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73RD FIGHTER SQUADRON
318TH FIGHTER GROUP
ARMY AIR FORCES, PACIFIC OCEAN AREAS
A.P.O. # 245

ORGANIZATIONAL HISTORY
SUPPLEMENT NUMBER FOURTEEN
1 MAY 1945 - 31 MAY 1945

1. DATE OF ARRIVAL AT AND DEPARTURE FROM EACH STATION OCCUPIED IN THIS THEATRE:

NEGATIVE.

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

1ST LT. ALFORD J. BABCOCK, KILLED IN ACTION ON 14 MAY 1945.
2ND LT. RODNEY W. SELFRIDGE, KILLED IN ACTION ON 20 MAY 1945.

3. AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

SEE APPENDIX #4.

4. ORGANIZATION:

NEGATIVE.

5. STRENGTH, PERSONNEL:

SIXTY-THREE (63) OFFICERS.
TWO HUNDRED AND FORTY-SIX (246) ENLISTED MEN.

6. STRENGTH, AIRPLANES:

1 MAY - THIRTY-SIX (36) P-47N-2'S
31 MAY - TWENTY-SIX (26) P-47N-2'S

7. LOSSES, AIRPLANES:

ONE (1) P-47N-2 SPUN IN, INTO THE OCEAN, WHILE BEING FLOWN FROM SAIPAN TO IE SHIMA BY 1ST LT. ALFORD J. BABCOCK. BOTH PILOT AND PLANE WERE LOST; ON 14 MAY.
ONE (1) P-47N-2 CRASHED AND BURNED AT END OF RUNWAY ON 20TH ON TAKE-OFF. PILOT, LT. RODNEY W. SELFRIDGE, AND PLANE LOST.
EIGHT (8) P-47N-2'S TRANSFERRED TO 612TH SERVICE GROUP FOR REPAIRS.

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After an uneventful first night on Ie Shima, the Squadron, or rather the ground echelon thereof under Captain SINAUER's direction, went to work in earnest on the first day of May. Deck details worked "round the clock" getting supplies and equipment unloaded from the Hall Young and Kennere while other men began setting up a quarters area. In spite of a night and day of rain which slowed everything up, the work progressed and on the 2nd, pyramidal tents started going up. Needless to say, all mines had been removed by this time and a detail of Jap civilian internees was put to work clearing dead Jap soldiers from the area. Construction of a mess hall was also begun.

Enemy air raids, of which generous samples were received during the four nights on board ship off Okinawa, were pleasantly non-existent during the first three nights on Ie but starting with the afternoon of the 3rd, they came thick and fast with seventy-six (76) "red alerts" being chalked up from that date to the last day of May. The Japs did not confine their attacks to night raids by any means, several good "shows" being staged during the daylight hours. Fortunately the "Kamikaze" boys were not often successful, but it was rather an awesome sight to see them try.

After a very few days, the living area was at least livable, the mess hall was completed, and gradually the various squadron sections began operating as such again and getting the "line" installations set up. With the knowledge that the line area would soon be moved to the opposite side of the runway, the sections did not attempt to "set up" on any permanent basis, but rather did only that which was necessary to enable them to function efficiently

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when the planes arrived.

On May 14th the first and largest group of the Squadron's planes were flown in by pilots of the air echelon (see Appendix #1). Twenty-seven (27) planes arrived on this date out of twenty-eight (28) which left Saipan. Extremely bad weather was encountered on the flight which accounted for the loss of Lt. ALFORD J. BABCOCK, who spun in and is listed as killed in action - no trace of him could be found by rescue agencies. Lt. BLACKWOOD ground-looped his plane on landing from the ferrying flight - the pilot was un-injured but the plane was seriously damaged. The remainder of the planes arrived in the next few days as did enlisted personnel of the air echelon and the "Barflies" were ready to start operating from their new base.

No time was lost in getting into action, C.A.P. flights being scheduled within a day after the first plane arrived and before the month ended nine (9) missions had been flown. These missions covered a wide range of types (see Appendix #5) including nearly everything except escort work and were made up of seventy-one (71) individual sorties and combat time amounting to 354:15. Other time flown during the month amounted to 1082:35, including the ferrying and an abortive mission to Marcus from Saipan, and brought the grand total of hours flown to 1436:50. Lt. SPENCER made the first enemy "kill" to be credited to any pilot in the group since operating from the new base, when on the 24th of May he shot down a JACK near the southern end of Kyushu. This encounter was quickly followed by six more confirmed kills the next day when thirty to forty Jap planes were intercepted just north of Okinawa by pilots of the 73rd and 19th Squadrons. In the ensuing melee, Captain SNYDER knocked down two (2) VALs and a TONY and Lts. SHEPARD, YAEGER, and PACK shot down a

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ZEEKE, TONY, and OSCAR respectively. These victories were not achieved without losses in the Squadron, although none of the latter occurred in combat but were operational losses. The only fatal accident occurred on the 20th when Lt. RODNEY W. SELFIDGE crashed on take off and burned with his plane. Two other accidents, one on take off and the other on landing, did not injure the pilots, Lts. CAMPBELL and ANDERSON, but seriously damaged the planes. Bad weather between the new base and Kyushu proved to be a formidable obstacle to flying and resulted in cancellation of many missions and failure to reach primary target on others. Since a large percentage of strikes thus far have had Kyushu targets as the objective, it is apparent that weather will be an even greater factor than it was in flying out of Saipan.

Late in the month, another sizeable job was performed in moving the "line" sections from one side of the runway to the other. This was necessary for the sake of dispersal, all three Squadrons of the Group having originally been on one side. By the end of the month everything was pretty well settled and everyone is hoping that there will be no more moving about for some time. However, ugly rumour has it that the entire Group quarters area will be moved before very long.

By the end of the month virtually all the assigned officers of the Squadron were present for duty simultaneously for a change. Six (6) officers who had been attending schools in the States were welcomed back into the fold. Of the pilots, these were Captains SMITH, SNYDER and WILSON and Lt. SPENCER. The returning ground officers were Lt. CANTWELL, Engineering, and Lt. WILKINSON, Armament. Several pilots and enlisted men received promotions during the month as indicated in the chronological section hereof.

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Aside from numerous colds, the health of the Squadron was generally good. A considerable number of men suffered from fatigue in various degrees and this together with the, at least temporary, cessation of furloughs and reassignment resulted in a general decline of morale. Mess personnel have done a very fine job of preparing such feed as was available in the best possible manner which naturally provided an uplifting influence.

The 73rd is justified in feeling that they have accomplished much during May and is prepared to continue "putting out" in an effort to hasten the ultimate defeat of Japan.

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SECRETCHRONOLOGY FOR MONTH OF MAY

- 1 May: S/Sgt MAURICE S. KNIGHT 14042420, asgd and jd fr Hq 13th Repl Dep., Rejd Sq fr Hq 7th AF, per par 3, SO, 107, Hq 7th AF, APO 244, dd 19 April 1945.

Squadron engaged in setting up living area.

- 3 May: S/Sgt KENNETH M. WOODSIDE fr 30 day furlough (Oahu, T.H.) to dp.

- 4 May: Start to set up line area.

- 10 May: Following enlisted men trfd in gr fr 135th Repl Bn, APO 953, per par 6, SO 55, Hq 135th Repl Bn. New DS enroute to join.

M/Sgt WILBUR O. STRONG.	17002637
S/Sgt WARD L. ALLEN	37101888
Sgt LOUIS A. KELLER	35458885

- 11 May: Following enlisted men fr TDY Cas Dep APO 954 (30 day furlough to U.S.) to dy as of 10 May:

S/Sgt JOHN C. BEALL
S/Sgt FRANK KLINGER
S/Sgt LLOYD E. MANGELS
S/Sgt CHARLES D. MELTON

- 12 May: Following enlisted men fr DS enroute to join Squadron:

S/Sgt JOSEPH W. MITCHELL JR.	39401569
S/Sgt MICHAEL J. VOLPE	12042128
S/Sgt CHARLES E. SUMNER	14001177
S/Sgt DONALD E. WILLIAMS	32227799

- 14 May: 27 Squadron airplanes arrived from APO 244 at 1345. Planes left APO 244 at 0645. Total distance travelled; 1200 nautical miles. Squadron was led by Major HUSSEY, who resumed command of Squadron upon arrival. 28 planes took off. 1 plane was lost at sea due to bad weather and pilot is listed as missing in action -- 1st Lt. ALFORD J. BABCOCK.

2nd Lt. MARSHALL C. BLACKWOOD ground looped his airplane as he landed at this station. Pilot was unhurt but airplane is non-operational and will be used for parts.

Following officers flew in from Saipan:

Major HUSSEY
Captain MARTIN, HW
NELSON

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14 May: (Cont'd) Following officers flew in from Saipan:

1st Lt. EYERS	2nd Lt. DE VONA
GALT	HEAGNEY
HARBOUR	MILLER
RESER	MILLET
SHEPARD	O'HARA
SPENCER	PACK
STEVENS	SCHUH
2nd Lt. ANDERSON	SPIVEY
BARNHILL	WEBSTER
BENNETT	REDFIELD
BLACKWOOD	YAEGER
CAMPBELL	F/O HANDLY

15 May: Following officers and enlisted men fr DS Air Depot APO 953 to DS w det Hq 318th Ftr Grp APO 244, as of 15 April:

1st Lt. JOHN S. MOFFATT
 2nd Lt. ROBERT B. MILLER
 S/Sgt HAROLD E. BARGER
 S/Sgt EMMET L. GILMER
 S/Sgt ROBERT W. YOUNG

Following officers from DS w/Air Depot APO 246 to DS w/det Hq 318th Ftr Grp APO 244 as of 15 April:

1st Lt. ROBERT L. SHEPARD
 2nd Lt. ALBERT I. BRYANT
 JOSEPH W. CECI
 RODNEY W. SELFRIDGE
 F/O ALBERT C. GAMACHE

Following enlisted men fr DS w/Air Depot APO 246 to DS W/det Hq 318th Ftr Grp, APO 244 as of 14th and 15th April:

S/Sgt TEMPLE A. F. ALLEN	Sgt SAM R. RIZZUTO
FRANK W. CIENSKI	RICHARD S. ROCHER
GEORGE W. DEADWILEY	HAROLD H. WORKMAN
WILLIAM R. HARMUTH	
FRANCIS L. KELLEY	

Following officers fr DS w/ Air Depot APO 953 to DS w/det Hq 318th Ftr Grp, APO 244 as of 11 April:

1st Lt. DONALD C. KANE	2nd Lt. KEITH W. MATTISON
2nd Lt. DELMER A. HORNER	ROBERT W. REDFIELD
THOMAS R. MARTIN JR	JOE D. WOODS

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15 May: (Cont'd)

S/Sgt J.E. CHISHOLM fr TDY Cas Dep APO 954 (30 day fur U.S.) to dy

1st Lt. RICHARD W. WILKINSON fr TDY EAF Inspector School, AAFTAC, Orlando Florida, to dy.

Following 3 officers and 10 enlisted men fr DS w/det Hq 318th Ftr Grp, APO 244 to dy as of 14 May:

1st Lt. MOFFATT

2nd Lt. CECI

TITUS

M/Sgt JOHNS

T/Sgt STORBAUGH

S/Sgt BARGER

CIENSKI

S/Sgt GILMER

HARMUTH

LAWSON

RHODES

SL ATTERY

Sgt BIGGIO

Following Officers promoted to Captain per par 3, SO 96, Hq AAFFOA, APO 953, dd 6 April:

DONALD C. KANE

JAMES R. SNYDER

Following officers promoted to 1st Lt. per paragraph 4, SO 96, Hq AAFFOA, APO 953, dd 6 April:

EUBANKS BARNHILL

JOSEPH J. DE VONA

ROBERT B. MILLER

LLOYD R. MILLET

ROBERT G. O'HARA

ROBERT W. REDFIELD

GERALD J. HEAGNEY

KEITH W. MATTISON

J. T. SPIVEY

HENRY J. YADGER, JR.

Major MC COWN fr DS as Liason Officer w/10th Army, APO 953 to DS w/det Hq 318th Ftr Grp APO 244 as of 11 April.

Sgt CHESTER L. BURKE fr Sk Hesp (LD) 36th Fld Hesp, APO 245 to evac by air to Gen Hesp APO 246.

Truck driven by Cpl LAVIN tipped over on slippery road, throwing passengers into hole at side of road. Several received minor injuries. 3 enlisted men fr dy to sk Hesp, 36th Fld Hesp.

S/Sgt JOHN C. BEALL

FRANK KLINGER

Sgt ROBERT J. BARTELL

S/Sgt WILLIAM J. KUTHERIS, 370586438 trfd in gr fr 583rd Repl Co, APO 953 eff 8 May per par 1, SO 68, Hq 135th Repl Bn APO 953 DS enroute to join sq.

16 May: 2nd Lt. CHARLES F. CORCORAN, JR. ground looped his airplane while making a landing at Ie Shima. Pilot was not hurt and plane was slightly damaged.

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17 May: Following officers fr DS w/ det Hq 318th Ftr Grp, APO 244 to dy:

Major MC COWN
Captain KANE
Captain SNYDER
1st Lt. MATTISON

2nd Lt. BRYANT
MARTIN, TR
SELFRIDGE

7 Squadron airplanes arrived from APO 244 at 1220. Planes left APO 244 at 0630. 8 airplanes left, but one was forced to return due to engine trouble.
(See Flight Schedule for day)

18 May: 2nd Lt. DANIEL R. CLARKE asgd to 333rd Fiteron
2nd Lt. FREDERICK B. LEWIS, JR. asgd to 19th Fiteron.

Pvts GORDON E. NICHOLSON and VINCENT H. URSINI promoted to Pfc per par 1, SO 33, Hq 318th Ftr Grp, dd 17 May 1945.

19 May: Lt. ALFORD J. BABCOCK fr missing to killed in action as of 14 May.
PHILLIP W. LEES pmtd to 1st Sgt per par 3, SO 34, Hq 318th Ftr Grp dd 18 May.

20 May: Following 19 enlisted men fr DS w/det Hq 318th Ftr Grp to dy:

S/Sgt WILLIAM J. SOVAK
GEORGE W. DEADWILEY
JOSEPH E. TURCZYM
ROBERT W. YOUNG
Sgt THOMAS J. BETKER
HERBERT E. HANDY
ROSS C. JOLIVETTE
DEAN C. MC CORMICK
FLOYD E. MEACHAM
RAYMOND E. MURPHY

Sgt CARL J. RATZ
SAM S. RIZZUTO
ERNEST E. ROBERTS
RICHARD S. ROCHER
ANDREW G. SOLENSKY
FRANK R. WILLIAMS
RAYMOND F. WILSON
JAMES M. WRIGHT
CLYDE M. EWERS

2nd Lt. RODNEY W. SELFRIDGE was killed in action when his plane crashed and burned on take off for intruder mission to Fukue Shima

21 May: Cpl ORVIN E. ELLESTAD fr DS w/det Hq 318th Ftr Grp to dy.

22 May: 1st Lt KEITH W. MATTISON ground looped his airplane upon landing from c.a.p. when he saw he was going to run into the preceding plane. Pilot unhurt and plane slightly damaged.

Following enlisted men fr DS w/det Hq 318th Ftr Grp to dy:

Sgt HAROLD H. WORKMAN
Cpl JOHN H. MACINNIS
FRANK MEDTIZ
ELDON W. PETERSON

Cpl GENE A. SILICANI
Pfc FRANK HESS, JR.
JOSEPH L. HUGHES

JOSEPH C. WHITEHEAD promoted to S/Sgt and DANIEL J. SCERBO pmtd to Sgt per par 1, SO 36, Hq 318th Ftr Grp dd 21 May 1945.

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23 May: Lts. JOHN R. GALT and JULIUS E. SMITH promoted to Captain per par 7
SO 124, Hq AAFPOA, dd 4 May 1945

VICTOR C. BESCHE and JOHN E. DANNER pmtd to 1st Lt., per par 4,
SO 111, Hq AAFPOA, dd 21 April 1945.

