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The 457th Fighter Squadron, during February 1945, prepared to leave Lakeland Army Air Field for its staging area and port of embarkation.

All officers and enlisted men had returned from leaves and furloughs by 12 February 1945.

Equipment drawn from the Quartermaster, Air Corps Supply, and Post Engineers at Lakeland Army Air Field was turned in. All airplanes were inspected and transferred to other fields. Enlisted personnel turned in a ll clothing and equipment above the amount authorized to be taken upon leaving this station.

The flight detachment, commanded by Major Malcolm C. Watters and consisting of 26 officers and 29 enlisted men, departed for Camp Stoneman, Pittsburg, California on 16 February, in accordance with orders received in January, 1945. (1) Captain Duan G. Anthony assumed command of the sq uadron.(2)

2nd Lt. Lawrence E. Brennan departed for temporary duty

- (1) Unit History 1 January-31 January 1945, 457th Ftr Sq, 506th Ftr Gp, SE.
- (2) Par 1, SO 6, 457th Ftr SQ, 506th Ftr Gp, SE. 16 February 1945.

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SEPE, Seattle, Washington, as advance supply officer on 26 February 1945. (3)

During February, advance cargo equipment was shipped and the equipment to accompany the troop movement was packed and crated.

In the first two weeks of February, Group and Squadron missions were flown and enlisted men attended ground school conducted by the 506th Ftr Gp. Flying ended on February 12th. The program for the last two weeks of the month consisted of drill, calisthenics and hikes.

There was no change, during the month, in total personnel, ---63 officers, 2 Flight officers and 255 enlisted men. The table of organization calls for 61 officers and 249 enlisted men.

Under provision of AR 615-5 C-5, 35 enlisted men were promoted to higher grades on 16 February 1945. (5)

The squadron officers held a party at the Yacht Club, Lakeland, Fla. on 11 February. There was a party for the enlisted men on the 19th of the month.

(3) Par 3 SO 53 Hq LAAFld Lakeland Fla 26 Feb 45

(4) Par 1 SO 4 457th Ftr Sq 506th Ftr Gp, SE. 1 Feb 45

(5) Par 3 SO 27 Hq 506th Ftr Gp, SE. 16 Feb 45

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