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

1 October 1945 - 31 October 1945.

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

1st Oct: Following 4 EM were trfd to CPBC Pers Gen APO #968:

S/Sgt. Frank Antkowiak Cpl. Gordon M. Woodard
S/Sgt. William F. Schneider Cpl. Steve Gaverchik

Following 2 Officers were trfd to CPBC Pers Gen APO #968:

Capt. John H. Roe Capt. Russell F. Henry

3rd Oct: Following 3 EM trfd to CPBC Pers Gen APO #968:

T/Sgt. Oscar Bergman Pvt. William Osborne
Cpl. Louis A. Johnson

2nd Lt. Robert G. Duff - From sk 219th Gen'l Hosp APO #957 to dy.

4th Oct: 1st Lt. Irwin G. Guild - From Dy to Ds (45 days recuperation to US).

5th Oct: Following 52 EM trfd to CPBC APO #968:

T/Sgt. William S. Anderson III	Cpl. Frank J. Deiter
T/Sgt. Nolan Teague	Cpl. Charles E. Dingess
T/Sgt. Charles W. Zandler	Cpl. Richard N. Dorning
S/Sgt. George L. Apsiforme	Cpl. Patrick J. Farrelly
S/Sgt. Bernice E. Arthur	Cpl. Leonard F. Harrison
S/Sgt. Leo S. Appelhans Jr.	Cpl. Granville B. Larrabee
S/Sgt. John O. Dick	Cpl. Joseph G. Lomuro
S/Sgt. Raymond Hicks	Cpl. George W. Meyer
S/Sgt. Jerry K. Lucas	Cpl. Arthur H. Noftsgen
S/Sgt. Arthur Kingwell	Cpl. Vernon R. Norris
S/Sgt. Robert E. Slusher	Cpl. Otis H. O'Hair
S/Sgt. James G. Smith Jr.	Cpl. James J. Rogan
Sgt. Joseph L. Brandoline	Cpl. Harold H. Sampson
Sgt. Charles T. Dustin	Cpl. George S. Sleboda
Sgt. James R. Evans	Cpl. Pablo F. Soto
Sgt. Thomas C. Lovan	Cpl. Cecil M. Standish
Sgt. Theodore S. Mason Jr.	Cpl. Lewis Stimpson
Sgt. Henry S. Payson	Cpl. William W. Warner
Sgt. Theodore T. Peterson	Pfc. Augustav J. Bonaguro
Sgt. Glendel L. Tucker	Pfc. Robert Beryl Council
Sgt. Francis V. Walsh	Pfc. George W. Irwin
Cpl. John H. Anderson	Pfc. Byron P. Jones
Sgt. Boyd H. Collmann	Pfc. Felix F. Kunkel
Cpl. Ernest W. Blakey	Pfc. Joseph D. Lydon
Cpl. Albert W. Brown	
Cpl. Carroll S. Brown	
Cpl. Donald H. Christiansen	
Cpl. Frank A. Cugino	

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Following 4 Officers trfd to CPBC APO #968:

Capt. Wilbur G. Braham	1st Lt. William K. Wallace
Capt. Stanley J. Marks	1st Lt. Quentin G. Gasda

9th Oct: S/Sgt. William H. Rice - Sk 22nd Sta Hosp APO 957 to Dy.

10th Oct: Sgt. Merald E. Hall - trfd to Det of Patients APO 958.

11th Oct: Following EM and Officers atchd for DS fr Hq. 41st Bomb Gr APO #903:

1st Lt. Walter L. Boise	Sgt. Miles Blatherwick
1st Lt. Ervin A. Stefanik	Sgt. Donald M. Brewer
2nd Lt. Charles D. Carr	Sgt. Leon Q. Champion
2nd Lt. William G. Gough	Sgt. Lester S. Cunningham
2nd Lt. Francis J. Halnan	Sgt. Edward G. Lauerman
2nd Lt. Harold E. Horg	Sgt. William J. Ormand
2nd Lt. Merrill H. Franck	Sgt. Ellis Potter
2nd Lt. Bruce W. Reese	Sgt. Leon Rice
2nd Lt. Harry W. Ringer	Sgt. William Wychor

13th Oct: 2nd Lt. Donald H. Gregory - Dy to Sk 219 Gen Hosp APO #957.

Following 5 EM (Fur in US) reld fr asgd from Hq AP & SC APO 455.