The following officers and enlisted men fr DS w/det Hq 318th Ftr
Grp to dy:

1st Lt.	JOHN W. AYLER
	JOHN W. CANTWELL
F/O	ALBERT C. GAMACHE, JR.
S/Sgt	TEMPLE A.F. ALLEN
	FRANCIS L. KELLEY
	MARTIN PEREZ
	ALFRED H. SCHMID
	OTTO W. STARKEY
Sgt	LAWRENCE W. BERRIER, JR.
	KENNETH H. STEINER
Cpl	BOB E. DRAKE
	CLARENCE L. MC KEAN
	WALLACE F. OSBORNE

24 May: 1st Lt. WILLIAM B. SPENCER shot down an enemy A/C (JACK)

1st Sgt WILLIAM T. SHEPARD trfd in gr fr atchd unasgd 583rd Repl Co
per par 2, SO 83, Hq 135th Repl Bn, APO 953, now DS enroute to join.

25 May: The following Jap A/C shot down by pilots during daylight raid:

Captain J. R. SNYDER	2 VALS & 1 TONY
Lt. H. J. YAEGER	1 TONY
Lt. K. A. PACK	1 OSCAR
Lt. R. L. SHEPARD	1 ZEKE

26 May: Major WILMUR M. MC COWN fr dy to DS w/10th Army, APO 331, per
VOGG 10th Army.

Following enlisted men trfd in gr to 7th Ftr Wing, APO 958 per par
19 SO 102, Hq AAFPOA, APO 953, dd 12 April 1945.

Sgt JOHN J. HEALY
Pfc THOMAS E. MADEL

Pvt GEORGE P. LAVALLEY trfd in gr to POA unasgd & atchd unasgd
to eas dep APO 954 per par 5, SO 95, Hq 7th AF, APO 244, dd 7 April

28 May: Following officer and enlisted men fr DS w/det Hq 318th Ftr Grp to dy

Captain JOHN B. STEWART
S/Sgt JOSEPH C. WHITEHEAD

Sgt JAMES A. LISS
HARRY L. SPINER

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29 May: Following Officers discharged fr AUS eff 15 May to accept commissions as 2nd Lts AUS per par 4, SO 135, Hq AAFPOA. Officers are atchd unasgd to repl rmg Comd and further atchd to this Sq eff 16 May per par 2 SO 137, Hq AAFPOA

ALBERT C. GAMACHE, JR.
JAMES D. HANDLY, JR.
DAVID G. WALKER

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LIST OF ATTACHED APPENDICES

1. Flight Schedules Ferrying from Saipan to Ie Shima
2. Air Raid Chronology for the month of May
3. Sortie Records of pilots no longer in the squadron
(Only attached to Original copy of history for War Dept.)
4. Awards and Decorations:
 - a. General Orders #11, Hq., 318th Fighter Group, dated
22 May 1945 -- AWARD OF GOOD CONDUCT MEDALS
 - b. 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing commendation to squadron
 - c. Hq., Tactical Air Force, Tenth Army commendation to squadron
 - d. Excerpts from United States newspapers
5. Resume of Month's Missions:
 - a. 318th Fighter Group Intelligence Report covering operations
from 14 May to 31 May 1945.
 - b. Attached Mission Reports

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APPENDIX # 1

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Office of the Operations Officer

14 May 1945

SAIPAN TO ICEBERGFirst Day

0630

Took-off 0637Gardenia Red01 Hussey 1
25 Jaeger
08 Spencer
34 Webster13 Stevens 13
26 Redfield
19 Miller
31 BennettGardenia White03 Nelson 3
09 Pack
18 Barnhill
23 O'Hara10 Galt 10
04 Handly
17 Babcock
35 CampbellGardenia Blue05 Martin, HW 5
27 Heagney
16 Reser
28 Schuh14 Shepard
32 Andersen
22 De Vona
33 BlackwoodGardenia Green12 Harbours 12
21 Millet
15 Byers
24 SpiveyLast plane
Airborne 0649

Pacemaker 5

** B-29 Navigation Escort **
Pacemaker 6

Pacemaker 7

Pacemaker 8

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Last Day
Take-off: 0644

17 May 1945

Pacemaker 5 (B-29 Nav. Escort)

Gardenia Red02 Mc Conn 2
35 Bryant
06 Snyder
30 Besche07 Kane 7
29 Selfridge
20 Mattisen
37 Martin, TR
: Spares for First DaySpare PilotsWoods
Gamache

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73D FIGHTER SQUADRON AAF
Office of the Operations Officer
APO 244

17 May 1945

FLIGHT SCHEDULE

SAIPAN TO IE SHIMA

Take-off: 0644

1 B-29 Navigation Escort: Pacemaker 5

Gardenia Red

02 Mc Cown 2
35 Bryant
06 Snyder
30 Besche - (returned to Koble Field)

07 Kane 7
29 Selfridge
20 Mattison
37 Martin, TR

Snare Pilots

Ayler
Woods
Gawach e

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APPENDIX # 2

ORGANIZATIONAL HISTORY73RD FIGHTER SQUADRON, AAFAIR RAID CHRONOLOGY FOR MAY

<u>DATE OF RAID</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
3 MAY	1348 1600 1820 2030	
4 MAY	0330-0545 0750 1030 1945-1955	
5 MAY	0225-0500 2320-2400	
6 MAY	0210-0500 0820-1000	JAP PLANE WAS OVERHEAD PRIOR TO SOUNDING OF SIREN. PLANE WAS SHOT DOWN IN BAY AFTER MAKING A PASS AT A SHIP. SHELL FROM A/A BARRAGE HITS CLE-TRACK IN TRANSPORTATION AREA, SLIGHT DAMAGE.
	1235-1310 1922-1946 2020-2052	
7 MAY	0210-0510 0945-1014	
9 MAY	1850-1014 2105-2315 2345-0015	
10 MAY	0145-0500 0710-0735 0915-0925 1932-2000 2053-2111	
11 MAY	0045-0515 0643-0703 0800-1025	MMRT SHOT DOWN IN BAY, TWO PLANES SHOT DOWN N. OF ISLAND BY CORSAIRS

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AIR RAID CHRONOLOGY FOR MAY, CONT'D.

DATE OF RAID	TIME	REMARKS
12 MAY	1340-1430 1930-2010	A/A FIRE OBSERVED, NO PLANES.
13 MAY	0200-0532 0845-0930 1420-1440 1850-2110	
14 MAY	0300-0400 1905-2010	
15 MAY	1023-1028	
16 MAY	0300-0415 1430-1527 2137-2225 2245-2400	
17 MAY	0215-0500 0745-0945 2130-2245	BOMBS DROPPED ON 612TH AREA, NEAR 73RD LIVING AREA.
18 MAY	0115-0150 0400-0420 1250-1355 1920-2115 2200-2400	A/A FIRE OBSERVED, NO PLANES SEEN. TORPEDO PLANE MAKES PASS ON SHIP IN HARBOR AND IS SHOT DOWN, NO DAMAGE TO SHIP.
19 MAY	0200-0230 0345-0415	
20 MAY	1832-2050 2115-2124	TWO ZEKES AND ONE VAL SHOT DOWN IN HARBOR.
21 MAY	1020-1037 1850-2030	ONE JAP PLANE SEEN SHOT DOWN.
22 MAY	0950-1005 1950-2035 2340-0135	
23 MAY	2022-2110 2330-0230	
24 MAY	2013-0445 0343-0415	BOMBS HIT MOTOR POOL NEAR FIELD. PLANE SHOT DOWN IN FLAMES IN BAY, ONE SHIP IN BAY DAMAGED.

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AIR RAID CHRONOLOGY FOR MAY, CONT'D.

DATE OF RAID	TIME	REMARKS
25 MAY	0800-1210	ONE SUICIDE PLANE DOVE ON SHIP IN HARBOR AND MISSED. 73RD SQUADRON CREDITS FOR RAID: TWO VALS, TWO TONYS, ONE OSCAR, ONE ZEKE.
26 MAY	1543-1620	
27 MAY	0735-0845 0915-1025 1745-1804 1900-1915 2010-0525	TWO PLANES SHOT DOWN, NO A/A SEEN.
28 MAY	0650-0930 2330-2345	TWIN ENGINE A/C DOWNED BY A/A, HITS SHIP IN HARBOR.
29 MAY	1912-2100 2330-2400	ENEMY A/C OVER AREA.
31 MAY	0220-0315	

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APPENDIX # 3

PILOT

SORTIE

RECORDS

NOTE: These are sortie records of pilots that have either been killed in action or have been transferred out of the squadron since the enclosed forms have been kept.

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COMBAT MISSION RECORD

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ROBERT H. AMON

1ST LIEUTENANT

O-796678

(Name)

(Rank)

(Serial Number)

DATE	MISSION NO SQ NO	GP 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 11/8/44 to 12/31/44 Inclusive:					22:20	6		29:30		51:50
1/5/45	P-38 Sq 1-3	1-20	Strafing	Iwo Jima	7:45	8				59:35
1/10/45	1-4	1-30	Armed Recon	Pagan	2:35	9				62:10
1/13/45			C.A.P. for week					6:10		68:20
1/20/45			C.A.P. for week					8:15		76:35
1/21/45	P-38 Sq 1-7	1-54	Escort	Truk	6:10	11				82:45
1/27/45			C.A.P. for week					4:45		87:30
2/3/45	P-38 Sq 2-1	2-3	Escort	Iwo Jima	7:10	13				94:40
2/3/45			C.A.P. for week					1:10		94:50
2/10/45	P-38 Sq 2-4	2-13	Escort	Iwo Jima	8:25	15				103:15
2/10/45			C.A.P. for week					1:45		105:00
2/17/45			C.A.P. for week					5:45		110:45
2/21/45	2-6	2-29	Fire-bombing	Pagan	2:25	16				113:10
2/24/45			C.A.P. for week					4:00		117:10

FOOTNOTES (See Back of Page)

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

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

FOOTNOTES

28 February 1945 (Date)

73RD FIGHTER SQUADRON, AAF (Organization)
 Commanding

/s/ JOHN J. HENRY, JR., Major, AAF (Name, Rank)
 73RD FIGHTER SQUADRON, AAF (Organization)
 Commanding

(Name, Rank, and ASN)

This is to certify that the entries on this form are a true and correct record of the combat missions of
 73RD FIGHTER SQUADRON, AAF
 for the dates shown.

CERTIFICATE

73rd Fighter Squadron 8 November 1944 from 21st Fighter Group.

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COMBAT MISSION RECORD

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AIFORD J. BARCOCK

1ST LIEUTENANT

O-686715

(Name)

(Rank)

(Serial Number)

DATE	MISSION NO SQ NO	GP 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:					72:05	36	1:55	140:15		214:15
1/1/45	1-1	1-1	Escort	Iwo Jima			6:00			220:15
1/4/45	1-2	1-17	Armed Recon	Ragan	2:30	37				222:45
1/6/45			G.A.P. for week					6:55		229:40
1/13/45			G.A.P. for week					6:00		235:40
1/20/45			G.A.P. for week					10:25		246:05
1/24/45	1-8	1-59	Escort	Iwo Jima	3:00	37				249:05
1/27/45			G.A.P. for week					1:50		250:55
2/3/45	2-1	2-3	Escort	Iwo Jima	7:10	39				258:05
2/3/45			G.A.P. for week					1:35		259:40
2/10/45			G.A.P. for week					7:30		267:10
2/17/45			G.A.P. for week					8:40		275:50
2/21/45	2-6	2-29	Fire-bombing	Ragan	2:25	40				278:15
2/24/45			G.A.P. for week					3:50		282:05

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

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2 March 1945 (Date)

(Name, Rank)
THOMAS J. HENRY, JR., Major, AC

(Organization)
7TH FIGHTER COMMAND, AF

Commanding

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THOMAS J. HENRY, JR., Major, AC, ASN 0-366715
(Name, Rank, and ASN)

CERTIFICATE

Edward E. Gordon 16 November 1943 from United States.
Awarded Air Medal and Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal in Presentation at East Field, Japan, on 19 September 1944 per General Orders 7th Air Force #111, dated 20 October 1944.

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ALFRED J. BARON

1st Lieutenant

0-646715

(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					87:10	40	7:55	187:00		282:09
3/3/45			C.A.F. for week					1:25		283:30
3/8/45	3-3	3-3	Armed Recon	Pagan	2:10	41				285:40
3/10/45			C.A.F. for week					1:30		287:10
3/17/45			C.A.F. for week					3:00		290:10
3/24/45			C.A.F. for week					4:35		294:45
3/31/45			C.A.F. for week					1:30		296:15
4/28/45	4-1	4-2	Fighter Sweep	Truk	6:25	43				302:40
5/14/45			C.A.F. for week	Lost enroute to Is. Eluan				3:15		305:55
X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

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

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record of the combat missions of 1st Lt. Albert J. Haggerty, O-640925
for the dates shown. (Name, Rank, and ASN)

/s/
/t/

JOHN J. HUSKEY, JR., Major, AG
(Name & Rank)

22 May 1945
(Date)

7333 FIGHTER COMMAND, AGF
(Organization Commanding)

FOOTNOTES

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no contact with enemy has been made.

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to VII Fighter Command Memo No. 35-8.

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RUBANKS BARNHILL

2nd Lieutenant

0-811839

(Name)

(Rank)

(Serial Number)

DATE	MISSION NO.		TYPE MISSION	TARGET	SORTIE TIME	TOTAL SORTIES TO DATE	ABORT TIME	CAP TIME	INTER- CEPT TIME	TOTAL COMBAT TIME
	SQ NO	GP NO								
(1)					(2)	(3)	(2)	(2)	(2)(4)	
Totals from 6/23/44 to 12/31/44 Inclusive:					74:40	37	1:55	116:00		192:35
1/13/45			Combat Air Patrol for week					6:50		199:25
1/16/45	1-7	1-44	Armed Recon	Pagan	2:15	38				201:40
1/20/45			C.A.P. for week					13:55	(:15)	215:35
1/24/45	P-38 1-8	1-59	Escort	Iwo Jima	6:30	40				222:05
1/27/45			C.A.P. for week					1:45		223:50
2/3/45			C.A.P. for week					3:35		227:25
2/10/45			C.A.P. for week					8:30		235:55
2/15/45	P-38 2-5	2-22	Escort and Fighter Sweep	Iwo Jima			7:00			242:55
2/17/45			C.A.P. for week					3:40		246:35
2/20/45	2-5	2-27	Fighter Cover	Rescue Operation - Anathan	2:30	41				249:05
2/21/45	2-6	2-29	Fire-bombing	Pagan	2:30	42				251:35
2/24/45			C.A.P. for week					3:45		255:20
3/3/45			C.A.P. for week					4:40		260:00

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

Joined Squadron 10 January 1944 from 6th (Night) Fighter Squadron

Awarded Air Medal and 1st Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal in presentation at East Field, Saipan on 19 September 1944 per General Orders #141, Hq., 7th Air Force, dtd 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 2nd Lt. Eubanks Barnhill -- O-811839 for the dates shown. (Name, Rank, and ASN)

/s/
/t/

JOHN J. BUSSEY, JR., Major, AO

(Name & Rank)

24 March 1945

(Date)

7TH FIGHTER SQUADRON, AAF, APO # 244

(Organization Commanding)

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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EUBANKS BARNHILL

COMBAT MISSION RECORD
1st Lieutenant

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0-811839

(Name)

(Rank)

(Serial Number)

DATE	MISSION NO.		TYPE MISSION	TARGET	SORTIE TIME	TOTAL SORTIES TO DATE	ABORT TIME	CAP TIME	INTER-CEPT TIME	TOTAL COMBAT TIME
	SQ NO	GP NO	(1)		(2)	(3)	(2)	(2)	(2)(4)	
Totals carried Forward:					88:25	42	8:55	162:40	(:15)	260:00
3/10/45			C.A.P. for week					4:00		264:00
3/17/45			C.A.P. for week					1:50		265:50
3/24/45			C.A.P. for week					5:30		271:20
3/31/45			C.A.P. for week					1:30		272:50
4/28/45	4-1	4-2	Fighter Sweep	Truk	6:30	44				279:20
5/10/45	5-1A	5-5	Fighter Sweep	Marcus (Abortive - weather)			8:00			287:20
5/24/45	5-3	5-13	Dive-bomb Strafe, rockets	Kyushu	4:30	45				291:50
5/25/45			C.A.P. for week					22:45		314:35
5/31/45	5-9	5-29	Strafe & rockets	Anami O Shima	2:45	46				317:20
6/1/45	6-1	6-3	Fighter Sweep	Southern Kyushu			2:35			319:55
6/9/45	6-9	6-25	Fighter Sweep	Southern Kyushu	4:10	47				324:05
6/10/45			C.A.P. for week					2:45		326:50
X	X	X	X X X	X X X X X	X	X	X	X	X X	X

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

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

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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 1st Lieutenant KIRANES BARNHILL US 0-317839 for the dates shown.
(Name, Rank, and ASN)

/s/ JOHN J. HUSSEY, JR., Major, AG.
(Name & Rank)

6/10/45
(Date)

73RD FIGHTER SQUADRON, AAF, APO # 245
(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.

