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Organizational History, 6th Night Fighter Squadron, 1st Fighter Wing,
Army Air Forces Pacific Ocean Areas, APO #959.

1 December 1945 - 31 December 1945

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

3 Dec: The following EM asgd & jd fr 7th Ftr Wg APO 958 per par 1
SO 266 Hq 7th Ftr Wg dtd 30 Nov 45

Sgt. Du Mont, John A.

4 Dec: 1st Lt. Reese, Lem A. trfd atchd unasgd Det of patients 219th
Gen Hosp APO 957 per par 1 SO 321 Hq 219th Gen Hosp APO 957 dtd 30 Nov 45.

1st Lt. Stefanik, Ervin A. (Hosp) atchd fr 41st Bomb Gp
APO 903 trfd atchd unasgd Det of Patients 219th Gen Hosp APO 957 per par 1
SO 321 Hq 219th Gen Hosp APO 957 dtd 30 Nov 45.

Cpl. Hadeler, Willie A. Dy to sk 219th Gen Hosp APO 957 (Ld)

10 Dec: The following O dy to Ds APO 961 (5 days) per par 11 SO 269 Hq
7th Ftr Wg APO 958 dtd 6 Dec 45

Capt. Hansen, Jerome M.
1st Lt. Hichik, Joseph J.
1st Lt. Ryan, John A.
F / O Conkle, Robert V.

1st Lt. Mankins, Ervin, Sk 219th Gen Hosp APO 957 (Ld) to dy.

11 Dec: 1st Lt Mankins, Ervin, Dy to Ds Army University Center Oahu,
APO 957 per par 18 SO 264 Hq 7th Ftr. Wg APO 958 dtd 27 Nov 45.

14 Dec: S/Sgt. Stanley, Harry M. asgd & jd fr 16th Tow Target Sq APO
964 per par 1 SO 274 Hq 7th Ftr Wg APO 958 dtd 13 Dec 45.

17 Dec: 1st Lt. Gregory, Donald H. Dy to sk 219th Gen Hosp APO 957 (Ld)

The following O Ds APO 961 (5 days) to dy.

Capt. Hansan, Jerome M. Classification canceled. (changed to _____)
1st Lt. Hichik, Joseph J. by authority of _____
1st Lt. Ryan, John A. by _____ date _____
F / O Conkle, Robert V.

2nd Lt. Heyse, Theodore G. Date of Rank: 2 Sept 44. O asgd &
jd fr 16th Tow Target Sq APO 964 per par 6 SO 274 Hq 7th Ftr Wg APO 958
dtd 13 Dec 45.

20 Dec: The following 16 EM asgd & jd fr Hq 1521st AAF Base Unit APO 953
per par 11 SO 311 Hq 1521 AAF Base Unit APO 953 dtd 17 Nov 45.

S/Sgt. Kemo, Michael J.	Cpl. Harris, Joe
S/Sgt. Nieters, Thomas W.	Cpl. Hartog, John J.
S/Sgt. Helinski, Andrew P.	Cpl. Mc Ginn, James F.
Cpl. Spence, Robert E.	Cpl. Koletzke, Dean R.
Cpl. Samardak, Peter	Cpl. Marino, Jake

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Sgt. Puzlewicz, Frank R.	Pfc. Eklund, Edward A.
Pfc. Wenks, George A.	Pfc. Krueger, Sylvan
Pfc. Nicholls, George C.	Pfc. Jones, Robert. E.

21 Dec: 1st. Lt. Bollinger, Frederick W. Dy to Ds Army University Center, Oahu. APO 957 per par 8, SO 152 Hq 7th Ftr Wg APO 958 dtd 18 Dec 45.

The following EM (Fur in US) reld fr asgd per TWX AIRMIDPAC APO 953 dtd 29 Nov 45 Subj: Authority Granted to Drop all Military Pers on TDR&R Emerg Leave of Fur.

T/Sgt. Tselentis, Panagis	Sgt. Wolley, James F.
S/Sgt. Tomo, John	Sgt. Losek, Daniel F.
S/Sgt. Siranovic, Charles T.	

22 Dec: The following EM trfd in gr to atchd unasgd Army Pers Center Oahu APO 968 per par 3 SO 280 Ha 7th Ftr Wg APO 958 dtd 21 dec 45

S/Sgt. Record, Hershall L.	S/Sgt. Hastings, William L.
S/Sgt. Brummeyer, Henry H.	S/Sgt. Poole, Jean F.
S/Sgt. Rice, William H.	S/Sgt. Kreinbihl, Charles S.
S/Sgt. Underwood, Cecil D.	Sgt. Schupp, Roy E.
S/Sgt. Bailey, Reid H.	Sgt. Turnbull, Charles D.
S/Sgt. Spedden, Donald D.	Sgt. Gospodarec, Nicholas R.
S/Sgt. Griego, Eloy U.	Sgt. Hanshumaker, Harold T.
S/Sgt. Studley, Walter M.	Cpl. Sellberg, Andrew G.
S/Sgt. brokaw, Robert L.	Cpl. Harris, Murray

F/O Speakman, Lyman A. Dy to sk 219th Gen Hosp APO 957 (Ld)

1st Lt. Koske, Rupert S. trfd in gr to atchd unasgd Army Pres Center Oahu APO 968 per par 1 SO 280 Hp 7th Ftr Wg APO 958 dtd 21 Dec 45

23 Dec: Pfc. Fusco, Peter: trfd in gr to atchd unasgd Army Pers Center Oahu APO 968 per par 1 SO 281 Hq 7th Ftr Wg APO 958 dtd 22 Dec 45

Cpl. Hadelar, Willie A. Sk 219th Gen Hosp APO 957 (Ld) to dy.

26 Dec: The following 2 EM trfd in gr to atchd unasgd Army Pers Center Oahu APO 968 per par 1 SO 282 Hq 7th Ftr Wg APO 958 dtd 24 Dec 45

Cpl. Elliott, Clarence Y.	Pfc. France, Elvin L.
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27 Dec: The following 3 EM trfd in gr to atchd unasgd Army Pers Center Oahu APO 968 per par 1 SO 283 Hq 7th Ftr Wg APO 958 dtd 26 Dec 45.

