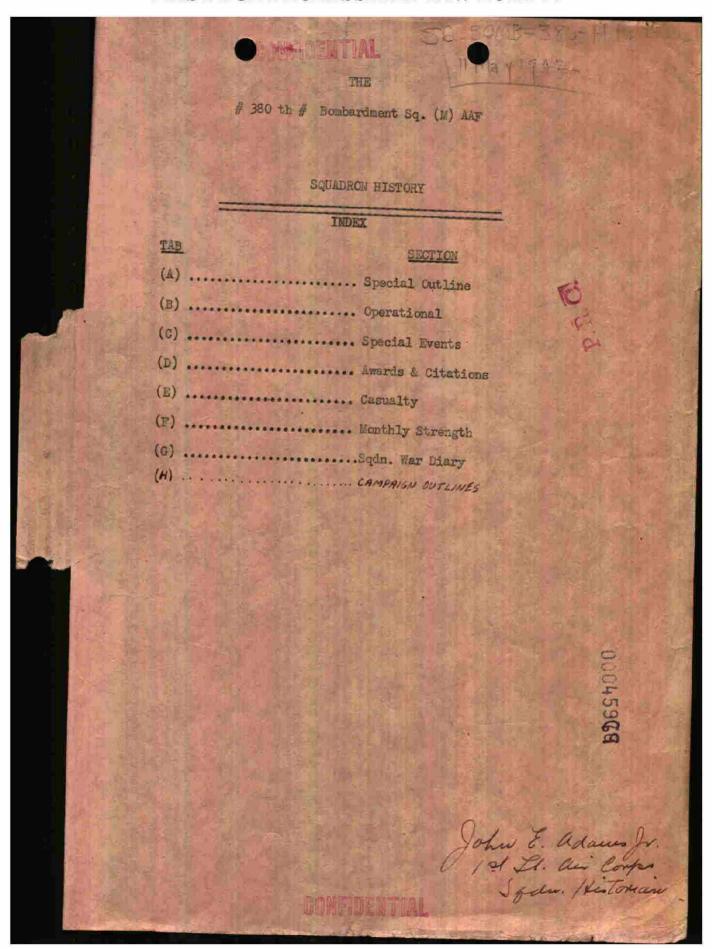
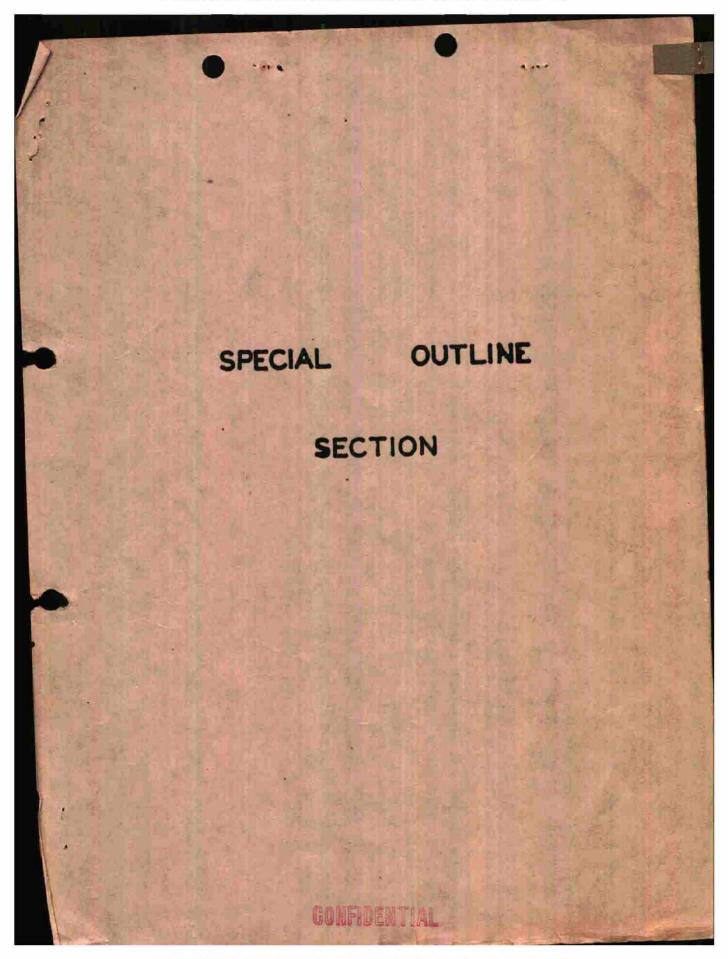


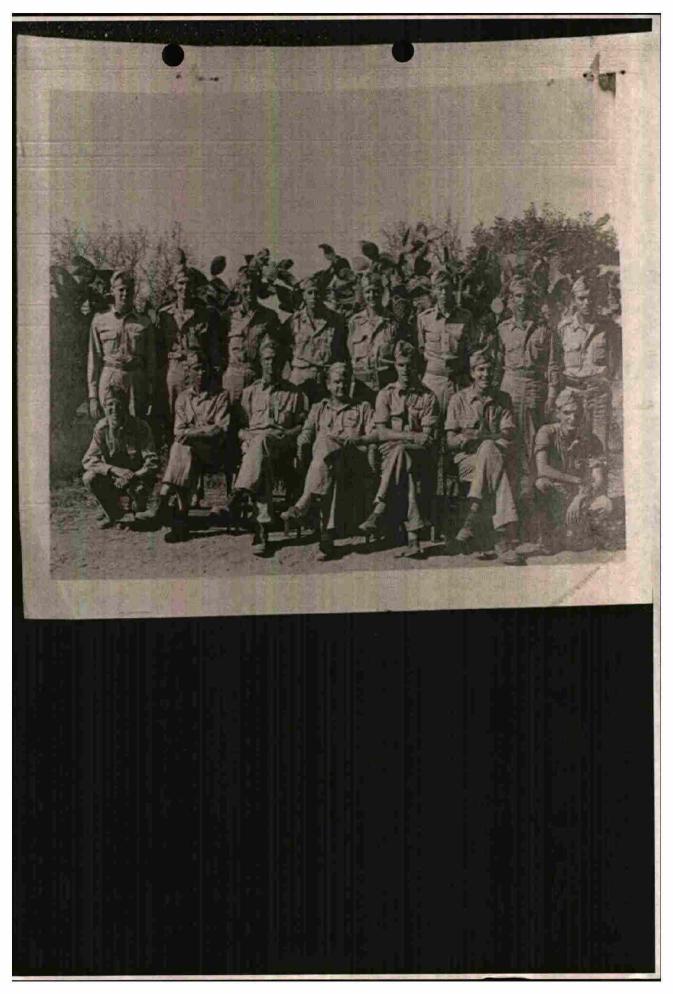
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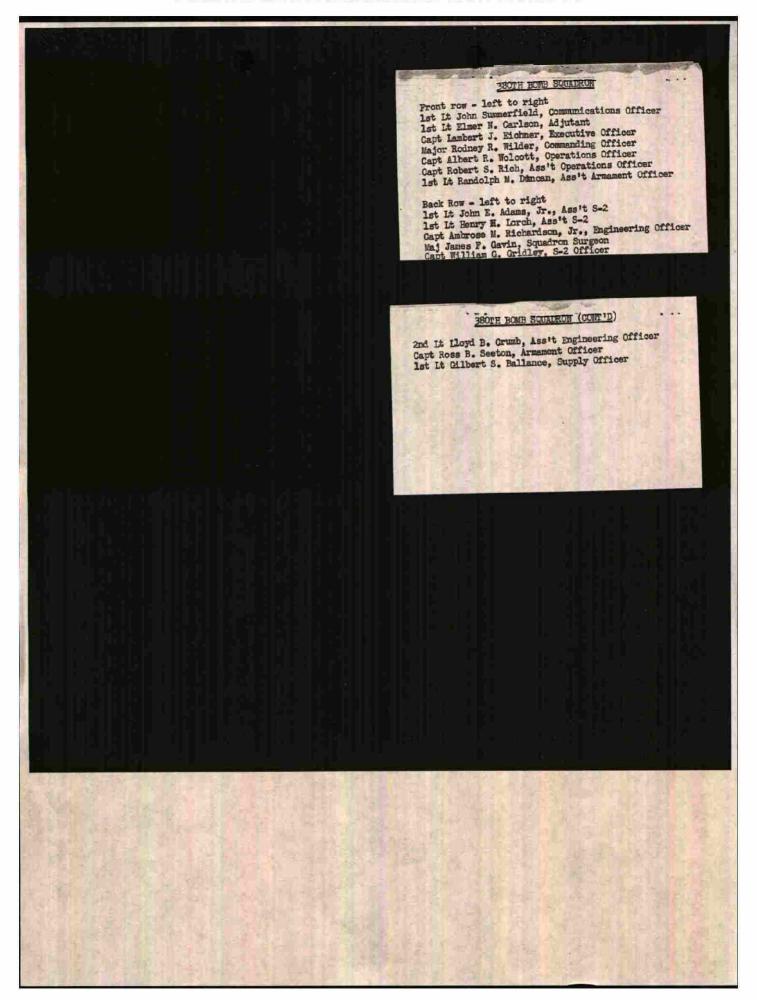
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H I S T O R Y
380th
BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON
310th
BOMBARDMENT GROUP
(Medium)
ARMY AIR FORCES

1 July 1942 to 1 January 1943

"OUR ORIGIN"

Many miles have gone by, many days have come and gone, and many Army Post Office numbers have been changed since March 1, 1942, when General Order Number 15, was published at Fort George Wright, Washington, activating the 309th Bombardment Group, which was later to be changed to the 310th. Bombardment Group (Medium). Fourteen more days elapsed before the order was finally carried out, this time the scene being layed in the southwest, at Tuscon, Arizona. Here the mysterious ways of the Army came into use, transferring the entire group, without personnel to Jackson Army Air Base, Jackson, Mississippi.

Another portion of the country then added their flavor to the forming of the group, when the cadre was formed from the 22nd Bombardment Group at Muroc Lake, California, January 22, 1942 and immediately packed up all personnel, equipment and started the long trek to Langley Field, Virginia. Their stay in the land of the "Cavaliers" was short-lived, as they entrained again, this time for Jackson Army Air Base, on March 5.

Here, under the title, the 309th Bombardment Group, the men came under the command of Lieutenant-Colonel William C. Lee, who held this portion until April 20. Another train ride greeted the personnel of the Group this same day, but it was only a short distance this time, taking them to Key Field, at Meridian, Miss. Here another new commanding officer greeted the boys, Lt. Col. Flint Garrison Jr., and it was but nine days later that a "big change" came over things and found the original 309th Bombardment Group becoming the 310th Bombardment Group, and the original 310th, also doing the "vise versa" act.

It was here in the deep south that the 380th Bombardment Squadron first saw the light of day on May 11, when Lt. Homer G. Crowden assumed command, and B-25's, a North American product became our "babies." His term in office was also short lived when another train trip confronted the group and on May 16, deposited them at Columbia Army Air Base, Columbia, South Carolina.

Arriving in the "heart of the Confederacy" the group proved quite nil of officers until the assignment of Catholic Chaplain Walter J. Poynton, who has remained with the front ranks of the group since that time. On May 19, Captain James A. Plant assumed command of both group and squadron, until additional officers were found to relieve him of his many duties.

The following day, Lt. Earl E. Batten, now Captain and flight leader, became the new squadron commander, and except for a brief period of detached service when relieved by Lt. Herndon M. Jeamsonne, remained in command until July 28. The morning of June 17, 1942, found another change in Group Commanders, with Lt. Col. Anthony G. Hunter, present commanding officer, taking over the reins from Captain Plant.

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Disaster first struck locally on July 8, when Captain Plant was killed night flying near Smithfield, North Carolina, along with three members of the squadron, Staff Sergeants, Arlyn Gustofson, Joseph Schmidt, and Louis Turner.

Only July 28, the reins of the squadron changed hands once again, receiving their present commanding officer, Lieut. Roadney R, Wilder, now Captain, who was a member pilot of the Tokyo raid of April 18. The job of First Sergeant seemed to have the only permanent standing with Sherman R. Ray, holding the position at Jackson Air Base, Key Field and Columbia. But this permanent position did not seem to last for him as he was replaced on June 7, By Daniel B. O'Loughlin, who reigned but a short while, being replaced August 23 by Milton S. Davis, the present "top-kick" due to O'Loughlin's appointment to Officer Candidate School at Miami Beach, Florida.

August 14, found the group once again on the move, this time for a short jaunt to open the new Army Air Base at Walterboro, South Carolina. Here the squadron got their first touch of how to live alone, whether they like it or not. Stoves proved to be holes carved in the ground, covered with sheet metal, a shower was nothing more than a pipe strung between two trees, which only worked while the man that needed it was also working. Another feature of the base, worthy of Ripley, was the maxim that it was one of the few spots "where a person might stand in mud to his hips and be choked to death by the dust." The road from the Squadron area to the "line" proved to be a testing ground for jeeps, while the line itself "sported" grass for a period of 10 days.

Livings quarters proved to be marvelous and a welcome place at night. A title building with a concrete floor, proved to be castles, while the glow of a lighthing bug would dim the "Mazdas" hung in the center. Despite this modern way of living, action began in a big way with the full share of pilots and administrative officers joining the squadron here. Work proved to be the main attraction with equipment of all sizes and descriptions being marked, packed, issued and then returned. The famous Army style of "Latrine-O-Gram" first began to creep about, shortly after arrival here, that soon we would be enjoying the Z "main show".

This time the rumor proved to have foundation and the members of the squadron soon found their names listed in one of three categories, Air, Ground, or Flight echelon. August 28, found the Air Echelon aboard train headed off for Fort Dix, New Jersey, and from there, but a matter of rumor.

The following composed the Air Echelon:

Lt. Fred C. Ross, Jr., Commanding, Capt. William G. Gridley, Capt. Attulio D. Puppel, Lt. Gilbert S. Ballance, Lt. Robert M. Brown, Lt. Harold J. Gilchrist, Lt. Walter E. Hicks, Lt. Henry H. Lorch, Lt. Lloyd L. Porter, Lt. Ambrose M. Richardson, Lt. Norman L. Toenjes and Lt. John E. Wright.

Master Sergeant Eugene E. Hoekstra, Tech Sgts Sammuel B. Alexander, George L. Dent, Devern Nance, Harold H. Piper, Henry C. Seiffort and Paul F. Schreiber.

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Staff Sergeants Alexander A. Bocskay, Frank L. Brady Jr., Marshall G. Deakin, William J. Glynn, William E. Maggiore, Franklin H. Peck, Vernon D. Severy and John H. Smith.

Sergeants Walter E. Harris, Kenneth M. Jones, Leonard D. Langston, Joseph P. Maikites, Fuhrman P. Miller, William H. Seagle, Cyril L. Thomas and Raymond H. Whitworth.

Corporals John J. Coppola, Louis G. Hetzel, William S. Johnson, John B. Sparrow and Clare L. Swanstrom.

Privates Fred K. Fear, Harold N. Hart, Soren J. Junl and Robert F. Sarchet.

Private First Class Theodore Kroes.

Seven days of rumor, equipping and rushing back and forth to New York City via that "Chattanooga Choo-Choo" that left the Pennsylvania station each morning "about a quarta" till four quickly passed and "O D's" were hurriedly brought into use. Officers without insignia on their shoulders and with "rank" sticking proudly from their flight caps greeted us. Soon the question was answered and the 380th swung into line.

The night of September 4, proved quite mysterious and amidst the dark of Jersey's swamps the squadron moved by train to the land of the "beloved bums" and boarded a Staten Island ferry. Sleep was very much in demand, despite the two hour period spent on the railway station at Fort Dix, and many a soldier was found next morning with a large oil stain upon his field jacket, transferred there from the floor of the ferry boat.

Suddenly looming out of the gray harbor mists, was the hulk of a large ocean liner, and almost immediately the ocean-wise laddies offered their chances as to what it was. Some were right and some were wrong but 60 minutes later we were hurriedly climbing the gang-plank to board the "Queen Mary." Quarters were quickly assigned with the officers crowding nine into a single stateroom and sixteen into a double. The enlisted personnel were placed downstairs, which proved but a daily exercising period as they changed about each 24 hour period and took their turn, sleeping on the open deck. Three o'clock the same afternoon found the boat leaving the harbor and the "Statue of Liberty" never looked bigger or brighter.

Things aboard the "Queen Mary" were not too bad, discounting life boat drill. Each afternoon the officers were gradually introduced to their first English tea period. Two meals a day were handed out while at night the boys counted off and the odd numbers inhaled while the even numbers exhaled. Rumors proved as thick aboard ship and anywhere else but outside of the continual twisting and turning to avoid any "Jerries" the trip proved uneventful and quite mystifying. The weather at times was warm and then cold and compasses showed that we had probably covered half of the north Atlantic in our meandering.

The morning of September was a very welcome one as the green hills of Scotland came into view. Our first airplane seemed to make several homesick as a "Catalina" flying boat hove into view. Our first view of the famous "Spitfires" proved quite thrilling as they "buzzed" the boat and circled, wings showing bright colors in the glistening sum.

OVERSEAS DUTY IN MERICE ENGLAND

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But a few short hours after anchoring in the "Firth of Clyde", between the twin cities of Gourock and Greenock, the first taste of action hove into view. A German plane anxiuos to find out the mysterious stranger that had just arrived attempted to come over but "flak" from a neighboring hill drove him back. Barrage balloons also came into view giving us our first sight of what was to become a very familiar scene. Our stay aboard ship that evening proved quite uneventful and the following morning found us aboard a small ferry boat heading for land. A tea room for soldiers proved quite interesting while waiting for the train but an attempt to use our solid coin failed, as the proprietor would accept only local mintage. An hour's wait passed quickly and soon we were aboard our first compartment trains, moving east across this fortified island, welcoming us with big smiles and victory signs. Cur first stop at Glasgow was a pleasing one as the English proved "Johnny on the spot" with an oversize helping of hot tea, coffee and rolls. The night's ride south found us anxiously pressing our faces against the compartment windows, watching the searchlights jump from object to object, but nothing occurred to write home about.

The following morning found us at Homersfield, but where outside of England that might be proved quite mystifying until the baggage master, through his rich "cockney" accent enlightened us. English lorries proved quite helpful and soon we had passed through six miles of beautiful English countryside and had reached Hardwich. "Where is Hardwick" was the next inquiry and the answer, "in Suffolk, near Bungey" was such that it did not enlighten us. Dispersal just means dispersal to an Englishman who has been walking or diding a bicycle most of his years so the 380th was hurriedly moved to site number one, exactly one mile from the mess hall. This proved to be the case until two months later when site four, became our resting place.

The English system of warning the countryside of an air raid was learned in a few seconds that evening, when the phone rang and the word "hello" brought the quick answer, "air raid warning, purple." Nothing happened, but an entirely new slant on the way things would be run from now on, was readily agreed to. Two days later, due to special training Lieut. Ross was replaced as commanding officer by Capt. Gridley.

While the Air Echelon was getting its first taste of a life on the ocean wave, the flight echelon also proved to be on the move , leaving Walterboro on the sixth of September and heading North, stopping at Westover Field, Mass., where they found new North American B-25's awaiting them.

The Flight Echelon was composed of the following:

Captains Rodney R. Wilder and Earl E. Batten and Lts, Howard A. Sessler, Cecil D. Amick, Charles M. Barnwell, John D. Coffey, Lawrence Cometh, Henry L. Cromartie, Jr., James J. Dent Jr., Dean H. Draemel, Clyde L. Grow, Paul R. Hall, Jr., William G. Holmes, Jack W. Hubbard, Arnie J. Huffman, Robert C. Kanode, Robert A. Lacy, Ernest W. Liverman, Frederick F. Loomis and Robert J. McCormick.

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James I. Miller, David Moir, Marion L. Picklesimer, Robert S. Rich, David A. Sacknoff, Carroll A. Santos, Jr., Robert P. Schisler, Fred A. Shorsher, Robert J. Sours, Donald H. Smith, Edward H. Steger, Jr., Earl L. Stutts, Allan S. Thomas, Melvin E. Timmerman and Albert R. Walcott.

Master Sergeants James F. Gallagher, Winifred E. Greene, Carl Leonard, Earnest I. Nash and Peter J. Sienkiewicz.

Technical Sergeants Gerald F. Cole, James A. Ginn, Antonio Gonzales, Frank Gularte, Raiford B. Hill, Frank P. Kelley, David L. Richardson, Robert M. Shambaugh, Julius M. Simon, Eldon M. Smith, Reginald O. Sprod, Richard L. Westline, and Arnold S. Wolk.

Staff Sergeants Byron J. Caldemeyer, Ray L. Comrad, Ray E. Cook, John A. Dackiewicz, Francis E. Donahue, Robert E. Dowling, William J. Erpelding, Clarence R. Gardner, Clarence B. Helmsing, Herbert Huffman, Andrew J. Janicki, Alexander J. Jarzynka, Walter E. Jastrzemski, Alfred S. Jensen, Harry H. Kechter, Paul E. Kessler, Elton T. Larsen, Anthony Leanza, Byron F. Link, Albert D. Links, Jake S. Lively, Kenneth R. Longrie, Edward E. McArthur, David E. McCaig, Walter J.MC Connell, Palmer C. Melhus, Albert J. Meyer, Robert J. Mount, William D. Redding, Alfred J. Szczesniak, George E. Tabor and John A. Williams.

Sergeants Robert L. Bennett who was later transferred, John J. Grace, Joseph Kobasa, Clayton D. Lea, Fred Lindsay, George H. Mell, Edward H. Nichols, and John L. Pintar.

Privates Edward D. Barbieri, Charles M. Belmer, Earl B. Willis and Charles Bello.

First to leave for the long Atlantic haul, which would make him eligible for the world-famous "Short Snorter Club" was Lieut. Robert J. McCormick, accompanied by Lieut. Col. Anthony G. Hunter, Group commander, Leaving Westover Field September 25, the first stop was Presque Isle with another long trip to Goose Bay in Labrador before the gas trucks again went to work. Heading north again "B.W. 1." in Greenland checked in our "two-bitsy" and from there ice filled water passed below as Reikiavik, Iceland met our wheels next. Heading south again Prestwick, Scotland became another refueling base and then the plane came home once more, landing at Hardwick. It was but a matter of hours until more planes taxied up to their dispersal points and soon the squadron was near capacity.

A phase of special training was undergone here with the pilots and radio operators learning the British radio system, while the airplanes got their first test at the hands of some of the Royal Air Force(s finest, when Spitfires, Mustangs and Hurricanes" visited the Base for a game of "aerial tag." Both teams were well pleased with the results.

Mud proved to be another nuisance at Hardwick, and although local residents stated that it was the dryest county in England, the majority of the boys wondered as to whether or not they meant beer or water. "A jolly good bunch of blokes" was the general opinion of the squadron, despite the war limits on hospitality handed out by the natives.

AIR RAID

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It was a "bolt from the blue" that gave the Squadren their "first baptism of fire" on October 19, 1942, at 1127 hours. Air Raid warnings had first reached the Base at 0800 hours that morning and were continually flashing on and off as the Royal Observer Corps kept us well informed. In and out of the gun-pits was to be the main work of the day and at approximately 1124 hours an air raid warning "white" was flashed across the Post. The gunners climbed from the gun pits and the remainder breathed a sigh of relief. But it was a short sigh. Coming out of the east, flying low was one of "Aldoph's finest," a Junkers '88, and from its wing racks dropped four 1,000 pound bombs. A machine gun from the rear cockpit was spraying the field from behind. Four loud booms, so close together they sounded as one, rent the mossy silence and up in a bundle of debris, floated the crew room.

Holes were torn in the hangars, 50 feet away and other pieces of shrapmel ripped through buildings and roofs at a distance of 300 feet. Excitement reigned supreme but "Jerry" left in as fast a manner as he arrived and news stories the following morning, stated that "Spitfires" of Fighter Command had been waiting and had intercepted him on the way home.

This bombing gave the Group a distinct honor, that of being the first American Air Base ever to be bombed by the Nazis.

First individual honors for being bombed want to Lieut. Ambrose M. Richardson, T/Sgt. Henry C. Seiffert, S/Sgt. Kenneth M. Jones and Corporals Fred K. Fear and John Sparrow. This bombing occurred the same morning but an hour earlier in the city of Norwich, when the men listed above were at a local concern. The only bomb dropped destroyed a shoe factory less than a block away, while machine gun bullets had the crowd guessing for quite a few minutes, as they stood in the center of a highway intersection, anxiously locking for a bomb shelter. "Fighter Command" also announced that a Dornier 217 that had raided an East Anglican town had been shot down over the channel. This report made everyone happy.

Stories concerning the raid on the Base ranged from "how I saved the day" to the prize one describing the front of an Officer's uniform, decorated with the dark clay that had formerly been the bottom of a drainage ditch. One casualty was chalked up to the visitor, a piece fo shrapnel in the knee of one of Erin's fast moving (when the tea truck comes into sight) workers.

In the field of special training the Intelligence Staff also went to school, seven days under competent instructors at Heathel and this was followed by a week as guests and "lookers-on" at Royal Air Force Stations.

Blackouts became a nightly part of the Squadron and many a lamp post of "ye Merrie Olde England" has been scarred by the teeth of amember of the 380th Squadron, as he attempted to feel his way down the street. Surprises were many when blackout time arrived and many of the boys were pleased, while many received disappointments, when the fair young maiden they had met in the dark, first labbled up and smiled in the smoke perfumed air of a local "pub." Bomb shelters also proved to be "not so good to sleep in" when the local hotel rooms were filled, but the American idea of fitting in any place stood them in good stead.

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This life of training, running to town, looking for mail from home and cursing the weather wnt on without interruptions until late in October, when rumor again spread its ugly wings over the Base, to the effect that we would soon be on the move again.

Once again the rumors proved to have a background and on the night of Nov. 5, the first priority of the Air Echelon moved out under secret orders. The group was composed of Captains William G. Gridley and Attillio D. Puppel, Lieutenants Lloyd L. Porter and Fred C. Ross Jr., Master Sergeant Eugene Hoekstra, Technical Sergeant Franklin H. Peck and Staff Sergeant Kenneth M. Jones. Leaving Hardwick by motor transprt they moved to Diss where they boarded a train and the following morning found themselves in London for a well earned lunch. From the heart of the capital, they again entrained, heading south-west, and arriving in Ringwood, Sussex the morning of November 7. Once again English lorries came into use, moving them the same day to the Ibsley Airport. Here they remained until the night of the 14, wondering and sweating out their next move. Things began to look even more mysterious this night as they were again "whisked away" for a distance of 20 miles to the Hurn Airport. Amid the gloom of an English night they loaded into Douglas C-47's, and at 0220 hours, Nov. 15, they left the gorund with no idea as to their final destination.

Daylight seemed to come early and an uneventful trup cmae to aclose at 1220 hours the same day, when the plane settled to a stop at the Gazes Airport (Air France) at Casablanca. Here hangars were their home until November 18 when busses moved them to Medicuna Airport about 25 kilometers from Casablanca. Here on the morning of Nov. 19, familiar faces began to show themselves and soon an "hello" from one side with to another was bringing the boys together again. The long-awaited advance group of the Ground Echelon had arrived anxiously awaiting for their "ring-side" seats for the "biggest show on earth."

Moving the time of our story back a month the second priority of the Air Echelon, composed of Lieutenant Ambrose M. Richardson, Technical Sergenats Frank L. Brady Jr., and George L. Dent, and Staff Sergeants Claire L. Swanstrom, Cyril L. Thomas, Leonard D. Langston and William J. Glynn, had packed and on the night of Nov. 6, just one full day after the First Priority had "pulled stakes", left Hardwick for Camp Jacks Buch near Salisbury. Here they remained for a week and on November 13, arrived at Ibsley Airport on the southwest coast of England. Five more days passed by and on the night of the 18 they boarded transport planes for an unknown destination.

The following morning found them at Port Lyautey and immediately upon arrival loaded into motor transports and left for Oran, the harbor city of French Algeria. Odd jobs of all types proved to be their tasks while there and on November 30, they left for Mediuuna where they joined the First Priority group.

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Jumping back to the "States" to locate the Ground Echelon, we find them still waitinf for orders at Walterboro, South Carolina. Their wait was short and on September 18, they packed bag and baggage and took a short trip north-west, unloading this time at Greenville Army Air Base, South Carolina. One month to the day later, after living the "Life Of Rielly" for this period, the Ground Echelon split into tow groups: the Ground Echelon and the Rear Echelon.

The following composed the Ground Echelon:

Lieuts Lambert J. Eichner Jr., commanding, John E. Adams Jr., Randolph M. Duncan and Roger J. Shouvlin.

First Sergeant Milton S. Davis, Technical Sergeant James A. Warman, and Staff Sergeants Paul W. Glass, Malcolm L. Heavin Jr., James W. Maddox, Frank P. Oliver, John Shipferling, Henry I. Spidel and Edward J. Sweeny.

Sergeants Elmer R. Broadwater, Jr., Francis J. Clark, Warren W. Wmerson, Joeseph W. Fairley, Louis M. Jackson, Leon C. Kileszewski, John H. Marvig, Jack C. Mays, George P. McCabe, Alva M. McDowell, Howard E. McGlasson, Leland C. Mecomber, George E. Muss, Huey Nickens, John E. Nolze, Roy H. Ostilie, Samuel Pickett, Elmer E. Richards Robert L. Rogers, Carl W. Roy, Solomon L. Rubin, Russell H. Shafer, John Sikora, Carl A. Tate and John P. Walsh.

Corporals Samuel R. Berry, Melville H. Corbin, John J. Cullen, Russell A. Dibble, Harry B. Drake, Stanley C. Dudash, Sidney Gewirtz, Steve Golder, Burke W. Himes Simon J. Hughes, Andy Jarvis, Edgar R. Lang, Emerson H. Lee, Lewis Pl James, Leonard A. Jensen, Amandus H. Manmiller, Jr., Joe D. Mehl, Lloyd M. Mobley, Earl S. Newbrough, Louis F. Pesicka, Irving M. Raclyn, Walter E. Rutledge, Leo B. Schreiber, Charles E. Smith, Patrick F. Sheldon, Warren T. Snyder, Kelly Stepp, Ausbren G. Stokley, Lawrence E. Taylor and Ryan Zuidema.

Private First Class Frank B. Dean, Jr., Adam P. Duda, Joseph V. Egan, Thomas Filipek, Frederick R. Fulton, Leon A. George, Jack J. Gerace, Winifred Germaine, Willis E. Hutchenrider, James A. Jenkins, Franklin H. King, Raymond D. Kowalik, Wilbert A. Luthardt, William B. Nack, Roy W. Meloy, William H. Rose, Donald W. Senecal and Marvin M. Taylor.

Privates Charles R. Atkinson, Paul G. Bernstein, Paul E. Booher, Frank Buda, Charles T. Brust, John H. Buxton, Liobnick Cangillieri, James J. Caparulo, Douglas H. Cramer, Arthur H. Collins, Paul B. Eck, Charles F. Ellis, Arthur K. Erb, Roger F. Harriman, Royal D. Hayes, Samuel V. Hudman Jr., Alvin D. Johnson, Stanley M. Kania, George A. Killham, Robert H. Madson, Raymond J. Preston, Ross D. Ricketts, Geddas C. Roberts, Andrew Sabiniski, Weston G. Schools, Malcolm C. Van Denmark, William H. Voss, and Charles Wilson.

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The 17th of October found the Ground Echelon once again on the move, with their destination, Fort Dix, New Jersey and after a seven day stay, re-equipping and fitting out they boarded the former Matson Liner of the San Francisco-Tahiti run, the U.S.S. Monterey. The trip across the Atlantic proved uneventful as the powerful convoy steamed along, although destroyers accompanying them claimed five submarines, while local rumor had it to the effect that we had been fired on but the range was too great and "jerry" had failed to find his mark. November 17 found the Ground Echelon at Casablanca, French Morrocco, but the stay was short and a brief jaunt to Medicuma Airport the same day, found them joining with the First and Second Priorities of the Air Echelon.

Back in the land of fog and a snatch of sumshine, the Air Echelon was also on the move, leaving Hardwick at midnight on November 24, and moving by truck to Diss, where a three hour wait for the train, provided the basks for several stiff joints and bad colds. By train they moved to Liverpool, arriving there late the next afternoon and immediately boarded the troopship, H.M.S. Derbyshire, which was already credited with a landing in North Africa.

The Air Echelon was composed of Lieutenants Walter E. Hicks, Gilbert S. Balance, Harold J. Gilchrist, and Henry H. Lorch.

Technical Sergeants Frank Gularte, Harold R. Piper, Paul F. Schreiber, Henry C. Seiffert Jr., Vernon D. Severy and Julius M. Simon. Staff Sergeants Alexander A. Bocskay, Marshall G. Deakin, Louis G. Hetzel, William E. Maggiore, Furhman P. Miller and John H. Smith Jr.

Sergeants Walter E. Harris, William S. Johnson, Scren J. Juni, Joseph P. Maikites, Davern Nance, William W. Seagle and Raymond H. Whitworth. Corporals: John J. Coppola, Fred K. Fear, Harold H. Hart, Theodore Kroes, Robert F. Sarchet, and John B. Sparrow.

Lieutenant George E. Reed was attached to us for travel, to join his squadron in Africa.

Three nights we remained in the harbor at Liverpool but finally at noon on November 27, the boat gave a lurch and hurried trips on deck, proved to us that we were finally underway. Ireland, looking as green as the "Shamrock" it is noted for, was off to our left as we steamed north through the Irish Sea. Rounding the tip of "Erin" we found ourselves part of a large convoy and once again heading south.

The night of December 3, found the water a slight bit rough with a touch of sea sickness prevailing among the members of the Squadron. Staff Sergeant Alexander Bocskay left his quarters to go on deck to die, but a wave greeted him at the open door and he was forced to come back to die. The next night we steamed into Gibraltar and the stars were never brighter, as a trip around the deck left one feeling as though he might reach up and pluck one.

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Dropping anchor here, we remained for a day, but on the afternoon of December 5, we were steaming across the blue waters of Mussolini's "Mare Nostrum", the Mediterranean. Lookouts from the rear of the ship announced that they were unable to find the "Prudential Insurance" sign on the opposite side of the rock. The convoy through the Mediterranean was composed of the "Derbyshire," the "Monarch of Bermuda" and three destroyers. The trip proved uneventful, although quite a lot of "Sweating out" of submarines was done by the men. The morning of December 6, found us at the harbor of France's great North African port, Oran and soon we had come to a stop at Mers El Kebir, the shipping port. Late that afternoon we left the boat and hiked for a distance of about a mile, before dropping our packs.

Here the beggars and peddlars first began to make a nusiance of themselves and the word "alle" became a very important part of our French vocabulary. Climbing into trucks as night fell, we saw our first town lighted up at night for over a period of three months as we passed southward through Oran. Fifteen miles farther on we were told that this is where we were camping. Piling out of the trucks we looked around but with a total blackout in effect, nothing was to be seen. Taking stock, fourteen blankets were to be found and not a shelter half. A small fire proved to be the company for the remainder of the evening and when daylight finally arrived we found curselves to be in the center of the former French Aeronautical Naval Base, Tafaraoui, somewhere in North Africa.

After three days and nights of almost continual rain, which would make an English rain look like a spring shower, shelter halves and additional blankets were finally received. French Algeria was no long on our "must" list.

The following poem, clipped for the "Stars and Stripes" well expresses the situation at Tafaraoui.

MUD MUD MUD

I've seen mud on U.S. race tracks
That stopped horses near the wire,
I've see mud on Flanders poppies
That stopped slodiers under fire,
I've seen mud in some U.S. camps
That would flatten beast or man,
But I've never seen the brand of mud
That's found in old Oran.

Now the mud in Oran's pastures
Is a sticky cling lump,
It goes above your ankles
And it may contact your rump,
Lordy, how the darn stuff gets you
How it clings to shoe and boot,
How it socks your gosh darned breeches,
How it messes up your suit.

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You get mud in every chow plate,
You get mud in bed it seems,
You get mud in your helmet
You get mud in your dreams,
Sure I know that this is war time
Sure I know it's sweat and blood,
But good gravy, must I perish
In that gosh darned mud of Oran.

Pvt. A. Mudder.

Finally an old French motor garage proved to be the resting place of the Squadron, but tents had to be pitched inside to catch the leaks that came through from a "holy" roof. The one lone advantage of the spot was that a fire, covered by a homemade stove might be used at night. Soon we were greeted by our planes coming through and leaving and the knowledge that we would soon be on the move again.

"I want your men for details," was the familiar cry that soon struck out across the Base in our direction and Technical and Staff Sergeants soon found themselves picking up garbage and cigarette butts behind the arrogant privates of the First Service Squadron. A scattering of mail came in and morale began to rise. The rains continued and hangar number two soon became our abode. Despite the walk of a mile and one-hlaf to "chow" the dryness of our beds proved the venture worth while. Moving pictures through the Special Services office were nightly entertainments along with a French cowboy show and two French Vaudvilles. Frequent trips to town also came around and souvenirs for the folks back home were being hastily carried to the local post office. No sick book or morning report was carried for the entire trip.

One additional member of the Ground Echelon was attached to us at Tafaraoui, Private John Cragie, who had missed the train, was brought to us from Port Lyautey by Captain Alpheus White of the 379th Squadron.

Crowded out again by more men coming in, we moved another 100 yards, this time to hangar number one, and two nights later, on January 13 we moved by trucks to the railroad station at Arabal, where we received a most welcome sandwich and cup of steaming coffee. Here we boadred the famous French trains that have that old familiar sign, "Hommes 40- Chevaux en long 8." The mysterious part of this was "how in the world anyone ever figured that they might get 40 men in one of these cars."

On the move again we found curselves traveling through very scenic country, but the thought in the minds of the men was to the effect that "when this is over, don't worry we'll give it all back to you." Frequent stops were made to take on water and supplies and the following morning found us leaving Algiers. The night of January 14 found the entire train blacked out as an alert had been called, but the entire evening proved very dull. The afternoon of January 15, found us unloading at Terlergma where trucks and jeeps were waiting to take us to Bertaux, to join the remainder of the Squadron.

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1 July 1942 to 1 January 1943

With everything in Africa necessary for a Bombardment group to fight a war with except airplanes, it's back to Hardwick to follow our boys on their greatest adventure.

All fixed up and ready to leave for "little known places" was the situation facing "B Flight" and the morning of December5, when they left the wet slippery runways and headed southwest for Portreath. Arriving there late the same day, a good night's sleep followed and the coming of morning found them busy checking any "bugs" preparing for their overseas jump. The morning of December 7, just one year to the day of the disater at Peral Harbor, Lieutenant Lawrence Cometh, Flight Leader, headed his ship into the wind, and the boys were off to the "Dark" continent. The Bay of Biscay passed quickly and far below them, out of the range of any international intrigue, Portuagal passed by. Turning sharply, Gibraltar merely proved to be a "fix" and out over the Mediterranean they roared, with the Flight navigator, Lieutenant Arnie J. Huffman, keeping them "on the beam." Down between the hills of French Algeria we suddenly stumbled upon the Tafaraoui Airdrome, taken but a month before by American paratroopers. Permission to land was rapidly received and soon were were on the "line", wondering what the next assignment would be.

The members of "B Flight", the first airplanes of our Squadron to reach Africa, included:

Lieutenants: Lawrence Cometh, James I. Miller, Arnie J. Huffman, Robert A. Lacy, Alan S. Thomas, Charles M. Barnwell, Robert S. Rich, Ernest W. Liverman, Henry L. Cromartie, Jr., John E. Wright and James J. Dent, Squadron operations officer, who came along as a passenger.

Enlisted personnel included: Master Sergeant Peter J. Sienkiewics, Technical Sergeants: Arnold S. Wolk, James A. Ginn, and Ray L. Conrad. Staff Sergeants: Palmer C. Helhus, Robert J. Mount, William J. Erpelding, Clayton D. Lea, Walter J. McConnell, Fred Lindsay, Paul Kessler, David E. McCaig, Eldon M. Smith, Robert E. Dowling and Henry H. Keckter. Sergeant Joseph Kobasa and Corporal Charles E. Belmer.

The short stay at Tafaraoui proved none to comfortable in the wind and rain, and soon we were again winging our way east, finally arriving at Terlergma, where our planes first took to the air to deliver Americans goods to the enemy. From the 16 of December till January 1, we remained at this central point, participating in two raids, which will be described in detail in the next chapter, before moving on to our permanent station at Bertaux.

"Back to college" was the familiar cry at Bertaux, the site of our Base being a former French Agricultural College, lovingly referred to as "North Africa A. and M." by the men. Snuggled down in the wide valleys on a platuea, 2,500 feet above sea level, we were prepared to give "Jerry" his just dues..

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RIDING EAST

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The week of December 7th, 1942, found the advance Air and Ground Echelons of the Group pulled off to various points in the vicinity of Casablanca for special duty having to do with the unleading of supplies from the ships crowding the dock facilities of the port. This separation came after three weeks of pleasant reunion at the Medicuna Air Base -- the Air and Ground Echelons having parted company back at Walterboro at the end of August, and completely given up hope of ever meeting again. The 379th and 380th Squadrons were moved to a Bivouac area near Gazes Airport, and put to work on a 24 hour basis making gasoline dumps near Sidi Maron and along the Aufa Road. The rigors of this detail covered in another chapter. The 381st Squadron was moved south to Safi, to guard supply dumps while the 428th went to Fedala to perform the same function. What there was of Headquarters detachment found themselves ensconced in the rare luxury of the Grand Hotel in the city of Casablanca; with a temporary headquarters set up in a corner of the XII Air Service Command, a few blocks distant.

This was "foreign duty" in more ways than one, but the chance to get to work was welcomed by all after the comparative inactivity at Medicuma -- at least we could feel that we were "doing something" to further the war effort. There was something about heaving around a 50 gallon drum of 100 octane gas that proved very satisfying to the soul, to say nothing of the lame muscles and ravenous appetites that it produced.

But a little of this went a long way, and the news that reached us on Dec. 14 that we were about to move up was received with tremendous enthusiasm by all.

Breaking camp on the 15th was a hectic procedure, complicated in no small degree by repeated invasions "in force" of pilfering Arabs from a nearby quarry who swarmed over the area in waves, each time to be driven off by harassed G.I's brandishing clubs. Occasional rifle shots added to the realism of the scene. Dame Nature had a hand in the fun by producing for our added amusement an all day downpour of rain, driven in from the Atlantic on the wings of a full gale, which caressed that section of the dark continent with a fury of some frenzied monster. The dust was fully laid for our departure and a waterlogged outfit slogged through ankle deep mud to board the trucks which carried us to the Casablanca railroad yards.

It was here that the vehicle convoy of our Group assembled and prepared itself for the long trip to our new home, while the main body was loading itself into the train of boxcars on the nearby siding. Fifteen jeeps, five ambulances and two weapons carriers, with numerous trailors, water and otherwise, made up the procession with Major Gordon C. Locke (them a Captain) the convoy Commander, leading off in one of the ambulances. Behind him, in a jeep, and acting as official interpreter for the caravan, rode Captain William G. Gridley. Bringing up the rear, to check on stragglers and administer to the sick roade Group Surgeon Major Jesse W. McConnell. First Lt. Arthur M. Shiver was convoy transportation officer. Also travelling in the convoy were Major Maynard W. Bell (then Captain), and 1st Lt. Ernest C. Akers (then 2nd Lt.)

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Promptly at 2330 hours on December 15th, after complete instructions had been given to the drivers on such matters as spacing, signals, lights, and general conduct, the order to move out was given and we threaded our way through the darkened streets of Casablanca and out into the open country. Our first run took us to Oujda, a distance of slightly under 400 miles, accomplished by driving through the following day and on into the night. We pulled into our destination sometime after midnight and in no time were bedded down on benches or the floor of the Oudja railroad station -- many slept in the vehicles. Our route had taken us through Fedala, Rabat, Port Lyautey, Fes, Taza, Guercif and El Ajoun. The beauties of the things we had seen during the daylight hours of our trip had made a great impression on us all, particularly the famed city of Fes, capital of Morocco, and home of the Sultan. We did not stop to sightsee, but the glimpses we caught of the strange architecture and the brilliant coloring of the mosaics on the walls and buildings were enough to give us at least a fleeting idea of the fascination of this ancient city. We thought we had seen mountain grandeur too, on our climb through the Atlas chain to reach the Mediterranean slope, but we later found that this had been merely an introduction into what was to come.

As we were preparing to start on the next leg of the journey, the train contingent of our outfit pulled into the station. A great note-comparing session ensued, as a result of which the motor boys definitely agreed that they had the better of the deal despite the rigors they had experienced from cold train and lack of sleep. We left Oudja about 0930 having had a slight delay in collecting one or two of our number that had ventured up into the town in a successful search for breakfast. The officers of the convoy had found an excellent breakfast in the hotel near the station, which also offered facilities for a much needed chance to shave and wash.

Our progress this day was somewhat less than had been hoped for. During the day we passed through Sidi Bel Abbes, headquarters for the famed French Foreign Legion. It was necessary to locate a refueling depot, our reserves having been heavily called on during the previous day, and considerable time was considerable time was consumed in this process. As a result we got only as far as the Tafaroui Air Base, near Oran, former headquarters of a French Naval Aviation Unit, and scene of considerable resistance to our landing forces on D Day. Here was a sea of mud that put to shame anything we had seen thus far. To our great delight we found here a number of 310th Ground Officers who had come from England by boat to Oran. Among these were Captains Poynton and Cole, Its Fisher, Lorch, Hicks, Knight, Haines, Hartley, Stecker, Ballance, Meehan Goeckel, Basich, Neubauer, Gilchrist, Pemberton and Mason. It is easy to imagine what a session developed from this unexpected meeting -- a great deal of catching up was done in the course of several hours in the evening. The motor contingent withdrew from this "That's Nothing to what happened to us" contest at a resonably early hour, claiming a hands down victory. Plans called for an early start.

Next morning, December 18th, at an early hour we pushed off from Tafaroui -- surprisingly few of our friends were on hand to see us off.

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We were ready and anxious to get started by daybreak the next day, Sunday, the 20th. It was dark, cludy day, with an icy wind cutting in form the north. As a result, such stops as we had to make were of short duration and we made good at ime, reaching Setif about nightfall. Here we were in for a pleasant surprise. By dint of a few inquiries in the right places we located a large restaurant where our entire complement of men sat down to a steak and spaghetti dinner, with excellent wine to top it off. The bill was divided amongst the officers. This great treat completely thawed us out and we bedded down in a large warehouse for a much needed rest after the horrors of the preceding night.

We were ready to start on our last leg in good season the next morning—which turned out clear and warm. This was a comparatively short run, and we pulled into our destination, Telergma, about noon. There, to our great surprise, we found our train contingent who had pulled in during the night. Once more the experience—swapping sessions commenced, to continue for many days thereafter. The motor convoy, thick with mud, but happy in the successful conclusion of its assignment, scattered to its various positions within the Group and the 1200 mile trek across North Africa came to its end. The unanimous opinion of all concerned—"A great experience—something we'll never forget."

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We made good progress and passed through some very fertile country with mile after mile of vineyards on either side of the road. This brought to mind a picture of old man Bauchus, with the vine leaves in his hair -- perhaps this wesn't going to be such a dismal country after all. We passed through Relizane, Subermaun, Oreleansville and reached Affroville about 1630. In all of these towns, as we passed through, the children would stop their play, run to the curb and cheer. It was really an enthusiastic greeting which we received in all of these small places -- V for Victory sign was exchanged freely. If such a feeling is in Africa, where the full pressure of the Nazi yoke has been felt, what, we wondered, would the greeting be like when the Allied Armies finally reach the defenses of Europe and deliver France herself from her ravager.

At Affreville we made or first contact with the British Convoy Control. It had been our intention to drive on through the night, but we were firmly told that the road was an extremely dangerous one through the mountains and no convoys were allowed to pass over during the night. Accordingly we looked around for lodgings and ended up by lodging in the vehicles. But before turning in, if it could be called that, Major Locke stood host at a nearby restaurant to a marge number of the enlisted men—the enthusiastic proprietor was quick to size up the situation and served up platter after platter of fried eggs and other delicacies which were washed down with ample very fine vino to restore the spirits of the travelers.

The next morning, the 19th, having been give the Go Ahead by the British, we pulled out and very shortly discovered that their restriction on a night passage was indeed a sensible one--climbing steadily for about half an hour we found ourselves at the little town of Miliana and looking down saw directly below us the town of Affreville where we had passed the night. We could have dropped pebbles down its chimneys. From here on for a matter of several hours we followed a road that was tortuous in the extreme, climbing steadily. Often we were on the edge of a sheer precipice which dropped off to the valley far below. We could easily picture the truth of the stories told us by the British of trucks going over the edge. In our decent to Bourkika we several times drove down a gradual decent into a deep sharp valley and ascended again on the other to be, after covering 8 or 10 miles, not more than a mile across from the road we had just been on. Those in the load vehicles could wave across at those bringing up the rear, for during this part of the trip we were well spaced out. Once, when crossing a high ridge, we looked down upon a C-47 transport flying several hundred feet below us through the narrow pass. That day we lunched and refueled at Blida Airport, a very busy operational base crowded with airplanes, mostly Wellingtons. The afternoon trip brought us into L'Arba by dush, where we were again taken in hand by the British.

This night was perhaps the most dismal of all. We were directed to two small parking areas outside of the town which turned out to be seas of mud. With half the vehicles in each we attempted to prepare a warm meal, but our efforts were unsuccessful. A very small Arab bunglow type of house was found at each place but the rooms were filthy and unfit for use and of course it was raining. We ate C-rations, and settled down in one way or another to pass the night. To describe it as miserable would be putting it mildly.

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THE TAIL END

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1 March 1943

A month after the ground echelon had left Greenville for parts unknown, the "tail end charlies", the rear echelon, were still sitting tight, waiting for orders. Lieut. Ross V. Seeton, Squadron Armament Officer, had taken over the duties of the commanding officer, and minor details and guard duty occupied most of the time.

Finally the order came through and off we went, leaving Greenville on November 21 and arriving at Camp Kilmer, New Jersey on November 23. Here drill proved our most arduous duty, but 24 hour passes for trips to New York, Philadelphia and Washington, helped to break the monotony. A minor epidemic of "absent without leave" broke out after a two weeks period, and although it was slight in nature, one man was left behind when the orders came through for us to leave.

January 13th, found us starting our great adventure, At Camp Kilmer we boarded a train and found New York City our destination. Late the same night we climbed aboard the former Swedish Liner, "John Erricson" and early the next morning the steady throbbing informed us that we were finally under way. Twelve uneventful days were spent aboard ship and finally on the 25th of the month the shoreline of Africa, greeted us.

Bivouac Area #1, located three miles from Casablanea, proved our camping ground for a thirty-four day period and then news came that soon we would be seeing the rest of the "gang." Army transports, C-47's were waiting in line for us at the Casablanca Airport on the morning of the 28th of February and we leaded up, leaving but eight men behind to drive the motor convoy through.

The following came to Berteaux by air:

Lieuts. Ross V. Seeton, Elmer N. Carlson, Francis L. Nathews and John Summerfield.

Tech Sergeants Edwin Talley; Staff Sergeants George Felshaw; and Sergeants Joseph Driesbauch, William Hankins, Kenneth Howells, John Mohwinkel, Harold Nelson Russel Palmer, Sideny Robinson, Robert M. Schauffler, Donald Soderlund and Arthur Studyvin.

Corporals Otto Bruhlman, Stanley Crossman, Frederick Davidson, William Eckert, Joseph Fahey, Ray Johnson, Berton Mooney, William Moore, Robert Palmer, Eric Swanson, and Walter Wojcicki.

Privates First Class, Lloyd Coblar, Stephen Collins, Duward Foster, Warren Haddock, Alois LaPlant, Herman Riemke, Joseph Rozewicz, Jack Spiegle and Stahley Thurman.

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Privates George Ash, Howard Baumgartner, Thomas Butler, Vernon Carter, Charles Clatterbuck, Edward Cook, Myron Dise, Anthony Fink, Frank Furtado, William Hamm, George Huska, Abe Koren, R.L. Loy, Raymond Lysowski, Timothy Malloy, Alvin Martinets, Robert Motherwell, John Omana, Harry Piercy, Robert Potter, Leander Prelle, Fred Richards, Sam Riggins, Virtner Roberts, Stanley Sawning, Henry Schmoll, Geroge Schlayer, Warren Shelton, Dennis Taylor, Herbert Weill, Levi Wiikus, Charles Strohl, Wayne Housken, John VanWinkle and Adolph Tovrog.

A six hour trip across the top of Africa greeted us although two of the planes stayed over night half way through the trip, and reported the following morning. Hardy handshakes, pats on the back greeted us on all sides and soon we were to work once again, pitching tents, unpacking and digging shelter trenches.

On the morning of March 6, 1943, the entire squadron was joined together for the first time since August 28th, seven long months, when the motor convoy arrived to the Base. It was composed of the following men:

Privates first class Walter Rogers, Howard Atkins, Eugene Lewis, Joe Ortis, and Homer Roberts. Privates Eddie Alvino, George Riedl and Robert Silliman. Sgt. Gen Underwood, due to illness, was left in the American Hospital at Casablanca.

A TUNISIAN LANDING GROUND GONFIDENTIAL 380th Bombardment Sq. 310th Bombardment Gp.

5 June 1943

After six long tedious months of operational flights that finally had brought the enemy to a crushing defeat, the 310th Bombardment Group moved further east into Tunisia and settled down amidst golden wheat fields at Koudiat Air Base, which was formerly called Kings Gross Landing Ground by the British Bomber-Fighter Squadrons who had been operating there prior to our move.

On the first of Jume, Lt. Col. H. Hinman proceeded by motor convoy with a small group of officers and men to prepare the camp for the remainder of the men. It. Norman E. Carlson, commanding, and Capt. William G. Gridley and nine enlisted men of our squadron were among the first priority which was composed of eight officers and fifty four enlisted men of the group. They arrived about nine o'clock that same day after a hard dusty trip and started preparations for the Advanced Echelon who were to arrive two days later.

Although our Group was still making operational raids during this period of transfer, nevertheless all available aircraft were used in transporting the Advanced Echelon to our new field and the entire movement of this section was made in one day. Its. John E. Adams Jr. and John Summerfield with ninety eight enlisted men comprised the air echelon and our ships brought all personnel safely to their new base.

Two days later this performance was repeated when the balance of the Group's personnel arrived. This third priority was composed of Lt. L.J. Eichner, commanding, Lts. W.E. Hicks, H.H. Lorch, F.E. Mathews, R.M. Duncan, G.S. Ballance and the remander of our enlisted personnel. Lt. Eichner went back to Berteau that same day and both he and Lt. A.M. Richardson Jr. drove up by Jeep four days later, the last to reach our new field.

Lt. Roger J. Shouvlin and his Ordnance personnel made the trip by motor truck and arrived at Koudiat Air Base just three days after the field was evacuated by the British. Without interruption our operational flights continued and our Bombers repeatedly struck at those stepping stones to Italy - Sicily and Sardinia.

Our new base boasts of an unusually wide runway, suitable for three planes to take off from it simultaneously; a large granery at the north edge of the field upon which Motion Pictures are shown periodically; and lastly, very friendly French and Italian neighbors who have made a great effort to be very hospitable toward us, their American friends. Of course due to the fact that this field is at sea level, it is much warmer here and we all have despondent thoughts as we brace ourselves for the coming summer heat.