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CYRUS H. BIRNEY, JR.

CAPTAIN

0-128800

(Name)

(Rank)

(Serial Number)

DATE	MISSION NO.		TYPE MISSION	TARGET	SORTIE TIME	TOTAL SORTIES TO DATE	ABORT TIME	CAP TIME	INTER- CEPT TIME	TOTAL COMBAT TIME
	SQ NO	GP NO	(1)							
12/31/44			C.A.P. from 12/22/44 to 12/31/44					8:40		8:40
1/4/45	1-2	1-17	Armed Recon	Palau	2:30	1				11:10
1/6/45			C.A.P. for week					8:05		19:15
1/13/45			C.A.P. for week					4:25		23:40
1/20/45			C.A.P. for week					10:40		34:20
1/22/45	1-8	1-56	Armed Recon	Palau	2:10	2				26:30
1/27/45			C.A.P. for week					5:45		42:15
2/6/45	P-38 Sq 2-2	2-8	Escort	Iwo Jima				5:45		48:00
2/10/45	P-38 Sq 2-4	2-23	Escort	Iwo Jima	5:00	4				53:00
2/11/45			C.A.P. for February					6:00		59:00
X X	X X	X X	X X X X	X X X X X X X X X X	X X	X X	X X	X X	X X	X
CLOSED OUT, TOTALS AS OF 11 FEBRUARY 1945:										
					JOHN E. BLAIR, 1st Lt., Air Corps, H-2 Officer					

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

Joined Squadron December 21 1944 from United States.
 Missing in Action in mission to Iwo Jima of 10 February 1945, presumed
 killed by Squadron when no trace is found after extensive search.

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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 IRVING M. HURSEY, CAPTAIN, C-123400
 for the dates shown. (Name, Rank, and ASN)

7 June 1945

(Date)

/s/
/t/

JOHN J. HURSEY, JR., Major, AG
 (Name & Rank)

72ND FIGHTER SQUADRON, ASF
 (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.

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MARSHALL C. BLACKWOOD

2ND LIEUTENANT

0-710033

(Name)

(Rank)

(Serial Number)

DATE	MISSION NO.		TYPE MISSION	TARGET	SORTIE TIME	TOTAL SORTIES TO DATE	ABORT TIME	CAP TIME	INTER- CEPT TIME	TOTAL COMBAT TIME
	SQ NO	GP NO								
			(1)		(2)	(3)	(2)	(2)	(2)(4)	
Totals brought forward:					11:15	5		125:50		137:05
3/31/45			G.A.P. for week					2:50		139:55
4/28/45	4-1	4-2	Fighter Sweep	Truk	6:20	7				146:15
5/25/45			G.A.P. for week					13:30		159:45
5/25/45	5-5	5-16	DB, Stfg, Recco	Kyushu	3:30	8				163:15
5/31/45	5-8	5-25	Search	Amami O Shima	3:00	9				166:15
5/31/45			G.A.P. for week					4:15		170:30
6/5/45	6-4	6-11	Hackler	Amami O Shima	3:50	10				174:20
6/7/45			G.A.P. for week					6:40		181:00
6/7/45	6-6	6-17	Escort	Kyushu - bailed out at sea	3:50	11				184:50
X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

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

Killed in action, bailed out on return from Escort Mission to Kyushu when engine failure due to loss of oil occurred, on June 7, 1945.

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 MARSHALL C. BLACKWOOD, 2ND LT., O-710033 for the dates shown. (Name, Rank, and ASN)

/s/
/t/

JOHN J. HUSKEY, JR., Major, AG
(Name & Rank)

15 June 1945

(Date)

7TH FIGHTER SQUADRON, AAF
(Organization Commanding)

FOOTNOTES

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COMBAT MISSION RECORD

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WALTER E. EVERS
(Name)1st Lieutenant
(Rank)0-807142
(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:					79:30	40	1:05	133:25		214:00
1/6/45			G.A.P. for week					10:45		221:45
1/13/45			G.A.P. for week					6:49		231:30
1/20/45			G.A.P. for week					1:30		233:00
2/10/45			G.A.P. for week					3:30		236:30
2/17/45			G.A.P. for week					11:00		247:30
2/21/45	2-6	2-30	Fighter Sweep	Truk -- Moon Island	7:15	42				254:45
2/24/45			G.A.P. for week					3:30		258:15
2/27/45	2-9	2-38	Armed Recon	Pagan	2:00	43				260:15
3/3/45			G.A.P. for week					5:30		265:45
3/10/45			G.A.P. for week					5:00		270:45
3/16/45	3-5	3-12	Armed Recon	Pagan	2:05	44				272:50
3/17/45			G.A.P. for week					4:30		277:20
3/24/45			G.A.P. for week					4:30		281:50

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

Joined Squadron 7 October 1943 from United States.

Awarded Air Medal and 1st Oak Leaf Cluster to Air Medal in presentation at West Field, Saigon on 19 September 1944 per 7th Air Force General Orders #141, dd 20 October 1944.

Awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross per General Orders #28, Hq. 7th Air Force, dd 2/22/45, in presentation by Generals Douglas and Moore on 22 February 1945.

C E R T I F I C A T E

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/s/
/t/

JOE J. HURLEY, JR., Major, AC
(Name & Rank)

24 March 1945
(Date)

7TH FIGHTER SQUADRON, AAF, APO # 244
(Organization Commanding)

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WALTER K. BYERS

COMBAT MISSION RECORD
1st Lieutenant

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O-807142

(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:					90:50	44	1:05	189:55		281:50
3/31/45			G.A.P. for week					1:15		283:05
4/28/45	4-1	4-2	Fighter Sweep	Truk	7:00	46				290:05
5/10/45	5-1A	5-5	Fighter Sweep	Marcus (Abortive-weather)			8:00			298:05
5/25/45			G.A.P. for weeks (5/14 to 5/25)					24:15		322:20
6/5/45	6-4	6-11	Heckler	Anami O'Shima	4:00	47				326:20
6/28/45	5-6	5-21	Fighter Sweep	Kyushu	5:50	48				332:10
6/10/45			G.A.P. for week					3:30		335:40
X	X	X	X	X X X	X	X	X	X	X	X

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/s/
/t/

JOHN J. HINCHY, JR., Major, AC
(Name & Rank)

6/10/45
(Date)

73RD FIGHTER SQUADRON, AAF, APO # 245
(Organization Commanding)

FOOTNOTES

- (1) Missions followed by "X" have been used as bases for awards.
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DANIEL R. CLAUPE

(1100)

COMBAT MISSION RECORD

2ND LIEUTENANT

(Rank)

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0-832547

(Serial Number)

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Joined Squadron 6 March 1945 from the United States.
 Transferred to 318th Fighter Group from Squadron on 6 April 1945.

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 WALTER E. CLARK, 2nd Lt., O-332347 for the dates shown. (Name, Rank, and ASN)

7 June 1945

(Date)

/s/
/t/

JOHN J. HIGBY, JR., Major, AO

(Name & Rank)

7TH FIGHTER SQUADRON, AAF

(Organization Commanding)

FOOTNOTES

- (1) Missions followed by "K" have been used as bases for awards.
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- (3) Last entry represents credit sorties to date.
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JOHN E. DANNER

2ND LIEUTENANT

1169474

(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 9/4/44 to 12/31/44 Inclusive:					8:25	4		68:00		76:25
1/6/45			C.A.P. for week					10:50		87:15
1/13/45			C.A.P. for week					3:45		91:00
2/3/45			C.A.P. for week					4:20		95:20
2/27/45	2-9	2-38	Armed Recon	Pagan	2:00	5				97:20
3/3/45			C.A.P. for week					5:35		102:55
3/10/45			C.A.P. for week					2:20		105:15
X X	X X	X X	X X X X X	X X X X X X X X X X	X X X	X X X	X X X	X X	X X	X X X
			CLOSED OUT 7 JUNE 1945, TOTALS AS OF THAT DATE.							

JOHN N. BLAIR,
1st Lt, Air Corps,
S-2 Officer.

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

Joined Squadron 4 September 1944 from United States.
Suffered minor injuries in mid-air collision with Lt. HILBERT on 11 January 1945. Bailed Out, plane lost.

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. HURLEY, 2nd Lt., 115974
for the dates shown. (Name, Rank, and ASN)

7 June 1945

(Date)

/s/
/t/ JOHN J. HURLEY, JR., Major, AG
(Name & Rank)

7TH FIGHTER SQUADRON, AAF

(Organization Commanding)

F O O T N O T E S

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FRANK J. GRAHAM

COMBAT MISSION RECORD

2ND LIEUTENANT

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O-811889

(Name)			(Rank)		(Serial Number)					
DATE	MISSION NO SQ NO	GP 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.					62:40	36		109:00		171:40
1/20/45			Combat Air Patrol for week.					1:55		173:35
1/27/45			Combat Air Patrol for week.					1:50		175:25
2/3/45			Combat Air Patrol for Week.					4:30		179:55
2/9/45	2-2	2-11	Armed Recon	Pagan (Abort-Weather)			1:55			181:50
2/10/45			Combat Air Patrol for week.					7:55		189:45
2/12/45	2-3	2-16	Armed Recon	Pagan	2:15	37				192:00
2/17/45			Combat Air Patrol for week.					7:40		199:40
2/21/45	2-6	2-29	Fire-bombing	Pagan	2:25	38				202:05
2/24/45			Combat Air Patrol for Week.					3:10		205:15
2/27/45	2-9	2-38	Armed Recon	Pagan	2:15	39				207:30
3/2/45	3-1	3-2	Armed Recon	Pagan	2:25	40				209:55
3/3/45			Combat Air Patrol for Week.					7:25		217:20
3/10/45			Combat Air Patrol for Week.					2:20		219:40

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(Date) 3/21/45

3rd Fighter Squadron, AAF, APO # 244
(Organization)
Commanding

(Name, Rank) Major JOHN J. HOSSETT, JR.

(Name, Rank, and ASN) 1/s/ [Signature]
This is to certify that the entries on this form are a true and correct record of the combat missions of 2nd Lt. FRANK J. CHAMBERLAIN O-811889
For the dates shown.

CERTIFICATE

Joined Squadron on 10 January 1944. From 6th (Night) Fighter Squadron.
Awarded Air Medal and First Oak Leaf Cluster to Air Medal on 19 September 1944 in presentation ceremony at East Field, Balboa, per 7th Air Force General Orders #141, dated 20 October 1944.

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FREDERICK B. LEWIS

2ND LIEUTENANT.

0-331212

(Name)

(Rank)

(Serial Number)

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Joined Squadron 4 March 1945 from The United States
 transferred to 31st Fighter Group from Squadron 28 6 April 1945.

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 FREDERICK H. LINDS, 2ND LT., O-634242 for the dates shown. (Name, Rank, and ASN)

7 June 1945

(Date)

/s/
/t/

JOHN J. HUNTER, JR., Major, AC

(Name & Rank)

72ND FIGHTER SQUADRON, AAF

(Organization Commanding)

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COMBAT MISSION RECORD

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KEITH W. MATTISON

2nd Lieutenant

0-652176

(Name)

(Rank)

(Serial Number)

DATE	MISSION NO.		TYPE MISSION	TARGET	SORTIE TIME	TOTAL SORTIES TO DATE	ABORT TIME	CAP TIME	INTER- CEPT TIME	TOTAL COMBAT TIME
	SQ NO	GP NO								
			(1)		(2)	(3)	(2)	(2)	(2)(4)	
Totals from 6/23/44 to 12/31/44 Inclusive:					63:10	37		138:45	(1:45)	201:55
1/6/45			Combat Air Patrol for week.					7:40		209:35
1/10/45	1-4	1-30	Armed Recon	Pagan	2:35	38				212:10
1/13/45			C.A.P. for week					8:30		220:20
1/16/45	1-7	1-43	Escort	HHH B-24's to Iwo Jima	7:45	40				228:05
1/20/45			C.A.P. for week					10:20		238:25
1/24/45	1-8	1-59	Escort	Iwo Jima	6:25	42				244:50
1/27/45			C.A.P. for week					3:15		248:05
2/3/45			C.A.P. for week					2:00		250:05
2/10/45			C.A.P. for week					7:30		257:35
2/17/45			C.A.P. for week					9:45		267:20
2/21/45	2-6	2-29	Fire-bombing	Pagan	2:20	43				269:40
2/24/45			C.A.P. for week					5:45		275:25
3/3/45			C.A.P. for week					8:30		283:55

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

Joined Squadron on 13 May 1944 from 7th Fighter Sq.

Awarded Purple Heart, Air 1, General Orders #34, 4th Army Garrison Force, dd August 28, 1944.

Awarded Air Medal and 1st Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal on 19 September 1944 in presentation at East Field, Taiwan, per 7th Air Force General Orders #141, 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 1st Lt. Keith A. Gattison - 0-69176 for the dates shown. (Name, Rank, and ASN)

24 March 1945

(Date)

/s/ JOHN J. HENRY JR., Major, AC
7TH FIGHTER SQUADRON, AAF, APO # 244

(Name & Rank)
 (Organization Commanding)

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KEITH W. MATTHEWSON
(Name)1ST LIEUTENANT
(Rank)0-692176
(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:					82:15	43		201:40	(145)	283:55
3/10/45			C.A.P. for week					4:20		288:15
3/11/45	3-4	3-10	Bombing & Strafing Armed Recon	Hang, Pagan	3:40	45				291:55
3/17/45			C.A.P. for week					2:55		294:50
3/21/45			C.A.P. for week					5:00		299:50
3/31/45			C.A.P. for week					2:15		303:05
4/30/45	4-2	4-3	Fighter Sweep	Truk	7:15	47				309:20
5/20/45	5-1	5-8	Intruder	Fukue Shima	5:30	48				314:50
5/25/45			C.A.P. for week					18:05		332:55
5/31/45	5-8	5-25	Search	Amami O Shima	3:00	49				335:55
6/7/45	6-6	6-17	Escort	Kyushu	5:30	50				341:25
6/10/45			C.A.P. for June					13:00		254:25
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Awarded Distinguished Flying Cross per General Orders No. 52, Hq 7th Air Force, dated 4/20/45.

C E R T I F I C A T E

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(Name, Rank, and ASN)

/s/
/t/

JOHN J. HUSKEY, JR., Major, AG
(Name & Rank)

10 June 1945
(Date)

73RD FIGHTER SQUADRON, AAF
(Organization Commanding)

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ROBERT W. KESER

COMBAT MISSION RECORD

1st Lt.