Sgt. Pizzitola, Stephen L.	Cpl. Noel, Mathias
Pvt. Dains, Durwell S.	

28 Dec: Capt. Baer, Charles M. trfd in gr to atchd unasgd Army Pers Center Oahu APO 968 per par 6 SO 283 Hq 7th Ftr Wg APO 958 dtd 26 Dec 45

S/Sgt. Olson, Raymond M. trfd in gr to atchd unasgd Army Pers Center Oahu APO 968 per par 1 SO 284 Hq 7th Ftr Wg APO 958 dtd 27 Dec 45

The following 2 EM dy to ds (Army Olympic Games) 627th Repl. Co APO 969 per par 5 Ltr, Subj. Orders, Hq USAFMP APO 958 dtd 26 Dec 45.

Cpl. Hollis, Alfred D.	Cpl. Landry, Robert H.
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M/Sgt. Greever, Robert H. Dy to Hon Disch to reenl in RA for 3 yrs under prov Ar 615-365, conv of govt, per par 14 So 284, Hq 7th Ftr Wg APO 958 dtd 27 Dec 45.

M/Sgt. Greever, Robert H. enl in Ra for #3 yrs under prov Wd Cir 310, 1945 as amended, per par 15 SO 284 Hq 7th Ftr Wg APO 958 dtd 27 Dec

29 Dec: The following 5 EM trfd in gr to atchd unasgd Army Pers Center Oahu APO 968 per par 1 SO 285 Hq 7th Ftr Wg APO 958 dtd 28 Dec 45.

Cpl. Digilio, Frank J. Cpl. Finn, Thomas J.
Cpl. Martin, Robert K. Cpl. Smith, James J.
S/Sgt. Molt, Richard O.

2. Losses in action:

Negative

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

Negative

4. Strength, personnel:

as of 1 December 1945 at Wheeler Field, APO #959:

59 Officers
192 Enlisted Men

as of 31 December 1945 at Wheeler Field, APO #959:

54 Officers
175 Enlisted Men

5. Organization:

Negative

6. Strength, airplanes by types:

1st of Month

Last of the Month

P-61B-1	10	P-61B-1	10
P-61B-2	1	P-61B-2	1
P-61B-6	0	P-61B-6	1
P-61B-20	2	P-61B-20	2
AT-6D	1	AT-6D	1

7. Losses, Airplanes By types:

Negative

Promotions in the organization during the month were as follows:

8th Dec: 2nd Lt. Whitt, Wesley G. to 1st Lt.
2nd Lt. Loy, Robert G. to 1st Lt.
2nd Lt. Sollers, Willard H. Jr. to 1st Lt.
2nd Lt. Teske, Phillip R. to 1st Lt.

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26th Dec: 2nd Lt. Pellegatta, Hector L. to 1st Lt.

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"NARRATIVE"

The month of December was a month that most everyone had waited for, mostly in hopes of being home. We had known that miracles weren't happening anymore but we had hoped for one. Even the men who signed up to stay in the Army had hoped for their wives to be here but they too, were disappointed. Then with the arrival of the Navy wives in Honolulu, the bitterness grew.

To most of us here in the 6th, the coming of Christmas brought another feeling of thankfulness as we went to our respective Churches and again offered our thanks to God that the war is over and that even though we weren't home, we were safe and had some hopes of soon being there.

With the arrival of New Years Eve morale seemed to Skyrocket with each friend that we met and each drink that was consumed. The enlisted men were treated to a beer bust by the Officers of the Squadron. A good time was had by all and the New Year was welcomed in with all the hilarity and fervor of any Stateside Night Club scene. Drunks? -- no, we have never considered any man from the 6th being unable to hold his drinks, but as I have said, there was plenty of beer.

Morale is considered to be very good in the Squadron as over twenty men left for home and their loved ones, however, no promotions for the enlisted men came through this month.

INTELLIGENCE:

Our Section Chief has not returned as yet from the Army University Center, Oahu, at Schofield Barracks. Work in the section is being carried on as usual in his absence.

Cpl. Jack Erickson is new to the section and is being trained to take the place of Cpl. William Napier who should be going home very soon.

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In the regular Orientation meetings of the Squadron, five training films were shown including, The Battle of China, True Glory, and Underground Report. All films were met with a satisfactory response from the men.

The month of December brought us a very satisfactory change in the location of our office. We have now moved into the office space that was vacated by the Medical Detachment.

OPERATIONS:

The Squadron lost Capt. Baer and Lt. Koski this month, or in other words, a full crew. We now have a total of 23 pilots and 21 Radar Operators and more are expected to leave this month by the discharge route.

We received a new P-61B-6 type airplane and that now gives us a total of 14 P-61's and 1 AT-6.

The training program is well under way, and new phases are added each month. This month the Squadron took up Ground Gunnery and we expect to use the ranges at Molokai for about four days each month. In addition to this we had the usual Aerial Gunnery as well as plenty of Navigation and Instrument Flights. Plans are under way to have rocket racks installed on some of the planes so that our program can be enlarged.

Army Maneuvers were held during the month and our planes were used for patrol purposes. We had a total of thirteen scrambles during the month and most of these were during the time of the Maneuvers. Our crews did not contact the enemy during this time.

Our pilots logged a total of 306:45 hours in the P-61's and 17:15 hours in the AT-6. A total of 60,159 gallons of gas was used during the month.

MATERIEL:

The operation of the Supply Section has run smoothly throughout the month of December, in spite of the loss of some of our most experienced men.

Tech Supply was affected mostly with complete turnover of personnel.

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S/Sgt D. D. Spedden and Sgt. C. D. Turnbull left the Squadron, leaving 1st Lt. J. A. Sobol (Tech Supply Officer) with a new crew, Cpl. W. A. Hadelor and Pfc. J. H. Ferris and N. W. Jones. The speed and efficiency with which these new men have taken on their duties has solved all personnel problems of the Tech Supply Section.

