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Primarily because of the weather over occupied Europe, operations during October were limited to thirteen accredited missions, many of them accomplished by PFF bombing. Concentrated attacks were made against such industrial targets as Blechhammer, Brux, Klagenfurt, Innesbruck, Munich, and Vienna, with a total of 411.43 tons of bombs showered upon the recalcitrant Nazis.

Although performing a total of 339 operational sorties, mostly into Germany proper, and 2443 hours of operational flying, the crew men encountered no enemy fighters for the second consecutive month. The flak remained heavy and aggressive, costing the Group one man killed in action: three men wounded in action: and one nine man crew missing in action.

Fourteen new crews and ships were received during the month, to roll the Group's operational capacity to 66 aircraft and 57 crews. If aircraft and crews continue to arrive at their present rate, it will not be long before maintenance and housing become very definite problems, walking hand in hand with that of morale. It is already obvious that in the approaching winter months it will be impossible to fly all, or fifty per cent the existing crews. Flight training, when weather permits, and class work on the ground, may well occupy a part of their time here, but winter evenings are going to be long and dull until further ways and means of passing the time are found and so arranged as to meet with universal appeal.

Numerous forecasts of the War's end, cropping up during the month, have made many of the air-men restless. With weather prohibiting fewer missions each month, it will not be good to have crew-men sitting about waiting their turn to fly while maintenance and ground personnel labor longer to service the increase in aircraft and crews. The Group is moving to meet the problem with clubs, classes, and organized recreation, while the newly organized Morale Services for the special orientation of the air men, is working closely with the Special Services staff.

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BOMBS AWAY

BOMBS AWAY, unofficial Group newspaper, re-appeared this month after more than a year's absence.

Originally published in May of 1943, during the Group's sojourn in St. Donet, Africa, it flourished until August of that year when the organization moved on to Tunis. During the rush of preparatory events for the Italian landings, BOMBS AWAY wandered off and was forgotten.

Now under the direction of Lieutenant Crane McATTEE, Special Services officer, and Lieutenant Richard H. Goldstone, Group Personnel Officer, and with staff editors culled from the squadrons, the paper appears weekly and promises stiff competition for the Army's Stars and Stripes. The new masthead boasts the names of those enlisted men who aided the return of BOMBS AWAY:

32nd Bombardment Squadron	Technical Sergeant MACQUIDDY
352nd Bombardment Squadron	Staff Sergeant TRAINER
353rd Bombardment Squadron	Technical Sergeant WAGMAN
419th Bombardment Squadron	Corporal WASSERKRUG
Group Headquarters	Sergeant RING
	Private First Class WALLACE
	Private First Class FELD
	Private HARRIS
Art Editor	Staff Sergeant MC NEIL

MALE CHORUS BEING FORMED IN GROUP

Those who enjoy spending some of their leisure time in group singing are urged to join the 391st Male Chorus which meets each Friday evening at the Group Chapel in the 350th Service Sq area from 7 to 9 PM. Transportation will be furnished a truck leaving the sqdn orderly rooms at 8:30.

The Male Chorus will participate in Sunday worship at the Chapel services, but the group will also engage in diverse secular activities unconnected with religious services. Members of the chorus will not be expected to attend any or all of the various services, depending on their respective wishes.

A large amount of both religious and secular music has been obtained, insuring a great range of activities which may be accomplished by the chorus.

If you enjoy singing, be at the Group Chapel, 7 PM Friday, 27 Oct. For additional info, call #19.

MO-MO

"That didn't happen when Mo' was here!", the cry that arose each evening when the lights at Gp Hq flickered and then died, is no mo'. Mo', or to translate fo' yo' No'thn illiterates, Major Junius Wallace Moore, has returned after a three months absence at school in the US.

Mo' has been a bit of a recluse since his return. The tables don't shake and the walls don't tremble when Mo' enters their vicinity. People are puzzled by Mo's unnaturally quiet demeanor. Some claim it is only the lull before the storm. Others think that he misses his old buddies. The cynical believe he is resting after a hectic three months away.

Frankly we don't know what's come over Mo'. It may be that he is brooding about the energizers whose misbehavior grievously embarrass him each night...it may be that he is immersed in thought, plotting and scheming some means of acquiring a transformer.

On the other hand, it may simply be that middle age and family responsibility are creeping up. Mo' will be both 25 and a father in a few mo' months. Then, of cose, there'll be mo' Mo's.

BACK FROM THE 5TH ARMY FRONT

Lt. Howell L. Poe of the 353rd recently returned from the 5th Army Front after spending 4 days of duty with the infantry. He volunteered, and signed up as a tank driver but wound up in the infantry. This is his account of the visit.

"I flew up to Florence where I was met by an infantry colonel, and the P/Sgt. of the 451st Bomb Group, who was also on temporary duty. The Colonel gave us a jeep and directions to a divisional HQs, about 5 miles below Lojano which, at the time of my arrival, was still in enemy hands.

We remained at the Div. Hq that night and slept on a mural-covered room on the third floor of the building. The murals had been drawn by some German soldiers who had used the building as a barracks a few nights before. The paintings depicted German army life. There were no Petty drawings on the walls.

Although I had carried my sleeping bag along with me, I didn't get much sleep that night. Our artillery kept shaking the plaster off the walls. We were using 240s, 150s, and 155s. Early in the morning we had to vacate our rooms. We had visitors in the form of enemy shells.

After a while you get to know which shells are ours and which are Jerry.

I had breakfast about 5 AM. what really surprised me was the quality of the food. It was much better than our own, and I had K rations only once while I was up there. Everybody eats hot meals except those who are actually on the firing line. The food is prepared in field kitchens about 5 miles behind the front lines and the men are fed from trucks. Chow comes up to the front in containers piping hot.

At the supper meal, cigarettes, cigars, candy, shaving cream, soap, and other articles are spread out on a table and each man helps himself to what he actually needs. Nobody takes more than 2 candy bars or 2 packs of cigarettes. They know that the same articles will be available the following day, and there is no point in carrying more than can be used that day. I was under the impression that rations would be scarce up there, but they have more than

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THE CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

Sunday, 22 October 1974
Protestant Services at 0900 and 1900 hours
Roman Catholic Services at 1100 hours
Wednesday, 23 October 1974
Roman Catholic Services at 1900.

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"The multitudes were astonished at His doctrine: for He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes." Matt. 23:28.

All of us are looking forward to the day when we shall be going home back to the States - back to our friends and families. When we get there, they will be asking, and we will be telling, of our experiences overseas. Those who hear us will say, "He knows what he is talking about, because he has been all three-ugh it. He knows from first-hand experience." They will consider us to be authorities on the subject. By the same reasoning, others have often been able to help us through various of our problems, when we consider them to have certain authority.

As Jesus ministered to the sick, hungry, and discouraged people in Galilee, His heart was moved with compassion toward them. This is not my Father's will for them to be like this, be honest. Then with simple stories He explained to them how God loves everyone, and that all people must love one another. In doing this they would bring the Kingdom of God upon the earth.

Because Jesus had shown the people how He loved and cared for them, they believed what He said about His Father's love. His teaching astonished the people and they began to say: "We believe that what Jesus teaches is true. It is not the same way that the scribes teach. Jesus speaks with authority."