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O-764667

(Name)

(Rank)

(Serial Number)

DATE	MISSION NO.		TYPE MISSION	TARGET	SORTIE TIME	TOTAL SORTIES TO DATE	ABORT TIME	CAP TIME	INTER- CEPT TIME	TOTAL COMBAT TIME
	SQ NO	GP NO								
			(1)		(2)	(3)	(2)	(2)	(2)(4)	
Totals from 6/23/44 to 12/31/44 Inclusive					81:15	42	1:35	142:15		224:05
1/6/45			Combat Air Patrol for week					13:05		237:10
1/13/45	1-5	1-34	Armed Recon	Pagan	2:15	43				239:25
1/13/45			C.A.P. for week					7:10		246:35
1/17/45	1-6	1-46	Escort	Truk	8:10	45				254:45
1/20/45			C.A.P. for week					1:40		256:25
1/27/45			C.A.P. for week					1:55		258:20
2/3/45			C.A.P. for week					1:45		260:05
2/21/45	2-6	2-29	Fire-bombing	Pagan	2:30	46				262:35
2/24/45			C.A.P. for week					3:35		266:10
3/3/45			C.A.P. for week					6:20		272:30
3/5/45	3-2	3-5	Armed Recon	Pagan	2:15	47				274:45
3/10/45			C.A.P. for week					3:30		278:15
3/17/45			C.A.P. for week					4:20		282:35

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Joined Squadron, 20 October 1943 from United States.

Credited with (confirmed) SHK, destroyed on Fighter Sweep over ILO JIM on 27 December 1944.

Awarded Air Medal and 1st Oak Leaf Cluster to Air Medal per General Orders #141, Hq., 7th Air Force, dd 20 October 1944.

Awarded 2nd Oak Leaf Cluster to Air Medal per General Orders #29, Hq., 7th Air Force, dd 22 February 1945, in presentation by Generals Douglas and Moore on 22 February 1945.

C E R T I F I C A T E

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24 March 1945

(Date)

/s/
/t/

JOHN J. HUBBY, JR., Major AC

(Name & Rank)

73RD FIGHTER SQUADRON, AAF, APO SAN 244

(Organization Commanding)

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ROBERT W. REISER

1st Lieutenant

0-764667

(Name)

(Rank)

(Serial Number)

DATE	MISSION NO.		TYPE MISSION	TARGET	SORTIE TIME	TOTAL SORTIES TO DATE	ABORT TIME	CAP TIME	INTER- CEPT TIME	TOTAL COMBAT TIME
	SQ NO	GP NO								
			(1)		(2)	(3)	(2)	(2)	(2)(4)	
Totals Carried Forward					96:25	47	1:35	285:35		282:35
3/24/45			C.A.P. for week					2:20		284:55
3/31/45			C.A.P. for week					1:15		286:10
4/30/45	4-2	4-3	Fighter Sweep	Truk	7:10	49				293:20
5/26/45			C.A.P.	(5/14 - 5/25)				15:35		308:55
5/30/45	5-7	5-24	Heckler	Kyushu	3:00	50				311:55
5/30/45			C.A.P. for week					5:25		317:20
6/1/45	6-1	6-3	Fighter Sweep	Southern Kyushu			3:35			320:55
6/7/45	6-6	6-17	Escort	Kyushu	5:30	51				326:25
6/10/45			C.A.P. for week					9:45		336:10
X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

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

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

C E R T I F I C A T E

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/s/
/t/

JOHN J. HUSSEY JR., Major, AC
(Name & Rank)

73RD FIGHTER SQUADRON, AAF, APO # 245
(Organization Commanding)

6/10/45

(Date)

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ROBERT W. SMITHRIDGE

2nd Lieutenant

0-715022

(Name)

(Rank)

(Serial Number)

DATE	MISSION NO.		TYPE MISSION	TARGET	SORTIE TIME	TOTAL SORTIES TO DATE	ABORT TIME	CAP TIME	INTER- CEPT TIME	TOTAL COMBAT TIME
	SQ NO	GP NO								
(1)					(2)	(3)	(2)	(2)	(2)(4)	
Totals from 10/6/44 to 12/31/44 Inclusive:					(9:27)	4	1:55	55:40	(1:45)	66:55
1/6/45			G.A.P. for week					9:10		76:05
1/13/45			G.A.P. for week					6:09		82:10
1/20/45			G.A.P. for week					13:10		95:20
1/27/45			G.A.P. for week					5:40		101:00
2/3/45			G.A.P. for week					3:15		104:15
2/10/45			G.A.P. for week					7:35		111:50
2/17/45			G.A.P. for week					9:25		121:15
2/24/45	2-8	2-36	Armed Recon	Pagan			1:50			122:05
2/24/45			G.A.P. for week					4:00		126:05
3/2/45	3-1	3-2	Armed Recon	Pagan	2:30	5				128:35
3/3/45			G.A.P. for week					7:20		135:55
3/17/45			G.A.P. for week					5:50		141:45
4/30/45	4-2	4-3	Fighter Sweep	Truk	7:15	7				149:00

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

Joined Squadron from 7th Fighter Command on 6 October 1944

Lt. Selfridge crashed on take-off for Intruder mission to Fukue Shima on the 20th of May. The plane was completely burned and the pilot was killed.

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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 2nd Lt. ROBERT W. SELFIDGE, O-715022 for the dates shown. (Name, Rank, and ASN)

/s/
/t/

JOHN J. HENNEY, JR., Major, AC

(Name & Rank)

7TH FIGHTER SQUADRON, AAF.

(Organization Commanding)

27 May 1945

(Date)

FOOTNOTES

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WILLIAM B. SPENCER

1st Lieutenant

0-637126

(Name)

(Rank)

(Serial Number)

DATE	MISSION NO.		TYPE MISSION	TARGET	SORTIE TIME	TOTAL SORTIES TO DATE	ABORT TIME	CAP TIME	INTER- CEPT TIME	TOTAL COMBAT TIME
	SQ NO	GP NO								
			(1)		(2)	(3)	(2)	(2)	(2)(4)	
Totals from 6/23/44 to 12/31/44 Inclusive:					85:35	45	1:50	126:35		214:00
1/5/45	P-38 1-3	1-20	Strafing	Iwo Jima, Marian Islands	7:45	47				221:45
1/15/45			C.A.F. for week.					6:55		228:40
5/24/45	5-3	5-13	Dive Bomb-Str.	Southern Ryukyu, Japan	4:25	48				233:05
5/25/45			C.A.F. from 5/14 to 5/25/45					17:55		251:00
5/31/45	5-8	5-25	Search	Amami O Shima, Ryukus	3:00	49				254:00
6/3/45	6-2	6-8	Interception	Over Okino Enbu Shima.	2:00	50				256:00
6/14/45	6-16	6-36	Rescue	Kikai Shima, Ryukus	5:00	51				261:00
6/17/45			C.A.F. for month					9:05		270:05
X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

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

Joined Squadron on 14 July 1943 from U.S.A.

Awarded Air Medal and Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal on 19 September 1944, per General Orders # 141, Hq. Garrison Force, APO # 244.

Awarded Distinguished Flying Cross per General Orders # 28, Hq. 7th Air Force, dd 22 February 1945 in presentation by Generals Douglas and Moore on 22 February 1945.

Attended Instrument Pilot School back in the U.S.A. from January 1945 to May 1945.

Credited with the destruction of one (1) JNC in aerial combat on Dive-bombing, Strafing and Rocket firing mission over southern airfields of Kyushu, Japan, on 24 May 1945.

Was submitted for the 2nd Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal for the Jap plane destroyed on 24 May 1945.

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(Name, Rank, and ASN)

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

/t/ ~~13th Fighter Squadron, APO # 245~~ (Name & Rank)

6/17/45

(Date)

(Organization Commanding)

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APPENDIX # 4

HEADQUARTERS
318TH FIGHTER GROUP AAF
APO 245

GENERAL ORDERS)

NUMBER 11)

22 May 1945

Pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-68, and upon recommendation of the appropriate unit commander, the following enlisted men, organization indicated, are hereby awarded The Good Conduct Medal.

73RD FTR SQ

M Sgt Elic E Guillen 6250709	S Sgt Jonah Kleinberg 32222183
M Sgt Jacob J Johns 17018090	S Sgt Frank Klinger 13046241
M Sgt Donald L McCormick 37195061	S Sgt John J Krauss 15074412
1st Sgt Phillip W Lees 11037814	S Sgt Frank W Kush 32251736
T Sgt George E Atkins 6957471	S Sgt Fred R Langford 34407011
T Sgt Robert J Harris 69911114	S Sgt LeRoy G Larson 16085689
T Sgt Clyde W Johnson 34117664	S Sgt William A Lawson 19040031
T Sgt Lewis Katz 6919915	S Sgt Allen A Lucas 13066993
T Sgt Ural L McCaulla Jr 15017959	S Sgt Orrin A Madsen 29826903
T Sgt Ben A Northington 18048712	S Sgt Lloyd E Mangels 39021357
T Sgt Roger H Olds 12023295	S Sgt Edward C Mars 36022016
T Sgt Donald E Overcash 6919431	S Sgt Charles D Melton 35259233
T Sgt Allen Rugger 6808670	S Sgt Walter S Mokrzycki 32276492
T Sgt Floyd P Springer 20902811	S Sgt Jacob Nasrallah 35022370
T Sgt Jules A Stelly Jr 18060795	S Sgt George T Naylor 18050998
T Sgt Donald Stobaugh 16062027	S Sgt Kenneth C Olson 17026205
S Sgt Frank L Adams 37137988	S Sgt Martin Perez 18043246
S Sgt Temple A F Allen 11021299	S Sgt Charles H Pfeifer 32221974
S Sgt Harold E Barger 36397852	S Sgt Claude W Rhodes 16030536
S Sgt John W Barosky 33087648	S Sgt Alfred H Schmid 36108979
S Sgt John C Beall 33067756	S Sgt Dexter M Short 14062971
S Sgt Clarence W Bowman 34188677	S Sgt Joseph E Slattey 31071972
S Sgt Gale A Bullard 36327886	S Sgt Robert H Smith 35257785
S Sgt Nicholas Calia 12022265	S Sgt William J Sovak 35300442
S Sgt Joseph Chiera 33171952	S Sgt Otto W Starkey 16059423
S Sgt J E Chisholm 1702865	S Sgt Joseph E Turczyn 36397263
S Sgt Frank W Ciencki 12032595	S Sgt Leo O Vaillancourt 31072027
S Sgt George W Deadwiley 37107393	S Sgt Rudolph Woodshank 36327115
S Sgt Arthur L Delvaux Jr 39234756	S Sgt Kenneth M Woodside 39825605
S Sgt Russell L Dickman 36026726	S Sgt Robert W Young 35350305
S Sgt Leonard J Duchan 16009718	Sgt William F Alexander 35211977
S Sgt Charles P Fawcett 17014490	Sgt Alex J Allen 14039669
S Sgt Emmet L Giesner 39306836	Sgt Albert Barnett 16054056
S Sgt Raymond W Green 13049741	Sgt Robert J Bartell 36023266
S Sgt William R Harmuth 32219530	Sgt Andrew J Bednar 36397304
S Sgt Francis L Kelley 14056095	Sgt Lawrence W Berrier Jr 34035644

GO #11 Hq 318th Ftr Gp AAF dtd 22 May (Cont'd)

Sgt Thomas J Betker 36238890	Cpl Richard Aitken 19200312
Sgt George H Biggio 32393420	Cpl Ralph A Asher 39031339
Sgt Jack Bogdan 35287487	Cpl Eugene W Bunyan 35539851
Sgt Chester L Burke 36149632	Cpl Neil G Campbell 31110775
Sgt Joseph Elkins 32218498	Cpl Lewis Cohen 32704478
Sgt Jack J Fish 16024492	Cpl James C Conley 32242946
Sgt William L Gatton 10100907	Cpl Vincent R Cordaro 32421666
Sgt Richard L Haulyn 38213099	Cpl Edward C Corliss 32389770
Sgt Herbert E Handy 35483351	Cpl Joseph F Cullinan 11090117
Sgt Sidney B Hart 38213269	Cpl William B Cunningham 32411169
Sgt John J Healy 32466801	Cpl Louis DeGiuffis 32223227
Sgt Gerardo F Iori 16096611	Cpl Francis J Donahue 31095441
Sgt Kenneth A Jarvis 32222610	Cpl Robert A Dotz 36294359
Sgt Ross C Jolivet 16093063	Cpl Bob E Drake 18216339
Sgt Lynn R Kern 37277753	Cpl Richard M Dubick 12165927
Sgt John P Lendo 36504757	Cpl Orvin E Ellestad 16092676
Sgt James A Liss 16067922	Cpl Stephen S Ewanio 36378443
Sgt Victor T Mason 16024644	Cpl Clyde M Ewers Jr 16091954
Sgt William J McBride 33192722	Cpl Victor C Faulstick 36346844
Sgt Dean C McCormick 12056623	Cpl Arthur R Felgenhauer 33332613
Sgt Floyd E Meacham 37197013	Cpl Frederick R Fenton 17102176
Sgt Raymond E Murphy 13036311	Cpl George E Fischer 37312354
Sgt Nathan G Nollner 14133396	Cpl Dennis Fraley 35507206
Sgt Irving A Novick 36047087	Cpl Sidney W Harwood 16044543
Sgt Edward F O'Brien 33072807	Cpl Welden L Hayward 31155640
Sgt Thaddeus J O'Connor 32451788	Cpl James H Houdersheldt 13043326
Sgt Jackson L Ollis 14142327	Cpl Richard J Hoyt 31273038
Sgt Theodore L Peterson 39843995	Cpl Owen D Hunt 35440493
Sgt Paxton E Phares 16061971	Cpl Dewey Isaacs 35266387
Sgt Labon Posner 39539654	Cpl Bruce E Kenney Jr 35790331
Sgt Gene E Prickett 36397782	Cpl John J Krall 36237390
Sgt Carl J Ratz 15100006	Cpl Alexander E Kulinski 13102432
Sgt Max R Ritchie 37380463	Cpl John W Lavin 32326044
Sgt Sam S Rizzuto 32251605	Cpl George A Lawrence 16067653
Sgt Ernest E Roberts 35111955	Cpl Cyril F Lee 16068146
Sgt Richard S Rocher 15101427	Cpl Roy J Lenz 32491464
Sgt Andrew G Solensky 33249108	Cpl Charles E Lewis 32338243
Sgt Kenneth H Steiner 36240536	Cpl John H MacInnis 31157632
Sgt Harry L Stiner 35325070	Cpl Anthony Marzilli 31113116
Sgt Henry E Strom 39306799	Cpl Edward A McCauley 31140269
Sgt Burnis E Sylvester 18118243	Cpl Francis H McCloskey 31159821
Sgt Thomas V Tuttle 35375113	Cpl Clarence L McKean 37601399
Sgt Stanley Vinosky 32252735	Cpl Frank Meditz 36353803
Sgt Joseph G Whitehead 7093601	Cpl Augustine J Monahan 31071265
Sgt J D Wilburn 34189058	Cpl Armand F Morissette 31081799
Sgt Frank R Williams 35400040	Cpl Alan J Nevins 32428372
Sgt Raymond F Wilson 35375074	Cpl Andrew E Offner 32449736
Sgt Harold H Workman 35400398	Cpl Wallace F Osborne 12095509
Sgt James M Wright 35475332	Cpl Leonard P Owens 35358904

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Cpl Edward F Parrish 14160666	Cpl William J Parrott 31125116
Cpl Eldon W Petersen 37304063	Cpl Vernon A Ritter 35483496
Cpl Max Sandoval 39906724	Cpl Daniel J Scarbo 32222029
Cpl Gene A Silicani 36726364	Cpl Herman F Simonsides 31169740
Cpl Maxwell B Smith 31120172	Cpl Louis P Sobush 36504746
Cpl Edward J Solensky 33278932	Cpl William Steinberg 32244060
Cpl William W Tucker 31285614	Cpl Thomas J Turner 34330123
Pfc Elwood L Albright 33498438	Pfc Victor C Arensberg 37505128
Pfc Lester T Campbell 36578771	Pfc John T Chesney 36814140
Pfc Richard D Coates 16041910	Pfc James C Cooper 32444455
Pfc Ralph F Crecco 16066799	Pfc Marland T Craneene 37436055
Pfc John S Deneen 16108457	Pfc James H Ebeling 36810126
Pfc Elmo B Ellis 39533440	Pfc William F Epstein 36760228
Pfc Joseph L Hughes 32802904	Pfc Lawrence D Hughes 32309470
Pfc Albert James 12166120	Pfc Ernest E Johnson 31932556
Pfc Garland L Joyner 34669969	Pfc Robert D Justice 35225539
Pfc Alex J Kurkul 16136031	Pfc Thomas E Madell 37424963
Pfc Paul W McHenry 33413097	Pfc Milford F Merrell 33631531
Pfc Max Nesvet 31082137	Pfc William E Noventer 32860747
Pfc Gordon E Nicholson 19180462	Pfc Norman L Nunnenmacker 32456775
Pfc Henry B Phelps 37457232	Pfc Harry Phillips Jr 35626247
Pfc William J Rasette 37011023	Pfc Howard W Rodgers 38372872
Pfc Howard B Smith 32479415	Pfc Harold K Thompson 34650560
Pfc Vincent H Ursini 11136596	Pfc Kenneth N Van Horn 37498440
Pfc Donald R Watson 36565663	Pfc Walter E Zamminer 32865949

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FROM: CG, TAF, TENTH ARMY

ACTION TO: CO, 301ST FIGHTER WING

INFO TO:

CO, 318TH FIGHTER GROUP

CTU 99.2.1; CG, TENTH ARMY

DATE: 25 May 1945

WHEN YOU JUMPED INTO THE SHOOT DOWN BUSINESS YOU REALLY DID IT
IN A BIG WAY X 33 NIPS IN THE DRINK BEFORE NOON IS VERY FINE
GOING X BEST WISHES FOR GREATER SUCCESS X WELL DONE XX

A TRUE COPY:

/s/ FREDERICK H. DEAMANT
/t/ FREDERICK H. DEAMANT
Major, Air Corps.