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8 August 1943

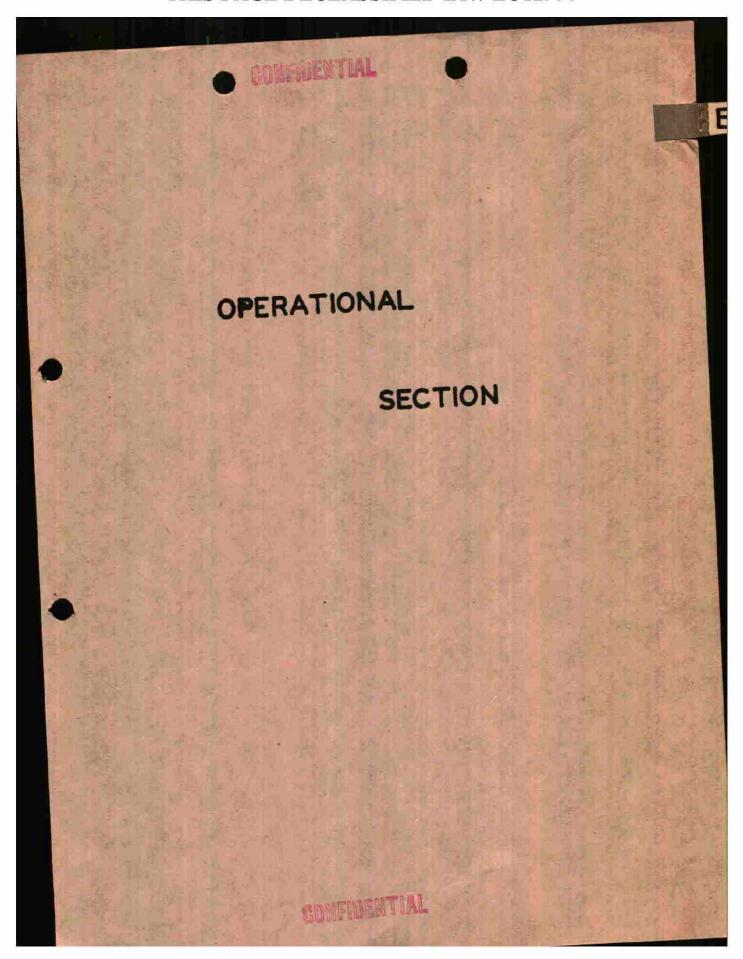
Our stay at Koudiat Air Base was comparatively short for after eight weeks of operation there we moved farther east again. Our new base was received with great eagerness by all the personnel mainly because of the cool winds, ever prevalent, coming off the sea, and also for the pleasant shade afforded by the numerous groves of fruit trees and cactus bushes.

Among the first to arrive at Menzel Termaine Landing Ground, our new home at Cape Bon, on the tip of the peninsula, were 1st Lt. E.N. Carlson, Commanding, Capt. W.G. Gridley, and seven enlisted men of our squadron. A total of about forty officers and men, commanded by It. Col. Harvey H. Hinman comprised the advanced echelon for the group.

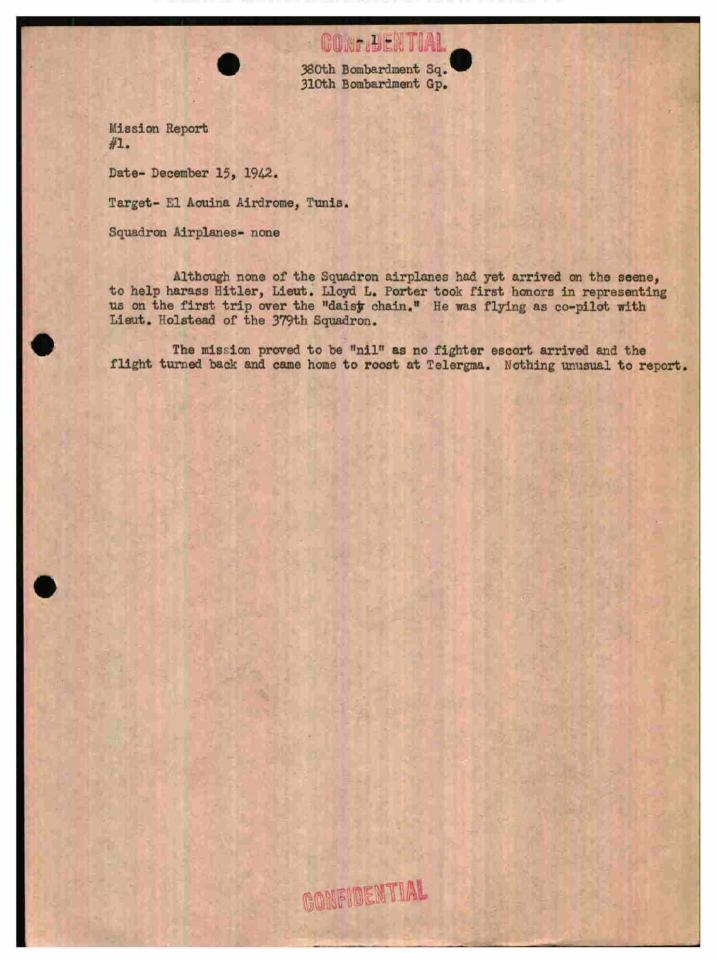
Four days later on the fifth of August, the entire squadron moved up to our new base. C-47's transported most of our equipment although a portion of our supplies were brought up by motor convoy. Our aircraft ran a 'shuttle service' between the two bases and all personnel arrived without mishap. 1st Lts. L.J. Eichner and A.M. Richardson remained behind to superintend the policing of our area and then drove up several days later by jeep.

The close proximity of the beach to our airfield makes our location comparable to a shore resort. The water is unusually clear and just the right temperature for swimming and almost all take advantage of it. After the terrific heat, scorching winds and dust storms that we all endured at Koudiat Air Base our new home may easily be termed a "Haven of Refreshment."

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Mission report

Date- December 30, 1942

Target- Roundhouse and installations at Sfax.

Squadron airplanes- three.

P- Lieut. R.A. Lacy C/P- Lieut. A.S. Thomas B- S/Sgt. P.E. Kessler R- Cpl. C.M. Belmer G- S/Sgt. Fred Lindsay

P- Lieut. C.M. Barnwell P- Lieut. L. Cometh C/P- Lieut. L.L. Porter

B- Lieut. J.J. Dent

R- T/Sgt. J.A. Ginn

G- S/Sgt. C.D. Lea

C/P- Lieut. J.I. Miller

B- Lieut. A.J. Huffman

B- Lieut. E.W. Liverman

R- Pvt. R.J. Mount G- S/Sgt. P.E. Melhus

Twelve P-38's of the First Fighter Group offered the boys protection and with weather clear and visibility unlimited, prospecting was good. The Squadron boys were "tail end Charlies" and for the first time they pushed their B-25's to the limit, as they climbed on the target.

Surprise proved one of the main elements for the afternoon and the results was a "good show." Three hundred pound bombs, eight to a plane, did the damage and the round house was seen to tremble and shake and finally fall. The turn table, which was proving useful in aiding Rommel's retreat, became useless, as a gift from American Industry hit it dead center.

As the target run neared its close, heavy flak began to dot the sky. It was of medium intensity, the range was good, but the deflection was poor. No damage was done and all the boys arrived home safely.

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Mission report

Date- January 1, 1943

Target- Harbor Installations at Tunis

Squadron airplanes- three.

P- Lieut. R.A. Lacy
C/P- Lieut. A.S. Thomas
B- S/Sgt. P.E. Kessler
R- Cpl. C.M. Belmer
G- S/Sgt. Fred Lindsay

P- Lieut. C.M. Barnwell
C/P- Lieut. L. Cometh
C/P- Lieut. J.I. Miller
N- Lieut. A.J. Huffman
B- Lieut. E.W. Liverman
B- Lieut. E.W. Liverman
R- Pvt. R.J. Mount
G- S/Sgt. P.E. Melbus G- S/Sgt. P.E. Melhus

It was a bad start that the boys got off to, to start the new year, when the lead ship missed the point of climb and they broke out, right in the heart of Tunis, too low to drop their bombs. Rainstorms were the cause of this as they continued to change course, attempting to evade them.

All the 500 pounders were brought back, to be used at a later date, while the twelve P-38's escorting the boys were late, but everything turned out for the best as they finally made connections and arrived home safely.

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Mission Report #4

Date- January 4, 1943

Target- Kairouan Marshalling Yards.

Squadron airplanes- four.

P- Lieut. R.A. Lacy C/P- Lieut. A.S. Thomas B- S/Sgt. P.E. Kessler R- Cpl. C.M. Belmer G- S/Sgt. Fred Lindsay

P- Lieut. F.F. Loomis C/P- Lieut. David Moir B- Lieut. R.J. Schisler R- Pvt. E.B. Willis G- Sgt. E. H. Nichols P- Lieut. C.M. Barnwell C/P- Lieut. R.S. Rich B/N- Lieut. H.A. Sessler R- T/Sgt. J.A. Ginn G- S/Sgt. C.D. Lea

P- Lieut. D.H. Draemel C/P- Lieut. R.J. Sours B- Lieut. W.G. Holmes R- T/Sgt. R.M. Shambaugh G- S/Sgt. J.A. Williams

Eighteen "two bitsey's" took off at noon January 4, 1943, representing the 310th Group, on its first visit to Kairouan. The Squadron was represented by four of the boys. Once again weather stepped in with the batting average of zero and no bombs were dropped and the boys returned them for an encore a few days later.

The boys received quite a surprise from our own guns, on the return trip. Flying low over Thelepte, an American air base, a 50 caliber machine gun opened up on them sending tracers through the center of the formation. Lieut. Barnwell's aircraft received a hole in the left engine nacelle. A hasty vote, via the VHF, was unanimous to the effect that the ground forces should study aircraft identification.

The occupants of Lieut. Draemel's airplane also received a bad scare, when both motors cut out, as they were starting back. For 39 seconds, the crew held its breath, and a cough and a sputter was the reward, and soon they picked up. All the planes returned to the Base.

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380th Bombardment Sq. 310th Bombardment Gp.

Mission report #5

Date- January 6, 1943

Target- Kairouan Marshalling Yards.

Squadron airplanes- seven.

P- Lieut. R.A. Lacy
C/P- Lieut. A.S. Thomas
B- S/Sgt. P.E. Kessler
R- Sgt. C.M. Belmer
G- Sgt. Fred Lindsay

P- Lieut. C.M. Barnwell
C/P- Lieut. F.F. Loomis
C/P- Lieut. R.S. Rich
C/P- Lieut. D vid Moir
B- Lieut. R.P. Schisler
R- T/Sgt. J.A. Ginn
R- Pvt. E.B. Willis
G- S/Sgt. C.D. Lea
G- Sgt. E.H. Nichols

P- Lieut. D.A. Sacknoff C/P- Lieut. A.R. Walcott B- S/Sgt. A.D. Links R- T/Sgt. R.L. Westline G- Sgt. J.J. Grace

P- Lieut. C.A. Santos
C/P- Lieut. M.L. Picklesimer
C/P- Lieut. R.J. Sours
B- Lieut. P.R. Hall
B- Lieut. W.G. Holmes R- S/Sgt. T.L. Smith G- S/Sgt. W.R. Redding

P- Lieut. L. Cometh C/P- Lieut. J.I. Miller N- Lieut. A.J. Huffman B- Lieut. E.W. Liverman R- Pvt. R.J. Mount G- S/Sgt. P.E. Melhus

R- T/Sgt. R.M. Shambaugh G- S/Sgt. J.A. Williams

The "encore" at Kairouan was not long in coming -- just two days to be exact, when 18 airplanes returned to the "Holy City" and tore up the marshalling yards. Seven aircraft represented our Squadron. The boys "roared" in on the deck with 18 P-38's offering them protection, and made a good climb.

Each aircraft dropped its eight 300 pounders and were away before "friend Heinie" realized what had happened. The flak was not too intense and the deflection was poor. Three enemy aircraft were spotted about three miles away, serenely flying along. They offered no combat.

Using local equipment to the best of his advantage, the German' had appropriated quite a few Arab tents to cover his equipment. Gun turrets could be seen, sticking out around the loose edges.

Another short scare was tossed into Lieut. Draemel's crew, when the right engine cut out once again. However it was short-lived and all the ships returned home safely.

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380th Bombardment Sq. 310th Bombardment Gp.

Mission report #6

Date- January 8, 1943

Target- Graiba Railroad Bridges

Squadron airplanes- three

P- Lieut. D.A. Sacknoff
C/P- Lieut. A.R. Walcott
B- S/Sgt. A.D. Links
R- Sgt. R.L. Westline
G- Sgt. J.J. Grace

P- Lieut. C.A. Santos
P- Lieut. D.H. Draemel
C/P- Lieut. M.L. Picklesimer C/P- Capt. R.R. Wilder
N- Lieut. R.J. Sours
B- Lieut. P.R. Hall
N- Lieut. R.J. Sours
B- Lieut. W.C; Holmes
R- S/Sgt. J.J. Grace
G- S/Sgt. W.R. Redding
R- T/Sgt. R.M. Shambaugh

G- S/Sgt. J.A. Williams

The boys went in "on the deck" all the way, with the result that all bridges were claimed destroyed. Twelve B-25's did the job, with our Squadron taking credit for one-fourth of the work.

Each airplane carried six 500 pound bombs, and the altitude of attack being but 1,500', quite a reaction from the explosion could be felt by the boys in the last element. One lone enemy aircraft showed itself, a Focke Wulf 190, but eight P-38's got between him and us and he offered no combat. Mother Nature also did her part and the weather was CAVU.

Some light flak sprayed us at a few times along with some rifle fire, but no demage was done and the boys returned home.

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380th Bombardment Sq. 310th Bombardment Gp.

Mission report

Date- January 9, 1943

Target- Bridge at Hamment and Sea Search

Squadron airplanes- three.

P- Lieut. L. Cometh

C/P- Lieut. J.I. Miller

B- Lieut. E.W. Liverman

N- Lieut. A.J. Huffman

R- T/Sgt. J.A. Ginn

R- Sgt. C.M. Belmer

G- S/Sgt. C.D. Lea

G- Sgt. Fred Lindsay P- Lieut. L. Cometh G- S/Sgt. P.E. Melhus

P- Lieut. C.M. Barnwell P- Lieut. R.A. Lacy

The first of the many sea searches, that were to come, started this day, although they were merely "spotting" shipping as the bombs with instantaneous fuses were no good for low level boat sinking. The ultimate target was the bridge at Hamment.

Reinstorms were quite prevalent, as our boys, flying the second element of the six ship formation, skimmed over "Mare Nostrum." Off the coast of Tunisia they spotted an Italian freighter moving North. They passed so close to the boat that Lieut. Lacy's wing overlapped it. A large Italian flag was flying in the breeze behind. No shots were fired and a sailor on the rear of the ship waved a cheery greeting.

The spotting continued on North but rain squals and a heavy overcast forced us back south. We hit the coast at the right spot, and attempted to follow the railroad into the bridge. Rain was driving so hard that the pilots were forced to look out the side windows in an attempt to see their way along.

With the weather placing visibility at a minimum, the bridge was missed. Some light flak was reported. Looking for a place to set down, Bone proved the closest and down they came. Lieut. Barnwell flew back to Bertaux the following day, while the remainder of the aircraft were forced to wait for two days, until the mud dried out. They later arrived back in fine shape.

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380th Bombardment Sq. 310th Bombardment Gp.

Mission report

Date- January 11, 1943

Target- Sea Search

Squadron airplanes- one

P- Lieut. F.F. Loomis C/P- Lieut. David Moir B- Lieut. R.P. Schisler R- Pvt. E.B. Willis G- Sgt. E.H. Nichols

Five B-25's left the home base today, to see what they might find concerning reported shipping coming into Bizerte. Eight P-38's of the 82nd Fighter Group accompanied them with their load of six 500 pounders.

Slight dust storms made the visibility over land fairly poor, and they continued quite a ways out over the water. Starting back on the last leg 6f the course, they sighted a medium size freighter, much to its dismay. Hits the course, they sighted a medium size freighter, much to its dismay. Hits were made on it from an altitude of 300 feet and when last seen was burning close to the water line.

Both the fighters and the bombers joined in on the kill, and all emptied their tracers in a Blohm and Voss flying boat, model 222. It crashed into the drink with smoke pouring from it.

All of our airplanes returned.

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380th Bombardment Sq. 310th Bombardment Gp.

Mission report

Date- January 12, 1943

Target- Sea Search.

Squadron airplanes- three.

P- Lieut. D.A.Sacknoff B- S/Sgt. A.D. Links
B- S/Sgt. K.R. Longrie
B- Lieut. P.R. Hall
R- S/Sgt. J.J. Grace
R- T/Sgt. R.L. Wesline
R- S/Sgt. H. Huffman
G- S/Sgt. W.D. Redding

P- Lieut. C.D.Amick

P- Lieut. C.A.Santos C/P- Lieut. L.L. Porter C/P- Lieut. M.L. Picklesimer

Another reported group of merchant vessels brought six more aircraft from our group out over the Mediterranean looking for them. The search proved fruitless and all planes returned to their home bases and no bombs were dropped.

Coming in over the coast, light flak was reported at Mahares. We were accompanied by six P-38's of the 82nd Fighter Group.

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380th Bombardment Sq. 310th Bombardment Gp.

Mission Report #10

Date- January 13, 1943

Target -- Sea Search.

Squadron airplanes- six.

P- Lieut. L. Cometh C/P- Capt. R.R.Wilder N- Lieut. A.J. Huffman B- Lieut. E.W. Liverman G- S/Sgt. F. Lindsay R- Pvt. R.J. Mount G- S/Sgt. P.E.Melhus

N- Lieut. R.C.Kanode B- Lieut. W.C. Holmes

R- T/Sgt. R.M. Shambaugh G- S/Sgt. W.D. Redding G- S/Sgt. J.A.Williams

P- Lieut. R.A. Lacy C/P- Lieut. A.S. Thomas B- S/Sgt. P.E.Kessler R- Sgt. C.M.Belmer

C/P- Lieut. R.J. Sours C/P- Lieut. M.L. Picklesimer C/P- Lieut. A.R. Walcott P- Lieut. C.A.Santos B- Lieut. P.R.Hall
B- S/Sgt. A.D.Links
R- S/Sgt. T.L.Smith
G- Sgt. J.J.Grace

P- Lieut. C.M.Barnwell C/P- Lieut. R.S.Rich N- Lieut. H.A.Sessler R* T/Sgt. J.A.Ginn G- S/Sgt. C.D.Lea

P- Lieut. D.A.Sacknoff R- T/Sgt. R.L.Wesline

The 380th Squadron really took things over this day, making up the entire flight, for the first time in combat. The scourge of all Army fliers was their mission for the day-a sea search.

Going out to the coast at a very low altitude, the first of many funny experiences was seen. An Arab, plowing with the aid of a camel, who suddenly became frightened at roar of the engines. took over the hill with dire results. The plow was bouncing from one hillock to another and almost equaling it in its elasticity was the Arab, fastened to the camel by a long rope, which was tied to his wrist. The last report stated that he was six feet off the ground on the medium size hillocks. The other end of the same farm also received quite a scare when a herd of goats and a flock of sheep decided to come together with the herder in between.

The flight was but half way through when a call from a fighter interrupted the radio silence to the effect that he was having motor trouble and wanted to go back. Back the flight turned but not until some 500 pounders were dropped on a derelict anchored off the north coast which had been bothering the boys for some time. When last seen it was sinking stern first.

Coming back home "on the deck" another amusing incident helped to cheer them up, when from the distance, a large fat Arab could be seen, rapidly moving down the path in search of shelter. Close behind was a small child. Whether the child was attempting to pass or whether the fat one was tiring, is not known, but the small one ran beneath the flying robes of the large one, and down the hill they rolled. When last reported they were just beginning to apply the brakes.

All aircraft, including the eight P-38's returned safely to their bases.

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380th Bombardment Sq. 310th Bombardment Gp.

Mission Report #11

Date- January 15, 1943

Target- Sea Search.

Squadron airplanes- six.

P- Lieut. L. Cometh C/P- Lieut. J.I. Miller C/P- Lieut. A.S. Thomas C/P- Lieut. R.S. Rich 0- Capt. R.R. Wilder N. Lieut. A.J. Huffman G- S/Sgt. F. Lindsay

R- Pvt. R.J. Mount G- S/Sgt. P.E. Melhus P- Lieut. R.A. Lacy B- S/Sgt. P.E.Kessler

B- Lieut. E.W. Liverman R- Sgt. C.M. Belmer

P- Lieut. C.M.Barnwell N- Lieut. H.A.Sessler

R- S/Sgt. W.F.Jastrezemski G- S/Sgt. C.D.Lea

P- Lieut. D.H.Draemel P- Lieut. C.A.Santos

G- S/Sgt. J.A. Williams

N- Lieut. R:C.Kanode B- Lieut. P.R.Hall B- S/Sgt. A.D.Links B- Lieut. W.G.Holmes R- S/Sgt. J.S.Lively G- Sgt. J.J.Grace

R- T/Sgt. R.M. Shambaugh G- S/Sgt. W.D. Redding

P- Lieut. D.A.Sacknoff C/P- Lieut. R.J. Sours C/P- Lieut. M.L. Picklesimer C/P- Lieut. A.R. Walcott

G- Sgt. J.J.Grace R- T/Sgt. R.L.Wesline

Once again the 380th Squadron represented the entire Group, on an "air" going sailor's mission" -- a sea search. Takeoff time was 7:15 A.M. but on reaching the coast they found a solid front and when upon losing contact with the fighters they turned back to the Base.

At 10:00 o'clock we tried again with notable success. Although no shipping was sighted, we jumped more than 50 Junker 88's, on the way to Tunis. Immediately the P-38's shot down two of the 52's. In the lead ship, Sgt. Melhus spotted a Junkers 88 coming straight in from the side and immediately called Lieut. Miller, the co-pilot and asked him if he should fire.

It seemed like ages as "Silent Jim" coughed, himmed and hawed, cleared his throat, and then quitely stated, "Sergeant, I guess you had better carry on." The Sergeant did carry on, but it was too late as the enemy aircraft had turned quickly and gotten out of range. S/Sgt. C.D.Lea of Lieut. Barnwell's crew was credited with shooting down his first Junkers 52.

A huge six-engine flying boat also found itself in the center of the melee, and by the way the huge fat "Kraut" was handling the plane, it looked as though it would have taken an order from Hitler, to have gotten him to change his course. He suddenly met a cross fire from both the fighters and our craft and when last seen was entering the drink.

Home we came licking our chops, with everybody safe and happy.

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Mission Report #12

Date- January 15, 1943

Target- Sea Search.

Squadron airplanes- two

P- Lieut. C.D. Amick C/P- Lieut. L.L. Porter B- S/Sgt. K.R. Longrie R- S/Sgt. A.J. Meyer G- S/Sgt. H. Huffman P- Lieut. F.F. Loomis C/P- Lieut. D. Moir B- Lieut. R.P. Schisler R- T/Sgt. J.A. Ginn G- Sgt. E.H. Nichols

Taking no chance on missing the reported shipping, six more B-25's left Bertaux, on the afternoon of the same day, with our Squadron furnishing two of the aircraft. No shipping was sighted but an experience almost like the previous raid of the day was the result.

The same German aircraft that had been going towards Bizerta in the morning, were returning to Italy during the afternoon. This time they were being escorted by four Messerschmitt 109's and six Focke Wulf 190's.

Thier escort did not deter the boys in the least, as they sailed in with the following results. First a glider, loaded with supplies and men and being towed by a Messerschmitt 323, flying boat, was out loose and landed in the water. Two Junker's 52's were credited to our boys along with a lone Focke Wulf 190, Another 190 is also listed as a probable. With a Pe38' that were our escort were also credited with a 52, while another was seen to hit the water and four more were damaged.

Losses to our side were two F-38's. One missing while the other hit the water and exploded just off the coast at Bone. Cur Bombers returned safely.

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380th Bombardment Sq. 310th Bombardment Gp.

Mission report #13

Date- January 17, 1943

Target- Graiba Railroad Bridge.

Squadron airplanes- five.

P- Lieut. F.F. Loomis

P- Lieut. L. Cometh C/P- Lieut. R.M. Brown
B- S/Sgt. K.R. Longrie
R- S/Sgt. A.J. Meyer
G- S/Sgt. H. Huffman
G- S/Sgt. H. Huffman

R- Lieut. F.F. Loomis
C/P- Lieut. D. Moir
C/P- Lieut. J.I. Miller
R- Pot. E.B. Willis
R- Pvt. E.W. Liverman
R- Pvt. R.J. Mount
C- S/Sgt. H. Huffman
C/P- Lieut. D. Moir
C/P- Lieut. J.I. Miller
R- Pvt. E.B. Willis
R- Pvt. R.J. Mount
C- S/Sgt. H. Huffman
C- Sgt. E.H. Nichols
C/P- Lieut. D. Moir
C/P- Lieut. J.I. Miller
R- Pvt. R.J. Mount
C- S/Sgt. H. Huffman
C- Sgt. E.H. Nichols
C/P- Lieut. J.I. Miller
R- Pvt. R.J. Mount
C- S/Sgt. H. Huffman
C- Sgt. E.H. Nichols

P- Lieut. R.A. Lacy C/P- Lieut. A.S. Thomas B- S/Sgt. P.E. Kessler R- Sgt. C.M. Belmer G- Sgt. F. Lindsay

P- Lieut. C.M. Barnwell C/P- Lieut. R.S. Rich N- Lieut. H.A. Sessler R- T/Sgt. J.A. Ginn G- S/Sgt. C.D. Lea

Excellent fighter protection was given us today by 16 P-38's of the First Fighter Group, but it proved to be of no avail, as we overshot our target and came in at too low an altitude. All the 500 pound bombs were brought back for later use.

No flak was found but some "Jerry" planes were seen off in the distance. They gave us no chance to offer combat. Twelve B-25's represented the 310th Bomb Group that day.

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Mission report #14

Date- January 19, 1943

Target- Medenine Motor Transportation Park (Grove North of town)

Squadron airplanes- six

P- Lieut. L. Cometh C/P- Lieut. J.I. Miller C/P- Lieut. R.J. Sours C/P- Lieut. A.S. The O- Capt. R.R. Wilder N- Lieut. R.C. Kanode B- S/Sgt. P.E. Kessl N- Lieut. E.W. Liverman B- Lieut. W.G. Holmes R- Sgt. C.M. Belmer B- Lieut. E.W. Liverman R- T/Sgt. R.M. Shambaugh G- S/Sgt. P.E. Melhus G- S/Sgt. J.A. Williams R- Pvt. R.J. Mount

P- Lieut. D.H. Draemel

P- Lieut. R.A. Lacy C/P- Lieut. A.S. Thomas B- S/Sgt. P.E. Kessler

P- Lieut. C.A. Santos P- Lieut. C.M. Barnwell P- Lieut. D.A. Sacknoff C/P- Lieut. M.L. Picklesimer C/P- Lieut. R.S. Rich C/P- Lieut. F.C. Ross B- Lieut. P.R. Hall B/N- Lieut. H.A. Sessler B- S/Sgt. A.D. Links R- S/Sgt. J.S. Lively R- T/Sgt. J.A. Ginn R- T/Sgt. R.L. Westline G- S/Sgt. W.D. Redding G- S/Sgt. C.D. Lea G- Sgt. J.J. Grace

Eighteen B-25's of the 310th Bomb Group made Medenine quite an unhappy and unsafe locality today. Highways were seen to go up in dust, while four strings of bombs cut the grove of trees in four equal sections. There is little doubt that if "Jerry" was hiding his equipment there, it is now ready to be thrown into the scrap heap for making shrapnel.

Two Focke Wulf 190's came up to look us over but the glare that was thrown back at them from our fighter escort, aided them to change their minds and they merely looked on, satisfied to stay out of range.

It looked as though we jumped them to fast and surprised them before they could get their flak guns in action, although we were recipients of some machine gun fire from the west side of the town, as we were starting home.

Lieut. Hollmes found a chance to unlimber his flexible nose gun on the return route when he saw a truck load of German soldmers content to take their time, rolling along the highway. Down on the deck we roared and when .50 caliber bullets started to pepper the truck, out came the occupants, very happy to be able to crawl to a ditch on all fours to spend the next few minutes.

All of our planes safely to the Base.

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Mission report #15

Date- January 20, 1943

Target- Sea Search

Squadron airplanes- two

P- Lieut. F.F. Loomis C/P- Lieut. D. Moir B- Lieut. A.A. Wiench R- Pvt. E.B. Willis G- Sgt. E.H. Nichols 380th Bombardment Sq. 310th Bombardment Gp.

P- Lieut. C.D. Amick C/P- Lieut. L.L. Porter B- S/Sgt. K.R. Longrie R- S/Sgt. A.J. Meyer G- S/Sgt. H. Huffman

We were rewarded today on our jaunt over the "brimy deep" with the knowledge that another load of petrol failed to reach Rommel at the approved time. Coming in low with four to five second delay fuses, we started at the port side near the stern and saw one 500 pounder hit square on the rear.

Three near misses also helped to add to the damage and a huge column of steam, suddenly went up from the center of the vessel. It looked as though salt water had reached the boilers. When last seen she was sinking stern first.

Quite a little flak, from machine bullets to 20 millimeter cannon was tossed at us from the escorting vessels, mostly minesweepers, but we got away with a good job well domeand returned safely to base.

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Mission report #16

Date- January 21, 1943

Target- Pont du Fahs

Squadron airplanes- seven

P- Lieut. L. Cometh C/P- Lieut. J.I. Miller 0- Cart. R.R. Wilder N- Lieut. A.J. Huffman B- Lieut. E.W. Liverman R- Pvt. R.J. Mount G- S/Sgt. P.E. Melhus

P- Lieut. R.A. Lacy

G- Sgt. F. Lindsay

P- Lieut, C.M. Barnwell C/P- Lieut. A.S. Thomas C/P- Lieut. R.S. Ribh B- S/Sgt. P.E. Kessler B-N Lieut. H.A. Smith R- Sgt. C.M. Belmer R- T/Sgt. J.A. Ginn G- Sgt. F. Lindsay G- S/Sgt. C.D. Lea

P- Lieut. D.H. Draemel C/P- Lieut. R.J. Sours N- Lieut. R.C. Kanode B- Lieut. W.G. Hommes R- S/Sgt. R.M. Shambaugh G- S/Sgt. J.A. Williams

P- Lieut. D.A. Sacknoff C/P- Lieut. A.R. Walcott . B- S/Sgt. A.D. Links R- T/Sgt. R.L. Westline G- S/Sgt. J.J. Grace

P- Lieut. C.A. Santos C/P- Lieut. M.L. Picklesimer B- Lieut. P.R. Hall R- S/Sgt. T.L. Smith G- S/Sgt. W.D. Redding

P- Lieut. C.D. Amick C/P- Lieut. L.L. Porter B- S/Sgt. K.C. Longrie R- S/Sgt. A.J. Meyer G- S/Sgt. H. Huffman

The 380th Squadron took over in a big way this afternoon, furnishing seven planes of the 18 aircraft formation, and leading the way for the first time, on a land target. Fifty six 300 pounders were dropped by our squadron planes with excellent coverage on the railroad and highway. There was also a fairly good coverage of the town, although the place lanked to be deserted.

A German staff car, containing at least four officers, was also the recipient of some .50 caliber slugs from the muzzle of Lieut. Sessler's gun. All of the occupants left the car in a manner better suited to the beasts of the forest and crawled for the ditch. An arab house sporting an aerial similar to the Nazi style, was ripped from the roof by machine bullets.

The boys were well pleased with the flight, calling it one of the best formations ever flown by the Group. All of our planesreturned safely.

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Mission report #17

Date- January 21, 1943

Target- Sea Search

Squadron airplanes- one

P- Lieut. E.F. Loomis C/P- Lieut. D. Moir B- Lieut. R.P. Schisler R- Pvt. E.B. Willis G- Sgt. E.H. Nichols

While the majority of the Squadron aircraft were attaking Pont Du Fahs
Lieut. Loomis and his crew had joined three other planes of the Group on another
sea going mission.

As far as bomb dropping goes the mission was a failure, but the boys came back well supplied with information. Three Me-109's and one Ju-88 were sighted back well supplied with information. Three Me-109's and one Ju-88 were sighted back well supplied with information. Three Me-109's and one Ju-88 were sighted account that early on the route, but they failed to offer combat. Fifteen minutes later six early on the route, but they failed to offer combat. Fifteen minutes later six early on the route, but they failed to offer combat. Fifteen minutes later six early on the route, but they failed to offer combat. Fifteen minutes later six early on the route, but they failed to offer combat. Fifteen minutes later six early on the route, but they failed to offer combat. Fifteen minutes later six early on the route, but they failed to offer combat. Fifteen minutes later six early on the route, but they failed to offer combat. Fifteen minutes later six early on the route, but they failed to offer combat. Fifteen minutes later six early on the route, but they failed to offer combat. Fifteen minutes later six early on the route, but they failed to offer combat. Fifteen minutes later six early on the route, but they failed to offer combat. Fifteen minutes later six early on the route, but they failed to offer combat. Fifteen minutes later six early on the route, but they failed to offer combat. Fifteen minutes later six early on the route, but they failed to offer combat. Fifteen minutes later six early on the route, but they failed to offer combat. Fifteen minutes later six early on the route, but they failed to offer combat. Fifteen minutes later six early on the route, but they failed to offer combat. Fifteen minutes later six early on the route, but they failed to offer combat. Fifteen minutes later six early on the route, but they failed to offer combat. Fifteen minutes later six early on the route, but they failed to offer combat. Fifteen minutes later six early on the route, but they failed to offer combat. Fifteen mi

Some flak was reported coming up from the coast, slight heavy and light.

No damage resulted. One battleship and one small craft were also reported at the mouth of Bizerte Harbor.

Mission report #18

380th Bombardment Sq. 310th Bombardment Gp.

Date- January 22, 1943

Target- El Aouina Airdrome, Tunis

Squadron airplanes- six

P- Lieut. R.A. Lacy C/P- Lieut. A.S. Thomas B- S/Sgt. P.E. Kessler R- Sgt. C.M. Belmer G- Sgt. F. Lindsay

P- Lieut. D.H. Draemel C/P- Lieut. R.J. Sours N- Lieut. R.C. Kanode B- Lieut. W.G. Holmes R- S/Sgt. R.M. Shambaugh G- S/Sgt. J.A. Williams

P- Lieut. L. Cometh C/P- Lieut. J.I. Miller N- Lieut. A.J. Huffman B- Lieut. B.W. Liverman R- T/Sgt. J.A. Ginn R- Pvt. R.J. Mount. G- S/Sgt. P.E. Melhus

P- Lieut. C.M. Barnwell C/P- Lieut. R.S. Rich N/B- Lieut. H.A. Sessler G- S/Sgt. C.D. Lea

P- Lieut. D.A. Sacknoff P- Lieut. C.A. Santos C/P- Lieut. A.R. Walcott C/P- Lieut. M.L. Picklesimer B- S/Sgt. A.D. Links
R- T/Sgt. R.L. Westline
G- Sgt. J.J.Grace
B- Lieut. P.R. Hall
R- S/Sgt. J.S. Lively
G- S/Sgt. J.S. Redding

Their introduction to the "Daisy Chain" left no doubt in the minds of the crews as to the well meaning of the title. It was the heaviest flak they had ever seen. It came in bunches and it came in barrages. The continually blossoming of the tiny puffs, made one want to reach out and pluck them.

It was a job well done. The field was well known covered with clusters of fragmentation bombs. Smoke could be seen pouring from the southwest corner of the field. Pictures made, following the attack, showed at least 40 aircraft mostly Ju-52's had been destroyed on the ground.

Five unidentified and 4 Fw-190's followed after us, but our fighter cover set a fast pace and did not give them a chance to do battle. The crews received a ggod lesson on how to "chew out a man" on the way back, when they spotted a German officer; raising h ... at his men, for not getting their machine guns on us in time.

Lieuts Draemel and Sours received slight scratches when flak hit the cockpit breaking the plexi-glass in their face. All of our planes returned safely.

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Mission report #19

380th Bombardment So. 310th Bombardment Gp.

Date- January 24, 1943

Target- Medenine Airdrome

Squadron airplanes- five

P- Lieut. L. Cometh C/P- Lieut. J.I. Miller C/P- Lieut. A.S. Thomas C/P- Lieut. R.S. Rich
O- Major R.R. Wilder B- S/Sgt. P.E. Kessler B/N- Lieut. H.A. Sessler
N- Lieut. A.J. Huffman R- Sgt. C.M. Belmer R- T/Sgt. J.A. Ginn
B- Lieut. E.W. Liverman G- Sgt. F. Lindsay G- S/Sgt. C.D. Lea R- Pvt. R.J. Mount G- S/Sgt. P.E. Melhus

P- Lieut. R.A. Lacy P- Lieut. C.M. Barnwell

P- Lieut. F.F. Loomis
C/P- Lieut. D. Moir
C/F- Lieut. L.L. Porter
B- Lieut. R.P. Schisler
B- S/Sgt. K.R. Longrie
R- Pvt. E.B. Willis
G- Sgt. E.H. Nichols
C- S/Sgt. H. Huffman

Rejoicing in the success of their attack on El Aouina, it was but two days later that Lieut. Cometh led an 18 ship formation from the Group to the other end of Tunisia, to see what damage could be done to the Medenine Airport.

The primary target was blank, but quick thinking on the part of Lieut. Cometh wheeled the formation around over another airdrome where planes were spotted, sitting on the ground. The results were of the finest. Three planes blew up taking off. Another six engined plane, a Me-323 also burst into flames from the effects of the frag bombs, that covered it as it was moving down the runway. We claimed 25 to 30 xhi ships were destroyed in their parking spaces. No fighters got off to intercept us.

Lieut. Huffman in his anxiety to "burn" a machine gun nest, that appeared before them quite suddenly, shoved the handle of the flexible gum through the roof of the compartment. He is afraid he was too late.

All of our planes returned safely. This was Capt. Wilders idea of celebrating his promotion to Major. A trip over enemy territory.

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Mission report #20

380th Bombardment Sq. 310th Bombardment Gp.

Date-January 27, 1943

Target- Sea Search

Squadron airplanes- six

P- Lieut. L. Cometh C/P- Lieut. J.I. Miller 0- Major R.R. Wilder N- Lieut. A.J. Huffman B- Lieut. E.W. Liverman G- S/Sgt. P.E. Melhus

R- Pvt. R.J. Mount

P- Lieut. F.F. Loomis C/P- Lieut. D. Moir B- Lieut. R.P. Schisler R- Pvt. E.B. Willis G- Sgt. E.H. Nichols

P- Lieut. R.A. Lacy C/P- Lieut. A.S. Thomas C/P- Lieut. R.S. Rich B- S/Sgt. P.E. Kessler B- Lieut. A.A. Wiench R- Sgt. C.M. Belmer R- T/Sgt. J.A. Ginn G- Sgt. F. Lindsay G- S/Sgt. C.D. Lea

P- Lieut. C.D. Amick B- S/Sgt. K.R. Longrie R- S/Sgt. A.J. Meyer G- S/Sgt. H. Huffman G- S/Sgt. H. Huffman

P- Lieut. C.M. Barnwell

P- Capt. E.E. Batten C/P- Lieut. L.L. Porter C/P- Lieut. F.A. Shorsher B/N- Lieut. H.A. Sessler R- S/Sgt. A.A. Szczesniak G- Cpl. J.A. Dackiewicz

Our squadron furnished all the aircraft today and with Lieut. Cometh setting the pace, we headed out once again over the clear blue waters of the Mediterranean. Just two hours from takeoff time, two ships were sighted in the distance and we came closer, wondering what they were.

Lieut. Amcik was the first to realize the importance of the small craft, and radiced Lieutl Cometh to the effect that they were destroyers. Well whether he wanted to listen or not, his excuse on his return was that his earphones were lying on the seat beside him. Lieut. Porter calmly looked the scene over and as the run started remarked to the crew, via the inter-phone, "Boys, here we go."

We did go. From an altitude of 200 feet that caused the air to be blue with light flak, we crossed their formation. Two direct hits were seen to strike the lead destroyer. Four near misses caused it to rock back and forth and it looked as though it might jump out of the water. Soon it began to list and when last seen it was settling KIKK fast. Due to fine evasive action the second vessel had no direct hits, but several near misses. "Dumb luck" on the part of the "Wops" aided them miraculcusly when Lieut. Lacy's bombs hung up and would not release. Upon landing he found that they were hanging by one hone shackle.

Flak from the second destroyer was still firing at us as we left the target. Lieut. Cometh led the flight home to be rewarded with the orders, promoting him to Captain. All of our planes returned safely, although quite a few holes were found in all of the airplanes.

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Mission report #21

380th Bombardment Sq. 310th Bombardment Gp.

Date- January 28, 1943

Target- Sfax Marshalling Yards

Squadron airplanes- five.

P- Lieut. R.A. Lacy C/P- Lieut. A.B. Thomas B- S/Sgt. P.E. Kessler R- Sgt. C.M. Belmer G- Sgt. F. Lindsay

P- Lieut. D.H. Draemel C/P- Lieut. R.J. Sours N- Lieut. R.C. Kanode B- Lieut. W.G. Holmes R- T/Sgt. R.W. Shambaugh G- S/Sgt. J.A. Williams

P- Lieut. C.A. Santos C/P- Lieut. M.L. Picklesimer B- Lieut. P.R. Hall R- S/Sgt. J.S. Lively G- S/Sgt. W.D. Redding

P- Lieut. D.A. Sacknoff C/P- Lieut. A.R. Walcott C/P- Lieut. R.S. Rich B- S/Sgt. A.D. Links B- Lieut. A.A. Wiench R- T/Sgt. R.L. Westline R- T/Sgt. J.A. Ginn G- Sgt. J.J. Grace

P- Lieut. C.M. Barnwell G- S/Sgt. C.D. Lea

Three hundred pounders did the job today, tearing up railroad tracks, cars and causing flames to burst out in several sectors. Sgt. Fred Lindsays drew first blood and a Me-109 was seen to burst into flames and crash. This was the 501 enemy at aircraft shot down over the North African front. Another Me-109 was also seen to go down, but from whose guns, no one was sure.

For an airplace that is red-lines at 340 miles per hour, our "two-bitsey's" did a wonderful job today when we hit the deck coming off the target. All air speed indicators were showing over 350 miles per hour. Lieut. Santos in his anxiety to "Shove everything forward" hit the stabilizer a mite too hard, and at one time was flicking the 400 mark. S/Sgt. Redding swears to this day, that the ammunition in his gun boxes, started to float in mid-air, and it was only his hands that kept it in place.

S/Sgt. Lively, an occupant of the same plane, was the recipient of a fine scar on the top of his head, when he, like the ammo, was left floating in the middle of the plane somewhere, attempting to keep himself off the ceiling with one hand.

All our aircraft returned safely.

CONFEDERIAL 380th Bombardment Sq. Mission report 310th Bombardment Gp. #22 Date- January 29, 1943 Target- El Acuina Airdrome, Tunis Squadron airplanes- three P- Lieut. C.D. Ambek
P- Capt. E.E. Batten
C/P- Lieut. F.F. Loomis
C/P- Lieut. L.L. Porter
C/P- Lieut. F.A. Shorsher
C/P- Lieut. D. Moir
B- S/Sgt. K.R. Longrie
B/N- Lieut. H.A. Sessler
B- S/Sgt. W.F. Jastrzemski
R- S/Sgt. A.A. Szczesniak
R- Pvt. E.B. Willis
G- S/Sgt. H. Huffman
G- Cpl. J.A. Dackiewicz
G- Sgt. E.H. Nichols Mother nature proved a friend to "Jerry" today, when she closed in the northern Tunisian front so tight that the visibiltiy was nil. All the bombs were brought back. There was some action just after we turned back, although we were not too much involved, when our excert of P-38's shot down two Me-109's. All of our planes returned safely.

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Mission report #23

380th Bombardment Sq. 310th Bombardment Gp.

Date- January 30, 1943

Target- El Aouinet Marshalling Yards.

Squadron airplanes- five.

B- S/Sgt. A.D. Links G- Sgt. J.J. Grace R- T/Sgt. R.L. Wesline

R- S/Sgt. A.A. Szcseniak R- Pvt. E.B. Willis G- Cpl. J.A. Dackiewicz G- Sgt. W.H. Niclos

P- Lieut. D.A. Sacknoff
Cp- Lieut. A.R. Walcott
B- S/Sgt. A.D. Links
P- Capt. E.E. Batten
CP- Lieut. F.F. Loomis
CP- Lieut. F.A. Shorsher
CP- Lieut. D. Moir
B- S/Sgt. A.D. Links
N- Lieut. H.A. Sessler
B- S/Sgt. W.F. Jastrzmski

P- Lieut. C.A. Santos CP- Lieut. M.L. Pickleseimer B- Lieut. P.R. Hall R-S/Sgt. T.L. Smith G- S/Sgt. W.D. Redding

P- Lieut. C.D. Amick CP- Lieut. L.L. Porter B- S/Sgt. D.E. McCaig R- S/Sgt. A.J. Meyer G- S/Sgt. H.Huffman

Eighteen B-25's reared out this morning, on what was to prove a very lively adventure. Our Squadron formed one element and two thirds of another.

The job of bombing was a job well done, when hits were seen well scattered onver the entire sector. Coming away from the target, when enemy fighters gave you enough time to look, smoke from the fires were visible for a distance of 60 miles. One flak battery, long a potent item in Adolph's defenses, will no longer continue to harrass our aircraft. A 500 pounder was seen to hit him dead center. Another was seen to hit the headquarters building and flames broke out immediately.

Coming off the target was merely the starting point for a 20 minute running fight with a flight of about 15 ME-109's. The going got hot and heavy but a tight formation, with fine fighter protection, brought us home in fine style.

Our bombers claimed four enemy aircraft shot down, while our "pea shooter" friends who so ably escorted us, claimed three more. All of our aircraft returned to their bases.

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Mission report #24

380th Bombardment Sq. 310th Bombardment Gp.

Date- February 2, 1943

Target- El Maou Airdrome, Sfax

Squadron airplanes- six

P- Capt. L. Cometh Cp- Lieut. J.I. Miller O- Maj. R.R. Wilder N- Lieut. A.J. Huffman B- Lieut. W.E. Liverman G- S/Sgt. P.E. Melhus R- Pvt. R.J. Mount

P- Lieut. D.H. Draemel CP- Lieut. R.J. Sours N- Lieut. R.C. Kanode B- Lieut. W.G. Holmes R- T/Sgt. R.M. Shambaugh G- S/Sgt. J.A. Williams

P- Lieut. D. Scknoff P- Lieut. C.A. Santos

P- Lieut. R.A. Lacy
CP- Lieut. A.S. Thomas
B- S/Sgt. P.E. Kessler
R- Sgt. C.M. Belmer
G- Sgt. 7. Lindsay

P- Lieut. C.M. Barnwell
CP- Lieut. R.S. Rich
B- Lieut. A.A. Wiench
R- T/Sgt. J.A. Ginn
G- S/Sgt. C.D. Lea

CP- Lieut. A.R. Walcott CP- Lieut. M.L. Pickleseimer B- S/Sgt. A.D. Links B- Lieut. P.R. Hall G- Sgt. J.J. Grace R- S/Sgt. J.S. Lively R- T/Sgt. R.L. Wesline G- S/Sgt. W.D. Redding

The field proved to be a little hard to find, but once again the "eagle eye" of Captain Cometh located the target. Things looked bare and no flak was coming up to give us a cheery greeting, but finally "Jerry" decided he should. Dust streaks from his engines gave him away, and down and away went our clusters of fragmentation bombs.

At least 20 airplanes were caught and destroyed on the ground. We Termed our trip quite a success. Enemy aircraft failed to bother us at anytime.

A very humorus incident helped to cheer the boys returning, when an Arab jumped from his camel to hold him better as we came low across him. He held him, all right, but he forgot to anchor himself and the propwash from the 18 planes, sent him rolling acorss the ground.

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Mission Report # 25

Date- February 3, 1943

Target- Railroad and Highway, 4 miles North of Maknassy.

Squadron airplanes- seven.

P-Lieut. C.D. Amigk

CP- Lieut. L.L. Prter Cp- Lieut. R.J. Sours
B- S/Sgt. K.R. Longrie N- Lieut. R.C. Kanode
R- S/Sgt. A.J. Meryer B- Lieut. W.G. Holmes
G- S/Sgt. H.HUffman R- T/Sgt. R.M.Shambaugh

P- Lieut. K.H. Draimel P- Lieut. D.A. Sacknoff CP Lieut. A.R. Walcott B- S/Sgt. A.D. Links G- Sgt. J.J.Grace R- T/Sgt R.L. Wesline

P- Lieut. C.A. Santos P- Lieut. C.A. Santos

CP- Lieut. M.L. Pickleseimer

B- Lieut. R.P. Hall

R- S/Sgt. T.L. Smith

G- S/Sgt. W.D. Redding

P- Capt. L. Cometh

CP- Lieut. J.I. Miller

N- Lieut. A.J. Huffman

B- Lieut. E.W. Liverman

G- S/Sgt. P.E. Melhus

R- Pvt. R.J. Mount

P- Lieut. R.A. Lacy CP- Lieut. A.S. Thomas B- S/Sgt. PlE. Kessler R- Sgt. C.M. Belmer G- Sgt. F. Linday

P- Capt. L. Cometh R- Pvt. R.J. Mount

P- Lieut. C.M. Barnwell CP* Lieut. R.S. Rich B- Lieut. A.A. Wiench R- T/Sgt. J.A. Ginn G/ S/Sgt. C.D. Lea

Surprise proved the main part of the attack today. We were over the target and had dropped our bombs before "Jerry" realized just what had happened. But it was the "luck of the Gods" that let him keep his bridges. The delayed action fuses failed to ignite the powder in the proper manner and the explosion hardly damaged the target, although the bombs were lying in the proper place.

We were just congratulating ourselves on getting away with something when we passed over the west side of twon. Congratulations seemed to be a little premature when we were sude mly enveloped in flak.

Seven of the prettiest bursts you have ever seen, the type that would turn the average gumner green with envy, broke across the front of Capt. Cometh's airplane. Lieut. Liverman contends at that moment he looked up and said the keeper of the gate, St. Peter. He said the man iwth the long white beard leaned down and started to open the hatch, bidding him to climb out and come along, with the words, "Ernst, I want you."

"I looked up, said Lieut. Liverman, "and pulled hard to close the hatch, stating, sorry Sir, Big Red is not quite ready."

"I breathed a sigh of relief," he continued and looked back," saying to myself that if that gummer had, had a crimp in his arm, we would have been hit dead center."

All of our planes returned to the Base.

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Mission Report #26

Date- February 4, 1943

Target- Dj Toual Airdrome

Squadron airplanes- six.

P- Capt. E.E. Batten 6/P- Lieut. F.A. Shorsher C/P- Lieut. D. Moir B- Lieut. H.A.Sessler R- S/Sgt. A.A.Szcseniak

G- Cpl. J.A. Dackiewicz

P- Lieut. D.H. Draemel C/P- Lieut. R.J.Sours N- Lieut. R.C. Kanode B- Lieut. W.G.Holmes R- T/Sgt. R.M. Shambaugh G- S/Sgt. J.A. Williams

P- Lieut. F.F. Loomis B- S/Sgt. W.F.Jastrzemski B- S/Sgt. K.R.Longrie R- Pvt. E.B. Willis

P- Lieut. D.A.Sacknoff B- S/Sgt. A.D. Links G- Sgt. J.J.Grace R- T/Sgt. R.L. Wesline

G- Sgt. E.H. Nichols

P- Lieut. C.D. Amick C/P- Lieut. L.L.Porter R- S/Sgt. J.A. Meyer G- S/Sgt. H. Huffman

P- Lieut. C.A. Santos C/P- Lieut. A.R. Walcott C/P- Lieut. M.L. Picklesimer B- Lieut. F.R.Hall R- S/Sgt. T.L.Smith G- S/Sgt. W.D. Redding

One complete flight was reprenented by the 380th today in the 18 ship formation that left the local base loaded to knock out any Nazi airplanes that might be resting their weary wings.

But -- fate again turned the tables on us and the weather had turned completely around and the airdrome was completely closed in. Back we came disappointed but certain that they would hear from us at a later date.

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380th Bombardment Sq. 310th Bombardment Gp.

Mission Report #27

Date- February 8, 1943

Target- Gabes Airdrome

Squadron airplanes- six

P- Lieut. D.H. Draemel C/P- Lieut. R.J.Sours N- Lieut. R.C.Kanode #B- Lieut. W.G.Holmes G- S/Sgt J.A. Williams

P- Lieut. D.A.Sacknoff P- Lieut. C.A.Santos B- S/Sgt. A.D.Links B- S/Sgt. J.S.Lively G- Sgt. J.J.Grace G- S/Sgt. W.D.Redding

R- T/Sgt. R.M. Shambaugh R- T/Sgt. R.L. Wesline R- S/Sgt. T.L. Smith

P- Capt. E.E.Batten P- Lieut. R.A. Lacy C/P- Lieut. F.A.Shorsher C/P- Lieut. A.S.Thomas C/P- Lieut. R.M.Brown B- Lieut. H.A.Sessler B- S/Sgt. D.E.McCaig R- S/Sgt. A.A. Szcsesniak R- Sgt. C.N. Belmer G- Cpl. J.A.Dackiewicz G. Sgt. F.Lindsay

C/P- Lieut. A.R. Walcott C/P- Lieut. M. L. Picklesimer

P- Lieut. C.M.Barnwell B- Lieut. A.A. Wiench R- T/Sgt. J.A.Ginn G- S/Sgt. C.D.Lea

Eighteen airplanes left today to wreak vengeance on the "hottest" target in lower Tunisia; the pride of the Afrika Korps, the Gabes Airdrome. This time something was wrong and they were waiting for us. As we circled North of town, heading out over the water to start our bomb run, we could see fighters taking off to intercept us. Flak began to surround us even before we reached the target.

Lieut. Kanode stated that they had such a warning on us that they had time to send to Bizerte for an extra flak battery and send to town to bring the fighter pilots back truck.

Flak or no flak, in we went, straight into the heart of the 'drome. Our bombs covered the field well and small fires could be seen starting as we pulled away. he sky was black with fighters. Flak was every place. First blood went to Sgt. J.J.Grace when he caught a Me-109 in his sights.

Lieut. Sacknoff starting his bomb run could not figure out what hadhappened when the bomb bay doors had not opened. Little did he Know that his bombardier S/Sgt. A.D. Links had been knocked out by a flak scrap. It was not until he landed that he found out that his radio operator T/Sgt. Wesline had also been wounded, but, he continued to stay on the job.

Disaster also struck the Squadron today. The airplanes piloted by Lieuts. Barnwell and Lacy went down under the guns of Nazi fighters. Missing in action is their heading, as men of their caliber can still take it and come back.

No fighter escort was found today until we reached the safe landing line, but then it was not needed. All of our planes received some damage with Lieut. Sacknoff's showing between 400 and 500 holes. The jar in landing, the result of a flat tire jarred the shrapnel from Sgt. Links's leg, but no complaint from him.

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380th Bombardment Sq. 310th Bombardment Gp.

Mission Report

Date- February 10, 1943

Target- Sea Search.

Squadron airplanes- two.

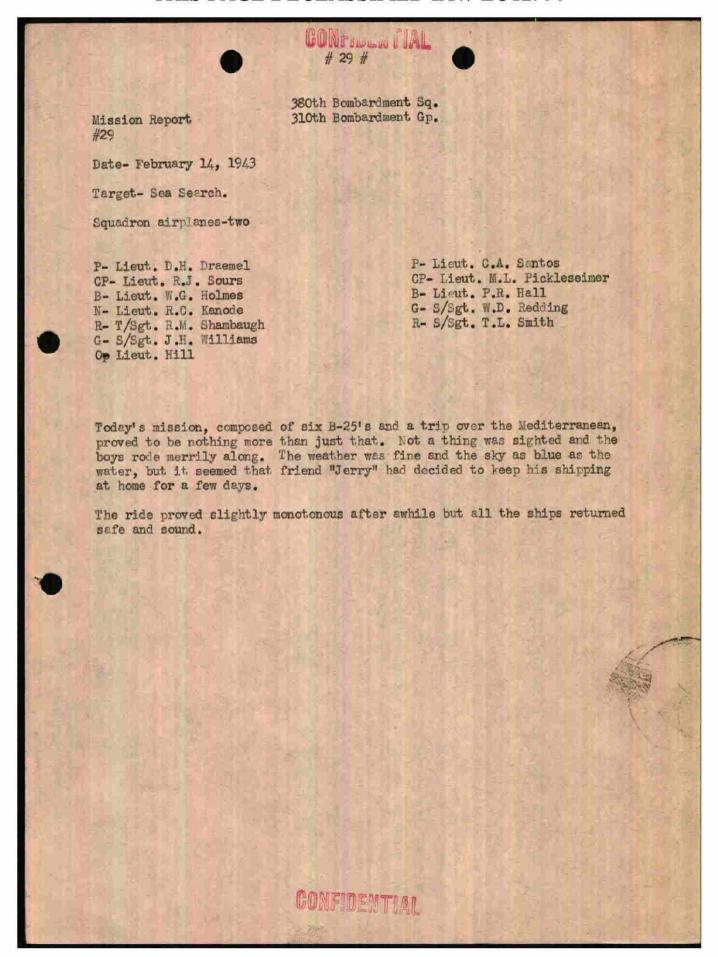
P- Lieut. F.F. Loomis CP- Lieut. D. Moir B- Lieut. R.F. Schisler R- Pvt. E.B. Willis G- Sgt. E.H. Nichols P- Lieut. C.D. Amick CP- Lieut. L.L. Porter B- S/Sgt. K.R. Longrie R- S/Sgt. A.J. Meyer G- S/Sgt. H. Huffman

Following our disaster at Gabes, two planes joined with four other from the Group on another salt water mission. The Squadron was also highly honored with Major General J.H. Doolittle, riding in the lead ship.