Jesus sees much the same need in our world today. Again He speaks with simple stories of wisdom and strength. But how do His teachings strike you? Do you believe Him? Are you willing to follow Him? Do you consider Jesus to be an authority?

The RMC CRCG is asking for type 0 blood, to be given to the 61st Stat-

Gt. Marvin A. Sims, clerk, comments by saying, "The enemy in general. They are an ignorant lot - and I don't think we can re-educate them to think differently. They're the guys that brought me over here, and unless something radical is done - I'll be back."

Cpl. Wm. Thompson, ground engineer, tells his story, "I day to day also out and I feel great. When the usual troubles like rotation, promotions, rest camp, etc., come around I bitch until I get it out of my system. Wonder why it's non-p today?"

Sgt. Melville Adams, ground man, thundered, "Now it's the damn six hour guard. I wonder why these guys who sit on their fat families all day, don't concentrate on something that will help a lame man. Seems to me that a guy would do a hellava lot better job of guarding if he was awake... and by the time hour Nott rolls around I'm about ready to let Jerry take the ship. Ask any of the guys and they'll tell you that someone fouled up somewhere."

A 353rd unknown author said, "Now that look frost will soon be here to freeze and to solidify the guards of Alvarado type B-17's & G's, it has been decided that a 6 hour guard shift (one man complained that it took 8 hours before he was "properly relieved") is better than a 4 hour guard. The guards would like to know why the powers had to change it at all."

32nd Bomb Sq -
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S/Sgt. Trainor

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SPORT SLANTS

After the first week of competition in the local basketball league, the 301st, with five teams entered, has a record of three victories and one defeat. On the credit side are wins by the 419th, the 352nd, and the Shangri La Flyers of Gp Hq. The 353rd dropped its opener in an overtime thriller with an engineers quintent.

Although the season is hardly under way, most of the League teams are showing considerable polish and there will undoubtedly be some mighty good games before the "Champ" is crowned. Aside to the hoop fans-there's a twin bill every night at the SS Gym in Foggia.

Three cheers for T/Sgt Leo Dyga of Gp Spec Ser for the yeoman work he did this past week in laying out basketball courts and touch-tackle fields around the Gp circuit.

The early chow hounds are now joined by the football fanatics at early mess at Gp. After seconds have been duly stowed away, they are out on the field taking advantage of the few fleeting moments of remaining light. Always present are "Schnozz" Lappley and "Slats" Crockett and cripple-paid triple-threat Basnaw, who passes, punts, and bitches his team to victory. By the way this trio of triviality has issued a blanket challenge to all-comers--ring Basnaw at Gp Teletype--drinks are on the losers.

J.H.

WHAT'S DOING IN TO N***

At the Flagella:
beginning tonite to Saturday
every evening at 7 PM -7 nites,

BOXING BOUTS

Matinees at 2:
Today: Bridge of San Luis Rey.
Monday: same.
Tues, Wed, Thurs: Melody Parade.
Fri, Sat.: Seventh Victim

At the Little Theater:

Sunday and Monday: Destination Tokyo
Tues and Wed.: Going My Way
Thurs, Fri: Open Road: Edgar Bergen
Sat, Sun Mon: Uncertain Glory with
Errol Flynn.

BASKETBALL GETS UNDER WAY

352nd and 419th Teams Chalk Up Victories

With the practice shots over, and the money games on in League competition, the 352nd & 419th copped their respective curtain raisers. In its opener, the "Boeing In" boys of the 353rd ended up on the short end of the score after an overtime period.

Featuring fast forwards in Wendell Detamore and Stan Sabihon and play-maker Bob Stultz at center, the Gaels of the 352nd edged out the 97th's HighFliers on Wed nite 29-20. The score tells the story. It was close-up shooting and fast floor work. Credit for great defensive work under the basket belongs to the two Joe's, "Bartender" Friedman and "Mailman" Manoski, who broke PO tradition and kept back the deliveries.

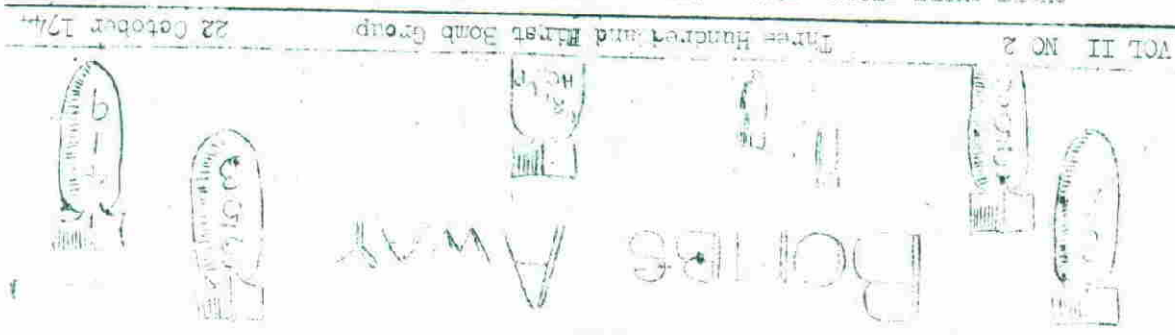
Paced by Lt Vic Robinson, the 419th Bombers crushed the 726th Rattlers (a B-24 outfit) by 44 to 19. The first half was rough and tumble with both teams literally fighting for possession of the ball. The Bombers were tougher and at the whistle they were out in front 13-7.

The intermission rest was what the doctor ordered for the Bombers. Led by Bob Marcus they went on a scoring spree. Ebert with 8 points and Fredette with 6 shared the honors.

Dead-eye Dick shots from mid-court represented the margin of victory of the Pipeliners over the 353rd's "Boeing-In" team. Bojanowski, center and coach has a couple of smooth guards in Boyd Larmer and Ed Haugen and speedy forwards in Westray and Wood. In spite of its initial defeat the boys really have a good team, and expect to cop the next game.

The 32nd is awaiting the return of Lt "Big Stoop" Babington. As soon as he's finished drinking vodka on the Volga with Olga the team will really get rolling.

Except for the Shangri La Flyers who aren't playing League ball, Hq is still in the process of formation.



BACK FROM THE 5TH ARMY FRONT
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After breakfast, I took off for
front line company. Up at the
battalion HQ, I met another colon-
el. He was very cordial. In fact,
all of the officers were. They
treated the sergeant and me swell,
and spoke highly of our bombing.
They appreciated the help the Air
Corps was giving them, but could-
n't understand why we didn't fly
every day. They weren't aware of
such problems as weather and over-
casts.
They assumed that since they
fought under any conditions, the
Air Corps could do the same. I ex-
plained some of our problems to
them and they listened very atten-
tively.
I asked the men what they feared
most, and they almost agreed to a
man that it was strafing. They ex-
plained this by saying that a man
gets used to shelling, mortar fire,
and small arms use it is ex-
pected. An unexpected sweep by a
ME-110 or 109, however, unnerves
them. They hadn't been bothered by
enemy strafing, except for a few
passes 3 days before I arrived, for
a long time.
They claimed that the F-47s and
Spittfires gave them adequate cover
and they praised these ships to the
sky. They hadn't seen any actual
bombings by the Fords and Libs but
many torn bridges, rail centers and
installations had been passed which
were destroyed by B-17s and B-24s.
What the infantry couldn't un-
derstand was how the Krauts were be-
ing supplied and reinforced despite
the heavy destruction wrought upon
their communication lines. There
were still plenty of enemy troops
facing them and there was still a
long way ahead of them. Most of the
men believed it would take until
next Spring to beat the Krauts.

