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73RD FIGHTER SQUADRON
318TH FIGHTER GROUP
SEVENTH AIR FORCES
FAR EASTERN AIR FORCES
APO # 245

ORGANIZATIONAL HISTORY
SUPPLEMENT NUMBER SIXTEEN
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1. DATE OF ARRIVAL AT AND DEPARTURE FROM EACH STATION OCCUPIED IN THIS THEATER:

Negative.

2. LOSSES IN ACTION (KILLED, WOUNDED, AND MISSING):

2nd Lt. JAMES A. SINCLAIR, killed in action, 10 July 1945.
2nd Lt. ELLIS A. WALLENBERG, killed in action, 15 July 1945.

3. AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Capt. ALAN B. SINAUER was presented the Bronze Star Medal 24 July 1945 with appropriate ceremony per General Orders #37, Hq., 7th Air Force, APO # 244, dated 9 March 1945, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 27 May to 24 June 1944.

4. ORGANIZATION:

Negative.

5. STRENGTH, PERSONNEL:

Seventy-one (71) Officers.
Two hundred and thirty-four (234) enlisted men.

6. STRENGTH, AIRPLANES:

1 July -- Twenty-three (23) P-47N-2's.
31 July -- Twenty-five (25) P-47N-2's.

7. LOSSES, AIRPLANES:

Two (2) lost on 1 July. Destroyed by fire when plane of the 507th Fighter Group landed in the 73rd parking area.
Three (3) were shot down by A/A over Anami O Shima on 10 July. Lt. SINCLAIR was killed in action, Capt. SNYDER and Lt. HORNER bailed out and were picked up by Dumbo.
One (1) lost on Kyushu strike on 15 July. Lt. WALLENBERG bailed out unsuccessfully and crashed into ocean after plane.
One (1) crashed and burned at end of runway on 29 July on take-off for Kyushu. 1st Lt. AYER uninjured.

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The primary mission of the squadron during the latter part of July was changed from Air Defense of the Okinawa area to that of hitting the enemy at his own bases. With the coming of the P-51, Mustangs, the task of flying combat air patrols was turned over to the new comers. Flying time therefore showed a decline over the preceding month with a total of 1649:35 being logged. Of this total, 1368:00 was combat time, 65:15 was C.A.P. time and the balance of 216:20 was training, tests, etc.. The combat time was flown on 25 missions of which the majority, eighteen (18), were to Kyushu, five (5) to China and two (2) to Take and Tanaga Shims in the northern part of the Nansei Shoto chain. The missions to China were mostly strikes against shipping in the Shanghai and Chusan Archipelago areas while the missions to Kyushu and the Island Chain were escort, rocket, strafing, dive-bombing and fire-bombing of airfields and installations (See Appendix #4 for Resume and Mission Reports). There was no aerial combat during the month as the enemy is apparently saving his planes for the final assaults on the Jap homeland which appear to be forthcoming. The Barflies therefore had no opportunities to raise their total of "kills".

The successes of the month did not go without losses. Seven (7) aircraft were lost. Two were lost by fire on the first day of the month. A plane of the 507th Fighter Group, flying dusk C.A.P., mistook the taxi strip for the runway and landed in the 73rd parking area, hitting one plane and setting it afire. 73rd guards and officers, and other personnel, hurried to the scene and moved planes from the immediate vicinity of the fire. S/Sgts NAYLOR and SYLVESTER and Sgts FRIDLEY, LEMDO and ROCHER taxied planes away

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from the area. One other plane caught fire and was destroyed before it could be moved. There were no injuries inflicted upon personnel nor damage to any equipment of this squadron.

Our first combat losses for the month occurred on 10 July. While returning from an aborted mission to Kyushu, (aborted because of bad weather), our planes provided cover for rescue operations at Anami O Shima for a downed 333rd Fighter pilot. During the attempts to strafe the gun positions which had been at first firing at the downed pilot three of our planes were hit by A/A. 2nd Lt. JAMES A. SINCLAIR was hit as he was pulling up off his target. The plane turned over and spun into the ocean - pilot going in with plane. Capt. JAMES R. SNYDER and 2nd Lt. DELMAR A. HORNER sustained hits necessitating their bailing out. Both pilots were picked up by a dummy plane. Capt. SNYDER received lacerations of the face and a wrenched back while Lt. HORNER broke a leg when he hit the tail of his plane as he bailed out. Both pilots were hospitalized. 2nd Lt. ELLIS A. WALLENBERG was killed on a mission to Kyushu on 15 July. Because of mechanical difficulties he was forced to bail out. He did so but had some difficulty getting clear and his chute never opened and he crashed into the ocean after his plane. While taking off on a mission to Kyushu on 29 July, 1st Lt. JOHN W. AYLER's plane stalled just after being airborne and crashed off the end of the runway. Plane was destroyed by fire but pilot escaped uninjured.

Eleven (11) planes were assigned to the squadron during the month to make up for losses. Three (3) new aircraft were flown from Guam by Capt. MARTIN and Lts. AYLER and SYKES, six (6) were received from the 301st Fighter Wing, and two (2) reconditioned planes were assigned from the 612th Air Engineering Squadron.

During the early portion of the month the tactical requirements were

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such as to make more time available for maintenance and an average of 66% of the assigned airplanes were available for missions. The engineering maintenance shop and hangar were completed during the latter part of the month and greatly facilitated night maintenance necessitated by the greater demand for planes placed on the squadron as a result of stepped-up operations. The supply situation greatly improved, and the amount of time lost due to lack of parts has dropped to the point where it is no longer a serious hindrance. Tools and equipment lost during the squadron's move to its present home are now being replaced. The biggest supply problem is wing tanks. It requires ten (10) men daily to move tanks into our area just to keep up with expenditures.

The Armament and Ordnance sections had no particular problems in July but both did their full share toward the overall efficient operation of the squadron. Due to the increase in strafing missions, more than doubling the expenditure of .50 caliber ammunition (74,358 rounds in July as compared to 33,575 in June), both sections were kept busy with supplying the ammunition and cleaning and maintaining the guns. In addition to this, all planes were beresighted during the month. Assistance in preparing the napalm fire bombs used for the first time since operating on this island, was given to the Armament section by a Chemical Warfare Service Company from Okinawa. Orders were received on 28 July from higher headquarters to use Kodachrome film in the gun cameras for 60 days beginning 1 August on all missions. The Kodachrome film is to be used for Special Film Project No. 194 which is sponsored by General H. H. ARNOLD and is a picture of the Army Air Force operating from Australia to Japan. An inspection of small arms and chemical warfare equipment throughout the squadron revealed this equipment to be in good condition.

The remainder of the squadron's sections carried on with routine work with no problems to speak of. The squadron spent a great deal of time preparing

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itself for the move to a new living area. This move was accomplished on the 30th of the month with very little difficulty. Details had been at work for a week staking out the tent area, digging latrines and a cistern and generally preparing the area for the arrival of the squadron. All tents were up within the day and a hot meal was served in the mess hall the same evening. The new living area is located at the northwest corner of the island, just west of the north end of Birch strip. (See Appendix #1 for map of area).

There were several things that took place during the month that improved the general overall feeling of the men. Most important was the decrease in enemy air activity over Ie Shima during the month with only twenty-two (22) red alerts being called. (See Appendix #2 for complete list). This drop meant more sleep which was greatly appreciated. Another major morale booster was the opening of the 364th Service Group Post Exchange where the men could purchase a limited amount of juices, candy, cigarettes, cigars and a few other luxury items. Two cans of beer also became available for enlisted men during the month. A number of softball games were played with other units by a newly organized team. The Barflies won each game.

The health situation, as reported by the squadron medical section, shows a marked improvement with only thirty-eight (38) officers and enlisted men reporting on sick calls. The most prevalent affliction was skin disease and four (4) men were hospitalized.

Several promotions were made amongst the enlisted personnel (See Chronology) as well as in the officer ranks. On the 25th July, Capt. LEWIS A. NELSON, who had rejoined the squadron from the 333rd, received his majority. Two new captains are JOHN W. CANNWELL, Engineering Officer, and MARSDEN J. DUPUY, pilot.

The squadron underwent several changes in personnel. Eight (8) were pilots

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were returned to the states on reassignment. Capts. HERBERT W. MARTIN and GERALD R. CRAEBER were transferred to the 318th Group while Capt. LEE G. LEFTORGE was returned to his former squadron, the 333rd, when Major NELSON rejoined the 73rd. Pilots returning to the United States on reassignment were: Capt. JOHN R. GALT and Lts. JOSEPH J. DE VONA, ROBERT B. MILLER and ROBERT G. O'HARA on 3 July; Lt. JOHN E. DANNEK on 15 July; Capt. DONALD C. KANE on 17 July and Lt. PAUL E. MOORE on 26 July. The squadron is now left with only five of the original pilots that left Oahu for the forward area - Saipan: Majors MC COWN and NELSON, Capts. SMITH and WILSON and 1st Lt. SHEPARD. Six pilots enjoyed rest leaves to Oahu for ten days and two other pilots are absent. Lt. DAVID G. WAIKER is attending gunnery school in the states and F/O HOWARD D. MERRICK is en DS to AAFPOA.

Eight enlisted men received furloughs to the United States and one received an emergency furlough. Two men, T/Sgt ROBERT J. HARRIS with 119 and S/Sgt JOSEPH C. WHITEHEAD with 127, were sent back under the "Point System" for discharge, and four men: Sgts WILLIAM B. CUNNINGHAM, THEODORE L. PETERSON, and ERNEST E. ROBERTS and Pfc HENRY B. PHILIPS were returned for discharge on account of being over age. Two enlisted men were also transferred to Hq., 318th Fighter Group during the month.

Fourteen new pilots joined the squadron. This return of pilot strength to sixty, coupled with the elimination of Combat Air Patrol from the squadron's duties, is resulting in individual pilot's being required to fly approximately every third day instead of the more rigorous routine held to in the past.

Although several flying officers were submitted for the Air Medal or/and Distinguished Flying Crosses, only one award was received by a member of the squadron. Capt. ALAN B. SIMAUER, Executive Officer, was presented the Bronze

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Star Medal 24 July with appropriate ceremony for meritorious service in connection with the squadron assault force in the Saipan, Marianas campaign.

With the improvement of conditions and the knowledge that furloughs and reassignment are realities instead of mere dreams, the morale of the squadron has shown a good improvement. Only a more definite statement of policy by higher command and an increase in the numbers of men leaving for home could bring the morale up to a higher level.

With the culmination of the years of training at Oahu; and service at Midway, Saipan and Ie Shima now at hand; the 73rd Fighter Squadron is prepared for whatever task it may be called upon to perform to hasten the inevitable, victorious conclusion of the war.

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CHRONOLOGY FOR THE MONTH OF JULY

- 1 July: Airplane of the 507th Fighter Group landed on taxi strip where 73rd Fighter were parked, hitting plane and setting it afire. Two (2) airplanes of this Squadron were completely destroyed and another damaged. There were no injuries inflicted upon personnel of this Squadron.
- 3 July: Following listed Officers reld fr asgmt & dy and asgd to AAFPOA Unasgd & atchd to AAFPOA Res & Rec Ctr APO 953 par 1 SO 67 Hq 318th Ftr Gp, APO 245:

JOHN R. GALT	Captain	0-799158
JOSEPH J. DE VONA	1st Lt.	0-763524
ROBERT B. MILLER	1st Lt.	0-759047
ROBERT G. O'HARA	1st Lt.	0-697577

Following listed Enlisted Man sk in Hosp 156th Stat Hosp APO 1053 to dy:

JOHN C. BEALL	S/Sgt	33067756
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Following listed Enlisted Men fr dy to TDY Cas Dep CPBC, APO #968 for shipment to continental United States for 45 day recuperation period par 1 Ltr O Hq WPBC APO 244:

MAX R. RITCHIE	S/Sgt	37380263
CLAUDE W. RHODES	S/Sgt	16030536
RAYMOND E. MURPHY	Sgt	13036311
LYNN R. KERN	Sgt	37377753
CHARLES E. LEWIS	Sgt	32338243
LOUIS P. SOBUSH	Cpl	36504746
ANTHONY MARZILLI	Cpl	31113116
ELMO B. ELLIS	Pfc	39533440

- 4 July: Following listed Officer fr dy to Sk in Hosp 156th Sta Hosp APO 1053 as of 2 July 1945:

PAUL E. MOORE JR.	2nd Lt.	0-834269
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Following listed Enlisted Man fr Sk in US Fleet Hosp No 111 trfd to atch Unasgd Det of Pnts 204th Gen Hosp APO 246 par 3 Ltr O 250 204th Gen Hosp 19 June 1945:

EDWARD A. MC CAULEY	Cpl	31140269
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- 5 July: Following listed Officers dy to TDY Air Depot APO 234:

HERBERT W. MARTIN	Captain	0-667086
JOHN W. AYLER	1st Lt.	0-412788
THEODORE J. SYKES	1st Lt.	0-827537

- 8 July: Following listed Officer fr dy to DS AAFPOA, APO 953, as of 4 July 1945, par 6 SO 173, Hq Seventh Air Force, APO 244.

DAVID G. WALKER	2nd Lt.	0-201633
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8 July: Following promotions per par 2, SO 71, Hq. 318th Fighter Group.

To Sergeant (temporary): FRANCIS J. DONAHUE

To Corporal (temporary): JOHN T. CHESLEY
HOWARD W. RODGERS

To PFC (temporary) : THADDEUS J. O'CONNOR

9 July: Sgt ARMANDO A. MIGNONE trfd from hosp to Air Depot, APO 953, per par 27, SO 133, Hq., 135th Repl Battalion as of 2 July.

10 July: While on return from a Kyushu mission and acting as cover for rescue operations at Amami O Shima for downed 333rd pilot, three (3) of our planes were hit by A/A fire. Lt. Sinclair was hit and crashed into ocean. Capt. SNYDER and Lt. HORNER were forced to bail out and were picked up by Dumbo.

11 July: Following promotions per par 3, SO 73, Hq., 318th Fighter Group:

To Sergeant (temporary): WILLIAM STEINBERG

To Corporal (temporary): VICTOR C. ARENSDORF

12 July: Following promotions per par 3, SO 75, Hq., 318th Fighter Group:

To Sergeant (temporary): GEORGE E. FISCHER

To Corporal (temporary): ELWOOD L. ALBRIGHT

15 July: 2nd Lt. ELLIS A. WALLEBERG was killed in action on a mission to Kyushu. He was forced to bail out, but jumped at too low an altitude and crashed into the ocean after his plane.

Sgt WELDEN L. HAYWARD from sk in hosp to evac by air to APO 331 for further hospitalization and treatment.

16 July: Following pilots joined squadron from 318th Fighter Group per par 2, SO 77, Hq., 318th Fighter Group:

Capt. SAMUEL H. HENTON, JR.	0-25006
1st Lt. ELMER D. ELLIOTT	0-497410
2nd Lt. FREDERICK H. BIRD, JR.	0-812739
2nd Lt. FREDERICK L. HUETTENMOSER	0-808267
2nd Lt. RALPH F. STAUFFER, JR.	0-834679
2nd Lt. DONALD H. STUCK	0-836036

17 July: Capt. LEE G. LEFFORGE reld fr asgmt and asgd 333rd Ftr Sq per par 1, SO 78, Hq. 318th Fighter Group.

Capt. HERBERT W. MARTIN reld fr asgmt and asgd 318th Ftr Gp, per par 1, SO 78, 318th Ftr Gp.

Capt. LEWIS A. NELSON ASGD and jd from 333rd Ftr Sq per par 1, SO 78, Hq., 318th Ftr Gp and assumed prim dty as Operations Officer.

Capt. DONALD C. KANE reld fr asgmt and dy and asgd to AAFPOA unasgd and stchd to AAFPOA rest and recreation center.

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- 21 July: Capt. GERALD R. CRABBE reld fr asgmt and asgd to 318th Ftr Gp per par 1, SO 80, Hq., 318th Ftr Gp.
- 22 July: P/O HOWARD D. MERRICK fr dy to tdy USASTAF, APO 953, per par 1, SO 89, Hq., 318th Ftr Gp.
- 23 July: Following pilots asgd fr 301st Ftr Wing per par 3, SO 89, Hq., 318th Ftr Gp:

Capt. FRED L. SLITE	O-720579
2nd Lt. WILLIAM B. HOSGLARD	O-835892
P/O EDWARD P. POOIE	T-131091
P/O ALBERT K. MENLEY	T-64966

Following officers fr dy to DS, AAFPOA rest and recreation center, APO 953, approx. 10 days, per par 1, SO 84, Hq., 318th Ftr Gp:

1st Lt. GERALD J. HAGNEY
1st Lt. KARL A. PACK

Following officers reld fr atchd to Sq and returned to proper org. (7th Air Force) per par 5, SO 161, Hq., 7th Air Force:

1st Lt. GEORGE F. HOLLY, JR.

- 25 July: Following promotions per par 19, SO 195, Hq AAFPOA:

To Major: LEWIS A. NELSON

To Captain: JOHN W. CANTWELL
MANSDEN J. DUPUY

1st Lt. JOHN L. DANHER reld fr asgmt and asgd continental US per par 1, Ltr O 435, Hq AAFPOA dtd 15 July 1945.

Sgt STEPHEN WARGO trfd in gr to Hq 318th Ftr Gp per par 3, SO 85, Hq 318th Ftr Gp.

- 26 July: 2nd Lt. PAUL B. MOORE, Jr. reld fr asgmt and asgd FOA unasgd per par 3, Ltr O 357, Hq 204th Gen Hosp dtd 18 July 1945.

Sgt HAROLD E. PARROTT trfd in gr to 318th Ftr Gp per par 4, SO 86, Hq 318th Ftr Gp.

- 27 July: Following promotion per par 1, SO 87, Hq 318th Ftr Gp:

To Corporal (temporary): KENNETH H. VAN HORN

- 28 July: Capt. JAMES R. SNYDER reld fr asgmt and asgd to AAFPOA unasgd and atchd to AAFPOA rest and recreation center per par 2, SO 88, Hq., 318th Ftr Gp.

2nd Lt. JAMES D. HANDLY JR. to DS AAFPOA rest and recreation center, APO 953, per par 1, SO 88, Hq., 318th Ftr Gp (approx 10 days).

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29 July: 1st Lt. JOHN W. AYLER's plane crashed on take-off for Krushu.
Plane was destroyed by fire; pilot escaping uninjured.

Following enlisted men leave squadron, trfd in gr to CPBC Comv of
Govt over 40 years of age, per travel orders 220.8:

Sgt WILLIAM B. GUNNINGHAM
Sgt THEODORE L. PETERSON
Sgt ERNEST E. ROBERTS
Pfc HENRY B. PHELPS

30 July: Following enlisted men trfd in gr to WPBC personnel center and cas
dep, APO 244, per par 1, SO 186, Hq., 7th Air Force, APO 331:

T/Sgt ROBERT J. HARRIS
S/Sgt JOSEPH C. WHITEHEAD

31 July: Sgt VICTOR T. MASON fr Dy to tdy 408th POA casual det, APO 968
(30 day emergency furlough) per par 1, Ltr O, Hq., Island Comd,
Dtd 28 July 1945.

