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4. Capt. Ell J. Setencich	Flt, Ldr. Sq. 525	446 48th St., Oakland, Calif.	142
5. Capt. Graydon S. Brown	Fit. Idr. Sq. 525	RD #2, Seneca Falls, N.Y.	119
6. Met. John R. Dolny	C.O. Sq. 527	5137 15th Ave., Minneapolis, Minn.	134
7. Cent. Jemes R. Matting	Flt. Ldr. Sq. 527	1320 H. 11th St., Waco, Tex.	123
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 Attention: Wistorical Section
 - 1. OUTLINE VISTORY, Wo. Soth Righter Group, period 1 30 April 1945.
 - a. Present designation: Uq. 85th righter Crosp AAT, MII Factical Air Command, APO 37th, U.S. Army.
 - b. Changes in organization: Mone.
 - c. Changes in designation, assignment, or ditachment: Mone.
 - 2. Subordinata units: Mone.
 - 3. Channes in Command: Yone.
 - 1.1 Chan we of Staff Officers: let 1t. C. C. C. Try appointed Adait Cp. Operations Officer on 4 April 1945. Int It. R. B. Moyle triid.to Mg. and appointed Assit Air Inspector, on 6 April 1945. Major W. P. Penedict relieved as Air Inspector and triid. billat T.A.C.A.F. Service Command, on 24 April 1945.
 - 5. Changes in T/O: None.
 - d. Strongth: 28 Officers, I Terrant Officer and 60 Enlisted Len.
 - e. Present Station: 4-72, Preunscharab, Bermany, 18 April 1945.
 - f. Campaigns: Sicilian G July 1943 to 17 August 1943.

 Waples Foggia 18 August 1943 to 21 January 1944.

 Fome Armo 22 January 1944 to 21 Webbary 1945.

 Southern France 15 August 1944 to 26 September 1944.

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g. Operations:

- (1) Mature of operations: Food ing and strafing attacks on enemy communication targets, rolling stock, occupied areas and strangpoints, patrol, essent and close support with the ground freces.
- (2) Mumber of Missions and Cortical
 - a. 225 Missions
 - . h. 2,359 Sorties



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JAME K. THOMAS, 0917908, Lieutenant Colonel, Soth Str. Sp., from 6 July 1943 to 15 yarch 1945. - Charleston, W. Wa.

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MAGE T. 97095, 0561160, Scotain, Géth Ftr. Op., Grom 6 July 1943 to 15 March 1945. Harrisburg, Pa. -

JULITO D. POU RTSOM, 0561920, Captain, Soth Fite op., from 30 Nacember 1943 to 15 Carch 1945. Negaunce, wich.

By Command of Brigadier General RABBUD:

COLORD L. HART, JR., Colonel, G. S. C., Chief of Staff.

OUTSTALL:

/s/M. M. Reese
W. M. REESE,
Major, A. G. D.,
Adjutant General.

A TRUE THUNCT COPY:

PONALD L. WHITNEY, Captain, Air Corps.

WAR DIARY OF THE 86TH FIGHTER GROUP, AAF

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- Greup Headquarters -

Braunschardt Airbase, Germany

April

- l. Easter Sunday. A dance was neld at the enlisted men's club. The Girls came from Nancy and the surrounding villiages dressed up in their Sunday best. To have seen this one would never think that there was still a war going on, as everyone had a very good time.
- f. Weather hampered the activity of the day yet all in all there were very good results when the final tally was made. A new member to Meadquarters, 1st. Lt. R.B. Reyle was assigned today in the capacity of Assit. Air Insp.
- 3. Bad weather curtailed activity for the day. 1st. Lt. G. J. Frey was transfered to Group Headquarters in the position of Ass't. Operation's Officer.
- 4. Teday's major effort was directed against the enemy in Gloge Support missions, with very good results. For the first time this year Group Headquarters E.M. had their spring workout in baseball.
- 5. Information and Education forms were distributed to the mem of the Group for a survey which is being conducted in order to determine the various courses of instruction to be held after V-E Day.
- 6. The film presented at Group theatre was "Roughly Speaking", with Rosalind Russell and Jack Carson. The book of the same name rad been read by many and therefore the film made quite a hit with many of the men. New that the push into Germany is going on, many of the Pilots can be seen driving German captured vehicles whichwere secured from the 7th Army.
- 7. In today's missions we had two contacts with emeny aircraft strikes were scored and both enemy farmations were broken up.
- 8. A wave of excitement prevailed when a P-51 attempted to lad and was caught in a cross-wind and ran off the runway. Seeing that he was going to run into the 527th Intelligence agea he hit his brakes and nosed over. The pilot was reported alright and the plane was damaged slightly.
- 9. This was Flag day for the "Invaders", namely the most successful day in the Group's History against enemy aircraft. The Grand Total: Destruction of 3 FW-190's and 2 ME-109Is in the air, 2 ME-109's on the ground, in addition to the damaging of 8 more FW-190's (5 on the ground, 3 in the Air) and one ME-262 in the air. 1 locometive, 16 R/R cars, 20 U/T, 5 buildings, 2 tanks were destroyed, 2 locomotives, 12 R/R cars, 10 U/T, 32 buildings, 2 AFVS damaged and had a tendency to make the cheese mere binding Congratulations are in order.