Flak barges proved our target and 500 pound bombs sent two of them to the bottom. Lieut. Amick was hit with a cannon shell in the right wing, breaking the spar.

But flak was a small part of the trouble that greeted us. The weather closed in tight before we returned and Bertaux could not be found. Lieut. Loomis found Carrobert and landed safely there. Lieut. Amick finally arrived at Eskra, and with the field beign situated in the desert, started his approach too soon and almost landed a mile from the field. A quick pull-up though, helped him to arrive safely.

Two days later the boys returned to the Base, safe and sound.



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on report 310th Bombardment Cp.

Mission report #30

Date- February 17, 1943

Target- Vallicidro Airdrome, Sardinia

Squadron airplanes- four

P- Capt. L. Cometh

CP- Lieut. J.I. Miller

N- Lieut. A.J. Huffman

B- Lieut. E.W. Liverman

R- Pvt. R.J. Mount

G- S/Sgt. P.E. Melhus

P- Capt. E.E. Batten
CP- Lieut. F.A. Shorsher
N- Lieut. A.H. Sessler
R- S/Sgt. A.A. Szcsesniak
G- Cpl. J.A. Dackiwiezc

P- Lieut. D.A. Sacknoff CP- Lieut. A.R. Walcott B- S/Sgt. A.D. Links G- Sgt. J.J. Grace R- T/Sgt. R.L. Wesline

P- Lieut. F.F. Loomis
CP- Lieut. D. Moir
B- Lieut. R.Pl Schisler
R- Pvt. E.B. Willis
G- S/Sgt. E.W. Nichols
O- Maj. J.A. Roth

The "bombardier's dream", a trip onver known enemy territory, where you know that everything you hit is hurting the enemy, was the mission for today. One of Mussolini's ginest airdremes, the Vallicidro Airbase, on the western side of Sardinia was the target.

Mother Nature helped to defend the enemy territory, by putting up a thick cloud layer, but we were not to be daunt d, dropping our bombs on the "Estimated time of arrival." No results could be seen.

Since a few of the boys had not dropped their bombs, we decided to come back over the heart of enemy territory to see what kind of an opportunity target we might find. The first proved to be a flock of sheep that dispersed in quick fashion after the flixible .50 in the hands of Lieut. Liverman sprayed among them. Lieut. Sessler placed his trademark down the center of a street and then attempted to carve his initials in the front door of an house with machine gun bullets. Just south of Cagliari we saw two large merchant vessels sitting at anchor but our bombs for their destruction were not of the right type. A small fishing snack, just off the coast began to dance in the water as each plane gave it a bury and a burst of fire. Seaplanes anchored in the bay were also shot up while the regular airdrome became the target of some strafing by Lieut. Huffman.

The 12 planes in our formation received some flak but it was slight and no scars were left on us. All of our planes returned safely.

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Mission Report #31 380th Bombardment Sq. 310th Bombardment GP.

Date- February 21, 1943

Target- Sea Search

Squadron airplanes- none.

N- Lieut. H.A. Sessler, played an important role in the lead ship, piloted by Capt. Alpheus A. White of the 379th Squadron.

It was a "must" target and grim determination was on the face of all the men as they climbed aboard the airplanes. The German Panzer divisions had just broken through at Kasserine and we had been given the difficult job of stopping them by knocking out their supplies.

The target, the largest tanker in the Italian fleet, disguised as a merchantman was somewhere out on the sea, headed for Bizerte with a large supply of gasoline for the tanks of Rommel.

We found him and three direct hits from an altitude of 200 feet, left him in flames; 10,000 tons of flames. A cruiser accompaning it was left on its side. Our escort of P-38's also had a good day. An Arado seaplane, a Junkers 88 and a Heinkel 177 fell under their blazing guns. One of our planes also went down from the heaviest flak we had ever seen coming from a ship.

Another convoy was seen heading southward but our bombs were gone and a difficult job had been accomplished. Lieut. Sessler had another experience, when the landing gear on Capt. White's airplane failed to respond after the heavy dose of flak had smeared it and but two wheels would come down, and extra pumping proved to no avail and the result was a forced landing and a cracked up airplane at Tingley Field, at Bone,. The next day found the crew back safe and sound at Bertaux, after a long ride in an open truck.

Praise for a job well done came from all directions, but the finest came from Major General Carl A. Spaatz, our commander-in-chief, when he stated that the victory at Kasserine Pass, was the result of this bombing. Rommel was beaten mainly because he had no gasoline to run his tanks.

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Mission report #32

380th Bombardment Sq. 310th Bombardment Gp.

Date- February 22, 1943

Target- Sea Search

P- Capt.L. Cometh C/P- Lieut. J.I. Miller C/P- Lieut. L.L. Porter
N- Lieut. A.J. Huffman B- S/Sgt. K.R. Longrie B- Lieut. W.G. Holmes
B- Lieut. E.W. Liverman R- S/Sgt. A.J. Neyer
N- Lieut. R.C. Kancde
O- Major R.R. Wilder G- S/Sgt. H. Huffman R- T/Sgt. R.M. Shambaug G- S/Sgt. P.E. Melhus R- Pvt. R.J. Mount

P- Lieut, C.D. Amick

P- Lieut. D.H. Draemel R- T/Sgt. R.M. Shambaugh G- S/Sgt. J.A. Williams

P- Lieut. C.A. Santos

C/P- Lieut. M.L. Picklesimer

B- Lieut. P.R. Hall

G- S/Sgt. W.D. Rgdding

R- S/Sgt. T.L. Smith

P- Lieut. D.A. Sacknoff

C/P- Lieut. A.R. Walcott

B- S/Sgt. A.D. Links

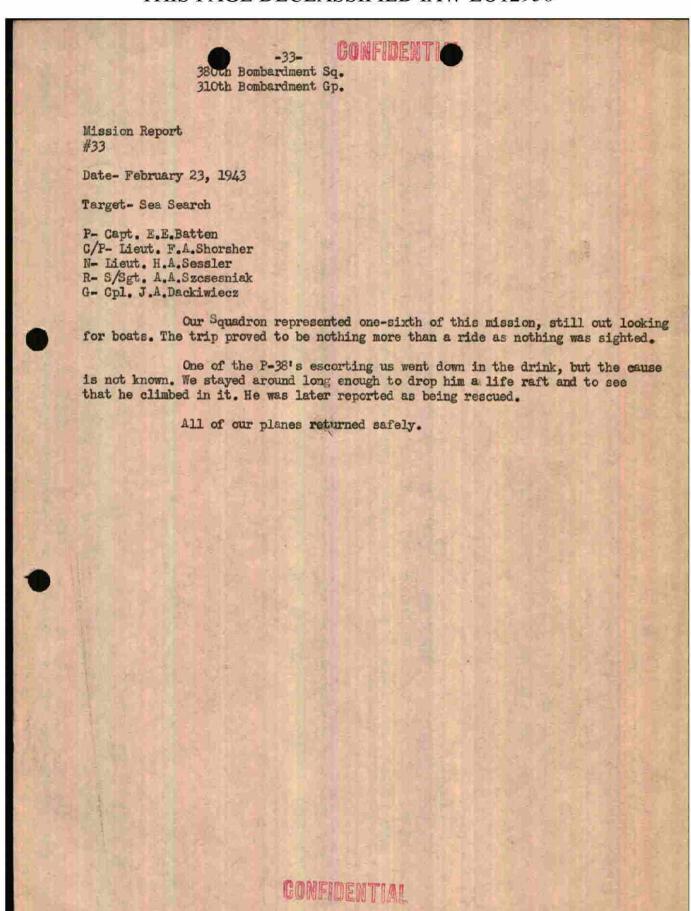
R- T/Sgt. R.L. Westline

G- Sgt. J.J. Grace AP- Pvt. A.R. Erb

Our frequent trips over water once again paid dividends and low-level bombing of a 500 foot freighter was deadly accurate enough to send it straight to the bottom. Despite the intense protection afforced it by two destroyers. one flak barge and an airplane cover of eight Ju-88's and six Me-210's, we drove home and down she went.

S/Sgt. Herbert Huffman drew first blood with a lone Fw-190 that had been hanging on the outside of the battle. S/Sgt. Palmer Melhus also added to his score with a Me-210, the first of this type to fall beneath the guns of a memmber of this Group.

All of our planes returned safely, calling it a job well done.



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Mission report #34

Date- February 23, 1943

Target- Sea Search

Squadron Airplanes- one

P- Lieut. F.F. Logmis GP- Lieut. D.Moir B- Lieut. R.P. Schisler R- Pvt. N.B. Willis G- S/Sgt. E.H. Nichols AP-Pvt. A.R. Erb 380th Bombardment Sq. 310th Bombardment Gp.

Twice in the same day we represented one-sixth of a mission, both times sea searches. On the way out we began to realize that something was due to happen, when we first spotted barrels, drums of oil, the bottom of a boat and other debris floating around on the water.

The expected was not long in arriving as we spotted 13 flak barges, making the trip south. At low level we went over them and five went down, with trucks and other equipment that had been on them scattered about through the water. The flak was intense but of the light variety. Damage was done to the remaining barges.

Three of our airplanes went down that afternnon, one of them, Lieut. Loomis and his crew. The crew of one plane could be seen standing on the wing after it had started to settle in the water. Who it was we do not know. Missing in action is their classification.

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Mission report #35

380th Bombardment Sq. 310th Bombardment Gp.

Date- February 28, 1943

Target- La Hencha Railroad and Highway Bridges.

Squadron Airplanes- four.

P- Lieut. D.H. Draemel

CP- Lieut. R.J. Sours

B- Lieut. W.G. Holmes

N- Lieut. R.C. Kanode

R- T/Sat. R.M. Shambaugh

G- S/Sgt. J.A. Williams

P- Lieut. C.D. Amick

CP- Lieut. L.L. Porter

B- S/Sgt. K.R. Longrie

R- S/Sgt. A.J. Meyer

G- S/Sgt. H. Huffman

O- Lieut. Col. R.M. Kellog

P- Lieut. C.A. Sentos

CP- Lieut. M.L. Pickleseimer

B- Lieut. P.R. Hall

G- S/Sgt. W.D. Redding

R- S/Sgt. T.L. Smith

P- Capt. E.E. Batten CP- Lieut. F.A. Shorsher B- Lieut. H.A. Sessler R- S/Sgt. A.A. Szcsesniak

G- Cpl. J.A. Dackiwiecz

Something entirely new in bombing tactics was tried by us today. Two elements were sent out, the first flying high to knock out the flak batteries while the remainder went in on the deck to knock out the bridges.

The plan worked fine, except for a new flak battery that was located in the woods. Just as we went in to drop our bombs, flying at an altitude of about 75 feet, a piece of flak knocked out Lieut. Amicks right engine. This did not daunt him and in he went and delivered the goods. Boombs were seen to drop around and through the bridges.

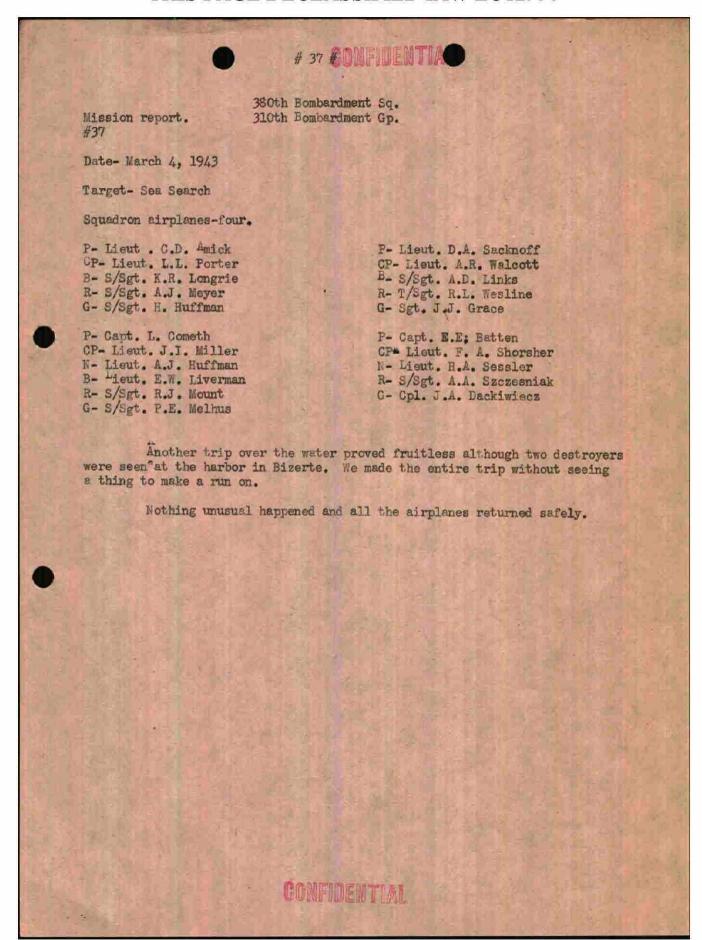
As we made our turn to start home, smoke fire and debris could be seen coming up from the the target. A Plymouth staff car, which had probably been captured, was sitting by the edge of the road, and when nose guns began to pepper him, an officer crawled from it and slid for a ditch. The car is probably of little use at the present time.

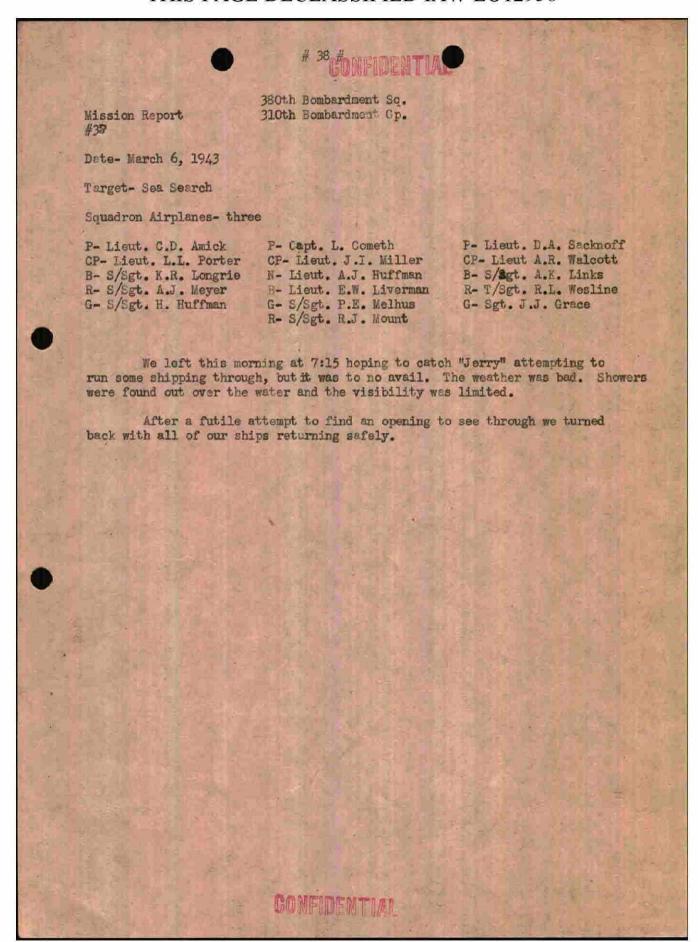
All of our airclanes returned safely, with "ieut. Amick bringing up the tail end, and given good protection by the r emaining planes.

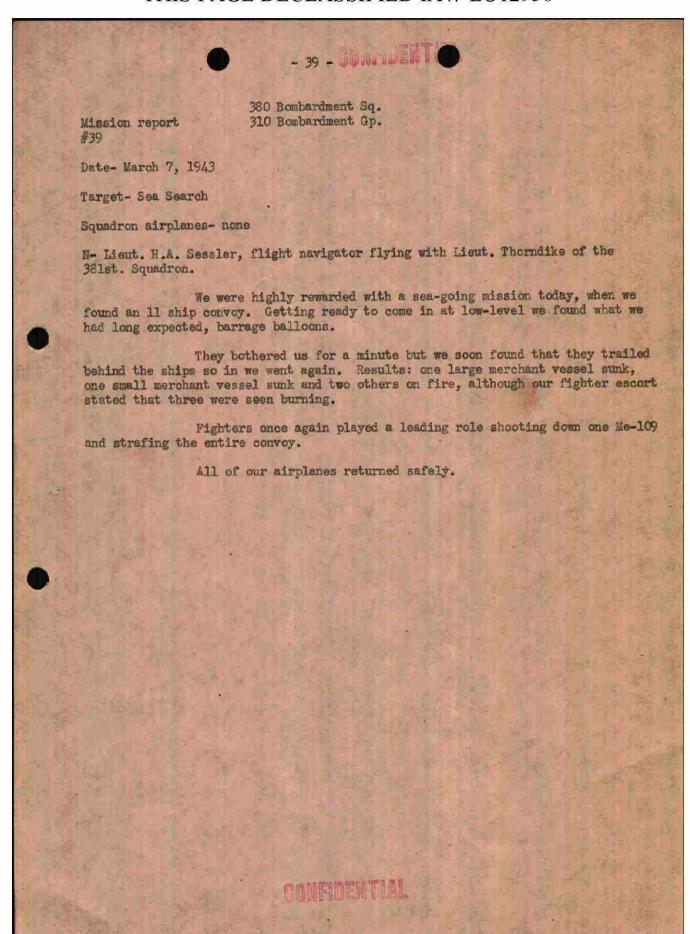
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Rommel gave us nothing to shoot, at the first target, but the sharp eye of the flight leader picked out an opportunity target and we went to work. Fifteen to twenty airplanes were seen on the ground and fragmentation bombs well covered the field.

One string hit straight down through the middle while another lined themselves along the front of the revetments. Slight heavy flak greeted but no one was hit and all the planes returned safely. Our fighters gave us wonderful escort and "Jerry" had no opportunity to jump us.









Mission report

Date- March 11, 1943

Target- Sea Search

Squadron airplanes- four.

P- Lieut. H.L. Cromartie C/P- Lieut. J.E. Wright B- T/Sgt. H.H. Kechter R- T/Sgt. E.M. Smith G- S/Sgt. J. Kobasa

P- Capt. E.E. Batten C/P- Lieut. F.A. Shorsher B- Lieut. H.A. Sessler R- Sgt. J.A. Dackiewicz G- S/Sgt. A.A. Seczesniak 380th Bombardment Sq. 310th Bombardment Gp.

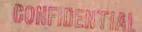
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P- Lieut. D.A. Sacknoff C/P- Lieut. A.R. Walcott B- S/Sgt. A.D. Links R- T/Sgt. R.L. Westline G- S/Sgt. J.J. Grace

Many weather with rain at Bone played tricks on us today as we started out once again to search the water. Three small naval vessels were all we could find to attack.

They fired on us from some distance away but all the shot fell short leaving large splashes in the shadow of our planes.

All of our planes returned safely.



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Mission report #41

310th Bombardment Gp.

380th Bombardment Sq.

Date- March 12, 1943

Target- Sea Search

Squadron airplanes- four

P- Capt. E.E. Batten
P- Lieut. D.A. Sacknoff
C/P- Lieut. F.A. Shorsher
C/P- Lieut. A.R. Walcott
B- Lieut. H.A. Sessler
B- S/Sgt. A.D. Links
R- Sgt. J.A. Dackiewicz
R- T/Sgt. R.L. Westline
G- S/Sgt. A.A. Szczesniak
C- S/Sgt. J.J. Grace 0- F/Lt. Dunn, RAF

P- Lieut. H.L. Cromartie

C/P- Lieut. J.E. Wright

B- T/Sgt. H.H. Kechter

R- T/Sgt. E.M. Smith

C- Sgt. J.L. Fintar

The sight of feasting our eyes on an enemy convoy was our reward for another sea search today. They looked to be merchant vessels and Seibel Ferries, with some barge s thrown in. We went in from tow levels, the high element bombing first and throwing them around so we could get them at our pleasure.

Three were definitely sunk with three more probables. Two unidentified German planes were shot down by the fighters before they had a chance to attack the formation. The first one was an exceptional fine job while the running tactics of the second was not fast enough and he failed to make land.

One B-25 went down at the target, the result of a heavy barrage of flak. He hit hard and exploded in the water. The remaining planes returned to the base.

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Mission report #42

380th Bombardment Sq. 310th Bombardment Gp.

Date- March 26, 1943

Target- Grombalia Fuel Depot

Squadron airplanes- three

P- Capt. L. Cometh
P- Capt. C.L. Grow
P- Lieut. E. L. Stutts
C/P- Lieut. J.N. Hubbard
C/P- Lieut. E.H. Steger
B- Lieut. E.W. Liverman
B- Lieut. P.R. Hall
B- S/Sgt. P.H. Kessler
R- S/Sgt. R.J. Huffman
R- S/Sgt. R.J. Mount
G- Sgt. J.L. Pintar
G- S/Sgt. A.J. Janicki G- S/Sgt. P.C. Melhus

Captain Cometh proved the hero for today. Ten of the twelve planes that left our North African Base failed to hit the right target by 12 miles, but Captain Cometh realizing that something was wrong, took his element out of the formation, hurried on ahead, bombed the right target and then hurried back into formation. It was really a fine feather in his cap and with the many all ready there, he should be an Indian Chief before long.

Although Captain Cometh pulled over the right target, his wingmen dropped their bombs too soon, and failed to drop with his, but a ship following behind helped to add to the damage. No smoke or fire was seen although pictures proved that bombs had hit the target.

The town of Laverie and immocently been the recipient of the bombs of the other ten planes. The weather was fine except for a haze that covered the ground and held visibility to a minimum. Three hundred pound bombs did the damage.

All of our planes returned safely, although some flat had arrived in their vicinity.

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Mission report #43

Date- March 28, 1943

Target- Sea Search

Squadron airplanes- six

P- Captain L. Cometh C/P- Lieut. J.I. Miller

C/P- Lieut. J.E. Wright

C/P- Lieut. E.H. Steger

B- Lieut. E.W. Liverman

N- Lieut. A.J. Huffman

R- T/Sgt. E.M. Smith

R- Cpl. E.D. Barbieri

R- S/Sgt. R.J. Mount

G- S/Sgt. J. Kobasa

G- S/Sgt. A.J. Janicki G- S/Sgt. P.C. Melhus

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P- Lieut. H.L. Cromartie P- Lieut. E.L. Stutts

P- Capt. E.E. Batten P- Lieut. R.J. McCormick P- Lieut. D.A. Sacknoff C/P- Lieut. F.A. Shorsher C/P- Lieut. R.S. Rich C/P- Lieut. A.R. Welcott

B- Capt. H.A. Sessler B- T/Sgt. D.L. Richardson B- S/Sgt. W.F. Jastrzemski R- Sgt. J.A. Dackiewicz R- S/Sgt. F.R. Oliver R- T/Sgt. R.L. Westline G- S/Sgt. A.A. Szczesniak G- S/Sgt. A. Leanza G- S/Sgt. J.J. Grace

Old man weather gave "Jerry" another big hand today, when after holding to our course just off the edge of the Tunisian coast for over an hour we were forced to turn back due to bad weather.

We saw no shipping and no bombs were dropped, but we swore we would make up for it at a later date.

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Mission report #44

Date- April 4, 1943

Target- Sea Search

Squadron airplanes- seven

P- Lieut. D.A. Sacknoff C/P- Lieut. A.R. Walcott B- S/Sgt. W.J. Jastrzemski B- Capt. H.A. Seesler R- T/Sgt. R.L. Westline G- S/Sgt. J.J. Grace

P- Capt. E.E. Batten C/P- Lieut. F.A. Shorsher C/P- Lieut. E.H. Steger R- Sgt. J.A. Dackiewicz

P- Lieut. E.L. Stutts B- S/Sgt. P.H. Kessler R- Cpl, E.D. Barbieri G-S/Sgt. A.S. Szczesniak G-S/Sgt. A.J. Janicki AP- Sgt. W.E. Hutchenrider

P- Lieut. C.D. Amcik C/P- Lieut. L.L. Porter B- S/Sgt. K.R. Longrie R- S/Sgt. A.J. Meyer G- Sgt. H. Huffman

C/P- Lieut. J.E. Wright B- T/Sgt. H.H. Kechter R- T/Sgt. E.M. Smith G- S/Sgt. J. Kobasa

P- Capt. L. Cometh C/P- Lieut. J.I. Miller B- Lieut. E.W. Liverman N- Lieut. A.J. Huffman R- S/Sgt. R.J. Mount G- S/Sgt. P.C. Melhus

P- Lieut. H.L. Cromartie P- Lieut. R.J. McCormick C/P- Lieut. M.E. Timmerman B- T/Sgt. D.L. Richardson R- S/Sgt. F.R. Oliver G- S/Sgt. A. Leanza

The search today paid dividends as we caught "Adolph's" convoy heading north out of Bizerte. It consisted of three merchant vessels and four escorting ships. We made our bombx run from 8,000' and if a hospotal ship had not been inter-mingling with the convoy, the results would have been A-1. The final statement was that due to the change in our bomb run to miss the Red Cross ship, one large ship was seen burning and another has smoke rolling from it.

The flak was intense although not too accurate and some of the boys reported that it must have been coming from some barges. About 20 fighters jumped us and four of them went down under the guns of the bombers while our escort of P-38's claimed two more. The group lost one bomber today kant when a fighter going down in flames, crashed into one of our planes, taking it with the fighter. Three or four parachutes were seen to open so we are hoping for the best.

A report from one of the ships gave us the idea that Jerry might be getting ready to evacuate, as we spotted several small boats and dark objects parked along the coast, west of Bizerte.

Seventeen of the eighteen planes from the Group returned safely.

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Mission report #45

380th Bombardment Sq. 310th Bombardment Gp.

Date- April 5, 1943

Target- Bo Rizzo Airdrome, Sicily.

Squadron airplanes- ten

P- Capt. E.E. Batten C/P- Lieut. F.A. Shorsher C/P- Lieut. J.I. Miller C/P- Lieut. R.S. Rich B- Capt. H.A. Sessler

P- Capt. L. Cometh G-S/Sgt. A.A. Szczesniak N- Lieut. A.J. Huffman R-S/Sgt. F.R. Oliver R-Sgt. J.A. Dackiewicz R-S/Sgt. R.J. Mount G-S/Sgt. A. Leanza G- S/Sgt. P.C. Melhus

P- Lieut. R.J. McCormaick B- Lieut. E.W. Liverman B- T/Sgt. D.L. Richardson

P- Lieut. H.L. Cromartie P - Capt. C.L. Grow

P- Lieut. E.L. Stutts C/P- Lieut. J.E. Wright
C/P- Lieut. J.W. Hubbard C/P- Lieut. E.H. Steger
B- T/Sgt. H.H. Kechter
R- T/Sgt. E.M. Smith
B- Lieut. P.R. Hall
G- S/Sgt. A.J. Janicki
G- S/Sgt. J. Kobasa
R- T/Sgt. R.B. Hill
R- Cpl. E.D. Barbieri
G- Sgt. J.L. Pintar
AP- Sgt. W.E. Huchenrider

> P- Lieut. C.D. Amick C/P- Lieut. L.L. Porter B- S/Sgt. K.R. Longrie R- S/Sgt. A.J. Meyer G- Sgt. H. Huffman

P- Capt. D.H. Draemel C/P- Lieut. R.J. Sours N- Lieut. R.C. Kanode B- Lieut. W.G. Holmes R- S/Sgt. G. Thomas G- S/Sgt. J.A. Williams

P- Lieut. C.A. Santos C/P- Lieut. M.L. Picklesimer C/P- Lieut. A.R. Walcott B- S/Sgt. J.S. Lively B- S/Sgt. W.F. Jastrzemski R- S/Sgt. T.L. Smith R- T/Sgt. R.L. Westline R- S/Sgt. T.L. Smith G- S/Sgt. W.D. Redding G- S/Sgt. J.J. Grace

P- Lieut. D.A. Sacknoff

Ten planes from the equadron, the largest amount ever sent out at one time joined with 24 others from the Group, to make the largest formation ever sent out at one time. The result was the Bo Rizzo A/D was the recipient of 2,242 fragmentation bombs.

Lieut. Liverman stated that he did not like to brag but he would like to claim at least six direct hits on bombers and transports. One would think by the lesson that the Luftwaffe taught the world in Foland that they would take care of their airplanes in a better manner, but the Group turned things around and taught them a lesson by claiming at least 40 aircraft destroyed on the ground.

It was a beautiful target outlined in white with the airplanes sitting wing-tip to wing-tip, and the boys really went to work with the best skill that was possible and came home claiming the best job to date. Fighters jumped us as we were leaving the target and we got four, while the fighters excerting us claimed two more. The protection given us today was the best received yet. Two of our planes crash landed in the ocean, but the crews got out to be prisoners of war. All of the squadron planes returned safely.

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Mission report #46

380th Bombardment Sq. 310th Bombardment Gp.

Date- April 6, 1943

Target- Sea Search

Squadron airplanes- three

R- S/Sgt. C.L. Thomas

P- Capt. D.H. Draemel P- Lieut. C.A. Santos P- Lieut. D.A. Secknoff C/P- Lieut. R.J. Sours C/P- Lieut. M.L. Picklesimer C/P- Lieut. A.R. Walcott B- S/Sgt. J.S. Lively B- S/Sgt. W.F. Jastrzemski B- Capt. W.G. Holmes R- S/Sgt. T.L. Smith R- T/Sgt. R.L. Westline G- S/Sgt. J.A. Williams G- S/Sgt. W.D. Redding G- S/Sgt. J.J. Grace

The badly needed supplies, being called for by hard-pressed Field Marshall Erwin Rommel, was the target for today as we glided out across the bluer then ever waters of the Mediterranean. We were not disappointed in our search as we spotted three merchant vessels escorted by four destroyers, off the Tunisian coast.

We immediately went to work and although their evasive action was good enough to ward off any direct hits, our 500 pounders hit close enough to damage two of the ships and leave them smoking. The flak was intense but very inaccurate and we came away unscathed.

Quite a few fighter s were seen in the distance, but we guess they did not like the looks of our escort and stayed away and we came back safe and sound.

Mission report #47

380th Bombardment Sq. 310th Bombardment Gp.

Date- April 10, 1943

Target- Sea Search

Squadron airplanes- six

P- Capt. D.H. Draemel C/P- Lieut. R.J. Sours E- Lieut. W.G. Holmes N- Lieut. R.C. Kanode R- T/Sgt. R.M. Shambaugh G- S/Sgt. J.A. Williams

P- Capt. E.E. Batten C/P- Lieut. F.A. Shorsher C/F- Lieut. E.H. Steger B- Capt. H.A. Sessler B- S/Sgt. G. Kechter R- Sgt. J.A. Dackiewicz R- Sgt. E.D. Barbieri G- S/Sgt. A.A. Szczesniak G- S/Sgt. A.J. Janicki

P- Lieut. C.A. Santos C/P- Lieut. M.L. Picklesimer C/P- Lieut. R.R. Goss B- S/Sgt. J.S. Livlely B- S/Sgt. A.D. Links
R- S/Sgt. T.L. Smith R- T/Sgt. R.L. Westline
G- S/Sgt. W.D. Redding G- S/Sgt. G.E. Tabor

P- Lieut. E.L. Stutts AP- Sgt. W.E. Hutchenrider

P- Lieut. D.A. Sacknoff

P- Lieut. C.D. Amick C/P- Lieut. L.L. Porter B- S/Sgt. K.R. Longrie R- S/Sgt. A.J. Meyer G- S/Sgt. H. Huffman

Back we went again today, in search of Adolph's supplies and although we failed to see any boats we arrived directly in the center of his transports hauling supplies into Bizerte. The slaughter that came out of this mixup was too large even to be carried on our victory chart, when the totals showed that the group had shot down ten Ju-52's and two Ju-88's. Staff Sergeants Redding and Williams of our Squedron each claimed a transport shot down.

Three escort ships that took a pass at us, were hurriedly chased into Tunis by our P-38 escort and when last seen one of them was going down in flames. The transports burst into flames in such a manner that but one thought was in our minds they must be carrying badly needed petrol.

Finished with the transports we started back home only to be jumped by four enemy fighters and after a running fight of 20 minutes, the results were one enemy fighter shot down by our escort. Flak from Cape Serrat also helped to chase them away.

We got slightly off our course on the way home, and arrived at Tebessa, but everything turned out for the best as we finally arrived back at Berteaux, late but hungry.

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310th Bombardment Gp.

Mission report #18

Date- April 11. 1943

Target- Ste. Marie du Zit Landing Ground

Squadron airplanes- five

P- Lieut. H.L. Cromartie

CP- Lieut. J.E. Wright

B- T/Sgt. H.H. Kechter

R- T/Sgt. E.M.Smith

G- S/Sgt. J. Kobasa

P- Lieut. R.J. McCormick

CP- Lieut. B.H. Steger

B- T/Sgt. D.L. Richardson

R- S/Sgt. F.R. Oliver

G- S/Sgt. A. Leanza

R- T/Sgt. R.B. Hill

G- Sgt. J.L. Finter CP- Lieut. J.W. Hubbard G- Sgt. J.L. Pinter

> P- Lieut. M.E. Timmerman P- Lieut. R.S. Rich CP- Lieut. C.E. Rice CP- Lieut. R.R. Goss B- S/Sgt. F.E. Donahue R- S/Sgt. C.L. Thomas G- S/Sgt. G.E. Tabor

B- Lieut. R.C. Mizerski R-S/Sgt. P.A. Poknis G- Sgt. L.F. Rodgers

At the request of General Montgomery and his fast moving Eighth Army we left today to knock out a landing ground that had been bothering the "Limeys" slightly. We thought we did a good job, barring the bombs that had to be salvoed, and many other difficulties, but our pictures proved us only half-right.

Some bombs hit the target, but the majority of them fell short and we were sadly disappointed to ruin our good bombing record. It was also the first time that we had ever carried 100 pound bombs on a mission, here-to-fore. we had always carried fragmentation bombs for knocking out landing fields.

We did run into some flak but the range for it was too great and no scars were received. Convoys from the fast retreating German Army could be seen moving north towards Pont Du Fahs. We also dropped a few leaflets for the Italian boys to have and to insure them safe conduct through our lines as they come in, in droves to surrender. All of our planes returned safely.

Wission report # 49

380th Bombardment Sq. 310th Bombardment Gp.

Date- April 12, 1943

Target- St. Marie du Zit Landing Ground

Squadron airplanes- eleven

P- Capt. L. Cometh CP- Lieut. J.I. Miller

N- Lieut. A.J. Hullman
B- Lieut. E.W. Liverman R- T/Sgt. E.M. Smith
R- S/Sgt. R.J. Mount G- S/Sgt. J. Kibasa G- S/Sgt. P.C. Melhus

0- Maj. R.R. Wilder

P- Capt. E.E. Batten CP- Lieut. F.A. Shorsher CP- Lieut. E.H. Steger

R- Sgt. J.A. Dackiewicz G- S/Sgt. A A G- S/Sgt. A.A. Szczesniak G- Sgt. A.J. Janicki

P- Capt. D.H. Draemel CP- Lieut. R.J. Sours N- Lieut. R.C. Kanode B- Capt.G. Holmes

R- T/Sgt. Rm. Shambaugh G- S/Sgt. J.A. Williams

P- Lieut. H.L. Cromartie CP- Lieut. J.E. Wright N- Lieut, A.J. Huffman B- T/Sgt. H.H. Kechter

P- Lieut. E.K. Stutts B- S/S t. P.E. Kessler R- Sgt. E.D. Barbieri

P- Lieut. C.A. Santos Cp- Lieut. M.L. Pickleseimer CP- Lieut. J.W. Hubbard

B- S/Sgt. J.S. Lively R- S/Sgt. T.L. Smith G- S/Sgt. W.D. Redding

P- Lieut. R.J. McCormick CP- Lieut. A.R. Walcott B- T/Sgt. D. L. Richardson R- S/Sgt. R.R. Oliver G- S/Sgt. A. Lesnza

P- Lieut. C.D. Amick CP- Lieut. L.L. Porter B- S/Sgt. K.R. Longrie R-S/Sgt. A.J. Meyer G- S/Stt. H. Huffman

P- Capt. C.L. Grow N- Lieut. J.D. Coffey B- Lieut. P.R. Hall R- T/Sgt. R.B. Hill G- S/Sgt. J.L. Pintar

P- Lieut. M.E. Timmerman CP- Lieut. C.E. Rice B- S/Sgt. F.E. Donahue R- S/Sgt. C.L. Thomas G- S/Sgt. G.E. Tabor

P- Lieut. R.S. Rich CP- Lieut. R.R. Goss B- Lieut. R.C. Mizerski R- S/Sgt. P.A. Poknis G/ Sgt. L.F. Rodgers

Whenever a tough job arrives or some one else fails to complete one. it looks as though the 380th gets the job to complete, and complete it we did, furnishing eleven out of eighteen airplanes with Capt. Cometh's crew leading the flight. Pictures proved we did the job in a thorough manner and fires were left burning from the 100 pounders that we dropped. About 25 fighter craft were seen in the revetments on the field but how much use they are to Adolph now, is a matter of pure fiction.

Starting with Lieut. Liverman's string, 90 per cent of the bombs fell on the target and if nothing else the scrap iron on the runways would make the field useless for sometime.

By the flak thrown up, all the guns in Rommel's long retreat must have been firing at us. For twenty minutes before the target and twenty minutes afterwards, we were entirely covered and in testimony to the aim, we would like to state that 16 out of 18 airplanes had holes in them. One airplane of another Squadron was forced down in friendly territory, although the crew is safe.

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Mission report #50

April 16, 1943

Target- K-0636 Landing Ground at Oudna.

Squadron Airplanes-five

P- Capt. E.E. Batten

P- Lieut. G.D. Amick CP- "ieut. L.L. Porter

P- Capt. C. L. Grow CP- Lieut. J.W. Hubbard CP- Lieut. F.A. Shorsher
CP- Lieut. L.L. Porter
CP- Lieut. J.D. Coffey
N- Capt. H.A. Sessler
R- Sgt. J.A. Dackiewize
R- S/Sgt. A.J. Meyer
G- S/Sgt. A.A. Szczesniak
G- S/Sgt. H. Huffman
G- S/Sgt. J.L. Pinter

> P- Lieut. M.E. Timmerman CP- Lieut. C.E. Rice R- S/Sgt. C.L. Thomas B- S/Sgt. F.E. Donahue G- S/Sgt. G.E. Tabor

P- Lieut. R.S. Rich OP- Lieut. R.R. Goss B- Lieut. R.C. Mizerski R- S/Sgt. PlA. Poknis G- Sgt. L.F. Rodgers

Out we went today to give a little aid to Britain's now famous Eighth Army, by knocking out a "Jerry" landing ground. Nothing more than a flat piece of land, well camoflaged and sporting about 20 aircraft, we found it and pictures proved that we did our job with quite a little gusto.

Our 100 pounders well covered the field and a large explosion, followed by a huge cloud of black smoke was seen to arise from one corner, leaving us to believe that we had hit the gasoline dump, Just to make sure that we got everything in sight, a few of the bombs straddled a railroad and a bridge.

Once again no fighters were seen and flak was not found in our flight. Whether we caught them by surprise or whether they decided that it wasn't much use, they failed to make any attempt to head us off. All our aircraft returned safely.

يا لا مالكالاتا تا مالكاليا # 51 # 380th Bombardment Sq. Mission Report 310th Bombardment Gp. #51 Date- April 18, 1943 Target- Porto Torres, Sardinia Squadron airplanes- twelve P- Capt. L. Cometh P- Lieut. H.L. Cromartie P- Lieut. R.J. McCormick CP- Lieut. J.I. Miller CP- Lieut. J.E. Wright CP- Lieut. F.C. Ross B- Lieut. E.W. Liverman B- T/Sgt. H.H. Kechter B-T/Sgt. D.L. Richardson N- Lieut. A.J. Huffman R- T/Sgt. E.M. Smith R- S/Sgt. F.R. Oliver R- S/Sgt. R.J. Mount G- S/Sgt. J. Kobasa G- S/Sgt. A. Leanza G- S/Sgt. P.C. Melhus O- Col. A.G. Hunter P- Capt. C.L. Grow P- Lieut. M.E. Timmerman P- Lieut. R.S. Rich CP- Lieut. J.W. Hubbard N- Lieut. J.D. Coffey CP- Lieut. C.E. Rice CP- Lieut. R.R. Goss B- S/Sgt. F.E. Conhaue B- Lieut. R.C. Goss B- Lieut. P.R. Hall R-S/Sgt. C.L. Thomas R- S/Sgt. FlA. Poknis G- S/Sgt. J.L. Pintar G- S/Sgt. C.E. Tabor G- Sgt. L.F. Rodgers R- T/Sgt. R.B. Hill P- "ieut. E.L. Stutts P- Capt. E.E. Batten CP- Lieut. E.H. Steger P- Lieut. C.D. Amick CF- Lieut. F.A. Shorsher B- S/Sgt. P.E. Kessler CP- Lieut. L.L. Porter B- Lieut. H.A. Sessler R- Sgt. E.D. Barbieri B- S/Sgt. K.R. Longrie R- Sgt. J.A. Dackiewicz G- S/Sgt. A.J. Janicki R- S/Sgt. A.J. Meyer G- S/Sgt. A.A. Szczesniak AP- Sgt. W.E. Hutchenrider G- S/Sgt. H.Huffman P- Capt. D.H. Draemel P- Lieut. C.A. Santos P- Lieut. D.A. Sacknoff CP- Lieut. R.J. Sours CP- Lieut. M.L. Pickleseimer CP- Lieut. A.R. Walcott B- S/Sgt. J. S. Lively R- S/Sgt. T.L. Smith G- S/Sgt. W.D. Redding R- S/Sgt. J.J. Grace N- Lieut. R.C. Kanode B- Capt. W.G. Holmes R- T/Sgt. R.M. Shambaugh G- S/Sgt. J.A. Williams (For account of mission see next page) CONFIDENTIAL

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Porte Torres, Sardinia

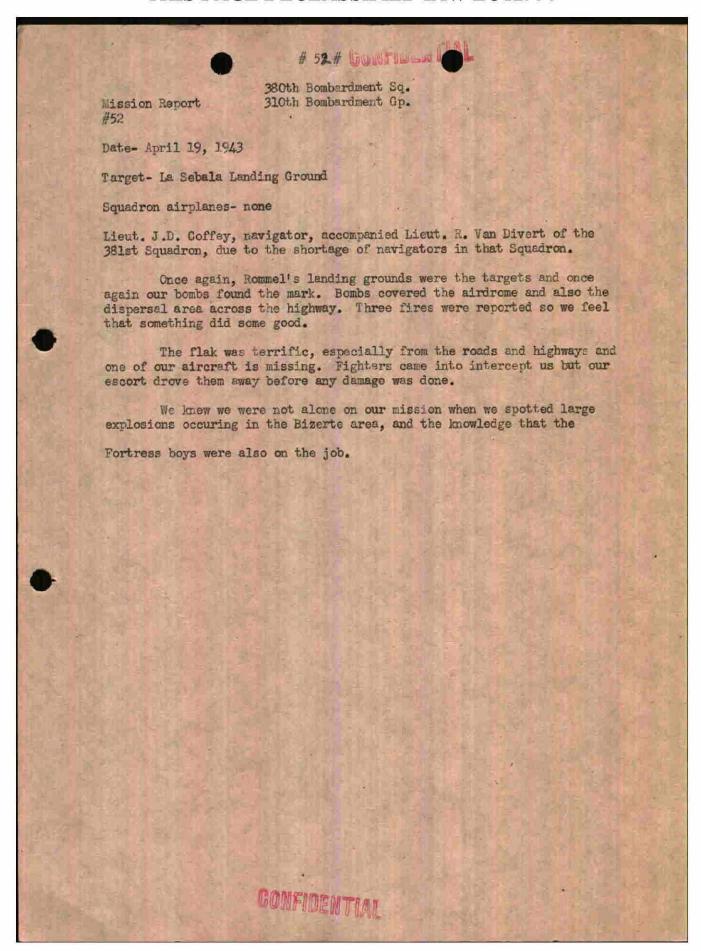
Just to see for himself, what the boys could really do, Colonel Hunter went along today, riding with Capt. Cometh and the smile that graced his face on his return, left, little doublt as to the results of the mission. It was a double barrel attack that we handed old Musso, this afternoon, with 36 airplanes leaving the Base.

The mission was divided with eighteen ships hitting the Fortilia Airdrome and the remainder, which are twelve ships were a part of, were to hit the shipping at Porto Torres, both of the targets being in the north-west corner of Sardinia and but a few miles apart.

Everything was perfect. There wasn t a fighter in the sky, and the boys must have been cleaning their guns, as not a burst of flak was to be seen. Although a slight haze covered the ground, the visibility was still something to brag about.

This afternoon, Lieut. Liverman, bombardier in Capt. Cometh's ship, and leading the flight, became a member of the "Royal and not too Ancient Order of Funneleers", when he dropped one down the funnel of a freighter from 10,000 feet. Pictures proved the accuracy of the mission. One ship was sunk. Another was left in flames while another suffered a hit, damage unknown, while the docks also received two hits. Over 85% of the bombs hit within 20 feet of the target area, and proved to us that the equipment and training was everything people said about it.

The other flight at the airdrome also did their part leaving a hangar and a gasoline dump on fire, and destroying at least 20 aircraft on the ground. We don't know how "Ole Musso" felt about it, but it was certainly a setback to his well-layed plans.



Mission Report # 53

380th Bombardment Sol 310th Bombardment Gp.

Date- April 20, 1943

Target- J-9283 Landing Ground

Squadron Airplanes- eleven

P- Capt. L. Cometh CP- Lieut. J.I. Miller B- Lieut. E.W. Liverman N- Lieut. AJ. Huffman R- S/Sgt. R.J. Mount

G- S/Sgt. P.C. Melhus 0- Capt. J.J. Dent

P- Capt E.E. Batten CP- Lieut. F.A. Shorsher B- Capt. H.A. Sessler R- Sgt. J.A. Dackiewicz R- Sgt. E.D. Barbieri G- S/Sgt. A.A. Szczesniak G- S/Sgt. A.J. Janicki

P- Capt. D.H. Draemel CP- Lieut. R.J. Sours B- Capt. W.G. Holmes N- Lieut. R.C. Kanode R- T/Sgt. R.M. Shambaugh G- S/Sgt. J.A. Williams

P- Capt. C.L. Grow

CP- Lieut. J.W. Hubbard B- Lieut. P.R. Hall

N- Lieut. J.D. Coffey

R- T/Sgt. R.B. Hill

G- S/Sgt. J.L. Pintar

P- Lieut. H.L. Cromartie CF- Lieut. J.E. Wright B- T/Sgt. H.H. Kechter R- T/Sgt. E.M. Smith G- S/Sgt. J. Kobasa

P- Lieut. E.L. Stutts CP- Lieut. E.H. Steger B- S/Sgt. P.E. Kessler AP- Sgt. W.E. Hutchenrider

P- Lieut. C.A. Santos B- S/Sgt. J.S. Lively B- S/Sgt. A.D. Links R. S/Sgt. T.L. Smith G- S/Sgt. W.D. Redding G- S/Sgt. J.J. Grace

P- Lieut. C.D. Amick CP- Lieut. L.L. Porter B- S/Sgt. K.R. Longrie R- S/Sgt. A.J. Meyer G- S/Sgt. H. Huffman

P- Lieut. R.J. McCormick

B- T/Sgt. D.L.Richardson

CP- Lieut. F.C. Ross

R- S/Sgt. R.F. Oliver

G- S/Sgt. A. Leanza

P- Lieut. D.A. Sacknoff CP- Lieut. M.L. Pickleseimer CP- Lieut. A.R. Walcott R- T/Sgt. Rl. Wesline

> P- Lieut. R.S. Rich CP- Lieut. R.R. Goss B- Lieut. R.C. Mizerski R- S/Sgt. J.P. Stilp G- Sgt. L.F. Rodgers

Although we saw one fire today, visibility prevented the accurate bombing that should have been. The field was well covered, especially in the central section, but we were afraid that some planes were not seen.

Flak greeted us all the way in and also all the way back and we also had a grandstand seat at a tank battle, in progress at Medjez el Bab, One stranger accompanied us today, S/Sgt. J.P. Stilp, flying with Lieut. Rich, and loaned for the mission from the 428th Squadron.

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Mission report #54

380th Bombardment Sq. 310th Bombardment Gp.

Date- April 25, 1943

Target- Sea Search

Squadron airplanes- seven

P- Capt. L. Cometh C/P- Lieut. J.I. Miller N- Lieut. A.J. Huffman B- Lieut. E.W. Liverman R- S/Sgt. R.J. Mount G- S/Sgt. P.C. Melhus 0- Major R.R. Wilder

P- Capt. C.L. Grow C/P- Lieut. J.W. Hubbard B- Lieut. P.R. Hall N- Lieut. J.C. Coffey R- T/Sgt. R.B. Hill G- S/Sgt. J.L. Pintar

P- Lieut. H.L. Cromartie P- Lieut. R.J. McCormick

P- Lieut. D.A. Sacknoff C/P- Lieut. A.R. Walcott C/P- Lieut. C.E; Rice B- S/Sgt. A.D. Links B- S/Sgt. F.E. Donahue R- T/Sgt. R.L. Westline R- S/Sgt. C.L. Thomas G- S/Sgt. J.J. Grace G- S/Sgt. G.E. Tabor

P- Capt. E.E. Batten C/P- Lieut. R.A. Shorsher B- Capt. H.A. Sessler R- Sgt. J.A. Dackiewicz G- Sgt. A.A. Szczesniak

C/P- Lieut. J.E. Wright C/P- Lieut. N.L. Toenjes
B- T/Sgt. H.H. Kechter B- T/Sgt. D.L. Richardson
R- T/Sgt. E.M. Smith R- S/Sgt. F.R. Oliver
G- S/Sgt. J. Kobasa G- S/Sgt. A. Leanza

P- Lieut. M.E. Timmerman B- S/Sgt. F.E. Donahue

We really played "bloodhound" this morning, in an attempt to find some Axis shipping. We followed the course so far as they wanted us to go and then in desperation for something to hit, we went even farther but failed to find anything worth while. The weather was terrible. The best visibility at anythme was not over five miles and a ceiling that fairly rested on the water.

We did see two little isolated objects in the water, but what ever they were they were too small to waste bombs upon. Everybody got back in good style, but it seemed nothing more then a day wasted for the most of us.

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Mission report #55

380th Bombardment Sq. 310th Bombardment Gp.

Date- April 26, 1943

Target- Tebourba Highway Junction

Squadron airplanes- two.

P- Capt. D.H. Draemel C/P- Lieut. R.J. Sours B- Capt. W.G. Holmes N- Lieut. R.C. Kanode R- T/Sgt. R.M. Shambaugh G- S/Sgt. J.A. Williams P- Lieut. C.A. Santos C/P- Lieut. M.L. Picklesimer B- S/Sgt. J.S. Lively R- S/Sgt. T.L. Smith G- S/Sgt. W.D. Redding

Once again we took a trip down "Flak Alley". When "Jerry" got tired of loading the big guns, he opened up with the light, but thanks to stranuous evasive action and his poor shooting, we came through unscathed.

Bombs fell all over north eastern Tunisia and also on the target so damage was dont to the Afrika Korps. One string gell along the edge of town and on the junction of the railroad and the highway. The railroad station was seen in flames. Small fires were also seen burning in the northern sector of town.

We had a grandstand seat today for a tank battle near Sidi Nair, and boy they can have it, by the dust and smoke that was rolling up.

Mission report #56

380th Bombardment Sq. 310th Bombardment Gp.

Date- April 28, 1943

Target- Sea Search

Squadron airplanes- three

B- Lieut. P.R. Hall N- Lieut. J.D. Coffey R- T/Sgt. R.B. Hill G- S/Sgt. J.L. Pintar

P- Capt. C.L. Grow P- Lieut. R.S. Rich P- Lieut. C.D. Amick C/P- Lieut. J.W. Hubbard C/P- Lieut. R.R. Goss C/P- Lieut. L.L. Porter B- S/Sgt. W.F. Jastrzemski B- S/Sgt. K.R. Longrie R- S/Sgt. P.A. Poknis R- S/Sgt. A.J. Meyer G- Sgt. L.F. Rodgers G- S/Sgt. H. Huffman

Our long drawn sea searches finally paid dividends today, when we spotted two unescorted vessels in Mare Nostrum. Hits were seen on one and smoke and flames statted to pour out. When last seen it was standing still and starting to settle in the water. The fighters confirmed this for us. The fighter-bombers with us, went to work on the other, with the result that direct hits were also seen on it.

The light flak from the boats was quite intense but due to our altitude it fell short. Two of the gunners in the Group made a claim for a Me-210 that jumped the formation. With all the planes back safely, we could call it a good day. Shore observations were not so good, due to the haze.

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Mission report #57

380th Bombardment Sq. 310th Bombardment Gp.

Date- April 29, 1943

Target- Sea Search

Squadron airplanes- five.

P- Capt. L. Cometh

R- S/Sgt. R.J. Mount G- S/Sgt. A. Leanza G- S/Sgt. P.C. Melhus O- Major R.R. Wilder

P- Lieut. R.J. McCormick CP- Lieut. J.I. Miller CP- Lieut. N.L. Toenjes CP- Lieut. F.A. Shorsher N- Lieut. A.J. Huffman B- T/Sgt. D.L. Richardson B- Capt. H.A. Sessler B- Lieut. E.W. Liverman R- S/Sgt. F.R. Oliver

P- Capt. E.E. Batten

R- T/Sgt. E. Talley G- S/Sgt. A.A. Szczesniak

P- Lieut. E.L. Stutts CP- Lieut. E.H. Steger B- S/Sgt. P.E. Kessler R- Sgt. E.D. Barbieri G- S/Sgt. A.J. Janicki AP- Sgt. W.E. Hutchenrider

P- Lieut. C.D. Amick CP- Lieut. L.L. Porter B- S/Sgt. K.R. Longrie R- S/Sgt. A.J. Meyer G- S/Sgt. H. Huffman

"A life on the ocean wave." This seems to be our motto with the Sea Searches we have been going on. Although we spotted three small boats today, they were too far apart and too small to shoot at. We did have a little action though when Messerschitt- 109's jumped us. Two of our boys made a joint claim for one of them while the fighters with us, P-38's got at least two more of them.

A bi-engine flying boat was seen in the distance but too far away to even go after. Visibility again stopped us from making any shore observations.

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Mission report #58

380th Bomberdment Sq. 310th Bombardment GP.