Following pilots join squadron from 301st Fighter Wing per par 4, SO
89, Hq., 318th Fighter Group:

1st Lt. CHARLES E. POWELL	0-408544
2nd Lt. WILLIAM F. DE SAITE	0-831584
2nd Lt. HARVEY FOGEL	0-2066989
2nd Lt. JOHN F. WASSON	0-763428

Following promotion per par 2, SO 89, Hq., 318th Ftr Gp:

To sergeant (temporary): ARTHUR R. FEIGENHAUER

Cpl EDWARD A. MC CAULEY joined sq fr 23rd Repl Depot per par 2, SO
83, Hq., 318th Ftr Gp:

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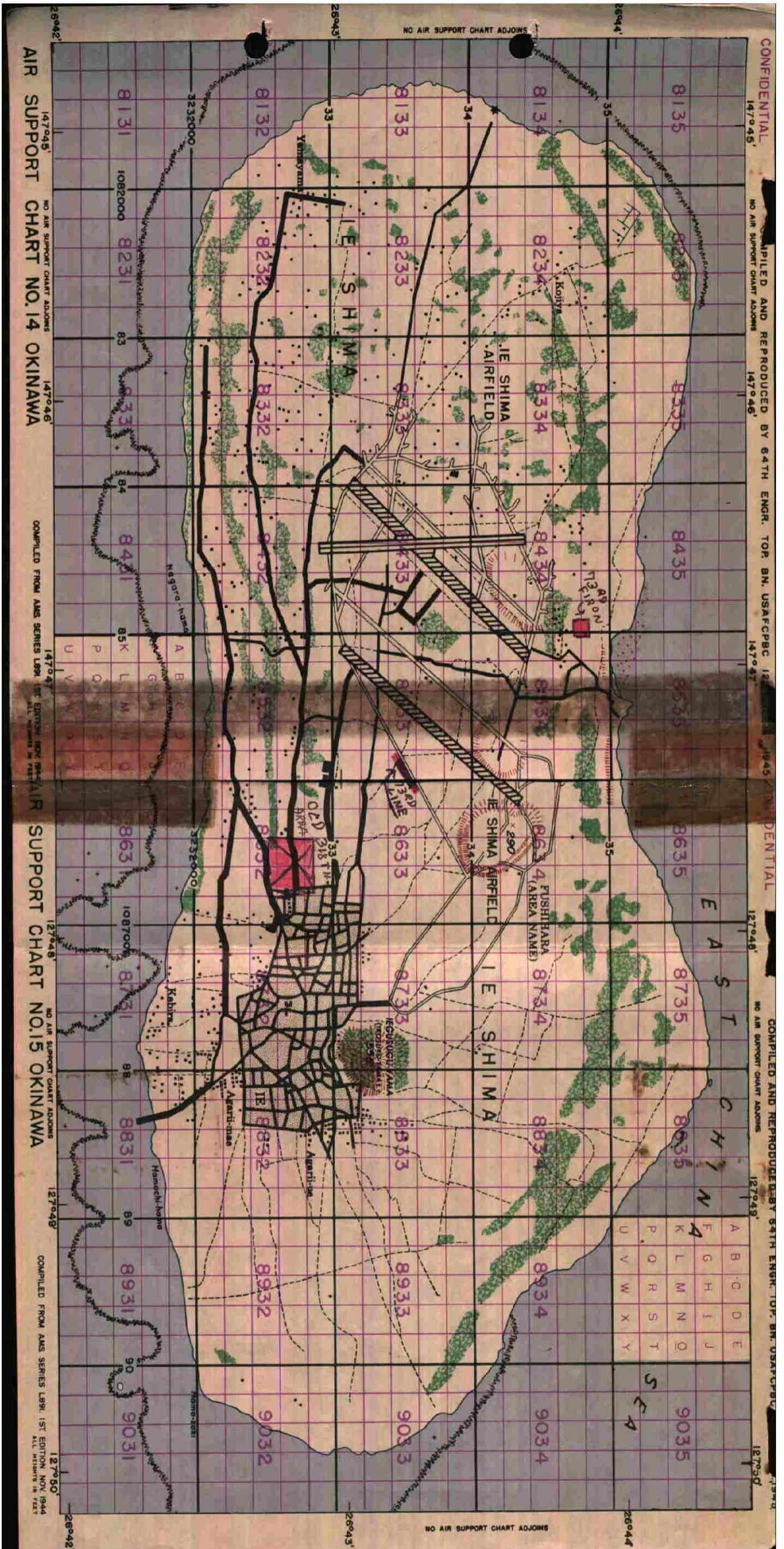
LIST OF ATTACHED APPENDICES

1. Map showing location of squadron living area and line.
(only attached to Original copy of history for War Dept.)
2. Air Raid Chronology for the month of July.
3. Sortie Records of pilots no longer in the squadron.
(Only attached to Original History for the War Dept).
4. Resume of Month's Missions:
 - a. 318th Fighter Group Intelligence Report covering operations from 1 July 1945 to 31 July 1945 Inclusive.
 - b. Attached Mission Reports.

MAP OF LIVING AREA

73RD FIGHTER SQUADRON, AAF

APPENDIX # 1



73RD FIGHTER SQUADRON, AAFORGANIZATIONAL HISTORY

APPENDIX # 2

AIR RAID CHRONOLOGY FOR JULY

<u>DATE OF RAID</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
2 July	0345-0440	
3 July	0345-0440	Jap plane shot down by night fighter over island. It fell earthward in ball of flame.
5 July	1130-1200	
8 July	2020-2050	
12 July	0320-0420 0430-0500	String of bombs dropped west of south tip of runway. No serious damage.
14 July	0320-0400	One E/A dropped a few bombs on west side of runway.
17 July	2215-2245	
18 July	2045-2212	
19 July	2000-2150	
21 July	0250-0350	
22 July	0240-0340	
24 July	2005-2035	
27 July	2245-2320 2345-0030	
28 July	0130-0145 0210-0350	Heavy H/A fire. Heavy A/A fire. Two bombs dropped. Phosphorus shell exploded in air.
29 July	2345-0030	
30 July	0205-0218 0252-0355 2035-2137 2311-2335	

SORTIE RECORDS

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COMBAT MISSION RECORD

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JOSEPH J. DE VORA
(Name)

2ND LIEUTENANT
(Rank)

C-763524
(Serial Number)

DATE	MISSION NO.		TYPE MISSION (1)	TARGET	SORTIE TIME (2)	TOTAL SORTIES TO DATE (3)	ABORT TIME (2)	CAP TIME (2)	INTER- CEPT TIME (2)(4)	TOTAL COMBAT TIME
	SQ NO	GP NO.								
1/21/45 to 1/27/45 to 12/31/45 Inclusive					68:30	37		128:45		177:15
1/17/45	1-1	1-17	Armed Recon	Pagan	2:10	38				199:25
1/16/45			C.A.P. for week					6:00		205:25
1/17/45	1-3	1-25	Armed Recon	Pagan	2:20	39				207:45
1/13/45			C.A.P. for week					8:05		215:50
1/17/45	1-38 Sq 1-6	1-6	Escort	Truk - bailed out			2:00			217:50
1/20/45			C.A.P. for week					3:30		221:20
1/27/45			C.A.P. for week					3:45		225:05
2/3/45			C.A.P. for week					4:15		229:20
2/17/45	2-6	2-29	Fire-bombing	Pagan	2:20	40				231:40
2/21/45			C.A.P. for week					5:00		236:40
2/13/45			C.A.P. for week					1:50		238:30
2/8/45	3-3	3-8	Armed Recon	Pagan	2:20	41				240:50
2/10/45			C.A.P. for week					5:10		246:00

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FOOTNOTES (See Back of Page)

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C O N F I D E N T I A LREMARKS

Joined Squadron on 21 February 1944 from 6th (Night) Fighter Squadron.
 Ground Looped on take off due to material failure, damaging plane, on 6 August 1944.
 Awarded Air Medal and First Oak Leaf Cluster to Air Medal on 19 September 1944 in
 presentation at East Field, Saipan, per 7th AF General Orders #141, dated
 20 October 1944.

C E R T I F I C A T E

This is to certify that the entries on this form are a true and correct
 record of the combat missions of JOHN J. HESSEY, JR., 2ND LT., O-763524
 for the dates shown. (Name, Rank, and ASN)

3 June 1945

(Date)

/s/
/t/ JOHN J. HESSEY, JR., Major, AG
 (Name & Rank)
73RD FIGHTER SQUADRON, AAF.
 (Organization Commanding)

FOOTNOTES

- (1) Missions followed by "X" have been used as bases for awards.
- (2) Time to be obtained from Pilot's Form 1.
- (3) Last entry represents credit sorties to date.
- (4) All combat interceptions, including those turned friendly, where no contact with enemy has been made.

NOTE: For instructions concerning proper execution of this form refer to VII Fighter Command Memo No. 35-8.

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COMBAT MISSION RECORD

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JOSEPH J. DE VOHA

1ST LIEUTENANT

O-763524

(Name)

(Rank)

(Serial Number)

DATE	MISSION NO		TYPE MISSION (1)	TARGET	SORTIE TIME (2)	TOTAL SORTIES TO DATE (3)	ABORT TIME (2)	CAP TIME (2)	INTER- CEPT TIME (2) (4)	TOTAL COMBAT TIME
	SQ NO	GP NO								
Totals brought forward:					76:40	41	2:00	13:20		246:00
3/11/45	3-4	3-10	DB & S, Armed Recon	Haug & Pagan	3:40	43				249:40
3/16/45	3-5	3-12	Armed Recon	Pagan	2:15	44				251:55
3/21/45			C.A.P. for week					4:30		256:25
3/24/45			C.A.P. for week					4:30		260:55
3/31/45			C.A.P. for week					1:00		261:55
4/28/45	4-1	4-2	Fighter Sweep	Irak	6:30	46				268:25
5/10/45	5-1A	5-5	Fighter Sweep	Harcus			8:00			276:25
5/20/45	5-1	5-8	Intruder	Fukue Shima	5:30	47				281:55
5/25/45			C.A.P. 5/14 - 5/25					12:35		294:30
6/7/45	6-6	6-17	Escort	Southern Kyushu	5:30	48				300:00
6/8/45	6-8	6-21	Barrier C.A.P.	Asuni O Shima	4:15	49				304:15
6/11/45	6-11	6-27	Fighter Sweep	Southern Kyushu	5:30	50				309:45
6/13/45	6-15	6-32	Fighter Sweep	Kanoya Airfield, Kyushu	3:30	51				313:15

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- (2) Time to be obtained from Pilot's Form 1.
- (3) Last entry represents great sorties to date.
- (4) All combat interceptions, including those turned friendly, where no contact with enemy has been made.

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28 June 1945 _____ (Date)
 73RD FIGHTER COMMAND, AAF (Organization Commanding)

_____/s/ (Name, rank)
 73RD FIGHTER COMMAND, AAF

_____/s/ (Name, rank, & A.S.N.)
 For the dates shown.
 This is to certify that the entries on this form are a true and correct record of the combat missions of _____.

CERTIFICATE

Award Distinguished Flying Cross per General Order #2, 7th Air Force, dated 20 April 1945.

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JOSEPH J. DE VONA

1ST LIEUTENANT

0-763524

(Name)

(Rank)

(Serial Number)

DATE	MISSION NO.		TYPE MISSION (1)	TARGET	SORTIE TIME (2)	TOTAL SORTIES TO DATE (3)	ABORT TIME (2)	CAP TIME (2)	INTER- CEPT TIME (2)(4)	TOTAL COMBAT TIME
	SQ NO	GP NO								
Totals Carried Forward					113:20	51	10:00	189:55		313:15
6/24/45			C.A.P. for two weeks					8:15		321:30
6/27/45	6-18	6-42	Dive-bomb	Amami Oshima	2:45	52				324:15
6/20/45	6-21	6-54	Dive-bomb	Osaka A/P, Kyushu - Abort			1:00			325:15
6/22/45	6-22	6-56	Escort	Kyushu	7:30	53				332:45
6/30/45	6-30	6-63	Escort	Kyushu	4:30	54				337:15
6/30/45			C.A.P. for two weeks					7:15		344:30
	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	

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Submitted for the 2nd Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal on the 20 June 1945.

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(Name, Rank, and ASN)

/s/
/t/

WILBUR H. MC CONN, Major, AG

73RD FIGHTER SQUADRON, AAF, APO #245

(Organization Commanding)

7/1/45

(Date)

FOOTNOTES

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- (4) All combat interceptions, including those turned friendly, where no contact with enemy has been made.

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JOHN R. GAIT

1ST LIEUTENANT

0-799158

(Name)

(Rank)

(Serial Number)

DATE	MISSION NO		TYPE MISSION (1)	TARGET	SORTIE TIME (2)	TOTAL SORTIES TO DATE (3)	ABORT TIME (2)	CAP TIME (2)	INFLY- CEPT TIME (2)(4)	TOTAL COMBAT TIME
	SQ NO	GP NO								
Totals from 6/23/44 to 12/31/44 Inclusive					75:45	39		123:50		199:35
1/1/45	1-1	1-7	Armed Recon	Pagan	2:20	40				201:55
1/6/45			C.A.P. for week					6:10		208:05
1/13/45			C.A.P. for week					5:05		213:10
1/17/45	P-38 Sq 1-6	1-46	Escort	Truk			2:30			215:40
1/20/45			C.A.P. for week					3:00		218:40
1/21/45	P-38 Sq 1-7	1-54	Escort	Truk	6:15	42				224:55
1/27/45			C.A.P. for week					5:00		229:55
2/3/45			C.A.P. for week					2:25		232:20
2/9/45	2-2	2-11	Armed Recon	Pagan	2:00	43				234:20
2/10/45			C.A.P. for week					6:30		240:50
2/12/45	2-3	2-16	Armed Recon	Pagan	2:15	44				243:05
2/15/45	P-38 Sq 2-5	2-22	Esc't & Ftr Swp	Iwo Jima	8:15	46				251:20
2/17/45			C.A.P. for week					2:00		253:20

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23 February 1945 _____ (Date)
 75th FIGHTER SQUADRON, AAF _____ (Organization)
 Commanding _____ (Name, Rank)
 /s/ JOHN J. HUBBELL, JR., Major, AC _____

This is to certify that the entries on this form are a true and correct record of the combat missions of JOHN R. GALT, 1st Lt, O-799158 (Name, Rank, and ASN) for the dates shown.

CERTIFICATE

Joined Squadron 22 September 1943 from United States.
 Awarded Air Medal and Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal in presentation at East Field, Saipan per 74th Air Force General Orders #141, dated 20 October 1944, on 19 September 1944.

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JOHN R. CAIR

CAPTAIN

O-799158

(Name)

(Rank)

(Serial Number)

DATE	MISSION NO.		TYPE MISSION (1)	TARGET	SORTIE TIME (2)	TOTAL SORTIES TO DATE (3)	ABORT TIME (2)	CAP TIME (2)	INTER- CEPT TIME (2)(4)	TOTAL COMBAT TIME
	SQ NO	GP NO								
	Totals Carried Forward				96:50	46	2:30	154:00		253:20
2/27/45	2-6	2-29	Firebombing	Japan	2:30	47				255:50
2/28/45			G.A.P. for week					5:55		261:45
2/29/45			G.A.P. for week					1:30		263:15
3/1/45			G.A.P. for week					3:25		266:40
3/12/45	3-4	3-10	Bomb & Strafing	Hang	3:40	49				270:20
3/14/45			G.A.P. for week					1:35		271:55
3/22/45			G.A.P. for week					3:10		275:05
4/22/45	4-1	4-2	Fighter Sweep	Truk	6:10	51				281:15
5/25/45			G.A.P. for week	(5/24 to 5/25/45)				13:45		300:00
5/30/45	5-1	5-13	Recon	Kyushu	3:00	52				303:00
5/31/45			G.A.P. for week					2:00		305:00
6/1/45	6-1	6-19	Recon	Southern Kyushu	4:15	53				309:15
6/11/45	6-11	6-27	Fighter Sweep	Kyushu - Abortive			1:00			310:15

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REMARKS

Awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross per General Orders #28, Hq., Seventh Air Force, APO # 244, dated 22 February 1945 in presentation on 22 February 1945 by Generals Douglas and Moore.

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7/1/45

(Date)

/s/
/t/

WILLIAM H. MC CONN, Major, AC

(Name & Rank)
73RD FIGHTER SQUADRON, AAF, APO # 245

(Organization Commanding)

FOOTNOTES

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JOHN R. GALT

CAPTAIN

0-799153

(Name)

(Rank)

(Serial Number)

DATE	MISSION NO.		TYPE MISSION (1)	TARGET	SORTIE TIME (2)	TOTAL SORTIES TO DATE (3)	ABORT TIME (2)	CAP TIME (2)	INTER- CEPT TIME (2)(4)	TOTAL COMBAT TIME
	SQ NO	GP NO								
Totals Carried Forward					116:25	53	3:30	190:20		310:15
6/11/49			G.A.F. for two weeks					9:25		319:40
6/30/49			G.A.F. for two weeks					13:19		332:55
X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

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This is to certify that the entries on this form are a true and correct record of the combat missions of CAPTAIN JOHN R. CAIR - 0-792158 for the dates shown. (Name, Rank, and ASN)

/s/
/c/

WILSON H. MC GOWN, Major, AC
(Name & Rank)

73D TFWING SQUADRON, AAF, APO # 245
(Organization Commanding)

7/2/45

(Date)

F O O T N O T E S

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- (2) Time to be obtained from Pilot's Form 1.
- (3) Last entry represents credit sorties to date.
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GERALD A. GRABER

CAPTAIN

0-62917

(Name)

(Rank)

(Serial Number)

DATE	MISSION NO		TYPE MISSION (1)	TARGET	SORTIE TIME (2)	TOTAL SORTIES TO DATE (3)	ABORT TIME (2)	CAP TIME (2)	INTER-CEPT TIME (2) (4)	TOTAL COMBAT TIME
	SQ NO	GP NO								
3/10/45			G.A.P. for week					1:55		1:55
3/11/45			G.A.P. for week					2:40		4:35
3/24/45			G.A.P. for week					2:55		7:30
5/25/45			G.A.P. 5/16-5/25					10:35		18:05
5/31/45	5-6	5-25	Search	Amami O Shima	3:30	1				21:35
5/31/45			G.A.P. for week					4:15		25:50
6/6/45	6-5	6-34	Fighter Sweep	Southern Kyushu	4:45	2				30:35
6/30/45			G.A.P. for 1/2 month					10:00		40:35
X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

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- (2) Time to be obtained from Pilot's Form 1.
- (3) Last entry represents credit sorted to date.
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29 July 1945 (Date)
 7303 FIGHTER SQUADRON, 487 (Organization Commanding)

/s/ [Signature]
 [Name, rank, No. of, No. of, No. of] (Name, rank)

(Name, rank, & A.S.N.)
 [Signature], CAPT., 0-462717
 This is to certify that the entries on this form are a true and correct record of the combat missions of [Name], for the dates shown.

CERTIFICATE

7303 Fighter Squadron on 3 March 1945 from 318th Fighter Group.

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EARL K. HARRIS
(Name)1ST LIEUTENANT
(Rank)C-306572
(Serial Number)

DATE	MISSION NO.		TYPE MISSION (1)	TARGET	SORTIE TIME (2)	TOTAL SORTIES TO DATE (3)	ABORT TIME (2)	CAP TIME (2)	INTER- CEPT TIME (2)(4)	TOTAL COMBAT TIME
	SQ NO	GP NO								
Totals from 6/23/44 to 12/31/44 Inclusive:					91:05	44		137:10	(145)	228:15
1/3/45	1-2	1-16	Escort (2 F5a)	Iwo Jima	7:50	46				236:05
1/6/45			C.A.P. for week					2:35		238:40
1/13/45			C.A.P. for week					5:15		243:55
1/16/45	1-7	1-44	Armed Recon	Pagan	2:15	47				246:10
1/20/45			C.A.P. for week					8:35		254:45
1/23/45	1-7	1-54	Escort	Truk	6:15	49				261:00
1/27/45			C.A.P. for week					5:20		266:20
2/3/45			C.A.P. for week					2:00		268:20
2/10/45			C.A.P. for week					5:25		273:45
2/17/45			C.A.P. for week					9:40		283:25
2/22/45	2-6	2-29	Fire bombing	Pagan	2:20	50				285:45
2/24/45			C.A.P. for week					1:30		287:15
3/2/45			C.A.P. for week					2:48		290:00

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Joined Squadron 22 September 1943 from United States.
Awarded Air Medal and 1st Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal per General Orders #143, Hq 7th AF, dd 20 October 1944.

C E R T I F I C A T E

This is to certify that the entries on this form are a true and correct record of the combat missions of EARL E. HANCOCK, 1ST LT., C-306672 for the dates shown. (Name, Rank, and ASN)

/s/ JOHN J. HENRY, JR., Major, AC
/t/ (Name & Rank)

6 June 1945
(Date)

7TH FIGHTER SQUADRON, 1AF
(Organization Commanding)

FOOTNOTES

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WILL E. HARRISON
(Name)1ST LIEUTENANT
(Rank)0-306-77
(Serial Number)

DATE	MISSION NO.		TYPE MISSION (1)	TARGET	SORTIE TIME (2)	TOTAL SORTIES TO DATE (3)	ABORT TIME (2)	CAP TIME (2)	INTER- CEPT TIME (2)(4)	TOTAL COMBAT TIME
	SQ NO	GP NO								
Total: brought forward:					109:45	50		120:15	(145)	290:00
3/24/45			C.A.P. for week					4:15		294:15
3/31/45			C.A.P. for week					7:15		295:30
4/30/45	4-2	4-3	Fighter Sweep	Truk (One Daily dest'd)	7:15	52				302:45
5/25/45			C.A.P. 5/14 - 5/25					21:10		323:55
5/28/45	5-6	5-21	Fighter Sweep	Kyushu	5:30	53				329:25
5/31/45	5-8	5-25	Search	Amami O Shima	3:30	54				332:55
6/3/45	6-3	6-9	Scramble	Okinawa	1:40	55				334:35
6/6/45	6-5	6-14	Fighter Sweep	Kyushu	5:15	56				339:50
6/7/45	6-7	6-19	Hookler	Southern Kyushu	4:15	57				344:05
6/11/45	6-11	6-27	Fighter Sweep	Southern Kyushu	4:00	58				348:05
6/14/45			C.A.P. for two weeks					8:40		356:45
6/16/45	6-17	6-40	High Cover	Kikai Shima	3:45	59				360:30
6/18/45	6-19	6-47	Dive bombing	Yokuno Airfield, Yokuno Shima						368:30

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Awarded Distinguished Flying Cross per General Orders #52, 84 7th Air Force, dated 20 April 1945.

