT CRIQUEVILLE, FROM HERE WE MOVED ALONG WITH THE 100TH FIGHTER WING TO A LOCATION NEAR ST. PIERRE EGLISE.

AT THE TERMINATION OF THE TRIP THE MORALE OF THE BATTALION WAS HOLDING UP ADMIRABLY AND NOTHING COULD BE ASKED OF THE MEN.

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1. DURING THE MONTH OF JULY, OPERATING UNDER TO/ AND E 11-400, THERE WERE NO MAJOR TRANSFERS WITHIN OR WITHOUT THE UNIT.

INCOMING PERSONNEL TO THE BATTALION DURING THE MONTH ARE AS FOLLOWS:

MAJOR JULIUS L. LEVY, MC, O-285918
T/SGT EUGENE KIIMALEHTO, 32977505 (097)
T/SGT WILLIAM N. MILLER, 35685340 (097)

THERE WERE NO OUTGOING PERSONNEL DURING THIS PERIOD.

MAJOR LEVY CAME INTO THE BATTALION TO FILL THE GAP LEFT BY THE DEPARTURE OF MAJOR VENAR DURING JUNE, IN THE CAPACITY OF BATTALION SURGEON.

2. THE STRENGTH OF THE ORGANIZATION AT THE CLOSE OF THE MONTH WAS 74 OFFICERS AND 938 ENLISTED MEN, A DECREASE OF ONE OFFICER AND TEN ENLISTED MEN.

3. ON JULY 2ND COMPOSITE COMPANIES B AND C LEFT LASHENDEN, KENT, ENGLAND, DESTINED FOR FRANCE. 4 JULY 44 WITNESSED THE DEPARTURE OF HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY FOR THE SAME DESTINATION. A COMPANY FINALLY REACHED FRANCE ON THE 4TH OF JULY; B COMPANY AND C COMPANY ARRIVED ON THE 5TH, HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY BRINGING UP THE REAR ON THE 10TH. COMPANY A SITUATED AT HELLEVILLE ON THE 10TH; COMPANY B AT RAVENOVILLE ON THE 9TH; COMPANY C AT BARNEVILLE ON THE 10TH; AND HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY AT ST. PIERRE EGLISE ON THE 13 TH OF JULY. THUS THE BATTALION FINALLY ARRIVED IN ITS ENTIRETY.

4. CASUALTIES WERE SUFFERED AS FOLLOWS:

7 JULY 1944 - PFC CLYDE CLARK, 35685016, AND PVT DOUGLAS VOLL, 39125915, COMPANY C, WERE TAMPERING WITH A HAND GRENADE WHEN IT EXPLODED. CLARK WAS INJURED SERIOUSLY WITH BURNS ON THE HANDS AND FACE AND WAS EVACUATED. VOLL WAS ONLY SLIGHTLY INJURED, HOWEVER, AND WAS RETURNED TO DUTY AFTER ONE WEEK IN THE HOSPITAL. BOTH INJURIES WERE INCURRED NOT IN LINE OF DUTY AS PER STATEMENT OF INVESTIGATING OFFICER, 1ST LT DONALD W. HOBBS.

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18 JULY 1944. - ONE OFFICER, 1ST LT LEWIS F. JANEK, O-1642231, AND THREE ENLISTED MEN, T/SGTS ALLEN D. KIMMEL, 39269640, AND ELMER M. MAPP, 6399692, AND TEC 4 ROBERT L. HINMAN, JR., 36369814, HIT AN ANTI-TANK MINE AT LAMBERT ZONE #ONE - TARE-Ø459Ø2. KIMMEL AND HINMAN WERE KILLED INSTANTLY AND LATER BURIED AT 2200, 18 JULY 44, AT THE LA FARGE CEMETERY NEAR ST. MERE EGLISE. LT JANEK AND T/SGT MAPP WERE SERIOUSLY INJURED AND TAKEN TO THE 101ST EVACUATION HOSPITAL, APO 403. LT JANEK HAD MANAGED TO MAKE CONTACT BY WALKING FIVE MILES TO COMPOSITE COMPANY C EVEN THOUGH SERIOUSLY INJURED AT THE TIME. 1ST LT. JOSEPH H. EICHBAUM, COMPANY C, WITH DISREGARD TO PERSONAL SAFETY WENT THROUGH THE MINED AREA AND BROUGHT OUT SGT MAPP.

19 JULY 1944.- CPL JOHN J. KILLS-IN-WATER, 37462503, RETURNING FROM BATTALION HEADQUARTERS TO GROUND OBSERVER SITE, HIT A SOFT SHOULDER ON THE ROAD AT A CURVE AND HIS THREE-QUARTER TON TRUCK OVERTURNED. THE ENLISTED MAN WAS PINNED UNDER THE TRUCK FOR FIFTEEN MINUTES BEFORE HELP ARRIVED. HIS CASE WAS DIAGNOSED AS SERIOUS INJURY AND HE WAS TRANSFERRED TO THE 12TH FIELD HOSPITAL.

20 JULY 1944. - SGT ERNEST R. SCOTT, 35048467, COMPANY A, ON OCCUPYING A SITE PREVIOUSLY USED BY ENEMY FORCES ACCIDENTALLY SET OFF THE FUSE OF A 20 MM. DETONATOR CAUSING SERIOUS INJURY TO HIS ABDOMEN. SGT SCOTT WAS TRANSFERRED TO THE 12TH FIELD HOSPITAL.

21 JULY 1944. MAJOR MAURICE E. BYRNE, O-341435, 1ST LT HAROLD E WAECKERLE, O-1642684, AND TEC 5 ALFRED W. WADL, 36613451, WERE INJURED IN A FIRE IN THE OPERATIONS VAN CAUSED BY A DEFECTIVE HOT WATER HEATER. LT WAECKERLE WAS SERIOUSLY BURNED ON THE FACE AND HANDS, STAYED IN THE HOSPITAL FOR TEN DAYS AND RETURNED TO DUTY.

5. THERE WERE NO PRESENTATIONS MADE TO PERSONNEL OF THIS BATTALION DURING THE MONTH OF JULY.

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THE MISSION OF THIS BATTALION AFTER REACHING FRANCE WAS TO FURNISH AIR WARNING SERVICE FOR THE THIRD ARMY. AFTER SWINGING INTO OPERATION IN FRANCE WE WERE OPERATING UNDER THE IX TACTICAL AIR COMMAND. NO FLIGHTS WERE CONTROLLED AND THE MORALE OF THE MEN DROPPED AFTER FINDING THAT THEIR TRAINING IN AIR WARNING PROCEDURE AND THE INFORMATION DERIVED THEREFROM WAS NOT BEING OF ANY USE. AFTER THE AIR WARNING INFORMATION WAS USED THE MORALE WAS BOOSTED.

AT THE END OF THE MONTH THE MEN KNEW THAT SOON WE WOULD REALLY BE PUTTING THE BEST OF USE TO ALL INFORMATION WE COULD RECEIVE.

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AUGUST 1944

HEADQUARTERS
563RD SIGNAL AIRCRAFT WARNING BATTALION
APO 141 US ARMY

D/rn

11 October 44.

SUBJECT : Transmittal of Unit Historical Report for August.

TO : Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command, APO 141, US Army.
ATTN: A-2 Section.

1. Transmitted herewith in compliance with with letter, headquarters, Ninth Air Force, File No. 314.7, Subject: "Official and Popular Histories of the Ninth Air Force," dated 22 November 1943, and XIX Tactical Air Command Memorandum Number 20-1, dated 5 February 1944, as amended by Memorandum Number 20-1A, dated 29 February 1944, the Historical Report for the 563rd Signal Aircraft Warning Battalion for the month of August.

2. Delay necessitated due to move of headquarters and joining with the 19th Tactical Control Group (Provisional).

For the Commanding Officer:

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1. During the month of August, operating under TO/ and E 11-400, There were many transfers within and without the organization, most of them being of a minor nature.

"U" Team Number 3, of Company D, this battalion, was attached to Headquarters and Headquarters Company for administration and duty. Status: DS at Station 476, AUTh: VOCG, XIX Tactical Air Command, Per par 1, SO 93, dtd 6 August 44.

Ground Observer platoon was attached to Composite Company A from Headquarters and Headquarters Company for quarters, rations, and tactical employment, per par 2, SO 94, this battalion, 10 August 44.

Sgt Anthony J. Vivaldi, 32764417, (514), reported in compliance with par 5 SO 144, Headquarters 20th RCD (Avn), cs, APO 149, US Army, and was assigned to Composite Company C.

Major Yasha A. Venar, O-312162, MC, reported in compliance with par 14 SO 223, Headquarters 13th RCD (Avn), cs, APO 149, US Army, and was assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company.

S/Sgt Thomas L. O' Grady, 32388717, (070), reported in compliance with par 9, SO 75, Headquarters XIX Tactical Air Command, cs, APO 141, US Army, and was assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, and later assigned to Composite Company A.

Tec 5 Elmer E. Stoven, 37322482, (931), was reduced to the grade of private for inefficiency per par 7 SO 99, this battalion, dtd 13 Aug 44.

Eleven (11) enlisted men, par 1 SO 102, 22 August 44, reported in compliance with par 11 SO 77, Headquarters XIX Tactical Air Command, APO 141, US Army, and were assigned to Composite Company C.

Pvt Thomas I. Maher, 16003760, (521), and Pvt John A. Pacheco, 31093380, (345), reported in compliance with par 11 SO 77, Headquarters XIX Tactical Air Command, APO 141, US Army, and were assigned to Composite Company C, later assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company.

Pvt Bartolo C. DeFranco, 32444257, (590), and Pvt Harold F. Parker, 31233037, (590), were assigned per Par 6, SO 86, Headquarters XIX Tactical Air Command, APO 141, US Army, and further assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company. Status - enroute to join.

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2. The strength of the organization at the close of the month was fifty four (54) officers, six (6) warrant officers, and seven hundred and sixty one (761) enlisted men assigned. One (1) officer and twenty nine (29) enlisted men attached to this battalion from the 564rd Signal Aircraft Warning Battalion. Company D, of this organization, is attached to the 564th Signal Aircraft Warning Battalion.

3. The list of all changes of station are as follows, and dates of moves are included with the possible exception of some of the ground observer posts which move so often that continuous watch over them is next to impossible.

UNIT	GRID COORDINATE	DATE OCCUPIED	DATE DEPARTED
Bn Hq	O-292253	1 August 44	6 August 44
	X-932447	6 August 44	27 August 44
	V-554655	27 August 44	
FDP 4	O-363283	1 August 44	8 August 44
	Y-111499	8 August 44	27 August 44
	V-600595	27 August 44	
LW 4	N-985095	1 August 44	8 August 44
	Y-144578	8 August 44	15 August 44
	S-168204	15 August 44	28 August 44
	V-924748	28 August 44	
GO 4 - S	O-333223	1 August 44	8 August 44
	Y-359797	8 August 44	
	R-588336		
- T	O-234231	1 August 44	8 August 44
	Y-323987	8 August 44	
	R-532452		
- U	o-400280	1 August 44	8 August 44
	Y-278684	8 August 44	
	R-720399		
- V	O-192245	1 August 44	8 August 44
	Y-493836	8 August 44	
	R-758309		
- W	O-318297	1 August 44	8 August 44
	Y-427884	8 August 44	
	R-672219		
FDP 1	O-025145	1 August 44	4 August 44
	T-182078	4 August 44	25 August 44
	Q-967108	25 August 44	27 August 44
	Q-951121	27 August 44	
LW 1	N-947287	1 August 44	8 August 44
	Y-416908	8 August 44	15 August 44
	Y-018892	15 August 44	27 August 44
	W-328862	27 August 44	

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UNIT	GRID COORDINATE	DATE OCCUPIED	DATE DEPARTED
GO 1 - A	O-010278	1 August 44	8 August 44
	Y-014689	8 August 44	
	X-931938		
	R-213154		
- B	N-988223	1 August 44	8 August 44
	X-928895	8 August 44	
	X-850900		
	R-175434		
- C	N-912286	1 August 44	8 August 44
	X-888615	8 August 44	
	X-864859		
	R-148559		
- D	O-059270	1 August 44	8 August 44
	X-826740	8 August 44	
	X-865978		
	R-288568		
- F	N-980326	1 August 44	8 August 44
	Y-159620	8 August 44	
	X-835744		
	R-384515		
FDP 2	O-385009	1 August 44	6 August 44
	X-945498	6 August 44	11 August 44
	Y-605340	11 August 44	17 August 44
	Z-342318	17 August 44	26 August 44
	V-513680	26 August 44	30 August 44
	W-480583	30 August 44	
LW 2	O-349142	1 August 44	7 August 44
	X-766438	7 August 44	12 August 44
	Y-674387	12 August 44	20 August 44
	V-650777	20 August 44	25 August 44
	W-288571	25 August 44	28 August 44
GO 2 - G	O-406034	1 August 44	7 August 44
	X-767437	7 August 44	
- H	O-364110	1 August 44	7 August 44
	X-767437	7 August 44	
- J	T-443980	1 August 44	7 August 44
	X-767437	7 August 44	
- K	O-423181	1 August 44	7 August 44
	X-767437	7 August 44	
- L	O-298073	1 August 44	7 August 44
	X-767437	7 August 44	
FDP 3	T-071918	1 August 44	7 August 44
	X-987437	7 August 44	13 August 44
	O-399938	13 August 44	26 August 44
	P-963877	26 August 44	
LW 3	O-218044	1 August 44	7 August 44
	X-987403	7 August 44	16 August 44
	O-743801	17 August 44	26 August 44
	L-143889	26 August 44	

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GO 3 - M	X-996943	1 August 44	8 August 44
	X-983436	8 August 44	17 August 44
	O-765785	17 August 44	
- O	O-040079	1 August 44	8 August 44
	X-995421	8 August 44	17 August 44
	O-643828	17 August 44	
- P	N-942116	1 August 44	8 August 44
	X-975446	8 August 44	17 August 44
	O-781843	17 August 44	
- Q	N-973057	1 August 44	8 August 44
	X-998443	8 August 44	17 August 44
	O-862831	17 August 44	
- R	T-105983	1 August 44	8 August 44
	X-981423	8 August 44	17 August 44
	O-636773	17 August 44	

4. There were no losses in action or casualties during the month of August.

5. Lt. Joseph Henry Eichbaum, O-1647865, Signal Corps, Composite Company C, 563rd Signal Aircraft Warning Battalion, was awarded the Soldier's Medal for heroism at Portbail, France, on the 18th of July 1944. Per authority contained in General Order Number 23, Headquarters, XIX Tactical Air Command, 14 August 1944. (copies of General Order attached).

6. During the month the following changes in officers' duties were announced:

1st Lt. William A. Wright was appointed as Battalion Soldier Voting Officer.

Capt. Joseph D. Goldberg was appointed as Battalion Graves Registration Officer, additional duty.

1st Lt. Harold E. Waeckerly was appointed as Battalion Investigating Officer, vice 1st Lt. Paul E. Rapp, relieved. Lt. Waeckerle was also appointed as Battalion Gas Officer, vice Lt. Rapp, relieved.

1st Lt. Paul E. Rapp, was relieved as Battalion Defense Officer.

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Battalion Headquarters, of the 563rd Signal Aircraft Warning Battalion, moved from St.Pierre Eglise, O-292253, on the 6th of August 1944, to X-932447, near Blossac. The Headquarters was placed out in front of the infantry front lines. Determination to make good was shown by all men knowing that now their assigned mission must be performed with results. This Headquarters was set up approximately ten miles south of the city of Rennes. The Ground Controlled Interception unit, and the Light Warning Platoon of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, was deployed northeast and east of Rennes to provide air warning for installations in the vicinity of Rennes.

After many days of working in this vicinity the advance headquarters was moved to V-554655, near Montfort, on the 27th of August. The headquarters was in operation a few hours after reaching the site.

Forward Director Post #1 moved from o-025145, near Helleville, to T-182078, near Pontorson, on the 4th of August. This FDP #1 set up as an FCC (Fighter Control Center) and forward director post and reporting directly into the XIX Tactical Air Command center. The Controllers at this site controlled approximately seven hundred sorties at this site. Ground Observer Post #4 (attached to this battalion from the 561th Signal AW Battalion) was attached to this company to furnish additional ground information. Several prisoners of war were taken by the men of this company and Ground Observer Post #4.

On the 25th of August, FDP #1, moved to Q-967108, but due to rapid advances of the ground forces it was evident that another move would be made immediately. Ground Observer Post #4 worked with FDP #1 for the entire month of August.

Forward Director Post ##2 received orders to move from O-385009, near Ravenoville, on the sixth of August on X-945498, and another move was made on the eleventh of August to V-605340. On the seventeenth, to Z-342318. During the month of August it was approved due to the existing necessity of an advance fighter control center to operate the battalion on moves by leapfrog method, FDP #2 would be set up to operate as an FCC and an FDP as well. On the 25th of August an advance fighter control center was set up at V-554655 near Montfort for its first try as an FCC. A temporary move was made to W-480583 on the 30th of August 1944.

Forward Director Post #3 was moved from three miles southeast of Barneville, T-071918, to two miles east of Bruz, Z-987437. The Thirteenth of August, another move was made to Le Pin or four miles northwest of Cande, O-399938.

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At this site, FDP #3 suffered a disasterous fire which destroyed one of the Diesels, which furnish power for the radar. This occurring on the 15th of August. Also, the good with the bad, a new radar, with crew to operate was assigned to this company. The new radar was operated by 1st Lt. Clarence A. Wetherill. The next move of this forward director post was to Chateau-Renault, P-963877, about fifteen miles from Tours.

Company D, of this battalion, was attached to the IX Air Defense Command for Tactical employment. One platoon of this company was returned to England for special training in radar and upon completion of training would return to this battalion for tactical mission

This battalion underwent many moves during this month but even with shortage of transportation vehicles were loaned from one company to another and all moves were made in a most expeditious manner.

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XIX TACTICAL AIR COMMAND

APO 1h1, U S Army,
1h August 19hh.

GENERAL ORDERS)
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NUMBER 23)

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SECTION III: AWARD OF PURPLE HEART
SECTION IV: SOLDIER'S MEDAL - AWARDS
SECTION V: RESCISSIONS TO GENERAL ORDERS.

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SECTION IV

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 2 July 1926, (Bull. 8, WD 1926), and in accordance with authority delegated by the War Department and Ninth Air Force, a Soldier's MEDAL is awarded to the following named officer and enlisted man:

a. JOSEPH HENRY EICHBAUM, 01647865, First Lieutenant, Signal Corps, Composite Company "C", 563rd Signal Aircraft Warning Battalion, for heroism at Portbail, France, on 18 July 19hh. Upon receiving information of a explosion resulting from a United States vehicle setting off a mine, Lieutenant Eichbaum led a rescue party to within sight of the accident, and when members of the party cautioned him to go no further without a mine detector, he personally led two medical corps men to a seriously wounded man and expeditiously transferred him to a hospital. The danger and risk of life involved in Lieutenant Eichbaum's act was later substantiated by a search of the area through which he passed, revealing anti-personnel mines and anti-tank mines within inches of his path. Lieutenant Eichbaum's heroic action undoubtedly saved the life of the wounded man since he nearly died from loss of blood and severe shock.

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By command of Brigadier General WEYLAND:

RANDOLPH P. WILLIAMS
Colonel, Air Corps,
Chief of Staff.

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/s/ W.L. KIDD
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HEADQUARTERS
563RD SIGNAL AIRCRAFT WARNING BATTALION
APO 141 US ARMY

D/rn

11 Oct 44.

SUBJECT : Transmittal of Unit Historical Report

TO : Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command, APO 141, US Army. (Attn: A-2 Section)

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HISTORICAL REPORT
OF THE 563RD SIGNAL AW BN
FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 1944

COMPILED BY:

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1. During the month of September, operating under TO/ and E 11-400, there were no major transfers within or without the unit.

(a) The following transfers and changes took place during the month:

pfc William R. Arnold 15062078
Pvt Marshall H. Levine 11107234
Pvt Tony S. Oliver 33019714
Pvt Francis A. Reinboldt 16134424

Above enlisted men reported in compliance w/ par 11 SO 77, XIX Tactical Command, cs, APO 141, US Army, and were assigned to Composite Company C. All are listed as (590), Duty Soldier.

Sgt Louis C. Kondas, 33310704
Cpl Frank J. Niemiec, 33249581
Pvt Joe Blakeney, 6399816
Pvt George E. Keller, 33690027
Pvt Bernice O. Owens, 35669973
Pvt Paul Paluzzi, 12037939
Pvt Thomas I. Maher, 16003760
Pvt John A. Pacheco, 31093380
Pvt Raymond C. Washington, 11097003.

Above enlisted men reported in compliance with par 11 SO 77, XIX Tactical Air Command, cs, APO 141, US Army, and were assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company. All are listed as duty soldiers with the exception of Pacheco who is a (345) light truck driver.

The following named enlisted men, of Company D, this battalior, were attached to Headquarters and Headquarters Company for rations, quarters, administration and dutyon the 3 September 1944:

T/4 Raymond A. Cibula	35519007	(766)	T/5 Robert Gentry	38426525	(766)
Sgt Lucious Patton	34502658	(824)	Pfc Benjamin Waniak	32909839	(766)
T/4 Howard Rogers	39120579	(766)	Pvt Charles Skinner	37666726	(931)
Cpl Norman Herman	32570550	(766)	Pvt Teddy Zmuda	36637016	(766)
Cpl George Nicholas	39407636	(766)	Pvt Philip Denbow	31318029	(931)
T/5 Ernest Shaw	34727892	(060)	Pvt Frankie J. Volcko	12167120	(766)
T/5 Benjamin Montalvo	32621610	(060)	Pvt Joseph Maynard	11116083	(931)
T/5 Linwood Cochran	34612185	(060)	Pvt Ronald Langer	32095704	(060)

Pvt Johnny LaMacchia 33374228 (931)

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Under the provisions of AR 615-5, as amended 30 June 1943, and upon recommendation of his Organization Commander, the following named enlisted men are reduced to the grade of private, for cause, on the 10th of September 1944:

Tec 5 Eugene A. Thomas 39233349 (245)
Pfc Frank P. Rocco 36621899 (245)

Pvt William H. Rasner, 18045612, (345), having been assigned to this organization in compliance w/par 2, so 89, XIX Tactical Air Command, APO 141, US Army, was assigned to Composite Company A.

Pfc Lewis McCoy, 38250123 (590), having been aasigned to this organization per par 11, SO 92, XIX Tactical Air Command, APO 141, US Army, is assigned to Company A.

Pvt Earl G. Brink, 371611465 (824), having been assigned to this organization per par 6 SO 91, XIX Tactical Air Command, APO 141, US Army, was assigned to Company B.

Tec 5 Charles J. Farren, 33476672, (766) of Company C, was released from attachment to Company B, and further attached to Headquarters and Headquarters Company for quarters, rations and duty.

The Ground Observer Platoon, commander by 2nd Lt. JIMMIE P. DUNCAN, 01644945, were released from attachment to composite Company A, and attached to Headquarters and Headquarters Company for quarters, rations, and tactical employment. Platoon consists of one (1) officer, and twenty nine (29) enlisted men, 18 September 1944.

Two (2) officers and thirty three (33) enlisted men of Company D, were attached to Headquarters and Headquarters Company for administration, and duty. Status: DS to RAF Station, Milfield, England. Upon completion of duty, to return to Station 476. Auth: Par 8, SO 72, XIX Tactical Air Command, cs, APO 141, US Army.

Two (2) officers and four (4) enlisted men, of Company D, were attached to Headquarters and Headquarters Company for administration and duty. Status: DS to RAF, B.B.R.L., Great Malvern, Worcestershire, England. Upon completion of duty to return to Station 476. Same authority as above paragraph.

Four (4) enlisted men, of Company D, this battalion, were attached to Headquarters and Headquarters Company for administration and duty. Status: DS to Ninth Air Defense Command, VOCG.

2nd Lt. LOLAN E. NUNLEY, 0873079, AC, reported in compliance w/par 5, so 106, XIX Tactical Air Command, APO 141, and was attached to Headquarters and Headquarters Company for rations, quarters, and duty.

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Pvt Mervin W. Swigart, 37565514, (514), was assigned per par 11 SO 151, Headquarters, 20th RCD (Avn), 24 August 44, and was further assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company.

2nd Lt. SILVARE A. SELLING, 0682680, AC, was attached to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, for quarters, rations, and duty. Status: Enroute to join. (compliance w/par 4 SO 107, Headquarters, XIX Tactical Air Command, APO 141, US Army).

(b) Ground Controlled Interception Station of Headquarters and Headquarters Company was changed to the new designation of Forward Director Post #4, with Light Warning #4 and Ground Observer #4 (attached to this battalion from the 564th Signal Aircraft Warning Battalion) reporting in to the Forward Director Post.

(c) The 738th Signal Aircraft Warning Company, MEW, was included in the battalion net of signal aircraft warning control and reporting into the Fighter Control Center.

2. The strength of the organization at the close of the month was fifty three (53) officers and six (6) warrant officers, and seven hundred and sixty-three (763) enlisted men. One (1) officer, and twenty nine (29) enlisted men attached to this battalion from the 564th Signal Aircraft Warning Battalion. Four (4) officers and fifty eight (58) enlisted men of the 563rd Signal Aircraft Warning Battalion, are attached to the Ninth Air Defense Command.

3. The list of all changes of station are as follows, and dates of moves are included with the possible exception of some of the ground observer posts which move so often that continuous watch over them is next to impossible.

UNIT	GRID COORDINATE	DATE OCCUPIED	DATE DEPARTED
Bn Hq	X-932447	6 August 44	27 August 44
	V-551655	27 August 44	5 Sept 44
	X-502944 (adv)	5 Sept 44	17 Sept 44
	U-510460	14 Sept 44	
FDP 4	Y-111499	8 August 44	27 August 44
	V-600595	27 August 44	
lw 4	Y-144578	8 August 44	28 August 44
	V-924748	28 August 44	22 Sept 44
	U-819079	22 ?Sept 44	
GO 4 - S	Y-359797	8 August 44	
	R-588336		
	X-723635		
	U-830170		
	U-833289	2 Oct 44	
- T	Y-323987	8 August 44	
	R-532452		
	Y-577933		
	V-810120		
	U-817316	2 Oct 44	

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GO 4 - U	Y-278684	8 August 44	
	R-720399		
	Y-512831		
	U-910160		
- V	Y-493836	8 August 44	
	R-758309		
	Y-512831		
	U-816119		
	U-908151		
- W	Y-427884	8 August 44	
	R-672219		
	X-820112		
	U-990040		
	U-916223		
FDP 1	T-182078	4 August 44	25 August 44
	Q-967108	25 August 44	27 August 44
	Q-951121	27 August 44	2 Sept 44
	X-783920	2 Sept 44	13 Sept 44
	U-500731	13 Sept 44	
LW 1	Y-416908	8 August 44	25 August 44
	Y-018892	25 August 44	27 August 44
	W-328862	27 August 44	13 Sept 44
	Y-689951	13 Sept 44	25 Sept 44
	U-685894	25 Sept 44	
GO 1 - A	Y-014689	8 August 44	
	X-931938		
	R-213154		
	S-165026		
	U-702736	28 Sept 44	
- B	X-928895	8 August 44	
	X-850900		
	R-175434		
	T-067958		
	U-803719		
- C	X-888615	8 August 44	
	X-864859		
	R-148559		
	S-249051		
	U-815772		
- D	X-826740	8 ZAugust 44	
	X-865978		
	R-288568		
	S-178939		
	U-825888		
- F	X-159620	8 August 44	
	X-835744		
	R-384515		
	T-980049		
	U-757680		

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UNIT	GRID COORDINATE	DATE OCCUPIED	DATE DEPARTED
FDP 2	X-945498	6 August 44	11 August 44
	Y-605340	11 August 44	17 August 44
	Z-342318	17 August 44	26 August 44
	V-513680	26 August 44	30 August 44
	W-480583	30 August 44	1 Sept 44
	X-502948	1 Sept 44	12 Sept 44
	U-538448	12 Sept 44	
LW 2	X-766438	7 August 44	12 August 44
	Y-674387	12 August 44	20 August 44
	V-650777	20 August 44	25 August 44
	W-288571	25 August 44	28 August 44
	V-945606	28 August 44	1 Sept 44
	X-830692	1 Sept 44	5 Sept 44
	U-649454	5 Sept 44	12 Sept 44
	U-649454	12 Sept 44	
GO 2 - G	X-767437	7 August 44	5 Sept 44
	Y-210743	5 Sept 44	12 Sept 44
	U-726437	12 Sept 44	
- H	X-767437	7 August 44	5 Sept 44
	Y-293838	5 Sept 44	12 Sept 44
	U-738426	12 Sept 44	
- J	X-767437	7 August 44	5 Sept 44
	Y-360800	5 Sept 44	27 Sept 44
	U-790458	27 Sept 44	
- K	X-767437	7 August 44	5 Sept 44
	Y-332724	5 Sept 44	22 Sept 44
	U-785353	22 Sept 44	
- L	X-767437	7 August 44	5 Sept 44
	Y-300675	5 Sept 44	27 Sept 44
	U-816307	27 Sept 44	30 Sept 44
	U-731520	30 Sept 44	
FDP 3	X-987437	7 August 44	13 August 44
	O-399938	13 August 44	26 August 44
	P-963877	26 August 44	21 Sept 44
	P-826097	22 Sept 44	22 Sept 44
	P-835100	22 Sept 44	
LW 3	X-987403	7 August 44	16 August 44
	O-417489	16 August 44	26 August 44
	L-143889	26 August 44	25 Sept 44
	U-740980	25 Sept 44	29 Sept 44
	P-857312	29 Sept 44	
GO 3 - M	X-983436	8 August 44	17 August 44
	O-765785	17 August 44	23 Sept 44
	P-869109	23 Sept 44	28 Sept 44
	P-928061	28 Sept 44	
- O	X-995421	8 August 44	17 August 44
	O-643828	17 August 44	23 Sept 44
	P-919130	23 Sept 44	28 Sept 44
	P-971131	28 Sept 44	29 Sept 44
	P-927067	29 Sept 44	

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GO 3 - P	X-975446	8 August 44	17 August 44
	O-781843	17 August 44	23 Sept 44
	P-924066	23 Sept 44	28 Sept 44
	P-995142	28 Sept 44	
- Q	X-998443	8 August 44	17 August 44
	O-862831	17 August 44	23 Sept 44
	P-874055	23 Sept 44	28 Sept 44
	P-927067	28 Sept 44	29 Sept 44
	P-989038	29 Sept 44	
- R	X-981432	8 August 44	17 August 44
	O-636773	17 August 44	23 Sept 44
	P-919130	23 Sept 44	28 Sept 44
	P-925095	28 Sept 44	
FDP 5 (MEW) (738th SAW CO)	U-555395	25 Sept 44	

4. There were no losses in action or casualties during the month of September.

5. The following awards of Bronze Star Medal to PFC William Albert Wittman, 32781466, MC, and Tec 5 Joseph S. Detwiler, 35531802, MC, Composite Company C, 563rd Signal Aircraft Warning Battalion, APO 141, US Army, were made on 26 September 1944. (copies of General Order Number 33, Headquarters, XIX Tactical Air Command, (extract), are attached).

6. During the month the following changes in officers' duties were announced:

2nd Lt Viergever was released as battalion PX officer, and 1st Lt William A. Wright was appointed as replacement therefor.

1st Lt Robert O. Shurke was appointed as Air Inspector, 1st Lt John J. Reynolds as Administrative Inspector, and 1st Lt Harold E. Waeckerle as Technical Inspector.

2nd Lt Richard L. Viergever was appointed Battalion Communications Officer, vice 1st Lt Lewis F. Janek reld during the month of July due to injuries.

1st Lt John E. Nolan, appointed to the Battalion Post Exchange Council, vice 1st Lt Paul E. Rapp, reld.

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The Battalion Headquarters of the 563rd Signal Aircraft Warning Battalion was located at Montfort, V-554655, near LeMans, on the 1st of September 1944. On the fifth, an advance headquarters was sent from LeMans to x-502948. On the fourteenth of September, Rear Battalion Headquarters received orders to move to U-510460, near Vigneulles, and the Advanced Headquarters at X-502948 joined the rest of the battalion near Vigneulles on the 17th of the month.

This battalion was in support of the Third Army and its advances were so rapid until moves were very often within the battalion by the leapfrog method.

GCI and LW 4 operated near battalion headquarters. Ground Observer #4 was attached to composite Company A to furnish additional Ground information for the rapid army advances. On September 15th, GO #4 was attached to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, and made a part of Forward Director Post #4, further assigned for ground observation for said FDP's vicinity.

Company A - On 3 September 1944, Composite Company A, of the 563rd moved from Madeleine, Q-951121, to Villiers, X-783920, a distance of approximately one hundred and fifty miles. However, the Third Army was advancing so rapidly that it was soon apparant that another move was in the offing if we were to supply the type of information that the forward director was designed for.

The expected order to move was forwarded to us on the night of September 11, and early the next morning, Company A was on the road and enroute to its new site, which was located three miles northeast of Etain, U-500731. By six o'clock PM, September 12th the forward director post was set up and operational.

Our light warning platoon has been moved twice since we have occupied this site. The present location of the LW Platoon is at Ludelange, P-792087, about twenty air miles northeast of the FDP. This site was occupied by LW on 6th of October.

The ground observers, who make up an integral part of FDP 1, are deployed along the Moselle River, covering the area from Metz north to Thionville, France. The GO's are valuable because they are able to establish positive identification of aircraft, and also because they can spot enemy ground movements in the vicinity of besieged Metz.

During the latter part of September, the controllers who are on detached service from the 312th Fighter Control Squadron, have been controlling an increasing amount of flights. The controllers welcome this sort of activity, for they are the same men who controlled approximately 700 sorties back at one of our positions in the vicinity of Mont St. Michel, France.

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Company B - This company was attached to the 100th Fighter Wing, and stationed near the town of Montereau, was ordered to move to the town of Vigneulles behind a semi-stationary from near the Moselle River between Nancy and Metz on September 14, 1944.

Forward Director Post #2, set up a forward echelon of the Fighter Control Center headquarters af the 100th Fighter Wing. In this capacity this company acted as a forward director post and also as fighter control center.

This move to the front was accomplished over roads congested with supplies going to and from the front lines over a distance of 176 miles in a period of eight hours. This move had been further impeded by lack of adequate transportation facilities and poor weather.

Two hours after the convoy arrived at the new location the FDP and FCC combination was declared operational with all necessary operating installations. This and channels of communication completely established in three hours.

This operation of FDP and FCC continued along routine basis until September 16, 1944, at which time the organization reverted back to its original function as an FDP.

Functioning as FDP continued undisturbed till September 20, when King Station of our ground observers reported an enemy artillery column approximately two miles from said station at the same time Love station reported that the enemy is attacking said station with artillery fire.

On September 23, Love station reported a column of enemy horse drawn artillery moving east. A little later love station reported that the above artillery met at a rendezvous picked up tanks and infantry units. The combined units moved north toward the town of Normandie.

The following day the GO's reported the above mentioned units moving near the town of Mommony. As a result of this fine observation FDP 2 made the field order of September 25, which stated that due to GO's information of FDP 2 the enemy columns were attacked by our fighter bombers and destroyed.

The observation of enemy ground forces and situations gradually gained greater significance and priority in the function of GO posts. For the past two weeks continuous reports of enemy tanks, infantry, groups, artillery convoys, gun emplacements, observation posts, warehouses, and supply trains have flowed from the GO's through the FDP filter center to the fighter control center, where the Chief controller has taken action to conduct friendly air activity toward the destruction of these targets.

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To date FDP 2 is operating at full capacity, 24 fours a day. GO's report all aircraft within range of sight and hearing and all information of enemy ground activity within sight; the LW section and the third element of Heavy Radar report all air activities that appear on their respective scopes; and the IC (information center) relays to the Fighter Control Center an accurate and complete picture of all that is going on in the air and on the ground of the area to which this FDP has for coverage.

Company C - The first move of the month for Company C from Chateau-Renault was a long one. They bivouaced on a Red Ball Special highway close to Sezanne, France. This was 19 September, and on the next day they arrived at their new site which over-looked the town of Dalheim, Luxembourg. At this site we had our first contact with the enemy. Our unit was bedded down for the night after the long move, and at about 0110A on 21 September the Enemy struck. Most of the men were sound asleep after the trip and were rudely awakened by an explosion close by. This was followed by three more and several bursts of machine gun fire. The Germans - or whoever they were - were scared off, but our new radar, the 582, had been hit by an incendiary bazooka shell and started burning. And it did burn - all the way to the ground. The next day they were told to move out of the position by the artillery because they were going to shell a town and needed our position to do it.

Company C arrived at their new station two miles south of Luxembourg, and set up camp. The men packed and moved to this new site in record time. Winter was setting in, and it was getting colder by the day. Near the site was a big chateau, and on the 5th of October they moved into it. Most of the men were Quartered in the chateau; the rest in winterland winterized tents in the vicinity.

As an added note to show our proximity to the front lines in our present site, we may cite an instance of where a certain mission controlled by our station was told to drop their load of bombs on a nearby town. The resulting concussion caused the type 11 radar antenna to stop rotation. Several interconnecting cables were found to be jarred loose. It was corrected in time to safely conduct the planes back to their base. This occurred on the 6th of October at 1600 hours.

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SECTION IV

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COMPOSITE COMPANY "C"

2ND SIGNAL AIRCRAFT WARNING BATTALION

PFC WILLIAM ALBERT WITTMAN [illegible] MC
TEC 5 JOSEPH S. DETWILER [illegible] MC

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COMPOSITE COMPANY "C"

563RD SIGNAL AIRCRAFT WARNING BATTALION

PFC	WILLIAM ALBERT WITTMAN	32781466	MC
TEC 5	JOSEPH S. DETWILER	35531802	MC

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14 NOVEMBER 44

SUBJECT : TRANSMITTAL OF UNIT HISTORICAL REPORT FOR OCTOBER.

TO : COMMANDING OFFICER, 19TH TACTICAL CONTROL GROUP, (PROV), APO 141, US ARMY. (ATTN: A-2 SECTION).

1. TRANSMITTED HEREWITH IN COMPLIANCE WITH LETTER, HEADQUARTERS, NINTH AIR FORCE, FILE NUMBER 312.7, SUBJECT: "OFFICIAL AND POPULAR HISTORIAN OF THE NINTH AIR FORCE," DATED 22 NOVEMBER 1943, AND XIX TACTICAL AIR COMMAND MEMORANDUM NUMBER 20-1, DATED 5 FEBRUARY 1944, AS AMENDED BY MEMORANDUM NUMBER 20-1A, DATED 29 FEBRUARY 1944, THE HISTORICAL REPORT FOR THE 563RD SIGNAL AIRCRAFT WARNING BATTALION FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

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TO: Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command, APO 141, U S Army.

Forwarded

For the Commanding Officer:

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HISTORICAL REPORT
OF THE 563RD SIGNAL AW BN
FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 1944

AS COMPILED BY:

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IN COMPLIANCE WITH LETTER, HEADQUARTERS, NINTH AIR FORCE, FILE NO. 314.7, SUBJECT: "OFFICIAL AND POPULAR HISTORIES OF THE NINTH AIR FORCE," DATED 22 NOVEMBER 1944, AND XIX TACTICAL AIR COMMAND MEMORANDUM NUMBER 20-1, DATED 5 FEBRUARY 1944, AS AMENDED BY MEMORANDUM NUMBER 20-1A, DATED 29 FEBRUARY 1944, THE FOLLOWING RECORD IS SUBMITTED FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER.

1. DURING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, OPERATING UNDER TO/ AND E 11/400, THERE WERE NO MAJOR TRANSFERS FROM THIS ORGANIZATION TO POINTS WITHOUT, BUT THERE WAS ONE OF CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE, THAT BEING THE RETURN OF LIGHT WARNING COMPANY "D" FROM DUTY WITH THE IX AIR DEFENSE COMMAND, A TRANSFER WITHIN THE UNIT. THE FOLLOWING TRANSFERS WERE EFFECTED:

(A) 1ST LT EMANUEL AUSTERN, 01635042, PLACED ON TEMPORARY DUTY, THIS BATTALION, IN COMPLIANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 10, SO 109, HEADQUARTERS XIX TAC, CS, IS ATCHD TO HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY FOR QUARTERS, RATIONS, AND DUTY.

PVT PHILLIPS F. WRIGHT, 19123383, (590), HAVING REPORTED TO THIS ORGANIZATION WAS ASSIGNED TO HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY FROM THE 19TH RCD, PARAGRAPH 33, SO 136, 19 RCD, CS APO 176, US ARMY.

TEC 5 MICHAEL N. LETTIERE, 32706148, MC, IS PLACED ON TEMPORARY DUTY WITH COMPANY D, THIS BATTALION EFFECTIVE 7 OCT 1944. UPON COMPLETION OF SUCH TEMPORARY DUTY EM WILL RETURN TO PROPER ORGANIZATION AND STATION.

IN COMPLIANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 12, SO 142, 19TH REPLACEMENT DEPOT, CS, APO 176, TEC 4 CARMEN C. PEPE, 32678358, REPORTED TO THIS ORGANIZATION AND WAS ASSIGNED TO COMPANY B.

PVT CARL C. GORDON, 32740236, HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, WAS TRANSFERRED IN GRADE TO COMPANY A.

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER AND ENLISTED MEN, HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, WERE ATTACHED TO COMPANY C, FOR QUARTERS, RATIONS AND TACTICAL EMPLOYMENT.

1ST LT	CLARENCE A. WETHERILL	0462967
TEC 5	MERLE J. BYRNE	33252358
PFC	SEYMOUR NMI FARKAS	32792438
CPL	RAYMOND E. SCHUTTE	35627827
TEC 5	STANTON L. BLANK	36722868
PVT	DONALD M. SMITH	36557417

PVT ROBERT C. LOATMAN, 38855689, (514), ASSIGNED THIS ORGANIZATION PER PAR 30, SO 194, HQ 20TH REPLACEMENT CONTROL DEPOT (AVN), CS, IS FURTHER ASSIGNED TO COMPANY D. ENROUTE TO JOIN.

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U TEAM NUMBER 3, COMPANY D, THIS BATTALION WAS RELIEVED FROM ATTACHMENT TO HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, EFFECTIVE 26 OCTOBER 1944.

REMAINDER OF OFFICERS AND ENLISTED MEN, COMPANY D, THIS BATTALION, WERE RELIEVED FROM ATTACHMENT TO IX AIR DEFENSE COMMAND PER AUTHORITY, PAR 3, GENERAL ORDERS 244, NINTH AIR FORCE, APO 696, US ARMY, CS.

UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF AR 615-5, AS AMENDED, 30 JUNE 1944, AND UPON RECOMMENDATION OF HIS COMPANY COMMANDER, SGT KARL SCHNEIDER, ASN 34146752, IS REDUCED TO GRADE OF PRIVATE FOR INEFFICIENCY.

PVT KARL SCHNEIDER, 34146752, (648), COMPANY C, IS TRANSFERRED IN GRADE TO HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY.

UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF AR 615-5, AS AMENDED, 30 JUNE 1943, AND UPON RECOMMENDATION OF HIS COMPANY COMMANDER, TEC 4 CHESTER C. OBLANDER, 39167167 (824), IS REDUCED TO GRADE OF PRIVATE FOR INEFFICIENCY.

PVT CHESTER C. OBLANDER, 39167167, (824), COMPANY B, IS TRANSFERRED IN GRADE TO HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY.

1ST LT CLARENCE A. WETHERILL AND CREW RELEASED FROM ATTACHMENT TO COMPANY C, AND ATTACHED TO COMPANY D FOR QUARTERS, RATIONS AND DUTY.

S/SGT RILEY O. HILL, 38059734, (821), ASSIGNED TO THIS ORGANIZATION PER PAR 15, SO 14, 134TH REPLACEMENT BATTALION AAF, DATED 29 OCTOBER 44, IS FURTHER ASSIGNED TO HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, FROM 172ND REPLACEMENT COMPANY AAF.

CPL JOSEPH MATULEWICZ, 31089243, (518), ASSIGNED TO THIS ORGANIZATION PER PAR 15, SO 14, HEADQUARTERS 134TH REPLACEMENT BATTALION AAF, DATED 29 OCTOBER 44, IS FURTHER ASSIGNED TO COMPANY B, FROM 171ST REPLACEMENT COMPANY AAF.

2. THE STRENGTH OF THE ORGANIZATION AT THE CLOSE OF THE MONTH WAS SIXTY SEVEN (67) OFFICERS, SIX (6) WARRANT OFFICERS, AND NINE HUNDRED AND FORTY THREE (943) ENLISTED MEN. ONE (1) OFFICER AND TWENTY NINE (29) ENLISTED MEN ATTACHED TO THIS BATTALION FROM THE 564TH SIGNAL AIRCRAFT WARNING BATTALION.

3. THE LIST OF ALL CHANGES OF STATION ARE AS FOLLOWS, AND DATES OF MOVES ARE INCLUDED WITH THE POSSIBLE EXCEPTION OF SOME GROUND OBSERVER POSTS WHICH MOVE SO OFTEN THAT CONTINUOUS WATCH OVER THEM IS NEXT TO IMPOSSIBLE.

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UNIT	GRID COORDINATE TOWN	DATE OCCUPIED	DATE DEPARTED
BN HQ	U-510460 (HATTONVILLE)	14 SEPT 44	
FDP4	Q-070110 (SERRES)	13 NOV 44	
LW4	Q-005015 ( ) Q-070 110 (SERRES)	14 OCT 44 21 OCT 44	21 OCT 44
G04 - S	U-833289 (MOREY)	2 OCT 44.	
- T	U-817316 (MANTON COURT)	2 OCT 44.	
- U	U-908151 (SEICHAMPS)	2 OCT 44.	
- V	U-908151 (SEICHAMPS) U-980070 (HARAUCOURT)	2 OCT 44. 15 OCT 44	15 OCT 44
- W	U-916223 (LEYR)	2 OCT 44.	
FDP 1	U-500731 (NEAR ETAIN)	13 SEPT 44.	
LW 1	U-685894 (BEUVILLERS)	25 SEPT 44.	
G01 - A	U-735520 ( ) U-729495 (VANDELAINVILLE)	15 OCT 44 22 OCT 44.	22 OCT44.
- B	U-316653 ( ) 14 OCT 44. U-794457 (LORRY MARDIGNY) 15 OCT 44.		15 OCT 44.
- C	U-324757 ( ) 14 OCT 44. U-786353 (PONT A MOUSSON) 15 OCT 44.		15 OCT 44.
- D	U-207391 ( ) 14 OCT 44. U-803719 (PIERREVILLERS) 15 OCT 44.		15 OCT 44.
- F	U-735624 ( ) 17 OCT 44. U-757680 (ST.PRIVATLAMONTAGNE) 22 OCT 44. U-739624 (VERNEVILLE) 25 OCT 44.		22 OCT 44. 25 OCT 44.
FDP2	T-925306 (RANCOURT)	12 OCT 44.	
LW2	T-892066 (LANEUVILLE)	14 OCT 44.	
G02 - G	T-926294 (17 OCT 44 - Z-075196 (19 OCT 44 - Z-035914 (CHATONRANPT)	19 OCT 44.	19 OCT 44 19 OCT 44
- H	U-793458 (4 OCT 44 - U-726437 (16 OCT 44 - T-926294 (17 OCT 44 - U-033460 (TRIAUCOURT)	19 OCT 44.	16 OCT 44 17 OCT 44 19 OCT 44

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G02 - J	U-745600	(4 OCT 44 -		16 OCT 44
	U-726437	(16 OCT 44 -		17 OCT 44
	T-926294	(17 OCT 44 -		19 OCT 44
	U-033460	(19 OCT 44 -		24 OCT 44
	U-207465	(MONDRECOURT)	24 OCT 44	
- K	U-726437	(16 OCT 44 -		17 OCT 44
	T-926294	(17 OCT 44 -		19 OCT 44
	Y-882933	(19 OCT 44 -		24 OCT 44
	Y-881931	(VOUECOMPE)	24 OCT 44	
- L	U-726437	(16 OCT 44 -		17 OCT 44
	T-926294	(17 OCT 44 -		19 OCT 44
	U-094009	(BRAUVILLIERS)	19 OCGT 44.	
FDP3	P-835100	(LUXEMBURG)	22 SEPT 44.	
LW3	P-857312	(MOESDORF)	29 SEPT 44.	
G03 - M	P-975075	(REMICH)	2 OCT 44.	18 OCT 44
	U-800791	( )	18 OCT 44.	
- O	U-914909	( )	13 OCT 44	14 OCT 44
	U-855913	(ENTRANGE)	14 OCT 44	
- P	U-793893	(ANGEVILLERS)	13 OCT 44	26 OCT 44
	U-843851	( )	26 OCT 44	
- Q	U-942961	(FIXEM)	10 OCT 44.	21 OCT 44
	U-937962	( )	21 OCT 44	
- R	P-977199	(MENSDORF)	2 OCT 44	15 OCT 44
	P-974113	( )	15 OCT 44.	21 OCG 44
	P-933119	( )	21 OCT 44.	
FDP5	U-735265	(VILLERS EN HAYE)	8 OCT 44.	
LW 5	U-628160	(LUCEY)	29 OCT 44.	
FDP6	U-661266	(MANONVILLE)		
LW 6	Z-738960	(GERMINY)	29 OCT 44.	
FDP7	U-661266	(MANONVILLE)		
LW7	U-659388	(VIEVILLE EN HAYE)	27 OCT 44.	
LW8	Z-337849	(DAINVILLE)	12 NOV 44.	
COMPANY D	U-628160	(LUCEY)	27 OCT 44.	

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4. THERE WAS ONE CASUALTY REPORTED RESULTING IN THE DEATH OF PVT JOHN MARCINKIEWICZ OF LIGHT WARNING UNIT FOUR. SGT BERTRAM A. ROBINSON SUFFERED A BROKEN BACK AND WAS EVACUATED TO ENGLAND.

5. UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION IV, CIRCULAR NUMBER 333, WD, 1943, THE FOLLOWING NAMED UNIT WAS CITED FOR OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE OF DUTY IN ACTION AGAINST THE ENEMY.

"COMPANY "A", 563RD SIGNAL AIR WARNING BATTALION."

AUTHORITY - GENERAL ORDERS NUMBER 254, NINTH AIR FORCE, 28 OCT 44, COPIES OF WHICH ARE ATTACHED.

6. PFC JAMES E. RYMER, ASN-39272993, WAS KILLED INACTION AT 0015 HOURS, 15 OCTOBER 1944, AND WAS A MEMBER OF LOVE STATION, GROUND OBSERVER PLATOON, COMPOSITE COMPANY B, 563RD SIGNAL AIR WARNING BATTALION, APO 141, US ARMY. AT THE TIME OF RYMER'S DEATH, THIS STATION WAS LOCATED NEAR GORZE, FRNACE, OVERLOOKING THE PART OF THE THIRD ARMY FRONT NEAR FORT DRIANT, IN THE VICINITY OF METZ.

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COMPANY A -

THE MONTH OF OCTOBER FOUND NO SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES IN THE GROUND SITUATION FOR COMPANY A SINCE THE FORWARD DIRECTOR POST IS STILL AT THE SITE NORTHEAST OF ETAIN THAT THEY OCCUPIED ON SEPTEMBER 12. OUR LIGHT WARNING PLATOON IS OCCUPYING THE SAME SITE AS GIVEN IN LAST MONTH'S REPORT.

HOWEVER, OUR GROUND OBSERVERS HAD TO BE DEPLOYED ALONG A LONGER AXIS SINCE FORWARD DIRECTOR POST NUMBER TWO WITH THEIR GROUND OBSERVERS WERE MOVED TO THE REAR TO COVER THE AIRFIELD AREA IN THE VICINITY OF ST. DIZIER. THIS NECESSITATED THE STRETCHING OF OUR GROUND OBSERVER POSTS FROM THIONVILLE ALONG THE MOSELLE RIVER TO A POINT BELOW METZ TO MEET UP WITH THE GROUND OBSERVERS FROM FORWARD DIRECTOR POST NUMBER THREE, WHO WERE EXTENDED NORTH TO HELP CLOSE THE GAP LEFT BY THE DEPARTURE OF GROUND OBSERVER TWO.

GROUND OBSERVER COORDINATES AS OF THE 28TH OF OCTOBER WERE AS FOLLOWS:

ABLE POST - U-720495
BAKER POST - U-794457
CHARLIE POST - U786353
DOG POS T - U-803719
FOX POST - U-739624

ON THE 29TH OF OCTOBER AN ARTILLERY BARRAGE LAID DOWN BY THE ENEMY ON A CONCENTRATION OF THIRD ARMY TANKS AND VEHICLES HIT "B" FOR BAKER POST. FORTUNATELY NONE OF THE PERSONELL AT THIS POST WERE INJURED. DAMAGE BEING CONFINED TO TWO VEHICLES. THIS BARRAGE OCCURRED AT 10 MINUTES INTERVALS FOR A PERIOD OF THREE HOURS.

NO MOV EMENT OF FORWARD DIRECTOR POST ONE IS CONTEMPLATED UNTIL THE THIRD ARMY MOVES FORWARD, SINCE WE ARE AS FAR FORWARD AS ADVANCE ELEMENTS OF THIS ARMY NOW.

COMPANY B -

DURING THE EARLY MORNING HOURS OF 14 OCTOBER 1944, AMERICAN FORCES WERE WITHDRAWN FROM THEIR POSITIONS INSIDE AND NEAR FORT DRIANT. THE GERMANS TOOK ADVANTAGE OF THE WITHDRAWAL BY BRINGING UP SOME FORM OF ARTILLERY, PROBABLY TIGER TANKS, UNDER COVER OF DARKNESS SOMETIME BEFORE 2000 HOURS, 14 OCTOBER 1944. AT APPROXIMATELY 2000 HOURS, THIS ENEMY ARTILLERY GROUP FIRED SHELLS IN THE VICINITY OF LOVE STATION, WITH THE PROBABLE INTENTIONI OF SHELLING THE TOWN OF GORZE. AT THAT TIME ALL MEMBERS OF LOVE STATION TOOK SHELTER IN THE CELLAR OF THE HOUSE WHERE THEIR WAS ESTABLISHED. THE BARRAGE LASTED, AT THAT TIME, FOR A VERY SHORT TIME BUT THE MEN REMAINED IN THE CELLAR UNTIL AFTER 2200 HOURS,

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WHEN STANDLEY, QUALMAN, AND RYMER, ALL MEMBERS OF LOVE STATION, RETURNED TO THEIR BEDS TO SLEEP.

WHEN THE SHELLING STARTED AGAIN, TEC 5 STANDLEY AWAKENED BOTH TEC 5 QUALMAN AND RYMER AND TOLD THEM TO TAKE COVER AGAIN IN THE CELLAR. QUALMAN HAD ALREADY REACHED THE CELLAR AND RYMER WAS ON HIS HANDS AND KNEES IN A CRAWLING POSITION WHEN A SHELL STRUCK A TREE JUST OUTSIDE THE HOUSE AND RYMER WAS HIT BY A PIECE OF SHRAPNEL. STANDLEY WAS JUST CLIMBING INTO THE HOLE TO THE CELLAR AND WAS KNOCKED DOWN FOR THE FORCE OF THE EXPLOSION. THE PIECE OF SHRAPNEL THAT HIT RYMER JUST ABOUT TORE BOTH OF HIS LEGS OFF AND ENTERED HIS BODY IN THE LOWER INTESTINES. HE LIVED JUST A FEW MINUTES.

THE MEN AT THE POST MADE EVERY EFFORT TO GET MEDICAL ASSISTANCE FOR RYMER, HOPING THAT THERE MIGHT BE SOMETHING THAT COULD BE DONE TO HELP HIM. THOUGH A SERIES OF UNFORTUNATE CIRCUMSTANCES, I.E., TELEPHONE COMMUNICATIONS BEING CUT AND BEING PINNED DOWN BY A LATER ARTILLERY BARRAGE, IT WAS AT LEAST AN HOUR BEFORE RYMER'S BODY WAS BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF MEDICS.

AT DAYBREAK THE MEN TOOK RYMER TO GEORGE STATION, THE NET CONTROL STATION OF THE GROUND OBSERVERS PLATOON, AND THEN TO BATTALION HEADQUARTERS WHERE ARRANGEMENTS WERE MADE FOR THE BURIAL OF THE BODY.

COMPANY C -

OCTOBER 8 - WE WERE HAVING TROUBLE WITH THE INFORMATION CENTER ON OUR GROUND OBSERVER FM FREQUENCY, TWO OUTSIDE STATIONS WHOSE CALL SIGNS WERE JIG AND BAKER PRIME. THESE STATIONS WERE DEAD ON OUR FREQUENCY AND CUT OUT OUR GROUND OBSERVER REPORTS. JIG AND BAKER PRIME USED NO RADIO PROCEDURE AT ALL, AND AT NIGHT THEY PLAYED MUSIC TO EACH OTHER. WE ENJOYED THE MUSIC BUT COULD NOT HEAR OUR GROUND OBSERVERS. GROUND OBSERVERS ARE AFFECTIONATELY CALLED "GROUND WORMS" BY THE MEN AT THE INFORMATION CENTER .

OCTOBER 10 - ON THE 10TH OF OCTOBER OUR GROUND WORM POST QUEEN CAPTURED ONE EACH GERMAN SOLDIER, THE FIRST THAT HAS BEEN CAPTURED BY ANY MEMBER OF COMPOSITE COMPANY C, 563RD SIGNAL AW BATTALION. THE GROUND OBSERVERS WERE LOOKING FOR A SUITABLE BIVOUAC AREA AT A NEW COORDINATE AND WERE CLOSE TO AN ABANDONED VILLAGE AND WERE LOOKING INTO A HOUSE WHEN ONE OF THEM SPOTTED JERRY WALKING DOWN THE STREET TOWARD THEM. OUR G I G O TURNED TOWARD SAID JERRY AND AIMED HIS TOMMY GUN AT THE G I JERRY WHO PROMPTLY SURRENDERED. BY INTERROGATION OF THE PRISONER THE GROUND OBSERVERS FOUND THAT HE WAS ONE OF A PARTY OF SEVEN WHO HAD A NINETEEN YEAR OLD OFFICER WITH THEM. THE OTHER SIX ARE STILL AT LARGE.

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FROM THE GROUND OBSERVERS AND LIGHT WARNING THREE WE HAVE RECEIVED REPORTS OF ROBOT BOMBS AND ROCKETS. ROCKETS ARE NEW TO US BUT ROBOT BOMBS ARE OLD STUFF. THE ROCKET SEEMS TO GO UP INTO THE AIR AND LEAVES A SMOKE OR VAPOR TRAIL BUT MAKES NO NOISE.

OCTOBER 13 - BATTERY C, 132ND AAA BN TIED INTO THE INFORMATION CENTER AND WE FURNISH THEM EARLY WARNING FROM OUR FILTER BOARD. THEY HAVE A 584 RADAR OF THEIR OWN AND THEY PICK UP THE CLOSE TARGETS THAT WE POINT OUT TO THEM. THE BATTERY HAS FOUR 90MM GUNS. WE ARE WAITING TO SEE IF THEY PUT OUR RADAR OUT OF COMMISSION WHEN THEY OPEN FIRE.

OCTOBER 20 - LT WETHERILL CAME BACK TO THE FORWARD DIRECTOR POST WITH TWO 584 RADARS. THEY WERE TO BE PUT INTO OPERATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. ON 22ND OCTOBER, THE 584'S WERE IN OPERATION AFTER A QUICK OVERHAULING.

OCTOBER 25. THE 16TH AAA GROUP TIED INTO OUR INFORMATION CENTER AND THE 129TH AAA MOVED ON TO A NEW LOCATION. THIS NEW UNIT HAS SEEN A BIT OF ACTION AND HAVE FIRED SEVERAL TIMES IN THIS LOCATION. THE 109TH AAA GUN BN SHOT DOWN A JU-88 OVER THE CITY OF LUXEMBOURG ON THE 29TH AT 1100. THIS PLANE WAS SHOT DOWN BY 50 CALIBER MACHINE GUNS.

OCTOBER 30 - LT WETHERILL RECEIVED A CALL FROM BATTALION HEADQUARTERS AND PACKED UP AND MOVED HIS 584'S OUT.

HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY HISTORICAL REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 1944.

ON 1 OCTOBER 1944, HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY WAS SITUATED AT HATTONVILLE, U-510460. CONSISTED OF ADJUTANT SECTION, PERSONNEL, MESSAGE CENTER, MEDICS, AND THE BATTALION STAFF SECTIONS, S-2, S-3, AND S-4, IN ADDITION TO THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER. THERE WERE SEVERAL TRANSFERS OF A MINOR NATURE IN AND OUT OF THE COMPANY. 2ND LT ROBERT S. MCSPADDEN, O-1641571, PROMOTED TO 1ST LT (TEMP), PER PARAGRAPH 3, SO 259, HEADQUARTERS NINTH AIR FORCE, DATED 15 SEPTEMBER 44.

PFC MARCINKIEWICZ, 33583131, WAS KILLED IN AN AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT, WHILE HIS TRAVELLING COMPANION, SGT B. A. ROBINSON, SUFFERED A BROKEN BACK. BOTH WERE TRANSFERRED TO THE 75TH FIELD HOSPITAL, MARCINKIEWICZ DYING ON THE WAY. BOTH WERE MEMBERS OF THE HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY LIGHT WARNING PLATOON.

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THE BATTALION HEADQUARTERS CONTINUED TO FUNCTION IN THE USUAL EFFICIENT MANNER, THE END OF THIS REPORTING PERIOD FINDING THE HEADQUARTERS IN THE SAME LOCATION. COMPANY D REJOINED THE BATTALION FROM THE IX AIR DEFENSE COMMAND, INCREASING THE ORGANIZATION'S REPORTING VOLUME.

THE GROUND OBSERVERS ATTACHED FROM THE 564TH SIGNAL AIR CRAFT WARNING BATTALION, AND OPERATING IN CONJUNCTION WITH FORWARD DIRECTOR POST FOUR, CONTINUED TO REPORT ENEMY GROUND MOVEMENT IN ADDITION TO ALL AIR ACTIVITY IN THEIR AREA. 2ND LT JIMMIE P. DUNCAN IS COMMANDING THE GROUND OBSERVER POST SUGAR, TARE, UNCLE, VICTOR, AND WILLIAM.

THE LIGHT WARNING PLATOON IS SITUATED AT SERRES, SOUTHEAST OF METZ AND IS FARTHEST FORWARD OF ALL HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY UNITS.