Little Umbriago had been used
to a very different life. He had
lived in a small town where all
his friends had to go out and
work to earn their daily bread.
But his chance came, and his up-
state relatives invited him to
town to see them.
Little Umbriago looked over his
tired shoulders at all the sites
he had grown fond of, and left.
Bouncing to his destination, he
soon became aware of all the nice
homes, the wide streets, and the
many new and unfamiliar faces.
He met his kin, who took pride
in showing him all the new work
projects. They were also authori-
ties on all subjects relative to
world events. But all this didn't
excite our friend until lunch time.
Because he had graduated from
German school, his host told him
not to go in one door-- where the
first three graders etc. Entering
the proper door, Umbriago was im-
mediately pounced upon by a wait-
er yelling, "Zoop, zoop". He
didn't like zoop, but was afraid
to say "No". This finished, he
stared at the white table cloth
until he was buttonholed by the
waiter who wanted him to eat "zoop"
again. This was too much.
In tears, he cried to his coun-
try to make the men bring him
something else to eat. He was a
working man, and therefore hungry.
To his surprise, he was served
chicken-a-la-king... a Sunday deli-
cacy in his home town. And tea,
fresh butter... well, Umbriago
couldn't stand it. He left.
Despite protests of his relat-
ives, he would not stay in the big
city. Because he was a moral per-
son, Umbriago came back to those
that loved him, and even if his

FEAR!

From HQ: Cpl. Gale has been heard muttering in his mustache lately (the beard went off "by request") among the distinguishable phrases were, "If I can take the castle I'll be able to trap the queen". At first we thought Ray was bucking for a Sec. #8, but we have since learned that he was merely planning some chess formations. He's a challenge to all Marshall-men....Conrad Gavinski, the group barber, has actually stayed on the job for 3 weeks now without a trip to one of the various Rest Camps. This has proven quite expensive to some of the local gamblers as he has been really "hot" lately....How does MacAtee do it? Smokes cigars in the H., showers...."Bullet" Snrock wishes to announce that this coming pay day he will conduct nightly classes on the finer points of PCKER. A slight tuition will be charged..

...From the 419th: Dick Morgan, who is putting the "Great Speckled Bird" on the hit parade, has been celebrating his birthday for three weeks running....Sgt. "Pop" Hopkin has his own idea of pin-up girls. That one of his 14-year-old daughter is ample reason....And Herelism better known as "1-2-3 Club", is now flyin' da big ones...."Rosie the Riveter" was shown at the 350th and Cpl. Shapiro had a front row seat....The tent building contest between the adjutant and the F/Sgt is meeting new competition. Ops officer now is taking an active interest in his new abode....Osborne wants to go to rest camp. How many ya got now - FIVE?....Don't get water on the knee when you get home Ethridge. Did you say it was a boy???

From the 353rd: Although the "battle of the fox-holes" isn't over, Cpl. Ben Anderson will testify the "battle of the gas-stoves" has begun. Lt. Noy will testify. He forgot to let the gas fumes out before dropping his match. Don't be caught with your "fumes down".

....One oak leaf cluster to Lt. Schneider for "meritorious achievement" displayed while participating against S-2's current enemy - the Fly..with one regulation fly swatter....Vannetter Mj. Mickey encouraging our neighborly co-belligerents by personal example. The Major has been walking around

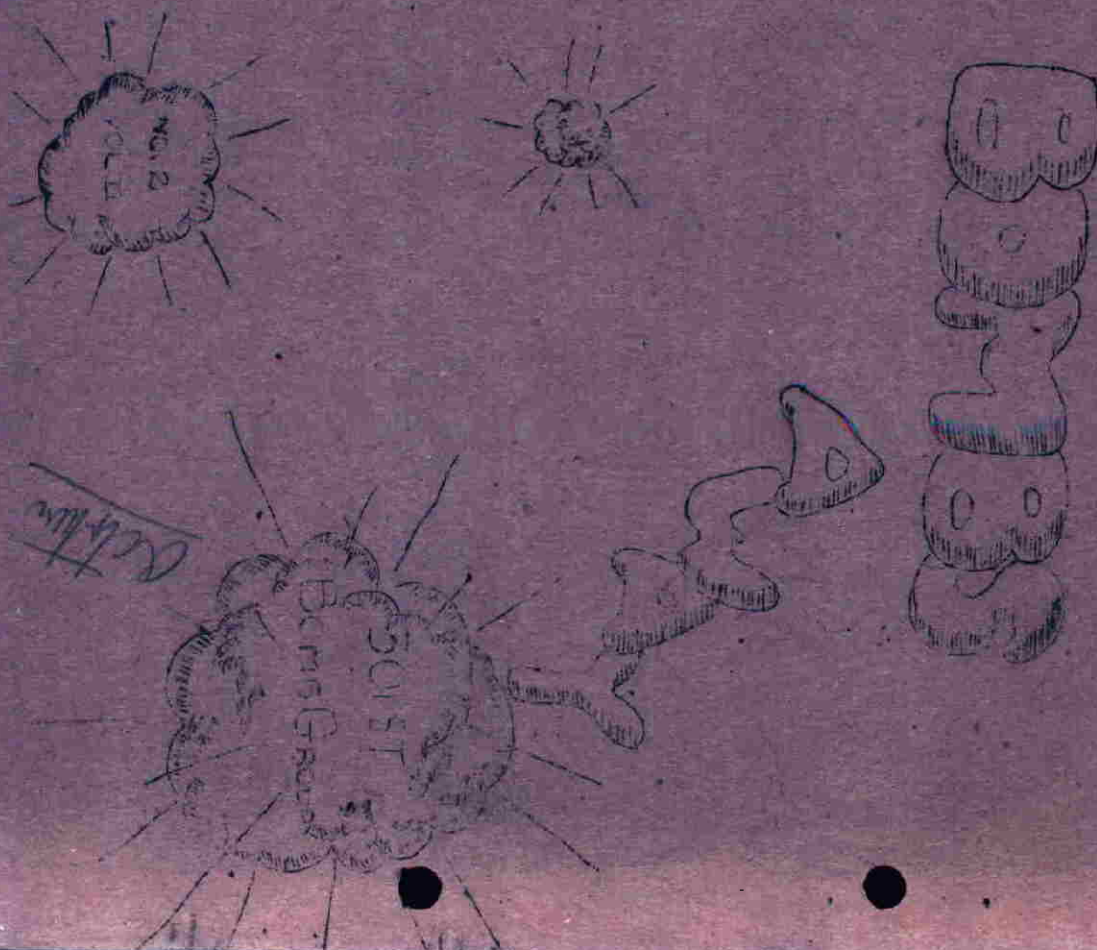
in dust covered fatigues for the past few days - and down came another building....Shades of the corner drug-store. Mountain cokes are now being dispensed at the E.M.'s Club..

