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Mr. John Greenewald, Jr.
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Dear Mr. Greenewald,

This is in response for your request received 20 August 2009 (our inquiries reference number 65533) concerning IRIS Number 97935, 5th Air Disarmament Group (Provisional) History, November 1944 through August 1945. Since your request was made under provisions of the Freedom of Information Act it has been designated 2009-03271-F.

Please find enclosed a photocopy of the requested document.

Thank you for your request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Barry L. Spink".

BARRY L. SPINK
Archivist

Attachment:

5th Air Disarmament Group (P) HI, Nov 44-Aug 45, IRIS # 97935.

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5TH AIR DISARMAMENT GROUP
Office of the Administrative Officer
APO 639

14 December 1944

SUBJECT: Unit History - 5th Air Disarmament Group

TO : Group Historical Officer, Group Headquarters, 5th Air Disarmament Group, APO 639.

The closing report for the month of November 1944 is submitted herewith.

Effective 1st November 1944, the newly activated Squadron, 1st Airfield Regional Command Disarmament Group (Prov), APO 633, began to function. Some changes were made in the assignment of personnel. Also, new departments were organized and began to function, among these was the GAF & Security Section.

On the 9th November 1944 the 1st Airfield Regional Command Disarmament Group was redesignated to the 3rd Air Disarmament Group (LC)(Prov), per paragraph 1, GO 4, Hq AAF Station 161, APO 639, dtd 8 November 1944. The new organization still being provisional and Hq & Hq Sq 4th CCRC Group (Bomb Sp) still official, two (2) morning reports were still being submitted. Also, on the 9th November 1944, new personnel were assigned to the Squadron, bringing the strength up to one hundred and thirty-eight (138).

On the 13th November 1944, the 3rd Air Disarmament Group (LC)(Prov) was redesignated to Headquarters, 5th Air Disarmament Group (Prov). During these Squadron redesignations, the personnel kept their original assignments and functioned uninterrupted.

On the 12th November 1944, the Squadron was alerted. All necessary details were already being organized for packing and crating, etc. All TE-Equipment and personnel were being moved by GMT, therefore, special attention was being given to the Transportation Section. New drivers had to be instructed in order to have a driver and an assistant driver for all the vehicles. Assignments were made to the trucks and other vehicles the following few days.

Convoy departed AAF Station 161, 0830 hours, 17 November 1944, twenty-nine (29) Officers, one hundred and twenty-seven (127) Enlisted Men, arriving at Camp Hursley, Southampton, England, at 1800 hours, 17 November 1944, enroute to Senlis, France

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All vehicles were refueled just before entering Camp Hursley. After the over-night rest, the Convoy departed Camp Hursley at 1100 hours, 18 November 1944, proceeding to Southampton Docks. Loading of vehicles was taken care of in due time, personnel boarded the John Henry at 1400 hours, 18 November 1944.

On the 19th November 1944, 0900 hours, the John Henry proceeded to Southampton Estuary, England; laid anchor at 1100 hours. At 0300 hours, 20 November 1944, the John Henry weighed anchor at Southampton Estuary, England and proceeded out to sea. The men got their first glimpse of France when they arrived in the Estuary at La Harve, France, about 1600 hours, 21st November 1944. Staying over-night in the La Harve Estuary, France, the John Henry proceeded up the Seine River about 1100 hours, 22nd November 1944. After anchoring again in the Seine River on the night of the 22nd November 1944, the John Henry proceeded up the river to Rouen, France; docking at 1200 hours, 23rd November 1944.

At 0230 hours, 24 November 1944, all personnel and equipment departed the John Henry and proceeded by GMT to Senlis, France, arriving at 1500 hours, 24 November 1944, at the camp site, Oak Leaf. Tents were pitched and established and the men got a good meal before going to bed. The following few days found the men very busy taking care of the usual garrison duties. Everyone gave a hand on all jobs, getting all details taken care of to enable the men to take advantage of passes and other privileges that followed the beginning of December. Strength of organization at the end of the month of November, 1944; thirty (30) Officers, one hundred and twenty-eight (128) Enlisted Men.

Robert L. Weinberger
ROBERT L. WEINBERGER
2nd Lt., AC
Squadron Historical Officer

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Hq & Hq Sq 5th Air Disarmament Group (Prov)

Organization

Unit designated as above by GO Sta 161, Boreham, Essex, England, on 13 Nov 44. Parent organization: Hq & Hq Sq 4th CCRO Gp (Bomb Sp).

Strength: (as of 31 Mar 45) Assigned & attached 36 Officers & 120 EM

Movements: 17 Nov 44 from Boreham, Essex, England to Senlis, France, arriving 24 Nov 44.
16 Mar 45 from Chamant (Senlis) to Boulange, France arriving same date.

Casualties Negative

Decorations: 26 Mar 45 Maj Edward A. Heffner MC 0-345863, Group Surgeon awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service in connection with military operations from 1 Mar 44 to 17 Jan 45.

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5TH AIR DISARMAMENT GROUP (PROV)
Office of the Administrative Officer
APO 639

8 January 1945

SUBJECT: Unit History. 5th Air Disarmament Group W

TO : Group Historical Officer, Group Headquarters, 5th Air Disarmament Group (Prov), APO 639.

The closing report for the month of December 1944 is submitted herewith.

The Hq & Hq Sq 4th CCRC Group (Bomb Sp), APO 639, still being the activated unit and the 5th Air Disarmament Group the provisional unit, two morning reports are still being submitted.

On the 5 of December, after all the necessary preparations, the first liberty run truck left for Paris. On or about the same time a liberty run was also started to the nearby town of Senlis. Five percent of the Squadron was allowed to go to Paris and ten percent to Senlis each day. The passes to Paris gave the men about thirteen hours off the post, one truck being sufficient for both the Officers and the Enlisted Men. The truck departed at 0900 hours, the twenty-five mile run usually being made within an hour. The trucks departed Paris at 2300 hours, the same hour the curfew began. The Senlis liberty run gave the men about four hours in town, trucks departing at 2300 hours. All the men in the Squadron took advantage of the Paris passes as their turn came, a good percentage of the men sent gifts home that they purchased in Paris, perfume being the most common.

Movies were offered soon after the passes to Paris began. There being only one projector for this Squadron and the two other Squadrons (20th AD Sq & 21st AD Sq), adequate space had to be found for the large number of men attending. At first there was a temporary set-up until space was found in the Chateau located on the camp site.

On the 6th of December, Captain Hogg, our Group Chaplain, was assigned to the Squadron. Arrangements for services for all denominations were taken care of immediately, some of the denominations attending services off the post. The Mess Tent was also used for services.

Special Service soon opened the Group Day Room in the Chateau after the necessary tables and chairs were secured, many of them from the Chateau itself. The Post Exchange was also opened immediately. The men were already donating part of their ration of candy for a party to be given to the French Children on Christmas Day.

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On the 12th of December, three Officers were assigned to the Squadron; 1st Lt. Cleveland, Group Special Service Officer; 1st Lt. Damon, Group Post Exchange Officer and 1st Lt. Foley, Ass't Intelligence Officer. The addition of these three Officers brought the Officers strength to thirty-four. Additional members added to the Squadron were T/Sgt Musick and Cpl Rutledge, both ordnance men. Two Enlisted Men who were in the hospital transferred out of the outfit, they were Cpl. Johnson and Pvt. Blackstock, both of the Motor Pool.

All passes were discontinued on the 21st of December when the Senlis area was alerted to be on the outlook for German paratroopers who were allegedly in the vicinity. The guard was more than doubled and everyone was on edge as rumors flew thick and fast. Finally, the camp settled down when local passes were again authorized on December 31st. However the Paris area continued to be off-limits for members of this unit except on duty.

Christmas Day found the staff NCOs on K.P., although this was voluntary there was more than enough help, the alert was also still in effect so the men stayed within the camp area. A Christmas Party was given to the local French Children on Christmas Day in Senlis. All the personnel of this Squadron had been adding candy to the collection that was started about three weeks previous. About one hundred men from the Squadrons, three hundred eighty French Children, between the age of three and ten, and a number of elder people attended. Both the Squadrons and the Children had a program of their own. Chaplain Hogg and a local Senlis Priest, Father Rabel, led the party in services and songs, a number of songs were sung by the Children including the Star Spangle Banner in English. All the efforts proved it's worth, the candy, sandwiches and drinks were enjoyed immensely by the Children.

Our Chemical Warfare Officer, 1st Lt. Dutton, was transferred to Headquarters 9th Air Force Service Command on the 27th of December. On the same date, 1st Lt. Hord was transferred from the Squadron, on route to the Zone of Interior.

On the 29th of December, 2nd Lt. Robert L. Weinberger was relieved of duties as Administrative Officer and assigned to duties as Assistant Group Intelligence Officer. Captain David P. Rhame was relieved of duties as GAF & Security Officer and assigned to duties as Administrative Officer.

The Company strength at the closing day of December was one hundred and twenty-eight Enlisted Men and thirty-two Officers.

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DAVID P. RHAME
Captain, AC
Squadron Historical Officer

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HEADQUARTERS & HEADQUARTERS SQUADRON
4TH CGRC GROUP (BOMB SP)
APO 149

14 February 1945

SUBJECT: Squadron History. Hq & Hq Sq, 5th Air Disarmament Group (Prov)

TO : Group Historical Officer, Group Headquarters, 5th
Air Disarmament Group (Prov), APO 149.

The closing report for the month of January is submitted herewith.

The strength of the organization at the beginning of January was thirty-three Officers and one hundred and twenty-eight Enlisted Men.

On the 1st of January, Major James Rivero, who is well known by most of the squadron personnel, was attached for duty with the 5th Air Disarmament Group as Air Inspector.

There being a shortage of coal in the immediate vicinity of Senlis and the cold weather that lasted for the entire month of January, a group of trucks were sent to Belgium to obtain sufficient fuel. The personnel of the squadron found it hard to obtain enough wood to keep warm during the cold nights, the temperature sometimes dripping almost to zero, and the presence of snow that kept the ground covered since the first of the year made it all the more difficult to secure wood.

On the 15th of January, forty-eight of the Enlisted Men were promoted (temporary) as follows: two to T/Sgt, seven to S/Sgt, twenty-two to Sgt, nine to Cpl, and eight to Pfc (see inclosure). This was the first promotion of Enlisted Men in the squadron since the provisional outfit was activated. As yet the 5th Air Disarmament Group is the provisional outfit, two morning reports are still being submitted.

About the middle of the month showers were set up to accommodate the entire personnel of the post. Heretofore, the men were taking showers at IX Air Force Service Command Headquarters, some going during the day and others taking advantage of the shower run twice a week. Almost all the equipment for the showers was German equipment found in Paris, a number of large water storage tanks were picked up also for use in the mess hall. The men that set up the showers did a very good job and the German equipment served a very good purpose.

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On the 19th of January, a training schedule was submitted by Group Headquarters. The schedule covered chemical agents, Gas Mask instructions, first aid for gas victims, Nazi Propaganda, German S.S. and Para-Military Organizations, Mission and Organization of the Air Disarmament Command. The entire squadron was divided into platoons so as not to effect any one section too much. The school continued throughout the remainder of the month.

Also on the 19th of January, 2nd Lt. Gillespie, 2nd Lt. Messimer and 2nd Lt. Weinberger were promoted to 1st Lt. (temporary) per paragraph 4, Special Order 15, Headquarters IX Air Force, 15 January 1945.

Special Service made arrangements a number of times for dances. Because there are no facilities here, arrangements were made with IX Air Force Service Command to allow a certain number of men to attend their dances. All through the month movies were given every night except Sundays. Also, passes to Paris were still in effect, the quota always being filled every day.

On the 21st of January, five new men joined the squadron, prior to this, both Officers and Enlisted Men were being transferred to hospitals, most of them returning to the Zone of Interior for treatment. Two of the new men that joined the squadron had a good knowledge of German.

Some of the tents were improved by the addition of more stoves and wood floors. Some changes were made during the month in the tents. The Orderly Room was moved into a more convenient size tent, therefore, giving more room for the squadron personnel.

At the closing of the month of January to squadron strength was as follows: one hundred twenty-nine Enlisted Men and thirty-three Officers.

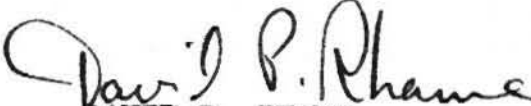
Following is a list of Officers and Enlisted Men that were assigned and transferred during the month of January:

Major	Rivero, James	assigned	1 January
Sgt	LaBrutto, Louis L.	transferred	9 January
1st Lt.	Powell, Frederick H. Jr.	attached	10 January
T/Sgt	Hettler, Francis J.	assigned	21 January
S/Sgt	Lang, Max A.	assigned	21 January
Pvt	Funk, Marvin H.	assigned	21 January
Pfc	Williams, John D.	assigned	21 January
Pfc	Christen, George L.	assigned	21 January
Captain	Carter, William R.	transferred	22 January

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1st Lt.	Hill, Charles E. Jr.	assigned	22 January
Captain	Hugonin, Francis W.	assigned	22 January
Major	Rivero, James	TD SHAEF	25 January
Pvt	Funk, Marvin H.	transferred	25 January
1st Lt.	Powell, Frederick H. Jr.	transferred	25 January
1st Lt.	Lynch, Howard W.	transferred	26 January
1st Lt.	Weinberger, Robert L.	transferred	26 January
S/Sgt	Eberley, Eugene S.	assigned	29 January

1 Incl: Squadron Orders, Number 1,
Hq 4th CCRC Gp (Bomb Sp).


 DAVID P. RHAME
 Captain, AC
 Squadron Historical O.