Credited with (confirmed) was (1) MIKE over Task on Fighter Sweep on 4/30/45

C E R T I F I C A T E

This is to certify that the entries on this form are a true and correct record of the combat missions of PAUL H. BARBER, 1st Lt., G-206672 for the dates shown. (Name, Rank, and ASN)

/s/
/t/ WILSON H. DE COCK, Major, AC
(Name & Rank)

28 June 1945
(Date)

7TH FIGHTER B. GROUP, A.F.
(Organization Commanding)

FOOTNOTES

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EARL H. BARBER

1st LIEUTENANT

0-606672

(Name)

(Rank)

(Serial Number)

DATE	MISSION NO		TYPE MISSION (1)	TARGET	SORTIE TIME (2)	TOTAL SORTIES TO DATE (3)	ABORT TIME (2)	CAP TIME (2)	INTER-CEPT TIME (2) (4)	TOTAL COMBAT TIME
	SQ NO	GP NO								
Totals brought forwards					344:55	59		219:35	(1:45)	360:30
6/30/45			C.A.P. for two weeks					5:00		365:30
7/3/45	7-6	7-7	Escort	Southern Kyushu	4:16	60				369:45
7/7/45	7-8	7-14	Escort	Tanaga Shima	4:25	61				374:10
X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

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FOOTNOTES

13 July 1945 (Date)
3RD FIGHTER SQUADRON, AF (Organization Commanding)
WILSON R. MC COOK, Major, AF (Name, rank)
 /s/ _____
 /t/ _____

MC COOK, Major, AF (Name, rank, & A.S.N.)
 This is to certify that the entries on this form are a true and correct record of the combat missions of WILSON R. MC COOK for the dates shown.

CERTIFICATE

Submitted on 17 June 1945 for 2nd Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal for 5 Missions from 5/28/45 to 6/1/45 inclusive.
 Submitted for 1st Oak Leaf Cluster to Distinguished Flying Cross on July 1945 for 1st Oak Leaf Cluster to Distinguished Flying Cross on 7 June 1945.
 For Night Fighter Medal to Quarters on 7 June 1945.

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DONALD C. KAIE

1ST LIEUTENANT

O-450041

(Name)

(Rank)

(Serial Number)

DATE	MISSION NO		TYPE MISSION (1)	TARGET	SORTIE TIME (2)	TOTAL SORTIES TO DATE (3)	ABORT TIME (2)	CAP TIME (2)	INTER- CEPT TIME (2)(4)	TOTAL COMBAT TIME
	SQ NO	GP NO								
Totals from 11/8/44 to 12/31/44 Inclusive					21:05	7		35:35	(:30)	56:40
1/6/45			G.A.P. for week					8:10		64:50
1/7/45	1-3	1-25	Armed Recon	Pagan	2:30	8				67:20
1/13/45			G.A.P. for week					5:50		73:10
1/14/45	^{P-388q} 1-4	1-36	Escort	Truk	7:00	10				80:10
1/15/45	1-6	1-41	Interception	Tinian-1 EA/G dest by Flt Ldr	2:20	11				82:30
1/20/45			G.A.P. for week					1:15		82:45
1/24/45	^{P-388q} 1-8	1-59	Escort	Iwo Jima	6:30	13				89:15
1/27/45			G.A.P. for week					1:45		91:00
2/3/45			G.A.P. for week					2:00		93:00
2/6/45	^{P-388q} 2-2	2-8	Escort	Iwo Jima			5:30			98:30
2/10/45	^{P-388q} 2-4	2-13	Escort	Iwo Jima	8:25	15		2:00		106:55
2/10/45			G.A.P. for week					5:50		108:55
2/17/45			G.A.P. for week							114:45

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25 February 1945 (Date)

3RD FIGHTER SQUADRON (Organization)

(Name, Rank) Commanding

/s/ JOHN J. HENRY, JR., Major, AC

This is to certify that the entries on this form are a true and correct record of the combat missions of 1st Lt. Donald G. Hale, O-450041 for the dates shown.

CERTIFICATE

3rd Squadron 8 November 1944 from 21st Fighter Group. Credited with (continued) 1/3 sortie in interception during enemy dogfight and on 27 November 1944.

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DONALD G. KANE

CAPTAIN

0-450042

(Name)

(Rank)

(Serial Number)

DATE	MISSION NO		TYPE MISSION (1)	TARGET	SORTIE TIME (2)	TOTAL SORTIES TO DATE (3)	ABORT TIME (2)	CAP TIME (2)	INTER- CEPT TIME (2) (4)	TOTAL COMBAT TIME
	SQ NO	GP NO								
Totals carried forward:					47:50	15	5:30	61:25	(130)	114:45
2/20/45	2-5	2-27	Fighter Cover	Amaban	1:50	16				116:35
2/21/45	2-6	2-29	Fire bombing	Ragan	2:25	17				119:00
2/24/45			G.A.P. for week					1:20		120:20
2/27/45			G.A.P. for week					3:40		124:00
3/1/45			G.A.P. for week					4:45		128:45
3/11/45	3-4	3-10	Bomb & Strafe	Haug	3:40	19				132:25
3/23/45			G.A.P. for week					4:15		136:40
3/31/45			G.A.P. for week					1:30		138:10
4/30/45	4-2	4-3	Fighter Sweep	Truk	7:15	21				145:25
5/20/45	5-1	5-6	Intruder	Kyushu	5:30	22				150:55
5/25/45			G.A.P. 5/14-5/25					12:20		163:15
5/30/45	5-7	5-24	Hookler	Kyushu	4:00	23				167:15
5/31/45			G.A.P. for week					3:15		170:30

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3300 BOMBING SQUADRON, 442
(Organization Commanding)

22 JULY 1945
(Date)

WALTER H. DE GREEK, Major, AF
(Name, Rank)
/s/
/t/

This is to certify that the entries on this form are a true and correct record of the combat missions of DAVID G. EAVE, 0-450017 (Name, Rank, & A.S.N.) for the dates shown.

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COMBAT MISSION RECORD

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DONALD C. KANE
(Name)

CAPTAIN
(Rank)

0-450613
(Serial Number)

DATE	MISSION NO		TYPE MISSION (1)	TARGET	SORTIE TIME (2)	TOTAL SORTIES TO DATE (3)	ABORT TIME (2)	CAP TIME (2)	INTER- CEPT TIME (2) (4)	TOTAL COMBAT TIME
	SQ NO	GP NO								
Totals brought forward:					72:30	23	5:30	12:30	(:30)	176:30
6/6/45	6-5	6-14	Fighter Sweep x	Southern Kyushu	4:30	24				175:00
6/8/45	6-6	6-21	Barrier C.A.P. x	Amami Oshima	4:35	25				179:35
6/11/45	6-12	6-28	Interception x	From Okinawa C.A.P.	2:30	26				182:05
6/12/45	6-14	6-31	Rocket firing	Amami Oshima	2:00	27				184:05
6/14/45			C.A.P. for two weeks					10:00		194:05
6/30/45			C.A.P. for two weeks					8:05		202:10
7/13/45			C.A.P. for two weeks					5:50		208:00
X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

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13 July 1945 (Date)
7300 FIGHTER COMMAND, AF (Organization Commanding)

/s/ [Signature]
/t/ [Signature]
(Name, Rank)

DAVID O. [Signature] (Name, Rank, & A.S.N.)
For the dates shown.
This is to certify that the entries on this form are true and correct record of the combat missions of DAVID O. [Signature]

CERTIFICATE

Submitted for 1st Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal on 17 June 1945 for missions flown between 20 May 1945 and 11 June 1945.
Submitted for 2nd Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal on 26 June 1945 for flight from Okinawa to Iwo Jima.
Submitted for the Distinguished Flying Cross July 1945 for Night Bomber Mission to Kyushu on 12 June 1945.

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LEE C. IFFORCE

CAPTAIN

0-441347

(Name)

(Rank)

(Serial Number)

DATE	MISSION NO		TYPE MISSION (1)	TARGET	SORTIE TIME (2)	TOTAL SORTIES TO DATE (3)	ABORT TIME (2)	CAP TIME (2)	INTER-CEPT TIME (2) (4)	TOTAL COMBAT TIME
	SQ NO	GP NO								
Totals carried forward from 19th Fighter Squadron					43:35	32	1:05	63:05		127:45
6/26/45	6-27	6-73	Escort x	Kyushu	3:05	13				130:50
6/27/45	6-28	6-76	Rocket & Strafe x	Sakishima Gunto	3:40	14				134:30
6/30/45			G.A.P. for north					3:25		137:55
7/2/45	7-3	7-6	Escort x	Tokuso Shima	1:55	15				139:50
7/4/45	7-5	7-20	Escort & High Cover	Southern Kyushu	5:30	16				145:20
7/7/45	7-8	7-24	Escort	Tanaga Shima	4:30	17				149:50
7/15/45	7-13	7-28	Escort	Tsuiki A/F, Kyushu				1:50		150:40
X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

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26 July 1945 _____ (Date)
 1300 FIGHTER SQUADRON, 147 (Organization Commanding)
 /s/ _____ (Name, rank)
 /t/ WALTER H. DE COON, Major, AF

CARLTON, O-11377 (Name, rank, & A.S.N.)
 For the dates shown.
 This is to certify that the entries on this form are a true and correct record of the combat missions of CARLTON, O-11377.

CERTIFICATE

Retired Squadron on 22 June 1945 from 19th Fighter Squadron per par 1, SO 57, by 31st Air Group and assumed duties as Operations Officer.
 Submitted for award of Air Medal for actions from 5/23/45 to 7/2/45 including in July.

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HERBERT W. MARTIN
(Name)CAPTAIN
(Rank)0-577026
(Serial Number)

DATE	MISSION NO.		TYPE MISSION (1)	TARGET	SORTIE TIME (2)	TOTAL SORTIES TO DATE (3)	ABORT TIME (2)	C/P TIME (2)	INTER- CEPT TIME (2)(4)	TOTAL COMBAT TIME
	SQ NO	GP NO								
Totals from 6/23/44 through 12/31/44 Inclusive:					54:00	35		77:05		131:05
1/20/45			C.A.P. for week					9:20		140:25
1/22/45	1-8	1-26	Armed Recon	Fagan	2:20	36				142:45
1/27/45			C.A.P. for week					6:05		148:50
2/3/45			C.A.P. for week					4:55		153:45
2/10/45			C.A.P. for week					7:40		161:25
3/17/45			C.A.P. for week					4:20		165:45
3/24/45			C.A.P. for week					9:05		174:50
3/31/45			C.A.P. for week					2:40		177:30
4/30/45	4-2	4-3	Fighter Sweep	Truk	7:30	38				185:00
5/25/45			C.A.P. 5/14 - 5/25					19:20		204:20
5/28/45	5-6	5-21	Fighter Sweep	Kyushu	5:50	39				210:10
5/31/45			C.A.P. for week					2:50		213:00
6/7/45	6-6	6-17	Escort	Kyushu	6:00	40				219:00

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Awarded Air Medal and Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal, as well as the Distinguished Flying Cross in presentation at East Field, Saipan, on 19 September 1944, per General Orders #141, Hq. 7th Air Force, dated 20 October 1944.

To Instrument Training School, Bryan Field, Texas, 26 September 1944.

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(Name, Rank, and ASN)

/s/ WILSON N. MC COWN, Major, AG

/t/ 73RD FIGHTER (Name & Rank), AAF

28 June 1945

(Date)

(Organization Commanding)

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HERBERT H. MARTIN
(Name)

CAPTAIN
(Rank)

0-657086
(Serial Number)

DATE	MISSION NO		TYPE MISSION (1)	TARGET	SORTIE TIME (2)	TOTAL SORTIES TO DATE (3)	ABORT TIME (2)	CAP TIME (2)	INTER- CEPT TIME (2)(4)	TOTAL COMBAT TIME
	SQ NO	GP NO								
Totals carried forward:					75:40	40		143:20		219:00
6/10/45	6-30	6-26	Fighter Sweep	Kyushu	6:00	41				225:00
6/12/45	6-33	6-29	Escort	Kyushu	4:30	42				229:30
6/14/45			C.A.F. for 1/2 month					17:20		246:30
6/18/45	6-39	6-47	Dive bombing	Tokuno A/P, Kikai	2:55	43				249:25
6/22/45	6-23	6-57	Barrier C.A.F.		5:00	44				254:25
6/30/45			C.A.F. for 1/2 month					5:45		260:05
7/3/45	7-3	7-2	Rocket & Strafe	Shipping in Shanghai	6:35	45				266:20
7/3/45	7-4	7-7	Escort	Southern Kyushu			--			266:20
7/15/45			Ferrying	Gun to Ie Shim				6:30		272:30
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19 July 1945 (Date)
 72ND FIGHTER SQUADRON, AAF (Organization Commanding)
 (Name, rank)
 WALTER H. HOOPER, Major, AF /s/

(Name, rank, & A.S.N.)
 WALTER, CAPTAIN, O-60000
 This is to certify that the entries on this form are true and correct record of the combat missions of WALTER H. HOOPER for the dates shown.

CERTIFICATE

Submitted for award of 2nd Oak Leaf Cluster to Air Medal on 26 June 1945
 For missions from 5/28/45 to 6/19/45 inclusive.

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ROBERT B. MILLER

COMBAT MISSION RECORD
2ND LIEUTENANT

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0-759047

(Name)

(Rank)

(Serial Number)

DATE	MISSION NO.		TYPE MISSION (1)	TARGET	SORTIE TIME (2)	TOTAL SORTIES TO DATE (3)	ABORT TIME (2)	CAP TIME (2)	INTER- CEPT TIME (2) (4)	TOTAL COMBAT TIME
	SQ NO	GP NO								
Totals from 6/23/44 to 12/31/44 Inclusive					65:25	37		128:00		193:25
1/6/45			C.A.P. for week					7:10		200:35
1/13/45			C.A.P. for week					3:35		204:10
1/20/45	B-38 Sq		C.A.P. for week					8:45		212:55
1/21/45	1-7	1-54	Escort	Truk	6:05	39				219:00
1/27/45			C.A.P. for week					1:30		220:30
2/3/45			C.A.P. for week					2:00		222:30
2/10/45			C.A.P. for week					3:40		226:10
2/17/45	B-38 Sq		C.A.P. for week					7:20		233:30
2/21/45	2-8	2-30	Esc't & Fir Sweep	Truk	7:20	41				240:50
2/26/45			C.A.P. for week					1:25		242:15
3/3/45			C.A.P. for week					5:45		248:00
3/10/45			C.A.P. for week					3:15		251:15
4/20/45	A-2	A-9	Fighter Sweep	Truk	7:15	43				258:30

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_____ (Date) _____ (Organization Commanding)

_____ (Name, Rank)

/s/ _____ /t/ _____
MAJOR, AF

_____ (Name, Rank, & A.S.N.)

This is to certify that the entries on this form are a true and correct record of the combat missions of _____ for the dates shown.

CERTIFICATE

Joint Squadron on 10 May 1947 from 75th Fighter Squadron.

Awarded Air Medal on 19 September 1947 in recognition of host plane, return for 7th Air Force General Order #117, dated 20 October 1947.

Credited with (continued) 1/3 year destroyed during attack on Saigon on 27 November 1947.

Awarded Distinguished Flying Cross and 1st Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal for General Order #25, 22 February 1945, by 7th Air Force in presentation by General Dwyer and Hovey on February 2, 1945.

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ROBERT D. MILLER

1ST LIEUTENANT

0-75047

(Name)

(Rank)

(Serial Number)

DATE	MISSION NO.		TYPE MISSION (1)	TARGET	SORTIE TIME (2)	TOTAL SORTIES TO DATE (3)	ABORT TIME (2)	CAP TIME (2)	INTER- CEPT TIME (2)(4)	TOTAL COMBAT TIME
	SQ NO	GP NO								
Totals Carried Forward					85:45	43		172:25		258:30
5/24/45	5-3	5-33	Dive-bomb & B	Kyushu	4:15	44				262:45
5/25/45			G.A.P. from 5/24 to 5/25/45					17:35		280:20
5/30/45	5-7	5-24	Heckler	Kyushu	3:00	45				283:20
6/9/45	6-9	6-25	Fighter Sweep	Southern Kyushu	4:30	46				287:50
6/11/45	6-11	6-27	Fighter Sweep	Southern Kyushu	4:45	47				292:35
6/14/45			G.A.P. for two weeks					6:15		298:50
6/16/45	6-17	6-40	High Cover	Kishi Shima, Amami Gunto	3:45	48				302:35
6/18/45	6-19	6-47	Dive-bomb	Tokuno A/P, Tokuno	3:00	49				305:35
6/20/45	6-21	6-54	Dive-bomb	Ogura A/P, Kyushu	4:00	50				309:35
6/27/45	6-28	6-76	Rocket & Strafe	Sakishima Gunto	3:30	51				313:05
6/30/45			G.A.P. for two weeks					6:40		319:45
X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

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Submitted for the award of the 2nd Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal
on 20 June 1945.

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record of the combat missions of 1ST LT. ROBERT S. BILLEN - 0-759087
for the dates shown. (Name, Rank, and ASN)

/s/ WILBUR H. DE COVE, Major, AC
(Name & Rank)
73RD FIGHTER SQUADRON, USAF, APO # 243
(Organization Commanding)

7/2/45
(Date)

F O O T N O T E S

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PAUL B. HOORN, JR.

2nd Lieutenant

0-834269

(Name)

(Rank)

(Serial Number)

DATE	MISSION NO.		TYPE MISSION (1)	TARGET	SORTIE TIME (2)	TOTAL SORTIES TO DATE (3)	ABORT TIME (2)	CAP TIME (2)	INTER- CEPT TIME (2)(4)	TOTAL COMBAT TIME
	SQ NO	GP NO								
6/22/45	6-21	6-61	Escort Dumbo	Amal O Skira	2:25	1				2:25
6/30/45			O.I.P. for month					6:00		6:25
X	X		X	X	X	X		X	X	

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Joined the Squadron on 14 June 1945 from No., 7th Fighter Wing.

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(Name, Rank, and ASN)

^{/s/}
^{/t/} WILSON M. MC COON, Major, AG,
7th Fighter Squadron, AAF, APO # 245
(Organization Commanding)

7/6/45

(Date)

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ROBERT G. O'HARA

2ND LIEUTENANT

O-691577

(Name)

(Rank)

(Serial Number)

DATE	MISSION NO SQ NO	GR NO	TYPE MISSION (1)	TARGET	SORTIE TIME (2)	TOTAL SORTIES TO DATE (3)	ABORT TIME (2)	CAP TIME (2)	INTER- CEPT TIME (2)(4)	TOTAL COMBAT TIME
Totals from 6/23/44 to 12/31/44 Inclusive:					68:55	35		143:10		212:05
1/3/45	P-38 Sq 1-2	1-16	Escort F-5a	Two Jims	8:00	37				220:05
1/6/45			C.A.P. for week					3:05		223:10
1/7/45	1-5	1-34	Armed Recon	Pagan	2:15	38				225:25
1/13/45			C.A.P. for week					3:30		228:55
1/20/45			C.A.P. for week					7:25		236:20
1/21/45	P-38 Sq 1-7	1-54	Escort	Truk	6:15	40				242:35
1/25/45	1-9	1-61	Armed Recon	Pagan	2:35	41				245:10
1/27/45			C.A.P. for week					1:10		246:20
2/3/45			C.A.P. for week					2:25		248:45
2/10/45			C.A.P. for week					5:35		254:20
2/17/45			C.A.P. for week					7:35		261:55
2/21/45	2-6	2-29	Fire-bombing	Pagan	2:20	42				264:35
2/24/45			C.A.P. for week					3:10		267:25

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28 February 1947 (Date)

7307 FIGHTER SQUADRON, AAF (Organization)

Commanding

/s/ JOHN T. HENRY, Jr., Major, AAF (Name, Rank)

This is to certify that the entries on this form are a true and correct record of the combat missions of JOHN T. HENRY, Jr., Major, AAF. For the dates shown.

CERTIFICATE

Joined Squadron 8 April 1947 from United States.

awarded Air Medal and Pilot's Cross for Valor to the Air Medal in recognition of his valor, actions on 19 September 1947 per 7307 Air Force General Order #111, dated 20 October 1947.