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HEADQUARTERS TACTICAL AIR FORCE, TENTH ARMY
AND
HEADQUARTERS, 2ND MARINE AIRCRAFT WING

27 May 1945

From: Commanding General
To : All Hands

Subject: Commendation.

1. Commander Task Force 51 has passed a hearty well done and has expressed himself as being particularly pleased with the excellent performance of all hands, especially controlling fighter director stations afloat and ashore, pilots, lookouts and gun crews in repelling enemy air attacks despite adverse weather conditions on 24-25 May.

2. Commanding General, Tactical Air Force, Tenth Army desires this information passed to all hands, and to add his own "Well Done".

/s/ Francis P. Mulcahy
/t/ FRANCIS P. MULCAHY,

A TRUE COPY:

John N. Blair
JOHN N. BLAIR,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Intelligence Officer.

NEW YORK SUN - 21 May 1945.

"The famous 318th Army Fighter Group, which made the Marianas unhealthy for Jap flyers, has moved into the Ryukyus, seeking bigger and better game - and expects it without delay. Admiral Nimitz' communique yesterday disclosed participation of the 318th in the Okinawa campaign in support of ground troops. Major John J. Hussey, Jr. of Sea Cliff, L.I., N.Y., who shot down a Zero over Truk, is a squadron commander."

CHICAGO TRIBUNE - 20 May 1945.

"Army Thunderbolt fighters joined a four motored navy Privateer search bomber on a Japanese shipping hunt for the first time today. The Thunderbolts, from the 318th Fighter Group, also strafed air installations in the Ryukyus. Pilots included Capt. Donald Kane of Milwaukee and 2nd Lt. Lloyd R. Millet, Belleville, Ill."

PHOENIX GAZETTE - 21 May 1945.

"Thunderbolts of the army's 318th Fighter Group, veterans of the Marianas and Iwo Jima campaigns, attacked targets in the northern Ryukyus."

CHICAGO TRIBUNE - 22 May 1945.

"Four Tinian based Super Fortresses flew navigational escort for the 318th Army Fighter Group P-47s in their recent flight from the Marianas to their new base on Okinawa. 'The mother hen' mission was led by Brig. Gen. John H. Davies of Piedmont, Cal. . . . 'More and more fighter planes will be escorted to Okinawa', said Gen. Davies. 'These planes of the 7th Fighter Command should prove a great help in securing Okinawa - springboard to Japan. We are glad for this chance to cooperate with the fighters. We like the cover they provide for our B-29s during our strikes on Japan.' "

PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER - 21 May 1945.

"On the night of May 18-19, Thunderbolts of the 318th Army Fighter Group struck targets among the Amami highlands. Thunderbolts of the same force strafed air installations in the northern Ryukyus and joined a Navy search Privateer to sink a picket craft west of Kyushu on May 20."

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73RD FIGHTER SQUADRON, AAF
RESUME OF MONTH'S MISSIONS

APPENDIX # 5

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TYPE OF MISSION	MISSIONS	<u>OKINAWA</u>		<u>TARGET</u> <u>FUKUE SHIMA</u>		<u>KYUSHU</u>		<u>AMAMI O SHIMA</u>	
		<u>Sorties</u>	<u>Aborts</u>	<u>Sorties</u>	<u>Aborts</u>	<u>Sorties</u>	<u>Aborts</u>	<u>Sorties</u>	<u>Aborts</u>
Fighter Sweep	1			2	2	12			
Intruder Mission	1			8	1				
Reckler	3					17	3		
Strafing & Reckets	1							8	
Dive-bombing, Strafing & Reckets	1					7			
Interception **	1	11	1						
Search	1							8	
TOTALS	(9)	11	1	8	1	36	3	16	

Total planes dispatched: 76
Abortives : 5
Accredited Sorties: 71

*NOTE: A mission to Marcus Island was flown from
Kebler Field on May 10. It was abortive due
to Navigational difficulties. Fifteen (15)
planes were on the mission.

** This was an originally scheduled Dive-bombing and
rocket firing strike to Kyushu which returned due
to bad weather & encountered Jap planes north of
Okinawa during flash red alert.

EXPENDITURES FOR MONTH

.50 Caliber ammunition 34,980 rounds.
5 inch reekets, instantaneous fused..... 85
500 lb, GP bombs, instantaneous fused 16

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

1 June 1945.

SUBJECT: Intelligence Report.

TO : See Distribution.

1. The following report covers the operations of the 318th Fighter Group, AAF, for the period 14 May 1945, the date on which the first mission was flown from the Group's new location in the Ryukyus, to 31 May 1945 inclusive.

a. Total Sorties (Combat) Dispatched.

19th Fighter Squadron	77
73rd Fighter Squadron	76
333d Fighter Squadron	81
TOTAL	234

b. Total Sorties (Combat) Abortive.

19th Fighter Squadron	7
73rd Fighter Squadron	5
333d Fighter Squadron	8
TOTAL	20

c. Total Sorties (CAP) Dispatched.

19th Fighter Squadron	234
73rd Fighter Squadron	205
333d Fighter Squadron	191
TOTAL	630

d. Total Hours Flown.

19th Fighter Squadron	1,182
73rd Fighter Squadron	1,165
333d Fighter Squadron	1,136
TOTAL	3,483

e. Bomb Tonnage Dropped.

19th Fighter Squadron	10.5 (short tons)
73rd Fighter Squadron	8.0 (short tons)
333d Fighter Squadron	6.0 (short tons)
TOTAL	24.5 (short tons)

f. Total Rounds of Ammunition.

.50 Caliber Ammunition.

19th Fighter Squadron	55,056
73rd Fighter Squadron	34,980
333d Fighter Squadron	46,900
TOTAL	136,936

5 inch Rockets.

19th Fighter Squadron	42
73rd Fighter Squadron	85
333d Fighter Squadron	70
TOTAL	197

g. Our Casualties.

(1) Killed	4	(for details see remarks under Par. h.)
(2) Wounded	0	
(3) Missing	5	(for details see remarks under Par. h.)
TOTAL	9	

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Monthly Intelligence Report, Continued.

h. Our Aircraft Losses.

(1) Combat	5	(See Remarks)
(2) Operational	6	(See Remarks)
(3) Other	0	(See Remarks)
TOTAL	11	

REMARKS:

- 17 May P-47N # 44-87821, piloted by 1st Lt. Alford J. Babcock O-686715, was lost at sea and the pilot presumably killed when he became separated from the rest of his flight as the result of a storm encountered enroute from Saipan to Ie Shima.
- 18 May P-47N # 44-87867, piloted by Capt. William D. Fancher O-794929, was lost at sea while on a Night Heckler Mission to Kyushu. Weather encountered was extremely bad resulting in pilot becoming lost. Pilot still missing.
- 20 May P-47N # 44-88108 was lost as the result of fire, when the right fuel tank siphoned gas and caught fire when the engine was turned off.
- 20 May P-47N # 44-87913, piloted by 2nd Lt. Rodney W. Selfridge O-715022, was completely destroyed by fire and the pilot killed when he could not attain flying speed on take-off. Plane was loaded with fire bombs which ignited when the plane crashed off the end of the runway.
- 21 May P-47N # 44-87046, piloted by 1st Lt. William T. Goff O-548854, was lost on a Night Heckler Mission when the pilot became lost due to extremely bad weather. Pilot still missing.
- 27 May P-47N # 44-88074, piloted by 2nd Lt. Thomas Graham O-831708, was damaged beyond repair (will probably be salvaged) when the pilot stalled in from 75 feet while landing. No injury to pilot.
- 28 May P-47N # 44-87978, piloted by 2nd Lt. Melvin L. Byfield O-762248, was completely destroyed when the engine cut out on take-off. Plane crashed and burned killing the pilot.
- 30 May P-47N # 44-87892, piloted by 1st Lt. James C. Reed O-25968, was completely destroyed by fire and the pilot killed when the engine cut out on take-off.
- 30 May P-47N # 44-87909, piloted by Major Winston H. Park O-660188; P-47N # 44-87956, piloted by 2nd Lt. Albert W. Heilman O-715534; P-47N # 44-87051, piloted by 2nd Lt. Duane D. Jones O-714928; were lost at sea when the pilots became lost in a solid weather front encountered while on a mission to Kyushu. All pilots are missing.

1. Enemy Aircraft Destroyed.

See copy of letter, Destruction of Enemy Aircraft, attached.

For the Group Commander



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

1 June 1945.

SUBJECT: Destruction of Enemy Aircraft.

TO : See Distribution.

1. The following is a list of enemy A/C destroyed in aerial combat by the 318th Fighter Group, AAF, during the month of May 1945.

2. Monthly supplements will be issued regularly so that the list may be kept up to date.

DATE	PILOT		SQUADRON	NO. & TYPE A/C DESTROYED
5-24	1st Lt. WILLIAM B. SPENCER	0-681726	73rd	1 JACK
5-25	Major CHARLES W. TENNANT	0-661396	19th	1 ZEKE 1 OSCAR
5-25	1st Lt. RICHARD H. ANDERSON	0-694214	19th	5 ZEKES
5-25	2nd Lt. DONALD E. KENNEDY	0-710717	19th	3 ZEKES
5-25	Capt. MICHAEL SLEPECKY JR.	0-794515	19th	1 OSCAR
5-25	Capt. ROY A. JACOBSON	0-2054045	19th	1 OSCAR
5-25	2nd Lt. ROBERT J. THURSTON	0-827543	19th	1 VAL
5-25	1st Lt. KENNETH S. SITTON	0-798172	19th	1 OSCAR
5-25	1st Lt. CHARLES W. JACKSON	0-665567	19th	1 VAL
5-25	Capt. LEE G. LEFFORGE	0-441847	19th	1 NATE 1 VAL
5-26	1st Lt. HOWARD H. BARRETT	0-693217	19th	1 VAL
5-25	Capt. JAMES R. SNYDER	0-800063	73rd	2 VALS 1 TONY
5-25	2nd Lt. KARL A. PACK	0-774287	73rd	1 OSCAR
5-25	1st Lt. HENRY J. YEAGER	0-767381	73rd	1 TONY
5-25	1st Lt. ROBERT L. SHEPARD	0-807629	73rd	1 ZEKE
5-25	2nd Lt. GEORGE W. TRUMBOUR	0-767421	19th	1 OSCAR
5-25	1st Lt. LEON A. COX	0-807211	19th	2 OSCARS 1 VAL
5-25	1st Lt. ROBERT A. MORRIS	0-825487	19th	1 VAL
5-25	1st Lt. STANLEY J. LUSTIG	0-759036	19th	3 OSCARS
5-25	1st Lt. JESSE F. GIBSON	0-763553	19th	1 TONY
5-25	1st Lt. JOHN F. DUNN	0-811869	19th	1 NATE
5-26	1st Lt. CARLTON O. BERRY	0-762222	333d	1 JUDY
5-26	1st Lt. JOHN A. DOOLING	0-792971	333d	1 JUDY

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Ltr. Destruction of Enemy Aircraft, Continued.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>SQUADRON</u>	<u>NO. & TYPE A/C DESTROYED</u>
5-28	Major DE JACK WILLIAMS	0-433765 19th	1 ZEKÉ
5-28	1st Lt. STANLEY J. LUSTIG	0-759036 19th	2 ZEKES
5-28	2nd Lt. VERNON A. WISCHER	0-2054111 19th	1 ZEKÉ
5-28	1st. WILLIAM H. BATHIS	0-759040 19th	3 ZEKES
5-28	Capt. JOHN E. VOGT	0-727593 19th	5 ZEKES
5-28	2nd Lt. PHILLIP LA ROCHELLE	0-824662 19th	1 ZEKÉ
5-28	1st Lt. DAYTON F. RIVAS	0-438797 333d	1 ZEKÉ
5-28	Capt. JUDGE E. WOLFE	0-661419 333d	1 ZEKÉ
5-28	Capt. FRED J. STEPHENSON JR.	0-797930 333d	1 ZEKÉ
5-28	2nd Lt. DAN C. OWEN	0-774286 333d	1 ZEKÉ
5-31	2nd Lt. ROBERT J. STONE	0-715638 333d	1 JUDY

3. Recapitulation of planes destroyed during the month of May 1945.

19th Fighter Squadron	41
73rd Fighter Squadron	7
333d Fighter Squadron	7
TOTAL FOR PERIOD	55

For the Group Commander:

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

31 MAY 1945

73RD FIGHTER SQUADRON MISSION NO. 5-8
318TH FIGHTER GROUP MISSION NO. 5-29

1. A. EIGHT (8) P-47N'S
B. NONE
2. A. NONE
B. NONE
3. STRAFING AND ROCKETS ON AMAMI O SHIMA.
4. CAPTAIN NELSON, LTS. WEBSTER, BARNHILL, TITUS. (COSSACK 140-143)
LTS. SHEPARD, AYLER, SPIVEY, GAMACHE. (COSSACK 144-147)

TAKE OFF: 1610 OVER TARGET: 1650 - 1810 LANDED: 1855

CAPTAIN NELSON'S FLIGHT MADE TWO PASSES ON THE COVE EAST OF SEAPLANE BASE, FIRING ROCKETS INTO BARRACKS AND OTHER BUILDINGS ON THE FIRST PASS WITH UNOBSERVED RESULTS, AND ON THE SECOND PASS STRAFED THE SAME TARGET, ALSO WITH UNOBSERVED RESULTS.

LT SHEPARD'S FLIGHT MADE TWO STRAFING PASSES ON THE SEAPLANE RAMP AND ADJACENT BUILDINGS, WITH UNOBSERVED RESULTS.

BOTH FLIGHTS CIRCLED ENTIRE ISLAND SEARCHING COVES - SAW SEVERAL BURNED OUT BOATS AND SHIPS.

ON CAPTAIN NELSON'S ROCKET FIRING PASS, PUSHOVER WAS AT 9,000 FEET, RELEASE WAS AT 3500 FEET AT AN ANGLE OF 45 DEGREES AT 325 I.A.S. ROCKETS WERE FUSED INSTANTANEOUS.

A/A WAS HEAVY, OF BARRAGE TYPE, MEAGRE AND INACCURATE, FROM BOTH SIDES KONIYA COVE.

5. A. ENROUTE: 6/10 CUMULUS FROM 2,000 FEET TO 6,000 FEET WITH ONE HIGHER LAYER AT 11,000 FEET TO 11,500 FEET (BROKEN).

OVER TARGET: 9/10 CUMULUS FROM 3500 TO 4000 FEET.