10. The following members of this Group have honored themselves by recieving the Bronze Ster Award on General Order #63, dated 9 April 1945, 12th T.A.C.:

Lt. Col James K. Thomas 0917908 Charleston W. Va. Major Paul E. Verseput 0512252 Grand Repids Mich. Major Percy C. Fauskin 0559776 Portland N.D. Captein Julius D. Bobertson 0561920 Negaunce Mich. Captein Jack B. Gross 0561160 Harrisburg Pa.

The Group's total missions and sorties increased heavily today with the addition of 12 Missions and 137 Sorties to the total.

- 11. The Group flew 9 missions and 107 sorties today. The effort directed chiefly against enemy strongpoints and the town of ODEEL with the ultimate result in claims most satisfactory. Major Verseput and an emlisted man of his section left for the new field at Gross Gerau. Germany, to start the bell rolling and to expedite the Group's next move, the first one into Germany. The general feeling among the men regarding the proposed move to Nazi land is not of placerity but perhaps one of curiosity. The prohibition of fraternization definitely cuts out the so successful dence of both officers and enlisted men's club -- Oh Wellill C'Este La Guerre!!!
- 12. Col. Lee, Captains Relyea and Gross flew to the new field today to join Major Verseput primarily to check on housing end mens facilities for officers and enlisted men, designate areas for the line and verious section, dispersal areas, etc. and check the general conditions of the field. Here at good Ol'e Tentonville the usual signs of hustle and bustle so common prior to moving are taking form, including (lest and but not least) the "Parting is such sweet sorrow" scenes between the men and their respective Mademoiselles, Rough!!! Especially considering the imminent move is to Germany where "Hands Off" is and must be the policy.
- 13. Friday the thirteenth, fortunately was uneventful with respect to "Old Man Hardluck", with no operations due to inclement weather. Advance parties of various sections have begun to leave for Germany and the new field. Reports drifting back (via the old "Grapevine") to 1 us the new locality is ddeal for operation. Elevation of 350 feet with a East to lest runway of approximately 5,600 feet, steel matting in the center with concrete on both ends. A great improvement over the virtual ski jump we have here in Tantonville. The new field we hear also boosts of approximately 75 dispersal areas on our side of the runway with approximately on the other side which shall be used by the 415th Night Fighter 89.
- 14. As it stands now, a goodly percentage of the group should by in Germany by Monday evening. Rumors have it, that as of now it shall be Lt. Col. Kirsch, Major Core, Major Bullard and Captein Moyle. Speaking of promotions, our ubiquitous S/Sgt. Anthony Sacco should be advised of being upped one grade to T/Sgt., also Cpl. Danny sheering of the gode romn to gt. and Dick milliams of the gover to Corporal. Congratulations to the we reserved promotions. Here consthe cigars, if there were cigars.
- 15. Still operating out of mantonville. Tomorrow will probably be our last day of flying from this field, and then to the last of the Tederchi.