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HEADQUARTERS & HEADQUARTERS SQUADRON
4TH COMBAT CREW REPLACEMENT CENTER GROUP (B SP)
APO 639

SQUADRON ORDERS)

15 January 1945

NUMBER 1)

1. Under the provisions of AR 615-5, as amended, the following named EM of this organization are promoted to the Temp Grade indicated, effective this date:

TO BE TECHNICAL SERGEANT (TEMPORARY)

S/Sgt Smith, Raleigh W.	14014867
S/Sgt Watkins, John E.	12077525

TO BE STAFF SERGEANT (TEMPORARY)

Sgt Clemens, Pierre W.	37545827
Sgt Cornell, Louis F.	14142083
Sgt Fiske, Robert F.	32888965
Sgt Garside, James H.	12075876
Sgt Kay, Monte M.	33314914
Sgt Miller, William L.	33099419
Sgt Novak, Ellsworth C.	36714432

TO BE SERGEANT (TEMPORARY)

Cpl Bingham, Robert F.	35720488
Cpl Butorac, Martin	37251891
Cpl Carroll, Delbert W.	37472640
Cpl Dimun, Michael	33305633
Cpl Friedman, Irving	32703863
Cpl Hannigan, Robert S.	12181304
Cpl Kott, Harry	13087343
Cpl Kuhn, Robert D.	13089820
Cpl Lightle, Merle R.	36671199
Cpl Luttrell, Jack K.	16068445
Cpl Lutz, Meredith C.	10601085
Cpl Macdonald, Richard E.	31306015
Cpl Mancusi, Herbert J.	32792286
Cpl Nicholson, Joe D.	39186741
Cpl Niles, Charles H.	37194240
Cpl Horton, Charles R.	32878197
Cpl Petersen, Phillip W.	37464569
Cpl Reinhardt, James B.	34300200
Cpl Schwartzkopf, Robert A.	16058901
Cpl Simpkins, Oden R.	33535331
Cpl Smawley, Raymond W.	36513155
Cpl Swope, Harold L.	33505710

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TO BE CORPORAL (TEMPORARY)

Pfc Libbons, Richard F.	39455616
Pfc Arvan, Clarence J.	36595900
Pfc Fanning, Albert L.	31175544
Pfc Gahr, Frederick T.	11111845
Pfc Heston, Robert H.	13117813
Pfc King, Eugene H.	12192194
Pfc King, Gilbert W.	36458321
Pfc T. ...	39277307
Pfc ...	32421264

TO BE PRIVATE FIRST CLASS (TEMPORARY)

Pvt Bass, Henry	17155220
Pvt Clark, James F.	34650050
Pvt Milan, Charles L.	39234804
Pvt Hoxsey, Linwood R.	31218560
Pvt Saucedo, John R.	35330005
Pvt Solarchik, Joseph	12193290
Pvt Williams, James T.	34345990
Pvt Wood, Dale F.	36462326

Glynn L. Scott
GLYNN L. SCOTT,
Lt. Colonel, AC,
Commanding.

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HEADQUARTERS
5TH AIR DISARMAMENT GROUP (PROV)

APO 149, U.S. Army.
12 March 1945

File: 314,7

SUBJECT: Unit Histories.

TO : Commanding General, Hq' IX Air Force Service Command,
APO 149, U.S. Army. ATTN: Historical Branch.

1. In compliance with Memorandum 20-10, Hq' IX Air Force Service Command, the attached history covering one unit of this group is herewith submitted.

2. Due to Unit Movement the remaining histories are not available. Upon receipt, said histories will be forwarded to your office.

For the Commanding Officer:



Robert L. Bees
ROBERT L. BEES,
Capt, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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Incl 1 - Feb 1945 history of 5th AD Gp in dup. (4th CCRC Gp)

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HEADQUARTERS
5TH AIR DISARMAMENT GROUP (PROV)

APO 149, U.S. Army.
12 March 1945

File: 814,7

SUBJECT: Unit Histories.

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ROBERT L. REES,
Capt, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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Incl 1 - Feb 1945 history of 5th AD Gp in dup. (4th CCRC Gp)

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HEADQUARTERS & HEADQUARTERS SQUADRON
4TH CCRC GROUP (BOMB SP)
APO 149

4 March 1945

SUBJECT: Squadron History.

TO : Commanding General, Headquarters, IX Air Force Service Command,
APO 149, U.S. Army (Att: Historical Branch, Intelligence Section);
THRU: Commanding Officer, Headquarters, 4th CCRC Group (Bomb Sp),
APO 149, U.S. Army.

The closing report for the month of February is submitted herewith.

Organization: Negative

Strength: 28 February 1945: 121 Enlisted Men; 36 Officers

Movement: Negative

Casualties: Negative

Decorations: Negative

At the beginning of the month of February the weather seemed to be getting better all along, this gave the men a better opportunity to improve living conditions, making the tents a more comfortable place to live.

There still being a shortage of personnel to perform duties such as K.P. and Guard, all men from Privates through Sergeants were taking their turn on these duties, each duty coming within seven to nine days.

On the 3rd of February, seven men were selected for Infantry Reinforcement. These men were selected by a board of Officers. They were selected according to their capabilities, their MOS, grade and their present duty in the organization.

Passes are in effect to Paris and the nightly pass to the nearby town of Senlis. Special Service was still making arrangements for a certain number of men to attend dances held at IX Air Force Service Command Headquarters, usually about ten men were allowed to attend. On the 19th of February, the Enlisted Men of the organization and the two Squadrons, 21st A.D. and 20th A.D. Sqs., held their first dance. A dance hall was used in Senlis, the band was made up of Enlisted Men from IX Air Force Service Command Headquarters. About seventy-five tickets were given to the men and about forty French girls attended. Everyone that was present seemed to enjoy themselves, Special Service began making arrangements for another one as soon as conditions permitted. All during the month, forty-eight hour passes were being given to eligible men. There being certain restrictions and regulations regarding passes over-night in this theater, only a few men could meet the requirements. Most of these

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Officers that were transferred into the organization during the month are as follows: Major York, 4th of February; Captain Carlyn and 1st Lt. Hubis, 5th of February; Captain Nimmo, 16th of February; Major Heffner, 20th of February; Colonel Johnson, 26th of February and Captain Swanson, 27th of February. Officers transferred out of the organization during the month are as follows: 1st Lt. Cleveland, 26th of February; Major Rivero and Lt. Colonel Scott, 27th of February. Colonel Johnson assumed command of the Group upon his transfer into the organization 26th of February, Lt. Colonel Scott was relieved of command the following day.

The following Officers were assigned to the following duties during the month of February: 1st Lt. Damon, Group Special Service Officer; Major Heffner, Group Surgeon; Captain Nimmo, Group Statistical Officer; Captain Carlyn, Ass't Group Intelligence Officer.

Whenever the weather permitted, games were played between the Squadrons and this organization, both Officers and Enlisted Men. Some of the men showed very good sportmanship. On the 23rd, 24th and 25th, the Officers and Enlisted Men of the organization played three games of softball. The scores are as follows: first game; Officers 10, EM 2; second game; EM 14, Officers 2; third game; EM 15, Officers 3.

On the 6th of February, Captain Beemer was promoted to Major and 2nd Lt. Daimond was promoted to 1st Lt. Also, 2nd Lt. Merkler was promoted to 1st Lt. on the 17th of February. 1st Lt. Rees was transferred from the organization on the 8th of February, during the time of his absence he was promoted to Captain. Captain Rees returned to the organization on the 18th of February.

On the 8th of February, promotions of Enlisted Men were as follows: one S/Sgt to T/Sgt, one Sgt to S/Sgt, one Cpl to Sgt, four Pfc's to Cpl and three Privates to Pfc.

The first man from this organization to meet the requirements for a thirty-day furlough in the Zone of Interior was S/Sgt Rackliff of Maine. S/Sgt Rackliff departed the organization on the 15th of February. During S/Sgt Rackliff's absence, his brother, M/Sgt Reckliffe, was transferred into the organization on the 25th of February. Another new member to the organization was M/Sgt LaFontaine, who joined on the 26th of February. During the month four Enlisted Men were transferred, three to the squadrons under this command, one to a Replacement Depot.

1 Incl: SqO 3, Hq Sq, 4th CGRC Gp.

David P. Rhame
DAVID P. RHAME
Captain, AC
Squadron Historical Officer

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HEADQUARTERS
HQ & HQ SQ, 4TH COMBAT CREW REPLACEMENT CENTER GROUP (B SP)
APO 149

7 February 1945

SQUADRON ORDERS)

NUMBER 3)

1. Under the provisions of AR 615-2, as amended, the following named Enlisted Men of this organization are promoted to the Temporary grade indicated, effective this date:

TO BE TECHNICAL SERGEANT (T)
S/Sgt Glenard F. Crites, 18026493

TO BE STAFF SERGEANT (T)
Sgt Don H. Dulin, 34035110

TO BE SERGEANT (T)
Cpl. Charles M. Blackie, Jr 13124803

TO BE CORPORAL (T)
Pfc Albert H. Baxendale 14115082
Pfc Linwood R. Moxcey 31218560
Pfc Dale F. Wood 36482326
Pfc Joseph Solarchik 12193296

TO BE PRIVATE FIRST CLASS (T)
Pvt Raymond W. Cashman 32745211
Pvt Floyd R. Harig, 36429672
Pvt Kenneth B. Somerville 35751024

Clayton L. Scott
CLAYTON L. SCOTT,
Lt. Colonel, AC,
Commanding.

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HEADQUARTERS & HEADQUARTERS SQUADRON
4TH CCRC GROUP (BOMB SP)
APO 149

4 March 1945

SUBJECT: Squadron History.

TO : Commanding General, Headquarters, IX Air Force Service Command,
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LPO 149

7 February 1945

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TO BE STAFF SERGEANT (T)

Sgt Don H. Dulin, 34035110

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Cpl. Charles M. Blackie, Jr 13124805

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Pfc Linwood R. Moxey 31218560

Pfc Dale F. Wood 36482326

Pfc Joseph Solarchik 12193296

TO BE PRIVATE FIRST CLASS (T)

Pvt Raymond W. Cashman 32745211

Pvt Floyd R. Harig, 36429672

Pvt Kenneth B. Somerville 35751024

Clayton L. Scott

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Lt. Colonel, IC,
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HEADQUARTERS
5TH AIR DISARMAMENT GROUP (PROV)
OFFICE OF THE UNIT OFFICER
APO 149

13 April 1945

SUBJECT: Unit History.

TO : Commanding General, Headquarters, IX Air Force Service Command, APO 149, U.S. Army (Att: Historical Branch, Intelligence Section); THRU: Commanding Officer, 1st Air Disarmament Wing (Prov), APO 149, U.S. Army.