Personnel Supply has lost two men during the month of December. They were Sgt. R. E. Schupp and Cpl. R. K. Martin. Compensating this loss was the assignment of Sgt. Clifford F. Hayes to the section. With the expected loss of Sgt. Paul A. Roach, N.C.O. in Charge of Personnel Supply, Sgt. William Robinson has already been trained in the duties performed by Sgt. Roach.

There have been no changes in the operating procedures of the Supply Section during the month of December. Every effort is being made to maintain the highest efficiency in spite of the past and forthcoming rapid changes in personnel.

ENGINEERING:

There have been few changes since the last Historical Report of this Section. Maintenance for the Month of December was good on the whole though some trouble was met during the rainy season. Flying has been very intensive due to a large training program and every plane has flown as much as possible during the month.

A few men were lost on the point system and no replacements have arrived as yet though some are expected before the next drop in points or length of service. There are now sixty one (61) enlisted men assigned to this section. One man was placed on Detached Service to play football in the Pacific Olympics.

One engine change was made during the month. Metal particles were found on the oil screens during ground pre-flight. The oil screens were cleaned and a new oil pump installed. Two power checks were made and the engine was changed after metal particles were again found on the oil screens after the

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second power check.

COMMUNICATIONS:

No new installations were made and the frequencies were not changed during the month of December. One new plane was given an acceptance inspection and was accepted.

Operation on switchboard is routine, and all teletype messages are being received from the 17th Tow Target Squadron.

Communication Section now has one man with a Lineman's M. O. S., and is managing to control all duties connected with this job.

The latest news releases are very encouraging for the men in the communication's section. The morale is considerably higher than the previous month.

RADAR:

There was little turnover in the section personnel this month. Discharge for time in service claimed S/Sgt. Underwood whose practical service was of much help to the Section. One new man, S/Sgt. Stanley, joined our group.

Currently, the supply picture is entirely satisfactory. Items on requisition for technical modification arrived this month.

Work this month has been centered upon installation of two modifications authorized by technical orders. New types of antenna tilt switches are being incorporated and are proving more adaptable than the old type. A new type of delay relay in the inverter will outmode our own squadron modifications on this unit if operation proves satisfactory.

The last two holiday weekends were welcomed by all, but with the advent of the new year, morale is again reflected in the discharges.

ARMAMENT:

Nine gunnery missions, including both 20mm and .50 Cal., were conducted, using types A-7 and A-10 Tow Targets. Weekly skeet shooting was conducted for pilots and radar operators.

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One new P-61-B-6 was transferred into the Squadron, and is equipped with Rocket Racks and Bomb Shackles.

During the first week of the month, the Armament Section Lost the services of Lt. Jay Watts, who returned to the States on a Rest and Recuperation Leave. Lt. Pellegatta formerly acting as Assistant Armament Officer was then put in charge of the Section, With F/O Speakman as Assistant Armament Officer and Inspector. Due to another reduction in the point score the length of service regulation, and both sections lost the services of two men, S/Sgt. Holt, and Pvt. Dains.

With most of the men "sweating out" reduction in length of service regulation, and feeling they'll be leaving soon, morale is quite high in both sections.

MEDICS:

This section was discontinued the first day of November due to the fact that the Flight Surgeon was sent back to the States for Discharge and no replacement is to be given this squadron.

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EXHIBIT I

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14 DECEMBER 1945

6th NIGHT FIGHTER SQUADRON 12-1

- 1. A. One (1) P-61
B. One (1) C-54
- 2. A. None
B. None
- 3. Scramble
- 4. 2nd Lt. Hayes; R/O, F/O Zubic.
Scramble: 1948
Take Off: 2000
Landed : 2045

Scrambled under Lizzard to 5,000 Ft. Told to follow 80 degrees which I did for ten minutes. Lizzard then told us to vector to 170 degrees, this course was held for three minutes at which time contact was made with Bogie and was identified as one C-54. Then was told to vector to 180 degrees which was done for two minutes. Next was ordered to vector to 270 degrees and followed Bogie for about two minutes, receiving blinker code form Bogie. Was then ordered to pancake by Lizzard which was done at 2045.

- 5. A. Good
B. Good - But interphone conversation with Pilot was picked up by Lizzard.
- 6. None
- 7. Ammo- None
- 8. None

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19 DECEMBER 1945

6th NIGHT FIGHTER SQUADRON 12-2

- 1. A. One (1) P-61
B. See narrative, Paragraph 4.
- 2. A. None
B. None
- 3. Scramble
- 4. Lt. Heinrich, Pilot; F/O McCoy R/O
Scramble: 0525
Take off: 0530
Landed : 0640

Scrambled under Lizzard to 8,000 Feet, told to follow 170 degrees course which was done for about five minutes. This was above the cloud blanket which was at about 4,500 feet. Caught target on scope which was coming in under blanket. Was told by Flanders to vector to 80 degrees which was done for four minutes at which time one C-54 was contacted by visual means. The C-54 was contacted at angles 2.5. Was then told to pancake which was done at 0640.

- 5. A. Good, Blanket was at 4,300 ϕ feet. to 5,000 feet.
b. Good.
- 6. None
- 7. Ammo-None
Gas -240 Gals.
- 8. None

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6th Night Fighter Squadron 12-3

1. A. One (1) P-61
B. See Narrative, Paragraph 4.
2. A. None
B. None
3. Scramble
4. Lt. Thorson, Pilot: Lt. Neurauter, R/O.
Scramble: 0540
Take off: 0550
Landed : 0630

Scrambled under Lizzard to 4,000 feet. Was told to proceed to Barbour's point and to circle there. After circling for about two minutes sighted and identified two (2) P-47's, called control at Badger. Was told to circle present position and then was told to pancake which was done at 0630.