..Returned: Lt. Poe, from the 5th Army Front, with Kraut souvenirs, and a greater respect for the dough-foot; especially the Medics F.M. 352-F/Sgt. Ed Welch's farewell party of Tues. nite was high-lighted by some impromptu fisticuffs. The club was packed, probably because drinks were on Ed Welch. It is too bad that some self-styled pugs can't vent their respective spleens outside of the dayroom, or better yet, go to the front lines where they can use all that energy on the Jerries.....The dayroom's recent resemblance to a funeral parlor may be attributed to the fact that a limited number can crowd around the fireplace. To use the club for letterwriting, pinochle, or plain drinking, one must dress like an arctic explorer. A visitor slept in the 4-H club the other night. The next morning, found a good bartender thawing the victim from the sofa with an acetylene torch.... A box of Kleenex to Cy Schultz of the Form 32 Dept. Sniffing Cy has a touch of laringitis.. Have you heard the one about the frying pan? Ask Ed "Ya loon" "Over... With the recent shifting of personnel between the messhall, Engineering and Supply, one can have his plane refueled while he waits for his new G.I. longies and two fried eggs on the Jersey side. How about dat?....The best rumor yet has one of our old-timers gain. A'VOL in the States to be rewarded with a silver bar. Wishful thing, I guess.....

... From the 32nd: Lt France, recently appointed recreation officer, has a new ass't - none other than "Wreck-of-the-Hespers", or better known as "RAIL" Lundgren. His new title, "Physical Dir." may possibly have helped our basketball team to their two victories in the local League...."Little Andy" Anderson is looking for a substitute for morale these days (we suggest vino and milk-from you know where) He was just made crew-chief but Gp took his first plane to make a transport of same....Stalwart man from Boston (pronounced Bawston) will probably be getting his coveralls pressed and acquiring one of those long-necked flashlights...Let the trumpets blow and the fanfare sound, behold Flaherty our Neophyte (according to Webster's: novice, tyrol; a beginner in anything) Squadron Inspector....Capt Edleman is thinking of applying to the Willys Corp "Dopo la Guerra" for a job as chief designer.

1. Name, Captain Paul J. ...
2. Date of birth, ...
3. Place of birth, ...
4. Education, ...
5. Military service, ...
6. Civilian employment, ...
7. Other information, ...

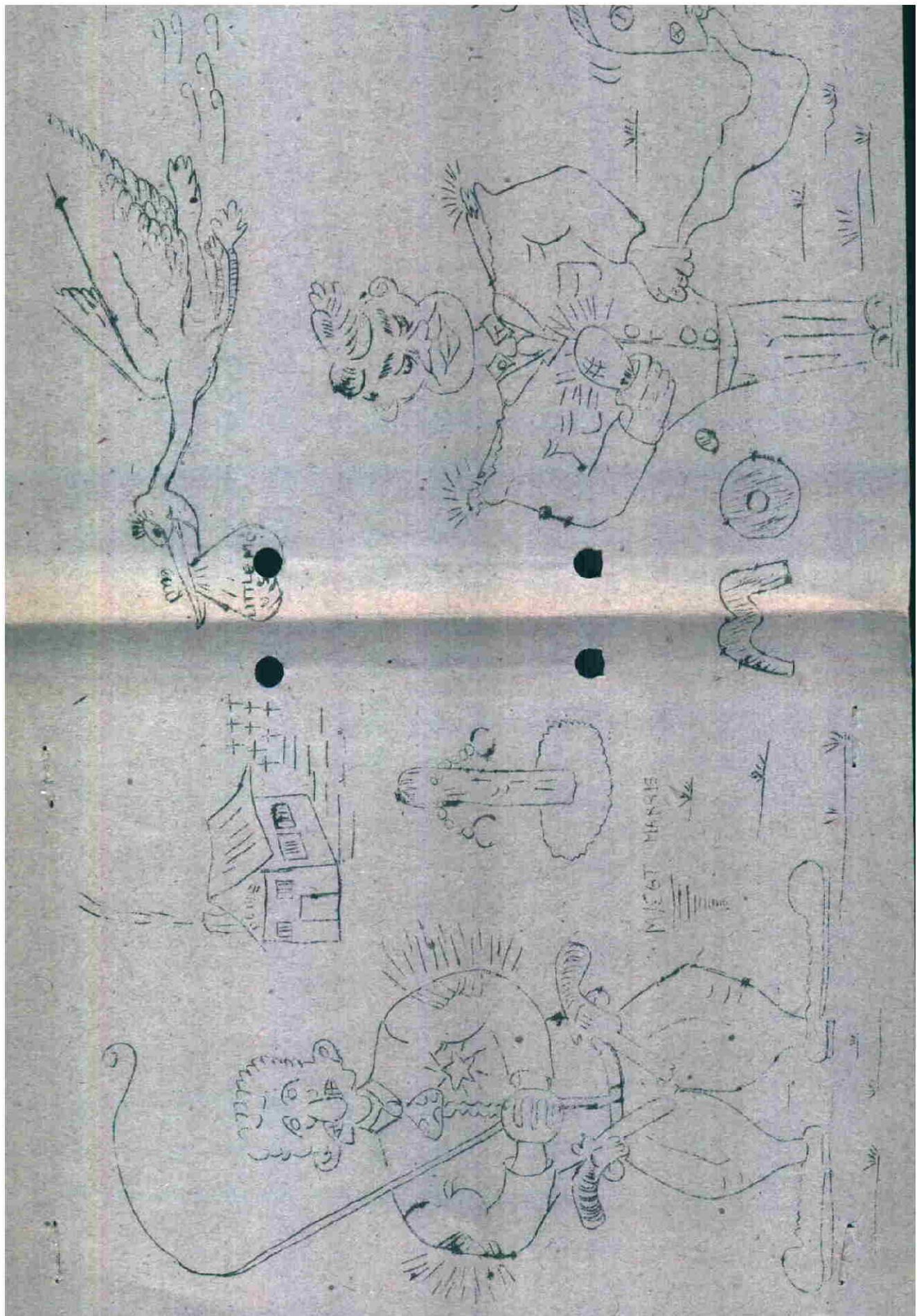
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WEATHER CLOUDS

The recipe for making a cloud is as follows. Saturate a volume of air with water vapor picked up from bodies of water the air has passed over. Now cool the air so that it can no longer hold all its moisture. The remainder will condense out to form clouds. The condensation occurs around minute particles of smoke, dust, or sea salts present in the air. The cloud may be kept aloft by any slight ascending air currents, since the small size of the droplets makes the cloud light and its rate of fall negligible. When several droplets accumulate, however, they form raindrops whose weight and rate of fall is much greater. So from the pretty cloud we get the UGLY RUD.

Lt. Owen Cooper



LIEUTENANT COLONEL OUSLEY GOES HOME

A B-17 flew very low over the area, October 29th, missing the stove pipe of the 419th squadron's electrician tent by less than a foot and prompting many an old timer to admit that it was the best "buzz job" seen yet.

The pilot was Lieutenant Colonel CARL A. OUSLEY, bidding a gusty farewell to the 301st Group, and to his squadron, the 352nd.

Formerly the commanding officer of an air base squadron in Louisiana, Lieutenant Colonel Ousley, then a Major, took over the reins of the 352nd last March. He was the first "ready-made" Major ever to assume command of that organization. As is always the case, there was much speculation as to how the new commanding officer would operate the organization. The general idea was expressed by a cynic who said,

"We're in for some C.S. now. This high rank fresh from the States means plenty of bucking."