Date- May 3, 1943

Target- Landing Ground at J- 8875

Squadron airplanes- eleven

P- Capt. L. Cometh CP- Lieut. J.I. Miller B- ieut. E.W. Liverman N- Lieut. A.J. Huffman R- S/Sgt. R.J. Mount G- S/Sgt. P.C. Melhus 0- Maj. R.R. Wilder

CF- Lieut. E.H. Steger CF- Lieut. L.L. Porter CP- Lieut. R.J. Sours
B- S/Sgt. P.E. Kessler B- S/Sgt. K.R. Longrie B- Lieut. R.C. Mizerski
R- Sgt. E.D. Barbieri R- S/Sgt. A.J. Meyer N- Lieut. R.C. Kanode
G- S/Sgt. A.J. Janicki G- S/Sgt. H. Huffman R- T/Sgt. R.M. Shambaugh
AP- Sgt. W.E. Hutchenrider G- S/Sgt. T. Shambaugh P- Lieut. E.L. Stutts

P- Lieut. C.A. Santos CP- Lieut. M.L. Pickleseimer CP- Lieut. A.R. Walcott CP- Lieut. J.W. Hubbard

P- Lieut. H.L. Cromartie P- Capt. E.E. Batten CP- Lieut. J.E. Wright CP- Lieut. F.A. Shorsher
B- T/Sgt. H.H. Kechter B- Capt. H.A. Sessler
R- T/Sgt. E.M. Smith R- T/Sgt. E.C. Talley
G- S/Sgt. J. Kobasa G- S/Sgt. A.A. Szczesniak

P- Lieut. C.D. Amick

P- Lieut. D.A. Sacknoff P- Capt. L.Grow

R- T/Sgt. R.M. Shambaugh

B- S/Sgt. J.S. Lively

R- S/Sgt. T.L. Smith

G- S/Sgt. W.D. Redding

B- Sgt. S.R. Crossman

B- Lieut. P.R. Hall

R- T/Sgt. R. L. Wesline

R- T/Sgt. R.B. Hill G- S/Sgt. J.L. Pinter

P- Lieut. M.E. Timmerman P- Lieut. R.S. Rich

CP- Lieut. C.E. Rice

B- S/Sgt. F.E. Donahue

R- S/Sgt. C.L. Thomas

G- Sgt. E.F. Rodgers

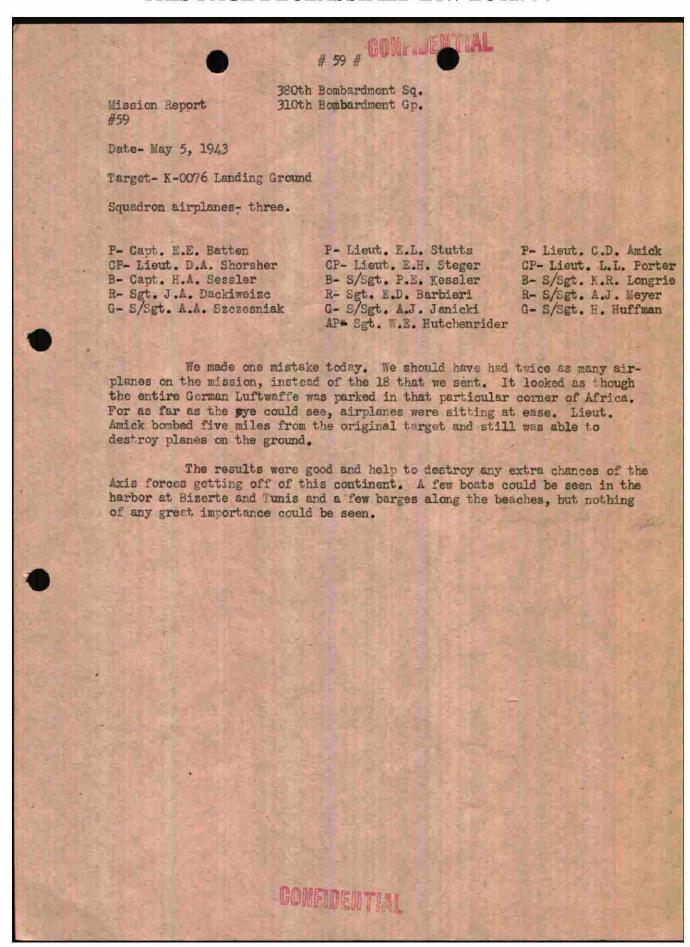
R- S/Sgt. C.E. Tabor

R- S/Sgt. F.A. Poknis

The pilots didn't have to make any evasive action this afternoon, as the air was so rough that it practically tossed us all over the sky. A few planes were seen on the landing ground and the first flight was the lone section to be able to drop their pills.

Some hits were seen among the airplanes parked, but just how much damage was done is still uncertain. Flak came at us from all directions and one group plane came home with a dead gunner and four wounded men, but it did come home.

The weather was bad again and the haze extended to 11,000 feet. The ground looked like it was covered with a shroud. We all got back anxious to be able to go again when the weather breaks.



#60# 380th Bombardment Sq. 310th Bombardment Gp.

Mission Report #60

Date- May 6, 1943

Target- Port Favignana, Egadi Islands

Squadron airplanes- twelve

P- Capt. L.Cometh C/P- Lieut. J.L. Miller N- Lieut. A.J. Huffman B- Lieut. E.W. Liverman R- S/Sgt. R.J. Mount G- S/Sgt. P.C.Hellus

P- Lieut. R.J. McCormick C/P- Lieut. N.L.Toenjes B- T/Sgt/ D.L. Richardson B- T/Sgt. H.H.Kechter R- S/Sgt. F.R. Oliver G- S/Sgt. A. Leanza

P- Lieut. H.L. Cromartie C/P- Lieut. J.E. Wright R- T/Sgt. E.M.Smith G- S/Sgt. J.Kobasa

P- Capt. E.E.Batten C/P- Lieut, F.A. Shorsher C/P- Lieut, E.H. Steger B- Capt. H.A. Sessler R- Sgt. J.A.Dackiweicz G- S/Sgt. A.A.Szczewniak G- S/Sgt. A.J.Janicki

P- Lieut. E.L.Stutts B- S/Sgt. P.E.Kessler R- Sgt. E.D.Barbieri A/P- Sgt. W.E.Hutchenrider P- Lieut. C.A. Santos C/P- Lieut, M.L. Picklesimer C/P- Lieut, A.R. Walcott B- S/Sgt. J.S. Lively

P- Lieut. C.D. Amick C/P- Lieut. L.L.Porter B- S/Sgt. K.R. Longrie R- S/Sgt. A.J. Meyer G- S/Sgt. H.Huffman

P- Capt. D.H.Draemel C/P- Lieut. R.J. Sours N- Lieut. R.C.Kanode B- Lieut, R.C. Mizerski R- T/Sgt. R.M. Shambaugh G- S/Sgt. J.A. Williams 0- Maj. R.R.Wilder

R- S/Sgt. T.L.Smith G- S/Sgt. W.D. Redding

P- Lieut. D.A. Sacknoff B- S.R. Crossman R- T/Sgt. R.L.Wesline G- S/Sgt. J.J. Grace

P- Capt. C.L.Grow C/P- Lieut, J.W. Hubbard N- Liuet. J.C.Coffey B- Lieut. P.R.Hall R- T/Sgt. R.B.Hill G- S/Sgt. J.L. Pintar

P- Lieut. M.E.Timmerman C/P- Lieut. C.E.Rice B- S/Sgt. F.E. Donahue R- S/Sgt. C.L.Thomas G- S/Sgt. G.E.Tabon

P- Lieut. R.S. Rich C/P- Lieut. R.R.Goss B- S/Sgt. W.F.Jastrzemski R- S/Sgt. P.A.Poknis G- Sgt. L.F.Rodgers

The three ships riding placidly in the harbor received nothing more than a jolt from the rude waves cast up by our misses, but the people in the town received the lion's ## share of the bombs. We overshot entirely today and for what reason no one seems to know. Bombs fell through the town and on the edge of the docks and fires were still seen burning 60 miles away.

A few enemy fighters could be seen in the distance, but none of them seemed to want action as the P-38 boys attempted to coax them on without success. All of the boys came back safe and sound.

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380th Bombardment Sq. 310th Bombardment Gp.

Mission Report #61

Date- May 8, 1943

Target- K-4545 Railroad and Highway Junction

Squadron airplanes- ten

G- S/Sgt. P.C.Melhus 0- Maj. R.R. Wilder

P- Capt. E.E.Batten P- Capt. D.H.Draemel C/P- Lieut. F.A.Shorsher C/P- Lieut. R.J.Sours

G-S/Sgt. A.A.Szczesniak R-T/Sgt. R.M.Shambaugh G-S/Sgt. W.D.Redding

P- Capt. L.Cometh
C/P- Lieut. J.I.Miller
N- Lieut. A.J.Huffman
B- Lieut. E.W.Liverman
R- S/Sgt. R.J.Mount
C- S/Sgt. A.Leanza
C/P- Lieut. H.L.Cromartie
C/P- Lieut. H.L.Cromartie
C/P- Lieut. J.E.Wright
B- T/Sgt. D.L.Richardson
R- T/Sgt. H.H.Kechter
R- T/Sgt. E.M.Smith
G- S/Sgt. A.Leanza
G- S/Sgt. J.Kobasa

G- S/Sgt. J.A. Williams 0- Capt. J.J.Dent

P- Lieut. C.A.Santos C/P- Lieut. M.L. Picklesimer

B- Capt. H.A. Sessler N. Lieut. R.C. Kanode B- S/Sgt. J.S. Lively R- S/Sgt. J.A. Dackiewicz B- Lieut. R.C. Mizerski R- S/Sgt. T.L. Smith

P- Lieut. D.A. Sacknoff C/P- Lieut. A.R. Walcott B- Cpl. S.R.Crossman R- T/Sgt. R.L.Wesline G- S/Sgt. J.J.Grace

P- Lieut. M.E.Timmerman C/P- Lieut. G.E.Rice B- S/Sgt. F.E.Donahue

P- Capt. C.L.Grow C/P- Lieut. J.W.Hubbard
N- Lieut. J.C.Coffey
B- Lieut. P.R.Hall
R- T/Set. R.R.Hall R- T/Sgt. R.B.Hill G- S/Sgt. J.L. Pintar

P- Lieut. R.S.Rich C/P- Lieut. R.R.Goss B- S/Sgt. W.F.Jastrzemski R- S/Sgt. P.A.Poknis R- S/Sgt. C.L.Thomas K- S/Sgt. L.F.Rodgers
G- Sgt. L.F.Rodgers

Bombs fell all over the Cape Bon this afternoon as we went forth with strong heart bolstered the news that Bizerte and Tunis were now in our hands. The road junction received some bombs and quite a few others tore up a section of railroad track.

The highway from Hammament to the end of the Cape was heavy with traffic. streaming northeast. They were German trucks and trailers bearing no resemblance of a convoy but in madly in retreat. It was a sight long awaited and a sight that could be enjoyed to see the so-called finest running away in shame.

Some flak was thrown up at us, but not enough to really bother about. It looked like a last sad salvo to the end of the African campaign. All of our airplanes returned safely.

Mission report #62

380th Bombardment Sq. 310th Bombardment Gp.

Date- May 9, 1943

Target- Palermo, Sicily

Squadron airplanes- nine

P- Capt. L. Cometh C/P- Lieut. J.I. Miller N- Lieut. A.J. Huffman B- Lieut. E.W. Liverman

R- S/Sgt. R.J. Mount G- S/Sgt. P.C. Melhus

0- Brig. Gen. E.E. Partridge

P- Lieut. R.J. McCormick P- Lieut. H.L. Cromartie C/P- Lieut. N.L. Toenjes C/P- Lieut. J.E. Wright B- S/Sgt. D.L. Richardson B- T/Sgt. H.H. Kechter R- S/Sgt. F.R. Oliver R- T/Sgt. E.M. Smith G- S/Sgt. A. Leanza G- S/Sgt. J. Kobasa G- S/Sgt. A. Leanza G- S/Sgt. J. Kobasa

P- Capt. D.H. Draemel C/P- Lieut. R.J. Sours N- Lieut. R.C. Kanode B- Lieut. R.C. Mizerski R- T/Sgt. R.M. Shambaugh G- S/Sgt. J.A. Williams 0- Capt. J.J. Dent

P-Capt. C.L. Grow C/P- Lieut. J.W. Hubbard N- Lieut. J.C. Coffey B- Lieut. P.R. Hall R- T/Sgt. R.B. Hill G- S/Sgt. J.L. Pintar

P-Lieut. C.A. Santos C/P- Lieut. M.L. Picklesimer C/P- Lieut. A.R. Walcott B- S/Sgt. J.S. Lively B- Cpl. S.R. Crossman R- S/Sgt. T.L. Smith R- T/Sgt. R.L. Westline G- S/Sgt. W.D. Redding G- S/Sgt. J.J. Grace

P- Lieut. M.E. Timmerman

P- Lieut. D.A. Sacknoff

P- Lieut. R.S. Rich C/F- Lieut. C.E. Rice C/F- Lieut. R.R. Goss
B- S/Sgt. F.E. Donahue B- S/Sgt. W.F. Jastrzemsk
R- S/Sgt. C.L. Thomas R- S/Sgt. P.A. Poknis
G- S/Sgt. G.E. Tabor G- Sgt. L.F. Rodgers

"When we got there the docks were burning and when we left the whole town was burning," was a description of Palermo after the largest American raid in history. The Fortresses opened the battle with bombing on the docks and left huge fires burning for us to line our sights up by.

We lined them up and entire assigned target area was well covered. The fires were burning so bright that the same evening when the Wellingtons went over they did not have to use their flares but bombed by the fires still burning from our mission this afternoon.

The flak was heavy and of a barrage type and caused Lieut. Coffey to crack that "Between the smoke and the flak I had to navigate by celestial means." All of our ships returned safely.

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Mission report #63

380th Bombardment Sq. 310th Bombardment Gp.

Date- May 11, 1943

Target- Marsala, Sicily

Squadron airplanes- twelve

P- Capt. L. Cometh C/F- Lieut. J.I. Miller N- Lieut. A.J. Huffman B- Lieut. E.W. Liverman R- S/Sgt. R.J. Mount G- S/Sgt. P.C. Melhus

P- Lieut. R.J. McCormick C/P- Lieut. N.L. Toenjes R- S/Sgt. F.R. Oliver G- S/Sgt. A. Leanza

P- Lieut. H.L. Cromartie C/P- Lieut. J.E. Wright B- T/Sgt. D.L. Richardson B- T/Sgt. H.H. Kechter R- T/Sgt. E.M. Smith G- S/Sgt. J. Kobasa

P- Capt. E.E. Batten C/P- Lieut. F.A. Shorsher C/P- Lieut. E.H. Steger B- Capt. H.A. Sessler R- T/Sgt. E.C. Talley G- S/Sgt. A.A. Szczesniak G- S/Sgt. A.J. Janicki

P- Lieut. E.L. Stutts B- S/Sgt. P.E. Kessler R- Sgt. E.D. Barbieri AP- Sgt. W.E. Hutchenrider P- Lieut. C.D. Amick C/P- Lieut. L.L. Porter B- S/Sgt. K.R. Longrie R- S/Sgt. A.J. Meyer G- S/Sgt. H. Huffman

P- Capt. D.H. Draemel C/P- Lieut. R.J. Sours N- Lieut. R.C. Kanode B- Lieut. R.C. Mizerski R- T/Sgt. R.M. Shambaugh G- S/Sgt. J.A. Williams

P- Lieut. C.A. Santos C/P- Lieut. M.L. Picklesimer C/P- Lieut. A.R. Walcott B- S/Sgt. J.S. Lively R- S/Sgt. T.L. Smith G- S/Sgt. W.D. Redding

P- Lieut. D.A. Sacknoff B- Cpl. S.R. Crossman R- T/Sgt. R.L. Westline G- S/Sgt. J.J. Grace

P- Capt. C.L. Grow N- Lieut. J.D. Coffey B- Lieut. P.R. Hall R- T/sgt. R.B. Hill G- S/Sgt. J.L. Pintar

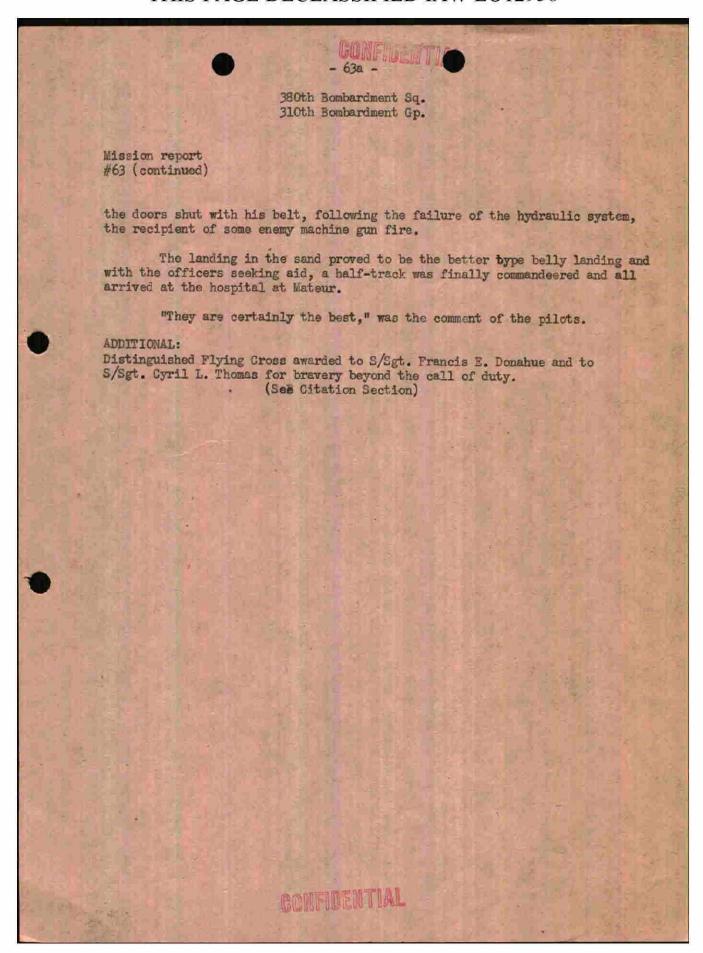
P- Liert. N.E. Timmerman C/P- Lieut. J.W. Hubbard C/P- Lieut. C.E. Rice B- S/Sgt. F.E. Donahue R- S/Sgt. C.L. Thomas G- S/Sgt. G.E. Tabor

P- Lieut. R.S. Rich C/F- Lieut. R.R. Goss B- S/Sgt. W.F. Jastrzemski R- S/Sgt. P.A. Poknis G- Sgt. L.F. Rodgers

It was a real show this afternoon as huge billows of smoke could be seen rising from the target area, after we had traveled 60 miles on the return leg. Three Me-109's were knocked down by the guns of the Group with Sgts. Pintar and Rodgers making a joint claim for one of them.

Just to top the afternoon off, Lieut. Timmerman had to get shot up and crash land on the beach, east of Bizerte, just the short space of 24 hours after Allied ground troops had taken over the territory. It was a running fight for several minutes before our escort helped out and after being wounded, Sgt. Tabor continued to sit in the turret, the wind slapping him in the face, and pour tracers into an enemy fighter. He did not get to make his claim until his return from the hospital. Sgts. Thomas and Donahue were also the recipients of flak while Lieut. Timmerman received a cut hand and Lieut. Rice came through unscathed. Just to make it a good afternoon, a fire broke out in the navigator's compartment and Sgts. Thomas and Donahue beat it out with the jackets, when the fire extinguished failed to work. Sgt. Donahue aided the flight by hanging into the bomb bay and strapping

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Mission report #64

380th Bombardment Sq. 310th Bombardment Gp.

Date- May 13, 1943

Target- Cagliari, Sardinia

Squadron airplanes- eight

P- Capt. D.H. Draemel C/P- Lieut. R.J. Sours B- Lieut. R.C. Mizerski N- Lieut. R.C. Kanode R- T/Sgt. R.M. Shambaugh G- S/Sgt. J.A. Williams

P- Capt. C.L. Grow C/F- Lieut. J.W. Hubbard B- Lieut. P.R. Hall N- Lieut. J.D. Coffey R- T/Sgt. R.B. Hill G- S/Sgt. J.L. Pintar

P- Lieut. C.A. Santos C/P- Lieut. M.L. Pickelsimer C/P- Lieut. A.R. Walcott B- S/Sgt. J.S. Lively B- Cpl. S.R. Crossman R- S/Sgt. T.L. Smith R- T/Sgt. R.L. Westline G- S/Sgt. W.D. Redding G- S/Sgt. J.J. Grace

P- Lieut. R.S. Rich C/P- Lieut. R.R. Goss B- S/Sgt. W.F. Jastrzemski B- Capt. H.A. Sessler R- S/Sgt. P.A. Pokmis R- S/Sgt. J.A. Dackiewicz G- Sgt. L.F. Rodgers G- S/Sgt. A.A. Szczesniak

P- Lieut. D.A. Sacknoff

P- Capt. E.E. Batten C/P- Lieut. F.A. Shorsher

P- Lieut. E.L. Statts C/P- Lieut. E.H. Steger B- S/Sgt. P.E. Kessler R- Sgt. E.D. Barbieri G- S/Sgt. A.J. Janicki AP- Sgt. W.E. Hutchenrider

P- Lieut. C.D. Amick C/P- Lieut, L.L. Porter B- S/Sgt. K.R. Longitie R- S/Sgt. A.J. Meyer G- S/Sgt. H. Huffman

It was just another coordinated raid with the scourge of North Africa, 36 B-25's picking out the hard target, the railroad yards and the edge of town. We picked it out in fine shape and smoke could be seen, attempting to obscure the sum and the Chemical plant, the prize target for the afternoon, also fell to the aim of our bombardiers.

It seemed as though "Jerry" was not quite as brave as he used to be, as he came swarming up, but when the escort jumped him, he failed to mix it up, and headed back for home. Seaplanes could be seen at Elmas, but none made any attempt to takem off. The falk was heavy and accurate and although a few of the ships came back sporting holes, nothing serious occurred during the mission.

Except for a slight haze on our side of the battle-line, the weather was fine all the way, and not a cloud could be found to obscure our vision.

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Mission report #65

380th Bombardment Sq. 310th Bombardment Gp.

Date- May 14, 1943

Target- Olbia, Sardinia

Squadron airplanes- nine

G- S/Sgt. P.C. Melhus 0- Major R.R. Wilder

P- Capt. L. Cometh P- Lieut. R.J. McCormick P- Lieut. H.L. Cromartie C/P- Lieut. J.I. Miller C/P- Lieut. N.L. Toenjes C/P- Lieut. J.E. Wright N- Lieut. A.J. Huffman B- T/Sgt. D.L. Richardson B- T/Sgt. H.H. Kechter B- Lieut. E.W. Liverman R- S/Sgt. F.R. Oliver R- T/Sgt. E.M. Smith R- S/Sgt. R.J. Mount G- S/Sgt. A. Leanza G- S/Sgt. J. Kobasa

B- Lieut. P.R. Hall R- S/Sgt. P.A. Poknis R- T/Sgt. R.B. Hill G- Sgt. L.F. Rogers G- S/Sgt. J.L. Pintar

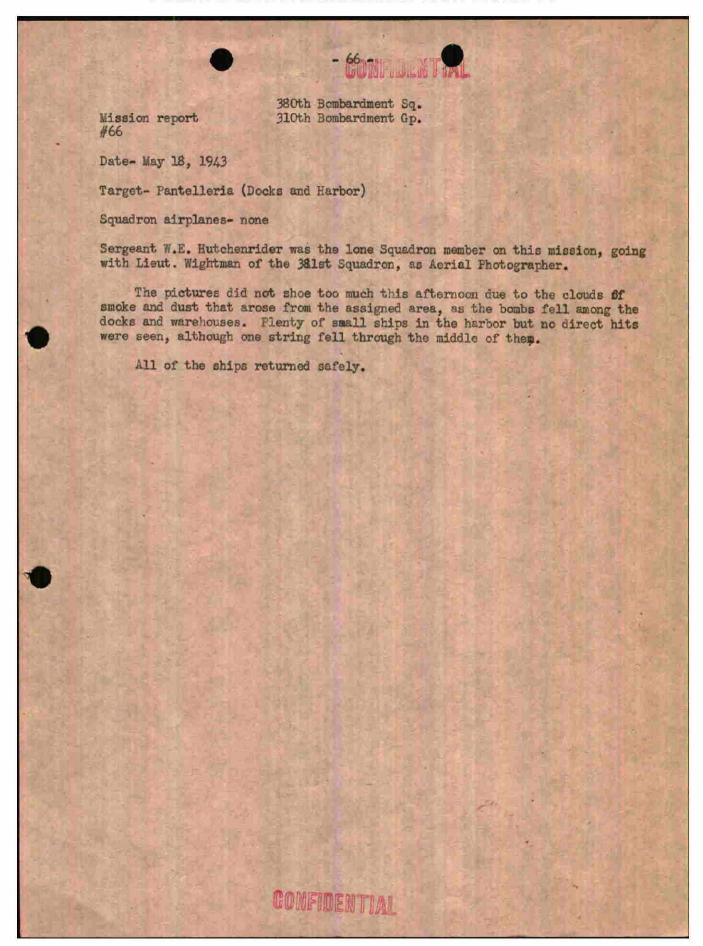
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P- Capt. D.H. Draemel P- Lieut. C.A. Santos P- Lieut. D.A. Sacknoff C/P- Lieut. R.J. Sours C/P- Lieut. M.L. Picklesimer C/P- Lieut. A.R. Walcott B- Lieut. R.C. Mizerski B- S/Sgt. J.S. Lively B- Cpl. S.R. Crossman N- Lieut. R.C. Kanode R- S/Sgt. T.L. Smith R- T/Sgt. R.L. Westline R- T/Sgt. R.M. Shambaugh G- S/Sgt. W.D. Redding G- S/Sgt. J.J. Grace G- S/Sgt. H.A. Williams

Thirty six ships went out again this afternoon and the results were as good as ever. Three merchant vessels in the harbor received direct hits and a small one was seen to me go down.

A hit in the dock area statted a fire and huge cloud of black smoke could be seen spiraling up to 5,000'. Credit was received for two vessels sunk and another damaged in the final analysis. Three fighters came up to greet us but the escort took good care of them and one was last seen heading for the drink.

The flak was slight and very inaccurate and not a scratch was received as all the ships came back home to roost.



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Mission report #67

380th Bombardment Sq. 310th Bombardment Gp.

Date- May 19, 1943

Target- Milis Airdrome, Sardinia

Squadron airplanes- twelve

P- Capt. L. Cometh C/P- Lieut. J.I. Miller N- Lieut. A.J. Huffman R- S/Sgt. R.J. Mount G- S/Sgt. P.C. Melhus

C/P- Lieut. N.L. Toenjes C/P- Lieut. J.E. Wright B- T/Sgt. D.L. Richardson B- T/Sgt. H.H. Kechter B- Lieut. E.W. Liverman R- S/Sgt. F.R. Oliver R- T/Sgt. E.M. Smith G- S/Sgt. A. Leanza

P- Lieut. R.J. McCormick P- Lieut. H.L. Cromartie G- S/Sgt. J. Kobasa

C/P- Lieut. R.J. Sours G- S/Sgt. J.A. Williams

P- Capt. D.H. Draemel P- Lieut. C.A. Santos P- Lieut. D.A. Sacknoff C/P- Lieut, M.L. Picklesimer C/P- Lieut. F.C. Folwell N- Lieut. R.C. Kanode B- S/Sgt. J.S. Lively B- S/Sgt. A.D. Links B- Lieut. R.C. Mizerski R- S/Sgt. T.L. Smith R- T/Sgt. R.L. Westline R- T/Sgt. R.M. Shambaugh G- S/Sgt. W.D. Redding G- S/Sgt. J.J. Grace

P- Lieut. E.L. Stutts B- S/Sgt. P.E. Kessler R- Sgt. E.D. Barbieri G- S/Sgt. A.J. Janicki AP* Sgt. W.E. Hutchenrider

P- Capt. E.E. Batten P- Lieut. E.L. Stutts P- Capt. E.E. Batten P- Lieut. C.D. Amick C/P- Lieut. E.H. Steger C/P- Lieut. F.A. Shorsher C/P- Lieut. L.L. Porter B- Capt. H.A. Sessler B- S/Sgt. K.R. Longrie R- S/Sgt. J.A. Dackiewicz G- S/Sgt. A.A. Szczesniak G- S/Sgt. H. Huffman

P- Lieut. C.D. Amick R- S/Sgt. A.J. Neyer

P- Capt. C.L. Grow C/P- Lieut. J.W. Hubbard N- Lieut. J.D. Coffey B- Lieut. P.R. Hall R- T/Sgt. R.B. Hill G- S/Sgt. J.L. Pintar

P- Lieut. A.R. Walcott C/P- Lieut. J.R. B- S/Sgt. W.F. B- Sgt. S.R. Crossman B- S/Sgt. W.F. B- S/Sgt. B- S/Sgt. P.A. Poknis R- T/Sgt. E.C. Talley G- Sgt. L.F. Rodgers C/P- Lieut. J.H. Benton

P- Lieut. R.S. Rich C/P- Lieut. R.R. Goss B- S/Sgt. W.F. Jastrzemski

The Axis transports took another beating this afternoon, when we caught about forty of them cornered on the airdrome. Eight fires were counted while bombs were seen falling and well covering the entire dispersal area.

The fighters failed to contact us, although we could see about ten of them mixing it up with our escort to their sorrow, as one of them was seen to go

Some shipping was seen, two merchant vessels and one submarine. All of the planes returned safely despite the feeble flak barrage.

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Mission report #68

380th Bombardment Sq. 310th Bombardment Go.

Date- May 21, 1943

Target- Villacidro Airdrome, Sardinia.

Squadron airplanes- twelve.

P- Capt. L. Cometh C/P- Lieut. J.I. Miller B- Lieut. E.W. Liverman N- Lieut. A.J. Huffman R- S/Sgt. R.J. Mount G- S/Sgt. P.C. Melhus

0- Major R.R. Wilder

G- S/Sgt. J. Kobasa

P- Lieut. H.L. Cromartie P- Lieut. R.J. McCormack C/P- Lieut. J.E. Wright C/P- Lieut. N.L. Toenjes
B- T/Sgt. H.H. Kechter B- T/Sgt. D.L. Richardson
R- T/Sgt. E.M. Smith R- S/Sgt. F.R. Oliver G- S/Sgt. A. Leanza

P- Capt. E.E. Batten P- Lieut. E.L. Stutts C/P- Lieut. F.A. Shorsher C/P- Lieut. E.H. Steger B- Capt. H.A. Sessler B- S/Sgt. P.E. Kessler

R- S/Sgt. J.A. Dackiewicz R- S/Sgt. E.D. Barbieri G- S/Sgt. A.A. Szczesniak G- S/Sgt. A.J. Janicki AP- S/Sgt. W.E. Hutchenrider

P- Lieut. C.D. Amick C/P- Lieut. L.L. Porter B- S/Sgt. K.R. Longrie R- S/Sgt. A.J. Meyer G- S/Sgt. W. Huffman

P- Capt. D.H. Draemel C/P- Lieut. R.J. Sours G- S/Sgt. J.A. Williams 0- Capt. J.J. Dent

P- Lieut. C.A. Santos C/P- Lieut. M.L. Picklesimer C/P- Lieut. F.C. Folwell B- Lieut. R.C. Mizerski B- S/Sgt. J.S. Lively B- S/Sgt. A.D. Links N- Lieut. R.C. Kanode R- S/Sgt. T.L. Smith R- T/Sgt. R.L. Westline R- T/Sgt. R.M. Shambaugh G- S/Sgt. W.D. Redding G- S/Sgt. J.J. Grace

P- Lieut. D.A. Sacknoff

P- Capt. C.L. Grow C/P- Lieut. J.W. Hubbard C/P- Lieut. J.H. Benton C/P- Lieut. R.R. Goss B- Lieut. P.R. Hall N- Lieut. J.D. Coffey R- T/Sgt. R.B. Hill G- S/Sgt. J.L. Pintar

P- Lieut. A.R. Walcott B- Sgt. S.R. Grossman B- S/Sgt. W.F. Jastrze R- T/Sgt. E.C. Talley R- S/Sgt. P.A. Poknis G- Cpl. J.E. Fahey

P- Lieut. R.S. Rich B- S/Sgt. W.F. Jastrzemski G- Sgt. L.F. Rodgers

Everything that makes for an exciting mission was there this afternoon with all the trimmings. The target was well outlined and the airplanes were seen parked on all corners of the field. The flak was heavy and intense and fighters swarmed up to greet us. The Group lost two airplanes to the intense flak, one of them being Lt. McCormick and his crew, the planes bursting into flames before it reached the ground. Four parachutes were seen to open, but whom they belonged to is not known. The humor of the chaos was when two men of the 379th Squadron bee came excited and "bailed out", and the airplane went back home without a scratch.

The bombs well covered the dispersal areas and "dog-fights" were common in all directions, as we counted four fighters knocked down by our escort. One flak battery will not fire anymore and that is certain as his guns disappeared in smoke. Sgt. Melhus, with Capt. Cometh, claimed a Me-109 to the aim of his upper turret. Despite the flak and fighters, 22 of our ships came home to base.

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Mission report #69

380th Bombardment Sq. 310th Bombardment Gp.

Date- May 24, 1943

Target- Olbia-Venefiorita Airdrome, Sardinia

Squadron airplanes- ten.

P- Capt. L. Cometh G- S/Sgt. P.C. Melhus 0- Major R.R. Wilder

P- Lieut. E.L. Statts C/P- Lieut. J.I. Willer C/P- Lieut. S.E. Wright C/P- Lieut. F.A. Shors N- Lieut. A.J. Huffman B- S/Sgt. P.E. Kessler B- Capt. H.A. Sessler B- Lieut. E.W. Liverman R- S/Sgt. E.D. Barbieri R- T/Sgt. R.L. Westline R- S/Sgt. R.J. Mount G- S/Sgt. A.J. Janicki G- S/Sgt. J.J. Grace AP- S/Sgt. W.E. Hutchenrider

P- Lieut. D.A. Sacknoff C/P- Lieut. F.A. Shorsher

B- S/Sgt. A.D. Links B- S/Sgt. F.E. Donahue B- Lieut. R.C. Mizers R- T/Sgt. E.C. Talley R- Pvt. P.D. Alexander N- Lieut. R.C. Kanode G- Sgt. J. Fahey

P- Lieut. A.R. Walcott P- Lieut. C.E. Rice C/P- Lieut. J.H. Benton C/P- Lieut. E.A. Drew G- S/Sgt. C.L. Thomas

P- Capt. D.H. Draemel C/P- Lieut. R.J. Sours B- Lieut. R.C. Mizerski R- T/Sgt. R.M. Shambaugh G- S/Sgt. J.A. Williams

P- Lieut. C.A. Santos C/P- Lieut. V.R. Faulds B- S/Sgt. J.S. Livly R- S/Sgt. T.L. Smith G- S/Sgt. W.D. Redding

P- Capt. C.L. Grow C/F- Lieut. J.W. Hubbard B- Lieut. P.R. Hall N- Lieut. J.D. Coffey R- T/Sgt. R.B. Hill G- S/Sgt. J.L. Pintar

P- Lieut. C.D. Amick C/P- Lieut. L.L. Porter B- S/Sgt. K.R. Longrie R- S/Sgt. A.J. Meyer G- S/Sgt. H. Huffman

P- Lieut. M.L. Picklesimer C/P- Lieut. F.C. Folwell B- Sgt. S.R. Crossman R- S/Sgt. J.A. Dackiewicz G- S/Sgt. A.A. Szczesniak

Flak of all sorts and descriptions was thrown at us today. Machine gun fire, medium flak and heavy flak from boats and barges and harbor installations as well as the batteries at the field, but excellent flying and evasive action brought the ships back without a scratch. The boys also claimed one Ma-200, knocked down by the upper turret, while the cross fire kept the other fighters at a safe distance.

Our fragmentation bombs well covered the landing ground and a direct hit was seen on a Me-323, which burst into flames. Some bombs also fell in the barracks area and two large columns of smoke could be seen rising into the ozone.

Why the Axis paint their airplanes in such gaudy colors is beyond us, but for a while we thought we had tangled with a rainbow. The color seems to have very little protective qualities against .50 caliber bullets.



Mission report #70

380th Bomberdment Sq. 310th Bombardment Gp.

Date- May 26, 1943

Target- Ponte-Olive Airdrome, Sicily

Squadron airplanes- three

P- Lieut. C.E. Rice

P- Lieut. C.D. Amick

P- Lieut. C.A. Santos C/P- Lieut. C.E. Rice
C/P- Lieut. C.B. Amick
C/P- Lieut. C.A. Santos
C/P- Lieut. E.A. Drew
C/P- Lieut. L.L. Porter
C/P- Lieut. V.R. Faulds
B- S/Sgt. F.E. Donahue
B- S/Sgt. K.R. Longrie
B- S/Sgt. J.S. Lively
R- Pvt. P.D. Alexander
C- S/Sgt. A.J. Meyer
C- S/Sgt. C.L. Thomas
C- S/Sgt. H. Huffman
C- S/Sgt. W.D. Redding

Although we thought Adolph had learned his lesson by now, we still continued to catch his aircraft parked along the lanes and again today, seven direct hit were scored on these medium sixed ships. Fires broke out in the center of the field and dust clouds, from explosions could be seen covering the revetments where other planes were parked.

Some dogfights occurred between the escort and some fighters despite the heavy cloud of flak over the target, We lost one airplane someplace off the Sicilian coast on the return route, and as far as we know he is still missing. The ships belonged to the 381st Squadron

The remainder of the planes came home safely.

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Mission report #71

380th Bombardment Sq. 310th Bombardment Gp.

Date- May 28, 1943

Target- Sciacca Airdrome, Sicily

Squadron Airplanes- nine

P- Capt. D.H. Draemel C/P- Major R.R. Wilder N- Lieut. R.C. Kanode B- Capt. W.G. Holmes R- T/Sgt. R.M. Shambaugh G- S/Sgt. J.A. Williams

P- Lieut. D.A. Sacknoff C/P- Lieut. W.S. Derrick B- Capt. H.A. Sessler R- T/Sgt. R.L. Westline G- S/Sgt. J.J. Grace

P- Capt. C.L. Grow C/P- Lieut. J.W. Hubbard B- Lieut. P.R. Hall N- Lieut. J.D. Coffey R- T/Sgt. R.B. Hill G- S/Sgt. J.L. Pintar

P- Lieut. C.A. Santos C/P- Lieut. J.R. Faulds B- S/Sgt. J.S. Livley R- S/Sgt. T.L. Smith G- S/Sgt. W.D. Redding

P- Lieut. A.R. Walcott P- Lieut. R.S. Rich C/P- Lieut. J.H. Benton C/P- Lieut. E.A. Drew B- S/Sgt. A.D. Links B- S/Sgt. F.E. Donahue
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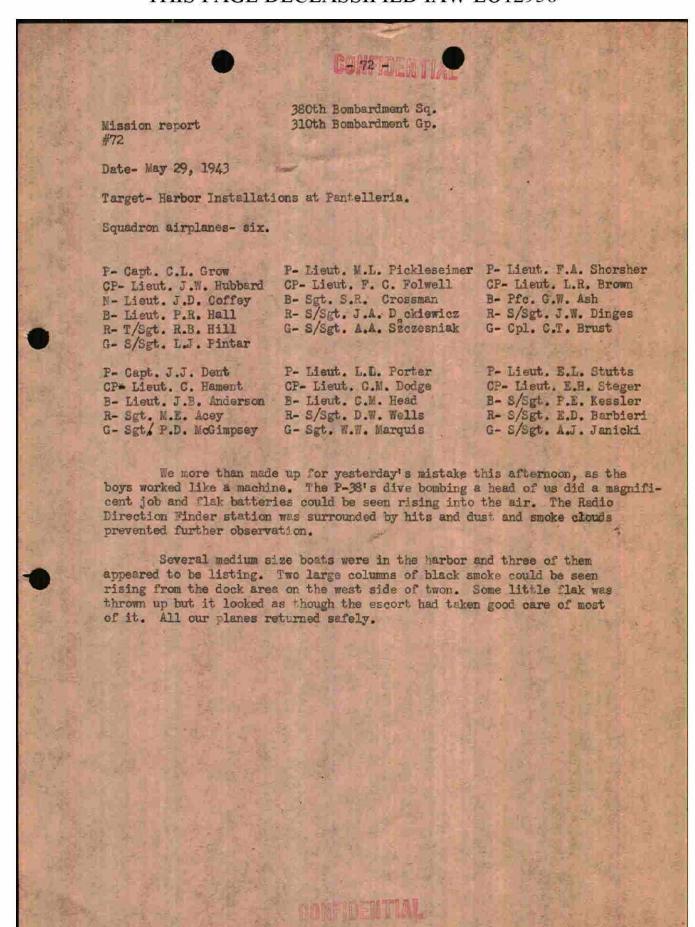
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P- Lieut. C.D. Amick C/P- Lieut. F.C. Ross B- S/Sgt. K.R. Longrie R- S/Sgt. A.J. Meyer G- S/Sgt. H. Huffman

G- S/Sgt. C.L. Thomas

A little navigational error this afternoon, left us dropping bombs along the entire coast of southern Sicily. We hit the coast at the wrong spot and when the visibility was too bad to pick out any landmarks, our bombing on the estimated time of arrival, was about 10 miles short of the target.

One plane did manage to drop their bombs on the field, but what damage was done was unknown. A little flak was thrown up in spots but no fighters were seen and all the planes came home, a little peeved and ready to go back and finish the job.



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Mission report # 73

380th Bombardment Sq. 310th Bombardment Gp.

Date- May 31, 1943

Squadron Airplanes- six

P- Capt. D.H. Draemel CP- Lieut. R.J. Sours N- Lieut. R.C. Kanode B- Lieut. R.C. Mizerski R- S/Sgt. T.L. Smith R- T/Sgt. T.N. Shambaough G- S/Sgt. W.D. Redding G- S/Sgt. J.A. Williams.

P- Lieut. C.A. Santos CP- Lieut. J.R. Faulds B- S/Sgt. J.S. Lively AP- S/Sgt. W.E. Hutchenrider

P- Lieut. C.D. Amick CP- Lieut. F.C. Ross B- S/Sgt. K.R. Longrie R- S/Sgt. A.J. Meyer G- S/Sgt. H. Huffman

P- Capt. J.J. Dent CP* Lieut. C. Hament B- Lieut. J.D. Anderson R- Sgt. M.E. Acey G- Sgt. P.D. McGimpsey 0- Maj. R.R. Wilder

P- Lieut. E.L. Stutts CP- Lieut. E.H. Steger B- S/Sgt. F.E. Kessler B- Lieut. C.M. Head R- S/Sgt. E.D. Barbieri G- S/Sgt. A.J. Janicki AP- Lieut. G. Landron

P- Lieut. L.L. Porter CF- Lieut. C.M.Dodge R- S/Sgt. D.W. Wells G- Sgt. W.W. Marquis

Three gun positions were our target today as six of our boys went over for another crack at Pantelleria. Although the whole target was covered with dust, the three flak batteries are believed destroyed.

One of the boys saw an ME-109 on deck at the target but Jerry did not try to make a pass at us after seeing the strength of our formation.

All our ships returned safely.

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Mission report # 74

380th Bombardment Sq. 310th Bombardment Gp.

Date- June 3, 1943

Target- Gun positions at Pantelleria.

Squadron airplanes- six

P- Capt. C.L. Grow

P- Lieut. M.L. Pickleseimer P- Lieut. R.S. Rich

P- Capt. C.L. Grow

CP- Lieut. J.W. Hubbard

CP- Lieut. F.C. Folwell

CP- Lieut. R.R. Goss

N- Lieut. J.D. Coffey

B- Sgt. S.R. Crossman

B- S/Sgt. W.F. Jastrzemski

R- T/Sgt. R.B. Hill

G- S/Sgt. A.A. Szczesniak

G- S/Sgt. L.J. Pintar

CP- Lieut. R.R. Goss

B- S/Sgt. W.F. Jastrzemski

G- S/Sgt. L.F. Rogers

G- S/Sgt. L.J. Pintar

P- Capt. J.J. Dent P- Lieut. F.A. Shorsher P- Lieut. L.L. Porter CP- Lieut. C. Hament CP- Lieut. L.R. Brown CP- Lieut. C.M. Dodge B- Lieut. J.B. Anderson B- Pfc. G.W. Ash
R- Sgt. M.E. Acey R- S/Sgt. J.W. Dinges R- S/Sgt. D.W. Wells
G- Sgt. P.D. McGimpsey G- Opl. C.T. Brust G- Sgt. W.W. Marquis

We came back again today for a second smashing blow against the Flak Batteries. The boys seem to have done well since two of the implacements were covered with bombs and several fires were left burning in that area. We were followed by P-38's that dive-bombed on the target causing a large explosion which is believed to have been the casement.

There were no sign of an "Jerry" ships in the siy around the target although two transports were parked on the airdrome.

All ships returned safely home.

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380th Bombardment Sq. 310th Bombardment Gp.

Date- June 4, 1943

Target- Gun positions at Pantelleria

Squadron Airplanes - nine

P- Capt. D.H. Draemel P- Lieut. A.R. Walcott CP- Lieut. R.J. Sours CP- Lieut. J.H. Benton N- Lieut. R.C. Kanode B- S/Sgt. A.D. Links B- Lieut. R.C. Mizerski R- T/Sgt. E.C. Talley R- T/Sgt. R.M. Shambaugh G- Sgt. J. Fahey G- S/Sgt. J.A. Williams O- Maj. J. Gogland 0- Col. A.G. Hunter

P- Lieut. C.E. Rice CP- Lieut. E.A. Drew B- S/Sgt. F.E. Donahue R- Pvt. F.D. Alexander G- S/Sgt. C.L. Thomas AP- Pvt. V. Sibailia

P- Capt. C.L. Grow CP- Capt. S. Cometh N- Lieut. J.D. Coffey B- Lieut. P.R. Hall R- T/Sgt. R.B. Hill G- S/Sgt. J.L. Pintar

P- Lieut. M.L. Pickleseimer P- Lieut. R.S. Rich CP- Lieut. F.C. Folwell CP- Lieut. R.R. Goss R- S/Sgt. J.A. Dackiewicz R- S/Sgt. P.A. Poknis G- S/Sgt. A.A. szczesniak G- S/Sgt. L.F. Rodgers

B- Sgt. S.R. Crossman B- S/Sgt. W.F. Jastrzemski

P- Capt. J.H. Dent CP- Lieut. C. Hament R- Sgt. M.E. Acey G- Sgt. P.D. McGimpsey 0- Maj. T. Hoover

P- Lieut. E.L. Stutts CP- Lieut. E.H. Steger B- Lieut. J.B. Anderson B- S/Sgt. P.E. Kessler R- S/Sgt. E.D. B rbieri G- S/Sgt. A.J. Janicki
AP- S/Sgt. W.E. Hutchenrider

P- Lieut. H.L. Cromartie CP- Lieut. J.E. Wright B- T/Sgt. H.H. Kechter R- T/Sgt. E.M. Smith G- S.Sgt. J. Kobasa

It was rather a bad afternoon today, for we hit all around the target without seeming to get any direct hits on the target itself.

Again we met no enemy opposition in the air, and what little flak Jerry threw up did not come near us, so we had a pretty easy time over the target. There were eight to ten small craft in Pantelleria Harbor but they weren't even worth taking a crack at. We took a few photographs and returned to our base. All our planes came home safely.

Mission report # 76

380th Bombardment Sq. 310th Bombardment Gp.

Date- June 8, 1943

Target- Gun Positions at Pantelleria

Squadron airplanes- nine

P- Gapt. K.H. Draemel CP- Lieut. R.V. Sours N- Liut. R.C. Kanode B- Lieut. P.R. Hall R- T.Sgt. R.M. Shambaugh G- S/Sgt. T.L. Smith 0- Maj. R.R. Wilder

P- Capt. J.J. Dent CP- Lieut. C.R. Brown B- Lieut. V.B. Anderson R- Sgt. M.S. Acey G- Sgt. P.D. McGimpsey N- Lieut. C.W. Head

P- Capt. C.L. Grow CP- Lieut. V.W. Hubbard B- Lieut. R.C. Mizerski N- ieut. J.D. Coffey R- T/Sgt. R.B. Hill G- S/Sgt. V.L. Pintar

P- Lieut. A.R. Walcott B- S/Sgt. A.D. Links

P- Lieut. F.C. Ross CP- Lieut. F.R. Faulds B- Sgt. S.R. Crossman R- T-Sgt. E.C. Talley G- Sgt. E.W. Litchfield G- S/Sgt. C.L.Thomas

P- Lieut. F.A. Shorsher P- Lieut. R.S. Rich CP- Lieut. W.S. Derrick CP- Lieut. R.R. Goss B- Cpl. G.W. Ash R- S/Sgt. J.W. Dinges G- Sgt. J.T. Link

P- Lieut. M.L. Pickleseimer CP- Lieut. V.H. Benton CP- Lieut. F.C. Folwell B- 5/Sgt. P.E. Kessler R- S/Sgt. A.J. Meyer R- S/Sgt. J.A. Dackiewicz G- S/Sgt. A.A. Szczesniak

> P-Lieut. C.E. Rice CP- Lieut. E.A. Drew B-S/Sgt. F.E. Donahue R- Cpl. P.D. Alexander AP- Pvt. V. Sibialia

B- S/Sgt. W.F. Jastrzemski R- S/Sgt. P.A. Poknis G- S/Sgt. L.F. Rodgers AP- S/Sgt. L.F. Hutchenrider

After having nothing to do for three days, we decided to make up for lost time today, and really give the target something to worry about. First we let some of the other squadrons take some leaflets over the target to let them know we were coming, and what to expect if they didn't give up. Then we went over and dropped a more effective calling card in the form of thousand pounders. We made up for our bad showing last time by posting all the gun positions and having very few misses on any of them, and we could see the target well enough to be able to pin-point practically all our hombs.

The enemy aircraft have apparently given up the fight, for there still were none in sight except for the two Ju-52's we had been seeing on the airdrome. Even the flak was lighter than usual. We could see one medium sized boat in the harbor which had all its supersturctures on the bow, we just dropped our bombs, took photographes, and all returned safely to the base.



Mission report # 77

380th Bombardment Sq. 310th Bombardment Gp.

Date- June 9, 1943

Target- Gun Positions at Pantelleria

Squadron Airplanes- four

P- Lieut. F.C. Ross CP- Lieut. F.R. Faulds B- Sgt. S.R. Crossman R- T/Sgt. H.C. Talley G- Sgt. E.W. Litchfield

P- Capt. J.J. Dent CP- Lieut. C.R. Brown B- Lieut. J.B. Anderson N- Lieut. C.W. Head R- S/Sgt. M.S. Acey G- Sgt. F.D. McGimpsey P- Lieut. L.L. Porter CF- Lieut. C. Hament B- S/Sgt. S.R. Longrie R- S/Sgt. D.W. Wells G- Sgt. W.W. Marquis

P- Lieut. E.H. Steger CP- Lieut. L.D. Smith B- S/Sgt. J.S. Lively R- S/Sgt. R.A. Pratt G- S/Sgt. W.B. Penhale

We were back over Pantelleria today hitting at those anti-aircraft guns that had given us all the opposition we had had over the island in the last few days. We covered the target completely with many direct hits, and very few of our bombs missed; so that is one more gun position we don't have to worry about. We had still more luck at the target for some our bombs apparently hit an ammo dump. There was a large explosion in the target area, and we could see a bright red fire follow the explosion, so we returned to our base feeling that the job was well done.

Still no enemy air opposition though two of the crew did report seeing an unidentified fighter at 11,000 feet.over the target. If it were an enemy plane he didn't want to fight for he immediately got out of our way. The flak boys threw up less flak than ever, and still couldn't come close, so we had almost stopped worrying about them. There were a few small craft in the harbor, and one medium sized merchant vessel anchored off the south tip of the island. All planes returned safely to the base.

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Mission report # 78

380th Bombardment Sq. 310th Bombardment Gp.

Date-June 10, 1943

Target- Cun Positions at Pantelleria.

Squadron airplanes- twelve

P- Capt. D.W. Draemel CP- Lieut. R.J. ours N- Lieut. R.C. Kanode B- Lieut. P.R. Hall

R- T/Sgt. R.M. Shambaugh G- S/Sgt. N.A. Williams

P- Lieut. E.L. Stutts CP- Lieut. C.M. Dodge B- Lieut. N.W. Acherson R- S/Sgt. E.D. Barbieri G- S/Sgt. A.J. Janicki

P- Capt. C.L. Grow CP- Lieut. J.W. Hubbard N- Lieut. J.D. Coffey Be Lieut. J.H' Windler R- T/Sgt. R.B. Hill G- S.Sgt. J.L. Pintar

P- Capt. J.J. Dent CF- Lieut. C.R. Brown N- Lieut. C.W. Head B- Lieut. J.B. Anderson R- S.Sgt. M.S. Acey G- S/Sgt. P.D. McGimpsey

P- Lieut. M.L. Pickleseimer P- Lieut. A.R. Walcott CP- Lieut. F.C. Folwell CP- Lieut. J.H. Benton BO S/Sgt. P.E. Kessler BO S/Sgt. P.E. Kessler

R- S/Sgt. J.A. Dackiewicz

R- S/Sgt. A.J. Meyer

G- S/Sgt. A.A. Szczesniak

G- S/Sgt. T.L. Smith

P- Lieut. E.H. Steger CP- Lieut. L.D. Smith B- S/Sgt. J.S. Lively R- S/Sgt. R.A. Pratt G- S/Sgt. W.B. Penhale AP- S/Sgt. W.E. Hutchenrider

P- Lieut. F.A. Shorsher CP- Lieut. W.S. Derrick B- Cpl. G.". Ash R- S/Sgt. J.W. Dinges G- S/Sgt. J. Kobasa

P- Lieut. F.C. Ross CP- Lieut. F.R. Faulds B- Sgt. S.R. Crossman R- T/Sgt. E.C. Talley G- Sgt. E.W. Litchfield B- S/Sgt. A.D. Links

P- Lieut. J.E. Wright CF- Lieut. G.A. Echols B- S/Sgt. F.E. Donahue R- Cpl. U.S. Alexander G- Sgt. E.O. Tippitt

P- Lieut. R.S. Rich CF- Lieut. R.R. Godd BO S/Sgt. W.F. Jastrzemski R- S/Sgt. P.A/ Pokmis G- S/Sgt. R.F. Rodgers AP- Pvt. V. Sibailia

P- Lieut. L.L. Porter CP- Lieut. C. Hament B- S/Sgt. K.R. Longrie R- S/Sgt. D.W. Wells G- Sgt. W.W. Marquis

Those people on Pantelleria must be getting tired of seeing us for we were over there again today in the largest formation our group has yet put over an enemy target at one time -- forty-two airplanes! There were plenty of us along, and we meant business, so we completely wiped out the gun position and the two buildings nearby. Only a few of our eggs went wide of the target.

There was no enemy opposition in the air but they were in sight for we could count 12 enemy fighters (as well as three transports) on the Pantelleria airdrome. The anti-aircraft boys were beginning to get our range pretty well but they still could find us after getting our range. Although they had the altitude they were off on their deflection. We also saw sax Siebel Ferries in the harbor. Photographs were taken, and all planes returned safely.

Mission Report # 79

380th Bombardment Sq. 310th Bombardment Gp.

Date- June 11, 1943

Target- Assigned areas at Pantelleria.

Squadron airplanes- twelve

P- Ca t. D.H. Draemel CF-Lieut. RJ. Sours N- Liuet. R.C. Kanode B- Lieut. P.R. Hall

R- T/Sgt. R.M. Shambaugh G- S/Sgt. N.A. Williams 0- Col. A.G. Hunter

P- Lieut. E.L. Stutts CP- Lieut. C.M. Dodge Be Lieut. N.W. Ackerson R- S/Sgt. E.D. Barbieri G- S/Sgt.A.J. Janicki

P- Capt. C.L. Grow CP- Lieut. J.W. Hubbard N- Lieut. J.D. Coffey B- Lieut. J.H. Windler R- T/Sgt. R.B. Hill G- S/Sgt. J.L. Pintar

P- Capt. J.J. Dent CP- Lieut. C.R. Brown N- Lieut. C.W. Head B- Lieut. J.B. Anderson R- S/Sgt. M.S. Acey G- Sgt. P.D. McGimpsey

P- Lieut. M.L. Pickleseimer P- Lieut. A.R. Welcott CP- Lieut. F.C. Folwell B- S/Sgt. P.E. Kessler

B- S/Sgt. P.S. Ressler B- S/Sgt. A.J. Links R- S/Sgt. J.A. Dackiewicz R- S/Sgt. A.J. Meyer G- S/Sgt. A.A. Szczesniak G- S/Sgt. T.L. Smith

P- Lieut. E.H. Steger CP- Lieut. L.D. Smith B- S/Sgt. J.S. Lively R- S/Sgt. R.S. Pratt G- S/Sgt. W.B. Penhale

P- Lieut. F.A. Shorsher CP- Lieut. W.D. Derrick B- Cpl. G.W. Ash R- S/Sgt. J.W. Dinges G- Sgt. J.J. Black

P- Lieut. F.C. Ross CP- Lieut. F.R. Faulds B- Sgt. S.R. Crossman R- T/Sgt. E.C. Talley G- Sgt. E.W. Litchfield CP- Lieut. J.H. Benton

B- S/Sgt. A.D. Links

P- Lieut. J.E. Wright CP- Lieut. G.A. Echols B- S/Sgt. F.E. Donahue R- Sgt. F.E. Taylor G- Sgt. E.D. Tippitt

P- Lieut. R.S. Rich CP- ieut. R.R. Goss B- S/Sgt. W.F. Jastrzemski R- S/Sgt. P.A. Poknis G- S/Sgt. R.F. Rogers

P- Lieut. L.L. Porter CP- Lieut. C. Hament B- S/Sgt. K.R. Longrie R- S/Sgt. D.W. Wells G- Sgt. W.W. Marquis

Today was a big day for our squadron and group, as we broke a record we set only yesterday. Wereas yesterday, for the first time we had 42 ships over the target at one time, today we set a new record of putting AS ships over Jerry Ground at one time.

It was a very successful day, with all targets beign well hit. At one target our bombs caused an ammo dump to blow up with a tremendous explosion which sent smoke and debris 5,000' into the sky, and shook our ships at 9,000'. It was a large half-moon dump and the whole construction went up in red flames and smoke. One gun battery was firing at us when a string of bombs caught it and from then on it gave us no trouble.