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ROBERT G. O'HARA

1ST LIEUTENANT

D-597571

(Name)

(Rank)

(Serial Number)

DATE	MISSION NO.		TYPE MISSION (1)	TARGET	SORTIE TIME (2)	TOTAL SORTIES TO DATE (3)	ABORT TIME (2)	CAP TIME (2)	INTER- CEPT TIME (2)(4)	TOTAL COMBAT TIME
	SQ NO	GP NO								
						89:30	42		178:05	267:25
3/17/45			C.A.F. for week					3:00		270:25
4/21/45			C.A.F. for week					4:45		275:30
5/13/45			C.A.F. for week					3:35		276:25
5/23/45	4-3	4-2	Fighter Sweep	Truk	6:20	44				282:45
5/25/45			C.A.F. for week (5/24 - 5/25)					28:10		300:55
5/25/45	5-5	5-16	Interception	Okinawa	3:00	45				303:55
5/28/45	5-6	5-21	Fighter Sweep	Kyushu	5:50	46				309:45
5/31/45	6-2	6-8	Interception	Okinawa	3:00	47				312:45
6/5/45	6-4	6-11	Beckler	Amami O Shima	4:10	48				316:55
6/7/45	6-6	6-17	Escort	Southern Kyushu	5:20	49				322:15
6/12/45	6-13	6-29	Escort	Southern Kyushu	4:10	50				326:25
6/16/45			C.A.F. for two weeks					6:50		333:15
6/23/45	6-18	6-42	Five bomb & Str	Amami O Shima	2:35	51				335:50

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Awarded Distinguished Flying Cross per General Orders #92, H. 7th Air Force,
dated 20 April 1945.

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record of the combat missions of ROBERT G. GIBSON, 1st Lt, 442nd TSG, 8888th Central Postal Directory
for the dates shown. (Name, Rank, and ASN)

/s/
/t/

WILLIAM H. DE GREEK, Major, AF
(Name & Rank)

7th Fighter Command, AAF
(Organisation Commanding)

28 June 1945

(Date)

FOOTNOTES

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ROBERT G. O'HARA

1ST LIEUTENANT

O-697577

(Name)

(Rank)

(Serial Number)

DATE	MISSION NO.		TYPE MISSION (1)	TARGET	SORTIE TIME (2)	TOTAL SORTIES TO DATE (3)	ABORT TIME (2)	CAP TIME (2)	INTER- CEPT TIME (2)(4)	TOTAL COMBAT TIME
	SQ NO	GP NO								
	Totals Carried Forward				123:45	51		112:05		335:50
6/21/45	6-22	6-56	Escort	Kyushu	7:40	52				343:30
6/30/45			C.A.P. for two weeks					13:30		357:00
X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	

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REMARKS

Submitted for the award of the 2nd Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal on the 17 June 1945 on the basis of the following five (5) missions flown:

5/25/45, 5/28/45, 6/3/45, 6/5/45, 6/7/45

X X X X

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7/1/45
(Date)

/s/ WILMER H. MC CORE, Major, AG
(Name & Rank)
73RD FIGHTER SQUADRON, AAF, APO # 245
(Organization Commanding)

FOOTNOTES

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- (3) Last entry represents credit accrues to date.
- (4) All combat interceptions, including those turned friendly, where no contact with enemy has been made.

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JAMES A. SINCLAIR

2ND LIEUTENANT

0-825502

(Name)

(Rank)

(Serial Number)

DATE	MISSION NO		TYPE MISSION (1)	TARGET	SORTIE TIME (2)	TOTAL SORTIES TO DATE (3)	ABORT TIME (2)	CAP TIME (2)	INTER- CEPT TIME (2) (4)	TOTAL COMBAT TIME
	SQ NO	GP NO								
3/10/45			G.A.P. for week					1:30		1:30
3/21/45			G.A.P. for week					4:10		5:40
3/24/45			G.A.P. for week					4:40		10:20
5/30/45	5-7	5-13	Reckler	Kyushu	3:00	1				13:20
5/31/45			G.A.P. for month					12:45		26:05
6/6/45	6-5	6-14	Fighter Sweep	Kyushu			3:30			29:35
6/7/45	6-6	6-17	Escort	Southern Kyushu	5:45	2				35:20
6/11/45	6-11	6-27	Fighter Sweep	Southern Kyushu	5:00	3				40:20
6/14/45			G.A.P. for two weeks					9:45		50:05
6/17/45	6-18	6-42	Dive Bomb & Strafe	Asami O Shima	2:45	4				52:50
6/18/45	6-20	6-48	Barrier G.A.P.	Asami O Shima	3:00	5				55:50
6/20/45	6-21	6-54	Dive Bomb	Onara I/F, Kyushu	4:00	6				59:50
6/30/45			G.A.P. for two weeks					6:25		66:15
7/5/45	7-6	7-11	Rockets & Strafe	Onara I/F, Kyushu			2:35			68:50

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- (3) Last entry represents credit sorties to date.
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_____ (Date)

12 July 1945

_____ (Organization Commanding)

7301 FIGHTER SQUADRON, AFB

_____ (Name, rank)

/s/ _____
/t/ MAJOR W. H. COOK, MAJOR, AC

_____ (Name, rank, & A.S.N.)

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For the dates shown.

CERTIFICATE

Joined 7301 Fighter Squadron on 6 March 1945 from 318th Fighter Group.
Submitted on 26 June 1945 for award of Air Medal for Missions from 5/30/45 to 6/18/45 inclusive.

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JAMES A. SINCLAIR

2ND LIEUTENANT

0-625502

(Name)

(Rank)

(Serial Number)

DATE	MISSION NO		TYPE MISSION (1)	TARGET	SORTIE TIME (2)	TOTAL SORTIES TO DATE (3)	ABORT TIME (2)	CAP TIME (2)	INTER- CEPT TIME (2) (4)	TOTAL COMBAT TIME
	SQ NO	GP NO								
Totals Carried forwards					29:30	6	6:05	99:15		68:50
7/6/45	7-7	7-12	Escort	Kyushu	5:45	7				74:35
7/7/45			C.A.F. for week					2:50		77:25
7/30/45	7-11	7-23	Escort	Kumamoto A/F, Kyushu	6:00	8				83:25
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- (2) Time to be obtained from pilot's Form 1.
- (3) Last entry represents credit sorties to date.
- (4) All combat interceptions, including those turned friendly, where no contact with enemy has been made.

FOOTNOTES

22 July 1945 _____ (Date)
 73RD FIGHTER BOMBARDIER, AFB _____ (Organization Commanding)
 (Name, Rank) _____
 /s/ WILSON H. MC COY, Major, AC

(Name, Rank, & A.S.N.) _____
 This is to certify that the entries on this form are a true and correct record of the combat missions of _____ for the dates shown.

CERTIFICATE

Called when his plane was hit by a over land 0 other while on return from escort mission to Japan on 10 July 1945.

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JAMES R. SEYDER

CAPTAIN

0-500063

(Name)

(Rank)

(Serial Number)

DATE	MISSION NO.		TYPE MISSION (1)	TARGET	NSORTIE TIME (2)	TOTAL SORTIES TO DATE (3)	ABORT TIME (2)	CAP TIME (2)	INTER- CEPT TIME (2)(4)	TOTAL COMBAT TIME
	SQ NO	GP NO								
Total Main Combat Time with 72nd Fighter					25:25	12				25:25
Totals from 6/23/44 to 12/31/44 Inclusive					96:30	57		13:20		263:15
1/6/45			C.A.P. for week					8:45		272:00
1/13/45			C.A.P. for week					5:10		277:10
1/17/45	1-6	1-46	Escort	Truk	8:10	59				285:20
1/20/45			C.A.P. for week					3:45		289:05
5/25/45			C.A.P. 5/17-5/25					13:35		302:40
5/25/45	5-5	5-16	Interception	Te Shima	3:30	60				306:10
5/31/45			C.A.P. for week					3:30		309:40
6/5/45	6-4	6-11	Heckler	Amami O Shima	4:05	61				313:45
6/8/45	6-6	6-21	Barrier C.A.P.	Amami O Shima	4:20	62				318:05
6/10/45	6-10	6-26	Ftr Sup & Escort	Southern Kyushu	5:00	63				323:05
6/14/45			C.A.P. for two weeks					11:15		334:20
6/17/45	6-18	6-42	Dive bomb & Strike	Amami O Shima	2:45	64				337:05

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Record of Lt. SEYNER while with the 72nd Fighter Squadron Base: Makin, Gilberts.

On Dec. 18, 1943 while on a Strafing and Rescue mission to Mills, was credited with one enemy plane destroyed on ground.

On Dec. 19, 1943 while on Strafing mission to Mills, was credited with one enemy plane destroyed in air.

Flew a total of 13 sorties (including the one with the kill and one abortive sortie.)

Total on the time on Makin was 28:25 hours.

Awarded Air Medal and First Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal while with 72nd Fighter Squadron, per Seventh Air Force General Orders #17, dd 21 February 1944.

Joined 73rd Fighter Squadron on 13 April 1944.

Awarded Distinguished Flying Cross on 19 September in presentation at East Field, Saipan, per Seventh Air Force General Orders #141, dd 20 October 1944.

Made belly landing at Leely Field due to damage inflicted by enemy A/A, 14 July 1944.

Credited with destroying three (3) Jap planes (2 VAES, 1 TONY) in aerial combat while on an intercept mission during raid on Is Shima, 25 May 1945.

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/s/
/t/ WALTER E. MCGONE, Major, AG
(Name & Rank)

20 July 1945
(Date)

73RD FIGHTER SQUADRON, A-1
(Organization Commanding)

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COMBAT MISSION RECORD

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JOHN E. SOWERS

1ST LIEUTENANT

0-607640

(Name)

(Rank)

(Serial Number)

DATE	MISSION NO.		TYPE MISSION (1)	TARGET	SORTIE TIME (2)	TOTAL SORTIES TO DATE (3)	ABORT TIME (2)	CAP TIME (2)	INTER-CEPT TIME (2)(4)	TOTAL COMBAT TIME
	SQ NO	GP NO								
Totals from 6/23/44 to 12/31/44 Inclusive:					79:15	41		133:15		212:30
1/5/45	1-3	1-20	Strafing	Two Japs	7:35	43				220:05
1/13/45			C.A.P. for week					5:40		225:45
1/20/45			C.A.P. for week					11:00		236:45
1/25/45	1-9	1-61	Armed Recon	Pagan	2:30	44				239:15
1/29/45			C.A.P. for week					5:15		244:30
2/3/45			C.A.P. for week					3:05		247:35
2/10/45			C.A.P. for week					7:15		254:50
2/17/45			C.A.P. for week					9:30		264:20
2/21/45	2-6	2-29	Fire bombing	Pagan	2:25	45				266:45
2/24/45	2-8	2-36	Armed Recon	Pagan			1:55			267:40
2/24/45			C.A.P. for week					5:20		273:00
3/2/45	3-1	3-2	Armed Recon	Pagan	2:30	46				275:30
3/3/45			C.A.P. for week					3:45		279:25

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Joined Squadron 14 November 1943 from United States.
 Awarded Air Medal, Oak Leaf Cluster to Air Medal on 19 September 1944 for
 7th AF General Order #141, dated 20 October 1944, at East Field, Saipan.
 On 6 October 1944 at East Field had ground collision with 2nd Lt. COOPER,
 resulting in serious damage to plane.

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 record of the combat missions of JOHN H. HUBERT, 1st Lt., 0-207610
 for the dates shown. (Name, Rank, and ASN)

/s/
/t/

JOHN F. HUBERT, III, Major, AC
 (Name & Rank)

6 June 1945
 (Date)

73rd FIGHTER SQUADRON, 4AF
 (Organization Commanding)

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JOHN W. STEVENS

1ST LIEUTENANT

0-37610

(Name)

(Rank)

(Serial Number)

DATE	MISSION NO.		TYPE MISSION (1)	TARGET	SORTIE TIME (2)	TOTAL SORTIES TO DATE (3)	ABORT TIME (2)	CAP TIME (2)	INTER- CEPT TIME (2)(4)	TOTAL COMBAT TIME
	SQ NO	GP NO								
Totals brought forward					92:15	46	1:55	124:05		279:15
3/10/45			C.I.P. for week					5:35		284:50
3/17/45			C.I.P. for week					4:15		289:05
3/24/45			C.I.P. for week					6:35		295:40
3/31/45			C.I.P. for week					1:05		296:45
4/28/45	4-2	4-8	Fighter Sweep	Truk	6:30	48				303:15
5/10/45	5-1A	5-5	Fighter Sweep	Mareus			8:05			311:20
5/24/45	5-4	5-14	Reckler	Kyushu	6:30	49				317:50
5/25/45			C.I.P. 5/14 - 5/25					12:35		330:25
5/31/45			C.I.P. for week					5:05		335:30
6/6/45	6-5	6-14	Fighter Sweep	Southern Kyushu	4:45	50				340:15
6/9/45	6-9	6-25	Fighter Sweep	Southern Kyushu	4:15	51				344:30
6/13/45	6-15	6-32	Fighter Sweep	Hanaya Airfield, Kyushu	3:35	52				348:05
6/14/45			C.I.P. for two weeks					14:35		362:40

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Awarded Distinguished Flying Cross per General Orders #52, Hq 7th Air Force,
dated 20 April 1945.

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/s/ WILSON D. DE COTE, Major, AC
/t/ (Name & Rank)
7TH FIGHTER SQUADRON, AAF
(Organization Commanding)

28 June 1945
(Date)

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JAMES H. SPANGLER
(Name)

1ST LIEUTENANT
(Rank)

0-307640
(Serial Number)

DATE	MISSION NO		TYPE MISSION (1)	TARGET	SORTIE TIME (2)	TOTAL SORTIES TO DATE (3)	ABORT TIME (2)	CAP TIME (2)	INTER-CEPT TIME (2) (4)	TOTAL COMBAT TIME
	SQ NO	GP NO								
Totals carried forward:					119:50	52	0:00	233:50		342:40
6/16/45	6-17	6-40	High Cover	x Mikai Shima	3:30	53				346:10
6/17/45	6-18	6-42	Dive Bomb	x Isumi O Shima	2:30	54				348:40
6/20/45	6-21	6-44	Dive Bomb	Shima A/B, Ryushu	4:25	55				352:55
6/22/45	6-24	6-48	Bomb	Isumi O Shima	2:20	56				355:15
6/27/45	6-28	6-46	Rocket & Strafe	Sekishima Gunto	3:50	57				359:05
6/30/45	C.A.F. for 1/2 month							5:15		364:20
7/7/45	7-10	7-21	Bomb	Miyabe A/B, Ryushu	4:30	58				368:50
X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

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FOOTNOTES

13 July 1945 (Date)
 1ST FIGHTER GROUP, AAF (Organization Commanding)
 (Name, rank)
 WALTER H. W. COOK, Major, AF /s/

(Name, rank, & A.S.N.)
 1ST LT. O-10760
 This is to certify that the entries on this form are a true and correct record of the combat missions of JOHN H. STARRS, for the dates shown.

CERTIFICATE

Inducted on 20 June 1945 for 2nd Oak Leaf Cluster to Air Medal for 5
 Missions from 6/6/45 to 6/17/45 inclusive.
 Inducted during July 1945 for 1st Oak Leaf Cluster to Air Medal for
 Flying Cross for eight heroic missions from to 5/21/45.

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ELIAS A. WALLBERG

2ND LIEUTENANT

0-708901

(Name)

(Rank)

(Serial Number)

DATE	MISSION NO.		TYPE MISSION (1)	TARGET	SORTIE TIME (2)	TOTAL SORTIES TO DATE (3)	ABORT TIME (2)	CAP TIME (2)	INTER- CEPT TIME (2)(4)	TOTAL COMBAT TIME
	SQ NO	GP NO								
3/30/45			C.A.P. for week					2:00		2:00
3/31/45			C.A.P. for week					4:30		6:30
3/31/45			C.A.P. for week					4:25		10:55
5/25/45	5-5	5-16	Interception	Okinawa	3:30	1				14:25
5/31/45	5-8	5-25	Search	Ansei O Shima	3:10	2				17:35
5/31/45			C.A.P. for week					15:50		33:25
6/2/45	6-1	6-3	Fighter Sweep	Kyushu				3:20		36:45
6/7/45	6-6	6-17	Escort	Kyushu	4:30	3				41:15
6/13/45	6-15	6-32	Fighter Sweep	Kanoya Airfield, Kyushu				2:45		44:00
6/14/45			C.A.P. for two weeks					19:10		63:10
6/17/45	6-18	6-42	Dive bomb & Str	Ansei O Shima	2:45	4				65:55
6/20/45	6-21	6-51	Dive bomb	Oura Airfield, Kyushu	4:00	5				69:55
6/26/45	6-27	6-73	Escort	Kyushu				1:20		71:15
6/27/45	6-28	6-76	Beckets & D Bomb	Sakishima Gunto	4:00	6				75:15

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Joined Squadron 6 March 1945 from 315th Fighter Group, AAF

Hit in canopy, which was torn off, and received minor head injuries while on escort mission to Ryuku, from attacking KURE. Returned safely.

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This is to certify that the entries on this form are a true and correct record of the combat missions of WALTER A. WALKER, 2ND LT., O-708901 for the dates shown. (Name, Rank, and ASN)

29 June 1945

(Date)

/s/
/t/

WALTER H. MC CORM, Major, AF

(Name & Rank)

73RD FIGHTER SQUADRON, AAF

(Organization Commanding)

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ELIAS A. VALERIANO
(Name)

2ND LIEUTENANT
(Rank)

0-708901
(Serial Number)

DATE	MISSION NO		TYPE MISSION (1)	TARGET	SORTIE TIME (2)	TOTAL SORTIES TO DATE (3)	ABORT TIME (2)	CAP TIME (2)	INTER- CEPT TIME (2) (4)	TOTAL COMBAT TIME
	SQ NO	GP NO								
Totals carried forward:					21:55	6	7:25	45:55		75:15
6/22/45	6-29	6-79	Escort	Island O Shima	2:15	7				77:30
6/30/45			C.A.P. for 1/2 month					3:20		80:50
7/7/45	7-8	7-34	Escort	Samoa Shima	5:00	8				85:50
7/15/45	7-23	7-28	Escort	Island A/F, Kyushu			3:50			89:40
X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

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30 July 1945 (Date)
 72ND FIGHTER BOMBARDIER SQDN (Organization Commanding)

/s/ WALTER R. H. GIBBS, Lt. Col. (Name, Rank)
 /t/

(Name, Rank, & A.S.M.)
 WALTER R. H. GIBBS, Lt. Col. For the dates shown.
 This is to certify that the entries on this form are a true and correct record of the combat missions of WALTER R. H. GIBBS, Lt. Col.

CERTIFICATE

Submitted for Award of Air Medal on 26 June 1945 for missions from 5/29/45 to 6/20/45 inclusive.
 Killed on mission of 15 July 1945, Report to Lyndon, when he was forced to bail out due to mechanical difficulties. He jumped from 10,000 feet altitude and went into the ocean without his chute opening.

REMARKS

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<u>TYPE OF MISSION</u>	<u>MISSIONS</u>	<u>KYUSHU</u>		<u>TARGET</u>	<u>TAKE SHIMA</u>	<u>CHINA</u>	
		<u>SORTIES</u>	<u>ABORTS</u>	<u>TANEGA SHIMA</u>	<u>SORTIES</u>	<u>SORTIES</u>	<u>ABORTS</u>
Rocket & Strafe	6	45	5			20	5
Escort	11	75	18	12	4		
High Cover	2	8	1			17	1
Dive-bombing	3	30	1			15	3
Fire-bombing	1	18					
Shadow	1					4	
Search	1	4	1				
TOTALS	25	180	26	12	4	56	9

Total planes dispatched: 287
 Abortives: 35
 Accredited Sorties: 252

EXPENDITURES FOR MONTH

50 caliber ammunition 74,358 rounds.
 5 inch rockets, instant. fused 79
 500 lb G.P. bombs, instant. fused 83 (20.75 short tons)
 Napalm fire bombs (165 gal tanks) with
 igniter M3 with white phosphorus 36

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HEADQUARTERS
318TH FIGHTER GROUP, AAF
A.P.O. # 245

1 August 1945.

SUBJECT: Intelligence Report.

TO : See Distribution.

1. The following report covers the operations of the 318th Fighter Group, AAF, for the period 1 July 1945 to 31 July 1945 inclusive.

a. Total Sorties (Combat) Dispatched.

19th Fighter Squadron	335
73rd Fighter Squadron	287
333d Fighter Squadron	338
548th Night Ftr Sqdn.	14
TOTAL	<u>974</u>

b. Total Sorties (Combat) Abortive.

(Includes "weather aborts" and "spares" returning early)

19th Fighter Squadron	58
73rd Fighter Squadron	35
333d Fighter Squadron	49
548th Night Ftr Sqdn.	0
TOTAL	<u>142</u>

c. Total Sorties (CAP) Dispatched.

19th Fighter Squadron	73
73rd Fighter Squadron	24
333d Fighter Squadron	43
548th Night Ftr Sqdn.	267
TOTAL	<u>407</u>

d. Total Hours Flown.

19th Fighter Squadron	1,849
73rd Fighter Squadron	1,594
333d Fighter Squadron	1,897
548th Night Ftr Sqdn.	946
TOTAL	<u>6,286</u>

e. Bomb Tonnage Dropped.

	<u>GP & SAP</u>	<u>MAPALM</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
19th Fighter Squadron	29.75	23.50	53.25
73rd Fighter Squadron	20.75	23.50	44.25
333d Fighter Squadron	43.50	20.75	64.25
548th Night Ftr Sqdn.	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	<u>94.00</u>	<u>67.75</u>	<u>161.75 short tons</u>

f. Total Rounds of Ammunition Expended.