ALL UNITS HAVE EDGED FORWARD SLOWLY, OBTAINING BETTER COVERAGE IN EACH SUCCESSIVE INSTANCE AS THE THIRD ARMY ROLLS STEADILY ALONG.

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HEADQUARTERS
NINTH AIR FORCE

APO 696, U S Army,
28 October 1944.

GENERAL ORDERS)
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NUMBER.....254)

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1. Under the provisions of Section IV, Circular Number 333, WD, 1943, the following-named units of the Ninth Air Force are cited for outstanding performance of duty in action against the enemy. The citations read as follows:

"Company "A", 563rd Signal Air Warning Battalion. For outstanding performance of duty in action against the enemy from ? to 8 August 1944. During this period the members of Company "A", 563rd Signal Air Warning Battalion, distinguished themselves by extraordinary heroism in the face of the enemy when, after having been charged with the mission of establishing a forward battalion director post in the Mont St Michel area, the company found itself in hotly contested territory, under fire from enemy artillery and constantly harrassed by enemy scouting parties and snipers. Although the company was not equipped or prepared adequately to meet opposition of this nature, the members of the unit nevertheless so located its light warning and ground observation posts that the company was immediately able to furnish radio control to aircraft in the area, directing them to targets of opportunity and furnishing early warning of enemy aerial and ground activity to Air Corps and anti-aircraft units in the area, as well as serving as a relay point for many signal activities in the sector after existing land lines had been destroyed through enemy action. Throughout this period, the fortitude, spirit of improvisation, and high esprit de corps evidenced by the members of Company "A", 563rd Signal Air Warning Battalion, resulted in the rendition of distinguished service to the Armed Forces during an important phase of the campaign in Northern France."

By command of Major General VANDENBERG:

W. W. MILLARD
Colonel, GSC
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s/ C. M. Seebach
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COMPOSITE COMPANY "C"
563RD SIGNAL AIRCRAFT WARNING BATTALION
APO 141 U S Army

5 November 1944.

SUBJECT: Ground Observer Information from 16 to 31 October 1944.

TO : Commanding Officer, 563rd Signal AW Battalion, APO 141 U S Army.

1. 16 OCTOBER: 1315 Robot reported by Queen going Roger to Queen, very high and very fast, louder than in England.

2. 17 OCTOBER: 0015 Peter reports hostile.
Mike reports hostile.
1005 Rocket reported by Queen bearing Peter Roger.
1415 Rocket U9797 Able 4 going Peter Sugar.

3. 21 OCTOBER: 0405 Ground Observers report gunfire, cannot read which station.
0408 Ground Observers report further on gunfire.
1052 Enemy shell fire 1 mile north of Peter.
1204 One flying bomb reported going south over Mike.
1322 Ground Observer Peter enemy shell fire 1500 yards away.
1847 Queen reports rocket--no direction--bearing Peter Sugar going Peter
1855 Peter reports rocket looks like ball of fire, rises to 6000 feet, then fire goes out.
2005 Peter George 5 going Sugar Rocket Buzz overcast.

4. 23 OCTOBER: 1040 G O reported Buzz bomb heading Peter over Roger
1437 Q--VP9402, BQR-QS-400 climbing foggy V3
1455 Q QS V3 400 climbing overcast
R QS V3 500 " "

5. 25 OCTOBER: 1747 Buzz Bomb V1 reported by Oboe going Sugar 400 MPH Able 5

6. 26 OCTOBER: 0516 M--going Q--1000 feet---400--weather clear
0518 P " " " " " " "
0647 M " QS 4000 feet 300 overcast

7. 27 OCTOBER: 1035 Buzz Bomb going QS 500 mph overcast (FF2) by Roger T-V3

For the Commanding Officer

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563RD SIGNAL AIRCRAFT WARNING BATTALION

APO 141, U S ARMY
7 NOVEMBER 1944

SUBJECT: UNIT HISTORICAL REPORT.

TO: COMMANDING OFFICER, HQ & HQ CO, 563RD SIGNAL AW BN, APO 141, U S ARMY.

1. FOLLOWING ARE EXTRACT FROM THE RADAR LOGBOOK MAINTAINED BY THIS PLATOON:

16 OCTOBER 1944 - RAINING WITH LOW CLOUD BASE. THERE WAS VERY LITTLE AIR ACTIVITY IN OUR AREA.

17 OCTOBER 1944 - WEATHER BEGAN TO CLEAR IN THE EARLY MORNING AND IN THE AFTERNOON THERE WERE QUITE A FEW AIRCRAFT UP. AT THAT TIME THERE WERE A GOOD MANY FRIENDLY FLIGHTS IN OUR AREA.

18 OCTOBER 1944 - THE WEATHER CLOSED IN AGAIN AND THERE WAS NO ACTIVITY IN OUR SECTOR.

19 OCTOBER 1944 - EXTREMELY BAD WEATHER IN EARLY MORNING, BUT TOWARD NOON WE BEGAN TO GET SOME ACTIVITY IN OUR SECTOR. AT 1220 HOURS WE PICKED UP A FLIGHT DROPPING WINDOW WHICH AFFECTED TYPE 11 FROM 020 DEGREES TO 060 DEGREES. THIS WAS REPORTED AND THE PROPER FORMS WERE FILLED OUT AND FORWARDED TO FIGHTER CONTROL CENTER. AT 2100 HOURS, FIGHTER CONTROL CENTER IDENTIFIED SEVERAL OF OUR TRACKS AS HOSTILES AND WE CONCENTRATED ON THESE TRACKS IN SPITE OF CONSIDERABLE INTERFERENCE AND JAMMING FROM 020 DEGREES TO 360 DEGREES.

20 OCTOBER 1944 - THE WEATHER WAS POOR AND THERE WAS LITTLE ACTIVITY IN OUR SECTOR UNTIL ABOUT 0900 HOURS. WE TRACKED ALL AIRCRAFT WE SAW UNTIL WE WERE ORDERED TO SHUT DOWN WHILE AN ARTILLERY OUTFIT TESTED A NEW 90MM GUN ON A NEARBY FORT. AFTER THE FIRING WE RESUMED OPERATIONS AND SENT IN ALL INFORMATION WE WE WERE ABLE TO GET.

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21 OCTOBER 1944 - POOR WEATHER CONDITIONS STILL PREVAILED IN OUR SECTOR AND DURING THE DAY THERE WERE VERY FEW AIRCRAFT UP. WHAT INFORMATION WE WERE ABLE TO GET WAS SENT INTO FIGHTER CONTROL CENTER.

22 OCTOBER 1944 - FLYING WAS RESTRICTED TO A FEW PATROL MISSIONS DUE TO BAD WEATHER. WE TRACKED THESE MISSIONS AS LONG AS THEY REMAINED IN OUR SECTOR UNTIL THEY RETURNED TO BASE.

23 OCTOBER 1944 - CLOUDY WEATHER RESTRICTED FLYING OPERATIONS TO A MINIMUM AGAIN AND THERE WAS VERY LITTLE ACTIVITY IN OUR SECTOR.

24 OCTOBER 1944 - BAD WEATHER AGAIN RESTRICTED FLYING OPERATIONS 045 DEGREES TO 220 DEGREES WHILE TYPE 15 AND 11 RADAR SWEEP 360 DEGREES CONTINUOUS ROTATION.

25 OCTOBER 1944 - THE WEATHER CLEARED SOMEWHAT ALTHOUGH IT WAS STILL CLOUDY AND THERE WAS LITTLE ACTIVITY IN THE SECTOR.

26 OCTOBER 1944 - WEATHER CLEAR WITH SCATTERED CLOUDS. STATION WAS EXTREMELY ACTIVE TRACKING MANY FLIGHTS WHICH WERE UP THROUGHOUT THE DAY. BY NIGHTFALL THE CLOUDS HAD ~~CLEARED~~ CLOSED IN AGAIN, HOWEVER, AND THERE WAS LITTLE ACTIVITY IN OUR SECTOR.

27 OCTOBER 1944 - BAD WEATHER AGAIN AND THERE WAS VERY LITTLE ACTIVITY ALL DAY.

28 OCTOBER 1944 - WEATHER CLEAR AND BRIGHT. ALL UNITS REPORTING TO INFORMATION CENTER AND THE STATION WAS BUSY HANDLING THE LARGE AMOUNTS OF INFORMATION COMING IN.

29 OCTOBER 1944 - WEATHER WAS AGAIN GOOD AND THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE ACTIVITY IN SECTOR. WE HAD A CALIBRATION FLIGHT IN THE AFTERNOON WHICH WE TRACKED AND LOGGED. THE GROUND OBSERVERS REPORTED A BRITISH PLANE IN DISTRESS AT 1850 HOURS AND WE NOTIFIED FCC. ALL STATIONS WERE ALERTED SO AS TO GIVE ALL POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE, BUT NOTHING FURTHER WAS HEARD FROM THE AIRCRAFT.

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30 OCTOBER 1944 - THERE WAS VERY LITTLE ACTIVITY DURING THE DAY BUT TOWARDS EVENING THE WEATHER CLEARED AND A BRIGHT MOON CAME OUT AT 1900 HOURS. THERE WERE A GREAT MANY AIRCRAFT UP AND LARGE FLIGHTS OF BOMBERS WERE TRACKED ACROSS THE SECTOR. THE OPERATORS HAD TO READ THROUGH CONSIDERABLE JAMMING, BUT THEY MANAGED TO TRAC ALL FLIGHTS SUCCESSFULLY INCLUDING SEVERAL HOSTILE AIRCRAFT WHO ATTEMPTED TO FOLLOW IN ON THE TAIL END OF THE FLIGHTS. WE ARE NOW CONNECTED WITH AN ANTI-AIRCRAFT BATTALION AND THEY ARE GIVING US INFORMATION ON FLIGHTS.

31 OCTOBER 1944 - THROUGHOUT THE DAY THERE WAS VERY LITTLE ACTIVITY BUT THE WEATHER CLEARED IN THE AFTERNOON AND WE TRACKED A LARGE NUMBER OF FLIGHTS DURING THE EVENING. ALL STATIONS WERE BUSY UNTIL MIDNIGHT.

2. FOLLOWING IS THE REPORT SUBMITTED BY LIGHT WARNING PLATOON #4:

17 OCTOBER 1944 - MOVED TO NEW LOCATION AT SERRES, (QUEEN C70110). BARN WAS SECURED FROM LOCAL FRENCH AND ALL MEN ARE HOUSED INSIDE. GREAT IMPROVEMENT.

20 OCTOBER 1944 - T/4 BERTRAM A ROBINSON AND JOHN (NMI) MARCINKIEWICZ HAVE ACCIDENT IN 1 1/2 TON TRUCK, RESULTING IN THE DEATH OF MARCINKIEWICZ. ROBINSON SUFFERED A BROKEN BACK AND WAS EVACUATED TO ENGLAND.

FOR THE REMAINED OF THE PERIOD NORMAL ROUTINE OPERATIONS WERE CARRIED ON. ALL FLIGHTS WERE TRACKED ACROSS OUR SECTOR. WEATHER WAS BAD PERMITTING VERY LITTLE AIR ACTIVITY.

Paul E Rapp

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1ST LT., SIG C
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HEADQUARTERS
563RD SIGNAL AIRCRAFT WARNING BATTALION
APO 141 US ARMY

13 JANUARY 45.

SUBJECT : TRANSMITTAL OF UNIT HISTORICAL REPORT FOR NOVEMBER, 1944.

TO : COMMANDING OFFICER, 19TH TACTICAL CONTROL GROUP, (PROV), APO 141, US ARMY. (ATTN: A-2 SECTION).

TRANSMITTED HEREWITH IN COMPLIANCE WITH LETTER, HEADQUARTERS, NINTH AIR FORCE, FILE NUMBER 312.7, SUBJECT: "OFFICIAL AND POPULAR HISTORIES OF THE NINTH AIR FORCE," DATED 22 NOVEMBER, 1943, AND XIX TACTICAL AIR COMMAND MEMORANDUM NUMBER 20-1, DATED 5 FEBRUARY 1944, AS AMENDED BY MEMORANDUM NUMBER 20-1A, DATED 29 FEBRUARY 1944, THE HISTORICAL REPORT FOR THE 563RD SIGNAL AIRCRAFT WARNING BATTALION FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 1944.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

Vernon O. Mills
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TO: Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command, APO 141, U S Army.

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1. DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, OPERATING UNDER TO/ AND E 11-400, THERE WERE NO MAJOR TRANSFERS FROM THIS ORGANIZATION TO POINTS WITHOUT, BUT THERE WAS THE RETURN OF 1ST LT JANEK AS COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER. HE HAS BEEN WITH THE BATTALION BEFORE AND JUST AFTER COMING OVER TO FRANCE SUFFERED INJURIES FROM A MINE EXPLOS ION. THE FOLLOWING TRANSFERS WERE EFFECTED:

S/SGT MICHAEL GLASER, 32157047, (821), WAS ASSIGNED PER PARAGRAPH 1 SO 278, HEADQUA RTERS, 13TH RCD (AVN), CS, AND WAS IN TURN ASSIGNED TO COMPANY C FROM WHENCE HE HAD BEEN TRANSFERRED EARLIER IN THE YEAR.

TEC 4 JOHN D. POWERS, 36617869, (405), COMPANY D, THIS BN, WAS ATTACHED TO HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY FOR QUARTERS, RATIONS ON THE 6TH OF NOVEMBER.

PVT ARTHUR P. CONJURSKI, 36260738, (514), WAS ASSIGNED PER PARAGRAPH 1 SO 36, HEADQUARTERS, XXIX TACTICAL AIR COMMAND, (PROV), APO 151, CS, AND WAS FURTHER ASSIGNED TO COMPANY A FROM THE 573RD SIGNAL AW BATTALION. STATUS: ENROUTE TO JOIN.

PVT VINCENT A GULLO, 32871545, (521), ASSIGNED PER PARAGRAPH 2 OF SO 269, HEADQUARTERS 17TH RCD, CS, WAS ASSIGNED TO COMPANY C FROM THE GFRS, DET 81, 464TH REPL CO.

TEC 5 JAMES MANSOUR, 36555529, (514), ASSIGNED PER PARAGRAPH 2 OF SPECIAL ORDER 19, HEADQUARTERS 134TH REPL BN (AAF), CS, WAS FURTHER ASSIGNED COMPANY A FROM THE 173RD REPL CO (AAF).

PVT JAMES M. HOLLAND, 34004168, (345), ASSIGNED PER PARAGRAPH 5 OF SPECIAL ORDER 131, HEADQUARTERS, XIX TACTICAL AIR COMMAND REAR, CS, WAS FURTHER ASSIGNED TO HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY. ENROUTE TO JOIN FROM 932ND SIGNAL BN (SEP).

PVT WILLIAM D. RICHARDSON, 32829132, (345), WAS ASSIGNED PER PARAGRAPH 5 OF SPECIAL ORDER 131, HEADQUARTERS, XIX TACTICAL AIR COMMAND REAR, CS, AND FURTHER ASSIGNED TO HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY FROM THE 425TH NIGHT FIGHTER SQUADRON.

PVT FRANK WOLOSCSUK, 20229470, (345), ASSIGNED THIS ORGANIZATION PER PARAGRAPH 5 SO 131, HEADQUARTERS, XIX TACTICAL AIR COMMAND, REAR, CS, AND FURTHER ASSIGNED TO HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY FROM THE 358TH FIGHTER GROUP..

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FOUR (4) OFFICERS AND SEVENTEEN (17) ENLISTED MEN WERE ATTACHED TO HEADQUA RTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY (FDP4), FOR QUARTERS, RATIONS, AND DUTY FROM THE 316TH FIGHTER CONTROL SQUADRON PER PAR 1 SO 4, 19TH TACTICAL CONTROL GROUP (PROV).

1ST LT LEWIS F. JANEK, O-1642231, SC, ASSIGNED PER PAR 38, SO 23, HEADQUARTERS 134TH REPL BN (AAF), CS, APO 149, WAS FURTHER ASSIGNED TO HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY ON 12 NOVEMBER 44.

1ST LT EMANUEL AUSTERN	O-1635042
2ND LT LOLAN E. NUNLEY	O-873079
2ND LT SILVARE A SEELING	O-682680

ABOVE NAMED OFFICERS, XIX TACTICAL AIR COMMAND, RELD FROM ATTACHMENT TO HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY AND FURTHER ATTACHED TO COMPANY D, FOR QUARTERS, RATIONS, AND DUTY.

PVT STANLEY S. WANDERMAN, 12189737 (566), ASSIGNED PER PAR 23 SO 25, HEADQUARTERS 134TH REPL BN (AAF), CS, APO 149, FURTHER ASSIGNED TO HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY FROM 171ST REPL CO (AAF).

TWO (2) OFFICERS AND THIRTY (30) ENLISTED MEN OF U TEAM, COMPANY D, RELD FROM ATTACHMENT TO THE NINTH AIR DEFENSE COMMAND, PER AUTHORITY PAR 3 SO 244, HEADQUARTERS NINTH AIR FORCE, APO 696, US ARMY, CS, (JOINED ORGANIZATION 10 NOVEMBER 44).

CPL RUSSEL D. SPOWART	36593952	(514)
TEC 5 JOHN J. GRABOSKIE	33243087	(514)

ABOVE TWO (2) ENLISTED MEN REDUCED TO THE GRADE OF PRIVATE FOR CAUSE UPON RECOMMENDATION OF THEIR COMPANY COMMANDER.

SIX (6) ENLISTED MEN, 566TH SIGNAL AW BN, ATTACHED TO HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY PER PAR 1 SO 9, HEADQUARTERS, 19TH TACTICAL CONTROL GROUP (PROV), FOR QUARTERS, RATIONS, DUTY, AND ADMINISTRATION.

1ST LT GARNET L. FINDLING, O-1594832, AC, 316TH FIGHTER CONTROL SQUADRON, ATTACHED TO HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY FOR QUARTERS, RATIONS AND DUTY PER PAR 3 SO 9, HEADQUARTERS, 19TH TACTICAL CONTROL GROUP (PROV), AND LATER ATTACHED TO COMPANY ON 22 NOVEMBER 44.

1ST LT KENNETH M. RENZ, O-582298, AC, 316TH FIGHTER CONTROL SQUADRON, RELD FROM ATTACHMENT TO HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY AND ATTACHED TO COMPANY B FOR QUARTERS, RATIONS AND DUTY.

ONE (1) OFFICER AND TWENTY ONE (21) ENLISTED MEN, GROUND OBSERVER PLATOON, COMPANY B, ATTACHED TO COMPANY A FOR QUARTERS, RATIONS, AND DUTY ON THE 21ST OF NOVEMBER.

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CAPT. JOHN P. MICHAELS, O-1708622, MC, HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, IS RELD FROM ATTACHMENT TO COMPANY B AND ATTACHED TO COMPANY D FOR QUARTERS, RATIONS AND DUTY ON 21 NOV 44.

PVT PAUL PALUZZI, 12037939 (590), ASSIGNED PAR 15 SO 135, HEADQUARTERS, XIX TACTICAL AIR COMMAND, AND FURTHER ASSIGNED TO HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS FROM THE 406TH FIGHTER GROUP.

TEN (10) ENLISTED MEN, GROUND OBSERVER PLATOON, COMPANY B, ATTACHED TO COMPANY FOR QUARTERS, RATIONS AND DUTY, 24 NOV 44.

S/SGT JAMES R. WILLIAMS, 14027939 (409) MC, HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, RELD FROM ATTACHEMENT TO COMPANY B AND FURTHER ATTACHED TO COMPANY A FOR QUARTERS, RATIONS AND DUTY.

PVT STANLEY A. COLLINS	35866844	(514)
PVT WILLIAM A. MACE	32626926	(514)

ABOVE NAMED ENLISTED MEN ASSIGNED PER PAR 23 SO 322, NINTH AIR FORCE, AND FURTHER ASSIGNED TO HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY FROM 925TH SIGNAL COMPANY DEPOT (AVN).

TEC 5 HOY D. PATE, 34621610 (931), ASSIGNED PER PAR 8 SO 36, 134TH REPL BN (AAF), WAS FURTHER ASSIGNED TO COMPANY A FROM THE 128TH REPL BN (AAF).

CAPT. MAC (NMI) RAY, O-1636519, WAS APPOINTED AS BATTALION CLAIMS OFFICER (ADDITIONAL DUTY), VICE 2ND LT. RICHARD L. VIER-G EVER, O-1639772, RELD.

2. THE STRENGTH OF THE ORGANIZATION AT THE CLOSE OF THE MONTH WAS SIXTY EIGHT OFFICERS (68), SIX (6) WARRANT OFFICERS, AND NINE HUNDRED AND FORTY NINE ENLISTED MEN (943). ONE (1) OFFICER AND TWENTY NINE (29) ENLIS TED MEN ATTACHED TO THIS BATTALION FROM THE 564TH SIGNAL AIRCRAFT WARNING BATTALION.

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3. THE LIST OF ALL CHANGES OF STATION ARE AS FOLLOWS, AND DATES OF MOVES ARE INCLUDED WITH THE POSSIBLE EXCEPTION OF SOME GROUND OBSERVER POSTS WHICH MOVE SO OFTEN THAT CONTINUOUS WATCH OVER THEM IS NEXT TO IMPOSSIBLE.

UNIT	GRID COORDINATE	TOWN	DATE OCCUPIED	DATE DEPARTED
BN HQ	U-510460	(HATTONVILLE)	14 SEPT 44	
FDP 4	U-645175	(BOUVERON)	16 SEPT 44	13 NOV 44
	Q-070110	(SERRES)	13 NOV 44	28 NOV 44
	Q-298432	(ERSTROFF)	28 NOV 44	
LW 4	Q-070110	(SERRES)	21 OCT 44	15 NOV 44
	Q-146174	(JUYRECOURT)	23 NOV 44	22 NOV 44
	Q-172331	(LANEUVEVILLE)	22 NOV 44	
GO4 - S	U-833289	(MOREY)	2 OCT 44	19 NOV 44
	Q-123234	(VIC-SUR-SELE)	19 NOV 44	25 NOV 44
	Q-344272	(ROHRBACH)	25 NOV 44	
- T	U-817316	(MANTONCOURT)	2 OCT 44	16 NOV 44
	U-999348	(LIOCOURT)	16 NOV 44	21 NOV 44
	Q-190138	(MONCOURT)	21 NOV 44	22 NOV 44
	Q-164364	(LANEUVEVILLE)	22 NOV 44	29 NOV 44
	Q-360449	(KL. TANCHEN)	29 NOV 44	
- U	U-908151	(SEICHAMPS)	2 OCT 44	19 NOV 44
	Q-170299	(DEDELING)	19 NOV 44	24 NOV 44
	Q-236312	(EMVERMENSH)	24 NOV 44	29 NOV 44
	Q-401360	(WIEBERSWEILER)	29 NOV 44	
- V	U-908151	(SEICHAMPS)	2 OCT 44	15 OCT 44
	U-980070	(HARAUCOURT)	15 OCT 44	22 NOV 44
	Q-170138	(MONCOURT)	22 NOV 44	23 NOV 44
	Q-189136	(LANEUVEVILLE)	23 NOV 44	29 NOV 44
	Q-355167	(LUNGENBERG)	29 NOV 44	
-W	U-916223	(LEYR)	2 OCT 44	22 NOV 44
	Q-179294	(LANEUVEVILLE)	22 NOV 44	25 NOV 44
	Q-420298	(MITTERSHEIN)	25 NOV 44	29 NOV 44
	Q-403277	(MITTERSHEIN)	29 NOV 44	
FDP 1	U-500731	(N. OF ETAIN)	13 SEPT 44	
LW 1	U-6 85894	(BEUVILLERS)	25 SEPT 44	
GO1 - A	U-720495	(VANDELAINVILLE)	22 OCT 44	25 NOV 44
	Q-010688	(CREVIE)	25 NOV 44	
- B	U-794457	(LORRY-MARDIGNY)	15 OCT 44	21 NOV 44
	U-757531	(MARON)	21 NOV 44	

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G01 - C	U-786353	(PONT A MOUSSON)	15 OCT 44	16 NOV 44
	U-980297	(AULNOIS)	16 NOV 44	20 NOV 44
	U-869829	(SE. NANCY)	20 NOV 44	25 NOV 44
	Q-042811	(DALSTEIN)	25 NOV 44	
- D	U-803719	(PIERREVILLERS)	15 OCT 44	21 NOV 44
	U-977731	(SW HARAUCOURT)	21 NOV 44	
- F	U-757680	(ST.PRIVATLAMONTAGNE)	22 OCT 44	25 NOV 44
	U-739624	(VERNEVILLE)	25 NOV 44	25 NOV 44
	U-955618	(NOISSEVILLE)	25 NOV 44	
FDP 2	T-925306	(RANCOURT)	12 OCT 44	
LW 2	T-892066	(LANUEVILLE)	14 OCT 44	
G02 - G	Z-035914	(CHATONRANPT)	19 OCT 44	18 NOV 44
	U-990368	(LIOCOURT)	18 NOV 44	20 NOV 44
	U-997350	(E. ALAINCOURT)	20 NOV 44	
- H	U-033460	(TRIAUCHOURT)	19 OCT 44	21 NOV 44
	Q-050480	(S. MAIXE)	21 NOV 44	
- J	U-207465	(MONDRECOURT)	24 OCT 44	25 NOV 44
	Q-250410	(BENIGEN)	25 NOV 44	
- K	Y-881931	(VOUECOMPE)	24 OCT 44	20 NOV 44
	Q-131446	(SE SIONVILLE)	20 NOV 44	
- L	U-094009	(BROUVILLERS)	19 OCT 44	21 NOV 44
	U-963514	(VARANGELLE)	21 NOV 44	
FDP 3	P-835100	(S. LUXENBURG)	22 SEPT 44	
LW 3	P-857312	(MOESDORF)	29 SEPT 44	
G03 - M	U-807991	(SE DUDELANGE)	21 OCT 44	18 NOV 44
	U-800791	(FAMECK)	18 NOV 44	25 NOV 44
	U-855915	(ROUSSY LA VILLAGE)	25 NOV 44	28 NOV 44
	Q-025980	(SCHNEDOR)	28 NOV 44	
- N	U-855913	(ENTRANGE)	14 OCT 44	25 NOV 44
	Q-024980	(OB PERL)	25 NOV 44	28 NOV 44
	Q-042980	(OB PERL)	28 NOV 44	29 NOV 44
	Q-065983	(OB PERL)	29 NOV 44	
- O	U-855913	(ENTRANGE)	14 OCT 44	25 NOV 44
	Q-024980	(OB PERL)	25 NOV 44	28 NOV 44
	Q-042980	(OB PERL)	28 NOV 44	29 NOV 44
	Q-065983	(OB PERL)	29 NOV 44	

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G03 - P	U-843851	(TERVILLE)	26 OCT 44	25 NOV 44
	U-980800	(KEDANGE)	25 NOV 44	29 NOV 44
	Q-100852	(E. BUDLING E)	29 NOV 44	
- Q	U-937962	(FIXEM)	21 OCT 44	25 NOV 44
	Q-025888	(HTE. SIERCK)	25 NOV 44	
- R	P-933119	(MOUNTFORT)	21 OCT 44	23 NOV 44
	U-909919	(E. RENTGEN)	23 NOV 44	25 NOV 44
	U-908923	(CATTENOM)	25 NOV 44	
FDP 5 (738)	U-735265	(VIELERS EN HAYE)	8 OCT 44	2
LW 5	U-628160	(LUCEY)	29 OCT 44	16 NOV 44
	Q-025147	(ERBEVILLER)	16 NOV 44	
FDP 6	MANONVILLE	(U-661266)		
	MONCHEUX	(U - 994385)		
LW 6	U-738960	(OTTANGE)		16 NOV 44
	U-993375	(16 NOV LIOCOURT)	16 NOV 44	
FDP 7	U-661266	(MONONVILLE)		
	U-945834	( )	29 NOV 44	
LW 7	U-659388	(NONSARD)	27 OCT 44	29 NOV 44
	U-945834	( )	29 NOV 44	
LW 8	Z-337849	(DAINVILLE)	12 NOV 44	

4. THERE WERE NO LOSSES IN ACTION OR CASUALTIES DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER.

5. THERE WERE AWARDS OR DECORATIONS DURING THE PAST MONTH IN THIS ORGANIZATION.

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COMPANY A - FORWARD DIRECTOR POS T ONE WAS STILL AT THE SAME SITE THAT IT OCCUPIED ON SEPTEMBER 12, 1944. THE LIGHT WARNING SECTION ALSO REMAINS AT THE SAME LOCATION AS REPORTED IN A FORMER REPORT.

THE GROUND OBSERVER PLATOON, HOWEVER, HAS BEEN IN A CONSTANT STATE OF FLUX SINCE THE THIRD ARMY BEGAN ITS PRESENT OFFENSIVE IN AN EFFORT TO KEEP ABREAST OF THE FRONT LINE.

AT THE WRITING OF THIS REPORT THE GROUND OBSERVERS ARE ON THE MOVE SEEKING NEW SITES. SINCE THEY HAVE NOT REPORTED IN AS YET, THE EXACT LOCATION OF THE POSTES ARE UNKNOWN.

THE MOST EVENTFUL THING THAT HAPPENED TO THE FORWARD DIRECTOR POST THIS MONTH WAS THE RECEIVING OF A UNIT CITATION BY THE NINTH AIR FORCE. THIS CITATION WAS AWARDED TO COMPANY A FOR ITS EXCEPTIONAL PERFORMANCE AT THE MONT ST. MICHEL AREA WHEN THE BREAKTHROUGH OCCURRED INTO THE BREST PENINSULA DURING AUGUST.

COMPANY B - DUE TO NECESSARY COVERAGE OF REAR AREAS OF FIGHTER FIELDS BY RADAR, FORWARD DIRECTOR POST TWO, WAS SELECTED AS THE UNIT TO BE USED FOR THIS PURPOSE.

THE MOVEMENT DAY WAS OCTOBER 12, 1944. FORWARD DIRECTOR POST TWO AND ITS ATTACHED DETACHMENT OF 312TH FIGHTER CONTROL SQUADRON PERSONNEL FOR CONTROLLING PURPOSES, LEFT VIGNUELLES TO SET UP OPERATIONS AT RANCOURT A DISTANCE OF FORTY FIVE MILES, TO THE REAR OF THE FORMER SITE. THE TIME NECESSARY FOR THE COMPLETE MOVE AND SETUP FOR OPERATIONS WAS FIVE HOURS.

DUE TO OUR MISSION FORWARD DIRECTOR POST TWO COMMANDING OFFICER, 1ST LT JOHN E. NOLAN, FELT THAT THE ASSIGNED GROUND OBSERVERS WERE NOT NEEDED, SINCE THE INFORMATION PASSED TO FIGHTER CONTROL CENTER FROM FORWARD DIRECTOR POST TWO IS ALSO PASSED TO LOCAL ANTI-AIRCRAFT BATTERIES WHO HAVE GROUND OBSERVERS OF THEIR OWN COVERING THE AREA OUR GROUND OBSERVERS COVERED.

THEREFORE ON NOVEMBER 18, 1944, GROUND OBSERVERS OF FORWARD DIRECTOR POST TWO WERE ATTACHED TO FORWARD DIRECTOR POST ONE WHERE THEY COULD BE USED TO MORE ADVANTAGE.

COMPANY C - ON 4 NOVEMBER 44, WE WERE VISITED BY COLONEL MADISON, 16TH AAA GROUP COMMANDER AND HIS S-2, MAJOR HANDLEY. THEY WERE VERY MUCH IMPRESSED WITH OUR WORK. INSTEAD OF JUST ONE BATTERY OF AAA TIED INTO US AS WE HAD BEFORE, WE NOW HAVE SEVERAL BATTALIONS WHICH ARE PART OF THE 16TH AAA GROUP. MOST OF THE INFORMATION THEY FURNISH US COMES FROM THE 49TH BRIGADE. THE BRIGADE COMMANDER IS BRIGADIER

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GENERAL TIMBERLAKE. ON OUR FILTER BOARD WE HAVE SEVERAL CIRCLES, THE SMALL ONES TEN MILES IN DIAMETER ARE CALLED AAZ --ANTIAIRCRAFT ARTILLERY ZONE. THE CENTER OF ONE SMALL CIRCLE IS THE CITY OF LUXEMBOURG, GROUPED ABOUT THE CITY ARE SEVERAL AAA BATTERIES. WHEN HOSTILE OR UNKNOWN PLANES ENTER THE 40MILE OUTER CIRCLE THE AAA PLOTTER RELAYS THE INFORMATION TO HIS PLOTTER ROOM, THEN THE AAA RADAR PICKS UP THE FLIGHT AND WHEN IT ENTERS THE AAZ CIRCLE THEY OPEN FIRE. WE HAVE HAD MANY HOSTILE FLIGHTS IN THIS SMALL CIRCLE, BUT SO FAR NONE HAVE SHOT DOWN.

NOVEMBER 23, 1944 - WE TIED INTO THE 83RD DIVISION AND ALSO NINTH AIR FORCE ADVANCE FOR PURPOSE OF WARNING THESE UNITS OF APPROACHING HOSTILE AIRCRAFT, AND IN TURN NINTH AIR FORCE WOULD SOUND THE AIR RAID ALERT FOR THE CITY OF LUXEMBOURG. THESE UNITS FURNISHED US WITH AN SOP WHICH WE FOLLOW. NOVEMBER 23RD WAS ALSO THANKSGIVING DAY AND THIS WAS THE MENU FOR THE MEAL THAT DAY:-

TURKEY, ALL YOU COULD EAT
CRANBERRY SAUCE, THAT WAS OUT OF THIS WORLD
PEAS, THAT TASTED LIKE PEAS
MASHED POTATOES, FLUFFY AND LIGHT
GRAVY, THAT WOULD MAKE ANYTHING APPEALING

THE TURKEY WAS STUFFED WITH STUFFINGS THAT WOULD MAKE A GOOD MEAL IN ITSELF, COFFEE AS THOUGH HORN AND HARDART MADE IT, APPLE PIE WITH CHEESE LIKE YOUR MOTHER USED TO MAKE BEFOR RATIONING, RAISIN BREAD AS ONLY A GI BAKERY CAN BAKE IT. MEAL ALSO INCLUDED GI HARD CANDY AND D RATION CHOCOLATE. FOR SUPPER THAT DAY WE HAD SPAM.

NOVEMBER 24, 1944 - THIS DAY WAS LIKE A HOLIDAY ALSO, FOR DINNER WE HAD FRIED CHICKEN, GOLES, GIBLET GRAVY, CREAMED CORN, MASHED POTATOES, COFFEE, BREAD AND BUTTER. OUR GROUND OBSERVER POST OBOE MOVED INTO GERMANY ON THE 24TH, THE FIRST UNIT OF OUR ENTIRE BATTALION TO SET UP ON GERMAN SOIL.

NOVEMBER 25, 1944 - AT 1447 A V-1 LANDED AT PETER 819097, ABOUT A MILE SOUTH OF US, NO CASUALTIES. ALSO ON 25 NOVEMBER LIGHT WARNING #3 REPORTED SEEING TWO MEN BAIL OUT OF A B-17 ABOUT THREE MILES NORTH OF THEIR SITE. AT 1442 THE B-17 CRASHED THREE MILES NORTH OF LIGHT WARNING #3. SEVERAL MEN WERE SENT IN A VEHICLE FORM LIGHT WARNING #3 TO FIND THE WRECKED B-17, BUT WHEN THEY ARRIVED AT THE SPOT WHERE THE PLANE CRASHED THERE WERE SO MANY SOLDIERS THERE THAT THEY WERE NOT NEEDED.

NOVEMBER 30, 1944 - AT 0644 ONE BUZZ BOMB LANDED ONE MILE SOUTH OF LIGHT WARNING THREE. THE MEN AT LIGHT WARNING THREE SITE HEARD THE BOMB CUT OUT AND THEY HIT THE FOXHOLES BUT NO DAMAGE WAS REPORTED.

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COMPANY D - ON 10 APRIL 1944, THIS COMPANY, WHICH CONSISTED OF 14 OFFICERS AND 19 ENLISTED MEN WERE DETACHED FROM THE 563RD SIGNAL AW BATTALION, AND WERE ATTACHED TO THE 21ST AAA GROUP FOR RATIONS, QUARTERS AND TACTICAL EMPLOYMENT AND FURTHER ATTACHED TO THE 635TH AAA BATTALION FOR ADMINISTRATION. THIS AUTHORITY WAS OBTAINED BY PARAGRAPH 1, SPECIAL ORDER 50, DATED 8 APRIL 1944, HEADQUARTERS, 563RD SIGNAL AW BATTALION. BY VERBAL ORDERS FROM THE COMMANDING GENERAL OF THE 51ST AAA BRIGADE THE COMPANY WAS ATTACHED TO THE 118TH AAA GROUP FOR RATIONS, QUARTERS AND TACTICAL EMPLOYMENT AND FURTHER ATTACHED TO THE 635TH AAA BATTALION FOR ADMINISTRATION.

ON 16 APRIL 1944 THE ENTIRE COMPANY MOVED, USING IT'S OWN ORGANIC TRANSPORTATION, TO KENT, WITH COMPANY HEADQUARTERS NEAR WOODCHURCH. THE VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE COMPANY WERE MOVED TO PREDETERMINED SITES FOR TACTICAL OPERATIONS WITH THE VARIOUS BATTERIES OF THE 633RD AND 635TH AAA BATTALION'S. THESE SITES, WHICH TOTALLED SIX INCLUDING THE COMPANY HEADQUARTERS SITE, WERE IN COMMAND BY LT. ROBERTS, LT. MARTINSEN, LT. OWEN, LT. KENNEY, LT. COBB, AND LT. ALTMANN. THIS OPERATIONAL WIRE COMMUNICATION SETUP INCLUDED TWO LIGHTWEIGHT PORTABLE RADAR SETS AT EACH SITE WITH WIRE COMMUNICATION DIRECT TO THE VARIOUS BATTERY C.P. OPERATIONS ROOMS. THE PRIMARY OBJECTIVE OF THIS TACTICAL EMPLOYMENT WAS TO GIVE AIRCRAFT WARNING SERVICE TO THE VARIOUS GUN POSITIONS WHICH WERE USED FOR PROTECTION OF THE SIX AIRFIELDS USED BY THE FIGHTER-BOMBERS OF THE NINTH AIR FORCE.

ON 10 MAY 1944, THE 118TH AAA GROUP WAS TRANSFERRED TO THE EIGHT AIR FORCE AND THE 21ST AAA GROUP WAS MOVED TO REPLACE THE 118TH AAA GROUP. BY VOCG, 51ST AAA BRIGADE, THIS COMPANY WAS PLACED WITH THE 21ST GROUP FOR TACTICAL EMPLOYMENT AND FURTHER ATTACHED TO THE 635TH AAA BATTALION FOR ADMINISTRATION.

THE OPERATION OF THIS COMPANY IN GIVING EARLY WARNING REPORTING AIRCRAFT WARNING SERVICE WAS CONSIDERED VERY IMPORTANT, INASMUCH AS COMPLETE AND ACCURATE INFORMATION WAS GIVEN THE VARIOUS AAA ORGANIZATIONS AIDING IN THE SHOOTING DOWN OF SEVERAL HOSTILE AIRCRAFT IN THIS AREA. WHEN THE ROBOT BOMB ATTACK WAS MADE ON THE U.K., THESE ROBOTS WERE INTERCEPTED BY THE RADARS AND SUCH INFORMATION AS WAS NECESSARY WAS GIVEN TO THE AAA GUN POSITIONS WHICH AIDED IN SHOOTING DOWN MANY OF THESE BOMBS. THIS INFORMATION WAS GIVEN TO THE AAA ORGANIZATIONS WITH CONSIDERABLE RISK TO THE PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT OF THE COMPANY. SEVERAL OF THESE ROBOT BOMBS LANDED IN THE IMMEDIATE VICINITY OF THE VARIOUS SITES, HOWEVER, NO PERSONNEL CASUALTIES RESULTED AND NO EQUIPMENT WAS DAMAGED, WITH THE EXCEPTION THAT THE ANTENNA TOWER ON ONE LIGHT WEIGHT UNIT WAS DAMAGED BY 50 CALIBER FIREPOWER FROM THE FIGHTER AIRCRAFT WHICH WERE USED IN COMBATING THE ROBOT BOMBS. IN ORDER TO COMBAT THE HAZARD WHICH THESE ROBOT BOMBS PRESENTED, ALL PERSONNEL TENTS WERE DUG IN TO AT LEAST FIVE FOOT OF EARTH, THIS PRECAUTION WAS RECOMMENDED BY THE COMMANDING OFFICER OF THE 21ST AAA GROUP. HOWEVER IN SPITE OF THESE PRECAUTIONS, MANY TENTS WERE DAMAGED BY SHRAPNEL FROM

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THE LARGE CALIBER SHELLS EXPLODING WHEN SHOOTING AT THE ROBOTS. THE COMMANDING GENERAL OF THE 51ST AAA BRIGADE CONGRATULATED THIS ORGANIZATION ON THE SPLENDID WORK IT DID IN AIDING IN COMBATING THE ROBOT BOMBS.

DURING THE OPERATION OF THESE VARIOUS SITES, MANY INSPECTIONS WERE MADE BY MANY GENERAL OFFICERS, WHICH INCLUDED GENERAL CURTIS, COMMANDING GENERAL OF THE NINTH AIR DEFENSE COMMAND. DUE TO THE SINCERE INTEREST SHOWN BY THESE OFFICERS, ARRANGEMENTS WERE MADE BY THEM, TO REPLACE ALL OF THE PORTABLE RADARS WITH MOBILE RADARS (MOUNTED IN FORD TRUCKS) AND TO PROVIDE EACH RADAR WITH IFF EQUIPMENT. ALSO THESE OFFICERS MADE ARRANGEMENTS TO HAVE THE INFORMATION FROM THE VARIOUS RADARS TRANSMITTED TO A GUN OPERATIONS ROOM WHERE BRITISH ANTI-AIRCRAFT BATTERIES WERE GIVEN ANY USEFUL INFORMATION THAT MIGHT BE USED IN COMBATTING HOSTILE AIRCRAFT AND ROBOT BOMBS.

DUE TO THE MANY ORGANIZATIONS TO WHOM THIS COMPANY FURNISHED AIRCRAFT WARNING INFORMATION, ON 3 JUNE 1944, THIS COMPANY WAS PLACED ON ATTACHED SERVICE DIRECT WITH THE NINTH AIR DEFENSE COMMAND FOR ADMINISTRATION AND TACTICAL OPERATION; PER PARAGRAPH 6, SPECIAL ORDER 154, HEADQUARTERS, NINTH AIR FORCE, DATED 3 JUNE 1944.

ON 12 JULY 1944 ALL TACTICAL OPERATIONS OF THIS COMPANY WERE STOPPED AND ON 13 JULY 1944 THE COMPANY MOVED USING IT'S OWN ORGANIC EQUIPMENT FOR TRANSPORTATION TO A PORT OF EMBARKATION IN ORDER TO MOVE TO THE CONTINENT. THE TRIP ACROSS THE CHANNEL TO OMAHA BEACH WAS MADE UNDER VERY ADVERSE CONDITIONS. DUE TO THE VERY ROUGH WATER AND STORMS, THE UNLOADING DOCK AT THE BEACH, ON THE CONTINENT, HAD BEEN BROKEN UP. AFTER SOME 36 HOURS OF WAITING FOR THE WEATHER CONDITIONS TO IMPROVE UNLOADING OF EQUIPMENT WAS STARTED. TWO BARGES WERE BEING USED AND AFTER BEING PARTIALLY LOADED WITH EQUIPMENT AND PERSONNEL, BROKE AWAY FROM THE SHIP IN WHICH THE CHANNEL CROSSING WAS MADE. THESE BARGES WITH EQUIPMENT AND PERSONNEL WERE UNABLE TO MADE SHORE FOR 15 HOURS AND CONSIDERABLE DIFFICULTY WAS EXPERIENCED IN THE SAVING OF MEN AND EQUIPMENT. THE ENTIRE COMPANY PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT WAS UNLOADED AND ON SHORE WITHIN 96 HOURS AFTER THE CHANNEL CROSSING. FROM OMAHA BEACH, THE COMPANY MOVED TO LEVAST, FRANCE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH VOCG, NINTH AIR DEFENSE COMMAND.

ORGANIZATIONS THAT THIS COMPANY WORKED WITH IN THE LEVAST AREA INCLUDED THE 71ST FIGHTER WING AND THE 566TH SIGNAL AW BATTALION.

ON 3 AUGUST 1944, "U" TEAM #3, WHICH INCLUDED LT. COBB'S SECTION AND LT. ALTMANN'S SECTION WERE RELIEVED FROM ATTACHMENT WITH NINTH AIR DEFENSE COMMAND PER PARAGRAPH 13 GENERAL ORDER 187, HEADQUARTERS NINTH AIR FORCE, DATED 27 JULY 1944, AND PLACED WITH HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY OF 563RD SIGNAL AW BATTALION. THIS GROUP WAS SENT BACK TO THE U.K. FOR THE PURPOSE OF STUDYING A NEW TYPE RADAR SET.

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ON 13 AUGUST 44, THE COMPANY WAS FURTHER ATTACHED TO THE 564TH SIGNAL AW BATTALION FOR ADMINISTRATION AND TACTICAL EMPLOYMENT, PER PARAGRAPH #2, GENERAL ORDER #36, HEADQUARTERS NINTH AIR DEFENSE COMMAND, DATED 12 AUGUST 44. WITH "U" TEAM #3 DETACHED FROM THE COMPANY THE STRENGTH WAS 10 OFFICERS AND 127 ENLISTED MEN. EIGHT ENLISTED MEN (RADIO OPERATORS) BEING ON DETACHED SERVICE TO THE NINTH AIR DEFENSE COMMAND, VOCG.

THE UNIT WAS MOVED VIA IT'S OWN ORGANIC TRANSPORTATION FROM LEVAST TO CHATEAUDUN ON 30 AUGUST 1944.

THE 564TH SIGNAL AW BATTALION WAS ASSIGNED THE TACTICAL EMPLOYMENT OF PROVIDING AIRCRAFT WARNING SERVICE IN CONNECTION WITH THE DEFENSE OF THE PARIS AREA. SINCE THIS BATTALION HAD ONLY BRITISH GROUND CONTROLLED INTERCEPTION EQUIPMENT, THIS COMPANY WAS ASSIGNED TO PROVIDE THE EARLY WARNING SERVICE AND TO PROVIDE GAP FILLING BETWEEN THE GROUND CONTROLLED INTERCEPTION SETS. THIS PROGRAM CALLED FOR ONE LIGHTWEIGHT SECTION NORTH OF PARIS, ONE SECTION SOUTH OF PARIS AND TWO LIGHTWEIGHT SECTIONS EAST OF PARIS. COMPANY HEADQUARTERS WAS ESTABLISHED AT MORANGIS. THESE RADARS WERE ON A FULL 24 HOUR OPERATING SCHEDULE AND ALL PLOTS WERE REPORTED VIA RADIO AND WIRE TO THE LARGE FILTER ROOM AT THE 564TH SIGNAL AW BATTALION HEADQUARTERS WHICH WAS ALSO THE HEADQUARTERS FOR THE 2ND AIR DEFENSE WING. DURING THIS TOUR OF OPERATION THE LIGHTWEIGHT RADARS OF THIS COMPANY WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR GIVING EARLY WARNING SERVICE ON MANY HOSTILE FLIGHTS IN THE PARIS AREA. THIS INFORMATION WAS IN TURN GIVEN THE GCI'S VIA THE FILTER ROOM AND INTERCEPTIONS WERE MADE BY THE P-61 NIGHT FIGHTERS. ROBOT BOMBS THAT WERE SENT TOWARD THE PARIS AREA WERE ALSO PLOTTED BY MEANS OF THE LW SETS. DURING THESE OPERATIONS ALL OF THE LIGHT WEIGHT RADARS WERE VISITED BY BRITISH TECHNICAL (R.A.F.) OFFICERS WHO WERE MAKING A SURVEY OF BRITISH RADAR BEING USED BY THE AMERICAN FORCES. ALL SITE COMMANDERS ERE COMPLIMENTED ON THE SITING OF THESE RADARS AND THE EXCELLENT WAY THEY WERE OPERATED AND MAINTAINED. THE COMMANDING OFFICER OF THE 564TH SIGNAL AW BATTALION HIGHLY COMMENDED THE OFFICERS AND MEN OF THIS COMPANY FOR THE EFFORT PUT FORTH ON THIS WORK.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 3, GENERAL ORDER 224, HEADQUARTERS, NINTH AIR FORCE, DATED 24 OCTOBER 44, THE COMPANY, SAVE LT. OWEN'S SECTION, WAS RELIEVED FROM ATTACHMENT TO THE NINTH AIR DEFENSE COMMAND AND REJOINED THE 563RD SIGNAL AW BATTALION. ESTABLISHING COMPANY HEADQUARTERS NEAR TOUL, 25 OCT 1944. LT. OWENS AND HIS SECTION WERE MOVED TO THE BELGIUM AREA WITH THE 564TH SIGNAL AW BATTALION WHEN THIS ORGANIZATION WAS MOVED INTO THIS AREA. THIS SECTION WAS USED TO PROVIDE EARLY WARNING AW SERVICE WITH THE 564 SIGNAL AW BATTALION.

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DURING THE PERIOD OF TIME THIS COMPANY HAS BEEN ON THE CONTINENT MANY OF THE ENLISTED PERSONNEL HAVE BEEN OF GREAT VALUE IN APPREHENDING STRAY GERMAN SOLDIERS IN THE VARIOUS LOCALITIES WHERE THE SITES HAVE BEEN LOCATED. DUE TO THE ISOLATED SPOTS OF THESE SITES, SUCH PRISONERS WERE TURNED OVER TO THE F.F.I. ORGANIZATION.

DUE TO THE FACT THAT THIS COMPANY HAS BEEN A PART OF A BATTALION, AND NOT A SEPARATE COMPANY, THE SUPPLY PROBLEM HAS BEEN VERY ACUTE. SINCE THE SUPPLY SOURCES ARE NOT SET-UP TO DEAL WITH INDIVIDUAL COMPANIES OF A BATTALION. THE SAME HAS BEEN TRUE WITH SPECIAL SERVICES EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, HOWEVER, WITH THE CONSTANT EFFORTS OF THE COMPANY COMMANDER, CAPTAIN ARTHUR G. ROOT, JR., AND SUPPLY OFFICER, LT. GORDON R. WILSON, THESE DIFFICULTIES HAVE BEEN CUT TO A MINIMUM.

DURING THE TIME THIS ORGANIZATION HAS BEEN DETACHED FROM THE 563RD SIGNAL AW BATTALION THE MAIL SITUATION HAS BEEN VERY ACUTE. HOWEVER, THE COMPANY MAIL CLERK, TEC 5 GUS COSTAS, HAS MADE EVERY EFFORT TO PROCURE THE MAIL FOR EVERY MEMBER OF THIS COMPANY. IN SPITE OF ALL PERSONNEL NOT RECEIVING MAIL FOR MANY WEEKS AT A TIME, THE MORAL OF EVERY MAN IN THE COMPANY HAS BEEN VERY HIGHT.

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COMPANY "D" HAD HEADQUARTERS NEAR TOUL, FRANCE, HAVING MOVED TO THIS LOCATION ON 25 OCTOBER 1944. OPERATIONS CONSISTED OF ONE LIGHT WEIGHT RADAR AT THIS LOCATION. LT. MARTINSEN WAS IN CHARGE OF ONE LIGHT WEIGHT RADAR IN THE VICINITY OF THELOD, FRANCE; LT. KENNEY IN CHARGE OF ONE LIGHT WEIGHT RADAR IN THE VICINITY OF THIAUCOURT, FRANCE, LT. OWEN IN CHARGE OF ONE LIGHT WEIGHT RADAR NEAR BAR LE DUC, FRANCE, LT. OWEN IN CHARGE OF ONE LIGHT WEIGHT RADAR NEAR BAR LE DUC, AND HIS PLATOON HAVING BEEN RELIEVED FROM THE 9TH AIR DEFENSE COMMAND PER PAR 1 GENERAL ORDER 244, DATED 14 OCTOBER 1944., NINTH AIR FORCE. LT COBB AND LT. ALTMANN'S PLATOONS WERE LOCATED NEAR MONONVILLE, FRANCE AND ENGAGED IN THE OPERATION OF SCR-584'S AND TRAINING WITH THIS EQUIPMENT.

ON 4 NOVEMBER 1944, 1ST LT. CLARENCE WETHERILL AND FIVE ENLISTED MEN WERE ATTACHED TO THE COMPANY FROM HEADQUARTERS COMPANY AND THEIR EQUIPMENT WHICH CONSISTED OF TWO UNMODIFIED SCR-583'S REPLACED THE LIGHT WEIGHT RADARS OF LT. ROBERTS' PLATOON. IMMEDIATELY PERSONNEL OF THIS PLATOON BEGAN TRAINING AND ACTUAL OPERATION OF THIS NEW EQUIPMENT.

LT. ALTMANN AND HIS CLOSE SUPPORT UNIT PLATOON WITH LT. MARTINSEN'S LIGHT WEIGHT REPORTING PLATOON MOVED TO NEAR DELINE, FRANCE, FOR CLOSE SUPPORT WORK IN CONNECTION WITH THE XII CORPS. THIS MOVE WAS ACCOMPLISHED ON 16 NOVEMBER 1944. SHORTLY THEREAFTER MISSIONS WERE ATTEMPTED, SEVERAL OF WHICH CONSISTED OF STRAFING, PHOTO-RECON AND BOMBING.

ON 25 NOVEMBER 1944 LT. COBB'S CLOSE SUPPORT PLATOON AND LT. KENNEY'S REPORTING PLATOON MOVED TO NEAR DISTROFF, FRANCE, FOR CLOSE SUPPORT WORK WITH THE XX CORPS. SEVERAL SATISFACTORY MISSIONS WERE CONDUCTED FROM THIS SITE.

BOTH OF THE CLOSE SUPPORT UNITS RECEIVED FIELD ORDERS FOR THEIR DAILY MISSIONS FROM THEIR RESPECTIVE ARMY CORPS HEADQUARTERS, VIA MOTOR COURIER.

THE ONLY DIFFICULTIES EXPERIENCED BY THESE UNITS IN THEIR OPERATIONS WAS THE DIFFICULTY IN PICKING UP THE MISSION AIRCRAFT OVER THE RENDEZVOUS POINT.

THE DIFFERENT LIGHT WEIGHT UNITS REPORTED INTO THE DIFFERENT FORWARD DIRECTOR POSTS WHICHEVER WAS NEARER TO THE LW SITE.

COMPANY HEADQUARTERS WAS MOVED TO NEAR REMEREVILLE, FRANCE ON 13 NOVEMBER 1944. THE SCR-584'S OF LT. ROBERTS WERE USED TO GIVE EARLY WARNING AND LOW ANGLE COVERAGE OVER THE NANCE, FRANCE AREA.

LT. OWENS LW REPORTING PLATOON MOVED TO THE VICINITY OF SIERCK, FRANCE, ON 21 NOVEMBER 1944. THIS UNIT REPORTED INTO FORWARD DIRECTOR POST NUMBER THREE FROM THIS NEW LOCATION.

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SUBJECT: TECHNICAL REPORT ON LIGHT WEIGHT RADAR, BRITISH TYPE MARK 111; SIMILAR TO AMERICAN SCR-602; AND, AMERICAN SCR-584.

COMPANY D, 563 SIGNAL AW BN. HAS HAD 12 OF THE BRITISH TYPE LIGHT WEIGHT RADAR SETS IN OPERATION SINCE 15 APRIL 1944. RECENTLY 6 OF THESE TYPE RADARS HAVE BEEN REPLACED WITH THE AMERICAN SCR-584 UNITS. DURING EARLY OPERATION OF THESE SETS, MOST OF THEM WERE OF THE PORTABLE TYPE (TENT MODELS). LATER ALL OF THE TENT MODELS WERE REPLACED WITH THE MOBILE TYPE (MOUNTED IN BRITISH ONE-TON FORDSON RADIO VANS). ALL PERSONNEL FOR THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THESE UNITS WERE TRAINED ON THE AMERICAN SCR-602 EQUIPMENT AND AFTER BEING SENT OVERSEAS RECEIVED AROUND 21 DAYS OF TRAINING IN BRITISH RADIO SCHOOLS ON THE BRITISH LIGHT WEIGHT RADAR.

THE DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED WITH THIS EQUIPMENT WILL BE ENUMERATED BELOW UNDER THE CAPTIONS OF THE VARIOUS COMPONENTS OF THE RADAR SET.

TRUCK: THIS RADAR EQUIPMENT IS MOUNTED IN A BRITISH FORDSON ONE-TON RADIO TYPE VAN. THIS VEHICLE HAS REAR WHEEL DRIVE ONLY. THE TOTAL WEIGHT OF THE TRUCK WITH THE RADAR AND POWER PLANTS IS NEARLY 7000 POUNDS. CONSIDERABLE DIFFICULTY HAS BEEN EXPERIENCED IN MOVING THIS VEHICLE IN AND OUT OF THE VARIOUS SITES, ESPECIALLY WHEN UNSATISFACTORY ROADS ARE AVAILABLE, AND IN MANY CASES IT HAS BEEN NECESSARY TO USE ANOTHER TRUCK (THAT HAS 4-WHEEL DRIVE) TO GET THIS VAN IN AND OUT OF LOCATION. IT IS SUGGESTED THIS VEHICLE BE MADE OF THE 4-WHEEL DRIVE VARIETY. NO SPARE WHEEL OR TIRE WAS PROVIDED FOR THIS VEHICLE WHICH CAUSES A DELAY HAZARD WHEN MOVING THE VAN IN CONVOY. A SPARE WHEEL AND TIRE SHOULD BE PROVIDED.

TRANSMITTER T.3154: NO SPECIAL DIFFICULTIES HAVE BEEN ENCOUNTERED WITH THIS COMPONENT. WHEN REPLACING TRANSMITTING TUBES MADE BY THE DIFFERENT AMERICAN MFG'RS. DIFFICULTY HAS BEEN ENCOUNTERED IN GETTING THE TRANSMITTER TUNED TO THE PROPER OPERATING FREQUENCY. USUALLY SERIOUS ARCHING OCCURS THROUGHOUT THE TRANSMITTER WHICH AT TIMES IS UNCONTROLABLE. ALSO MANY OF THE TUBES REFUSE TO OSCILLATE AT ANY FREQUENCY. THIS IS GENERALLY TRUE OF THE RCA TYPE TUBES. CANADIAN TUBES SEEM TO GIVE THE BEST RESULTS. RECTIFIER TUBE TROUBLE HAS BEEN ENCOUNTERED; A NEW TUBE USUALLY CORRECTING THE DIFFICULTY. THE BLOWER MOTOR WHICH COOLS THE TRANSMITTING TUBES IS A CONSTANT SOURCE OF TROUBLE, BOTH MECHANICAL AND ELECTRICAL TROUBLE HAS BEEN EXPERIENCED. ON MANY OF THE BLOWER MOTORS THE BEARINGS ARE OF THE OIL-LITE TYPE AND AFTER A FEW HOURS CONSTANT OPERATION (50 TO 100 HRS) THE MECHANICAL VIBRATION BECOMES EXCESSIVE AND THE ELECTRICAL INTER-

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FERENCE IS NOTED ON THE SCOPES. THIS TROUBLE HAS BEEN PARTIALLY CORRECTED BY DRILLING OIL HOLES IN THESE BEARINGS AND BY REMOVING THE MOTOR FROM THE UNIT AND CLEANING AND GREASING SAME AT LEAST EVERY 48 HOURS. IT IS ALSO ESSENTIAL THAT A SPARE BLOWER MOTOR BE KEPT ON HAND IN THE SPARE PARTS AT ALL TIMES. IN SOME CASES ELECTRICAL BREAKDOWN HAS OCCURRED IN THE ARTIFICIAL LINE. IT APPEARS THAT IF A VARIAC WAS PROVIDED IN THE POWER INPUT CIRCUIT OF THE TRANSMITTER THE TRANSMITTER COULD BE TUNED UP WITH A REDUCED PLATE VOLTAGE THUS ELIMINATING THE POSSIBILITY THAT FULL PLATE VOLTAGE MIGHT CAUSE UNNECESSARY ARCING WHEN TUNING THE TRANSMITTER. SINCE A VARIAC OF SUITABLE SIZE HAS NEVER BEEN OBTAINED, THIS MODIFICATION HAS NEVER BEEN ATTEMPTED BY THIS ORGANIZATION. NO MAJOR DIFFICULTIES HAS BEEN EXPERIENCED WITH THE MODULATOR UNIT OR THE VACUUM TUBE TYPE SPARK GAP.

RECEIVER R.3168: NO MAJOR DIFFICULTIES HAS BEEN EXPERIENCED WITH THE RECEIVERS (EACH UNIT IS PROVIDED WITH A SPARE RECEIVER), OTHER THAN THE REPLACEMENT OF BY-PASS CONDENSERS, RESISTORS AND TUBES. IN SOME ISOLATED INSTANCES THE TUBE SOCKETS HAVE BEEN FOUND TO BE DEFECTIVE AND WOULD NOT MAKE PROPER CONTACT WITH THE PRONGS ON THE TUBES.

INDICATING UNIT, TYPE 60 (RANGE SCOPE): THIS COMPONENT HAS CAUSED VERY LITTLE TROUBLE OTHER THAN THE REPLACEMENT OF TUBES, BY-PASS CONDENSERS AND RESISTORS. IN SOME ISOLATED CASES, TROUBLE HAS BEEN ENCOUNTERED BY THE "JITTERING" OF THE SWEEP TRACE ON THE CATHODE RAY TUBE. IT IS BELIEVED THIS TROUBLE IS NOT CAUSED BY A DEFECT IN THE RANGE UNIT. THE VARIABLE POTENTIOMETERS IN THIS UNIT, IN SOME CASES, HAVE BEEN OF POOR QUALITY AND HAVE BEEN REPLACED.