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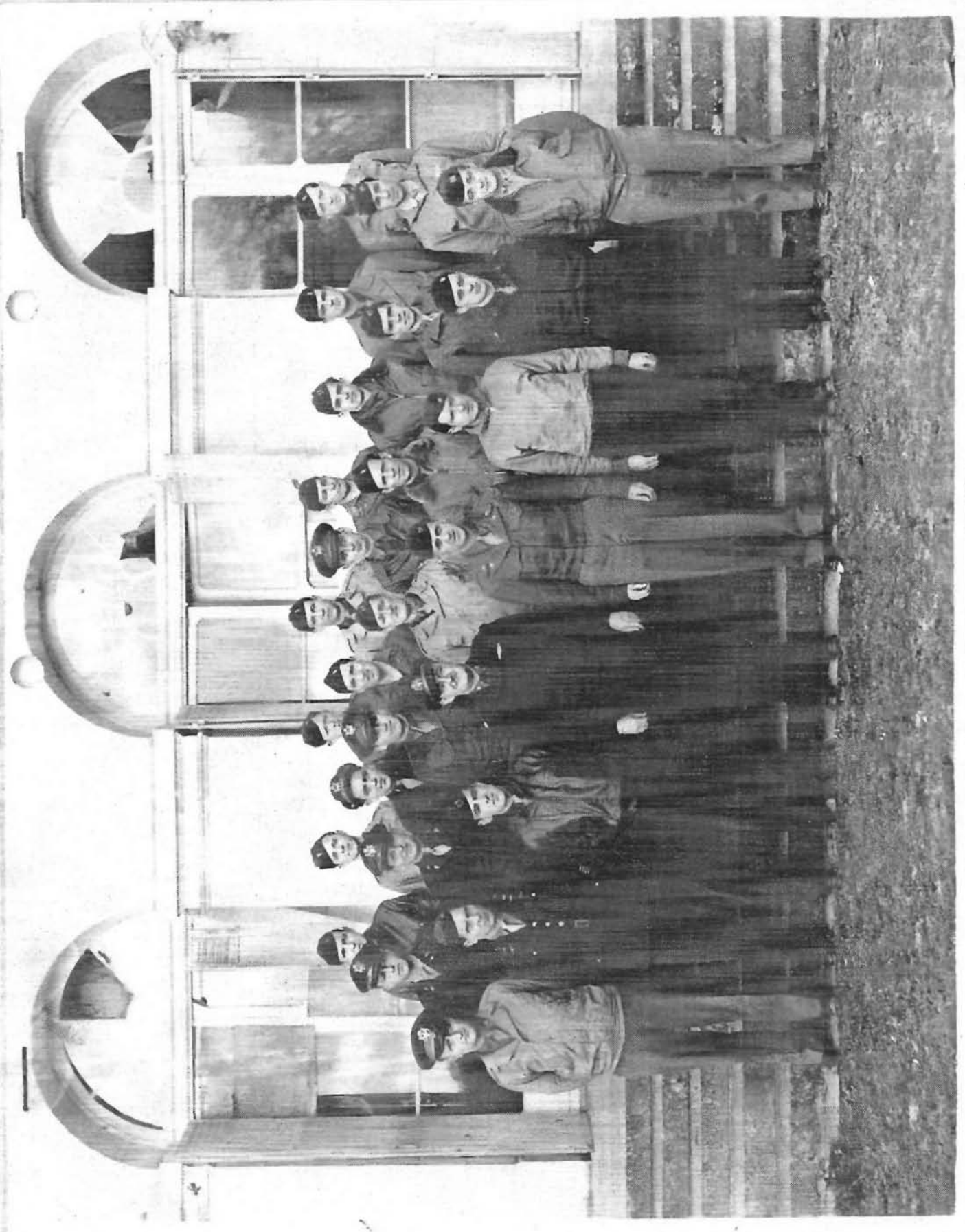
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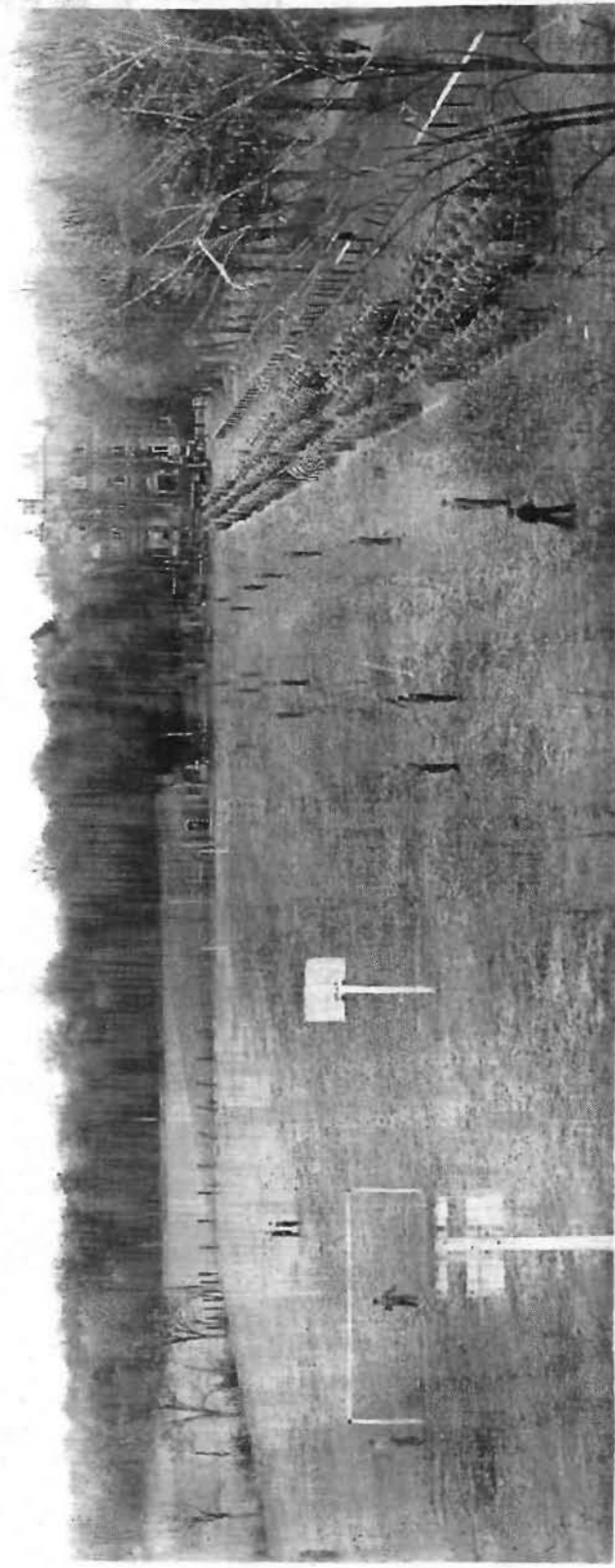
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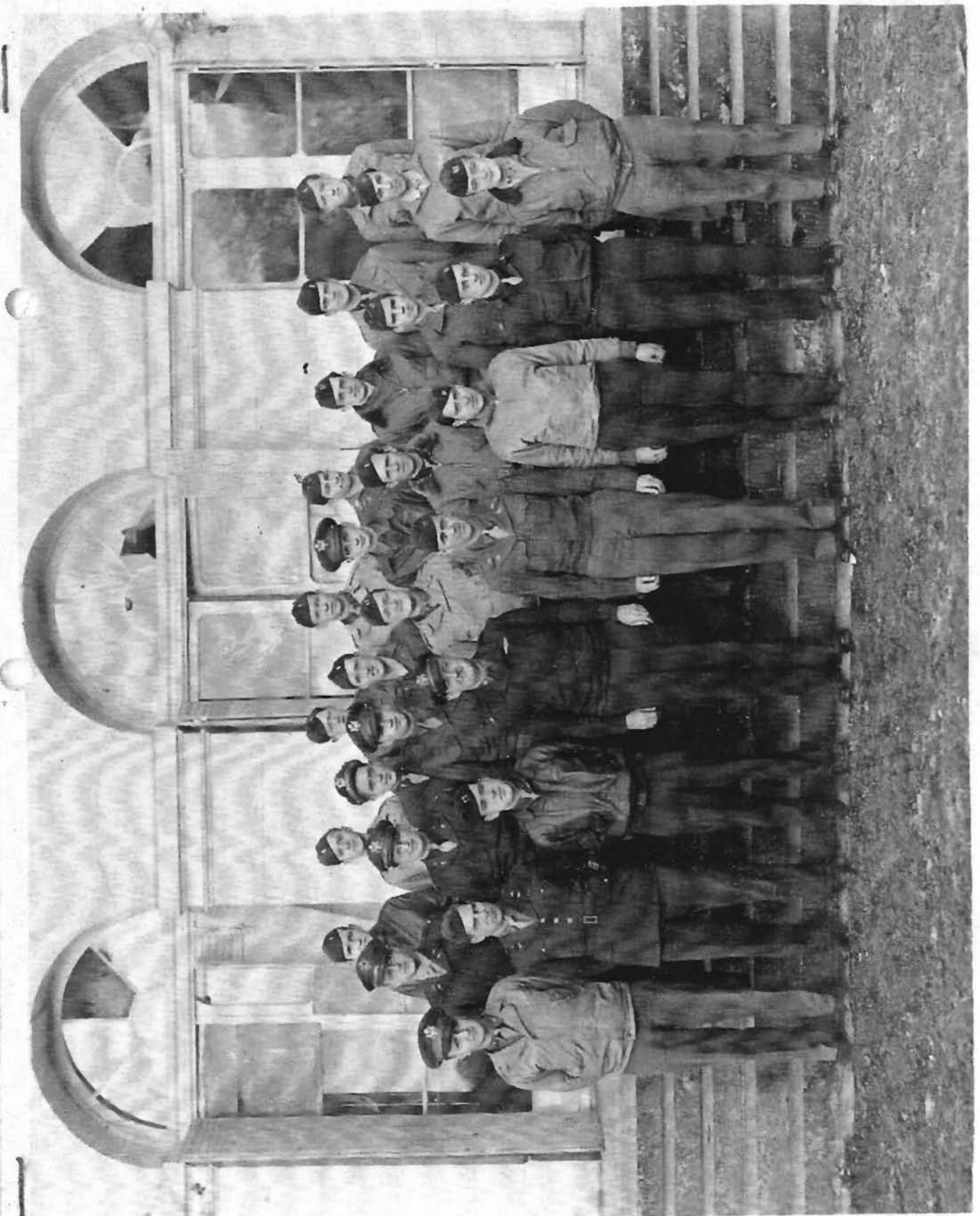
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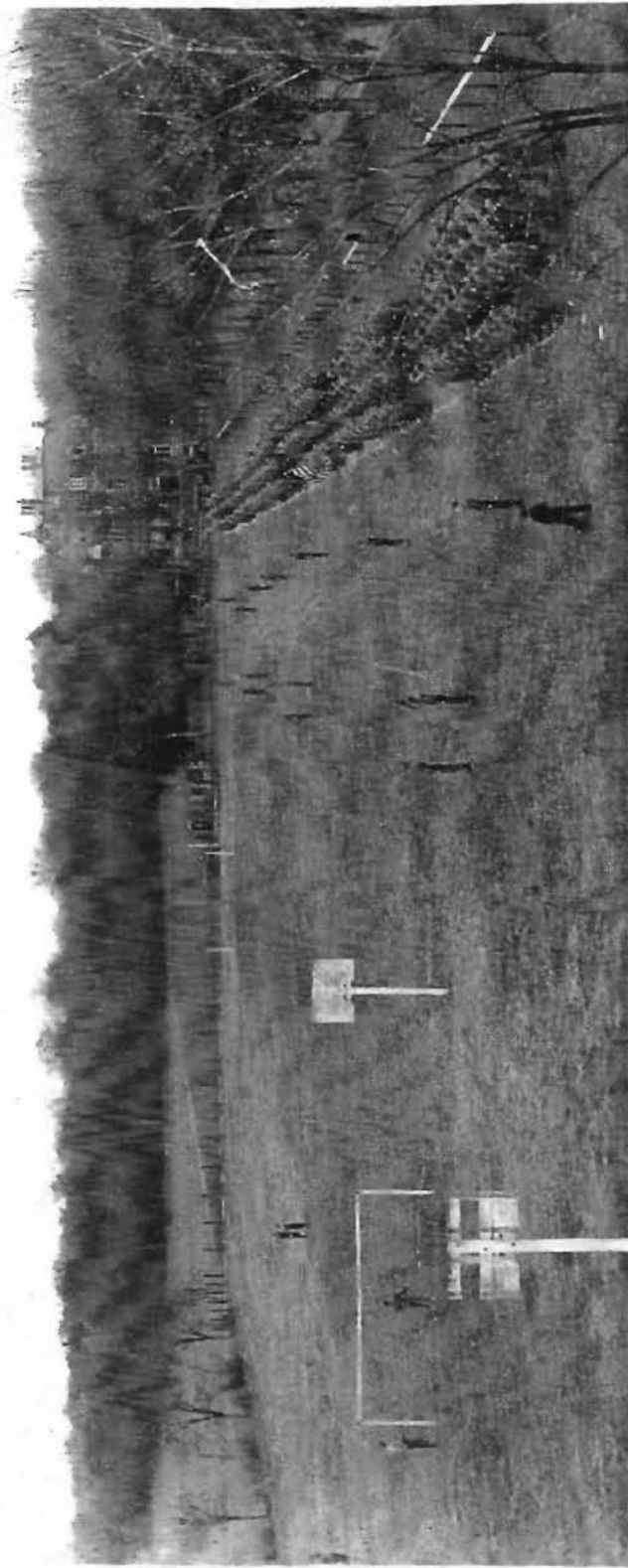
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AIR FORCE : United States Strategic and Tactical Air Force
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HEADQUARTERS SQUADRON
5TH AIR DISARMAMENT GROUP (PROV)

APO 149, US Army.
5 June 1945

SUBJECT: Unit History.

TO : Commanding General, Headquarters, IX Air Force Service
Command, APO 149, US Army (Att: Historical Branch,
Intelligence Section); (THROUGH CHANNELLS)

The closing report for the month of May 1945 is submitted
Herewith.

ORGANIZATION

Negative.

STRENGTH

During the month of May the following changes were noted
on the strength report: 30 April; 132 enlisted men assigned and
two attached, 31 May; 158 enlisted men assigned and 69 attached;
30 April; 32 officers assigned and five attached, 31 May; 43
officers assigned and 3 attached.

MOVEMENT

Although the personnel of the organization were given news
of the movement from Muhlhausen to an airfield at Merseburg,
Germany on the 6th of May, only two days ahead of time, all
preparations were taken care of in due time. A large part of the
packing and loading of supplies was undertaken by a number of
Displaced Persons. The necessary arrangements that had to be made
on other movements such as, loading assignments and such, weren't
necessary due to the fact that the men had a good idea of the size
of the convoy as to the number of trucks available for personnel
and equipment from previous movements. The convoy departed from
Muhlhausen at 1330 hours and arrived at appointed destination,

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Merseburg, Germany at 1730 hours. No trouble was encountered during the time of travel. The advance party, which consisted of four ranking NCO's, departed on the fourth of May. By this arrangement they were able to make provisions for billeting the main body of the organization upon its arrival. The men thought the new billets more convenient than those at Muhlhausen due to the fact that everything was consolidated into one building and its locale. The building that the Enlisted Men occupied was of a three story design; the top floor being a large attic without any partitioning of rooms. All of the personnel that were assigned and attached to the organization found just the two lower floors sufficient for their billets. The Officers occupied the second floor of the building in which the Officer's and Enlisted Men's Mess and Medical Section were located. The Squadron Supply Room was set up in a one story building near the main billet; the Orderly Room was conveniently placed on the first floor of the Enlisted Men's billet, and the Mail Room adjoins the Orderly Room. All of the buildings that the Officer's and Enlisted Men occupy are complete with showers with the exception of the building where Supply and attached men had billets. Each building has its own heating system; Displaced Persons acting as firemen. Everyone is well pleased with the new set up, the location of Group Headquarters being the only inconvenience, which is a quarter of a mile away. To remedy this situation a transportation schedule was promptly set up to take care of most of the men going to and from billets and headquarters.

CASUALTIES

Negative.

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DECORATIONS

Negative.

SUMMARY

During the first few days of the month of May the men of organization were kept very busy getting their newly acquired billets in order for inspection, after the previous move from France in the latter part of April. With the assistance of about twenty-five Displaced Persons, volunteers from a nearby camp, this job didn't take too long. It consisted of giving the buildings a general clean up as well as the burning of a great many old tables, lockers, and other German issue salvage equipment which was in the living quarters before we came. These buildings had been vacated by the German Army only three weeks previous. Great stores of winter fighting clothing were found in the warehouses. Each man was given two blue cotton athletic suits.

Just as the men were getting settled down to garrison duties again orders came to move on to Merseburg. Arriving at the new station, an airfield formerly used by the Luftwaffe, we were confronted with the usual clean up job as before. Luckily we were able to get the assistance of Displaced Persons again in this project, and within twenty-four hours the sections were in operation once again. Headquarters was set up in a building formerly used as an operation tower, and it has proven quite adequate for our needs, being able to accommodate nearly all the administrative sections. Billeting of the Enlisted Men and Officers has been mentioned "Movement" part of this report.

LEAVES, PASSES AND FURLONGHS

The first quota on passes was allotted through 1st Air Disarmament Wing (Prov); one man from this organization was to

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receive a forty-eight hour pass to Brussells, Belgium. This pass was given to Cpl. Franklin on the 20th of May. Cpl. Franklin's name was drawn from a hat with the consent of the personnel of the organization as being a fair way of determining who was to go. Cpl Franklin, being the only man to go on this quota, proceeded to Muhlhausen, Germany where he joined a man from each of the two Disarmament Squadrons under this command. From there the three men went on to Brussells by G.M.T.

