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Organizational History, 6th Night Fighter Squadron, 7th Fighter Wing,
Army Air Forces Pacific Ocean Areas, APO #959.

1 August 1945 - 31 August 1945.

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

1st Aug: Pfc. William R. Napier & Pvt. Sidney L. Ravitz - Asgd fr 7th
Ftr Wg APO #958.

5th Aug: 2nd Lt. Robert G. Bruce, 2nd Lt. Charles E. Mulkey, F/O How-
ard W. Beckwith, F/O Grover C. Fitzhugh, Jr., S/Sgt. Robert E. Lagomarsino,
Cpl. Harold G. Stewart - All trfd in gd to 549th MI Ftr Sq APO #86.

7th Aug: Following 19 EM (TDR & R in U.S. on R-Day) reld fr asgd eff
30 July 1945:

T/Sgt. Joseph M. Jarabek	Sgt. Angelo R. Morales
" Vernon C. McGehee	" Cecil D. Springer
S/Sgt. Nelson J. Smith	Cpl. Marcel Pandois
" George D. Townsend	" Edward S. Sengstock
" Harvey B. Terry	" Gilberto S. Rascon
" Angel V. Ginard	" Peter G. Brown
" Ralph A. Duceour	" Henry F. Jackson
Sgt. Ira F. Smith	" Anthony B. Yucius
	Pfc. Morris Azar

8th Aug: Capt. John E. Cicuto - (Atchd fr Hq & Hq Sq AAFFOA (ADMIN)
APO #953 for TDy & Rats) DS APO #245 to dy & reld fr atchd & returned to
proper orgn and station for duty.

9th Aug: 2nd Lt. John W. Swanson, Jr. - (Hosp) Trfd to Det of Patients
219th Gen Hosp, APO #957.

The following 6 EM were trfd in gd to atchd unasgd CPBC Pers
Center, APO #968, for eventual discharge from the service:

T/Sgt. Lester Schwartz	Cpl. Carroll M. Conrad, Jr.
S/Sgt. Elliott C. Smith	" Herman Fox
" Fernand G. Loranger	Pfc. Roy R. Ross

12th Aug: 2nd Lt. Jack Hahn - Asgd fr 135th Replacement Bn (AAF),
APO #953.

11th Aug: 2nd Lt. Philip R. Teske, 2nd Lt. Robert W. Dassch, 2nd Lt.
Wesley G. Whitt, F/O Lyman A. Speakman, Sgt. Clifford F. Hayes, Sgt. Will-
iam Robinson, Jr. - All asgd and jd fr Air MIDPAC, APO #953.

21st Aug: The following 5 EM left on 45 days recuperation furlough
to the United States:

T/Sgt. Panagis Tselentis Sgt. John Tomo

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S/Sgt. Charles T. Siranovic
Sgt. Daniel F. Losek

Sgt. James F. Wooley

24th Aug: Cpl. Gordon M. Woodard - Dy to DS, Prov Hq & Hq Sq AIRMID-PAC, APO #953.

Cpl. Ernest J. Van Houten - (Fur in U.S.) trfd in gd to Hq Santa Ana Army Air Base, Santa Ana Calif.

27th Aug: Pfc. Harold P. Friis - Trfd in gd to 401st CIC Det, APO #456.

Cpl. Joseph J. Miranda - Dy to TDy 340th Sig Co Wg, APO #958.

Major Cyrus E. Bock - Dy to DS (45 days recuperation to U.S.)

1st Lt. Dale R. Laney - Emer Fur (U.S.) reld fr asgd eff
27 August 1945.

Promotions in the organization during the month were as follows:

1st Aug: Sgt. Mike Rodriguez to S/Sgt.
 4th Aug: T/Sgt. Bernard G. Jenior to M/Sgt.
 T/Sgt. James A. Short to M/Sgt.
 S/Sgt. James B. Garvin to T/Sgt.
 S/Sgt. Marshall M. Henry to T/Sgt.
 S/Sgt. Louie S. Plummer to T/Sgt.
 Sgt. Theodore C. Horton to S/Sgt.
 Sgt. Jerry K. Lucas to S/Sgt.
 Sgt. Leroy F. Miozzi to S/Sgt.
 7th Aug: 1st Lt. Jerome M. Hansen to Captain.
 2nd Lt. Quentin G. Gasda to 1st Lt.
 2nd Lt. Rupert S. Koski to 1st Lt.
 2nd Lt. John A. Sobol to 1st Lt.