INDICATOR UNIT, TYPE 74 (PPI) AND POWER UNIT TYPE 228: NO SPECIAL DIFFICULTY HAS BEEN ENCOUNTERED WITH THE PPI UNIT, OTHER THAN THE NORMAL REPLACEMENTS. GREAT DIFFICULTY HAS BEEN EXPERIENCED WITH THE PPI POWER UNIT. THIS TROUBLE HAS, IN EVERY CASE, BEEN DUE TO THE BREAKING DOWN OF THE HIGH VOLTAGE TRANSFORMER IN THIS UNIT. THESE TRANSFORMERS HAVE A LIFE OF FROM 2 TO CONSIDERABLE OVER 4000 HOURS. REPLACEMENTS ON THESE TRANSFORMERS HAVE BEEN VERY DIFFICULT AND IN MANY CASES UNOBTAINABLE FOR LONG PERIODS OF TIME. THE CAUSE OF THIS TRANSFORMER FAILURE HAS BEEN MORE OR LESS UNDETERMINED BY BRITISH ENGINEERS AND TO THIS DATE NO SATISFACTORY REPLACEMRNT HAS BEEN ISSUED. THE DEGREE OF EFFICIENCY OF THIS PPI UNIT IS A SUBJECT OF WIDE DEBATE. IN MANY INSTANCES, TARGET INFORMATION FAILS TO SHOW UP ON THIS SCOPE AND IN ORDER TO GIVE EFFICIENT OPERATING INFORMATION, MANY OPERATORS USE ONLY THE RANGE

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SCOPE FOR TARGETS AND FALL BACK ON THE PPI SWEEP FOR THE AZIMUTH. ON ALL SETS A MECHANICAL AZIMUTH INDICATOR HAS BEEN IMPROVISED (THE SETS WERE NOT PROVIDED WITH A MECHANICAL AZIMUTH INDICATOR) WHICH IS USED IN CASES OF TOTAL PPI FAILURE.

SWITCH UNIT, TYPE 95 (T&R BOX): THE MAIN DIFFICULTY IN THIS UNIT HAS BEEN THE BURNING OF THE CONTACTS ON THE PHASE--ANTIPHASE SWITCH. IN MANY CASES A SEVERE ARC OCCURS AND RESULTS IN MIS-MATCHING IN THE SMALL TRANSMISSION LINES WITHIN THE UNIT AND CAUSING ELECTRICAL BREAKDOWN. REPLACEMENT OF THE THESE SWITCHES HAS BEEN DIFFICULT.

CONTROL PANEL, TYPE 7 (VOLTAGE CONTROL): NO DIFFICULTY HAS BEEN ENCOUNTERED WITH THIS UNIT, ESPECIALLY THE VOLTAGE CONTROL REGULATORS. IN SOME ISOLATED CASES THE POWER CABLE FEMALE SOCKET HAS GIVEN DIFFICULTY DUE TO POOR CONTACT WHICH CAUSED SEVERE HEAT WHICH MELTED THE NIPHAN FROM WHICH THIS PLUG IS INSULATED.

GENERATOR SET: IN GENERAL IT CAN BE STATED THAT THIS ENGINE PERFORMS VERY SATISFACTORY AND THE REGULATION OF THE AC ALTERNATOR AND THE DC GENERATOR IS QUITE SATISFACTORY. THE OIL AND GASOLINE CONSUMPTION IS QUITE LOW. HOWEVER, THIS ENGINE MUST BE PROVIDED WITH UN-LEADED GASOLINE FOR SATISFACTORY OPERATION. DURING MUCH OF THE OPERATION, IT HAS BEEN IMPOSSIBLE TO SECURE UNLEADED GASOLINE. DURING THIS TIME CONSIDERABLE DIFFICULTY WAS UNDERGONE WITH THESE ENGINES. THE TROUBLE ENCOUNTERED WAS MAINLY DUE TO STICKY VALVES AND EXCESS CARBON IN THE CYLINDER HEADS. DURING THE PERIOD RED-LEADED GASOLINE WAS USED, IT WAS NOT AT ALL UNCOMMON TO HAVE A COMPLETE OVERHAUL ON EACH ENGINE AT LEAST EVERY 36 HOURS. IN ATTEMPTING TO OVERCOME THIS DIFFICULTY VARIOUS EXPERIMENTAL MEASURES HAVE BEEN TAKEN; SUCH AS INCREASING THE VALVE CLEARANCE FOR EXHAUST VALVES, BOTH DECREASING AND INCREASING THE CLEARANCE ON THE INTAKE VALVES AND INCREASING THE SPARK ADJUSTMENT. NONE OF THESE EXPERIMENTS SEEMED TO IMPROVE THE OPERATION OF THESE ENGINES WITH LEADED GASOLINE. REPLACEMENT PARTS FOR THESE ENGINES HAS BEEN VERY DIFFICULT AND IN MANY CASES NONE WERE CARRIED BY THE SERVICE DEPOTS. THE STARTING OF THIS ENGINE IS AT TIMES QUITE DIFFICULT, EXPECIALLY DURING COOL OR COLD WEATHER.

MOUNTING AND ANTENNA: NO DIFFICULTIES HAVE BEEN UNDERGONE DUE TO THE MECHANICAL MOUNTING OF THE EQUIPMENT OR DUE TO THE METHOD OF MOUNTING THE ANTENNA ARRAY. HOWEVER DURING TRANSIT, THE ANTENNA ARMS ARE TAKEN OFF OF THE FRAMEWORK BRACES AND CARRIED ON TOP OF THE RADAR VAN. DUE TO THIS METHOD OF CARRYING SAME, THE ANTENNA DI-POLES BECOME BENT, ESPECIALLY WHEN MOVING INTO, OR THROUGH, A WOODED AREA. SOME VANS HAVE BEEN PROVIDED WITH AN IMPROVISED PROTECTIVE SHIELD ON TOP OF THE VANS IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE ANTENNA DI-POLES WHEN THE UNIT IS IN TRANSIT.

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IFF EQUIPMENT, MARK111: ALL UNITS ARE PROVIDED WITH THIS TYPE OF IFF EQUIPMENT. GENERALLY SPEAKING, THIS TYPE OF IFF IS HIGHLY UNSATISFACTORY; MAINLY DUE TO THE FACT IT IS NOT OF THE DIRECTIONAL VARIETY. CONSIDERABLE DIFFICULTY HAS BEEN EXPERIENCED WITH THIS IFF EQUIPMENT. REPLACEMENT OF TUBES, RESISTORS, CONDENSERS HAS BEEN FREQUENT IN SOME INSTALLATIONS. IN ORDER FOR IFF TO BE USED EFFECTIVELY WITH THESE UNITS, IT IS SUGGESTED A MODERN DIRECTIONAL TYPE BE INSTALLED.

AMERICAN SCR-584: THIS ORGANIZATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED WITH 4 OF THESE TYPE RADARS IN PLACE OF 6 OF THE BRITISH LIGHTWEIGHT TYPES. THESE SETS HAVE BEEN RECENTLY ACQUIRED AND THE TROUBLES AND DIFFICULTIES UP TO THE PRESENT TIME CANNOT BE CLASSIFIED AS INHERENT OR CHARACTERISTIC. IT SEEMS, HOWEVER, THAT FROM TIME TO TIME SOME TROUBLES WILL BE EXPERIENCED WITH THE RANGE UNIT BC-1062-A. MINOR TROUBLES MAY BE EXPERIENCED WITH THE TRACKING UNITS. THE SETS SEEM TO GIVE NO TROUBLE AFTER TRANSPORTATION. HOWEVER, A DISADVANTAGE HAS BEEN EXPERIENCED DUE TO THE VERY HEAVY WEIGHT OF THE SET. THE SETS ARE MOUNTED IN SEMI-TRAILERS AND PULLED BY TRUCK-TRACTOR. THIS TRACTOR DOES NOT HAVE SUFFICIENT TRACTION FOR ROUGH TERRAINE AND IS SATISFACTORY ONLY ON HARD ROADS. AS AN EARLY WARNING REPORTING RADAR, THIS SET HAS LIMITED USES. IT IS IDEAL FOR TRACKING ONE PLANE OR A GROUP OF PLANES AT APPROXIMATELY THE SAME ALTITUDE. IF IT IS THEN USED FOR TRACKING, THEN ANY OTHER PLANES THAT MIGHT BE WITHIN RANGE WILL NOT BE SEEN. IF THE PPI SCAN IS USED, THE SET WILL BE ABLE TO REPORT MORE PLOTS BUT WILL NOT GIVE MANY PLOTS ON ANY ONE TRACK WHEN MORE THAN TWO OR THREE PLANES, OR GROUPS OF PLANES, ARE SHOWING ON THE PPI SCAN; ESPECIALLY WHEN THE PLANES ARE AT QUITE DIFFERENT ALTITUDES.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

Jack F. Roberts

JACK F. ROBERTS
1ST LT., SIG.C.
RADAR OFFICER

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HISTORICAL REPORT
OF THE 563RD SIGNAL AW BN
FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 1944

AS COMPILED BY:

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IN COMPLIANCE WITH LETTER, HEADQUARTERS, NINTH AIR FORCE, FILE NUMBER 314.7, SUBJECT: "OFFICIAL AND POPULAR HISTORIES OF THE NINTH AIR FORCE," DATED 22 NOVEMBER 1943, AND XIX TACTICAL AIR COMMAND MEMORANDUM NUMBER 20-1, DATED 5 FEBRUARY 1944, AS AMENDED BY MEMORANDUM NUMBER 20-1A, DATED 29 FEBRUARY 1944, THE FOLLOWING RECORD IS SUBMITTED FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER.

1. DURING THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, OPERATING UNDER TO/ AND E 11/400, THERE WERE NO MAJOR TRANSFERS FROM THIS ORGANIZATION TO POINTS WITHOUT. THE FOLLOWING TRANSFERS WERE EFFECTED HOWEVER:

S/SGT HENRY F. GIEBLER, 35288368 (014), ASGD TO THIS ORGN IN COMPLAINCE WITH PAR 19, SO 34, 134TH REPLACEMENT BATTALION (AAF), APO 149, USA, CS, IS FURTHER ASGD TO COMPANY A., FROM 128TH REPLACEMENT BN (AAF).

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS AND ENLISTED MEN, RAF AND DET "A", 925TH SIGNAL COMPANY DEPOT AVN, ATCHD TO THIS ORGN IN COMPLIANCE WITH PAR 1, SO 225, HEADQUARTERS 10TH AIR DEPOT GROUP, APO 149, US ARMY, CS, ARE FURTHER ATCHD TO HEADQUARTERS COMPANY FOR QRS, RAT AND DY.

F/L	MURRAY I. BECK	C-12443 RAF
SGT	GRAHAM M. BARKER	1540409 RAF
2D LT	ROBERT H. SIMMONS	0494816 SIG C
T/SGT	ORVILLE L. DORSCHNER	37449011 (953)
SGT	JAMES U. HARRIS	35211580 (078)

2D LT GEORGE E. MOWBER, 01547727, MAC, ASGD TO THIS ORGN IN COMPLAINCE WITH PAR 23, SO 340, HEADQUARTERS, NINTH AIR FORCE, APO 696, US ARMY, CS, IS FURTHER ASGD TO HEADQUARTERS COMPANY FROM 448TH SIGNAL CONSTRUCTION BATTALION.

PVT FRED A. BONNESS, 6874950, ASGD TO THIS ORGN IN COMPLIANCE WITH PAR 19 SO 46, HEADQUARTERS 134TH REPLACEMENT BATTALION, (AAF), APO 149, US ARMY, CS, IS FURTHER ASGD TO COMPANY C FROM 173RD REPLACEMENT CO.).

IN COMPLIANCE WITH SOP 48, PHASE II, HEADQUARTERS, XIX TACTICAL AIR COMMAND, DATED 27 SEPTEMBER 1944, 1ST LT JOHN J. REYNOLDS, JR., 01643270, SIG C, IS APTD BN INFORMATION-EDUCATION OFFICER, (ADDITIONAL DUTY).

PVT GERARD T. MULLANE, 32864091 (097), ASGD TO THIS ORGN IN COMPLAINCE WITH PAR 9, SO 153, HEADQUARTERS XIX TACTICAL AIR COMMAND, APO 141, US ARMY, CS, IS FURTHER ASGD TO HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, FROM 4TH TACTICAL AIR COM SQ.

2D LT PHILLIP W. CLEPPER, 0502774, SIG C, HQ EUROPEAN T OF OPNS USA, ATCHD TO THIS ORGN IN COMPLIANCE WITH LTR AG 300.4 (10 DEC 44) N-590, HQ EUROPEAN T OF OPNS USA, APO 887, IS FURTHER ATCHD TO COMPANY A FOR QRS, RATS AND DY.

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ONE OFFICER AND THIRTY (30) ENLISTED MEN COMPRISING THE GROUND OBSERVER TEAMS OF COMPANY A WERE ATTACHED TO HEADQUARTERS COMPANY FOR RATIONS, EFFECTIVE 18 DECEMBER 1944.

ONE OFFICER AND THIRTY ONE (31) ENLISTED MEN COMPRISING THE GROUND OBSERVER TEAMS OF COMPANY B WERE RELIEVED FROM ATTACHMENT TO COMPANY A FOR RATIONS ONLY AND FURTHER ATTACHED TO HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, EFFECTIVE 18 DECEMBER 1944, FOR RATIONS ONLY.

EFFECTIVE 16 DECEMBER 1944 THE OFFICERS AND ENLISTED MEN ATTACHED FROM THE RAF AND DET "C", OF THE 925TH SIGNAL DEPOT AVN, WERE RELIEVED FROM ATTACHMENT TO HEADQUARTERS COMPANY.

2D LT GEORGE E. MOWRER, O1547727, RECENTLY ASSIGNED, WAS APPOINTED AS BATTALION GRAVES REGISTRATION OFFICER (ADD DY) VICE CAPT JOSEPH D. GOLDBERG, 0487226, DC, RELIEVED.

1ST LT LEWIS F. JANEK, O1642231, SIG C, IS APPOINTED BATTALION COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER VICE 2ND LT RICHARD L. VIERGEVER, O1639772, SIG C RELIEVED.

S/SGT HENRY F. GIEBLER, 35288386, (014), COMPANY A, IS ASGD TO HEADQUARTERS COMPANY.

PFC JAMES MCTIERNAN, 32785932 (590), HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, WAS TRANSFERRED IN GRADE TO HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, REPEAT, A COMPANY.

PFC LEWIS MCCOY, 38250123 (590), COMPANY A, IS TRANSFERRED IN GRADE TO HEADQUARTERS COMPANY.

1ST LT CLARENCE A. WETHERILL, 0462967, SIG C, AND FIVE ENLISTED MEN WERE RELIEVED FROM ATTACHMENT TO COMPANY D AND FURTHER ATTACHED TO COMPANY A FOR QUARTERS, RATIONS, AND DUTY, EFFECTIVE 27 DECEMBER 1944.

TWO OFFICERS AND TWENTY EIGHT ENLISTED MEN OF LT ROBERTS PLATOON WERE ATTACHED TO COMPANY A FOR QUARTERS, RATIONS AND DUTY, EFFECTIVE 27 DECEMBER 1944.

TWO OFFICERS AND TWENTY SIX ENLISTED MEN OF LT. MARTINSENS' PLATOON, D COMPANY, WERE ATTACHED TO COMPANY B, FOR QUARTERS, RATIONS, AND DUTY, EFFECTIVE 27 DECEMBER 1944.

TWO OFFICERS, AND THIRTY ENLISTED MEN , COMPANY D, OF LT. COBB'S PLATOON, WERE ATTACHED TO COMPANY B, FOR QUARTERS, RATIONS, AND DUTY, EFFECTIVE 27 DECEMBER 1944.

TWO OFFICERS, AND TWENTY SEVEN ENLISTED MEN, COMPANY D, OF LT. KENNEY'S PLATOON, WERE ATTACHED TO COMPANY C FOR QUARTERS, RATIONS, AND DUTY, EFFECTIVE 27 DECEMBER 1944.

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TWO OFFICERS AND TWENTY EIGHT (28) ENLISTED MEN, COMPANY D, OF LT. ALTMANN'S PLATOON, WERE ATTACHED TO COMPANY C, FOR QUARTERS, RATIONS, AND DUTY, EFFECTIVE 27 DECEMBER 1944.

ONE OFFICER, AND THIRTY ONE (31) ENLISTED MEN, COMPRISING THE GROUND OBSERVER PLATOON OF COMPANY B, WERE RELIEVED FROM ATTACHMENT TO HEADQUARTERS COMPANY FOR RATIONS AND FURTHER RELIEVED FROM COMPANY A, FOR QUARTERS AND DUTY, EFFECTIVE 27 DECEMBER 1944.

ONE OFFICER, AND TWENTY NONE (29) ENLISTED MEN, COMPRISING GROUND OBSERVER PLATOON NUMBER FOUR, ATTACHED TO HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, WERE FURTHER ATTACHED TO COMPANY A, FOR QUARTERS, RATIONS, AND DUTY, EFFECTIVE 27 DECEMBER 1944.

CPL JOSEPH G. MAZUR, 15085472 (518), HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, WAS ATTACHED TO COMPANY A, FOR QUARTERS, RATIONS, AND DUTY, EFFECTIVE 27 DECEMBER 1944.

TEC 4 ROBERT N. COOPER, 33078031)060), COMPANY A, IS RELIEVED FROM ATTACHEMENT TO HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, EFFECTIVE 27 DEC 44.

ONE OFFICER, AND THIRTY (30) ENLISTED MEN, GROUND OBSERVER TEAMS OF COMPANY A, WERE RELIEVED FROM ATTACHMENT TO HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, EFFECTIVE 27 DECEMBER 1944.

THREE OFFICERS (3) AND FORTY SIX (46) ENLISTED MEN, HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, WERE ATTACHED TO THE 738TH SIGNAL AW COMPANY, FOR QUARTERS, RATIONS, AND DUTY, EFFECTIVE 27 DECEMBER 1944.

S/SGT JAMES R. WILLIAMS, 14025892 (409), MC, HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, IS RELIEVED FROM ATTACHMENT TO COMPANY A AND FURTHER ATTACHED TO COMPANY B, THIS BATTALION, FOR QUARTERS, RATIONS, AND DUTY, EFFECTIVE 29 DECEMBER 1944.

TEC 5 MERCEDES CASTILLO, 38143941 (931), HAVING BEEN ASGD TO THIS ORGANIZATION IN COMPLIANCE WITH PAR 13, SO 69, HEADQUARTERS, 134TH REPLACEMENT BATTALION (AAF), CS, IS FURTHER ASGD TO HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, FROM 173RD REPLACEMENT COMPANY (AAF).

TEC 5 HERBERT N. WILCOX, 33464568 (776), HAVING REPORTED TO THIS ORGANIZATION IN COMPLAINCE WITH PAR 56, SO 191, HEADQUARTERS, 19TH REPLACEMENT DEPOT, CS, IS FURTHER ASSIGNED TO HEADQUARTERS COMPANY.

SGT PHILIP J. MULDOON, JR., 35695406, (514), HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, IS RELIEVED FROM ATTACHMENT TO 738TH SIGNAL AW COMPANY AND TRANSFERRED IN GRADE TO COMPANY A.

ONE OFFICER AND TWENTY EIGHT (28) ENLISTED MEN, COMPRISING THE GROUND OBSERVER PLATOON NUMBER FOUR, ATTACHED TO HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, ARE RELIEVED FROM ATTACHMENT TO COMPANY A, AND FURTHER ATTACHED TO COMPANY C FOR QUARTERS, RATIONS, AND DUTY, EFFECTIVE 3 JAN 45.

CPL JOSEPH G. MAZUR, 15085472,(518), HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, WAS RELIEVED FROM ATTACHMENT TO COMPANY A AND FURTHER ATCHD CO D, C.

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TEC 4 ROBERT N. COOPER, 33079031, (060), COMPANY A, W AS ATTACHED TO COMPANY C, FOR QUARTERS, RATIONS, AND DUTY, EFFECTIVE 3 JANUARY 1945.

TWO (2) OFFICERS, AND TWENTY EIGHT (28) ENLISTED MEN, COMPANY D, THIS BATTALION, OF LT. ROBERTS' PLATOON, WERE RELIEVED FROM ATTACHMENT TO COMPANY A, EFFECTIVE 3 JANUARY 1945.

TWO (2) OFFICERS, AND TWENTY SIX (26) ENLISTED MEN, COMPANY D, THIS BATTALION, OF LT. MARTINSENS' PLATOON, WERE RELIEVED FROM ATTACHMENT TO COMPANY,B, EFFECTIVE 3 JANUARY 1945.

TWO (2) OFFICERS, AND TWENTY EIGHT (28) ENLISTED MEN, COMPANY D, LT. ALTMANN'S PLATOON, WERE RELIEVED FROM ATTACHMENT TO COMPANY B, EFFECTIVE 3 JANUARY 1945.

TWO (2) OFFICERS, AND THIRTY (30) ENLISTED MEN, COMPANY D, LT. COBB'S PLATOON, WERE RELIEVED FROM ATTACHMENT TO COMPANY C, EFFECTIVE 3 JANUARY 1945.

TWO (2) OFFICERS, AND TWENTY SEVEN (27) ENLISTED MEN, COMPANY D, THIS BATTALION, LT. KENNEY'S PLATOON, WERE RELIEVED FROM ATTACHMENT TO COMPANY C, EFFECTIVE 3 JANUARY 1945.

SEVEN (7) ENLISTED MEN, DETACHMENT C, 3RD MOBILE RADIO SQUADRON, ARE PLACED ON TEMPORARY DUTY, EFFECTIVE ON OR ABOUT 28 DECEMBER 1944, FOR AN INDEFINITE PERIOD TO COMPANY B FOR QUARTERS, RATIONS AND DUTY IN COMPLIANCE WITH PAR 3 SO 24, HEADQUARTERS, 19TH TACTICAL CONTROL GROUP (PROV), APO 141, US ARMY, 28 DEC 44. UPON COMPLETION OF THIS TEMPORARY DUTY ENLISTED MEN WERE TO RETURN TO PROPER ORGNATZATION.

PFC JACK A. BASICH, 39320408, (590), HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, IS ATTACHED TO 738TH SIGNAL AW COMPANY FOR QUARTERS, RATIONS AND DUTY.

1ST LT. CLARENCE A. WETHERILL, 0462967, SIG C, HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, IS RELIEVED FROM ATTACHMENT TO COMPANY A, AND FURTHER ASSIGNED TO COMPANY D, EFFECTIVE 3 JANUARY 1945.

2ND LT. ROBERT A. HOMAN, 0504911, SIG C, HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, WAS RELIEVED FROM ATTACHMENT TO COMPANY B, AND FURTHER ASSIGNED TO COMPANY D, EFFECTIVE 3 JANUARY 1945.

CAPT JOHN P. MICHAELS 01708622, MC, HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, WAS RELIEVED FROM ATTACHMENT TO COMPANY D, AND FURTHER TRANSFERRED TO COMPANY B, THIS BATTALION, FOR QUARTERS, RATIONS, AND DUTY.

FIVE (5) ENLISTED MEN, HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, WERE RELIEVED FROM ATTACHMENT TO COMPANY A AND FURTHER TRANSFERRED IN GRADE TO COMPANY D, EFFECTIVE, 3 JANUARY 45. (LT. WETHERILL'S MEN).

FIVE (5) ENLISTED MEN, HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, WERE RELIEVED FROM ATTACHMENT TO COMPANY B AND FURTHER TRANSFERRED IN GRADE TO COMPANY D, EFFECTIVE 3 JANUARY 1945. (LT. HOMAN'S MEN.)

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2. THE STRENGTH OF THE ORGANIZATION AT THE CLOSE OF THE MONTH OF DECEMBER WAS SIXTY EIGHT OFFICERS (68), SIX (6) WARRANT OFFICERS, AND NINE HUNDRED AND FORTY FOUR (944) ENLISTED MEN. ONE (1) OFFICER AND TWENTY NINE (29) ENLISTED MEN ATTACHED TO THIS BATTALION FROM THE 564TH SIGNAL AIRCRAFT WARNING BATTALION.

3. THE LIST OF ALL CHANGES OF STATION ARE AS FOLLOWS, AND DATES OF MOVES ARE INCLUDED WITH THE POSSIBLE EXCEPTION OF SOME GROUND OBSERVER POSTS WHICH MOVE SO OFTEN THAT CONTINUOUS WATCH OVER THEM IS NEXT TO IMPOSSIBLE.

UNIT	GRID COORDINATE	TOWN	DATE OCCUPIED	DATE DEPARTED
BN HQ	U-510460	(HATTONVILLE)	14 SEPT 44	2 DEC 44
	Q-158522	(CITES DES CHARBONNAGES)	2 DEC 44	25 DEC 44.
	U-720985	(AUDUN LES TICHE)	25 DEC 44	
FDP 4	Q-298432	(ERSTROFF)	28 NOV 44	28 DEC 44.
(DEACTIVATED 28 DECEMBER 44.)				
LW 4	Q-610180	(BERGHEID)	1 DEC 44	28 DEC 44.
(REDESIGNATED AS LW 5, 2400 9 DEC 44) DEACTIVATED 28 DECEMBER 44.				
G04 - S	Q-344272	(ROHRBACH)	25 NOV 44	12 DEC 44.
	Q-585413	(DEHLINGEN)	12 DEC 44	29 DEC 44.
	Q-696484	(ROHRBACH, W.)	21 DEC 44	29 DEC 44.
	Q-326622	(FREIMENGER)	29 DEC 44.	
- T	Q-360449	(KL.TANCHEN)	29 NOV 44	12 DEC 44
	Q-431380	(HUNKIRCH)	12 DEC 44	14 DEC 44
	Q-587527	(WOLFLINGEN)	14 DEC 44	
- U	Q-401360	(E.DORSWEILER)	1 DEC 44	1 DEC 44
	Q-371340	(ORMINGEN)	9 DEC 44	17 DEC 44
	Q-542458	(ORMINGEN S.)	17 DEC 44.	17 DEC 44
	Q-654512	(GR. REDERCHING)	17 DEC 44	19 DEC 44.
	Q-455584	(SW. RUHLINGEN)	19 DEC 44.	
- V	Q-355167	(LUNGENBERG)	29 NOV 44.	12 DEC 44.
	Q-741414	(SAARINSBERG)	12 DEC 44.	29 DEC 44.
	Q-426607	(BUSCHBACH)	29 DEC 44.	
- W	Q-403277	(S.MITTERSHEIN)	29 NOV 44	1 DEC 44.
	Q-495273	(E.FINSTINGEN)	1 DEC 44	14 DEC 44.
	Q-696436	(MOMBRANN)	14 DEC 44.	17 DEC 44.
	Q-742483	(E.REVEREWEILER)	17 DEC 44.	29 DEC 44.
	Q-366633	(KOCHERN)	29 DEC 44.	
FDP 1	U-500731	(N. ETAIN)	13 SEPT 44.	
LW 1	U-685894	(BEUVILLERS)	25 SEPT 44.	

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GO 1 - A	Q-010688	(CREVIE)	25 NOV 44	8 DEC 44.
	Q-207552	(DURCHINAL)	8 DEC 44	11 DEC 44.
-	Q-330622	(MERLENBUCH)	11 DEC 44.	29 DEC 44.
	Q-099953	(RITZING)	29 DEC 44.	
- B	U-757531	(MARON)	21 NOV 44.	8 DEC 44.
	Q-265558	(SE.ST. AVOLD)	8 DEC 44.	17 DEC 44.
	Q-369635	(MORSBACH)	17 DEC 44.	29 DEC 44.
	Q-065982	(EFT)	29 DEC 44.	
- C	Q-042811	(DALSTEIN)	25 NOV 44	8 DEC 44.
	Q-344576	(E.BETTINGEN)	8 DEC 44.	11 DEC 44.
	Q-386592	(THEDINGEN)	11 DEC 44.	16 DEC 44.
	Q-464599	(RUHLINGEN)	16 DEC 44.	29 DEC 44.
	Q-158859	(FURWEILER)	29 DEC 44.	
- D	U-977731	(SW HARAUCOURT)	21 NOV 44	8 DEC 44.
	Q-165615	(W.NARBEFONTAINE)	8 DEC 44.	14 DEC 44.
	Q-333719	(WERBLEN)	14 DEC 44.	17 DEC 44.
	Q-268645	(E.EMULTERBACH)	17 DEC 44.	29 DEC 44.
	L-038012	(WACHERN)	29 DEC 44.	
- F	U-955618	(NOISSEVILLE)	25 NOV 44.	8 DEC 44.
	Q-380527	(HOST)	8 DEC 44.	11 DEC 44.
	Q-417590	(TENTZLINGEN)	11 DEC 44.	29 DEC 44.
	Q-138910	(BIRINGEN)	29 DEC 44.	
FDP 2	T-925306	(RANCOURT)	12 OCT 44.	24 DEC 44.
	P-427219	(SW. ST. MARIE)	24 DEC 44.	
LW 2	T-892066	(LANEUVILLE AU POND)	14 OCT 44.	26 DEC 44.
	P-480320	(HABAY-LA-NEUVE, BELG)	26 DEC 44.	
GO2 - G	U-997350	(LIOCOURT)	20 NOV 44	8 DEC 44.
	Q-170740	(E.TROMBORN)	8 DEC 44.	
- H	Q-050480	(S. MAIXE)	21 NOV 44.	8 DEC 44.
	Q-247776	(SE. FELSBURG)	8 DEC 44.	
- J	Q-250410	(BENIGEN)	25 NOV 44.	8 DEC 44.
	Q-259686	(NE:KREUZWALD)	8 DEC 44.	12 DEC 44.
	Q-303723	(DIFFERTEN)	12 DEC 44.	22 DEC 44.
	Q-170740	(E. TROMBORN)	22 DEC 44.	
- K	Q-131446	(SE. SIONVILLE)	20 NOV 44.	8 DEC 44.
	Q-215822	(S. GISINGEN)	8 DEC 44.	22 DEC 44.
	Q-247775	(FELSBURG)	22 DEC 44.	
- L	U-963514	(VARANGELLE)	21 NOV 44.	8 DEC 44.
	Q-185851	(KERPRICH)	8 DEC 44.	8 DEC 44.
	Q-226859	(E. REHLINGEN)	8 DEC 44.	22 DEC 44.
	Q-170740	(DALEM)	22 DEC 44.	

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FDP 3	P-835100	(S. OF LUXEMBOURG)	22 SEPT 44.	
LW 3	P-870297	(FISCHBACH)	29 SEPT 44.	
GO 3 - M	Q-025980	(SCHNEDOR)	28 NOV 44.	27 DEC 44.
	P-923340	(LAROCHETTE)	27 DEC 44.	
- O	Q-065983	(OB PERL)	29 NOV 44.	22 DEC 44.
	Q-103956	(RITZING)	22 DEC 44.	27 DEC 44.
	P-940357	(E. WALDBILIG)	27 DEC 44.	
-P	Q-100852	(E. BUDLING)	29 NOV 44.	7 DEC 44.
	Q-087978	(BUCHDORF)	7 DEC 44.	
- Q	Q-025888	(HTE. SIERCK)	25 NOV 44.	27 DEC 44.
	P-875379	(NW. OF STEGEN)	27 DEC 44.	
- R	U-908923	(CATTENOM)	25 NOV 44.	7 DEC 44.
	Q-189909	(W. OF MONILF)	7 DEC 44.	
FDP 5	U-735265	(VILLERS EN HAYE)	8 OCT 44.	2 DEC 44.
	Q-200371	(MORHANGE)	2 DEC 44.	
LW 5	Q-025147	(ERBEVILLER)	16 NOV 44.	9 DEC 44.
	U-910550	(N. OF JURY)	9 DEC 44.	

(REDESIGNATED AS LW 4, 28 DEC 44). NOW KNOWN AS CSU 4.

FDP 6	Q-265435	(GROS TENQUIN)	2 DEC 44.	19 DEC 44.
	Q-486502	(HAMBACH)	19 DEC 44.	28 DEC 44.
	P-918270	(SW OF REULAND)	28 DEC 44.	

(REDESIGNATED AS CSU 1, 28 DEC 44) CSU FOR CLOSE SUPPORT UNIT.

LW 6	Q-265435	(GROS TENQUIN)	2 DEC 44.	19 DEC 44.
	Q-485511	(HAMBACH)	19 DEC 44.	28 DEC 44.
	P-918270	(SW. OF REULAND)	28 DEC 44.	

(DEACTIVATED 7 JAN 45.)(TENTATIVE DATE SET AS SUCH).

FDP 7	U-945834	(E. DISTROFF)	29 NOV 44.	6 DEC 44.
	Q-178744	(E. TROMBORN)	6 DEC 44.	

(REDESIGNATED AS CSU 2, 28 DEC 44, CSU FOR CLOSE SUPPORT UNIT.)

LW 7	U-945834	(E. DISTROFF)	29 NOV 44.	6 DEC 44.
	Q-178744	(E. TROMBORN)	6 DEC 44.	

(REDESIGNATED AS CSU 3, 28 DEC 44, CSU FOR CLOSE SUPPORT UNIT.)

LW 8	Z-337849	(DAINVILLE)	12 NOV 44.	12 DEC 44.
	Q-010940	(SE. SIERCK LES BAINS)	12 DEC 44.	

(DEACTIVATED 7 JAN 45.) (TENTATIVE DATE SET AS SUCH).

4. THERE WERE NO LOSSES IN ACTION OR CASUALTIES DURING THE MONTH OF DECEMBER. HOWEVER, THERE WERE A NUMBER OF CASUALTIES OF A MINOR NATURE, REGARDED AS NON-BATTLE CASUALTIES.

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5. DURING THE MONTH OF DECEMBER TWO OFFICERS AND ONE ENLISTED MAN WERE AWARDED THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE IN CONNECTION WITH MILITARY OPERATIONS FROM 6 AUGUST 1944 TO 13 NOVEMBER 1944, AS FOLLOW:

2D LT JIMMIE P. DUNCAN, O1644945, SIG C
2D LT CHARLES W. ROOT, O1646543, SIG C
T/SGT LAWRENCE G. GIFFORD, 38087207.

AUTHORITY, GENERAL ORDERS NUMBER 58, SECTION I, PAR (F), (G), AND (M), XIX TACTICAL AIR COMMAND, REAR, APO 141, US ARMY, DATED 15 DECEMBER 1944, TWO COPIES OF WHICH ARE ATTACHED HERETO.

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COMPANY A - THE FORWARD DIRECTOR POST ITSELF IS STILL IN A STATIC POSITION, OCCUPYING THE SAME SITE FOR THE PAST FOUR MONTHS. LIGHT WARNING #1 PLATOON HAS ALSO BEEN STAGNANT, BUT OUR GROUND OBSERVER POSTS HAVE MADE FREQUENT MOVES IN AN EFFORT TO STAY ABREAST OF THE FRONT LINES. COUNTERATTACKS BY THE ENEMY MADE THE POSITIONS OF SEVERAL OF THESE POSTS UNTENABLE AT TIMES AND THEY HAD TO BE PULLED BACK. A SURVEY OF GROUND OBSERVER POST POSITIONS IN PARAGRAPH 3 (D) INDICATES THE FORWARD PROGRESS OF THE GROUND OBSERVERS AND ALSO THEIR WITHDRAWALS.

LIGHT WARNING PLATOON #4 JOINED FORWARD DIRECTOR POST #1 FOR TACTICAL EMPLOYMENT ON 26 DECEMBER 1944. THIS IS A 584 OUTFIT AND IS ESPECIALLY USEFUL FOR TRACKING AND FURNISHING ACCURATE HEIGHT DATA. WE EXPECT A LOT FROM THIS SET IN FUTURE OPERATIONS.

COMPANY B - ON DECEMBER 16TH ORDERS WERE RECEIVED FOR FORWARD DIRECTOR POST #2 TO MOVE TO A SITE ONE HALF MILE SOUTH OF TORCHVILLE. SINCE A RECONNAISSANCE OF THIS SITE HAD BEEN MADE, AND SINCE WE HAD A FEW DAYS NOTICE, AN ADVANCE PARTY WAS SENT TO SET UP CAMP TWO DAYS BEFORE THE ACTUAL MOVE. FURTHER RECONNAISSANCE BY THE ADVANCE PARTY PROVED THIS SITE UNSUITABLE FOR OUR PURPOSE. THE ALTERNATE SITE, LOCATED ONE MILE NORTH OF BISTROFF (IN ALSACE) WAS DECIDED UPON. THE TRIP FROM RANCOURT, (MEUSE), CONSISTING OF THREE SERIALS MADE THE 100 100 MILE TRIP IN 5 AND ONE HALF HOURS ON 20 DECEMBER 1944.

UPON ARRIVING AT BISTROFF A SUCCEEDING ORDER HAD BEEN RECEIVED DIRECTING THIS UNIT TO MOVE TO A SITE ONE HALF MILE SOUTHWEST OF STE. MARIE-SUR-SEMOIS, BELGIUM. THIS TRIP, WHICH WAS 100 MILES, ALSO WAS MADE IN 5 AND ONE HALF HOURS ON 22 DECEMBER 1944.

ON 15 DECEMBER 1944, LT. CHARLES W. ROOT, WAS PROMOTED TO 1ST LT, AUS, PER PAR 2, SO 350, HEADQUARTERS, NINTH AIR FORCE.

THE GROUND OBSERVER PLATOON OF THIS FORWARD DIRECTOR POST IS COMMANDED BY LT. ROOT. IT WAS DURING THE THIRD ARMY'S CROSSING OF THE MOSELLE RIVER THAT GROUND OBSERVER INFORMATION OF ENEMY GROUND AND AIR ACTIVITY RELAYED BY FM RADIO BACK TO FORWARD DIRECTOR POST #2 AND IN TURN RELAYED BY WIRE LINE TO THE FILTER CENTER WAS SO SUCCESSFUL. BECAUSE OF THE INFORMATION SENT BACK AND THE SERVICES RENDERED THE GROUND FORCES, LT. ROOT RECEIVED THE ABOVE MENTIONED AWARD OF SUB-PARAGRAPH (5).

ON 10 DECEMBER 1944, CWO WILLIAM E. CHURCH WAS PROMOTED FROM WARRANT OFFICER JUNIOR GRADE TO CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER PER PAR 6 SO 153 HEADQUARTERS, XIX TACTICAL AIR COMMAND, APO 141, US ARMY. MR. CHURCH IS TECHNICAL OFFICER FOR THE TYPE 15 RADAR BEING USED AT THIS FORWARD DIRECTOR POST. HE ATTENDED THE RADAR SCHOOL AT LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY SIGNAL DEPOT FOR EIGHT MONTHS. AT CAMP MURPHY, FLORIDA, HE

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STUDIED THE UNITS 270 AND 588 FOR FOUR MONTHS. IN ENGLAND HE ATTENDED SCHOOL AT YATESBURY FOR FIVE WEEKS, STUDYING THE TYPE 15 AND 11. IN CIVILIAN LIFE MR. CHURCH WAS A TEACHER AT THE UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY FOR A PERIOD OF ONE AND ONE HALF YEARS. HIS HOME IS IN ST. JOSEPH, MICHIGAN.

ON THE MORNING OF DECEMBER 24TH, 1944, AT 0055 HOURS, TWO ENEMY PLANES BOMBED THE RADAR SITE. A TOTAL OF FOUR BOMBS WERE DROPPED THE FIRST ONE STRIKING ONE HUNDRED YARDS SOUTHWEST OF THE RADAR SITE. THE OTHERS FELL FROM THREE HUNDRED TO SIX HUNDRED YARDS DISTANCE IN THE SAME DIRECTION.

THE FIRST PLANE, CAME IN FROM THE NORTH NORTHEAST AND THEN FLEW EAST. THE SECOND PLANE CAME FROM THE NORTH NORTHEAST ALSO AND ABOUT A MILE OR SO BEHIND THE FIRST. AS IT APPROACHED THE RADAR SITE IT TURNED SLIGHTLY, FLYING SOUTHWEST, AND, AS IT DID SO, IT DROPPED THE BOMBS MENTIONED ABOVE.

THE FIRST PLANE MAY HAVE BEEN SHOT DOWN BY ANTI AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY LOCATED ABOUT FIVE MILES EAST FROM OUR RADAR SITE. THE ASSUMPTION THAT IT MAY HAVE BEEN SHOT DOWN IS BASED UPON THE FACT THAT IT MAY HAVE BEEN SHOT DOWN IS IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE ANTI AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY GUNS BEGAN TO FIRE THE SKY SEEMED TO FLASH FOR A FRACTION OF A SECOND AND AT THE SAME TIME THE SOUND OF THE MOTOR, AS HEARD BY THE GUARDS, CEASED.

ON 25 DECEMBER 1944, A B-26 WAS SEEN COMING FROM THE NORTHEAST AND FROM THE TRAIL OF SMOKE, IT WAS APPARENTLY IN TROUBLE. IT WAS FLYING AT AN ALTITUDE OF 7,000 FEET. (THIS WAS GIVEN BY THE PILOT LATER.) A FIGURE WAS SEEN TO JUMP FROM THE PLANE AND A FEW MINUTES LATER A PARACHUTE OPENED. THE PLANE MADE A GRADUAL RIGHT TURN FLYING NORTH NORTHWEST AND WAS SEEN TO HEAD FOR EARTH ABOUT THREE OR FOUR MILES AWAY.

THE PILOT, 1ST LT. CHARLES BUKEL, LANDED SAFELY NEXT TO OUR D/F ANTENNAE. LT. BUKEL TOLD US THAT WHILE IN FORMATION AND NEARING THE TARGET THEY FOUND MODERATELY ACCURATE FLAK. IMMEDIATELY AFTER OPENING HIS BOMB BAY DOORS THE PLANE WAS HIT WITH FLAK. IT WAS HIT THE SECOND TIME AFTER DROPPING THE BOMBS ON THE TARGET. THE SECOND HIT STARTED A FIRE IN HIS RIGHT ENGINE AND THE ENGINE IMMEDIATELY BECAME DEAD. ON THE WAY BACK TO THE BASE THE LEFT ENGINE BEGAN TO SPIT AND SPLUTTER. THE PILOT ORDERED HIS CREW WHO THROUGHOUT THE FLAK HAD NOT BEEN HIT, TO BAIL OUT. AFTER ALL CREW MEMBERS HAD JUMPED HE LEVELED THE PLANE AND JUMPED HIMSELF. LATER IN THE DAY INFORMATION REACHED US THAT THE CO PILOT, LT. SLOAN, AND THREE MEMBERS OF THE DREW HAD BEEN FOUND. THE SIXTH MEMBER WAS NOT HEARD FROM DURING THE STAY OF THE PILOT.

LT. BUKEL AND THE THREE MEMBERS OF HIS CREW ENJOYED THE CHRISTMAS DINNER HERE VERY MUCH. WHILE AT DINNER LT. BUKEL INFORMED US THAT THIS WAS HIS 65TH MISSION AND THAT HE HAD HOPES OF BEING RELEASED TO GO HOME.

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CHRISTMAS DAY WAD ENJOYED BY ALL IF, FOR NO OTHER REASON, THEN BECAUSE OF THE EXCELLENT MEAL SERVED. IN ORDER TO HAVE EVERYONE SERVED AND NOT TO HURRY THEIR MEAL, THE COMPANY WAS SPLIT INTO THREE GROUPS. THE FIRST SITTING WAS AT 1430 HOURS, THE SECOND AT 1500 HOURS AND THE THIRD AT 1530 HOURS. THE COOKS STAYED UP THE PREVIOUS NIGHT TO DRESS THE TURKEYS, BAKE PIES, ETC., AND EVERYONE COMMENTED ON THE FINE RESULTS.

AS EACH MAN ENTERED THE KITCHEN MESS TENT HE WAS GIVEN A CIGAR AND AN APPLE. NEXT, THE TURKEY (AND PLENTY OF IT), DRESSING, MASHED POTATOES, GRAVY, CRANBERRY SAUCE, APPLE PIE, CANDY, RAISIN BREAD AND COFFEE.

THE TABLES WERE GIVEN THAT "HOME-LIKE" ATMOSPHERE BY THE SUPPLY OFFICER ACQUIRING WHAT LOOKED LIKE WHITE TABLE CLOTHS. THE MESS SERGEANT REPORTED A STRANGE FACT---NO ONE ASKED FOR A SECOND HELPING.

COMPANY C - 0128 2 DEC 1944: GROUND OBSERVER POST "O" REPORTS ENEMY SHELLING THEIR POST.

2115 4 DEC 1944: FROM APPROXIMATELY 1930 TO 2130 MANY PLANES GOING EAST TO WEST WITHOUT SHOWING IFF. AAA FIRING ALMOST CONTINUOUSLY AT PLANES NOT ACTING ACCORDING TO PLAN, I.E., GOING SOUTH AND NORTH, CIRCLING, ETC., ALL SUCH TARGETS WERE LOW AND WITHIN THE FORBIDDEN ZONES.

1330 14 DEC 1944: GROUND OBSERVER POST "O" REPORTS FOUR ENEMY TRUCKS AT L214947.

16 DEC 1944: S/SGT MICHEL GLASER AND T/SGT JOSEPH BATES OF COMPANY C, 563RD SIGNAL AW BATTALION CAPTURED A GERMAN SOLDIER IN A FARM HOUSE ABOUT A HALF MILE FROM OUR BIVOUAC AREA. THE SOLDIER WAS DRESSED WARMLY AND WAS CLEAN SHAVEN AS THOUGH HE HAD SPENT THE NIGHT IN THE FARM HOUSE. HE WAS WEARING AN AMERICAN FIELD JACKET UNDER HIS OWN OVERCOAT. THE PEOPLE IN THE FARM HOUSE STOPPED SEVERAL AMERICAN VEHICLES AND TOLD THEM THERE WAS A GERMAN SOLDIER IN THE HOUSE, BUT NONE OF THE VEHICLES HAD WEAPONS ON THEM UNTIL OUR MEN CAME ALONG. PRISONER WAS TAKEN TO A PW STOCKADE IN THE CITY OF LUXENBOURG WHERE PRISONER WAS QUESTIONED BY SGT. GLASER WHO SPEAKS GERMAN. THE PRISONER CLAIMED HE ESCAPED FROMA PW CAMP WITH THREE OTHERS AND THAT THE OTHERS WERE IN THE WOODS CLOSE TO THE FARM HOUSE. A PATROL WAS SENT OUT FROM OUR SITE AND TOGETHER WITH ELEMENTS OF THE 802ND TD BN WE SCOURED THE AREA WITHOUT ANY LUCK.

18 DEC 1944: A MAN WAS WALKING PAST OUR LIGHT WARNING SITE TOWARDS FISHBACH DRESSED IN GERMAN PANTS AND BOOTS, AND A GI FIELD JACKET CARRYING A SUITCASE. HE WAS CHALLENGED AND ARRESTED BY PFC JENNINGS, RADAR GUARD AT THE TIME. VARIOUS ITEMS FOUND ON HIS PERSONAGE

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INCLUDED ROAD MAPS OF AREA, TWO HAND GRENADES, HUNTING KNIFE, AND CLIP OF .03 AMMUNITION. SUIT CASE CONTAINED CIVILIAN SUIT, AND A PAIR OF O.D.'S. PRISONER CLAIMED TO BE LUXEMBOURGER AND WAS TAKEN TO MERSCH GENDARMARIE AT DISCRETION OF MILITARY POLICE OF MERSCH. THEY KEPT THE AMMUNITION BUT RELEASED HIM AFTER FINDING HIS IDENTIFICATION PAPERS IN ORDER AND SEVERAL LOCAL POLICE IDENTIFIED HIM AS A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING OF THE LUXEMBOURG MAQUIS. HE WAS JUST MOVING TO FISHBACH AND HAD PICKED UP SOME AMERICAN CLOTHES ALONG WITH THE AMERICAN HABIT OF COLLECTING SOUVENIRS.

0300 18 DEC 1944: HOSTILE TRACKS COVERED IAZ (INNER ARTILLERY ZONE) AND LASTED FIFTY MINUTES, THERE WERE ABOUT TWENTY FIVE HOSTILE TRACKS. SOME OF THE PLANES DIVED OVER THE INFORMATION CENTER. THIS WAS THE FIRST OF GERMAN AIR ATTACKS TO COME TO OUR BOARD. THE GERMAN PUSH HAD STARTED THE DAY BEFORE AND WE WERE ON THE ALERT FOR HOSTILE AIRCRAFT. AT 0507, 2 HOSTILE PLANES FLEW OVER THE TREE TOPS AND OPENED FIRE. OUR RADAR AND INFORMATION CENTER INSTALLATIONS WERE MISSED BY ABOUT A HUNDRED YARDS. AFTER THIS WE ALL WORE OUR HELMETS AS WE WORKED, MAINLY BECAUSE OUR VAN IS MADE OF PLYWOOD. ALL THIS TIME THE AAA WAS FIRING THEIR 90'S, 40'S, AND .50 CALIBER GUNS. WHEN THE BATTERY CLOSE TO US OPENS UP OUR VAN JUST JUMPS AND SHAKES. 15 MINUTES AFTER THE PLANE FIRED CLOSE TO US, OUR LIGHT WARNING #3, REPORTED THAT THEY WERE BEING STRAFED. THEY REPORTED IN A FEW MINUTES AFTER AND SAID THAT THERE WAS NO ONE HURT OR ANY DAMAGE DONE. ALSO ON THE 18TH WE TIED INTO THE 4TH INFANTRY DIVISION, USING THE OLD LINE THAT WE USED TO THE 83RD INFANTRY DIVISION. THE 83RD MOVED OUT AND THE 4TH MOVED INTO THEIR POSITION.

23 DECEMBER 1944: REPORT FROM GROUND OBSERVER NET CONTROL STATION: A TWO STAR GENERAL REPORTED MILITARY SITUATION CRITICAL AROUND THEM. NO ONE ON THEIR LEFT FLANK. OFFICER IN CHARGE SHUT DOWN ALL STATIONS AND IS MOVING. ALSO ON 23RD DECEMBER, 2ND LT. STEWART, FILTER OFFICER, AND 2ND LT. SCHULTZE, GROUND OBSERVER OFFICER, RECEIVED ORDERS MAKING BOTH FIRST LIEUTENANTS EFFECTIVE 15 DECEMBER 1944. BOTHE OFFICERS SWEATED OUT THAT SILVER BAR A LONG, LONG TIME.

24 DECEMBER 1944, 0010. REPORT FROM THE 4TH INFANTRY DIVISION - X91 A/C AT 6000 FT CAME IN FROM NE AND CAME TO NVD 9020 AND THERE DROPPED TWO BOMBS AT 0002, 24 DEC. BOMBS WERE HEARD IN INFORMATION CENTER. X9 THEN FLEW NW OVER LIGHT WARNING #3 AND WAS THEN LOST.

24 DECEMBER, 1944, 0730. MEDAL DOG, OUR LIGHT WARNING #7, ON EMERGENCY MAINTENANCE. TRANSMITTER ON FIRE CAUSED BY NEARBY SHELLING. SET WAS BACK ON AIR TWO HOURS LATER. OUR GROUND OBSERVER NET CONTROL STATION WAS REQUESTED BY LOCAL INFANTRY COMMAND POST TO CEASE TRANSMITTING AT NIGHT BECAUSE IT DISCLOSED THEIR POSITION TO THE ENEMY.

CHRISTMAS DAY, 1944: MEDAL DOG, LIGHT WARNING #7, RECEIVED STRAFING ON THEIR AREA BY TWO THUNDERBOLTS WITH RED NOSES AND ORANGE TAILS. PLANES WENT ON SOUTH AFTER RAIDS.

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27 DECEMBER 1944, 0030: ONE PLANE WAS SHOT DOWN BY .50 CALIBER AAA MACHINE GUN FIRE ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF THE CITY OF LUXEMBOURG.

30 DECEMBER 1944, 1330: TWO ME 109'S PASSED OVER OUR SITE. GUARDS OPENED FIRE WITH .50 CALIBER GUNS BUT FAILED TO BRING PLANES DOWN. CONTROLLER RECTORED FRIENDLY FIGHTERS OVER SITE TO TRY TO INTERCEPT ENEMY PLANES.

COMPANY D - COMPANY HEADQUARTERS WAS NEAR REMEREVILLE, FRANCE, HAVING MOVED TO THIS LOCATION ON 13 NOVEMBER 1944. ON 9 DECEMBER 1944, COMPANY HEADQUARTERS WAS MOVED TO NEAR METZ, FRANCE. LT. ROBERTS, PLATOON COMMANDER CONTINUED OPERATIONS WITH UNMODIFIED SCR-584'S AND REPORTED TO FORWARD DIRECTOR POST NUMBER ONE AND ASSISTED IN THE CONTROL OF MANY DAY AND NIGHT FIGHTER DUE TO THE AUTOMATIC TRACKING DEVICE WHICH THIS RADAR IS EQUIPPED WITH.

LT. CORB'S CLOSE SUPPORT UNIT MOVED TO NEAR TROMBORN, FRANCE, WHICH OFFERED A BETTER SITE AND NEARER THE XX CORPS FRONT. THIS MOVE WAS ACCOMPLISHED ON 6 DECEMBER 1944. LT. KENNEY'S LIGHT WARNING MOVED TO NEAR THIS LOCATION IN ORDER TO AID IN THE CLOSE UNIT SUPPORT OPERATIONS. LT. ALTMANN AND LT. MARTINSEN MOVED THEIR RESPECTIVE UNITS TO NEAR GROS TENQUIN WHICH OFFERED A BETTER SITE AND NEARER THE XII CORPS FRONT. BOTH OF THE CLOSE SUPPORT UNITS OPERATED IN CONNECTION WITH SEVERAL "PIN-POINT" MISSIONS FOR BOTH THE XII AND XX CORPS. ON 21 DECEMBER 1944 LT. ALTMANN AND LT. MARTINSEN MOVED THEIR RESPECTIVE UNITS IN THE VICINITY OF SARREGUEMINES. NO OPERATIONAL MISSIONS WERE HANDLED FROM THIS SITE, HOWEVER SINCE THE XII CORPS REQUIRED THIS UNIT TO MOVE IN THE VICINITY OF LUXEMBOUR ON 23 DECEMBER 1944.

ON 25 DECEMBER 1944, LT. OWENS LIGHT WARNING REPORTING PLATOON MOVED TO THE VICINITY OF ANGEVILLER WHICH OFFORDED A BETTER OPERATIONAL SITE FOR A LIGHT WARING RADAR, AND CONTINUED TO REPORT INTO FORWARD DIRECTOR POST NUMBER THREE. ON THE FIRST TWELVE HOURS OF OPERATIONS FROM THIS SITE THIS OPERATING CREWS REPORTED OVER 800 PLOTS TO THIS FORWARD DIRECTOR POST.

DURING THE LATTER PART OF THIS MONTH ALL OPERATING UNITS WERE CONFRONTED WITH ARE UNUSUAL AMOUNT OF GERMAN AIR ACTIVITY, AND ALL UNITS UNDERTOOK SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS AS FAR AS SECURITY MEASURES WERE CONCERNED. THE CLOSE SUPPORT UNITS WERE STILL CONFRONTED WITH THE DIFFICULTY OF PICKING UP MISSION PLANE OVER RENDEZVOUS POINT.

SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS WERE MADE WITH THE 19TH TACTICAL AIR COMMAND SPECIAL SERVICES TO SHOW MOTION PICTURES AT COMPANY HEADQUARTERS ON THEIR RATION TRUCK AND ENJOY THE MOTION PICTURE SHOW AND AT THE SAME TIME PICK UP THEIR RATIONS THEREBY ELIMINATING A SEPARATE RUN OF THIS SPECIAL SERVICES FEATURE. THIS BEING ONE OF THE MANY WAYS IN WHICH THIS COMPANY WAS ENDEAVORING TO COOPERATE WITH, GENERAL EISENHOWER'S "SAVE RUBBER" CAMPAIGN.

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COMPOSITE COMPANY "A" M:fgj
563rd SIGNAL AIRCRAFT WARNING BATTALION
APO 141, U. S. ARMY

5 January 1944

SUBJECT: Ground Observer Report (FDP # 1) for December 1944.

TO : Commanding Officer, 563rd Signal Aircraft Warning Battalion, APO 141, U. S. Army.

Dec. 1, 1944 - (Dog) 1300 hrs sighted V-2 East of station.
Dec. 2, 1944 - (Able, Dog & Baker) reported a B26 with engine on fire; and leaving formation. Baker reported same plane hit with enemy Ack-Ack and downed Northeast of station about 7 miles at 1020 hrs.
(Baker) reported ME-109 going East at 9,000 ft.
Dec. 3, 1944 - (ABle) Shelled by hostile artillery, foggy could not locate position.
(Charlie) Reported gun fire position 2200 yds North from post. Gun fired from 1900 hrs until early next morning.
Dec. 4, 1944 - (Charlie) Reported four F.W. 190 North 3 miles orbiting at zero altitude. Chased by Thunderbolts, but lost them in the clouds.
Dec. 5, 1944 - (Charlie) Reported - Thunderbolt making belly landing two miles South of post. Rushed to plane. Pilot had already left. Stood guard until relieved by Infantry guard, plane number 27614B.
Dec. 6 & 7, 44 Routine operation.
Dec. 8, 1944 - (Baker) Enemy artillery landing in town all day-- Unable to locate position.
Dec. 9, 1944 - No Activity.
Dec. 10, 1944 -(Fox) 2200 to 2215 heavy barrage of enemy shells near station no damage to station.
Dec. 11, 1944 -(Fox) Reported laison plane shot at by enemy Ack-Ack Southeast of post.
Dec. 12, 1944 -(Able) shelled, no damage to post.
(Fox) Shelled at 0614 hrs to 1100 hrs. Laison plane shot down East 3 miles from post.
(Fox) Through a break in the ground haze an enemy tank destroyer was observed close to outpost at Q407609. Shelling town at Q398638. Its position was reported to artillery and they knocked it out.
Dec. 13, 1944 -(Able) Civilian sniper shot six shots at observer throughout the day, could not locate sniper.
(Charlie) Gun position North two miles shelling in vicinity of post all night until early morning.
(Fox) Laison plane shot at by Ack-Ack Southeast 3 miles from station.
Dec. 14, 1944 -(Dog) Reported enemy barracks full of troops at Q353738 and enemy observation tower at Q355744. At least four 88's were firing from base of tower. Action was received

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Dec. 17, 1944 - (Dog) Reported one FW 190 South of station.
Dec. 18, 1944 - (Fox) German patrol near, routed by Infantry. Enemy pill box Q420639 and trench East of it. Machine gun and small arms fire 500 yds from O.P.
(Charlie) Chased out of pill box outpost by artillery shells.
(Dog) Told to leave station by Infantry. Orders changed half hour later by S-2 of 3rd Bn of 10th Inf. (5th Div.) Told to stay and watch for paratroopers, said they would provide protection in case of expected counter-attack.
Dec. 19, 1944 - (Fox) Sighted two Germans coming over the ridge North of outpost, then disappeared in wooded area. A short while later they were noticed entering lower end of town. Pfc Burks flushed them out of a house in lower end of town. They were wearing civilian clothes. Said they were deserting the German Army. Destroyed antena on house, but couldn't find radio.
- (Dog) Still supplying aircraft warning for Infantry.
Dec. 20, 1944 - (Fox) Heavy artillery and mortar fire on town of post weather too bad to locate.
(Dog) Had to leave outpost and move back five miles.
(Baker) Enemy patrol in town. Two prisioners taken from patrol by Infantry.
Dec. 21, 1944 - (Fox) Three Germans at Q420628 East of OP. Later 20 Germans at Q420623. Tun position four 150 MM at Q625624 Enemy observation post at Q439634 in church steeple. Enemy patrol of eight men 500 yds from OP.
- (Baker) Had report on enemy vehicles moving down road under smoke screen, but proved false.
Dec. 22, 1944 - (Fox) Shelled by 150 MM beleived railroad gun.
(Charlie) Had to withdraw to next town. Germans counter-attacked. One vehicle was sent back to next town. Vehicle was chased by artillery fire. OP was kept there until enemy neared town. Town was later retaken OP moved back, shell fire heavy.
- (Able) Shells landing near station.
Dec. 23, 1944 - (Fox) Enemy convoy northeast of post one mile.
- (Charlie) Enemy artillery position Q498634 in factory courtyard 300 yards by 100 yards. Brick shelters around guns. Enemy observer from smoke stack in courtyard.
Dec. 24, 1944 - (Fox) Heavy machine gun fire one mile North.
(Charlie) Enemy firing on troops of newly arriving 7th Army troops. Severe damage to troops and equipment. Guns from Q498634.
Dec. 25, 1944 - All stations move together and prepare to move to new sector.
Dec. 26, 1944 - Moved to new sites.
Dec. 27, 1944 - (Fox) Heavy artillery barrage. Heavy M/G fire NE of OP. All station connected to other units in vicinity or reports.
Dec. 28, 1944 - No activity.

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Dec. 14, 1944 - approximately 15 minutes after from Thunderbolts- missed targets. Light artillery moved near post and shot at a barracks and tower. After a fifteen minute barrage artillery left, and the outpost was shelled, shells were directed from tower. Rangers, who were to be relieved by the 6th Cal. The relief was not immediate, so enemy patrol moved in and held station down with rifle and machine gun fire. Radio gave out, only communication a wire line to 3rd Bn of 10th Inf. (5th Division) asked 10th Inf for aid with no result. Good radio needed. When ground haze closed over post at 1500 hrs. The peep was warmed up in dug-out position and T/5 Hart and Cpl Moresi made a run with peep through rifle fire over rough road. After out of danger of gun fire, they were informed by Infantry men with mine sweeper that this road had been mined during night by enemy. They had found three mines after an Infantry peep was blown up with four men in it. T/5 Hart and Cpl Moresi returned to Able station. 6th Cal. took over sector at 1800 hrs releiving pressure; credited post's presence with keeping enemy from occupying the area. T/5 Hart returned next morning (Dec. 15, 1944) with radio and supplies.

- (Baker) reported train Q362672. Put acting on report knocked train out less than ten minutes later.
- (Able & Fox) Shelled, could not locate positions.

Dec. 15, 1944 -(Dog) Reported enemy troops active in barracks area Q353738. Reported observation tower at Q355744 (again) and one of a string of pill-boxes at Q359741.

- (Baker) Reported 30 enemy vehicles convoy moving on main road towards Forback at Q450620 suspect P47 took action, not sure.
(Baker) Reported gun position near railroad at Q395663 and Ack-Ack positions at Q394664 and Q 380664. Also enemy observation on high tower on hill at Q392652. Outpost shelled building next to it destroyed. No movement allowed here at night.
- (Fox) 0725 Enemy patrol trying to enter town where post was located was routed by Infantry. Homes in town were searched by Infantry and found two machine guns in church steeple, small arms, two radios and 14 Germans.
- (Fox) Reported unidentified machine gun fire at Q436624.
- (Able) Civilain sniper again shooting at observer from 1300 hrs to 1630 hrs. Could not locate.

Dec. 16, 1944 - (Baker) Enemy personnel in tower on hill at Q392652. Two ME 109 orbiting over Forbach.
(Charlie) Enemy mortar fire on town all night. Could not locate position.
(Dog) Post shelled. Artillery spotter at Q355744.