The first men departed from the organization for leaves of seven day duration to the Riviera, France on the 22nd of May. There were three Officers and one Enlisted Man; Captain Leone, Captain Rhame, 1st Lt. Crass, and Cpl. Licker, were selected to go on this, the first quota received. On the 27th of May the second group departed, this time for the United Kingdom. One day traveling time was granted these men, 1st Lt. Butcher, M/Sgt O'Hearn, and Sgt. Pritchard, to facilitate joining one man from each of the squadrons at the 45th Air Depot Group for flight to England. All the men had necessary documents signed by the Commanding Officer to clarify their transportation to Northern Ireland.

Evening passes to the nearby towns and the immediate vicinity were started on the 29th of May. The passes were from 1700 hours to 2130 hours; the men going on pass had to wear regulation combat uniform. Thirty Enlisted Men were on pass the first night, and on the last day of the month less than five men signed up for same.

MORALE COMPLAINTS

The most prominent complaint voiced by the men at present

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is the furlough situation. When the organization was activated, the 31st of October 1944, hardly any of the men had been given a furlough within the past year. When higher headquarters began giving out furloughs the men of this organization couldn't seem to understand why they didn't get them also. After six months of waiting for operations, for which we were scheduled to perform to begin, the organization was allotted a very small percentage after repeated efforts of our present Commanding Officer. The men are very grateful for this effort, but with the present quota it will take at least one year or more for every man in the organization, to receive a furlough. Now that the organization is in Germany, being subjected to the non-fraternization policy and partial restriction, the men seem justified in feeling that at least a higher percentage of forty-eight hour passes be allotted, even if the furlough situation can't be increased. During our five month stay in France, when passes and furloughs could have been given without any interference with operations, a very limited number of over-night passes were given to the men who had acquaintances in the immediate vicinity of our camp. There have been four forty-eight hour passes allotted to the Enlisted Men since the organization was activated; three passes to Paris and one to Brussels. Everyone seems to be well satisfied with billets, food, and duties in general, and several of the men have commented favorably on the efforts made by our Commanding Officer and other Officers for our convenience as being beyond complaint.

Another complaint heard from the men is the fact that there have been no movies shown since the 19th of May. The Special Service Section has made several attempts to obtain parts for the repair of our broken machine, but to no avail.

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ENLISTED MEN'S CLUB

Before our departure from Muhlhausen we were able to set up a make-shift club, which operated several nights. This club was a consolidated club; our organization working in conjunction with the two subordinate Air Disarmament Group (Prov) Squadrons, which were also stationed at the same base. Enough beer was always available to serve all the men during off duty hours. Movies were shown in the nearby gymnasium until our departure. Due to the fact that there were no Air Force units in the immediate vicinity Special Service arranged to secure films from the nearby ground force unit.

On the 26th of May, after the attached personnel from the 21st Air Disarmament Squadron were relieved from duty and returned to their organization, immediate preparations were begun to set up the Enlisted Men's Club and Day Room. All the necessary equipment such as: chairs, tables, rugs, and the glasses for the bar were procured from billet vacated by one of the other organizations, formerly attached to us, which departed a number of days previous. Due to the willingness of several of the officials of the club to lend a helping hand, the club was in operation on the same day that the work was begun, ready to serve thirty bottles of cognac and thirty-five bottles of wine, which had been obtained through official sources previously. A small fee was charged to cover all necessary expenses. All the rules and regulations were carried out as drawn up on the Enlisted Men's Constitution. On the 31st of May a similar supply of wine was obtained and another party held that evening for all wishing to attend.

All during the month the organization usually had beer every evening after working hours. All the necessary expenses were covered by donations. The beer was served on the steps outside the EM's billets.

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OPERATIONS

Although a number of teams had already accomplished a lot of work before the war ended, our first big mission was working with the Air Technical Intelligence here on this airstrip, in which a large per cent of this organization took part in the first part of the month. During this mission a permanent detail of eligible men were working with the ATI; also, a large percentage of the Enlisted Men helped with the necessary loading and shipping preparations for a few days after regular duty hours. A large shipment of priority equipment was shipped to Air Disarmament Packing and Crating Centers from this particular mission. Some of the equipment was as follows: a number of priority air craft engines, jet-propelled planes, air craft guns, and other miscellaneous equipment. On the 10th of May one Officer and five Enlisted Men of this organization, communications section, departed for TD at Halle, Germany to take charge of a radar station. Some of these men remained for the remainder of the month of May. Large quantities of communication equipment of all kinds were shipped to Packing and Crating Centers. Another example of the many operational missions carried out throughout the month was that of seven EM and one Officer on TD at Kala, Germany. Nearly all of these men were from the engineering section. The target at Kala was an assembly plant for Jet planes; a number of such planes were shipped to Packing and Crating Centers. Records were kept on all kinds of equipment by this organization taken over by personnel of the 10th Air Disarmament Group and the 365th Fighter Group that were operating from this base during the month of May.

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The first Information and Education program was held on the 19th of May and each week thereafter. At the first meeting a lecture was given on the non-fraternization policy, and an open discussion on the subject was held after the lecture. At the second meeting Captain Carlyn, Information and Education Officer, held the men for about forty-five minutes with a lecture on the United States Armed Forces Institute, giving all the necessary information as to the procedure for enrolling in a course and what courses are available at this time.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

Regular Sunday Religious Services were conducted throughout the month. Catholic Services were held in Leipzig each Sunday; transportation departing at 0800 hours; Jewish Services were also held in Leipzig on Fridays. Protestant Services were held on the airstrip, this station, with the Air Evacuation Hospital personnel.

RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES

A tour was conducted through Special Service on Sunday, 20th of May, to Halle, Germany. About forty men attended the tour departing at 1230 hours, returning at 1700 hours. The tour covered the more interesting points of the city. Arrangements were made previously to use the swimming pool in Halle during the tour; most of the men on the tour took part in the swimming. After supper, the same date, a softball game was played between the personnel of this organization and the 818th Engineers; the score was 9 to 10, favoring the Engineers. Another tour was held one evening in the middle of the month to the city of Leipzig. The thirty-five men that attended were able to see many of the places which have been

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prominent in recent years. One part of the tour many men will remember will be the seeing of the monument erected to the fall of Napoleon in the year 1813. The men were very impressed at seeing this.

During the month there was a baseball game held just about every evening between miscellaneous outside organizations and inter-squadron games.

ASSIGNMENTS

On the 1st of May three Privates were promoted to Privates First Class (Attached Document Squadron Order #1 Hq, 5th Air Disarmament Group (Prov) dtd 1 May 1945). By the 5th of May all of the men on the holding parties at Boulange, France had joined the organization, and the advanced party to Merseburg had already departed. 1st Lt. D'Ascanio QMC, who later became Squadron Supply Officer, joined the organization for duty on the 5th of May. On the 9th of May five Officers and twenty-five Enlisted Men from the 21st Air Disarmament Squadron were attached for rations and quarters; these men occupied the north end of the third floor in the Enlisted Men's billets at Merseburg.

On the 10th of May 1st Lt. Diamond and five Enlisted Men from the Communications Section departed on a mission to Halle, Germany; some of these men remained throughout the month of May. All during the month groups of Enlisted Men and Officers were attached to carry out various operations. Each arrival or departure was coordinated with the mess; these men were also carried on the morning report; 1st Lt. Richards was assigned primary duty as Squadron Adjutant on the 13th of May; 1st Lt. D'Ascanio was assigned primary duty as Squadron Supply Officer vice 1st Lt. Richards. On the 15th of May 38 Enlisted Men were attached for rations and quarters from different organizations.

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1st Lt. Booth was assigned primary duty as Assistant Supply Officer on the 15th of May; 1st Lt. Mahar was assigned primary duty as Radar Officer on the same date.

On the 16th of May promotions were made as follows: one man promoted to S/Sgt; three men promoted to the grade of Corporal from Private First Class. (Attached Document SO#54 Hq, 5th Air Disarmament Group, 15 May 1945)

Duty assignments of Officers were made as follows: 2nd Lt. Felton, assigned primary duty as Assistant Engineering Officer; Captain Bailey, assigned primary duty as Engineering Officer; CWO Ashley, assigned primary duty as Assistant Adjutant; 1st Lt. Crass, assigned primary duty as Assistant Personnel Officer; 1st Lt. Genesen, assigned primary duty as Courts and Boards Officer; Captain Schwarzkopf was assigned to the organization on the 19th, and later became Group Transportation Officer. During Captain Rhame's absence, while on leave, 1st Lt. Richards was assigned primary duty as Squadron Commander. On the 22nd of May three Privates First Class were promoted to the grade of Corporal. (Attached Document SO#58 Hq, 5th Air Disarmament Group, 22 May 1945).

Throughout the month the men going on missions to various targets were placed on TD to the city closest to their target.

On the tenth of the month Captain Hess was joined and assigned primary duty as Statistical Control Officer; on the same day 1st Lt Weinberger, former Postal Officer, was transferred to a General Hospital in the United Kingdom.

1st Lt. Damon, Special Services Officer for more than three months, was transferred to the 366th Fighter Group on the 24th of May. 1st Lt. Vallino was assigned primary duty as Special Services Officer upon his transfer into the organization on the 26th.

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Major Cleary joined the organization on the 28th and was assigned primary duty as Assistant Group Surgeon.

David P. Rhame

DAVID P. RHAME
Captain, AC.
Squadron Commander

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Incl 3, Special Order No. 59
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HEADQUARTERS SQUADRON
5TH AIR DISARMAMENT GROUP (PROV)

APO 149, US Army.
1 May 1945

SQUADRON ORDER)


NUMBER 1)

1. The VOCO Appointing 1st Lt. WILLIAM P. RICHARDS, O-741369, AC, the Squadron Adjutant (Additional Duty) 15 April 1945 is hereby confirmed and made of record.

2. Under the provisions of AR 615-5, as amended, the following named Enlisted Men of Detachment "A", Headquarters & Headquarters Squadron, 2nd CGRC Group (Bomb Sp) are promoted to the Temporary grade indicated effective this date:

TO BE PRIVATE FIRST CLASS (TEMP)

Pvt Irving N. Kepple	35610531
Pvt Calvin C. Mulkey	38661080
Pvt Irving Oppenheim	32899267


DAVID P. RHAME
Captain, AC
Sq Commander

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HEADQUARTERS
5TH AIR DISARMAMENT GROUP (PROV)

SPECIAL ORDERS)
NUMBER 54)

APO 149, U. S. Army.
15 May 1945.

1. CAPT EDWARD O. BAILEY, 0854317, AC, is hereby aptd Engineering Officer (Primary Duty) vice 2ND LT JOSEPH P. FELTON, 0868279, AC, reld.
2. 2ND LT JOSEPH P. FELTON, 0868279, AC, is hereby aptd Assistant Engineering Officer, (Primary Duty).
3. CWO GEORGE C. ASHLEY, W2103656, USA, is hereby aptd Assistant Adjutant (Primary Duty).
4. Under the provisions of 5-5, 30 June 1943, as amended, and upon the recommendation of their orgn C under, the following named EM are promoted to the temporary grade as indicated effective this date:

DET "A" HQ & HQ SQUADRON 2ND CCRC GP (B SF)

TO BE STAFF SERGEANT (TEMPORARY)

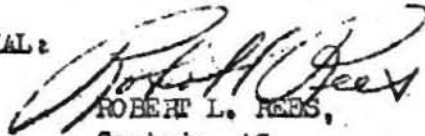
Sgt Jeff G. Robken 18167830

TO BE CORPORAL (TEMPORARY)

Pfc Henry Baas 17155220
 Pfc Harold M. Franklin 6996729
 Pfc George W. White, Jr. 39696108

By order of COLONEL JOHNSON,

ROBERT L. REES,
Captain, AC,
Adjutant.

OFFICIAL:

 ROBERT L. REES,
 Captain, AC,
 Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS

5TH AIR DISARMAMENT GROUP (PROV)

SPECIAL ORDERS)
NUMBER 58)

AGO 149, U. S. Army
22 May 1945

1. Under the prov of AR 605-115, as amended, Lv of Absence for a period not to exceed seven (7) days, effective o/a 24 May 1945, is hereby granted to the fol named officers, organizations indicated. The prov of Cir 20, Hq ETOUSA, dtd 16 Feb 45, will be complied with:

NAME	ORGANIZATION
CAPT ANTHONY J. LEONE, 0800730, AC	Det A, Hq & Hq Sq, 2d CCRC Gp (Bomb Sp) (5th Air Disarmament Gp (Prov))
CAPT DAVID P. RHAME, 0489614, AC	Det A, Hq & Hq Sq, 2d CCRC Gp (Bomb Sp) (Hq & Hq Sq, 5th Air Disarmament Gp (Prov))
1ST LT JAY L. BEARD, 0678666, AC	Det B, Hq & Hq Sq, 2d CCRC Gp (Bomb Sp) (20th Air Disarmament Sq (Prov))
1ST LT HENRY W. CRASS, 0371494, AC	Det A, Hq & Hq Sq, 2d CCRC Gp (Bomb Sp) (Hq & Hq Sq, 5th Air Disarmament Gp (Prov))

2. Under the provisions of AR 615-5, 30 June 1943, as amended, and upon the recommendation of their orgn Commander, the following named EM are promoted to the temporary grade as indicated, effective this date:


DET "A", HQ & HQ SQUADRON, 2D CCRC GP (B SP)

TO BE CORPORAL (TEMPORARY)

- ✓ Pfc Raymond W. Cashman 32745211
- ✓ Pfc Irvin N. Kepple 35610531
- ✓ Pfc Calvin C. Mulkey 38661080

By order of Colonel JOHNSON:

ROBERT L. REES,
Capt., AC,
Adjutant.