5. A. Good, Blanket at 4,000 feet.
B. Good.
6. None
7. Ammo-None
Gas- 135 Gals.
8. None

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6th NIGHT FIGHTER SQUADRON

LOG 12-4

- 1. A. One (1) P-61
B. None
- 2. A. None
B. None
- 3. Scramble
- 4. 1st Lt. C. R. Larson; Pilot. F/O A. D. Heckle, R/O.
Scramble: 0600
Take Off: 0615
Landed : 0800

Scrambled under Lizzard, took heading of 230 degrees from Badge for 20 minutes. Patrolled North - South headings for 15 Minutes each. Patrolled at angles 9. Told to Pancake at 0800.

- 5. A. Low overcast
B. Good
- 6. None
- 7. Ammo-none
Gas- 341 gals.
- 8. None

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6th NIGHT FIGHTER SQUADRON

12-5

- 1. A. One (1) P-61
B. One (1) C-54
- 2. A. None
B. None
- 3. Scramble
- 4. 1st Lt. James A. Gill, Pilot; 2nd Lt. H. L. Pellegatta, R/O.
Scramble: 0615
Take off: 0630
Landed : 0750

Scrambled under Lizzard for Patrol. Patrolled the channel between Maui and Molakai at 8,000feet.

- 5. A. 8/10 overcast at 6,000 feet.
B. Good.
- 6. None
- 7. Ammo-none
Gas- 245 gals.
- 8. None.

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6th NIGHT FIGHTER SQUADRON 12-6

- 1. A. One (1) P-61
B. None
- 2. A. None
B. None
- 3. Scramble
- 4. Capt. Jerome Hansen, Pilot; 1st Lt. Hichik, R/O.
Scramble: 0550
Take Off: 0605
Landed : 0745

Scrambled under Lizzard for Patrol. Patrolled South of Badge 170 degrees 75 Miles out, East and West.

- 5. A. 6/10 overcast
B. Good
- 6. None
- 7. Ammo-none
Gas - 250 gals.
- 8. None

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6th NIGHT FIGHTER SQUADRON

12-7

1. A. One (1) P-61
B. None

2. A. None
B. None

3. Scramble

4. 1st Lt John G. Maxwell, Pilot; F/O J. H. Hollenbaugh, R/O
Scrambel: 0515
Take off: 0530
Landed : 0830

Scrambled under Lizzard. Went East from Venice with Heading of 120 degrees. 75 miles out turned North 360 degrees for 15 minutes. Then took South heading of 180 degrees and continued patrolling.

5. A. Over the top, overcast, almost solid.
B. Good

6. None

7. Ammo-none
gas- 415 gals.

8. none.

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6th NIGHT FIGHTER SQUADRON

12-8

- 1. A. One (1) P-61
- B. None

- 2. A. None
- B. None

- 3. Scramble

- 4. 1st Lt. Phillip R. Teske, Pilot; 2nd Lt. Robert Daasch, R/O.
 Scramble: 0520
 Take off: 0534
 Landed : 0845

Scrambled under Lizzard. Took vector 170 degrees from Badge. 75 Miles out patrolled 270 degrees for 10 minutes then took 90 degrees for 20 minutes and continued patrolling for 20 minute legs.

- 5. A. Overcast
- B. Good

- 6. None

- 7. Ammo-none
- Gas- 450 Gals.

- 8. None

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6th NIGHT FIGHTER SQUADRON

12-9

- 1. A. One (1) P-61
- B. Five (5) B-24's

- 2. None
- None

- 3. Scramble

- 4. 2nd Lt. W. F. Hayes, Pilot; F/O B. A. Zubik, R/O.
- Scramble: 0530
- Take off: 0535
- Landed : 0830

Scrambled under Lizzard. Patrolled 230 degrees from Badge, right to 310 degrees for 15 minutes then took 180 degrees and continued patrol.

- 5. A. 9/10 covered at 7,000 feet.
- B. Interphone Bad.

- 6. None

- 7. Ammo-none
- Gas-415 gals.

- 8. None.

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22 December 1945

6th NIGHT FIGHTER SQUADRON

12-10

- 1. A. One (1) P-61
- B. None

- 2. A. None
- B. None

3. Scramble

- 4. 1st Lt. Roger O. Henrich, Pilot; F/O Howard C. McCoy, R/O.
 Scramble: 1000
 Take off: 1015
 Landed : 1050

Scrambled by Lizzard to Badge. Took 230 degrees heading, climbed to 8,000 feet for Patrol. Told to pancake by control.

- 5. Overcast 4,500 feet to 5,700 feet.
 Good.

6. None

- 7. Ammo-none
 Gas-160 gals.

8. None.

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6th NIGHT FIGHTER SQUADRON

12-11

- 1. A. One (1) P-61
B. None
- 2. A. None
B. None
- 3. Scramble
- 4. 1st Lt. William Kern, Pilot; 1st Lt. John A. Sobol, R/O.
Scramble: 1000
Take Off: 1020
Landed : 1105

Scrambled by Liaard to 120 degrees off Venice at 8,000feet. Patrolled for a few minutes and told to return to base.

- 5. A. Overcast
B. Good
- 6. None
- 7. Ammo-none
Gas-150 gals.
- 8. None

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EXHIBIT XII

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SUBJECT: MISSION REPORT

21 December 1945

6th NIGHT FIGHTER SQUADRON

12-12

- 1. A. One (1) P-61
B. None
- 2. A. None
B. None
- 3. Scramble
- 4. 1st Lt. Jacob A. Thorsen, Pilot, No R/O.
Scramble: 1000
Take off: 1020
Landed : 1105

Scrambled by Lizzard to 170 degrees from Badge. Went out around 30 miles and was told by Lizzard to pancake.

- 5. A. Overcast at 5,000 feet.
B. Good
- 6. None
- 7. Ammo-none
Gas-170 Gals.
- 8. None.

