

JANUARY

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1st Lt. D. A. ESPER, Jr.

January proved to be a conspicuous month in the opening of the new year. Developments on both eastern and western fronts were highly favorable to the Allies, and the enemy was definitely in a poorer position than at any time previously in the war. A powerful Russian offensive, launched by five mighty armies placed along the Polish frontier from the Baltic Sea to the Carpathian Mountains, gulped in hundreds of miles of territory and did not show signs of stopping. Fullest point of the drive put the Reds on the bank of the Oder, less than 40 miles from Berlin.

Best news on the Anglo-American side of the ledger was the elimination of the German salient in NW Luxembourg and southern Belgium.

The 306th aided the combined effort by flying 15 missions, 12 of which were to communication centers near the western front. 544 sorties were flown in January, 1369 1/4 tons of HE bombs were dropped, 18 tons of incendiaries, 116 leaflet bombs, at a cost of 2 aircraft. These figures brought the totals for the group to 7682 sorties, 15,398 1/10 tons of HE, 1,369 1/4 tons of incendiaries, and 171 planes lost.

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KASSEL AND LIMBURG

306th flew 36 A/C including 4 Pff as 40 "B" led by Major Hulings. After receiving call from Buckeye stating that target was clear, group followed "A" force in to primary at Magdeburg. However, a 10/10 undercast necessitated a turn off city to left. Both forces then made a second run still without dropping. Wing proceeded to secondary visual at Göttingen, but did not bomb due to clouds. Finally group attacked Kassel, the assigned PFF target. An M2X run was started by all three squadrons. Lead and low found visual conditions, and strike photos show patterns in north central marshalling yard and south central built-up area, respectively. High, with PFF equipment out, turned off early and bombed a communication target at Limburg visually. Because of the unexpected alteration in the route, seven a/c from the high were forced to land at Messenger on the continent in order to refuel. Crews who experienced this novelty reported much damage on the field which had been attacked by the Luftwaffe previously in the day.

Most of chaff was expended at Magdeburg, where A.A. fire was inaccurate. Moderate, accurate tracking and barrage flak over Kassel. On way in, meager, accurate tracking from Brunstittelkoog. Damage: Lead, 5 slight; Low, 1 severe, 1 slight, 1 missing; High 2 severe, 1 slight.

Several jet a/c were seen in the Magdeburg area, all eagerly pursued by friendly escort.

A/C 185-J, pilot Lt. Ryder, of 369th, landed at Denain A/D because of fuel shortage and internal failure in #4 engine. Crew returned to base a few days later.

A/C 690-M, pilot 1st Lt. R.D. Stewart, also of 369th, was unaccounted for after low squadron broke up in clouds over North Sea going in. Other members on the crew include: 2nd Lt. K.H. Stroun (CP), 2nd Lt. L.L. Wilson (N), T/Sgt. L.J. Peterson (B), T/Sgt. C.A. Maple (R), T/Sgt. A.R. Cecere (TT), S/Sgt. W.J. McCue (BT), S/Sgt. D.F. Bohrer (RW), S/Sgt. R.L. Chancellor.

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Month of JANUARY 1945 Prepared by 1st Lt. D.A. ESPEY, JR.**SECRET**Jan 2 KYLLBURG

Major Kesling led 306th as 40 "A" with 36 A/C including 3 PFF, 1 Gee-H, and 1 PFF/GH, plus 3 spares. 20 minutes before the I.P., Buckeye reported a cloud covering the target, but that it might move off previous to the formation's arrival. This proved to be the case, and the group attacked avital communication center at Kyllburg visually. Lead pattern landed squarely on aiming point with low to SE. Due to the extreme difficulty in picking up target, high made second run, and bombs fell on top of lead. Results were described as excellent.

Route was approximately as briefed with the exception of the high's second run during which time the lead and low made two 360 degree turns.

Meager, fairly accurate tracking flak at scattered points throughout the target area kept the group under fire from 5 to 10 minutes. Damage: Lead, 2 slight; high, 1 severe. No report was received on low squadron which was flying 305th A/C. I/A opposition was nil.