B. POOR.

6. UNDETERMINED.

7. 4670 ROUNDS CALIBER .50 AMMUNITION EXPENDED, SIXTEEN FIVE-INCH INST. FUSED ROCKETS EXPENDED. 2000 GALLONS OF GAS CONSUMED.

8. NONE

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73RD FIGHTER SQUADRON, AAF
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31 MAY 1945

73RD FIGHTER SQUADRON MISSION NO. 5-8
318TH FIGHTER GROUP MISSION NO. 5-25

1. A. EIGHT (8) P-47N'S
B. NONE
2. A. NONE
B. NONE
3. SEARCH MISSION FOR THREE PILOTS OF 333RD FIGHTER SQUADRON.
4. LTS. SPENCER, ANDERSON, MATTISON, BLACKWOOD (COSSACK 28)
LTS. HARBOUR, WALKER, CAPT. GRAEBER, LT. WALLENBERG (COSSACK 32)

TAKE-OFF: 1000

LANDED: 1330

FLIGHTS PROCEEDED NORTH ALONG EAST SIDE OF ISLAND CHAIN TO THE SOUTHERN END OF AMAMI O SHIMA. THEY THEN FLEW APPROX. FIFTY (50) MILES WEST OF AMAMI AND STARTED A ZIG-ZAG COURSE BACK TO BASE. THE MISSION WAS FLOWN AT AN AVERAGE ALTITUDE OF 200 FEET AND NO TRACE OF THE MISSING AIRMEN WAS FOUND.

5. A. 3/10 BROKEN CUMULUS AT 10,000 FEET. HAZY CONDITION FROM DECK TO 10,000 FEET WITH VISIBILITY 10 TO 15 MILES.
B. LOUD AND CLEAR.
6. NONE
7. 2800 GALLONS OF GAS CONSUMED.
8. NONE

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

30 May 1945

73RD FIGHTER SQUADRON MISSION REPORT # 5-7
333D FIGHTER SQUADRON MISSION REPORT # 5-13
GROUP MISSION REPORT # 5-24 (CONSOLIDATED)

1. A. Twenty-eight (28) P-47N's. (Four (4) were abortive.)
B. None
2. A. Three (3) P-47N's.
B. None
3. Heckler Mission to KYUSHU.
4. Maj. HUSSEY, Lts. BENNETT, MILLER, JOHNSON. (Cossack 125)-(73rd)
Lts. GALT, CECI, REDFIELD, SINCLAIR. (Cossack 129)-(73rd)
Lts. RESER, TITUS, MILLET, CORCORAN. (Cossack 141)-(73rd)
Capt. KANE, Lts. SYKES, HARRIS, BRYANT. (Cossack 133)-(73rd)
Maj. PARK, Lts. HEILMAN, WILLIAMS, BROOKS. (Cossack 113)-(333d)
Lts. DUERSCHMIDT, FREEDMAN, MONYELLE, JONES. (Cossack 117)-(333d)
Lts. DEYONKER, WEEKS, DOOLING, WENZEL. (Cossack 121)-(333d)

Takeoff: 0600 - Over Target: 0730-0800 - Land: 0905-1045

Lt. TITUS did not take off due to mechanical difficulties.
Lt. DUERSCHMIDT returned early due to engine trouble, pancaking at 0635. Lt. FREEDMAN returned early due to engine trouble, pancaking at 0650. Lt. MONYELLE's engine cut out on take off.

Cossack 133 rendezvoused with the Dumbo over IE SHIMA at 0605 and proceeded on course to AMAMI O SHIMA, where they orbited, providing cover for the PBM. This flight returned to base without attacking any target, pancaking at 1005.

The balance of the fighters (20 aircraft) proceeded on course for KYUSHU at 900 feet. Just north of AMAMI, the weather completely closed in so the flights turned around and reconnoitered AMAMI. Cossack 113, 117 and 121 spotted a Fox Able off Ha Zaki (in Naze Ko). All planes made a rocket and two strafing passes on the freighter from NW to SE; Pushover 300 feet, release 100 feet, angle 30°, IAS 275 MPH. The Fox Able was left smoking amidships and is claimed damaged. Proceeding east, Cossack 113, 117 and 121 observed a Sugar Baker in Daikuma Ko. All planes made two strafing passes on this AK and saw many hits amidships and aft. This vessel was left smoking profusely amidships and aft and is also claimed damaged. Pulling up from this attack, the flights observed a small craft (30-40 feet) off Buun Zaki. They made one strafing pass on the boat with unobserved results. Proceeding along the west

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318TH FTR. GRP. MISSION REPORT # 5-24 (CONSOLIDATED) -- CONT'D.

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coast of AMAMI, Cossack 113, 117 and 121 strafed three row boats off Toriboshu Take and a lighthouse at Sotsuko zaki. Two of the rowboats broke apart and the lighthouse, which appeared damaged before the attack, was further damaged. Cossack 113, 117 and 121 then headed for base.

As Cossack 113, 117 and 121 (333d planes) came off the targets at AMAMI, Cossack 125 and 129 (73rd planes) made one rocket and strafing pass on the ramp area of the seaplane base at Koniya while Cossack 141 provided cover (Pushover 5000 feet, release 2000 feet, angle 60°, IAS 400 MPH, Axis N. to S.) Due to poor visibility, results of this attack were unobserved; however, nine rockets hit in the target area (seven rockets were returned to base). Maj. HUSSEY's flight then strafed buildings and towers of the radio station on Okino Erabu Shima; damage undetermined. Maj. HUSSEY received a hole in his right wing due to automatic weapons fire. This A/A (medium, moderate, continuously pointed, accurate to inaccurate) was received from positions on both sides of Koniya Ko. Cossack 125, 129 and 141 then returned to base.

5. A. Extremely bad; solid overcast at 300 feet and rain.
B. Loud and clear.

6. See narrative.

7. 73rd Ftr. Sqdn. -- 995 rounds .50 cal., 9 x 5" rockets,
instantaneous fuses, 4,600 gallons gas.
333d Ftr. Sqdn. -- 13,500 rounds .50 cal., 10 x 5" rockets,
instantaneous fuses, 3,470 gallonsmgas.

(7 of the 73rd Ftr. Sqdn's rockets were brought back to base and 4 of the 333d Ftr. Sqdn's rockets were returned.)

8. Due to IE SHIMA field being completely closed in by weather, landing times were varied. Five of the 333rd's planes pancaked between 0850 and 0910. One landed at 1035. Six of the 73rd's planes pancaked at 0900; four others at 1005 and one at 1045. Maj. PARK, Lts. HEILMAN and JONES (333d) are missing. Search has been instituted.

Due to the slow speed of the PBM Dumbo, it is not practical for a heavily loaded P-47 to fly contact instruments with the Dumbo.

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

28 May 1945

73rd Fighter Squadron Mission #5-6
318th Fighter Group Mission #5-

1. A. Twelve (12) P-47Es
B. None
2. A. None
B. None
3. Fighter Sweep over Kyushu.
4. Captain Martin, HW, Lts. Gamache, Ayler, F/O Merrick. (Cossack 141)
Lts. Harbour, Webster, O'Hara, Schuh. (Cossack 145)
Lt. Byers, F/O Manza, Lts. Spivey, Clark. (Cossack 149)

Take off: 0955

Over Targets: 1210-1415

Landed: 1540

Flights reached the target area at 1210, entering Kageshima Wan before circling the southern tip of the western peninsula. Belly tanks were dropped in the vicinity of Makurazaki and they then flew across the eastern peninsula in the vicinity of Kanoya and Kanoya East Airfields. Upon reaching the east coast of Kyushu they followed the coast line north, flying over Miyazaki, Hittagahara, Karasehara, Gomitaka, and Saeki Airfields. No Aircraft were observed on or over any of these fields. At Saeki the flights received heavy, continuously pointed, intense but inaccurate A/A fire. The A/A was accurate as to range, bursts being nearly all at 10,000 feet, being the Angels flown during practically the entire mission. At Saeki the flights made a hundred and eighty degree turn, retiring back down the coast line. Upon reaching southern Kyushu they made a large orbit of the entire southern portion of both peninsulas and before taking return vector, Lt. BYERS' flight strafed a radar tower on southern tip of eastern peninsula. On the return trip three bogies were sighted just west of Amami O Shima but were lost in the extremely heavy haze.

5. A. No clouds, but extremely heavy haze enroute and over target area.
Visibility was never over 5-6 miles.
B. Loud and Clear.
6. Undetermined.
7. 6,840 gallons of gasoline consumed. 2,865 rounds of caliber 30 ammunition expended.
8. None.

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29 May 1945

The following report of enemy aircraft destroyed is submitted for consideration by the Claims Board:

1. While returning from a Fighter Sweep on Kyushu, which was forced to abort due to a weather front encountered 160 miles from base, the flight spotted numerous enemy aircraft and attacked them, destroying 22 enemy A/C.
2. Definite kills were made by the following pilots:

PILOT	SQUADRON	NO. & TYPE A/C DESTROYED
1st Lt. RICHARD E. ANDERSON	0-694214 19th	5 ZEKES
2nd Lt. DONALD E. KENNEDY	0-710717 19th	3 ZEKES
Capt. MICHAEL SLEPICKY JR.	0-794515 19th	1 OSCAR
Capt. ROY A. JACOBSON	0-2054045 19th	1 OSCAR
2nd Lt. ROBERT J. THURSTON	0-827543 19th	1 VAL
1st Lt. KENNETH S. SITTON	0-798172 19th	1 OSCAR
1st Lt. CHARLES E. JACKSON	0-665567 19th	1 VAL
Capt. LEE G. LEFFORGE	0-441847 19th	1 MATE 1 VAL
1st Lt. HOWARD H. BARRETT	0-693217 19th	1 VAL
Capt. JAMES R. SNYDER	0-800063 73rd	2 VALS 1 TONY
2nd Lt. EARL A. PACK	0-774287 73rd	1 OSCAR
1st Lt. HENRY J. YEAGER	0-767381 73rd	1 TONY
1st Lt. ROBERT L. SHEPARD	0-807629 73rd	1 ZEKE

3. Date of Mission: 25 May 1945.
Squadron Mission Number: 19th Ftr. Sqdn. No. 5-2
73rd Ftr. Sqdn. No. 5-9
Group Mission Number: 5-16
4. For narrative account, see copies of Mission Report and Statements attached.

Frederick H. DeLoach
FREDERICK H. DELOACH
Major, Air Corps,
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RECOMMENDATION OF CLAIMS BOARD

Credit each of the pilots listed with destruction of the Enemy A/C as indicated above.

L. M. Sanders
L. M. SANDERS
Colonel, Air Corps,
President, Claims Board,
318th Fighter Group, AAF

29 May 1945
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318TH FIGHTER GROUP, AAF
A. F. O. #245

25 May 1945

318TH FIGHTER GROUP MISSION REPORT # 5-16 - (CONSOLIDATED)
19TH FIGHTER SQUADRON MISSION REPORT # 5-2
73rd FIGHTER SQUADRON MISSION REPORT # 5-85

1. A. Twenty-eight (28) P-47Ns.
B. Thirty (30) to forty (40) ZEKES, OSCARS, VALS, TOMYS, MATES.
2. A. None
B. Six (6) VALS - ~~five~~ (4) OSCARS - nine (9) ZEKES - one (1) MATE - two (2) TOMYS destroyed.
3. Dive bomb and Launch rockets at KUMSHIMA Airfield, MIYAZAKI Airfield, KYUSHU, JAPAN.
4. Capt. SLEPICKY, Lts. MORRIS (JP), ANDERSON, KENNEDY. (Cossack 101)
(19th Ftr.)
Capt. JACOBSON, Lts. JACKSON, SITTEN, THURSTON. (Cossack 105)
(19th Ftr.)
Capt. RUFF, Lts. LA ROCHELLE, STOLZ, WEIR. (Cossack 109)
(19th Ftr.)

Capt. LEFFORGE, Lts. KENNEDY, BARRETT, WISCHER. (Cossack 126)
(19th Ftr.)
Maj. HUSSEY, Lts. BLACKWOOD, O'HARA, F/O BENZA. (Cossack 117)
(73rd Ftr.)
Capt. BYNDER, Lts. SCHUH, YAEGER, WALLEBERG. (Cossack 121)
(73rd Ftr.)
Lts. SHEPARD, PACK, SPIVEY, CLARK. (Cossack 125)
(73rd Ftr.)

Takeoff: 0630

Landed: 1006

Lt. SPIVEY returned immediately after takeoff because he was unable to keep from siphoning gas. Maj. HUSSEY returned to base from about 40 miles out because his automatic pilot was stuck in the on position.

Cossack 101, 105, 109, 9 planes of which were armed with two 500 lb. bombs, Cossack 126 with normal .50 cal. load in escort of Dumbo arrived in the vicinity of AMI O SHIMA at 07301. Due to extremely bad flying weather bombs were jettisoned. The two elements of Cossack 101 became separated at TOKINO SHIMA upon return trip. Capt. SLEPICKY and his wing man, Lt. J. P. MORRIS, orbited at OKINE ISLAND, waiting for Lts. ANDERSON and KENNEDY to join them. Meanwhile, Lts. ANDERSON and KENNEDY let down from 14,000 feet to the deck over the south tip of AMI. They observed approximately thirty (30) ZEKES flying in scattered Vee formations, altitude 2,000 feet, indicated airspeed 190, course 160 degrees.

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The ZEKES were equipped with wing tanks. The element attacked the ZEKES using water injection. Lt. ANDERSON claimed his first ZEKES in a head on pass, flamed his second in stern shot, and pulled in behind a third, firing a five-second burst, and observed the ZEKES crash into the ocean. The ZEKES did not use any evasive action other than slight turns. Lt. ANDERSON's fourth kill was made from the stern which a short burst was fired, ZEKES smoking, rolled over on his back and dove into the ocean. Lt. ANDERSON splashed another ZEKES with about a 30 degree deflection shot. It flamed and splashed. Upon attacking his sixth ZEKES he ran out of ammunition. Lt. KENNEDY shot one ZEKES down with a 70 to 40 degree deflection shot. ZEKES at the time was in a wide gentle turn. Lt. KENNEDY's second kill was made on the ZEKES who was in a shallow diving turn to the left. Lt. KENNEDY pulled in behind him, gave him a short burst and he flamed. Both Lt. KENNEDY and Lt. ANDERSON attacked two ZEKES who split, one going to the left and the other to the right. Lt. KENNEDY got in a 10 to 20 degree deflection shot on the ZEKES turning to the right and spun him in, this ZEKES was smoking before Lt. KENNEDY attacked. Capt. SLEPICKY and Lt. J. P. MORRIS returned to the north tip of Okinawa and orbited. They observed two OSCARS heading for North Okinawa about 1,500 feet. When the OSCARS saw the P-47's they turned north. Capt. SLEPICKY and Lt. MORRIS gave chase. One of the OSCARS turned into SLEPICKY and passed under the element. The other OSCAR headed for the deck. Capt. SLEPICKY followed him and splashed him with a stern shot.

Capt. JACOBSON's flight, Cossack 105, upon return to Okinawa from MIAMI, patrolled the area from 20 to 60 miles northwest of the northern tip of Okinawa, at an altitude of 2,000 feet heading south southwest. The OSCARS had wing tanks and were very slow, indicating about 150 miles an hour. Capt. JACOBSON attacked one OSCAR who attempted to use very tight turns and jinking to avoid being shot down. Capt. JACOBSON fired one burst from dead astern and flamed the OSCAR. Lt. THURSTON sat on the tail of a VAL and flamed him. No fire was received from the VAL's rear gun position. However, there was no definite indication that the gunner was not present. Lt. SITTON attacked an OSCAR who made sharp diving turns to the left in an effort to outrun the P-47. This OSCAR then attempted to turn in to Lt. SITTON, who fired a short burst and flamed him. Both Capt. JACOBSON and Lt. JACKSON attacked another VAL at the same time. This VAL took no evasive action, both pilots got in a 5 degree deflection shot and the VAL flamed.