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EXHIBIT XIII

SUBJECT: MISSION REPORT

21 December 1945

6th NIGHT FIGHTER SQUADRON

12-13

- 1. A. One (L) P-61
B. None
- 2. A. None
B. None
- 3. Scramble
- 4. 2nd Lt. R. G. Duff, Pilot; 2nd Lt. C. A. Hayward, R/O.
Scramble: 0745
Take Off: 0800
Landed : 1110

Scrambled by Lizzard to 75 miles off Badge. Took heading of 230 degrees off Badge. Patrolled North and South.

- 5. A. Overcast.
B. Good
- 6. None.
- 7. Ammo-none
Gas-410 gals.
- 8. None.

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

1 January 1946 - 31 January 1946.

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

2 Jan: 1st Lt. Harrell, Guy B. Jr. O prntd to gr of Capt AUS eff 28 Dec 45
per par 13 SO 143 Hq AAFMP APO 953

The following 2 O dy to DS Army University Center Oahu APO 957
per par 4 SO 281 Hq 7th Ftr Wg APO 957 dtd 22 Dec 45:

1st Lt. Teske, Philip R. 2nd Lt. Neurauter, James H.

The following EM Dy to DS Army University Center Oahu APO 957
per par 4 SO 281 Hq 7th Ftr Wg APO 958 dtd 22 Dec 45:

S/Sgt. Stanley, Harry M. Sgt. Jagers, Willis G.
Sgt. La Marca, Thomas J. Pfc. Henessey, Arthur P.

F/O. Speakman, Lyman A. Sk 219th Gen Hosp APO 957 (LD) to dy

The following EM DS Army University Center Oahu APO 957 to dy

Sgt. Sloan, Edward Sgt. Zaccaria, Mario J.
Cpl. Tobin, Thomas F. Pvt. Hoepner, Roger D.

Cpl. Landry, Robert H. DS (Army Olympic Games) 627th Replacement
Co APO 969 to dy 0900.

3 Jan: Cpl. Hollis, Alfred D. DS (Army University Games) 627th Replacement
Co APO 969 to dy 0900.

Cpl. Cooper, James L. Dy to sk 219th Gen Hosp APO 957 (LD).

4 Jan: 1st Lt. Charles A. Ward. trfd in gr to Armu University Center
Oahu Apo 957 per par 6 SO 159 Hq USAFMP APO 958 dtd 28 Dec 45.

5 Jan: Pfc. Nicholls, George C. Dy to TDR&R (15) days private residence
Honolulu T. H. per par 6 SO 1 Hq 7th Ftr Wg APO 958 .

7 Jan: 1st Lt. Mankins, Ervin DS Army University Center Oahu APO 957 to dy.

1st Lt. Mankins, Ervin Dy to sk 219th Gen Hosp APO 957 (LD)

S/Sgt. Turner, Thomas J. Trfd in gr to 3rd Signal Radio Main-
tenance Team APO 953 per par 4 SO 1 Hq 7th Air Force APO 953 dtd 4 Jan 46.

8 Jan: Sgt. Tobin, Thomas F. Dy to DS 29th Air Engr Sq APO 959 for
approximately ninety (90) days per par 4 So #3 Hq 7th Ftr Wg dtd 7 Jan 46

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10 Jan: 1st Lt. Leibowitz, Philip, trfd in gr to atchd unasgd Army Pers Center Oahu APO 968 per par 2 SO 4 Hq 7th Tr Wg APO 958 dtd 8 Jan 46.

S/Sgt. Niesters, Thomas W. Trfd in gr to atchd unasgd Army Pers Center Oahu APO 968 per par 1 SO 4 Hq 7th Ftr Wg APO 958 dtd 8 Jan 46.

11 Jan: Sgt. Murphy, Daniel A. Jr. 405 MOS chgd to 502.

12 Jan: Cpl. Hennessey, Arthur P. Ds Army University Center Oahu APO 957 to dy 0900.

13 Jan: Cpl. Cooper, James L. Sk 219th Gen Hosp APO 957 (LD) to dy.

14 Jan: Capt. Hansen, Jerome M. Trfd in gr to atchd unasgd Army Pers Center Oahu APO 968 per par 16 SO 6 Hq 7th Ftr Wg APO 958 dtd 12 Jan 46.

The following 34 EM trfd in gr to atchd unasgd Army Pers Center Oahu APO 968 per par 10 SO 6 Hq 7th Ftr Wg APO 958 dtd 12 Jan 46

S/Sgt. Helenski, Andrew P.	Cpl. Spence, Robert E.
S/Sgt. Griggs, John E. Jr.	Sgt. Sarkozy, Francis A.
S/Sgt. Gangemi, Mario J.	Cpl Sargent, Corliss A.
S/Sgt. Walker, William W.	Cpl. Koletzke, Dean R.
S/Sgt. Keno, Michael J.	Sgt. Martel, Earnest.
T/Sgt. King, Edward G., Jr.	Cpl. Cooper, James L.
S/Sgt. Gaer, Paul	Pfc. Beck, James O.
Cpl. McGinn, James F.	Cpl. Sullivan, Ralph E.
Sgt. Modrow, William C.	Sgt. Garner, Conrad R.
Sgt. Murphy, Daniel A.	Cpl. Boerstler, John C.
Pvt. Arndt, Erwin E.	Sgt. Mallette, Asa W.
Cpl. Marino, Jake	Sgt. Diefendorf, Robert H.
Sgt. Keller, Edward W.	Cpl. Hartog, John
Sgt. Burleson, Welbie	Cpl. Keefe, John J.
Cpl. Hennessey, Arthur P.	Sgt. Keever, James R.
Cpl. Cohen, Ben	Pfc. Bradley, William C.
Sgt. Compton, Lewis M.	Sgt. Macchio, Leonard

The following 21 EM trfd in gr to atchd unasgd Army Pers Center Oahu APO 968 per par 11 SO 6 Hq 7th Ftr Wg APO 958 dtd 12 Jan 46.