Dec. 17, 1944 - (Baker) Reported train going Northeast from Forbach at Q398678. Mortar fire hit observation post, another shell hit near observer as he run for shelter.
(Able) Sniper active again, still couldn't locate.
(Fox. Reported tank and machine gun fire at Qo30639 Unidentified vehicle at Q452527.
(Charlie) Radio set had to be left when post was shelled directly, Radio O.K. after barrage.
(Dog) P47 knocked down at Q345775 by enemy Ack-Ack

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APO 141, U S ARMY.
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M. LAWRENCE G. GIFFORD, 38087207, TECHNICAL SERGEANT, HEADQUARTERS, 563RD SIGNAL AIRCRAFT WARNING BATTALION, FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE IN CONNECTION WITH MILITARY OPERATIONS FROM 6 AUGUST 1944 TO 13 NOVEMBER 1944.

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BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL WEYLAND:

ROGER J. BROWNE,
COLONEL, AC,
CHIEF OF STAFF.

OFFICIAL: /S/NEIL M MATZGER,
NEIL M MATZGER,
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Dec. 29, 1944 - No activity.
Dec. 30, 1944 - (Able) One JU 88 very low going North east.
(Baker) Two ME 109 orbiting at five thousand.
(Charlie) Two ME 109 North east of station.
Dec. 31, 1944 - (Charlie) Two ME 109 Northwest of station.

Laurence A Keefer
LAWRENCE A. KEEFER
2nd Lt., Sig Corps
Ground Observer Officer

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XIX TACTICAL AIR COMMAND

APO 141, US Army,
19 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Letter of Transmittal.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, APO 696, US Army.
Attention: Historical Section.

Transmitted herewith are December Histories for units as indicated:

100th Fighter Wing
10th Photo Group, Rcn
155 Photo Recce Squadron
12 Tac Recce Squadron
15 Tac Recce Squadron

3 Incls: As indicated.

BERNARD L. GRUNDBERG,
Captain, Air Corps,
Command Historian.

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474th Fighter Group

APO 595, U S Army
26 January 1945

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Group History

TO : Commanding General, IX Tactical Air Command, APO 595, U S Army
(Attention: Historical Officer)

1. Transmitted herewith is the December Supplement of the 474th Fighter Group History.

For the Commanding Officer:

B. L. HAMBLETON, JR.,
Captain, Air Corps,
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474th Fighter Group

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APO 595, U S Army
26 January 1945

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Group History

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HISTORICAL REPORT OF THE

563RD SIGNAL AIRCRAFT WARNING BATTALION

FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 1945

AS COMPILED BY:

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IN COMPLIANCE WITH LETTER, HEADQUARTERS, NINTH AIR FORCE, FILE NUMBER 314.7, SUBJECT: "OFFICIAL AND POPULAR HISTORIES OF THE NINTH AIR FORCE," DATED 22 NOVEMBER 1943, AND XIX TACTICAL AIR COMMAND MEMORANDUM NUMBER 20-1, DATED 5 FEBRUARY 1944, AS AMENDED BY MEMORANDUM NUMBER 20-1A, DATED 29 FEBRUARY 1944, THE FOLLOWING RECORD IS SUBMITTED FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 1945.

1. DURING THE MONTH OF MARCH THE FOLLOWING TRANSFERS WERE EFFECTED:

"1 MARCH 1945"

1ST LT DONALD P. BURNS, 0509212, SIG C, WAS RELIEVED FROM ASSIGNEMENT TO COMPANY B AND ASSIGNED TO COMPANY A.

1ST LT JOHN J. REYNOLDS, JR., 01643270, SIG C, WAS APPOINTED VENEREAL DISEASE CONTROL ADVISOR IN COMPLIANCE WITH LETTER, HEADQUARTERS NINTH AIR FORCE, FILE 726.1, SUBJECT: VENEREAL DISEASE CONTROL, DATED 5 JANUARY 1945. (ADDITIONAL DUTY).

1ST LT JOHN J. REYNOLDS, JR., 01643270, SIG C, WAS APPOINTED BATTALION SAFETY OFFICER IN COMPLIANCE WITH LETTER, HEADQUARTERS, NINTH AIR FORCE, FILE 710., SUBJECT: NINTH AIR FORCE SAFETY PROGRAM, DATED 13 FEBRUARY 1945. (ADDITIONAL DUTY).

"5 MARCH 1945"

PFC STEPHEN M. DOBROVITZ, 36659608, SIG C, HAVING REPORTED TO THIS ORGANIZATION WITH PARAGRAPH 2, SPECIAL ORDER 55, HEADQUARTERS 134TH REINFORCEMENT BN (AAF), 24 FEBRUARY 1945, AND WAS FURTHER ATTACHED TO COMPANY C FOR QUARTERS, RATIONS AND DUTY WITH GO#4.

SGT HAROLD F. TEEPLE, 12173205 (518), COMPANY B, WAS RELIEVED FROM ATTACHMENT TO COMPANY A, EFFECTIVE 3 MARCH 1945.

"7 MARCH 1945"

1ST LT GODFREY A. WELHAM,01643345, SIG C, HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, WAS RELIEVED FROM ATTACHMENT TO 738TH SIGNAL AW COMPANY.

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TEC 5 HAROLD E. GERRIETS, 17078288 (166), COMPANY B, WAS TRANSFERRED IN GRADE TO COMPANY A.

"12 MARCH 1945)"

TEC 5 GUS G. COSTAS, 13120409 (055), COMPANY C, WAS TRANSFERRED IN GRADE TO HEADQUARTERS COMPANY.

"23 MARCH 1945"

IN COMPLIANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 7, AR 210-65, THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS WERE APPOINTED POST EXCHANGE COUNCIL, THIS BATTALION:

CAPT	MAC RAY	01636519	SIG C
1ST LT	WILLIAM A. WRIGHT	01638831	SIG C
1ST LT	CLARENCE A. WETHERILL	0462967	SIG C
1ST LT	ROBERT A. HOMAN	0504911	SIG C

GROUND OBSERVER PLATOON #4, HEADQUARTERS COMPANY (1 OFFICER AND 32 EM) WAS RELEASED FROM ATTACHMENT TO COMPANY C FOR RATIONS AND ATTACHED TO COMPANY A, FOR RATIONS ONLY EFFECTIVE ON OR ABOUT 24 MARCH 1945.

"24 MARCH 1945"

UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF AR 615-5, AS AMENDED 6 DEC 1944, AND UPON RECOMMENDATION OF THEIR RESPECTIVE COMPANY COMMANDERS, SEVEN (7) ENLISTED MEN, COMPANY B, WERE APPOINTED PRIVATE FIRST CLASS (TEMP), EFFECTIVE 1 APRIL 1945.

THE FOLLOWING NAMED ENLISTED MEN, HAVING REPORTED TO THIS ORGANIZATION IN COMPLIANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 1 OF SPECIAL ORDER 76, HEADQUARTERS XIX TACTICAL AIR COMMAND, APO 141, US ARMY, DATED 21 MARCH 1945, WERE FURTHER ASSIGNED TO HEADQUARTERS COMPANY:

TEC 5	EUGENE O. NORVELL	38332690	(521)
TEC 5	STEVEN TOMKO	33148900	(521)
PFC	ROBERT A. HAWTHORNE	33407165	(521)
PFC	CLAUDE W. NEWMAN	35671695	(521)
PVT	MICHAEL J. BARBATO	33154596	(521)

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TEC 5 ARCHIE A. PRICE, 37240810 (060), HAVING REPORTED TO THIS ORGANIZATION IN COMPLIANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 1, SPECIAL ORDER 77 HEADQUARTERS, 134TH REINFORCEMENT BN, APO 652, US ARMY, DATED 18 MARCH 1945, WAS FURTHER ASSIGNED TO COMPANY B.

PVT CHARLES R. HARLESS, 35778994 (521), HAVING REPORTED TO THIS ORGANIZATION IN COMPLIANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 7, SPECIAL ORDER 77, HEADQUARTERS, XIX TACTICAL AIR COMMAND, APO 141, US ARMY, DATED 22 MARCH 1945, WAS FURTHER ASSIGNED TO HEADQUARTERS COMPANY.

"25 MARCH 1945"

TEC 5 MARTIN J. LANGAN, 37305881 (521), HAVING BEEN ASSIGNED TO THIS ORGANIZATION IN COMPLIANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 1, SPECIAL ORDER 75, HEADQUARTERS, XIX TACTICAL AIR COMMAND, APO 141, US ARMY, CS, WAS FURTHER ASSIGNED TO HEADQUARTERS COMPANY.

"28 MARCH 1945"

1ST LT JOSEPH H. EACHBAUM, O1647865, SIG C, WAS DETAILED MONTHLY MESS ATTENDANCE RECORD OFFICER, THIS BATTALION, IN COMPLIANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 4, MEMORANDUM NO. 125-4, HEADQUARTERS, NINTH AIR FORCE, DATED 14 MARCH 1945. (EFFECTIVE 1 APRIL 1945).

UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF AR 615-5, AS AMENDED 6 DEC 44, AND UPON RECOMMENDATION OF THEIR COMPANY COMMANDER, THE FOLLOWING NAMED ENLISTED MEN, NINETEEN (19), COMPANY C, WERE APPOINTED PRIVATE FIRST CLASS (TEMP).

"29 MARCH 1945"

TEC 5 LAVERNE A. KELLEY, 36425363 (931), HAVING REPORTED TO THIS ORGANIZATION IN COMPLIANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 1, SPECIAL ORDER 63, HEADQUARTERS, 128TH REINFORCEMENT BN (AAF), APO 652, US ARMY, DATED 23 MARCH 1945, WAS FURTHER ASSIGNED TO HEADQUARTERS COMPANY.

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1ST LT LLOYD G. MARTINSEN, O1638008, SIG C, AND THIRTY TWO (32) ENLISTED MEN, DETACHMENT A, COMPANY B, 564TH SIGNAL AIRCRAFT WARNING BATTALION, ATTACHED THIS BATTALION, WERE FURTHER ATTACHED TO HEADQUARTERS COMPANY FOR QUARTERS, RATIONS AND DUTY, EFFECTIVE 22 FEBRUARY, 1945. (AUTH: LETTER, HEADQUARTERS, XIX TAC, FILE 322., SUBJECT: ASSIGNMENT AND ATTACHMENT ORDERS (NO. 6), DATED 25 FEBRUARY 1945.)

2. THE STRENGTH OF THE ORGANIZATION AT THE CLOSE OF THE MONTH OF MARCH 1945, WAS SIXTY NINE (69) OFFICERS, SIX (6) WARRANT OFFICERS, AND NINE HUNDRED AND SIXTY SIX (966) ENLISTED MEN. ONE OFFICER (1), AND THIRTY TWO (32) ENLISTED MEN, ATTACHED TO HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, FROM DETACHMENT A, COMPANY B, 564TH SIGNAL AIRCRAFT WARNING BATTALION.

3. THE LIST OF ALL CHANGES OF STATION ARE AS FOLLOWS, PLUS DATES OF MOVES.

UNIT	GRID COORDINATE	TOWN	DATE OCCUPIED	DATE DEPARTED
BN HQ	U-685975	(VILLERUPT)	10 FEB 45	28 MAR 45
	L-962469	(NW. SPABRUCKEN)	28 MAR 45	
FDP1	U-763805	(NEUFCHEF)	12 JAN 45	8 MAR 45
	Q-103886	(HALSTROFF)	8 MAR 45	23 MAR 45
	M-233415	(WOLFSHEIM)	23 MAR 45	29 MAR 45
	M-811477	(MUNSTER)	29 MAR 45	
LW 1	Q-178743	(NR. TROMBORN)	22 JAN 45	7 MAR 45
	Q-165811	(GUSDINGEN)	7 MAR 45	15 MAR 45
	Q-093861	(NR. WALDWEISTROFF)	15 MAR 45	15 MAR 45
	L-081115	(SW. KERRIG)	15 MAR 45	31 MAR 45
	M-810794	(S. WINDECKEN)	31 MAR 45	
GO 1 - A	Q-138910	(METHRN)	4 JAN 45	14 MAR 45
	L-121013	(ORSCHOLTZ)	14 MAR 45	15 MAR 45
	L-126017	(SE. ORSCHOLTZ)	15 MAR 45	27 MAR 45
	M-313523	(W. DRAIS)	27 MAR 45	29 MAR 45
	M-827597	(JUGESHEIM)	29 MAR 45	

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UNIT	GRID COORDINATE	TOWN	DATE OCCUPIED	DATE DEPARTED
GO 1- B	L-135060	(FREUDINGEN)	27 FEB 45	27 MAR 45
	M-401494	(W. BODENHEIM)	27 MAR 45	29 MAR 45
	M-883613	(SELIGENSTADT)	29 MAR 45	
-C	Q-186882	(GEHLTLINGEN)	12 FEB 45	14 MAR 45
	Q-138910	(BERINGEN)	14 MAR 45	17 MAR 45
	Q-186882	(GERLSANGEN)	17 MAR 45	27 MAR 45
	M-215512	(GAU ALGESHEIM)	27 MAR 45	29 MAR 45
	M-840695	(KIPDSTEINHEIM)	29 MAR 45	
-D	Q-208824	(E. HEMMERSDORF)	4 JAN 45	15 MAR 45
	L-186118	(SE. IRSCH)	15 MAR 45	25 MAR 45
	M-424424	(SE. LORZWEILER)	25 MAR 45	29 MAR 45
	M-957540	(STOCKSTADT)	29 MAR 45	
-F	Q-086976	(WEHINGE)	28 FEB 45	27 MAR 45
	M-120511	(S. BINGEN)	27 MAR 45	29 MAR 45
	M-698660	(SACHSENHOUSEN)	29 MAR 45	
FDP2	P-733691	(N. ASSELBORN)	4 BEB 45	8 MAR 45
	L-063766	(PRUM)	8 MAR 45	13 MAR 45
	L-657873	(ELLWERATH)	13 MAR 45	31 MAR 45
	M-258980	(SE. LIMBURG)	31 MAR 45	
LW 2	P-787744	(E. LUTZ)	8 FEB 45	10 MAR 45
	L-125733	(N. SEIWERATH)	10 MAR 45	29 MAR 45
	L-780938	(S. BASSENHEIM)	29 MAR 45	
GO 2 - G	Q-163587	(ZIMMINGEN)	10 JAN 45	15 MAR 45
	Q-237780	(FELSBURG)	15 MAR 45	30 MAR 45
	M-938365	(NEUSTADT)	30 MAR 45	31 MAR 45
	M-846363	(HEIRING)	31 MAR 45	
- H	Q-246747	(KAMMERN)	10 JAN 45	15 MAR 45
	Q-275547	(S. FORWEILER)	15 MAR 45	30 MAR 45
	M-745395	(SE. ROSSBORF)	30 MAR 45	
- J	Q-260687	(NE.KREUZWALD)	10 JAN 45	30 MAR 45
	N-003403	(N. OBENBERG)	30 MAR 45	
- K	Q-303612	(MERTENBACH)	10 JAN 45	15 MAR 45
	Q-214826	(RAMMELFANG)	15 MAR 45	30 MAR 45
	M-846363	(HEIRING)	30 MAR 45	31 MAR 45
	M-938365	(NEUSTADT)	31 MAR 45	
- L	Q-238779	(FELSBURG)	28 FEB 45	15 MAR 45
	Q-185883	(GERLFANG)	15 MAR 45	30 MAR 45
	M-974457	(SE. GROS. OSTHEIM)	30 MAR 45	

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UNIT	GRID COORDINATE	TOWN	DATE OCCUPIED	DATE DEPARTED
FDP3	P-835100	(LUXEMBOURGH)	22 SEPT 44	7 MAR 45
	L-145492	(S. BITBURG)	7 MAR 45	23 MAR 45
	L-775605	(N. VOLKENROTH)	23 MAR 45	
LW 3	P-870297	(FISCHBACH)	29 SEPT 44	13 MAR 45
	L-365688	(ECKFELD)	13 MAR 45	14 MAR 45
	L-380688	(W. ECKFELD)	14 MAR 45	27 MAR 45
	L-882700	(LEININGEN)	27 MAR 45	
GO 3 - M	P-900583	(S. SEVENICH)	28 FEB 45	7 MAR 45
	L-123524	(BITBURG)	7 MAR 45	17 MAR 45
	L-302710	(SCHUTZ)	17 MAR 45	27 MAR 45
	L-844625	(LAUBACH)	27 MAR 45	31 MAR 45
	M-130549	(NW. EIBIGEN)	31 MAR 45	
- O	P-964540	(NASINGEN)	27FEB 45	7 MAR 45
	L-166467	(SW. DAHLEM)	7 MAR 45	17 MAR 45
	L-302662	(BETTENFELD)	17 MAR 45	27 MAR 45
	L-961627	(PERSCHEID)	27 MAR 45	31 MAR 45
	M-119623	(NE. PRESBURG)	31 MAR 45	
- P	P-821354	(W. CRUCHTEN)	14 JAN 45	1 MAR 45
	L-016503	(W. BETTINGEN)	1 MAR 45	7 MAR 45
	L-139408	(SE. GILZEN)	7 MAR 45	10 MAR 45
	L-227551	(PIRKHESSEN)	10 MAR 45	17 MAR 45
	L-965572	(DICHTELBACH)	17 MAR 45	31 MAR 45
	M-220615	(NW. KIEDRICH)	31 MAR 45	
- Q	P-948614	(AMMELDINGEN)	28 FEB 45	7 MAR 45
	L-076613	(OBER WEILER)	7 MAR 45	10 MAR 45
	L-211620	(SEINSFELD)	10 MAR 45	17 MAR 45
	L-304775	(SE. NEROTH)	17 MAR 45	25 MAR 45
	L-926703	(UTZENHEIM)	25 MAR 45	31 MAR 45
	M-235670	(BARSTADT)	31 MAR 45	
- R	P-940708	(HOUF)	28 FEB 45	7 MAR 45
	L-139644	(SEFFERN)	7 MAR 45	7 MAR 45
	L-114672	(HUSCHEID)	7 MAR 45	17 MAR 45
	L-289868	(ZILSDORF)	17 MAR 45	25 MAR 45
	L-865755	(HALSENBACH)	25 MAR 45	31 MAR 45
	M-319642	(W. DOZHEIM)	31 MAR 45	
GO 4 - S	L-036156	(NIEDERDONVEN)	25 FEB 45	7 MAR 45
	L-196294	(TRIER)	7 MAR 45	25 MAR 45
	L-804914	(N. KABERG)	25 MAR 45	31 MAR 45
	M-005943	( )	31 MAR 45	

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GO 4 - T	P-945326	(NW. BREIBWEILER)	4 JAN 45	6 MAR 45
	L-157374	(SE. RODT)	6 MAR 45	16 MAR 45
	L-239416	(SW. MOHN)	16 MAR 45	27 MAR 45
	F-724048	(EICH)	27 MAR 45	31 MAR 45
	F-949044	( )	31 MAR 45	
- U	L-059283	(SE. HERBORN)	4 JAN 45	7 MAR 45
	L-181341	(BESSLICH)	7 MAR 45	16 MAR 45
	L-303351	(KIRSCH)	16 MAR 45	27 MAR 45
	L-760970	(SW. SAFFIG)	27 MAR 45	31 MAR 45
	G-068003	( )	31 MAR 45	
- V	L-089069	(KIRF)	25 FEB 45	6 MAR 45
	L-196125	(E. IRSCH)	6 MAR 45	7 MAR 45
	L-171132	(IRSCH)	7 MAR 45	9 MAR 45
	L-148144	(AYL)	9 MAR 45	27 MAR 45
	L-821809	(NORTERSHOUSEN)	27 MAR 45	31 MAR 45
	M-09781C	( )	31 MAR 45	
- W	L-086206	(S. TEMMELS)	25 FEB 45	7 MAR 45
	L-181212	(KOMMLINGEN)	7 MAR 45	27 MAR 45
	L-813850	(E. OBERFELL)	27 MAR 45	31 MAR 45
	M-138870	( )	31 MAR 45	
BACU 1	L-109450	(E. WOLSFELD)	28 DEC 44	5 MAR 45
	L-451678	(TRAUTSBURG)	5 MAR 45	23 MAR 45
	L-874577	(HEISENHOUSEN)	23 MAR 45	
BACU 2	P-640420	(ARSDORF)	13 JAN 45	29 JAN 45
	P-703634	(E. LULLANGE)	29 JAN 45	3 MAR 45
	P-878715	(SEVENICH)	3 MAR 45	10 MAR 45
	L-129794	(WAILERSHEIM)	10 MAR 45	13 MAR 45
	L-753916	(MINKELFELD)	13 MAR 45	
BACU 3	Q-063918	(OBERNAUMEN)	24 FEB 45	27 MAR 45
	M-159425	(WELGESHEIM)	27 MAR 45	
BACU 4	U-910550	(JURY)	9 DEC 44	7 MAR 45
	Q-029941	(RUSTROFF)	7 MAR 45	15 MAR 45
	U-668988	(TIERCELET)	15 MAR 45	
FDP 5 (MEW)	P-555052	(LONGWY)	4 JAN 45	15 MAR 45
	L-442703	(IMMERATH)	15 MAR 45	31 MAR 45
	M-200432	(WELGESHEIM)	31 MAR 45	

4. DURING THE MONTH OF MARCH, 1945, THE FOLLOWING CASUALTIES OCCURRED (BATTLE):

TEC 4 RAYMOND C. LONG, 39168792, COMPANY A, STEPPED ON A LAND MINE WHILE HELPING LAY OUT A NEW SPOT FOR THE MOTOR POOL AND WAS INJURED

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SUFFERING INJURIES TO HIS LEGS AND MINOR INTERNAL INJURIES.

5. LT. COL. WILLIAM L. MCBRIDE, O171289, SIGNAL CORPS, WAS AWARDED THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL, FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE IN CONNECTION WITH MILITARY OPERATIONS FROM 1 SEPTEMBER 1944 TO 7 MARCH 1945.

CPL WILLIAM J. MORESI, JR., 39036274, WAS AWARDED THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL, PER GENERAL ORDER NUMBER 17, HEADQUARTERS, XIX TACTICAL AIR COMMAND, 9 MAR 45, SECTION 1, PARAGRAPH 1A.

TEC 5 EDWIN B. HART, 32568633, WAS AWARDED THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL, PER GENERAL ORDER NUMBER 17, HEADQUARTERS, XIX TACTICAL AIR COMMAND, 9 MAR 45, SECTION 1, PARAGRAPH 1B.

TEC 4 RAYMOND C. LONG, AS MENTIONED IN PARAGRAPH 4, ABOVE, WAS AWARDED THE PURPLE HEART FOR INJURIES SUSTAINED.

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1. BY DIRECTION OF THE PRESIDENT, UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 9419, 4 FEBRUARY 1944 (SEC II BULLETIN 3, WD, 1944), AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH AUTHORITY DELEGATED BY THE WAR DEPARTMENT AND NINTH AIR FORCE, A BRONZE STAR MEDAL IS AWARDED TO THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS AND ENLISTED MEN IN RECOGNITION OF MERITORIOUS SERVICE IN CONNECTION WITH MILITARY OPERATIONS AGAINST THE ENEMY:

A. WILLIAM L. MCBRIDE, 0171289, LT COLONEL, SIG C, 563D SIG AIRCRAFT WARNING BATTALION, FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE IN CONNECTION WITH MILITARY OPERATIONS FROM 1 SEPTEMBER 1944 TO 7 MARCH 1945.

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BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL WEYLAND:

J.F.THOMPSON, JR,
COLONEL, AIR CORPS,
DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF.

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FOLLOWING THE 563RD

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THE MADNESS THAT ACCOMPANIES MARCH INFECTED THE ALLIED ARMIES WITH IT'S VIRUS AND SET IN MOTION A SERIES OF ADVANCES BREATH-TAKING IN SCOPE. BECAUSE THE THIRD ARMY AND XIX TAC COMBINATION PLAYED SUCH A SPECTACULAR AND LEADING ROLE IN THESE ADVANCES THE FORTUNES OF COMPANY "A" WERE GREATLY AFFECTED.

ON MARCH 7TH OUR TYPE 11 RADAR WAS MOVED FROM THE VICINITY OF NEUFCHEF TO HALSTROFF (Q-165800). AS SOON AS THE T-11 WAS OPERATIONAL AND COMMUNICATIONS ESTABLISHED WITH THE TCC FROM THIS ADVANCED LOCATION, THE TYPE 15 RADAR WAS MOVED FORWARD. THIS SITE HAD BEEN TESTED BY ONE OF OUR LIGHT WARNING SETS ON THE 6TH OF MARCH AND FOUND SATISFACTORY.

OUR BACU 4 WHICH WAS JUST SETTING AT THE SITE OF BAKER GROUND OBSERVER POST TOOK AND HAD SOME EXCITEMENT ON THE NIGHT OF MARCH 11TH WHEN AN ENEMY BREAKTHROUGH WAS REPORTED DIRECTLY TO THEIR FRONT. THE MEN MANNING BAKER POST TOOK UP DEFENSIVE POSITIONS AND MADE PREPARATIONS FOR THE DEMOLITION OF THE SCR 584. THEY ALSO INVESTIGATED THE BREAK-THROUGH REPORT AND FOUND IT TO BE FALSE, THUS SAVING THE 584 FROM FURTHER DAMAGE.

THE LIGHT WARNING PLATOON EMPLOYING THE LEAPFROG METHOD MOVED TO L-083114 ON MARCH 15. THAT SAME DAY TWO GROUND OBSERVER POSTS SHIFTED ABLE TO L-121013 AND CHARLIE TO Q-138910.

WHILE AT HALSTROFF TEC 4 RAYMOND C. LONG WAS INJURED BY AN EXPLODING MINE WHILE CLEARING OUT AN AREA FOR OUR MOTOR POOL. FORTUNATELY FOR RAY, HIS INJURIES WERE NOT TOO SERIOUS. HE IS COMING ALONG NICELY UNDER THE CARE OF OUR BATTALION SURGEON AND EXPECTS TO JOIN US SOON.

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THE ACCIDENT OCCURRED ON THE MORNING OF MARCH 12TH.

IT SOON BECAME EVIDENT THAT IF THE FORWARD DIRECTOR POST WAS TO BE EFFECTIVELY EMPLOYED ANOTHER MOVE WAS NECESSARY. THE THIRD ARMY WAS ADVANCING RAPIDLY WITH THE FOURTH ARMORED DIVISION IN THE VANGUARD. LT. WILFRED SMITH, CHIEF FILTER OFFICER, AND LT. LARRY KEEFER, GROUND OBSERVER OFFICER, WERE DRIVEN BY PFC EDWARD HALL ON A RECONNAISSANCE FOR A NEW SITE THAT DID NOT LACK FOR EXCITEMENT. FOLLOWING THE 11TH ARMORED DIVISION THEY WERE FIRED ON BY SIX GERMANS NEAR A ROAD BLOCK. THE FIRE WAS RETURNED BY THE THREE MEN WHO WOUNDED ONE OF THE ENEMY, CAPTURED THREE OF THEM AND PUT TO ROUT THE OTHER TWO. IN THE COURSE OF THEIR SEARCH FOR A NEW SITE THEY ENTERED ELEVEN TOWNS THAT HAD NOT BEEN CAPTURED, AND THEY ALSO DIRECTED TO THE REAR MANY GERMAN SOLDIERS WHO HAD HAD THEIR FILL OF FIGHTING. THIS RECONNAISSANCE TOOK THE BETTER PART OF TWO DAYS, MARCH 19TH AND 20TH.

PERMISSION TO ADVANCE TO THE NEW SITE PICKED BY LT. SMITH WAS GRANTED, AND ON MARCH 23RD THE TYPE 11 MOVED WITH THE TYPE 15 REMAINING BEHIND TO COVER THE REAR AREA. THE NEW SITE WAS AT M-205433 IN THE VICINITY OF BAD KREUZNACH.

BUT THE RHINE RIVER HAD BEEN CROSSED. THE RELENTLESS DRIVE INTO THE HEART OF GERMANY WAS ON, AND AGAIN IT WAS FOUND NECESSARY TO MOVE IF THE FORWARD DIRECTOR POST WERE TO KEEP UP. AND SO THE TYPE 11 TOOK OFF AGAIN ON MARCH 28TH. THIS TIME OVER THE VAUNTED RHINE RIVER AND ON TO MUNSTER, GERMANY (M-811477). MEANWHILE THE TYPE 15 WAS STILL AT HALSTROFF, FRANCE, TAKING CARE OF THE REAR AREA, AND CONTROLLING NIGHT FIGHTERS WHILE THE MEW OF THE 738TH SIGNAL AW COMPANY WAS MOVING.

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OUR LIGHT WARNING PLATOON SHIFTED ON THE FOLLOWING DAY TO M-950795. AFTER THEY HAD MOVED IN THEY DISCOVERED THAT THEIR AREA WAS COMPLETELY SURROUNDED BY ENEMY TROOPS. SEVERAL HOURS OF SEVERE TENSION PASSED BEFORE A UNIT OF INFANTRY MOVED IN TO ENGAGE AND MOP UP THE JERRIES. GROUND OBSERVER PLATOON NUMBER ONE TOOK UP POSITION ON MARCH 30TH ALONG THE MAIN RIVER NEAR FRANKFURT.

THE BACU'S WITH THIS FORWARD DIRECTOR POST ARE MERELY STANDING BY AT THIS WRITING. BACU 4 IS ON A BOMBING RANGE, AND BACU 3 IS AT OUR SITE. A BATTLE AREA CONTROL UNIT CAN BEST BE DESCRIBED AS A LAND-BASED BOMB-SIGHT. THE PARTICULAR PIECE OF RADAR USED BY THESE UNITS IS THE SCR-584, ONLY AMERICAN RADAR IN USE BY THE FORWARD DIRECTOR POST. EXTREME ACCURACE IN AZIMUTH AND RANGE IS POSSIBLE WITH THESE SETS. IF ONE WERE TO LOOK THROUGH A 10 FOOT LONG ONE INCH PIPE ONE WOULD GRASP SOME IDEA OF THE ACCURACY OBTAINABLE. THIS, HOWEVER, MAKES FINDING AN AIRCRAFT DIFFICULT, BUT THIS CAN BE OFFSET BY THE DEPUTY CONTROLLERS AT THE FORWARD DIRECTOR POST CALLING TRACKS TO THE BACU AND BY GOOD USE OF THE D/F AT THE BACU. ONCE THE AIRCRAFT IS IN VIEW THE SET IS PUT ON AUTOMATIC CONTROL. USING TARGETS GIVEN BY THE CORPS AREA THE CONTROLLER OF THE BACU VECTORS THE FIGHTER BOMBERS INTO A BOMB RUN AND CONTROLS THE RELEASE OF THE BOMB, THUS ACTING AS A BOMBARDIER. OB-SERVED RESULTS SO FAR HAVE BEEN VERY GRATIFYING. THESE UNITS WERE DESIGNED PRIMARILY FOR OVERCAST AND NIGHT BOMBING.

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ON THE 3RD OF MARCH FIFTEEN (15) ENLISTED MEN WERE TRANSFERRED TO THE

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INFANTRY. ON THE 28TH OF MARCH TWELVE (12) MORE ENLISTED MEN WERE TRANSFERRED, MAKING A TOTAL OF TWENTY SEVEN (27) MEN WHO HAVE BEEN TRANSFERRED TO THE INFANTRY.

SGT. CLEMENT J. VICKERS WAS ACCEPTED AND DEPARTED FOR INFANTRY OFFICER CANDIDATE SCHOOL TRAINING ON THE 14TH OF MARCH.

DATE OF ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE FROM PREVIOUS SITES DURING THE MONTH OF MARCH: DEPARTURE FROM P734689, LUXEMBOURG, 9 MARCH 1945. ARRIVED ELLWERATH, GERMAN, LO67767, 9 MARCH 1945. DEPARTURE FROM ELLWERATH, GERMANY, 13 MARCH. ARRIVED KEHRIG, GERMANY, L657873, 13 MARCH 1945. DEPARTURE FROM KEHREG, GERMANY, 30 MARCH. ARRIVED M258980, NEAR LINLER, GERMANY, 30 MARCH 1945.

FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE THE ORGANIZATION OF THE FORWARD DIRECTOR POST, THE LIGHT WARNING TOOK OVER REPORTING AND COMMUNICATION TO THE TCC ON 13 MARCH AT ELLWERATH, GERMANY, WHILE THE FORWARD DIRECTOR POST MOVED TO ITS NEW SITE. THIS WAS DONE SO THAT NO BLIND SPOT WOULD BE LEFT OPEN IN THE AIR WARNING NET FOR HOSTILE AIRCRAFT TO SLIP THROUGH. ALSO IT WAS NECESSARY TO HAVE COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN FORWARD DIRECTOR POST'S NEW SITE AND TCC. IF IT WAS FOUND THAT THE DISTANCE OR TERRAIN WAS SUCH THAT COMMUNICATIONS COULD NOT BE MADE BETWEEN THE TWO HEADQUARTERS, A RELAY STATION WOULD REPLACE THE LIGHT WARNING.

DUE TO THE FLUIDITY OF THE PRESENT SITUATION AND THE FACT THAT GROUND OBSERVER PLATOON NUMBER TWO IS ATTACHED TO COMPANY A, GROUND OBSERVER NUMBER FOUR IS BEING ATTACHED TO THIS FORWARD DIRECTOR POST UNTIL SUCH TIME AS IT WILL BE POSSIBLE FOR BOTH GROUND OBSERVER PLATOONS TO REVERT TO THEIR RESPECTIVE COMPANIES.

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THE SECOND CASUALTY DUE TO ENEMY ACTION BEFELL THIS COMPANY ON THE 10TH OF MARCH AT ELLWERATH, GERMANY. PFC VICTOR J. PÖHLER, A TELETYPE OPERATOR ATTACHED TO THIS ORGANIZATION, STEPPED ON A BOX MINE WHILE LOOKING FOR SOME EXTRA CABLE AND REEL FOR THE OPERATION OF THE TELETYPE. HE WAS SERIOUSLY WOUNDED, SUFFERING EXTENSIVE LACERATIONS AND FRACTURES OF THE LEFT LEG AND FOOT. ALTHOUGH SHOCKED BY THE EXPLOSION, HE HAD THE PRESENCE OF MIND TO APPLY A TOURNIQUET AND STOP THE BLEEDING. HE WAS EVACUATED TO THE 110TH EVACUATION HOSPITAL.

ON 15 MARCH AT 1150 HOURS, 1ST LT. KENNETH E. PLACEK, LEADER OF A FLIGHT OF P-47'S WAS SHOT DOWN BY ENEMY 88'S WHILE DIVEBOMBING THE TOWN OF BINGEN (M1250) FROM AN ALTITUDE OF 2000 FEET. THE FLAK TORE THROUGH HIS WINGS AND HYDRAULIC SYSTEM. NOTICING SMOKE POURING FROM HIS PLANE AND THAT SOME OF HIS INSTRUMENTS WERE INOPERATIVE, HE BELLY LANDED 100 YARDS FROM THE FORWARD DIRECTOR POST RADAR-IC SITE AT 1200 HOURS. LT. PLACEK BELONGED TO THE 378TH SQUADRON OF THE 362ND GROUP. IT WAS HIS 71ST MISSION AND HIS BASE WAS AT ETAIN, FRANCE. THE PLANE'S RADIO WAS NOT DAMAGED, SO LT PLACEK ASSURED THE REMAINDER OF HIS FLIGHT THAT HE WAS NOT INJURED. LT. PLACEK HAD LUNCH WITH US AND ABOUT 1430 WAS DRIVEN BACK TO HIS BASE IN THE COMMANDING OFFICER'S JEEP.

BY TELETYPE 3 MARCH 1945 A COMPARISON RATIO SHOWED THAT THE 368TH GROUP WHICH FLEW SIX MISSIONS OR TWENTYFOUR SORTIES AND CONTROLLED BY FDP2 HAD A HIGH AVERAGE OF DESTROYED AND DAMAGED ENEMY EQUIPMENT FOR THAT DAY. OUT OF 106 MOTOR TRANSPORTS KNOCKED OUT BY XIX TAC, THE 368TH GROUP DESTROYED OR DAMAGED 70. OF THE 24 HORSE DRAWN VEHICLES DAMAGED OR DESTROYED BY XIX TAC, 12 WERE DESTROYED OR DAMAGED BY THIS SAME GROUP. OF THE 20 FIELD GUNS DAMAGED BY THE XIX TAC, ALL WERE ACCOUNTED FOR BY

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THE 368TH. ALSO ON THE SAME DAY THE VIII CORPS COMMENDED THE 395TH SQUADRON OF THE 368TH GROUP FOR EXCELLENT WORK AND VALUABLE ASSISTANCE IN THE VICINITY OF MURLENBACH.

BY TELETYPE 4 MARCH 1945 IT WAS LEARNED THAT IN SPITE OF CLOUDY WEATHER AND COMPARATIVELY POOR VISIBILITY THE 368TH GROUP HAD HAD OUTSTANDING MISSIONS. IN TWO MISSIONS, THIS GROUP, IN COOPERATION WITH VIII CORPS, DAMAGED 70 MOTOR TRANSPORTS, 3 ARMORED VEHICLES, 12 HORSE DRAWN VEHICLES, 20 FIELD GUNS AND 10 HORSES.

LT NEAL RABOGLIATTI, O-1643989, SIGNAL CORPS, WAS PROMOTED TO 1ST LT ON 15 MARCH, 1945, PER PARAGRAPH 6, SPECIAL ORDER 74, HEADQUARTERS, NINTH AIR FORCE.

LT. JOHN C. DELEO, O-1641995, SIGNAL CORPS, WAS PROMOTED TO 1ST LT, ON 15 MARCH 1945, PER PARAGRAPH 5 SPECIAL ORDER 74, HEADQUARTERS, NINTH AIR FORCE.

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2 MARCH - TCC REPORTED THAT ONE JET PROPELLED AIRCRAFT WAS FLYING OVER OUR SITE AT 35,000 FEET. ALL AVAILABLE PERSONNEL AT THE RADAR SITE WENT OUT OF DOORS AND TRIED TO SEE THE JET PLANE. NONE OF US HAD EVER SEEN ONE AND WE WERE ANXIOUS TO GET A LOOK AT IT, BUT IT WAS TOO HIGH.

REPORT FROM LIGHT WARNING PLATOON NUMBER THREE ONE MILE SOUTH GOING NORTHWEST ONE UNKNOWN MEDIUM BOMBER IN DISTRESS, ONE MOTOR GONE AND WAS LOSING ALTITUDE FAST. PLANE FINALLY LEVELLED OFF AT THREE THOUSAND FEET AND CONTINUED ON COURSE. IN ADDITION TO REPORTING PLOTS FROM THEIR RADAR, LIGHT WARNING THREE ALSO TURNS IN VERY GOOD GROUND OBSERVER INFORMATION.

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4 MARCH- MAJOR OPDENMYER, XIX TACTICAL CONTROL GROUP (PROV), CALLED REGARDING TELETYPE REPORTS COVERING RADAR AND RADIO JAMMING. HE SAID THE ONLY TIME TELETYPE REPORTS ARE TO BE TURNED IN IS WHEN FLIGHTS WHICH WE ARE CONTROLLING ARE COMPLETELY LOST DUE TO THE JAMMING. THIS MEANS THAT IF THE TYPE 11 IS JAMMED OUT AND WE ARE ABLE TO CONTROL FROM THE TYPE 415, WE ARE NOT TO SEND IN A TELETYPE MESSAGE. THIS IS MUCH BETTER THATN OUR OLD PROCEDURE OF SENDING IN A MESSAGE ON EVERY BIT OF JAMMING THAT WE EXPERIENCED.

6 MARCH - AN ADVANCE PARTY CONSISTING OF ONE OFFICER AND TEN ENLISTED MEN MOVED INTO GERMANY TO PREPARE A RADAR SITE AND BIVOUAC AREA FOR THE REST OF THE COMPANY. OUR NEW LOCATION AT L145492 WAS JUST OUTSIDE THE CITY OF BITBURG. THE ADVANCE PARTY CLEANED OUT THE BUILDINGS AND MADE THE AREA LIVABLE. OUR BIVOUAC AREA WAS ON A GERMAN RIFLE RANGE. THERE WERE SIX FAIRLY LARGE BUILDINGS SO MOST OF THE PERSONNEL WERE INDOORS. A FEW TENTS WERE PUT UP AND THE MEN LIVING IN THEM MADE FLOORS OUT OF THE SCRAP LUMBER THAT WAS IN THE AREA. WE STAYED AT THIS SPOT ABOUT TWO WEEKS AND OUR MEN HAD A FIELD DAY AS WE FOUND ABOUT A HALF MILLION ROUNDS OF GERMAN RIFLE AMMUNITION. FROM 1200 TO 1830 THE RANGE WAS OPEN FOR BUSINESS AND HAD PLENTY OF IT.

7 MARCH - THE REST OF OUR UNIT HAD MOVED FORWARD AND WE WERE IN OPERATIONS AT 2150 THIS DATE.

8 MARCH - ONE FW190 DOVE OVER OUR STATION AT 500 FEET GOING NORTH. THE PLANE CAME OVER FROM TREE TOP LEVEL AND OUR GUARDS EXPECTED IT TO STRAFE, BUT THE PLANE ZIG-ZAGGED OVER US AND DISAPPEARED TO THE NORTH.

21 MARCH - GROUND OBSERVER POST "SUGAR" REPORTS ONE FW 190 GOING EAST

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AT 2000 FEET WITH OUR MARKINGS ON IT. A FEW MINUTES LATER IT WAS IDENTIFIED AS A TBAINER. THE ABOVE IS AN EXAMPLE OF HOW ACCURATE OUR GROUND OBSERVERS ARE ON AIRCRAFT IDENTIFICATION.

22 MARCH - ANOTHER ADVANCE PARTY MOVED OUT ON THIS DATE TO L775605. THE PARTY INCLUDED THREE OFFICERS AND ABOUT THIRTY ENLISTED MEN WITH THE TYPE 11 RADAR. OUR BIVOUAC WAS LOCATED IN AN OLD GERMAN LABOR CAMP. IN THIS SPOT THE ADVANCE PARTY MADE A MESS HALL OUT OF ONE OF THE EXISTING BUILDINGS. THE AREA HAD A HUGE COKE PILE AND ALL SORTS OF LUMBER. FLOORS WERE PUT IN EVERY TENT. OUR MOTOR SERGEANT FOUND A SMALL FIRE ENGINE AND PUT IT TO USE WASHING VEHICLES. WE FOUND MANY LITTLE ITEMS OF VALUE TO THE SOLDIER--WASH BASINS, CUPS, PLATES, COAL SHOVELS, AND OTHER ITEMS TOO NUMEROUS TO MENTION. THE RADAR WAS LOCATED NOT FAR FROM THE BIVOUAC AREA, BUT THE ROAD LEADING TO THE SITE WAS ACROSS SOFT GROUND AND OVER A SMALL CREEK. THIS REQUIRED BUILDING A SMALL BRIDGE, KNOWN AS THE CAPTAIN GLASSOW BRIDGE, AFTER OUR COMPANY COMMANDER. THE BRIDGE AND ROAD WAS CONSTRUCTED OUT OF EXISTING MATERIAL AND TOOLS. THE MEN OF THE ADVANCE PARTY WORKED FROM DAWN TO DUSK TO GET THE AREA IN SHAPE FOR THE REST OF THE COMPANY TO MOVE INTO.

24 MARCH - THE REST OF THE COMPANY MOVED INTO THE SITE AND WERE IN OPERATIONS AT 1930 ON THE 24TH.

27 MARCH - THE EVENING OF THE 27TH AN UNIDENTIFIED PLANE STRAFED THE ROAD ALONGSIDE OF OUR CAMP SITE. THE PLANE WAS AT TREE TOP HEIGHT AND WAS GOING FROM EAST TO WEST. THE HIGHWAY WAS USED CONSTANTLY BY LARGE CONVOYS AND A CONVOY WAS ON THE ROAD AT THE TIME. TO THE BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE NONE OF THE VEHICLES WERE HIT.

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ABOUT 1500 ON THIS DATE OUR MESS HALL CAUGHT ON FIRE DUE TO SOME SPILLED GASOLINE BEING IGNITED. THE KITCHEN AND PART OF THE MESS HALL WAS A MASS OF FLAMES FOR A FEW MOMENTS, BUT DUE TO THE PROMPT ACTION OF THE MESS PERSONNEL AND A FEW MEN STANDING AROUND, THE FIRE WAS IMMEDIATELY BROUGHT UNDER CONTROL. THE MEN MADE USE OF THE FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT THAT WE FOUND IN THIS AREA.

CONTROLLED MISSIONS FOR MARCH 1945

1 MARCH - PLANES FROM THE 368TH FIGHTER GROUP WERE CONTROLLED BY OUR FORWARD DIRECTOR POST AND DUE TO THE BAD WEATHER OUR CONTROLLERS HAD TO RESORT TO BLIND BOMBING IN THE BITBURG AREA. NO RESULTS WERE OBSERVED BUT THE FLIGHTS WERE UP ALL DAY. LIGHTHOUSE, AIRBORNE, CONTROLLERS CONDUCTED A BIND BOMBING MISSION BY LANDLINE. LIGHTHOUSE DROPPED HIS BOMBS ON ZERO COUNT FROM CONTROLLER. TARGET WAS SUPPLY DEPOT AT LEBACH Q4092--NO RESULTS SEEN.

2 MARCH - SERUM BLACK OF THE 368TH FIGHTER GROUP HIS M/T NORTH OF SEFFERN AND BOMBED AT ST. THOMAS--NO RESULTS. SERUM BLUE OF 368TH FIGHTER GROUP HIT MANY TANKS AND MOTOR TRANSPORT AT L3142. FLAPPER YELLOW OF 368TH FIGHTER GROUP HIT MOTOR TRANSPORT AT L3575. LIGHTHOUSE (ANVIL 367TH FIGHTER GROUP) HIT AMMO DUMP AT L4053. SERUM AMBER 368TH FIGHTER GROUP HIT MARSHALLING YARDS AT Q4578. SERUM RED HIT MOTOR TRANSPORT IN WITTLICH.

3 MARCH - TROPIC YELLOW, 368TH FIGHTER GROUP WORKED AREA EAST OF SARREBURG. HIT MOTOR TRANSPORT AND TRAINS. NO RESULTS. SERUM WHITE, 368TH FIGHTER GROUP HIT AREA EAST OF BITBURG,--MOTOR TRANSPORT AND TANKS. TROPIC BLUE BOMBED AND STRAFED TRAINS IN AREA OF L2804. TROPIC RED, 368TH FIGHTER GROUP, BOMBED AND STRAFED TRAINS IN AREA OF L2804. TROPIC RED, 368TH FIGHTER GROUP, HIT GUN POSITIONS AND TRAINS

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IN VICINITY OF L2900. SERUM AMBER, 368TH FIGHTER GROUP, BOMBED AND STRAFED BUILDING S AND MOTOR TRANSPORT IN VICINITY OF L5347. DUMPLING PINK, 10TH PHOTO RECONNAISSANCE GROUP, WAS ALSO ON THIS MISSION AND WAS VERY HAPPY WITH RESULTS THEY PHOTOGRAPHED. SERUM RED, 368TH FIGHTER GROUP, TRIED TO MAKE AN INTERCEPTION WITH A YELLOW NOSED P47 STARTING OVER METZ, NO RESULTS. SERUM GREEN, 368TH FIGHTER GROUP, HIT MOTOR TRANSPORT AND TANKS IN VICINITY L5042. ALSO HIT MOTOR TRANSPORT AND TANKS AT L5225. SERUM YELLOW, 368TH FIGHTER GROUP, HIT MOTOR TRANSPORT AND TANKS EAST OF BITBURG. TROPIC RED, 368TH FIGHTER GROUP, HIT RAIL TRACKS AT L2540--ALSO HIT MOTOR TRANSPORT AND TRAINS.

10 MARCH - KLONDIKE LEADER, 362ND FIGHTER GROUP, HIT MOTOR TRANSPORT VICINITY L6274.

13 MARCH - ARGUE LEADER, 362ND FIGHTER GROUP, SHOT DOWN A FW190 AT 1400 IN L6520. FIREBRICK LEADER, 362ND FIGHTER GROUP, DESTROYED ONE PLANE ON GROUND AT LIMBURG. FIREBRICK RED HIT MANY TRUCKS IN LIMBURG AREA.

14 MARCH- ARGUE RED, 362ND FIGHTER GROUP, HIT TRUCKS AND TANKS IN VICINITY M0562. FIREBRICK RED HIT MOTOR TRANSPORT AND TOWN IN L7964. FIREBRICK RED LEADER WAS SHOT DOWN OVER ENEMY TERRITORY--APPROXIMATE POSITION L8075. FIREBRICK BLUE, 362ND FIGHTER GROUP, HIT TANKS AND TROOPS VICINITY L7060. FIREBRICK GREEN, 362ND FIGHTER GROUP, HIT SEVERAL TANKS VICINITY L8774. ARGUE GREEN, 362ND FIGHTER GROUP, HIT MOTOR TRANSPORT, TANKS AND BOMBED TOWN IN VICINITY L7963. FIREBRICK RED, 362ND FIGHTER GROUP, HIT SUPPLIES IN L7963. FIREBRICK BLUE, 362ND FIGHTER GROUP, HIT GUN EMPLACEMENT IN VICINITY L7167. ARGUE RED, 362ND FIGHTER GROUP, HIT CONVOY OF MOTOR VEHICLES IN VICINITY L8070. FIREBRICK GREEN, 362ND FIGHTER GROUP, HIT SUPPLIES IN VICINITY L8567.

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15 MARCH - ARGUE YELLOW, 362ND FIGHTER GROUP, BOMBED SUPPLY DUMP IN VICINITY M2752. KLONDIKE GREEN, 362ND FIGHTER GROUP, HIT TRAINS IN VICINITY L8075. KLONDIKE BLUE, 362ND FIGHTER GROUP, HIT BOX CARS WITH SUPPLIES IN M4070. THIS FLIGHT WAS ATTACKED BY 20 FW190'S BUT DID NOT LOSE ANY PLANES. ARGUE LEADER, 362ND FIGHTER GROUP, HIT MOTOR VEHICLES L9153.

16 MARCH- FIREBRICK BLUE, 362ND FIGHTER GROUP, HIT 15 HORSE DRAWN VEHICLES L9560. ARGUE BLUE, 362ND FIGHTER GROUP, HIT SEVEN VEHICLES IN THAT AREA. HE HIT 15 ARMORED CARS. ARGUE GREEN, 362ND FIGHTER GROUP, HIT TARGET IN MARSHALLING YARDS AT M1554. KLONDIKE RED, 362ND FIGHTER GROUP, HIT TARGET IN M3110. DROPPED BOMBS ON BARGES IN RHINE BUT NONE OF THEM WENT OFF. FIREBRICK RED, 362ND FIGHTER GROUP, HIT TRAINS AND 30 CARS AT M2555. KLONDIKE YELLOW, 362ND FIGHTER GROUP BOMBED A TOWN AND HIT BARGES ON THE RHINE. MANY REFUGEES ON FOOT OBSERVED WAVING WHITE FLAGS. KLONDIKE BLUE, 362ND FIGHTER GROUP HIT TRAINS AND THIRTY CARS AT M2555. ARGUE YELLOW, 362ND FIGHTER GROUP, HIT MANY VEHICLES IN MO737. ARGUE GREEN, 362ND FIGHTER GROUP, HIT A TOWN AT L5437. LEFT TARGET AND WAS ATTACKED BY 10 ME109'S--LOST ONE PLANE.

17 MARCH - FIREBRICK LEADER, 362ND FIGHTER GROUP, SHOT DOWN ONE ENEMY AIRCRAFT VICINITY G2825 WITH NO LOSS. ARGUE RED, 362ND FIGHTER GROUP, GOT 15 VEHICLES VICINITY L5514. FIREBRICK BLUE, 362ND FIGHTER GROUP,, DESTROYED 20 TRUCKES IN VICINITY L5514. FIREBRICK GREEN, 362ND FIGHTER GROUP, HIT TWO HORSEDRAWN VEHICLES AND FIVE TRUCKS AT L5810.

18 MARCH - CASKET LEADER, 367TH FIGHTER GROUP, SHOT UP THIRTY MOTOR TRANSPORT AT L5810. BEKKO LEADER, 367TH FIGHTER GROUP, HIT

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TRAIN AT M0939. CHURCHSPIRE LEADER, 354TH FIGHTER GROUP, GOT AT LEAST TWO BANDITS WITH NO LOSES. HALLEM LEADER, 354TH FIGHTER GROUP, HIT TRAINS AND CARS VICINITY M0939.

19 MARCH - HALLEM RED, 354TH FIGHTER GROUP, HIT SIX TRAINS IN L9585. FIREBRICK, 362ND FIGHTER GROUP, HIT MARSHALLING YARDS AND 4 BARGES ON THE RHINE. ARGUE BLUE, 362ND FIGHTER GROUP, HIT TARGET AT L8530--20 VEHICLES. FIREBRICK RED, 362ND FIGHTER GROUP, SHOT UP THREE BALLOONS OVER WORMS.

20 MARCH - FIREBRICK LEADER, 362ND FIGHTER GROUP, HIT ARTILLERY POSITIONS AT M2817.

21 MARCH - KLONDIKE RED, 362ND FIGHTER GROUP, HIT MARSHALLING YARDS SOUTH OF MANNHEIM, ALSO HIT TRAINS AND BOX CARS AT M7740. ARGUE LEADER 362ND FIGHTER GROUP, HIT BIG FACTORY AND TANKS IN M8225.

22 MARCH - FIREBRICK BLUE, 362ND FIGHTER GROUP, HIT VEHICLES IN M7938.

24 MARCH - CASKET LEADER, 367TH FIGHTER GROUP, HIT TRAINS AND GUN POSITIONS AT M5055.

25 MARCH - KNOBHOLD LEADER, 367TH FIGHTER GROUP, STARTED AIRFIELD IN M9357. DEKKO RED LEADER, 367TH FIGHTER GROUP BOMBED AND STRAFED TRAIN AT M8570.

26 MARCH - KNOBHOLD RED, 367TH FIGHTER GROUP, HIT GUN EMPLACEMENTS AND CONVOY AT M7289. CASKET BLUE 367TH FIGHTER GROUP, HIT CONVOY ON ROAD SOUTH OF HANDU. DEKKO BLUE, 367TH FIGHTER GROUP, WORKING IN M3292, HIT MANY MOTOR VEHICLES.

27 MARCH - CHURCHSPIRE LEADER, 354TH FIGHTER GROUP, HIT MOTOR TRANSPORT IN AREA OF M0575. WEATHER VERY BAD.

28 MARCH - DEKKO BLUE, 367TH FIGHTER GROUP, HIT MANY HORSE DRAWN VEHICLES NORTH OF FRANKFURT.

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30 MARCH - DEKKO BLUE, 367TH FIGHTER GROUP, HIT MOTOR VEHICLES IN AREA H0020.

TOTAL MISSIONS AND RESULTS

DURING THE MONTH OF MARCH WE CONTROLLED 411 MISSIONS TOTALING ABOUT 2570 AIRCRAFT. THE NUMBER OF MISSIONS FROM OCTOBER TO 31 MARCH TOTALS 1045 AND APPROXIMATELY 8780 AIRCRAFT. NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT, ENEMY, SHOT DOWN BY OUR CONTROLLED FLIGHTS TOTALS 29.

THE FOLLOWING IS THE RESULTS RECEIVEF FROM OUR CONTROLLED FLIGHTS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 1945.

TANKS

DATE	NUMBER	LOCATION
2 MAR	?	NORTH OF SEFFERN
2 MAR	?	EAST OF SARREBURG
2 MAR	?	E. WITTLICH
3 MAR	?	E. SARREBURG
3 MAR	?	SE. SARREBURG
13 MAR	?	L6274
15 MAR	?	L9513
16 MAR	?	L5437
18 MAR	?	L5810
24 MAR	?	M3668
26 MAR	?	M3292
27 MAR	?	M0575
30 MAR	?	H0020

HORSE DRAWN VEHICLES

DATE	NO.	LOCATION
16 MAR	15	L9560
17 MAR	2	L5810
28 MAR	?	N.FRANKFURT

BUILDINGS

DATE	LOCATION
3 MAR	L5347
21 MAR	M8225

MOTOR TRANSPORT

DATE	NUMBER	LOCATION
2 MAR	?	L3142
2 MAR	?	L3575
3 MAR	?	L5042
3 MAR	?	L5225
14 MAR	?	M0562
14 MAR	?	L7964
15 MAR	?	L7963

(1 PLANE DESTROYED ON GROUND 13 MAR, SE OF LIMBURG)

TRAINS

DATE	LOCATION
3 MAR	E. SARREBURG
3 MAR	L2804
3 MAR	L2900
3 MAR	SE SARREBURG
15 MAR	L8075
16 MAR	M2555
16 MAR	M0939
18 MAR	L9585
21 MAR	M7746
24 MAR	M5055

1 AMMO DUMP HIT 2 MAR 1945 (L4053)

GUN POSITIONS

DATE	NUMBER	LOCATION
3 MAR	1	L2900
14 MAR	1	L7167
19 MAR	1	M2817
24 MAR	1	M5055
26 MAR	1	M7289

SUPPLY DUMPS

DATE	LOCATION
1 MAR	Q4092
14 MAR	L7963
14 MAR	L8567
15 MAR	M2752

BARGES

DATE	NO.	LOCATION
16 MAR	?	M3110
18 MAR	4	RHINE RIVER

BALLOONS

DATE	NO.	LOCATION
19 MAR	3	WORMS AREA

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ENEMY A/C IN AIR			BOX CARS			MARSHALLING YARDS	
						DATE	LOCATION
13 MAR	1 FW 190	L6520	15 MAR	?	M4070	2 MAR	Q4578
17 MAR	1	G2825	16 MAR	30	M2555	16 MAR	M1554
18 MAR	2	---				18 MAR	ON RHINE
						21 MAR	S. MANNHEIM
						22 MAR	M7938

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COMPANY "A"
563RD SIGNAL AIRCRAFT WARNING BATTALION L:hfd.

APO 141, US Army,
9 April 1945

SUBJECT: G. O. No. 1 Historical Report for March 1945.

TO : Commanding Officer, 563rd. Signal Aircraft Warning Battalion, A.P.O. 141, U.S.Army, Attention: S-2 Section.

1. March 1st. to 19th.: Routine operations.

March 19th. and 20th.: Lt. SMITH (Filter Officer FDP No. 1), Lt. KEEFER and Pfc Hall followed 11th. Armored Division in push across Saar to Rhine to look for new site for Company "A". They were fired on at one instance by six German soldiers. The fire was heavy yet no one was hurt and they captured three of them. They drove through eleven towns that hadn't been captured, linking the Eleventh Armored with the 4th. Armored on the Rhine.

March 20th. to 26th.: Routine operations.

March 26th. (Fox): Road leading to Fox's site on the Rhine was close to enemy territory. On their original move to site, the enemy threw 88's and small arms fire at them with no casulties or damage.

March 26th. to 30th.: Routine operations - saw many German fighter bombers.

March 30th.: Moved to Main River near Frankfurt.

March 31st.: During the morning hours all stations reported many ME-262's (Jet planes). Fox reported one JU-88 circling over station. Charlie was bombed - no damage to men or vehicles.

For the Commanding Officer:

Lawrence Keefer
LAWRENCE A. KEEFER
1st.Lt.,Sig Corps
G. O. Officer

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HISTORICAL REPORT OF THE

563RD SIGNAL AIRCRAFT WARNING BATTALION

FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 1945

AS COMPILED BY:

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IN COMPLIANCE WITH LETTER, HEADQUARTERS, NINTH AIR FORCE, FILE NUMBER 314.7, SUBJECT: "OFFICIAL AND POPULAR HISTORIES OF THE NINTH AIR FORCE," DATED 22 NOVEMBER 1943, AND XIX TACTICAL AIR COMMAND MEMORANDUM NUMBER 20-1, DATED 5 FEBRUARY 1944, AS AMENDED BY MEMORANDUM NUMBER 20-1A, DATED 29 FEBRUARY 1944, THE FOLLOWING RECORD IS SUBMITTED FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 1945.

1. DURING THE MONTH OF JANUARY THE FOLLOWING TRANSFERS WERE EFFECTED:

(6 JANUARY 1945) 2D LT GEORGE E. MOWRER, O1547727, MAC, WAS APPOINTED BATTALION FIRE MARSHAL IN COMPLIANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 3, FIRE REGULATIONS FOR CONTINENTAL OPERATIONS, HEADQUARTERS, EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS, APO 887, US ARMY, DATED 6 NOVEMBER 1944.

TEC 4 ROBERT W. COOPER, 33078031 (060), COMPANY A WAS RELIEVED FROM ATTACHMENT TO COMPANY C AND FURTHER ASSIGNED TO HEADQUARTERS COMPANY.

SIX (6) ENLISTED MEN, ALL OF HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, WERE ATTACHED TO COMPANY C FOR QUARTERS, RATIONS, AND DUTY.

FIVE (5) ENLISTED MEN WERE RELIEVED FROM ATTACHMENT TO HEADQUARTERS COMPANY FROM COMPANY AN AND FURTHER ASSIGNED TO HEADQUARTERS COMPANY. (ALL RADIO OPERATION OPERATORS AND MAINTENANCE MEN).

FOUR (4) ENLISTED MEN (THREE RADIO OPERATORS AND ONE RADAR PLOTTER) WERE RELIEVED FROM ATTACHMENT TO HEADQUARTERS COMPANY AND FURTHER ASSIGNED TO HEADQUARTERS COMPANY.

THREE (3) ENLISTED MEN, COMPANY C, WERE RELIEVED FROM ATTACHMENT TO HEADQUARTERS AND FURTHER ASSIGNED TO HEADQUARTERS COMPANY.

PFC JOSEPH J. MASLYN, 12208492, (648), COMPANY B, WAS RELIEVED FROM ATTACHMENT TO HEADQUARTERS COMPANY.

F/SGT JACK GOODMAN, 12018769 (510), COMPANY C, WAS ASSIGNED TO HEADQUARTERS COMPANY.

SGT GEORGE FOWLER, 37094996 (261), COMPANY B, WAS ASSIGNED TO HEADQUARTERS COMPANY.

PVT STANLEY A. COLLINS, 35866844 (514), HEADQUARTERS COMPANY WAS ASSIGNED TO COMPANY A.

PFC EDWARD J. DAVY, 32871772 (776), COMPANY D, WAS ASSIGNED TO COMPANY A.

FOUR (4) ENLISTED MEN, HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, WERE ASSIGNED TO COMPANY B.

THREE (3) ENLISTED MEN, HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, WERE ASSIGNED TO COMPANY C.

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FIVE (5) ENLISTED MEN, COMPANY D, WERE ASSIGNED TO COMPANY B.

NINE (9) ENLISTED MEN, COMPANY D, WERE ASSIGNED TO HEADQUARTERS COMPANY.