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- 16. Wound up our last day of operations from Tantonville, France flying 8 missions and 88 serties. Our move to the new field is now in full swing via motor transport and B-25. With the exception of the few necessary rear parties the group as a whole should be in Germany by Wednesday. Many of the men drew their last P.X. rations from this area in lieu of the potential possibility of no P.X. for awnile.
- 17. Our first mission from German soil off at 0620 hours, inaugerated with a day of air cooperation with VI Corps flying Armed Recces. The total for the day was 10 missions, and 92 sorties. Of necessity our intial menus consisted of "C" rations, but fortunately the new variety, which are definitely a big improvment, complaints - Nil. The setup here is most satisfactory. The villages of Gross Gerau and Buttelbonn border the field. The bivouac area for the enlisted personnel is located in a beautifully wooded area bordering the South end of the field. The Group and Squadron Ops, and Int., Group Engineering, Armament, Ordnance and Communications Sections all line the edge of this wooded area. Running West to East adjacent to the runway are the line sections of 527 - 525 - 526 respectively. Group S-1 and S-4, enlisted mess and I and E are also situated in the wooded area. The officers are quartered in requisitioned houses in Gross Gerau-For the mess the local "Gasthaus" though partially damaged by artillery fire is being utilized to good advantage. A former cafe and pastry shop (replendent with outdoor terrace) serves as the efficers club. Those efficers who were fortunate enough to have been here last evening, enjoyed the privilege of participating in the informal opening and imbibing in local beer and the usual nard stuff. A partially destroyed phote shop will serve as the Group's phote shop. The town of Gross Gerau boasts of a good sized outdoor swimming pool (slightly damaged) on which repairs have already begun and which will afford many hours of relaxation for the men in the near future.
- 18. The men have all been sweating out K.P. duty, but le and behold our good mess sergeants have acquired some brawny Russian lads to do the kitchen cheres. A sign of relief is in order. An effort is being made to set up a barber shop, and none too seem as everyone is badly in need of tensorial work. Looks as though everyone and his brother will have a civilian car of his own, but rumers have it, that Command will shortly call in all requisitioned cars. Well, it's fun while it lasts.
- 19. To date no regular P.X. has been established in this neck of the weeds. Newever one package of cigarettes and one checelate bar (trepical type) is the regular daily issue, in addition to tooth pewder, soap, matches and gum. No complaints about those days, what with fresh meat once a day, fresh eggs several mornings during the week, and potential deer hunters already on the loose with promises of vension steaks any day new. The efficers club is new in full swing and plans are being make to get the enlisted men's club going.

20. In addition to his other duties, 1st. It. James F. Short 0-5:0228 has been appointed base engineering officer, effective as of even date. Quarternaster called inquiring as to whether we'd care for a few kegs of beer. Would we??? Well, it was enjoyed by all: Our mess also acquired quite a cache of captured pickles and here d'ouvres.

21 One of the local Burgemeisters was over today relative to obtaining permission for the farm workers to enter the Model to work at their emops. Naturally for security reasons permission was not granted. Radio reports Bolegna, Italy has been liberated, and the advance on Berlin is continuing at a teady pace. Good Snow...

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23. A meeting of the board of the enlisted men's club was held to discuss plans for the coming anniversary party, and to decide upon suitable location. The 527th bivouse area has been tenatively choosen. Everyone is looking forward to the coming celebration.

24. Chalk up two more ME-109's (in the air) during today's dusk patrol. Credit... 526th Squadron. The Group was fortunate in requisitioning a large assembly hall (former Nazi Versammlungs Saal) in the local canning factory. The swimming pool is ready for use, however the weather is still unseasonably on the chilly side

25. From the a indpoint at morale this was V-day. The efficers club furnished ice cream for most chew and for ainner the hunters came through and our appointes were mated with delicious venison steaks and ice cream topped this grand meal. The day wound up with the showing of the rictous comedy "Fellow the Waves" with Bing Cresby and Betty Hutton. Rough day, What??

26. As suspected, the boys have been netified to turn in all captured cars by neen teday. Naturally there was plenty of the expected griping. The numerous cars gave one an idea of what the "Big Parado" of World War #rl.

27. The popular subject for discussion these days is what the fate of the 86th will be after Germany surrenders. The eptimists have hepes of going to the states, but generally the men expect C.B.T. The area in front of the groups OPS and INT sections reminded one of the parking let at a Sunday ball game. Everything from two cylinder jobs to the expensive Mercedes Benz was parked there to be later turned ever to Command.

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30. Outside of the usual few exceptions a grand time was had by all at the Group party. Officers and enlisted men had the opportunity to spend an evening together and exchange opinions, gripe to their hearts content, and really become acquainted. In addition to the drinks, delicious barbecund pig was served. Naturally the sincere hope of all is that it will never be necessary to have a celebration commemorating three years overseas.

MEADQUARTERS 86TH FIGHTER GROUP AAF Office of the group Intelligence Officer APO # 374 U. S. Army

10 April 1945.

Subject: Commendation.

- To All Squadron 5-2's.
 - 1. The fellowing message received from 100th Div. dated 060945B

The louth Inf. Div. wish to send its sincere thanks for the help, excellent deeperation givin the Division by the doth Fighter Group on 5 April 1945. The most outstanding mission rendered the Division was when the 527th squadren bembed pillbaxes at S-055715. Our troops only a few numbered yards N and S of the pillbaxes and were catching hell from the pillbaxes before beabing. All bombs were in the target area and with one direct hit. Since the bembing our troops have not received any fire. The mission was performed very close to our Inf. troops and they were able to see the great job you did and have expressed their great appreciation. The mission was examplary in the close coordination between Air Corps and Ground Forces. Your work enabled them to continue the assault with minimum casualties.