Our bombing, with that of other Allied groups, must have been enoguh for the people on Pantelleria, for immediately after our bombs were dropped, a white cross appeared on the airdrome as a symbol of surrender and we heard the orders go out over the radio to "cease bombing." As our planes left the island Allied Landing barges could be seen headed for the island.

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380th Bombardment Sq. 310th Bombardment Gp.

Date- June 12, 1943

Target-Lampodusa Island (Assigned Areas)

Squadron Airplanes- twelve

P- Capt. C.L. Grow CP- Lieut. J.W. Hubbard N- Lieut. J.D. Coffey B- Lieut. J.H. Winder R- T/Sgt. R.B. Hill G- S/Sgt. J.L. Pintar

P- Capt. J.J. Dent CP- Lieut. C.R. Brown N- Lieut. C.W. Head B- Lieut. J.B. Anderson R- S/Sgt. M.S. Acey G- Sgt. P.D. McGimpsery

P- Capt. D.H. Draemel CP- Lieut. R.J. Sours N- Lieut. R.C. Kanode B- Lieut. P.R. Hall R- T/Sgt. R.M. Shambaugh G- S/Sgt. J.A. Williams

P- Lieut. E.L. Stutts CP- Lieut. C.M. Dodge B- Lieut. N.W. Ackerson R- S/Sgt. E.D. Barbieri G- S/Sgt. A.J. Janicki

P- Lieut. F.A. Shorsher P- Lieut. R.S. Rich CP- Lieut. W.D. Derrick CP- Lieut. R.R. Goss B- Cpl. G.W. Ash R- S/Sgt. J.W. Dinges G- Sgt. J.J. Black

P- Lieut. F.C. Ross CP- Lieut. V.R. Faulds CP- Lieut. C. Hament B- Sgt. S.R. Crossman B- S/Sgt. K.R. Longri R- T/Sgt. E.C.Talley R- S/Sgt. D.W. Wells G/ Sgt. E.W. Litchfield G- Sgt. W.W. Marquis

B- S/Sgt. A.D. Links
R- S/Sgt. A.J. Meyer G- S/Sgt. T.L. Smith

P- Lieut. E.H. Steger B- S/Sgt. J.S. Lively B- S/Sgt. P.E. Bonal R- S/Sgt. R.A. Prett R- Sgt. F.E. Taylor G- S/Sgt. W.B. Penhale G- Sgt. E.D. Tippitt

B- S/Sgt. W.F. Jastrzemski R- S/Sgt. P.A. Fokmis S/Sgt. L.F. Rodgers AP- Fvt. V. Sibailia

> P- Lieut. L.L. Porter B- S/Sgt. K.R. Longrie

P- Lieut. A.R. Walcott P- Lieut. M.L. Pickleseimer CP- Lieut. J.H. Benton CP- Lieut. F.C. Folwell B- S/Sgt. P.E. Kessler R- S/Sgt. J.A. Dackiewcz G- S/Sgt. A.A. Szczesniak

P- Lieut. J.E. Wright CP- Lieut. L.D. Smith CP- Lieut. C.A. Echols B- S/Sgt. P.E. Bonahue

Even with Fantelleria out of the way we didn't slow up to rest. Lampedusa was chosen as the next victima dn doomed to the same bombing as Pentelleria. Only twenty four planes were used on this mission by the Group but we represented fifty percent of the arrayed force.

Our good hick streak was still running and again we hit our target. Our bombers practically devestated the southern end of the town, dropped direct hits on small craft in the harbor, and completely covered the peninsula to the south of the port. Also the gun positions and barracks areas, assigned targets, were well covered.

No enemy aircraft were seen and only one light gun position was throwing up flak at us, with their shots being very inaccurate. All ships returned safely.

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Mission report

380th Bombardment Sq. 310th Bombardment Go.

Date- June 15. 1943

Target - Sciacca Airdrome

Squadron Airclanes- twelve

P- Capt. D.H.Draemel CP- Lieut. R.J. Sours B- Lieut. P.R. Hall N- Lieut. R.C. Kanode

R- T/Sgt. R.M. Shambaugh G- S/Sgt. J.A. Williams 0- Major R.R. Wilder

P- Capt. J.J. Dent CP- Lieut. C.R. Brown N- Lieut. C.W. Head B- Lieut. J.B. Anderson R- S/Sgt. M.S. Acey G- Sgt. F.D. McGimpsery

P- Capt. C.L. Grow CP- Lieut. J.W. Hubbard B- Lieut. J.H. Windler N- Lieut. J.D. Coffey R- T/Sgt. R.B. Hill G- S/Sgt. J.L. Pintar

P- Lieut. E.L. Stutts CP- Lieut. C.M. Dodge B- Lieut. N.W. Ackerson R- S/Sgt. E.D. Barbieri G- S/Sgt. A.J. Janicki

P- Lieut. A.R. Walcott CP- Lieut. J.H. Benton B- S/Sgt. A.D. Links B- S/Sgt. P.E. Kessler
R- S/Sgt. A.J. Neyer R- S/Sgt. J.A. Dackiewi
G- S/Sgt. T.L. Smith G- S/Sgt. A.A. Szczesni

P- Lieut. F.C. Ross CP- Lieut. V.R. Faulds B- Sgt. S.R. Crossman B- S/Sgt. K.R. Longrie R- T/Sgt. E.C. Talley R- S/Sgt. D.W. Wells G- Sgt. E.W. Litchfield

P- Lieut. F.A. Shorsher P- Lieut. R.S. Rich CP- Lieut. W.D. Derrick CP- Lieut. R.R. Goss B- Cpl. G.W. Ash R- S/Sgt. J.W. Dinges G- Sgt. J.J. Black

P- Lieut. E.H. Steger CP- Lieut. L.D. Smith B- S/Sgt. J.S. Lively B- S/Sgt. F.E. Donahi R- S/Sgt. R.A. Pratt R- Sgt. F.E. Taylor G- S/Sgt. W.B. Penhale G- Sgt. E.D. Tippitt

P- Lieut. M.L. Picklemseimer CP- Lieut. F.C. Folwell

R- S/Sgt. J.A. Dackiewicz G- S/Sgt. A.A. Szczesniak

P- ieut. L.L. Porter CP- Lieut. C. Hament G- Sgt. W.W. Marquis

B- S/Sgt. W.F. Jastrzemski R- S/Sgt. P.A. Poknis G- S/Sgt. L.F. Rodgers AP- Pvt. V. Sibailia

P- Lieut. J.E. Wright CP- Lieut. C.A. Echols B- S/Sgt. F.E. Donahue

With Pantelleris and Lampedusa Islands eliminated from opposition we turned our attention once more to bombing airdromes today. We had a good target too, with about fifty aircraft dispersed on the southern and west-south-west parts of the field. We had a number of hits among these dispersed planes with 20 lb. fragmentation bombs. At least one column of smoke was seen coming from this area after the bombing. Other parts of the field were covered as was part of the building area.

For the first time in the last several missions, we encountered stiff enemy air opposition today. about 20 to 25 ME-109's, FW-190's, and MA-200's attacked the formation in pairs while others stayed just out of range on the other side to draw out attention. They were not to leave, how ver, without paying the price, for our group destroyed five of them and probably a sixth one. Our escort added one or two to this nu ber. They threw up a great deal of flak at us, and had our range, but couldn't find us after that. Two crews saw a submarine which crashedived immediately on sighting us, but our planes continued on home, all returning safely.

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Date- June 18, 1943

Target- Shipping and Harbor Installations at Porto Aranci, Sardinia

Squadron airplanes-twelve

P- Capt. C. L. Grow C/P- Lieut. J.W.Hubbard C/P- Lieut. C.A.Drew N- Lieut. J.D.Coffey B- Lieut. R.Mizerski R- T/Sgt. R.B.Hill G- S/Sgt. J.L. Pintar

B- S/Sgt. H.H.Kechter R- Cpl. P.D. Alexander G- S/Sgt. C. L. Thomas

P- Lieut. C.E.Rice

P- Lieut. R.S.Rich C/P- Lieut. R.R.Goss B- S/Sgt. W.F.Jastrzemski R- S/Sgt. P.A. Poknis G- S/Sgt. L.F.Rodgers AP- Pfc. V.F.Sibaila

P-Capt. J.J.Dent N- Lieut. C.W.Head R- T/Sgt. E.C.Talley R- S/Sgt. M.S.Acey G- Sgt. E.W.Litchfield G- Sgt. P.B. McGimpsey

P- Lieut. F.C.Ross C/P- Lieut. C.R.Brown C/P- Lieut. W.R.Faulds B- Lieut. J.B.Anderson B- Sgt. S.R.Crossman G- Sgt. E.W. Litchfield

P- Lieut. L.L. Porter C/P- Lieut. V. Hament B- S/Sgt. K.R. Longrie R- S/Sgt. D.W.Wells G- Sgt. V.W. Marquis

P- Capt. D.H.Draemel C/P- Lieut. R.J. Sours N- Lieut. A.C.Kanode B- Capt. W.D.Holmes R- T/Sgt. R.M. Shambaugh G- S/Sgt. T.L. Smith G- S/Sgt. J.A. Williams

P- Lieut. A.R. Walcott C/P- Lieut. J.H.Benton B- S/Sgt. A.D. Links R- Sgt. A.J. Meyer

P- Lieut. M.L.Picklesimer C/P- Lieut. F.C. Folwell B- S/Sgt. P.H.Kessler R- S/Sgt. J.A. Dackiewcz G- S/Sgt. A.A.SZCZesniak

P- Lieut. E. L. Stutts C/P- Lieut. C.M.Dodge C/P- Lieut. L.D.Smith B- Lieut. N.W.Ackerson B- S/Sgt. J.S.Lively R- S/Sgt. E.D.Barbieri R- S/Sgt. R.A. Pratt G- S/Sgt. A.J.Janicki AP- Capt. G. Landron

P- Lieut. E.H.Steger G- S/Sgt. W.B. Penhale AP- S/Sgt. W.E.Hutchenrider

P- Lieut. J.R. Wright C/P- Lieut. G.A. Echols B- S/Sgt. F.E. Donahue R- Sgt. F.E. Taylor G- E.O.Tippitt

Today we carried the war to northern Sardinia, and had a very successful mission. One merchant vessel was left on fire and sinking from two direct hits by 500 pounders. Another merchant vessel was straddled by bombs, with many damaging misses, and was listing badly as went off the target. One of the crew reported two direct hits on this vessel. Besides hitting the boats, our bombs covered the jetty, demolished warehouses on the jetty, tore up the railroad tracks in the west side of the town, and hit many buildings in the same section. Clouds of smoke were seen coming from the town.

We had quite a fight on our hands when we saw 45 - 50 Me-109's, Fw-190's, and Me-200's. Of this strength about half attacked our formation. S/Sgt. Dackiewcz received credit for destruction of one fighter, another went down under the guns of S/Sgt. Smith and a third was probably destroyed by Sgt. Tippitt. The entire formation accounted for seven fighters today while our escort destroyed at least four. We had a fair amount of flak and it was pretty accurate, coming from the target area, Olbia, and later from a destroyer off the south tip of Sardinia . All crews returned safely.



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Mission Report #83

Date- June 21, 1943

Target- Salerno, Italy (RR Trestle & Marshalling Yards)

· Squadron airplanes- three

P- Lieut. L.L. Porter C/P- Lieut. C. Hament B- S/Sgt. K.R. Longrie R- S/Sgt. D.W.Wells G- S/Sgt. W.W.Marquis

P- Lieut. E.H. Steger, Jr. P- Lieut. J.E. Wright C/P- Lieut. L.D.Smith B- S/Sgt. J.S.Lively R- S/Sgt. R.A. Pratt G- S/Sgt. W.B.Penhale

C/P- Lieut. G.A. Echols B- S/Sgt. F.E.Donahue R- Sgt. T. O. Taylor G- Sgt. E.O.Tippitt

We set one or more records today when we carried our bombing attack to Italy itself. It was the Group's first mission over Italy and Continental Europe and the first time known that American Medium Bombers were over Italy.

The mission today was very successful with many direct hits on the trestle, industrial buildings, railfoad spur, and the marshalling yards at the edge of town. Much smoke billowed forth from the target area.

We had no enemy air opposition and the only flak seen was a barrage type over Naples. There were fifteen to twenty boats in Salerno Harbor consisting of medium and small merchant vessels and five destroyers. A naval vessel and two merchant vessels were observed just west of Italy. All ships returned safely to the base after the tedious five hour trip.

Mission report # 85

380th Bombardment Sq. 310th Bombardment Gp.

Date- June 24, 1943

Target- Golfo Arance, Sardinia (Harbor shipping & town)

Squadron airplanes- twleve

P- Capt. D.H. Draemel CP- Lieut. R.J. Sours N- leut. R. C. Kanode

G- S/Sgt. J.A. Williams

0- Maj. R.R. Wilder

P- Lieut. E.L. Stutts CP- Lieut. C.M. Dodge N- Lieut. E.H. Potter

B- Lieut. N.W. Ackerson R- S/Sgt. E.D. Barbieri

G- S/Sgt. A.J. Janicki

P- Lieut. H.L. Cromartie CP- Lieut. J.B. Carney

R- T/Sgt. E.M. Smith

G- S/Sgt. J. Kobasa

P- Capt. C.L. Grow CP- F/O M.D. Miller N- Lieut. J.D. Coffey

B- Lieut. J.H. Windler

R- T/Sgt. R.B. Hill G- S/Sgt. J.L. Pintar

P- Lieut. J.W. Hubbard CP- Lieut. E.A. Drew B- T/Sgt. H.H. Kechter

B- Liuet. P.R. Hall R- S/Sgt. L.D. Brinson R- T/Sgt. R.M. Shambaugh G- Sgt. B.L. Brimhall

P- Lieut. E.H. Steger CP- Lieut. L.D. Smith B- S/Sgt. J.S. Lively R- S/Sgt. R.A. Pratt

G- S/Sgt. T.A. Smith AP- S/Sgt. W.E. Hutchenrider

P- Lieut. F.C. Folwell CP- Lieut. T.C. Bounds B- Lieut. P.I. Blumenfield B- S/Sgt. B.J. Link

R- S/Sgt. J.J. Altobello G- S/Sgt. W.O. Gore

P- Lieut. F.A. Shorsher CP- Lieut. W.S. Derrick

B- Sgt. G.W. Ash R- S/Sgt. J.W. Dinges G- Sgt. J.J. Black

P- Lieut. L.L. Porter CP- Lieut. C. Hament

B- S/Sgt. K.R. Longrie R- S/Sgt. D.W. Wells

G- S/Sgt. W.W. Marquis

P- Lieut. J.E. Wright 'CP- Lieut. C.A. Echols B- S/Sgt. F.E. Donahue R- Sgt. F.R. Taylor

G- Sgt. E.O. Tippitt

P- Lieut. J.H. Benton CP- Lieut. G.V. Walton Bz S/Sgt. G.F. Snyder R- S/Sgt. D. Hoover G- S/Sgt. W.J. McConnell

P- Lieut. R.S. Rich CP- Lieut. R.R. Goss B- S/Sgt. W.F. Jastrzemski R- S/Sgt. P.A. Poknis G- S/Sgt. L.A. Rodgers

AP- Pfc. V.F. Sibailia

We were out over North Sardinia again today, and with much success. A merchant vessel in the Golfo Aranci Harbor received direct hits, and was left burning; and the bombs well covered the pier and shore installations. The town was hit pretty hard, and dense smoke was coming from it when the turn was made off the target.

There was no enemy air opposition, and only a small amount of flak which wasn't very accurate. There were two merchant vessels at Golfo Aranci (one of which was hit) and four M/V's at Olbia. All planes returned safely.



Mission report # 85

380th Bombardment Sq/ 310th Bombardment Gp.

Date- June 28, 1943

Target- Olbia-Venaficrita Airdrome

Squadron airplanes- six

P- Capt. D.H. Draemel CP- Lieut. R.J. Murchie CP- Lieut. F. Gifford N- Lieut. R.C. Kandoe B- S/Sgt R. Weinstein B- S/Sgt. P.E. Kessler B- Lieut. P.R. Hall R- T/Sgt. R.M. Shambaugh G- Cpl. B.W. Himes G- S/Sgt. J.A. Williams

P- Lieut. R.J. Sours R- S/Sgt. T.L. Smith

P- Lieut. H.L. Cromartie P- Lieut. P.C. Folwell CP- Lieut. J.B. Carney CP- Lieut. T.C. Bounds B- Lieut. P.I. Blumenfeld B- S/ogt. B.F. Link R- T/Sgt. E.M. Smith R- S/Sgt. J.J. Altobello G- S/Sgt. J. Kobasa G- S/Sgt. W.O. Gore

P- Lieut. M.L. Pickleseimer CP- Lieut. E.A. Drew R- S/Sgt. J.A. Dackiewicz G- S/Sgt. A.A. Szczesniak AP- Pfc. V. Sibailia

P- Lieut. J.H. Benton CP- Lieut. C.V. Walton B- Sgt. G.F. Snyder R- S/Sgt. D.E. Hoover G- S/Sgt. W.J. McConnell

We annoyed "Adolph" no end today when we again suddenly struck at the "Jerry" airdrome at Olbia. Thirty-six "Two Bitseys" swarmed in from the southeast and started their path of destruction. The entire target area was well covered as our boys demolished several buildings, heaving them flaming pyres, along with the accurate destruction of about eighteen aircraft on the field. Moderate flak that the gunners threw up proved to be inaccurate and although about eight fighters were able to take off none of them dared to attack.

Out in the harbor our boys observed four merchantmen, three of which were anchored and one getting up steam and heading north along the coast. We sighed as we gazed on those lovely targets but since all our boms were gone we had nothing to do but to swing over and head for home, with all ships re ching our base safely.

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Mission report

380th Bombardment Sq. 310th Bombardment Gp.

Date- June 30, 1943

Target- Sciacca Airdrome, Sicilia

Squadron airplanes- twelve

P- Capt. D.H. Draemel C/P- Capt. L. Cometh N- Lieut. R.C. Kanode B- Lieut. P.R. Hall R- T/Sgt. R.M. Shambaugh G- Cpl. B.W. Himes G- S/Sgt. J.A. Williams

P- Lieut. R.J. Sours C/P- Lieut. F. Gifford B- S/Sgt. R.S. Weinstein R- S/Sgt. T.L. Smith

P- Lieut. A.R. Walcott C/P- Lieut. V.R. Faulds B- S/Sgt. A.D. Links R- S/Sgt. A.J. Meyer G- S/Sgt. W.E. Rasmussen

P- Lieut. C.E. Rice C/P- Lieut. J.A. Handon B- Lieut. R.C. Mizerski B- T/Sgt. H.H. Kechter R- Sgt. P.D. Alexander G- S/Sgt. C.L. Thomas

P- Lieut. J.W. Hubbard C/P- Lieut. B.A. Drew R- S/Sgt. L. Brinson G- S/Sgt. B.L. Brimhall AP- S/Sgt. W.E. Hutchenrider

P- Lieut. J.I. Miller C/P- F/O T.R. Sowder B- S/Sgt. A.M. Blevins R- S/Sgt. L.F. Henry G- Sgt. R.E. Ritter

P- Capt. J.J. Dent C/P- Lieut. C.R. Brown N- Lieut. C.M. Head B- Lieut. J.B. Anderson R- S/Sgt. M.S. Acey G- Sgt. P.D. McGimpsey

P- Lieut. F.C. Ross C/P- Lieut. J.S. Weaver B- S/Sgt. S.R. Crossman R- Cpl. C.E. Smith G- Sgt. E.W. Litchfield

P- Lieut. L.L. Porter C/P- Lieut. C. Hament B- S/Sgt. K.R. Longrie R- S/Sgt. D.W. Wells G- Sgt. W.W. Marquis

P- Lieut. H.L. Cromartie P- Lieut. F.C. Folwell C/P- Lieut. J.B. Carney C/P- Lieut. T.C. Bounds B- Lieut. P.I. Blumenfeld B- S/Sgt. B.F. Link

R- T/Sgt. E.M. Smith R- S/Sgt. J.J. Altobello G- S/Sgt. J. Kobasa G- S/Sgt. W.O. Gore AP- Pfc. V.F. Sibaila

P- Lieut. J.H. Benton C/P- Lieut. C.V. Walton B- Sgt. G.F.Snyder R- S/Sgt. D.E. Hoover G- S/Sgt. W.J. McConnell

Thirty six planes from our Group made a very successful attack on the Landing Ground at Sciacca Airdrome. The entire landing area including the runway was well covered by bomb pattern. Many fires from buildings aflame in the southwest landing area were the result of this accurate bombing. A flak position was also observed to be put out of commission when a string of bombs covered it in this area. Heavy flak increasing at times from moderate to intense kept our pilots on their toes and several ships brought back scars displaying the ground gumners accuracy.

There were about 25 - 30 enemy aircraft dispersed in the wooded area SE of the A/D and 5 - 6 a/c were observed housed in revetments along the west edge of the field. About six Me-109's attacked the last element of the formation on leaving the target and one of the enemy aircraft was probably destroyed by the bombers. Three or four small M/V's were observed in Sciacca Harbor at 11:30 hours. A convoy of fifteen M/T's was also seen heading east on coastal highway approximately five miles east of Sciacca. Photograhs were taken of the bombing and all ships returned safely to our base.

Mission report #87

380th Bombardment Sq. 310th Bombardment Gp.

Date- July 4, 1943

Target- Gerbini, Satellite #6, a/c & A/D.

Squadron Airplanes- eleven.

P- Capt. D.H. Draemel C/P- Capt. L. Cometh N- Lieut. R.C. Kanode B- Lieut. P.R. Hall

R- T/Sgt. R.M. Shambaugh G- S/Sgt. J.A. Williams 0- Major R.R. Wilder

P- Lieut. H.L. Cromartie P- Lieut. F.C. Folwell C/P- Lieut. J.B. Carney B- Lieut. P.T. Blumenfeld B- S/Sgt. B.F. Link R- T/Sgt. E.M. Smith G- S/Sgt. J. Kobasa

P-Lieut. F.C. Ross C/P- Lieut. J.S. Weaver B- S/Sgt. S.R. Crossman R- S/Sgt. T.L. Smith G- Sgt. E.W. Litchfield

P- Lieut. J.I. Miller C/P-F/OT.N. Sowder B- S/Sgt. A.M. Blevins R- S/Sgt. L.F. Henry G- Sgt. R.E. Ritter AP- Pfc. V.F. Sibaila

F- Lieut. A.R. Walcott C/F- Lieut. V.R. Faulds B- S/Sgt. A.D. Links R- S/Sgt. A.J. Meyer

C/P- Lieut. T.C. Bounds R- S/Sgt. J.J. Altobello G- S/Sgt. W.O. Gore

> P- Lieut. L.L. Porter C/P- Lieut. C. Hament B- S/Sgt. K.R. Longrie R- S/Sgt. D.W. Wells G- Sgt. W.W. Marquis

P- Lieut. J.W. Hubbard C/P- Lieut. E.A. Drew B- T/Sgt. H.H. Kechter R- S/Sgt. L.D. Brinson G- Sgt. B.L. Brimhall

P- Lieut. M.L. Picklesimer C/P- Lieut. E.J. Beale B- S/Sgt. A.D. Links B- S/Sgt. F.E. Kessler
R- S/Sgt. A.J. Meyer R- S/Sgt. J.A. Dackiewicz
G- S/Sgt. W.E. Rasmussen G- S/Sgt. A.A. Szczesniak

> P- Capt. J.J. Dent C/P- Lieut. C.R. Brown N- Lieut. C.M. Head B- Lieut. J.B. Anderson R- S/Sgt. M.S. Acey G- Sgt. P.D. McGimpsey

P- Liout. C.E. Rice C/P- Lieut. J.A. Hanlon B- Lieut. R.C. Mizerski R- Sgt. P.D. Alexander G- S/Sgt. C.L. Thomas

Thirty five of our bombers struck again at Sicilia today with the target as one of the Satellites of Gerbini, number six. Several bomb hits were observed at the E and W ends just off target with some strings running through center of a second field approximately a mile to the south of the target on which seven a/c were parked. There were about fifteen aircraft in all, well dispersed on the primary target.

The flak, slight to moderate in intensity, was inaccurate coming from positions around the target area. Photographs were taken and all ships returned safely.

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Mission report

380th Bombardment Sq. 310th Bombardment Gp.

Date- July 5, 1943

Target- Gerbini, Satellite #1, A/C & A/D.

Squadron airplanes- ten.

P- Capt. C.L. Grow C/P- F/O M.D. Miller N- Lieut. J.D. Coffey B- Lieut. J.H. Windler R- T/Sgt. R.B. Hill G- S/Sgt. J.L. Pintar P- Lieut. F.A. Shorsher C/P- Lieut. W.S. Derrick B- Sgt. G.W. Ash R- T/Sgt. R.M. Shambaugh G- Sgt. J.J. Black P- Lieut. R.S. Rich C/P- Lieut. R.R. Goss B- S/Sgt. W.F. Jastrzemski R- S/Sgt. P.A. Poknis G- Sgt. L.F. Rodgers AP- Pfc. V.F. Sibaila

P- Lieut. E.L. Stutts C/P- Lieut. C.M. Dodge N- Lieut. E.H. Potter B- Lieut. E.D. Ackerson R- S/Sgt. E.D. Barbieri G- S/Sgt. A.J. Janicki

P- Lieut. E.H. Steger C/P- Lieut. L.D. Smith B- S/Sgt. J.S. Lively R- S/Sgt. R.A. Pratt G- S/Sgt. W.B. Penhale P- Lieut. J.E. Wright C/P- Lieut. G.A. Echols B- S/Sgt. F.E. Donahue R- Sgt. F.E. Taylor G- Sgt. E.O. Tippitt

P- Capt. J.J. Dent Jr. C/P- Lieut. C.R. Brown N- Lieut. C.M. Head B- Lieut. J.B. Anderson R- S/Sgt. M.S. Acey G- Sgt. P.D. McGimpsey P- Lieut. R.J. Sours
C/P- Lieut. F. Gifford
B- S/Sgt. R.S. Weinstein
R- S/Sgt. T.L. Smith
G- Cpl. B.W. Himes

P- Lieut. J.W. Hubbard C/P- Lieut. E.A. Drew B- T/Sgt. H.H. Kechter R- S/Sgt. L.D. Brinson G- Sgt. B.L. Brimhall

P- Lieut. F.C. Folwell C/P- Lieut. T.C. Bounds B- S/Sgt. B.F. Link R- S/Sgt. J.J. Altobello G- S/Sgt. W.O. Gore

For the second day in a row, our bombers struck at the Satellites of Gerbini. Today the target was the #1 Satellite, and although we has a slight bit of trouble due to a navigational error, nevertheless, extensive damage was done all along the extreme east side of the field with the NE section being particularly well hit, and several small fires started there. Capt. Jeff Dent, one of our Squadron Flight Idrs could not find the primary target and bombed Ponte Olive A/D as a target of opportunity.

Six to eight Me-109's and Ma-200's intercepted our boys just after target, attacks being made from 3,6, and 12 o'clock. The flak was moderate to intense, accurate, and it seemed that the only thing that the gunners couldn't do was read'the pilot's mind. We encountered flak over Licata, Gela, and Ponte Olive A/D. Photographs were taken and all ships returned safely to base.

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Mission report #89

Date- July 6, 1943

Target- Biscari/San Pietro Airdrome.

Squadron airplanes- eleven.

P- Capt. D.H. Draemel C/P- Capt. L. Cometh

N- Lieut. R.C. Kanode B- Lieut. P.R. Hall

R- T/Sgt. R.M. Shambaugh G- Sgt. J.J. Black G- S/Sgt. J.A. Williams

P- Capt. J.J. Dent C/P- Lieut. C.R. Brown N- Lieut. C.M. Head

R- S/Sgt. M.S. Acey G- Sgt. P.D. McGimpsey

P- Lieut. E.L. Stutts C/P- Lieut. C.M. Dodge N- Lieut. E.H. Potter B- Lieut. N.W. Ackerson R- S/Sgt. R.A. Pratt R- S/Sgt. M.S. Acey G- Sgt. P.D. McGimpsey

P- Lieut. L.L. Porter C/F- Lieut. C. Hament G- Sgt. W.W. Marquis

P- Lieut. F.A. Shorsher C/P- Lieut. W.S. Derrick B- Sgt. G.W. Ash R- S/Sgt. J.W. Dinges

F- Lieut. R.J. Sours C/P- Lieut. F. Gifford B- S/Sgt. R.S. Weinstein B- Lieut. J.B, Anderson R- S/Sgt. T.L. Smith G- Cpl. B.W. Himes

> P- Lieut. E.H. Steger C/P- Lieut. L.D. Smith B- S/Sgt. J.S. Lively G- S/Sgt. W.B. Penhale G- Sgt. E.O. Tippitt AP- S/Sgt. W.E. Hutchenrider

P- Lieut. C.E. Rice C/P- Lieut. J.A. Hanlon B- S/Sgt. K.R. Longrie B- Lieut. R.C. Mizerski R- S/Sgt. D.W. Wells R- Sgt. P.D. Alexander G- S/Sgt. C.L. Thomas

P- Lieut. M.L. Picklesimer C/P- Lieut. E.J. Beale B/ S/Sgt. P.E. Kessler R- S/Sgt. J.A. Dackiewicz G- S/Sgt. A.A. Szczesniak AP- Pfc. V.F. Sibaila

P- Lieut. J.W. Hubbard C/P- Lieut. E.A. Drew B- T/Sgt. H.H. Kechter R- S/Sgt. L.D. Brinson G- Sgt. B.L. Brimhall

P- Lieut. J.E. Wright C/P- Lieut. B.A. Echols B- S/Sgt. F.E. Donahue R- Sgt. F.E. Taylor

Another of Hitler's Sicilian airdromes was successfully bombed today. Very well placed bomb patterns completely covered the runway and the landing area. Crews observed bomb hits on buildings at the north and the east edge of the A/D. Due to the clouds of dust over the target area further observation s were made impossible.

It was a very quiet mission since there was no enemy aerial activity and the habitual flak barrages were very conspicuous by their absence. Photographs were taken and the entire formation returned safely to base.

COMMENDATION

380th Bombardment Sq. No. 310th Bombardment Gp.
HEADQUARTERS, COLUMBIA ARMY AIR BASE
Columbia, South Carolina
Office of the Commanding Officer

July 16, 1942

MEMORANDUM

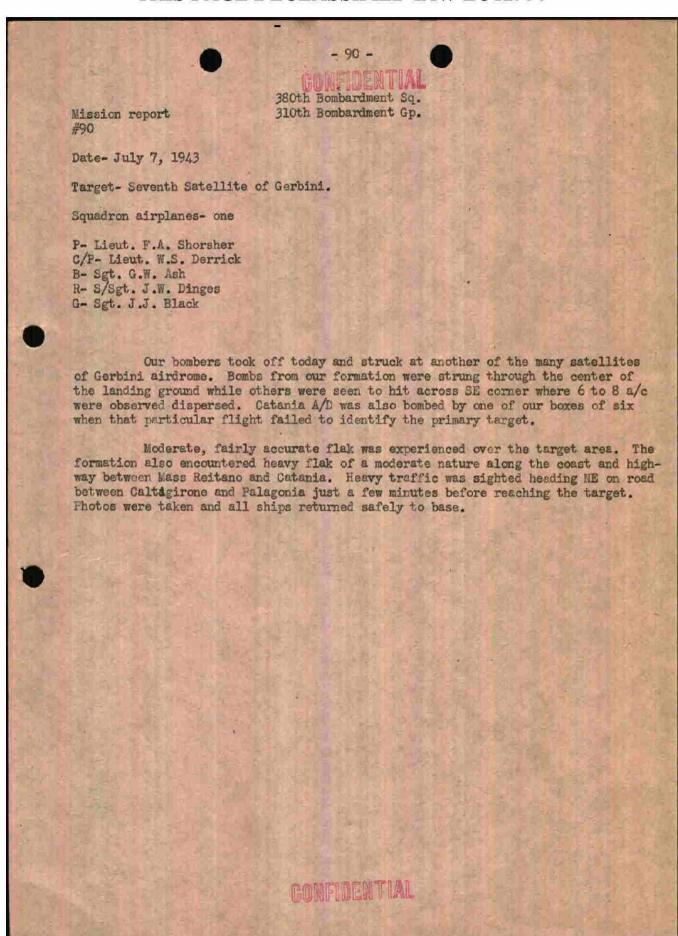
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: All Concerned.

- 1. On June 22,23, and 24, 1942 certain personnel of this command performed a well cordinated job of servicing the 61st Transport Group from Pope Field, consisting of forty one (41) cargo type airplanes. This work was accomplished in a very efficient and laudable manner and was completed in an exceptionally short time working at a high speed and without confusion, accident or injury. The splendid supervision, coordination and team work of all members of units was directly responsible for this excellent performance. The Wing Commander in charge of the 61st Transport Group and his subordinate officers all expressed great gratification for the manner in which the airdrome control and servicing of these planes was accomplished.
- 2. It is my pleasure to compliment and praise the individuals and crews, including Base Operations Officer and his Assistant, the Control Tower Operators, Traffic Control Ground Crews, all members of the Alert Crews and all drivers and service men operating the field servicing units of the 310th Bombardment Group, for this very laudable performance.
- 3. It is desired that the Base Operations Officer have this compliment recorded in the records of each individual concerned.

GILBERT T. COLLAR Colonel, Air Corps, Commanding.

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Mission report #91

380th Bombardment So. 310th Bombardment Gp.

Date- July 9, 1943

Target- Seventh Satellite of Gerbini.

Squadron airplanes- twelve.

P- Capt. D.H. Draemel C/P- Lieut. D.J. Murchie N- Lieut. R.C. Kanode B- Lieut. N.W. Ackerson R- T/Sgt. R.M. Shambaugh G- S/Sgt. J.A. Williams 0- Capt. L. Cometh

P- Lieut. A.R. Walcott C/P- Lieut. V.R. Faulds B- S/Sgt. A.D. Links R- S/Sgt. A.J. Meyer G- S/Sgt. W.E. Rasmussen

P- Lieut. R.J. Sours C/P- Lieut. F. Gifford B- S/Sgt. R.S. Weinstein R- S/Sgt. T.L. Smith G- Cpl. B.W. Himes

P- Lieut. C.E. Rice C/P- Lieut. J.A. Hanlon C/P- T/O T.R. Sowder B- Lieut. R.C. Mizerski B- S/Sgt. A.M. Blevins B- T/Sgt. H.H. Kechter N- Lieut. E.H. Potter R- S/Sgt. L.F. Henry R- S/Sgt. L.D. Brinson R- Sgt. P.D. Alexander G- S/Sgt. C.L. Thomas

P- Lieut. J.I. Miller G- Sgt. R.E. Ritter

P- Lieut. J.W. Hubbard C/P- Lieut. E.A. Drew R- S/Sgt. L.D. Brinson G- Sgt. B.L. Brimhall

P- Capt. C.L. Grow C/P- F/O M.D. Miller N- Lieut. J.D. Coffey R- T/Sgt. R.B. Hill B- Lieut. J.H. Windler

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P- Lieut. R.S. Rich B- S/Sgt. W.F. Jastrzemski R- S/Sgt. R.A. Polmis G- S/Sgt. L.F. Rodgers AP- Pfc. V.F. Sibaila

G- S/Sgt. J.L. Pintar 0- Major J.F. Gavin

P- Lieut. H.L. Cromartie P- Lieut. F.C. Folwell P- Lieut. J.H. Benton C/P- Lieut. J.B. Carney C/P- Lieut. T.C. Bounds C/P- Lieut. C.V. Walton B- Lieut. R.I. Blumenfeld B- S/Sgt. B.F. Links B- Sgt. G.F. Snyder N- Lieut. C.M. Head R- S/Sgt. J.J. Altobello R- S/Sgt. D.E. Hoover R- S/Sgt. J.J. Altobello R- S/Sgt. D.E. Hoover G- S/Sgt. W.O. Gore

G- S/Sgt. W.J. McConnell

R- T/Sgt. E.M. Smith G- S/Sgt. J. Kobasa

Twelve of our ships participated in another blow at the Seventh Satellite of Gerbini. The bomb pattern was exceptionally good as it covered the center of the field and runway. There was also some strings of bombs observed to hit on the extreme E end of the runway and field. A large explosion was seen at the target. There were about ten to fifteen aircraft on the landing ground but actual damage to these planes was not observed.

There was no enemy aerial activity and very surprisingly, no flak. The formation did experience some flak, though, from a string of positions along coast between Catania and Augusta. Also some from Siracusa and Pazzallo Harbor. Two tankers were observed anchored in Augusta Harbor at 17:10 hours. Photos were taken.

380th Bombardment Sq. 310th Bombardment Gp.

Mission report #92

Date- July 19, 1943

Target- Sciacca Airdrome

Squadron airplanes- eleven

P- Capt. D.H. Draemel C/P- Lieut. D.J. Murchie N- Lieut. R.C. Kanode B- Lieut. N.W. Ackerson R- T/Sgt. R.M. Shambaugh G- S/Sgt. J.A. Williams

P- Lieut. H.L. Cromartie C/P* Lieut. J.B. Carney B- Lieut. P.I. Blumenfeld N- Lieut. J.D. Coffey R- T/Sgt. E.M. Smith G- S/Sgt. J. Kobasa

P- Lieut. C.E. Rice C/P- Lieut. J.H. Hanlon B- Lieut. R.C. Mizerski R- Sgt. P.D. Alexander N- Lieut. E.H. Potter G- S/Sgt. C.L. Thomas

P- Lieut. F.C. Ross C/P- Lieut. J.S. Weaver B- S/Sgt. S.R. Crossman R- Pvt. R. Lysowski G- Sgt. E.W. Litchfield

P- Lieut. R.J. Sours C/P- Lieut. F. Gifford B- S/Sgt. R.S. Weinstein B- S/Sgt. P.E. Kessler R- S/Sgt. T.L. Smith G- Cpl. B.W. Himes

P- Lieut. F.C. Folwell C/P- Lieut. T.C. Bounds C/P- Lieut. C.V. Walton R- S/Sgt. J.J. Altobello B- Sgt. G.F. Snyder R- S/Sgt. B.F. Link G- S/Sgt. W.O. Gore

P- Lieut. J.I. Miller C/P- F/O T.R. Sowder R- S/Sgt. L.F. Henry G- Sgt. R.E. Ritter

P- Lieut. C. Hament C/P- Lieut. R.W. Arentson B- S/Sgt. K.R. Longrie R- S/Sgt. B.W. Wells G- Sgt. W.W. Marquis AP- Pfc. V.F. Sibaila

P- Lieut. M.L. Picklesimer C/P- Lieut. E.J. Beale R- S/Sgt. J.A. Dackiewicz G- S/Sgt. A.A. Szczesniak

P- Lieut. J.H. Benton R- S/Sgt. D.E. Hoover G- S/Sgt. W.J. McConnell

P- Lieut. J.W. Hubbard C/P- Lieut. E.A. Drew B- S/Sgt. A.M. Blevins B- T/Sgt. H.H. Kechter R- S/Sgt. L.D. Brinson G- Sgt. B.L. Brimhall

> (Plane turned back; spare filled in.)

We paid another visit to Sciacca Airdrome today and this time our bombing was of the highest calibre in accuracy. There were about twenty five enemy aircraft dispersed around the field and several hits were reported among parked a/c in the NE corner of the A/D. An excellent bomb pattern resulted in the entire field being well covered with the central part being particularly hard hit. It was reported that two or three direct hits were made on planes on the S center edge of the field.

Three fighters came up to intercept the formation but were driven off by our escort. The deadly accuracy of the flak gunners today proved to be the greatest harassing agent of the enemy. One B-25, not of our squadron, was shot down by the ground gunners. It crashed at the target and one parachute was seen to open. Another B-25, believed hit by flak, landed at a friendly A/D. Photos were taken of the bombing.

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Mission report #93

380th Bombardment Sq. 310th Bombardment Gp.

Date- July 11, 1943

Target- Sciacca Airdrome

Squadron airplanes- twelve

P- Capt. C.L. Grow N- Lieut. J.D. Coffey B- Lieut. J.H. Windler R- T/Sgt. R.B. Hill G- S/Sgt. J.L. Pintar

P- Lieut. C.E. Rice C/P- Lieut. W.L. Bates N- Lieut. R.C. Kanode B- Lieut. R.C. Mizerski R- Sgt. P.D. Alexander G- S/Sgt. C.L. Thomas

P- Capt. J.J. Dent C/P- Lieut. C.R. Brown N- Lieut. C.M. Head B- Lieut. J.B. Anderson R- S/Sgt. M.S. Acey G- Sgt. P.D. McGimpsey

P- Lieut. H.L. Cromartie

C/P- Lieut. J.B. Carney

N- Lieut. E.H. Potter

B- Lieut. P.I. Blumenfeld

R- S/Sgt. J.J. Altobello R- S/Sgt. W.J. McConnell

G- S/Sgt. W.O. Gore

C/P- Lieut. J.H. Benton

C/P- Lieut. G.V. Walton

B- S/Sgt. B.F. Link

B- S/Sgt. B.F. Link

B- S/Sgt. D.E. Hoover

G- S/Sgt. W.J. McConnell

G- S/Sgt. J. Kobasa

P- Lieut. F.A. Shorsher P- Lieut. R.S. Rich C/P- Lieut. L.G. Anderson C/P- Lieut. D.J. Murchie C/P- Lieut. J.A. Hanlon B- Sgt. G.W. Ash

R- S/Sgt. J.W. Dinges

R- S/Sgt. P.A. Poknis

G- S/Sgt. L.F. Rodgers

C. Sct. J.J. Black

G- S/Sgt. L.F. Rodgers B- S/Sgt. W.F. Jastrzemski

P- Lieut. J.I. Miller P- Lieut. J.W. Hubbard C/P- F/O T.R. Sowder C/P- Lieut. T.C. Bounds B- S/Sgt. A.M. Blevins B- T/Sgt. H.H.Kechter R- S/Sgt. L.F. Henry G- Sgt. B.L. Brimhall

P- Lieut. F.C. Ross P- Lieut. C. Hament

B- S/Sgt. A.D. Links B- S/Sgt. K.R. Longrie R- Pvt. P. Lysowski R- S/Sgt. D.W. Wells G- Sgt. E.W. Lichfield G- Sgt. W.W. Marquis

C/P- Lieut. R.H. Nuemann C/P- Lieut. R.M. Arentson

G- S/Sgt. W.O. Gore G- S/Sgt. W.J. McConnell

For the second mission in two days on Sciacca Airdrome, our bombers struck at this base anda again we hit the mark with deadly accuracy. The landing area and dispersal grounds S and SW of the field were well covered by our bomb patterns. About twenty five SE and TE aircraft were reported in these dispersal areas and numerous bomb hits were observed among these planes and on nearby buildings. Strings of bombs also found their way across the landing area from E to W and a heavy concentration of bombs was seen in the center of the airdrome.

There was no aerial activity on the part of the enemy. As yesterday, the flak was intense and very accurate. The fact that eleven of our twelve ships on this mission received damage from flak is enough to support this statement. Five B-25's belonging to some other squadrons in the group were forced down before they reached home due to flak damage and all landed safely at friendly airdromes. Phots were taken and the remaining ships returned home.

Quoted from NASAF Intelligence Summary #183: 310th Bomb Group attack of Sciacca A/D on July 11 was most successful, 39 a/c were destroyed out of 55 present with an additional 2 a/c being damaged.

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Mission report #94

380th Bombardment Sq. 310th Bombardment Gp.

Date- July 13, 1943

Target- Enna, Sicily (Targets of Opportunity)

P- Capt. C.L. Grow C/P- Lieut. L.G. Anderson C/P- Lieut. C.R. Brown B- Lieut. J.H. Windler N- Lieut. J.D. Coffey R- T/Sgt. R.B. Hill G- S/Sgt. O.E. Tippitt

P- Lieut, F.A. Shorsher B- Sgt. G.W. Ash R- S/Sgt. J.W. Dinges G- Sgt. J.J. Black

P- Lieut. R.S. Rich C/P- Lieut. J.A. Hanlon B- S/Sgt. W.F. Link R- S/Sgt. R.A. Pratt G- S/Sgt. W.B. Penhale

P- Lieut. R.J. Sours C/P- Lieut. V.R. Faulds N- Lieut. R.C. Kanode R- S/Sgt. T.L. Smith G- Cpl. B.W. Himes

P- Lieut. R.R. Goss C/F- F/O M.D. Miller B- Lieut. C.C. Angely B- S/Sgt. P.E. Kessler B- S/Sgt. L.A. Miller R- S/Sgt. J.A. Dackiewicz R- T/Sgt. R.M. Shambaugh G- S/Sgt. A.A. Szczesniak G- Sgt. M.H. Miller

P- Lieut. E.A. Drew C/P- Lieut. E.J. Beale

P- Lieut. H.L. Cromartie C/P- Lieut. J.B. Carney C/P- Lieut. R.H. Neumann C/P- Lieut. C.V. Waller B- Lieut. P.I. Blumenfeld B- S/Sgt. A.D. Links B- Sgt. G.F. Snyder N- Lieut. C.M. Head R- Pvt. R.A. Lysowski R- S/Sgt. D.E. Hoove R- S/Sgt. M.S. Acey G- S/Sgt. P.D. McGimpsey

P- Lieut. F.C. Ross C/P- Lieut. R.H. Neumann C/P- Lieut. C.V. Walton

P- Lieut. J.H. Benton R- S/Sgt. D.E. Hoover G- Sgt. E.W. Litchfield G- S/Sgt. W.J. MC Connell

P- Lieut. C.E. Rice C/P- Lieut. W.L. Bates B- Lieut. R.C. Mizerki N- Lieut. E.H. Potter R- Sgt. P.D. Alexander G- S/Sgt. C.L. Thomas

P- Lieut. J.I. Miller C/P- F/O T.R. Sowder B- S/Sgt. A.M. Blevins R- S/Sgt. L.F. Henry G- Sgt. R.F. Ritter

P- Lieut. C. Hament C/P- Lieut. R;M. Arentson B- S/Sgt. K.R. Longrie R- S/Sgt. D.W. Wells G- Sgt. W.W. Marquis

We had a little bad luck today when our formation failed to locate the target due to a miscalculation on the part of the lead navigator. Nevertheless we dropped our bombs on S. Cataldo that resulted in near misses on tracks, sidings and rolling stock. Bomb hits were also observed near barracks area NW of the town. Many other strings of bombs were observed to pattern roads N of town.

There were no enemy fighters nor flak and as far as observations are concerned two M/T convoys were sighted in that vicinity. Photos were taken and all returned safe to base.

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Mission report # 95

380th Bombardment Sq. 310th Bombardment Gp.

Date- July 14, 1943

Target- Enna, Sicilia (Road Junction)

Squadron Airplanes- twelve

P- Capt. C.L. Grow CP- Lieut. L.G. Anderson CP- Lieut. C.M. Dodge N- Lieut. J.D. Coffey B- Lieut. J.H. Windler R- T/Sgt. R.B. Hill G- Cpl. B.W. Himes

P- Lieut. F.A. Shorsher B- Sgt. G.W. Ash R- S/St. J.W. Dinges G- Sgt. J.J. Black

P- Lieut. R.S. Rich CP- Lieut. J.A. Hanlon B- S/Sgt. F.E. Donahue R- S/Sgt. J.H. Altobello G- S/Sgt. W.O. Gore

P- Lieut. V.R. Faulds P- Lieut. R.R. Goss CP- Lieut. D.J. Murchie CP- F/O M.D. Miller

B- Lieut. C.C. Angely B- S/Sgt. P.E. Kessler R- S/Sgt. A.J. Meyer R- S/Sgt. J.A. Dackiewicz R- S/Sgt. J.A. Dackiewicz G- S/Sgt. W.E. Rasmussen G- S/Sgt. A.A. Szczesniak

P- Lieut. E.A. Drew CP- Lieut. E.J. Beale B- S/Sgt. L.A. Miller R- S/Sgt. C.W. Cooper G- Sgt. M.H. Miller

P- Lieut. H.L. Cromartie CP- Lieut. J.B. Carney B- Lieut. P.I. Blumenfeld B- S/Sgt. A.D. Links N- Lieut. R.C. Kanode R- Pvt. R.A. Lysowski R- Sgt. F.E. Taylor G- Sgt. E.W. Litchfield G- S/Sgt. J. Kobasa

P- Lieut. F.C. Ross CP- Lieut. R.H. Neumann

P- Lieut. J.H. Benton CP- Lieut. C.V. Walton B- Sgt. F.G. Snyder R- S/Sgt. D.E. Hoover G- S/Sgt. W.J. McConnell

P- Lieut. C.E. Rice P- Lieut. J.I. Miller CP- F/O W.L. Bates CP- F/O T.R. Sowder B- Lieut. R.C. Mizerski Sgt. P.D. Alexander G- S/Sgt. C.L. Thomas

B- S/Sgt. A.M. Blevins R- S/Sgt. L.F. Henry R- S/Sgt. D.W. Wells G- Sgt. R.E. Ritter G- Sgt. W.W. Marquis

P- Lieut. C. Hament CP- Lieut. R.M. Arentson B- S/Sgt. R.S. Weinstein

Today our group did an excellent job of bombing and lived up to the name of the greatest medium bomb group in Africa. The bomb pattern laid out by the bombardiers completely covered road junctions at N-0-7-8. Sevral large buildings in this area were destroyed by direct hits. One string of bombs hit a large square building north of the cemetary on the west end of town. The tail line to Palermo was destryoed in two places and the town of Enna received three strings of bombs across the north center area. A large fire was observed burning on the north edge of town.

There was no enemy aerial interception although four unidentified S/E fighters with yellow wing tips were seen heading north near Caltanisetta. The Flak over the target was very slight and inaccurate. Moderate amount of railroad activity was noticed and several large M/T's were observed heading for Enna from the west. Photographs of the bombing were taken and all ships returned safely to the base.

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Mission report # 96

380th Bombardment Sq. 310th Bombardment Gp.

Date- July 16, 1943

Target- Vibo Valentia Airdrome

Squadron airplanes- eleven

P- Lieut. H.L. Cromartie CP- Lt. J.B. Carney
B- Lt. P.E. Blumenfeld
N- Lt. C.M. Head R- T/Sgt. R.B. Hill G- S/Sgt. J. Kobasa

P- Lt. R.R. Goss CP- FO M.D. Miller CP- Lt. E.J. Beale CP- Lt. S.M. Wells
B- S/Sgt. B.F. Link B- S/Sgt. L.A. Miller N- Lt. E.H. Potter
R- S/Sgt. J.A. Dackiewcz R- S/Sgt. C.W. Cooper B- Lt. N.W. Anderso
G- S/Sgt. A.A. Szczesniak G- Sgt. M.H. Miller R- S/Sgt. E.D. Bark AP- 3/Sgt. W.E. Hutchenrider

P- Lt. E.H. Steger CP- Lt. J.S. Weaver B- S/Sgt. J.S. Lively R- S/Sgt. R.A. Prett G- S/Sgt. F.B. Penhale

P- Lieut. J.I. Miller CP- FO. T.R. Sowder B- S/Sgt. A.M. Blevins R- S/Sgt. L.F. Henry G- Sgt. R.E. Ritter

P- Lt. F.C. Ross CP- Lt. R.H. Neumann
B- S/Sgt. A.G. Links
B- Sgt. G.F. Snyder
R- Pfc. R.A. Lysowski
R- S/Sgt. D.E. Hoover

P- Lt. E.A. Drew

P- Lt. J.E. Wright P- Lt. C.E. Rice CP- Lt. R.M. Arentson CP- FO. W.L. Bates P- Lt. J.E. Wright B- S/Sgt. R.S. Weinstein B- Lt. R.C. Mizerski
R- S/Sgt. D.W. Wells R- Sgt. P.D. Alexander
G- Sgt. F. Papp G- S/Sgt. C.L. Thomas

P-Lt. C. Hament
OF- Lt. C.R. Brown
B- S/Sgt. F.E. Donahue
R- Sgt. F.E. Taylor
G- Sgt. W.W. Marquis AP- Pfc. V. Sibaila

P- Lt. J.H. Benton G- Sgt. E.W. Litchfield G- S/Sgt. W.J. McConnell

> P- Lt. E.L. Stutts CP- Lt. S.M. Wells B- Lt. N.W. Anderson R- S/Sgt. E.D. Barbieri G- S/Sgt. A.J. Janicki

The Italian boot received a terrific hot foot today when the might 310th struck at Vibo Valentia Airdrome and practically wiped it off the map. Excellent bombing resulted in the destruction of most of the hangars and adjacent installations on the N/E/ corner of the field. The entire landing ground with exception of a mel small part in the S/W corner was covered by this perfect bomb pattern. A total of about fifty planes were observed on the field and many direct hits among these a/c were reported. There were many fires visible from burning craft and buildings. Smoke billowed forth from almost all sections of the target area.

Approximately ten enemy fighters attempted to intercept the formation, but were hurriedly diriven off by the escort giving the bombardiers plenty of time to make a good bomb run. There was no flak anywhere either at the target. or along the coast. The formation observed three enemy destroyers heading NE along the coast and also three M/V's anchored off Siderno Mar. There was a convoy observed heading toward the arget from the south. Photographs were taken and all ships returned safely to the base.

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380th Bombardment Sq. 310th Bombardment Gp.

Mission Report

Date- July 17, 1943

Target- Naples Railroad Yards

Squadron airplanes- two

P- Lieut. R.R.Goss C/P- Lieut. M.D.Miller B- S/Sgt. A.G.Links R- S/Sgt. J.A.Dackiewcz G- S/Sgt. A.A.Szczesniak P- Lieut. E.H.Steger C/P- Lieut. J.S.Weaver B- S/Sgt. J.S.Lively R- S/Sgt. R.A.Pratt G- S/Sgt. W.B.Penhale, AP- S/Sgt. W.E.Hutchenrider

OUT LINE ON TODAY'S RAID

Deep into enemy territory went our bombers today scoring another victorious raid on one of II Duce's proud industrial centers....Naples! The target was the marshalling yards on the outskirts of the city. Our bomb patterns covered the locomotive repair shops, textile plants and on one roundhouse. The marshalling yards were well hit and severly damaged. Two unusual occurences were the observing of a huge fire with black smoke rising to 6000' as a result of direct hits on the oil storage dump. A terrific explosion was the other as strings of bombs found their way over a shell factory, a torpedo fact-tory and an arsenal. The concussion was felt at 12,000'

Although there were enemy fighters hovering over the target area no attacks were nade on the formation. Our aircraft experienced moderate to intense flak which was reported to be fairly accurate. Also some coming up from the coastal regions around Aversa and from the islands of Procida and Ishia. There were about six to eight medium and large vessels in Naples port. It was also reported that the RR yards NW of Naples were loaded with rolling stock. Photographs were taken and all ships returned safely.

98 GONFIDENTIA

380th Bombardment Sq. 310th Bombardment Gp.

Mission Report #98

Date- July 19, 1943

Target- Ciampino Airdrome, Rome, (Italy)

Squadron airplanes-eighteen.