The cynic was wrong. The Major was off on a good start with a simple little speech to the men, implying that he was honored to be a member of such a veteran organization.

A gentleman, Lieutenant Colonel Ousley never changed during his seven months as squadron commander. He is that rare type of leader who can command respect without offending anyone. The men of the 352 nd Squadron, and the men of the Group, acknowledged the salute of his wings as he roared off on the first lap of his journey home.

WINTER QUARTERS

Taking a tip from the squadrons, Group Headquarters began its own housing program this month.

Under the supervision of Lieutenant Buck, Group Supply officer, the old stone walls around Headquarters were taken down and the stone used to build tent-houses on the hill directly behind the Headquarters building.

The houses boast fifteen foot square cement floors, three windows, and seven foot stone walls covered by pyramidal tents. The interiors, finished off in white plaster and paint, are complete with heat, lights, and water, and afford ample space for three - four men.

Captain Burkhart, the Group Chaplain, is constructing a new home and office adjacent to the squadrons' areas and has offered his old quarters for the use of the junior flying officers assigned to Group Headquarters while the Headquarters officers of Field Grade and above have accepted Colonel Moorman's invitation to share the Commanding Officer's "apartment."

REPORT FROM THE FLIGHT SURGEON

In the "Care of Fliers" report for the month of October, the Group Flight Surgeon discloses that twenty three disorders due to flying occurred during the month, amounting to 328 days lost on the sick report for the period, indicating an average recovery time of 14 days per man.

Through-out the month there were ninety nine other disorders not due to flying, representing a total of 659 days lost on the sick report, approximating a recovery period of 6½ days per man. The increase in disorders not due to flying is accounted for by the existing wet season and approaching winter months, with a corresponding rise in nose, throat, and lung irritants.

A total of 138 flying personnel were accorded rest leaves during the month, totalling 851 days or 6 days per man.

An additional 127 air-men departed during October upon completion of their tour of duty in this theatre, while 35 crew-men were recommended for rest and rehabilitation in the Zone of the Interior.

The environmental sanitation remained at its previous satisfactory level, while the health of the Command as a whole remained excellent other than for those circumstances cited above.

KILLED IN ACTION

Flight Officer ROBERT E FOX, 29 October

WOUNDED IN ACTION

Lieutenant JOHN J. GALE, 29 October
Staff Sergeant RUSSELL L. MC DONALD, 12 October
Sergeant VERNON E. KADEL, 12 October

The following named officers and enlisted men are listed as missing in action from an operational mission, 13 October, 1944:

SHAPIRO, Irving D., 1st Lt.,
SHUMAKER, David M., 1st Lt.,
MCCELLIGOTT, Thomas F., 1st Lt.,
BEAR, George H., 1st Lt.,

DEBSKI, Francis, J., T/Sgt.,
JOHN, David, T/Sgt.,
HAGEN, Martin R., S/Sgt.,
MAYBERRY, William P., S/Sgt.,
BERGERHOFFER, Albert, S/Sgt.,

NEW NAMES TO REMEMBER

Since Rotation descended from rumour to fact, the organization has received many new officers for assignment to squadrons and Group Headquarters. This month, five officers reported for duty and/or assumed new duties:

Lieutenant Colonel CHARLES W. BOGAN arrived from the United States to assume his new duties as Deputy Group Commander.

A native of McLean, Texas, Lieutenant Colonel Bogan began his Army life in February of 1938. One year later, he received his wings at Kelly Field. Since that time, he has been actively concerned with the Army's expanded flying training program.

Lieutenant Colonel Bogan is married and the father of a three year old son who remains with his mother in Texas.

Captain ERNEST L. SAWYER, Group Intelligence Officer, replaces Major SANDERS, currently in the United States for thirty days leave. Captain Sawyer, who came overseas as an enlisted man, accepted a commission in June of 1943. Prior to joining this organization, he was assistant A-2 for the Fifth Wing.

Captain Sawyer is married, and makes his home in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Lieutenant DAVID P. SHEPPARD, assistant Group S-2, entered active duty in August of 1942, and came directly from the States to join the Group this month. A former script writer for the film industry, he is married and has one child. His home is in Los Angeles California.

Captain CHARLES W. VOGEL, the Group's new Public Relations Officer, replaces Captain BINGHAM, who left to assume new duties with the 304th Wing. Commissioned in October of 1942 as a statistical officer, Captain Vogel flew to Italy last December with a B-24 Group. Prior to his assignment here, he had been with the First Fighter Group.

Captain Vogel is single and makes his home in Toledo, Ohio.

Captain WILLIAM R. LUDWIG, Commanding Officer of the 352nd Bombardment Squadron, succeeds Lieutenant Colonel Ousley who has returned to the United States.

A reserve infantry officer, Captain Ludwig received his wings at Kelly Field in March of 1941. He was an AAF flying instructor from June, 1942 to August, 1943; then flew anti-sub patrol for several months, winning the Air Medal.

The twenty six year old Captain left the States September 1, 1944, and upon his arrival in Italy, assumed command of the 352nd Squadron.

Prior to the War, Captain Ludwig made his home in Albuquerque, New Mexico. His wife, the former Geraldine Ling, currently resides in Wilmington, North Carolina.

MAJOR CHANGES MADE

Some major changes, aimed at improving the Group's operational efficiency, were put into effect during October.

The Awards and Decorations work has been taken out of the squadron S-2 offices and concentrated into a small section within the office of the Statistical Officer at Group Headquarters. This action was taken following a survey and analysis which revealed that squadron operations, squadron intelligence, and the statistical officer were all maintaining duplicate records and files on the missions flown by the crew-men. Intelligence officers of each squadron had been keeping such records since the Awards and Decorations duties demanded it, and that particular job, rather than the performance of intelligence work, was occupying the greater portion of their time as well as the full time attention of one clerk in each squadron. By re-directing the records of missions flown by crew-men directly from squadron operations to the Group Statistical Officer, it was found that the awards and decorations paper work could be competently handled by two men and one officer, located within the Statistical Office, thus releasing the squadron Intelligence Officers and clerks for those duties for which they were originally intended.

Since the new Group Operations and Intelligence offices and the Briefing Room and auditorium are located just across the road from the squadrons, greater services could be afforded the Group as a whole, by a consolidated intelligence section which could permit an expansion of Morale and Theatre Orientation, along with other desirable activities. Such a move also eliminated the issuance of escape kits and their storage by the individual squadrons. Escape kits are now maintained and issued directly from the Briefing Room in space created for that purpose.

Only those intelligence clerks charged with public relations activities are located within the squadron War Rooms which are being maintained on a broader scope for the dissemination of current theatre news and orientation purposes among all men within the squadrons. All other intelligence officers and enlisted men are working in the consolidated offices adjacent to the Operations Section and the Briefing chamber.

The movement of Group Operations into its new offices along the line and under the same roof as the consolidated S-2 section and the War Room has also paid dividends. It places the operations personnel directly among those Sections with whom their work is correlated, saving time previously lost in communication and transportation.

All group and squadron personnel affected by the changes are enthusiastic over the improvements and efficiency so gained.