S/Sgt. Harry A. Boettcher	Sgt. Harry E. Komzak
S/Sgt. Leland R. Fearar	Sgt. Stephen J. Surinak
S/Sgt. Henry J. Martin	

21st Oct: Cpl. Durwell S. Dains - Rd to gr of Pvt.

Following 6 EM trfd to CPBC Pers Gen APO #968:

M/Sgt. Bernard G. Jenior	Cpl. Robert D. Castro
Sgt. Henry J. Palys	Cpl. Alfred W. Tonczar
Cpl. Leon W. Brill	Pfc. Clarence Spears

22 Oct: Following 7 EM trfd to Oahu Army Pers Gen APO #968:

M/Sgt. Edward T. Bans	Sgt. Herbert Ketelnick
T/Sgt. William J. Hepperle	Cpl. Burt A. Terlacher
T/Sgt. Malcolm W. Jordan	Cpl. Howard E. Yakel
S/Sgt. Theodore C. Horton	

23rd Oct: Following 12 EM trfd to Oahu Army Pers Gen APO #968:

Sgt. Louis J. Basiletta	Cpl. Henry Martin Jr.
Sgt. William S. Jordan	Cpl. Cecil B. Neal
Sgt. William T. Murphy	Cpl. James W. Rusk
Sgt. Luther B. Shealy	Pfc. Peter Alee
Cpl. Thomas J. Flood	Pfc. Earl Palmason
Cpl. James T. Floyd	Pfc. Joseph Tynik

24th Oct: Following 6 EM trfd to Oahu Army Pers Gen APO #968:

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Sgt. Clifford Griffith
Sgt. John J. Leschak
Sgt. Horace P. Maietta

Cpl. Joseph J. Miranda
Pfc. Bernard J. Hubert
Pfc. Lawrence T. Petrie

25th October: Following 22 EM (TDR&R in US) reld fr asgd:

T/Sgt. Louis S. Plummer
S/Sgt. Cecil S. Dazey
S/Sgt. Dock H. Elder
S/Sgt. James H. Flynn
S/Sgt. John Killmurray
S/Sgt. Leroy A. Kiezzi
S/Sgt. Mike Rodrigues
S/Sgt. Emil Vukelich
Sgt. Marvin E. Buckner
Sgt. Edwin R. Charge
Sgt. Max Newman

Sgt. Bernie W. Rauterkranz
Sgt. Donald C. Tracey
Sgt. Paul V. Walke
Cpl. Charles Dancsees
Cpl. Francisco Luge
Cpl. E.J. Merganstern
Cpl. Jack B. Offerstein
Cpl. Howard Smith
Cpl. Thomas J. Ward
Pfc. Russell R. Owens
Pfc. Steve E. Ruda

Following 2 EM trfd to Oahu Army Pers Cen APO #968:

Cpl. Raymond J. Andrys

Pfc. Bruce G. Owens

26th Oct: Following 4 EM trfd to Oahu Army Pers Cen APO #968:

T/Sgt. Ernest W. Wilbur
S/Sgt. Cecil E. Cook

Sgt. George M. Howlett
Pfc. Wallace N. Miller

29th Oct: Capt. Milton Hansburg - Trfd to Oahu Army Pers Cen APO #968.

1st Lt. Donald H. Gregory - From Sk 219th Gen Hosp APO #957
to dy.

Promotions in the organization during the month were as follows:

14th Oct: 2nd Lt. James A. Gill to 1st Lt.
2nd Lt. Mont E. Goodell to 1st Lt.
2nd Lt. Donald H. Gregory to 1st Lt.
2nd Lt. Roger O. Henrich to 1st Lt.
2nd Lt. John B. Lyall Jr. to 1st Lt.
2nd Lt. John G. Maxwell to 1st Lt.
2nd Lt. Robert L. Rodrigues to 1st Lt.

16th Oct: Pvt Gene A. Dodgen to be Pfc.
Pvt. E.C. Pope to be Pfc.
Pvt. Clarence N. Purdy to be Pfc.
Pvt. Melvin O. Simonson to be Pfc.
Pvt. Ray G. Slauch to be Pfc.
Pvt. Clarence Spears to be Pfc.

26th Oct: T/Sgt. Euel T. Johnson to be M/Sgt.
S/Sgt. Leonard E. Goff to be T/Sgt.
Sgt. Paul Baer to be S/Sgt.
Sgt. Clarence A. Erickson to be S/Sgt.
Sgt. Robert M. Palmer to be S/Sgt.
Sgt. Jack R. Carter to be S/Sgt.