S/Sgt. Gasior, Conrad P.	Pfc. Kobylarski, Anthony J.
S/Sgt. Taylor, Charles M.	Cpl. Adkins, Lee G.
S/Sgt. Holbrook, James R.	Cpl. Holton, Francis T.
S/Sgt. Wilson, Cornell	Cpl. Roberts, John E.
Cpl. Purdy, Clarence N.	Cpl. Alvin, Edward R.
Sgt. Clark, George E.	Sgt. Wold, Melvin L.
Sgt. Smith, Ruben	Sgt. Dunbar, Leo E.
Pfc. Jones, Robert E.	Cpl. Hadelier, Willie A.
Sgt. Denzin, Dale F.	Cpl. Kohlhauff, John H. Jr.
Cpl. Speidel, Delbert D.	Cpl. Harris, Charles I.
Sgt. Roach, Paul A.	

Cpl. Erickson, John S. Dy to Sk 219th Gen Hosp APO 957 (LD)

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The following 3 EM trfd in gr to atchd unasgd Army Pers Center Oahu APO 968 per par 15 SO 6 Hq 7th Ftr Wg APO 958.

S/Sgt. Dietrich, William C. S/Sgt. Frietsch, Victor J.
S/Sgt. Palmer, Robert, M.

15 Jan: The following 2 En trfd in gr to atchd unasgd Army Pers Center Oahu APO 968 per par 9 SO 7 Hq 7th Ftr Wg APO 958 dtd 14 Jan 46

Sgt. Goodloe, Robert E. Pfc. Krueger, Sylvan.

Cpl. Samardak, Peterl trfd in gr atchd unasgd to Army Pers Center Oahu APO 958 per par 10 SO 7 Hq 7th Ftr Wg APO 958 dtd 14 Jan 46.

Sgt. Jagers, Willis G. Ds Army University Center Oahu APO 957 to duty.

17 Jan: The following 2 EM trfd in gr to atchd unasgd Army Pers Center Oahu APO 968 per par 11 SO 7 Hq 7th Ftr Wg APO 958 dtd 14 Jan 46

Ferris, James H. Cpl.
Gancarcik, Paul J. Cpl.

Sgt Dumont, John A. Dy to Tdy Hq and Hq Sq. PACUSA, APO 925 for approximately ninety (90) days per par 30 SO 9 Hq 7th Air Force APO 953 dtd 15 Jan 46 left orga 1100 17 Jan 46.

18 Jan: The following 2 EM trfd in gr to atchd unasgd Army pers Center Oahu APO 968 per par 23 SO 8 Hq 7th Ftr Wg APO 958 dtd 15 Jan 46

Sgt. Dippolito, Paul A.
Cpl. La Shay, Harold F.

20 Jan: Record of Events, 11 to 20 Jan; Usual Wartime Duties; Morale: very satisfactory.

21 Jan: The following 6 EM prntd to gr of Cpl (Temp) eff 15 Jan 46 per par 32 SO 9 Hq 7th Ftr Wg APO 958 dtd 17 Jan 46.

Pfc. Collins, Kyle M.
Pfc. Heslep, Thomas G.
Pfc. Burkle, Edward C.
Pfc. Hogge, Donald W.
Pfc. Pope, E. C.

21 Jan: The following 20 EM prntd to gr of Sgt (Temp) eff 15 Jan 46 per par 32 SO 9 Hq 7th Ftr Wg APO 958 dtd 17 Jan 46.

Cpl. Beitzel, Robert D.
Cpl. Lane, Eugene W.
Cpl. Caviness, Kermit G.
Cpl. Adkins, Barney J.
Cpl. Brown, Ernest R.
Cpl. Gustafsen, Fletcher E.
Cpl. Bruner, Jack R.
Cpl. Kreingold, Samuel
Cpl. Fairburn, Jack

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Cpl. Partevich, Nate	Cpl. Johnson, Paul R.
Cpl. Gillett, Henry M.	Cpl. Roberts, S. L.
Cpl. Davis, John W.	Cpl. Brennan, Leon F.
Cpl. Dorzweiler, Elmer J.	Cpl. Napier, William R.
Cpl. Boebel, Harry L.	

21 Jan: Nicholls, George R. Pfc. DS to TDR & R (15) days private residence Honolulu; T. H. to dy 0800.

The following 2 EM trfd in gr to atchd unasgd Army Pers Center Oahu APO 968 per par 1 SO 9 Hq 7th Ftr Wg APO 958 dtd 17 Jan 46.

Carter, Jack R. S/Sgt	Wenke, George A. Pfc.
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S/Sgt. Hebert, Robert H. prmt to gr of T/Sgt (Temp) eff 15 Jan 46 per par 32 SO 9 Hq 7th Ftr Wg APO 958 dtd 17 Jan 46.

The following 4 EM prmtd to gr of S/Sgt (Temp) eff 15 Jan 46 per par 32 SO 9 Hq 7th Ftr Wg APO 958 dtd 17 Jan 46.

Sgt. LeBaron, Richard A.	Sgt. Gnach, Jerome F.
Sgt. Hayes, Clifford F.	Sgt. Cooley, John J.

The following EM trfd in gr to atchd unasgd Army Pers Center Oahu APO 968 per par 4 SO 10 Hq 7th Ftr Wg APO 958 dtd 18 Jan 46

Cpl. Atkins, John J.	Harris, Joe Jr. Cpl.
Cpl. Campbell, John W.	

23 Jan: 1st Lt. Berg, Arthur B. Following O (Fur in U.S.) reld fr asgd per TWA AIRMIDPAC APO 953 dtd 29 Nov 45 Subj: "Authority Granted to Drop all Military Pers on TDR&R Emerg. Leave or Fur,"(AC).

The following EM trfd in gr to atchd unasgd Army Pers Center Oahu APO 968 per par 6 SO 10 Hq 7th Ftr Wg APO 958 dtd 18 Jan 46

Sgt. Winner, Richard C.

24 Jan: The following 21 EM trfd in gr to atchd unasgd Army Pers Center Oahu APO 968 per par 3 SO 13 Hq 7th Ftr Wg APO 958 dtd 24 Jan 46.