.50 Caliber Ammunition.

19th Fighter Squadron	122,800
73rd Fighter Squadron	74,358
333d Fighter Squadron	92,835
548th Night Ftr Sqdn.	3,046
TOTAL	<u>293,039</u>

20MM Ammunition.

548th Night Ftr Sqdn.	2,627
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5 Inch Rockets.

19th Fighter Squadron	157
73rd Fighter Squadron	86
333d Fighter Squadron	76
548th Night Ftr Sqdn.	0
TOTAL	<u>319</u>

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g. Our Casualties.

Killed	4	(See remarks No. (4), (6), (7) and (12) under Par. h.)
Wounded or Injured	4	
Missing	$\frac{1}{9}$	(See remark No. (10) under Par. h.)
TOTAL		

h. Our Aircraft Losses.

1. Combat Mission Losses:

Due to direct enemy action	6 P-47N's	(See remarks No. (2), (3), (4), (6), (8) and (10) below.)
Operational	4 P-47N's	(See remarks No. (5), (7), (9) and (11) below.)
Other	0	
TOTAL	$\frac{0}{10}$ P-47N's	

2. Non-Combat Mission Losses:

Operational	1 P-47N	(See remark (12) below.)
Other	2 P-47N's	(See remark (1) below.)
TOTAL	$\frac{2}{3}$ P-47N's	

REMARKS:

- (1) 1 July P-47N's No. 44-88076 and 44-88160 were destroyed by fire when a plane of the 507th Fighter Group, AAF, landed by mistake on the taxiway and crashed into them.
- (2) 10 July P-47N No. 44-88102, piloted by Capt. James R. Snyder O-800063, was shot down by AA off Amami O Shima while pilot was attempting to silence gun positions firing on a 507th Ftr Gp pilot downed off shore. Pilot was picked up by Dumbo.
- (3) 10 July P-47N No. 44-87968, piloted by 2nd Lt. Delmar H. Horner O-771461, was shot down by AA off Amami O Shima while pilot was attempting to silence gun positions firing on a 507th Gp pilot downed off shore. Pilot picked up by Dumbo.
- (4) 10 July P-47N No. 44-88063, piloted by 2nd Lt. James A. Sinclair O-825502, was shot down by AA while attempting to silence gun positions firing on a pilot of the 507th Gp downed off Amami O Shima. Plane burst into flames and crashed into the water killing the pilot.
- (5) 10 July P-47N No. 44-88083, piloted by 1st Lt. Fred C. Erbole O-681632, was lost at sea when pilot was forced to bail out due to loss of oil which resulted in engine failure. Pilot picked up by Dumbo.
- (6) 10 July P-47N No. 44-87976, piloted by 2nd Lt. Marshall W. Bunnell O-831407, was shot down by AA on Amami O Shima while attempting to silence gun positions firing on a pilot of the 507th Gp downed off shore. Pilot went in with plane which crashed on the northwest side of hill 719.

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- (7) 15 July P-47N No. 44-88134, piloted by 2nd Lt. Ellis A. Wallenberg O-708901, was lost at sea when plane started losing altitude at 14,000', cause undetermined. At 2,000', while flying straight and level, the plane went into a steep diving turn to the right. Pilot bailed out but had some difficulty getting clear and his chute did not open. Pilot was evidently killed by the impact as the plane escorting him back to base orbited the position for some time but never saw him return to the surface.
- (8) 17 July P-47N No. 44-88104, piloted by Capt. Roy A. Jacobson O-2054045, was lost at sea 5 miles off Kyushu when pilot was forced to bail out due to fire and AA damage to control surfaces. Pilot was picked up uninjured, except for sunburn, by lifeguard submarine.
- (9) 24 July P-47N No. 44-89007, piloted by F/O Billy Kemp T-125413, was lost at sea off Shanghai, China when pilot was forced to bail out due to excessive leakage of oil. Pilot was immediately picked up by Dumbo.
- (10) 27 July P-47N No. 44-87981, piloted by 1st Lt. Donald E. Kennedy O-710717, is believed to have been shot down by AA just off Kagoshima Town, Kyushu, while making a strafing run on small boats in the harbor. A splash was seen in the water at this point and is thought to have been Lt. Kennedy although no one saw the plane prior to the splash. Pilot has not been picked up and is carried as missing in action.
- (11) 29 July P-47N No. 44-87877, piloted by 1st Lt. John W. Aylor III O-412788, was destroyed by fire when plane stalled just after being airborne and crashed off end of runway. Pilot was uninjured.
- (12) 31 July P-47N No. 44-87980, piloted by 2nd Lt. John E. Krieger O-835898, was destroyed and the pilot killed when the plane was overrun by a second plane while landing from a training flight. The second plane landed too close due to error on the part of the pilot and the tower's (Birch) failure to give him any warning that he was overrunning the plane ahead.

i. Enemy Shipping Damaged or Destroyed.

During the month numerous small craft were destroyed in addition to the following:

- 2 Fox Tare Logs probably sunk.
- 1 150' boat fired by strafing.
- 1 Ore Boat destroyed by a direct 500# bomb hit.
- 1 Sugar Dog sunk.
- 2 Buoys (small) destroyed.
- 1 116' steam Trawler damaged and beached.

j. Enemy Aircraft Destroyed.

See Supplement # 2 to letter, Destruction of Enemy A/C, attached.

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1 August 1945.

SUBJECT: Destruction of Enemy Aircraft.

TO : See Distribution.

SUPPLEMENT # 2

1. The following is supplemental data on Enemy A/C destroyed by the 318th Fighter Group, AAF, and should be made a part of letter, this Headquarters, 1 June 1945, subject as above. This supplement covers the period 1 July 1945 to 31 July 1945 inclusive.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>SQUADRON</u>	<u>NO. & TYPE A/C DESTROYED</u>
7-8	Major JOHN J. HUSSEY 0-429415	333d	1 TOJO
7-29	* 1st Lt. ROBERT O. BERTRAM 0-754849 # 2nd Lt. GEORGE W. FAIRWEATHER 0-551243 @ Cpl. JESSE V. TEW 34001047	548th	1 BETTY

* Pilot
Radar Observer
@ Observer - Gunner

2. The following correction should be made to Supplement # 1: On page two, add 2 JACKS in addition to the 2 ZEKES credited to Captain JUDGE E. WOLFE 0-661419. These were omitted in the last report through error.

3. Recapitulation of enemy A/C destroyed by the Group since arrival in the Ryukyu Area.

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>GP HQ</u>	<u>19TH SQDN</u>	<u>73RD SQDN</u>	<u>333D SQDN</u>	<u>548th SQDN</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
May		41	7	7	0	55
June	1	18	6	25	3	53
July				1	1	2
TOTAL	1	59	13	33	4	110

4. In addition to the above listed A/C destroyed in the air, the following A/C were destroyed or damaged on the ground:

DESTROYED

4 CHERRIES
1 TOJO
1 TONY

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3 S/E Fighters
1 T/E Bomber

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5 August 1945.

SUBJECT: Amendment to Monthly Intelligence Report.

TO : See Distribution.

1. Intelligence Report, this Headquarters, dated 1 August 1945, should be amended as follows:

a. Paragraph g. should be changed to read:

Killed	5
Wounded or Injured	4
Missing	<u>2</u>
TOTAL	11

b. Paragraph h. should be changed to read:

1. Combat Mission Losses:

Due to direct enemy action	7 P-47N's
Operational	4 P-47N's
Other	<u>1</u> P-47N
TOTAL	12 P-47N's

2. Non-Combat Mission Losses are correct as stated in original report.

REMARKS: (The following should be added.)

8 July P-47N No. 44-87901, piloted by 2nd Lt. Billie D. Holt O-714923, was lost at sea off Sasebo, Kyushu, when pilot attempted to skip bomb a 150' boat. Fragments from the exploding bomb hit the plane setting it afire. Pilot pulled up sharply and bailed out. He was dropped a life raft by the "Privateer" the flight was escorting, but has not been picked up.

8 July P-47N No. 44-88059, piloted by 2nd Lt. Hugh B. Smyth O-715044, was shot down off Sasebo, Kyushu, and the pilot killed, when the flight was jumped by eight or nine TOJOS and GEORGES.

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73RD FIGHTER SQUADRON MISSION # 7-1
31STH FIGHTER GROUP MISSION # 7-2

1. A. EIGHT (8) P-47N'S (ONE DID NOT REACH THE TARGET).
B. NONE.
2. A. NONE.
B. NONE.
3. SHIPPING STRIKE IN SHANGHAI AREA, CHINA.
4. CAPT. MARTIN, LTS. BESCHE, ANDERSON, ADAMS, TYCOON.
CAPT. SNYDER, LTS. WALKER, SPIVEY, SCHUB (ENGINE NO. 101).
(TYCOON 105)

TAKE-OFF: 1050 OVER TARGET: 1330-1500 LANDED: 1710

LT. SCHUB FAILED TO TAKE OFF DUE TO ENGINE TROUBLE.

FLIGHTS RENDEZVOUSED WITH PRIVATEER NAVIGATING PLANE AND PROCEEDED TO TARGET AREA ON VECTOR OF 310 DEGREES. THE PRIVATEER WAS LEFT TO ORBIT 30 TO 40 MILES OFF POOTUNG PENINSULA. A RECONNAISSANCE OF THE CHUSAN ARCHIPELAGO WAS NEGATIVE SO FLIGHTS FLEW NORTHWEST TO THE MOUTH OF THE YANGTZE RIVER WHERE THEY SPOTTED TWO (2) FOX TARE ABLES AND TWO (2) DD'S IN THE ESTUARY ON THE NORTH SIDE OF TSUNGILING ISLAND. THE THREE (3) PLANES IN CAPT. SNYDERS FLIGHT, WHICH WAS CARRYING ROCKETS; MADE THEIR ROCKET RUN ON ONE (1) FTA FROM NORTH TO SOUTH. FOUR (4) ROCKETS FAILED TO FIRE AND WERE RETURNED TO BASE AND EIGHT (8) WERE NEAR MISSES. CAPT. MARTIN'S FLIGHT THEN MADE A STRAFING RUN ON THE OTHER FTA FROM WEST TO EAST AND AS THEY PULLED OUT OF THIS RUN, A LARGE FIRE WAS OBSERVED BURNING NEAR THE BRIDGE. WHILE CAPT. MARTIN WAS MAKING THIS RUN ONE OF THE DD'S OPENED FIRE SO CAPT. SNYDER'S FLIGHT MADE A STRAFING PASS ON THE DD FROM WEST TO EAST WHICH RESULTED IN FIRES BEING STARTED IN THE

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4. STERN SECTION. CAPT. SHYDER AND HIS FLIGHT MADE A THIRD PASS AND CAPT. MARTIN A SECOND ONE, BOTH STRAFING, ONE FLIGHT HITTING THE OTHER DD AND THE OTHER FLIGHT HITTING THE FTA WHICH WAS NOT BURNING. NUMEROUS HITS WERE OBSERVED GOING INTO BRIDGE AND SUPERSTRUCTURE OF BOTH OF THESE SHIPS AND BOTH ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SUFFERED DAMAGE. PUSHOVER ON ROCKET RUN 6,000, RELEASE 3,000, ANGLE 50 DEGREES, AND I.A.S. 350 MPH. PUSHOVER ON STRAFING RUNS 6,000, RELEASE 4,000-1,000, ANGLE 45 DEGREES, I.A.S. 350 TO 400 MPH, AND AXIS OF ATTACK FROM VARIOUS APPROACHES. NO E/A WERE SEEN BUT A/A WAS BOTH HEAVY AND MEDIUM, COUNT. POINTED, BEAGER, AND INACCURATE. ON RETIREMENT FROM ATTACKS ON SHIPPING, A RADIO STATION AND LIGHT-HOUSE ON PARKER ISLAND IN THE NORTHERN CHUSAN ARCHIPELAGO WAS STRAFED AS WELL AS ANOTHER RADIO STATION ON A SMALL NEARBY ISLAND. THESE INSTALLATIONS ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN CONSIDERABLY DAMAGED.
5. A. ENROUTE: 2/10 OGNULUS FROM 1,000 TO 4,000 FEET ABOUT 100 MILES WEST OF BASE.
OVER TARGET: CAVU.
- B. LOUD AND CLEAR.
6. SEE NARRATIVE.
7. 7,420 ROUNDS .50 CALIBER AMMO EXPENDED, 8 X 5 INCH ROCKETS (INSTANT. NOSE FUSES), AND 4,550 GALLONS GAS CONSUMED.
8. AFTER ATTACKING SHIPPING IN YANGTZE RIVER ESTUARY, THE FLIGHTS TURNED SOUTH AND FLEW OVER OUTSKIRTS OF SHANG-HAI. NO A/A RECEIVED FROM THIS AREA.

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73RD FIGHTER SQUADRON MISSION # 7-2
318TH FIGHTER GROUP MISSION # 7-31. A. FOUR (4) P-47N'S.
B. NONE.2. A. NONE.
B. NONE.

3. ESCORT DUMBO (DUMBO ORBIT POINT TAKE SHIMA).

4. LTS. SHEPARD, BRYANT, REDFIELD, DAY (TYCOON 113)

TAKE-OFF: 1500 OVER TARGET: 1630-1700 LANDED: 1900

FLIGHT PROCEEDED ON COURSE TO TAKE SHIMA, CLIMBING ENROUTE FROM 2,000 TO 6,000 FEET, AND RENDEZVOUSED WITH DUMBO JUST SOUTH OF TAKE SHIMA. DUMBO WAS LOW ON GAS AND RECEIVED PERMISSION TO RETURN TO BASE AT 17PP. THE FLIGHT RETURNED WITH DUMBO AT 3,000 FEET AND WAS ACCOMPANIED PART WAY BY TROPIC 185 (THE FLIGHT WHICH WAS RELIEVED BY TYCOON 113). NO E/A WERE SEEN AND NO A/A FIRE RECEIVED.

5. A. ENROUTE: 3/10 CUMULUS FROM 1,000 TO 3,000 FEET.
OVER TARGET: 4/10 CUMULUS FROM 1,000 TO 5,000 FEET.

B. LOUD AND CLEAR.

6. NONE.

7. 1,400 GALLONS GAS CONSUMED.

8. NONE.

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73RD FIGHTER SQUADRON MISSION # 7-3
318TH FIGHTER GROUP MISSION # 7-6

1. A. Eight (8) P-47N's. (Two did not take-off - spare replaced one of them)
B. None.
2. A. None.
B. None.
3. Escort F-5 on Photo Mission to Southern Kyushu Area. Alternate Target:
Tokuno Shima.
4. Capt. LEFFORGE, Lts. TITUS, HARRIS, CHAFFIN (Tycoon 157).
Capt. WILSON, Lts. WEBSTER, CAMPBELL, MC CORSTIN (Tycoon 161).
Lt. PACK -- Spare.

Take-off: 1155 Over Target: 1300-1330 Landed: 1400

Lt. HARRIS did not take off due to engine cutting out. Lt. CHAFFIN was stopped by the tower after starting his take off. Number 3 position in Capt. LEFFORGE's flight was taken by Lt. PACK.

After flights were formed following take-off, they were informed by HAZEL control that the photo mission had been cancelled and they were ordered to look for barges or other shipping and to strafe targets of opportunity at TOKUNO SHIMA. On reaching the secondary target, the flights made a complete circle of the island, searching all of the shore line and found no barges or boats of any kind except two or three derelicts on the east coast. Wing tanks were dropped and then strafed on a group of buildings in a cove north of the airfield on the west coast. Buildings appeared to be small factories or barracks (possibly fish canneries). Many large fires were started and these buildings are believed to be at least partially burned out. The airfield was also strafed but none of several planes on the field were operational and the field itself appeared to be inoperational. A spare plane from the 333rd Firon took the number four

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73RD FIGHTER SQUADRON MISSION # 7-3 CONTINUED:

4. position in Capt. LEFFORGE's flight. Pushover on strafing runs was 2,000, firing 1,100-100, angle 20 degrees, I.A.S. 260 mph, and axis of attack was from various directions. There was no interception by E/A and A/A fire was light, cont. pointed, meager, and inaccurate from positions near the airfield. Lt. TITUS received a small hole from probable 7.7 mm M/G in the horizontal stabilizer of his plane.
5. A. Enroute: CAVU
Over Target: 8/10 cumulus from 2,500 to 3,500 feet.
B. Low and clear.
6. See Narrative.
7. 6,733 rounds of .50 caliber ammunition expended. 2,450 gallons gas consumed.
8. None.

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73RD FIGHTER SQUADRON MISSION # 7-4
318TH FIGHTER GROUP MISSION # 7-71. A. Thirteen (13) P-47N's. (Five (5) did not reach the target)
B. None.2. A. None.
B. None.

3. Escort Three (3) F-5's on Photo Mission Over Southern Kyushu.

4. Capt. MARTIN, Lts. NELSON, HEAGNEY, GAMACHE (Tycoon 165).
Capt. SMITH, Lts. GORCORAN, HARRIS, CHAFFIN (Tycoon 169).
Lts. HARBOUR, WOODS, CAMPELL, SYKES (Tycoon 173).
Lt. TR. MARTIN --- Spare

Take-off: 1010 Over Target: 1230-1310 Landed: 1425

Capt. MARTIN could not get sufficient manifold pressure to take off, so Lt. MARTIN (spare) took off and assumed number three position in the flight, Lt. HEAGNEY moving into flight leader's position. Lt. HEAGNEY's wing tanks were not drawing so on reaching TOKUNO SHIMA, Capt. SMITH ordered the entire flight (Tycoon 165-168) to return to base - one of the F-5's had previously aborted. This flight pancaked at 1215.

Capt. SMITH's and Lt. HARBOUR's flights proceeded to the target area with two (2) F-5's (Jitney 1 and Jitney 8) and provided cover while the photo planes made their photographic runs over southern KYUSHU. Returning to the rally point, KURO SHIMA, it was found that the second division of photo planes had arrived in the target area ahead of schedule and had completed their mission. Therefore, the two escorting flights of P-47's started back to base with Jitney 1 and Jitney 8. No E/A were seen and no A/A fire was received.

5. A. Enroute and over target: CA VU.
B. Loud and clear.

6. None.

7. 7,200 gallons gas consumed.

8. Entirely too much radio chatter on the part of pilots from other groups. It was reported that they were even singing while flights were landing.

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73RD FIGHTER SQUADRON MISSION # 7-5
318TH FIGHTER GROUP MISSION # 7-10

1. A. NINE (9) P-47'S. (INCLUDING ONE SPARE)
B. NONE.
2. A. NONE.
B. NONE.
3. ESCORT (HIGH COVER) FOUR (4) PB4Y-1P'S OVER SOUTHERN KYUSHU.
4. CAPT. LEFFORGE, LTS. BESCHE, BRYANT, R/O MERRICK (TYCOON 145).
LTS. DUPUY, SCHUR, PACK, GATACHE (TYCOON 149).
LT. HEAGNEY - SPARE (TYCOON 167).

TAKE-OFF: 0810 OVER TARGET: 1045-1205 LANDED: 1340

LT. HEAGNEY, WHO WITH SPARES FROM OTHER SQUADRONS, WAS TO FLY TO SUWANOSE, COULD NEITHER RECEIVE OR SEND ON HIS RADIO SO RETURNED BEFORE FLIGHTS WERE ON COURSE AND PANGAKED AT 0900.

THE FLIGHTS RENDEZVOUSED WITH OTHER ESCORTING P-47'S OVER POINT YOKE AT 3,000 FEET AND PROCEEDED ON COURSE AT 0906 WITH THE FOUR (4) PHOTO PLANES. ALL PLANES CLIMBED ENROUTE UNTIL THE TARGET AREA WAS REACHED WITH CAPT. LEFFORGE'S AND LT. DUPUY'S FLIGHTS PROVIDING HIGH COVER DURING THE ENTIRE MISSION. THE PHOTO PLANES MADE THEIR RUNS AT ALTITUDES VARY^{ING} BETWEEN 17,000 AND 20,000 FEET WITH HIGH COVER FROM 23,000 TO 24,000 FEET. ONE RUN WAS MADE FROM WEST TO EAST STARTING IN THE VICINITY OF YATSUSHIRO WAN AND EXTENDING TO THE EAST COAST OF KYUSHU WHERE A 180 DEGREE TURN WAS MADE AND ANOTHER RUN FROM EAST TO WEST MADE OVER AN AREA JUST SOUTH OF THE INITIAL RUN. PHOTO PLANES AND ESCORT THEN FLEW TO THE RALLY POINT, KURO SHIMA, ARRIVING THERE AT 1205 AND STARTED ON COURSE FOR HOME IMMEDIATELY. LT. PACK, WHO BECAME ILL, RETURNED WITH HIS WINGMAN 20 MINUTES AHEAD OF THE OTHERS. NO E/A WERE SEEN AND THE ONLY A/A FIRE

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73RD FIGHTER SQUADRON MISSION # 7-5 CONTINUED:

4. OBSERVED WAS FROM THE VICINITY OF HITOYOSHI A/F. IT WAS HEAVY, PREDICTED CONCENTRATION, MEAGER, AND INACCURATE.

5. A. ENROUTE: 4/10 ALTOCUMULUS - THIN LAYER AT 15,000 FEET.
2/10 CIRRUS FROM 18,000 TO 21,000 FEET.
OVER TARGET: 4/10 ALTOCUMULUS FROM 9,000 TO 10,000 FEET.
2/10 CIRROCUMULUS ~~XXXXXX~~ AT 28,000 FEET.