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Sgt. Conrad P. Gasier to be S/Sgt.
 Sgt. Cecil B. Underwood to be S/Sgt.
 Sgt. Charles M. Taylor to be S/Sgt.
 Sgt. Richard O. Holt to be S/Sgt.
 Sgt. Cornell Wilson to be S/Sgt.
 Sgt. Raymond O. Olson to be S/Sgt.
 Cpl. Earl Mullenix to be Sgt.
 Cpl. Asa W. Mallette to be Sgt.
 Cpl. Willis G. Jagers to be Sgt.
 Cpl. Nichols Gospodarec to be Sgt.
 Cpl. Lee E. Dunbar to be Sgt.
 Cpl. Ralph Phillips to be Sgt.
 Cpl. Donald E. Morrison to be Sgt.
 Pfc. Elmer J. Dorzweiler to be Cpl.
 Pfc. Paul R. Johnson to be Cpl.
 Pfc. Harry L. Boobel to be Cpl.
 Pfc. William R. Napier to be Cpl.
 Pfc. Edward S. Johnson to be Cpl.
 Pfc. Leon F. Brennan to be Cpl.
 Pfc. Sheldon R. Roberts to be Cpl.
 Pfc. Thomas H. Ludlow to be Cpl.
 Pfc. Clarence Y. Elliott to be Cpl.
 Pfc. Nate Partovich to be Cpl.
 Pfc. John E. Mc Cartney to be Cpl.

2. Losses in action:

Negative

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

Negative

4. Strength, personnel:

As of 1 October 1945 at Wheeler Field, APO #959:

68 Officers
 234 Enlisted Men

As of 31 October 1945 at Wheeler Field, APO #959:

63 Officers
 114 Enlisted Men

5. Organization:

Negative

6. Strength, airplanes by types:

1st of Month		Last of Month	
P-61A-10	3	P-61A-10	3
P-61B-1	10	P-61B-1	10

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P-61B-2	1	P-61B-2	1
P-61B-20	3	P-61B-20	8
AT-6D	1	AT-6D	1
B-25H	0	B-25H	3

7. Losses, airplanes by types:

Negative

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"NARRATIVE"

The month of October opened with a bang. The 6th Night Fighter Squadron moved back home to Wheeler on the 2nd of October, but into another area, known as the "School House Area". The barracks now inhabited by this Squadron, use to be a school building, where the patter of tiny feet could be heard any week day from 0900 till 1430.

Close on the heels of the movement, the Squadron lost it's largest number of men ever to be sent back to the states,; when fifty two (52) enlisted men were sent to Ft. Kam, for transfer to the mainland and discharge.

At the same time the Squadron lost four (4) of it's officers, including the Medical Officer Capt. Wilbur G. Braham, who till this date has not been replaced.

On the 11th of October eighteen (18) Officers and Enlisted Men, were placed on DS to this Squadron to act as Navigators for the trip to be flown by seven (7) P-61'S to Manilla. These men are members of the forty first (41st) Bomb Group, and fly B-25 H type airplanes.

By the thirteenth of the month, the point score had been lowered to 59. On the 26th all men with fifty or more points had been cleared of the Squadron, and when the talley was taken it was discovered that 59 more Officers and Enlisted Men had bid farewell to the 6th Night Fighter Squadron for the last time.

The Squadron Gave a beer party with a light snack on the evening of Saturday the 6th of October. In addition several "Live Shows" were presented for the betterment of the morale of the troops. In line with the improvement of the troop's morale, forty three promotions were given during the month.

Most of the sections have lost vavuable and experienced men, and the work has not decreased but rather increased, thus causing every man to dig in and work that much harder. Where is the so called "Peace time army" where the biggest job of the week is preparing for the weekly inspections held on Saturday? This is the cry of the average Enlisted Man.

Effort is being made to replace these men lost, as soon as possible, but as shown in the frontspiece the number of personnel has been reduced to less than half the strength at the first of the month. One faint ray of hope shines through the darkness, there is promise of more men and less work as soon as the airplanes are ready to leave for down under.

Three missions were flown during the month, but Operations destroyed two of these Mission reports, resulting in only one being available for the Exhibits in the Squadron History. The new NCO in charge of Operations has been instructed to forward all subsequent copies to this office post haste.

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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~INTELLIGENCE:

The Intelligence Section lost its section chief during the month of October. On the 8th of the month Lt. Harold W. Mc Beth was appointed Asst. Intelligence Officer, to fill in the gap left when Lt. Charles A. Ward was made Intelligence Officer.