2. Losses in action:

Negative

3. Awards to and decorations of members of the immediate unit involved:

Negative

4. Strength, personnel:

As of 1 August 1945 at Kipapa Field, APO #959:

67 Officers
266 Enlisted Men

As of 31 August 1945 at Kipapa Field, APO #959:

66 Officers
241 Enlisted Men

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5. Organization:

Negative

6. Strength, airplanes by types:

As of 1 August 1945 at Kipapa Field, APO #959:

Three	P-61A-10
Nine	P-61B-1
One	P-61B-2
One	P-61B-20
One	AT-6D

As of 31 August 1945 at Kipapa Field, APO #959:

Three	P-61A-10
Ten	P-61B-1
One	P-61B-2
Three	P-61B-20
One	AT-6D

7. Losses, airplanes by types:

Negative

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"PREFIX TO SECTION REPORTS"

The month of August was the most waited for month in the past four years. The entire service forces and people the world over gave thanks. Some with wild, jubilant celebrating, others with a silent prayer to God. At any rate, one thing was certain. Our men had fought a clean, hard fight under the most trying conditions to gain, as our late Commander-In-Chief had put it, "the inevitable triumph"... the Atomic Bomb had proved its worth as a force of peace, as well as war... and the forces of good had overcome completely the forces of evil... The war was over.

Members of the 6th Squadron on Oahu celebrated with the rest. Most of them had been here two to three years, or longer, and they were not to be outdone by anyone, nor were they the ones to take it "lying down". The end of the war meant many things to them. Home, wives, friends, families... little things... things they had not seen or shared for many moons... things

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that some had almost forgotten. They thought about these things stronger than ever now and life was quite suddenly lifted from the depths of just "existing", to something that was grand and well worth the living. Celebrations?... sure we had 'em. Drinking?... sure, we had a little of that too! Everybody likes to "celebrate" once in a while. Especially when it's something as big as this! You're damn right we celebrated! But later on, after the shouting had died down, the midnight oil burned far into the night... and if you had looked real closely you might have seen Pvt. John Doe and Sgt. Joe Doaks and Lt. Maxwell VanVleith, the third, writing home. "Dear Mom" they started, or "My Darling Wife", or "Sweetheart"... What was in the letters? It doesn't matter... they were full of "little things"... but... they all ended the same way. "Thank God the war is over... Much Love... See you soon".

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INTELLIGENCE:

With the cessation of hostilities came many changes to the Intelligence Section. Quite naturally, the news of Japan's surrender was jubilantly received by all, but the function of "S-2" as far as a Intelligence Training program was concerned, practically slowed down to a meager creep. Over all, we showed seven Training and Orientation films at the Pilot's Shack meetings, which though well received, were used more or less as "fill-ins" to carry through a slowly diminishing training program now that Intelligence training has joined the ranks of the expendables. The films were shown alternately on odd dates from the 1st of August through the 29th and consisted of the following:

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"Government of Japan" - Misc. 1058	8/1/45
"The Fight for the Sky" - MA-5695	8/3/45
"Flying the P-61 Airplane" - TF 1-3439	8/5/45
"Radar Jamming" - MN-955J	8/7/45
"Geography of Japan" - Misc. 1057	8/9/45
"Target Tokyo" - MA-5713	8/23/45
"G.I. Movie Weekly No. 102"	8/29/45

On, or about the 3rd of the month, the Section again received a new man. He is Pfc. William Napier, who just arrived from stateside duty and it is expected he will be quite an asset to the office. Odd, that fate should again show its irony by sending us assistance just one week before the end of the war. However, the section's work is far from over and his services can well be utilized.

By saying "far from over", we mean that the following items are still the responsibility of S-2: Information & Education, Squadron History, Intelligence Control, all Squadron drafting and naturally, whatever is left of the Intelligence Training program. Censorship, heretofore also an added duty of this office, was cancelled effective V-J Day, 3 September 1945, to the untold delight of both the enlisted men and the officers who acted as assistant censors.