THREE (3) ENLISTED MEN, 738TH SIGNAL AW COMPANY, WERE TRANSFERRED TO COMPANY B, THIS BATTALION, IN GRADE.

THREE (3) ENLISTED MEN, 738TH SIGNAL AW COMPANY, WERE TRANSFERRED IN GRADE TO COMPANY A, THIS BATTALION.

FOUR (4) ENLISTED MEN, 738TH SIGNAL AW COMPANY, WERE TRANSFERRED IN GRADE TO HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, THIS BATTALION.

THREE (3) ENLISTED MEN, COMPANY B, WERE ASSIGNED TO HEADQUARTERS COMPANY.

PVT DONALD H. GAY, 36593992 (590), 738TH SIGNAL AW COMPANY, WAS TRANSFERRED IN GRADE TO COMPANY D, THIS BATTALION.

FOUR (4) ENLISTED MEN, HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, WERE ASSIGNED TO COMPANY D.

TEC 5 HURSCHEL R. DIVINE, 37224079 (766), COMPANY D, WAS ASSIGNED TO COMPANY C.

PVT BARTHOLO C. DEFRANCO, 32444257, (590), HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, WAS ASSIGNED TO COMPANY C.

PVT LYLE W. VONDERLOW, 36808207 (514), 738TH SIGNAL AW COMPANY, WAS TRANSFERRED TO COMPANY C, IN GRADE.

TEC 5 PAUL J. STROLLO, 32431556 (014), COMPANY C, WAS ASSIGNED TO HEADQUARTERS COMPANY.

TEC 4 ANDREW VARHOLA, 33267941 (953), COMPANY A, WAS ASSIGNED TO HEADQUARTERS COMPANY.

TEC 5 FRANK G. BOATMAN, 39040164 (409), MD, HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, WAS ASSIGNED TO COMPANY A.

PFC JOE T. MULLINS, 33646942 (409), MD, HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, WAS RELIEVED FROM ATTACHMENT TO COMPANY AND FURTHER ASSIGNED TO COMPANY A.

TEC 5 MICHAEL N. LETTIERE, 32706148 (409) MD, HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, IS RELIEVED FROM ATTACHMENT TO COMPANY D, AND FURTHER ASSIGNED TO COMPANY C.

FOUR (4) OFFICERS AND TWENTY FIVE (25) ENLISTED MEN, "E" TEAM, HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, WERE ATTACHED TO THE 738TH SIGNAL AW COMPANY FOR QUARTERS, RATIONS, AND DUTY.

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SIX (6) ENLISTED MEN, 566TH SIGNAL AW BATTALION, WERE ATTACHED TO HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, THIS BATTALION, AND FURTHER ATTACHED TO THE 738TH SIGNAL AW COMPANY, FOR QUARTERS, RATIONS, AND DUTY.

S/SGT JAMES R. WILLIAMS, 14025892 MD, HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, WAS RELIEVED FROM ATTACHMENT TO COMPANY B, AND FURTHER ATTACHED TO COMPANY A, THIS BATTALION, FOR WUARTERS, RATIONS, AND DUTY, EFFECTIVE 7 JANUARY 1945.

ONE (1) OFFICER, AND THIRTY (30) ENLISTED MEN, GROUND OBSERVER PLATOON NUMBER TWO, COMPANY B, WERE ATTACHED TO COMPANY A, THIS BATTALION, FOR QUARTERS, RATIONS, AND DUTY, EFFECTIVE 7 JANUARY 1945.

(8 JANUARY 1945) TEC 5 FRANK G. BOATMAN, 39040164, (409) MD, COMPANY A, WAS ATTACHED TO HEADQUARTERS COMPANY FOR QUARTERS, RATIONS, AND DUTY.

TEC 5 MICHAEL N. LETTIERE, 32906148 (409) MD, COMPANY C, WAS ATTACHED TO COMPANY D, FOR QUARTERS, RATIONS, AND DUTY.

PFC DOMNICK A. BERARDI, 33757368 (409) MD, COMPANY B, WAS ATTACHED TO HEADQUARTERS COMPANY FOR QUARTERS, RATIONS, AND DUTY.

(9 JANUARY 1945) SGT ROBERT L. DEGRASSE, 31282632 (409) MD, HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, WAS ATTACHED TO COMPANY C FOR QUARTERS, RATIONS, AND DUTY, (GO #4).

(10 JANUARY 1945) ANNOUNCEMENT WAS MADE OF THE APPOINTMENT OF OF FIRST SGT JACK GOODMAN, 12018769 (510), HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, TO THE TEMPORARY GRADE OF MASTER SERGEANT (TEMP).

(12 JANUARY 1945) 2D LT GEORGE B. DORROH, 0487226, SIG C, HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, WAS RELIEVED FROM ATTACHMENT TO 738TH SIGNAL AW COMPANY.

2D LT EDGAR A. FRANZ, 01644338, SIG C, COMPANY D, WAS ASSIGNED TO HEADQUARTERS COMPANY.

2D LT THOMAS J. WALKER, JR., 01643421, SIG C, COMPANY D, WAS ASSIGNED TO HEADQUARTERS COMPANY AND FURTHER ATTACHED TO 738TH SIGNAL AW COMPANY FOR QUARTERS RATIONS, AND DUTY.

(19 JANUARY 1945) 1ST LT HAROLD E. WAECKERLE, 01642684, SIG C, HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, WAS PLACED ON TEMPORARY DUTY FOR A PERIOD NOT TO EXCEED THIRTY (30) DAYS, EFFECTIVE ON OR ABOUT 17 JANUARY 1945, WITH XIX TACTICAL AIR COMMAND (ADV), ON SIGNAL ACTIVITIES.

PFC JOSEPH J. MASLYN, 12208492 (648), AND TEC 5 MARK T. ADAIR, 39316729 (766), BOTH ENLISTED MEN OF COMPANY B, WERE ATTACHED TO COMPANY A FOR QUARTERS RATIONS, AND DUTY, WITH GO#2.

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UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF AR 615-5, AS AMENDED 6 DECEMBER 1944, AND UPON RECOMMENDATION OF THEIR COMPANY COMMANDER, THE FOLLOWING NAMED ENLISTED MEN, COMPANY INDICATED, WERE APPOINTED PRIVATE FIRST CLASS (TEMP).

HEADQUARTERS COMPANY	--- EIGHTEEN	(18)
COMPANY A	--- TWELVE	(12)
COMPANY B	--- TWELVE	(12)
COMPANY C	--- EIGHT	(8)
COMPANY D	--- THIRTEEN	(13)

(20 JANUARY 1945) 1ST LT WILLIAM A. WRIGHT, 01638831, SIG C, WAS APPOINTED BATTALION GAS OFFICER, VICE 1ST LT PAUL E. RAPP, 01644687, SIG C, RELIEVED.

MAJOR KENNETH B. GRIGSBY, 0291298, MC, WAS ASSIGNED TO THIS ORGANIZATION IN COMPLIANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 19, SPECIAL ORDER 15, HEADQUARTERS, EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS, US ARMY, CS, AND WAS FURTHER ASSIGNED TO HEADQUARTERS COMPANY.

(22 JANUARY 1945) 2D LT. ROBERT A. ATKINSON, 0535202, AC, HEADQUARTERS, NINTH AIR FORCE, WAS PLACED ON TEMPORARY DUTY, WITH THIS ORGANIZATION, AND ATTACHED TO HEADQUARTERS COMPANY FOR QUARTERS, AND RATIONS, EFFECTIVE 21 JANUARY 1945, VOCG, XIX TACTICAL AIR COMMAND, FOR A PERIOD OF APPROXIMATELY SEVEN (7) DAYS. UPON COMPLETION OF THIS DUTY, OFFICER WAS TO RETURN TO PROPER ORGANIZATION AND STATION.

MAJOR MAURICE E. BYRNE, 0341435, SIG C, WAS APPOINTED BATTALION SECURITY OFFICER (ADDITIONAL DUTY).

2D LT ROBERT A. HOMAN, 0504911, SIG C, COMPANY D, WAS ASSIGNED TO HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, AND APPOINTED BATTALION S-3 (ADDITIONAL DUTY).

TEC 4 VICTOR RAFFAELLI, 3916807 (409), HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, WAS RELIEVED FROM ATTACHMENT TO COMPANY A, AND TRANSFERRED IN GRADE TO COMPANY A.

TEC 5 LARUE H. BLACKWELL, 34612352 (766), COMPANY B, WAS TRANSFERRED IN GRADE TO HEADQUARTERS COMPANY.

PVT CALLIE W. COUICK, 34518553 (590), HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, WAS TRANSFERRED IN GRADE TO COMPANY A.

TEC 5 FRANK G. BOATMAN, 39040164 (409) MD, COMPANY A, WAS RELIEVED FROM ATTACHMENT TO HEADQUARTERS COMPANY AND TRANSFERRED IN GRADE TO COMPANY B.

TEC 5 FRANK G. BOATMAN, 39040164, (409) MD, COMPANY B, WAS ATTACHED TO HEADQUARTERS COMPANY FOR QUARTERS RATIONS, AND DUTY.

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(28 JANUARY 1945) ONE (1) OFFICER AND THIRTY TWO (32) ENLISTED MEN, GO#2, COMPANY B, WERE RELIEVED FROM ATTACHMENT TO COMPANY A FOR RATIONS, AND FURTHER ATTACHED TO COMPANY D FOR RATIONS ONLY.

S/SGT JAMES R. WILLIAMS, 14025892, (409) MD, HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, WAS RELIEVED FROM ATTACHMENT TO COMPANY A FOR RATIONS AND FURTHER ATTACHED TO COMPANY D FOR RATIONS ONLY.

TEC 5 WALLACE J. LEBECK, 39560161 (409) MD, WAS ASSIGNED TO THIS ORGANIZATION IN COMPLIANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 112, SO 19, HEADQUARTERS 19TH RCD, ETOUSA, DATED 19 JANUARY 1945, AND WAS FURTHER ASSIGNED TO COMPANY D, EFFECTIVE 15 NOVEMBER 1944.

UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF PARAGRAPH 2, LETTER, FILE 080., HEADQUARTERS, NINTH AIR FORCE, DATED 20 DECEMBER 1944, 1ST LT JOHN J. REYNOLDS, JR., 01643270, SIG C, WAS APPOINTED ARMY AIR FORCES AID SOCIETY OFFICER FOR THE 563RD SIGNAL AIRCRAFT WARNING BATTALION. (ADDITIONAL DUTY).

(31 JANUARY 1945) 1ST LT WILLIAM A. WRIGHT, 01638831, SIG C, WAS RELIEVED AS BATTALION SOLDIER VOTING OFFICER. AUTH: LETTER, HEADQUARTERS, NINTH AIR FORCE, FILE 210.4, SUBJECT: "RELIEF OF SOLDIER VOTING OFFICERS", 20 JANUARY 1945.

PFC PETER DEMARCHI, 32737322 (409)MD, COMPANY B, WAS ATTACHED TO COMPANY D FOR QUARTERS, RATIONS AND DUTY.

PFC JAMES W. GAREY, 32830168 (409)MD, COMPANY C, WAS ATTACHED TO COMPANY D FOR QUARTERS, RATIONS AND DUTY.

2. THE STRENGTH OF THE ORGANIZATION AT THE CLOSE OF THE MONTH OF JANUARY 1945, WAS SEVENTY ONE (71) OFFICERS, SIX (6) WARRANT OFFICERS, AND NINE HUNDRED AND THIRTY FOOR (934) ENLISTED MEN. ONE OFFICER (1), AND THIRTY ONE (31) ENLISTED MEN, ATTACHED FROM THE 564TH SIGNAL AIRCRAFT WARNING BATTALION.

3. THE LIST OF ALL CHANGES OF STATION ARE AS FOLLOWS, PLUS DATES OF MOVES, WITH THE POSSIBLE EXCEPTION OF SOME GROUND OBSERVER POSTS WHICH MOVE SO OFTEN THAT CONTINUOUS WATCH OVER THEM IS NEXT TO IMPOSSIBLE.

UNIT	GRID COORDINATE	TOWN	DATE OCCUPIED	DATE DEPARTED
BN HQ	U-720985	(AUDUN LE TICHE)	28 DEC 44	
G04 -S	Q-326622	(FREIMENGEN)	29 DEC 44	3 JAN 45
	Q-178744	(W. TBOMBORN)	3 JAN 45	4 JAN 45
	P-940245	(JUNGLINSTER)	4 JAN 45	
-T	Q-587527	(WOLFINGEN)	14 DEC 44	4 JAN 45

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G04 -U	Q-455584	(SW. RUHLINGEN)	19 DEC 44	4 JAN 45
	L-059283	(SE. HERBORN)	4 JAN 45	
-V	Q-426607	(BUSCHBACH)	29 DEC 44	4 JAN 45
	P-981135	(CANACH)	4 JAN 45	6 JAN 45
	P-972095	(ERSANGE)	6 JAN 45	20 JAN 45
	P-922095	(NE. SYREN)	20 JAN 45	
-W	Q-366633	(KOCHERN)	29 DEC 44	4 JAN 45
	L-010191	(E. FLAXWEILER)	4 JAN 45	
FDP1	U-500731	(N. ETAIN)	12 SEPT 44	12 JAN 45
	U-763805	(NEUFCHEF)	12 JAN 45	
LW 1	U-685894	(25 SEPT 44-BEUVILLERS		22 JAN 45
	Q-178743	(NR. TROMBORN)	22 JAN 45	
G01- A	Q-099953	(RITZING)	29 DEC 44	4 JAN 45
	Q-138910	(METHRN)	4 JAN 45	
- B	Q-065982	(EFT)	29 DEC 44	
- C	Q-158859	(FURWEILER)	29 DEC 44	
- D	L-038012	(WACHERN)	29 DEC 44	4 JAN 45
	Q-208824	(E. HEMMERDORF)	4 JAN 45	
- F	Q-138910	(BIRINGEN)	29 DEC 44	4 JAN 45
	Q-253733	(WEILER)	4 JAN 45	10 JAN 45
	Q-238779	(E. RIBANGEN)	10 JAN 45	12 JAN 45
	Q-253733	(WEILER)	12 JAN 45	
FDP 2	P-427219	(SW. ST. MARIE)	24 DEC 44	
LW 2	P-480320	(HABAY LA NEUVE)	26 DEC 44	
G02 - G	Q-170740	(E. TROMBORN)	8 DEC 44	1 JAN 45
	P-351408	(N. NEUTCHEATEAU)	1 JAN 45	4 JAN 45
	P-348409	(SE. NEUTCHEATEAU)	4 JAN 45	10 JAN 45
	Q-163587	(ZIMMINGEN)	10 JAN 45	
- H	Q-247776	(SE. FELSBURG)	8 DEC 44	1 JAN 45
	P-224430	(SE. BERTRIX)	1 JAN 45	4 JAN 45
	Q-218425	(BERTRIX)	4 JAN 45	10 JAN 45
	Q-275547	(KAMMERN)	10 JAN 45	
- J	Q-170740	(E. TROMBORN)	22 DEC 44	1 JAN 45
	P-163462	(OFFANGE)	1 JAN 45	4 JAN 45
	P-183484	(KLEHONVILLE)	4 JAN 45	10 JAN 45

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G02 - K	Q-247775	(FELSBURG)	22 DEC 44	1 JAN 45
	P-316489	(LIBRAMONT)	1 JAN 45	4 JAN 45
	P-312487	(S. LIBRAMONT)	4 JAN 45	10 JAN 45
	Q-303612	(MERTENBACH)	10 JAN 45	
- L	Q-170740	(DALEM)	22 DEC 44	1 JAN 45
	P-422475	(BERCHEUX)	1 JAN 45	4 JAN 45
	P-417477	(E. BERCHEUX)	4 JAN 45	10 JAN 45
	Q-054515	(VILLERS STONCOURT)	10 JAN45	
FDP 3	P-835100	(S. LUXEMBOURG)	22 SEPT 44	
LW 3	P-870297	(FISCHBACH)	29 SEPT 44	
G03 - M	P-923340	(LAROCHETTE)	27 DEC 44	3 JAN 45
	P-488761	( )	3 JAN 45	4 JAN 45
	P-622349	(RAMBOURCH)	4 JAN 45	12 JAN 45
	P-690417	(GREVIS)	12 JAN 45	30 JAN 45
	P-708444	(ESCHDORF)	30 JAN 45	
- O	P-940357	(E. WALDBILLIG)	27 DEC 44	3 JAN 45
	P-351741	(S. BANDE)	3 JAN 45	4 JAN 45
	P-759369	(N. VICHTEN)	4 JAN 45	6 JAN 45
	P-767371	(N. VICHTEN)	6 JAN 45	15 JAN 45
	B-735340	(SCHANDEL)	15 JAN 45	
- P	Q-087978	(BUCHDORF)	7 DEC 44	3 JAN 45
	P-465720	(W. ORTHO)	3 JAN 45	4 JAN 45
	P-645380	(SCHWIDELBROUCH)	4 JAN 45	6 JAN 45
	P-655385	(SCHWIDELBROUCH)	6 JAN 45	10 JAN 45
	P-821354	(W. CRUCHTEN)	10 JAN 45	14 JAN 45
	P-690417	(GREVELS)	14 JAN 45	
- Q	P-875379	(NW. STEFEN)	27 DEC 44	4 JAN 45
	P-584384	(WOLWELANGE)	4 JAN 45	6 JAN 45
	P-601406	(BIGONVILLE)	6 JAN 45	30 JAN 45
	P-708530	(WILTZ)	30 JAN 45	
- R	Q-189909	(W. MONILF)	7 DEC 44	3 JAN 45
	P-427779	(BEAUSAIM)	3 JAN 45	4 JAN 45
	P-683331	(OSPERN)	4 JAN 45	14 JAN 45
	P-658362	(HOSTERT)	14 JAN 45	16 JAN 45
	P-618463	(SURRE)	16 JAN 45	20 JAN 45
	P-607496	(HARLANGE)	20 JAN 45	
FDP5 (MEW)	Q-200371	(MARHANGE)	2 DEC 44	4 JAN 45
	P-555052	(LONGWY)	4 JAN 45	
CSU 1	P-918270	(SW. REULAND)	28 DEC 44	

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UNIT	GRID COORDINATE	TOWN	DATE OCCUPIED	DATE DEPARTED
CSU 2	Q-178744	(E. TROMBORN)	6 DEC 44	13 JAN 45
	P-640420	(ARSDORF)	13 JAN 45	29 JAN 45
	P-703634	(E. LUELANGE)	29 JAN 45	
CSU 3	Q-178744	(E. TROMBORN)	6 DEC 44	4 JAN 45
	U-910550	(JURY)	4 JAN 45	
CSU 4	U-910550	(JURY)	9 DEC 44	

4. DURING THE MONTH OF JANUARY 1945, THE FOLLOWING CASUALTIES OCCURRED (BATTLE):

CPL JOSEPH G. MAZUR, 15085472, AND CPL MERLE F. LIVINGSTONE, 33496768, WERE WOUNDED DURING ENEMY ARTILLERY FIRE ON THEIR GROUND OBSERVER POST TARE. CPL MAZUR WAS WOUNDED IN THE ARM BY A SHELL FRAGMENT, AND CPL LIVINGSTONE WAS WOUNDED IN THE SHOULDER AND LEG. BOTH RETURNED TO DUTY AFTER A PERIOD OF TIME, MAZUR IN THE HOSPITAL AND LIVINGSTONE AT A CLEARING STATION.

5. THERE WERE NO AWARDS OR DECORATIONS DURING THE MONTH OF JANUARY 1945, OTHER THAN THE PURPLE HEART AWARDED TO THE ENLISTED MEN MENTIONED IN PARAGRAPH (4) ABOVE.

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COMPANY A -

ON JANUARY 3RD, GROUND OBSERVER PLATOON NUMBER FOUR WAS RELIEVED FROM ATTACHMENT TO THIS COMPANY AND FURTHER ATTACHED TO COMPANY C. THIS NECESSITATED THE REEMPLOYMENT OF GROUND OBSERVER PLATOON NUMBER ONE TO FILL IN GAPS LEFT BY THIS CHANGE. ABLE POST SHIFTED TO Q-138910, DOG TO Q-208824, AND FOX TO Q-160956 THAT SAME DAY.

GROUND OBSERVER PLATOON NUMBER TWO WAS ATTACHED TO US ON THE 10TH JANUARY FOR TACTICAL EMPLOYMENT ONLY. THEY WERE IMMEDIATELY MOVED TO THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS: GEORGE - Q-163587, HOW - Q-275547, JIG - Q-260687, KING - Q-303612 AND LOVE - Q-054515. THE NEXT DAY, 11TH JANUARY, FOX STATION OF GROUND OBSERVER NUMBER ONE MOVED TO Q-238779.

IN ORDER TO FULFILL ITS MISSION BETTER, THE FORWARD DIRECTOR POST ITSELF HIT THE ROAD ON 12TH JANUARY AND THUS ENDED A FOUR MONTH STAY IN THE VICINITY OF ETAIN. OUR NEW SITE WAS AT NEUFCHEF (U-763805). THIS MOVE WAS ACCOMPLISHED USING THE LEAPFROG METHOD WHICH INSURES CONTINUOUS OPERATION.

COMPARATIVE QUIET REIGNED OVER COMPANY A FOR A FEW DAYS, BUT WHIS WAS BROKEN ON THE 22ND OF JANUARY WHEN IT WAS FOUND EXPEDIENT TO MOVE THE LIGHT WARNING SECTION. THEY SET UP AT Q-178743.

THE MOVE FROM ETAIN TO NEUFCHEF BROUGHT A WELCOME RELIEF TO THE MEMBERS OF THIS COMPANY. FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE ARRIVING ON THE CONTINENT, THEY WERE BILLETED IN BUILDINGS. IT MEANT AN ESCAPE FROM THE ICY BLASTS THAT HAVE BEEN SWEEPING OVER EASTERN FRANCE THIS WINTER.

COMPANY B

ON DECEMBER 30TH, 1944, 1ST LT RALPH D. PLATTE OF THE 312TH FIGHTER CONTROL SQUADRON WAS BADLY INJURED IN AN AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT. LT. PLATTE HAD BEEN WITH FORWARD DIRECTOR POST NUMBER TWO SINCE ITS ORGANIZATION IN ENGLAND, IN MARCH 1944. THIS FORWARD DIRECTOR POST WILL NOT FORGET LT PLATTE VERY READILY. HE WAS LIKED BY ALL AND THERE WAS NOTHING HE WOULD NOT DO FOR ANYONE, BE HE ENLISTED MAN OR OFFICER. WHEN LAST HEARD FROM HE WAS BEING EVACUATED TO ENGLAND AND FROM THERE TO THE STATES.

LT PLATTE'S POSITION AS CONTROLLER FOR THIS FORWARD DIRECTOR POST WAS FILLED BY LT SHATTUCK. LT SHATTUCK IS NOT A NEWCOMER TO THIS POST BY ANY MEANS. HE WAS PREVIOUSLY ATTACHED TO US AS CONTROLLER WITH LT PLATTE IN SEPTEMBER 1944. AT THAT TIME LT SHATTUCK WAS TRANSFERRED OUT FOR ASSIGNMENT TO THE MEW. HE DID NOT CARE TO LEAVE SINCE HE FELT THAT THERE WAS NO OTHER OUTFIT WHICH COULD COMPARE WITH FDP 2.

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ON JANUARY 31, 1945, FDP 2 PERSONNEL WERE SURPRISED TO HAVE THE AMERICAN RED CROSS CLUBMOBILE STOP TO GIVE EVERYONE DOUGHNUTS AND COFFEE. THE MEN WERE MUCH MORE INTERESTED IN THE THREE GIRLS WHO DID THE SERVING THAN THEY WERE IN THE DOUGHNUTS AND COFFEE.

IT WAS THE SECOND TIME THAT THIS FDP WAS VISITED BY A CLUBMOBILE OF THE RED CROSS. WE DOUBT THAT THERE IS A BETTER MORALE BUILDER THAN THE THREE GIRLS, WHO, WITH ALL THE "GI" COMMENTS, SERVED THE MEN WITH A SMILE FOR EVERYONE OF THEM.

COMPANY C

THE NEW YEAR CAME WITH A BANG. JUST AT MIDNIGHT EVERY GUN IN THE VICINITY OF OUR SITE SEEMED TO OPEN FIRE. THE NOISE WAS TERRIFIC AND WE KNEW THAT THEY HAD STARTED THE NEW YEAR WITH A BANG.

A LOT OF THINGS HAPPENED ON 1 JANUARY. WE HAD ONE OF THOSE MEALS THAT WE NORMALLY HAVE ON HOLIDAYS--ONE THAT THE BOYS WRITE HOME ABOUT. IN THE AFTERNOON OUR SITE WAS VISITED BY WAR CORRESPONDENTS THAT WERE INTERESTED IN OUR WORK. ALL THE PERSONNEL ON DUTY EXPLAINED THE WORK AND ANSWERED QUESTIONS THAT THE CORRESPONDENTS ASKED. WE WERE SUPPOSED TO HAVE NIGHT FIGHTERS ON THE EVENING OF 1 JANUARY BUT OUR CONTROLLERS NEVER RECEIVED THEM.

ON 9 JANUARY LIGHT WARNING #6 OR CLOSE SUPPORT UNIT #1 REPORTED INTO OUR NET. THE SET USED BY CSU #1 IS AN SCR 584. BRIEFLY THE PRIMARY USE OF CSU IS:

OUR CONTROLEERS VECTOR THE FIGHTER BOMBERS OVER TO THE CSU SITE, THERE THE FLIGHTS ARE PICKED UP BY THE 584 AND VECTORED TO THEIR TARGETS. WITH THE 584 THE CONTROLLERS CAN DO PIN POINT BOMBING THROUGH HAZE AND OTHER WEATHER CONDITIONS THAT NORMALLY IMPEDE ACCURATE BOMBING. THE CSU IS SITED BY ENGINEERS AND IS AS ACCURATE AS ANY RADAR CAN POSSIBLE BE.

ON 10 JANUARY THE I/C PERSONNEL WERE FORMED INTO FOUR CREWS. CREW CHIEFS ARE S/SGT FRED BILLMAN, SGT PETER DEGENNARO, TEC 5 ALEXANDERJJEFFARES, TEC 5 MARTIN GRIMINGER. ANOTHER AAA MAN WAS SENT OVER TO FILL UP THE 4TH SHIFT BY MAJOR HAND.

FOR THE PAST FEW DAYS THERE HAVE BEEN TRACKS ON OUR FILTER BOARD THAT WERE IDENTIFIED BY FCC AS HOSTILE. CLOSE SUPERVISION OF THESE TRACKS SHOWED THAT THEIR SPEED WAS ONLY 40 MILES AN HOUR. ON JANUARY 11 A CHECK WITH ATTACHED AAA SHOWED THAT OUR 40 MILE AN HOUR HOSTILE TRACKS WERE THEIR WEATHER BALLOONS. WE NOW HAVE FULL DATA SENT TO US ON SUCH BALLOONS.

ON 14 JANUARY GO QUEEN REPORTED THAT THEY WERE BEING FIRED UPON BY ENEMY ARTILLERY. THE LAST HIT 100 YARDS AWAY. SHELLING CEASED AFTER A SHORT TIME WITHOUT ANY DAMAGE OR CASUALTIES.

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ON 15 JANUARY, T/SGT ROBERT J. SIMON, AND PVT FRED W. BONNESS LEFT THE COMPANY ON THE FIRST LEF OF THEIR JOURNEY HOME. THESE MEN JOINED THE OUTFIT WHILE IT WAS IN COUSLEY WOOD IN SOUTHERN ENGLAND. BOTH MEN HAD SPENT PART OF THEIR OVERSEAS SERVICE IN ICELAND AND AFTER THREE YEARS OVERSEAS THEY WERE FINALLY GOING HOME. WE WERE ALL GLAD TO SEE THEM ON THEIR WAY AND WISHED THEM LUCK.

ON 21 JANUARY THE CONTROLLER ON DUTY, LT SALFEN, RECEIVED CALLS FROM TOYSHOP FOR HELP TO THE CLOSEST AIRFIELD TO THE CITY OF LUXEMBOURG. THE PLANES, A P-38, PASSED OVER OUR SITE GOING NNE AT 1217 AND LANDED AT THE AIRFIELD, A97, AT 1220. LT. SALFEN LATER TOLD THE FILTER OFFICER ON DUTY THAT GENERAL QUESADA WAS IN THE PLANE AND WANTED HELP. THE GENERAL LATER SENT HIS THANKS TO THE CONTROLLER.

ON THE EVENING OF 22 JANUARY THE SITE WAS AGAIN VISITED BY WAR CORRESPONDENTS, AMONG THEM, MARJORIE AVERY OF THE "DETROIT FREE PRESS", AND CATHERINE COYNE OF THE "BOSTON HERALD". THEY WERE GIVEN ALL HELP POSSIBLE BY THE CREWS AND OFFICERS ON DUTY.

ABOUT THE MIDDLE OF THE MONTH THE BATTALION SUBJECTED TO AN INSPECTOR GENERAL DEPARTMENT INSPECTION. OUR COMPANY CAME OUT WITH A SUPERIOR RATING, AND THE BATTALION, AS A WHOLE, RECEIVED A SUPERIOR RATING. WE WERE INFORMED BY BATTALION HEADQUARTERS THAT T/SGT SIMON AND PVT BONNESS WERE KILLED IN A PLANE CRASH ON THEIR WAY TO ENGLAND. A THIRD ARMY ENGINEER UNIT PUT UP A NEW CAMOUFLAGE FOR OUR I/C AND RADAR SITE. IT WAS ALL METAL AND COLORED WHITE TO BLEND WITH THE SNOW. THE WORK WAS DONE IN RECORD TIME AND IT WAS SWELL JOB UNTIL IT RAINED, NOT THE UNIT STANDS OUT LIKE A SORE THUMB AGAINST THE GREEN GRASS. BUT WE MAY HAVE IT PAINTED--OR IT MAY SNOW AGAIN. ON THE OPERATIONS ANALYSIS REPORT MADE BY MAJOR BYRNE, BN S-3, OUR FORWARD DIRECTOR POST WAS THE NUMBER ONE OF THE BATTALION --WE INTEND TO KEEP IT THAT WAY.

AN ADDITIONAL GROUND OBSERVER PLATOON WAS PLACED AT OUR DISPOSAL ON 4 JANUARY. THE PLATOON WAS COMMANDED BY 1ST LT JAMES P. DUNCAN AND WAS PLACED ALONG THE MOSELLE RIVER. POST UNCLE WAS JUST BELOW THE MUCH CONTESTED CITY OF ECHTERNACH. MOST OF THE POSTS WERE SUBJECTED TO ENEMY ARTILLERY FIRE AND TARE POST WAS HIT. CPL MERLE F. LIVINGSTONE, 33496768, AND CPL JOSEPH G. MAZUR, 15085472, WERE WOUNDED AND BOTH MEN RECEIVED THE PURPLE HEART. CPL MAZUR WAS WOUNDED IN THE ARM BY A SHELL FRAGMENT, AND CPL LIVINGSTON WAS WOUNDED IN THE SHOULDER AND LEG. LIVINGSTON WENT BACK TO DUTY AFTER TREATMENT BUT MAZUR WAS HOSPITALIZED FOR A FEW DAYS AND IS STILL UNDER MEDICAL SUPERVISION, BUT IS BACK TO DUTY.

ALL OUR GROUND OBSERVER POSTS WERE RANGED ALONG THE SOUTHERN FLANK OF THE BULGE. THE POSTS MOVE WITH THE FRONT AND ARE PLACED IN SUCH A MANNER THAT NO AIRCRAFT, EITHER FRIENDLY OR HOSTILE, CAN GET THROUGH WITHOUT BEING DETECTED. POST ROGER OF GROUND OBSERVER THREE WAS CLOSE

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TO THE CITY OF BASTOGNE AND GAVE US VALUABLE INFORMATION OF OUR FIGHTER-BOMBERS WORKING OVER THAT AREA. TOWARD THE END OF THE MONTH MOST OF THE ARMED RECONNAISSANCE FLIGHTS WENT TOWARD THE GERMAN BORDER, AND OUR SECTOR QUIETED DOWN. OUR CONTROLLERS STILL CONTROL MISSIONS JUST A FEW MILES NORTH OF US.

MOST OF THE BOYS LIVING OUT OF DOORS DECIDED TO FIX UP THEIR TENTS FOR AN EXPECTED COLD SPELL. THEY DID A GOOD JOB ON THEIR TENTS AND TEC 5 KENNETH L. OLSON, 36659414, AND HIS MEN DECIDED TO BUILD A HOUSE INSTEAD OF WINTERIZING THEIR TENT. AFTER ABOUT A WEEK OF HARD WORK THE HOUSE WAS FINALLY COMPLETED--PINUPS AND ALL. DIMENSIONS OF HOUSE ARE AS FOLLOWS: 19 FEET TO THE PEAK ON THE ENDS, SIDES 8 FEET HIGHT AND 24 FEET LONG. THE HOUSE IS LARGE ENOUGH TO USE AS A CHAPEL ON SUNDAY. IT HAS THREE WINDOWS AND A GLASS DOOR IN FRONT. IT IS AN EXCELLENT JOB AND AN EXAMPLE OF AMERICAN SOLDIER'S WORKMANSHIP.

SUMMARY OF RESULTS OF CONTROLLED MISSIONS FOR MONTH OF JANUARY.

THE TOTAL NUMBER OF MISSIONS CONTROLLED FOR THE MONTH WAS 170 OF WHICH 43 ACHIEVED GOOD RESULTS. THE TOTAL NUMBER OF TANKS, VEHICLES, TRAINS, TROOPS, RAILROADS, BRIDGES, AND MARSHALLING YARDS HIT IS HARD TO DETERMINE BECAUSE A GOOD MANY OF THE TARGETS ARE IN ENEMY TERRITORY. THE PILOTS CAN SOMETIMES TELL HOW GOOD OF A JOB THEY DID ON THEIR TARGETS OR THE FLIGHTS FOLLOWING CAN SEE THE RESULTS. BELOW IS A LIST OF MISSIONS CONTROLLED AND THE RESULTS ACHIEVED:

1 JANUARY--
SERUM LEADER. TARGET--TANKS AT L4040. DID VERY WELL ON TANKS AND STRAFED SEVERAL TRUCKS.
FLAPPER LEADER. TARGET--AREA L3845. HIT 10 TANKS.
CHERRY LEADER. ARMED RECONNAISSANCE--SAARBRUCKEN AREA. SAW P47'S WITH RED NOSES AND RED TAILS, ALSO SOME WITH WHITE NOSES AND RED TAILS IN THE VICINITY OF Q7050. INVESTIGATED BUT COULD NOT MAKE CERTAIN THEY WERE HOSTILE.
ELWOOD LEADER. ARMED RECONNAISSANCE--TRIER AREA, HIT TRAINS.

2 JANUARY--
FLAPPER LEADER. HIT MARSHALLING YARDS AND TRAINS IN AREA L6514. 10 VEHICLES AND 2 TANKS HIT IN AREA L1239 AND L1045.
TROPIC LEADER. HIT TRAINS AND RAILYARDS AT P8161. THEN FOUND CONVOY WHERE HE GOT PLENTY OF FLAK. 10 TRUCKS AND TANKS HIT AND STRAFED.
SERUM LEADER. WORKED TRIER TO DAUM AREA. HIT A MOVING TRAIN AND CONVOY OF TRUCKS.

5 JANUARY--
TROPIC LEADER. RECONNAISSANCE MISSION. BOMBED TWO TRAINS SOUTH OF BITBURG.

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FOXHUNT LEADER. NOT ASSIGNED, BUT CALLED US. WE TOOK HIM TO TARGET AT P5774 WHERE HE FOUND ENEMY VEHICLES FOR STRAFING. NO FLAK--BIG DEAL.

10 JANUARY--
FLAPPER LEADER ON MISSION W51-3. BOMBED RAILROAD CARS AND DID ARMED RECONNAISSANCE IN THE AREA.
SERUM LEADER. BOMBED FLAK POSITIONS, RAILROAD CARS.
SCHOONER LEADER...ON MISSION TO HIT BRIDGE AT P916840. BOMBED AND HIT TARGET.
BROWNING LEADER...TARGET AT P8385. HIT AND STRAFED ENEMY CONVOY AND TANKS.

13 JANUARY--
KLONDIKE LEADER. WORKED BRIDGES NEAR L1020, DID BITBURG.
BASHER LEADER. TARGET AT P9065. GOOD BOMBING OF 200 ENEMY MOTOR TRANSPORT AND TANKS.

14 JANUARY--
SCHOONER LEADER. TARGET AT L1565. BOMBS ON BARRACKS.
BASHER LEADER. HIT TARGET AT P6258--TANKS AND MOTOR TRANSPORT.
FAIRDAWN LEADER. ARMED RECONNAISSANCE, BOMBED LOTS OF MOTOR TRANSPORT.
ROSCO LEADER. ROSCO OVER TO CLEARVIEW FOR TARGET AT P6460. CLEAR VIEW MARKED TARGET WITH RED SMOKE. ALSO BOMBED AND STRAFED GOOD. FOUND TANKS AT P6355--SHOT ROCKETS MANY HITS.
FAIRDWWN LEADER. BOMBED TWO TOWNS, MOTOR TRANSPORT AND TANKS IN WOODS.

15 JANUARY--
ROSCO LEADER ON MISSION W51-8. WORKED VICINITY P6590, HIT TRUCKS AND TANKS.
KLONDIKE LEADER. FOUND MARSHALLING YARDS AND BOMBED SAME.

22 JANUARY--
ROSCO LEADER OVER TARGET AREA IN VICINITY OF P8757--HIT TROOPS AND VEHICLES.

23 JANUARY--
SERUM LEADER. HIT LOTS OF MOTOR TRANSPORT IN AREA OF P8275.
FLAPPER LEADER. VECTORED FLAPPER TO P9872. HE FOUND MANY MOTOR TRANSPORTS AND HIT SAME.

24 JANUARY--
PLASTIC LEADER. SAW RAILROAD WELL CAMOUFLAGED, ALSO TANKS IN WOODS. HIT CONCENTRATION AT L1202.
ELWOOD LEADER. BOMBED FLAK POSITIONS AND ALSO STRAFED VEHICLES AND BOMBED THREE BRIDGES IN VICINITY OF L1353.

25 JANUARY--
BROWNING LEADER. RECEIVED TARGET P7656--TANKS. COULD NOT LOCATE THAT TARGET SO BOMBED P8250, HIT ABOUT 15 VEHICLES.

26 JANUARY--
SCHOONER LEADER. BOMBED AND STRAFED VEHICLES GOING EAST IN VICINITY OF P8264. HIT CONVOY ALONG OUR RIVER.

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SERUM LEADER. TOOK HIM TO BRIDGE AT L4348. HIT BRIDGE AND SOME MOTOR TRANSPORT.

29 JANUARY--
SCHOONER LEADR. DROPPED BOMBS AND HIT 2 MOTOR VEHICLES WITH TROOPS AT P8264, L3954.
SCHOONER LEADER. BOMBED CP AT P9062.
JAMPIP LEADER. PRUM--ST. VITH AREA...SIGHTED OVER 400 MOTOR TRANSPORT VEHICLES. FAIRDWWN LEADER. OVER TARGET AT L5662. HIT BRIDGE THREE TIMES.

LIST OF TARGETS HIT AND APPROXIMATE LOCATIONS.

MOTOR TRANSPORTS		TANKS		TRAINS	
2 L2872	8 P5774	1 L4040	2 L1239	1 L6514	1 P8161
10 L1239	1 L2426	2 P6355	1 L1202	1 L 4850	1 SOUTH BITBURG.
1 L1353	15 P8258	10 L3485	1 LO15083		

BRIDGES	MARSHALLING YARDS	BARRACKS	COMMAND POSTS.
1 P916840	1 L6514	1 L1565	1 P9062
3 L 1353	1 P8161		
1 L 4348	1 L4850		
1 L 5662			

CONVOYS (INCLUDING TRUCKS AND TANKS)

TRIER AREA
P 8385
P 9065 (200 VEHICLES AND TANKS)
P 6258
P 6590

NORTH OF BASTOGNE
P 8275
P 8264 200 VEHICLES AND TANKS
P 9488 P 9998
P 8264 P 8261

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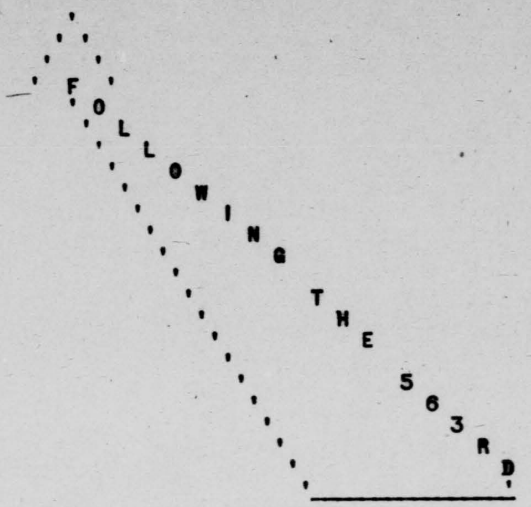
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IN COMPLIANCE WITH LETTER, HEADQUARTERS, NINTH AIR FORCE, FILE NUMBER 314.7, SUBJECT: "OFFICIAL AND POPULAR HISTORIES OF THE NINTH AIR FORCE," DATED 22 NOVEMBER 1943, AND XIX TACTICAL AIR COMMAND MEMORANDUM NUMBER 20-1, DATED 5 FEBRUARY 1944, AS AMENDED BY MEMORANDUM NUMBER 20-1A, DATED 29 FEBRUARY 1944, THE FOLLOWING RECORD IS SUBMITTED FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 1945.

1. DURING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY THE FOLLOWING TRANSFERS WERE EFFECTED:

(1 FEBRUARY 45) PVT FRANCIS A. REINBOLDT, 16134424, (590), WAS ASSIGNED TO THIS ORGANIZATION IN COMPLIANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 2, SPECIAL ORDER 16, 128TH REPLACEMENT BATTALION (REAR), 170TH REPLACEMENT COMPANY, AAF STATION 404, DATED 16 JANUARY 1945, AND WAS FURTHER ASSIGNED TO HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY.

UPON RECOMMENDATION OF THEIR COMPANY COMMANDER, FIFTY ONE (51) ENLISTED MEN, (11 OF HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS, 13 OF COMPANY B, 15 OF COMPANY A, AND 12 OF COMPANY C) WERE APPOINTED PRIVATES FIRST CLASS (TEMPORARY).

(3 FEBRUARY 45) TEC 5 HAROLD E. GERRIETS, 17078288 (166), HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, WAS ASSIGNED TO COMPANY B.

(4 FEBRUARY 45) 1ST LT EUGENE A. TIKALSKY, 01644157, SIG C, 2D LT EDWARD R. KRAUSE, 01643772, SIG C, AND 2D LT HERBERT A. TAPER, 01643454, SIG C, ALL ASSIGNED IN COMPLIANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 1, SPECIAL ORDER 1, HEADQUARTERS, XIX TACTICAL AIR COMMAND (REAR), AND FURTHER ASSIGNED TO HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, WERE RELIEVED FROM THIS ORGANIZATION AS THAT PARAGRAPH WAS DELETED PER PARAGRAPH 5, SPECIAL ORDER 29, HEADQUARTERS, XIX TACTICAL AIR COMMAND, APO 141, US ARMY, CS.

PFC RALPH W. CLINE, 37513594, (514), HAVING REPORTED TO THIS ORGANIZATION IN COMPLIANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 17, SPECIAL ORDER 28, HEADQUARTERS 14TH REPLACEMENT DEPOT, APO 583, USA, DATED 28 JANUARY 45, AND WAS FURTHER ASSIGNED TO HEADQUARTERS COMPANY.

TEC 5 CLAUDE L. ROBINSON, 36567254, (514), HAVING REPORTED TO THIS ORGANIZATION IN COMPLIANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 6, SPECIAL ORDER 27, HEADQUARTERS 134TH REPLACEMENT BATTALION (AAF), APO 652, USARMY, DATED 27 JANUARY 45, AND WAS FURTHER ASSIGNED TO COMPANY C.

S/SGT HUGH J. MCGARRIGLE, 20214663, (014), HAVING REPORTED TO THIS ORGANIZATION IN COMPLIANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 6, SPECIAL ORDER 27, HEADQUARTERS, 134TH REPLACEMENT BATTALION (AAF), APO 652, US ARMY, WAS FURTHER ASSIGNED TO COMPANY D.

UPON RECOMMENDATION OF THEIR COMPANY COMMANDER, SIXTEEN (16) ENLISTED MEN, ALL OF COMPANY D, THIS BATTALION, WERE APPOINTED AS PRIVATE FIRST CLASS (TEMPORARY).

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1ST LT JIMMIE P. DUNCAN, 01644945, SIG C, 564TH SIG AW BN, ATTACHED TO HEADQUARTERS COMPANY AND FURTHER ATTACHED TO COMPANY C, THIS BATTALION, IS RELEIVED FROM ATTACHMENT AND ASSIGNED THIS ORGANIZATION IN COMPLIANCE WITH PAR 21, SPECIAL ORDER 36, HEADQUARTERS NINTH AIR FORCE, CS, AND FURTHER ASSIGNED TO HEADQUARTERS COMPANY AND ATTACHED TO COMPANY C FOR QUARTERS, RATIONS, AND DUTY, EFFECTIVE 15 FEBRUARY 1945.

TWENTY NINE (29) ENLISTED MEN, 564TH SIG AW BN, ATTACHED TO HEADQUARTERS COMPANY AND FURTHER ATTACHED TO COMPANY C, THIS BATTALION, WERE RELEIVED FROM ATTACHMENT AND ASSIGNED THIS ORGANIZATION IN COMPLIANCE WITH PAR 22, SPECIAL ORDER 36, HEADQUARTERS NINTH AIR FORCE, CS, AND FURTHER ASSIGNED TO HEADQUARTERS COMPANY AND ATTACHED TO COMPANY C FOR QUARTERS, RATIONS AND DUTY, EFFECTIVE 15 FEBRUARY 1945. (GROUND OBSERVER PLATOON NUMBER FOUR).

1ST LT JOHN J. REYNOLDS, JR., 01643270, SIG C, WAS APPOINTED BATTALION SAVINGS OFFICER, AUTH: LTR, FILE 123, HEADQUARTERS NINTH AIR FORCE, SUBJECT: SOLDIER'S SAVINGS PROGRAM, DATED 27 JANUARY 45.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH LTR, HEADQUARTERS XIX TACTICAL AIR COMMAND, (REAR), FILE 092.2, SUBJECT: ALLEGED VIOLATIONS OF THE GENEVA CONVENTION, DATED 3 FEB 45, WOJG REGINALD L. STARK, W2121622 AUS, WAS APPOINTED INVESTIGATING OFFICER IN CASES INVOLVING VIOLATIONS SET FORTH IN SUBJECT LETTER.

(12 FEBRUARY 45) 1ST LT JOSEPH H. EICHBAUM, 01647865, SIGNAL CORPS, COMPANY C, THIS BATTALION, IS PLACED ON TEMPORARY DUTY FOR AN INDEFINITE PERIOD FOR DUTY AND IS FURTHER ATTACHED TO HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, THIS BATTALION FOR QUARTERS AND RATIONS. UPON COMPLETION OF THIS TEMPORARY DUTY, OFFICER WAS TO RETURN TO HIS PROPER ORGANIZATION.

PFC CHARLES W. DAHLQUIST, 19172469 (405), 4TH TACTICAL AIR COMMAND (COMMUNICATIONS SQUADRON), WAS PLACED ON DETACHED SERVICE WITH THIS ORGANIZATION, IN COMPLIANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 1, SPECIAL ORDER 22, HEADQUARTERS, 19TH TACTICAL CONTROL GROUP (PROV), APO 141, US ARMY, CS, AND WAS FURTHER ATTACHED TO HEADQUARTERS COMPANY FOR QUARTERS, RATIONS, AND DUTY.

2ND LT ROBERT P. FELDMAN, 01640444, SIG C, COMPANY D, AND THIRTY (30) ENLISTED MEN WERE ASSIGNED TO COMPANY A.

1ST LT CHARLES F. COBB, 0485904, SIG C, COMPANY D, AND THIRTY ONE (31) ENLISTED MEN WERE ASSIGNED TO COMPANY B.

1ST LT CLARENCE A. WTHERILL, 0462967, SIGNAL CORPS, COMPANY D, AND FOUR (4) ENLISTED MEN, WERE ASSIGNED TO HEADQUARTERS COMPANY.

PFC ALBERT E. SHUCAVAGE, 33621315 (514), AND PVT HERBERT S. MAY, 38388481 (514), BOTH OF COMPANY D, WERE ASSIGNED TO COMPANY B.

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(13 FEBRUARY 45) 1ST LT EMRY T. ALTMANN, 01640171, AND THIRTY TWO (32) ENLISTED MEN, COMPANY D, WERE ASSIGNED TO COMPANY C.

ONE (1) OFFICER AND THIRTY TWO (32) ENLISTED MEN, GROUND OBSERVER PLATOON NUMBER TWO (2), COMPANY B, WERE RELIEVED FROM ATTACHMENT TO COMPANY D, FOR RATIONS, AND FURTHER ATTACHED TO COMPANY A FOR RATIONS.

S/SGT JAMES R. WILLIAMS, 14025892 (409) MD, HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, WAS RELIEVED FROM ATTACHMENT TO COMPANY D FOR RATIONS AND FURTHER ATTACHED TO COMPANY A FOR RATIONS.

2ND LT DONALD P. BURNS, 0509212, SIG C, AND NINE (9) ENLISTED MEN, COMPANY D, WERE ASSIGNED TO COMPANY B.

2ND LT MORTON DWORSHAK, 01641257, SIG C, AND TEN (10) ENLISTED MEN, COMPANY D, WERE ASSIGNED TO COMPANY C.

1ST LT JAMES D. KENNEY, 0477039, SIG C, 1ST LT CURTIS E. OWEN, 0498190, SIG C, 2ND LT OLIVER H. SMITH, 0501595, SIG C, AND SEVENTEEN (17) ENLISTED MEN FROM COMPANY D, WERE ASSIGNED TO COMPANY A.

THE FOLLOWING NAMED ENLISTED MEN, COMPANIES INDICATED, WERE RELIEVED FROM ATTACHMENT TO COMPANY D.

TEC 5	MICHAEL N. LETTIERE	32706148	(409)	MD	COMPANY C
PFC	PETER DEMARCHI	32737322	(409)	MD	COMPANY B
PFC	JAMES W. GAREY	32830168	(409)	MD	COMPANY C.

TEC 4 JOHN D. POWERS, 36617869, COMPANY D, WAS RELIEVED FROM ATTACHMENT AND TRANSFERRED TO HEADQUARTERS COMPANY.

THE FOLLOWING NAMED ENLISTED MEN, HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, WERE RELIEVED FROM ATTACHMENT AND TRANSFERRED IN GRADE TO COMPANY C.

CPL	DONALD W. WARLEY	32316667	(409) MD
TEC 5	HENRY J. MERONEK	36633106	(409) MD

(17)FEBRUARY 1945) CPL JOHN MCCARBLE 38267272, HAVING REPORTED TO THIS ORGANIZATION IN COMPLIANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 23, SPECIAL ORDER 38, HEADQUARTERS 134TH REPLACEMENT BATTALION (AAF), APO 652, US ARMY, 7 FEB 1945, WAS FURTHER ASSIGNED TO COMPANY B.

(18 FEBRUARY 1945) 1ST LT WILLIAM A. WRIGHT 01638831, SIG C, WAS APPOINTED COMPANY COMMANDER, HEADQUARTERS COMPANY (PRINCIPAL DUTY).

TEC 5 MICHAEL N. LETTIERE, 32706148, (409) MD, COMPANY C, WAS TRANSFERRED IN GRADE TO COMPANY A.

(19 FEBRUARY 1945) 1ST LT JOSEPH H. EICHBAUM 01647865, SIG C, WAS APPOINTED BATTALION GAS OFFICER, VICE 1ST LT WILLIAM A. WRIGHT, 01638831, SIG C, RELIEVED. (ADDL DUTY).

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1ST LT JOSEPH H. EICHBAUM O1647865, SIG C, WAS APPOINTED BATTALION POST EXCHANGE OFFICER, VICE 1ST LT WILLIAM A. WRIGHT O1638831, SIG C, RELIEVED. (ADD'L DY).

TEC 5 WILLIAM L. ROBERTS, 34114876 (409) MD, HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, WAS RELIEVED FROM ATTACHMENT TO AND TRANSFERRED IN GRADE TO COMPANY B.

(20 FEB 45) TEC 4 ARNOLD J. WIENKEN, 35339466 (166), HAVING REPORTED TO THIS ORGANIZATION IN COMPLIANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 3, SPECIAL ORDER 43, HEADQUARTERS 4318 US ARMY HOSPITAL PLANT, ETOUSA, APO 887, US ARMY, 12 FEBRUARY 1945, WAS FURTHER ASSIGNED TO COMPANY B.

UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF AR 615-5, AS AMENDED, 30 JUNE 1943, AND UPON RECOMMENDATION OF THEIR COMPANY COMMANDER, THE FOLLOWING NAMED ENLISTED MEN, COMPANY B, WERE REDUCED TO GRADE OF PRIVATE FOR CAUSE.

TEC 5	MARK T. ADAIR	39316729	(766)
PFC	CARL E. MCCLOUD	35217085	(590)

CPL JOHN MCCARBLE 38267272 (518), COMPANY B, WAS ATTACHED TO COMPANY A FOR QUARTERS, RATIONS, AND DUTY. (GROUND OBSERVER #2).

PVT MARK T. ADAIR 39316729 (766), COMPANY B, WAS RELIEVED FROM ATTACHMENT TO COMPANY A.

THE FOLLOWING NAMED ENLISTED MEN, COMPANIES INDICATED, WERE TRANSFERRED IN GRADE TO HEADQUARTERS COMPANY.

SGT	JOSEPH E. LANE	18017583	(261)	COMPANY A
TEC 5	GEORGE G. NELMS	34254424	(050)	COMPANY C
TEC 5	ALEX BROST	32884227	(070)	COMPANY D

PFC HERBERT J. MAROON, 32931044 (766), COMPANY B, IS ASSIGNED TO COMPANY A.

(22 FEBRUARY 1945) THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS, 316TH FIGHTER CONTROL SQUADRON, WERE RELIEVED FROM ATTACHMENT TO HEADQUARTERS COMPANY AND FURTHER ATTACHED TO COMPANY C, FOR QUARTERS, RATONS, AND DUTY.

1ST LT	JAMES V. MILLS	0581005	AC
1ST LT	EUGENE H. NELSON	0581031	AC

1ST LT JACK LA PIETRA 0581005, AC, 316TH FIGHTER CONTROL SQUADRON, WAS RELIEVED FROM ATTACHMENT TO HEADQUARTERS COMPANY AND FURTHER ATTACHED TO COMPANY D, FOR QUARTERS, RATIONS, AND DUTY.

UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF AR 615-5, AS AMENDED 6 DECEMBER 1944, AND UPON RECOMMENDATION OF THEIR COMPANY COMMANDER, THE NUMBER OF TEN (10) ENLISTED MEN, COMPANY A, WERE APPOINTED PRIVATE FIRST CLASS (TEMP).

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(23 FEBRUARY 1945) 2D LT GEORGE E. MOWRER, 01547727, MAC, WAS APPOINTED BATTALION GRAVES REGISTRATION AND PERSONAL EFFECTS OFFICER IN COMPLIANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 2, SECTION II, MEMORANDUM NO. 125-3, HEADQUARTERS NINTH AIR FORCE, DATED 12 FEBRUARY 1945. (ADD DY).

2ND LT JAMES R. CORNING 01633777, SIG C, HAVING BEEN ASSIGNED TO THIS ORGANIZATION IN COMPLIANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 21, SPECIAL ORDER 36, HEADQUARTERS NINTH AIR FORCE, DATED 5 FEBRUARY 1945, WAS FURTHER ASSIGNED TO COMPANY B. (EFFECTIVE 15 FEBRUARY 1945.)

THIRTY ONE (31) ENLISTED MEN, HAVING BEEN ASSIGNED TO THIS ORGANIZATION IN COMPLIANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 22, SPECIAL ORDER 36, HEADQUARTERS, NINTH AIR FORCE, DATED 5 FEBRUARY 1945, WERE FURTHER ASSIGNED TO THE COMPANIES OF THIS BATTALION IN THE FOLLOWING MANNER.

TEN TO COMPANY A, TEN TO COMPANY B, AND ELEVEN TO COMPANY C.

TEC 5 ADOLPH G. CABALLERO 39557108, (409), MD, COMPANY A, WAS ASSIGNED TO HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, AND FURTHER ATTACHED TO COMPANY C FOR QUARTERS, RATIONS AND DUTY (GO #4).

(27 FEBRUARY 1945) TEN (10) ENLISTED MEN, DETACHMENT A, THIS BATTALION, WERE ATTACHED TO XXIX TACTICAL AIR COMMAND (PROV), FOR ADMINISTRATION AND OPERATIONS, EFFECTIVE 15 EEBRUARY 1945.

2ND LT JAMES R. CORNING, 01633777, SIG C, AND TEN (10) ENLISTED MEN, DETACHMENT B, THIS BATTALION, WERE ATTACHED TO XXIX TACTICAL AIR COMMAND (PROV), FOR ADMINISTRATION AND OPERATIONS, EFFECTIVE 15 FEB 45.

ELEVEN (11) ENLISTED MEN, DETACHMENT C, THIS BATTALION, WERE ATTACHED TO XXIX TACTICAL AIR COMMAND (PROV), FOR ADMINISTRATION AND OPERATIONS, EFFECTIVE 15 FEBRUARY 1945.

CAPT ARTHUR G. ROOT, JR, 0293214, SIG C, 1ST LT JACK F. ROBERTS, 0477268, SIG C, 1ST LT GORDON R. WILSON, 01645498, SIG C, AND TEN (10) ENLISTED MEN WERE RELIEVED FROM ASSIGNED TO COMPANY D AND ASSIGNED TO HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, EFFECTIVE THIS DATE (27 FEB 45).

2. THE STRENGTH OF THE ORGANIZATION AT THE CLOSE OF THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY WAS SIXTY NINE (69) OFFICERS, SIX (6) WARRANT OFFICERS, AND NINE HUNDRED AND FIFTY NINE ENLISTED MEN (959). ONE OFFICER (1), AND THIRTY ONE (31) ENLISTED MEN OF THIS ORGANIZATION ATTACHED TO THE XXIX TACTICAL AIR COMMAND FOR ADMINISTRATION AND OPERATIONS. ONE OFFICER (1) AND THIRTY TWO (32) ENLISTED MEN, ATTACHED TO THIS ORGANIZATION FROM THE 564TH SIGNAL AIRCRAFT WARNING BATTALION. (BACU 4).

3. THE LIST OF ALL CHANGES OF STATION ARE AS FOLLOWS, PLUS DATES OF MOVES, WITH THE POSSIBLE EXCEPTION OF SOME GROUND OBSERVER POSTS WHICH MOVE SO OFTEN THAT CONTINUOUS WATCH OVER THEM IS NEXT TO IMPOSSIBLE.

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UNIT	GRID COORDINATE	TOWN	DATE OCCUPIED	DATE DEPARTED
BN HQ	U-720985	(AUDUN LE TICHE)	28 DEC 44	10 FEB 45
	U-685975	(VILLERUPT)	10 FEB 45	
FDP 1	U-763805	(NEUFCHEF)	12 JAN 45	
LW 1	Q-178743	(NR. TROMBORN)	22 JAN 45	
G01 A	Q-138910	(METHORN)	4 JAN 45	
B	Q-065982	(EFT)	29 DEC 44	27 FEB 45
	L-135060	(FREUDINGEN)	27 FEB 45	
C	Q-158859	(FURWEILER)	29 DEC 44	12 FEB 45
	Q-186882	(GEHLTLINGEN)	12 FEB 45	
D	Q-208824	(E. HEMMERSDORF)	4 JAN 45	
F	Q-238779	(SCHONBRUCK)	12 JAN 45	28 FEB 45
	Q-086976	(WHEINGE (NW))	28 FEB 45	
FDP 2	P-427219	(ST. MARIE)	24 DEC 44	4 FEB 45
	P-733691	(N. ASSELBORN)	4 FEB 45	
LW 2	P-480320	(HABAY-LA-NEUVE)	26 DEC 44	8 FEB 45
	P-787744	(E. LUTZ)	8 FEB 45	
G02 G	Q-163587	(ZIMMINGEN)	10 JAN 45	
H	Q-275547	(KAMMERN)	10 JAN 45	
J	Q-260687	(NE. KREUZWALD)	10 JAN 45	
K	Q-303612	(MERTENBACH)	10 JAN 45	
L	Q-054515	(VILLERS-STONCOURT)	10 JAN 45	27 FEB 45
	Q-288773	(LISDORF)	27 FEB 45	28 FEB 45
	Q-238779	(FELSBURG)	28 FEB 45	
FDP 3	P-835100	(S. LUXEMBOURG)	22 SEPT 44	
LW 3	P-870297	(FISCHBACH)	29 SEPT 44	
G03 M	P-708444	(ESCHDORF)	30 JAN 45	15 FEB 45
	P-820548	(W. WAHLHAUSEN)	15 FEB 45	28 FEB 45
	P-900583	(S. SEVENICH)	28 FEB 45	
O	P-735340	(SCHANDEL)	15 JAN 45	4 FEB 45
	P-798468	(BOURSCHEID)	4 FEB 45	27 FEB 45
	P-964540	(NASINGEN)	27 FEB 45	

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G03 P	P-821354	(W. CRUCHTEN)	14 JAN 45	
Q	P-708530	(WILTZ)	30 JAN 45	15 FEB 45
	P-752615	(E. WEICHERDANGE)	15 FEB 45	28 FEB 45
	P-948614	(AMMELDINGEN)	28 FEB 45	
R	P-607496	(HARLANGE)	20 JAN 45	8 FEB 45
	P-880548	(RODERS)	8 FEB 45	15 FEB 45
	P-820673	(HEINERSCHEID)	15 FEB 45	28 FEB 45
	P-940708	(HOUF)	28 FEB 45	
G04 S	P-940245	(JUNGLINSTER)	4 JAN 45	25 FEB 45
	L-036156	(NIEDERDONVEN)	25 FEB 45	
T	P-945326	(NW. BRIEBWEILER)	4 JAN 45	
U	L-059283	(SE. HERBORN)	4 JAN 45	
V	P-922095	(NE. SYREN)	20 JAN 45	25 FEB 45
	L-089069	(KIRF)	25 FEB 45	
W	L-010191	(E. FLAXWEILER)	4 JAN 45	25 FEB 45
	L-086206	(S. TEMMELS)	25 FEB 45	
FDP 5	P-555052	(LONGWY)	4 JAN 45	
BACU 1	P-918270	(SW REULAND)	28 DEC 44	
BACU 2	P-640420	(ARSDORF)	13 JAN 45	29 JAN 45
	P-703634	(E. LULLANGE)	29 JAN 45	
BACU 3	U-910550	(JURY)	4 JAN 45	24 FEB 45
	Q-063918	(OBERNAUMEN)	24 FEB 45	
BACU 4	U-910550	(JURY)	9 DEC 44	

4. DURING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 1945 THE FOLLOWING CASUALTY OCCURRED:

CPL CHARLES W. MINOR, (953), 16372067, WHILE APPROACHING THE RIFLE RANGE NEAR JURY, FRANCE, 17 FEBRUARY 45, WAS THE VICTIM OF A BOOBY TRAP IN A SUPPOSEDLY CLEARED AREA AND SUFFERED PENETRATING WOUNDS, BILATERALLY, AND FACIAL.