P- Capt. C.L.Grow P- Lieut. F.A.Shorsher C/P- Lietu. L.G. Anderson C/P- Lieut. C.M. Dodge N- Lieut. J.D.Coffey B- Sgt. G.W. Ash B- Lieut. J.H. Windler R- S/Sgt. J.W. Dinges

R- T/Sgt. R.B.Hill G- Cpl. B.W.Himes

P- Capt. L. Cometh C/P- Lieut. W.S. Derrick C/P- Lieut. C.W. Strunk B- Lieut. W.H.Drake R- S/Sgt. I.M.Liudahl G- Sgt. S.G.Barszcz

P- Lieut. E.L.Stutts C/P- Lieut. S.M. Wells N- Lieut. E.H. Potter B- Lieut. N.W.Ackerson R- S/Sgt. E.D.Barbieir G- S/Sgt. A.J.Janigki

P- Lieut. C.E.Rice C/P- Lieut. W.L. Bates N- Lieut. C.M.Head B- Lieut. R.C. Mizerski R- Sgt. P.D. Alexander G- S/Sgt. C.L.Thomas

P- Lieut. H.L.Cromartie P- Lieut. F.C.Ross C/F- Lieut. J.B.Carney N- Lietu. D.McBride B- Lieut. P.I. Blumenfeld R- Pfc. R.A. Lysowski G- S/Sgt. J.Kobasa

P- Lieut. V.R.Faulds C/F- Lieut. D.J.Murchie B- Lieut. C.C. Angely R- T/Sgt. A.J.Meyer

P- Lieut. L.D.Smith B- S/Sgt. R. Hotaling R- S/Sgt. A.H.McDowell G- Sgt. G.P.McCabe

G- Sgt. J.J.Black

P- Lieut. E.H.Steger C/P- Lieut. J.S. Weaver B- S/Sgt. J.S.Lively R- S/Sgt. R.A. Pratt G- S/Sgt. W.B.Penhale AP- S/Sgt. W.E. Hutchenrider

F- Lieut. C.R.Brown C/P- Lieut. A.R. Walcott B- S/Sgt. R.S. Weinstein R- S/Sgt. D.W.Wells G- Sgt. W.W.Marquis

C/P- Lieut. R.H. Neumann B- S/Sgt. A.G. Links R- S/Sgt. J.J.Altobello G- Sgt. E.W. Litchfield

P- Lieut. R.R.Goss C/P- Lieut. F/O. M.D.Miller C/P- Lieut. E.J. Beale B- S/Sgt. C.R.Gardner B- S/Sgt. L.A.Miller R- S/Sgt. J.A.Dackiewcz G- S/Sgt. W.E.Rasmessen G- Sgt. B.L.Brimhall

P- Lieut. R.S.Rich C/P- Lieut. J.A. Hanlon B- S/Sgt. B.F. Link R- S/Sgt. M.E.Acey G- Sgt. P.D. McGimpsey AP- Cpl. Sibaila

P- Lieut. G.A. Echols C/P- Lieut. W.J. Tolsman B- Sgt. H.C.Silvis R- Sgt. F.E. Taylor G- Sgt. E.O. Tippitt

P- Lieut. J.E.Wright C/F- Lieut. S.D. LeFevre B- S/Sgt. F.E.Donahue R- S/Sgt. J.E.Morris G- Sgt. F. Papp

P- Lieut. J.I.Miller C/P- F/O. T.R. Sowder B- S/Sgt. A.M. Blevins R- S/Sgt. L.F. Henry G- Sgt. R.E.Ritter

P- Lieut. J.H.Benton C/P- Lieut. C.V. Walton B- Bgt. G.F.Snyder R- S/Sgt. D.E. Hoover G- S/Sgt. W.J.McConnell

P- Lieut. E.A.Drew R- S/Sgt. C.W.Cooper G- Sgt. M.H.Miller

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Mission report #98 continued 380th Bombardment Sq/ 310th Bombardment Gp.

History was in the making today as hundreds of bombers of all types and classes made one of the biggest raids of the war on Musso's front porch, better known as Rome, the capital of Italy. It was more than just another battering raid on Italy for it no doubt had a very strong psychological effect on the Italian people as it demostrated the might of the Allied Air Force, and also the utter futility to resist such a strong array of united forces. Enemy resistance over the target was very conspicuous by its almost apparent absence and even the mightiest efforts of the enemy ground gunners failed to stem the waves of Allied bombers over the great capital.

Our target was the very active airdrome just south of Rome, Ciampino Landing Ground. Seventy-two B-25's, the largest combined forces this group has even sent out on one mission, struck at Ciampino and left it smoking grave of wrecked aircraft and burning buildings. Our bomb patterms covered the hangars, administration buildings and adjacent installations. Aircraft parked in front of these buildings in the wake of these bomb strings were destroyed. In the dispersel area at the southeast section of the landing area, many TE a/c were destroyed by direct hits. The landing area was well pitted with craters as our bombers turned off the target and fires were left burning in almost every section of the field.

Our formation experienced fairly accurate flak of a moderate intensity over the target and many of these positions were pin-pointed by the crews. Along the coast at Nettuno flak was encountered by our flight. Five unidentified ships were seen heading southeast just off the coast at Gaelta. Photographs were taken and all ships returned safely to their bases. The entire bombing show of Rome was broadcasted to all parts of the world with the announcers relating each target bombed as that particular flight passed over the target. It was a truly great performance.

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Mission report # 99

380th Bombardment Sq. 310th Bombardment Gp.

Date- July 20, 1943

Target- Monte Corvino Airdrome, Italy

Squadron airplanes- twelve

P- Capt. C.L. Grow CP- Lt. L.G. Anderson N- Lt. J.D. Coffey B- Lt. J.H. Windler R- T/Sgt. R.B. Hill G- S/Sgt. J.H. Roach 0- Capt. W.R. Pound

P- Lt. F.A. Shorsher CP- Lt. C.M.Dodge B- Sgt. G.W. Ash R- S/Sgt. J.W. Dinges G- Sgt. J.J. Black

P- Lt. R.S. Rich CP- Lt. J.A. Hanlon B- S/Sgt. B.F. Link R- S/Sgt. M.E. Acey G- Sgt. P.D. McGimpsey AP- Cpl. V. Sibailia

P- Lt. W.S. Derrick CP- Lt. T.F. Ryan B- Lt. W.H. Drake R- S/Sgt. I.M. Liudahl G- Sgt. S.G. Barszcz

P- Lt. L.D. Smith CP- Lt. C.W. Strunk B- S/Sgt. R. Hotaling
R- S/Sgt. A.H. McDowell G- Sgt. G.P. McCabe

P- Lt. G.A. Echols CP- Lt. W.J. Toltzman B- Sgt. H.C. Silvis R- Sgt. F.E. Taylor G- Sgt. E.O. Tippitt

P- Lt. E.L. Stutts CP- Lt. S.M. Wells N- Lt. E.H. Potter B- Lt. N.W. Ackerson

P- Lt. E.H. Steger CF- Lt. J.S. Weaver N- Lt. E.H. Potter

B- S/Sgt. J.S. Lively

B- Lt. N.W. Ackerson

R- S/Sgt. E.D. Barbieri

G- S/Sgt. W.B. Penhale

AP- S/Sgt. W.B. Penhale AP- S/Sgt. W. Hutchenrider

P- Lt. J.E. Wright CP- Lt. S.D. LeFevre B- S/Sgt. F.E. Donahue n_ S/Sgt. J.E. Morris G- Sgt. F. Papp

P- Lt. K.R. Faulds CP- Lt. D.J. Murchie CP- FO M.D. Miller CP- Lt. E.J. Beale
B- Lt. C.C. Angely B- S/Sgt. C.R. Gardner B- S/Sgt. L.A. Miller
R- T/Sgt. A.J. Meyer R- S/Sgt. J.A. Dackiewcz R- S/Sgt. C.W. Cooper
G- S/Sgt. W.E. Rasmussen G- Cpl. B.W. Himes G- Sgt. M.H. Miller

P- Lt. R.B. Goss

P- Lt. B.A. Drew

OUTLINE

Allied Air Force Bombers are alowly and methodically disentegrating all Italian airdromes and military installations on the mainland. Our group has been aiding in this endeavor in no small way and again today our aircraft struck at another of the many active dromes in Italy. On Monte Corvino A/D approximately thirty to forty a/c were observed dispersed. Our bombs patterned the NW, NE and S dispersal areas and many a/c were seen to receive direct hits or near masses. Six to seven big planes in the south dispersal area were hit and left burning while bombs landed among 10-12 a/c parked in the east portion of the landing ground. Our bomb patterns effectively covered hangars and adjacent installations and considerable white smoke was observed coming from these buildings.

Only light flak and M/G fire was observed at the target and one ME-109 was sighted which did not attack. Four medium sized vessels were observed in Salerno Harbor. Our group lost two planes (see casualty)

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Mission report # 100

380th Bombardment Sq. 310th Bombardment GP.

Date- July 23, 1943

Target-Crotone Airdrome

Squadron airplanes- eleven

P- Lt. H.L. Cromartie CP- Lt. J.B. Carney N- Lt. D. McBride G- S/Sgt. J. Kobasa

P- Lt. L.D. Smith P- It. C.W. Strunk B- S/Sgt. R. Hotaling B- Sgt. H.C. Silvis R- S/Sgt. A.H. McDowell G- Sgt. G.P. McCabe

P- Lt. F.C. Ross CP- Lt. R.H. Neumann B- S/Sgt. A.G. Links R- Pfc. R.A. Lysowski G- Sgt. E.W. Litchfield

F- Lt. J.I. Miller CP- FO T.R. Sowder B- S/Sgt. A.M. Blevins R- S/Sgt. B.F. Henry G- Sgt. R.E. Ritter AP- Cpl. V. Sibailia

P- Lt. F.C. Folwell CP- Lt. F. Gifford B- S/Sgt. B.F. Link R-T/Sgt. E.M. Smith G-S/Sgt. J.J. Altobello AP- S/Sgt. W.E. Hutchenrider G- Sgt. S.G. Barszcz

> P- Lt. G.A. Echols CP- Lt. W.J. Toltzman R- S/Sgt. F.E. Taylor G- Sgt. E.O. Tippitt

P- Lt. C. Hament CP- Lt. R.M. Arentson B- S/Sgt. R.S. Weinstein R- S/Sgt. D.W. Wells G- Sgt. W.W. Marquis

P- Lt. J.W. Hubbard CP- Lt. T.C. Bounds B- T/Sgt. H.H. Kecther R- S/Sgt. L.D. Brinson G- Sgt. B.L. Brimhall

P- Lt. W.S. Derrick CP- Lt. T.P. Ryan N- Lt. J. Lewis B- Lt. W.H. Drake R- S/Sgt. I.W. Liudahl

P- Capt. J.J. Dent CP- Lt. C.R. Brown N- Lt. C.M. Head B- Lt. J.D. Anderson R- S/Sgt. M.E. Acey G- Sgt. P.D. McGimpsey

P- Lt. C.E. Rice CP- Lt. W.L. Bates N- Lt. W.F. Koniezka R- Sgt. P.D. Alexander B- Lt. R.C. Mizerski G- S/Sgt. C.L. Thomas

Today our group took off on one of its longest raids which took them over to the eas coast of Italy to bomb the airdrone at Crotone. The mission was a complete success as the assigned targets on the field were well covered. Direct hits destroyed or severely damaged hangars and buildings on the west side of the field and many bombs were observed to fall on a/c parked in front of these buildings. The north sde of the landing ground was well hit and resulted in the destruction of at least ten SE a/c parked there. The central portion of the landing area was well covered by bomb pattern, also destroying three or four large a/c dispersed in that vicinity. Direct bomb hits were made in the northwest side of the field causing the destruction of many buildings there. Considerable smoke and many fires were observed in that area.

Slight heavy flak was experienced over the target and although two enemy fighters were sighted they did not attack. Four or five small craft were sighted in the harbor at Crotone. Photos of the bombing were made. Nine ships returned directly to the base while the remaining planes landed at "alta, Pantelleria and Cape Bon to refuel.

Mission report # 101

Date- July 27, 1943

Target- Scalea Airdrome

Squadren airplanes- eleven

P- Capt. C.L. Grow CP- Lt. L.G. Anderson N- Lt. J.D. Coffey B- Lt. J.H. Windler R- T/Sgt. R.B. Hill G- S/Sgt. J.L. Pintar O- Colonel A.G. Hunter

P- Lt. W. S. Derrick CP- Lt. T.P. Ryan N- Lt. J. Lewis B- Lt. W.H. Drake R- S/Sgt. L. M. Liudahl P- It. J.I. Miller G- Sgt. S.G. Barszcz

P- Capt. L. Cometh CP- Lt. C.R. Brown N- Capt. W.B. Pound B- Capt. W.G. Holmes R- S/Sgt. Barbieri G- S/Sgt. Janciki

P- Lt. F.A. Shorsher CP- Lt. C.M. Dodge B- S/Sgt. A.G. Links R- S/Sgt. J.W. Dinges G- Sgt. J.H. Black

P- Lt. L.D. Smith CP* Lt. C.W. Strunk B- S/Sgt. P. Hotaling R- S/Sgt. A.H. McDowell R- S/Sgt. F.E. Taylor G- Sgt. G.P. McCabe

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P- Lt. F.C. Folwell CP- Lt. F. Gifford B- S/Sgt. B.F. Link

CP- Lt.FO. T.R. Sowder B- S/Sgt. A.M. Blevins R- S/Sgt. L.F. Henry G- Sgt. R.E. Ritter

P- Lt. R.S. Rich CP- Lt. J.A. Hanlon B- S/Sgt. W.E. Jastrzemski R- S/Sgt. P.E. Poknis G- S/Sgt. L.F. Rodgers AP- S/Sgt. W. Hutchenrider

P- Lt. G.A. Echols CP- Lt. W.J. Toltzman B- Sgt. H.C. Silvis G- Sgt. E.O. Tippitt

P- Lt. R.R. Goss CP- FO M.D. Miller B- S/Sgt. C.R. Gardner R- S/Sgt. J.J. Altobello R- S/Sgt. J. Dackiewicz G- S/Sgt. W.C. Gore G- Cpl. B.W. Himes G- Cpl. B.W. Himes

> P- Lt. J.W. Hubbard CF- Lt. T.C. Bounds B- T/Sgt. H.H. Kechter R- S/Sgt. L.D. Brinson G- S/Sgt. J.H. Roach

Another of Benito's airdromes was struck a staggering blow when thirtysix of our group's aircraft smashed at Scalea Airdrome in Italy. Accurate bombing resulted in the coverage of alost the entire landing ground by our bombs. A small portion of the west section o the field was the only area that escaped our bomb patterns. Many a/c totaling about fifteen, were believed destroyed and that is a conservative estimate.

There was absolutely no aerial activity or flak; just as quiet as Main Street in a small town on Sunday afternoon. However our boys did make some valuable observations on their return trip such as sighting a M/V heading SE in the Gulf of Policastro, two strings of RR cars totaling 40-50 on a siding at Scalea and a fifteen m/t convoy heading South parked along the side of the road just S of Scales at target time. All ships came home safely.

102 # 380th Bombardment Sq. 310th Bombardment Gp.

Mission Report #102

Date- July 30, 1943

Target- Pratica Di Mare Landing Ground

Squadron airplanes- twelve

P- Capt. C.L.Grow C/P- Lieut. L.G. Anderson C/P- Lieut. J.S. Weaver B- Lieut. J.D.Coffey N- Lieut. J.H. Windler R- T/Sgt. R.B.Hill G- S/Sgt. J.L.Pintar

P- Capt. J.J.Dent C/P- Lieut. S.M. Wells N- Lieut. R.H.Potter B- Lieut. J.D. Anderson R- S/Sgt. J.W. Dinges G- Sgt. J.J.Black

P- Lieut. H.L. Cromartie C/P- Lieut. J.B. Carney N- Lieut. J.McBride B- Lieut. P.I.Blumenfeld B- S/Sgt. A.M. Blevins R- T/Sgt. E.M. Smith G- S/Sgt. J.Kobasa

P- Lieut. W.S.Derrick C/P- Lieut. C.M.Dodge N- Lieut. J.Lewis B- Lieut. W.H.Drake R- S/Sgt. I.M. Liudahl G- Sgt. S.G.Barszcz

P- Lieut. E.H.Steger B- S/Sgt. J.S. Lively R- S/Sgt. R.A.Pratt G- S/Sgt. W.B.Penhale AP- S/Sgt. W.E.Hutchenrider

P- Lieut. F.C.Ross C/P- Lieut. H.H. Neumann B- S/Sgt. A.G. Links R- Pfc. R.A. Lysowski G- Sgt. E.W. Litchfield

P- Lieut. J.I.Miller C/P- Lieut. T.R.Sowder R- S/Sgt. L.F. Henry G- Sgt. R.E.Ritter

P- Lieut. L.D.Smith C/P- Lieut. C.W.Strunk B- S/Sgt. R.Hotaling R- S/Sgt. A.H.McDowell G- Sgt. G.P.McCabe

P- Lieut. R.S.Rich C/P- Lieut. J.A. Hanlon B- S/Sgt. W.F.Jastrzemski R- S/Sgt. P.A. Poknis G- S/Sgt. L.F.Rodgers

P- Lieut. C. Hament C/P- Lieut. R.M. Arentson B- S/Sgt. R.S. Weinstein R- Sgt. P.D. Alexander G- Sgt. W.W.Marquis

P- Lieut. J.E. Wright C/P- Lieut. E.D. LeFevre B- S/Sgt. F.E.Donahue R- S/Sgt. J.E.Morris G- Sgt. F. Papp

P- Lieut. G.A. Echols C/P- Lieut. W.J. Toltzman B- Sgt. H.C.Silvis R- S/Sgt. F.E.Taylor G- Sgt. E.O.Tippitt

UUTLINE

Our bombers continued to hit enemy air power in Italy- Today thirty six of our aircraft dropped their loads of destruction on Pratica Di Mare, a very active airdrome several miles south of Rome on the west coast of Italy. Our accurate bombing resulted in the destruction and damage to many of the one hundred or more a/c parked about the perimeter of the landing ground and in the dispersal areas. The eastern area of the field in which a/c were parked was hit very well. Our bomb patterns also covered the north and southeast portions of the landing ground and it was in these areas that greatest concentration of our bombs were observed to fall. The buildings on the east edge of the field received direct hits and several fires were seen burning as the result of their bombing.

A formation of transports were seen off the coast from the target heading west to sea and six multi-engine E/S were observed flying from SE to NE over target but continued out sea, apparently preparing to land. Several SE fighters were seen on the deck at the target but no attack was made by them. Slight light and heavy flak was experienced at the target and at the town of Anzio. All very inaccurate. Among observations crews sighted four or five enemy freighters in Anzio Harbor.

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380th Bombardment Sq. 310th Bombardment Gp.

Mission report # 103

Date- Aug. 1, 1943

Target- Millazzo Harbor (Vessels and Docks)

Squadron airplanes- twelve

P- Capt. C. L. Grow CP- Lt. L.G. Anderson B- Lt. J.H. Windler N- Lt. J.D. Coffey R- T/Sgt. R.B. Hill G- S/Sgt. J.L. Pintar 0- Capt. W.R. Pound

P- Lt. W.S. Derrick CP- Lt. C.M. Dodge B- Lt. W.H. Drake N- Lt. J. Lewis R- S/Sgt. I.M Liudahl G- Sgt. S.G. Barszcz

P- Lt. H.L. Cromartie CP- Lt. J.B. Carney B- Lt. P.I. Blumenfeld N- Lt. D. McBride R- T/Sgt. E.M. Smith G- S/Sgt. J. Kobasa

P- Capt. L. Cometh CP- Lt. F.C. Folwell B- Lt. N.W. Ackerson R- S/Sgt. J.J. Altobello AP- Cpl. Pummill G- S/Sgt. W.O. Gore

P- Lt. E.H. Steger CP- Lt. J.S. Weaver B- S/Sgt. J.S. Lively R- S/Sgt. R.A. Pratt G- S/Sgt. W.B. Penhale AP- S/Sgt. W. Hutchenrider

P- Lt. L.D. Smith CP- Lt. C.W. Strunk B- S/Sgt. R. Hoteling R- S/Sgt. A.H. McDowell G- Sgt. G. McCabe

P- Lt. J.E. Wright CP- Lt. S.D. Lefevre B- S/Sgt. F.E. Donahue R- S/Sgt. J.E. Morris G- Sgt. F. Papp O- Lt. B.W. Morris

P- Lt. C.R. Brown CP- Lt. J.A. Hanlon B- S/Sgt. A.G. Links R- S/Sgt. A.J. Janicki R- S/Sgt. E.D. Barbieri

P- Lt. J.W. Hubbard CP- Lt. T.C. Bounds B- T/Sgt. H.H. Kechter R- S/Sgt. L.D. Brinson G- Gpl. B.W. Himes

P- Lt. G.A. Echols CP- Lt. W.J. Toltzman B- Sgt. H.C. Silivs R- Sgt. F.E. Taylor G- Sgt. J.H. Black

P- Lt. R.R. Goss CP- FO M.D. Miller B- S/Sgt. W. Jastrzemski R- S/Sgt. A Polmis G- S/Sgt. L.F. Rodgers

P- Lt. J. I. Miller CP- FO T.R. Sowder B- S/Sgt. A.M. Blevins R- S/Sgt. L.F. Henry G- Sgt. R.E. Ritter

For a change in scenery the target today was Milazzo, a coastal harbor of extreme importance being the means whereby large quantities of supplies have been received by the enemy. It is one of the few Sicilian harbors still in the enemy's hands. A formation of twenty-four a/c, of hwich half were our squadron, made a rum on this target and good bomb patterns were the result of our efforts. Direct hits were made on buildings, warehouses and harbor installations all around the inner harbor. The north quay was hit by a string of bombs resulting in a large explosion. Our bomb patterns also covered the cil refinery and RR yards to the SE of the harbor. Direct hits and near misses were made on two M/V's and one small boat along docks in the inner harbor. Upon leaving the target two fires were observed.

There was no serial activity on the part of the enemy today. The flak was slight to moderate heavy and accurate. Some inaccurate light flak was also experienced over the target. Photographs were taken and all ships returned safely to the base.

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380th Bombardment Sq. 310th Bombardment Gp.

Mission Report #104

Date- August 7, 1943

Target- Crotone Airdrome

Squadron airplanes- twelve

P- Capt. J.J.Dent C/P- Lieut. S.M.Wells N- Lieut. E.H.Potter B- Lieut. N.W.Ackerson R- S/Sgt. M.E.Acey G- Sgt. P.D.Alexander

P- Lieut. C.E.Rice C/P- F/O. W.L.Bates B- Lieut. J.H.Windler R- S/Sgt. J.W.Dinges G- S/Sgt. J.J.Black

P- Lieut. H.L.Cromartie C/P- Lieut. J.B.Carney N- Lieut. D.McBride B- Lieut. P.I.Blumenfeld R- T/Sgt. E.M.Smith G- S/Sgt. J.Kobasa

P- Lieut. W.S.Derrick C/P- Lieut. C.M.Dodge N- Lieut. J.Lewis B- Lieut. W.H.Drake R- S/Sgt. I.M.Liudahl G- Sgt. S.G.Barszcz P- Lieut. E.H.Steger C/P- Lieut. J.S.Weaver B- S/Sgt. J.S.Lively R- S/Sgt. R.A.Pratt G- S/Sgt. W.B.Penhale

P- Lieut. J.H.Benton C/P- Lieut. V. Walton B- S/Sgt. G.F.Snyder R- S/Sgt. D.E.Hoover G- S/Sgt. W.J.McConnell

P- Lieut. J.E.Wright C/P- Lieut. S.D.LeFevre B- S/Sgt. F.E.Donahue R- S/Sgt. J.E.Morris G- Sgt. R.Papp

P- Lieut. J.I.Miller C/P- F/O T.R.Sowder B- S/Sgt. A.M.Blevins R- S/Sgt. L.F.Henry G- Sgt. R.E.Ritter O- Major J.F.Gavin AP- S/Sgt. W.Hutchenrider P- Lieut. C.Hament C/P- R.M.Arentson B- S/Sgt. R.S.Weinstein R- S/Sgt. D.W.Wells G- S/Sgt. J.M.Roach

P- Lieut. E.A.Drew C/P- Lieut. E.J.Beale B- S/Sgt. L.A.Miller R- S/Sgt. C.W.Cooper G- Sgt. M.H.Miller

P- Lieut. R.R.Goss C/P- F/O M.D.Miller B- S/Sgt. W.F.Jastrzemski R- S/Sgt. P.A.Poknis G- S/Sgt. L.F.Rodgers AP- Cpl. V.Sibaila

P- Lieut. G.A.Echols C/P- Lieut. W.J.Toltzman B- Sgt. H.C.Silvis R- Sgt. F.E.Taylor G- S/Sgt. J.L.Pintar

OUTLINE

Both enemy ground and aerial resistance was practically nil again today as our boys struck deep into enemy territory at Crotone Airdrome on the east coast of Italy. Our bomb patterns covered the western area of the landing area very well. Several large explosions were observed on the north end of the field and the bldgs along the west edge of the field were believed hit. About twenty to twenty-five a/c were seen dispersed on the west and north perimeter.

The only thing in the way of enemy resistance that was offered today was a few inaccurate bursts of flak at the target. Some moderate flak was experienced at the town of Crotone but this was out of range. Three M/V's were sighted in Crotone Harbor and one in Castella. Photos were taken. Ships all came back safely.

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Mission report # 105

380th Bombardment Sq. 310th Bombardment Gp.

Date- Aug. 9, 1943

Target- Marina Di Catanzaro Bridges

Squadron Airplanes- twelve

P- Capt. C.L. Grow CP- Lt. S.M. Wells N- Lt. J.D. Coffey B- Lt. W.H. Drake R- T/Sgt. R.B. Hill G- S/Sgt. J. L. Pinter 0- Maj. R.R. Wilder

G- S/Sgt. W.O. Gore

P- Lt. H.L. Cromartie

P- Lt. J.E. Wright

P- Lt. R.R. Goss

CP- Lt. J.B. Carney

CP- Lt. S.D. LeFevre

CP- FO M.D. Miller

CP- Lt. D. McBridg

B- S/Sgt. F.E. Donahue

B- S/Sgt. W.F. Jastrzemski

R- S/Sgt. J.E. Morris

R- S/Sgt. P.A. Poknis

C- Sct. F. Papp

G- S/Sgt. L.F. Rodgers B- Lt. P.I. Blumenfeld R- T/Sgt. E.M. Smith G- S/Sgt. J. Kobasa

P- Lt. C.E. Rice P- Lt. C.E. Rice CP- FO W.L. Bates N- Lt. W.F. Konieczka B- Lt. R. S. Lee R- Pfc. R.A. Lysowski G- S/Sgt. C.L. Thomas

P- Lt. J.W. Hubbard CP- Lt. R.M. Neumann B- T/Sgt. H.H. Kechter B- S/Sgt. J.S. Lively
R- S/Sgt. M.E. Acey R- S/Sgt. J.W. Dinges G- Sgt. P.D. McGimpsey

P- Lt. J.H. Benton P- Lt. E.A. Drew
CP- Lt. C.V. Walton CP- Lt. E.J. Beale
B- S/Sgt. F. G. Snyder B- S.Sgt. L.A. Miller
R- S/Sgt. D.E. Hoover R- S/Sgt. C.W. Cooper
G- S/Sgt. W.J. McConnell G- Sgt. M.H. Miller
AP- Cpl. V. Sibaila AP- Cpl. V. Sibaila

P- Lt. E.H. Steger CP- Lt. C.M. Dodge G- Sgt. J.J. Black AP- S/Sgt. W. Hutchenrider

P- Lt. F.C. Folwell

CP- Lt. F. Gifford

B- N.W. Ackerson, Lt.

R- S/Sgt. J.M. Altobello

G- S/Sgt. W.O. Gore

P- Lt. C. Hement

CP- Lt. R.M. Arentson

B- S/Sgt. R.S. Weinstein

C- S/Sgt. J.M. Roach

C- S/Sgt. J.M. Roach

Today we made another attempt to destroy the Catanzaro Bridge along with a smaller one just of the north. Eighteen of our bombers made a run on the Main bridge and bomb hits ere observed just NE and SW of the target. Several hits were made on both approaches. Direct hits were observed in the Marshalling yards and on buildings in that area resulting in a large explosion. Observations were hampered greatly by the considerable amount of smoke and dust in the target area. The small bridge to the north received many hits and near misses. It is believed to be either destroyed or badly damaged. Hits were also reported in the RR yards and repair yards, and the rail lines NE of this bridge are believ d to be knocked out.

No enemy resistance again today, neither on the ground nor in the air. 25-30 small craft were observed beached near the small bridge. In the marshalling yards NE of the main bridge, thirty RR cars were seen and fifteen to twenty were observed in the SW marshalling yards. Photos were taken and all ships returned safely.

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380th Bombardment Sq.

310th Bombardment Gp.

Mission Report

Date- August 11, 1943

Target- Angitola Rail and Highway Bridges

Squadron airplanes- twelve

P- Capt. C.L.Grow C/P- Lieut. E.Gifford N- Lieut. J.D.Coffey B- Lieut. N.W.Ackerson R- T/Sgt. R.B.Hill G- S/Sgt. J.L.Pintar O- Colonel R.Kyles P- Lieut. E.H.Steger C/P- Lieut. J.A.Hanlon B- S/Sgt. J.S.lively R- S/Sgt. R.D.Barbieri G- S/Sgt. A.J.Janicki AP- S/Sgt. W.E.Hutchenrider P- Lieut. J.W.Hubbard C/P-F/O M.D.Miller B- T/Sgt. H.H.Kechter R- S/Sgt. P.A.Poknis G- S/Sgt. L.A.Rodgers

P- Lieut. C.E.Rice C/P- Lieut. T.P. Ryan N- Lieut. W.F.Koniezka B- Lieut. R.C.Mizerski R- Sgt. P.D.Alexander G- S/Sgt. C.L.Thomas O- Major Gavin P- Lieut. J.H.Benton C/P- Lieut. R.L.Auchard B- Sgt. G.E.Snyder R- S/Sgt.D.E.Hoover G- S/Sgt. W.J.McConnell P-Lieut. E.A.Drew C/P- Lieut. E.J.Beale B- S/Sgt. L.A.Miller R- S/Sgt. C.W.Cooper G- Sgt. M.H.Miller

P- Capt. J.J.Dent C/P- Lieut. S.M.Wells N- Lieut. E.H.Potter B- Lieut. J.B.Anderson R- S/Sgt. M.S.Acey G- Sgt. P.D.McGimpsey P- Lieut. F.C.Ross C/P- Lieut. R.H.Neumann B- S/Sgt. B.F.Link R- Pfc. Lysowski G- Sgt. E.W.Litchfield P- Lieut. C.Hament C/P- Lieut. R.M.Arentson B- S/Sgt. R.S.Weinstein R- S/Sgt. D.W.Wells G- Sgt. W.W.Marquis AP- S/Sgt. R.A.Faust

P- Lieut. W.S.Derrick C/P- Lieut. C.C.Dodge N- Lieut. J.W.Lewis B- Lieut. W.H.Drate R- S/Sgt. I.M.Liudahl G- Sgt. S.G.Barszcz P- Lieut. L.D.Smith C/P- Lieut. C.W.Strunk B- S/Sgt. R.Hotaling R- S/Sgt. A.H.McDowell G- Sgt. G.P.McCabe AP- Cpl. V.F.Sibaila Pa-Lieut. G.A.Echols C/P- Lieut. W.J.Toltzman B- Sgt. H.C.Silvis R- Sgt. F.E.Taylor G- S/Sgt. J.M.Roach

OUTLINE

Twenty four of our bombers struck at another brace of bridges, this time on the west coast of Italy, the Rail and Highway Bridges over the Angitola River. We had a bit of hard luck as none of the flight's bombs hit the railroad bridge although several strings were observed to hit directly on the rail line just SW of the bridge. The south end of the highway bridge were believed hit as were many portions of the road on the south end of the bridge and at the road fork. This bridge was probably rendered unserviceable.

Nor was there any resistance today as yesterday either on the ground or in the air. A moderate amount of enemy shipping was sighted. Two M/V's seen hdg. NE off breakwater at Pizzo. 15-20 coastal vessels and 3-4 M/V's anchored at Tropea, and 7-8 barges on beach west of target. There was also a good amount of rail activity observed. Photos were taken of the bombing. All ships safe.

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Mission report #107

380th Bombardment Sq. 310th Bombardment Gp.

Date- August 13, 1943

Target- Littorio Marshalling Yards

Squadron airplanes- two

P- Lieut. C.R. Brown C/P- Lieut. J.A. Hanlon B- Sgt. G.W. Ash R- S/Sgt. E.D. Barbieri G- S/Sgt. A.J. Janicki P- Lieut. J.E. Wright C/P- Lieut. S.D. LeFevre B- S/Sgt. A.M. Blevins R- S/Sgt. L.F. Henry G- Sgt. J.L. Pintar

AP- S/Sgt. W.E. Hutchenrider

OUTLINE

Just north of Rome are located the important Marshalling Yards of Littorio, which were our target for today. Due to the considerable amount of dust and smoke from previous bombings and smoke pots at Littorio Airdrome, close observations were impossible, although many bombs fell in the northern area of the M/Y's. It is believed that the fuel storage tank in the target area received a direct hit as a large flame almost 2,000' high was observed.

Six enemy fighters attempted to intercept the formation but were driven off by our escort. One Me-109 was probably destroyed by the gunner in the next to last ship in the formation (381st). There were 25 - 30 a/c on Littorio Airdrome, 26 multi-engined a/c on Marcigliana Airdrome and 10 - 15 a/c on Rieti. One hospital ship was sighted hdg 140 deg. 11:10 hrs, about 40 miles off coast at Rome. About 100 black tank cars in RR yds at Paola. Moderate to Heavy inaccurate flak was experienced over the target, triple bursting flak reported. Heavy flak also at Viterbo Airdrome, SE of Lake Brocciani and Cape Linaro. Photos were taken and all ships returned safe.

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Mission report #108

380th Bombardment Sq. 310th Bombardment Gp.

Date- August 16, 1943

Target- Punto Di Staletti (RR & Highway Bridge)

Squadron airplanes- twelve

P- Capt. C.L. Grow C/P- Lieut. C.V. Walton N- Lieut. J.D. Coffey B- Lieut. J.B. Anderson R- T/Sgt. R.B. Hill G- S/Sgt. J.L. Pintar O- Colonel A.G. Hunter

P- Lieut. J.W. Hubbard C/P- Lieut. C.M. Dodge B- T/Sgt. H.H. Kechter R- S/Sgt. L.D. Brinson G- Cpl. B.W. Himes 0- Capt. J.J. Landron

P- Lieut. R.H. Steger C/P- Lieut. W.J. Toltzman B- S/Sgt. J.S. Lively R- S/Sgt. R.A. Pratt G- S/Sgt. W.B. Penhale AP- S/Sgt. W.E. Hutchenrider

P- Lieut. C.E.Rice C/P- Lieut. T.P. Ryan N- Lieut. W.F. Konieczka B- Sgt. E. F. Snyder B- Lieut. R.C. Mizerski R- Pvt. P.D. Alexander G- S/Sgt. C.L. Thomas

P- Lieut. J.H. Benton C/P- Lieut. R.L. Auchard R- S/Sgt. J.W. Dinges G- S/Sgt. W.J. McConnell

P- Lieut. E.A. Drew C/P- Lieut. E.J. Beale B- S/Sgt. L.A. Miller R- S/Sgt. C.W. Cooper G- Sgt. M.H. Miller

P- Lieut. H.L. Cromartie P- Lieut. J.E. Wright C/P- Lieut. J.B. Carney N- Lieut. D. McBride B- Lieut. P.I. Blumenfeld R- S/Sgt. D.M. Wells R- T/Sgt. E.M. Smith G- Sgt. W.W. Marquis

C/P- Lieut. S.D. LeFevre B- S/Sgt. F.E. Donahue

P- Lieut. R.R. Goss C/P- F/O M.D. Miller B- S/Sgt. W.F. Jastrzemski R- S/Sgt. P.A. Poknis G- S/Sgt. L.F. Rodgers AP- S/Sgt. R.A. Faust

P- Lieut. F.C. Folwell P- Lieut. C.R. Brown C/P- Lieut. F. Gifford C/P- Lieut. J.A. Hanlon B- Lieut. N.W. Ackerson B- Sgt. G.W. Ash B- Lieut. N.W. Ackerson B- Sgt. G.W. Ash B- S/Sgt. A.M. Blevins R- S/Sgt. J.J. Altobello R- S/Sgt. E.D. Barbieri R- S/Sgt. L.F. Henry G- S/Sgt. W.O. Gore 0- Lieut. L.J. Eichner

G- S/Sgt. J. Kobasa

G- S/Sgt. A.J. Janicki

P- T/O T.R. Sowder C/P- F/O W.L. Bates G- Sgt. R.E. Ritter

Adverse weather conditions hampered our bombing today. The target two road bridges and RR trestle were a perfect set-up as there was absolutely no enemy resistance whatsoever. But as luck would have it and 8/10th cumulus cloud coverage nestled itself over the target and obscured our objectives thus making a good bomb run impossible. Some observations were made though as follows: On the North Bridge most of the bombs hit to the left and short but the road N of the bridge was cut by a string of bombs. The south bridge bombing was almost identical as no hits were seen on the bridge although several strings of bombs destroyed portions of the road just N and S of the bridge. No direct hits were observed scored on the RR Trestle. The rail line and highways N and S of trestle were severed however.

A medium sized merchantman was seen headed NNW just off Soverato. On the track just south of the trestle a string of approximately 20 RR cars were observed. Photographs were taken and all ships returned safe.

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Mission report #109

380th Bombardment Sq. 310th Bombardment Gp.

Date- August 17, 1943

Target- Hair pin curve in Road between Palermiti & Vallefiorita.

Squadron airplanes- eleven.

P- Lieut. H.L. Cromartie C/P- Lieut. J.B. Carney C/P- Lieut. T.C. Bounds C/P- Lieut. M.D. Miller
B- Lieut. P.I. Blumenfeld B- T/Sgt. H.H. Kechter B- S/Sgt. W.F. Jastrzemski
N- Lieut. D. McBride R- S/Sgt. L.G. Brinson R- S/Sgt. P.A. Pokmis
R- T/Sgt. E.M. Smith G- Cpl. R.W. Himes G- S/Sgt. L.F. Rodgers G- S/Sgt. J. Kobasa 0- Major E.H. Epersen

N- Lieut. J. Lewis B- Sgt. H.C. Silvis B- Lieut. W.H. Drake R- Sgt. F.E. Taylor R- S/Sgt. I.M. Liudahl G- S/Sgt. J.L. Pintar G- Sgt. S.G. Barszcz

P- Capt. J.J. Dent C/F- Lieut. T.P. Ryan

C/P- Lieut. R.H. Neumann

C/P- Lieut. J.S. Weaver

B- Lieut. J.B. Anderson

B- S/Sgt. B.P. Link

B- S/Sgt. J.S. Lively

N- Lieut. W.C. Konieczka

R- S/Sgt. J.W. Dinges

R- S/Sgt. R.A. Pratt

G- Sgt. E.W. Litchfield

G- S/Sgt. W.B. Penhale G- Sgt. P.D. McGimpsey

P- Lieut. F.C. Folwell P- Lieut. C.R. Brown P- F/O T.R. Sowder C/P- Lieut. F. Gifford C/P- Lieut. J.A. Hanlon C/P- F/O W.L. Bates B- Lieut. N.W. Ackerson B- Sgt. G.W. Ash B- S/Sgt. A.M. Blevirs R- S/Sgt. J.J. Altobello R- S/Sgt. E.D. Barbieri R- S/Sgt. L.F. Henry

P- Lieut. J.W. Hubbard P- Lieut. R.R. Goss AP- Sgt. D.K. Soderlund

P- Lieut. W.S. Derrick P- Lieut. G.A. Echols C/P- Lieut. C.W. Strunk C/P- Lieut. W.J. Toltzman

P- Lieut. F.C. Ross P- Lieut. E.H. Steger

G- S/Sgt. W.O. Gore G- S/Sgt. A.J. Janicki G- Sgt. R.E. Ritter

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AP- Cpl. V. Sibaila

Supplies are the life line of every fighting army and when they are cut the army is practically powerless. We in this theatre are fighting a war of supplies attacking targets like the one today which if destroyed would mean a holdup of the enemy supply line until the damage can be repaired or a new route prescribed. Our bombers did a fair bit of bombing on the road target and direct hits were observed across the tip of the hairpin curve. The road was also cut on both the north and south sides of the curve. Bomb strings severed the road curve east of the target.

No ememy resistance. Considerable amount of rail activity noticed. 100 to 200 freight cars in M/Y's at Marina di Catanzaro and 25 - 50 RR cars near bridge along coast at Soverato. A small M/V observed anchored off coast at Soverato. Photos taken and all ships returned safe to base.

Mission report #110

380th Bombardment Sq. 310th Bombardment Gp.

Date- August 19, 1943

Target- Salerno Marshalling Yards

Squadron airplanes- twelve

P- Capt. H.L. Cromartie C/P- Lieut. J.B. Carney N- Lieut. D. McBride B- Lieut. P.I. Blumenfeld R- T/Sgt. E.M. Smith G- S/Sgt. J. Kobasa O- Capt. W.G. Holmes

P- Lieut. F.C. Folwell

F- Capt. J.J. Dent C/P- Lieut. C.J. Walton N- Lieut. W.F. Konieczka B- Lieut. J.B. Anderson R- S/Sgt. M.E. Acey G- Sgt. P.D. McGimpsey

P- Lieut. C.E. Rice C/P- Lieut. T.P. Ryan R- Pvt. P.D. Alexander G- S/Sgt. C.L. Thomas O- Major J.F. Gavin O- Major J.F. Gavin

P- Lieut. J.E. Wright F- Lieut. R.R. Goss C/P- Lieut. L.B. Freeland C/P- F/O M.D. Miller B- S/Sgt. F.E. Donahue B- S/Sgt. W.F. Jastrzemski R- S/Sgt. D.W. Wells R- S/Sgt. P.A. Poknis G- S/Sgt. J.L. Fintar G- S/Sgt. L.F. Rodgers

P- Lieut. F.C. Ford C/P- Lieut. I.C. Bound B- S/Sgt. A.M. Blevin B- Lieut. N.W. Ackerson B- T/Sgt. H.H. Kechter B- S/Sgt. A.M. Blevin R- S/Sgt. I.J. Altobello R- S/Sgt. L.G. Brinson R- S/Sgt. L.F. Hanry G- Sgt. R.E. Ritter P- Lieut. J.W. Hubbard 0- Lt. Col. Coughlin

> P- Lieut. F.C. Ross C/P- Lieut. R.H. Neumann C/P- Lieut. LeFevre B- S/Sgt. B.F. Link B- S/Sgt. J.S. Lively R- S/Sgt. J.W. Dinges R- S/Sgt. R.A. Pratt G- Sgt. E.W. Litchfield G- S/Sgt. W.B. Penhale

P- Lieut. J.H. Benton P- Lieut. E.H. Drew C/P- Lieut. R.L. Auchard C/P- Lieut. E.J. Beale B- Lieut. R.C. Mizerski B- S/Sgt. G.F. Snyder B- S/Sgt. G.F. Snyder
R- S/Sgt. D.E. Hoover
G- S/Sgt. W.J. McConnell
G- Sgt. M.H. Miller AP- S/Sgt. J.A. Powers

F- F/O T.R. Sowder B- S/Sgt. A.M. Blevins

P- Lieut. E.H. Steger AP- W.E. Hutchenrider

Enemy resistance flared up again today when forty eight of our bombers attacked the Salerno M/Y's on the west coast of Italy. Accurate heavy flak scored a hit on one of our aircraft, Lt. Woss's plane, and last seen making a controlled landing. P-38's circled around the crew of six that cleared the ship and were affoat in a dinghy. Several other aircraft in our squadron went home with scars of this accurate fire, Lt. Wright and Lt. Rice being among these.

Bomb strings patterned the extreme N end and area adjacent to the West ern edge of the North M/Y's and some hits on the buildings to the NW were observed. There were no direct hits seen on the bridge but the tracks just W of the bridge. Our bombing resulted in the damage and possible destruction of the Industrial Buildings S of the Bridge. The main M/Y's were exceptionally well covered. Bombs hit squarely on the cement factory, repair shops and adjacent bldgs. Extensive use of smake pots made observations difficult. Photos were taken and remaining ships returned safely.

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Mission report

380th Bombardment Sq. 310th Bombardment Gp.

Target- Battapaglia Marshalling Yards

Date- August 23, 1943

Squadron airplanes- two

P- Lieut. E.H. Steger C/P- Lieut. S.D. LeFevre B- S/Sgt. J.B. Lively R- S/Sgt. R.A. Pratt G- S/Sgt. W.B. Penhale AP- S/Sgt. W.E. Hutchenrider P- Lieut. J.W. Hubbard C/F- Lieut. T.C. Bounds B- T/Sgt. H.H. Kechter R- S/Sgt. L.G. Brinson G- S/Sgt. J.L. Pintar

Striking again at Italy's life line, the railroad yards at Battapaglia felt the might of our power today. Two of our ships managed to fill in as spares as the formation neared the target. Bomb hits were scored on road and railroad junctions NW of the M/Y's. The rail line east and west of this junction is believed severed by our bomb strings. The building area N of the M/Y's received many hits. The eastern end of the M/Y's also suffered under our bombing although the damage was slight.

There was no display of enemy enemy aerial action. Approximately 40 - 50 a/c were observed on Monte Corvino Airdrome. Heavy flak of a slight moderate intensity was encountered over the target. Considerable rail activity was noted. there being 300 RR cars at Agropoli and 200 cars in central M/Y's at the target.

Photographs were taken and all ships returned safe.

Mission report #112

380th Bombardment Sq. 310th Bombardment Gp.

Date- August 26, 1943

Target- Grazzanise Landing Ground

Squadron airplanes- ten

P- Capt. C.L. Grow N- Lieut. J.D. Coffey B- T/Sgt. H.H. Kechter B- Lieut. J.T. Halsey B- Lieut. J.H. Windler R- T/Sgt. R.B. Hill

G- S/Sgt. J.L. Pintar 0- Major R.R. Pintar WILDER

C/P- Lieut. C.W. Strunk C/P- Lieut. W.J. Toltzman C/P- lieut. S.M. Wells N- Lieut. J. Lewis B- Sgt. H.C. Sièvis N- Lieut. E.N. Potter B- Lieut. W.H. Drake R- Sgt. F.E. Taylor B- Lieut. J.B. Anderso R- S/Sgt. I.M. Liudahl G- Sgt. J.J. Black R- S/Sgt. M.E. Acey G- Sgt. S.G. Barzez

P- Lieut. F.C. Ross C/P- Lieut. R.H. Neumann C/P- Lieut. M.W. Maxwell C/P- Lieut. T.P. Ryen

P- Lieut. J. H. Benton C/P- Lieut. R.L. Auchard B- Sgt. G.F. Snyder R- S/Sgt. D.E. Hoover G- S/Sgt. W.J. McConnell AP- S/Sgt. J.A. Powers

P- Lieut. J.W. Hubbard

P- Lieut. W.S. Derrick P- Lieut. J.A. Hanlon P- Capt, J.J. Dent

P- Lieut. T.C. Bounds P- Lieut. C.E. Rice

P- Lieut. E.H. Steger C/P- Lieut. L.G. Anderson C/P- Lieut. A.J. Huffman C/P- Lieut. L.B. Freeland R- S/Sgt. L.G. Brinson R- S/Sgt. R.A. Pratt G- Cpl. B.W. Himes G- S/Sgt. W.B. Penhale AP- S/Sgt. W.E. Hutchenrider

> B- Lieut, J.B. Anderson G- Sgt. P.D. McGimpsey

B- S/Sgt. B.F. Link

R- Cpl. R.A. Lysowski

G- Sgt. N.W. Litchfield

B- S/Sgt.R.S. Weinstein

R- Lieut. W.F. Konieczka

R- Pvt. P.D. Alexander

B- Lieut. R.C. Mizerski

C. S/C C. L. Thomas G- S/Sgt. C.L. Thomas

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Cloud coaverages over the target hampered our bombing greatly. Grazzanise Landing Ground along the west coast of Italy just above Naples was our targettoday. Inspite of adverse weather conditions our bombardiers did some fair bombings. Strings of bombs walked across the NW and SE corners of the L/G. The North, West and East areas were also hit. The building and hangar areas were covered and one direct hit was observed on the hangar. Several bomb strings were reported to cover the center of the Landing Groudn. Two of the twelve a/c observed on the field were destroyed. Three of our ships were unable to drop their bombs due to the clouds which obscured the target.

Although several enemy fighters were isghted near and over the target, no interceptions by them followed. 20 - 25 a/c were observed on Grazzanise Satellite #1 of which number 3 - 6 were observed burning. Approximately 10 small a/c on Capua L/G. Light flak was experienced from small craft one mile off the shore. Considerable amount of shipping observed in and around Naples Harbor. Photos taken and all ships came home safely.

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Mission report #113

380th Bombardment Sq. 310th Bombardment Gp.

Date- August 27, 1943

Target- Benevento Railroad Yards, Italy.

Squadron airplanes- twelve

P- Capt. C.L. Grow C/P- Lieut. L.G. Anderson C/P- Lieut. T.C. Bounds B- Lieut. H.H. Windler N- Lieut. J.D. Coffey R- T/Sgt. R.B. Hill G- S/Sgt. J.L. Pintar

P- Lieut. F.C. Folwell C/P- Lieut. F. Gifford B- Lieut. N.W. Ackerson R- S/Sgt. J.J. Altobello G- S/Sgt. W.O. Gore

P- Capt. H.L. Cromartie C/P- Lieut. C.V. Walton B- Lieut. J.B. Anderson N- Lieut. D. McBride R- T/Sgt. E.M. Smith G- S/Sgt. J. Kobasa

P- Lieut. C.E. Rice C/P- Lieut. T.P. Ryan B- Lieut. R.C. Mizerski N- Lieut. W.F. Konieczka R- Pvt. P.D. Alexander G- S/Sgt. C.L. Thomas

P- F/O T.R. Sowder B- T/Sgt. H.H. Kechter R- S/Sgt. L. G. Brinson G- Cpl. B.W. Himes

P- Lieut. J.A. Hanlon C/P- Lieut. S.M. Wells B- Sgt. G.W. Ash R- S/Sgt. E.D. Barbieri G- S/Sgt. A.J. Janicki

P- Lieut. J.E. Wright C/P- Lieut. L.B. Freeland C/P- Lieut. A.J. Huffman B- S/Sgt. F.E. Donahue B- S/Sgt. C.R. Gardner R- S/Sgt. J.E. Morris R- S/Sgt. J.H. Bixby G- Sgt. F. Papp

P- Lieut. J.H. Benton C/P- Lieut. R.L. Auchard C/P- Lieut. E.J. Beale B- Sgt. G.F. Snyder B- S/Sgt. L.A. Miller R- S/Sgt. D.E. Hoover R- S/Sgt. C.W. Cooper G- S/Sgt. W.J. McConnell G- Sgt. M.H. Miller

P- Lieut. E.H. Steger C/P- Lieut. S.D. LeFevre B- Lieut. J.T. Halsey R- S/Sgt. R.A. Pratt G- S/Sgt. W.B. Penhale AP- S/Sgt. R.A. Faust

P- Lieut. L.D. Smith C/P- Lieut. C.M. Dodge B- S/Sgt. R. Hotaling R- S/Sgt. A.H. McDowell G- Sgt. G.P. McCabe

P- Lieut. J.S. Weaver G- Sgt. E.A. Wolf

P- Lieut. E.A. Drew

It seemed like all hell broke loose today when our boys want over to bomb the Benevento Railroad Yards. Just war as our formation reached the coast of Italy, a swarm of 50 fighters intercepted it. A running fight resulted lasting through the bomb rum and for several minutes after the target. The interceptors were Me-109's, Fw-190's, Ma-202's and Re-2001's. These fighters were unusual by their agressiveness, relentlessly attacking time and again, making most of their passes in waves of two and three from above and below. The majority of the attacks were made from 5 and 7 o'clock. Curiously enough one crew reported what appeared to be a P-40, having desert camouflage. Our gunners claim 11 Me-109's, 1 Re-2001, 1 Ma-202 and the hostile P-40 destroyed and 4 Me-109's probably destroyed. In addition three enemy fighters were shot down by ourescort which did a wonderful job of coveriing the formation (Based on the opinions of many of our pilots.) In spite of this strong enemy resistance our bombardiers went ahead and calmly sighted and lined up their target and dropped their bombs with devastating effect. Strings of bombs walked entire length of M/Y's from W to E. Our bomb patterns covered the tracks of both the east and west choke points. Several direct hits on the locomotive works, resulting in black smoke billowing forth was observed. Three mail rail lines are believed cut. Slight heavy flak experienced at the tabget. Photos taken.

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Mission report #114

380th Bombardment Sq. 310th Bombardment Gp.

Date- August 30, 1943

Target- Civitavecchia Marshalling Yards

Squadron airplanes- twelve

P- Lieut. C.E. Rice C/P- Lieut. T.P. Ryan N- Lieut. W.F. Konieczka B- Sgt. G.F. Snyder G- S/Sgt. C.L. Thomas

P- Lieut. J.H. Benton C/P- Lieut. R.L. Auchard B- Lieut. R.C. Mizerski R- S/Sgt. D.E. Hoover R- Pvt. P.D. Alexander G- S/Sgt. W.J. McConnell AP- S/Sgt. R.A. Faust

P- Lieut. E.A. Drew C/P- Lieut. E.J. Beale B- S/Sgt. L.A. Miller R- S/Sgt. C.W. Cooper G- Sgt. M.H. Miller

P- Lieut. F.C. Folwell P- Lieut. F.C. Ross C/P- Lieut. F. Gifford C/P- Lieut. S.M. Wells N- Lieut. E.H. Potter B- S/Sgt. B.F. Link B- Lieut. N.W. Ackerson R- Cpl. R.A. Lysowski R- S/Sgt. J.J. Altobello G- Sgt. E.W. Litchfield G- S/Sgt. W.O. Gore

P- Lieut. C. Hament C/P- Lieut. M.W. Maxwell B- S/Sgt. R.S. Weinstein R- S/Sgt. D.W. Wells G- Sgt. W.W. Marquis

P- Capt. C.L. Grow C/P- Lieut. L.G. Anderson C/P- Lieut. T.C. Bounds N- Lieut. J.D. Coffey B- Lieut. J.H. Windler R- S/Sgt. L.B. Brimson R- T/Sgt. R.B. Hill G- S/Sgt. J.L. Pintar

P- Lieut. J.W. Hubbard B- T/Sgt. H.H. Kechter G- Cpl. B.W. Himes

P- Lieut. E.H. Steger C/P- Lieut. S.D. LeFevre B- S/Sgt. C.R. Gardner R- S/Sgt. R.A. Pratt G- S/Sgt. W.B. Penhale AP- S/Sgt. J.A. Powers

P- Lieut. W.S. Derrick N- Lieut. J. Lewis G- Sgt. S.G. Bargzer

P- Lieut. L.D. Smith C/F- Lieut. C.W. Strunk C/F- Lieut. C.M. Dodge B- Lieut. W.H. Drake B- S/Sgt. R. Hotaling R- S/Sgt. A.H. McDowell R- S/Sgt. I.M. Liudahl G- Sgt. G/P. McCabe

P- Lieut. J.E. Wright C/P- Lieut, L.B. Freeland B- S/Sgt. F.E. Donahue R- S/Sgt. J.E. Morris G- Sgt. F. Papp

One of the ost outstanding performances at bombing by our Group took place today when sixty of our planes completely destroyed the marshalling yards at Civitavecchia. Quoting directly from the mission report that was forwarded to higher command, "Large Concentration of bombs completely covered the entire target". To back this statement up the following description has been added: NW choke points well covered by direct hits. Rail lines sev red in this area. Bombs fell across tracks in M/Y's in many places. The RR station, warehouses and locomotive shed received direct hits. A big explosion reported in this area resulting in much black smoke and fire. The center of the yards felt the terrific force of the bombing as well as the SE end which was also hard hit. Several strings of bombs found their way into the edge of town. Thick heavy smoke covered the entire target area, grim proof of the deadly accuracy of our bombardiers.

A slight amount of heavy and light flak was experienced over the target which proved to be inaccurate. Some also was reported being encountered from eraft in the harbor. A considerable amount of shipping was sighted both along the coast and in Civitavecchia Harbor. 15 RR cars were seen in the N M/Y's at the target. Photos were taken and all ships returned shafely to the home base.

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380th Bombardment Sq. 310th Bombardment Gp.

Mission report # 115

Date-Sept. 5, 1943

Target- Grazzanise Airdrome

Squedron airplanes-three

P- Lt. C.R. Brown
P- Lt. E.H. Steger
P- FO T.R. Sowder
CP- Lt. S.W. Wells
CP- Lt. W.J. Toltzman
CP- FO W.L. Bates
B- Sgt. G.W. Ash
B- S/Sgt. C.R. Gardner
B- S/Sgt. A.M. Blevins
R- S/Sgt. A.J. Barbieri
R- S/Sgt. J.H. Bixby
G- S/Sgt. A.J. Jenicki
G- Sgt. E.A. Wolf
G- Sgt. R.E. Ritter AP- S/Set. R.A. Faust

Old man weather frommed on us today as bour bombers went over to strike at another landing ground in Italy after a six day period of inactivity. Complete undercast and haze obscured the primary target, so our boys swung over to Grazzanise Satellite #1 and a portion of the formation dropped on it. A 4/10 cover of cumulus covered this field but in spite of the cloud formation and poor visibility, six strings of bombs found their way across the north center of the field. Hits also were observed near the southern end of the runway: a pattern of eight bomb strings covered the SE corner of the landing ground. The road just N of Mondragone and also selected by some of our ships and hit s were reported on it as a result of the bombing by several boxes.