B. LOUD AND CLEAR.

6. NONE.

7. W 5,200 GALLONS GAS CONSUMED.

8. NONE.

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73RD FIGHTER SQUADRON MISSION # 7-6
318TH FIGHTER GROUP MISSION # 7-11

1. A. TWELVE (12) P-47N'S. (TWO DID NOT REACH THE TARGET)
B. NONE.
2. A. NONE.
B. NONE.
3. ROCKET AND STRAFING OMURA A/F AND ESCORT ONE (1) F-5.
4. MAJOR MC COWN, LTS. GECI, TITUS, COX (TYCOON 101).
CAPT. WILSON, LTS. NELSON, YEAGER, SINCLAIR (TYCOON 105).
LTS. SHEPARD, BARRIS, HORNER, F/O MENZA (TYCOON 117).

TAKE-OFF: 0955 OVER TARGET: 1305-1310 LANDED: 1510

LT. YEAGER DID NOT TAKE OFF DUE TO MECHANICAL DIFFICULTIES.
LT. SINCLAIR TURNED BACK AT MAMI O SHIMA DUE TO A ROUGH ENGINE
AND PANGAKED AT 1210.

LT. SHEPARD'S FLIGHT TOOK OFF FIFTEEN MINUTES AHEAD OF THE
OTHER FLIGHTS AND RENDEZVOUSED WITH JITNEY 1 - THE F-5 -
OVER POINT BOLO AT 3,000 FEET AND AT 1035. THE F-5 AND FOUR
PLANE ESCORT THEN PROCEEDED DIRECTLY TO THE TARGET (OMURA A/F)
WHERE THE PHOTO PLANE MADE SEVERAL PHOTOGRAPHIC RUNS FROM SW
TO NE AND NE TO SW. THE ALTITUDE OF THE F-5 VARIED FROM
17 TO 18,000 FEET WITH THE P-47'S FLYING COVER 500 TO 1,000
FEET HIGHER. AFTER COMPLETION OF THESE RUNS THE F-5 AND
ESCORT ORBITTED MINO SHIMA AT 18,000 FEET AND WATCHED THE
ROCKET PLANES AND BOMBERS MAKE THEIR RUNS. THEY THEN PROCEEDED
BACK TO BASE.

MAJOR MC COWN AND CAPT. WILSON ASSEMBLED THEIR FLIGHTS OVER
POINT UNCLE AT 3,000 FEET, PROCEEDED ON COURSE TO THE TARGET
AREA, AND RENDEZVOUSED WITH OTHER FLIGHTS AT KUSAKAKI SHIMA
AT 10,000 FEET AND AT 1230. THE TWO FLIGHTS THEN PROCEEDED

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4. TO THE TARGET AND MADE THEIR ATTACK ON THE TWO DESIGNATED GUN POSITIONS AT 1305. MAJOR MC COWN'S FLIGHT WENT IN FIRST MAKING HIS ROCKET RUN FROM EAST TO WEST ON ONE OF THE GUN POSITIONS AND THEN CAPT. WILSON AND HIS WINGMAN HIT THE OTHER POSITION FROM THE SAME DIRECTION. PUSHOVER ON ROCKET RUNS WAS FROM 9,000, RELEASE 3,000, ANGLE 60 DEGREES, AND INDICATED AIR SPEED 375 MPH. MAJOR MC COWN'S FLIGHT PUT TWELVE (12) ROCKETS IN THE IMMEDIATE VICINITY OF ONE GUN POSITION, THREE (3) ROCKETS WENT WILD, AND ONE (1) FAILED TO FIRE. THE EIGHT (8) ROCKETS FIRED BY CAPT. WILSON AND HIS WINGMAN ALL HIT IN THE IMMEDIATE VICINITY OF THE OTHER GUN POSITION. RESULTS WERE UNOBSERVED DUE TO ANGLE OF PULLING OUT OF DIVES. ON COMPLETION OF ROCKET RUNS, THE FLIGHTS BROKE OUT OVER OMURA VAN, THEN TURNED SOUTH AND HEADED BACK TO BASE. NO E/A WERE SEEN BUT A/A FIRE FROM OTHER POSITIONS NEAR THE AIRFIELD WAS HEAVY, CONT. POINTED, MEAGER TO MODERATE, AND GENERALLY INACCURATE EXCEPT AS TO ALTITUDE.

5. A. ENROUTE: 2/10 CUMULUS FROM 3,000 TO 5,000 FEET WITH 10/10 CIRRUS OVER 12,000 FEET.
OVER TARGET: 3/10 CUMULUS FROM 2,000 TO 4,000 FEET WITH 9/10 CIRRUS ABOVE 10,000 FEET.

B. GOOD.

6. UNDETERMINED.

7. 520 ROUNDS .50 CALIBER AMMO AND 23 X 5 INCH ROCKETS (MARK 149 INSTANT FUSE AND 5 INCH MOTORS).
6,200 GALLONS GAS CONSUMED.

8. NONE.

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73RD FIGHTER SQUADRON MISSION # 7-7
318TH FIGHTER GROUP MISSION # 7-121. A. FOUR (4) P-47N'S.
B. NONE.2. A. NONE.
B. NONE.

3. ESCORT DUMBO ON KYUSHU PHOTO MISSION.

4. LTS. MILLET, SINCLAIR, HARRIS, F/O FUCHS (BODYGUARD 256)

TAKE-OFF: 1030 OVER TARGET: 1315-1430 LANDED: 1555

THE FLIGHT RENDEZVOUSED WITH DUMBO PLANE OVERPOINT KING AT 2,000 FEET AND PROCEEDED ON COURSE FOR KURO SHIMA, THE DUMBO ORBIT POINT, AT 1115. THE FLIGHT FLEW COVER AT 3,000 FEET FOR THE DUMBO WHICH ORBITTED THE MAJORITY OF THE TIME AT 500 FEET. AT 1430 FLIGHT PROCEEDED BACK TO BASE, PANCAKING AT 1555. NO E/A WERE SEEN AND NO A/A FIRE WAS RECEIVED.

5. A. ENROUTE: 4/10 CUMULUS FROM 1,000 TO 2,500 FEET.
OVER TARGET: 6/10 CUMULUS FROM 1,000 TO 14,000 FEET.

B. LOUD AND CLEAR.

6. NONE.

7. 1,800 GALLONS GAS CONSUMED.

8. NONE.

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73RD FIGHTER SQUADRON MISSION # 7-8
318TH FIGHTER GROUP MISSION # 7-14

1. A. TWELVE (12) P-47N'S.
B. NONE.
2. A. NONE.
B. NONE.
3. ESCORT TWO (2) F6F PHOTO PLANES TO TANEGA SHIMA.
4. CAPT. LEFFORGE, LTS. WOODS, GEORGE, WALLEMBERG (BODYGUARD 118).
LTM. HARBOUR, F/O COOK, LTS. MARTIN, ADAMS (BODYGUARD 122).
CAPT. SMITH, LTS. CORGOBAN, HEAGNEY, BESCHE (BODYGUARD 126).

TAKE-OFF: 0950 OVER TARGET: 1155-1215 LANDED: 1420

THE FLIGHTS RENDEZVOUSED AT 1005 OVER POINT MIKE WITH OTHER P-47'S AND THE F6F PHOTO PLANES AT 2,000 FEET. THEY WERE ON COURSE AT 1010 AND PROCEEDED TO TANEGA SHIMA WHERE THE PHOTO PLANES MADE RUNS ON THE EAST AND NORTHWEST COASTS. DUE TO CLOUD COVERAGE, THE ROUTE TO THE TARGET WAS FLOWN AT ALTITUDES BETWEEN 500 AND 1,000 FEET. THE SAME CONDITIONS APPLIED ON THE ROUTE BACK. AT THE TARGET, CAPT. LEFFORGE'S AND LT. HARBOUR'S FLIGHTS STAYED WITH THE F6F'S AT 2,500 TO 3,000 FEET AND CAPT. SMITH'S FLIGHT PROVIDED HIGH COVER AT 6,000 FEET. NO E/A WERE SEEN AND NO A/A FIRE WAS RECEIVED. TWO (2) SHIPS WERE SIGHTED BETWEEN TANEGA SHIMA AND THE KYUSHU COAST, ONE OF WHICH APPEARED TO BE A DD AND THE OTHER A CARGO VESSEL.

5. A. ENROUTE: 6/10 CUMULUS FROM 1,000 TO 3,000 FEET.
OVER TARGET: 1/10 CUMULUS FROM 1,000 TO 6,000 FEET AND 7/10
ALTOCUMULUS WITH BASES AT 3,000 FEET.
B. LOUD AND CLEAR.

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6. NONE.

7. 4,800 GALLONS GAS CONSUMED.

8. SQUADRON MISSION LEADER WAS ADVISED THAT PHOTO SHIPS TO BE ESCORTED WOULD BE FG'S (P-51 PHOTO PLANE) AND TOOK OFF WITH THAT UNDERSTANDING WHEREAS THEY WERE ACTUALLY FGF'S. TYPE OF PHOTO RUNS TO BE MADE WERE NOT KNOWN. PHOTO PLANES THOUGHT COMMUNICATIONS TO BE ON CHANNEL 5 FOR WHICH THE P-47'S HAVE NO BUTTON.

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73RD FIGHTER SQUADRON MISSION # 7-9
318TH FIGHTER GROUP MISSION # 7-20

FIVE (5)

1. A. ~~K&M&X~~ P-47N'S. (ONE DID NOT REACH THE TARGET).
B. NONE.2. A. NONE.
B. NONE.

3. SEARCH FOR 333RD FIGHTER PILOT AT HIRATO SHIMA - DUMBO ESCORT.

4. LTS. YAEGER, DECI, WEBSTER, JOHNSON. (TYCOON 133).
LT. HARRIS (TYCOON SPARE 121)

TAKE-OFF: 0710 OVER TARGET: 1010-1045 LANDED: 1320

LT. HARRIS (SPARE) RETURNED FROM APPROX. 50 MILES OUT AND
PANCAKED AT 0805.

THE FLIGHT FORMED OVER POINT MIKE AT 0715 AND OVER TOOK OTHER P-47'S ON THE MISSION AT POINT UNCLE. ALL ESCORTING PLANES PROCEEDED ON COURSE WITH THE DUMBO AND FLEW TO TARGET AT ALTITUDES VARYING FROM THE DECK TO 4,000 FEET ON ACCOUNT OF BAD WEATHER ENROUTE. ON REACHING THE TARGET, LT. YAEGER'S FLIGHT STAYED WITH DUMBO AT 4,000 FEET AND CONDUCTED SEARCH FROM THAT ALTITUDE. SEARCH WAS FIRST MADE OVER THE COVE ON THE SOUTHWEST COAST OF HIRATO WHERE 333RD PILOT WAS LAST SEEN. NUMEROUS SMALL JAP SURFACE CRAFT WERE OBSERVED BUT NO TRACE WAS FOUND OF THE PILOT OR RAFT. SEARCH WAS THEN EXTENDED TO THE WEST AND SOUTH TO INCLUDE UKU SHIMA, HIRA SHIMA, AND NAKADORI SHIMA WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. OTHER P-47'S PROVIDED COVER FROM 6,000 TO 10,000 FEET. NO E/A WERE SEEN AND NO A/A FIRE WAS RECEIVED.

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73RD FIGHTER SQUADRON MISSION # 7-6 CONTINUED:

5. A. ENROUTE: 10/10 CUMULUS FROM 500 TO 4,000 AND 10/10
ALTOCUMULUS ABOVE 10,000 FEET. THREE (3)
FRONTS ENCOUNTERED ON RETURN.

OVER TARGET: CAVU.

B. GOOD.

6. NONE.

7. 2,100 GALLONS GAS CONSUMED.

8. NONE.

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73RD FIGHTER SQUADRON MISSION # 7-10
318TH FIGHTER GROUP MISSION # 7-21

1. A. FOUR (4) P-47N'S. (ONE DID NOT REACH THE TARGET)
B. NONE.
2. A. NONE.
B. NONE.
3. ESCORT ONE (1) F-5 TO KOKUBU A/F, KYUSHU.
4. LTS. STEVENS, SCHUH, ANDERSON, ADAMS (PEDRO 161).

TAKE-OFF: 0900 OVER TARGET: 1130-1355 LANDED: 1330

LT. SCHUH RETURNED FROM MIAMI O SHIMA DUE TO EXCESSIVE OIL TEMPERATURE AND PROP SURGE. HE PANCAKED AT 1125.

THE REMAINDER OF THE FLIGHT RENDEZVOUSED WITH THE F-5 AT 0940 OVER POINT MIKE AT 3,000 FEET. THEY PROCEEDED ON COURSE AT 0941, CLIMBING TO 20,000 FEET ENROUTE TO TARGET. THE F-5 MADE TWO PHOTO RUNS OVER KOKUBU A/F AT 20,000 FEET, ONE FROM SOUTH TO NORTH AND THE OTHER FROM NORTH TO SOUTH. AN B/10 OVER CAST AT 8,000 FEET MAKES THE SUCCESS OF THE MISSION DOUBTFUL. NO E/A WERE SEEN AND NO A/A FIRE WAS RECEIVED.

5. A. ENROUTE: 10/10 CUMULUS FROM 500 TO 4,000 AND 10/10 ALTO-CUMULUS FROM 10,000 FEET TO 15,000 FEET. TWO FRONTS ENCOUNTERED ON RETURN.
OVER TARGET: ONE CLOUD LAYER OF B/10 AT 8,000 FEET AND ANOTHER OF B/10 AT ABOUT 30,000 FEET.
B. LOUD AND CLEAR.
6. NONE.
7. 1,600 GALLONS GAS CONSUMED.
8. NONE.

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73RD FIGHTER SQUADRON MISSION # 7-11

318TH FIGHTER GROUP MISSION # 7-

1. A. SEVENTEEN (17) P-47M'S (ONE DID NOT REACH TARGET AREA).
B. NONE.
2. A. THREE (3) P-47M'S (ONE PILOT KILLED - TWO IN RAFTS AND RESCUE PROCEEDINGS INITIATED).
B. NONE.
3. ESCORT B-24'S TO KUMAMOTO A/F, KYUSHU.
4. MAJOR MC COWN, F/O ~~MERRICK~~ ^{MERRICK}, LTS. REDFIELD, DAY (BODYGUARD 101).
CAPT. SNYDER, LTS. GATACHE, HARRIS, CHAFFIN (BODYGUARD 103).
LTS. DUPOUY, SINCLAIR, SPIVEY, MC CORSTIN (BODYGUARD 109).
LTM. SHEPARD, F/O MENZA, LTS. BRYANT, HORNER (BODYGUARD 113).
LT. CAMPBELL -- SPARE (BODYGUARD SPARE 101).

TAKE-OFF: 0930 OVER TARGET: 1230

LANDED: 1620

F/O MERRICK'S RADIO WAS OUT SO HE DID NOT TAKE OFF. LT. CAMPBELL TOOK THE #2 POSITION IN MAJOR MC COWN'S FLIGHT.

FLIGHTS FORMED WEST OF POINT MIKE AT 4,000 FEET, RENDEZVOUSED WITH OTHER P-47'S TEN MILES NORTH OF POINT NAN AT 4,000 FEET, AND WERE ON COURSE AT 1015. RENDEZVOUS WAS MADE WITH B-24'S OVER YAKU SHIMA AT 1200 AND THE STRIKE FORCE PROCEEDED TOWARD THE TARGET. WEATHER WHICH HAD BEEN BAD ENROUTE GREW STEADILY WORSE AND AT A POINT ABOUT 50 MILES NORTH OF THE NORTH END OF KAGOSHIMA WAN, THE ATTEMPT TO REACH THE PRIMARY TARGET WAS ABANDONED. RAPIER LEADER ADVISED THAT ESCORT WAS NOT NEEDED FOR THE SECONDARY TARGET SO THE P-47'S STARTED ON COURSE FOR HOME AT APPROX. 1300.

THEY HAD RETURNED AS FAR AS POINT YOKE WHEN A CALL WAS RECEIVED FROM PEDRO 157 STATING THAT ONE OF THEIR PILOTS WAS DOWN IN KONIYA KO, AMAMI O SHIMA, AND THEY WERE LOW ON GAS. MAJOR

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73RD FIGHTER SQUADRON MISSION # 7-11 CONTINUED:

4. MC COWN TOOK HIS FLIGHTS AND ONE FLIGHT OF THE 333RD FIRON BACK TO AMAMI WHERE ALL FLIGHTS INITIATED STRAFING RUNS ON GUN POSITIONS WHICH WERE FIRING AT A DUMBO PLANE AND AT THE DOWNED PILOT. THESE POSITIONS WERE ON BOTH SIDES OF THE SOUTHEAST PORTION OF MNTMW KONIYA KO. THE PRINCIPAL TARGET FOR THESE ATTACKS WERE THREE GUNS ON KANENTE-ZAKI, KAKEROMA SHIMA. CAPT SNYDER MADE THE FIRST PASSES ON THESE GUNS, BLOWING ONE OF THEM UP AND ALSO DROPPED DYE MARKER TO THE DOWNED PILOT. ON HIS LAST STRAFING RUN CAPT SNYDER SUSTAINED HITS FROM ONE OF THE OTHER GUNS, STARTED FOR HOME WITH HIS WINGMAN BUT WAS OBLIGED TO BAIL OUT FOUR MILES SOUTHEAST OF THE SOUTHEAST TIP OF KAKEROMA. LT. SHEPARD BLEW UP ANOTHER ONE OF THESE GUNS IN THREE STRAFING PASSES AND LT. HORNER, HIS WINGMAN WAS HIT AND FORCED TO BAIL OUT FIVE MILES EAST OF THE SOUTHEAST TIP OF AMAMI. ON A STRAFING PASS MADE BY LT. DUPUY'S FLIGHT, HIS WINGMAN, LT. SINCLAIR, WAS HIT HARD AS THEY PULLED OFF THE TARGET AND WENT IN THE OCEAN BETWEEN THE SOUTHEAST TIP OF AMAMI AND THE NORTHEAST TIP OF KAKEROMA. HIS PLANE BURNED ON IMPACT WITH THE WATER AND HE HAD NO CHANCE TO GET OUT. STRAFING RUNS WERE MADE FROM VARIOUS DIRECTIONS WITH PUSHOVERS FROM 4,000 TO 5,000, FIRING FROM 4,500 TO 50 FEET, ANGLE 30 DEGREES, I.A.S. 300 MPH. THE REMAINING P-47'S ORBITTED THE POSITIONS WHERE CAPT. SNYDER AND LT. HORNER WERE IN RAFTS AND DROPPED DYE MARKER AT BOTH POSITIONS. JUST BEFORE THEY WERE RELIEVED BY TYCOON 171, THE DUMBO PLANE HAD LANDED NEAR LT. HORNER. MAJOR MC COWN THEN BROUGHT THE REMAINDER

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73RD FIGHTER SQUADRON MISSION # 7-11 CONTINUED:

4. OF HIS FLIGHTS BACK TO BASE. THE A/A FIRE FROM BOTH SIDES
5. M. OF THE SOUTHWEST PART OF KOMIYA KO WAS MEDIUM, BOTH CONT. POINTED AND PREDICTED CONCENTRATION, MODERATE AND ACCURATE. NO E/A WERE OBSERVED.
5. A. ENROUTE: 7/10 CUMULUS FROM 1,000 TO 6,000 FEET.
4/10 ALTOCUMULUS FROM 8,000 TO 12,000 FEET.
8/10 CIRROCUMULUS FROM 15,000 TO 23,000 FEET.
- OVER TARGET: (SOUTHERN KYUSHU) 10/10 CUMULUS FROM 1,000 TO 7,000 FEET.
7/10 ALTOCUMULUS FROM 8,000 TO 12,000 FEET.
10/10 CIRROCUMULUS ABOVE 14,000 FEET.
- B. FAIR - POOR RADIO DISCIPLINE BY OTHER GROUPS.
6. TWO (2) GUN POSITIONS (ESTIMATED 40 MM) BLOWN UP ON KANENTE ZAKI, KAKEROMA SHIMA.
7. 5,518 ROUNDS 50 CALIBER AMMO EXPENDED.
11,750 GALLONS GAS CONSUMED.
8. NONE.