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sleeping quarters for ATI

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View of the building used for billeting the Enlisted Men of the organization. Two lower floors were used for billets of assigned men, and the top floor held the Enlisted Men's Club and sleeping quarters for ATI attached men.

View of the ^{old} Mess Hall, Dispensary, and Officers living quarters. The Officers live on the second floor, and the lower floor is segregated to accommodate both the Mess Hall and the Medical Section

... headquarters. This building is large enough
to accommodate all of the administrative sections
of this organization

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^{NEW}
Left side of the Mess Hall.

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Right side of the Enlisted Men's Mess
and Theater. In the evening, after chow,
the tables are cleared away and chairs
placed. Sound is surprisingly good.

Kitchen. Displaced Persons shown
have been a great help in assisting
organization in the kitchen, as orderlies,

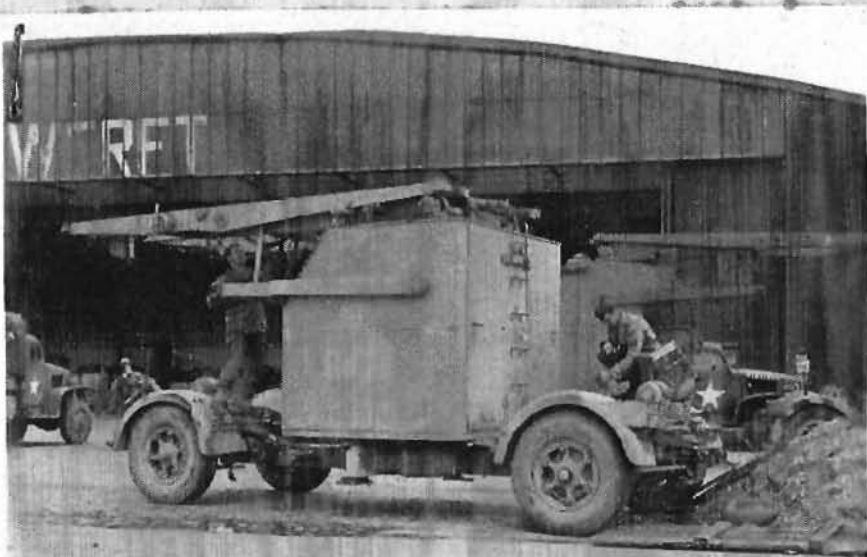


These pictures were taken on the day of the baseball game between our organization and the 2047th QM Truck Company also stationed on this base. Score; 10-8 in favor of the visitors.

Trucks in ATI hangar loading priority equipment obtained on one of the many missions performed by this organization. From here the loaded trucks went to Packing and Crating Centers; where further work was done by the 45th Air Depot Group.



Another view of ATI hangar; this one including some of the equipment to be loaded.





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A Radar Freya used by the German to detect
planes approaching a central point. Arm is raised
to a vertical position when machine is operating.
Found at Kothen, Germany. Four of the same were
shipped to Packing and Crating Centers.

NOTE: Classified ^{restricted} ~~confidential~~ by Unit Historian and sent on accordingly by this Hq.

ARTHUR E. LARTER
1st Lt, Air Corps
Wing Historian.

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HEADQUARTERS
5TH AIR DISARMAMENT GROUP (PROV)
A. P. O. 149 U. S. ARMY

D/WJL/AWA/Pjh

6 July 1945.

SUBJECT: Letter of Transmittal

TO : Commanding General, Headquarters, IX Air Force Service
Command, APO 149, U. S. Army (Attention: Historical Branch,
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Transmitted herewith Headquarters Squadron History for the
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For the Commanding Officer:

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Incl:
Unit History



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HEADQUARTERS SQUADRON
5TH AIR DISARMAMENT GROUP (PROV)

APO 149, U.S. Army
5 July 1945.

SUBJECT: Unit History.

TO : Commanding General, Headquarters, IX Air Force Service
Command, APO 149, U.S. Army (ATT: Historical Branch,
Intelligence Section). (THROUGH CHANNELS).

The closing report for the month of June 1945 is submitted
herewith.

ORGANIZATION

Negative.

STRENGTH

During the month of June the following changes were noted
on the strength report: 1 June; 163 Enlisted Men assigned and
64 attached, 30 June; 229 Enlisted Men assigned and 5 attached;
1 June; 41 Officers and 1 WOJG assigned and 3 attached, 30 June;
37 Officers and 1 WOJG assigned and 2 attached.

MOVEMENT

Although the personnel of the organization were aware of
the movement from Merseburg to Hanau, Germany on the 29th of
June, preparations were begun only a few hours previously. This
delay was partly due to changes in the original plan of move-
ment which was to transport all the personnel with the exception
of an adequate number of men and Displaced Persons to take
care of loading and moving the equipment. The advance party,
which consisted of seven Officers, twenty Enlisted Men and twenty-
five Displaced Persons, departed the organization for Hanau
on the 27th of June. Most of the supply equipment and all
necessary equipment to accommodate the men until the main party
arrived was included in the advance party supplies. The
advance party selected the site and made preparations for the
second convoy, which departed Merseburg at 1400 hours and
arrived at Hanau, Germany at 2300 hours on the 29th of June;
27 Officers and 131 Enlisted Men were included in this convoy.
The original plan was to transport the personnel by air,
leaving a sufficient number of men and Displaced Persons
behind as a holding party to take care of all the necessary
loading of vehicles. All personnel from the Adjutant Section,

S-1, S-2 and S-3 were flown by plane from Merseburg to Hanau on the 29th of June; all personnel from the Orderly Room, with the exception of the 1st Sergeant, and all the Orderly Room equipment were flown to Hanau on the 30th of June.

One of the trucks in the advance party convoy loaded with supply equipment overturned due to some mechanical failure of the vehicle. Although some of the equipment was damaged, the driver escaped injuries, both the equipment and vehicle were recovered.

All the personnel of this organization, the attached 2047th Quartermaster Trucking Company and the Displaced Persons occupied three buildings similar to the building that was occupied by the Enlisted Men at Merseburg. Although the billets, mess and all the sections are conveniently located, none of the conveniences that were at hand at Merseburg are for our immediate use at Hanau. The communication section took over an efficient power unit that was found in good order and what is now our electrical supply. There are no facilities for showers or water supply in the buildings, however, arrangements were made for our men to use the showers and hot water supply set up by two other organizations in the immediate area until other facilities were available.

All the departments in the organization, including the mess hall, are located in the same building. All the Enlisted Men, with the exception of the 2074th Quartermaster Trucking Company personnel, are located in one building with adequate space for the Enlisted Men's Club which is to be set up as soon as conditions permit. The Officers are temporarily billeted in the same building with the 2074th Quartermaster Trucking Company and the Displaced Persons, efforts were begun immediately to secure more suitable billets for the Officers in another area.

CASUALTIES

Negative.

DECORATIONS

Negative.

LEAVES, PASSES AND FURLONGHS

The second group of men going on furlough to the United Kingdom departed from the organization on the 3rd of June. Four Enlisted Men went to England and one to Northern Ireland. The Enlisted Men going to Northern Ireland had in his possession all necessary documents signed by the Commanding Officer to insure his entering the country. One day traveling time was granted these men to facilitate joining five other men from the

20th Air Disarmament Squadron, this group of men proceeded to the 45th Air Depot Group for flight to England. The third quota, consisting of two Enlisted Men, departed for furloughs to the United Kingdom on the 17th of June; the fifth quota, consisting of one Enlisted Man, departed on the 27th of June. All these men followed the same procedure.

When the first group of Officers and Enlisted Men, who departed for leaves and furloughs to the United Kingdom during the later part of the preceding month, reported back to the designated place in England after their leaves and furloughs were up there was a good deal of difficulty in securing travel back to the continent. This delay was largely due to the change that took place as to where the planes that transported the men to and from the continent were to land and take off. At first the planes used an airdrome operated by the British but was later transferred to one of the airdromes under operations by the American Air Force, this change took place while the second quota was on furlough.

The fourth leave and furlough quota was given to two Officers and one Enlisted Man on the 21st of June; these men preferred Riveria, France. Twelve days was allotted these men to facilitate traveling time.

On the 11th of June the second forty-eight hour pass was allotted to this organization; destination allotted was Brussels, Belgium. A drawing was held to determine who the one man was to go. He departed for Muhlhausen on the courier to join a man from the 20th Air Disarmament Squadron, and then proceeded to Brussels.

The first quota on 72 hour passes to Paris was allotted the organization on the 16th of June, two Officers and seven Enlisted Men filled this quota. Two more Enlisted Men were able to take advantage of these passes on the 22nd of June.

During the earlier part of the month evening passes to the city of Merseburg and the immediate vicinity were given out. Very few men took advantage of these passes, the soft ball games, movies and Enlisted Men's Club took up most of the men's time during off duty hours. In the later part of the month these passes were discontinued altogether.

MORAL COMPLAINTS

The prominent complaint voiced by the men in last month's report on the furlough situation became less noticeable during the period covered by this report when furloughs were allotted during the last days of May. Although the quota on furloughs are still very small and the presence of the 48 and 72 hour passes to Brussels and Paris which began during the month, the feeling toward the furlough situation has become somewhat better. It is hoped that the leave center that was getting

way during the last days of June will accommodate a fair quota of men going on pass also. But with the present quota on passes and furloughs, which will average one seven day furlough and one pass per man each year and a similar situation among the Officers, it is still felt by all the men that the situation could be helped and remedied within the near future.

Another complaint heard from the men is the fact that there have been very few movies during the month. This was due in part to the projector which is very hard to secure repairs when broken and to the fact that films are hard to obtain. Special Service has made every effort to provide entertainment for the men, the men's appreciation of this fact has always been shown in the attendance of all entertainment provided.

ENLISTED MEN'S CLUB

The Enlisted Men's Club has proven to be very successful since it's opening. Whenever obtainable, cognac and wine were served at a moderate charge to cover necessary expenses. The more prominent nights in the club during the month was on the 2nd of June when a farewell party was held in favor of one of the men who left the following day for the States, and a gala party that was held in the Club on the 23rd of June. This party consumed all the accumulated funds from the sale of drinks during the operation of the Club since it was set up. There was plenty of free wine, beer and food for all attending; all the Enlisted Personnel from this organization, the 2074th Quartermaster Trucking Company, the Medical Personnel who were on the station at that time and a number of men from different Bomb Groups who were attached for rations and quarters with this organization were present during the course of the evening. All during the month the organization usually had beer or wine every evening after working hours, a very small fee was charged for each glass. Most of the time the club officials did the necessary work behind the bar and securing of supplies, from time to time there were volunteers during rush hours.

Preparations will begin immediately to set up a club at the new location, a large room on the third floor of the Enlisted Men's billets has been set aside for the club.

OPERATIONS

At the beginning of the month of June our mission with the Air Technical Intelligence on the airstrip at Merseburg, which began during the month of May, was drawing to a close. A number of jobs were still being taken care of such as taking care of records and a number of items were still being shipped to Air Disarmament Packing and Crating Centers. Also, during the month numerous teams were dispatched from this

organization for the purpose of collecting intelligence materials in support of Air Technical Intelligence activities.

During the first week of June, five civilian Technical Representatives arrived from USSTAF; one from Wright Field, one from Boeing, two from Minneapolis Honeywell, and one from Western Electric, all important executives. A great deal of time was spent assisting and coordinating the activities of these men. Their foremost objective was to determine the value of certain high priority electrical material, which is said to be had near our location at Merseburg. By making the most of our facilities we were able to give these men routes, maps, and data pertaining to targets to be observed in this locale. Some of our interpreters were also used in connection with their work.

One of the many missions that was undertaken and completed during the month of June was a target covered by our Engineering Officer and a group of Enlisted Men at Lack, Germany. The purpose of this particular mission was to dismantle and ship twelve captured HE-162's (Jet Fighters). When the job of loading was completed the trucks proceeded to Packing and Crating Centers at Kassel, Germany. Due to the fact that there wasn't sufficient transportation facilities to transport all the equipment at one time, shuttle runs to collecting stations were made.

Toward the end of the month of June, operations were limited, disarmament in that immediate area of Merseburg was drawing to a close. Up to the date of the 27th of June, a lot of equipment was still being taken care of. This included radio equipment of all kinds, miscellaneous flack equipment, aircraft engines and miscellaneous aircraft equipment.

INFORMATION AND EDUCATION

The Weekly Information and Education meetings were held on each Monday through the 18th of June. At the first meeting during the month a lecture was given covering the virtues of the United States Armed Forces Institute. On the 18th of June, two delegates gave a debate on the non-fraternization policy. One of the meetings, after a lecture was given by the I & E NCO, was opened for discussion among the men attending.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

Regular Sunday Religious Services were conducted throughout the month, Catholic Services were held in Leipzig each Sunday; transportation departing at 0800 hours; Jewish Services were held in Leipzig on Fridays. Protestant Services were held on the airstrip, at Merseburg, with the Air Evacuation Hospital Personnel.

RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Throughout the month of June, Special Service made every

effort to provide all recreational activities available for the men. Being subjected to the non-fraternization policy and partial restriction, whenever there was a tour of any kind, or any kind of recreation outside the camp site, there was always a good attendance. A number of times during the month, personnel of this organization were invited to attend an Enlisted Men's Club in Leipzig operated by the personnel of the XXI Corps. All the men who attended were very much pleased with the 2½ hour performance that was given by Displaced Persons. Table service was provided by civilians who were employed as waiters; plenty of iced cold beer was on hand. Another show was given by Displaced Persons, similar to the one at Leipzig, in Merseburg with the 69th Infantry Division. Also during the month, a number of swimming tours were conducted to a pool situated on the outskirts of the city of Merseburg.