As the formation was approaching the target, fifteen enemy fighters, ME-109's, and RE-2001's were observed. One ME-109 was destroyed by our bombers when it attempted to intercept the formation. Two other e/a were reported shot down during the dogfight which followed with our escort. Slight inaccurate heavy flak cas experienced in the vicinity of the target. Flak was also encountered along the coast between Castel Volturno and Lago di Patris. The usual amount of shipping along the coast and in the various harbors was observed; Gaeta Harbor holding three large M/V's and Miseno Harbor boasting of five merchantmen. Photos taken and all ships returned safely.

Mission report # 116

380th Bombardment Sq. 310th Bombardment Gp.

Target- Capua Airdrome, Italy

Squadron airplanes- seventeen

P- Capt. H.L. Cromartie CP- Lt.T.P. Ryan N- Lt. E.H. Potter R- T/Sgt. E.M. Smith B- Lt. J.B. Anderson G- S/Sgt. J. Kobasa 0- Maj. R.R. Wilder

P- Lt. F.C. Folwell CP- Lt. F. Gifford N- Lt. J.H. Page B- Lt. J.H. Windler R- S/Sgt. J.J. Altobello G- S/Sgt. W.O. Gore

P- Lt. C.E. Rice CP- Lt. L.B. Freeland N- Lt. R.C. Konieczka R- Pvt. P.D. Alexander B- Lt. R.C. Mizerski G- S/Sgt. C.L. Thomas 0- Maj. J.F. Gavin

P- Lt. S.D. LeFevre CP- FO H.R. Talcott N- Lt. D. McBride B- Lt. R.S. Lee R- S/Sgt. R.A. Pratt G- S/Sgt. J.M. Roach

P- Lt. W.S. Derrick CP- Lt. U.H. Wilson N- Lt. J. Lewis B- Lt. N.W. Ackerson R- S/Sgt. I.M. Lludahl G- Sgt. S.G. Barszcz

P- Lt. C.V. Walton CP- Lt. M.W. Maxwell N- Lt. I.P. Evans B- Lt. W.H. Drake R- S/Sgt. J.W. Dinges G- Sgt. J.H. Black

P- Lt. J.H. Benton CP- Lt. R.L. Auchard B- Sgt. G.F. Snyder R- S/Sgt. W.J. McConnell R- S/Sgt. M.E. Acey AP- S/Sgt. E.A. Faust

P. Lt. J.S. Weaver CP- Lt. W.J. Toltzman B- S/Sgt. C.R. Gardner R- S/Sgt. J.H. Bixby G- Sgt. E.A. Wolf

P- Lt. C.R. Brown CP- Lt. S.M. Wells B- Sgt. G.E. Ash R- S/Sgt. E.D. Barbieri G- S/Set. A.J. Janicki

P- Lt. F.C. Ross CP- Lt. C.W. Strunk B- S/Sgt. B.F. Link R- Cpl. R.A. Lysowki G- Sgt. E.W. Litchfield

P- Lt. L.D. Smith CP- Lt. R.M. Buckiewicz B- Lt. K.R. Sharp R- S/Sgt. A.H. McDowell G- Sgt. G.P. McCabe AP. Pfc. L.W. Corbin

P- Lt. J.A. Hanlon CP- Lt. R.R. Newkirk B- S/Sgt. S.R. Crossman R- Sgt. J.C. Mays G- S/Sgt. B.L. Brimhall

P- EO T.R. Sowder GP- FO W.L. Bates B- Pfc. B.E. MOOney G- Sgt. K.L. Cook

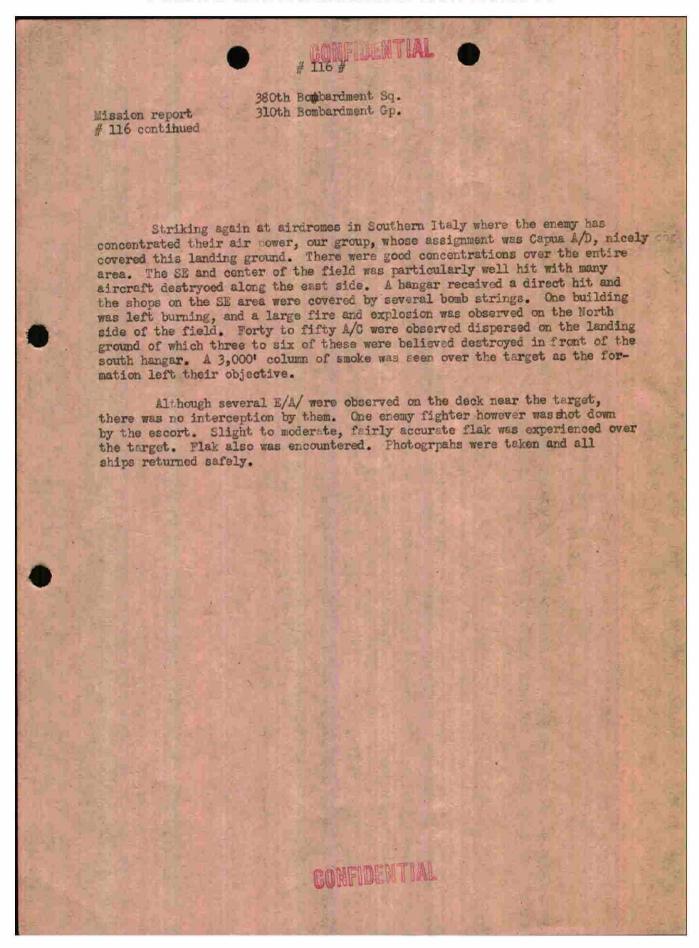
P- Lt. E.A. Drew CP- Lt. C.M. Dodge B- S/Sgt. L.A. Miller M_ S/Sgt. C.W. Cooper G- Sgt. W.H. Miller AP- Cpl. W.E. Land

P- Lt. C. Hament CP- Lt. R.M. Arentson B- S/Sgt. R.S. Weinstein R- S/Sgt. D.W. Wells G- Sgt. W.W. Marquis

P- Lt. G.A. Echols CP- Lt. E.J. Beale B- Sgt. H.C. Silvis R- Sgt. F.E. Taylor G- S/Sgt. R.E. Cook

P- Lt. T.C. Bounds CP- Lt. D.G. Liggett B- T/Sgt. H.H. Kechter R- S/Sgt. L.G. Brinson G- Sgt. B.W. Himes

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Mission report # 117

380th Bombardment Sq. 310th Bombardment Gp.

Target- Three sets of Bridges at Trebisacce, Italy

Date- Sept. 7, 1943.

Squadron airplanes- twelve.

P- Capt. H.L. Cromartie CP- Lt. T.P. Ryan N- Lt. E.H. Potter B- Lt. J.B. Anderson R- T/Sgt. E.M. Smith G- S/Sgt. J. Kobasa O- Maj. C. Wetzel

P- Lt. S.D. LeFevre CP- FO J.R. Talcott B- Lt. R.S. Lee N- Lt. J.J. Page R- S/Sgt. R.A. Pratt G- Sgt. G.F. McCabe

P- Lt. C.E. Rice CP- Lt. L.B. Freeland N- Lt. W.F. Koneiczka B- Lt. R.C. Mizerski R- Pvt. P.D. Alexander G- S/Sgt. C.L. Thomas

P- It. C.V. Walton CP- Lt. M.W. Maxwell N- Lt. I.P. Evans B- Lt. W.H. Drake R- S/Sgt. J.W. Dinges G- Sgt. J.J. Black

P- Lt. J.E. Wright CP- Lt. L.G. Anderson B- S/Sgt. F.E. Donahue B- Sgt. F.G. Snyder R- S/Sgt. J.E. Morris G- Sgt. F. Papp AP- S/Sgt. R.A. Faust

P- Lt. F.C. Ross CP- Lt. C.W. Strunk

P- Lt. C.R. Brown CP- Lt. S.M. Wells B- Sgt. G.W. Ash R- S/Sgt. E.D. Barbieri R- S/Sgt. C.M. Cooper G- S/Sgt. A.J. Janicki

P- Lt. J.A. Hanlon CP- Lt. R.R. Newkirk B- S/Sgt. S.R. Crossman B- T/Sgt. H.H. Kechter R- Sgt. J.C. Mays R- S/Sgt. L.G. Brinson R- Sgt. J.C. Mays G- Sgt. B.L. Brimahll AP- Pfc. L.W. Corbin

P- Lt. J.H. Benton CP- Lt. R.L. Auchard R- S/Sgt. D.E. Hoover G- S/Sgt. W.J. McConnell

P- Lt. C. Hament CP- Lt. R.M. Arentson BO S/Sgt. B.F. Link B- S/Sgt. R.S. Weinstein R- Cpl. R.A. Lysowski R- S/Sgt. D.W. Wells G- Sgt. E.W. Litchfield G- Sgt. W.W. Marquis

> P- Lt. E.A. Drew CP- Lt. C.M. Dodge B- S/Sgt. L.A. Miller G- Sgt. M.H. Miller AP- S/Sgt. J.A. Powers

> P- Lt. T.C. Bounds CP- Lt. A.G. Liggett G- Cpl. B.W. Himes

Attempting to sever the supply lines of the enemy and prevent war

materials and food from reaching the retreating Axis army in the tos of Italy, Allied Bombers and fighters have been striking repeatedly at objectives such as roads, rail lines, marshalling yards and bridges. Today's target was the important set of bridges at Trebisacce on the eastern coast line of southern Italy. Compilation of interrogation material indicated excellent results. The North Bridge received possible direct hits and many near misses. The tracks N of this bridge were severed, The road bridge experienced near misses. The middle bridges, rail and road are believed destroyed, as many direct hits and near misses are reported. Rail line N of this set of bridges out. Much debris was seen in the air and falling into the water. The results on the south set of bridges was almost identical to the middle bridges. Many direct hits and near misses observed. Rail line also was severed south of this rail bridge. Bridges severely damaged or even destroyed. At any rate, transportation will be tre stymied for a period of time. Our group suffered the loss of one of its squadron commanders today. Major Walker with all his crew was seen to crash just after leaving the target. (see casualty section)

380th Bombardment Sq. 310th Bombardment Gp.

Mission Report ##118

Date- September 8, 1943

Target- Three sets of Bridges at Trebisacce, Italy

Squadron airplanes- twelve

P- Capt. H.L. Cromartie P- Lieut. J.E. Wright R- T/Sgt. E.M.Smith G- S/Sgt. J.Kobasa

C/P- Lieut. T.P.Ryan C/P- Lieut. L.G.Anderson N- Lieut. E.H.Potter B- S/Sgt. F.E.Donahue B- Lieut. J.B.Anderson R- S/Sgt. J.E.Morris G- Sgt. F. Papp PH- Pfc. L.W.Corbin

P- Lieut. J.H.Benton C/P- Lieut. R.L.Auchard B- Sgt. G.F. Snyder R- S/Sgt. D.E. Hoover G- S/Sgt. W.J. NcConnell

P- Lieut. V.C. Walton R- S/Sgt. J.W. Dinges G- Sgt. J.J.Black

P- Lieut. J.A. Hanlon C/P- Lieut. M.W.Maxwell C/P- Lieut. R.R.Newkirk N- Lieut. I.P. Eyans B- S/Sgt. S.R. Crossman B- Lieut. W.H. Drake R- Sgt. J.C. Mays R- S/Sgt. J.W. Dinges G- Sgt. Brimhall

P- Lieut. T.C. Bounds C/P- Lieut. A.G. Liggett B- T/Sgt. H.H.Kechter R- S/Sgt. L.G.Brinson G- Cpl. B.W. Himes

N- Lieut. J.Lewis R- S/Sgt. I.M.Liudahl G- Sgt. S.G.Barszcz

P- Lieut. W.S. Derrick P- Lieut. L.D. Smith C/P- Lieut. V.H. Wilson C/P- Lieut. R.M. Buckiewicz B- Pfc. B.E. Mooney B- Lieut. N.W.Ackerson R- S/Sgt. A.H.McDowell G- Sgt. G.P.McCabe

P- Lieut. G.A. Echols C/P- Lieut. E.J. Beale B- Sgt. H.C.Silvis R- Sgt. F.E.Taylor G- Sgt. E.O.Tippitt

P- Lieut. S.D. LeFevre C/P- F/O H.R.Talcott N- Lieut. J.J. Page B- Lieut. R.S.Lee R- S/Sgt. R.A. Pratt G- S/Sgt. J.M.Roach

P- Lieut. F.C.Ross C/P- Lieut. C.W.Strunk B- S/Sgt. B.F. Link R- Cpl. R.A.Lysowski G- Sgt. E.W.Litchfield

P- Lieut. C. Hament C/P- Lieut. R.M. Arentson B- S/Sgt. R.S. Weinstein R- S/Sgt. D.W.Wells G- Sgt. W.W. Marquis

OUTLINE

To doubly make sure that the three sets of bridges at Trebisacce were severed, our boys repeated the performance they displayed yesterday by again going over and blasting the bridges. The N bridge was straddled by bombs with probable hits or near misses. The rail line just N of this bridge and also 150' S of the bridge were cut by bomb strings. Both rail and road bridge of the middle set received direct hits. At each end of the S bridge near misses were reported. It also was reported that N and S bridges appeared partially destroyed from

previous bombing.

Heavy flak was encountered from Cassano, Castrovalleri, Grisolia, Fagnano, and Roggiano. Enemy fighters attacked the formation which by the way did not have an escort today. Several fighters made passes at flight before target, followed them over the bomb run and then on the return route across land they, together with ten or twelve more fighters attacked the flight agian. They were very agressive and while our formation was in the dive away from the target one of the fighters shot down Lt. LeFevre's ship. The plane was seen to make a fairly good landing but sank almost immediately. No one was seen to get out. Shortly before this another B-25 was shot down by the fighters. It was Lt. Purifoy's ship of the 428th Sq. It went straigh down in an uncentroilled dive and only one chute was seen to open. Considerable motor convoy activity. Photos taken.

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Mission report # 119

380th Bombardment Sq. 310th Bombardment Gp.

Date- Sept. 9, 1943

Target- Marshalling Yards at Potenza, Italy

Squadron airplanes-nine

P- Lt. W.S. Derrick CP- Lt. V.H. Wilson N- Lt. J. Lewis G- Sgt. S.G. Barszcz

P- Lt. C.V. Walton CP- Lt. M.W. Maxwell N- Lt. I.P. Evans B- Lt. W.H. Drake R- S/Sgt. J.W. Dinges G- Sgt. J.J. Black

P- Lt. C.R. Brown CP- Lt. S.M. Wells B- Sgt. G.W. Ash

R- S/Sgt. E.D. Barbieri

G- S/Sgt. A.J. Janicki

B- Pfc. B.E. Mooney

R- S/Sgt. M.E. Acey

G- S/Sgt. R.E. Cook Ph- S/Sgt. R.A. Faust

P- Lt. F.C. Ross CP- Lt. W.C. Struenk B- S/Sgt. B.F. Link R- Cpl. R.A. Lysowski B- Lt. N.W. Ackerson R- Cpl. R.A. Lysowski
R- S/Sgt. I.M. Liudahl G- Sgt. E.W. Litchfield
G- Sgt. S.G. Barszcz Ph- S/Sgt. J.A. Powers Ph- S/Sgt. J.A. Powers

> P- Lt. J.A. Hanlon CP- Lt. R.R. Newkirk B- S/Sgt. S.R. Crossman R- Sgt. J.C. Mays TG- Pvt. W.J. Housken G- S/Sgt. W.W. Marquis

P- FO R.R. Sowder CF- FO W.L. Bates

P- Lt. E.A. Drew CP- Lt. C.M. Dodge B- S/Sgt. L.A. Miller R- S/Sgt. C.W. Cooper G- Sgt. M.H. Willer

P- Lt. G.A. Echols CF- Lt. E.J. Beale B- Sgt. H.C. Silvis R- Sgt. F.E. Taylor G- Sgt. E.O. Tippitt

P- Lt. T.C. Bounds CP- Lt. A.G. Liggett B- T/Sgt. H.H. Kechter R- S/Sgt. L.G. Brinson G- Cpl. B.W. Himes TG- S/Sgt. J.H. Revis

For the fifth consecutive mission in a row, our boys, struck at transportation facilities and installations in Italy. Today's assignment was the marshalling yards at Botenza. The northeast and southwest ends of the yards were particularly hard hit and several strings severed tracks NE of the yards. There were several direct hits through the center of the yards. Buildings and installations in target area severly damaged. Glose observations were impossible as target was absolutely obscured by smoke and dust.

Although 4 to 6 unidentified Se a/c were seen at landfall, no attacks were made. Moderate to intense flak from scattered spots in valley from Montesana to Auletta, probably mobile units. All roads to and from Potenza appeared loaded with M/T heading N. Photos taken.

One B-25 not of our squadron missing; last seen losing.altitude with one engine smoking, heading home.

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Mission report # 120

380th Bombardment Sq. 310th Bombardment Gp.

Date- Sept. 10, 1943

Target- Castel Nuovo Road Junction

Squadron airplanes- twelve

P- Capt. H.L. Cromartie CP- Lt. T.P. Ryan B- Lt. J.B. Anderson N- Lt. E.H. Potter R- T/Sgt. E.M. Smith G- S/Sgt. J. Kobasa 0- Maj. R.R. Wilder

P- Lt. W.S. Derrick CP- Lt. V.N. Wilson N- Lt. J. Lewis B- Lt. N.W. Ackerson - S/Sgt. I.M. Liudahl G- Sgt. S.G. Barazez

P- Lt. C.E. Rice CF- Lt. L.B. Freeland N- Lt. W.F. Konieczka B- Lt. R.O. Mizerski R- Pvt. F.D. Alexander G- S/Sgt. C.L. Thomas

P- Lt. F.C. Folwell CP- Lt. F. Gifford B- Lt. J.M. Windler G- Cpl. B.W. Himes R- S/Sgt. J.H. Altobello TG- S/Sgt. J.H. Revis G- S/Sgt. W.O. Gore

P- Lt. J.E. Wright CP- Lt. L.G. Anderson B- S/Sgt. F.E. Donahue R- S/Sgt. J.E. Morris G- Sgt. F. Papp Fh- S/Sgt. J.A. Powers

P- Lt. F.C. Ross CP- Lt. C.W. Strunk B- S/Sgt. B.F. Link R- Sgt. R.A. Lysowski G- S/Sgt. E.W. Litchfield

P- Lt. C.R. Brown CP- Lt. S.M. Wells B- Sgt. G.W. Ash R- S/Sgt. E.D. Barbieri G- S/Sgt. A.J. Janicki Ph- S/Sgt. R.A. Faust

P- Lt. T.C. Bounds CP- Lt. A.G. Liggett B- Pvt. H.H. Kechter R- S/Sgt. L.G. Brinson

P- Lt. J.H. Benton CP- Lt. R.L. Auchard B- S/Sgt. F.G. Snyder R- S/Sgt. D.E. Hoover G- S/Sgt. W.J. McConnell

P- Lt. G.A. Echols CP- Lt. E.J. Beale B- Sgt. H.C. Silvis R- S/Sgt. F.E Taylor G- Sgt. E.O. Tippitt

P- Lt. J.J. Weaver CP- Lt. W.J. Toltzman B- S/Sgt. C.R. Gardner R- S/Sgt. J.H. Bixby G- Sgt. L.A. Wolf

P- Lt. J.A. Henlon CF- Lt. R.R. Newkirk B- S/Sgt. S.R. Crossman R- Sgt. J.C. Mays G- Pvt. L. Cangillieri TG- Pvt. R.L. Loy

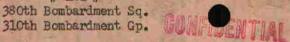
Today we received the news of the surrender of Italy to the Allied Forces. With our troops moving North from the toe and from just below Naples, German retreat must be cut off. That is the situation that confronts us and upon which our Allied Air Force must act. The severing of important lines of transportation will slow down the enemy's attempt at evacuation and out their supply lines.

Our assigned target, today, was the strategic road intersection at Castel Nuovo. Results of the bombing showed all roads leading into the RJ severed. W. road and NE were cut approximately 250' E of intersection. Believe 2-3 strings of bombs made direct hits on junction. Four fires observed resulting from hits on several M/T's in convoy on E. road.

10 to 12 ME-109's intercepted our flight after leaving target, attacking the first eighteen ships from the rear. Five of the bandits are claim destroyed. 380th gunners, Brinson, Gore and Mays accounted for three of them. No Flak. Photos were taken. All ships home safe.

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121 # 380th Bombardment Sq.



Mission Report #121

Date- Sept. 11, 1943

Target- Castel Nuova Road Junction

Squadron airplanes- twelve

P- Capt. H.L. Cromertie C/P- Lieut. T.P.Ryan N- Lieut. E.H.Potter B- Lieut. J.B.Anderson R -S/Sgt. J.E.Morris

R- T/Sgt. E.M.Smith G- S/Sgt. J.K. obasa

P- Lieut. F.C.Folwell C/P- Lieut. F.Gifford N- Lieut. K.R.Sharp B- Lieut. Blumenfeld R- S/Sgt. J.J.Altobello G- Sgt. E.A.Wolf

P- Lieut. C.V. Walton N= Lieut. D.McBride B- Ideut. W.H.Drake

G- S/Sgt. W.O.Gore

P- Lieut. W.S.Derrick C/P-Lieut. V.H.Wilson N- Lieut. J.Lewis B- Lieut. N.W.Ackerson R- S/Sgt. I.M.Liudahl G- Sgt. S.G.Barszcz

P- Lieut. J.E. Wright C/P- Lieut. L.G. Anderson B- S/Sgt. F.E.Donahue G-Sgt. F. Papp PH- Cpl. W.E. Land

P- Lieut. J.S. Weaver C/P- Lieut. W.J. Toltzman B- S/Sgt. C.R.Gardner R- S/Sgt. J.H.Bixby

P- Lieut. F.C.Ross C/P- Lieut. M.W. Maxwell C/P- F/O R.K. Richardson B- S/Sgt. B.F. Link R- Sgt. R.A. Lyxowski R- S/Sgt. K.W.Dinges G_ S/Sgt. E.W.Litchfield G- S/Sgt. J.J.Black Ph- S/Sgt. R.A.Faust

> P- Lieut. C.R.Brown C/P- Lieut. S.M Wells B- Sgt. G.W.Ash R- Sgt. J.C.Mays G- Pvt. L.Cangilleri TG- Fvt. R.L.Loy

P- Lieut. J.H.Benton C/P- Lieut. R.L. Auchard B- S/Sgt. G.F.Snyder R- S/Sgt. D.E. Hoover .G- S/Sgt. W.J.McConnell

P- Lieut. C. Hament C/P- Lieut. R.E. Arentson B- S/Sgt. R.S. Weinstein R- S/Sgt. D.W. Wells G* S/Sgt. W.W. Marquis

P- Lieut. G.A. Echols C/F- E.J.Beale B- Sgt. H.C.Silvis R- S/Sgt. F.E.Taylor G- Sgt. Tippitt

P- Lieut. T.C. Bounds C/P- Lieut. A.G. Liggett B- Pvt. H.H.Kechter R- S/Sgt. L.G.Brinson G- Cpl. B.W. Himes TG- S/Sgt. J.H. Revis

OUTLINE

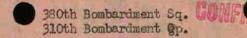
Without giving the enemy an opportunity to repair the damage done yesterday our bombers again plastered the Castelnwovo Road Junction. Today's efforts were rewarded as all four legs leading to junction were severed in addition to the damage caused when three strings of bombs hit the intersection itself. Our bombing pattern also caught several trucks on the road NE of the junction. Considerable dust and smoke obscured the target after bombing.

There were no enemy fighter interceptions. Slight inaccurate flak from light guns was experienced at Muro Tucano. No shipping observed but the usual heavy an't of M/M convoys congested most of the main roads in that area. Photos were taken.

All ships home safe.

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Mission Report #122

Date Sept. 12, 1943

Target- Road Junction at Castelnuovo, Italy.

Squadron airplanes- twelve

P- Capt. H.L. Cromartie C/P- Lieut. T.P.Ryan N- Lieut. E.H. Potter B- Lieut. J.B. Anderson R- T/Sgt. E.M.Smith G- S/Sgt. J.Kobasa

P- Lieut. F.C.Folwell C/P- Lieut. F.Gifford B- Lieut. P.I.Blumenfeld B- S/Sgt. J.H.Bixby N- ,ieut. K.R.Sharp R- S/Sgt. J.J.Altobello G- S/Sgt. W.O.Gore

P- Lieut. W.S.Derrick C/P- Lieut. V.H.Wilson N- Lieut. J. Lewis B- Lieut. N.W.Ackerson R- S/Sgt. I.M. Liudahl G- Sgt. S.G.Barszcz

P- Lieut. C.V. Walton C/P-Lieut. M.W.Maxwell N- Lieut. I.P.Evans B- Lieut. W.H.Drake R- T/Sgt. J.W. Dinges G-S/Sgt. J.J.Black

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P- Lieut. J.S. Weaver R- S/Sgt. C.R. Gardner G- Sgt. E.A. Wolf

P- Lieut. F.C.Ross C/P- F/O R.K.Richardson B- S/Sgt. B.F. Link R- Sgt. R.A. Lysowski G- S/Sgt. E.W.Litchfield G- Sgt. E.O.Tippitt AP- Cpl. W.E. Land

P- Lieut. C.R.Brown C/P- Lieut. S.M. Wells B- Sgt. G.W.Ash R- S/Sgt. E.D.Barbieire R- S/Sgt. R.J.Welsh

P- Lieut. J.H.Hanlon C/P- Lieut. R.L.Auchard B- S/Sgt. G.F.Snyder R- S/Sgt. D.E. Hoover G- S/Sgt. W.J.McConnell

P- Lieut. C. Hament C/F- Lieut. W.J. Toltzman C/F- Lieut. R.M. Arentson B-S/Sgt. R.S.Weinstein R- S/Sgt. D.W.Wells G- S/Sgt. W.W. Marquis

> P- Lieut. G.A. Echols C/P- Lieut. E.J. Beale B- Sgt. H.C.Silvis R- S/Sgt. F.E.Taylor

P- Lieut. C.W.Strunk C/P- Lieut. A.J. Hoffman B- Pfc. Mooney G- S/Sgt. A.J.Janicki G- S/Sgt. D.L Thomas TG- S/Sgt. J.J.Revis TG- Pvt. L.Cangiller TG- Pvt. L.Cangilleri

COLLINE

Striking at the enemy's transportation lines for the third successive day in a row, our assignment was the important road junction at Castelmiovo, a strategic intersection just northwest of the town of Potenza. Consilidation of today's interrogation reports indicated that the target area was well torn up. The intersection was patterned by several strings of bombs. Greatest concentration of bombs hit all roads leading E from 100 to 300 feet E of junction. It was believed the the SE road was hard hit and that the two roads ### NE severed. The western leg of the intersection was hit.

No flak . Nofighter interception. Considerable M/T movement in vicinity of Auletta, Photos taken.

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380th Bombardment Sq.

Mission report # 123

Date- Sept. 13, 1943

Target-Torre Annunziata Rd. Junction

Squadron airplanes- one (spare)

P- Lt. C.R. Brown CP- Lt. S.M. Wells B- S/Sgt. S.R. Crossman R- T/Sgt. E.M. Smith G- S/Sgt. C.L. Thomas

DUTLINE

With our Allies meeting stiff resistance at the beach head just South of Naples, it was imperative that the air force throw its enitre weight on the enemy strength opposing the American Fifty Army. Definitely our mission to bomb RR Junction at Torre Annunziata was of a tactical nature, and much depended upon the success of our efforts. Resutls from interrogation of the crews, participating in the raid indicated a fair degree of success. A concentration of hits were reported on and around road junction with bursts seen among M/Y in that area. The two roads which lay southeast of the Junction were seen to be nicely patterned by several strings of bombs, while other strings were reported to have severed the road northwest of the junction. Good bomb coverage of the RR siding and junction was observed.

Enemy resistance was very dight. Our formation experienced a few bursts of heavy flak over the target. There were no enemy fighter interceptions. A fair amount of M/T, on the main highways in the target vicinity was observed. Five to seven M/V's and seventeen smaller craft in Torre Annunziata Harbor were observed. Photos were taken. All planes returned safely to the home base.

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Mission report

380th Bombardment Sq. 310th Bombardment Gp.

Date- Town of Battipalglia

Squadron planes- thirteen

P- Capt. H.L. Cromartie CP- Lt. T.P. Ryan N- Lt. E.H. Potter B- Lt. J.B. Anderson R- T/Sgt. E.M. Smith G- S/Sgt. J. Kobasa

P- Lt. F.C. Folwell
CP- Lt. F. Gifford
N- Lt. K.R. Sharp
B- Lt. I.P. Blumenfeld
R- S/Sgt. J.J. Altobello
G- S/Sgt. W.O. Gore

P- Lt. C.E. Rice CP- Lt. L.B. Freeland N- Lt. W.F. Konieczka B- Lt. R.C. Mizerski R- S/Sgt. L.F. Henry G- S/Sgt. C.L. Thomas

P- Lt. W.S. Derrick CP- Lt. V.H. Wilson N- Lt. J. Lewis B- Lt. N.W. Ackerson B- S/Sgt. I.M. Liudehl G- Sgt. S.G. Barscze P- Lt. J.E. Wright CP- Lt. L.G. Anderson B- S/Sgt. F.E. Donahue R- S/Sgt. J.E. Morris G- Sgt. F. Papp PH- S/Sgt. R.A Faust

P- Lt. J.S. Weaver CP- Lt. W.J. Toltzman B- S/Sgt. C.R. Gardner R- S/Sgt. J.H. Bixby G- Sgt. E.A. Wolf

P- Lt. F.C. Ross CP- FO R.K. Richardson B- S/Sgt. B.F. Link R- Sgt. R.A. Lysowski G- S/Sgt. E.W. Litchfield

P- Lt. C.W. Strunk CP- FC W.L. Bates B- Pfc. B.E. Mooney R- S/Sgt. R.J. Welsh G- Sgt. K.L. Cook

P- Lt. G.A. Echols CP- Lt. E.J. Beale B- Sgt. H.C. Silvis R- Sgt/S F.E. Taylor G- Sgt. E.O. Tippitt

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P- Lt. J.H. Benton CP- Lt. R.L. Auchard B- S/Sgt. G.F. Snyder R- S/Sgt. D.E. Hoover G- S/Sgt. W.J. McConnell

P- Lt. C. Hament CP- Lt. R.M. Arentson B- S/Sgt. R.S. Weinsten R- S/Sgt. D.W. Wells G- S/Sgt. W.W. Marquis

P- Lt. C.R. Brown CP- S.W. Wells B- Sgt. G.W. Ash R- S/Sgt. E.D. Barbieri Ph- S/Sgt. J.A. Powers G- S/Sgt. A.J. Janicki

P- Lt. T.C. Bounds CP- Lt. A.C. Liggett B- Pvt. H.H. Kechter R- S/Sgt. L.G. Brinson G- Cpl. B.W. Himes TG- S/Sgt. J.H. Revis

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124 A # CONFIDENTIAL

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Outline

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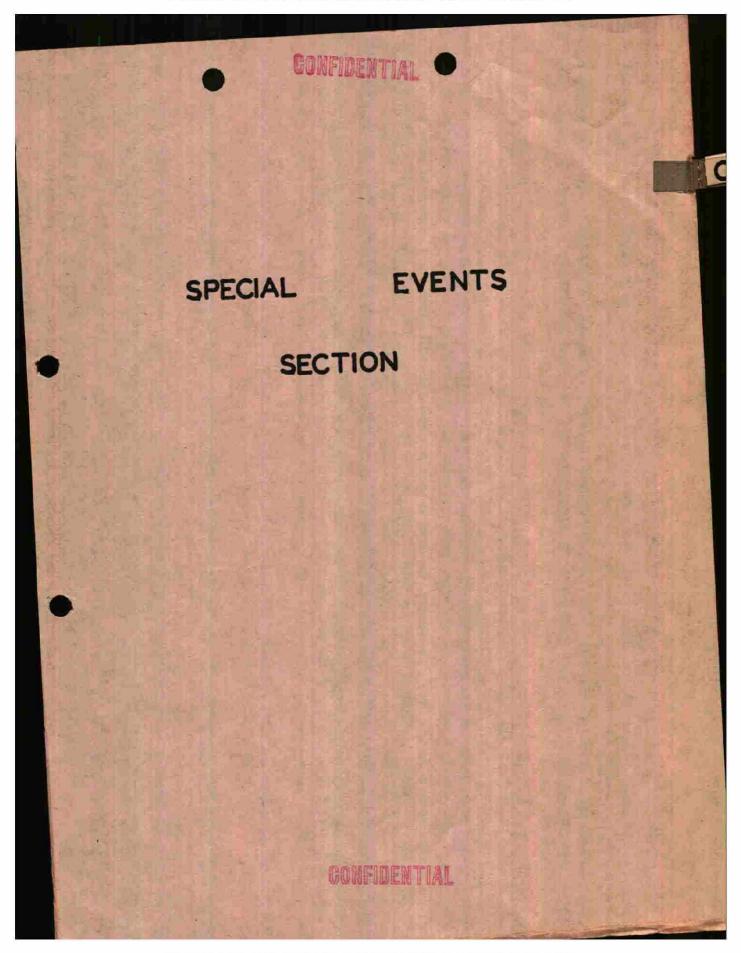
This was the message sent to us from higher Command concerning the situation of the American Fifth Army which was desperately fighting to hold the beach head at Selerno. A hard fought bloody battle in progress there, shouted the urgent need of air support. In the grayness of early dawn our crews were briefed and given their final instructions, emphasing greatly the importance of the mission. It was a delicate job to be sure, our objective being the enemy-held town of Battipaglia. Woth our forces at the outskirts of town, to bomb short would endanger the lives of our own men. The bombing had to be accurate and there could not be any 'slip-ups' allowed.

Our formation reached its objective when the battle was at its fiercest. Enemy dive-bombers could be seen hurling down on our shipping in the gulf and the sky was filled with flak from our ships attempting to knock down the Stukas and ME's that continued to attack them relentlessly. Over on the shore could be seen the ground struggle. Brish artillery exchange flakhed incessantly lighting the shore like so many matches being struck. It was the mightiest "Battle Show" that any of the boys had ever seen.

Bomb-bays open! Bombardiers sighting, and waiting....Bombs away. Down went those deadly missles straight for the target. String after string found their way through the entire west half of the town. A terrific explosion resounded as a direct hit was made on what was believed to be an ammunition dump in buildings just north of the marshalling yards. More and more bombs went sailing down as element after element released their loads of destruction. The east half of the town shock from the heavy pounding it received, smoke and dust enveloping it and shutting out from view. Our patterns also lay over the entire center of the town, too, obscuring that area. Fires that threw flames 1,000 feet into the sky told their story of the deadly accuracy of our bombardiers.

Ten to twelve bandits intercepted our flight during this bombing, attacking the rear elements of the formation. Our shapr-shocters in the turrets claim two ME-109's shot down by their guns. All our bombers came through safely. The upper-turret gunner, Sgt. Gore, flying in Flight Leader It. Folwell's ship was hit in the eye by fragments of plexi-glass when when a small piece of flak from the ships in the harbor, struck his turret. He was quickly flown to Catania, Sicily, to receive treatment for his wound.

There was a considerable amount of M/T activity on all roads in vicinity of the town of Battipaglia. A great deal of friednly shipping observed. Photos taken.



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"Snow White I" no longer flys the skyways to smash the Axis, but the spirit of "Snow White I" rode her one time bombardier, Staff Sergeant Albert G. Links to complete his 50th mission against the harassed enemy today. Sgt. Links, who expects to spend some time in Hartford, Conn. soon, came back from his last mission singing "Among My Souvenirs" and significantly tossing a piece of Axis flak, about the size of a large pocket knife, in his hands, saying as he grinned. "It's a farewell present from the Jerries."

The enemy ground defense guns had thrown up an intense heavy flak curtain for the B-25's to fly through and a fragment came smashing into the bombardier's compartment where it struck the Staff Sergeant Bombardier on the chin. The fact that he came out of this unscathed was due only to the strength of the plexi-glass nose and the duralumin brace which the fragment tore through before it reached the bombardier's chin. He said, "I picked the piece of metal up to see what had hit me, but had to drop it because it was hot as a coal."

If Sgt. Links were to wear all the pieces of flak that the Axis had tossed at him he'd look like a scrap iron-pile. You'll never see some of his souvenirs unless, of course, you can get him to tell you of some of these raids. In addition to the "Axis Souvenirs" sgt. Links has been awarded the Air Medal and nine Oak Leaf Clusters for his part in the North African campaign. His Commanding Officer recently made know to him his recommendation for the Distinguished Flying Cross, a signal honor. Sgt. Links was awarded this high honor on 18 September '43.

Sgt. Links finished this mission the same way that he flew on his first as bombardier in "tail end charlie" position, or last ship in the formation.

A complete list of the targets he has bombed reads like a "Cook's Tour" of North Africa, the Mediterranean Sea, Sardinia, Sicily and Italy. His first bombing mission took him to Kairouan in Tunisia, on the 6th of January, where he sent his eight 300 pounders down to help wreck the railroad marshalling yards much needed by the Axis. From then on it became a succession of various other targets, on land and in sea sweeps against the enemy shipping in the Mediterranean and Sicilian Straits. Sgt. Links saw Me-109's, Ju-52's and a giant Merschei six engined glider splash into the blue of Musso's "Mare Nosfrum," He bombed enemy motor transport, vital railroad bridges at Graiba, Tunisia. He flew through enemy flak in Africa, in Sardinia, and in Sicily.

Flying over El Aouina, Tunis, where the Nazis had a pretty little airdrome, Sgt. Links, went through the "Daisy Chain" and learned why the barrage which resembles blossoming daisies got that name. His B-25 formation knocked out about 40 Ju-52's on that field.

He helped make Sfax too hot a spot for Rommel's men, also El Acuinet where about 15 Me-109's engaged the B-25's in a running fight which lasted almost half an hour to cost the enemy a total of 7 planes shot down. But it was at Gabes on February 8, 1943 that the Axis almost put him out.

His formation, consisting of 18 B-25's, had as it's target the Gabes Airdrome, the hottest target in Lower Tunisia. As they approached for the bomb rum it became apparent that the enemy were all set for them. Axis fighters took off to intercept the B-25's, and the Mitchell Bombers were surrounded by flak even before reaching the target. Despite the intense flak the attack went on and it wasn't until Sgt. Link's pilot called over the interphone to him to "get on the ball, open your bomb bay doors" that the bombardier made known his injury from a piece of flak which had knocked him down. After recovering from the shock Sgt. Links quickly resumed his place by the bomb sight and despite his wound let go at the enemy with his bomb load after which he manned the nose gun and kept off the enemy fighters during a 20 minute fight. Links says, "I wasn't the only one hit. Sgt. Westline, the

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radio gunner, got a piece too." When their B-25 landed, a bit roughly, due to a tire punctured by enemy fire it was found that the bomber had between 400 and 500 holes in it, mute testimony of the "hellfire" they had flown through.

There were more trips over Axis territory, most of them "hot" with flak and fighters. Next in line came one of Musso's finest airdromes in Sardinia, the field at Villacidro.

A commendation to all members of Sgt. Links' Group came through and the work went right on. Sgt. Links saw some of his own friends shot down, but only steeled himself all the more to "smack the Axis" right back.

It was about mid-spring that Sgt. Links, sick with a throat infection and worn down physically by the bitter winter and difficult living conditions in North Africa, was sent to an Army Hospital and there had his tonsils "evacuated", as he says. That's the one souvenir that he left in Algeria. However his temporary illness did cause him to break away from the crew he had originally started combat with. And breaking into a new crew, gaining confidence in a new pilot, as well as crew members you have never before flown with is a no small degree of trials and tribulations, as any flyer will attest. Join a new crew he did, and mended and healed after his sojurn in the field hospital, he again resumed his job of pounding the axis, hitting every target that Musso or Hitler could offer a medium bomber group.

There were more aidromes, harbors, and sea sweeps with plenty of flak and fighters to make things interesting. There were targets in Tunisia where Rommel's forces had hightailed it for a last desperate stand. The sea sweeps were making things tough for those forces, a considerable tonnage went to the bottom of the sea, and supplies were vital to their mechanized warfare.

The B-25's went right into the harbors of the enemy; a surprise raid of Forto Torres set the Axis back on their heels with the loss of one freighter sunk, one left in flames, and still another hit with damage unknown. The docks and loading installations were severely damaged by two direct hits while the nearby airbase lost a hangar and a precious gasoline dump want up in an inferno. There was also the little matter pf 20 airplanes put out of the battle on the field. This raid, withover 85% of the bombs landing within 20 feet of the target area showed the "Supermen" how precision bombing was done - the "American Way."

With the combined work of the Allied ground and air Forces, the Axis strength was broken in North Africa. This meant longer trips to be "sweated out" by the air crews. New, almost virgin territory opened up to the aim of the bombardier.

Sgt. Links was one of the air crew selected and especially trained for the first mission to Rome, Italy. Altogether he has made two trips over that city. He comments, "Even from the air, we could see that the reputation for beauty was well deserved in Rome. We all followed our detailed instructions in letting go the bombs. Nothing but military zones were to be hit - and we hit nothing but military zones."

That's about the end of it; Sgt. Links has played a part in one of the never-to-be-forgotten campaigns of this war. He has helped America and the Allies prove to everyone that the Nazi, and his minions are not invinceable. As he will tell you if he gets to talking of his trip to Naples, "We're changing a lot of things for the Axis....even that old saying about 'See Naples and Die', why everybody came back from that one."

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CAPTAIN CLYDE L. GROW, FLIGHT LEADER, OF ARKANSAS CITY, KANSAS.

Captain Brow who has experienced many thrills during his flying career stated that he will never forget the day last March when the formation in which he was flying made a low level sweep on eleven flak barges, sinking six of them with well placed bomb hits. "As we crossed the barges," related Capt. Grow, "the air was full of tracers. It's a miracle how we ever came through unscathed. 88 mm guns, firing point blank, threw up great geysers of water between our planes, and I can honestly say that it was one of the most thrilling moments of my life."

1ST LIEUT. JOHN D. COFFEY, NAVIGATOR, NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK.

Flying as navigator of Captain Grow's ship, Lt. Coffey strongly agrees with him that low leve bombing of eleven flak barges last March was a plenty exciting mission. "While on the bomb run in the role of bombardier-navigator," relates Lt. Coffey, "I was so enthralled as the sight of all the Jerries jumping over the dides of the barges that I almost forgot to drop my bombs, but I managed to get them out in time and then returned to my nose gun to do a little more straffing As we pulled up in an effort to gain some altitude the belly of our ship was exposed to the concentrated fire of the ack-ack guns aboard the barges giving them a perfect shot. Miraculously, however, we were not touched, but I can safely say that those few moments before we leveled out were the most exciting ones of my combat career.

STAFF SEREANT WILLIS E. HUTCHENRIDER, AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHER, WACO. TEXAS.

"During the last few weeks of the North African Campaign," remarked Sgt. Hutchenrider, "all of the enemy's mobile anti-aircraft strength was concentrated in a small island of land that they still held and each time we went over to pay them a visit, we would be received by a gaunlet of intense ground fire the moment we left our lines. I remember one day in particular, our assignment being the landing ground at Ste. Marie Du Zit, that if we had zigged instead of zagging our ship wouldn't have seen the old home base again. With steady intense flak all the way over the target, we straightened out for the bomb run. The Jerry Gunners threw up everything but the "kitchen sink" and plenty of the bursts were too close for comfort. We dropped our bombs with very good results and were surprised to later learn that General Von Armin's Headquarters lay under the rain of our bombs. When we came back to the base and checked the plane I almost passed out when I saw a huge hole in the navigator's compartment not more than two inches away from where I was sitting. I never even knew that we had been hit."

1ST LIEUT. JOHN E. WRIGHT, PILOT, SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA

"Lieut. Wright described the bombing mission to Battapaglia as saying,
"The scene on the beaches of Battapaglia was comparable to the British Dunkirk in
the early stages of this war. Both our land and naval forces were the subject of
unmerciless poundings by enmy artillery and tank units and by the Luftwaffe, whose
dive bombers relentlessly hammered at our shipping in the Gulf of Salerno. Our obJective was the town of Battapaglia, bulging with enemy ground troops. Our bombardiers covered the entire town with a perfect bombing pattern and were indirectly responsible for the town being retaken by our forces several hours later. When I saw
the terrific beating the boys on the ground were taking, I realized then that the
Infantry is the toughest branch of the service."

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SGT. WESTLEY W. MARQUIS, UPPER-TURRET GUNNER., OF BRATTLEBORO, VERMONT, is a lad who knows how if feels to bag three enemy fighters in one day. It all happened while he was flying in a formation of medium bombers cut to bomb an important set of bridges on the eastern coast of Italy. This how Sgt. Marquis told the story: "Just after reaching landfall over Italy I had a feeling we were going to run into trouble today, so I asked my radio operator to lower his turret. Upon attempting to test fire his guns, he found that they were jammed but thought that he could adjust them and so on we went. Flying along our inland route to our objective everything seemed so quiet that it wasn't natural. Suddenly when we had almost reached the target, I saw one of the ships in the first flight belching smoke from its right engine and go down out of control. I hadn't seen any flak burst near him so I knew that it must be from fighters. Sure enough, diving outof the sun, a swarm of fighters attacked the formation. The sky seemed full of them. Two started in on me from about 6 o'clock and 8 o'clock. I figured the one at 8 o'clock to be a decoy and was right. The Me-109 at 6 o'clock started firing when he was still a good distance off but I held my fire until he came closer. He was coming in plenty fast throwing all kinds of lead at me....and then I let him have a good burst at about 200 yards which hitin and around his engine. He slid off on one wing and started down smoking. I watched him crash into a wooded area in a big flash of flame. The bombardier then shouted through the phone, 'Bandits at three o'clock' I yelled back, 'Don't worry about them, just give 'em a chance to get in a little closer.' We were lucky however for the fighters didn't make a pass at the formation but were content to set off in the distance out of range.

Our bombs having been dropped on the target with much success, the formation swung around and started back across Italy again toward her western coast. Scattered flak batteries greeted us as we made our way there. We had almost reached the coast when I saw a large burst of red orange flak that was to start a dogfight that I'll never forget. For that burst was the signal for the fighters to attack... and attack they did! Our formation had just started its dive when the Jerry planes swooped down on us again. The next thing I saw was an Me-109 come in high and behind, guns blazing away at me. He was coming towards me like the wind and I quickly fired at him, my slugs hitting his engine and the scoop under the left wing. The Me-109 shuddered for a moment, then nosed over and crashed not 200 yards from the beach. My radio gunner later told me that the ship was flaming when he hit the water. Just about then my left gun jammed and 'Gulp' I swallowed the gum I was chewing! I was sweating plenty until I finally found that the links on the ammunition belt had tightened up from all the firing I had done. A few seconds

work and the gun was back in line of duty.

Coming out of the dive three Me-109's fastened themselves on the tail of our element and moved in on us throwing out everything they had in an effect to bring one of us down. Instead of trying to knock down my ship or the other wing ship, all three fighters concentrated their efforts on our element leader. I could see the tracers hitting squarely into the upper turret on the bomber and then the left engine caught on fire and the ship started to go down. The pilot still had control of it but the gir fighters were still strafing it from end to end. I could see pieces of the right wing and engine flying off and then the B-25 hit the water in a nice controlled landing.

Right after that our right wing caught a 37 mm shell and then the hydraulic system was knocked out. When the smoke started pouring from our right

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engine I thought that we were going down, but the Pilot succeeded in putting out the fire and for a little while longer we were still going strong. But we were not to get away for again the Me-109's savagely struck, this time in pairs. Two of them got on my tail and began to pour lead into us. They gained on us and were less than 100 yds away, then 50 yds.... I swung my guns over and took a pot shot at the first Me-109 to go by, but missed. The second was right behind and at 25 yds he hooked as big as a house. With belly towards me, he attempted to roll away from my fire but it was too late. A full burst caught him squarely and down he went. The right wing tip caught the water and he spun around, his propeller pulling him under immediately. From then on things tapered off slowly and five minutes later we were serunely flying homeward. When I climbed out of the ship my knees gave way they were shaking so much, for it was then I realized just how scared a guy can be."

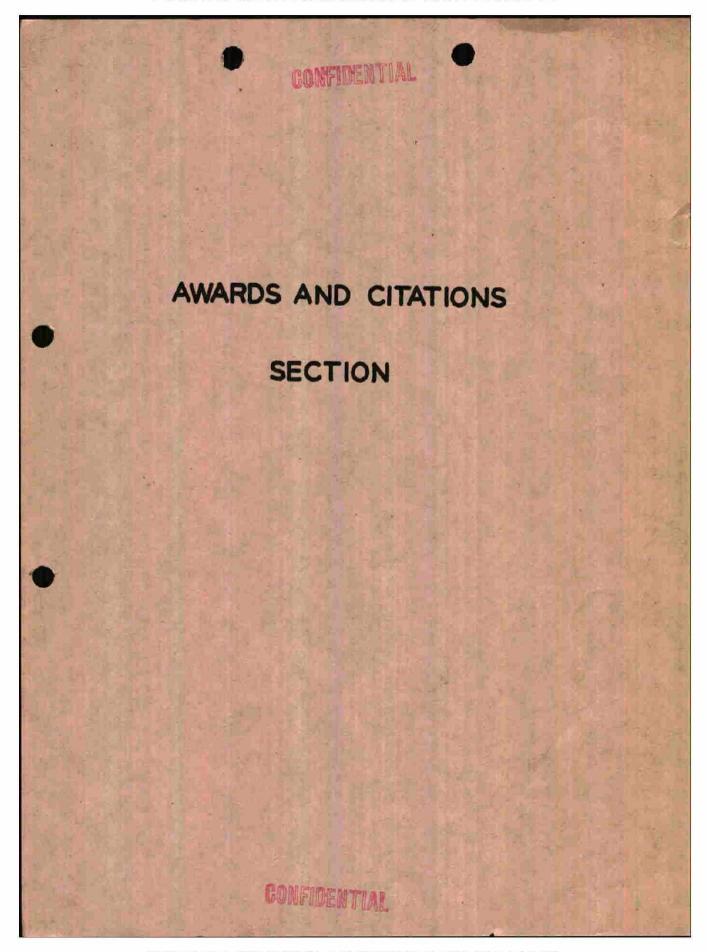
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Staff Sergeant EDWARD D. BARBIERI, RADIO OPERATOR, FLUSHING, L.I., NEW YORK

"I'll never forget the raid we were on," declared Sgt. Barbieri, "over the port of Aranci. Just after we dropped our bombs with much success, a formation of Me-109's intercepted us while we were in our dive to the deck. Our element was attacked by four fighters that dove in on us with cannon and machine guns blazing. Our wing tip was severed by a cannon shell and our ship well peppered with machine gun fire. For swhile there I could almost hear the angels singing but I guess it was just the whine of an Me-109 going down for the last time."

STAFF SERGEANT ANDREW J. JANICKI, ABRIAL GUNNER, AMBRIDGE, PENNSYLVANIA

"The greatest thrill of my combat career occurred," says Sgt. Janicki, "when our flight flew over Italy to bomb the Rome/Littorio M/Y's. As we approached our target the ground gumers started to make things hot For us, but I was so excited at the sight of all the colliseums and other famous buildings that I never dreamed I'd see, I didn't realize that their accuracy was exceptionally good that day and that some of the bursts came mighty close to our ship. Instead of us paying a fee for this wonderful sight from the air, we charged the Axis to the tune of one destroyed marshalling yard. What a day!"



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GENERAL ORDERS) NUMBER 52)

SECTION III : DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS AWARD -

LAWRENCE COMETH, 0-659954, Captain, Yonkers, N.Y. For extraordinary achievement while participating in serial flight in the North African Theatre of Operations as pilot of a B-25 type aircraft. Developing unusual skill and superior qualities of leedership through long combat experience in the Tunisian Campaign, Captain Cometh has trained the pilots under his command with marked efficiency. The confidence and determination he has inspired in the members of his flight was aptly demonstrated on 27 January 1943, when he led a formation of six B-25's over the Sicilian Straits in a surprise attack upon two enemy destroyers. Flying at low level in the face of intense anti-aircraft fire, the targets were bombed with devastating accuracy and both destroyers were reported as sunk. His professional attainments and conspicuous gallantry reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States.

DEAN H. DRAEMEL, 0-659958, Captain, Fremont, Neb. For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight in the North African Theatre of Operations as pilot of a B-25 type aircraft. On 22 February 1943, Captain Draemel led his flight of three B-25's in a low level attack on an enemy convoy in the Sicilian Straits. In the face of intense fire from an anti-aircraft barge and two naval escort vessels, and repeatedly attacked by fourteen hostile fighters, he courageously held to his coursem enabling his bombardiers to score direct hits on a 500 foot merchantmen, which sank a short time thereafter. Captain Draemel then expertly piloted his plane to protect a crippled bomber which was about to be attacked, escorting it safely to friendly territory. His outstanding leadership and conspicuous gallantry have reflected great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States.

AIBERT G. LINKS, 11040951, Staff Sergeant, Hartford, Conn. For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight in the North African Theatre of Operations as bombardier of a B-25 type aircraft. At the commencement of the bombing run over Gabes Airdrome, 8 February 1943, enemy fighters attacked his formation, and Sergeant Links was severely wounded by a shrapmel fragment which imbedded itself in his leg. Although dazed and bleeding profusely, he steadfastly remained at his bombsight and scored direct hits on the target. He then manned his guns and assisted in breaking up repeated enemy attacks, which continued for twenty minutes after the bombers had left the target area. Only when his formation was safely out of danger did Sergeant Links leave his position to accept first aid treatment. His fortitude and unfailing devotion to duty have been of high inspiration to his comrades, and have reflected great credit upon himself and the Armed Morces of the United States.

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GENERAL ORDERS) NUMBER 159

EXTRACT

SECTION II -- AWARDS OF DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended and pursuant to authority contained in Circular No. 126, Headquarters NATOUSA, 2 July 1943, the Distinguished Flying Cross is awarded to the following named personnel, Air Corps, United States Army, residence and citation as indicated, in the name of the Commanding General, NATOUSA.

FRANCIS E. DONAHUE, S/Sgt., 15084560, Indianapolis, Ind. For extraord-inary achievement while participating in aerial flight in the North African Theatre of Operations as bombardier of a B-25 type aircraft. While on a bombing mission over Marsala, Sicily, 11 May 1943, Sgt. Donahue released his bombs accurately on the target despite repeated enemy fighter attacks on his aircraft during the bombing run. The bomb bay doors were so damaged that they would not close and a fire was started in the navigator's compartment. Extinguishing the fire with his clothing, Sgt. Donahue administered first aid to the ofew members who were wounded. Then, with the aid of the radio gunner, he closed the bomb bay doors and fastened them with their belts, enabling the B-25, with one engine out of commission, to maintain altitude and reach friendly territory. His resolute courage and steadfast devotion to duty have reflected great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States.

CYRIL L. THOMAS, 36178705, S/Sgt., Royal Oak, Mich. For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight in the North African Theatre of Operations as radio gumner on a B-25 type aircraft. While on a bombing mission over Marsale, Sicily, 11 May 1943, Sgt. Thomas' plane was badly damaged by enemy fighters and he was wounded in the leg. Nevertheless, Sgt. Thomas extinguished the fire in the navigator's compartment and aided in closing the damaged bomb bay doors, thus enabling the B-25 to retain altitude. Then Sgt. Thomas administered first aid to a wounded gunner and moved him to a place of comparative safety. His resolute courage and selfless devotion to duty have reflected great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States.

By command of Lieutenant General SPAATZ:

E. P. CURTIS, Brigadier General, USA, Chief of Staff.

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GENERAL ORDERS) NUMBER 7)

EXTRACT

SECTION II : AWARDS OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL.

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Circular No. 50, Headquarters North African Theatre of Operations, 5 April 1943, the Soldier's Medal is awarded the following named personnel:

RANDOLPH M. DUNCAN, 0-443439, Second Lieutenant, Air Corps, United States Army. For heroism displayed on 3 February 1943. Lieutenant Duncan upon receiving a report that a fragmentation bomb had become armed while being unloaded from a plane immediately went to the scene of the accident examined and proceeded to work on the armed bomb and after a short period of time, succeeded in removing the nose fuse, thus disarming the damaged bomb. The heroism and quick action displayed by Lieutenant Duncan on this occasion reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

By command of Major General DOOLITTLE:

HOYT S. VANDEMBURG, Brigadier General, GSC, Chief of Staff.

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20 February 1943

GENERAL ORDERS) NUMBER 2)

SECTION I -- AWARDS OF PURPLE HEART.