Cpl. Hollis, Alfred D.	S/Sgt. Stanley, Harry M.
DeFrancesco, Antonio Cpl.	Sgt. Davis John W.
Sgt. Landry, Robert H.	S/Sgt. Diamond, James V.
S/Sgt. Gnach, Jerome F.	Sgt. Napier, William R.
S/Sgt. LeBaron, Richard A.	Cpl. Ludlow, Thomas H.
Sgt. High, William G.	Cpl. Haynes, Edgar J.
Cpl. Kutscheid, Robert L.	Sgt. Ritchey, John H.
Cpl. Burningham, Lamar D.	Sgt. Widger, Paul E.
Cpl. Kritzer, Fred W.	Cpl. Evans, Bennie B.
Sgt. Bahnsen, Richard E.S.	Cpl. Bransfield, Irwin
Cpl. Corona, Pablo H.	

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25 Jan: Sgt. Dickinson, James H. MOS changed to 502.

The following Officers (EDCMR 24 Jan 46) trfd in gr to atchd unasgd Army Pers Center Oahu APO 968 per par 11 SO 13 Hq 7th Ftr Wg APO 958 dtd 24 Jan 46.

1st Lt. Hichik, Joseph J. 1st Lt. Kern, Willeam F. Jr.
1st Lt. Sobol, John A.

26 Jan: The following 4 EM (Fur in U.S.) reld fr asgd per TWX AIRMIDPAC APO 953 dtd 29 Nov 45 Subj: "Authority Granted to Drop all Military Pers on TDR&R Emerg. Leave or Fur."

S/Sgt. Hartkepf, Byron L. Sgt. Talis, Theodore B.
Cpl. Keledziej, Joseph J. Pfc. Stamper, James W.

Cpl. Erickson, John S. Sk 219th Gen Hosp APO 957 (LD) to dy 0900.

28 Jan: Following 0 trfd in gr to atchd unasgd Army Pers Center Oahu APO 968 per par 17 SO 14 Hq 7th Ftr Wg APO 958 dtd 25 Jan 46

Capt. Harrell, Guy B.

The following 20 EM trfd in gr to atchd unasgd Army Pers Center Oahu APO 968 per par 6 SO 14 Hq 7th Ftr Wg APO 958 dtd 25 Jan 46.

Cpl. Darby, Clark A.	Cpl. Crabtree, Roy L.
Sgt. Lane, Eugene W.	S/Sgt. Cooley, John J.
Sgt Dorzweiler, Elmer J.	Cpl. Jones, Norman W.
Sgt. Gillett, Henry M.	Sgt. Phillips, Ralph M.
Sgt. Partevich, Nate	Pfc. Eriggs, Kenneth D.
Cpl. Levene, Arthur	Cpl. Dodgen, Gene A.
Sgt. Bolender, Walter C.	Sgt. Azzara, Warren J.
Sgt. Roberts, Sheldon L.	Sgt. Bruner, Jack R.
Sgt. Adkins, Barney J.	Sgt. Devine, John F.
	T/Sgt. Hinkle, Leon F.

30 Jan: The following 2 0 trfd in gr to atchd unasgd Army Pers Center Oahu APO 968 per par 3 SO 17 Hq 7th Ftr Wg APO 958 dtd 29 Jan 46.

1st Lt. Henrich, Roger O. F/O. Conkle, Robert V.

31 Jan: The following 13 EM trfd in gr to atchd unasgd Army Pers Center Oahu APO 968 per par 5 SO 17 Hq 7th Ftr Wg APO 958 dtd 29 Jan 46.

Sgt. Atkins, John J.	Sgt. Beitzel, Robert D.
Sgt. Brown, Ernest E.	Sgt. Caviness, Kermit G.
Sgt. Fertig, Abraham H.	Sgt. Gustafson, Fletcher E.
Sgt. Hofman, Peter F.	Sgt. Johnson, Paul R.
Cpl. Burkle, Donald W.	Cpl. Collins, Kyle M.
Cpl. Pope, E. C.	Cpl. Ward, Lucius A.
Pfc. Eklund, Edward A.	

Record of events 21 to 31 Jan; Wheeler Field, Oahu, T. H.
Usual Wartime Duties: Morale: Very satisfactory.

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2. Losses in action:

Negative

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

Negative

4. Strength, personnel:

As of 1 January 1946 at Wheeler Field, APO 959:

54 Officers
175 Enlisted Men

As of 31 January 1946 at Wheeler Field, APO 959:

44 Officers
46 Enlisted Men

5. Organization:

Negative

6. Strength, airplanes by types:

1st of Month

Last of the Month

P-61B-1	10
P-61 B-2	1
P-61B-6	1
P-61B-20	2
AT-6D	1

Same as first with 3 airplanes in temporary storage.

7. Losses, airplanes by types:

Negative

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"NARRATIVE"

January witnessed a rapid disintegration of th 6th Night Fighter Squadron as hordes of happy men were hauled kicking and screaming to Ft. Kam to go home. It was hard for them to leave, but after a second or so of persuaion, decided to go quietly without causing a scene. Soldiers and gentlemen to the end. Such was the inspiration of this mass courage that the morale of those staying behind soared to heights unknown since V-J Day. They are sustained at a high standard of efficiency and fevered fervor in the hope that they too may soon

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have the opportunity to bring the same glory upon themselves in facing the dread and unknown wilds of the United States.

By hard work and cooperation the squadron has succeeded in sustaining itself fully operational. Air crew officers have turned grease-monkey and the gravel-crushers have turned clerk-typist and demonstrated that officers can work, too. Ah, it hasn't been easy, you know, but the fighting 6th Nighterfighters carry gloriously on in the great traditions of their noble heritage.