5. 2D LT LAWRENCE A KEEFER, 01646791, THIS BATTALION, WAS AWARDED THE BRONZE STAR FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE IN CONNECTION WITH MILITARY OPERATIONS FROM 12 SEPTEMBER 1944 TO 21 DECEMBER 1945. (TWO COPIES OF GEN. ORDERS 9, XIX TACTICAL AIR COMMAND, 3 FEBRUARY 45 ARE ATCHD HERETO.

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XIX TACTICAL AIR COMMAND

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SECTION II: AWARDS OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

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1. BY DIRECTION OF THE PRESIDENT, UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 9419, 4 FEBRUARY 1944 (SEC II BULLETIN 3, WD, 1944), AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH AUTHORITY DELEGATED BY THE WAR DEPARTMENT AND NINTH AIR FORCE, A BRONZE STAR MEDAL IS AWARDED TO THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER AND ENLISTED MEN IN RECOGNITION OF MERITORIOUS SERVICE IN CONNECTION WITH MILITARY OPERATIONS AGAINST THE ENMY:

A. LAWRENCE A KEEFER, 01646791, 2D LIEUTENANT, 563RD SIGNAL AIRCRAFT WARNING BATTALION, FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE IN CONNECTION WITH MILITARY OPERATIONS FROM 12 SEPTEMBER 1944 TO 21 JANUARY 1945.

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BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL WEYLAND:

J.F.THOMPSON, JR.
COLONEL, AIR CORPS,
DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF.

OFFICIAL:

/S/FRANCIS M. WHITLOCK, JR.
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COMPANY A

1. THE MOST OUTSTANDING EVENT OF THE MONTH INSOFAR AS "A" COMPANY WAS CONCERNED WAS THE LOSING OF NINE (9) ENLISTED MEN TO THE INFANTRY. IF ANY CONCRETE EVIDENCE WERE NEEDED TO PORTRAY THE SHIFTING TIDE OF THIS WAR, THE ABOVE ANNOUNCEMENT WOULD BE EXHIBIT NUMBER ONE. TO GAIN, CONSOLIDATE, AND HOLD TERRITORY DESCRIBES THE QUEEN OF BATTLES MISSION, AND RIGHT NOW THAT IS JUST WHAT THEY ARE DOING. WHICH ALL ADDS UP TO THE FACT THAT MORE DOUGHS ARE NEEDED TO TAKE AND HOLD DOWN MORE JERRY LAND, THE MEN FROM "A" COMPANY WHO LEFT TO HELP FULFILL THIS MISSION DO SO WITH THE BEST WISHES FROM THOSE OF US WHO REMAIN BEHIND. GOOD LUCK MEN!

2. DURING THE MONTH IT WAS NECESSARY TO REPOSITION THREE OF OUR OWN GROUND OBSERVER POSTS AND ONE OF THE ATTACHED GROUND OBSERVER POSTS. CHARLIE MOVED TO Q186882 ON FEBRUARY 11 AND ON 12 FEBRUARY FOX SHIFTED TO Q086976, BAKER TO L135060, AND LOVE TO Q238779, WHICH WAS THE FORMER SITE OF FOX.

3. WE HAVE OFTEN HEARD OF THE STORY OF PEOPLE INJURING THEMSELVES WHEN ON SATURDAY NIGHT IN AN EFFORT TO WASH OFF THE WEEK'S DIRT THEY SLIP IN THE TUB, BUT NOW OUR PFC WALTER BIRDSALL IN AN EFFORT TO KEEP WARM NEARLY CHOPPED OFF HIS THUMB WHILE CUTTING WOOD. AT LAST REPORT HE IS EXPECTED TO RETAIN SAID THUMB. TEC 5 GERALD HAUERSPERGER ALSO THOUGHT HE HAD APPENDICITIS AND WAS RUSHED OFF TO THE HOSPITAL, BUT IT TURNED OUR TO BE JUST A BAD BELLY ACHE. T/SGT PETER BRUNO IS AT THE 40TH FIELD HOSPITAL. IT IS NOT CERTAIN JUST WHAT IS THE MATTER WITH HIM. ALL THAT IS KNOWN IS THAT HE HAD A VERY HIGH TEMPERATURE.

4. THE CSU'S HAVE BEEN REDESIGNATED BACU'S (BATTLE AREA CONTROL UNIT). TWO OF THESE UNITS BACU #3 AND BACU #4 ARE TO WORK WITH "A" COMPANY. THEY ARE EXPECTED TO ADD MUCH TO THIS COMPANY'S EFFECTIVENESS. THE WRITER OF THIS ARTICLE IS GOING TO VISIT THESE UNITS IN ORDER TO RENDER A MORE THOROUGH REPORT IN THEIR MISSION IN NEXT MONTH'S REPORT. THE PRESS OF OTHER DUTIES MADE A TRIP TO THESE UNITS THIS MONTH IMPOSSIBLE. A "FOXHUNT" SEEMS TO BE THE WORD OF THE MOMENT. IT HAS TO DO WITH THE BACU'S. THE FULL STORY ON THEM WILL UNFOLD NEXT MONTH.

5. BELOW ARE LISTED SOME OF THE MORE OUTSTANDING MISSIONS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY HANDLED BY THE CONTROLLERS OF FORWARD DIRECTOR POST ONE. THE BEST WAY TO DESCRIBE THE RESULTS OF CAPT. ROBERT HOWARD'S LECTURE TOUR OF AIR BASES ON WHICH HE DISCUSSED THE USE OF CANARY WITH PILOTS IS TO QUOTE HIS ENTRY IN THE CONTROLLER'S LOG, "DANARY, IT'S WONDERFUL"!" THE USE OF CANARY HAS ENABLED CONTROLLERS TO KEEP FLIGHTS INFORMED OF THEIR POSITION AND TO GIVE QUICKER STEERS TO THEM.

DATE	CALL SIGN	MISSION	GROUP	RESULTS
2/2	BROWNING	J-29-5	405	DESTROYED MAJORITY OF 40-50 M/V IN TRIER AREA.

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DATE	CALL SIGN	MISSION	GROUP	RESULTS
2/8	BROWNING	J-29-4	405	ARMED RECCE IN MIDDLE OF LOVE SQUARE STRAFED TRAINS. HIT MARSHALLING YARD AND BARRACKS.
2/9	FIREBRICK	TYK-1	362	CONTACTED BEIGEHART AND DROPPED FOOD SUPPLIES TO FRIENDLY TROOPS IN VICINITY OF ECHTERNACH.
2/14	KLONDIKE RED	XGD-1	362	BRANDY ASSIGNED TO LOOK FOR CONCENTRATIONS IN BITBURG AREA. FOUND TOWN OF BADEM (1937 LOVE) LOADED WITH M/V. BOMBED SAME.
2/14	KLONDIKE	XGD-1	362	ASSIGNED TARGET AT P9650 BY OUTBREAK. GOT MANY TRUCKS AND BIG GUN POSITIONS.
2/21	DISCHARGE RED	LPF	371	ATTACKED TRAIN AT L5108 AND CAMOUFLAGED MARSHALLING YARDS IN SAME VICINITY.
2/23	KISMET YELLOW	EIB-1	371	ON ARMED RECCE FOR HARTFELT BOMBED AND BLEW UP TRAIN IN L1907.

6. OVER 200 MISSIONS WERE HANDLED BY THE CONTROLLERS OF FORWARD DIRECTOR POST NUMBER ONE FOR THE MONTH OF BEBRUARY 1945.

COMPANY B

THE FRONT HAVING ADVANCED ENOUGH TO MAKE OUR CONTROLLING OF AIRCRAFT LESS EFFICIENT, ORDERS WERE RECEIVED TO MOVE FORWARD DIRECTOR POST NUMBER TWO TO AN ADVANCED SITE. THE SITE PROVED TO BE THE CLOSEST TO THE FRONT EVER ATTEMPTED BY THIS COMPANY, BEING ONLY SIX MILES FROM THE FIGHTING FRONT.

MOVING DAY WAS ON THE FOURTH OF FEBRUARY. THE WEATHER HAD TURNED WORSE ON THE BEGINNING OF THE WEEK. THE SNOW WHICH HAD HAD NO CHANCE TO MELT BECAUSE OF THE BELOW FREEZING TEMPERATURE WAS MELTED BY THE WARM RAINS AND ADDED TO THE SWOLLEN, OVERFLOWING STREAMS. THE ROADS DID NOT DRAIN BECAUSE OF RUTS AND SEEMINGLY BOTTOMLESS MUD HOLES. WITH ALL OF THESE ADVERSE CONDITIONS THE MOVE WAS MADE IN GOOD TIME. THE COMPANY RECEIVED A COMMENDATION MESSAGE FROM MAJOR MAURICE E. BYRNE FOR OUR, "EXTREMELY RAPID MOVE UNDER ADVERSE CONDITIONS."

THE NEW SITE PROVED TO BE A PROBLEM FROM THE FIRST DAY WITH TRANSSPORTATION BEING HAMPERED BY THE MUD. A CORDUROY ROAD WAS THE ONLY ANSWER TO OUR PROBLEM. WITHOUT THIS ROAD IT WOULD HAVE BEEN IMPOSSIBLE TO OBTAIN SUPPLIES AND OTHER ESSENTIALS. ON THE OTHER HAND THE SITE PROVED TO BE EXCELLENT FOR TACTICAL PURPOSE. IT HAS BEEN PROVEDN FROM DAILY OPERATIONS THAT A MUCH GREATER DISTANCE OF CONTROL OF AIRCRAFT IS POSSIBLE THAN AT ANY OTHER PREVIOUS SITES. FOR EXAMPLE ON THE 22ND FEBRUARY 1945 THE CONTROLLER AT THIS FDP PICKED UP "SERUM" (CODE NAME

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OF THE FLIGHT), AT THE RENDEZVOUS POINT DIRECTED THE FLIGHT TO ITS TARGET AND CONTROLLED IT BACK TO ITS BASE. THIS WAS ACCOMPLISHED DOWN TO 4000 FEET, SIX MILES FROM BASE. THE DISTANCE FROM THE FORWARD DIRECTOR POST SITE TO A/C BASE IS SIXTY FIVE MILES.

LT. FREDERICK H. FAHNER, O-1639018, SIG C, WAS PROMOTED TO 1ST LT., ON 15 FEBRUARY 1945, PER PAR 4, SO 46, HEADQUARTERS, XIX TACTICAL AIR COMMAND.

ON 15 FEBRUARY 1945 BACU #2 (BATTLE AREA CONTROL UNIT) WAS ASSIGNED TO THIS FORWARD DIRECTOR POST. THIS PLATOON WAS PART OF THE FORMER "D" COMPANY WHICH HAD BEEN DISSOLVED. RADAR OF THIS PLATOON (SCR-584) HAS A LOWER COVERAGE THAN RADARS OF THE FORWARD DIRECTOR POST. WHEN NOT ASSIGNED A MISSION FOR CONTROLLING AND WHEN IT BECOMES SUCH THAT THE FORWARD DIRECTOR POST IS HAVING DIFFICULTY KEEPING CONSTANT CONTACT WITH ITS ASSIGNED MISSIONS TO TARGETS, BACU #2 HAVE FOR ONE REASON OR OTHER DIFFICULTY IN KEEPING TRACK OF ITS ASSIGNED MISSIONS, FORWARD DIRECTOR POST AIDS IN EVERY WAY POSSIBLE. BACU IS LIMITED IN CERTAIN RESPECTS AS FORWARD DIRECTOR POSTS ARE IN OTHERS. BACU CAN PIN POINT FLIGHTS TO TARGETS AND INFORM THE PILOT WHEN TO RELEASE THE BOMBS. WHILE DOING THIS A BACU CANNOT SEE OTHER FLIGHTS THAT COULD BE NEAR THE CONTROLLED FLIGHT. ON THE OTHER HAND, FORWARD DIRECTOR POSTS BESIDES BEING ABLE TO DIRECT ITS ASSIGNED FLIGHT TO ITS TARGETS CAN ALSO SEE OTHER A/C (AIRCRAFT) AND THUS NOTIFY THE FLIGHT OF EITHER HOSTILE OR FRIENDLY AIRCRAFT. FORWARD DIRECTOR POSTS CANNOT AID THE PILOT IN THE RELEASING OF ITS BOMB LOAD.

THE CLOSE COLLABORATION BETWEEN FORWARD DIRECTOR POST AND BACU RESULTS IN MORE MISSIONS ACCOMPLISHED AND A MUCH EASIER METHOD OF KEEPING FLIGHTS IN COMPLETE CONTACT WITH THE CONTROLLERS.

LT PRITCHARD (TECHNICAL OFFICER OF FDP #2) WAS COMMENDED BY FLIGHT LT BISBY OF SHAEF HEADQUARTERS FOR HIS COOPERATION AND KEENNESS IN MODIFICATION OF THE TYPE 15 RADAR, INTER-BAY FEEDER SYSTEM, AND LOCATING A RATHER DIFFICULT FAULT ON THE TOP AERIAL RECEIVER SYSTEM.

ONE OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS MADE TO OTHER COMPANIES BY FLIGHT LT. BISBY, AS A RESULT OF LT. PRITCHARDS IMPROVEMENTS, WAS THE MAIN FEEDER LAYOUT FROM TRANSMITTER VEHICLE TO ANTENNA CABIN.

ON 26 FEBRUARY WIRE COMMUNICATIONS WAS MADE FROM VIII CORPS TO FDP2. VIII CORPS TACTICAL AIR LIAISON OFFICER, LT. COLONEL TOWNE WILL SUPPLY THE NECESSARY FRONT LINE INFORMATION WHEN DESIRED OR NEEDED.

THE 113TH ANTI AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY GROUP IS TIED IN TO OUR TRANSMISSION OF INFORMATION BY WIRE, AND THE 482ND ANTI AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY BATTALION RECEIVES OUR INFORMATION BY FM RADIO. THESE AAA UNITS MAKE USE OF OUR INFORMATION ON UNKNOWN AND HOSTILE AIRCRAFT FLIGHTS, THUS OBTAINING A MUCH EARLIER WARNING THAN THEY OTHERWISE WOULD OBTAIN BY THEIR OWN SYSTEM.

IN ORDER TO FACILITATE MOVING FROM ONE SITE TO ANOTHER, A COMMUNICATION TRUCK WAS BUILT FOR BACU #2 ON THE PATTERN OF FDP 2. ALL EQUIPMENT IS FASTENED ON A PERMANENT BASIS TO THE BODY OF THE TRUCK SO ALL THAT THE UNIT HAS TO LOAD IS THE POWER UNIT AND ASSOCIATED ANTENNAE. THUS TIME AND SPEED IS GREATLY IMPROVED.

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DUE TO BAD ROADS AND HEAVY TRAFFIC ON THESE ROADS, THE TCC (TACTICAL CONTROL CENTER) TELEPHONE LINE HAS BEEN ANOTHER SOURCE OF CONSTANT TROUBLE. SHORTING OF THE LINE AND BREAKS IN IT ARE THE USUAL REPORTS FROM THE WIRE TEAM. THIS LINE WAS LAID BY THE ROAD IN ORDER TO HAVE IMMEDIATE COMMUNICATIONS WITH TCC. AS THE WIREMENT GO REPAIRING THEY ARE RAPIDLY PUTTING THE LINE OVERHEAD IN ORDER TO ELIMINATE THE ABOVE MENTIONED DIFFICULTY.

ON THE MORALE END WE ARE MORE THAN GRATEFUL TO FATHER BUBNICK, WHO IS ATTACHED TO XIX TACTICAL AIR COMMAND, FOR HIS WEEKLY VISITS. HE HAS HEARD CONFESSION AND OFFERED MASS FOR THE PAST THREE WEEKS. THIS IS IN ADDITION TO THE WEEKLY VISITS OF PROTESTANT CHAPLAIN ENGELL, WHO IS ATTACHED TO THIS BATTALION.

THREE TIMES PER WEEK A NEW MOVIE FILM IS SHOWED TO THE MEN OF THE COMPANY. THE PICTURES ARE ALSO TAKEN OUT AND SHOWED AT THE LIGHT WARNING AND BACU SITES. MUCH CREDIT IS DUE 2ND LT. NEAL RABOGLIATTI AND HIS ASSISTANT PFC JAMES J. HAYES WHO, DESPITE ADVERSE WEATHER AND BAD ROADS, MADE THE TRIP TO THE AUXILIARY UNITS IN ORDER TO SHOW THE FILM. ANOTHER PERSON WHO CONTRIBUTES MUCH TO THE ENTERTAINMENT OF THE MEN IS PFC JESSE E. BRANDT. HE IS THE COMPANY REPORTER FOR THE BATTALION NEWSPAPER.

ORGANIZATION CHANGES AS FOLLOWS:

GENERAL ORDERS NUMBER 1, HEADQUARTERS, 563RD SIGNAL AIRCRAFT WARNING BATTALION, DATED 27 FEBRUARY 1945.

1. PURSUANT TO AUTHORITY CONTAINED IN SECRET GENERAL ORDERS NUMBER 280, HEADQUARTERS, NINTH AIR FORCE, 1 DECEMBER 1944, AND PAR 1, SECRET LETTER, HEADQUARTERS, NINTH AIR FORCE, SUBJECT: "REORGANIZATION OF SIGNAL AIRCRAFT WARNING UNITS", DATED 1 DECEMBER 1944, THIS ORGANIZATION IS REORGANIZED EFFECTIVE THIS DATE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH T/O AND E, 11-400, 1 MARCH 1944, WITH CHANGES 1 AND 2, COMPANY "B" TEAM COMPOSITION AND AUTHORIZED STRENGTH INDICATED BELOW:

COMPOSITE COMPANY B IS REDESIGNATED COMPANY B

B	C	D	I	J	L	M	N	P	R	S	U	AUTHORIZED STRENGTH			ATTACHED MEDICAL (INCL IN COL 1, 3)	
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2. PURSUANT TO AUTHORITY CONTAINED IN SECRET LETTER, HEADQUARTERS, NINTH AIR FORCE, FILE 370.5, SUBJECT: "ASSIGNMENT AND ATTACHMENT OF UNITS (NO. 16)", DATED 3 FEBRUARY 1945, THREE (3) "N" TEAMS, COMPANY B, ARE DESIGNATED DETACHMENT B, EFFECTIVE 15 FEBRUARY 1945.

COMPANY C

THE FOLLOWING HISTORICAL REPORT COVERS THE PERIOD 2 FEBRUARY TO 24 FEBRUARY 1945.

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2 FEBRUARY 1945 - A NUMBER OF THE PRIVATES IN THE COMPANY WERE PROMOTED TO PRIVATE FIRST CLASS. OUR COMMUNICATIONS TO THE TCC NOW INCLUDE A WIRE LINE, THIS MEANS OF COMMUNICATION IS THE BEST POSSIBLE MEANS FOR OUR TYPE OF WORK. SO MUCH MORE VALUABLE INFORMATION IS PASSED OVER LAND LINE THAN YOU CAN POSSIBLE GET OVER FM OR CW RADIO.

3 FEBRUARY 1945 - OUR TIE IN WITH LOCAL AAA HAS CHANGED FROM MAESTRO TO MADONNA, THIS WAS THE START OF THE AAA OUTFITS MOVING AWAY FROM THE CITY OF LUXEMBOURG. FLIGHT OFFICER BIGSBY OF THE R.A.F. VISITED OUR SITE TO WORK ON BOTH OUR TYPE 11 AND TYPE 15 RADARS. MR BIGSBY STAYED THREE DAYS AND MADE ALL SORTS OF CHANGES ON BOTH OF OUR SETS AND IMPROVED OUR COVERAGE AND OUR SYSTEM OF HEIGHT FINDING. FROM TALKS WITH MR. BIGSBY WE FOUND THAT THE ANTENNA FROM THE TYPE 15 WAS MISSING SEVERAL PARTS; WE RECEIVED THE SETS IN ENGLAND AND DID NOT KNOW WHEN WE RECEIVED THE SETS THAT THIS CONDITION EXISTED. THE PARTS THAT WERE MISSING WERE MINOR AND NOT TOO IMPORTANT.

4 FEBRUARY 1945 - AN UNUSUAL TRACK APPEARED ON THE FILTER TABLE AT 1645. ALL ALONG THE THIRD ARMY FRONT WE CARRIED TRACKS OF 6 AIRCRAFT, THE NUMBER OF A/C ON THESE TRACKS SUDDENLY INCREASED TO 18 A/C, A LATER CHECK SHOWED THAT THESE PLANES WERE DROPPING SURRENDER AND OTHER LEAFLETS ON THE GERMAN FRONT LINES. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME WE HAVE EVER HAD ANY OF THIS TYPE OF TRACKS. THE SCOPE OPERATORS THOUGH AT FIRST THAT THE PLANES WERE DROPPING WINDOW, BUT AS IT DID NOT APPEAR TO JAM OUT THE SCOPES THEY COULD NOT UNDERSTAND WHAT IT WAS. TCC CAME THROUGH WITH THE INFORMATION ABOUT THE LEAFLETS.

5 FEBRUARY 1945 - TCC MOVED TO THE CITY OF LUXEMBOURG AND TOOK OVER OUR TIE IN WITH THE AAA GROUP THAT WE WERE FURNISHING INFORMATION TO. OUR TIE IN WITH THE AAA GROUP WAS PROFITABLE TO BOTH OF US. ON OCCASIONS WHEN THE AIRCRAFT WERE TOO CLOSE TO OUR SITE FOR US TO SEE THE, THE RADAR IN THE AAA GROUP WOULD FURNISH US INFORMATION ON TRACKS, ALSO WE USED THEIR INFORMATION TO CHECK THE CALIBRATION OF OUR RADAR SETS AND ALSO THE ACCURACY OF OUR HEIGHTS. WE RECEIVED A LETTER OF COMMENDATION FROM COLONEL MADISON COMMANDING OFFICER, 16TH AAA GROUP. SEE INCLOSURE 1.

9 FEBRUARY 1945 - 1225 GO POST UNCLE REPORTED THAT THEY WERE BEING SHELLED BY HOSTILE ARTILLERY; NO CASUALTIES OR DAMAGE REPORTED.

11 FEBRUARY 1945 - FOR THE PAST FEW DAYS IT HAD BEEN RAINING HARD AND THE WIND WAS BLOWING HARD, IT FINALLY BLEW HARD ENOUGH TO DO A LITTLE DAMAGE TO OUR INSTALLATION, A STRONG WIND THE TRANSMISSION LINES OFF THE TYPE 15 ANTENNA PUTTING THE RADAR OFF THE AIR FOR A SHORT TIME UNTIL IT COULD BE REPAIRED. THE SAME GUST OF WIND ALSO BLEW OVER ONE OF THE GUARD SHACKS AND THE GUARDS HAD TO STAND GUARD ALL NIGHT IN THE RAIN UNTIL THE NEXT DAY WHEN THE COMPANY CARPENTER REPAIRED THE GUARD SHACK.

16 FEBRUARY 1945 - GO POST VICTOR REPORTED ONE B-26 CRASHED ONE QUARTER MILE NORTHEAST OF THEIR POST. MEN FROM VICTOR POST WENT OUT TO INVESTIGATE AND FOUND THAT THE SITUATION WAS WELL IN HAND AS MANY OF OUR TROOPS HAD ALREADY REACHED THE SCENE. HALLEN LEADER FROM 345 F.G. UNDER CONTROL OF RIPSAY THREE (OUR STATION) SHOT DOWN 2 ME 109'S

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AT L4040, AT 1530. AT 1548 HALLEM SQUAD UNDER RIPSAY THREE CONTROL AT THE TIME SHOT DOWN TWO MORE ME 109'S MAKING A TOTAL OF FOUR IN EIGHTEEN MINUTES. AT 1750 LW#3 REPORTED PLANE LB2 (P47) CRASHED AND BURNING ONE HALF MILE SOUTHWEST OF POST. THEY WENT OUT TO PICK UP PILOT, BUT HE WAS DEAD IN PLANE AND IT WAS STILL BURNING. PLANE WAS GOING FROM NORTHEAST TO SOUTHWEST CIRCLED TO LAND AND HIT A TREE, MEN FROM LW 3 TRIED TO REMOVE PILOT FROM PLANE BUT FLAMES WERE TOO GREAT. ABOVE FROM FILTER OFFICER'S LOG. REPORT SENT IN BY LT. JAMES D. TATE, OFFICER OF LW 3. SEE INCLOSURE 2.

17 FEBRUARY 1945 - THE WINTER CAMOUFLAGE WAS FINALLY REMOVED FROM THE RADAR AND I/C SITE AND WAS REPLACED BY THE NORMAL GREEN CAMOUFLAGE NETS.

CONTROLLED FLIGHTS FOR MONTH OF FEBRUARY AND RESULTS

THE TOTAL NUMBER OF CONTROLLED MISSIONS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY WAS 206, TOTALING 1650 AIRCRAFT.

2 FEBRUARY 1945: FAIRDAWN LEADER, 406 F.G., ON ARMED RECONNAISSANCE HIT 3 MOVING TRAINS AND VEHICLES AT L8380.

6 FEBRUARY 1945: ROSCOE LEADER, 406 F.G., ON ARMED RECONNAISSANCE IN MIKE SQUARE HIT ENEMY AIRFIELD AT M3052 AND DESTROYED 10 SINGLE ENGINE PLANES. FIREBRICK LEADER, 363 F.G., HIT MARSHALLING YARDS AT TRIER AND ON A LATER MISSION HIT TANKS AND TRAINS ON SIDING AT L4171.

9 FEBRUARY 1945: CHURCH SPIRE LEADER, 354TH F.G., BOMBED AND STRAFED TRAINS EAST OF TRIER. HIT TRUCKS IN BITBURG AREA AND TUGBOATS AND BARGES IN RHINE RIVER AT F7705. HALLEM LEADER, 354TH F.G., STRAFED AND BOMBED CONVOY AT L6025. BOMBED TOWNS RITTERSDORF L1146, NATTENHEIM L1359. ROVER LEADER, 354TH F.G., CUT TWO RAILROADS IN COBLENZ AREA, ALSO HIT CONVOY IN VICINITY OF BITBURG. BLUE FLIGHT OF ROVER LEADER HIT TRAIN AT L5468.

11 FEBRUARY 1945: KLONDIKE LEADER, 362ND F.G., HIT TRAINS, AT L0830. ARGUE LEADER, 362ND F.G., BOMBED AND STRAFED IN VICINITY OF WITTLICH, L3954. FIREBRICK LEADER, 362ND F.G., HIT TRAINS WITH ABOUT 25 FREIGHT CARS AND ABOUT COMPLETELY DESTROYED THEM AT L7040.

13 FEBRUARY 1945: ROVER SQUAD 354TH F.G., BOMBED AND STRAFED 200 YELLOW BOXCARS AT L3548.

14 FEBRUARY 1945: DEKKO SQUAD, 367TH F.G., GOT A FEW HITS ON RAILROAD BRIDGE AT M0835. FLAPPER SQ, 368TH F.G., HIT RAILROAD BRIDGE AT F0945. SERUM LEADER 368TH F.G., HIT RAILROAD INSTALLATIONS AND CARS AT L3725.

16 FEBRUARY 1945: HALLEM LEADER, 354TH F.G., GOT 2 ME 109'S AT L4434 AND TWO MORE ME 109'S AT L7080.

20 FEBRUARY 1945: SERUM LEADER, 368TH F.G., DROPPED BOMBS ON SPECIAL

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BUILDINGS OF CP. MISSED BUILDING AND WENT BACK TO STRAFE. SAW TANKS AND TRUCKS STRAFFED. SOME RESULTS: 1 TANK AFLAME; 30 VEHICLES DESTROYED IN VICINITY OF BITBURG.

23 FEBRUARY 1945: ALL FIGHTER GROUPS HAD A FIELD DAY ON GERMAN VEHICLES AND TANKS: SO MANY VEHICLES WERE DESTROYED THAT IT CANNOT BE ESTIMATED HOW MANY WERE HIT AND DESTROYED.

24 FEBRUARY 1945: TROPIC BLACK, 368TH F.G., HIT 75 CARS AND ENGINES AT L1943.

TARGETS

TRAINS		AIRFIELDS	MARSHALLING YARDS BOMBED	TANKS		TRUCKS		CONVOYS
NO.	COOR.	M3052, 10 S/E						
3	L8380	FIGHTERS DE-	L2225	NO.	COOR.	NO.	COOR.	
?	L4171	STROYED ON		?	L4171	30	L1352	L6025
?	L2225	GROUND		1	L1352			L1352
?	L5468							
1	L7040							

RAILROADS	TOWNS BOMBED		BARGES AND TUGBOATS	BOXCARS NO.	BOXCARS COOR.	BRIDGES
L9095	RITTERSDORF	-L1156				
L3725	NATTENHEIM	-L1359	ON RHINE AT F7705	200	L3548	M0835
				?	L3725	F0984
				75	L1943	F2886

ENEMY AIRCRAFT SHOT DOWN

NO.	TYPE	COOR.
2	ME 109	L4434
2	ME 109	L7080

BATTALION HEADQUARTERS

MOVED FROM AUDUN LE TICHE TO VILLERUPT, 10 FEBRUARY 1945, MOVING INTO BUILDINGS VACATED BY MEMBERS OF THE 19TH TACTICAL CONTROL GROUP.

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SUPPLEMENTAL GROUND OBSERVER INFORMATION FROM COMPANY A.

1. DURING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, FOR CLOSER COOPERATION WITH NEIGHBORING GROUND FORCES, THE FOLLOWING TELEPHONE LINES WERE LAID:

ABLE TO 3RD CAVALRY GROUP
BAKER TO 94TH INFANTRY DIVISION
CHARLIE TO 43RD CAVALRY GROUP
DOG TO 26TH INFANTRY DIVISION
FOX TO 26TH INFANTRY DIVISION.

2. AIR WARNING AND AIR INFORMATION WAS EXCANGED FOR GROUND INFORMATION. THIS FORM OF COOPERATION WAS WARMLY ACCEPTED BY THE GROUND FORCES CONCERNED.

3. ALL STATIONS ARE IN GERMANY.

1 FEB.: ENEMY SHELLED ABLE STATION FROM 0030 HOURS TO 0600 HOURS. NO IMMEDIATE DAMAGE TO STATION.

2 FEB.: FOX - REPORTED ENEMY PILLBOX, Q-353458, AND OBSERVATION TOWER NEAR IT.

BAKER - ALL DAY AND EVENING SURROUNDING AREA WAS HEAVILY SHELLED - COUNTER ATTACK EXPECTED. IT DIDN'T COME.

3, 4 FEB.: NO ENEMY ACTIVITY.

5, 6

7 FEB.: FOX - ONE LIAISON PLANE CRASHED EAST ONE MILE FROM STATION. MEN WERE SENT TO INVESTIGATE CRASH. AN INVESTIGATING OFFICER OF THE 26TH INFANTRY DIVISION WAS ALREADY TAKING CARE OF THE CRASH.

8, 9 FEB.: NO ENEMY ACTIVITY.

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11 FEB.: CHARLIE AND FOX - REPORTED SEARCHLIGHTS SOUTH OF STATIONS - PROVED TO BE FRIENDLY.

12 FEB.: NO ENEMY ACTIVITY.

13 FEB.: DOG - A BRANCH OFF OF DOG STATION WAS SENT UP TO THE IMMEDIATE FRONT LINES, CALLED DOG-DOG STATION.

DOG-DOG - (1500 HOURS) RECEIVED A REQUEST FROM THE 26TH INFANTRY DIVISION TO REQUEST FROM THE AIR FORCE TO LAY A SMOKE SCREEN BY PLANE ACROSS SAAR RIVER TWO MILES NORTH OF GISINGEN, GERMANY, SO THAT BOATS COULD CROSS RIVER AND EVACUATE 12 INFANTRY MEN THAT WERE PINNED IN A SWAMP BY ENEMY FIRE. MANY OF THE MEN HAD BEEN WOUNDED AND HAD ALREADY SPENT A DAY AND NIGHT IN THE SWAMP. THE ANSWER FROM HIGHER HEADQUARTERS WAS NEGATIVE.

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BAKER - COULD NOT LEAVE STATION AS THE ONLY EXIT ROAD WAS UNDER INTENSE ARTILLERY FIRE BY THE ENEMY.

14 FEB.: FOX - (1030 HOURS) A BALLOON WITH GONDOLA ATTACHED WAS REPORTED NORTHEAST, 3 MILES FROM STATION.

15 FEB.: ABLE - (0600 HOURS) REPORTED V-1 5 MILES WEST OF POST GOING SOUTH.
FOX - (1030 HOURS) BALLOON SEEN AGAIN NORTH, 5 MILES. LAST SEEN GOING EAST AT 20,000 FEET.

16 FEB.: FOX - (1630 HOURS) FOUR THUNDERBOLTS WITH U.S. MARKINGS STRAFING AND BOMBED A CONVOY OF TRUCKS BELONGING TO 26TH INFANTRY DIVISION. THE CONVOY DISPLAYED PANEL OF THE DAY. TWO 2 AND 1/2 TON TRUCKS LOADED WITH AMMUNITION BURNED; ONE MAN WOUNDED IN LEG. THUNDERBOLTS GOING EAST. INCIDENT OCCURRED ON HIGHWAY N-54 ONE MILE WEST OF STATION.

17 FEB.: FOX - (2115 TO 2130 HOURS) INTERSECTION IN FRONT OF STATION WAS SHELLED. NO DAMAGE TO POST.

18 FEB.:
19 } NO ENEMY ACTIVITY
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21 FEB.: FOX - (1440 TO 1540 HOURS) ENEMY SHELLED INTERSECTION WITH 88 SHELLS 300 YARDS FROM STATION KNOCKING OUT A 3/4 TON TRUCK AND A 1/4 TON TRUCK BELONGING TO 26TH INFANTRY DIVISION.

22 FEB.: FOX - (1530 HOURS) REPORTED BALLOON NORTHEAST AT 7,000 FEET, 4 MILES FROM STATION. FRIENDLY ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRED AT BALLOON.

23 FEB.: ABLE -(1905 HOURS) REPORTED HEAVY ACK-ACK BATTERIES CIRCLING MERZIG.

24 FEB.: FOX - (2300 HOURS) ROAD INTERSECTION 300 YARDS FROM POST SHELLED BY ENEMY.

25 FEB.: DOG - AIRCRAFT WARNING GROUP OF 455TH AAA, HQ BATTALION, JOINED THIS STATION AND IS NOW COOPERATING IN EVERY WAY.

26 FEB.: BAKER - MOVED TO SAAR RIVER SOUTH OF SAARBURG, NEAR FREUDENBURG. BELIEVE THIS STATION FIRST THROUGHT THE "TIGER TEETH" AND INTO THE SIEGFRIED LINE.

27 FEB.: NO ENEMY ACTIVITY.

28 FEB.: FOX - (1530 HOURS) ENEMY PATROL SEEN NEARBY - ESCAPED INTO WOODS.

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HEADQUARTERS
16TH AAA GROUP
APO 230

11 FEBRUARY 1945.

SUBJECT : COMMENDATION.

TO : COMPANY C, 563RD SIGNAL AW BN., APO 141, US ARMY.

1. I WISH TO COMMEND YOU FOR YOUR SPLENDID COOPERATION WITH THE 16TH AAA GROUP FROM 23 OCTOBER 1944 TO 5 FEBRUARY 1945 IN LUXEMBOURG CITY IN FURNISHING EARLY WARNING TO THE THREE AAA GUN BATTALIONS ATTACHED TO THE GROUP.

2. EARLY WARNING FURNISHED BY F.D.P.3 ENABLED SCR 584'S OF THE GUN BATTALIONS TO LOCK ON TARGETS AT MAXIMUM RANGE AND TO OPERN FIRE THE INST ANT ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENTERED THE DEFENDED AREA. INFORMATION GIVEN BY YOU WAS ESPECIALLY HELPFUL DURING THE HEAVY ENEMY AERIAL ACTIVITY WHICH ACCOMPANIED THE GERMAN COUNTER-OFFENSIVE, AND WAS UNDOUBTEDLY INSTRUMENTAL IN ADDING THE GROUP TO ACCOMPLISH ITS MISSION.

3. AIR WARNING WHICH THE GROUP HAD WHILE OPERATING WITH YOUR ASSISTANCE WAS THE BEST IT HAS HAD SINCE IT BECAME OPERATIONAL ON THE CONTINENT ON D-DAY.

/S/J H MADISON
/T/J H MADISON
COLONEL, C.A.C,
COMMANDING.

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563RD SIGNAL AIRCRAFT WARNING BATTALION
APO 141 US ARMY

16 FEBRUARY 1945

SUBJECT: AIRPLANE CRASH.

TO : COMMANDING OFFICER, COMPANY "C", 563RD SIGNAL AW BATTALION, APO 141, U S ARMY.

1. FOUR P-47'S OBSERVED APPROACHING SITE AT ABOUT 2000 FEET, WITH ONE LEAVING HEAVY SMOKE TRAIL. PLANE IN TROUBLE LOSING ALTITUDE FAST AND MADE 180 DEGREE TURN BEYOND OUR SITE AND CRASHED 1/8 MILE AWAY HEADED BACK TOWARDS NE AND THIS SITE. PFC STEWART AND TEC 5 MILLARD REACHED THE WRECK WITHIN 3 MINUTES OF CRASH, COULD ONLY OPEN COWLING 1/2 INCH WHEN IT JAMMED AND THERMITE WENT OFF INSIDE BURNING COCKPIT. NO FURTHER ACTION WAS POSSIBLE. WRECHAGE BURNED UNTIL 1830 HOURS. THIS OUTPOST MAINTAINED GUARD ON REMAINS UNTIL 1600 HOURS, 17 FEB 1945 WHEN BODY OF PILOT WAS REMOVED BY MEDICAL OFFICER AND OTHER PERSONNEL FROM THE NINTH AIR FORCE. BODY BADLY BURNED BUT IDENTIFIED BY DOG TAGS.

2. PLANE PILOT BELIEVED KILLED INSTANTLY BY CRASH IMPACT WHEN PLANE STRUCK EMBANKMENT TEARING MOTOR FROM FUSILAGE AND TREE WHICH SHEARED OFF RIGHT WING. PLANE'S GUNS HAD NOT BEEN FIRED AND WRECKAGE SHOWED NO INDICATION OF FLACK DAMAGE. ORIGINAL CAUSE OF FIRE IN AIR NOT DETERMINED. PLANE CAME TO DEAD STOP WITHIN 50 YARDS OF FIRST STRIKING POINT.

/S/JAMES D. TATE
/T/JAMES D. TATE
1ST LT, SIG C
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563RD SIGNAL AIRCRAFT WARNING BATTALION

FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 1945

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IN COMPLIANCE WITH LETTER, HEADQUARTERS, NINTH AIR FORCE, FILE NUMBER 314.7, SUBJECT: "OFFICIAL AND POPULAR HISTORIES OF THE NINTH AIR FORCE," DATED 22 NOVEMBER 1943, AND XIX TACTICAL AIR COMMAND MEMORANDUM NUMBER 20-1, DATED 5 FEBRUARY 1944, AS AMENDED BY MEMORANDUM NUMBER 20-1A, DATED 29 FEBRUARY 1944, THE FOLLOWING RECORD IS SUBMITTED FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 1945.

1. DURING THE MONTH OF APRIL THE FOLLOWING OCCURRENCES WERE NOTED:

3 APRIL 1945

PFC ERNEST G. LAVALEE, 31445191, (345), HAVING BEEN ASSIGNED TO THIS ORGANIZATION IN COMPLIANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 7 OF SPECIAL ORDER 82, HEADQUARTERS XIX TACTICAL AIR COMMAND, APO 141, USA, DATED 27 MAR 1945, WAS FURTHER ASSIGNED TO HEADQUARTERS COMPANY.

7 APRIL 1945

CONFIRMING VOCO, 23 JANUARY 1945, 2ND LT GEORGE E. MOWRER, O1547727, MAC, WAS DETAILED INVESTIGATING OFFICER IN THE CASE OF PFC LEO F. CAVARZAN, 39406588, SIG C, OF HEADQUARTERS COMPANY.

UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF AR 615-5, AS AMENDED 6 DEC 1944, AND UPON RECOMMENDATION OF HIS COMPANY COMMANDER, PVT MELVIN S. FREE, 34402994, (060) COMPANY C, WAS APPOINTED PRIVATE FIRST CLASS (TEMP).

13 APRIL 1945

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS WERE APPOINTED TO THE INFORMATION AND EDUCATION STAFF, THIS BATTALION. (ADDL DY).

INSTRUCTOR SUPERVISOR	1ST LT JOHN J. REYNOLDS
EDUCATION ADVISEMENT	2ND LT GEORGE E. MOWRER
SUPPLY OFFICER	1ST LT JOSEPH H. EICHBAUM
VOCATIONAL TRAINING SUPERVISOR	1ST LT ROBERT O. SCHURKE
ORIENTATION OFFICER	CAPT ARTHUR G. ROOT, JR.

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1ST LT JOSEPH H. EICHBAUM, O1647865, SIC C, WAS APPOINTED BATTALION SOLDIER VOTING OFFICER, THE AUTHORITY BEING PARAGRAPH 7D, WD CIRCULAR #487, 30 DECEMBER 1944.

14 APRIL 1945

UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF AR 615-5, AS AMENDED, AND UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THEIR COMPANY COMMANDER, FOUR ENLISTED MEN OF HEADQUARTERS COMPANY WERE PROMOTED, ONE TO TECHNICAL SERGEANT, TWO TO SERGEANT, AND ONE TO TECHNICIAN FIFTH GRADE. TWO ENLISTED MEN OF COMPANY A WERE PROMOTED, ONE TO STAFF SERGEANT AND ONE TO SERGEANT. TWO ENLISTED MEN OF COMPANY B WERE PROMOTED, ONE TO SERGEANT, AND ONE TO TECHNICIAN FIFTH GRADE. THREE ENLISTED MEN WERE PROMOTED FROM COMPANY C, ONE TO SERGEANT AND TWO TO TECHNICIAN FIFTH GRADE.

15 APRIL 1945

THE FOLLOWING NAMED ENLISTED MEN, REPORTED TO THIS ORGANIZATION IN COMPLIANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 1, SPECIAL ORDER 86, HEADQUARTERS, XIX TACTICAL AIR COMMAND, 2 APRIL 1945, AND WERE FURTHER ASSIGNED TO HEADQUARTERS COMPANY.

S/SGT	SAMUEL B. CAMPBELL	20236260	(870)
S/SGT	JACK MERRICK	35285671	(405)
SGT	JAMES M. WILLIAMS	38020567	(521)
CPL	ARCADIO G. FERNANDEZ	39234516	(521)
CPL	GORDON M. MCCABE	19185125	(521)
PFC	EDWARD J. CAREY	33677289	(521)
PFC	ROBERT T. JACKSON	37151293	(590)
PFC	JAMES R. PEARSON	17068125	(345)

UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF AR 615-5, AS AMENDED 6 DECEMBER 1944, AND UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THEIR COMPANY COMMANDER, THE PRIVATES FIRST CLASS OF COMPANY A WERE INCREASED BY SEVEN (7).

16 APRIL 1945

TWO ENLISTED MEN OF HEADQUARTERS COMPANY WERE PROMOTED TO THE GRADE OF

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PRIVATE FIRST CLASS.

ONE (1) OFFICER AND THIRTY TWO (32) ENLISTED MEN, OF COMPANY A, (GO#1), WERE ATTACHED TO COMPANY C FOR RATIONS ONLY, EFFECTIVE 19 APRIL 1945.

S/SGT JAMES R. WILLIAMS, 14025892, (409), MD, HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, WAS RELIEVED FROM ATTACHMENT TO COMPANY A FOR RATIONS AND ASSIGNED TO COMPANY B.

ONE OFFICER AND THIRTY TWO (32) ENLISTED MEN (GO #2), OF COMPANY B, WERE RELIEVED FROM ATTACHMENT TO COMPANY A FOR QUARTERS RATIONS AND DUTY EFFECTIVE 17 APRIL 1945.

18 APRIL 1945

UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF AR 615-5, AS AMENDED 30 JUNE 1943, AND UPON RECOMMENDATION OF HIS COMPANY COMMANDER, TEC 5 RICHARD H. WHEELER, 32767369 (514), COMPANY A, WAS REDUCED TO THE GRADE OF PRIVATE FOR CAUSE.

ONE (1) OFFICER AND THIRTY TWO (32) ENLISTED MEN, HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, (GO#4), WERE RELIEVED FROM COMPANY B FOR RATIONS AND ATTACHED TO THE 738TH SIGNAL AW COMPANY FOR RATIONS EFFECTIVE ON OR ABOUT 23 APRIL 45.

ONE (1) OFFICER AND THIRTY TWO (32) ENLISTED MEN, COMPANY A, (GO#1), WERE RELIEVED FROM COMPANY C FOR RATIONS, EFFECTIVE ON OR ABOUT 21 APRIL 1945.

21 APRIL 1945.

MAJOR WALTER N. LEVIN, 0319826, MC, ASSIGNED THIS ORGANIZATION IN COMPLIANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 4, SPECIAL ORDER 19, HEADQUARTERS, XIX TACTICAL AIR COMMAND, 7 APRIL 1945, APO 141, USA, WAS FURTHER ASSIGNED TO HEADQUARTERS COMPANY.

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PVT CHESTER C. OBLANDER, 39167167 (LA) (060), WAS ASSIGNED THIS ORGANIZATION IN COMPLIANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 19, SPECIAL ORDER 64, HEADQUARTERS 16TH REINFORCEMENT DEPOT, 11 APRIL 1945, APO 129, USA, AND WAS FURTHER ASSIGNED TO HEADQUARTERS COMPANY.

THERE WERE FOUR PROMOTIONS IN HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, ONE TO CORPORAL, AND THREE TO TECHNICIAN FIFTH GRADE. IN COMPANY A THERE WERE FOUR PROMOTIONS, ONE TO CORPORAL, AND THREE TO TECHNICIAN FIFTH GRADE. IN COMPANY B, THERE WAS ONE PROMOTION TO SERGEANT, AND THREE PROMOTIONS TO TECHNICIAN FIFTH GRADE. THERE WAS ONE PROMOTION TO SERGEANT IN COMPANY C, AND THREE TO TECHNICIAN FIFTH GRADE.

22 APRIL 1945

THREE PROMOTIONS IN HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, ONE TO SERGEANT, ONE TO TECHNICIAN FOURTH GRADE, AND ONE TO TECHNICIAN FIFTH GRADE. TWO PROMOTIONS IN COMPANY A, BOTH TO THE GRADE OF SERGEANT. TWO PROMOTIONS IN COMPANY B, ONE TO SERGEANT, AND ONE TO TECHNICIAN FOURTH GRADE. TWO PROMOTIONS IN COMPANY C, ONE TO SERGEANT, AND ONE TO TECHNICIAN FIFTH GRADE.

23 APRIL 1945

TWO PROMOTIONS IN HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, BOTH TO TECHNICIAN FOURTH GRADE. THREE PROMOTIONS IN COMPANY A, ALL TO TECHNICIAN FOURTH GRADE. THREE PROMOTIONS IN COMPANY B, ONE TO SERGEANT, AND TWO TO TECHNICIAN FOURTH GRADE. THREE PROMOTIONS IN COMPANY C, ALL BEING IN THE GRADE OF TECHNICIAN FOURTH.

24 APRIL 1945

THIRTEEN PROMOTIONS IN HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, TWO TO STAFF SERGEANT,

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EIGHT TO SERGEANT, AND THREE TO TECHNICIAN FOURTH GRADE. FIVE IN COMPANY A, FOUR BEING TO SERGEANT, AND ONE TO TECHNICIAN FIFTH GRADE. FOUR IN COMPANY B, TWO TO SERGEANT, ONE TECHNICIAN FOURTH GRADE, AND ONE TO THE GRADE OF CORPORAL. THREE IN COMPANY C, ALL TO TECHNICIAN FIFTH GRADE.

25 APRIL 1945

FOURTEEN MEN OF HEADQUARTERS COMPANY WERE PROMOTED TO THE GRADE OF TECHNICIAN FIFTH GRADE.

27 APRIL 1945

FIVE PROMOTIONS IN COMPANY B, ONE TO STAFF SERGEANT, ONE TO SERGEANT, ONE TO TECHNICIAN FOURTH GRADE, AND ONE TO TECHNICIAN FIFTH GRADE. TWELVE PROMOTIONS IN COMPANY C, TWO TO STAFF SERGEANT, ONE SERGEANT, FOUR TO TECHNICIAN FOURTH GRADE, AND FIVE TO TECHNICIAN FIFTH GRADE.

28 APRIL 1945

SIX PROMOTIONS IN COMPANY A, ONE TO SERGEANT, ONE TO TECHNICIAN FOURTH GRADE, AND FOUR TO TECHNICIAN FIFTH GRADE.

30 APRIL 1945

FIVE ENLISTED MEN OF COMPANY B WERE APPOINTED PRIVATE FIRST CLASS. CONFIRMING VOCO, 16 APRIL 1945, THIRTY FIVE ENLISTED MEN, AND ONE OFFICER, HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, WERE RELIEVED FROM COMPANY C FOR DUTY.

2. THE STRENGTH OF THE ORGANIZATION AT THE CLOSE OF THE MONTH OF APRIL 1945, WAS SIXTY (60) OFFICERS, SIX (6) WARRANT OFFICERS, AND SEVEN HUNDRED AND EIGHT TWO (782) ENLISTED MEN. ONE OFFICER (1), AND THIRTY TWO (32) ENLISTED MEN, ATTACHED TO HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, FROM DETACHMENT A, COMPANY B, 564TH SIGNAL AIRCRAFT WARNING BATTALION.

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3. THE LIST OF ALL CHANGES OF STATION ARE AS FOLLOWS:

UNIT	GRID COORDINATE	TOWN	DATE OCCUPIED	DATE DEPARTED
BN HQ	L-962469	NW. SPABRUCKEN	28 MAR 45	9 APR 45
	H-189568	SWARZENBORN	9 APR 45	24 APR 45
	O-525195	IGENSDORF	24 APR 45	
FDP 1	M-811477	MUNSTER	29 MAR 45	5 APR 45
	H-363216	N. OF FULDA	5 APR 45	20 APR 45
	N-680416		20 APR 45	23 APR 45
	S-682688		23 APR 45	
LW 1	M-810794	S. WINDECKEN	31 MAR 45	9 APR 45
	H-852149	HENNENG	9 APR 45	21 APR 45
	H-650160		21 APR 45	
GOI A	M-827597	JUGESHEIM	29 MAR 45	9 APR 45
	H-363216	FULDA	9 APR 45	18 APR 45
	J-852888	SE. NAUMBERG	18 APR 45	18 APR 45
	H-363216	FULDA	18 APR 45	
B	M-883613	SELIGENSTADT	29 MAR 45	9 APR 45
	H-363216	FULDA	9 APR 45	18 APR 45
	J-945834	OSTERFELD	18 APR 45	18 APR 45
	H-363216	FULDA	18 APR 45	
C.	M-840695	KIPDSTEINHEIM	29 MAR 45	9 APR 45
	H-363216	FULDA	9 APR 45	18 APR 45
	J-923739	N. EISENBERG	18 APR 45	18 APR 45
	H-363216	FULDA	18 APR 45	
D	M-857540	STOCKSTADT	29 MAR 45	9 APR 45
	H-363216	FULDA	9 APR 45	
F	M-698660	SACHSENHOUSEN	29 MAR 45	9 APR 45
	H-363216	FULDA	9 APR 45	
FDP 2	M-258980	SE. LIMBURG	31 MAR 45	5 APR 45
	H-194737	NE. HOMBURG	5 APR 45	12 APR 45
	J-170720	BIENSTADT	12 APR 45	17 APR 45
	J-776045	W. LICHTENBERG	17 APR 45	28 APR 45
	T-755505	PAULUSHOFEN	28 APR 45	
LW 2	L-780938	S. BASSENHEIM	29 MAR 45	3 APR 45
	M-788719	DORNIGHEIM	3 APR 45	7 APR 45
	H-323796		7 APR 45	16 APR 45
	J-393638	KLETTBACH	16 APR 45	20 APR 45
	J-874017	NE. OF HOF	20 APR 45	

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G02 G	M-846363	HEIRING	31 MAR 45	9 APR 45
	H-852149	HENNING	9 APR 45	20 APR 45
	K-090020	POSSECK	20 APR 45	
H	M-745395	SE. OF ROSSDORF	30 MAR 45	9 APR 45
	H-852149	HENNING	9 APR 45	20 APR 45
	K-090020	POSSECK	20 APR 45	
J	N-003403	N. OF OBENBERG	30 MAR 45	9 APR 45
	H-852149	HENNENG	9 APR 45	20 APR 45
	K-141089	S. OF OELNITZ	20 APR 45	
K	M-938365	NEUSTADT	31 MAR 45	9 APR 45
	H-852149	HENNENG	9 APR 45	20 APR 45
	P-001991	E. OF HOF	20 APR 45	
L	M-974457	SE. OF GROS OSTHEIM	30 MAR 45	9 APR 45
	H-852149	HENNENG	9 APR 45	20 APR 45
	J-920933	RODGER, SOUTH.	20 APR 45	
FDP 3	L-775605	N. OF VOLKENROTH	23 MAR 45	3 APR 45
	G-820146	GRABENLINDEN	3 APR 45	5 APR 45
	H-656760	SE. OF RENDA	5 APR 45	15 APR 45
	J-550570	BLANKENHAIN	15 APR 45	23 APR 45
	O-821262	E. OF AUERBACH	23 APR 45	
LW 3	L-882700	LEININGEN	27 MAR 45	3 APR 45
	G-885445	WOLFORED	3 APR 45	11 APR 45
	H-795947		11 APR 45	17 APR 45
	J-639139	LEHESTEN	17 APR 45	18 APR 45
	J-708766	PFUHLBORN	18 APR 45	
G03 M	M-130549	NW. OF EIBIGEN	31 MAR 45	11 APR 45
	H-885748	BERKA	11 APR 45	17 APR 45
	J-945545	MUNCHENBERNSTADT	17 APR 45	
O	M-119623	NE. OF PRESBURG	31 MAR 45	11 APR 45
	H-800632	NAZZA	11 APR 45	17 APR 45
	K-025512	W. OF WEIDA	17 APR 45	
P	M-220615	NW. OF KIEDRICH	31 MAR 45	11 APR 45
	H-881900	S. MUHLHAUSEN	11 APR 45	17 APR 45
	J-943667	S. OF EISENBERG	17 APR 45	
Q	M-235670	BARSTADT	31 MAR 45	11 APR 45
	H-869650	MECHTER	11 APR 45	17 APR 45
	J-931445	E. OF TRIPTIS	17 APR 45	
R	M-319642	W. OF DOZHEIM	31 MAR 45	11 APR 45
	H-840671	W. WUTHA	11 APR 45	17 APR 45
	J-990635	NEIDERSTADT	17 APR 45	

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G04 S	M-005943		31 MAR 45	2 APR 45
	G-605033	ESPA	2 APR 45	7 APR 45
	H-371832		7 APR 45	16 APR 45
	J-624708	SW. APOLDA	16 APR 45	
T	F-949044		31 MAR 45	2 APR 45
	G-560149	NAUBORN	2 APR 45	7 APR 45
	H-344966		7 APR 45	16 APR 45
	J-593539	SE. BLANKENHAIN	16 APR 45	
U	G-068003		31 MAR 45	2 APR 45
	G-627178	DUTENBIN	2 APR 45	7 APR 45
	H-413938		7 APR 45	16 APR 45
	J-486832	NEUMARK	16 APR 45	
V	M-097810		31 MAR 45	2 APR 45
	G-687135	W. OF GRUMINGEN	2 APR 45	7 APR 45
	H-445745		7 APR 45	8 APR 45
	H-412938		8 APR 45	16 APR 45
	J-570625	BAD BERKA	16 APR 45	
W	M-138870		31 MAR 45	2 APR 45
	G-742059	S. MUNZENBERG	2 APR 45	7 APR 45
	H-438869		7 APR 45	16 APR 45
	J-624708	SW. OF APOLDA	16 APR 45	
FDP 5	M-200432	WELGESHEIM	31 MAR 45	10 APR 45
	G-997456	GEISSEN	10 APR 45	25 APR 45
	O-472216	POMMER	25 APR 45	
BACU 1	L-874577	HEIZENHOUSEN	24 MAR 45	3 APR 45
	G-808276	SW. GEILHAUSEN	3 APR 45	11 APR 45
	H-677757		11 APR 45	18 APR 45
	J-617573	MILDA	18 APR 45	28 APR 45
	U-347061	NE. OF LANDSHUT	28 APR 45	
BACU 2	L-753916	MINKELFELD	13 MAR 45	12 APR 45
	H-174716		12 APR 45	20 APR 45
	J-776045	LICHTENBERG	20 APR 45	
BACU 3	M-159425	WELGESHEIM	27 MAR 45	
BACU 4	U-668988	TIERCELET	15 MAR 45	6 APR 45
	M-200739	KEMEL	6 APR 45	

4. THERE WERE NO BATTLE CASUALTIES DURING THE MONTH OF APRIL.

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COMPANY A -:

"SPRING FEVER", THAT MALADY THAT AFFECTS ALL HUMAN BEINGS WHEN THINGS BEGIN TO BUD FAILED TO HAVE ANY EFFECT ON THE ALLIED ARMIES IN THEIR DASH INTO INNER GERMANY. ALL ARMIES SENT PROBING FINGERS INTO THE WRITHING CORPSE OF GERMANY. FOREMOST IN THIS DRIVE WAS THE THIRD ARMY. IN AN EFFORT TO FULFILL ITS MISSION COMPANY "A" EMPLOYED THE SPLIT TECHNIQUE OF OPERATION WHICH IT HAD USED SO SUCCESSFULLY THE PREVIOUS MONTH.

ON APRIL 5TH, THE TYPE 11 RADAR WAS MOVED FROM MUNSTER TO FULDA (H-363216). THE TYPE 15 WAS STILL BACK AT HALSTROFF, FRANCE, OVER 200 MILES WEST, WHERE IT WAS BEING USED CHIEFLY BY THE CONTROLLERS FOR HOMINGS WHILE MORE FORWARD AIRFIELDS WERE BEING READIED FOR THE GROUPS. THE TYPE 15 WAS FINALLY RELEASED FROM ITS REAR ASSIGNMENT AND JOINED US AT FULDA ON 11TH OF APRIL.

WHILE AT FULDA THE TYPE 21 WAS MADE OPERATIONAL BY LT. WILL MCADAM AND HIS CREW.

UPON ARRIVAL AT FULDA GROUND OBSERVERS 1 AND 2 AND THE LW PLATOON WERE CALLED IN. THE GROUND OBSERVERS TO FURNISH SECURITY GUARDS FOR THE COMPANY, AND THE LW PLATOON TO AWAIT A FURTHER ASSIGNMENT. THIS ASSIGNMENT CAME ON APRIL 8TH WHEN THEY SET UP AT H-650416. WITH THEM WENT GO 2 TO FURNISH A SECURITY SECTION.

THE COMPANY REMAINED IN OPERATION AT FULDAYUNTIL APRIL 21ST WHEN THE TYPE 21 WAS MOVED FORWARD TO KURNACH (N-680416) IN THE WURZBURG AREA. AND ON APRIL 23RD THE TYPE 15 JUMPED FROM FULDA PAST THIS SITE TO

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GRONENGEN (S-682688). GROUND OBSERVER PLATOON 1 WAS ALSO SPLIT BETWEEN THE SITES TO AGAIN ACT AS SECURITY GUARDS.

OUR LW WAS CALLED IN TO GRONINGEN AND SINCE IT WAS FELT THAT THEIR PARTICULAR FUNCTION IN THE SETUP HAD BEEN FULFILLED, THEY WERE BROKEN UP AND THE PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO TASKS WITHIN THE COMPANY.

IN A SURPRISE CEREMONY AT FULDA, CAPTAIN THOMAS J. SLATTERY, COMMANDING OFFICER OF "A" COMPANY WAS PRESENTED WITH A BRONZE STAR MEDAL. THE PRESENTATION WAS MADE BY COLONEL HARRY A. FRENCH, COMMANDER OF THE 19TH TACTICAL CONTROL GROUP (PROV), WITH LT. COLONEL WILLIAM L. MCBRIDE, COMMANDING OFFICER OF THE 563RD SIGNAL AIRCRAFT WARNING BATTALION IN ATTENDANCE. CAPTAIN SLATTERY WAS AWARDED THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE IN CONNECTION WITH MILITARY OPERATIONS FROM 1 AUGUST 1944 TO 1 MARCH 1945.

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COMPANY B -:

DATE OF ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE FROM PREVIOUS SITES DURING THE MONTH OF APRIL:

DEPARTURE FROM LIMBURG, GERMANY, M-258880, 4 APRIL 1945. ARRIVED MOBSHAUSEN, H-192735, 4 APRIL 1945.

DEPARTURE FROM MORSHOUSEN 13 APRIL 1945. ARRIVED NEAR TROCHTELBORN, GERMANY, J-170720, 13 APRIL 1945.

DEPARTURE FROM TROCHTELBORN (NEAR GOTHA) 16 APRIL 1945. ARRIVED AT BAD STEBEN, GERMANY, J-776045, 16 APRIL 1945.

DEPARTURE FROM BAD STEBEN, 27 APRIL 1945. ARRIVED PAULUSHOFEN, GERMANY, T-755505, 27 APRIL 1945.

