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

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1 September 1945 - 30 September 1945.

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

1st Sept: S/Sgt William H. Rice - Dy to sk 22nd Sta Hosp APO # 957.

5th Sept: Cpl Lewis Stimpson - Dy to sk 22nd Sta Hosp APO # 957.

8th Sept: Following 11 EM trfd in gr to atchd unasgd CFBC Pers Center APO #968 (Readjustment returnees) par 1 SO #208 Hq 7th Ftr Wg APO #958 dated 5 Sept 1945:

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| M/ Sgt. James A Short | Sgt. Walter P. Garback |
| T/ Sgt. James B. Garvin | " Francis M. Harrington |
| S/ Sgt. Darol H. Hafner | " Benjamine Siegman |
| Sgt. George A. Barker | Pfc. Herman Burnstein |
| " Joe Eaton | " Stephen G. Snopel Jr. |
| | " Frank F. Trzcienski |

T/Sgt Ernest W. Wilbur - Dy to Ds APO # 960 (5days) par 6 SO # 207 Hq 7th Ftr Wg APO #958 dated 4 Sept 1945.

9th Sept: Capt. Achilles E. Davis - Asgd & jd fr 7th Ftr Wg APO #958.

2nd Lt. Robert G. Duff Dy to sk 219th Gen Hosp APO # 957.

Cpl. Gordon M. Woodard - DS Prev Hq & Hq Sq AIRMIDPAC APO # 953 to dy.

Following 47 EM asgd & jd fr 7th Ftr Wg APO #958:

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| T/Sgt. Oscar Bergman | Cpl. Murray Harris |
| S/Sgt. Reid H. Bailey | " Louis A. Johnson |
| " Robert L. Brokaw | " Thomas J. Iokai |
| " Henry H. Brummeyer Jr. | " Earl Mullenix |
| " Leonard E. Goff | " Daniel A. Murphy Jr. |
| " Charles S. Kreinbihl | " Andrew G. Sellberg |
| " Donald D. Spedden | " Francis A. Sarkozy |
| " William W. Walker | " James J. Smith |
| Sgt. Johnney J. Clemmons | " Ruben Smith |
| " Lewis M. Compton | Pfc Lee G. Adkins |
| " Clarence A. Erickson | " John W. Davis |
| " Victor J. Frietsch | " Bennie B. Evans |
| " Eloy U. Griego | " Arthur R. Fazakerley |
| " Harold T. Hanshumaker | " Thomas J. Finn |
| " William L. Hastings | " Norman W. Jones |
| " George M. Howlett | " James D. Rowan |
| " Robert M. Palmer | " Corliss A. Sargent |
| " Jean P. Poole | " Lucius A. Ward |
| " Hershall L. Record | Pvt Gene A. Doggen |
| " Roy E. Schupp | " William F. Osborne |
| Cpl. James L. Cooper | " E. C. Pope |
| " Nicholas R. Gospodarec | " Clarence N. Purdy |
| | " Melvin O. Simonson |
| | " Ray G. Slauch |
| | " Clarence Spears |

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10th Sept: Following 3 Of. were asgd & jd fr 7th Ftr Wg APO #958.

1st Lt. Phillip Leibewitz 2nd Lt. Robert L. Rodriguez
" Daniel S. Whiteley

Cpl. Lewis Stimpson - from sk 22nd Sta Hosp APO #957 to dy.

Sgt. Elbert D. Solinskz - from dy to sk 22nd Sta Hosp APO #
957.13th Sept: 1st Lt. Frederick W. Bollinger - Asgd fr 318th Ftr Contl
sq AAF, APO # 958.S/Sgt. Elmer O. Ball - (Fur in US) trfd in gr to ASF 5th
SC.

T/Sgt. Wilbur, Ernest W. - DS APO #960 (5days) to dy.

15th Sept: Following 5 EM were trfd in gr to atchd unasgd CPBC Pers
Gen APO #968:Sgt. Clarence L. Peterson Pfc. Fleas Lackey
" Oscar Schreeder " Henry T. Nichols
Cpl. Joseph A. Pauline

Cpl. Earl Mullenix - From Dy to DS APO #961 (5 days).

Pfc. Robert K. Martin - From sk 22nd Sta Hosp APO # 957 to
dy.T/Sgt. Harold J. Lewis - (Fur in US) trfd in gr to Hq. RC
6 Camp Atterbury, Ind.

19th Sept: Cpl. Thomas J. La Marca - From dy to ds APO #961 (5 days).