Before the mass evacuations of the waning days of the month, the prowess of the Enlisted Men was demonstrated in the several fields of sport. Baseball, basketball, and bowling teams returned from off-duty forays belted with scalps. A beach party in the middle of the month left a wide swath of scorched backs and throbbing heads throughout the squadron. Lt. Jones, special services officer and the only "brass" present, after three days standing on his head and mumbling incoherently about twenty cases of beer, reported a good time was had by all.

INTELLIGENCE:

Lt. Ronald C. Jones, long affiliated with the S-2 section and its activities, was this month appointed S-2 officer along with its half-dozen sub-titles. Great mourning was precipitated by the loss of Intelligence Specialist Sgt. William R. Napier, who returned to some furrin place he calls North Carolina. This coupled with Cpl Jack Erickson's two week soujourn at the hospital left Lt. Jones and Lt. Harold W. McBeth desperately beating on typewriters digging through yellowed files of old records, orders, and letters, the location of which has been a secret zealously guarded by a succession of enlisted intelligence specialists up through the indispensable Napier.

With the sudden reduction of enlisted strength special services and I & E activities have considerably slowed. Preparing to move to consolidated barracks on the field these sections have stored their equipment and facilities for the day when the old 6th will again be a sovereign entity.

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OPERATIONS:

Rapid demobilization has cut into the operations section and into the flying crews. This month Capt. Harrell, Capt. Hansen, Lt. Kern, Lt. Richik, and Lt. Sobol have left the squadron for discharge.

Two P-61-B1's and one P-61-B20 have been placed in temporary storage because of the cut-back in maintenance personnel. The loss of enlisted armament men has prevented the carrying out of scheduled aerial and ground gunnery training. In addition, the closing of the Link Trainer Department at Wheeler Field, has interfered with the accomplishment of this training.

Unique in the history of the squadron, is the ground maintenance of the airplanes by our pilots and radar observers.

Despite the shortage of maintenance personnel, our pilots flying time for the month of January reached a total of 297 hours. The gasoline consumption for this month was 53,700 gallons.

MATERIAL:

The month of January has been difficult one for the Supply Section, but its operating procedure and efficiency have been maintained throughout this trying period. Tech Supply for the second time in two months had a complete turnover in personnel. The former staff: 1st Lt. J.A. Sobol, Cpl. W.A. Hadeler and pfc.'s J.H. Ferris, N.W. Jones have all been returned to the mainland under the demobilization program. Two officers and one enlisted man have now taken over the duties of the tech supply. They are 1st Lt. J.A. Gill, 2d Lt. T.G. Heyse and Sgt. Frank Puziewicz.

Personnel Supply, with the loss of Sgt. Paul Roach, was taken over by S/Sgt William Robinson, who by himself has kept the section running smoothly. The section at this time, is in the process of consolidating with the 544th Personal Supply. This Consolidation will relieve the load placed on so few personnel.

Sgt. John Richie also left the squadron. His duties as Supply Chief Clerk have been taken over by S/Sgt. Clifford F. Hayes.

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Though operating procedures of the Supply Section have been changed very little as yet, it is felt that slight changes will be made, such as the coming consolidation of personnel supply. With the incorporation of as many labor saving methods as practical, the Supply Section will strive to maintain efficient service in the future as it has in the past.

ENGINEERING:

During the past month the engineering department of the 6th Night Fighter Squadron has suffered losses of personnel due to the rapidity of demobilization. It has become necessary to use officers as crew chiefs in order to maintain and service the airplanes. Shortage of personnel has made it necessary to temporarily store three P-61 B's.

Credit should be given the officers and enlisted men who remain in the Engineering Department for their excellent work in upholding the old Air Corps spirit of "keeping the flying." The total departmental strength is now 9 EM and 2 officers. In addition, 19 officer pilots and radar observers are being used as crew chiefs. Lt. Trubilla has spent a great portion of his time assisting the officer-crew-chiefs with their paper work.

COMMUNICATIONS:

No new installations were made and now new planes were accepted during the month of January. The maintenance force has been cut to 7 men and the frequencies were changed as follows on all ships: "A" channel was changed to 142.38 and in the tower "D" channel was changed to 116.10.

The squadron switchboard now operates from 0730 to 1630 only. Teletype messages are now received through Base Message Center.

The section now has one man with a lineman MOS, and is managing to control all duties connected with his job.

Due to heavy shipments of personnel morale is high.

RADAR:

This month saw the greatest depletion of sectional personnel. Time in service claimed T/Sgt Hinkle, S/Sgt Gasior, S/Sgt Baer, S/Sgt Stanley, S/Sgt Griggs, Sgt Dunbar, Sgt. Malette, and S/Sgt Turner. Each of these men was a

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distinct loss for with them naturally went the practical experience and initiative of a valuable mechanic.

On several fundamental items we are operating without available replacements on hand. These items have been brought to the attention of the sub-depot constantly throughout the month with little success. No further technical modification parts arrived this month.

Completion of the installation of modification kits received last month were effected in this period. Much improvement in operation has been the result of these installations.

From a decided low in the initial days of the month, occasioned by a policy to slow down demobilization, the mental outlook of the personnel has risen of late with the stepped-up discharge rate. A concrete date for the release of the men left has naturally improved their morale for they have something to count on in the future.

ARMAMENT and ORDNANCE:

Eleven gunnery missions, including both 20MM and .50 Cal., were conducted, using types A-7 and A-10 tow targets. Weekly skeet shooting was conducted for pilots and R/O's.

Two P-61's were placed in class A Storage. Being granted permission we removed the .50 MG's from all the P-61's still in operation and turned them in to Base Ordnance for storage.

Reduction in length of service caused a great loss in personnel for both sections. The Armament section lost the services of Sgts. Keever, High Goodloe, Bahnsen; Cpls. Keefe, Corona, Darby, Dodgen, Purdy; Pfc's. Bradley and Arndt. The Ordnance section lost Sgts. Diamond, Bolender; Cpls. Alwin, Crabtree, and Adkins. Cpl. Jordan of Armament was transferred to the Orderly Room.

Despite the hardships caused by the loss of personnel, both sections are continuing to function and morale is quite high.

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