MEDALS FOR THE MEN

The Group Valor Board has added several new names to the roster, for during the month of October, there were awarded two Silver Stars, four Clusters to the DFC, twenty two DFC's, and five Bronze Stars:

SILVER STAR

Lieutenant STANLEY A PETERSON, 419th Sqdn (Posthumous)
Staff Sergeant CLIFFORD A GUSTAFSON, 419th Sqdn

CLUSTER - DFC

Captain LEON M. PAYNE, 353rd Sqdn
Lieutenant CHARLES R. SANDBURG, 353rd Sqdn
Lieutenant NORMAN E. KLEIN, 353rd Sqdn
Lieutenant PALMER C. STANLEY, 353rd Sqdn

DFC

Captain LEWIS G. MURRAY, 352nd Sqdn
Lieutenant JOHN W. CAMPBELL, 352nd Sqdn
Lieutenant RAY B. CARRIS, 32nd Sqdn
Lieutenant WALTER R. NORDIN, 352nd Sqdn
Lieutenant ROBERT S. WEBB, 353rd Sqdn
Lieutenant PATRICK A. MARTENS, 352nd Sqdn
Lieutenant CHARLES I. SHELTON, 352nd Sqdn
Lieutenant LEONARD SAVA, 352nd Sqdn
Lieutenant ROBERT L. BAUGHKER, 353rd Sqdn
Lieutenant ARTHUR C. FREEMAN, 353rd Sqdn
Lieutenant ELMER C. HAASE, 353rd Sqdn
Lieutenant ARTHUR R. BARBIERS, 419th Sqdn
Lieutenant FRANK K. MAHANNA, 352nd Sqdn
Lieutenant EUGENE S. MATTHEWS, 419th Sqdn
Lieutenant GEORGE B. RADAR, 419th Sqdn
Lieutenant CHARLES J. SADEK, 419th Sqdn

Lieutenant CLIFF C. MORRIS, 32nd Sqdn
Lieutenant ROBERT S. ANGLIN, 419th Sqdn
Lieutenant RAY L. COCHROFT, 353rd Sqdn
Lieutenant ROBERT J. STRAUB, 353rd Sqdn
Lieutenant DAVID W. NELSON, 419th Sqdn
Technical Sergeant WILLIAM R. HARRIS, 32nd Sqdn

BRONZE STAR

Master Sergeant WESLEY VAN HAUEN, 352nd Sqdn
Master Sergeant JOHN R. LYNCH, Group Hqrs
Master Sergeant HAROLD W. MC CLURE, Group Hqrs
Technical Sergeant RICHARD R. THERIAN, 32nd Sqdn
Technical Sergeant DOMINICK A. MASCIO, 419th Sqdn

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Upper Photo. Lt. Col. John D. Moorman who succeeded Col. John F. Batjer as Group Commander of the 301st Bomb Group. Col. Moorman was transferred from Fifth Wing to take over this command in view of Col Batjer's transfer to Bucharest, Rumania. Lower Photo. Lt. Col. Moorman and his staff at a meeting in the Officer's Mess Hall.





Maj. Gen. Nathan F. Twining, C.G. 15th Air Force and Brig. Gen. Charles W. Lawrence, C.G. 5th Wing, enjoying doughnuts and coffee after a recent bombing attack by the 301st Bomb Group on Munich Germany.



Partial view of one of the completed huts that will house four men for hdqs Sq. 301st Bomb Gp.



The new briefing room for the 301st Bomb Group as it nears completion. The attachment in the rear of the briefing room is for the S-2 and S-3 offices. A large stage is also being constructed to insure room for the future USO shows that will be in this area.





Part of the wall that was torn down to use the limestone blocks for the construction of huts to house the officers of the 301st Bomb Group Hdqs Sq. Each hut will house four men complete with stove, cement floor and white washed walls.





Upper Photo. The Melody Five of the 301st Bomb Group as they played for a recent anniversary dance in Maples. Bill Strickland on the vocals accompanied by Ed Krawzyk on the accordion and Henry Free on the drums.

Lower Photo. ~~Big Gen.~~ Brig. Gen. L.C. Whitten, requesting his favorite number from Jim Harris M/C of the Melody Five with Bob Andrews on trumpet.



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HEADQUARTERS JOINT RECONNAISSANCE GROUP (H) AAF
Office of the Intelligence Officer
AVC 520 10 October 1944

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SPECIAL NARRATIVE REPORT:
MISSION: 10 October 1944

BREVINO M/T's, Italy.

I. FLAK ENCOUNTERS

- A. Fighters: Negative
- B. Flak: No flak was encountered at the target, but the crews reported slight inshore flak at Mestre and Verico.

II. SIGNIFICANT OBSERVATIONS

- A. Communications: Negative
- B. Flak Positions: Negative
- C. Radio Screening: Negative
- D. Naval: Negative
- E. Aircrews: Negative

III. CONCLUSIONS

- A. Total Losses:
From Flak: Negative
From Fighters: Negative
Other Reasons: Negative
- B. Damages:
From Flak: Negative
From Fighters: Negative
Other Reasons: Negative
- C. Victories:
Negative
- D. Correction on telephone mission report:
Negative

For the Commanding Officer:

GEORGE H. SANDER,
Major, Air Corps,
Intelligence Officer.

HEADQUARTERS,
JOINT HEADQUARTERS CAMP (H), AF,
Office of the Intelligence Officer,
APO 530 U.S. Army

SPECIAL NARRATIVE REPORT:

Mission: 13 October 1954 BUONICCONTI AREA, Italy

I. VISUAL OBSERVATION:

- A. Hosts: Negative.
- B. Flak: Moderate inaccurate heavy flak was encountered in the target area.

II. INSTRUMENT OBSERVATION:

- A. Communications: Negative.
- B. Flak Position: Moderate inaccurate heavy flak at $43^{\circ}07'N/11^{\circ}42'E$
Slight inaccurate heavy flak at $43^{\circ}42'N/11^{\circ}40'E$.
- C. Smoke Screens: Negative.
- D. Naval: Negative.
- E. Airground: Negative.
- F. A-1A observed on head at $43^{\circ}30'N/13^{\circ}33'E$.

III. DISCUSSION:

- A. Total Losses: Negative.
None
- B. Damage:
From Flak: 1 major, 14 minor
Other: 1 major. Frag container hit nose of plane behind and took away
half of nose.
- C. Victories: Negative.
- D. Correction on telephone mission report: Negative.

GEORGE H. STONE
Major, Air Corps,
Intelligence Officer.



HEAD QUARTERS, 301ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H), AAF
Office of the Intelligence Officer
APO 520 13 October 1944

SPECIAL NARRATIVE REPORT:

MISSION: 13 October 1944. Florisdorf O/R, Vienna, Austria.

I. ENEMY RESISTANCE

- A. Fighters: Negative.
- B. Flak: Intense, accurate heavy flak was encountered at the target.

II. SIGNIFICANT OBSERVATIONS

- A. Communications: M/T with 150 cars and docks with 12 barges on Danube at 47°45'N 16°10'E.
- B. Flak Positions: Negative.
- C. Smoke Screens: Negative.
- D. Naval: Negative.
- E. Airdromes: A/D at 48°00'N 16°53'E, with 35 to 40 s/e and 20 T/E a/c on field.

III. CONCLUSION:

- A. Total Losses:
 - From Flak: One (1).
 - From Fighters: None.
 - Other Reasons: None.
- B. Damage:
 - From Flak: 9 minor and 3 major.
 - From Fighters: None.
 - Other Reasons: None.
- C. Victories: Negative.
- D. Correction on telephone mission report: None.