MISCELLANEOUS

The work that the Displaced Persons were doing for the organization was realized more by the men on the 9th of June. On that date, all of the Italian Displaced Persons, with the exception of five who volunteered to stay, departed for Italy, carrying out the Allied Forces Program to return all Displaced Persons to their native land as soon as possible after the cessation of hostilities. This event created quite a problem due to the fact that Displaced Persons had been doing all of the very necessary arduous details of the squadron such as; kitchen Police, firing the furnaces, and so forth. When the Enlisted Men of the organization were called upon to undertake these details there was much discontent, but within a day's time new volunteer Displaced Persons were found at a nearby camp, who readily adapted themselves to the miscellaneous details to be done. These men found permanent living quarters in the building vacated by the other DP's. All of the DP's volunteered to accompany the organization to Hanau, the work that they always perform is always greatly appreciated by the men.

During our stay at Merseburg, DP's took care of all the cleaning up of the billets except the rooms themselves, the billets were kept in inspection order all during the day.

ASSIGNMENTS

On the 1st of June, Major Cleary was assigned Primary Duty as Assistant Group Surgeon, Captain Smith was transferred to Det "B" Hq & Hq Sq, 2nd CCRC Group. 1st Lt. Safir was assigned to the organization on the 3rd of June.

1st Lt. Richards assumed command of the organization until Captain Rhame's return on the 4th of June. Captain Brennan and Captain Myers, who were placed on DS in February,

were relieved from assignment with this organization. Also on the 4th, thirty-six Enlisted Men joined the organization.

The following changes were noted on the 7th of June: Captain Sulecki was assigned to the organization and assigned Primary Duty as Provost Marshall; Captain Leone, who has been Provost Marshall since the organization was activated, was assigned Primary Duty as Assistant Operations Officer; 1st Lt. Gauthier was assigned primary duty as Post Exchange Officer. On the 8th of June, 2nd Lt. Nagle was assigned Primary Duty as Group Training Officer; fifteen of the new men assigned to the organization during the week were transferred to Det "B" Hq & Hq Sq, 2nd CCRC Group; twenty Enlisted Men were assigned to the organization from 1st Air Disarmament Wing on one order and twenty-one additional Enlisted Men were assigned by another order the same date; Captain Walker was assigned and appointed Special Service Officer succeeding 1st Lt. Vallino, who became his assistant; 1st Lt. Diamond and 1st Lt. Gillespie were transferred to an Evacuation Hospital. On the 9th of June, Captain Rothenberg, who had been on TD to IX Air Force Service Command since the organization was stationed at Senlis, France, was transferred to the 326th Ferring Squadron.

On the 12th of June, Major Nowark, the Executive Officer of the organization, returned to duty after having undergone an appendicitis operation eight days previous.

On the 13th of June, Captain Leone was assigned Primary Duty as Group Operations Officer; also on the 13th, Captain Rhame, 1/Sgt Coates and driver, departed the organization for three-days TD to Luxembourg City to attend a Public Relations meeting; 1st Lt. Richards was assigned Primary Duty as Commanding Officer of the organization upon Captain Rhame's absence. Captain Rhame returned on the 16th.

On the 17th of June, Captain Rees, our Group Adjutant since the organization was activated, was transferred to Hq & Hq Sq, 2nd CCRC Group. Upon his departure, 1st Lt. Anderson was assigned Primary Duty as Group Adjutant.

Upon Captain Rhame's departure to take care of the necessary arrangements for the rest center that is to be opened soon, 1st Lt. Richards was assigned Commanding Officer on the 21st of June. On the 22nd, WOJG Young was assigned Primary Duty as Technical Inspector; on the 25th, 1st Lt. Porter was assigned to the organization and assigned Primary Duty as Assistant Operations Officer.

On the 27 of June, Colonel Johnson, who had been our Group Commanding Officer since March, was transferred to Hq & Hq Sq, 2nd CCRC Group; Major Nowark assumed command of the

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A. P. O. 149 U. S. ARMY

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SUBJECT: Unit History.

TO : Commanding General, Headquarters, IX Air Force Service
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The closing report for the month of June 1945 is submitted
herewith.

ORGANIZATION

Negative.

STRENGTH

During the month of June the following changes were noted
on the strength report: 1 June; 163 Enlisted Men assigned and
64 attached, 30 June; 229 Enlisted Men assigned and 5 attached;
1 June; 41 Officers and 1 WOJG assigned and 3 attached, 30 June;
37 Officers and 1 WOJG assigned and 2 attached.

MOVEMENT

Although the personnel of the organization were aware of
the movement from Merseburg to Hanau, Germany on the 29th of
June, preparations were begun only a few hours previously. This
delay was partly due to changes in the original plan of move-
ment which was to transport all the personnel with the exception
of an adequate number of men and Displaced Persons to take
care of loading and moving the equipment. The advance party,
which consisted of seven Officers, twenty Enlisted Men and twenty-
five Displaced Persons, departed the organization for Hanau
on the 27th of June. Most of the supply equipment and all
necessary equipment to accommodate the men until the main party
arrived was included in the advance party supplies. The
advance party selected the site and made preparations for the
second convoy, which departed Merseburg at 1400 hours and
arrived at Hanau, Germany at 2300 hours on the 29th of June;
27 Officers and 131 Enlisted Men were included in this convoy.
The original plan was to transport the personnel by air,
leaving a sufficient number of men and Displaced Persons
behind as a holding party to take care of all the necessary
loading of vehicles. All personnel from the Adjutant Section,

S-1, S-2 and S-3 were flown by plane from Merseburg to Hanau on the 29th of June; all personnel from the Orderly Room, with the exception of the 1st Sergeant, and all the Orderly Room equipment were flown to Hanau on the 30th of June.

One of the trucks in the advance party convoy loaded with supply equipment overturned due to some mechanical failure of the vehicle. Although some of the equipment was damaged, the driver escaped injuries, both the equipment and vehicle were recovered.

All the personnel of this organization, the attached 2047th Quartermaster Trucking Company and the Displaced Persons occupied three buildings similar to the building that was occupied by the Enlisted Men at Merseburg. Although the billets, mess and all the sections are conveniently located, none of the conveniences that were at hand at Merseburg are for our immediate use at Hanau. The communication section took over an efficient power unit that was found in good order and what is now our electrical supply. There are no facilities for showers or water supply in the buildings, however, arrangements were made for our men to use the showers and hot water supply set up by two other organizations in the immediate area until other facilities were available.

All the departments in the organization, including the mess hall, are located in the same building. All the Enlisted Men, with the exception of the 2074th Quartermaster Trucking Company personnel, are located in one building with adequate space for the Enlisted Men's Club which is to be set up as soon as conditions permit. The Officers are temporarily billeted in the same building with the 2074th Quartermaster Trucking Company and the Displaced Persons, efforts were begun immediately to secure more suitable billets for the Officers in another area.

CASUALTIES

Negative.

DECORATIONS

Negative.

LEAVES, PASSES AND FURLONGHS

The second group of men going on furlough to the United Kingdom departed from the organization on the 3rd of June. Four Enlisted Men went to England and one to Northern Ireland. The Enlisted Men going to Northern Ireland had in his possession all necessary documents signed by the Commanding Officer to insure his entering the country. One day traveling time was granted these men to facilitate joining five other men from the

20th Air Disarmament Squadron, this group of men proceeded to the 45th Air Depot Group for flight to England. The third quota, consisting of two Enlisted Men, departed for furloughs to the United Kingdom on the 17th of June; the fifth quota, consisting of one Enlisted Man, departed on the 27th of June. All these men followed the same procedure.

When the first group of Officers and Enlisted Men, who departed for leaves and furloughs to the United Kingdom during the later part of the preceding month, reported back to the designated place in England after their leaves and furloughs were up there was a good deal of difficulty in securing travel back to the continent. This delay was largely due to the change that took place as to where the planes that transported the men to and from the continent were to land and take off. At first the planes used an airdrome operated by the British but was later transferred to one of the airdromes under operations by the American Air Force, this change took place while the second quota was on furlough.

The fourth leave and furlough quota was given to two Officers and one Enlisted Man on the 21st of June; these men preferred Riveria, France. Twelve days was allotted these men to facilitate traveling time.

On the 11th of June the second forty-eight hour pass was allotted to this organization; destination allotted was Brussels, Belgium. A drawing was held to determine who the one man was to go. He departed for Muhlhausen on the courier to join a man from the 20th Air Disarmament Squadron, and then proceeded to Brussels.

The first quota on 72 hour passes to Paris was allotted the organization on the 16th of June, two Officers and seven Enlisted Men filled this quota. Two more Enlisted Men were able to take advantage of these passes on the 22nd of June.

During the earlier part of the month evening passes to the city of Merseburg and the immediate vicinity were given out. Very few men took advantage of these passes, the soft ball games, movies and Enlisted Men's Club took up most of the men's time during off duty hours. In the later part of the month these passes were discontinued altogether.

MORAL COMPLAINTS

The prominent complaint voiced by the men in last month's report on the furlough situation became less noticeable during the period covered by this report when furloughs were allotted during the last days of May. Although the quota on furloughs are still very small and the presence of the 48 and 72 hour passes to Brussels and Paris which began during the month, the feeling toward the furlough situation has become somewhat better. It is hoped that the leave center that was getting

way during the last days of June will accommodate a fair quota of men going on pass also. But with the present quota on passes and furloughs, which will average one seven day furlough and one pass per man each year and a similar situation among the Officers, it is still felt by all the men that the situation could be helped and remedied within the near future.

Another complaint heard from the men is the fact that there have been very few movies during the month. This was due in part to the projector which is very hard to secure repairs when broken and to the fact that films are hard to obtain. Special Service has made every effort to provide entertainment for the men, the men's appreciation of this fact has always been shown in the attendance of all entertainment provided.

ENLISTED MEN'S CLUB

The Enlisted Men's Club has proven to be very successful since its opening. Whenever obtainable, cognac and wine were served at a moderate charge to cover necessary expenses. The more prominent nights in the club during the month was on the 2nd of June when a farewell party was held in favor of one of the men who left the following day for the States, and a gala party that was held in the Club on the 23rd of June. This party consumed all the accumulated funds from the sale of drinks during the operation of the Club since it was set up. There was plenty of free wine, beer and food for all attending; all the Enlisted Personnel from this organization, the 2074th Quartermaster Trucking Company, the Medical Personnel who were on the station at that time and a number of men from different Bomb Groups who were attached for rations and quarters with this organization were present during the course of the evening. All during the month the organization usually had beer or wine every evening after working hours, a very small fee was charged for each glass. Most of the time the club officials did the necessary work behind the bar and securing of supplies, from time to time there were volunteers during rush hours.

Preparations will begin immediately to set up a club at the new location, a large room on the third floor of the Enlisted Men's billets has been set aside for the club.

OPERATIONS

At the beginning of the month of June our mission with the Air Technical Intelligence on the airstrip at Merseburg, which began during the month of May, was drawing to a close. A number of jobs were still being taken care of such as taking care of records and a number of items were still being shipped to Air Disarmament Packing and Crating Centers. Also, during the month numerous teams were dispatched from this

organization for the purpose of collecting intelligence materials in support of Air Technical Intelligence activities.

During the first week of June, five civilian Technical Representatives arrived from USSTAF; one from Wright Field, one from Boeing, two from Minneapolis Honeywell, and one from Western Electric, all important executives. A great deal of time was spent assisting and coordinating the activities of these men. Their foremost objective was to determine the value of certain high priority electrical material, which is said to be had near our location at Merseburg. By making the most of our facilities we were able to give these men routes, maps, and data pertaining to targets to be observed in this locale. Some of our interpreters were also used in connection with their work.

One of the many missions that was undertaken and completed during the month of June was a target covered by our Engineering Officer and a group of Enlisted Men at Leck, Germany. The purpose of this particular mission was to dismantle and ship twelve captured HE-162's (Jet Fighters). When the job of loading was completed the trucks proceeded to Packing and Crating Centers at Kassel, Germany. Due to the fact that there wasn't sufficient transportation facilities to transport all the equipment at one time, shuttle runs to collecting stations were made.

Toward the end of the month of June, operations were limited, disarmament in that immediate area of Merseburg was drawing to a close. Up to the date of the 27th of June, a lot of equipment was still being taken care of. This included radio equipment of all kinds, miscellaneous flack equipment, aircraft engines and miscellaneous aircraft equipment.

INFORMATION AND EDUCATION

The Weekly Information and Education meetings were held on each Monday through the 18th of June. At the first meeting during the month a lecture was given covering the virtues of the United States Armed Forces Institute. On the 18th of June, two delegates gave a debate on the non-fraternization policy. One of the meetings, after a lecture was given by the I & E NCO, was opened for discussion among the men attending.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

Regular Sunday Religious Services were conducted throughout the month, Catholic Services were held in Leipzig each Sunday; transportation departing at 0800 hours; Jewish Services were held in Leipzig on Fridays. Protestant Services were held on the airstrip, at Merseburg, with the Air Evacuation Hospital Personnel.

RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Throughout the month of June, Special Service made every

effort to provide all recreational activities available for the men. Being subjected to the non-fraternization policy and partial restriction, whenever there was a tour of any kind, or any kind of recreation outside the camp site, there was always a good attendance. A number of times during the month, personnel of this organization were invited to attend an Enlisted Men's Club in Leipzig operated by the personnel of the XXI Corps. All the men who attended were very much pleased with the 2½ hour performance that was given by Displaced Persons. Table service was provided by civilians who were employed as waiters; plenty of iced cold beer was on hand. Another show was given by Displaced Persons, similar to the one at Leipzig, in Merseburg with the 69th Infantry Division. Also during the month, a number of swimming tours were conducted to a pool situated on the outskirts of the city of Merseburg.

MISCELLANEOUS

The work that the Displaced Persons were doing for the organization was realized more by the men on the 9th of June. On that date, all of the Italian Displaced Persons, with the exception of five who volunteered to stay, departed for Italy, carrying out the Allied Forces Program to return all Displaced Persons to their native land as soon as possible after the cessation of hostilities. This event created quite a problem due to the fact that Displaced Persons had been doing all of the very necessary arduous details of the squadron such as; kitchen Police, firing the furnaces, and so forth. When the Enlisted Men of the organization were called upon to undertake these details there was much discontent, but within a day's time new volunteer Displaced Persons were found at a nearby camp, who readily adapted themselves to the miscellaneous details to be done. These men found permanent living quarters in the building vacated by the other DP's. All of the DP's volunteered to accompany the organization to Banau, the work that they always perform is always greatly appreciated by the men.