Topping our list of activities now stands the Information & Education Program. Lt. Ward, an R/O assigned to this section as assistant S-2 Officer, has already accomplished wonders in organizing both USAFI courses and Off-duty classes here within the squadron. He is holding Music Appreciation classes at our Post Theater three nights out of the week and is well qualified for the job, being a former conductor of the Westchester Bach Society of New York. His name will undoubtedly be recognized when it is known that he is the grandson of the founder of the Ward Baking Company.

Working with Lt. Ward is Lt. Jones, assistant Radar Officer this organization, who majored in Mathematics at college, now teaching a class of

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32 men in college algebra and mathematics. Classes are held each night in the week from 1800 to 2000 in the Squadron I & E Center. The course has been extremely well received and is proceeding very favorably under Lt. Jones' able direction.

One tactical Scramble was flown in the early part of the morning hours of the 15th and a Mission Report was submitted to A-2, Headquarters 7th Fighter Wing AAF, APO #958. (See attached EXHIBIT I).

OPERATIONS:

While flying training was slightly lower this month than during the past preceding two months, it was still far above the average flown in the past three years. A total of 587:45 was logged, with an expenditure of 96,225 gallons of gasoline consumed for actual flying purposes.

Training missions stressed included Day and Night G.C.I., Instrument Flying and Aerial Gunnery. Instrument training for the month reached a new high with a total of 153:30 of instrument flying time and 89:00 of Link Trainer time accomplished.

There were no accidents during the month, which in itself goes to prove the value of the present training program.

As yet, no definite plans have been formulated for the post-war training program.

MATERIEL:

T/O & E and SSLOE allowances that have been requisitioned have been delivered to the Squadron. The only exceptions are items of Air Corps Supply, which are necessarily delayed because of the large number of items. Several authorized items of equipment are not needed and a request for authority to return these to the various issuing agencies has been submitted

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to the Commanding General, Hq 7th Fighter Wing AAF.

Special authority to obtain equipment not authorized by T/O & E and SSLOE allowances has been granted almost immediately upon submission of a request to the Commanding General, Hq 7th Fighter Wing AAF. Two such items were a Master Clock for the Operations Section and an Aircraft Camera for the Armament Section.

Preparation is being made for transfer of seven airplanes to a forward area. These planes will include three now assigned to the Squadron and four to be sent from H.A.D. for a final check by our Engineering Section.

Two P-61B-20's were assigned to the organization during the month and will be included in the transfer mentioned in paragraph 3.


Procedures for requisitioning supplies and equipment and distributing them within the squadron has not changed.

A major problem during the month was obtaining Aircraft Launcher Kits and Adapters for them. Mr. Pickett finally obtained them at H.A.D. after being chased from one place to another several times over a period of two weeks.

One man was temporarily lost, when Pfc. Robert Martin, of Personnel Supply, was hospitalized for a minor operation.

ENGINEERING:

Maintenance was one of the largest problems to be ironed out this month, due to the fact that an inadequate number of men were taking care of a large number of assigned aircraft. A permanent night crew was organized this month, along with a permanent maintenance crew. The results of this change in organization has so far proven satisfactory. Two men were assigned to each aircraft and new planes received from Air Depot, APO #953, were

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being maintained by only one man.

Gunners assigned to this section proved to be an aid in relieving some of the pressure on this section's personnel. They were schooled under competent Engineering personnel and after six weeks, will be transferred to another section.

There were three engine changes. Finding oil in the induction system due to a defective oil seal in the auxiliary blower, was the cause of the first engine change. The second change was due to the main oil screen and the rear scavenge screen being clogged with metal chips. The third change was necessary when metal chips were found in the oil screen, indicating the probability of an internal engine failure. Engine changes were performed by the ship's crew, assisted by the maintenance crew.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Contacting installation was made in aircraft number 42-39409. This completes Contacting installations in all ships. Once again frequencies were changed on the squadron channel. Three new airplanes were given an acceptance inspection during the month.

Signal Center Room was set-up according to Cryptographic Security Regulations and is ready for equipment to be installed. This room had to be completely rebuilt. The Carpenter spent many hours plugging here and nailing there, until now at last, we have a perfectly soundproof, weatherproof and security-tight office.

Lineman's work was routine, with the exception of two new telephones installed in the field buildings.

RADAR:

Now that work has been reduced to a minimum, most of the men in this

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section are occupying their idle time building radios, or studying USAFI courses, which in the not too distant future, will be of much value to them.