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ON THE 16 APRIL WHILE ENROUTE TO THE NEW SITE AT TROCHTELBORN NEAR GOTHA, 21 GERMAN SOLDIERS SURRENDERED TO CAPTAIN SHATTUCK WHO HAD FIRED A SHOT INTO THE WOODS WHEN HE SAW MOVEMENTS IN THE UNDERBRUSH. THE 21 GERMANS CAME OUT QUIETLY WITH THEIR HANDS UP OVER THEIR HEADS.

ALTOGETHER THIS FORWARD DIRECTOR POST HAS CAPTURED OVER ONE HUNDRED (100) GERMAN PRISONERS.

ON 18 APRIL 1945, THREE ENLISTED MEN DEPARTED ON SEVEN (7) DAY FURLOUGHS TO THE UNITED KINGDOM.

GO #2 - ON 16 APRIL 1945, GO #2 WAS RELIEVED FROM ATTACHMENT TO COMPANY "A", AND RETURNED TO COMPANY "B". THEIR DUTIES WITH THIS FORWARD DIRECTOR POST WILL BE AS A SECURITY PLATOON DUE TO THE PRESENT TACTICAL SITUATION.

NIGHT FIGHTERS - DURING APRIL WHILE THE NEW WAS ON THE MOVE THIS FORWARD DIRECTOR POST WAS TWICE ASSIGNED NIGHT FIGHTER CONTROL WORK.

COMPANY C -:

3 APRIL: THE TYPE 11 RADAR WAS CLOSED DOWN AT 0645 AND THE RADAR AND INFORMATION CENTER MOVED FORWARD TO A SITE 6 AND 1/2 KILOMETERS SOUTHWEST OF GIESSEN.

4 APRIL: CONTACT WAS ESTABLISHED WITH TCC BY CW RADIO AT 1200. WE LIVED IN TENTS AT THIS SITE, THE WEATHER WAS VERY BAD AND OUR NUMBER OF CONTROLLED FLIGHTS WAS VERY SMALL. THIS MOVE WAS A LEAPFROG..

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8 APRIL: WE RECEIVED PERMISSION FROM THE FILTER OFFICER AT TCC TO CLOSE OUT STATION AND MOVE TO ALTONFELD, SOUTHWEST OF KASSEL. THIS MOVE WAS ONE THAT WE HAD NEVER DONE BEFORE. IT IS KNOWN AS A LEAPFROG LEAPFROG. THE TYPE 11 RADAR WAS STILL AT GIESSEN AND NORMALLY THE TYPE 15 MOVES UP TO THE SITE AFTER THE TYPE 11 IS OPERATIONAL AND COMMUNICATIONS HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED WITH TCC. BUT ON THIS MOVE THE TYPE 15 INSTEAD OF MOVING INTO THE GIESSEN SITE MOVED AHEAD OF THE TYPE 11 AND SET UP AT ALTONFELD. THIS MOVE WAS COMPLETED ON 10 APRIL AND BOTH RADARS WERE OPERATIONAL BY 1000 THIS DATE. THE FILTER OFFICER RECEIVED A REPORT FROM LW 3 THAT THEIR PPI TUBE WAS SO SATURATED WITH PERMANENT ECHOES THAT THEY COULD NOT SEE ANY TARGETS. AFTER A SHORT WITH IT TO SEE IF THE SITUATION WOULD CLEAR UP AT LT, THE FILTER OFFICER GAVE THEM PERMISSION TO MOVE TO WITHIN A FEW MILES OF THEIR SAME AREA. WHILE AT THE ALTONFELD SITE CONSIDERABLE ENEMY AIRCRAFT ACTIVITY WAS OBSERVED BOTH BY OUR LOCAL GUARDS AND OUR GROUND OBSERVERS--MOSTLY STRAFFING. SEVERAL TIMES ENEMY PLANES FLEW OVER OUR SITE FLYING VERY LOW.

15 APRIL: LW 3 REPORTED FINDING A SMASHED 047 ABOUT 1 MILE SOUTHWEST OF THEIR SITE WITH THE BODIES OF 5 MEN AND 1 WOMAN IN IT. THEY WERE ABLE TO IDENTIFY TWO OF THE BODIES. INFORMATION WAS GATHERED THAT THE PLANE HAD CRASHED A FEW DAYS BEFORE THEY FOUND IT. THEY PROMPTLY NOTIFIED A GRAVES REGISTRATION UNIT AND HAD THE BODIES REMOVED. THE NUMBER OF THE PLANE WAS 330728.

16 APRIL: ORDERS WERE RECEIVED FROM THE FILTER OFFICER AT TCC TO CLOSE STATION AND MOVE TO A SITE SLIGHTLY SOUTHEAST OF WEIMAR.

17 APRIL: TYPE 15 RADAR AND LW 3, GC 3 WERE REPORTING IN BY 1700. THIS LOCATION WAS OUR CLOSEST ONE TO BERLIN AND LW 3 CARRIED A FLIGHT AT A RANGE OF 120 MILES RIGHT OVER BERLIN, WE CALLED IT TRACK NUMBER 13.

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18 APRIL 1945: GO 1 WAS TO REPORT INTO OUR GO NET MAKING A TOTAL OF 10 GROUND OBSERVER POSTS STRETCHING APPROXIMATELY 40 MILES ALONG THE FRONT LINE. COMMUNICATION TO GO 1 WAS BAD SO OUR OWN GO 3 HAD TO RELAY ALL OF THEIR INFORMATION TO US. WE RAN A LANDLINE TO TCC AND IT WAS OPERATIONAL AT 2245. THIS LINE WAS LAID BECAUSE TCC WAS SO CLOSE TO OUR WEIMAR SITE.

20 APRIL : INTENSE HOSTILE AIRCRAFT ACTIVITY WAS REPORTED ALONG THE AUTOBAHN BY ALL OF OUR GO POSTS, STRAFFING AND FLYING VERY LOW. THIS CONTINUED FOR THREE QUARTERS OF AN HOUR.

22 APRIL : AT 1500 RECEIVED PERMISSION FROM FILTER OFFICER AT TCC TO SHUT DOWN AND PREPARE TO MOVE TO AUERBACH, SOUTHEAST OF AUERBACH. SOUTH.

24 APRIL : STARTED OPERATIONS AT 1000 REPORTING TO TCC BY CW. ON OUR MOVE TO THIS LOCATION, WHICH WAS THE LONGEST WE HAVE MADE IN GERMANY--154 MILES, OUR GO 3 WAS BROUGHT IN AND PLACED AROUND THE FORWARD DIRECTOR POST AS A SECURITY GUARD. THE REASON FOR THIS WAS BECAUSE D/F STATION CHARLIE, ONE OF THE TCC'S OWN D/F'S WAS ATTACKED BY 17 GERMAN SOLDIERS AND TWO D/F MEN WERE KILLED AND 6 WOUNDED AND A POWER UNIT COMPLETELY DESTROYED.

25 APRIL : DACU 1 HAD RECEIVED AN ANTPS/1 RADAR SET FROM OUR LW AND WERE TO REPORT AS AN LW UNIT. THE INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM THEM WAS VERY GOOD AND TIED IN WITH THE INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM OUR OWN RADARS AND LW. THE MEN AT DACU 1 HAD OUR SOP FOR REPORTING JUST A SHORT WHILE AND DID A VERY GOOD JOB OF REPORTING.

30 APRIL : AT 1300 RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM TCC TO CLOSE STATION AND PREPARE TO MOVE TO ANSBACH.

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SUMMARY -- BEFORE A MOVE TAKES PLACE A PARTY GOES TO THE AREA OF THE NEXT PROPOSED SITE TO PICK THE BEST SPOT FOR THE RADARS TO GET THE BEST RESULTS. THIS PARTY ALSO PICKS OUT THE BIVOUAC AREA. A CHECK IS ALSO MADE TO SEE IF THE AREA WILL BE SAFE ENOUGH TO MOVE INTO. WHILE MAKING SUCH A TRIP CAPTAIN GLASSOW, COMPANY COMMANDER OF FDP 3 AND CAPTAIN SALFEN CHIEF CONTROLLER OF FDP 3 CAPTURED 5 GERMAN SOLDIERS AT THE GIESSEN SITE. TWO HUGE TRAILERS WERE PICKED UP BY OUR MOTOR POOL SERGEANT IN THE VICINITY OF GIESSEN. THESE PROVED INVALUABLE IN OUR CONSTANT MOVING ACROSS GERMANY. ONE WAS USED TO HAUL MOST OF OUR COMPANY SUPPLIES, AND THE THINGS THAT ARE NOT USED CONSTANTLY WERE LEFT ON THE TRAILERS, SAVING US THE TROUBLE OF UNLOADING TRUCKS AND FINDING STORAGE SPACE FOR THE ITEMS THAT WERE ON THE TRAILERS.

AT ALTONFELD, GERMANY WE HAD ONE OF THE FINEST BIVOUAC AREAS SINCE WE LEFT LUXEMBOURG. THIS SMALL TOWN WAS KNOWN OVER MOST OF EUROPE AS THE BREEDING PLACE OF THOROUGHBRED HORSES. THERE WERE A LOT OF VACANT BUILDINGS IN THE TOWN SO WE TOOK THEM OVER FOR OUR BIVOUAC AREA. ONE BUILDING HOUSED MOST OF THE MEN AND ALL OF THE OFFICERS. IT WAS THE HOTEL PONSION ST. GEORG. OUR COMPANY COMMANDER, BEING THE HIGHEST RANKING OFFICER IN THE TOWN, WAS TOWN COMMANDANT AND CURFEW AND OTHER REGULATIONS WERE ESTABLISHED BY HIM AND THROUGH THE TOWN MAYOR. ALL THESE REGULATIONS WERE FOLLOWED BY THE CIVILIANS IN THE TOWN. BESIDES BEING A VERY NICE PLACE TO SLEEP AND EAT WE ALSO HAD HOT AND COLD RUNNING WATER AND ALL THE COMFORTS OF HOME. JUST DOWN THE STREET FROM THE HOTEL THERE WAS A SCHOOL BUILDING THAT WE USED TO SHOW MOVIES. THERE WAS STILL ABOUT 300 HORSES IN THE STABLES AND THEY WERE BEING CARED FOR BY SOME POLES THAT THE GERMANS SHIPPED FROM POLAND AS SLAVES. OUR MEN WERE ABLE TO

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RIDE THE HORSES IN THE MORNING AND ENJOYED THEMSELVES VERY MUCH. ONE OF THE MOST FAMOUS HORSES OF EUROPE WAS STILL THERE. IT WAS NAMED "BUBBLES" AND HAD WON AN INTERNATIONAL RACE OF SOME SORT AT PRAGUE. THE HOTEL ST. GEORG, UP UNTIL THE TIME THAT OUR TROOPS CAPTURED THAT PART OF GERMANY HAD BEEN A SORT OF RESORT HOTEL FOR HIGH RANKING GERMAN OFFICERS AND THEIR WOMEN. ENCLOSED ARE TWO PICTURES, #1 THE HOTEL, #2 ONE OF THE STABLES.

OUR NEXT MOVE WAS TO BLANKENHAIN, SOUTHEAST OF WEIMAR, GERMANY. THIS SITE WAS UPON A FORMER GERMAN AIRFIELD. THE FIELD WAS VERY SMALL AND HAD BEEN USED BY THE GERMANS TO TRAIN MEN HOW TO USE GLIDERS. SEVERAL GLIDERS WERE STILL INTACT WHEN WE GOT THERE. ALONG THE EDGES OF A WOODS CLOSE TO THE RADAR SITE THERE WERE A NUMBER OF GERMAN TWIN ENGINE FIGHTERS THAT HAD BEEN DESTROYED BY OUR PLANES. MOST OF THESE PLANES WERE COMPLETELY DESTROYED AND A FEW ERE STILL WHOLE BUT WITH HOLES IN THEM. THE PLANES WERE EQUIPPED WITH RADAR AND HAD PROBABLY BEEN USED BY THE GERMANS AS NIGHT FIGHTERS. THE PLANES WERE JU 88'S AND HE 111'S AND THERE WERE ABOUT 40 OF THEM. WE COULD SEE BY THE BULLET HOLES IN THE PLANES, AND ALONG THE GROUND HOW OUR PLANES CAME IN AND SHOT THEM UP. WE BELIEVE THAT ONE OF OUR CONTROLLED FLIGHTS DESTROYED THESE PLANES BECAUSE THEY WERE IN OUR SECTOR. IN A LITTLE TOWN CLOSE TO OUR SITE THERE WAS A BARN FULL OF GERMAN TELEPHONE EQUIPMENT THAT LOOKED LIKE IT MIGHT BE USED IN AN INFORMATION CENTER. DURING OUR STAY AT THIS SITE WE MADE SEVERAL TRIPS TO THE CONCENTRATION CAMP AT BUCHENWALD. AFTER SEEING THIS OUR MEN BECAME VERY BITTER TO THE GERMANS AND WISHED THEY COULD RUN ACROSS SOME SS TROOPERS.

OUR NEXT MOVE TO AUERBACH WAS THE LONGEST WE HAVE MADE SO FAR IN GERMANY, A DISTANCE OF 154 MILES. THIS SITE WAS AT AN OLD GERMAN LABOR

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CAMP AND WAS BEING USED AS AN OCS BY THE GERMANS. OUR MEN RAN ACROSS A NUMBER OF 22 CALIBER RIFLES AND ABOUT 500,000 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION. ALSO AT THIS SITE WAS ONE OF THE FINEST RIFLE RANGES MOST OF US HAVE EVER SEEN. IN THEIR SPARE TIME THE MEN FIRED THEIR 22'S AND THAT KEPT THEM FROM WANDERING AROUND THROUGH THE NEARBY TOWNS, WE HAD A PROBLEM KEEPING CIVILIANS OUT OF OUR AREA AT THIS SPOT. THERE WERE MANY RUSSIANS, POLES, ITALIAN AND OTHER PEOPLES AT THIS CAMP THAT THE GERMANS TOOK FROM THE OCCUPIED COUNTRIES. THESE PEOPLE MADE DAILY TRIPS TO OUR END OF THE CAMP AND THE CIVILIANS FROM THE TOWNS ALSO WENT SCROUNGING DAILY. AT THIS SITE OUR MEN CAPTURED NINE GERMAN SOLDIERS THAT WERE ARMED WITH 8 RIFLES, THREE PISTOLS AND ONE LIGHT MACHINE GUN. OUR AIR CORPS UNIT ALSO CAPTURED A FEW PRISONERS INCLUDING ONE 1ST LIEUTENANT IN CIVILIAN CLOTHES AND BROUGHT THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PRISONERS TAKEN AT THIS SITE TO 24. BACU 1 HAD A TOTAL OF 40 PRISONERS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL, INCLUDING ONE MAJOR, 2 1ST LIEUTENANTS AND 2 2ND LIEUTENANTS. BACU 1 FURNISHED EXCELLENT INFORMATION DURING THIS MONTH AS A RESULT OF THE FINE AMERICAN RADAR SET, ANTPS/1A. THE OFFICER IN CHARGE OF THIS UNIT CLAIMED THAT THE MEN WERE VERY INTERESTED IN THIS SET BECAUSE IT WAS AMERICAN AND NOT ONE OF THE SETS THAT OUR UNIT NORMALLY GETS. WE HAD AN UNUSUAL NUMBER OF MOVES THIS MONTH AND IT WAS REMARKABLE THE WAY THEY WERE COMPLETED. MOST OF THE BRITISH RADAR VEHICLES HAD SEEN BETTER DAYS AND THE TYPE 15 ANTENNA HAD TO BE TOWED ON THREE OF THE MOVES BECAUSE IT HAD A BROKEN DRIVE SHAFT. ON ONE MOVE THE TYPE 11 ANTENNA WAS BEING TOWED BY ONE OF THE BRITISH CROSLEY VEHICLES AND THEY WERE FORCED OFF THE ROAD BY A 2 AND 1/2 TON TRUCK OF THE FOURTH ARMORED DIVISION CONVOY. THE CROSLEY CONTINUED THE TRIP AND THE ANTENNA HAD TO BE TOWED BY ONE OF OUR 2 AND 1/2 TON TRUCKS.

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BUT EVEN THOUGH WE HAD HANDICAPS ALL OF THE VEHICLES ARRIVED AT THE NEW SITES THE SAME DAY. ONE GREAT HELP ON THESE MOVES WAS THE SIGNS THAT WERE USED TO MARK THE ROUTES OF TRAVEL THEREBY PREVENTING ANYONE FROM GETTING LOST. THE REASON FOR SO MANY MOVES THIS MONTH WAS BECAUSE THE THIRD ARMY MOVED SO FAST THAT IT WAS HARD FOR US TO KEEP UP WITH THEM. WE OULD MOVE TO A NEW SITE AS CLOSE TO THE FRONT AS POSSIBLE AND AFTER A FEW DAYS OF OPERATION THE SITE WOULD BE SO FAR BEHIND THE LINES THAT IT WAS OF NO VALUE ANY MORE, SO WE WOULD HAVE TO MOVE CLOSER TO A POINT WHERE WE COULD DO SOME GOOD. MOST OF THE MOVES WERE ALONG THE AUTOBAHNS AND IF IT WERE NOT FOR THESE GOOD ROADS I DOUBT IF OUR BRITISH EQUIPMENT WOULD HAVE HELD UP AT ALL. SOME OF THE PLACES THAT WE MOVED TO WERE OFF THE BETTER ROADS AND IN SOME CASES DETOURS HAD TO BE MADE ACROSS LITTLE DIRT ROADS BECAUSE BRIDGES WERE OUT. AMERICAN TRUCKS AND EQUIPMENT CAN STAND THIS KIND OF TREATMENT BUT THE BRITISH VEHICLES HAD TO BE TOWED AND IN SOME CASES WINCHED OUT OF MUD AND DITCHES. OUR HOME MADE INFORMATION CENTER TOOK A BEATING ON THESE MOVES ALSO. AFTER EVERY MOVE AND BEFORE WE SET UP OPERATIONS WE HAD TO NAIL A FEW PIECES BACK TOGETHER AND PUT A LITTLE MORE TAR ON THE ROOF.

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IN COMPLIANCE WITH LETTER, HEADQUARTERS, NINTH AIR FORCE, FILE 314.7, SUBJECT: "OFFICIAL AND POPULAR HISTORIES OF THE NINTH AIR FORCE," DATED 22 NOVEMBER 1943, AND XIX TACTICAL AIR COMMAND MEMORANDUM NUMBER 20-1, DATED 5 FEBRUARY 1944, AS AMENDED BY MEMORANDUM NUMBER 20-1A, DATED 29 FEBRUARY 1944 THE FOLLOWING RECORD IS SUBMITTED FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 1945.

1. DURING THE MONTH OF MAY THE FOLLOWING OCCURRENCES WERE NOTED:

1 MAY 1945

T/5 ALFRED V. PORCELLI, 32586326 (060) HQ CO IS RELIEVED FROM ATTACHMENT TO 738TH SAW CO IN COMPLIANCE WITH PAR 1 OF SPECIAL O #52 HQ. 563RD SAW BN, 1 MAY 1945.

T/5 WILLIAM I. SHOTWELL III, 39552799 (648) CO B IS RELIEVED FROM ATTACHMENT TO HQ. CO. IN COMPLIANCE WITH PAR 2, S.O. #52 HQ., 563RD S.A.W. BN., 1 MAY 1945.

2 MAY 1945

UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF AR 615-5, AS AMENDED, AND UPON RECOMMENDATION OF THEIR COMPANY COMMANDER TWO (2) MEN WERE PROMOTED TO S/SGT, EIGHT (8) PROMOTED TO TECHNICIAN FOURTH GRADE, AND TWO (2) TO PRIVATE FIRST CLASS.

7 MAY 1945

SGT WILLIAM P. BOIES, 19192917 (275) 738TH SAW CO IS ATTACHED TO HQ. CO 563RD SAW BN IN COMPLIANCE WITH S.O. 54, HQ., 563RD SAW BN, 7 MAY 1945.

FOURTEEN (14) EM ASGND THIS ORGN IN COMPLIANCE WITH PAR 2, S.O. 53, HQ XIX T.C.GP. (PROV) 4 MAY 1945 WERE FURTHER ASGND AS FOLLOWS: EIGHT (8) HQ COMPANY, ONE (1) COMPANY "A", TWO (2) COMPANY "B", AND THREE (3) COMPANY"C".

CPL ROBERT W. FARRINGTON, 35528127 (405) ASGND THIS ORGN IN COMPLIANCE WITH PAR 3, S.O. 110, HQ XIX T.A.C., 1 MAY 1945 IS FURTHER ASGNED TO HQ CO.

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7 MAY 1945 (CONT'D)

SEVEN (7) EM ASGND THIS ORGN IN COMPLIANCE WITH PAR 3, S.O. 52 HQ XIX T.C.GP. (PROV) 1 MAY 45 ARE FURTHER ASSIGNED AS FOLLOWS: FIVE (5) EM TO HQ COMPANY, ONE (1) EM TO COMPANY "C" AND ONE (1) TO COMPANY "B".

T/5 LARUE H. BLACKWELL, 34612352 (766) HQ CO IS ASSIGNED CO. "B".

F/SGT HERMAN E. WIPFLE, 39836526 (502) CO "C" IS ASGND TO HQ CO.

ONE (1) OFFICER AND THIRTY THREE (33) EM, CO "C" (BACU 3) ARE ATCHD TO CO "A" FOR RATIONS.

FIRST (1ST) LT. LLOYD G. MARTINSEN, 01638008, S.C., HAVING BEEN ASGD THIS ORGN IN COMPLIANCE WITH PAR 20 S.O. 120, HQ NINTH A.F. 30 APRIL IS FURTHER ASGND TO HQ CO.

15 MAY 1945

PVT DONALD H. GAY, 36593992 (590) HAVING BEEN ASSGD THIS ORGN IN COMPLIANCE WITH PAR 42, S.O. 75, HQ 16TH REINFORCEMENT DEPOT 22 APRIL 1945 IS FURTHER ASGD TO COMPANY "C".

THE FOLLOWING NAMED EM ASSGD THIS ORGN IN COMPLIANCE WITH PAR 1 AND 6, S.O. 56, HQ 19TH T.C.GP. (PROV) 11 MAY 1945 ARE FURTHER ASSIGNED

HQ. CO.

T/SGT	LAWRENCE G. GIFFARD	38087207	(510)
SGT	WILLIAM J. BRYANT	34764920	(510)
SGT	JOHN R. WILLIAMS	32678201	(510)
T/5	EDMUND O. SMITH	36567851	(510)
SGT	ROBERT L. DE GRASSE	31282632	(409) MD
CPL	ARCADIO G. FERNANDEZ	39234516	(521)
CPL	GORDON M. MC COBE	19185125	(521)
CPL	DOMON (NMI) MONTZURAS	32443815	(776)
T/5	MARTIN J. LANGEN	37305881	(521)
T/5	EUGENE O. NORVELL	38332690	(521)

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T/5	STEVEN (NMI) TOMKO	33148900	(521)
T/5	CARL P. MIANO	32824936	(776)
T/5	HERBERT N. WILCOX	33464568	(776)

COMPANY "A"

T/5 ADOLPH G. CABALLERO 39557108 (409) MD.

19 MAY 1945

CAPT JOHN P. MICHAELS, O1703622, M.C., HQ IS RELIEVED FROM ATTACHMENT COMPANY "B".

PVT. DONALD H. GAY, 36593992 (590) COMPANY "C", IS APPOINTED TO PVT. FIRST CLASS UNDER PROVISIONS OF AR 615-5 AS AMENDED 6 DECEMBER 1944.

24 MAY 1945

FIRST (1ST) LT. LEWIS F. JONEK, O1642231, S.C., IS DETAILED AS INVESTIGATING OFFICER IN CASE OF SECOND (2ND) LT THOMAS J. WALKER JR., O1643421 S.C., 566TH S.A.W. BN.

F/SGT MATHEW C. BERTRAND, 18086335 (502), ASGD IN COMPLIANCE WITH PAR 1, S.O. 116, HQ 128TH REINFORCEMENT BN. 16 MAY 1945 IS FURTHER ASGD TO CO "A" AND P.F.C. CARL A. RICHARDS 39040279 (514) IS FURTHER ASGND TO CO "C" ON SAME ORDER.

ONE (1) OFFICER AND THIRTY THREE (33) E.M. CO "C" ARE REL'D FROM ATTACHMENT TO CO "A" FOR RATIONS.

UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF AR 35-320, 12 JUNE 1945 THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS OF COMPANIES INDICATED ARE APPOINTED CLASS "A" FINANCE OFFICERS.

1ST LT. CHARLES (NMI) POHANISH	O1639503	S.C.	HQ & HQ CO.
1ST LT. LAWRENCE A. KEEFER	O1646791	S.C.	COMPANY "A"
1ST LT JAMES H. CARR	O1636832	S.C.	COMPANY "B"
1ST LT. DAVID R. SCHULTZE	O1640931	S.C.	COMPANY "C"
1ST LT. OLIVER H. SMITH	O501595	S.C.	DET "A" CO "B" 504TH S/A.W. BN.

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1. CPL CHARLES W MINAR, 15372067 (953), ASGD IN COMPLIANCE WITH PAR 2, S.O. 124, HQ 128TH REINFORCEMENT BN. 24 MAY 45 IS FURTHER ASGD CO "A".

2. THE STRENGTH OF THE ORGANIZATION AT THE CLOSE OF THE MONTH OF MAY 1945, WAS 59 OFFICERS, 6WARRANT OFFICERS, 817 E.M. ASSIGNED AND 14 OFFICERS AND 71 E.M. ATTACHED.

3. THE LIST OF ALL STATIONS AND CHANGES OF STATIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

UNIT	GRID COORDINATE	TOWN	DATE OCCUPIED	DATE DEPARTED
BN HQ	O-525195	IGENSDORF	24 APRIL 45	
FDP-1	U-508718	KALSING	2 MAY 45	4 MAY 45
	P-328233	VOHENSTRAUSS	4 MAY 45	
LW1	S-682688		1 MAY 45	4 MAY 45
	P-328233	VOHENSTRAUSS	4 MAY 45	
GO1A	S 682688		1 MAY 45	4 MAY 45
	P-328233	VOHENSTRAUSS	4 MAY 45	
GO1B	S-682688		1 MAY 45	4 MAY 45
	P-328233	VOHENSTRAUSS	4 MAY 45	
GO1C	S-682688		1 MAY 45	4 MAY 45
	P-328233	VOHENSTRAUSS	4 MAY 45	
GO1D	S-682688		1 MAY 45	4 MAY 45
	P-328233	VOHENSTRAUSS	4 MAY 45	
GO1F	S-682688		1 MAY 45	4 MAY 45
	P-328233	VOHENSTRAUSS	4 MAY 45	
FDP-2	U-209142	PETERSGLAIM	2 MAY 45	6 MAY 45
	Q-180010	SULZBACH	6 MAY 45	
LW-2	T-755505	S. BAYREUTH	1 MAY 45	3 MAY 45
	U-200142	PETERSGLAIM	3 MAY 45	
GO 2G	T-755505	BAYREUTH	1 MAY 45	6 MAY 45
	Q-180010	SULZBACH	6 MAY 45	
GO 2H	T-755505	BAYREUTH	1 MAY 45	6 MAY 45
	Q-180010	SULZBACH	6 MAY 45	
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	Q-180010	SULZBACH	6 MAY 45	

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UNIT	GRID COORDINATE	TOWN	DATE OCCUPIED	DATE DEPARTED
GO 2K	T-755505	BAYREUTH	1 MAY 45	6 MAY 45
	Q-180010	SULZBACH	6 MAY 45	
GO 2L	T-755505	BAYREUTH	1 MAY 45	6 MAY 45
	Q-180010	SULZBACH	6 MAY 45	
FDP #3	T-105840	N.E. ANSBACH	2 MAY 45	
LW 3	T-105840	N.E. ANSBACH	1 MAY 45	2 MAY 45
	T-277584	THEILENHOFEN	2 MAY 45	
GO 3M	T-105840	N.E. ANSBACH	1 MAY 45	
GO 3O	T-105840	N.E. ANSBACH	1 MAY 45	
GO 3P	T-105840	N.E. ANSBACH	1 MAY 45	
GO 3Q	T-105840	N.E. ANSBACH	1 MAY 45	
GO 3R	T-105840	N.E. ANSBACH	1 MAY 45	
GO 4S	O-472216	POMMER	1 MAY 45	
GO 4T	O-472216	POMMER	1 MAY 45	
GO 4U	O-472216	POMMER	1 MAY 45	
GO 4V	O-472216	POMMER	1 MAY 45	
GO 4W	O-472216	POMMER	1 MAY 45	
FDP #5	O-472216	POMMER	1 MAY 45	
BACU 1	O-689204	N.W. VELDEN	1 MAY 45	1 MAY 45
	U-770913	E. FURTH	1 MAY 45	
BACU 2	T-755505	BAYREUTH	1 MAY 45	5 MAY 45
	U-909493	BISCHOFSHAUSEN	5 MAY 45	22 MAY 45
	U-692387	IRLBACH	22 MAY 45	
BACU 3	WITH 4TH ARMORED		1 MAY 45	5 MAY 45
	P-328233	VOHENSTRAUSS	5 MAY 45	22 MAY 45
	M-557706	N.W. FRANKFURT	22 MAY 45	
BACU 4	T-175865	KETTELDORF	4 MAY 45	

4. THERE WERE NO BATTLE CASUALITIES DURING THE MONTH OF MAY.

5. THERE WERE NO AWARDS OR DECORATIONS MADE DURING THE MONTH OF MAY

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AND JOINED THE REST OF COMPANY A AT VOHENSTRAUSS, GERMANY.

SINCE V-E DAY THE COMPANY HAS BEEN BUSILY ARRANGING FOR AN INFORMATION AND EDUCATION PROGRAM, FURNISHING A DAY ROOM, AND RUNNING AN ATHLETIC PROGRAM WHICH INCLUDES SOFTBALL, BOXING, VOLLEYBALL, PING PONG, AND BADMINTON. EVERYONE OF THESE SPORTS IS NOW IN FULL SWING WITH EVERY MAN PARTICIPATING. THE INFORMATION AND EDUCATION PROGRAM IS BEING HELD UP FOR LACK OF TEXTS AND EQUIPMENT, BUT EVERYTHING ELSE HAS BEEN MAPPED OUT SO THAT WHEN TEXT BOOKS DO ARRIVE CLASSES CAN BEGIN IMMEDIATELY.

OUR RAJAH IS STILL OPERATING FROM 0800 UNTIL 2200 DAILY.

COMPANY B-:

ON 12 MAY SIX ENLISTED MEN OF THE DETACHMENT C, 3RD RADIO SQUADRON MOBILE (G) WERE RELIEVED FROM TEMPORARY DUTY WITH THIS COMPANY AND RETURNED TO THEIR PARENT ORGANIZATION.

ON 13 MAY 1ST LT. ROGERS B. WHITLOCK, (AC), WAS RELIEVED FROM TEMPORARY DUTY WITH THIS ORGANIZATION AND RETURNED TO THE 19TH TACTICAL CONTROL GROUP (PROVISIONAL).

ON 14 MAY AN ENLISTED MAN WAS TAKEN TO THE 50TH FIELD HOSPITAL AT LANDSHUT, GERMANY, DUE TO A FALL WHICH RESULTED IN A SERIOUSLY FRACTURED LEFT LEG.

ON 21 MAY OUR SURGEON, CAPTAIN JOHN P. MICHAELS (MC), WAS RELIEVED FROM DUTY IN THIS COMPANY AND RETURNED TO HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, THIS BATTALION. THERE HE WAS FURTHER RELIEVED AND ASSIGNED TO THE 14TH LIAISON SQUADRON.

ON 22 MAY TWO ENLISTED MEN WERE TRANSFERRED FROM THIS UNIT

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COMPANY A-:

ON MAY 1ST, THE REAR-ECHELON OF COMPANY A MOVED FROM KURNACH, GERMANY (NS80416) TO KALSING, GERMANY (US06716) AND IMMEDIATELY WENT INTO OPERATION THUS BECOMING THE FORWARD ECHELON OF THE COMPANY. THE OTHER HALF OF THE FORWARD DIRECTOR POST WAS STILL OPERATING OUT OF GRONENGEN, GERMANY (S682686). THIS METHOD OF OPERATION KNOWN AS "SPLIT OPERATION" NOW APPEARED TO BE NORMAL PROCEDURE FOR COMPANY A. IT WAS THIS COMPANY THAT FIRST EMPLOYED IT, AND BECAUSE IT WAS ACCOMPLISHED SO SUCCESSFULLY THE BATTALION ADOPTED IT AS ANOTHER TYPE OF MOVEMENT BY WHICH THE FORWARD DIRECTOR POSTS COULD ADVANCE. THE OTHER TYPES OF MOVEMENTS ARE: "MOVEMENT INTACT", AND "LEAPFROG". THE "SPLIT" IS BY FAR THE MOST DIFFICULT BECAUSE TWO COMPLETE FORWARD DIRECTOR POSTS MUST BE MAINTAINED BY THE SAME NUMBER OF PERSONNEL THAT ORDINARILY WORK ONE FORWARD DIRECTOR POST. IN THE CASE OF COMPANY A THIS PROCEDURE HAS BEEN GOING ON FOR SEVERAL MONTHS WITH ALL IT'S ATTENDANT HARDSHIPS.

THE REAR UNIT AT GRONENGEN, GERMANY, TORE DOWN ON MAY 3RD, AND TRAVELED 100 MILES TO JOIN THE FORWARD UNIT AT KALSING, GERMANY. THEY SPENT THE NIGHT THERE AND EARLY THE NEXT MORNING WERE ON THE ROAD AGAIN TO TRAVEL ANOTHER 50 MILES TO VOHENSTRAUSS, GERMANY (P330230), ABOUT EIGHT MILES FROM THE CZECHOSLOVAKIA BORDER. OPERATIONS WERE RESUMED AT THIS SITE EARLY THAT DAY.

V-E DAY WAS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED ON MAY 8TH, AND ON THAT DAY THE UNIT STILL OPERATING AT KALSING, GERMANY CEASED OPERATING, PACKED UP

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AND JOINED THE REST OF COMPANY A AT VOHENSTRAUSS, GERMANY.

SINCE V-E DAY THE COMPANY HAS BEEN BUSILY ARRANGING FOR AN INFORMATION AND EDUCATION PROGRAM, FURNISHING A DAY ROOM, AND RUNNING AN ATHLETIC PROGRAM WHICH INCLUDES SOFTBALL, BOXING, VOLLEY-BALL, PING PONG, AND BADMINTON. EVERYONE OF THESE SPORTS IS NOW IN FULL SWING WITH EVERY MAN PARTICIPATING. THE INFORMATION AND EDUCATION PROGRAM IS BEING HELD UP FOR LACK OF TEXTS AND EQUIPMENT, BUT EVERYTHING ELSE HAS BEEN MAPPED OUT SO THAT WHEN TEXT BOOKS DO ARRIVE CLASSES CAN BEGIN IMMEDIATELY.

OUR RADAR IS STILL OPERATING FROM 0500 UNTIL 2200 DAILY.

COMPANY B-:

ON 12 MAY SIX ENLISTED MEN OF THE DETACHMENT C, 3RD RADIO BROADCAST MOBILE (G) WERE RELIEVED FROM TEMPORARY DUTY WITH THIS COMPANY AND RETURNED TO THEIR PARENT ORGANIZATION.

ON 13 MAY 1ST LT. ROGER S. WHITLOCK, (AC), WAS RELIEVED FROM TEMPORARY DUTY WITH THIS ORGANIZATION AND RETURNED TO THE 19TH TACTICAL CONTROL GROUP (PROVISIONAL).

ON 14 MAY AN ENLISTED MAN WAS TAKEN TO THE 80TH FIELD HOSPITAL AT LANDSHUT, GERMANY, DUE TO A FALL WHICH RESULTED IN A SERIOUSLY FRACTURED LEFT LEG.

ON 21 MAY OUR SURGEON, CAPTAIN JOHN P. MICHAELS (MC), WAS RELIEVED FROM DUTY IN THIS COMPANY AND RETURNED TO HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, THIS BATTALION. THERE HE WAS FURTHER RELIEVED AND ASSIGNED TO THE 14TH LIAISON SQUADRON.

ON 22 MAY T/O ENLISTED MEN WERE TREATED FOR DYSENTERY THE 82ND

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EVACUATION HOSPITAL. ONE WAS EVACUATED FROM THERE DUE TO THE SEVERITY OF THE BURNS. THE OTHER WAS RETURNED TO DUTY WITH THIS ORGANIZATION ON 30 MAY 1945.

DATE OF ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE FROM PREVIOUS SITES:

DEPARTURE FROM PAULUSHOFEN, GERMANY (T-755308) 2 MAY 1945. ARRIVED AT A SITE NORTH OF LANDSHUT, GERMANY (U-806143) 3 MAY 1945.

DEPARTURE FROM THE LANDSHUT SITE 6 MAY 1945. ARRIVED AT VIENHAUSEN, 15 MILES SOUTH OF CASSAU, GERMANY (Z-180010) 6 MAY 1945.

ON 8 MAY 1945 GERMANY SURRENDERED UNCONDITIONALLY TO THE ALLIED ARMIES. HOSTILITIES ENDED AT 2401 HOURS OF THAT EUROPEAN TIME OR 2341 A.M. (ETO TIME 7 MAY 1945. THE TERMS WERE GIVEN TO THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GERMAN GENERAL STAFF IN A SCHOOLHOUSE AT RHEIMS, FRANCE.

PRESIDENT TRUMAN AND PRIME MINISTER CHURCHILL OFFICIALLY PROCLAIMED V-E DAY ON 8 MAY 1945 AT 9:00 P.M. (ETO TIME) OR 9:00 A.M. (E.W.T.)

THIS COMPANY RECEIVED THREE CAMPAIGN STARS: ONE FOR NORMANDY, ONE FOR NORTHERN FRANCE, AND ONE FOR THE BATTLE OF GERMANY. IF THE PRESENT BREAKDOWN OF THE BATTLE OF GERMANY IS MADE OFFICIAL, WE SHALL BE ENTITLED TO TWO ADDITIONAL STARS WITH ONE OTHER TAKING THE PLACE OF THE BATTLE OF GERMANY CAMPAIGN STAR: ONE FOR THE RHINELAND, ONE FOR THE ARDENNES, AND ONE FOR CENTRAL EUROPE.

RETREAT WAS HELD FOR THE FIRST TIME BY THE COMPANY SINCE IT LANDED ON THE CONTINENT. THIS WAS ON MEMORIAL DAY IN COMMEMORATION OF THE DEAD.

A SOFTBALL LEAGUE WAS STARTED AMONG THE VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE COMPANY. THE BEST PLAYERS OF THE LEAGUE ARE THEN PICKED TO FORM A

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TEAM WHICH REPRESENTS THE COMPANY IN PLAYING OTHER UNITS OF THE SERVICE.

THE 34CU 72 OF THIS COMPANY ON 20 MAY 1945, WAS ASSIGNED A MISSION WITH THE 362ND FIGHTER GROUP NEAR STRAUBING, GERMANY. THIS IS IN CONNECTION WITH A PROGRAM FOR TRAINING OF PILOTS AND THE APPLICATION OF NEW TACTICS WITH CLOSE SUPPORT UNITS.

COMPANY C-:

1 MAY: MOVED TO LOCATION ADJOINING AIR BASE AT ANSBACH, GERMANY. 354TH FIGHTER GROUP WAS OPERATING FROM THIS BASE. THE MOVE WAS SLOW BECAUSE OF DETOURS, HOWEVER, WE WERE IN OPERATION AT 1550 USING THE T-15. GROUND OBSERVERS WERE IMMEDIATELY SET UP GUARDING INSTALLATION AND BIVOUAC AREA. LIGHT WARNING 3 WAS MOVING TO NEW LOCATION.

2 MAY: LIGHT WARNING 3 REPORTING IN AT 1200 FROM THEIR NEW SITE AT ELLINGEN, GERMANY, "BEAUCOUP" AIRCRAFT FLYING.

3-5 MAY: WEATHER VERY BAD, LITTLE OR NO ACTIVITY.

6 MAY: RUMORS VERY PREVALENT ABOUT THE END OF WAR.

7-8 MAY: V-E DAY CELEBRATIONS, CONTINUE IN OPERATIONS.

12 MAY: STATION SECURED FOR CONTROL. AIR WARNING CONTINUED DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS.

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FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 1945

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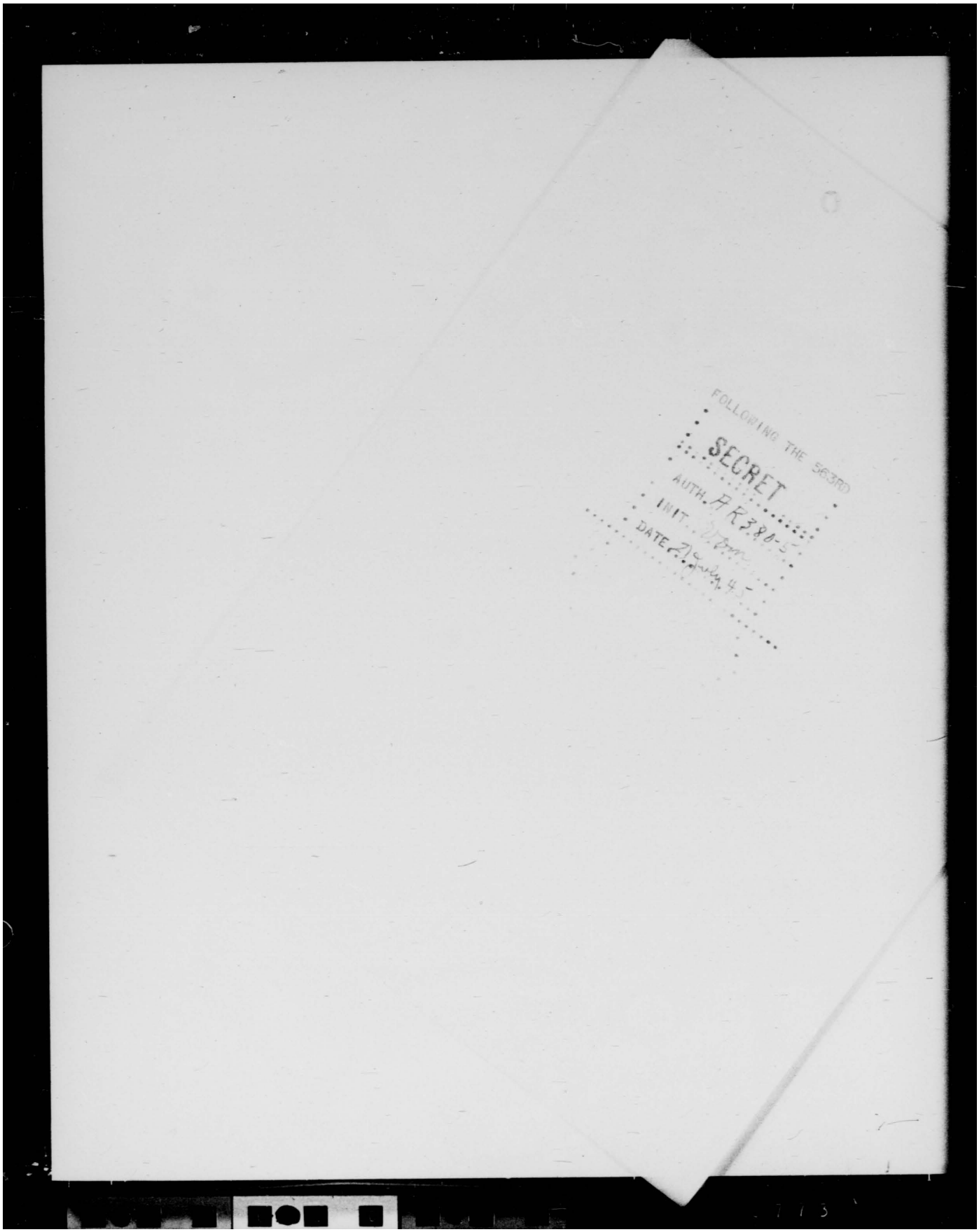
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IN COMPLIANCE IWTH LETTER, HEADQUARTERS, NINTH AIR FORCE, FILE 314.7, SUBJECT; "OFFICIAL AND POPULAR HISTORIES OF THE NINTH AIR FORCE," DATED 22 NOVEMBER 1943, AND XIX TACTICAL AIR COMMAND MEMORANDUM NUMBER 20-1, DATED 5 FEBRUARY 1944, AS AMENDED BY MEMORANDUM NUMBER 20-1A, DATED 29 FEBRUARY 1944 THE FOLLOWING RECORD IS SUBMITTED FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 1945.

DURING THE MONTH OF JUNE THE FOLLOWING OCCURRENCES WERE NOTED:

5 JUNE 1945 1945

THERE WERE 52 E.M. AWARDED THE GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL FROM COMPANY "C" UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF AR 600-68 AS AMENDED AND UPON RECOMMENDATION OF THEIR COMPANY COMMANDER. THIS IS THE LARGEST NUMBER EVER AWARDED AT ONE TOME TO ONE COMPANY.

6 JUNE 1945

TWO (2) MEN FROM COMPANY "B" WERE AWARDED THE GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL.

TEN (10) E.M. FROM COMPANY "B" WERE PLACED ON TEMPORARY DUTY TO HQ COMPANY FOR PURPOSE OF ATTENDING I & E SCHOOL AND FOUR MEN WERE DELETED FROM ORDER BEFORE MOVE.

8 JUNE 1945

T/4 HERSHAL J. BRIMMER, 36522983 (510) ASGD THIS ORGN IN COMPLIANCE WITH PAR 6, S.O. 138, HQ XIX TAC, 3 JUNE 1945 IS FURTHER ASGD TO CO "C".

THERE WERE MORE AWARDS OF GOOD CONDUCT MEDALS THIRTY ONE (31) E.M. IN HQ. COMPANY AND TEN (10) E.M. IN COMPANY "A" WERE AWARDED THE MEDAL.

10 JUNE 1945

UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF AR 600-68, AS AMENDED, AND UPON RECOMMENDATIO OF COMPANY COMMANDER THIRTY TWO (32) E.M. COMPANY "B" WERE AWARDED THE GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL.

IN COMPLIANCE W/PAR 4, S.O. 145, HQ XIX T.A.C., 10 JUNE 1945, 1ST

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10 JUNE 1945 (CONT'D)

LT. LEWIS F. JANEK, O1642231, S.C., IS TRFD TO 362ND FIGHTER GROUP.

11 JUNE 1945

PVT. HAROLD F. GERE, 32837916 (776) ASGD THIS ORGN IN COMPLIANCE W/PAR 55, S.O. 159, HQ 17TH REINFORCEMENT DEPOT, GERC, ETOUSA, 9 JUNE 1945 IS FURTHER ASGD TO COMPANY "C".

13 JUNE 1945

CAPT FRANKLYN A. GLASSON, 0392260, S.C., IS RELD OF COMD COMPANY "C" AND ASGN HQ COMPANY.

CAPT ARTHUR G. ROOT JR., 0293214, S.C., IS APTD COMPANY COMMANDER, COMPANY "C", VICE CAPT GLASSON RELD.

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS HAVING BEEN ASGD TO THIS ORGN IN COMPLIANCE W/PAR 2, S.O. 75, HQ XIX T.C.GP. (PROV) ARE FURTHER ASSIGNED TO COMPANIES AS INDICATED,

CAPT. ROBERT H. NOTHDURFT	O1636401 S.C.	HQ. COMPANY
CAPT. MAC (NMI) RAY	O1636519 S.C,	HQ. COMPANY
CAPT. ARTHUR G. ROOT JR.	0293214 S.C.	COMPANY "C"

CAPT. MAC (NMI) RAY IS APPOINTED BATTALION S-4 OFFICER.

TWO (2) E.M. THIS ORGN WERE TRFD TO CASUAL POOL IN COMPLIANCE W/PAR 7, S.O. 148, HQXIX T.A.C., 13 JUNE 1945 FOR PURPOSE OF RETURN TO ZONE OF INTERIOR FOR DISCHARGE.

14 JUNE 1945

MORE AWARDS OF THE GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL WERE MADE: TEN (10) E M FROM COMPANY "A" AND TWENTY TWO (22) E.M. FROM COMPANY "B" WERE AWARDED.

TWO (2) E.M. THIS ORGN WERE TRFD TO CASUAL POOL IN COMPLIANCE W/PAR 9, S.O. 149, HQ XIX TAC, 14 JUNE 1945 FOR PURPOSE OF RETURN TO ZONE OF INTERIOR FOR DISCHARGE.

15 JUNE 1945

1ST LT. JACK R. KELM, O1637799, S.C., ASGND THIS ORGN IN COMPLIANCE

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15 JUNE 1945 (CONT'D)

W/PAR 1, S.O. 76, HQ XIX T.C.GP. (PROV) 14 JUNE 1945 IS ASGD TO HQ COMPANY AND FURTHER PLACED ON D/S XIX T.C.GP. (PROV).

CAPT. MAC (NMI) RAY WAS APTD TO POST EXCHANGE COUNCIL THIS BN.

16 JUNE 1945

ONE (1) E.M. THIS ORGN WAS TRFD TO CASUAL POOL IN COMPLIANCE W/PAR 9, S.O. 151, HQ XIX TAC, 16 JUNE 1945 FOR PURPOSE OF RETURN TO ZONE OF INTERIOR FOR DISCHARGE.

THE FOLLOWING E.M. COMPANIES INDICATED, ARE RELD FROM ATCHMT TO XXIX T.A.C. IN COMPLIANCE WITH LTR HQ XXIX T.A.C., FILE 370.5, SUBJ: ASSIGNMENT AND ATTACHMENT ORDER (NO. 14) 1 JUNE 1945.

COMPANY "A"

S/SGT	GARRIE (NMI) MILLER JR.	32760710	(518)
CPL	DANIEL (NMI) O'CONNOR	6713555	(518)

COMPANY "B"

CPL	DEE W. SARRELS	38446263	(518)
PFC	GARNET L. ALEXANDER	36622099	(518)
PFC	JOSEPH D. SULLIVAN	31235619	(518)

COMPANY "C"

S/SGT	WALTER F. GRIFFIN	14091754	(518)
CPL	WALTER (NMI) MYSLICKI	36072904	(518)
T/5	JOHN (NMI) LAZO	32570744	(518)

C.W.O. JOHN S. SAPPINGTON, W-2116665, AUS, IS APTD BN ATHLETIC OFFIC.

WOJG VERNON O. MILLS, W-2128663, AUS, IS APTD ORIENTATION OFFICER TO BN INFO-EDUCATION STAFF.

18 JUNE 1945

TEN (10) E.M. FROM COMPANY "A" WERE AWARDED THE GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF AR 600-68, AS AMENDED, AND UPON RECOMMENDATION

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18 JUNE 1945 (CONT'D)

OF COMPANY COMMANDER.

20 JUNE 1945

T/5 EDWARD E. DAHLEM 39467366 (521) ASGD TO THIS ORGN IN COMPLIANCE W/PAR 81, S.O. 109, HQ 21ST REINFORCEMENT BN, 22 MAY 1945 IS FURTHER ASGD TO HQ. COMPANY.

PFC JOSEPH (NMI) MONTEMARANO, 32728429 (514), HAVING BEEN ASGD THIS ORGN IN COMPLIANCE W/PAR 1, S.O., 143, HQ 128TH REINFORCEMENT BN, 13 JUNE 1945 IS FURTHER ASGD TO COMPANY "C".

THREE (3) OFFICERS, ONE (1) WARRANT OFFICER AND TWENTY (20) E.M. HQ COMPANY ARE RELD FROM ATTACHMENT TO 738TH S.A.W. COMPANY.

21 JUNE 1945

IN COMPLIANCE W/PAR 5, S.O. 81, HQ XIX T.C.GP. (PROV) 19 JUNE 1945, THE FOLLOWING E.M. ASGD THIS ORGN ARE FURTHER ASGD HQ COMPANY:

T/5 LEONARD (NMI) NOVIE	32516893	(931)
T/5 HENRY J. PALAZIO	31112497	(014)
T/5 WILLIS E. PRUITT SR.	34652855	(510)

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY NINE (139) E.M. WERE AWARDED THE GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF AR 600-68, AS AMENDED AND UPON RECOMMENDATIO OF THEIR COMPANY COMMANDER. 78 WERE AWARDED TO HQ COMPANY, 10 TO COMPANY "A", AND 51 TO COMPANY "C".

1ST LT CLARENCE A. WETHERILL, 0462967, S.C., AND TWO E.M T/5 MERLE J. BYRNE, 33252358 (953), AND T/5 SEYMOUR (NMI) FORKAS, 32793428 (953), HQ COMPANY ARE ASGD TO COMPANY "B".

22 JUNE 1945

1ST LT JOHN W. THOMASON 01641014, S.C., COMPANY IS ASGD TO HQ COMPANY

SIX (6) ENLISTED MEN 738 SAW COMPANY WERE TRFD IN GRADE TO HQ COMPANY IN COMPLIANCE WITH PAR 1&2 S.O. 76, HQ 563RD SAW BN. 23 JUNE 1945.

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23 JUNE 1945

PIETRO P. SONTI, 39030996, DET "A" COMPANY "B" 564 S.A.W. BN, ATCHD THIS ORGN IS AWARDED THE GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL.

24JUNE 1945

1ST LT JOVIES A. FINDLAY, O1641128, 738TH SAW COMPANY IS ASGD HQ COMPANY IN COMPLIANCE W/PAR 1, S.O. 77, HQ 563RD SAW BN, 24 JUNE 1945.

UNDER THE PROVISION OF AR 600-68, AS AMENDED AND UPON RECOMMENDATION OF COMPANY COMMANDER TEN (10) E.M. COMPANY "A" WERE AWARDED THE GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL.

THE FOLLOWING E.M. ASGD THIS ORGN IN COMPLIANCE W/PAR 21, S.O. 169, HQ 134TH REINFORCEMENT BN 18 JUNE 45, ARE ASGD TO COMPANIES AS INDICATED:

T/4 WILLIAM R. MCKINLEY 35789583 (521) COMPANY "B"

PVT DANTE (NMI) SCIARRA 32777684 (514) COMPANY "C".

MAJOR MAURICE E. BYRNE, O341435, S.C., BN EXECUTIVE OFFICER IS RELD FROM ASGNT WITH 563RD S.A.W.BN, AND ASGD 100TH FIGHTER WING.

25 JUNE 1945

CAPT JACK R. KELM, O1687799, S.C., RELD FROM ASGMT WITH 563RD SAW. BN AND ASGD 100TH FIGHTER WING.

THREE (3) OFFICERS AND THIRTEEN (13) EM, 738TH SAW COMPANY ARE TRFD TO HQ COMPANY IN COMPLIANCE W/PAR 1, S.O. 78, HQ 563RD SAW BN, 25 JULY 1945.

CAPT THOMAS J. SLATTERY, O473868, S.C., IS RELD OF COMD COMPANY "A", ASGD HQ COMPANY AND FURTHER APPOINTED BN EXEC. OFFICER, PAR 2, S.O. 78, HQ 563RD SAW BN., 25 JUNE 1945.

1ST LT RICHARD T. GONCHER, O1637527, S.C., IS APTD C.O. COMPANY "A" PAR 3, S.O. 78, HQ 563RD SAW BN., 25 JUNE 1945.

ONE (1) E.M. IN HQ, IS TRFD IN GRADE TO CO

26 JUNE 1945

CAPT JOHN E. NOLAL, O1645874, SC, IS RELD COMD COMPANY "B" ASGD

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COMPANY "A" COMMANDING, VICE 1ST LT. RICHARD T. GONCHER, O1637527, S C., RELD PER PAR 1, S.O. 79, HQ 563RD SAW BN, 26 JUNE 1945.

CAPT JOHN A. EASTON, O344030, S.C., HQ COMPANY IS ASGD COMPANY "B" COMMANDING, VICE CAPT JOHN E. NOLAN, O1645874 S.C, RELD AUTH PAR 2, S.O. 79, HQ 563RD SAW BN, 26 JUNE 1945

THE FOLLOWING E.M. ASGD THIS ORGN IN COMPLIANCE W/PAR 8, S.O. 87, HQ XIX T.C.GP. (PROV) ARE FURTHER ASSIGNED AS INDICATED:

PFC	CHARLES G. GRAY	39118696	(776)	HEADQUARTERS COMP.
PFC	ERNEST J. WILLIS	34595930	(345)	HEADQUARTERS COMP
SGT	GORDON J. HOERNER	16120756	(514)	COMPANY "B"
SGT	WADE E SULLIVAN	36571621	(514)	COMPANY "B"
T/5	WILLIAM P. LOMBERT	36582825	(514)	COMPANY "B"
PFC	JOSEHP W. CONDON	33428221	(514)	COMPANY "B"
PFC	ANTON C. HOBSTROM	32486948	(514)	COMPANY "B"
PFC	JOHN J. MC NERNEY	32775809	(590)	COMPANY "B"
S/SGT	THOMAS C. CRAIG	35579971	(953)	COMPANY "C"
PFC	DONALD H. GAY	36593992	(590)	COMPANY "C"

28 JUNE 1945

1ST LT JOSEPH H. EICHBAUM, O1647865, S.C. COMPANY "C", IS ASGD TO HQ COMPANY.

1ST LT THOMAS E. MCINTURFF, O1640727, S C. HQ COMPANY, IS ASGD TO COMPANY "C".

30 JUNE 1945

SGT ROBERT B. MCKENZIE, 32660821 COMPANY "B", IS TRFD IN GRADE TO COMPANY "A".

THE FOLLOWING E.M. HQ COMPANY ARE TRFD TO COMPANY "B":

SGT	FRANK B. ROPER	34657646
T/5	ARTHUR (NMI) BRAD	39391524

ELEVEN (11) E.M. ASGD TO THIS ORGN IN COMPLIANCE W/PAR 6, S.O. 90, HQ XIX T.C.GP. (PROV) 29 JUNE 45, ARE FURTHER ASGD TO HQ COMPANY.

T/5 ANTHONY J. GELIA, 32511974, ASGD THIS ORGN IN COMPLIANCE W/PAR

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30 JUNE 1945 (CONT'D)

2, S.O. 91, HQ XIX T.C.GP. (PROV), 30 JUNE 1945 IS FURTHER ASGD TO HQ. CO. ONE (1) E.M. COMPANY "B" RELD FROM ATTACHMENT TO HQ COMPANY AND ONE (1) E.M. DET "A" COMPANY "B" 564TH SAW BN, RELD FROM ATTACHMENT TO CO "A".

2. THE STRENGTH OF THE ORGANIZATION AT THE CLOSE OF THE MONTH, JUNE 1945, WAS FIFTY EIGHT (58) OFFICERS, FIVE (5) WARRANT OFFICERS, EIGHT HUNDRED AND SIXTY ONE (861) ENLISTED MEN ASSIGNED AND TEN (10) OFFICERS AND NINETY ONE (91) ENLISTED MEN ATTACHED.

3. THE LIST OF ALL STATIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

UNIT	GRID COORDINATE	TOWN	DATE OCCUPIED
BN HQ	0-525195	IGENSDORF	24 APRIL 1945
FDP-1	P-328233	VOHENSTRAUS	4 MAY 1945
LW-1	P-328233	VOHENSTRAUS	4 MAY 1945
GO-1(AL POST)	P-328233	VOHENSTRAUS	4 MAY 1945
FDP-2	0-472217	POMMER	23 JUNE 1945
LW-2	0-472217	POMMER	23 JUNE 1945
GO-2(AL POS)	0-472217	POMMER	23 JUNE 1945
FDP-3	T-105840	NE. ANSBACH	2 MAY 1945
LW-3	T-105840	NE. ANSBACH	
GO-3(AL POST)	T-105840	NE. ANSBACH	1 MAY 1945
GO-4(AL POST)	0-472216 0-525195	POMMER IGENSDORF	1 MAY 1945
FDP#5	0-472216	POMMER	25 APRIL 1945

BACU-1, BACU-2, BACU-3, BACU-4) ALL UNITS WORKING WITH FIGHTER GROUPS.

4. THERE WERE NO BATTLE CASUALTIES DURING THE MONTH OF JUNE.

5. DAVID R. SCHULTZE, 01640931, 1ST LT, SIG C. 563RD SAW BN WAS AWARDED THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE IN CONNECTION

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WITH MILITARY OPERATIONS FROM 20 SEPTEMBER 1944 TO 1ST APRIL 1945.

JOHN A. EASTON, 0344030, CAPTAIN, SIG.C., 738TH SAW COMPANY 563RD SAW BN, FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE IN CONNECTION WITH MILITARY OPERATIONS FROM 1 NOVEMBER 1944 TO MAY 1, 1945.

FRANKLYN A. GLASSON, 0392260, CAPTAIN, S.C., 563RD SAW BN FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE IN CONNECTION WITH MILITARY OPERATIONS FROM 5 AUGUST 1944 TO 1 MAY 1945.

JOHN E. NOLAN, 01645874, CAPTAIN S.C., 563RD SAW BN FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE IN CONNECTION WITH MILITARY OPERATIONS FROM 5 AUGUST 1944 TO 1 MAY 1945.

RUSSELL L. WILLS, 32196229, S/SGT 563RD SAW BN FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE IN CONNECTION WITH MILITARY OPERATIONS FROM 15 SEPT 1944 TO 1 MAY 45.

CLYDE W. GRUBB, 33257133, T/5, 563RD SAW BN, FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE IN CONNECTION WITH MILITARY OPERATIONS FROM 15 JULY 1944 TO 1 MAY 1945.

SPEARS L. LIPTON, 34504864, T/5, 563RD SAW BN, FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE IN CONNECTION WITH MILITARY OPERATIONS FROM 15 JULY 44 TO 1 MAY 45.

ARTHUR T. ENGELL, 0488181, CAPTAIN, CHC, 563 SAW BN, FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE IN CONNECTION WITH MILITARY OPERATION FROM 15 JULY 1944 TO 8 MAY 1945.

WILLIAM A. HUNZIKER, 37165901, M/SGT, 563RD SAW BN, FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE IN CONNECTION WITH MILITARY OPERATIONS FROM 1 JUNE 44 TO 1 MAY 45.

CHESTER R. KASZYNSKI, 36341222, T/SGT, 563RD SAW BN, FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE IN CONNECTION WITH MILITARY OPERATIONS FROM 1 JUNE 44 TO 1 MAY 45.

CHARLES E. POLLINA, 32258726, M/SGT, 563RD SAW BN, 19 T.C.GP. (PROV) FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE IN CONNECTION WITH MILITARY OPERATIONS FROM 15 JULY 1944 TO 1 MAY 1945.

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30 JUNE 1945 (CONT'D)

RAYMOND F. SLOAN, 32549798, SGT., 563RD SAW BN, 19TH T.C.GP. (PROV) FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE IN CONNECTION WITH MILITARY OPERATIONS FROM 1 AUGUST 1944 TO 1 MAY 1945.