Following 4 EM asgd & jd fr 7th Ftr Wg APO # 958:

Sgt. Wayne Whitt Cpl. John J. Atkins
Cpl. Edward N. Gephardt " James H. Dickinson

Sgt. Walter M. Studley - Asgd & jd fr 7th Ftr Wg APO # 958.

20th Sept: Following 30 EM trfd in gr to atchd unasgd CPBC Pers
Center APO #968:

T/Sgt. Dale Brennan	S/Sgt. Simon S. Madej
T/Sgt. Joseph M. Coyne	" William M. Marcus
T/Sgt. William R. Harry	" Vincent J. Millenacker
T/Sgt. Marshall M. Henry	" Robert F. Ransdell
T/Sgt. Joseph Martello	Sgt. Homer R. Carnahan
T/Sgt. Marvin M. Nesselrode	" Woodrow E. Fanizzi
S/Sgt. Charles L. Albanese	" Forrest W. Frierwood
" Floyd E. Alford	" Woodrow E. Klingeman
" Joseph P. Chura	" Lyle C. Smith
" Patrick F. Donnelly	" Charles E. Snell
" Fred W. Fleming	Cpl. Mark K. Cavucci
" Bill R. Elliott Jr.	" Raymond L. Golden
" Mike Hetz	" James J. Houba
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Pfc. Herschel L. CahillPfc. Vernon E. Camp
" Orville J. Lott

21st Sept: Pfc Joseph A. Mattingly - (Fur in US) trfd in gr to ASF 5th SC 1506th SCU Reception Station No 6 Cp Atterbury, Ind.

Following 2 EM (Hosp) trfd to Det of Patients 22nd Station Hosp APO #957:

Sgt. Elbert D. Solinsky Pfc. Bertlyb E. Bailey

22nd Sept: Following 2 EM trfd in gr to 71st Sv Gr APO #964:

Pfc. James D. Rowan Pvt. Harry F. Russell

23rd Sept: 1st Lt. Berg, Arthur D. - Dy to DS (45 days recuperation to US).

Cpl. Clarence M. Gresham - Asgd & jd from Co D 580th Sig AW Bn APO #958.

S/Sgt. Robert E. Slusher - From Dy to sk 219th Gen Hosp APO #957.

24th Sept: Following 4 EM (Fur in US) trfd in gr to 5 SC 1560th SCU Reception Station No 6 Cp Atterbury, Ind:

T/Sgt. Herbert Tschappat S/Sgt. William E. Yost
S/Sgt. James L. Rudy Sgt. Edgar A. Preston

Pfc. Bertlyn E. Bailey - From sk 22nd Sta Hosp APO 957 to dy.

25th Sept: Pfc. Bertlyn E. Bailey - Trfd in gr to atch unasgd CPBC pers Center APO # 958.

Cpl: Earl Mullenix - From ds APO #961 (5 days) to dy.

Maj. Cyrus E. Beck - From (Fur in US) trfd to atch unasgd Seperation Center Ft. Lewis, Wash.

Cpl. Frank J. Dieter - Asgd fr Co A 581st Sig AW Bn APO # 960.

Following 4 EM dy to DS (45 days recuperation to US):

S/Sgt. Byron L. Hartkopf Cpl. Joseph J. Kolodziej
Sgt. Theodore B. Talis Pfc. James W. Stampfer

Cpl. Thomas J. La Marca - From DS APO #961 (5 Days) to dy.

27th Sept: S/Sgt Robert E. Slusher - SK 219th Gen Hosp APO # 957 to dy.

2. Lesses in action:

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

Negative

4. Organization:

Negative

5. Strength, personnel:

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

66 Officers
241 Enlisted Men

As of 30 September 1945 at Kipapa Field, APO #959:

70 Officers
238 Enlisted Men6. Strength, airplanes by types:Three P-61A-10
Ten P-61B-1
One P-61B-2
Three P-61B-20
One AT-6D7. Losses, airplanes by types:

Negative

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" NARRATIVE "

The month of September held a pleasant surprise for quite a few of the "old timers", in that 46 Enlisted Personnel were sent to the redistribution and rehabilitation station, for return to the mainland and discharge. These EM consisted of, men with 80 points as of V-J day, and EM thirty five years of age.

Most of the activities of the field had slowed down to a "peace time pace", with an occasional flare of activity to wit: The Army & Navy air maneuver, and the process of preparing to move back to Wheeler Field. For details on the A & N maneuvers see Exhibit #2.

