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Organizational History, 1st Fighter Squadron AAF, 21st Fighter Group AAF, APO # 86, VII Fighter Command.

August 1, 1945 - August 31, 1945

A. Date of arrival and departure from each station occupied in this theater:

Negative

B. Losses in action: (Personnel)

1st Lt. Richard S. Davis O-692140

C. Awards to and decorations of member:

Per General Order #65, VII Fighter Command dated 8 August 1945 the following men received awards.

Award of the Air Medal.

Theodore Gruici F/O T-130875

John F. Wagner F/O T-130926

Award of 2nd Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal.

William H. Benton, Jr. Capt., O-886221

Rexford W. Parfitt 1st Lt., O-804030

Grover C. Sayer, Capt., O-431535

Paul E. Schurr, 1st Lt., O-767402

D. Organization:

Negative

E. Strength (Personnel)

1 August 1945: 69 Officers, 242 EM assigned, 5 attached.

31 August 1945: 67 Officers, 235 EM assigned, 4 attached.

F. Strength (Airplanes)

1 August 1945: 22 P-51D's

31 August 1945: 27 P-51D'S

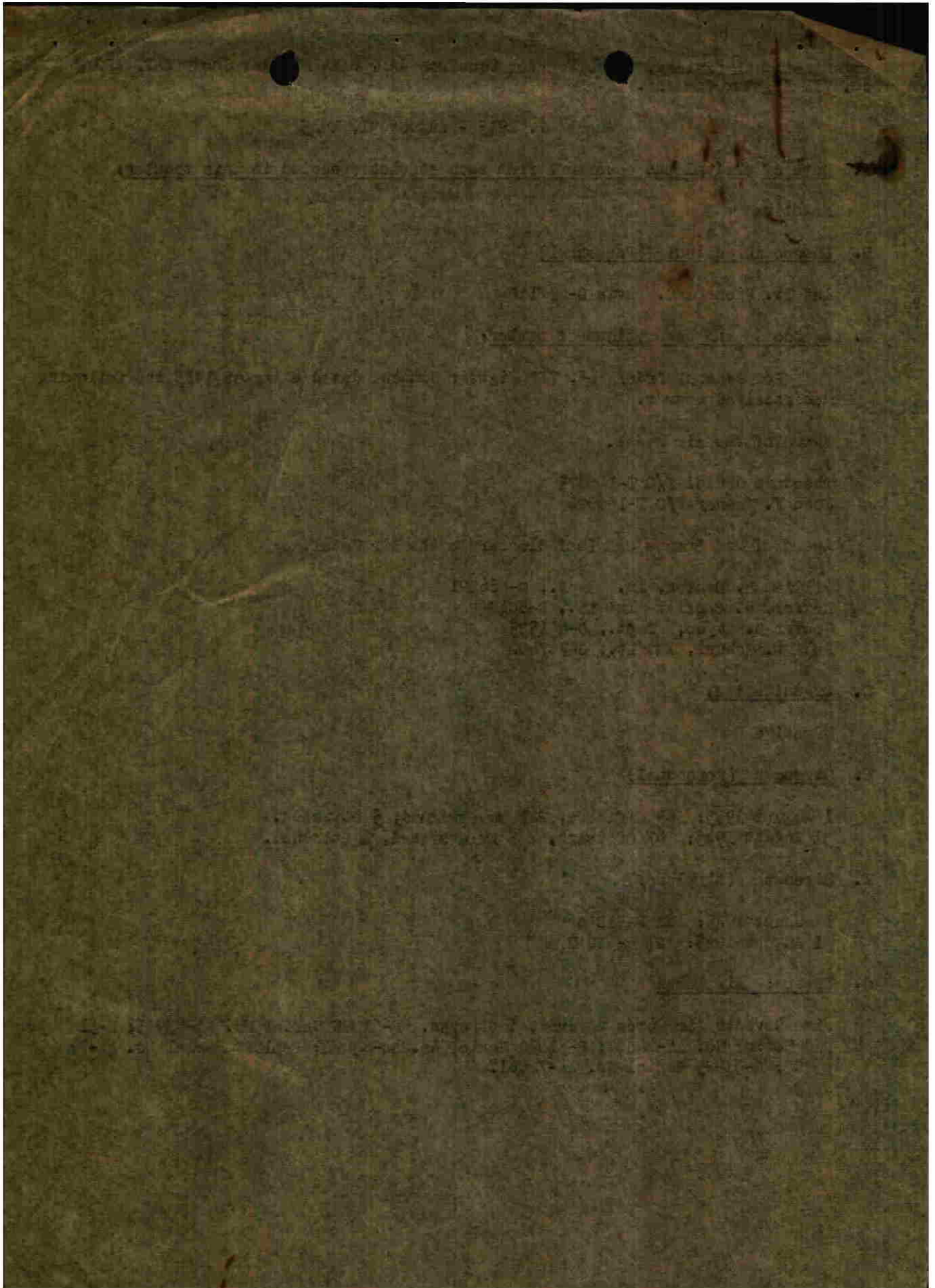
G. Losses: Airplanes

Five Seventh Air Force aircraft destroyed. P-51D20 Serial No. 44-63995; P-51D20 Serial No. 44-64000; P-51D20 Serial No. 44-63674; P-51D20 Serial No. 44-63909; P-51D25 Serial No. 44-72661.

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Organizational History, 531st Fighter Squadron A.F., 21st Fighter Group
 AF, APO #36, VII Fighter Command. *Organizational History*
 July 1, 1945 - July 31, 1945

A. Date of arrival and departure from each station occurred in this THEATER:

Negative

B. Losses in action: (Personnel)

2nd Lt. Theodore H. Fox O-2057598
 2nd Lt. Henry J. Koke O-2054132
 F/O Charles G. Post T-84198
 1st Lt. Anthony T. Falgiatore O-754485

C. Awards to and decorations of members:

By General Order #58, VII Fighter Command dated July 28, 1945 the following men received awards.

Award of the Air Medal.