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended and pursuant to authority contained in Circular No. 4, Allied Force, Headquarters, 9 January 1943 as amended, the Furple Heart is awarded the following named personnel in the name of the Commanding General, North African Theatre of Operations.

RICHARD L. WESTLINE, Army Serial Number 36232783, Technical Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in enemy action on 8 February, 1943. Residence at time of enlistment: Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

AIBERT G. LINKS, Army Serial Number 11040951, Staff Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in enemy action on 8 February, 1943. Residence at time of enlistment: Hartford, Connecticut.

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FRANCIS E. DONAHUE, Army Serial Number 15084658, Staff Sergeant, Air Comps United States Army. For wounds received while on an operational mission against the enemy 11 May 1943. Residence at time of enlistment: Indianapolis, Indiana.

GEORGE E. TABOR, Army Serial Number 39020143, Staff Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army. For wounds received on an operational mission against the enemy 11 May 1943. Residence at time of induction: Los Angales, California.

CYRIL L. THOMAS, Army Serial Number 36178705, Staff Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army. For wounds received while on an operational mission against the enemy 11 May 1943. Residence at time of induction: Royal Oak, Michigan.

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GENERAL ORDERS) NUMBER 11)

SECTION I -- AWARDS OF PURPLE HEART

STANLEY R. CROSSMAN, Army Serial Number 31088305, Staff Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army. For wounds received while on an operational mission against the enemy 10 July 1943. Residence at time of enlistment: Alton, Illinois.

G.O. No. 12 - 21 July 1943
BYRON F. LINK, Army Serial Number 18047023, Staff Sergeant, Air Corps,
United States Army. For wounds received while on an operational mission
against the enemy 19 July 1943. Residence at time of enlistment: Calhan,
Colorado.

Walter J. McConnell, Army Serial Number 12030923, Staff Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army. For wounds received while on an operational mission against the enemy 19 July 1943. Residence at time of enlistment: Waterloo, New York

LETTER OF AWARD) NUMBER 5)

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Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded each of the following enlisted men for wounds received in action against the enemy:

Date of action: I6 August 1943

T/Sgt. FRANKLIN H. PECK, Army Serial Number 12043660, Air Corps, United States Army. Medal Number - 163289.

By order of Lt. Colonel JCHNSON:

MEYER I. RUBIN 1st Lt., M.A.C. Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS COLUMBIA ARMY AIR BASE
OFFICE OF THE BASE ADMINISTRATIVE INSPECTOR
Columbia, S. C.

June 26th, 1942

SUBJECT: COMMENDATIONS

TO : The Commanding Officer, Columbia Army Air Base, Columbia, S.C.

1. With reference to the above subject, the Fostal Officer of this Base stated to the undersigned, that in compliance with paragraph 5, Daily Bulletin #69, dated June 8th, 1942, with reference to the proper handling of U.S. Mail, the 310th Bombardment Group and 903rs Quartermaster Platoon, have been outstanding in the manner in which they have complied with this directive.

2. It is recommended that the Base Commander notify these two organizations of their efficiency in this matter, and their attention to this directive.

G.K. WILLIAMS Captain, Army Air Forces, Base Inspector.

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HEADQUARTERS, TWEIFTH AIR FORCE A. P. O. #650

28 January 1943

SUBJECT: Commendation.

TO : Commanding General, XII Bomber Command.

- 1. Lieutenant General Eisenhower and Major General Spaatz have requested that I extend to the Bomber Command and every organization and individual in it their congratulations on the excellent work you are doing.
- 2. General Marshall and General Arnold were particularly impressed with the successful anti-shipping strikes, the destruction of aircraft on the ground at Tripoli, Tunis and Medenine, the port damage at Bizerte and Tunis and pointed out the serious effect that the loss of ships, airplanes, and port facilities will have on enemy operations.
 - 3. You are all doing a fine job. I salute you; keep it up.

/t/ J.H. DOOLITTLE,
Major General, USA,
Commanding.

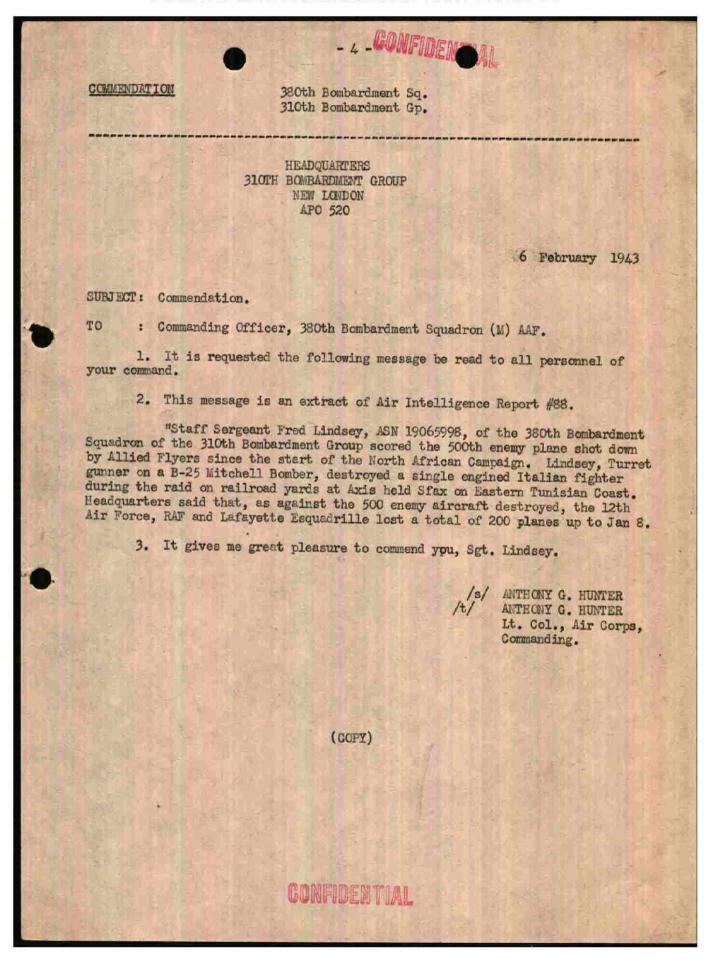
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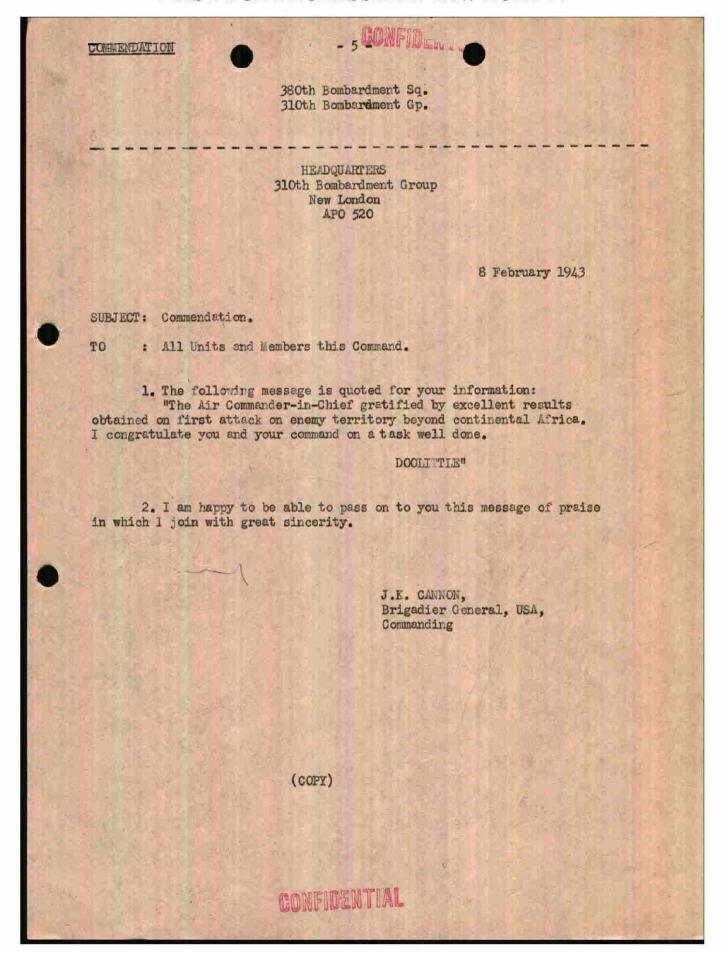
HEADQUARTERS XII BOMBER COMMAND, APO 520, 2 February 1943. TO: Commanding General, Fifth Bomb Wing: Commanding Officer, Seventh Fighter Wing; All Units and members of this Command.

- 1. I am happy indeed to pass on toeach and every one of you, this commendation which you so justly deserve.
- 2. Your job has been a tough one, under adverse conditions and trying circumstances; but all of these have been met and overcome by your will to win regardless of such conditions or circumstances. For this I am extremely proud of you, and happy to be a member of such an organization.

J.K. CANNON, Brigadier General, USA, Commanding.

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HEADQUARTERS
310th BOMBARDMENT GROUP
NEW LONDON
APO 520

21 February 1943

SUBJECT: Commendation.

TO : All Members of the 310th Bombardment Group (M)

1. It is my extreme pleasure to quote a commendation received by teletype, for this Group from the Commanding General of the XLL Bomber Command.

> "TO COLONEL HUNTER 310th Bomb. Group

21 February 1943

MANY CONGRATUALATIONS TO YOU AND YOUR BOYS ON TODAY'S SPLENDID WORK PD IT WAS A GRAND JOB-PD WE ARE ALL EXTREMELY PROUD OF YOU.

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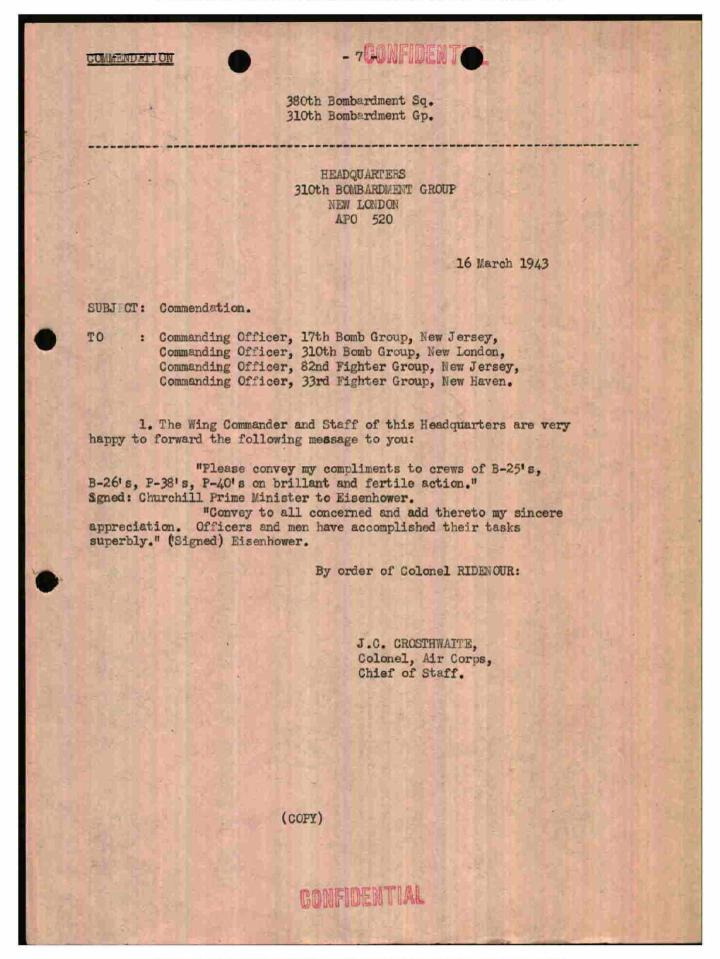
- 2. Since our organization has been in the combat area we have bivouaced and worked under the most adverse conditions, using all our ingenuity to keep in mind the everlasting slogan of the Air Corps "Keep 'em Flying", and the fulfillment of our duty as a bombardment Group, "the destruction of assigned targets."
- 3. I am proud, very proud, to be in the same organization with each and everyone of you who have worked so hard in recording such deeds as stated above and who have kept at all times such a high standard of morale and fighting efficiency.

ANTHONLY G. HUNTER Colonel, Air Corps, Commending

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310TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP APO #520

17 June 1943

SUBJECT: Congratulatory Message.

TO : All Personnel of the 310th Bombardment Gp., (M), AAF.

1. The following teletype message received this Hq from 2nd Air Service Area Command (SP), is reproduced for your information:

The following message from Arnold to Spaatz is quoted:
"Entire Air Force joins me in congratulations to Allied AF in North Africa upon highly successful completion of Pantelleria air operations. Tremendous bombs dropped and neglibile losses of planes speak well for planning, preparation, and execution. NAAF have achieved a notable victory. This victory has been made possible only by the enthusiasm, skill, determination, and bravery which all elements of the force have displayed. We have maintained and improved time standard which was so vital a factor in the fall of Tunisia."

20 June 1943

From Spastz to Doolittle -

"Congratulations on results at Golfo Aranci yesterday. Desire especially to commend the outstanding work of the 82nd Fighter Gp and the 310th Bombardment Group."

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HEADQUARTERS
310th Bombardment Group
New London
APO 520

27 July, 1943

SUBJECT: Combat Effectiveness.

TO : Commanding General, 47th Wing, APO 520

1. The uniform excellence of your recent bombing attacks on targets in SICILY and on the Italian mainland has contributed materially to the success of the Allied effort and is a source of much personal satisfaction to me. This uniformly high standard of bombing proficiency can be achieved only by excellent teamwork and by whole-hearted cooperation between combat crews and ground personnel. I wish you would express to all members of your command by appreciation of their achieveing the high order of combat effectiveness they have repently demonstrated.

J.H. DOCLITTLE, Major General, USA, Commanding.

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HQ 47th WING, APO 520, 31 July 1943
TO: Commanding Officer, 82nd Fighter Group, APO 520
Commanding Officer, 310th Bomb Group, Apo 520
Commanding Officer, 321st Bomb Group, APO 520

- 1. I wish to add my personal commendation to the above letter of commendation from General Doolittle.
- 2. The pride I have in the accomplishment of the Groups of this Wing is tremendous. Your loyalty, your effectiveness as combat units, and your individual achievements have set a standard for all units of this theatre to try to equal.

C.H. RIDENOUR, Brigadier General, USA Commanding.

- 10 -380th Bombardment Sq. 310th Bombardment Gp. HEADQUARTERS 310th BOMBARDMENT GROUP NEW LONDON APO 520 19 August 1943 SUBJECT: Commendation. : All Units This Command. 1. The following message received from the Commanding General, Northwest African Air Force, is forwarded for your information: Another high point in the list of accomplishments of the Strategic Air Force is reflected in the successful completion of the Sicilian Campaign and I commend you, your staff, and all of your Command on a superior job. The steadily increasing effectiveness of the medium bombers during this period has been particularly impressive. Your work against airdromes and communications in Sicily and on the Italian mainland have made a most significant contribution to the campaign as well as to future operations. 2. The contribution of the Strategic Air Force to the Sicilian Operation was only possible through the hard work of each member of this Command. I desire to express to all personnel my sincere appreciation and commendation for a job well done. /s/ J.H. Doolittle J.H. DOOLITTLE, Major General, USA Commanding (COPY)

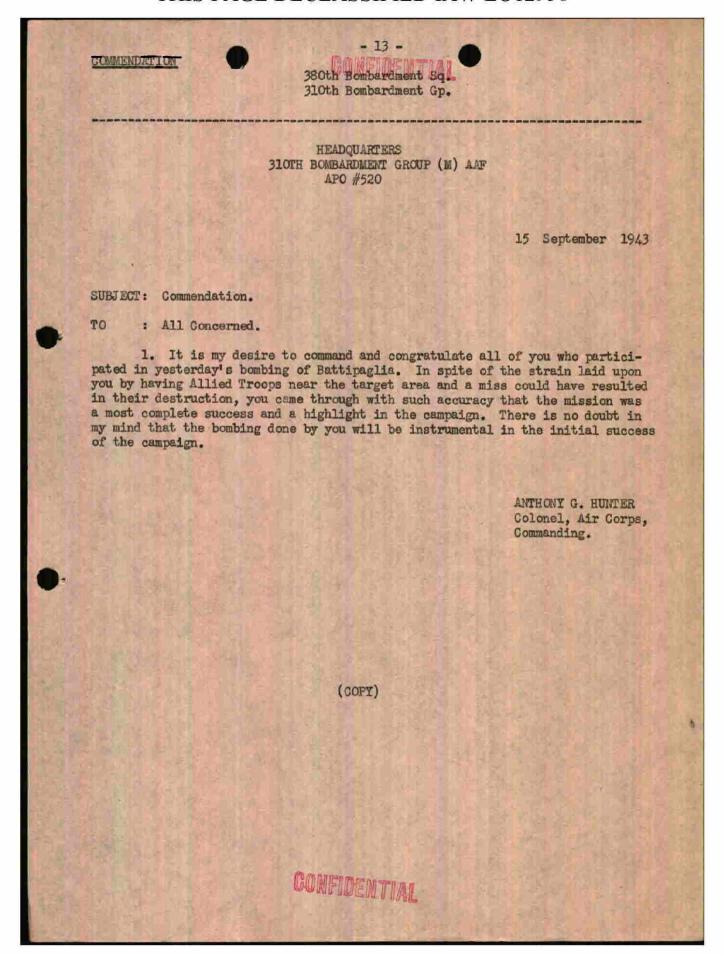
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Marine Company	Section age from the Secretary of War (US) age from the Chief of the Imperial General Staff age from His Majesty King George VI to the Prime Minister and the reply thereto.
tion	MASS GR FROM THE SECRETARY OF WAR (US): "To you and your men, I extend my hearty congratulations and my admire for the skill and fortitude with which you have carried through the sest of SICILY. The power of your Army and its magnificient spirit assurance that it is poised to drive through to even greater successes
	MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF OF THE IMPERIAL GENERAL STAFF. "Hearty congratulations brilliant STOLLIAN CHIEF.
III -	- MESSIGN FROM HIS HAJESTY KING GEORGE VI TO THE PRIME MINISTER. AND THE REPLY THEREFO:
n the	From His Majesty the King - "The invasion of SICILY has proved a of planning and execution. Its success is, of course, largely due to allantry and efficiency of the sailors, soldiers, and airman engaged actual operation. I feel that a very special tribute should be to those who, with their American colleagues and comrads, were responsor its organization. They, for months past, have laboured devotedly ith a skill, of which the fruits of their labour are the most conclusive, to ensure that every man every chiral stress of the stre

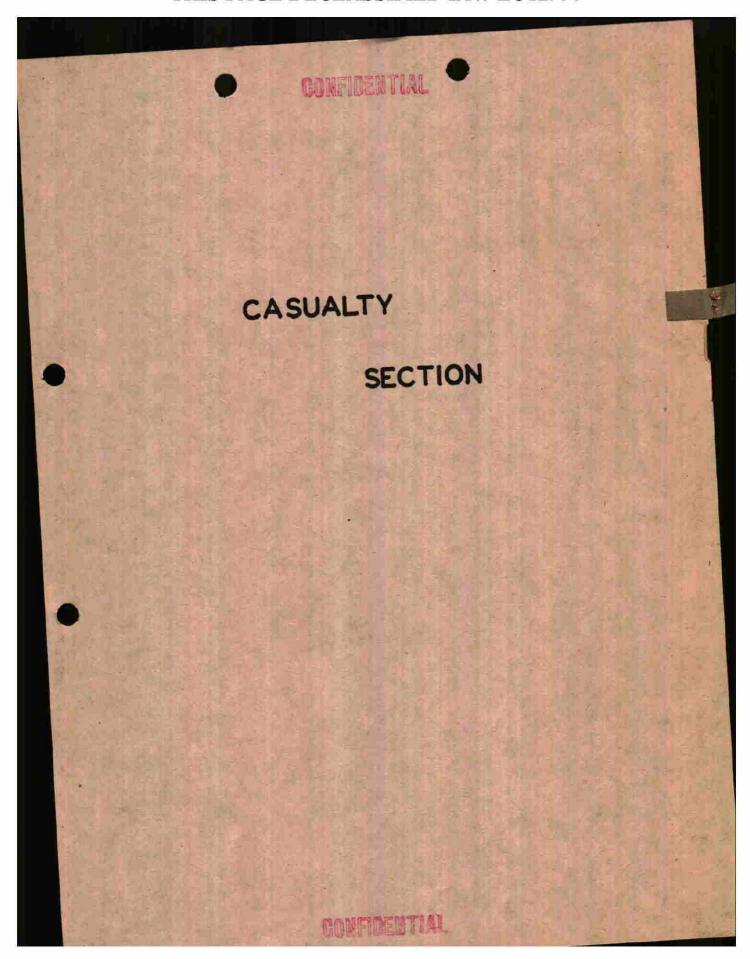
of equipment arrived at the right place, in the right order, and at the right time. "I should therefore be grateful if your as Minister of Defense, would convey to all who were engaged, directly or indirectly both at home and overseas on this immensely important task, my hearty congratulations on the manner in which they discharged it and on the magnificent contribution that they have made towards the supreme end of winning the war.

proof, to ensure that every man, every ship, every aircraft, and every item

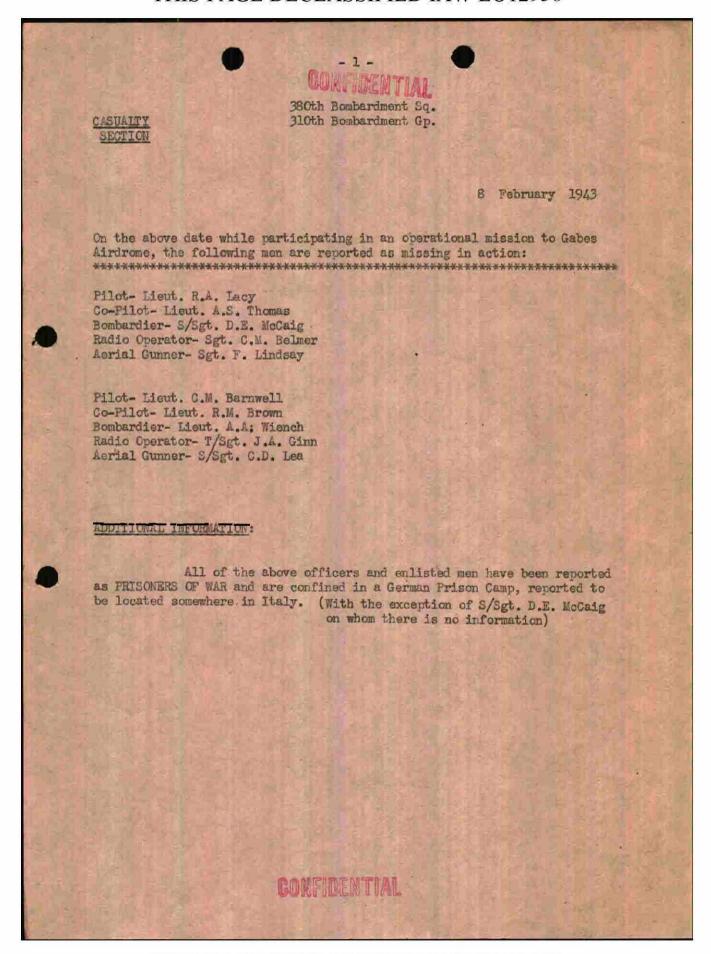
"In saying this, I am, I feel sure, giving expression not only to my own gratitude but to that of all in the ERITISH EMPIRE."

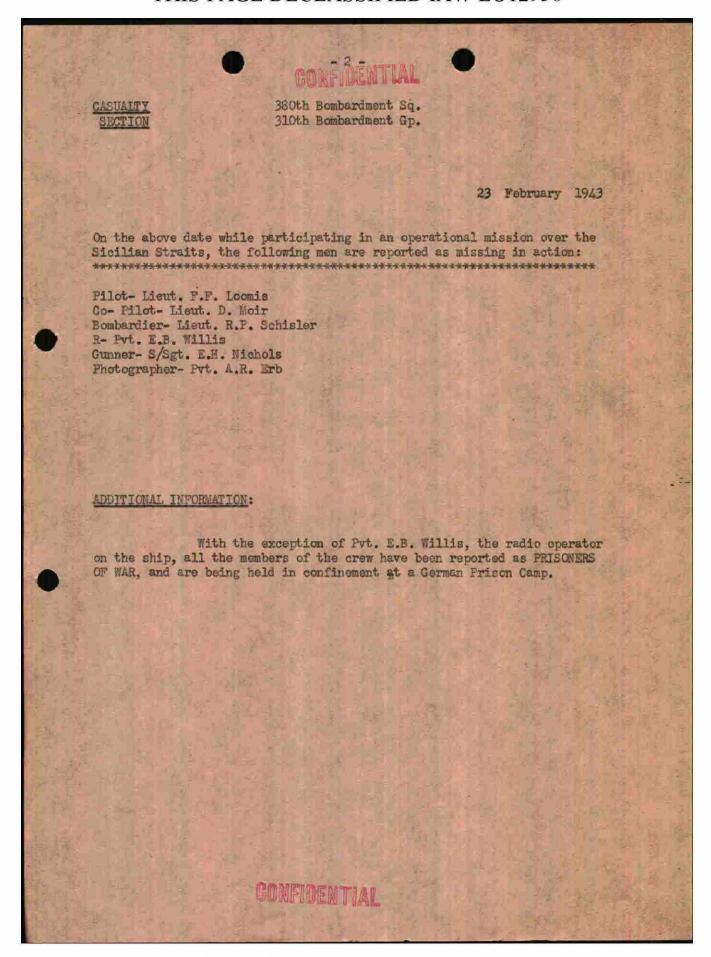
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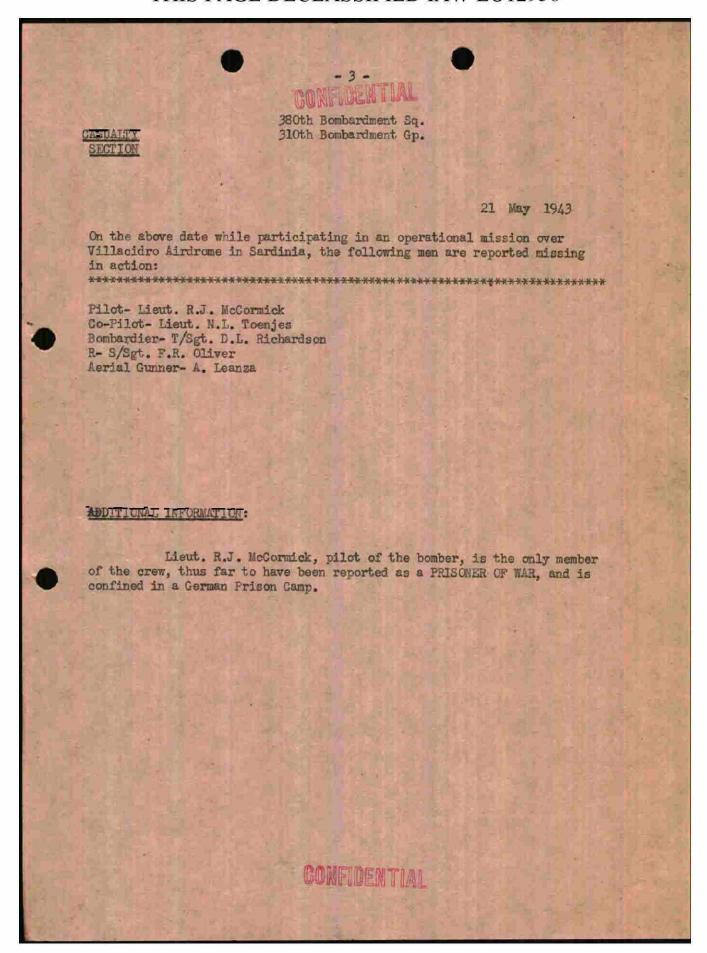


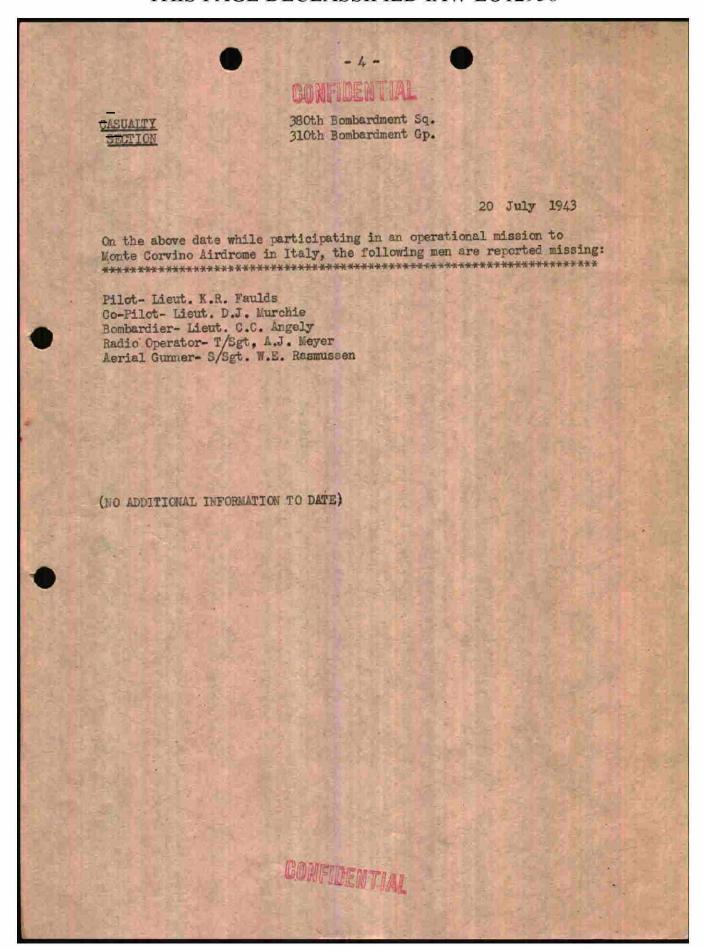


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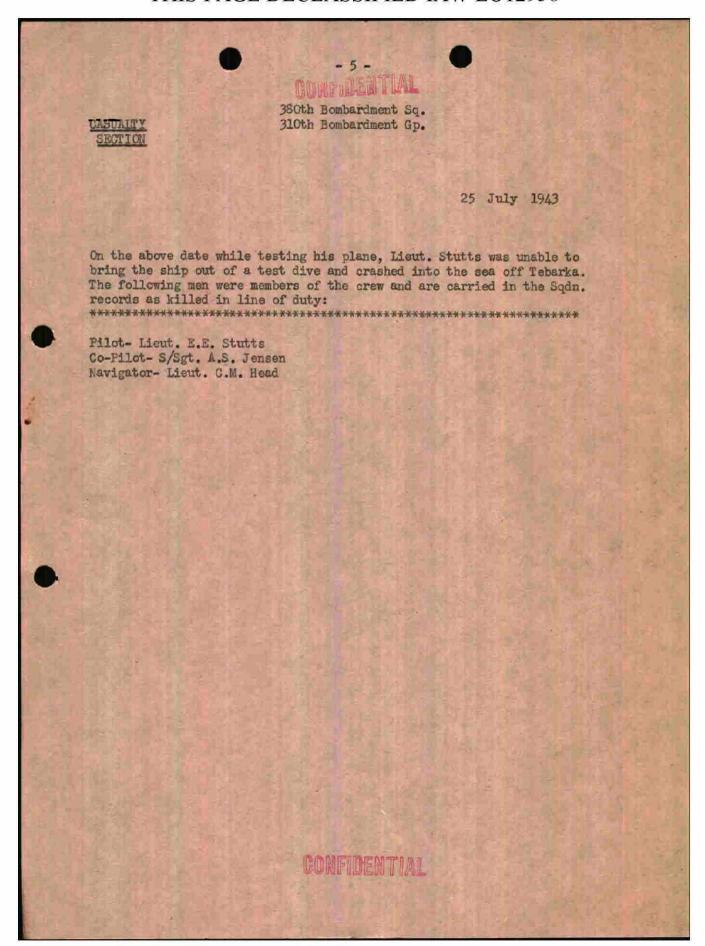




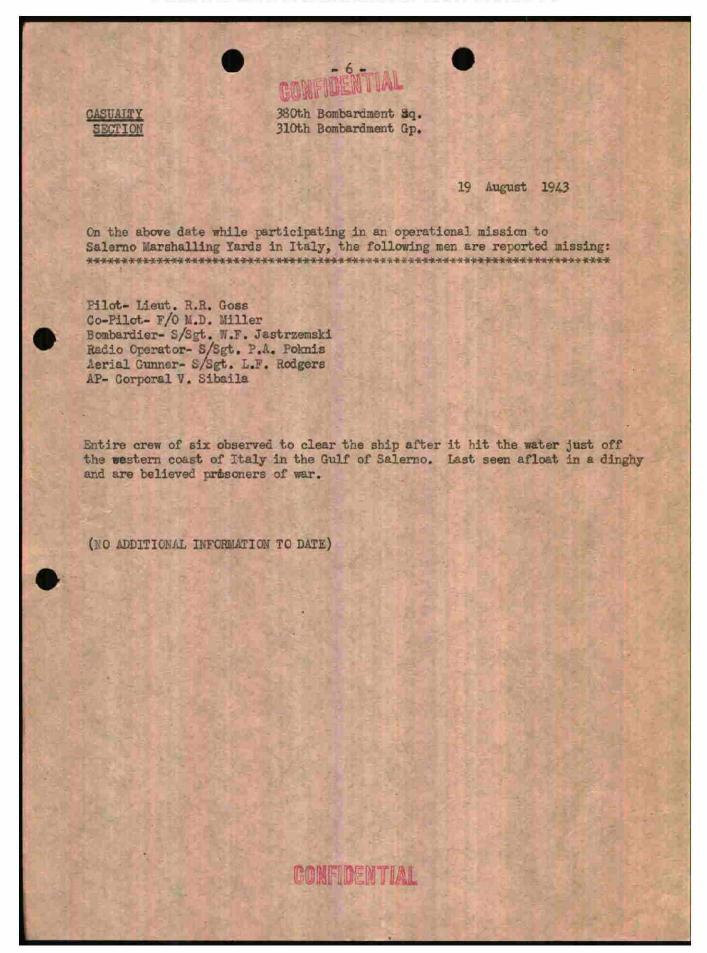


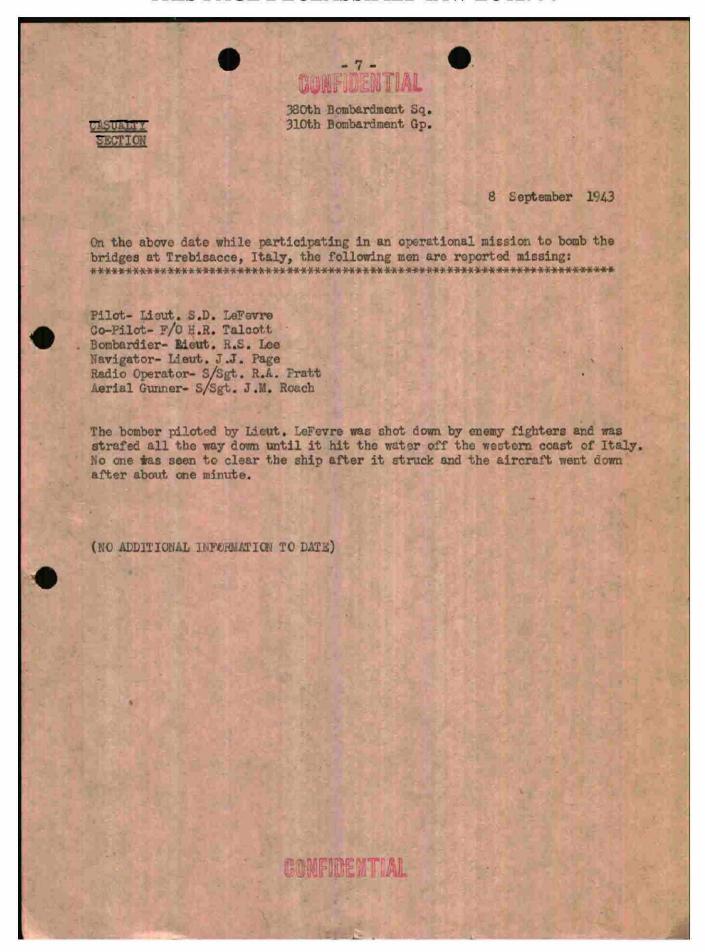


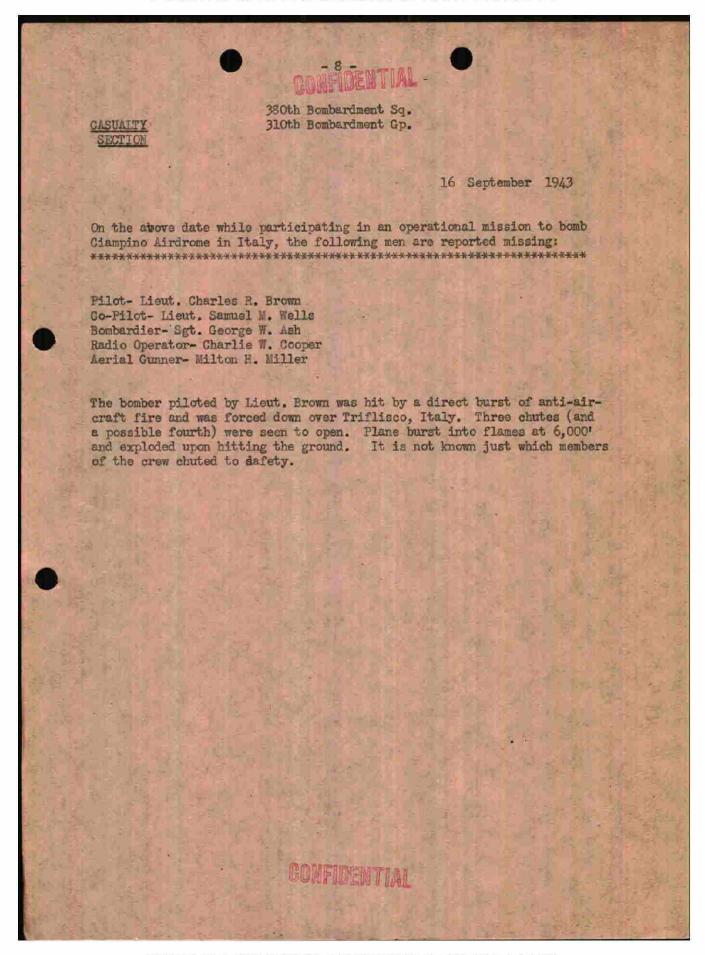
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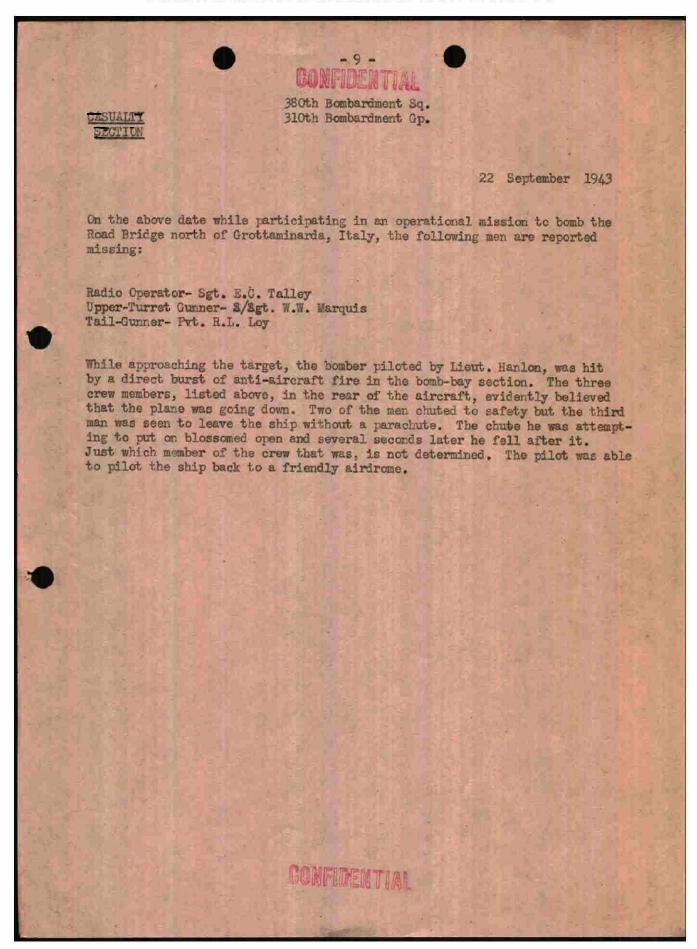


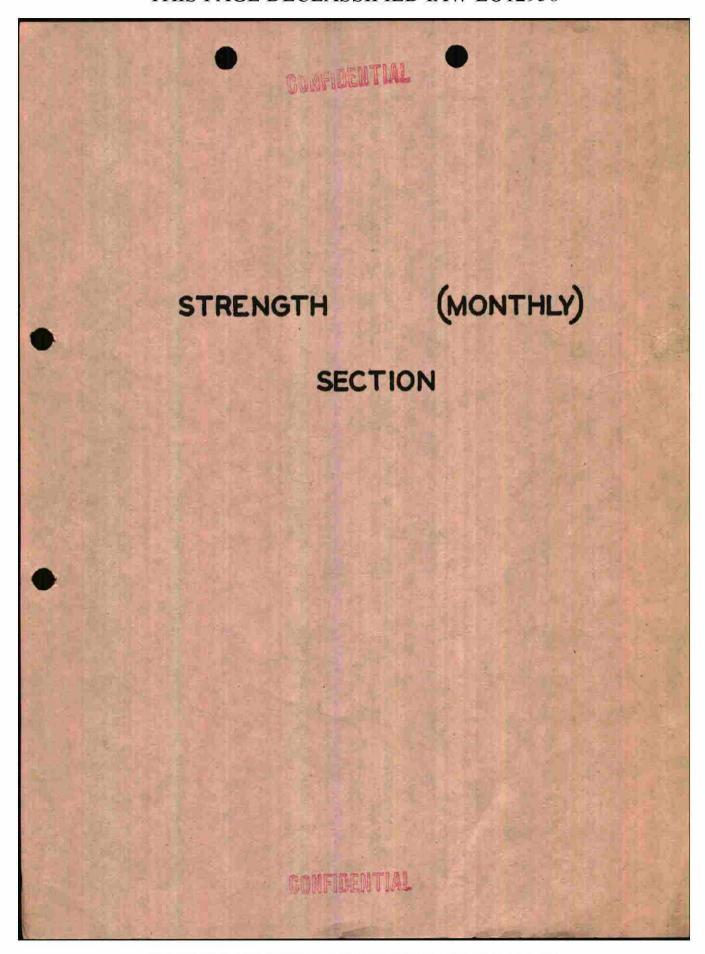
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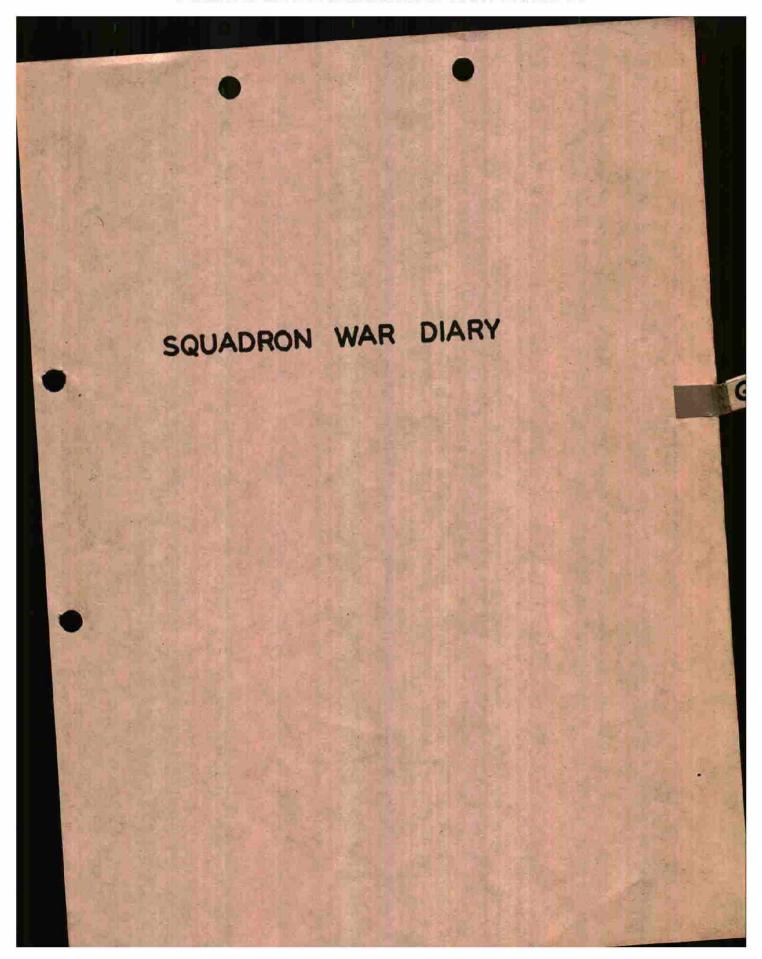




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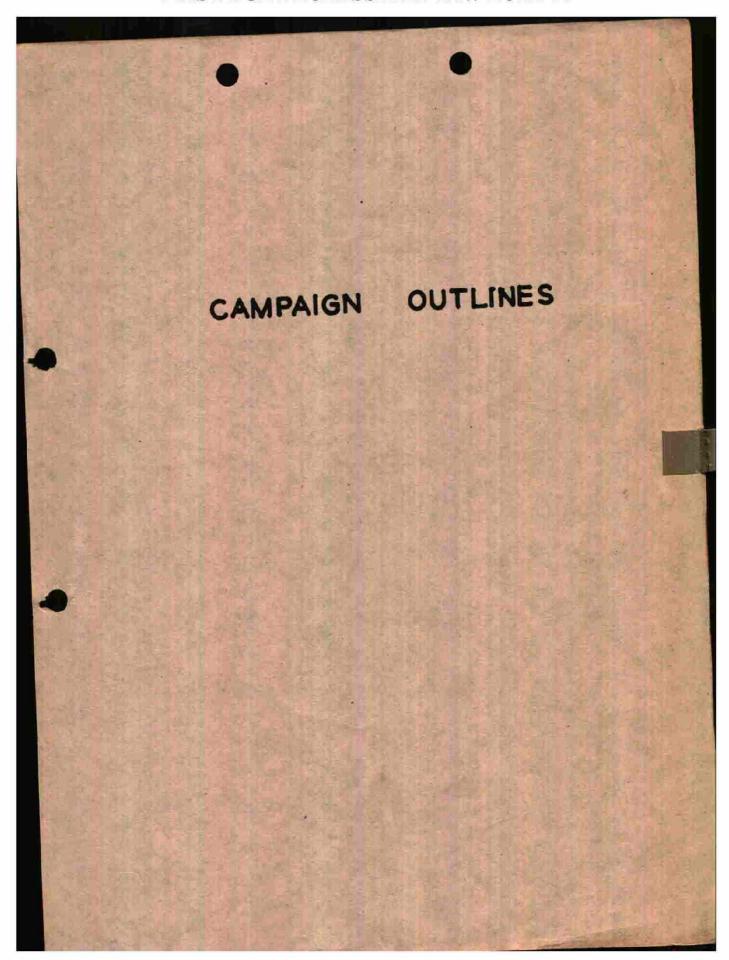
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	(Station)
Mo	nth of September , 1943 . Prepared by 1st Lt. John E. Adams Jr. Sq. His
	(name, rank, capacity)
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1	The Commissioned Personnel of the Squadron enjoyed a pleasant surprise to
	day when several of our flying officers ingeniusly constructed an Officer
	Mess. It is a combination mess hall and club, and boasts of corded rug
	walls, straw mats, a bar, radio and a well used library of the last ship-
	ment of magazines from home. It is definitely fly-proof and sports a small
2	pantry off the west side of the messing section.
V	Plans are being made for a large mess tent to be exclusively used for mess
	of the enlisted men. The boys have all the material and will start to but probably tomorrow.
3	We now have Italian Prisoners waiting on the tables in the Officers Mess,
	and keeping the pots and pans up to "snuf" at the kitchen. The Rome Radio
	announced Italy's Unconditional surrender (The surrender was not official
	at this date) and you should have seen the happy looks on the faces of the
EA.	boys From Italy, We Felt metty good curselves too.
4	It has been a week since the planes have gone to visit the enemy, and the
	boys are getting a little restless for some action. Hotcakes at breakfas
	this morning took the damper off their spirits for it was quite a treat.
5	A mission to Grazzanise A/D in the southwestern part of Italy proved to be
	the start of our operations again and although old man weather frowned on
	our boys ignored the cloud coverages at the target and swms over to the
-	number one Satellite Of Grazzanise, bombing with fair results.
6	Off went our Bombers today to strike at Capua A/D. The results were very
	good and the enemy was left in their slit-trenches watching several of the
	ramed Luftwaffe fighters burning fiercely from direct hits on them. We
-	celebrated evening thow with Irean thopped hamburger and ited lemonade,
1	Today our Group received a great shock and were saddened greatly by the
	loss Of Major Jim Walker, Flight Commender of the formation assigned to h
	a brace of bridges at Trebisacce, Italy. The plane suddenly feel apart
0	over the target from an unknown cause.
0	The entire camp rejoiced at the new of the surrender of Italy when it was
	officially announced today over the BBC. Morale was excellent and the who
	Sqdn. feels confident that this a big step toward a near victory and cul-
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1	News reached us that the American Fifth Army had established a beach head
	at Salerno. Our bombers now are working very close to the front lines ar
10	One thing shout a coldier oversees his asset it
	One thing about a soldier overseas, his money will burn a hole in his pool
	if he carries around too long; so endeavoring not to let his clothes fall
	victim to such happenings, the "African Dominoes" appear each night on the
	tables of the men's mess and a great deal of currency changes hands. From
	all appearances, most of the fellows are quite pleased with their new clul house and mess. Several "newties" have been through the contribute the last
	house and mess. Several "parties" have been thrown there within the last
17	From several radio reports we learned today that the Italian Navy had pull
	into the harbor at Malta. This certainly was good news to us. We bombed
	Castelnuovo Rd Jcn for the third day in a row and after today's bombing, t
	road Junction is nothing more than a thing of the past.
12	Three of our Squadron's flying men received the Distinguished EFEXE Flying
	Cross today. They were Captains Larry Cometh and Dean Draemel, and S. Sgt.
	Alfred D. Links for meritous action beyond the call of duty.

SHEET NO. War	Diary, 380th Bombardment Sudn. New Hall APO #520
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Month of Cartanhan	, 1943 . Prepared by 1st Lt. John E. Adams Jr. Sq. Hist.
monon of September	(name, rank, capacity)
DAY	ron enjoyed man's favorite dish "steak" ! Of course there
was quite a disc	ussion about which type animal offered itself for our palate that Sir Bull was the provider.
14 Our flying crews	were awakened at dawn this morning and told of the serious
	fighting forces at Battipaglia beaches. Quickly but thore formation took off to attack a very "delicate" targetthe
	of Battapaglia, with our troops but a short 100 yards from
	town was completely destroyed by a display of the best bomb
	s ever done. Commendations quickly came down from higher tulating and praising the splendid work that had been done.
	at Salerno was improved today as the flight took off once
	h mission in as many days, to bomb Torre Annunziata Rd. Jon
Morocco'was thor	t for the day came in the form of a "movie". 'The Road To
16 The dance at Nah	mel scheduled for today was called off because of the treme
	the Group. It will be held at some future date when operat
ous pressure on taper off a bit.	



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OUTLINE ON THE TUNISIAN CAMPAIGN 380th Bombardment Sq. 310th Bombardment Gp.

May 20, 1943

The 310th Bombardment Group inaugurated its combat operations in the North African Campaign with eight sorties against Gabes Airdrome on the second of December, 1942. Four B-25's of each the 379th and 428th Sqdns only participating. A small grove just south of Gabes was the Target and t the Group's first action took the form of "two hits on the NE section of the target, one fire with heavy smoke."

Though inconspicuous, this first mission marked the beginning of a carefully planned "Strategic" role for us. The B-25's of this group were destined to play a large part in the rout of Rommel and the liberation of

North Africa.

Thirteen times, between the second of December of 1942 and the eighth of January of 1943, we hit objectives of incalculable value to the enemy; such targets as the airdromes of Gabes, Sidi Ahmed and El Aouina, the Railroad yards of Sousse, Sfax, La Hencha and Kairouan and the important harbors of La Goulette, Sousse and Tunis, will give mute evidence of events to come at a later date.

All of these missions were with definite objectives in view and were carefully designed to cripple the enemy at his vulnerable points, mainly

that of supply transportation.

Next came the never-to-be-forgotten period of action against Axis shipping on the blue water of Mussolini's "Mare Nostrum". In all we were to sweep that body of water thirty nine times to clear it of the enemy's supply lines, costing him vitally needed stores of fuel, gasoline and other war materials. Thirty three vessels were sent to the bottom including Tankers, Destroyers, Corvettes, Freighters of all types, Siebel Ferries and a cruiser. Many others were damaged that are not mentioned above.

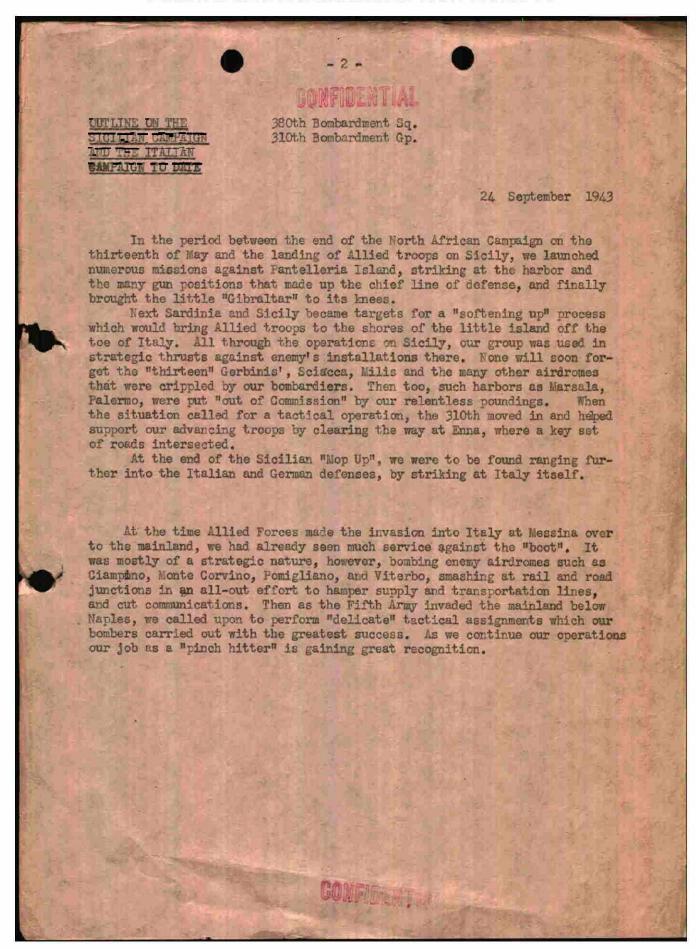
The days became a succession of target names and sea sweeps. Objective after objective became a matter of record on intelligence reports. There were railroad bridges, and junctions, airdromes, road bridges, names now known the world over were "Hush-Hush" then and strange to our ears; there were El Acuinet, Macknassey, Gabes, La Hencha and a score or more besides. Right through the entire campaign to clean the Axis out of Africa, our group maintained a constant alertness for any aid other than the part we played as a strategic force. We were called upon to bomb enemy troop concentration at Kasserine when things were going hard there.

It can be said that we operated throughout this campaign under some of the most difficult and trying conditions experienced in this theatre. Both air and ground crew carried out their duties in all kinds of weather (of which we had two kinds -- not bad...and terrible.) Throughout the rainy season and the North African winter all lived in pup tents, cots were unheard of, and "C" rations the order of the day.

During the last few months of the campaign when the Axis forces had their backs to the wall, we were assigned such targets that would slowly and surely disentegrate the fast wanning Air Force of the enemy, striking at Ste. Marie du Zit L/G and many others known only by grid coordinates on our maps.

Right up to the end of the campaign on the thirteenth of May, 1943, we carried out a steady routine of pounding of enemy-held positions, earning a citation from the Chief of the Air Force when a tanker, heavily laden with precious petrol, for the Panzer Divisions spearing out at Kasserine, was sunk by our bombers.

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