It has been stressed that the 6th Night Fighter would henceforth fly only day missions, and that the purpose of these missions, is to guide lost planes to the island, and also to complete the training of six of our newer pilots.

Morale in the squadron is very good among the high critical score men, and not so good with the lower point men, many of whom have not had a promotion in from 12 to 24 months. A change in our T/O or a blanket promotion for all personnel who have been in grade for over twelve months, would be a God send to the morale of this Squadron.

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The Intelligence Section had a major change during the month of Sept. in that; Capt. John H. Roe the former Intelligence Officer, left the Squadron to be discharged by the point system. The assistant Intelligence Officer, 1st Lt. Charles A. Ward has now been appointed Intelligence Officer.

This section was delt a further blow inthat T/Sgt Charles Zandler the chief clerk is leaving also for discharge, thereby cutting the personnel of this section from four to two.

Although four orientation sessions were held for the EM only one film was shown and that on the 12th of September, and entitled " The Fleet That Game To Stay". The other three meetings consisted of oral discussions, with the main subject being "When do we go home"?

OPERATIONS:

A totla of 315:05 hours was logged during the month of September, with an expenditure of 31,735 gallons of gasoline consumed for actual flying purposes. This was much lower than that of last month, but can be accounted for in that; this section is preparing to move to Wheeler Field.

Army-Navy Maneuvers were held during the month during which a great deal of G.C.I. time was accomplished.

There were no accidents during the month.

A peace-time training program is being formulated and should be put in-to effect during the month of October.

MATERIEL:

Air Corps Supply items which were ordered on T/O & E, and SSLOE all-owances were delivered to the Squadron during the month of September. Both sections of Supply (Air Corps & Quattermaster) spent most of their time and work in preparation of moving to Wheeler Field.

Replacements for both Tech Supply men have been recieved, and are

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expected to take over very soon: S/Sgt Donald D. Spedden will take S/Sgt. Robert E. Slusher's place, and Cpl Charles D. Turnbull will assume Cpl. Granville B. Larrabee's duties.

Additional personnel have also been assigned to Personnel Supply to-wit; Sgt William Robinson, and Sgt Roy E. Schupp. The total personnel now assigned to personnel supply is now four, this includes Pfc. Robert K. Martin who has been released from the hospital.

ENGINEERING:

There have been a few changes made since the last Station History from this Activity. During the early part of this month, nineteen (19) new men, just over from the Mainland, were assigned to Engineering. They are to become replacements for all men returning to the Mainland under the point system. These men have become familiarized with the operation and characteristics of the P-61 type aircraft, and it is the job of the Crew Chiefs and maintenance men to see that this is done.

Seven P-61 type aircraft are scheduled to be processed through this Squadron before being ferried to Manila. So far there have been only two that have arrived. This flight is scheduled to depart sometime early in the month of October.

The Army-Navy maneuvers, which proved to be very successful, started on the 24th and ended on the 26th of September.

There were two engine changes. While in flight the pilot noticed a drop in oil pressure to zero pounds. Upon investigating the cause, it was found that the oil escaped through the engine breather, and that the oil tank was dry. The second engine change was due to the oil pressure of the left engine, while in flight, dropping to zero pounds, and the loss of control of the propeller. On inspection metal particles were found in the oil

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screens, necessitating an engine change, due to the probability of an internal engine failure.

Upon receiving orders to move to Wheeler Field, activities heightened to a ~~maximum~~ in the preparation for the coming event.

The old timers to leave on the discharge plan are; Cpl. Harrington, Asst. Inspector; T/Sgt Nesselrode, painter; Pfc's. Camp, and Welder; Crew Chief's; S/Sgt's. Chmura, Harry, Henry, Millinacker, and Madej. Flight Chiefs; M/Sgt. Short; Airplane mechanics; Pfc. Iott, Cpl. Golden; Instrument Specialist Sgt. Schroeder.

Cpl. Rowan, and Pvt. Russell were transferred out of the Squadron. Pfc. O'Hair was assigned to work with the Ground Maintenance crew.

Effort is being made to bring the activities of this Section to a peace time basis, but at the present time the enormous amount of maintenance, and the constant shifting of personnel in and out of the section, prevents having half day off on Wednesdays, and Saturdays.

COMMUNICATIONS:

No new installations were made by this section during the month of September, by this section. The frequencies were not changed either. Two new planes were giving acceptance inspections.