During our stay at Merseburg, DP's took care of all the cleaning up of the billets except the rooms themselves, the billets were kept in inspection order all during the day.

ASSIGNMENTS

On the 1st of June, Major Cleary was assigned Primary Duty as Assistant Group Surgeon, Captain Smith was transferred to Det "B" Hq & Hq Sq, 2nd CCRC Group. 1st Lt. Safir was assigned to the organization on the 3rd of June.

1st Lt. Richards assumed command of the organization until Captain Rhame's return on the 4th of June. Captain Brennan and Captain Myers, who were placed on DS in February,

were relieved from assignment with this organization. Also on the 4th, thirty-six Enlisted Men joined the organization.

The following changes were noted on the 7th of June: Captain Sulecki was assigned to the organization and assigned Primary Duty as Provost Marshall; Captain Leone, who has been Provost Marshall since the organization was activated, was assigned Primary Duty as Assistant Operations Officer; 1st Lt. Gauthier was assigned primary duty as Post Exchange Officer. On the 8th of June, 2nd Lt. Nagle was assigned Primary Duty as Group Training Officer; fifteen of the new men assigned to the organization during the week were transferred to Det "B" Hq & Hq Sq, 2nd CCRC Group; twenty Enlisted Men were assigned to the organization from 1st Air Disarmament Wing on one order and twenty-one additional Enlisted Men were assigned by another order the same date; Captain Walker was assigned and appointed Special Service Officer succeeding 1st Lt. Vallino, who became his assistant; 1st Lt. Diamond and 1st Lt. Gillespie were transferred to an Evacuation Hospital. On the 9th of June, Captain Rothenberg, who had been on TD to IX Air Force Service Command since the organization was stationed at Senlis, France, was transferred to the 326th Ferring Squadron.

On the 12th of June, Major Newark, the Executive Officer of the organization, returned to duty after having undergone an appendicitis operation eight days previous.

On the 13th of June, Captain Leone was assigned Primary Duty as Group Operations Officer; also on the 13th, Captain Rhame, 1/Sgt Coates and driver, departed the organization for three-days TD to Luxembourg City to attend a Public Relations meeting; 1st Lt. Richards was assigned Primary Duty as Commanding Officer of the organization upon Captain Rhame's absence. Captain Rhame returned on the 16th.

On the 17th of June, Captain Rees, our Group Adjutant since the organization was activated, was transferred to Hq & Hq Sq, 2nd CCRC Group. Upon his departure, 1st Lt. Anderson was assigned Primary Duty as Group Adjutant.

Upon Captain Rhame's departure to take care of the necessary arrangements for the rest center that is to be opened soon, 1st Lt. Richards was assigned Commanding Officer on the 21st of June. On the 22nd, WOJG Young was assigned Primary Duty as Technical Inspector; on the 25th, 1st Lt. Porter was assigned to the organization and assigned Primary Duty as Assistant Operations Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS SQUADRON
5TH AIR DISARMAMENT GROUP (PROV)

APO 149, U.S. Army
5 August 1945

SUBJECT: Unit History.

TO : Commanding General, Headquarters, IX Air Force Service Command,
APO 149, U.S. Army (ATT: Historical Branch, Intelligence
Section), (THROUGH CHANNELS).

The closing report for the month of July 1945 is submitted herewith:

ORGANIZATION

Negative.

STRENGTH

During the month of July the following changes were noted on the strength report: 1 July; 229 Enlisted Men assigned and 5 attached; 31 July; 217 Enlisted Men assigned and 2 attached; 1 July; 36 Officers assigned and 2 Officers attached; 31 July; 35 Officers assigned and 2 Officers attached.

MOVEMENT

Negative.

CASUALTIES

Negative.

DECORATIONS

On Friday, 20th of July 1945, Pfc Paul A. Lettang, 32998916 and Pvt. John W. Waelchli, 36852547 were presented with the Bronze Star Medal. Pfc Lettang, who entered military service from College Point, New York, was a member of a patrol assigned the task of proceeding to a town to destroy six buildings. Despite heavy enemy automatic fire, they continued on their mission. Attacking the enemy by surprise, they succeeded in accomplishing their mission, accounting for at least thirty enemy dead. Pvt. Waelchli, who entered the military service from Michigan, a member of the 2201st Quartermaster Truck Company, Aviation, distinguished himself by meritorious service in connection with military operations not involving participation in aerial flight against an enemy of the United States from 15 November 1944

to 1 February 1945. During an extended period of general emergency when the enemy was concentrating heavy mechanical bomb attacks on a highly populated city in Belgium, Pvt Waelchli became an expertly trained and active member of a Light Rescue Squad rendering valuable assistance to civilian and military personnel trapped in bomb debris, working day and night with little rest to evacuate injured persons to safety and to administer emergency first aid. (See Incls. with data attached)

All personnel in the organization who were entitled Bronze Service Stars had their records brought up to date during the month. All the personnel who were with the 5th Air Disarmament Group (Prov) from Boulange, France to Marseburg, Germany were awarded Bronze Service Stars for Campaign "Rhineland" and "Central Europe".

LEAVES, PASSES AND FURLONGHS

During the month of July the following Officers and Enlisted Men from this organization were on leave, pass and furlough: 2 Officers and 40 Enlisted Men were on passes of 72 hours duration through 1st Air Disarmament Wing pass center at Creil, France enroute to Paris. 5 Officers and 25 Enlisted Men were on leaves and furloughs; this number includes one Enlisted Man to France, one Officer and one Enlisted Man to Riviera, France, one Enlisted Man to Switzerland and one Enlisted Man to Mons, Belgium. The remainder spent their leaves and furloughs in the United Kingdom.

The first group of Enlisted Men to take advantage of the pass center in Creil, France departed the organization on the 11th of July and returned on the 14th of July. The men going through the leave center has to comply with the regulations drawn up by the Officer in Charge of the leave center. The men going on pass to Paris cannot use the Red Cross Billets to stay overnight but the men are free to have their 72 hours as they wish. The men departs from Air Strip Y-91 and are flown to Air Strip A-81-C, located at Creil, France. Upon completion of their pass the men are returned over the same air route. During the later part of the month of July, the original quota of these passes to Paris were slightly increased.

ENLISTED MEN'S CLUB

The space that was set aside for the Enlisted Men's Club when the men occupied the Enlisted Men's Billets was put into good use when the Club was officially opened on the 24th of July. The delay in getting the club in order was due to the equipment that had to be obtained and other important work that had to be attended to before starting recreations; also a source of supplies had to be found and checked by Military Government. A week before the club opened, a great deal of work was done arranging for it's opening. All broken windows were replaced and curtains were hung over the windows. A bar was obtained and was put into working order immediately; a radio was given by Special Service and a man was delegated to keep the club in order. The location of the Club, which is on the 3rd floor of the Enlisted Men's Billets, and all the equipment that is being used makes the Club nicer than any other club this organization has set up in the past. The Club is operated according to regulations, all funds accumulated are for the benefit of the men.

OPERATIONS

Due to the fact that this organization had a recent movement on the 29th of June, operations were on a limited scale during the first part of the month. During this period, Intelligence and Operations Officers were getting all the information possible from the 45th Air Depot Group as to targets, procedure followed in this area and all other information concerning targets that are to be disarmed by this organization. Within a short time after our arrival in this area, all targets in this area that were under control of the 45th Air Depot Group were turned over to this organization. There was a total of 330 targets assigned, this work was to be completed by the personnel of this organization and the personnel of the 20th Air Disarmament Squadron. The 20th Air Disarmament Squadron, which is located at Fulda, Germany, will work in the northern section of the assigned area and this organization in the southern section of the assigned area.

On the 6th of July, seventeen German Interpreters were attached to this organization for rations and quarters. These men, all Europeans of different nationalities, were billeted in the Officer's area and had their meals with the Enlisted Men. Their job is screening documents at 1st Air Disarmament Wing Document Center. These documents are brought in from different assigned targets under 1st Air Disarmament Wing. These men remained for duty throughout the entire month.

By the 18th of July, thirty-two of the targets assigned at the first of the month were completed. Seventy-two of the total number of targets assigned this group in this area were turned over to the 20th Air Disarmament Squadron. On the 18th of July there was a total of eight teams out on target assignments.

On the 16th of July, this group began using a Railway Collecting Point located between Dornigheim and Hochstadt, Germany. This collecting point was established by the Army some time before hand. All the equipment and material picked up from targets that GAF Material Control does not direct to Air Disarmament Packing and Crating Centers is shipped to this collecting point.

By the 25th of July, all known targets had been inventoried and a number of reconnaissance teams were assigned areas to comb for GAF equipment. Their job was to take inventory of this equipment and report it back to this headquarters for further action.

The final phase of the disarmament mission, on which the Group is presently engaged, calls for the movement to collecting points of large quantities of GAF material and scrap metal. By month's end the large valley at Hochstadt had received the first shipments of what promised to be a steady stream of scrap-loaded vehicles that will fill the valley and change the appearance of a German landscape.

INFORMATION AND EDUCATION

During the month of July, the Information and Education section of this organization became more public than ever to the men. The important date was on the 26th of July when Cpl. Telge, Sgt Remme and Pfc Woodard departed for nine weeks TD to Army University Center No. 1, located at Shrivenham, England. These men were chosen from all the applications of men from this organization that were sent to 1st Air Disarmament Wing under the Army Educational Program made possible to the men through Information and Education. Applications have already been submitted for the second quota which is to be allotted sometimes in the future. Upon completion of this course, these men attending school will return back to this organization.

Another part of the Army Educational Program was put into effect on the 26th of July. Eight discussion leaders were chosen from the organization. The entire organization was divided up into eight groups with an equal number of men in each group; discussions were from the Army Talks. These meetings are held each Thursday from 1000 to 1100 hours.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

Regular Sunday Religious Services were conducted throughout the month. Catholic Services were held at 1100 hours in the theater with the 45th Air Depot Group; Protestant Services were held in the same theater at 1000 hours. Jewish Services were held each Friday night in the theater also.

RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES

The 4th of July was declared a reduced activity day for the personnel of this organization but all sections were under operations with a skeleton force throughout the entire day. During the off duty hours on the 4th, the men were free to spend some time off the camp site. Most of the men leaving the camp area attended a sports event held at the Olympia Stadium in Frankfurt. All the men who participated in the events were from different organizations in the vicinity of Frankfurt; there was some kind of entertainment going on throughout the entire day. Transportation departed the Enlisted Men's Billets at 0900 and 1230 hours and returned at 2300 hours. For those who preferred to spend their time in Frankfurt, transportation was always at hand to and from the stadium. There were a number of shows sponsored by the men of different organizations in the Midway Section outside the stadium; cold beer, sandwiches and coffee were served during the day. After the sports event a dance was held in the gymnasium.

Throughout the month the men attended the movies and Red Cross Club at the 45th Air Depot Group. A number of stage shows were also attended during the month.

There were very few soft ball games played during the month but about the middle of the month a base ball team was organized and practiced a number of times each week. It was planned that this team would engage in some big games with other organizations but no games were played.

Swimming seemed to be the more prominent sport during the month. A lake under the supervision of the 45th Air Depot Group is located about four miles from the organization. Throughout the month whenever weather permitted, the men used this lake for swimming and boating during their off duty hours. Before the end of the month, a transportation schedule was set up between this organization and the 449th Bomb Squadron, which is located in the same area as this organization, to and from the lake each night. Also on Sundays a regular liberty run was always provided. A regular schedule was provided for a liberty run to Frankfurt; Saturday and Sunday afternoons and evenings were the more prominent days.

A regular Weekly tour to the Offenbach Leather Goods Store, located a short distance from Frankfurt, was provided for the men during the month. On Sunday, 22nd of July, arrangements were made through Special Service for a tour to Heidelberg, Germany. Heidelberg is world known for it's beauty and noted Universities. Two Officers and twenty Enlisted Men attended this tour which lasted over twelve hours. About 250 miles were covered during the trip; the drive to and from the city gave the men a chance to get a sight of the Rhine River and the Rhine Valley.

A recreational program was put into effect on Saturday afternoon, 28th of July. All the sections in the organization were divided up into eight volley ball teams, each team playing at least three times a week. From 1600 to 1700 hours each Wednesday and Friday was set aside for these games, usually there were games scheduled at night. The schedule varied from day to day as given on the Daily Bulletin.

Preparations were begun a week ahead of time for the Enlisted Men to have a dance on Saturday night, 28th of July. The Commanding Officer gave the Enlisted Men permission to use the Officer's Club and Bar just for this occasion. A seven-piece orchestra was present, together with food and plenty of beer. This being the first dance that was arranged for since the organization entered Germany, most of the organization was present together with the invited guest from the 449th Bomb Squadron. Arrangements were made through Military Government for transportation to pick up approximately sixty girls, Displaced Persons, at a decided time and place. This being our first occasion to call on girls in such a way and not being aware of the great demand on such girls, the Special Service Officer returned with empty trucks explaining the situation to the men. Evidently, through no fault of Special Service or anyone, other organizations had picked up all the girls before our trucks arrived. Another dance was immediately planned for Tuesday night, 31st of July. This dance was carried out according to plan, attendance was good and arrangements for regular dances, if possible, will be made in the future. About forty girls were picked up from the Displaced Person's camp and returned after the dance.

On Sunday night, 29th of July, the theater was officially opened. With the help of the 449th Bomb Squadron, the building between the Motor Pool and the Enlisted Men's Billets was cleaned out and made ready for showing movies. About 260 theater chairs were obtained, enough to take care of any particular show. A lot of work had to be done in blacking out the theater; with the help of the DPs and personnel from the 449th Bomb Squadron and this organization all work was taken care of in a short time.

There being a projector and projectionist in both organizations, taking care of the theater will be alternated between the two organizations.