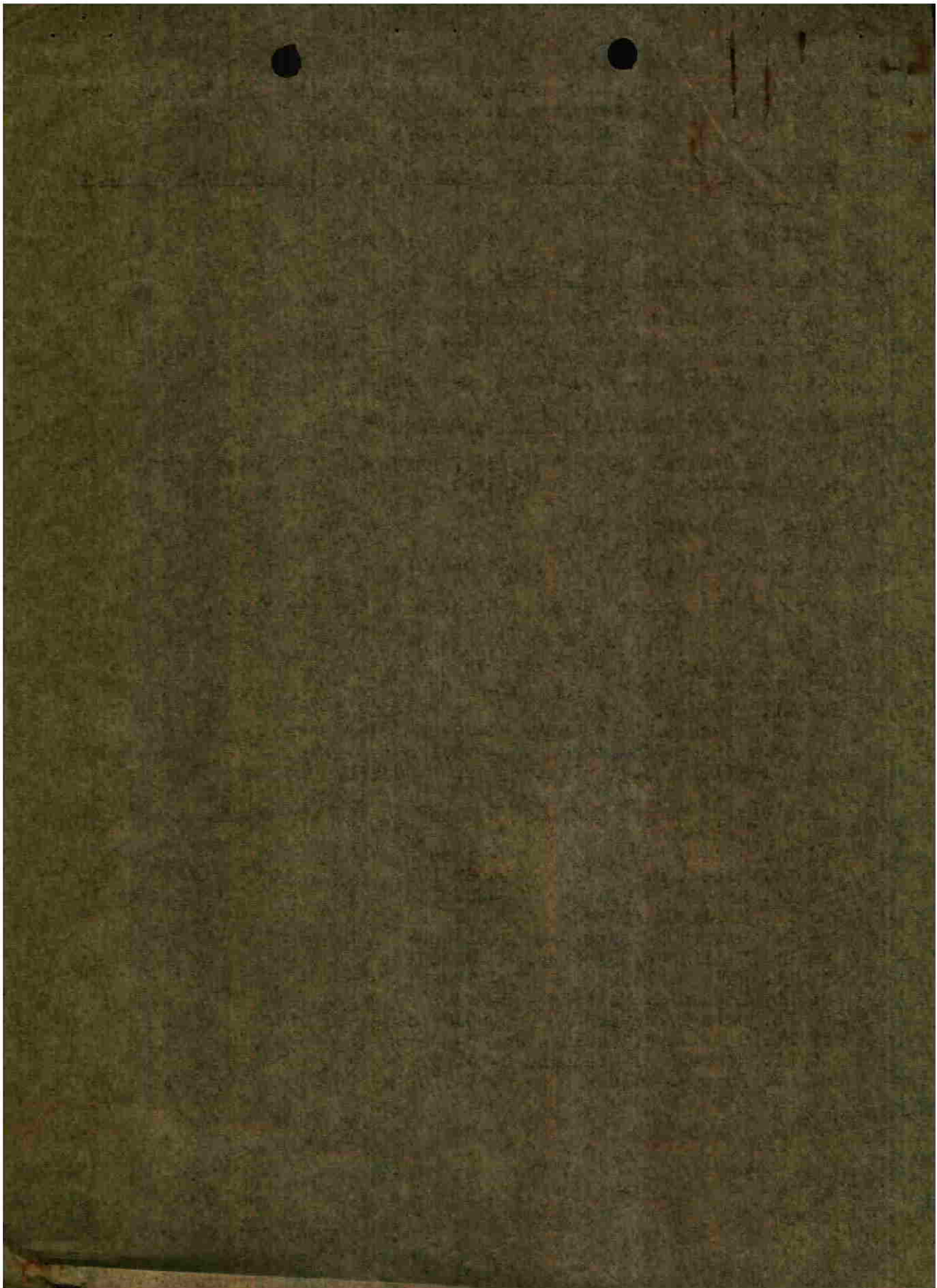
2nd Lt. John M. Tomlinson, O-08054138

Award of 1st Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal.

2nd Lt. Wade J. Fehr, O-2059261
 1st Lt. Conrad E. Mattson O-758830
 F/O Charles G. Post T-84198
 1st Lt. Floyd E. Rice O-324821
 1st Lt. Frank L. Seymour, Jr. O-767053
 2nd Lt. John M. Tomlinson O-2054133
 2nd Lt. William J. Tomlinson, Jr. O-0832517

Award of 2nd Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal.

2nd Lt. Jack Counts O-714886
 1st Lt. Albert B. Davis O-0692138
 1st Lt. Richard S. Davis O-0692140
 2nd Lt. Billy Griffin O-2057613
 2nd Lt. Howard M. Lane O-324660
 2nd Lt. William B. Lichter, O-1823541
 1st Lt. Wade W. Marsh O-128651
 1st Lt. Conrad E. Mattson O-758830
 2nd Lt. Dale F. Meyer O-2059335
 1st Lt. William F. Savidge Jr. O-301782
 1st Lt. Herbert B. Straughn O-763397
 2nd Lt. John M. Wyles O-770510



Award of tenth Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal.

Capt. Henry C. Alm, Jr. O-733772

Award of Twelfth Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal.

Capt. Edwin R. Crane O-723980

Award of Thirteenth Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal.

Capt. Willis E. Mathews O-729037

Award of fourteenth Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal.

Capt. Willis E. Mathews O-729037

Per General Order #59, VII Fighter Command dated July 23, 1945 the following men received awards.

Award of the Silver Star:

Major Harry C. Crim, Jr. O-35969

Major John S. Hudson, Jr. O-429414

Award of the Silver Star (Posthumous)

Staff Sergeant John A. Roberts 10109797

Award of the Bronze Star Medal (Posthumous)

Major Floyd E. Whitley O-426455

Award of the Bronze Star Medal.

