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 HQ. 456TH FIGHTER SQUADRON  
 1414TH FIGHTER GROUP  
 APO 86

9 August 1945

SUBJECT: Unit History.

TO : Unit Historian, 456th Fighter Squadron SE, APO 86.

1. The following information is for incorporation in the Unit History.

a. Strength 1 July 1945

- (1). 251 Enlisted Men
- (2). 52 Officers rated as Pilot
- (3). 1 Officer rated as Flight Surgeon
- (4). 11 Ground Officers.

b. Strength 31 July 1945

- (1). 251 Enlisted Men
- (2). 51 Officers rated as Pilot
- (3) 1 Officer rated as Flight Surgeon
- (4). 11 Ground Officers.

c. 36 Enlisted Men and 32 of the Officers rated as Pilots listed in par. 1a above were on temporary duty with assignment 6198-GE as of 1 July 1945.

d. Fourteen enlisted men were placed on temporary duty with assignment 6198-GE, APO 247, per Ltr. Order, HQ. VII Fighter Command, APO 86, dated 10 July 1945.

e. Major James W. Bottwell on temporary duty with assignment 6198-GE returned to duty and reassumed command of organization 31 July 1945.

f. Change in Officer Personnel:

(1). Walter A. Coeot, 2nd Lt, Air Corps, ASN 0-331371, MDS 1055, killed in aircraft accident during routine training flight at APO 86 San Francisco, Calif, on 28 July 1945.

g. Visits and activities of noted persons.

- (1). None

## h. Station Life:

- (1). Enroute to overseas destination aboard USS Kingsbury during period 1 July 1945 to 7 July 1945.
- (2). Arrived at Saipan 3 July 1945 and departed 5 July 1945.
- (3). Arrived at overseas destination, Iwo Jima, 7 July 1945.
- (4). Debarked 8 July 1945.
- (5). Set up bivouac area on east side of island. Temporary shelters from sun and weather were constructed. Duties consisted chiefly of work details to unload supplies and equipment from troop and supply transports.
- (6). Moved to present location on west side of island immediately above harbor on 15 July 1945. Area was formerly occupied by 23rd Naval Construction Battalion. All personnel were immediately housed in either pyramidal or squad tents.
- (7). Period from 15 July 1945 to 31 July 1945 consisted chiefly of building up areas and the setting up of equipment so as to become operational.
- (8). Little time was available to study morale, however, from general observation it was high. All personnel were too interested in the newness and strangeness of their first overseas assignment and station to find time for complaints and personal problems.
- (9). Recreation has consisted chiefly of almost nightly movies. A Post Exchange was erected so as to supply troops with needed personal items.

## i. Difficulties encountered and problems solved:

- (1). No difficulties other than those normally occurring were encountered during the month of July.

## j. Awards and decorations to members of the unit:

- (1). None.

BY ORDER OF MAJOR BOEWELL:

K. E. HARRISON  
1st Lt., Air Corps  
Adjutant

456TH FIGHTER SQUADRON SE  
414TH FIGHTER GROUP SE  
Office of the Intelligence Officer  
APO 86

6 August 1945.

SUBJECT: Unit History.

TO : Adjutant, 456th Fighter Squadron SE.

1. It is directed that a short summary, as outlined below, covering the preceding month, be prepared on the 1st day of each month and submitted to this office:
  - a. Strength of squadron on 1st and last day of month, enlisted men, flying officers and ground officers.
  - b. Changes in Officer personnel-gains and losses.
  - c. Visits and activities of noted persons.
  - d. Station life: significant conditions of living, morale, recreation, original programs, items of human interest, and all other important aspects of the squadron's experience.
  - e. Difficulties encountered and problems solved.
  - f. Awards to and decorations of members of the squadron.
2. Two copies of supporting documents which are applicable to statements made, i.e., Special Orders, General Orders, rosters, etc., will accompany each summary.

By order of the Commanding Officer:

CECIL H. YOUNG, JR.,  
1st Lt., Air Corps,  
Intelligence Officer.