VERNON O. MILLS
WOJG, AUS
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COMPANY A-:

EVER SINCE THE ENDING OF THE WAR IN EUROPE LAST MONTH, EMPHASIS HAS SHIFTED FROM OPERATIONS TO OTHER PURSUITS IN ORDER TO ESCAPE THE ENNUI THAT INEVITABLY ACCOMPANIES GARRISON DUTY. ALTHOUGH WE ARE STILL OPERATING DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS, THE INFORMATION AND EDUCATION PROGRAM, THE ATHLETIC PROGRAM, AND THE TRAINING PROGRAM HAVE COME TO THE FORE IN "A" COMPANY.

THE PROGRAM CAUSING THE MOST COMMENT AND GATHERING THE MOST INTEREST IS THE INFORMATION AND EDUCATION PROGRAM. UNDER THE GUIDING HAND OF 1ST LT. CARL V. LAZARONE, FORMER INSTRUCTOR AT KENNER HIGH SCHOOL, LOUISIANA, THIS PROGRAM IS SHAPING UP NICELY. COURSES IN MATHMATICS AND PHOTOGRAPHY HAVE ATTRACTED THE LARGEST ENROLLMENTS. OTHER COURSES INCLUDE ENGLISH, JOURNALISM, HISTORY, APPRECIATION OF ART, AND MOTORS. RADIO REPAIR IS ALSO A VERY POPULAR COURSE WITH THE ENLISTED MEN, AND SOME OF THEM MUST EXPECT TO RETURN TO FRANCE FOR THEY ARE TAKING FRENCH. SPEAKING OF FRENCH, 1ST LT. JOSEPH J. FARO WHO SPEAKS FRENCH FLUENTLY, IS TEACHING THE SIX FRENCH BOYS, WHO HAVE BEEN WITH US FOR SEVERAL MONTHS, ENGLISH. JUST AN OVERT ACT ON THE PART OF "A" COMPANY TO HELP CEMENT INTER-ALLIED FRIENDSHIP AND UNDERSTANDING.

ON 25 JUNE 1945, CAPTAIN THOMAS J. SLATTERY, COMPANY COMMANDER, LEFT THIS COMPANY TO ASSUME THE DUTIES OF BATTALION EXECUTIVE OFFICER. ALL OF THE PERSONNEL WERE GREATLY PLEASED TO KNOW THAT CAPTAIN SLATTERY HAD BEEN ELEVATED TO THIS POSITION, EVEN THOUGH IT MEANT LOSING A GREAT LEADER. HIS TENURE WAS MARKED BY CONSTANT DEVOTION TO THE PERSONNEL OF THIS COMPANY AND THE JOB AT HAND. HE WAS A DEMOCRATIC LEADER IN THIS CITIZEN ARMY OF OURS.

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1ST LT RICHARD T. GONCHER TOOK OVER FROM CAPTAIN SLATTERY UNTIL THE ARRIVAL OF CAPTAIN JOHN F. NOLAN ON 26 JUNE. CAPTAIN NOLAN WAS A FORMER MEMBER OF COMPANY "A", BUT LEFT US A YEAR AGO IN JULY TO ASSUME COMMAND OF COMPANY "B". HE DID AN EXCELLENT JOB AT THAT COMPANY AND WE KNOW THAT HE WILL CONTINUE TO DO THE SAME HERE. AS CAPTAIN NOLAN SAID IN HIS ADDRESS TO THE ASSEMBLED COMPANY AT HIS FIRST RETREAT FORMATION, "I WILL FOLLOW IN CAPTAIN SLATTERY'S FOOTSTEPS. AFTER ALL, I AM ONE OF HIS BOYS".

COMPANY B-:

DURING THE MONTH OF JUNE, COMPANY "B" TOOK OVER THE NEW EQUIPMENT FORMERLY OPERATED BY THE 738TH SIGNAL AIRCRAFT WARNING COMPANY BEFORE ITS DEACTIVATION.

SEVENTY FOUR ENLISTED MEN WERE TRANSFERRED TO THIS COMPANY AND NINETEEN ENLISTED MEN WERE TRANSFERRED OUT TO THE 431ST AAF FIGHTER CONTROL SQUADRON. ONE OFFICER WAS TRANSFERRED INTO COMPANY "B". THESE MEN COMING IN WERE IN CONNECTION WITH THIS ORGANIZATION TAKING OVER THE NEW EQUIPMENT. THE TRANSFERS OUT WERE IN LINE WITH THE CURRENT DIRECTIVES ON REDEPLOYMENT OF UNITS. TWO ENLISTED MEN OF THIS COMPANY, BEING OVERAGE, LEFT FOR A REPLACEMENT CASUAL POOL PREPARATORY TO BEING DISCHARGED FROM THE ARMY.

DATE OF ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE FROM PREVIOUS SITE DURING JUNE: LEFT VIEHHAUSEN, GERMANY (Q-180010) 18 JUNE 1945 AND ARRIVED AT GLEISENHOF, GERMANY (Q-472217) 18 JUNE 1945.

BY DIRECTION OF THE PRESIDENT, UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 9419, 4 FEBRUARY 1944 (SEC II, BULLETIN 3, WD, 1944), AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH AUTHORITY DELEGATED BY THE WAR DEPARTMENT AND HEADQUARTERS, NINTH AIR FORCE, A BRONZE STAR MEDAL WAS AWARDED TO EACH OF

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FOLLOWING THE 563RD (CONTINUED)

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF THIS COMPANY:

A. JOHN E. NOLAN, O-1645674, CAPTAIN, SIGNAL CORPS, 563RD SIGNAL AW BATTALION, FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE IN CONNECTION WITH MILITARY OPERATIONS FROM 5 AUGUST 1944 TO 1 MAY 1945 PER SEC I, PAR 1G, GO 45, HQ XIX TACTICAL AIR COMMAND.

B. VIRGIL L. JONES, 37163622, STAFF SERGEANT, 563RD SIGNAL AW BATTALION, FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE IN CONNECTION WITH MILITARY OPERATIONS FROM 17 JULY 1944 TO 1 MAY 1945 PER SEC I, PAR 1 O, GO 49, HQ XIX TACTICAL AIR COMMAND.

MEMBERS OF THIS ORGANIZATION HAVING BEEN GOING BOTH TO THE RIVIERA AND TO THE UNITED KINGDOM ON SEVEN DAY FURLOUGHS, THREE DAY PASSES TO PARIS AND BRUSSELS HAVE ALSO BEEN AVAILABLE. TRANSPORTATION TO THE DIFFERENT COUNTRIES IS BY PLANE.

FIVE DAY INFORMATION AND EDUCATION TOURS HAVE BEEN INAUGURATED AND MEN FROM THIS COMPANY HAVE TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF TWO SUCH TOURS. THEY HAVE IN THIS WAY VISITED ITALY, GERMANY, AUSTRIA, AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

COMPANY C-:

1 JUNE: INFORMATION AND EDUCATION PROGRAM WAS STARTED WITH CLASSES IN THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS:

AUTO MECHANICS, PHOTOGRAPHY, FRENCH, BUSINESS ARITHMETIC, ELEMENTS OF ELECTRICITY, ENGLISH GRAMMAR.

A COMPLETE ATHLETIC PROGRAM WAS INAUGURATED WITH EIGHT SOFTBALL TEAMS AND SIX VOLLEYBALL TEAMS.

15 JUNE: CAPTAIN ARTHUR G. ROOT, JR., ASSUMED COMMAND OF COMPANY "C".

SUMMARY: VERY SATISFACTORY QUARTERS HAVE BEEN AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT THIS PERIOD, HAVING FORMERLY BEEN USED BY FAMILIES OF THE LUFTWAFFE.

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FURLOUGHS, PASSES, AND LEAVES HAVE BEEN IN EFFECT AND THE MORALE OF THE COMPANY IS VERY HIGH.

STARTING 26 MAY A TOUR TO THE FOLLOWING AIR BASES HAS BEEN IN PROGRESS, PRIMARILY A SHOW FOR CONTROLLERS USING T-11 EQUIPMENT, ALSO D/F EQUIPMENT:

Y74, R10, R72, R29, R28.

THE OVERALL RESULTS HAVE BEEN SATISFACTORY FROM AN EDUCATIONAL STAND POINT. THE INCLOSED REPORT FROM THE DEPUTY CONTROLLERS IS SELF EXPLANATORY.

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FRANKFURT - Y-74 367TH FIGHTER GROUP 26 MAY - 31 MAY 48 MEN.

THE PILOTS SHOWED GREAT INTEREST IN RADAR, AND HAVE ACCOUNTED MANY INSTANCES WHEN IT HAS HELPED THEM OUT A GREAT DEAL. MANY OF THE OLD PILOTS HAVE GONE HOME, AND NEW PILOTS WHO HAVE NOT FLOWN A COMBAT MISSION TOOK A GREAT INTEREST IN RADAR ALSO. NUMEROUS QUESTIONS WERE ASKED, SUCH AS: CAN WE CONTROL MORE THAN ONE GROUP? WHAT DO WE DO IN AN EMERGENCY CASE: DOES IT ALWAYS HAVE PRIORITY, AND HAW DO WE KNOW A CERTAIN BLIP IS THEIR PARTICULAR FLIGHT, ETC.,? WE EXPLAINED CANARY TO THEM, AND TOLD THEM THAT IT WAS A POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION IF IT WAS USED RIGHT, AND WE STRESSED THE POINT THAT THEY MUST TURN ON THEIR IFF SWITCH FIRST, THEN THE CANARY SWITCH IN ORDER FOR US TO RECEIVE CANARY. OTHER MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION WAS SHOWN TO THEM ALSO. WE HAD A LT. COLONEL WHOSE PLANE LOST FOUR FEET OF HIS LEFT WING DURING THE BULGE, AND WAS VECTORED INTO FIELD A-87 AT LUXEMBOURG. WE WERE THANKED A LOT FOR THAT PIECE OF WORK, WHICH WE ACCOMPLISHED. THIS SAME COLONEL WANTED TO PLOT PART OF HIS GROUP WHICH WE WERE USING AS AN EXAMPLE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PILOTS WE WERE DEMONSTRATING FOR, WHILE HE WAS PLOTTING WE WERE CRAIG

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COMPUTING HIM, SHOWED THEM HOW WE GOT THEIR SPEED. WHEN THEY LEFT THEY THANKED US VERY MUCH, ASKED US TO COME AGAIN. TECHNICAL END WAS TAKEN CARE OF BY W/O MALKIN.

ILLESHEIM - R-10 48TH AND 371ST FIGHTER GPS 31 MAY-6 JUNE 98 MEN

THE PILOTS AT THIS BASE WERE MOSTLY ALL NEW ONES, SOME WITH JUST THREE MISSIONS, OR WITH NONE AT ALL. ALTHOUGH THEY HAVEN'T FLOWN MANY MISSIONS, THEY SHOWED A GREAT DEAL OF INTEREST IN RADAR. AT THE TIME WE WERE THERE, THEY WERE FLYING BLIND BOMBING MISSIONS, JUST PRACTICE WITH A BACU OUTFIT, AND THAT HELPED OUT A LOT IN THE DEMONSTRATION. WE S SHOWED THEM HOW A 584 UNIT WORKED, AND THEY ASKED IF WE WERE ABLE TO DO THE SAME KIND OF WORK WITH OUR UNIT. WE GAVE SOME INSTANCES WHERE WE DID, BUT THAT THIS UNIT WASN'T USED FOR THAT TYPE OF WORK, AND IT WASN'T AS ACCURATE AS A 584 UNIT. QUESTIONS ASKED WERE: DOES BAD WEATHER HINDER OUR OPERATIONS, OR ARE THEY ALWAYS BEING SEEN BY SOMEONE WHILE THEY ARE ON MISSIONS, ETC.? CANARY WAS EXPLAINED TO THEM AND ALSO THE CRAIG COMP-UTER. WE HAD MANY VISITORS BESIDES THE PILOTS, WHO WERE INTERESTED IN RADAR ALSO. TECHNICAL END WAS HANDLED BY W/O MALKIN.

PASSAU (POCKING) - R-72 362ND AND 405TH FIGHTER GPS 7 JUNE - 12 JUNE 96 MEN

AT THIS BASE WE TOOK CARE OF TWO GROUPS, AND BOTH TOOK A GREAT DEAL OF INTEREST IN RADAR. MORE QUESTIONS WERE ASKED AT THIS BASE, THAN ALL THE BASES WE HAVE BEEN AT, OPERATIONAL AS WELL AS TECHNICAL. EVERYONE WAS ANSWERED, WHICH MADE THEM LEAVE SATISFIED. SOME OF THE PILOTS CAME IN FOR A SECOND LOOK, THEY ALSO WANTED US TO RUN A PRACTICE MISSION, BUT WE WERE UNABLE TO DO SO BECAUSE OF BAD WEATHER. WE WERE ASKED IF IFF WAS JUST AS GOOD A MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION AS CANARY. THEY WANTED TO KNOW WHY WE DID NOT GIVE THEM MORE INFORMATION ON BANDITS, SUCH AS

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HEIGHTS, WHICH THEY SAID WE DIDN'T GIVE THEM VERY MUCH. WE TOLD THEM THAT INFORMATION WAS LIMITED TO US. THEY LEFT SATISFIED. TECHNICAL END WAS HANDLED BY W/O MALKIN.

HERZOGENAURACH R-29 354TH FIGHTER GROUP 12 JUNE-21 JUNE 42 MEN.

THE PILOTS DID NOT TAKE AS MUCH INTEREST IN RADAR AS AT OTHER BASES, BUT THOSE THAT DID THANKED US A GREAT DEAL FOR HELPING THEM OUT IN MISSIONS. MANY BROUGHT UP THE HAPPENINGS OF THE DAY THAT THEY SHOT DOWN 18 ENEMY A/C. WE WERE CONTROLLING THEM AT THAT TIME, AND CAPTAIN LAPIETRA WAS CREDITED WITH GIVING THEM THE NECESSARY INFORMATION ON 14 OF THE BANDITS, WHICH WERE ALL SHOT DOWN. THE QUESTIONS ASKED HERE (CAN WE DO BLIND BOMBING, OR WHAT DO WE DO WHEN THEY GO OUT OF OUR RANGE? OR CAN WE HAVE MORE THAN A 250 MILE RANGE ON OUR PPI SCOPE? ALL WERE ANSWERED, AND ALL LEFT SATISFIED. LACK OF INTEREST WAS DUE TO THE WEATHER, VERY HOT IN THE TYPE 11 VAN. TECHNICAL END WAS TAKEN CARE OF BY W/O MALKIN.

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GENERAL ORDERS NO 33, XIX TACTICAL AIR COMMAND, 2 MAY 1945.

CITATION FOR BRONZE STAR MEDAL

DAVID R. SCHULTZE, 01640931, 1ST LIEUTENANT, SIG C, 563D SIGNAL AIRCRAFT WARNING BATTALION, FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE IN CONNECTION WITH MILITARY OPERATIONS FROM 20 SEPTEMBER 1944 TO 1 APRIL 1945. LT SCHULTZE HAS DISPLAYED OUTSTANDING SKILL AND DEEP DEVOTION TO DUTY AS COMMANDER OF A GROUND OBSERVER PLATOON, WHOSE MISSION HAS BEEN THAT OF REPORTING FROM FORWARD POSITIONS HOSTILE AIRCRAFT AND ENEMY GROUND TARGETS OF SUFFICIENT MILITARY VALUE TO WARRANT DESTRUCTION BY FIGHTER BOMBERS. LT SCHULTZE HAS AT ALL TIMES DEMONSTRATED AGGRESSIVENESS, COURAGE, LEADERSHIP AND DISREGARD OF HIS OWN PERSONAL SAFETY AND HAS BEEN HIGHLY INSTRUMENTAL IN THE VALUABLE INFORMATION FURNISHED BY HIS PLATOON ON ENEMY GROUND AND AERIAL TARGETS FROM ADVANCE POSITIONS WITH INFANTRY AND ARTILLERY OBSERVATION POSTS. ENTERED THE MILITARY SERVICE FROM OREGON CITY, OREGON.

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D. JOHN A EASTON, 0344030, CAPTAIN, SIGC, 738TH SIGNAL AIRCRAFT WARNING COMPANY, 563RD SIGNAL AIRCRAFT WARNING BATTALION, FOR MERTORIOUS SERVICE IN CONNECTION WITH MILITARY OPERATIONS FROM 1 NOVEMBER 1944 TO 1 MAY 1945.

E. FRANKLYN A GLASSOW, 0392260, CAPTAIN, SIGC, 563RD SIGNAL AIRCRAFT WARNING BATTALION, FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE IN CONNECTION WITH MILITARY OPERATIONS FROM 5 AUGUST 1944 TO 1 MAY 1945.

G. JOHN E NOLAN, 01645874, CAPTAIN, SIGC, 563RD SIGNAL AIRCRAFT WARNING BATTALION, FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE IN CONNECTION WITH MILITARY OPERATIONS FROM 5 AUGUST 1944 TO 1 MAY 1945.

T. RUSSELL L WELLS, 32196229, STAFF SERGEANT, 563RD SIGNAL AIRCRAFT WARNING BATTALION, FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE IN CONNECTION WITH MILITARY OPERATIONS FROM 15 SEPTEMBER 1944 TO 1 MAY 1945.

Z. CLYDE W GRUBB, 33257133, TECHNICIAN FIFTH GRADE, 563RD SIGNAL AIRCRAFT WARNING BATTALION, FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE IN CONNECTION WITH MILITARY OPERATIONS FROM 15 JULY 1944 TO 1 MAY 1945.

AA. SPEARS L TIPTON, 34504864, TECHNICIAN FIFTH GRADE, 563RD SIGNAL AIRCRAFT WARNING BATTALION, FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE IN CONNECTION WITH MILITARY OPERATIONS FROM 15 JULY 1944 TO 1 MAY 1945.

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B. ARTHUR T ENGELL, 0488181, CAPTAIN, CHC, 563RD SIGNAL AIR WARNING BATTALION, FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE IN CONNECTION WITH MILITARY OPERATIONS FROM 15 JULY 1944 TO 8 MAY 1945.

E. WILLIAM A HUNZIKER, 37165901, MASTER SERGEANT, 563RD SIGNAL AIR WARNING BATTALION, FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE IN CONNECTION WITH MILITARY OPERATIONS FROM 1 JUNE 1944 TO 1 MAY 1945.

G. CHESTER R KASZYNSKI, 36341222, TECHNICAL SERGEANT, 563D SIGNAL AIR WARNING BATTALION, FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE IN CONNECTION WITH MILITARY OPERATIONS FROM 1 JUNE 1944 TO 1 MAY 1945.

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F. CHARLES E POLLINA, 32258726, MASTER SERGEANT, 563D SIGNAL AIRCRAFT WARNING BATTALION, 19TH TACTICAL CONTROL GROUP (PROV), FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE IN CONNECTION WITH MILITARY OPERATIONS FROM 15 JULY 1944 TO 1 MAY 1945.

T. RAYMOND F SLOAN, 32549798, SERGEANT, 563D SIGNAL AIRCRAFT WARNING BATTALION, 19TH TACTICAL CONTROL GROUP (PROV), FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE IN CONNECTION WITH MILITARY OPERATIONS FROM 1 AUGUST 1944 TO 1 MAY 1945.

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COMPANY "C"
563RD SIGNAL AIRCRAFT WARNING BN.

APO 141, US ARMY
1 JULY, 1945

SUBJECT: HISTORY OF DETACHMENT "C"

TO : COMMANDING OFFICER, 19TH TACTICAL CONTROL GROUP (PROV)
APO 141, US ARMY

1. THE FOLLOWING COMMENTARY IS A CONDENSED HISTORY OF ACTIVITIES BY FDP "3", FORWARD DIRECTION POST IN CO. "C", WHICH WERE UNITS OF THE 563RD SIGNAL AIRCRAFT WARNING BN. UNDER LT. COL. WILLIAM L. MCBRIDE, AND THE 312TH FIGHTER CONTROL SQUADRON UNDER MAJOR NOBLE L. HULL.

A. THE MISSION ASSIGNED FDP "3" ESSENTIALLY WAS TO SUPPORT UNITS OF 3RD US ARMY, INCLUDING AIR WARNING, FIGHTER/BOMBER DIRECTION, E/A INTERCEPTION, PINPOINT BOMBING, BOMBER ESCORT, NIGHT FIGHTER PATROLS, AND EMERGENCY HOMING. THE LATTER TWO WERE OPERATED AS STANDBY TO MORE SPECIFIC EQUIPTMENT, THOUGH MANY SUCH MISSIONS WERE SUCCESSFULLY ACCOMPLISHED IN THIS CAPACITY. FIGHTER-BOMBER DIRECTION MISSIONS ACCOUNTED FOR MORE THAN 600 OF THE 1000 MISSIONS CONTROLLED FROM THE ONE SITE.

B. FDP "3" UNDOUBTEDLY SET AN ETO RECORD FOR CONTINUAL OPERATION, WITH MORE THAN 152 UNINTERRUPTED DAYS. THE US FRONT PULLED UP TO THE MOSELLE RIVER IN PREPARATION FOR ITS FINAL VICTORIOUS PUSH. FDP "3" TOOK ITS PLACE ON THE LEFT FLANK NEAR THE CITY OF LUXEMBOURG, AFTER HAVING BEEN PUSHED BACK FROM A FRONT POSITION, 9 MILES FORWARD, BY A GROUND ATTACK DIRECTLY UPON THE STATION. THE SUCCEEDING MONTHS BROUGHT BATTLE ACTIVITIES SWINGING IN A NARROW CIRCLE AROUND THE STATION, WHICH ITSELF WAS AT NO TIME FURTHER THAN 12 MILES FROM THE MOSELLE-GERMAN LINE.

C. SEPT. 27TH BROUGHT THE FIRST FDP "3" DIRECTED BOMBING ON A SMALL TOWN 20 MILES SOUTHEAST OF THE SITE. FIVE MONTHS LATER, THIS SAME TOWN WAS STILL A BOMBING TARGET WHEN THE GREAT 3RD ARMY PUSH BEGAN. THE BATTLE FOR METZ, 40 MILES SOUTH, WAS THE FIRST LARGE FIGHTER-BOMBER OBJECTIVE. RAILROAD MOUNTED ARTILLERY AND ROCKET SHELLS, FROM BEHIND THE GERMAN LINES AND IN AN ARC AROUND LUXEMBOURG, WERE STOPPED BY RECONNAISSANCE AND BOMBING, LARGELY UNDER CONTROL OF FDP "3". DURING THIS TIME THE CITY AND STATION WERE SHELLED FOR THREE NIGHTS, BUT FEW ENEMY PLANES WERE ALLOWED THROUGH. IN EARLY DECEMBER, TWO ME 110'S WERE DESTROYED IN THE IMMEDIATE VICINITY, AFTER INTERCEPTION WITH PLANES FROM THE 354TH GROUP.

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D. THE FIRST SIGNS OF A GERMAN COUNTERATTACK CAME ON DEC. 17TH, WHEN "BUSINESS" BECAME PRESSING, WHEN AS MANY AS 100 FIGHTER-BOMBERS WERE BEING CONTROLLED AT ONE TIME. FOR A PERIOD OF 21 DAYS THE ENTIRE STATION EITHER WORKED OR STOOD AT READINESS 24-HOURS A DAY. ON DEC. 20TH, THE VICINITY WAS STRAFED BY ME 109'S, FOLLOWED THAT NIGHT BY THE DROPPING OF ENEMY PARATROOPERS. PERSONNEL OF FDP "3" NOT ONLY ELECTED TO CONTINUE FULL OPERATIONS, BUT AIDED IN THE CAPTURE OF A NUMBER OF ENEMY TROOPS IN LUXEMBOURG. BECAUSE OF NIGHTLY PARATROOP DROPS, AND THE ENEMY HOLDING A SPEARHEAD ONLY FOUR MILES FROM THE EQUIPTMENT, CHRISTMAS EVE SAW THE CIVILIAN POPULATION IN AN ANXIOUS STATE.

E. THREE MAJOR CONTRIBUTIONS OF CONTROL DURING THIS PERIOD AND THE BREAKING OF THE BASTOGNE SEIGE WERE AS FOLLOWS:

1- DIRECTION OF FIGHTER COVER FOR TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT WHICH SUPPLIED THE SURROUNDED TROOPS AT BASTOGNE.

2- RECONNAISSANCE PLANES, UNDER FDP "3" CONTROL, DISCOVERED A LARGE ENEMY VEHICLE CONCENTRATION ON THE EVENING OF JANUARY 4TH, IN THE AREA OF PRUM. NIGHT FIGHTER PLANES COVERED THE AREA FOR THE NIGHT, AND THE FOLLOWING DAY BROUGHT 19TH TAC ITS GREATEST HAUL OF ENEMY M/T'S, THE LARGEST NUMBER FOR WORLD WAR II. MORE THAN 600 VEHICLES WERE DESTROYED. THIS WAS THE TURNING POINT IN THE ARDENNES BREAKTHROUGH, AND SIGNALED THE ROLL-BACK OF GENERAL VON RUNSTEDT AND HIS HIGHLY DANGEROUS EFFORT.

3- THE SOLE RESCUE OF MORE THAN 25 AIRCRAFT (8TH AAF, BOMBERS, 9TH AAF A/C, AND TRANSPORTS) EXCEEDINGLY POOR WEATHER CONDITIONS WOULD OTHERWISE HAVE CAUSED THE LOSS OF SUCH PLANES AND THEIR VALUABLE PERSONNEL. FIVE CRIPPLED OR LOST FRIENDLY A/C WERE LANDED AT FIELD A-97 IN A SINGLE DAYS WORK. THE STATE OF EMERGENCY WAS SUCH, THAT AT TIMES DIRECT VHF COMMUNICATIONS REPLACED THE DIRECT LANDLINE FROM RIPSAW "3" TO A-97 OPERATORS, IN ORDER TO FACILITATE IMMEDIATE LANDING INSTRUCTIONS. IT WAS ALSO DUE TO ACCURATE GRID COORDINATES FROM THE STATION PLOTTERS AND CONTROLLERS THAT SEVERAL "BAILED OUT" PILOTS WERE RESCUED BY THE GROUND OBSERVER DETACHMENT "3", OFTEN WITHIN THE SIGHT OF ENEMY LINES.

F. ACTIVITIES SWUNG FROM THE NORTH TO THE 3RD ARMY'S DRIVE UP THE MOSELLE RIVER FROM TRIER TO COBLENZ, AND AGAIN, FDP "3" WAS IN A CENTRAL POSITION FOR ALMOST ALL IMPORTANT MISSIONS. AS THE OTHER CONTROL UNITS MOVED INTO THE "PUSH" POSITIONS, FDP "3" WAS ABLE TO EXECUTE AND ABSORB THE EXTRA WORK REQUIRED. WHILE THE ORIGINAL SITING WAS FOR A GREAT PART RESPONSIBLE FOR THE COMPLETE SUCCESS OF THE MISSION, THE CREDIT FOR CONTINUAL OPERATION WAS DUE TO THE EFFORTS OF COMPANY C TECHNICAL AND MAINTENANCE MEN, AND THE EXCELLENT NETWORK OF COMMUNICATIONS TO HIGHER HEADQUARTERS AND OPERATION POINTS.

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2. THAT A MORE GRAPHIC PICTURE BE PRESENTED, THE FOLLOWING STATISTICAL FIGURES ARE GIVEN, REPRESENTING THE PERIOD BETWEEN SEPT. 18TH, 1944, TO MAR. 12TH 1945:

A- 950 SQUADRON SORTIES.
B- 8780 A/C CONTROLLED.
C- 58 E/A DESTROYED BY CONTROLLED FRIENDLY A/C.
D- 24 BLIND-BOMBING MISSIONS IN CONJUNCTION WITH BACU.
E- 78 NIGHT FIGHTER MISSIONS AS STAND-BY FOR MOVING MEW.
F- 33 DISTRESS-EMERGENCY PLANES BROUGHT TO SAFE LANDING.
G- 5 F/B PILOTS RETRIEVED BY GRID COORDINATE AND GO PERSONNEL.
H- 152 DAYS OF CONTINUAL 24-HOUR PER DAY SCHEDULE.

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1st Lt. A.C.
312th Fighter C. Sq.
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HISTORICAL REPORT OF THE

563RD SIGNAL AIRCRAFT WARNING BATTALION

FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 1945

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IN COMPLIANCE WITH LETTER HEADQUARTERS, NINTH AIR FORCE, FIE 314.7, SUBJECT; "OFFICIAL AND POPULAR HISTORIES OFTHE NINTH AIR FORCE," DATED 22 NOVEMBER 1943, AND XIX TACTICAL AIR COMMAND MEMORANDUM NUMBER 20-1, DATED 5 FEBRUARY 1944, AS AMENDED BY MEMORANDUM NUMBER 20-1A, DATED 29 FEBRUARY 1944, THE FOLLOWING REPORT IS SUBMITTED FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 1945.

THERE WAS SUCH A CHANGE IN PERSONNEL IN THE 563RD SAW BN, THAT IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO LIST THEM ALL. SOME OF THE MAJOR CHANGES ARE AS FOLLOWS.

ALL OF THE OFFICER PERSONNEL EXCEPT ONE ON THE "A" TEAM AND MANY ENLISTED MEN WERE TRANSFERRED TO FORM THE NEW HEADQUARTERS OF THE 19TH T.C.G.

SEVERAL OFFICERS AND MANY ENLISTED MEN WERE TRANSFERRED TO THE NEWLY ORGANIZED 431ST FIGHTER CONTROL SQUADRON.

TWO "C" TEAMS FORMING TWO (2)NEW SAW DETACHMENTS WERE TRANSFERRED FROM 563RD AND STARTED TOWARD THE PACIFIC THEATER.

AFTER ALL OF THESE STAGGERING CHANGES THE BATTALION WAS STILL CONFIDENT OF A REORGANIZATION GOING THRU THE STATES AND TO THE PACIFIC

THEN A TELETYPE WAS RECEIVED STATING THAT THE 563RD S.A.W. BN. WAS TO BE DISBANDED AS OF 2359 HOURS 30 JULY 1945. THIS WAS THE END AND THE 563RD HAD MADE IT'S LAST PLUNGE. THE FINALLY WAS VERIFIED WHEN GENERAL ORDER NUMBER 134, XII T.A.C. DATED 23 JULY 1945 REACHED THIS HEADQUARTERS.

THE FINAL STRENGTH REPORT AS OF2359 HOURS 30 JULY 1945 WAS THIRTY FIVE (35) OFFICERS AND SIX HUNDRED AND TWENTY SEVEN (627) ENLISTED MEN.

THERE WERE NO CHANGES IN THE POSITIONS OF THE UNITS EXCEPT CO-

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MPANY "A" WHO MOVED FROM VOHENSTRAUS P-328233 TO WEISSENOHE WO525195 ON 23 JULY 1945.

THERE WERE NO BATTLE CASUALTIES DURING THE MONTH OF JUNE.

THE 563RD S.A.W. BN. CAPTURED ITS PART OF AWARDS AND DECORATIONS WHILE IN THE STRUGGLE AGAINST GERMANY. ONE COMPANY WAS GIVEN A UNIT CITATION (ON PREVIOUS REPORT) AND ON GENERAL ORDER NUMBER 59 HQ XIX TACTICAL AIR COMMAND, 3 JULY 1945, THE 563RD SAW BN., WAS AWARDED THE MERITORIOUS SERVICE UNIT PLAQUE. THIS UNIT LIKED THE AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE AND DEVOTION TO DUTY, BUT DID NOT DESIRE TO BE CALLED A SERVICE UNIT. IF RADAR UNITS ARE TO BE USED AS AN OFFENSIVE WEAPON AS WAS PROVED IT COULD BE DONE BY THIS UNIT, AND KEEP UP WITH ARMORED THRUSTS, THEN IT DEFINATELY IS NOT A SERVICE UNIT ALL PERSONNEL OF THIS UNIT FELT OF THE SAME OPINION.

FOLLOWING IS A LIST OFAWARDS OFTHE BRONZE STAR FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE IN CONNECTION WITH MILITARY OPERATIONS:

MAC (NMI) RAY, 01636519, CAPTAIN, SC, 563RD SIG AW BN, FROM 10 JULY 1944 TO 8 MAY 1945. MANSFIELD, TEXAS.

JOSEPH J. FARO, 01640440, 1ST LT., SC, 563RD SIG AW BN., FROM 1 JUNE 1944 TO 1 MAY 1945. BROOKLYN, N.Y..

ROBERT S. McSPADDEN, 01641571, 1ST LT., SC, 563RD SIG AW BN?, FROM 1 JUNE 1944 TO 1 MAY 1945. DES MOINES, IOWA.

DAVID A. PRITCHARD, 0509077, 1ST LT., SC, 563RD SIG AW BN., FROM 1 SEPTEMBER 1944 TO 1 MAY 1945. EAST CLEVELAND, OHIO.

JOHN J. REYNOLDS, 01643270, 1STLt., SC, 563RD SIG AW BN., FROM 15 JULY 1944 TO 1 MAY 1945. CHESTNUT HILL, MASS.

ROBERT O. SCHURKE, 01644757, 1ST LT., SC, 563RD SIG AW BN., FROM 15 JULY 1944 TO 8 MAY 1945. KANSAS CITY, MO.

ROBERT K. SLAVEN, 01633553, 1ST LT., SC, 563RD SIG AW BN., FROM 1 AUGUST 1944 TO 1 MAY 1945. BLUEHILL, MO.

CLARENCE A. WETHERILL, 0462967, 1ST LT., SC, 563RD SIG AW BN.,

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FROM 15 JULY 1944 TO 8 MAY 1945. DAYTON, OHIO.

VERNON O. MILLS, W2128663, WOJG, AUS, 563RD SIG AW BN., FROM 1 NOVEMBER 1944 TO 1 MAY 1945. SAN AUGUSTINE, TEXAS.

JOSEPH G. BATES, 35271091, T/SGT., SC, 563RD SIG AW BN., FROM 1 JULY 1944 TO 1 MAY 1945. STEUBENVILLE, OHIO

FREDERICK B. DILLMAN, 39008097, S/SGT., SC, 563RD SIG AW BN., from 1 JULY 1944 TO 1 MAY 1945. DALY CITY, CALIF.

HERMAN MESSINGER, 32172679, S/SGT., SC, 563RD SIG AW BN., FROM 1 JULY 1944 TO 1 MAY 1945 BRONX, N.Y..

JAMES S. P. BOWLER, 39829093, TECH/3RD GRADE, SC, 563RD SIG AW BN., FROM 1 JULY 1944 TO 1 MAY 1945. SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH.

ROBERT J. NORTON 33552442, SGT., SC., 563RD SIG AW BN., FROM 1 JULY 1944 TO 1 MAY 1945. BALTIMORE, MD.

JOHN R. PHILLIPO, JR., 31187566, TEC 5, SC, 563RD SIG AW BN., FROM 1 JULY 1944 TO 1 MAY 1945. GRAFTON, MASS.

FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL, GENERAL ORDER NUMBER 129, XII TACTICAL AIR COMMAND, 12 July 1945:

WILL McADAM, 0509167, 1ST LT., SC., 563rd SIG AW BN., FROM 15 AUGUST 1944 TO 1 MAY 1945. SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO.

ALLEN B. REPPERT, 0504431, 1ST LT., SC., 563rd SIG AW BN., FROM 1 NOVEMBER 1944 TO 1 MAY 1945. AMARILLO, TEXAS.

GEORGE KUSTUDICH, 16067401, M/SGT., SC., 563rd SIG AW BN., FROM 1 NOVEMBER 1944 TO 1 MAY 1945. SOUTH CHICAGO, ILL.

DONALD E. ANDERSON, 16095974, S/SGT., SC., 563rd SIG AW BN., FROM 1 DECEMBER 1944 TO 1 MAY 1945. DePERE, WISC.

JOHN M. BOGUSLAWSKI, 3967602, S/SGT., SC., 563rd SIG AW BN., FROM 1 NOVEMBER 1944 TO 1 MAY 1945. JEROME, IDAHO.

MARION P. HOBGOOD, 14130835, S/SGT., SC., 563rd SIG AW BN., FROM 15 JULY 1944 TO 1 MAY 1945. UNIVERSITY, TEXAS.

JOE B. ROSS, 38307388, SGT., SC., 563rd SIG AW BN., FROM 1 SEPTEMBER 1944 TO 1 MAY 1945. WINSBORO, TEXAS

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COMPANY A_:

1. THE MONTH OF JULY STARTED OUT WITH LITTLE CHANGE IN THE STATUS OF THE COMPANY. THEN ALL OF A SUDDEN THE LONG DREADED PARTINGS OF OFFICERS AND MEN ARRIVED. THE OPERATIONS OF COMPANY "A" OFFICIALLY WENT OFF THE AIR AT 1710 HOURS, 7 JULY 1945. THIS WAS THE START OF THE BREAK UP.

2. ON 14 JULY 1945, 1ST LT. RICHARD T. GONCHER AGAIN TOOK COMMAND OF COMPANY "A", VICE CAPT. JOHN E. NOLAN, WHO WENT TO THE 19TH TCG. TO WORK WITH CAPT. THOMAS SLATTERY, AS ASSISTANT COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER. ON JULY 16, 1945 THE COMPANY RECEIVED IT'S GREATEST SHOCK WHEN 1ST LTS. SCOTT, SMITH, HOWARD, MCADAM AND WOJG GANTZHORN WERE ALSO GIVEN THE CALL TO JOIN 19 TCG. IN ADDITION TO THIS THE COMPANY LOST MOST OF IT'S KEY MEN AND DETACHMENT 56 FORMALLY KNOWN AS BACU-3. THE COMPANY STILL STAGGERING FROM THE SUDDENESS OF THE CALL TO ARMS OF THE OFFICERS AND MEN TO THE 19TH TCG, REFORMED ITSELF AND CONTINUED WITH ITS I AND E PROGRAM AND ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES. THE TRAINING AND DRILL ALSO WORKED ITS WAZ INTO THE DAILY ROUTINE AND OFFICERS AND MEN BEGAN TO SETTLE DOWN AGAIN TO THE NORMAL FUNCTIONS OFCOMPANY "A".

3. ON 20 JULY 1945, CAPT. EASTON, BATTALION C.O., AND CAPT. SHAMANSKI, BATTALION SURGEON, VISITED COMPANY "A" AND AFTER MAKING AN INSPECTION TOUR HIGHLY COMMENDED THE COMPANY ON ITS EXCELLENT CONDITION. CAPT. EASTON PERSONALLY CONGRATULATED THE MEN ON THE APPEARANCE OF THEIR QUARTERS AND PERSON. THE MEN AND OFFICERS THEN RECEIVED A VERY INTERESTING AND FORCEFUL TALK ON V.D. BY CAPT. EASTON AND CAPT. SHAMANSKI.

4. IT WAS JUST ABOUT THIS TIME THE COMPANY RECEIVED ORDERS TO

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MOVE TO A NEW LOCATION. 1ST LT. JOSEPH J. FARO HEADED THE ADVANCE PARTY AND PREPARED THE CAMP FOR THE COMPANY. ON 23 JULY 1945, COMPANY "A" MOVED TO ITS NEW LOCATION AT WEISSENOHE, GERMANY, WO-525195. AT THIS TIME THE I AND E AND TRAINING PROGRAM WERE DISSRUPTED BECAUSE OF THE SHIFTING OF PERSONNEL. MANY MEN HAVE LEFT THE COMPANY AND NOT MANY REMAIN OF THE ORIGINAL COMPANY THAT LANDED ON OMAHA BEACH. ALSO ON 23 JULY 1945, 1ST LT. CARL V. LAYARONE AND T/5 FREDRIC NATHAN WENT TO PARIS TO TAKE AN EIGHT DAY COURSE IN I AND E.

5. NOW THE 563RD SAW BN. IS TO BE DISBANDED ON 30 JULY 1945. AS WE LEAVE THE 563RD, WHICH WILL REST ON ITS LAURELS EARNED BY THE WONDERFUL JOB ACCOMPLISHED IN THE WAR AGAINST GERMANY, WE WELCOME THE ENTRANCE OF THE PERSONNEL OF THIS COMPANY INTO THE 566 SAW BN. AND HOPE TO CONTINUE THE GOOD WORK FOR THEM AS WE HAVE IN THE PAST FOR THE 563RD SAW BN.

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COMPANY B_:

1. ORGANIZATION (E.G. CHANGES EFFECTED BY TRANSFER OF UNIT OR NEW T/O): NEGATIVE.

2. UNIT STRENGTH: 8 OFFICERS AND 202 ENLISTED MEN.

3. DATE OF ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE FROM PREVIOUS SITES: NEGATIVE!

4. LOSSESIN ACTION: NEGATIVE.

5. AWARDS TO MEMBERS: HQ XII TACTICAL AIR COMMAND GENERAL ORDERS NO. 31, 15 JULY 1945. BY DIRECTION OF THE PRESIDENT, UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 9419, 4 FEBRUARY 1944 (SEC II, BULL 3 WD 1944) AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH AUTHORITY DELEGATED BY WAR DEPARTMENT AND NINTH AIR FORCE, A BRONZE STAR MEDAL IS AWARDED THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSONNEL, UNITED STATES ARMY, IN RECOGNITION OFMERITORIOUS SERVICE IN CONNECTION WITH MILITARY OPERATIONS AGAINST THE ENEMY BETWEEN THE DATES INDICATED:

A. 1ST LT CLARENCE A. WETHERILL, 0462967, SIG C., FROM 15 JULY 1944 TO 8 MAY 1945.

B. JOE B. ROSS, 38307388, SGT, SIG C., FROM 15 SEPTEMBER 1944 TO 1 MAY 1945.

ON 23 JULY 1945 THE FOLLOWING TELETYPE MESSAGE WAS RECEIVED BY THIS COMPANY:

"PURSUANT TO AUTHORITY CONTAINED IN LETTER, HEADQUARTERS NINTH AIR FORCE, SUBJECT: ORGANIZATION ORDER NO. 79, DATED 21 JULY 1945, THE 563RD SIGNAL AW BATTALION WILL DISBAND EFFECTIVE 2359 HOURS, 30 JULY 1945. PERSONNEL RENDERED SURPLUS BY THE DISBANDMENT WILL BE ABSORBED IN OTHER UNITSUNDER CONTROL OF XII TACTICAL AIR COMMAND. NO ENLISTED MAN WILL BE REDUCED IN GRADE AS A RESULT OFTHIS ACTION.

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EQUIPMENT WILL BE ABSORBED IN AIR FORCE STOCKS TO BE USED TO SUPPLY CURRENT AND FUTURE SHORTAGES. UNIT WILL CONTACT THIS HEADQUARTERS FOR SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS ON DISPOSITION OF EQUIPMENT.

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FOLLOWING THE 563RD

COMPANY C:

1. THE MONTH OF JULY IS ONE MONTH OF THE MANY THAT WE HAVE SPENT IN THE ETO, AND IT IS ONE THAT WE WILL REMEMBER FOR A LONG WHILE. A GOOD MANY OF THE MEN AND OFFICERS FROM COMPANY C WERE ON LEAVE AND PASSES UNTIL THE MIDDLE OF THE MONTH OF JULY, AND WHEN THE LAST BUNCH OF MEN CAME BACK FROM THEIR LEAVES THEY WERE SURPRISED AT THE NUMBER OF THINGS THAT HAD HAPPENED IN THE COMPANY WHILE THEY WERE GONE. WE HAD A NEW COMMANDING OFFICER, CAPTAIN ARTHUR G ROOT, FORMERLY OF "D" COMPANY, THIS BATTALION. OUR OLD COMPANY COMMANDER, CAPTAIN FRANKLYN A. GLASSOW WAS IN BATTALION HEADQUARTERS. THINGS WENT ON THE SAME AS BEFORE AND ALL OF HE SCHOOLS AND SPORTS REMAINED THE SAME UNDER THE NEW C.O..

2. WHEN THE "A" TEAM OFBATTALION HEADQUARTERS LEFT FOR AN UNKNOWN DESTINATION THE NEW BATTALION COMMANDER NEEDED NEW OFFICERS TO FORM A NEW STAFF, SO LT GUTTENBERGER LEFT TO BE S-1 OF THE BATTALIONAND CAPTAIN ROOT LEFT TO BE EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND LT DAVID SCHUTYE TO BE BATTALION MOTOR OFFICER. THAT LEFT VERY FEW OFFICERS IN THE COMPANY AND ALL OF THE ADDITIONAL DUTIES OF THE OLD OFFICERS WERE TURNED OVER TO THOSE LEFT. LT ROBERT K.SLAVEN WAS NAMED COMPANY COMMANDER, MAKING THE THIRD C.O. WE HAD IN ONE MONTH. AFTER A WEEK OF BEING S-1 OF BATTALION, LT GUTTENBERGER WAS TAKEN SICK AND WAS SENT TO AN EVACUATION HOSPITAL, LEAVING THE BATTALION WITHOUT AN S-1. BUT THERE WERE STILL A FEW GOOD OFFICERS LEFT IN "C" COMPANY SO LT JAMES TATE TOOK OVER LT GUTTENBERGER'S DUTIES AT BATTALION HEADQUARTERS A NUMBER OF MEN WERE TAKEN OUT OF THE COMPANY FROM TIME TO TIME TO BE SENT TO THESE NEW UNITS BEING FORMED FOR SERVICE IN

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ANOTHER THEATER. MOST OF THESE MEN THAT WERE CHOSEN FOR THESE NEW UNITS WERE VOLUNTEERS AND "C" COMPANY WAS PROUD TO HAVE SO MANY MEN VO VOLUNTEER FOR DUTY IN THE PACIFIC.

3. AT THE BEGINNING OF THE THIRD WEEK OF THE MONTH, LT. HOBBS AND SGT. DeGENNARO LEFT TO GO TO I AND E SCHOOL IN PARIS.

4. DURING THIS WEEK WE HAD SOME BAD NEWS--WE HEARD THAT THE 563RD SAW BN WAS BEING BROKEN UP AS OF 2359 30 JULY. THE 563RD SAW BN WAS TO BE DEACTIVATED AND THAT "C" COMPANY WOULD FROM NOW ON BE KNOWN AS DETACHMENT C, 566TH SAW BN. WITH THIS REPORT CAME WORD FORUS TO TAKE OVER B COMPANY'S RADAR. THE RADAR WAS MOUNTED ON AMERICAN TRUCKS AND WE WERE TO TURN IN OUR OWN RADAR THAT WAS MOUNTED ON BRITISH VEHICLES. OUR BOYS WERE QUITE HAPPY ABOUT GETTING RADAR THAT WAS MOUNTED ON OUR OWN TRUCKS AS OUR TROUBLES WOULD BE CONSIDERABLY LESS WHEN IT CAME TIME TO MOVE. WE RECEIVED "B" COMPANY'S RADAR AND AFTER WE HAD PUT IT IN OPERATION WE RECEIVED WORD TO TURN ALL RADAR EQUIPMENT IN. THIS WAS NOTHING NEW FOR US, MANY TIMES WE HAVE SET UP AND A FEW HOURS OR MAYBE A DAY LATER WE TOOK THE SETS DOWN TO MOVE. ALL OF THE RADAR WAS TURNED IN AND WE RECEIVED WORD FROM BATTALION HEADQUARTERS TO TEAR DOWN OUR INFORMATION CENTER AND THE RADIO VANS AND TURN IN THE EQUIPMENT. ALL DURING THE MONTH THIS SORT OF THING WENT ON, BUT WE STILL CARRIED ON OUR I & E PROGRAM AND OUR TRAINING SCHEDULE.

5. DURING THE MONTH WE HAD MOVIES EVERY NIGHT AND OUR BEER. WE ALSO HAD A FEW GOOD BALL GAMES, OUR COMPANY TEAM DEFEATED "A" COMPANY AND A FEW DAYS LATER WE WERE DEFEATED BY "B" COMPANY! THESE TWO GAMES WERE LEAGUE GAMES FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP OF 12th TAC.

6. WE CONTINUED TO GET PWs FROM THE PW CAGE IN ANSBACH AND THEY

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WERE PUT TO WORK CLEANING BUILDINGS AND OUR KITCHEN EQUIPMENT, AND ALSO TO DO THE MENS LAUNDRY.

7. THE OFFICERS FINALLY WON A VOLLEY BALL GAME, BUT ONLY ONE. THE MEN ALWAYS CHALLENGED THE OFFICERS, NOT BECAUSE THEY WERE SURE THEY COULD BEAT THEM, BUT BECAUSE OF THE COMPETITION THAT THE OFFICERS OFFERED. A LOT OF THE MEN WERE INTERESTED IN PHOTOGRAPHY AND SPENT A GOOD DEAL OF THEIR SPARE TIME DOING THAT SORT OF WORK. OUR TRAINING WAS CUT FROM SIX DAYS A WEEK TO FIVE AND A HALF SO THAT WE HELD INSPECTIONS ON SATURDAY MORNINGS AND THE MEN WERE OFF FROM 1200 SATURDAY UNTIL REVEILLE MONDAY MORNING ALLOWING THEM TO GO SWIMMING ON THE COUPLE OF DAYS THAT THEY HAD OFF.

8. WE RECEIVED A FEW NEW DECORATIONS IN THE COMPANY, THE BRONZE STAR WAS GIVEN TO LT SLAVEN, SGT BOWLER AND SGT DILLMAN. UP TO THE PRESENT DATE "C" COMPANY HAS ONE SOLDIER'S MEDAL, 8 BRONZE STAR AND 5 BATTLE STARS TO ITS CREDIT.

9. THIS BEING THE LAST HISTORICAL REPORT FOR COMPANY "C" I WOULD LIKE TO ADD A WORD OR TWO ABOUT THE UNIT. I HAVE BEEN WITH THE COMPANY SINCE THE DAY THAT IT WAS FORMED AND FROM WHAT I HAVE SEEN AND THE WORK THAT I HAVE DONE WITH THIS COMPANY, I THINK THAT IT IS THE BEST UNIT OF ITS KIND IN THE ENTIRE ETO. BY COMPARING THE WORK OF THIS COMPANY WITH THE WORK OF OTHER COMPANIES IN THE SAW BATTALIONS, I THINK THAT THIS UNIT HAS ALL OTHER UNITS BEAT A MILE!

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (sec II, Bull 3 WD 1944), and in accordance with authority delegated by War Department and Ninth Air Force, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded the following named personnel, United States Army, in recognition of meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy between the dates indicated, residence as indicated:

Mac (NMI) RAY, 01636519, Captain, SC, 563rd Sig Aw Bn, from 10 July 1944 to 8 May 1945. Mansfield, Texas.

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ROBERT J. NORTON, 33552442, Sgt., SC., 563rd Sig AW Bn., from 1 July 1944 to 1 May 1945. Baltimore, Md.

JOHN R. PHILLIPO, JR., Tec 5, SC, 563rd Sig AW Bn., From 1 July 1944 to 1 May 1945. Grafton, Mass.

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Colonel, G. S. C.,
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SECTION. I: AWARDS OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL
SECTION. II: AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO AIR MEDAL
SECTION. III: AWARDS OF THE MERITORIOUS SERVICE UNIT PLAQUE

SECTION III

3. UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION I, CIRCULAR NUMBER 345, WAR DEPARTMENT, DATED 23 AUGUST 1944, A MERITORIOUS SERVICE UNIT PLAQUE IS AWARDED TO THE FOLLOWING NAMED UNITS:

A. THE 563RD SIGNAL AIRCRAFT WARNING BATTALION, FOR OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE AND DEVOTION TO DUTY DURING THE PERIOD 13 JANUARY 1945 TO 25 MARCH 1945. THIS ORGANIZATION, BECAUSE OF IT'S SUPERIOR KNOWLEDGE AND PERFORMANCE OF TACTICAL OPERATIONS, SUPERB TRAINING, TECHNICAL SKILL, SPIRIT OF COOPERATION, AGGRESSIVENESS AND RESOURCEFULNESS ACCOMPLISHED OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT RELATIVE TO AIRCRAFT WARNING SERVICE TO THE XIX TACTICAL AIR COMMAND THROUGHOUT THE CONTINENTAL CAMPAIGN. THE SUPERB EFFICIENCY AND RELENTLESS EFFORTS OF ALL MEMBERS OF THIS COMMAND CONTRIBUTED MATERIALLY IN MAKING POSSIBLE THE BRILLIANT AND SUCCESSFUL ONSLAUGHTS BY AIRCRAFT OF THE COMMAND AGAINST THE ENEMY DURING THE NORMANDY, NORTHERN FRANCE, RHINELAND, ARDENNES AND CENTRAL EUROPE CAMPAIGNS. THE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF THIS MISSION WAS EXTREMELY DIFFICULT AND HAZARDOUS DURING THE LATER STAGES OF THE CAMPAIGNS BECAUSE OF THE RAPID ADVANCE WHICH NECESSITATED CONSTANT LEAPFROGGING OF EQUIPMENT AND PERSONNEL. THAT THE BATTALION WAS ABLE AT ALL TIMES TO FURNISH EARLY AIRCRAFT WARNING TO FIGHTERS AND FIGHTER-BOMBERS AS WELL AS INVALUABLE INFORMATION ON ENEMY GROUND TARGETS REFLECTS HIGHLY UPON THE 563RD SIGNAL AIRCRAFT WARNING BATTALION AND IS WORTHY OF THE HIGHES TRADITIONS OF THE MILITARY SERVICE.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL SANDERS:

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I. ORGANIZATION OF UNITS
II. DISBANDMENT OF UNITS

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SECTION II
Disbandment of Units

1. Pursuant to the authority cited in paragraph 1, section I, above, the 563rd Signal AW Battalion will be disbanded effective 2359 hours, 30 July 1945.

2. Personnel of the 563rd Signal AW Battalion, both officer and enlisted, will be transferred to and absorbed by the 566th Signal AW Battalion. Complete rosters of all personnel of the 563rd Signal AW Battalion will be made available to the 566th Sigal AW Battalion.

3. Equipment of disbanded units will be absorbed in Air Force stocks to beused in supply, current and future shortages, as will be the equipment of the units whose table of allowances authorization is withdrawn.

4. The records of the units disbanded will be disposed of in accordance with the provisions of Circular No. 60, Hqs, European T of Opns USA, 16 May 1945. The Commanding Officer of unit will furnish report of the action taken to each of thefollowing:
CG, U. S. Forces, European Theater, Attn: AG Records Div.
CG, Ninth Air Force
CG, XII Tactical Air Command

5. The date of disbandment of units, effective the date indicated herein, will be reported to this headquarters without delay.

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563RD SIGNAL AIRCRAFT WARNING BATTALION

APO 141, US Army,
11 July 1945.

SPECIAL ORDERS)
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NUMBER.....87)

1. 1ST LT (66-A) EDGAR A. FRANZ 01644338 (0110) SigC, is reld from asgmt w/Hq Company and asgd to Co "C". EDCMR: 12 Jul 45.

2. 1ST LT ROBERT A. HOMAN 0504911 SigC, is aptd Bn Adjutant (Prin dy), vice CAPT ROBERT O. SCHURKE 01644757 SigC, reld. EDCMR: 12 Jul 45.

3. 1ST LT (64-A) BENJAMIN F. GUTTENBERGER 01643625 (0102), SigC, is reld fr asgmt w/Company "C", asgd Hq Company, and further aptd Bn Personnel Officer (Prin dy), vice CAPT JOHN J. REYNOLDS, JR 01643270 SigC, reld. EDCMR: 12 Jul 45.

4. 1ST LT CHARLES POHANISH 01639502 SigC, is aptd Bn Supply Officer (Prin dy) vice CAPT MAC RAY 01636519 SigC, reld. EDCMR: 12 Jul 45.

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APO 141, US Army,
14 July 1945.

SPECIAL ORDERS)
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NUMBER.....90)

1. 1ST LT (72-A) ROBERT P. FEIDMAN 01640444, SigC, is reld from assignment to 56th Signal AW Det (Close Control), asgd to this orgn in compliance w/TWX Y-221-C, Hq, XII TAC 13 July 1945, and further asgd to Co "A". EDCMR 15 July 45.

2. Pfc (71-A) Robert E. Whitebread 33460914 (650), Co "A" is placed on temp dy to Co "B". EDCMR 15 July 45.

3. Sgt (62-B) Robert B. McKenzie 32660821 (502), Co "A" is trfd in gr to Co "B". EDCMR 15 July 45.

4. 1ST LT ELLIOTT E. HOLD, 01645669, SigC, is aptd Bn PX Officer, vice 1ST LT GEORGE E. MOWER, 01547727, MAC, reld.

5. MAJ ALBERT E. OPDENWEYER, 0326580, SigC, is aptd Suverying Officer in the case of Pfc Thomas I. Maher, 16003760, (518), Co "B",

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APO 141, US Army,
15 July 1945.

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1. Confirming VOCO, 9 July 45, 1ST LT JAMES H. CARR, 01637832, SigC, is aptd Investigating Officer in the case of Pfc Thomas I. Maher, 16003760, (518), Co "B".

2. Fol pers, 312th Ftr Ctl Sq, are placed on DS w/this orgn in compliance w/par 8, SO 137, Hq XII TAC, 12 July 1945, and further placed on DS to Co "C". EDCMR 13 July 45.

1ST LT JAMES B. JONES, 0568825 AC
1ST LT NATHAN L. GOVERMAN, 0793314 AC
T Sgt James W. Sherman, 17127847
S Sgt Marlow L. Klier, 35129966
S Sgt Floyd A. Cates, 38227268
S Sgt John A. Foster, 37334630
S Sgt Joel I. Fitzgerald, 38209252
Sgt Ernest G. Bates, 35398459
Sgt Ralph L. Carlson, 38425535
Sgt J. J. Coughlin Jr, 33342061
Sgt Doyle G. Earl, 39900714
Sgt Milton K. Kelley, 34689311
Sgt George J. Marek, 16142863
Cpl Thomas R. Arnett, 39273253
Cpl Donald S. Camenga, 37340066
Cpl Albert C. Dagis, 16170715
Cpl Ruben J. Frerich, 17156202
Cpl Stanley Kucinski, 32600358
Cpl Scotty F. Gowdy, 38118902
Pfc Henry Rifkin, 14084821
Pfc Nathan Brod, 39259945
Pfc Thomas F. Cummings, 33478046
Pfc Phillip B. Carrier, 31389659
Pfc Chandler A. Hart, 31282542
Pfc Jeff A. Holt, 34710673
Pfc Kenneth Jones, 34729879

1ST LT LOLAN E. NUNLEY, 0873079 AC
1ST LT SILVARE A. SEELING, 0682680 AC
S Sgt Charles W. Seifert, 36427893
S Sgt Eugene R. Standley, 39271610
Sgt Slva L. Fischer, 34720967
Sgt Chaddie D. Cunningham, 35685795
Sgt Robert H. Hanson, 16168450
Sgt Maurice J. Landry, 38312688
Sgt Robert A. Paschel, 33405937
Sgt Edward A. Reinert, 36607196
Sgt Samuel Sadowsky, 11098463
Sgt Harry P. Smith, 33377957
Sgt Glenn W. Pierce, 19174285
Cpl Stanley Aronson, 32444017
Cpl Robert E. Hujsa, 12188774
Cpl Arthur W. Lapp, 32563573
Cpl Walter Lowenthal, 32627437
Cpl Robert W. Petit, 16155473
Cpl Myron E. Lang, 37475696
Pfc Jack G. Humphreys, 33341708
Pfc James T. Thornton, 35684406
Pfc Louis M. Valles, 39556912
Pvt Robert Dickson, 18064576
Pvt John P. Walker, 13015649
Pvt Sam J. Munti, 37382003

3. Pfc (71-A) Robert E. Whitebread, 33460914 (650), Co "A", is reld fr temp dy with Co "B". EDCMR 16 July 45.

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APO 142, US Army,
4 July 1945.

SPECIAL ORDERS)
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NUMBER.....83)

1. The following named EM, having been asgd to this orgn in compliance w/Par 6, SO 15, Hq 932d Sig Bn, Sep, Tactical Air Comd, dated 2 July 1945, are further asgd to companies indicated. EDCMR: 4 Jul 45.

S Sgt	(64-C)	George J. Clark	36604906 (502)	"B"
S Sgt	(79-B)	James H. Mathis	19002694 (502)	"A"
S Sgt	(81-Q)	Lawrence J. Schaefer	36304316 (097)	Hq
Sgt	(82-Q)	Raymond E. Hennessey	31068282 (805)	Hq
Sgt	(70-B)	Joseph D. Sparks	36022243 (097)	"A"
Sgt	(64-A)	John R. McGoey	32628913 (450)	"C"
Cpl	(83-Q)	Jacob Levine	32241113 (805)	Hq
Cpl	(83-A)	Wayne E. Pledger	20833787 (566)	"B"
Tec 5	(55-B)	Alexander B. Craver	34772672 (650)	Hq
Tec 5	(62-B)	Jack A. Zagofsky	32521701 (014)	"A"
Pfc	(61-A)	Herbert L. Christensen	32584955 (409)	Hq
Pfc	(57-B)	Ola L. Clutter	35739735 (590)	"A"
Pfc	(59-A)	Edward M. Cohen	32785272 (667)	Hq
Pfc	(57-A)	James J. Fennell	31084581 (650)	"B"
Pfc	(61-A)	Frank G. Gonsowski	32425242 (805)	Hq
Pfc	(55-B)	Frederick A. F. Krupp	32718643 (650)	"B"
Pfc	(63-B)	Stanley K. Light	16055167 (590)	"A"
Pfc	(53-B)	Peter P. Mayerchak	33436043 (590)	"B"
Pfc	(56-B)	Joseph J. Tuminaro	32786774 (590)	"B"
Pfc	(46-A)	Robert W. Woods	33919940 (590)	"C"
Pvt	(60-B)	Elmer R. Adams	33376463 (590)	"C"
Pvt	(73-B)	Joseph J. Carroll	33181704 (650)	"B"
Pvt	(60-A)	Dale O. Churchill	35050226 (060)	"C"
Pvt	(58-B)	Joe W. DeArman	38291214 (345)	"A"
Pvt	(52-A)	Roland J. Douillette	31262022 (766)	"C"
Pvt	(60-B)	Floyd R. Elkins	34399619 (345)	"A"
Pvt	(75-B)	Sol Gelman	12155065 (405)	Hq
Pvt	(55-B)	Frederic B. Holmes	34539046 (345)	"A"
Pvt	(66-C)	Joseph Kanik	33155042 (345)	"B"
Pvt	(45-A)	Verdo Kilgore	14185122 (345)	"C"
Pvt	(52-A)	Lester L. McDonald	36345113 (590)	"C"
Pvt	(68-A)	John P. Murphy	19174734 (502)	Hq

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