1st Lt. John F. Galbraith O-688814

D. Organization

Negative

E. Strength (Personnel)

1 July 1945: 64 Officers, 256 EM assigned, 3 attached

31 July 1945: 69 Officers, 242 EM assigned, 3 attached

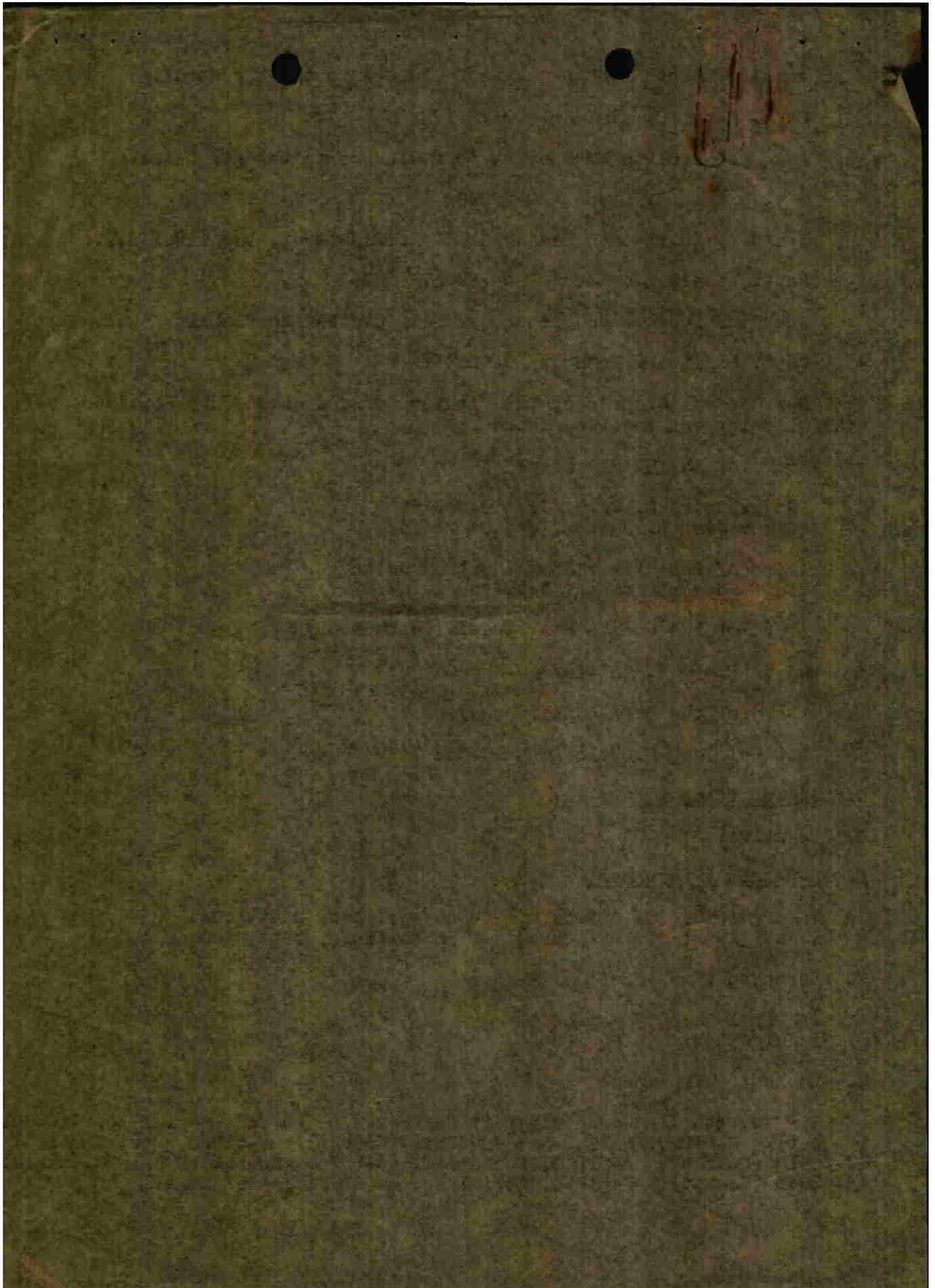
F. Strength (Airplanes)

1 July 1945: 29 P-51D20s

31 July 1945: 22 P-51D20s

G. Losses: (airplanes)

Six Seventh Air Force aircraft destroyed, P-51D20, Serial No. 44-68010 (Combat), P-51D20, Serial No. 44-68011 (Combat), P-51D20, Serial No. 44-68915 (Combat), P-51D20, Serial No. 44-68935 (Combat), P-51D20, Serial No. 44-68948 (Combat), P-51D20, Serial No. 44-68921 (operational).