PAUL E. VERESPUT, Majer, Air Corps, Greum S-2.

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CLAYSON S. GARRER, Capt.) Air Owr ms.

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a. See Appendix for schedules of milot and ground personnel training programs, as being carried out in accordance with 9th AF framo No. 50-3, dated 21 Jime 1945.

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STAFF ACTIVITIES AND CONFERENCES

a. Taking cues from Colonel Jackson's Weekly Letter, several staff conferences were held concerning an efficient solution to, or initiating action on, the following problems: Venereal Disease Control, Safety program, Personnel Records (discrepancies), Clearliness of Areas, Military Customs and Courtesies, Inspection of Motor Pool and Proper Preparation of Reports of Survey.

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- 1. See attached sheets for information on training program.
 - a: Schedule No. 1 Filot Training Program.
 - b. Schedule No. 2 Ground School Schedule.

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1st Lt., Air Corps,

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PILOT TRAINING PROGRAM

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September 1945

UNIT HISTORY

I. OR ALIZATION AND CUMPLET STATUS

- 1. Organization
 - c. The current T/C of this organization: 1-12 A.C. dated 25 December 1945, with Change 1 dated 26 February 1944 and Change 2 dated 25 November 1944. Total Strength authorized: 30 officers, 70 enlisted man.
- 2. Strength
 - c. for the period of this report: 2' officers, 14 enlisted men.
 c. Joins and losses for September: Gain: Lone, Losses: 2] enlisted
 men, 9 officers.
 - . Information examples from the morning report, Hg., 86th Fighter Group.
- 5. Stations
 a. Departed 1-72, Brownschardt, Germany, 25 September 1945 for present station of R-25, Schweinfurt, Germany, 26 September 1945.
- 4. insses in action: Accetive
- 5. Entras and Decorations: 5. BOLDIER'S REDAL to Herola (REI) Henter, Captain, Dental Corps, Add. 0369767, for heroism (No description of act evailable), per Cameral Order No. 151, XII TAUFICAL AIR COLLARD, dates 1 September 1945.

II. KALKATIVE

There was some hope eroused emong low point men, because of several drops in critical scores necessary for discharge, that the future will see than "under the line and on the way". The replacement depot, operated by this Group, having fulfilled its purpose in processing men for shipment to the Lone of the Interior, is now inoperative. Training programs and Information and Education activity, understandably, were nil due to the Group's moving to a new station; however, the I & E Office did manage to submit nine applications of enlisted men for attendance at vocational schools in England. The few remaining "Lee's Lieutenants" were sorry to see Col Lee leave the organization this month. Major Buckner is the new Commanding Officer. The last day of the month revealed this Headquerters personnel strength as 26 officers and 54 enlisted men, many new at their tasks, with the resultant confusion inevitably following the disintegration of efficiently functioning offices through the transfers of old personnel.

III. DIAAY

Section 1945.

- 1. According to Stars & Stripes, the Mar Department 3-1 has approved a plan whereby all soldiers, thirty-five years of ale or over, who have been in the amy for two years, would be made eligible for discharge regardless of their number of points; all such men anxiously email more detailed information.
- 2. World der II is now officially over with the Japenese delegates signatures affixed to surrencer documents today, V-J Day. The news that enditional points will be computed from V-E through V-J Day was glad tidings for some men, who were formerly just below the critical score.
- Generally, the only interest shown here currently by soldiers, pertaining to happenings in Japan, is limited to how it affects them, individually, and their chances of joing home. Captain Richard B. Moyle-and It Col Mobert J. Kirsch, an old-timer of the Group, both pilots, left for the Heinforcement Depot in England; Captain Dale M. Meduing took over the responsibilities of Group Adjutant in place of Major Fauskin who is soing home. Other new Headquarters Officers are 1st Lieutenants warren R. Williams and Theodore A. Peterson, assigned to Special Bervices and Intelligence, respectively.
- 4. Much conversation about the number of points needed for discharge being lowered from eighty-five to eighty has caused some elation among the lucky ones and has aroused hopes of lower score individuals that further cuts are on the way.
- j. Captein Robert W. Frice joined Group Headquerters as Communications Officer today. The Office of Information and Education has posted lists of various type schools; only low point men or volunteers for the Army of Occupation may now make application for attendance.
- 6. A good number of replacements for men going home from this Group are from England; they are low in points, notwithstending almost two years service overseas, since their type of work did not entitle them to campaign stars. Current talk of these soldiers reveals their belief that they have not been given proper consideration insofar as points are concerned and, with this attitude, it remains to be seen whether or not they will diligently apply themselves to tasks assigned them. Eight enlisted men in this Headquarters discovered themselves to be one grade higher than formerly.