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73RD FIGHTER SQUADRON MISSION # 7-12
316TH FIGHTER GROUP MISSION # 7-26

1. A. FIVE (5) P-47N'S. (ONE DID NOT REACH THE TARGET).
B. NONE.
2. A. NONE.
B. NONE.
3. ESCORT ONE (1) F-5 TO TSUIKI A/F, KYUSHU.
4. LTS. GEORGE, SCHUH, HEAGNEY, GORCORAN (PEDRO 120).
LT. NELSON - SPARE (PEDRO SPARE 120)

TAKE-OFF: 0620 OVER TARGET: 0840-0910 LANDED: 1040

LT. NELSON, THE SPARE, RETURNED FROM POINT UNCLE AND PANCAKED AT 0635.

THE FLIGHT RENDEZVOUSED AT 0635 WITH THE F-5 OVER POINT UNCLE AT 2,000 FEET AND PROCEEDED ON COURSE FOR KYUSHU, CLIMBING ENROUTE TO 17,000 FEET AT TANEGA SHIMA. THEY CIRCLED TANEGA TWICE AND THEN STARTED FOR THE TARGET CLIMBING TO 20,000 FEET. BETWEEN TANEGA AND CENTRAL KYUSHU THE STRIKE FORCE PASSED THE F-5 AND ESCORT AND WHEN STILL SOME DISTANCE FROM THE TARGET, THE F-5 (JITNEY 2) CALLED LT. GEORGE, ADVISING THAT DUE TO OVERCAST HE WOULD BE UNABLE TO TAKE PHOTOGRAPHS. THE F-5 AND ESCORT THEN TOOK A VECTOR FOR HOME, THE F-5 LEAVING THE ESCORT AT AMAMI O SHIMA. NO E/A WERE SEEN AND NO A/A FIRE WAS RECEIVED.

5. A. ENROUTE: 2/10 STRATUS FROM 2,000 TO 4,000 FEET.
OVER TARGET: 9/10 CIRBUS 10,000 TO 13,000 FEET.
B. LOUD AND CLEAR.
6. NONE.
7. 2,000 GALLONS GAS CONSUMED.
8. NONE.

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73rd Fighter Squadron Mission No. 7-13
318th Fighter Group Mission No. 7-28

1. A. Eighteen (18) P-47N's (Seven (7) did not reach the target)
B. None
2. A. One (1) P-47N
B. None
3. Escort twenty four (24) B-24s to Tsuiki Airfield, Kyushu.
4. Captain LEFFORGE, Lts. WOODS, TITUS, COX. (Hopper Red)
Captain WILSON, Lts. JOHNSON, MARTIN, BARRIS. (Hopper White)
Captain SMITH, Lts. WALLENBERG, PACK, NELSON. (Hopper Blue)
Lt. Col RASMUSSEN, F/O COOK, Lts. YAEGER, F/O FUCHS (Hopper Yellow)
Lts. MILLET, CECI. (Spares) (Hopper Spares)

1. Take off: 0715 Over Target: 1145-1200 Landed: 1605

2. Captain LEFFORGE developed engine trouble and returned from rendezvous point (Sand Island), pancaking at 0815. Captain WILSON and Lt. JOHNSON returned from Tokuno Shima and pancaked at 0905 - Captain WILSON's right wing tank would not feed and Lt. JOHNSON's internal tanks were not feeding. Lt. YAEGER returned from 100 miles out due to his tachometer being out and failure of right wing tank to feed - he pancaked at 0930. F/O COOK also returned from 100 miles out and pancaked at 0930, his generator having gone out and battery being dead. Lt. CECI (one of the Spares) returned with Lt. YAEGER because the remaining planes had formed three even flights, Lt. MILLET having taken Captain LEFFORGE'S position.

When just south of Suwanose Shima, Lt. NELSON's plane developed trouble with turbo and he and Lt. PACK (his element leader) were ordered back to base. Enroute back the engine trouble seemed to correct itself and permission was obtained for these two planes to attack targets of opportunity on Tokuno Shima. They dropped wing tanks and strafed two villages, one on the Northeast coast and the other on the west coast just south of the airfield. No fires were

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started but it is believed considerable damage was done. On completion of this attack Lts. PACK and NELSON returned to base, pancaking at 1045. Strafing runs were made from north to south, pushover 4,000, firing 3,000 - 500, angle 35 degrees, I.A.S. 300mph.

The ten remaining planes, with Lt. MARTIN and his wing man having joined Lt. Col. RASMUSSEN's flight, after rendezvousing over Sand Island at 3,000 feet and starting on course at 0745, proceeded to Sumanese Shina where they rendezvoused with twenty-four (24) B-24s which were being escorted by P-47s of the 507th Group - these were not the B-24s that were supposed to be escorted as Rapiet leader called stating that they could not wait for escort and were attacking tertiary target. Flights then proceeded toward the target area with P-47s of the 318th Group providing high cover. Route taken was off the east coast of Kyushu and at a point approximately 50 miles northeast of Miyazaki, Lt. WALLENBERG advised his flight leader, Captain SMITH, that he was unable to get sufficient manifold pressure and wished to return. He started back with Captain SMITH accompanying him but immediately began losing altitude, dropping from 18,000 feet to 2,000 feet in a very short space of time. At this point he leveled off temporarily and Captain SMITH asked how he was getting along but could not read thereply. Lt. WALLENBERG then attempted to leave his plane but apparently was having difficulty and did not get out in time for his chute to open. Plane and pilot hit the water very close to each other about thirty miles east of Miyazaki at approximately 1025. Captain SMITH circled the position of the oil slick several times but nothing came to the surface. Captain SMITH had called Lt. MILLET advising him of the accident but due to trouble with his radio, did not know whether his message had been received. He then

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proceedd back to base and pancaked at 1230.

Lt. MILLET and his flight left the other escorting P-47s just off the northeast coast of Kyushu to assist in the search for Lt. WALLENBERG. They were not sure of the exact location of the crash but picked up Dumbo plane off the south tip of Kyushu and instituted search east of Miyazaki. They searched a wide area with negative results. During this period a bogey was sighted to the north and east of them which upon investigation proved to be a lone B-24. In spite of the fact that no passes were made on the B-24 or other hostile acts, it opened fire on the P-47s. Lt. MILLET finally gave up the search and he brought his flight and the Dumbo back to base, pancaking at 1605.

In the meantime, Lt. Col. RASMUSSEN's flight continued to provide high cover while the B-24's bombed the primary target. This flight could not observe bombing results due to altitude (18,000 feet) and cloud cover. Enroute back to base a burned out freighter which was beached and a tanker which appeared to be in good condition just off shore, were observed in Kasari Wan at Anami O Shima. No enemy aircraft were seen and A/A fire received from positions in the vicinity of Tsuiki Airfield was heavy, barrage type, meagre, and inaccurate. This flight pancaked at 1430.

5. A. Enroute: .5 cumulus 6000-8000 feet, .2 altocumulus layer at 18,000 and two small fronts - one north and one south of Anami O Shima.

Over Target: .9 cumulus 6000-10000 feet.

B. Fair, - too much radio chatter.

6. Undetermined.

7. 3,025 rounds caliber .50 ammunition expended, 6400 gallons of gas consumed.

8. Rendezvous time with bombers at Suwanose was 0900 and P-47s were there at that time - this despite the fact that Rapier leader said they could not wait.

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16 July 1945

73rd Fighter Squadron Mission No. 7-14
318th Fighter Group Mission No. 318-1

1. A. Sixteen (16) P-47Ns (One (1) did not reach the target).
B. None.
2. A. None.
B. None
3. Dive bomb Omata marshalling yards - Secondary target Miyakonojo Airfield.
4. Major MC COWN, Lts. BESCHE, HARRIS, CHAFFIN. (Tycoon leader 3) (Bingo Red)
Captain WILSON, Lts. JOHNSON, WEBSTER, MC GORSTIN. (Bingo White)
Lts. SHEPARD, CECI, BRYANT, F/O MENZA. (Bingo Blue)
Lts. DUROY, GAMACHE, REDFIELD, LOOMIS. (Bingo Yellow)

Take off: 1210 Over Target: (tertiary) 1535 Landed: 1750

Lt. JOHNSON did not take off - his plane was siphoning gas and cockpit was full of fumes.

Flights rendezvoused at 4,000 feet over point Yoko and were on course at 1245. They climbed enroute to target until reaching an altitude of 17,000 feet. Upon reaching the primary target at 1415, it was found to be completely closed in and the same was true of the secondary target. A break in the weather was found at Miyazaki and bridges (one railroad and two highway) over Oyado Gawa were selected as targets. Bombing runs were made from northwest to southeast, pushover 12,000, release 4,000, angle 50 degrees, and I.A.S. 400 mph. Two bombs failed to release and were later jettisoned at sea, and the remaining thirteen bombs hit in target area. Results could not definitely be ascertained but some hits were scored on bridge approaches and others in sections of Miyazaki adjacent to the bridges. Pilots reported that Miyazaki Airfield appeared to be definitely inoperational and they saw no operational aircraft on it though there were several inoperational planes. No enemy A/C were seen in the air and A/A fire from positions near Miyazaki A/F was heavy, continuously pointed, meagre, and inaccurate.

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5. A. Enroute: .6 stratus 3000-7000 and ~~ix~~ cirro-stratus layer at 16000.
Over Target: .8 stratus layer at 7000, .2 alto-cumulus from 7000-10000,
and ~~ix~~ 10/10 cirrus at 16000 feet.
B. Loud and clear.
6. Undetermined.
7. Fifteen (15) 500 pound GP bombs with AN-M103 (inst) nose fuses, and AN-M101 A1 (.025 delay) tail fuses. 10,200 gallons of gas consumed.
8. Unless absolutely sure of good weather, it is desired that bombs with delayed action fuses be used so that skip bombing can be done.

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73RD FIGHTER SQUADRON, AAF
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18 JULY 1945

73RD FIGHTER SQUADRON MISSION # 7-15
318TH FIGHTER GROUP MISSION # 318-3

1. A. EIGHTEEN (18) P-47'S (ONE DID NOT REACH THE TARGET).
B. NONE.
2. A. NONE.
B. NONE.
3. AREA COVER FOR BOMBING MISSION IN ^{SHANGHAI} ~~SHANGHAI~~ AREA.
4. CAPT. NELSON, LTS. SYKES, AYLER, SCHUM (TYCOON LEADER) (HOPPER RED).
CAPT. SMITH, LTS. CORCORAN, CAMPBELL, COX (HOPPER WHITE).
LT. GEORGE, F/O COOK, LTS. YAEGER, NELSON (HOPPER BLUE).
LTS. SPIVEY, WOODS, MARTIN, ~~JOHNSON~~ JOHNSON (HOPPER YELLOW).
LT. HEAGNEY, F/O FUCHS - SPARES (TYCOON SPARES 1 & 2).

TAKE-OFF: 0920 OVER TARGET: 1200-1250 LANDED: 1520

F/O FUCHS (TYCOON SPARE 2) RETURNED FROM 100 MILES OUT AND
PANGAKED AT 1200.

FLIGHTS ASSEMBLED OVER POINT ZEBRA AT 4,000 FEET AND JOINED THE TWO (2) NAVIGATIONAL B-25'S. THEY WERE ON COURSE AT 0950 AND CLIMBED TO 8,000 FEET, THE ALTITUDE FLOWN TO THE TARGET. LT. HEAGNEY FILLED IN AT THE NUMBER 3 POSITION IN THE CANDID YELLOW FLIGHT. WHEN 8 TO 10 MINUTES FROM THE TARGET, THE TWO (2) B-25'S GAVE THE P-47'S A VECTOR TO THE TARGET AND THEN RETIRED. AS THE P-47'S REACHED THE TARGET AT 1200 (THE SCHEDULED TIME), THE FIRST WAVE OF BOMBERS WAS LEAVING, INDICATING A MISUNDERSTANDING ON THEIR PART OF THE TIME SCHEDULE. THE P-47'S ORBITTED SHANGHAI AT 12,000 TO 13,000 FEET IN A RADIUS OF ABOUT 10 MILES AS OTHER B-24'S MADE THEIR DOMB RUN, HITTING TA-CH'ANG AIRFIELD WITH APPARENTLY GOOD RESULTS. JITNEY 1 AND 2 CALLED AT 1230, ADVISING THAT

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4. THEY WERE RETURNING TO BASE. WHEN THE B-24'S (CALL SIGN - CONCRETE) FINISHED THEIR BOMBING, THE COVERING P-47'S RETURNED TO BASE WITH THEM, LEAVING TARGET AREA AT 1250 AND PANCAKING AT 1520. NO E/A WERE AIRBORNE AND THE A/A FIRE RECEIVED FROM AIRFIELDS AROUND SHANGHAI WAS HEAVY, CONT. POINTED, MEAGER, AND INACCURATE. SEVERAL S/E AND T/E AIRCRAFT AND/OR DUMMIES WERE OBSERVED ON EACH OF THE AIRFIELDS NEAR SHANGHAI WITH THE EXCEPTION OF LUNG-HUA MAD. THE FIELDS ALL APPEARED TO BE OPERATIONAL.
5. A. ENROUTE: 6/10 CUMULUS FROM 7,000 TO 8,000 FEET AND 6/10 SCATTERED CIRRUS AT ABOUT 30,000 FEET.
OVER TARGET: 3/10 CUMULUS FROM 1,000 TO 1,500 FEET AND 6/10 SCATTERED CIRRUS AT ABOUT 30,000 FEET.
- B. LOUD AND CLEAR.
6. NONE.
7. 10,750 GALLONS GAS CONSUMED.
8. NONE.

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22 July 1945

73rd Fighter Squadron Mission No. 7-16
318th Fighter Group Mission No. 318-5

1. A. Eighteen (18) P-47Ns (three (3) did not reach the target)
B. None.
2. A. None.
B. None.
3. Dive bomb shipping on Huang-Pu river (Shang-Hai area).
4. Captain WILSON, Lts. LOOMIS, PACK, GAMACHE. (Hepper Red)
Lts. DUPUY, CECI, HARRIS, BARRIS. (Hepper White)
Lts. SHEPARD, ADAMS, TITUS, DAY. (Hepper Blue)
Lts. MILLET, BESCHE, ANDERSON, CHAFFIN. (Hepper Yellow)
Lts. WEBSTER, MC CORSTIN. (Spares) (Tycoon Spares 5-6)

Take off: 0800

Over Target: 1130-1200

Landing:
1435

The two spares were ordered to return to base shortly after flights were en course.

They were obliged to orbit Point Mike for an hour due to Air Transport activity, finally landing on Birch at 1043. Captain WILSON returned before flights were en course due to low fuel pressure and pancaked at 0910.

The flights assembled with other P-47s and the two B-25 navigational planes 5,000 feet over Point Zebra and were en course at 0900. They climbed enroute to 10,000 feet and flew at that altitude to the rally point where they left the B-25s. They then climbed to 14,000 feet during their approach to the target which was made up the Yang-Tze river. Bomb run was made in string of flights from north to south, targets being numerous small vessels and one possible DD in the canal just north of Shang-Hai. Runs were started at 14,000 feet and bombs released at 4,000 feet. Inasmuch as these flights were the last to make their runs, targets were very largely obscured by smoke and it was difficult to ascertain location of hits. However one direct hit was observed on a factory building on the west side of the river and it is believed that there were several other hits or near misses on ships and other industrial buildings. Thirty bombs hit in the target area and six carried by the aborting planes were jettisoned in the ocean. A strafing run was

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made on eight to ten smallcraft craft in the South Channel of the Yang-Tze from north-west to southeast and it is believed considerable damage was done. Just prior to start of bomb runs, several (estimated 10-15) medium sized vessels were observed at the confluence of the Huang-Pu and Yang-Tze rivers. Wu-Sung Airfield was also observed and appeared operational although due to altitude, no planes were seen on it. No enemy aircraft were seen and anti-aircraft fire from target area was medium, predicted concentration, meagre, and inaccurate. A/A fire from rally point was heavy, predicted concentration, meagre, and inaccurate. Flights returned with navigational planes and proceeded back to base at 1200.

5. A. Enroute: 3/10 cumulus 4000-6000 and overcast at 13000.

Over Target: 5/10 cumulus 4000-6000 and scattered overcast at 16000.

B. Lead and clear.

6. Undetermined.

7. 1230 rounds .50 caliber ammo; thirty six (36) 500 lb. GP bombs with AN-M103 (.1 delay) nose fuse and AN-M101 A1 (.025 delay) tail fuse. 9000 gallons of gas consumed.

8. None.

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73rd Fighter Squadron Mission No. 7-17
318th Fighter Group Mission No. 318-61. A. Four (4) P-47Ns. (All reached target).
B. None.2. A. None.
B. None.

3. Shadow convey reported 31° 50'N, 124° 40'E (Northeast of Shanghai).

4. Captain SMITH, Lts. COX, SYKES, WOODS. (Tycoon 105)

Take off: 1100 Over Target: 1340-1600 Landed: 1800

The flight assembled with four (4) planes of the 19th Fiteron and one (1) B-24 3,000 feet over Point Uncle and were on course at 1140, taking a vector of 315°. This course was flown at 8,000 feet for approximately two hours which brought them to the target area where the B-24 made three Navy type search patterns. The search had negative results and the B-24 then proceeded to the China coast just off of Shanghai. At approximately 1615 Captain SMITH called the B-24 (Rapier 100) and obtained permission to return to base. He was given a vector and started home flying at 7,000 feet enroute. One large and several smaller fires were seen in the Shanghai area. No enemy aircraft were observed and no anti-aircraft fire was received.

5. A. Enroute: 7/10 cumulus 3000-7000.
Target area: 3/10 cumulus 3000-7000 and 5/10 alte cumulus 11000-14000.

B. Peer with the B-24 (Rapier 100).

6. None.

7. 2600 gallons of gas consumed.

8. Captain SMITH was furnished with wrong channel for communications with B-24.

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73RD FIGHTER SQUADRON MISSION # 7-18
318TH FIGHTER GROUP MISSION # 318-71. A. EIGHTEEN (18) P-47N'S. (SIX DID NOT REACH THE TARGET).
B. NONE.2. A. NONE.
B. NONE.3. ROCKET AND STRAFE TING-HAI A/F, CHUSAN ISLAND WITH SHIPPING
IN CHUSAN ARCHIPELAGO AS ALTERNATE TARGET.4. MAJOR MC COWN, LTS. CORCORAN, AYLER, MC CORSTIN (TYCOON LEADER)
CAPT WILSON, F/O MENZA, LTS. BRYANT, WOODS (BINGO RED)
LTS. GEORGE, JOHNSON, MEDFIELD, SYKES (BINGO WHITE).
LTS. YEAGER, SCHUH, WEBSTER, F/O COOK (BINGO BLUE)
LTS. CAMPBELL, NELSON - SPARES (BINGO YELLOW)
(BINGO 1 & 2)

TAKE-OFF: 0810 OVER TARGET: 1215-1230 LANDED: 1430

F/O COOK'S GENERATOR WENT OUT AND HE RETURNED FROM POINT ZEBRA AND PANCAKED AT 1000. LT. GEORGE RETURNED FROM 125 MILES OUT DUE TO HIS ENGINE CUTTING OUT AND WAS ACCOMPANIED BACK TO BASE BY LT. JOHNSON - THEY PANCAKED AT 1030. LT. CORCORAN RETURNED FROM 150 MILES OUT BECAUSE HIS INTERNAL WING TANKS WOULD NOT FEED - HE PANCAKED AT 1105. WHEN ABOUT 45 MINUTES FROM THE TARGET, LT BRYANT'S ENGINE STARTED CUTTING OUT AND HE RETURNED ACCOMPANIED BY LT. WOODS - THEY PANCAKED AT 1210.