In the signal center the teletype machine has been eliminated. All messages are now being delivered by the Wheeler Field message center. The squadron switchboard remains in operation.

Our linemen have torn down all wiring at Kipapa Air Field, and turned it in. They have completed the rewiring at Wheeler field in preparation to the moving to said field. They also installed telephones and A.C. wiring at our new location.

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Morale in the Communication section is good, because the men are being discharged at a faster rate, and the new quarters look better than the ones now occupied.

RADAR:

This section is at full strength at present, but in the near future, S/Sgt. Dick; Sgt. Peterson, Sgt. Walsh, and PFC. Kunkel, all excellent men that really know their work, will be leaving the section for discharge. T/Sgt. Wilbur is now Section Chief; Sgt. Johnson is Lab Chief; and Sgt. Gasior is Line Chief.

The supply situation is adequate for our needs. The section is still performing 3rd., and 4th. Echelon work, because the Sub Depot hasn't enough men efficiently trained to do this type of work.

No new equipment has been added or been developed this month. Modifications are being complied with as fast as possible. The section is repairing aircraft that are to be used as replacements for war weary aircraft in Manila.

The morale of this section is fair. Of course we are all "Sweating out" a discharge. The rating list would not impair the morale of this section.

ARMAMENT-ORDNANCE:

Three rocket missions were conducted during the month of September, by this section using the 2.25 practice rocket. Plans to use the 5.00 rocket were forstalled, when the mounting lugs on the rocket would not fit the Zero launcher, moutned on P-61 B-20 airplanes.

There were no gunnery missions flown during the month.

Necessary maintenance was performed on all planes, to preclude any possibility of corrosion, with the advert of the rainy season. Thorough inspection was held by the section inspector, and suggestions for improve-

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ments have been complied with.

During the month of September this section lost the services of; S/Sgt. R.H.Ransdell, Sgt. C.E.Snell, S/Sgt. F.Fleming, Pfc. Cahill, due to the reduction of the critical point score to 80 points on V-J day. Our strength was further reduced by the departure on furlough of; S/Sgt. B.L.Hartkopf, and Cpl. Kolodziej. The section recieved several replacements to help offset, the departure of these men.

The 70 point men were being readied for departure at the close of the month. This will deprive the section of the services of many of it's experienced, and most reliable personnel. Naturally our operations will be somewhat impeded by the loss of these men.

With the alerting of the Squadron for movement to Wheeler Field, feverish activity has been engendered thereby.

Morale is high with the prospect, of further reductions in the point score. This situation has graphically answered the all-important question, "When am I going home"?

MEDICS:

The personnel of the Medical Section now consists of; Capt. Wilbur G. Braham, S/Sgt Emil Vukelich, Sgt. Walter M. Studley, Cpl Jack B. Offenstein, Cpl. Matthew Radomski, and Pfc. Beryl R. Council. S/Sgt. Vukelich, and Cpl. Offenstein remain on furlough to the mainland. Sgt. Clarence L. Peterson, transferred to CPBC Personnel Center, for discharge. Sgt. Studley, asgd and jd. this section on 15th September, and his services are sorely needed, with Capt. Braham, and Cpl Council alerted for possible discharge. There are now three (3) medical enlisted men present for duty.

Hospitalizations: S/Sgt. William H. Rice, hospitalized 1 September at 22nd. Station Hospital, diagnosis - Fracture of external malleolus, right. Remaining.

Cpl. Lewis Stimpson, hospitalized 5 September at 22nd. Station hospital,

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diagnosis - appendicitis, acute. Remaining.

Sgt. Elbert D. Solinsky, hospitalized 10 September at 22nd Station Hospital, diagnosis - administrative admission for a discharge. Remaining.

S/Sgt. Robert E. Slusher, hospitalized 22nd September at 219th General Hospital, diagnosis - corneal ulcer, right. Returned to duty 27 September.

Patients treated: 170. Treatments given: 250.

Immunizations and vaccinations administered: 93.

Routine physical inspections were held.

There were 82 days lost by hospitalized personnel during the month of September 1945.

No new equipment acquired during the month. Expendable supplies obtained in the usual manner.

The morale of the Medical Section is considered to be, generally good.