Three training films were shown during the month: 11 October 1945 "The 7th of December" (Long Version); 18 October 1945, "China's Crisis"; and 25 October 1945, "Return to Guam". In connection with the movies, an oral discussion was held each Thursday on the topic of the week, which was selected and outlined each week by the I & E section of the 7th Fighter Wing.

In the future all orientation meetings will be conducted by 2nd Lt. Ronald C. Jones the new I & E Officer. The removal of this duty from this section partially compensates for the loss of T/Sgt. Zandler. If this section could abolish some of the additional duties forced upon it, then no additional personnel would be needed.

OPERATIONS:

The move to Wheeler Field was very successfully executed although the past month witnessed a marked decrease in the ranks of both officers and enlisted personnel.

Since the squadron arrived at Wheeler Field the Pilot Ground Training Program has been greatly augmented by facilities afforded by the field, of which the skeet range, among other advantages, is of major importance. Our new location is very advantageous in many respects.

Although now operating with a minimum of personnel, the section has nevertheless again maintained, for the past month, the "no accident" policy which is now long-standing. The past month's flying amounted to 248:40 in all, which included considerable ground-controlled night flying. 48,453 gallons of gas were expended for actual flying purposes. Only tactical missions are now being flown.

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Air Corps supplies were ordered in the usual way during the month of October 1945. Many of the sections have found out that they have items of equipment in excess of the required needs, and as a result the supply room is filled to capacity at the present time.

Many changes have taken place in the office personnel of this section. Lt J.J. Gill Has been assigned to the tech supply section, and Lt's. R. Koski, & R. Daasch have been assigned to personnel supply, for on the job training.

The section is to lose all but one Enlisted man when the next shipment to the mainland leaves, this has boosted the morale of this section no end.

Preparation has been completed for the transfer of the seven P-61 type of aircraft to Manila. All supplies have been recieved and issued to the line men. Also several small parts have been issued to the B-25H aircraft when the parts were available.

A major problem during the month was the extra work caused by the moving from Kipapa Field to our present location at Wheeler Field. A new and better system has been put into practice and the present set up is far superior to the one at the last base.

This section like most of the others is undermanned and over e worked, but it is hoped that at least a few regular Army men will be found to take over the job as Supply personnel in the very near future.

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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ENGINEERING:

There have been many changes made since the last Historical Report. During the early part of October this Squadron moved all its personnel and equipment from Kipapa Airfield to Wheeler Field. During the first two weeks things at the new site were pretty much in a turmoil, but since additional buildings have been erected conditions have returned to normal.

Seven P-61 type aircraft have been assigned to this Squadron. These airplanes have been processed and made ready for their departure for Manila. In addition three B-25H type aircraft also arrived at this section for the purpose of acting as navigation ships for the P-61's that are scheduled for the trip. One of the B-25's was temporarily transferred to the 420th Sub-Depot for a change of both engines.

Statistical changes for the month consisted of two engine changes. One change was due to a hole in the bottom of the rear case, and the other was the result of inability to control the oil temperatures which resulted in the engine freezing up.

Due to discharges under the present point system, this section is very short of enlisted personnel. At present there are only twenty-four line personnel and two clerks, a total of twenty six men assigned to engineering.

The maintenance standards are very hard to uphold with only twenty six men, but it is being accomplished with the assistance of the pilots assigned to their respective aircraft.

We have acquired a new engineering officer, 2nd Lt. Trubilla, as Capt. Marks has returned to the mainland for discharge.

COMMUNICATIONS:

No new installations were made in the month of October. The frequencies were not changed. Five new planes were given acceptance ins-

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pections.

All teletypes are being routed through the 17th Tow Target Squadron. Nothing new has been added to the switchboard, and everything else is routine.

The last lineman that had a M.O.S. of a lineman has been shipped to the states for discharge and the radio mechanics have been doing the routine jobs.

Morale in this section is fair, because the discharges have been slowed down, but the ratings that came out this month gave it a boost. All the old timers are anticipating ratings in the near future.

RADAR:

During October a good many men left the section including Capt. Milton Hansburg, who as section head for the last 26 Months, was responsible for many improvements in the equipment and an invaluable aid in technical problems. The section at present is under strength, doing our best to get along with ten men. The section chief, T/Sgt Wilbur, has left the section for discharge along with our clerk, Cpl. Terlacher. We are in great need of replacements.

The supply situation isn't too good. We get our parts, but it takes quite a bit of time before our supplies get to us. Otherwise we aren't in bad shape as far as the supply situation is concerned.