MISCELLANEOUS

About the 10th of July, the Officers moved out of the Enlisted Men's are into more suitable billets about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile from the Enlisted Men's Billets. After all the necessary arrangements were made, buildings were occupied that were previously occupied by civilians. Ten buildings were taken over, these houses were of a two story design with moderate conveniences. Each building has six rooms still furnished as the civilians left them. The Officer's Club, Mess and Bar are located in one building that was a Restaurant and Bar while in civilian hands. All the furnishings in this building were taken over, this included glasses for the bar and most of the kitchen equipment. The location of the buildings, the surroundings and the equipment taken over makes the site an excellent billet area. German vehicles taken over by the organization supplies transportation to and from the sections.

By the 16th of July a total of forty-four German civ women were employed in the Officer's Mess. These women were employed keeping and general work in the Officer's Mess. On the 10th 14 German women were employed to work in the Enlisted Men's Mess. Some- time later, six men were employed and one woman bringing the total at the end of the month to 21 civilians working in the Enlisted Men's mess. These workers were divided into two shifts, each shift working every other day. When these civilians were employed the men discontinued mess kits and began using silver and china. A semi table was provided; this procedure saves a lot of time and adds atmosphere to the mess.

At the end of the month of July there was a total of 21 Displaced Persons working for the organization, 6 of these men were working in the Enlisted Men's mess. A number of these men departed for Italy under the Allied Forces Program to return all Displaced Persons to their native land as soon as possible. With the work that the civilian personnel and Displaced Persons perform in the organization, full scale operations can be carried out without sacrificing any personnel for squadron duties.

ASSIGNMENTS

On the 5th of July, Captain Neer was assigned Primary Duty as Group Executive Officer. Captain Carlyn was assigned Primary Duty as Information and Education Officer on the 8th of July. 1st Lt. Jones was transferred into the organization on the 10th of July.

On the 14th of July, Captain Rhame was assigned Primary Duty as Group Training Officer; Captain Kushing was assigned Primary Duty as Assistant Intelligence Officer; 2nd Lt. Nagle was assigned Primary Duty as Assistant Personnel Officer. On the 13th of July, 1st Lt. Vailino, who had been our Special Service Officer for a few weeks was transferred to the 357th Airdrome Squadron. On the 23rd of July, 2nd Lt. Nagle was transferred to the 85th

Station Comp. Sq. IX Eng. Cord; on the 24th of July, 1st Lt. Garver was assigned to this organization from the 440th Bomb Squadron.

On the 28th of July, 1st Lt. Robenson was attached for duty and assigned Primary Duty as Group Photographic Officer; 1st Lt. Santacrose was assigned Primary Duty as Group Operations Officer; 1st Lt. Garver was assigned Primary Duty as Assistant Operations Officer; Captain Leone returned from TD to Creil and transferred to 70th Reinforcement Depot.

Throughout the month there were minor changes in the strength report when small groups of Enlisted Men transferred in and out and small numbers of men were attached or on DS with this organization.

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HEADQUARTERS SQUADRON
5TH AIR DISARMAMENT GROUP (PROV)

APO 149, U.S. Army
5 September 1945

SUBJECT: Unit History.

TO : Commanding General, Headquarters, IX Air Force
Service Command, APO 149, U.S. Army (ATT: Historical
Branch, Intelligence Section). (THROUGH CHANNELS).

The closing report for the month of August 1945 is
submitted herewith:

ORGANIZATION

Negative.

STRENGTH

During the month of August the following changes were
noted on the strength report: 1st of August; 216 Enlisted
Men assigned and 2 attached: 31st of August; 218 Enlisted
Men assigned and 2 attached: 1st of August; 36 Officers and
1 WOJG assigned and 2 Officers attached: 31st of August;
33 Officers and 1 WOJG assigned and 1 Officer attached.

CASUALTIES

Negative.

MOVEMENT

Negative.

DECORATIONS

Negative.

LEAVES, PASSES AND FURLOUGHS

During the month of August the following Officers and
Enlisted Men were on leaves, passes and furloughs: one Officer
on pass to Paris, two Officers on leave to Riveria, six Officers
on leave to the United Kingdom and one Officer on leave to

Switzerland; 41 Enlisted Men on pass to Paris through the Creil Pass Center, 20 Enlisted Men on furlough to the United Kingdom, two Enlisted Men on furlough to Riveria, France and one Enlisted Man on furlough to Switzerland.

On the 10th of August, weather conditions prevented the organization from sending four Enlisted Men to the Lac d'Annecy Rest Center in France for the purpose of rest and rehabilitation. The time spent at this rest center does not count as pass or furlough time. On the 1st of September, one Enlisted Man was able to depart the organization for this rest center after a two day wait for air transportation.

During the later part of the month of August, sufficient air transportation was not available for the men going on leaves, passes and furloughs. Weather conditions also kept the men from departing and returning at the scheduled time.

ENLISTED MEN'S CLUB

The Enlisted Men's Club continued to operate in an efficient manner throughout the month of August. There was always a good attendance from other organizations each night as well as a good percentage of our men visiting the Club at some time during the course of each night. All rules and regulations drawn up in the Club's constitution were always enforced at all times. One man from the organization was designated as bar tender and to take care of the necessary details involved in such work. During rush hours, help was obtained through the Club Council or a volunteer was used temporarily.

A regular source of supplies was obtained and a good choice of drinks were at hand each night until the last days of the month. At this time the supply began to deteriorate in quality and quantity. This fact was brought before the Club Council and then to the men, giving the men the Club's financial standing and the possibility of discontinuing charges for drinks until the accumulated funds were taken care of. \$481.60 was in the Club Treasury on the 31st of August.

INFORMATION AND EDUCATION

Another quota was allotted this organization to attend an Army University under the Army Educational Program. Three Enlisted Men departed the organization on the 18th of August for eight weeks TD to Riarritz, France to attend Army University No. 2. Upon completion of their courses these men will return to this organization as directed.

Applications were submitted for a number of men to attend trade schools but no quota was allotted for those men to date.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

Religious Services were conducted at different places throughout the month. At the beginning of the month Catholic and Protestant services were held in this area with personnel from the 449th Bomb Squadron, an Engineering Company and other organizations in this area. About the middle of the month a more suitable place for services was found in Hanau, transportation departed at the scheduled time for both Catholic and Protestant services.

RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES

The baseball team that had been organized for some time played their first game on Sunday, 5th of August, on the ball diamond in the squadron area. Both organizations had a very good team but our team won with a score of four to three.

The results from the recreational program that was started during the last days of July did not prove as favorable as anticipated because of all the men that were on operations. Usually there wasn't enough men to take care of the games scheduled on the daily bulletin but all those that were able to engage in outdoor sports took advantage of the hours set aside for recreation.

During the month there was very little swimming due to the cool weather that was present through the entire month. More men engaged in ball games for recreation during this month than ever before, a number of games were played and there was always some practice during off duty hours. A softball team was organized on the 13th of August to participate in a tournament with all other organizations under 1st Air Disarmament Wing. All members of the winning team were to receive a seven day furlough to the United Kingdom. Weather conditions prevented the team from getting as much practice as they should have had. Our team was eliminated from the Tournament upon our second defeat.

A revised Recreational Program was put into effect on Monday, 20th of August. The hours from 1500 to 1700 were set aside for outdoor recreation on Monday and Friday for the Enlisted Men and the hours from 1400 to 1700 each Wednesday for Officers.

A Liberty Run was provided for the men throughout the month, Saturday and Sunday nights being the more prominent nights. A number of stage shows were given in Frankfurt, on such occasions transportation was always at hand.

The projector was temporarily out of order a number of

times during the month. Whenever this occurred the men attended the movies in Gallahad. A good percentage of this organization always attended stage shows at Gallahad whenever scheduled.

On Sunday afternoon, 26th of August, a number of men attended the MTO and ETO Track Meet held at the Victory Stadium in Frankfurt. Transportation departed the Enlisted Men's Billets at 1230 hours and returned at 1700 hours. Plenty of free beer and snacks were on hand for the men throughout the course of the afternoon.

MISCELLANEOUS

All the civilian workers that were employed during the month of July were still with the organization through the month of August. The work that these workers performed and the Displaced Persons enabled full scale operations to be carried out without any sacrifice of personnel for squadron duties.

T/Sgt Fields returned to the organization at the beginning of the month from furlough to Northern Ireland where he was married on the 24th of July. S/Sgt Clemens, Supply Sergeant, and T/Sgt Wilson, Transportation NCO, who were on furlough at the same time, attended the wedding.

The work that began on the water system in the Enlisted Men's Billets nearly a month ago was completed on the 9th of August. Toilets and wash rooms on each floor were put into working order. Work was completed on the hot water supply on Saturday, 11th of August. Although there is only one shower room and only one source of hot water which is located on the 1st Floor of the Enlisted Men's Billets, this is a great convenience to the men. Before the hot water and showers were available, the men were taking showers in the Gallahad area. All work done on the water supply system was done by German workers under the supervision of Utilities. The general appearance of the billets was greatly improved by replacing windows and a thorough clean-up of the squadron area.

Although the men were aware of the war coming to a close, operations continued throughout that period with the exception of 16th and 17th of August, which were declared as being reduced activity days. On these days a skeleton force was detained in each section. Weather conditions prevented any outdoor sports whatsoever during those two days, not even a liberty run to Frankfurt was at hand. Most of the men spent the two days at rest and letter writing. The Enlisted Men's Club was not attended any more than usual nor were there any outside celebrations beyond call.

OPERATIONS

At the beginning of the month of August, two new targets were assigned to this group from the 6th Air Disarmament Group in the area formally assigned to the 28th Air Disarmament Squadron. These two targets were located in the vicinity of Badenhäusen and Zellhausen. Five teams were out on operations during the first week of the month in the vicinity of Weisbaden, Höchst, Langen, Dieburg and one reconnaissance team taking inventory of newly assigned targets. Two targets were turned over to Military Government for further handling at the beginning of the month; these targets were located at Rosselsheim and Heddernheim. The target at Russelsheim had 5,000 tons of scrap to be moved; the target at Heddernheim had 5,050 tons of aluminum castings, a large number of propellers and a supply of sheet and tube material. All shipments that were made during the first week in the month were sent to collecting points.

On the 7th of August, two teams of one Officer and seven Enlisted Men each began work on targets in the immediate area of Hanau. These teams departed the organization each morning and returned at 1700 hours. On the 22nd of August another team was organized bringing the total up to three teams working daily, each team varying from six to ten men. Also on or about the 22nd of August, some heavy machinery was obtained to assist operations. Prior to the time this heavy machinery was obtained, shipments of heavy equipment was almost impossible. The work accomplished by the first two teams was on a small scale compared to the work accomplished with the help of the heavy machinery. This heavy machinery consisted of a medium tank with a stationary boom and two cranes. During the closing days of the month this machinery was increased by the addition of more cranes and a number of 6 x 6's on DS from other organizations. One particular crane was found at one of the dumps and put into working order with some minor repairs. The tank and four Enlisted Men operating the tank were placed on DS from the 2nd Armored Division. During the period from the 22nd of August through the 28th of August, 150 tons of miscellaneous aircraft parts and 146 aircraft engines were moved to collecting points. Operations were accelerated considerably with the assistance of other transportation and all the heavy machinery that is being used to a great advantage.

ASSIGNMENTS

On the 2nd of August, Major Heffner, who had been Group Surgeon since April, was transferred to IX Air Force Service Command. On the 3rd of August, 1st Lt. Jones was assigned

Primary Duty as Group Special Service Officer. Captain Martin was assigned Primary Duty as Provost Marshal on the 4th of August; also 1st Lt. Crass was assigned Primary Duty as Personnel Officer and Captain Walker, who was Special Service Officer for more than a month, was transferred to Hq & Hq Sq, 2nd CCRC Group. 1st Lt. Glauser was assigned to this organization from the 727th Ordnance Air Material Squadron on the 2nd of August.

On the 5th of August, Captain Sulecki, who was Provost Marshal during our stay at Merseberg, was transferred to the 470th Air Service Group. On the 7th of August, three Enlisted Men were transferred to the 405th Fighter Group and two Enlisted Men were transferred to the 362nd Fighter Group.

Lt. Colonel Weilbacher, Charles C., was assigned and joined to this organization from Hq & Hq Sq, 322nd Bomb Group on the 13th of August. Major Newark, who had been with this organization since it was activated and who had been Group Commanding Officer since the 27th of June 1945, was transferred to Casual Pool, 70th Reinforcement Depot, enroute to the Zone of Interior. Lt. Colonel Weilbacher assumed command of the Group on the 14th of August.

On the 8th of August, Major Cleary was assigned Primary Duty as Group Surgeon; 1st Lt. Felton, who had been with the organization since it was activated, was transferred to the 439th Troop Carrier Group. Captain Swanson was transferred to Hq & Hq Sq, IX Air Force Service Command as of the 4th of August.

On the 10th of August, sixty-one Enlisted Men were authorized five ASR Score for Campaign "Rhineland". Throughout the month both Enlisted Men and Officers were authorized additional ASR Scores for different campaigns as the authorization of such campaigns reached this headquarters.

Cpl Amman departed the organization for the Zone of Interior on the 15th of August. Cpl Amman had requested transfer to the Zone of Interior where conditions at his home called for his immediate presence.

On the 25th of August, thirty-one Enlisted Men were assigned and joined from Hq & Hq Sq, 2nd CCRC Group. On the 17th of August, four high point men were transferred from this organization enroute to the Zone of Interior; two other Enlisted Men with high points departed on the 11th of August.

On the 29th of August, eight Enlisted Men were transferred to the 449th Bomb Squadron, 322nd Bomb Group; all of these men were transferred into this organization

the 25th of August from Hq & Hq Sq, 2nd CCRC Group. 1st Lt. Elznic, who was assigned to this organization on the 26th of August, was assigned Primary Duty as Assistant Intelligence Officer on the 29th of August.

On the 30th of August, sixteen Enlisted Men were received from assigned and attached for duty with this organization and transferred to the 1587th QM Battalion Mobile (AVN).

On the 31st of August, thirty-seven Enlisted Men were reclassified from MOS 521 to on the duty MOS's.

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