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EXHIBIT I

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SUBJECT: PROMOTIONS FOR MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 1945

6TH NIGHTER FIGHTER SQUADRON AAF, APO #959

- 1st Sept: Pvt Roy E. Fields to Pfc.
Pvt Sidney L. Ravitz to Pfc.
- 4th Sept: T/Sgt Morton F. Colby to 1st/Sgt.
S/Sgt William R. Harry to T/Sgt.
S/Sgt Albert A. Himmelsbach to T/Sgt.
S/Sgt Marvin M. Nesselrode to T/Sgt.
Sgt Cecil E. Cook to S/Sgt.
Sgt Harry F. Kemzak to S/Sgt.
Sgt John Tomo to S/Sgt.
Cpl Charles T. Dustin to Sgt.
Cpl James R. Evans to Sgt.
Cpl Francis M. Harrington to Sgt.
Cpl Herbert Ketelnick to Sgt.
Cpl Stephen L. Pizzitola to Sgt.
Cpl Henry J. Palys to Sgt.
Cpl Henry S. Payson to Sgt.
Cpl John H. Ritchie to Sgt.
Cpl Paul A. Roach to Sgt.
Pfc Robert B. Castro to Cpl.
Pfc Caudill, Lue to Cpl.
Pfc Donald H. Christiansen to Cpl.
Pfc Richard N. Dorning to Cpl.
Pfc James T. Floyd to Cpl.
Pfc Patrick J. Farrelly to Cpl.
Pfc Leonard F. Harrison to Cpl.
Pfc Fleas Lackey to Cpl.
Pfc Granville B. Larrabee to Cpl.
Pfc Henry Martin Jr. to Cpl.
Pfc Cecil B. Neal to Cpl.
Pfc Arthur H. Noftsgar to Cpl.
Pfc Vernon R. Norris to Cpl.
Pfc Otis H. O'Hair to Cpl.
- 9th Sept: Pfc Alfred W. Tenczar to Cpl.
2nd Lt. Charles A. Ward to 1st Lt.
2nd Lt. John A. Ryan to 1st Lt.
- 22nd Sept: Pfc Mathias Noel to Cpl.

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SUBJECT: MISSION REPORT

DATE: 26 September 1945

6th NIGHT FIGHTER SQUADRON AAF, MISSION 9-1

1. a. Two (2) P-61's
b. See Narrative, Paragraph 4
2. a. One (1) P-61 (Simulated)
b. One (1) B-26, One (1) F6F, One (1) SB2C, One (1) TBF (Simulated)
3. Army-Navy Exercises, 7TH Fighter Wing Memo #50-12, Dtd. 8 September 1945.
4. Lt Mc-Beth, Pilot- Lt. Emery, R/O.-Red Flight

Takeoff: 0657 Landed: 0930

Rendezvoused over Kahuku at 8,000 ft. Midway control vectored us on heading of 350 degrees, which we flew for 50 miles. Patrolling on 260, and 080 degree course. Control then sent us on 170 degree vector, at 8,000 ft. to intercept a Bogie. We had just made contact on target, when control called saying they had lost it. We continued on our track, going down to the deck at 50 ft. Procured visual, and identified as 12 F6F's, 4 SB2C's, 4 TBF's, flying 290 degrees course at 100 ft. At 0855 made pass at rear right element, continuing pass over other two groups, and after notifying control, we resumed course of 080 degrees at 8,000 ft. On the way back to our base at 0910, with perhaps 100 gallons of gasoline left, we sighted on our radar scope about 30 aircraft, 30 miles Northwest of Kahuku on about a 115 degree course. Control advised us to follow, which we did, but we were several thousand feet below the target and climbing, we were soon outdistanced. Reported this situation to control and discontinued chase. Again we headed for our base, but at 15 miles West of Kahuku, an F6F attacked us at 12,000 ft. at 0915, we returned attack, then broke off and proceeded to land at base at 0930.

Lt. Harrell, Pilot.
Lt. Bolio, R/O. Green Flight.

After rendezvous over Barbers Point, sent out on vector to South. We established Radar contact on two Bogies when at 11,000 feet, Southeast 30 miles off Barbers Point. Notified Flanders control and was advised to investigate and identify. At 0915 we identified as two AT-23's (Navy B-26's) and this information was given to control, as we made a simulated attack from high side rear on the rear AT-23. Targets were in trail and a flat side pass was also made on the lead plane. Their course was 330 degrees, heading toward the Island. Control then ordered us to return to base, where we landed at 0930.

5. a. Clear, Visibility 10 miles.
b. Good.

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- 6. None.
- 7. AMMO: 200 Rounds (Simulated).
Gas: Lt. Mc-Beth; 500 Gallons.
Lt. Harrell: 320 Gallons
- 8. None.

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