Capt. LEFFORGE, Cossack 126, upon return to Okinawa sighted a HATE about 5 miles north of the island at 600 feet. HATE was dark blue in color, and carried wing tanks. Capt. LEFFORGE made a pass at from 45 to 15 degrees and flamed the HATE which exploded on hitting the water. A VAL was sighted in the vicinity of YORON SHIMA at an altitude of 1,200 feet, on a southerly course. Lt.

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BARNETT made the attack and the VIL attempted to turn into him. Lt. BARNETT was able to get in a 130 degree to 100 degree deflection shot and the VIL flamed. Lt. BARNETT received no return fire from the VIL. Another VIL was sighted 15 miles east of YORON SHIMA at 1,300 feet. When he saw the flight he started to dive for the deck. Capt. LEFFORGE made a high side pass from 90 to 100 degrees. VIL flamed and exploded.

Capt. RUFF, Cossack 109, and his flight upon returning to Okinawa made no contact and returned to base.

Cossack 117, 121, and 125 also started the return to base from the vicinity of KAITO SHIMA on account of weather previously mentioned. The flights were unable to get clearance for landing and were ordered to patrol between Yoke and Taro. Capt. SHYDER and his flight were ordered by Control to be on the lookout for bogies and spotted a VIL headed north at 2,000 feet just off the north tip of Okinawa. Capt. SHYDER got on the VIL's tail and fired a long burst between 2 and 300 yards to the rear. The VIL exploded prior to splashing. As the action was concluded another VIL was spotted and Capt. SHYDER again got on the Jap's tail and again exploded and splashed the enemy. Both of these VILS were carrying wing tanks or bombs and were dark green in color. The last kill was made after a let down to 400 feet and while still cruising at this altitude the flight picked up two more bogies which were at first thought to be F4U's but were soon identified as TONYS when one got on the tail of each element of Capt. SHYDER's flight. They went into water injection and they high-speed climbed providing mutual support and were able to climb away from the enemy. Capt. SHYDER turned back on the first TONY and after a 15 minute tail chase caught him at YORON SHIMA, fired about an 8 second burst while the TONY took violent evasive action. The Jap plane started smoking, went into a spin, and crashed on YORON SHIMA. Lt. YAEGER gave chase to the second of these TONYS, closed to about 150 yards, and fired two short bursts. This TONY flamed and then spun in between the north tip of Okinawa and YORON SHIMA. Lt. YAEGER and his wingman then observed an OSCAR in the same vicinity and gave chase. The OSCAR evaded then but was picked up at once by Lt. PACK and Lt. CLARK. Lt. PACK shot the OSCAR down just off the north tip of Okinawa where he splashed and burned.

Lt. SHEPARD, leader of Cossack 125, became separated from the balance of his flight near OKINO ERABU SHIMA. He found a clearing in the weather just north of that island where he observed 20 to 30 enemy planes being engaged by several P-47s. He went into water injection as two ZEKES attacked him. These ZEKES were in turn attacked by two other P-47s just as another turned in front of Lt. SHEPARD and went to the deck heading north. Lt. SHEPARD chased this ZEEK for 5 miles, fired two bursts and the ZEEK splashed and burned. A PEI which was slightly in the rear of this action may be able to confirm the kill, if

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necessary to support gun camera film evidence. The TONYS and ZEKES described carried belly tanks but no bombs. One TONY was silver colored and the other planes were dark green.

The remainder of Maj. HUSSEY's flight stood by while the foregoing action was taking place but made no contact with the enemy themselves.

Of the last three flights named, Cossack 117, 121, and 125, none carried bombs and only seven planes were armed with rockets. Three of the latter jettisoned their rockets and the other four planes returned theirs to base.

After the foregoing action, all planes returned to base, pancaking at 1006.

5. A. .8 to .10 cloud coverage, bases varying from deck to 2,000 feet, and tops at about 14,000 feet.
B. Loud and clear.
 6. See narrative.
 7. 11,600 gallons gas consumed.
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| 19th Ftr. -- 11,995 rounds .50 cal. | - | 18 x 500 lb. bombs (instantaneous fuses). |
| 73rd Ftr. -- 8,418 rounds .50 cal. | - | 12 x 5" rockets. |
8. Claims will be verified as soon as gun camera film can be developed.

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

STATEMENTS OF PILOTS
(73RD FTR. SQ. MISSION REPORT # 5-5)
(318TH FTR. GRP. MISSION REPORT # 5-16)

1st Lt. HENRY J. YAEGER, JR., O-767381
(Cossack 123)

We had aborted our mission to Kyushu because of weather and were returning to base when Control called and assigned us to patrol Yoko to Taro. I saw the first bogey, which was a VAL at about 1000 feet or less - about 2,000 feet below our flight. I called him in to Captain SNYDER and we went down on him. Captain SNYDER shot the VAL down while in a steep bank. He burst into flames and crashed into the water. Then we made a quick turn and came in on another VAL which Captain SNYDER shot down.

Two TONYs and one OSCAR who were obviously high cover for the VALs came in on us from above - one on my element and one on Captain SNYDER's. We went into mutual support and the TONYs broke off their pass and I hammer-headed back down on one of the TONYs' tail. He only made a gentle turn and I left him in flames after two short bursts and he crashed into the water. We then turned on a stern chase after the two remaining planes - one TONY and one OSCAR. After a 15 or 16 mile chase we overtook them at Yoko where they split. Captain SNYDER took one with his element and I the other with mine. My wing man and I got in an 8 second burst and observed hits as pieces fell from his wing. He made a sharp turn on the deck which we could not follow so we broke off and up. Lt. PACK then slid into a stern chase and knocked the OSCAR down in flames. Captain SNYDER at the same time knocked down the other TONY which crashed and burned on Yoron Shim.

/s/ Henry J. Yaeger, Jr.
/t/ HENRY J. YAEGER, JR.,
1st Lt., Air Corps.

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STATEMENTS OF PILOTS
(73RD FTR. SQ. MISSION REPORT #5-5)
(318TH FTR. GRP. MISSION REPORT # 5-16)

Captain JAMES R. SNYDER, O-800063
(Cossack 121)

After aborting a mission to Kyushu because of weather, I turned back with my flight and a spare element. Because of a red alert I was unable to pancake, so my six planes orbited Point Tare at 2,000 feet at which time Ringtail Control informed me of approaching bogies from the North. My element leader, Lt. YAEGER, immediately spotted two VALS. I took my flight in on the leading VAL which was about 1000 feet to the right of the other. After a short tail chase I shot down the VAL in flames in a tight turn to the left. I then made a tight 360 degree turn to the right and shot down the second VAL in the same manner. Unnoticed by me the VALS were being covered by two TONYs and one OSCAR which I thought were F4Us when I saw them. They made a diving pass at my flight which I split in mutual support with one TONY on each element. We went into a high speed climb with water injection, making one mutual support turn. We quickly climbed away from the TONYs at 220 mph and 2,000 feet per minute climb, at which time Lt. YAEGER and his wing man (Lt. WALLENBERG) hammerheaded into a TONY, which turned and ran. After a short tail chase Lt. YAEGER shot the TONY down in flames and started after the OSCAR which executed a quick vertical reverse. He avoided Lt. YAEGER and his wing man, but Lt. PACK and his wing man (Lt. CLARK) were in position to make an astern pass, with Lt. PACK shooting down the OSCAR in flames after a very short chase. I witnessed all this as I turned back into the 2nd TONY pursuing me. This TONY also turned and ran with myself and my wing man (Lt. SCHUH) chasing for about 15 miles. I got within firing range as we were approaching Yoko. I fired a very long burst at the TONY which was very difficult to hit due to his violent evasive action. After about an 8 second burst the TONY belched black smoke and crashed in the middle of the island Yoko. I then brought my six planes in to pancake as my gas and ammunition were low and the weather was very bad.

/s/ James R. Snyder
/t/ JAMES R. SNYDER,
Captain, Air Corps.

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STATEMENTS OF PILOTS
(73RD FTR. SQ. MISSION REPORT #5-5)
(318TH FTR. GRP. MISSION REPORT #5-16)

2nd Lt. KARL A. PACK, O-774287
(Cossack 126)

Flights took off from Ie Shima on fighter sweep to north. At 0630 - 0715 we ran into Zero-Zero weather and finding it unfavorable to our mission all ships turned back. Flights became separated and I found myself alone for a few minutes. Eventually I picked up Lt. CLARK who flew my wing for the remainder of the mission. On arriving at Point Tare I sighted Captain SNYDER's flight of four ships and I elected to tag along. At approximately 0815 I sighted two ships at approximately 2000 yards. They split and Captain SNYDER's flight took out after one, Lt. CLARK and I after the other. Approaching from the stern, I fired a short burst in the hope the ship ahead would turn and make identification more certain. I identified it as an OSCAR as his turn set me up for a perfect deflection shot. I observed strikes all over the top of the plane as he nosed down slightly and hit the water.

During the course of the action at different intervals I saw Captain SNYDER shoot down two VALs and a TONY. Two crashed in the water and the other crashed and exploded on a small island north of this base.

/s/ Karl A. Pack
/t/ KARL A. PACK,
2nd Lt., Air Corps.

1st Lt. ROBERT L. SHEPARD, O-307429
(Cossack 125)

Leading my flight at approximately 0900 and at 10,000 feet, we ran into an overcast which separated us. Finding a clear spot about five miles north of Okino Erabu Shima, I let down to 500 feet and orbited. I spotted a flight of 30-40 planes at about 5,000 feet and started after them. Two other P-47s were attacking them and I had started to join them when a ZEKE in front made toward, and under, me. I followed him to the deck where he started for Awami. After about 3-5 miles I closed to 700 feet and fired two short bursts. He exploded and hit the water. There was no survivor.

/s/ Robert L. Shepard
/t/ ROBERT L. SHEPARD,
1st Lt., Air Corps.

A TRUE COPY:

John N. Blair
JOHN N. BLAIR,
1st Lt., Air Corps.

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73D FIGHTER SQUADRON, AAF
A.P.O. #245

24 MAY 1945

73D FIGHTER SQUADRON MISSION REPORT NO. 5-04
316TH FIGHTER GROUP MISSION NO. 5-14

1. A. TWO (2) P-47N'S
B. NONE
2. A. NONE
B. NONE
3. HECKLER MISSION TO KYUSHU.
4. LTS. STEVENS AND BENNETT. (COS-ACK 137)

TAKE OFF: 1930

OVER TARGET: 2115

LANDED: 0200

FLIGHT REACHED KYUSHU AT 2115 AND FLEW ALONG EAST COAST AT FROM 7,000 FEET TO 10,000 FEET AS FAR AS MIYAZAKI AND THEN CIRCLED BACK AROUND AS FAR AS SHIMO JIMA. FEW SCATTERED LIGHTS SEEN AROUND MIYAZAKI. CAME DOWN COAST AND DROPPED WIND TANKS ON MAINLAND IN VICINITY OF TOJIMBARA. STRAFED THE TANKS - NO RESULTS OBSERVED. THREE BURSTS OF A/A (POSSIBLY 20MM, BURSTING AT 4,000 FEET) FROM NEAR TOJIMBARA. STRAFED POSSIBLE BOATS IN BAY. THEN FLIGHT STRAFED BYU A/F. AIRFIELD AND AREA COMPLETED BLACKOUT SO RESULTS WERE UNOBSERVED.

FLIGHT NEXT FLEW OVER KAGOSHIMA BAY AT ^{EIGHT} (AN ALTITUDE OF 9,000 FEET. WHEN THEY REACHED A POINT DUE WEST OF KANOYA A/F THE MAIN RUNWAY LIGHTS ON KANOYA CAME ON. THEY FIRED ~~THREE~~ EIGHT ROCKETS INTO RUNWAY AREA. PUSHOVER WAS AT 9,000 FEET, RELEASE AT 4,000 FEET. I.A.S. WAS 325 MPH AND AXIS OF ATTACK 020 DEGRES. FLIGHT LEFT TARGET AT 1115 AND STARTED FOR HOME. UPON REACHING IE SHIMA THEY WERE ORDERED BY CONTROL TO LAND AT HUBY. PANGAKED AT 0200.

5. A. GOOD ENROUTE, OVER TARGET AND RETURN. 2/10 CUMULUS CLOUDS 4,000 TO 15,000 FEET.
B. LOUD AND CLEAR.
6. UNDETERMINED.
1048
7. ~~8000~~ ROUNDS .50 CALIBER AMMUNITION, EIGHT (8) 5 INCH ROCKETS, EXPENDED, 1440 GALLONS OF GAS CONSUMED.
8. GOOD RECOGNITION POINT ON KYUSHU IS IKEDO KO. LAKE IS BOUND AND SHINES IN MOONLIGHT. BOGEYS WERE IN VICINITY WHILE ENROUTE AND DURING RETURN. NO CONTACTS MADE. ONE PLANE WAS SEEN TO BE CRASHING INTO AREA JUST NORTH OF IE SHIMA WHEN FLIGHT RETURNED.

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

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1 June 1945.

The following report of enemy aircraft destroyed is submitted for consideration by the Claims Board:

1. While on a fighter sweep over Kyushu a single engine fighter (identified as a JACK) was attacked and destroyed.
2. The kill was made by the following pilot:

PILOT	SQUADRON	NO & TYPE A/C DESTROYED
1st Lt. WILLIAM B. SPENCER 10-681726	73rd	1 JACK

3. Date of Mission: 24 May 1945.
Squadron Mission Number: 73rd Ftr Sqdn No. 5-3
Group Mission Number: 5-13
4. For narrative account, see copies of Mission Report and Statements attached.

F. H. Delmont
FREDERICK H. DELMONT
Major, Air Corps,
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FINAL ACTION OF CLAIMS BOARD

Credit 1st Lt. WILLIAM B. SPENCER, 73rd Fighter Squadron, with the destruction of one (1) JACK.

L. M. Sanders
L. M. SANDERS
Colonel, Air Corps,
President, Claims Board,
318th Fighter Group, AAF.

1 June 1945
(Date)

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318TH FIGHTER GROUP, AAF
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24 May 1945

318TH FIGHTER GROUP MISSION REPORT # 5-13 (CONSOLIDATED)
19TH FIGHTER SQUADRON MISSION REPORT # 5-2
73RD FIGHTER SQUADRON MISSION REPORT # 5-3
333D FIGHTER SQUADRON MISSION REPORT # 5-10

1. A. Thirty-two (32) P-47Ns. (One (1) did not reach the target)
B. One (1) single-engine aircraft (probably JACK).
2. A. None
B. One (1) single-engine aircraft (probably JACK).
3. Dive-bomb, strafe and rocket KANOYA Airfield, KUSHIRA Airfield, MIYAZAKI Airfield and NITTAHARA Airfield.
4. Maj. TENNANT, Lts. CUNEO, MARCINKO, TOWNER. (Cossack 101) - (19th)
Lts. STAMPE, CROCKER, RHODY, GIBSON. (Cossack 105) - (19th)
Lts. DUNN, WEBER, THOMAS, MATHIS. (Cossack 130) - (19th)
Capt. NELSON, Lts. MARTIN, BARNHILL, CAMPBELL (Cossack 109) - (73rd)
Lts. SPENCER, Col. OLDS, Lts. MILLER, ANDERSON (Cossack 113) - (73rd)
Capt. MULLIGAN, Lts. FREEDMAN, VAUGHAN, F/O JAMES. (Cossack 117)-(333d)
Lts. BOWEN, WEEKS, KEETON, WENZEL. (Cossack 121) - (333d)
Lts. SADLER, PECKHAM, MONYELLE, STONE. (Cossack 126) - (333d)

Takeoff: 1310 - Over Target: 1520-1545 - Landed: 1802

Lt. DUNN had one rocket accidentally fire on takeoff, damaging a parked C-46. Lt. STAMPE returned to base and pancaked at 1414 due to mechanical difficulties. His bombs were jettisoned at sea and his rockets were returned to base. The balance of Cossack 101, 105 and 130 (eleven planes) proceeded to KANOYA Airfield on course of 030° at 11,000 feet. The flights dive-bombed hangars, runway and shops at KANOYA. Pushover was at 11,000 feet, release at 5,000 feet, angle of dive 60° at 450 MPH IAS. Hits were observed on hangars, shops and runway. Upon withdrawing from target, large fires were seen in the hangar area. Four BETTYS observed at completion of dive-bombing run in bunkers east of runway; these planes, which are believed to be dummies, were not attacked because intense A/W opened up at time of pull-out. Cossack 101, 105 and 130 retired along the railway to KOYAMA and strafed railroad station and a train consisting of four cars and an engine, and what appeared to be barracks installations in that area. The railroad station was set afire and the barracks were left smoking. Results of attack upon the train were unknown. The flights rendezvoused over AIRAKE WAN and proceeded to MIYAZAKI Airfield. Upon arriving in the vicinity of MIYAZAKI, they observed the field under attack by Navy F6Fs. The flights turned south without attacking and rocketed a large factory at MEIZU. Numerous hits were observed and upon withdrawal from the target, columns of smoke were seen. The flights retired to sea and attacked fishing boats and what appeared to be landing craft in the channel between O SHIMA and KYUSHU. Extent of damage to these craft was undetermined.