THE FLIGHTS ASSEMBLED AT 5,000 FEET OVER POINT ZEBRA WITH PLANES OF THE 19TH FITERON AND ORBITTED UNTIL IT BECAME APPARENT THAT OTHER GROUPS SCHEDULED FOR THE MISSION HAD RETURNED TO BASE. THE A-26 NAVIGATING PLANES WERE NOT AT THE RENDEZVOUS POINT, SO FINALLY THE 73RD AND 19TH FITERONS PROCEEDED ON COURSE FOR THE CHINA COAST AT 0915 - THE 333RD FITERON WAS BELIEVED TO HAVE STARTED FOR THE TARGET AHEAD OF THEM. ALTTITUDE IN ROUTE WAS 7,000 FEET AND A FRONTAL CONDITION BETWEEN BASE AND 100-125 MILES ON COURSE WAS DISAPATED. LAND FALL WAS MADE NEAR NAI-T'IEH FROM WHICH POINT THEY FLEW APPROX. 100 MILES SOUTH

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MISSION # 7-18 CONTINUED:

4. BEFORE DISCOVERING THEIR ERROR. THEY THEN REVERSED COURSE AND FLEW BACK UP THE CHINA COAST UNTIL TARGET WAS REACHED AT APPROX. 1215. FINDING NO SUITABLE ROCKET TARGETS AT TING-HAI A/F, MAJOR MC COWN LED HIS FLIGHTS IN ONE ROCKET AND STRAFING PASS AGAINST THREE (3) FOX TARE DOGS AND THIRTY TO FORTY (30-40) LUGGERS JUST OFF THE SOUTH COAST OF CHUSAN BETWEEN THAT ISLAND AND CHONG-CHIH SHAN. ALTHOUGH NONE OF THE BOATS WERE LEFT BURNING, IT IS BELIEVED THAT CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE WAS INFLICTED. 8 ROCKETS WERE FIRED BY TWO PLANES (THREE OTHER ROCKET CARRYING PLANES ABORTED AND EITHER JETTISONED ROCKETS OR RETURNED WITH THEM TO BASE) AND THE REMAINING PLANES STRAFED. THE RUN WAS MADE FROM EAST TO WEST STARTING FROM 7,000 FEET AND PULLING OUT AT 1,000 FEET. THE TING-HAI A/F APPEARED TO BE DEFINITELY INOPERATIONAL. MEDIUM A/A FIRE FROM POSITIONS ON TA-CH'U SHAN WAS CONT. POINTED, MEAGER AND INACCURATE. NO E/A WERE OBSERVED. FLIGHTS REFORMED AT THE RALLY POINT 5 MILES EAST OF CHUSAN AND PROCEEDED BACK TO BASE.
5. A. ENROUTE: FRONTAL CONDITION FROM BASE TO 100-125 MILES WEST CLEARING TO 3/10 CUMULUS FROM 1,100 TO 1,800 WITH A LAYER OF CIRRUS AT 16,000. THE LATTER CLOUD COVERAGE EXISTED OVER THE TARGET.
- B. LOUD AND CLEAR.
6. UNDETERMINED.
7. 9,940 ROUNDS .50 CAL AMMO EXPENDED, 11 X 5 INCH ROCKETS (MARK 8 WITH 5 INCH MOTORS, MARK 2, AND MARK 149 NOSE FUSES) - THREE OF THE EXPENDED ROCKETS WERE JETTISONED. 5 ADDITIONAL ROCKETS WERE RETURNED TO BASE. 7,800 GALLONS GAS CONSUMED.
8. NONE.

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27 July 1945

73rd Fighter Squadron Mission No. 7-19
31st Fighter Group Mission No. 318-91. A. Eighteen (18) P-47Ns (three (3) did not reach the target).
B. None.2. A. None.
B. None.

3. Skip bomb railroad tunnels on southern Kyushu.

4. Lt. Col. MC AFEE, Lts. GAMACHE, ANDERSON, F/O FUCHS. (Binge Red)
Lt. Col. RASMUSSEN, Lts. LOOMIS, HARRIS, BESCHE. (Binge White)
Major NELSON, F/O COOK, Lts. TITUS, JOHNSON. (Binge Blue)
Lts. GEORGE, CECI, BRYANT, WOODS. (Binge Yellow)
Lts. CHAFFIN, BARRIS. (Spares)

Take off: 1130

Over target: 1410-1440

Landed: 1720

Lt. GAMACHE did not take off due to left landing gear malfunction. Lt. LOOMIS did not take off owing to soft brakes. Lt. JOHNSON, returned from 30 minutes out when his generator went out and pancaked at 1245.

The flights assembled with other Squadrons at the rendezvous point, Pt. YOKO, at 6,000 feet and proceeded en route for the target at 1240, climbing enroute to 10,000 feet. Upon reaching a point just west of Kurine, flights orbited at 10,000 feet while waiting their turn to start bomb runs, which were to be made in trail by single planes at 30 second intervals from north to south down the railroad line between Kurine and the north side of Kagoshima Wan. Lt. Col. MC AFEE and his flight hit the third in a series of four railroad tunnels, going from north to south, between the locations aforementioned. Upon completion of their bomb runs, they ~~returned~~ retired over Kagoshima Wan and upon reaching the rally point, Take Shima, Lt. Col. MC AFEE whose tachometer had gone out and Lt. BARRIS whose oil supply was nearly exhausted, returned immediately to base. Lt. Col. RASMUSSEN and his flight dropped their bombs on a factory at Kawa between Kurine and Miyaneje and then strafed other targets in this vicinity consisting of villages. Lt. Col.

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RASMUSSEN also fired ten (10) rockets, none of which were seen to explode. Major NELSON and his flight bombed a railroad bridge in a cut just southeast of Yokogawa and then strafed a factory between Kekubu and Kagoshima Wan. This factory was left in a burning condition. Lt. GEORGE and his flight bombed the second in the series of railroad tunnels previously mentioned. Due to the method of bombing, exact results could not be ascertained, but it is believed some hits were scored and considerable damage done. All bombing and strafing was from minimum altitude. Lts. HARRIS and BESCHE carried four and two rockets respectively which were fired at the factory attacked by their flight. 20-30 luggers were seen in the bay just south of Sakura Shima and extremely large fires were observed to be burning at Kagoshima. Fires were also observed at Kiire further south on the west side of Kagoshima Wan. No enemy A/C were seen and A/A fire from positions near Kajiki and Ibusuki was heavy and medium, continuously pointed, accurate, and inaccurate.

5. A. Enroute: 10/10 overcast from 1500 to 10,000 feet just north of Asahi O Shima.
Over target: 2/10 scattered alto-cumulus from 5000 to 10,000 feet and 1/10 cirrus at about 25,000 feet.

B. Fair.

6. Undetermined.

7. 15 x 500 lb. GPa bombs with AN-M113-M1 (1-15 second delay) tail fuses and no nose fuses. 6 x 5" Mk 6, Mod. 0 Rockets with Mk 2, Mod. 3 meters and Mk 149 (inst.) nose fuses. 5780 rounds of caliber .50 ammunition expended. 10 rockets expended by Lt. Col. RASMUSSEN not furnished by this Squadron. 9100 gallons of gasoline consumed.

8. None.

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73rd Fighter Squadron Mission No. 7-20
31st Fighter Group Mission No. 318-10

1. A. Sixteen (16) P-47Ns (one (1) did not reach the target)
B. None
2. A. None
B. None
3. Rocket and strafe Motatsubara Airfield, Kyushu.
4. Captain WILSON, Lts. LOOMIS, AYLER, GALACHE. (Binge Red)
Lt. SHEPARD, ADAMS, WEBSTER, MC CORSTIN. (Binge White)
Captain DUFUY, Lts. COX, SYKES, DAY. (Binge Blue)
Lts. SPIVEY, JOHNSON, MARTIN, F/O MENZA. (Binge Yellow)

Take off: 0615

Over Target: 0840-0850

Landed: 1100

Lt. SHEPARD returned from 25 minutes out because his belly tank would not feed and pancaked at 0700.

The flights assembled at 5,000 feet over point YOKE with 19th and 333rd Fighter Squadrons, and were en course at 0633, climbing enroute to 10,000 feet. They flew up the west coast of Kyushu to Mens-zaki, then turned inside of Nagasaki and proceeded to the target. Captain WILSON and Lt. WEBSTER (now leading Binge White) made a rocket and strafing run over the target from north to south. Only two parked aircraft (S/E) were seen and only one of these appeared to be operational. This plane escaped damage due to the fact that Captain WILSON's rockets failed to fire on his first attempt. Both of these flights hit buildings surrounding the airfield, some of which were apparently barracks. Captain DUFUY and Lt. SPIVEY then took their flights over target in a strafing run following the same pattern set by the preceding flights - that is two flights in line abreast, runs being made from 8,000 down to 500 feet. The latter flights also hit buildings around the field and while no new fires were started, many hits were scored and it is believed that considerable damage was done. Several fires were observed in the northeast and southeast sides

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of the airfield. No enemy aircraft were seen in the air, but A/A fire received from the vicinity of a bridge southeast of Saga was medium, continuously pointed, meagre, and accurate, damaging slightly the planes flown by Lts. GAMACHE and AYLER. Lt. GAMACHE received hits in the cowling of his plane and Lt. AYLER in the wing roots. Medium, continuously pointed, meagre and inaccurate A/A fire was also received from the vicinity of Omuta while flights were reforming northwest of there. Two (2) Fox Tare Ables and 20-30 small craft were seen just off shore from Nagasaki. Flights returned to base without further incident.

5. A. Enroute: 4/10 cumulus 1000-3000, 2/10 alto cumulus 5000-9000, and 1/10 cirrus at 16000 feet.
Over target: 2/10 cumulus 1000-3000 and 2/10 cirrus at 16000 feet.

B. Loud and clear.

6. Undetermined.

7. 9298 rounds caliber .50 ammunition; 13 x 5" Mk 6 Mod 0 rockets with 5" Mk 2 Mod 3 meters and Mk 149 (inst) fuzes expended. 7100 gallons of gas consumed.

8. None.

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28 July 1945

31st Fighter Group Mission No. 31E-11
73rd Fighter Squadron Mission No. 7-21

1. A. Sixteen (16) P-47s (One (1) did not reach the target)
B. None
2. A. None
B. None
3. Rockets and strafing Tomitaka Airfield - Secondary target Byu Airfield.
4. Major MC COWN, Lts. STUCK, SCHUB, F/O COOK (Bingo Red)
Captain SMITH, Lts. STAUGGER, NELSON, CORCORAN (Bingo White)
Lts. SHEPARD, ELLIOTT, CAMPBELL, CECI. (Bingo Blue)
Lts. YAEGER, HEUTTMOSER, HARRIS, F/O FUCHS (Bingo Yellow)

Take off: 1345

Over Target: 1605-1710

Landed: 1840

Lt. YAEGER ~~returned from 200 miles out due to collapse of turbine and pancaked at 1600.~~

Flights assembled at 3000 feet over point Yoko and were en course at 1405, climbing enroute to target to 18000 feet. The primary target was completely closed in as the flights headed for Byu airfield, the secondary target. Shortly before reaching it they spotted two short trains (one two car and one four car) about five miles north of Kokubu. The shorter of the two trains was headed east and escaped into a tunnel before much damage could be done. The other train was not moving and was hit with rockets and by strafing. It is believed that this train was severely damaged. Flights continued on to the Byu Airfield and strafed installations adjacent to the field. However most of these appeared to have been already hard hit though the runways ~~and taxiways~~ were operational. No E/A were seen either parked or airborne. A/A fire from positions between Byu and Chiran A/Fs was medium, predicted concentration, moderate, and accurate to inaccurate. Captain SMITH's plane received one hit (probable 20MM) in left flap. On completion of attack on Byu, the flights proceeded back to base.

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5. A. Enroute: From Anani to 100 miles north 10/10 cumulus from deck to 7,000 feet.
Over target: Primary target and most of east coast Kyushu 10/10 cumulus from deck to 7000 feet. Clear over secondary target.

B. Load and clear
6. Undetermined.
7. 6675 rounds caliber .50 ammunition; 12 x 5" Mk 6, Mod 0 rockets with 5" Mk 2 mod 3 meters and Mk 149 (inst) fuzes. 7800 gallons of gas consumed.
8. None

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29 July 1945

73rd Fighter Squadron Mission Report No. 7-22
31st Fighter Group Mission Report No. 313-13

1. A. Eighteen (18) P-47Ns
B. None
2. A. None
B. None
3. Fire bomb city and docks at Makurazaki, Kyushu.
4. Major NELSON, Captain HENTON, Lts. CHAFFIN, JOHNSON. (Binge Red)
Lts. GEORGE, GABACHE, BRYANT, WOODS. (Binge White)
Lts. MILLET, BIRD, TITUS, CORCORAN. (Binge Blue)
Lts. REDFIELD, HESCHE, ANDERSON, BARRIS. (Binge Yellow)
Lts. MARTIN, LOOMIS. (Spares)

Take off: 0545

Over Target: 0800-0830

Landed: 1030

Flights assembled at 6000 feet over point YOKE and were on course at 0604, climbing enroute to the target to 3000 feet. Napalm bomb runs were made from east to west, starting at 2500 feet with release at 50 feet. Major NELSON's flight hit barracks type buildings on the east side of the town. Lt. GEORGE's flight bombed a residential section in the northeast part of town. Lt. MILLET's flight bombed what appeared to be barracks on the south side. Lt. REDFIELD's flight dropped their bombs in a residential section on the west side of the town. Excellent results were obtained with numerous direct hits and near misses being scored. Several large fires were left burning in different sections of Makurazaki. All flights then made one strafing run from north to south hitting warehouses, other buildings, parked railroad cars and a possible powerhouse. It is believed considerable damage was effected. No enemy A/C were seen and no A/A fire was received.

5. A. Enroute: 4/10 cumulus 2000-6000 and 6/10 scattered altostratus at 15000.
Over target: 6/10 cumulus 1000-6000 and 3/10 scattered altostratus at 15,000 in immediate vicinity of target. Heavier cloud cover adjacent to target.
B. Low and clear.

6. Several buildings destroyed by fire.

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7. 36 x 165 gallon napalm fire bombs with igniter M3 with W/P.
14,980 rounds of caliber .50 ammunition expended
3100 gallons of gas consumed.
8. Tropic heading went off shortly after 0900.

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29 July 1945

73rd Fighter Squadron Mission No. 7-23
31st Fighter Group Mission No. 318-14

1. A. Seven (7) P-47Ns (Two (2) did not reach the target)
B. None
 2. A. None
B. None
 3. Rocket and strafe Kumamoto A/F, Kyushu with Izumi A/F as secondary target.
 4. Captain MARTIN, Lts. ADAMS, AYLER, DAY. (Binge Red)
Lts. YAEGER, COX, WEBSTER, P/O MENZA. (Binge White)
- Take off: 1350 Over target: (secondary) 1700-1705
Landed: 1900

Lt. AYLER crashed on take off - pilot escaped with minor injury and plane a total loss.
Lt. COX returned from Pt. YOKE after orbiting one hour and ten minutes because his internal tanks would not feed - he pancaked at 1600. Lt. ADAMS returned after being on course for one hour and twenty minutes due to one wing tank hanging up - he pancaked at ~~1750~~ 1715.

The flights assembled with 19th and 333rd Fighter Squadrons 4,000 feet over Pt. YOKE and were on course at 1510 - assembly point was orbited for one hour and fifteen minutes owing to delayed take offs. Planes climbed to 3500 feet enroute and made landfall at Nonzaki and then headed for the primary target which they found to be weathered in. They then flew back down the west coast of Kyushu to the secondary target, Izumi A/F. One combined rocket and strafing run was made on a heading of 30°, starting from 10,000 feet with pull outs made from 50 to 1000 feet. One large warehouse was hit with six rockets and by strafing and other strafed targets included hangars and shop ~~buildings~~ buildings. None of the buildings appeared to be occupied and no fires were started. There was little sign of any activity and apparently no effort is being made to keep up the runways. No E/A were seen either airborne or parked. Lt. WEBSTER's element narrowly escaped serious damage or destruction by what was doubtless a land mine exploding in the SW corner of the A/F. The explosion occurred just to the rear of the two planes with violent concussion effect

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and causing pilots to have difficulty in maintaining control - they were at about 50 feet at the time. A/A fire encountered was from the west side of the field and was medium, continuously pointed, meagre and inaccurate. Flights returned 9000 feet over Shishid - jima and returned to base.

5. A. Enroute: 4/10 cumulus from 1500 to 7,000 and 1/10 scattered altocumulus at 14,000.
Over target: (secondary) 4/10 cumulus 4000-5500.

B. Lead and clear.

6. Undetermined.

7. 3247 rounds caliber .50 ammunition and 6 x 5" Mk 6 Mod 0 Rockets with 5" Mk 2 Mod 3 meters and Mk 149 (inst.) fuzes expended. Four (4) rockets returned to base. 3000 gallons of gasoline consumed.

8. None

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73RD FIGHTER SQUADRON, AAF
A.F.O. # 245

30 July 1945

73rd Fighter Squadron Mission No. 7-24
31st Fighter Group Mission No. 318-15

1. A. Seventeen (17) P-47's (three (3) did not reach the target).
B. None

2. A. None
B. None

3. Escort for B-25s to Omura and dive bomb shipping in Omura harbor.

4. Captain WILSON, Lts. ELLIOTT, HARRIS, F/O FUCHS. (Tycoon leader) (Binge Red)
Captain SMITH, Lts. HEUTTENMOSE, SYKES, HANSON. (Binge White)
Captain DUPUY, Lts. STUCK, SCHUB, F/O COOK. (Binge Blue)
Lts. SPIVY, STAUEFER, CAMPBELL, MC CORSTIN. (Binge Yellow)
Lt. COX. (Spare) Landed: 1320
Take off: 0730 Over Target: 1042-1050

Lt. COX, the spare, returned from Okino Erabu and pancaked at 0900. F/O FUCHS had turbo trouble and returned from just south of Anami, being accompanied by Lt. HARRIS - they pancaked at 0915.

The flights assembled with 19th and 333rd Firms 4000 feet over Pt. YOKE and were on course at 0803. They proceeded to the south tip of ~~Shink~~ Shinkeshiki where they were to rendezvous with the B-25s at 1025. The P-47s reached the rendezvous point at 0930 and established radio contact with B-25s which were at Yaku Shima. It was not until after rendezvous with these B-25s had been effected between Yaku and Shinkeshiki that it was learned that it was the wrong group of B-25s. Returning to Shinkeshiki, the P-47s rendezvoused with the right group of B-25s at 1020 and continued to the target. The bombers started their run at 12,000 feet with P-47s at 13000, 14000 and 15000 feet. No shipping was to be seen in Omura harbor and the B-25s bombed the Omura A/F. Twelve fires were counted after bombers completed their run. Captain WILSON with three Vampire planes, Lt. ELLIOTT HANSON having joined a Vampire flight, escorted the B-25s back to Shinkeshiki. Captain WILSON was short of gas and the Vampire planes with him had other troubles so they jettisoned their bombs and returned to base. Captain SMITH's

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31st Fighter Group Mission No. 315-15

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flight dive bombed A/A positions and a pier along the coast southeast of Yagami. The pier received a direct hit and was destroyed. Captain DUFOY's and Lt. SPIVEY's flights dive bombed railroad tracks, bridge, and station at Aino. The only damage observed was one direct hit on the railroad tracks just outside Aino which tore up a section of the track. Bomb runs by the last two flights were from northwest to southeast and from 6000 down to 1000 feet. Captain SMITH's flight bombed also from northwest to southeast starting at 3000 feet and pulling out at 1000. No enemy aircraft were seen. A/A fire from Mine Shima and positions on Omura Airfield was heavy, ~~intense~~ intense, intense, and accurate. Damage was escaped only by considerable evasive action. A/A fire from positions near Yagami was medium, cont. pointed, moderate, and inaccurate.

5. A. Enroute: Front encountered at north tip of Amami and extending 10 miles north.
 Balance of route: 5/10 cu. 1000-6000 and 2/10 altcon 7000 - 10000.
 Over Target: 9/10 altstratus with base at 15000 and tops unknown.

B. Low and clear.

6. Section of railroad track torn up near Aino. 50 - 75 feet pier destroyed near Yagami.
7. 17 x 500 lb. GP bombs with AM-M101 A2 (.025 delay) tail fuse and AM-M103 (.001) delay nose fuse expended. 8000 gallons of gas consumed.
8. Two Fox Tare A-bals seen in harbor at Nagasaki. It is recommended that when there are to be more than one group of a particular type of bombers in a target area, that call signs be given them which will make it impossible to confuse the two. The P-47s were airborne nearly an hour earlier than was necessary to rendezvous at the appointed time with the bombers.

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31 July 1945

73rd Fighter Squadron Mission No. 7-35
91st Fighter Group Mission No. 318-161. A. Nine (9) P-47Ds (One (1) did not reach the target)
B. None2. A. None
B. None

3. Escort B-25s on torpedo strike at Saeko Harbor.

4. Major MC COWE, Lt. BIRD, MARPES, CONGRAN. (Pedro 5)
Lt. SHEPARD, Captain, WENTON, Lt. ADAMS, CHCI. (Pedro 6)
Lt. COE (Spare)

Take off: 0800

Over target: 1000-1040

Landed: 1325

1A. COE returned from Anami O Shima when it became apparent that spare would not be needed - he crashed at 0945.

The two flights were en route at 0805 and climbed to 10,000 feet. They rendezvoused at 0945 9,000 feet over the south tip of Yaku Shima with one Squadron of B-25s and proceeded with them to the target. The B-25s made their torpedo runs on a heading of 130° with one flight of P-47s providing cover at 6,000 feet and the other flight at 10,000 feet. The target area was largely obscured by smoke but it is believed the B-25 attack was successful. The two flights escorted the bombers as far as Kure Shima on the return trip and then returned to base alone. No I/A were seen and A/A fire was received from all sides of Saeko Harbor and was medium, predicted concentration, moderate, and inaccurate.

5. A. Reports: 3/10 alt over 3,000 - 9,000 feet.
Over targets 10/10 alt stratus layer at 13,000 feet. East-west front observed at approximately 33° 49' North.

B. Lead and clear.

6. None.

7. 4300 gallons of gas consumed.

8. Two (2) Fox two uncles and 20 - 30 small craft observed in harbor at Nagasaki.
Altitudes of observation - 5000 ft.

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