Organizational History, 1st Fighter Squadron AAF, 21st Fighter Group AAF, APO #36.
VII Fighter Command.

June 1, 1945 - June 30, 1945

A. Date of arrival and departure from each station occupied in this theater:

Negative

B. Losses in action: (Personnel)

1st Lt. William J. Fenker O-692898

2nd Lt. David G. Fuller O-830444

C. Awards to and decorations of member:

None - (No general orders on any)

D. Organization:

Negative

E. Strength (Personnel)

1 June 1945: 66 Officers, 250 EM assigned, 3 attached.

30 June 1945: 63 Officers, 256 EM assigned, 3 attached.

F. Strength (Airlanes)

1 June 1945: 31 P-51D20's

30 June 1945: 28 P-51D20's

G. Losses: Airlanes

Three Seventh Air Force aircraft destroyed. P-51D20 Serial No. 44-63986; P-51
D20 Serial No. 44-63910; P-51D20 Serial No. 44-63944.

531ST FIGHTER SQUADRON AAF
APO # 86HISTORY OF PERSONNEL SUPPLY SECTION
June 1-30, 1945

1. During month practically all tents previously used in officers' living area have been replaced with Quonsent huts. Most tentage will require repair before being used again. It has been found that practically all ropes have rotted because of necessity of sinking tent pins deep into the sand.
2. At present there are only two ~~EM~~ working in Personnel Supply section since Sgt. Yarosh signed the necessary waiver and took a furlough after some thirty-nine (39) months of overseas service.
3. Inventory of all organization equipment has been accomplished by S-4 office and a few shortages incurred in shipment to forward area have been found. There have been no recent changes in T/E allowances.
4. Experience is showing that in some cases service groups and base service units are a hindrance to the operation of the squadron due to time required to procure supplies through their organization. It is thought that most of these problems could be solved by dealing directly with Quartermaster depot units. Cases have occurred whereby some thirty (30) days have elapsed before supplies are received, while the same items could be procured in as little as two (2) to three (3) days were fighter squadrons allowed to deal directly with depot units. The above problem with supporting affidavits will be included in next A-4 Periodic Report.

History of the Medical Section
June 1, 1945-June 30, 1945

1. Medical Activities.

a. During the month of June, the Medical Section personnel cooperated with the Medical Department personnel, 21st Fighter Group, in the maintenance and operation of the 21st Fighter Group Consolidated dispensary, the hospital section, the Central Air Field Provisional dispensary, the line ambulance, and the physio-therapy hut.

b. The number of dispensary treated patients and hospitalizations remains essentially unchanged.

c. Physical inspections of the squadron personnel have revealed no venereal or other serious communicable diseases.

d. Flying fatigue in the pilots is practically non-existent at present.

e. In general, the physical condition of the command is satisfactory.

HISTORY OF THE COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
1 JUNE 1945 TO 30 JUNE 1945

The first part of the month of June, the planes equipped with tail radar, AN/APS-13, had said equipment removed. This equipment, when removed from the planes, were turned over to the Signal Depot.

Three Uncle Dog Homing (AN/ARA-8) units have been installed in all planes. There has been some trouble with antenna connections coming loose and the keying unit of said set has been giving trouble. The AN/ARA-8 instructions book has been on display for all Pilots to read.

All SCR-695 Radio Sets are being removed and taken to the Depot for the sensitivity check. To date, we have fifteen (15) planes already equipped with the sensitivity checked sets.

We have been having pretty good luck with our SCR-522 sets. We still have trouble with the dust getting into the microphone relays, making them inoperative at times. We are getting some old sets turned in for new ones. By getting the old sets out of the way, there shouldn't be so many weak sets reported.

We are scheduled to move in the near future to another airfield. We hope to have a better work-shop there.