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Extent of damage to these craft was undetermined. Cossack 101, 105 and 130 then proceeded on course to base.

Cossack 109 and 113 provided high cover for Cossack 101, 105 and 130 during their attack on KANOYA Airfield and then approached their first target, KUSHIRA Airfield from 285°. The barracks area north of the airfield and revetments to the southeast were dive-bombed. Pushover was at 8,000 feet, release at 2,500 feet, angle of dive 45°, IAS was 350 MPH. Bomb hits were equally distributed between the barracks and revetment areas. Results undetermined. The flights retired eastward and headed up the east coast of KYUSHU toward MIYAZAKI Airfield but turned back upon observing that field under attack by Navy planes. They fired rockets and strafed what appeared to be a factory building near MEIZU and then strafed some 12 to 15 small boats off shore from MEIZU. The factory was left smoking and three or four 30-foot boats were hit with at least one being sunk. On their way back down the coast, Cossack 109 and 113 intercepted a single-engine Jap aircraft (probably JACK) headed north between TANEGA SHIMA and the southeast coast of KYUSHU. The bandit was at 2,000 feet. Capt. NELSON got on the Jap's tail and fired three short bursts before overrunning. Hits were observed in both wing roots and the fuselage near the cockpit. Lt. MARTIN followed up with deflection shots on the Jap's tail section. As the first element broke off, Lt. BARNHILL got on the bandit's tail and also obtained hits on the fuselage. As the Jap plane executed a chandelle, Lt. SPENCER opened fire, getting hits in the cockpit and vicinity. The Jap then went into a spin from approximately 2,500 feet and splashed about three miles from the KYUSHU mainland. No external tanks or bombs were observed on the bandit. As the flights started on course for base, the Dumbo requested that a radio station on KUCHINO SHIMA be strafed. Several small buildings and what appeared to be a lookout tower were thoroughly strafed although no fires were observed. Cossack 109 and 113 then proceeded on course for base.

Cossack 117 and 121 first attacked KUSHIRA Airfield. They dive-bombed airfield installations and fired rockets. Pushover was at 12,000 feet, release at 5,000 feet, IAS was 400 MPH and axis of attack was 020°. At least 4 bombs exploded on the runway, 6 to 8 hit in the hangar and barracks area, and the balance exploded in the immediate vicinity of the airfield. Several rockets hit among buildings in the target area. Six parked single-engine aircraft were observed on the runway, and although some bombs hit very close, no fires were started. The flights then fired rockets and strafed a small town just northeast of KUSHIRA Airfield, noting hits and several small explosions on medium sized buildings. Heading out to sea, they observed two radar stations on the tip of the peninsula on HI SAKI (south of ARIAKE WAN). Dropping to 1,000 feet, the planes fired their remaining rockets and strafed these installations. Both radar stations took a severe beating and are believed to have been completely destroyed. The flights then strafed several small boats in ARIAKE WAN, noting many hits and two or three probable sinkings. The boats were 20 to 30 feet long, probably fishing craft.

Cossack 126 rendezvoused with Rodeo 4 (PBM Dumbo) and escorted

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the rescue plane to the vicinity of KURO SHIMA at 1,000 feet. En-route to base, Rodeo 4 ordered the flight to strafe a radio installation on KUCHINO SHIMA. The flight strafed buildings, a beacon and two radio towers, destroying the beacon and damaging the buildings and radio towers.

Antiaircraft -- Meager, inaccurate; continuously pointed heavy A/A; moderate, inaccurate, continuously pointed medium A/A; and intense A/W was observed coming from positions east of Kanoye Airfield. Moderate, inaccurate, continuously pointed heavy A/A was received from positions around KUSHIRA Airfield. Moderate, inaccurate, continuously pointed medium A/A was received from the vicinity of MEIZU. Moderate, inaccurate, continuously pointed medium A/A was observed from positions in the vicinity of the two radar stations on the peninsula at HI SAKI. Meager, inaccurate, continuously pointed light A/A was received from near the radio station on KUCHINO SHIMA.

5. A. Good enroute, over targets and return. Clouds, .3 cumulus, 2,000 to 3,000 feet; .5 altostratus, base, 15,000, tops unknown.
- B. Loud and clear.

6. See narrative.

7. 19th -- 24 x 500# GP Bombs. instantaneous nose and .025 tail fuses.
42 x 5" rockets. 13,100 rounds .50 cal. 4,675 gallons gas.
- 73rd -- 16 x 500# GP bombs, instantaneous nose and .025 tail fuses.
28 x 5" rockets. 8,109 rounds .50 cal. 3,600 gallons gas.
- 333d -- 16 x 500# GP bombs, instantaneous nose and .025 tail fuses.
32 x 5" rockets. 8,460 rounds .50 cal. 4,800 gallons gas.

8. Maj. TENNANT and Lt. TOWNER returned to base with one rocket each due to malfunctioning of releases. Lt. BARNHILL brought four rockets back to base, which he was unable to fire.

More complete photo coverage of the targets would have greatly assisted the briefing of this mission. It is also felt that the target areas were too numerous for the number of aircraft assigned.

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STATEMENTS OF PILOTS
(73RD FTR. SQ. MISSION REPORT 5-3)
(318TH FTR. GRP. MISSION REPORT 5-13)

1st Lt. EUBANKS BARNHILL, O-811839
(Cossack 111)

We were flying in mutual support along south-eastern coast of Kyushu. Captain NELSON made a break for the bogie, which was on my right. I completed the turn toward Captain NELSON, and then continued behind him as he closed on the Jap. When Captain NELSON fired, the Jap did a slow roll, and a sharp turn which caused Captain NELSON to lose him. I started firing at about 1500 feet. I closed on him and continued to fire until he was smoking and appeared slightly out of control. Lt. SPENCER made the last pass, and the Jap spun into the water.

/s/ Eubanks Barnhill
/t/ EUBANKS BARNHILL,
1st Lt., Air Corps.

2nd Lt. THOMAS R. MARTIN, JR., O-777236
(Cossack 110)

On the return trip from Kyushu Captain NELSON sighted a bogie on north-erly course between Tanaga Shima and the south tip of Kyushu. Altitude about 3,000 feet. We chased him to the Shore of Kyushu where Captain NELSON opened fire and bogie rolled and turned left, and Captain NELSON broke off. I opened fire and observed hits in the tail section until I had to break off. Bogie was probably a JACK. He was smoking intermittently but never flamed.

/s/ Thomas R. Martin, Jr.
/t/ THOMAS R. MARTIN, JR.,
2nd Lt., Air Corps.

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Captain LEWIS A. NELSON, O-727526
(Cossack 109)

I was on the way to rendezvous point with my flight and Lt. SPENCER'S flight after rocket and bombing strike on airfields in southern Kyushu when I sighted a single boogie heading north-west toward Kanyo airfield. I was at approximately 3,000 feet. The Navy had a task force in the area and it wasn't until I had closed to 800 feet that I made positive identification. I opened fire and observed many strikes in the wing root and cockpit portion of the fuselage of the plane which I recognized as a JACK. The JACK broke to the left in a half roll. I followed - firing until it was impossible to hold a lead, then broke off. The other members of my flight and Lt. SPENCER'S flight were in a position to fire as I pulled off. When I next saw the JACK it was falling out of control and struck the water just off shore. The plane did not burn. No survivors were seen.

/s/ Lewis A. Nelson
/t/ LEWIS A. NELSON,
Captain, Air Corps.

1st Lt. WILLIAM B. SPENCER, O-687126
(Cossack 113)

Upon reforming from our strafing run on the east coast of Kyushu Captain NELSON and I placed our flights in mutual support and headed south for the rendezvous point. We observed a single fighter (JACK) race under us headed for the coastline. Captain NELSON made a firing pass but had to break off when the Jap split S'ed. Lt. BARNHILL made a curving firing pass and the JACK was smoking momentarily. I was above him and as he turned for a head on pass at me I turned, fired a burst into his cockpit and accessory section from above. He toppled off into a spin and hit the water.

/s/ William B. Spencer
/t/ WILLIAM B. SPENCER,
1st Lt., Air Corps.

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21 MAY 1945

73RD FIGHTER SQUADRON MISSION # 5-2
318TH FIGHTER GROUP MISSION # 5-11

1. A. TWO (2) P-47N'S.
B. NONE.
2. A. NONE.
B. NONE.
3. HECKLER MISSION TO KANOYA AREA. (ABORTIVE)
4. CAPT. NELSON, LT. SHEPARD (COSSACK 137).

TAKE-OFF: 0210

LANDED: 0550 - 0635

FLIGHT PROCEEDED ON COURSE TO SOUTHERN KYUSHU BUT ALMOST IMMEDIATELY AFTER TAKE-OFF ENCOUNTERED BAD WEATHER CONDITIONS. CLOUD COVERAGE VARIED FROM 7/10 TO 10/10 AND FROM 200 TO 15,000 FEET. AFTER FINDING NO LEVEL AT WHICH THEY COULD PROCEED, THE FLIGHT MADE A 180 DEGREE TURN AND STARTED FOR HOME, FROM 190 MILES OUT. CAPT. NELSON WAS BROUGHT INTO DRAKE BY CONTROL FOR A LANDING AT 0550, HE HAVING BEEN ABLE TO GET BELOW THE CLOUD COVERAGE. LT. SHEPARD WAS UNABLE TO FIND A HOLE IN ORDER TO LET DOWN AND WAS ORDERED BY HANDYMAN TO SEARCH FOR COSSACK 167 AND 168 WITH WHOM RADIO CONTACT HAD BEEN LOST. LT. SHEPARD FOUND COSSACK 167 AND BROUGHT HIM IN TO A LANDING AT COSSACK AT 0635.

5. A. INTERMITTENT CLOUDS VARYING FROM 7 TO 10/10 AND FROM 200 TO 15,000 FEET FROM BASE TO APPROX. 200 MILES NORTH.
B. LOUD AND CLEAR.
6. NONE.
7. 600 GALLONS GAS CONSUMED.
8. NONE.

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73RD FIGHTER SQUADRON
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20 MAY 1945

73RD FIGHTER SQUADRON MISSION # 5-1
318TH FIGHTER GROUP MISSION # 5-8

1. A. NINE (9) P-47N'S
B. NONE.
2. A. ONE (1) P-47N CRASHED ON TAKE-OFF.
B. NONE.
3. INTRUDER MISSION TO FUKUE SHIMA.
4. MAJOR HUSSEY, LTS. PACK, DE VONA, SELFRIDGE, HARRIS (COSSACK 137)
CAPT. KANE, LTS. CECI, MATTISON, BRYANT (COSSACK 141)

TAKE-OFF: 1030 OVER TARGET: 1310 LANDED: 1605

LT. SELFRIDGE CRASHED ON TAKE-OFF, THE PLANE BURNING AND THE PILOT BEING KILLED. HIS POSITION IN THE FLIGHT WAS TAKEN BY LT. HARRIS.

FLIGHTS RENDEZVOUSED WITH ONE (1) PB4Y-2 AND PROCEEDED ON COURSE OF ≈ 357 DEGREES TO A POINT APPROX. 40 MILES WEST OF FUKUE SHIMA, APPROACHING THE TARGET FROM THAT POINT. MAJOR HUSSEY AND HIS FLIGHT ATTACKED THE AIRFIELD MAKING ONE RUN WITH ROCKETS FOLLOWED BY A SECOND PASS STRAFING. THERE WERE NO E/A VISIBLE AND THE ONLY WORTHWHILE TARGET PRESENTING ITSELF WAS A LARGE HANGAR TYPE BUILDING. TWELVE ROCKETS WERE FIRED EITHER DIRECTLY INTO OR VERY CLOSE TO THIS BUILDING WHICH WAS STRAFED ON THE SECOND PASS AND LEFT SMOKING HEAVILY. THIS FLIGHT THEN ATTACKED THREE PICKET TYPE BOATS IN A SMALL HARBOR ON THE EAST COAST OF FUKUE AND AT LEAST ONE OF THESE IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN SERIOUSLY DAMAGED AS QUANTITIES OF SMOKE WAS OBSERVED.

CAPT KANE'S FLIGHT SPOTTED A HUNDRED FOOT PICKET BOAT APPROX. THREE MILES SOUTH OF FUKUE WHICH THEY STRAFED ON TWO PASSES. THIS BOAT WHEN LAST SEEN WAS IN A BURNING CONDITION AND IT IS BELIEVED IT MAY HAVE BEEN BEACHED.

RENDEZVOUS WITH TWO OTHER PB4Y-2'S WHICH HAD BEEN ON KOREA SHIPPING STRIKE WAS NOT MADE ALTHOUGH RADIO COMMUNICATIONS WITH THESE PLANES WAS ESTABLISHED.

FLIGHTS RETURNED TO BASE ON A VECTOR OF ≈ 177 DEGREES AND PANDA-CED AT 1605.

5. A. CAVU OVER TARGET - 7/10 CUMULUS FROM 1,000 TO 10,000 ENROUTE AND RETURN.
B. LOUD AND CLEAR.
6. SEE NARRATIVE.
7. TWELVE (12) 4.5 ROCKETS, 8,875 ROUNDS .50 CAL AMMO EXPENDED, 4,800 GALLONS GAS CONSUMED.
8. NO A/A FIRE RECEIVED.

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10 MAY 1945

73RD FIGHTER SQUADRON MISSION REPORT NO. 5-(1-A)
318TH FIGHTER GROUP MISSION NO. 5-5

1. A. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ FIFTEEN (15) P-47N'S, TWO (2) B-29'S.
B. NONE.
2. A. NONE
B. NONE
3. FIGHTER SWEEP TO MARCUS (ABORTIVE).
4. MAJOR HUSSEY, F/O HANDLY, LTS. SPIVEY, SHEPARD.
CAPTAIN NELSON, LTS. PACK, BARNHILL, BESCHE.
MAJOR RASMUSSEN, LTS. CECI, BYERS, CAMPBELL.
LTS. STEVENS, DE VONA, HEAGNEY.

TAKE OFF: 0806

LANDING: 1610

FLIGHTS TOOK OFF FOR MARCUS FROM KOBLER FIELD, SAIPAN, WITH
NAVIGATIONAL ESCORT OF TWO B-29'S. DUE TO NAVIGATIONAL ERROR ON THE
PART OF THE B-29'S, FLIGHT MISSED ISLAND OF MARCUS AND FLEW ONE
HALF HOUR BEYOND THE PRESUMED POSITION OF THE ISLAND. RETURNED DUE
TO GAS SHORTAGE, AND PASSED WHAT RADAR SHOWED AS POSSIBLY MARCUS.
DID NOT STOP DUE TO INSUFFICIENCY OF GAS. ALL PLANES RETURNED SAFELY.

5. A. CLOUDY.
B. LOUD AND CLEAR.
6. NONE.
7. 15,420 GALLONS OF GAS CONSUMED.
8. NONE.

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