For the Commanding Officer:

GEORGE W. SANDER,
Major, Air Corps,
Intelligence Officer.

HEADQUARTERS 301ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H), AAF
Office of the Intelligence Officer
APO 520
13 October 1944

SPECIAL NARRATIVE REPORT:
MISSION: 13 October 1944

ELSCHMIDT South O/R, Germany

I. ENEMY RESISTANCE

A. Fighters: Negative.

B. Flak: Moderate to Intense, accurate, heavy flak, barrage type, was encountered over the target. Light, inaccurate flak was encountered near Sibenik.

II. SIGNIFICANT OBSERVATIONS

A. Communications: 300 Cars were observed in the yards at VAGSELYN, Czechos. 48°09' N, 17°52' E. The M/Yds at CYOR, Austria were observed to very active.

B. Flak Positions: Flak Batteries completely surrounded the target area, smoke obscuring exact locations.

C. Smoke Screens: Smoke Screens were observed over BRNO, Czech and GOTTESB, Poland.

D. Naval: Barges were observed all along Duna River near KOSAROV, Czech.

E. Airdrops: Negative.

III. CONCLUSION

A. Total Losses:

From Flak - 0

From Fighters - 0

Other Reasons - 0

B. Damage:

From Flak - 8 minor.

From Fighters - 0

Other Reasons - 0

C. Victories: Negative.

D. Correction on telephone mission report: Negative.

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GEORGE M. SANDER,
Major, Air Corps,
Intelligence Officer.



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SPECIAL NARRATIVE REPORT:
MISSION: 14 October 1944

Elmhäuser (H), Germany.

I. ENEMY RESISTANCE

- A. Fighters: Negative.
- B. Flak: Flak was encountered at the target, it being of the barrage type, both moderate and inaccurate.

II. SIGNIFICANT OBSERVATIONS

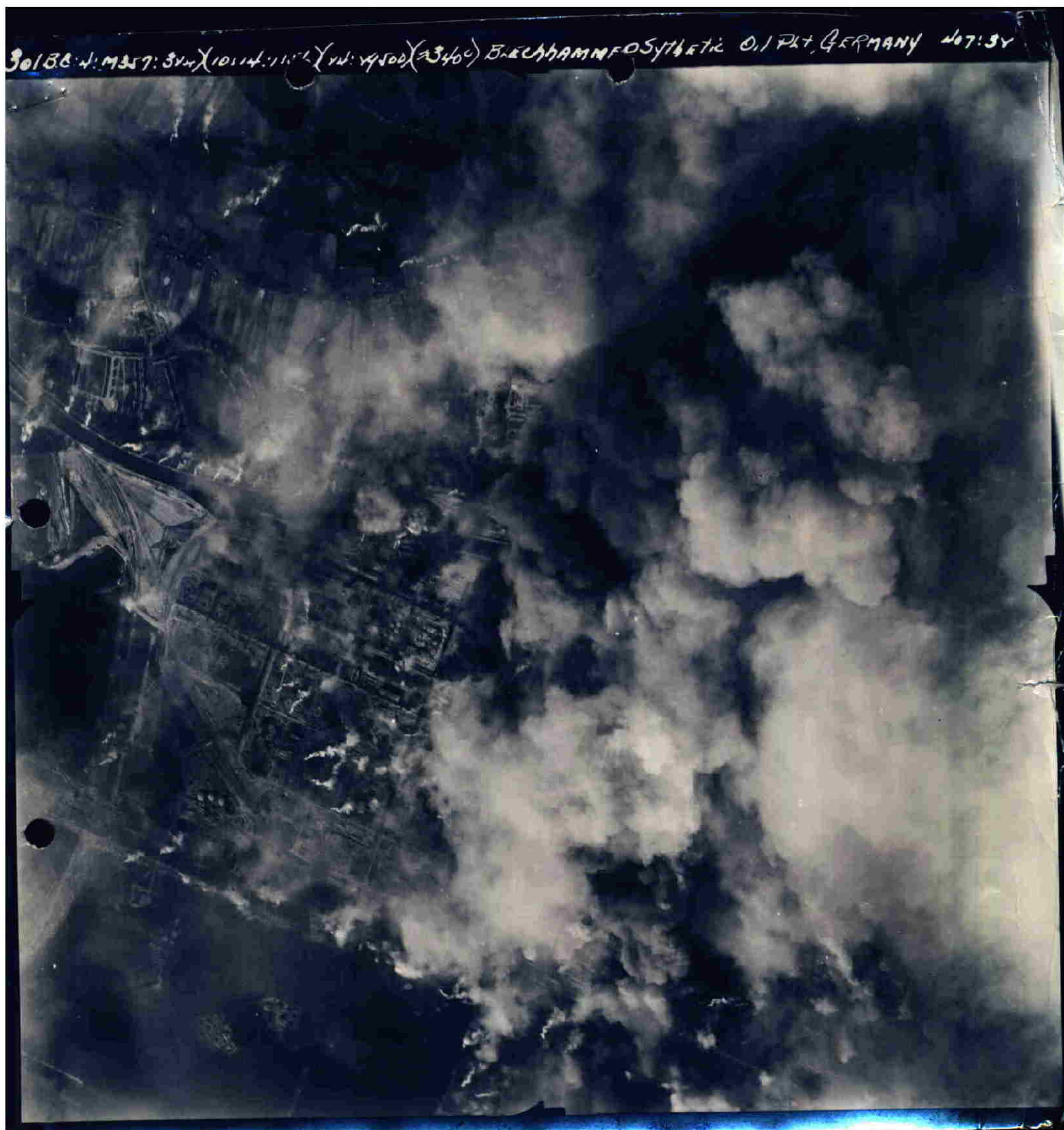
- A. Communications: Estimated 200 cars in M/Y's at 48/52 N, 18/03 E. 100 cars at 47/05 N, 17/55 E. New large bridge seen at 47/48 N, 17/40E.
- B. Flak Positions: 12 Gun battery reported at 47/43 N, 18/01 E. Flak encountered at Veszprem.
- C. Smoke Screens: Very ineffective smoke screen observed in target area.
- D. Naval: 20-30 barges seen in Danube near Győr.
- E. Airframes: 10-15 S/E & T/E planes on Papa A/D, 42/20 N, 17 deg 30'E.

III. CONCLUSION

- A. Total Losses:
From Flak - None
From Fighters - None
Other Reasons - 1 cause unknown
- B. Damage:
From Flak - 1 major, 8 minor
From Fighters - None
Other Reasons - None
- C. Victories:
None
- D. Correction on telephone mission report: In para: 4, there were four (4) a/c instead of 3 that jettisoned their entire loads due to malfunction. Also in para: 11, the ship that is missing, was last seen three (3) minutes before bombs away with its bomb bay doors opened and peeling off to the right.

For the Commanding Officer:

GEORGE M. SANDER,
Major, Air Corps,
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Office of the Intelligence Officer
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SPECIAL NARRATIVE REPORT:
MISSION: 16 October 1944, Skodra Works Pilsen, Czech.

I. ENEMY RESISTANCE

- A. Fighters: Negative.
- B. Flak: Moderate inaccurate heavy flak was encountered over the target.