HISTORY OF THE ORDNANCE SECTION
1 JUNE 1945 -- 30 JUNE 1945

1. During the month (12) missions were accomplished with a total expenditure of (69,142 Rds.) of cal..50 AC., ammunition, plus (48) 500 pound compound B demmolition bombs., complete with 1001A2 Tail Fuze and 103 Nose Fuze., plus (205) 3.5 and 5 in. rockets. Regular (50) and (100) hour inspections were conducted on all cal..50 MG. Airplane equiped with chrome plated barrels was lost in combat.
2. Rockets were used for the first time this month. Racks were constructed on Bomb Trailer M5, with 4 x 4 lumber, to better protect fins from damage, and to ease handling operations.
3. After three years continous service overseas, three members of the Ordnance Section left on furloughs to the states. These men have enough points for discharge, but all indications point to the fact that they will return to this Squadron. In spite of the very low morale of the men, this section continues to operate most efficiently. The bulk of the men are now into their fourth continous year overseas, with no let up in sight.

HISTORY OF THE ARMAMENT SECTION

1 JUNE 1945 TO 30 JUNE 1945

THE 19th. OF THIS MONTH RECORDS THE INITIAL USE OF ROCKETS BY THIS SQDN. AGAINST THE ENEMY. THE 531st. WAS THE ONLY SQDN. OF THE GROUP CHOSEN TO BE EQUIPPED WITH LAUNCHING RACKS FOR 5" HVAR'S.

TWO LONG AND SEVERE STORMS CAUSED CESSATION OF ALL OPERATIONS AND RE - ERECTION OF A FEW TENTS AND BUILDINGS. THE MONTH CLOSED, BY CONTRAST, WITH A BROILING SUN AND BLOWING DUST.

REPRESENTATIVES OF THIS SECTION WERE INCLUDED IN A FORMATION TO GREET GENERAL OF THE ARMY H.H. ARNOLD, GENERAL GILES AND GENERAL MOORE FOR THE PRESENTATION OF AWARDS TO PILOTS.

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL HONORED THE ISLAND WITH A VISIT AND WAS WARMLY WEL- COMED BY ABOUT 20 MEN OF THE SECTION.

SQUADRON HEADQUARTERS HISTORY

1 June 1945
30 June 1945

1 June: Capts., Betz, Mallin and 1st Lts. Frowst and Spillman relieved from assignment and transferred to AAFPOA Rest and Recreation Center APO 953 for re-assignment to the mainland. Capt. Weldon detailed as Squadron Engineering Officer and Lt. Deegan detailed as Squadron Personal Equipment Officer per Squadron Order #12, effective 21 May.

2 June: Capt. Mathews detailed as Squadron Operations Officer and Capt. Benton detailed as assistant Operations Officer. Capt. Crane, 1st Lts. Lindsay, Davis, A. B. and Davis, R. S. detailed as Flight Commanders. Capt. Sayer, 1st Lts. Parfitt, Rice, Schurr and 2d Lts. Fehr, Fox, Koke, Skansen, Wilson and Wooley detailed as Element Leaders per Squadron Order #13, effective 1 June.

15 June: T/Sgt. Dugdale, Sgts. Holeman, Jeter, Keslar, Smith and Cpl. Groop left organization for TDR&R to the mainland for a period of 45 days.

21 June: 2d Lts. Low, Williams, Davenport, Hackett, F/O Longan, M/Sgt. DeRosa, T/Sgt. Saingeon, S/Sgt. Pope, Sgts. Woollever, Vogan, Thomas, and Cpls. Decker and Sherman attached to Squadron as B-29 crew for navigation for Fighter strikes against Japanese Empire.

22 June: Air raid alert sounded at approximately 0215 with 3 enemy planes reported within 50 miles of island. No damage to personnel or installations in our area. All clear at 0310.

24 June: Air raid alert at 0100 with 3 enemy aircraft over island. Bombs dropped on North end of island with no damage to personnel or installations in this area. All clear at 0153.

27 June: 1st Lt. Knox assigned and joined. S/Sgt. Wilson and Sgt. Van Schyndel admitted to hospital for serious injuries sustained while

29 June: 2d Lt. DeRieux transferred to Headquarters, 21st Fighter Group.

30 June: Sgt. Hughes, Cpl. Smith, Pfc's Mason, Zimmer and Pvt's Wade assigned and not yet joined. Normal Squadron duties in Combat area. Morale is fair.

1st Lt. Fenker and 2d Lt. Fuller missing in action during operations against the enemy.

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AG 201 (O) SPANABEL, Glenn E. 1st Lt Inact-Res O-342511