Special switches have been installed in all aircraft, scheduled to go to Manila. These switches enable the pilot to turn on the inverter which supplies voltage for the radio compass without the presence of the R/O. We have been able to comply with the modifications as they are received.

As for the morale of this section, we can't say that we're happy, but the ratings this month boosted it quite a bit.

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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ARMAMENT SECTION-

One gunnery mission was conducted this month with fair success, using an A-7 tow target. Small arms firing for qualification, including pistol and M-3 Rifle, was conducted for the officers.

Seven P-61 aircraft were readied for transfer to forward area. All aircraft are equipped with CSFC Turrets and rocket racks. All necessary maintenance was performed by this section.

A U.R. was submitted this month on the gun sight cover for the L-3 gun sight. This squadron has been using the cover for a reasonable length of time and it has been proven satisfactory.

The sections have been working hard setting up equipment in their new shops, so as to enable them to operate smoothly and efficiently with the number of personnel available.

Due to the reduction of the point score to 70 in the earlier days of the month, the armament section lost the services of T/Sgt N. Teague, S/Sgt. J. Lucas and Cpl's E. Blakey, G. Meyer, and Rogan. Once again, with a reduction of the point score to 60, both Armament and Ordnance were hit hard, with losses of Sgt. W. Murphy, Cpl's H. Yakel, J. Rusk, T. Flood, Castro, and Pfc's Petrie and B. Owens. These losses have greatly handicapped the operating efficiency of the sections, however, it is hoped the squadron will be up to full strength soon.

General Weikert was here on two occasions this month and inspected the area. Everything was found to be satisfactory and recommendations for further improvements have been carried out.

With an anticipation of a reduction of the point score to 50, the morale is quite high in both sections.

MEDICS:

The personnel of the Medical section consists of only Enlisted Personnel, as Capt. Wilbur G. Braham the Flight Surgeon has been transfer-

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ed to CPBC Personnel Center for discharge from the service under current Readjustment Regulations. The Enlisted Men of this section are as follows; Sgt. Walter M. Studley, and Cpl. Matthew Radomski. Pfc Beryl R. Council, Surgical Technician, was transferred to CPBC Personnel Center for discharge under the current Readjustment Regulations also. There are two (2) enlisted men present for duty.

Hospitalizations: S/Sgt. William H. Rice discharged 9 October 1945 from 22nd Station Hospital, APO #957. Diagnosis - Fracture of external maleous, right.

2nd Lt. Robert G. Duff discharged 3 October 1945 from 219th General Hospital, APO #957. Diagnosis - Appendicitis, Acute.

Sgt. Merald E. Hall discharged 6 October 1945 from 22nd Station Hospital, APO #957. Diagnosis - Hemorrhoids.

2nd, Lt. Donald H. Gregory hospitalized 12 October 1945 at 219th General hospital, APO #957. Diagnosis - Anterior dislocated at fifth metacarpal phalangeal joint, right, severe. Discharged from hospital and returned to duty 29 October 1945.

Out patients treated - 145. Treatments given - 215.

Immunizations and vaccinations administered - 236.

Inspections - routine physical inspections were held.

There were 32 days lost by hospitalized personnel during the month of October 1945.

No new equipment acquired during the month, and all expendable supplies were obtained in the usual manner.

Since there is no medical officer assigned to this organization, all major medical work is being accomplished by the Base Dispensary. A first aid station is set upoposite the Squadron Orderly Room, where the minor

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cases are handled by the two medical enlisted men. This system is operating satisfactorily.

The morale of the Medical Section may be considered as being generally good.

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EXHIBIT I

SUBJECT: MISSION REPORT

DATE: 27 October 1945.

6th NIGHT FIGHTER SQUADRON AAF, MISSION 10-1

- 1. a. One (1) P-61
b. One (1) C-54
- 2. a. None
b. None
- 3. Scramble
- 4. 2nd Lt. Hahn, pilot; 2nd Lt. Richstad R/O.

Takeoff: 1935 Landed: 2055

Scrambled under Lizard Control, sent to Kahuku, told to follow course of 080 degrees at 8,000 ft. Made couple of circles and made contact with Bogey. Identified as C-54. Called Midway Control and asked Pigeon to Hickam, flew 210 degrees for five minutes with C-54 following. Circled Hickam till Bogey landed, and was then ordered to pancake which was done at 2055.

- 5. a. Raining- Poor visibility, with opening over Hickam.
b. Good.
- 6. None.
- 7. AMMO: None.
Gas : 210 Gallons.
- 8. None.

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