II. SIGNIFICANT OBSERVATIONS

- A. Communications: Negative.
- B. Flak Positions: Negative.
- C. Smoke Screens: Negative.
- D. Naval: Negative.
- E. Airports: Negative.

III. CONCLUSIONS

- A. Total Losses:
From Flak: Negative.
From Fighters: Negative.
Other Reasons: Negative.
- B. Damage:
From Flak: 9 minor.
From Fighters: Negative.
Other Reasons: Negative.
- C. Victories: Negative.
- D. Correction on telephone mission report: None.

For the Commanding Officer:

GEORGE W. SCHUBB,
Major, Air Corps,
Intelligence Officer.

HEAD QUARTERS 302ND BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) AAF
Office of the Intelligence Officer
AFG 520 17 October 1944

SPECIAL NARRATIVE REPORT:
MISSION: 17 October 1944

WILSCHAMMER SOUTH O/R, Germany.

I. ENEMY RESISTANCE

- A. Fighters: Negative.
- B. Flak: No flak was encountered over the target, but slight to moderate, accurate heavy flak was encountered at Győr, Hungary, and Pilsen, Czech. Slight, accurate heavy flak was encountered east of Lake Balaton. Flak was a barrage type.

II. SIGNIFICANT OBSERVATIONS

- A. Communications: A 1/Yds at 47°23' N, 17°04' E, were observed to have 200 cars.
- B. Flak Positions: Unable to observe due to undercast.
- C. Smoke screens: Negative.
- D. Naval: Negative.
- E. Airdromes: Negative.

III. CONCLUSION:

- A. Total Losses:
From Flak - 0.
From Fighters - 0
Other Reasons - 0
- B. Damage:
From Flak - 0 major and 4 minor
From Fighters - 0
Other Reasons - 0
- C. Victories: - Negative.
- D. Correction on telephone mission report:

GEORGE H. SMITH,
Major, Air Corps,
Intelligence Officer.

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SPECIAL NARRATIVE REPORT:

MISSION: 20 October 1944, Brax Synthetic C/R, Czech.

I. ENEMY RESISTANCE

1. Fighters: Negative.
2. Flak: Moderate to intense and inaccurate heavy flak was encountered at the target.

II. SIGNIFICANT OBSERVATIONS

- A. Communications: 160 cars observed in H/Y at Pardubice, 45° 57' N, 15° 40' E.
- B. Flak Positions: Negative.
- C. Smoke Screens: Smoke screen seen over line.
- D. Naval: Negative.
- E. Aircrews: Negative.

III. CONCLUSION

- A. Total Losses: Negative.
- B. Damage:
 - From Flak: 11 minor.
 - From Fighters: Negative.
 - Other Reasons: Negative.
- C. Victories: Negative.
- D. Correction on telephone mission reports: Negative.

For the Commanding Officer:

CARL A. GUSSEY,
Lt. Col., Air Corps,
Intelligence Officer.

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SPECIAL F REATIVE REPORT:
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BOCHUM, Germany.

I. EXISTING INTELLIGENCE

- A. Fighters: Negative
- B. Flak: Negative

II. SIGNIFICANT OBSERVATIONS

- A. Communications: Negative
- B. Flak Positions: Negative
- C. Smoke Screens: Negative
- D. Naval: Negative
- E. Airframes: Negative

III. CONCLUSION:

- A. Total Losses: Negative
From Flak Negative
From Fighters Negative
Other Reasons Negative
- B. Paras: Negative
From Flak Negative
From Fighters Negative
Other Reasons Negative
- C. Victories:
Negative
- D. Correction on telephone mission report:
Negative

For the Commanding Officer:

EARL A. GULLEY,
Lt. Col. Air Corps,
Intelligence Officer.

HEADQUARTERS 301ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) AAF
Office of the Intelligence Officer
APO 580
U.S. Army

SPECIAL NARRATIVE REPORT:
MISSION: 25 October 1944

Klagenfurt A/C Pcty, Austria

I. BRIEF RESISTANCE

- A. Fighters: Negative.
- B. Flak: Our a/c encountered no flak. However, 30 to 40 burst was seen around the plane in front of us.

II. SIGNIFICANT OBSERVATIONS

- A. Communications: Negative.
- B. Flak Positions: Negative.
- C. Smoke Screens: Negative.
- D. Naval: Negative.
- E. Airdrops: Negative.

III. CONCLUSION

- A. Total Losses: Negative.
- B. Damages: Negative.
- C. Victories: Negative.
- D. Correction on telephone mission report: Negative.

For the Commanding Officer:

CARL A. CURLEY,
Lt. Col., Air Corps,
Intelligence Officer.

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SPECIAL NARRATIVE REPORT:
MISSION: 26 October 1944

Innsbruck, Austria.

I. ENEMY RESISTANCE

- A. Fighters: Negative
- B. Flak: Negative

II. SIGNIFICANT OBSERVATIONS

- A. Communications: Negative
- B. Flak Positions: Negative
- C. Smoke Screens: Negative
- D. Naval: Negative
- E. Airbases: Negative

III. CONCLUSION:

- A. Total Losses:
Negative
- B. Damage:
Negative
- C. Victories:
Negative

D. Correction on telephone mission report:
Both a/c returned due to clear weather ahead of them, one a/c's
air speed indicator froze up. Both a/c turned back at approx. 45/250,
12500.

For the Commanding Officer

CARL A. OUSLEY,
Lt. Col. Air Corps,
Intelligence Officer

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US ARMY

SPECIAL REPORT
MISSION: 26 October 1944

NUMBER: 2/1, (-), Austria

I. ENEMY RESISTANCE

- A. Fighters: Negative
- B. Flak:

Intense, accurate, heavy flak encountered at target area. The Crews reported that flak bursts were brilliant enough to light inside of 1/8. Flak was also encountered to the left of the target area. A greenish-blue flare was observed south of the target coming down from 30,000 feet.

II. ENEMY AIRCRAFT OBSERVATIONS

- A. Communications: Negative
- B. Flak Positions: See I, B
- C. Smoke Screens: Negative
- D. Naval: Negative
- E. Airports: Negative

III. RESULTS

- A. Total Losses:
Negative
- B. Damage:
From flak - a minor
- C. Victories:
Negative
- D. Correction on telephone mission report:
Negative

For the Commanding Officer:

CARL A. WISLEY,
Lt. Col., Air Corps,
Intelligence Officer.

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US ARMY

SIGNAL NARRATIVE REPORT
MISSION: 29 October 1944

MUNICH INTERNATIONAL AIR, Germany

I. ENEMY RESISTANCE

- A. Fighters: Negative
- B. Flak: Negative

II. SIGNIFICANT OBSERVATIONS

- A. Communications: Negative
- B. Flak Positions: Negative
- C. Smoke Screens: Negative
- D. Naval: Negative
- E. Airframes: Negative

III. CONCLUSIONS

- A. Total Losses:
From Flak - Negative
From Fighters - Negative
Other Reasons - Negative
- B. Damage:
From Flak - Negative
From Fighters - Negative
Other Reasons - Negative
- C. Victories: - Negative
- D. Correction on telephone mission report: Negative

For the Commanding Officer:

WILLIAM L. CARTER,
Captain, AAF Corps,
Group Intelligence Off.