Inventories of equipment on hand are being made. Equipment which exceeds our T/O allowance will eventually be turned into Sub-depot. Requisitions of supplies are still continued, but on a much lesser scale than a few months ago.

Flights are still fairly busy on the line keeping up with recent modifications. The usual amount of maintenance work is still being done.

Morale is high and good, due naturally to the ending of the war and the thought of going home soon.

ARMAMENT-ORDNANCE:

Ten gunnery missions were conducted during the month. All missions were of 20MM ammunition and flag Target A-6 was used.

The fixed turrets, Cal. 50 on two F-61's were removed this month to check on the ship's acrobatic maneuverability. After V-J Day the Cal. 50 ammunition was removed from all squadron aircraft. A new policy has been introduced in the loading of ships to insure a greater safety factor... unless a ship is standing night alerts, or is airborne, the guns are left unloaded. At all other times when the ship is out of commission or maintenance is being pulled, the bolts are released.

As all aircraft now being assigned the squadron are equipped with Rocket-racks, this section is preparing for a Rocket-firing schedule. Considerable work is involved in procuring the necessary equipment for checking and firing the practice rocket. It is hoped that Rocket-firing can be set for the early part of September.

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A property check was made of all Armament equipment and supplies the latter part of the month. As it is no longer necessary to maintain a large and complete stock of all surplus equipment and supplies are being readied for return to Sub-depot and other sources of supply.

A squadron technical inspection as well as the Armament Inspector's check was completed this month on all squadron aircraft and equipment. Everything was found satisfactory and recommendations for further improvements have been carried out.

With the declaration of V-J Day and the cessation of hostilities, morale has improved no end. Of course the general reaction is, "When am I going to get home?", a natural impulse we assure you... With the furlough list now active, all men who have spent over two years here can expect to be home in the near future.

MEDICS:

Hospitalizations: 2nd Lt. John W. Swanson, Jr., hospitalized on the 26th of July, was transferred to the Detachment of Patients, 219th General Hospital, APO #957, on the 13th of this month.

Cpl. Mario J. Zaccaria, hospitalized on the 1st at 22nd Station Hospital. APO #957. Diagnosis: Pneumonia, atypical, lower right lobe. Returned to duty on the 28th.

Pvt. Sidney L. Ravitz, hospitalized on the 6th at 22nd Station Hospital. Diagnosis: Impetigo. Returned to duty on the 21st.

S/Sgt. William F. Schneider, hospitalized on the 11th at 22nd Station Hospital. Diagnosis: Ureteral Colic, left. Returned to duty on the 27th.

Sgt. Merald E. Hall, hospitalized on the 24th at 22nd Station Hospital. Diagnosis: Hemorrhoids. Remaining.

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Pfc. Bertlyn E. Bailey, hospitalized on the 27th at 22nd Station Hospital. Diagnosis: Constitutional psychopathic state. Remaining.

Pfc. Robert K. Martin, hospitalized on the 28th at 22nd Station Hospital. Diagnosis: Pilonidal cyst. Remaining.

Patients treated: 176. Treatments given: 234.

Immunizations and vaccinations: 156.

Routine physical inspections were held.

There were 90 days lost by hospitalized personnel during the month.

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EXHIBIT I

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SUBJECT: MISSION REPORT

DATE: 15 AUGUST '45

6TH NIGHT FIGHTER SQUADRON AAF, MISSION 8-1

- 1. a. One (1) P-61
- b. One (1) C-54
- 2. a. None
- b. None
- 3. Scramble
- 4. 1st Lt. Harrell, Pilot - 2nd Lt. Bolio, R/O.

Scrambled: 0038
 Takeoff : 0045
 Landed : 0205

Vectored to Kaena Point at A/8, then sent out on course of 300 degrees at A/3. Last plot Control had on target was 20 miles northwest of Kauai. We searched this area, observing nothing. At approximately 0050 we picked up the target on our scope 15 miles distant, A/3500, heading about 210 degrees. Visual was made at 0100 and we identified as a C-54. Lizard Control advised target was lost. C-54 followed us into Hickam, where it landed at 0200. We continued flight to land at base at 0205.

- 5. a. Clear. Visibility 10 miles. Scattered clouds between 3500 and 4000 feet.
- b. Good.
- 6. None
- 7. Ammo: None
- Gas : 200 gallons
- 8. None

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