306th bombs are shown blasting Kyllburg communication center, thereby neutralizing rail line vital to the Hun salient.

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HERMULHEIM

Major Hulings led the 306th as 40 "B" with 39 A/C including 1 Pff/GH, 3 Pff and 3 spares. A complete cloud coverage over the target, marshalling yards at Hermulheim near Cologne, confirmed the previous Buckeye report. Formation followed briefed route into target and bombed by Gee-H, low and high dropping on lead.

No A.A. fire or E/A hampered this group. Flak was observed on other A/C in Cologne area.

1st Division stood down.

Lt. Col. LaVier led 36 crews on a gunnery mission over the Wash.

NIEDERMENDIG

39 A/C including 1 Pff/GeeH, 3 PFF, plus 3 spares from the 306th as 40 "A" were led by Lt. Col. Salada of the 40th Combat Wing. Great difficulty was experienced in assembly over England due to dense persistent contrails which necessitated several changes in altitude. 8 A/C, pilots Erne, Fowler, Hatch, Maenner, Patten, Morgan, Turner and Linsner bombed with other groups because they could not find the 306th formation. Remaining planes attacked the primary, Niedermendig A/F, near Cologne, on a Gee-H run after receiving a report from Buckeye that target was under a 10/10 coverage. Because of a rack malfunction in their lead ship, six A/C from low squadron brought back bombs.

Scattered bursts from St. with area inflicted no damage on the group. E/A opposition was nil.

COLOGNE

Lt. Col. Chalfant led the 306th as 40 "A" with 39 A/C including 1 Gee-H/Pff, 3 PFF and 3 spares at the head of 1st Division. After receiving a report from Buckeye stating that target was under 10/10 coverage, group started a Gee-H run on primary. However, 18 miles from the objective, technical difficulties forced lead to complete run by PFF on secondary, marshalling yards in eastern Cologne. Plotted scope photographs show probable hits in target area.

Meager tracking and barrage flak at Cologne inflicted no damage on formation. E/A opposition was nil.

SUSKIRCHEN

306th as 40 "B" flew 39 A/C including 1 Gee-H, 3 PFF and 3 spares led by Major McKinney. Having heard Buckeye report that bombing would be by instruments, Gee-H took over 5 minutes before I.P. Run was made on primary, a railway junction at Suskirchen, in group formation. PFF scope photographs show bombs to be in target area.

A.A. fire and E/A opposition were nil.

SPEYER

Major Mesling led 306th as 40 "A" with 39 A/C including 1 Gee-H/PFF, 3 Pff, and 3 spares. 5 minutes before I.P. Buckeye reported that a dense haze covered target area. Because deputy Gee-H failed to take off and Lead Gee-H was not operating, a Pff run was started on secondary at Landau. Equipment worked satisfactorily, but returns were weak, which fact forced wick operator to change aiming point to town of Speyer. High and low each made separate H2X runs. Indistinct ground detail on strike photos indicate all hits in Speyer vicinity.

Moderate, accurate tracking A.A. fire from Mannheim-Ludwigsheim area lasting about 3 minutes caused the following damage: Lead, 1 landed on the continent, 1 crashed in England, 1 severe, and 4 slight; Low, 1 crashed at base, 2 slight; High, 1 landed on continent, 4 severe, 4 slight. No E/A opposition.

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A/C 438-U, pilot Capt. Law, of 368th, crashed at Manston with 2 engines out. T/Sgt. W.S. Fant (TG) was killed while the pilot, 2nd Lt. K.A. Wait (CP), 1st Lt. Q.T. Conway (B), T/Sgt. F.E. Sweet (RO), Sgt. W. O. Timmons (BT), were injured seriously.

A/C 376-F, pilot Lt. Hallum, of 423rd, landed at Messenger with fuel shortage.

A/C 819-J, pilot Lt. Young, of 369th, landed at Rosieres, France with fuel shortage.

A/C 715-V, pilot Lt. J.L. Davis, of 367th, crashed at base with 2 engines out. No one was hurt.

All crew members, who landed away, returned to base a few days later.

10 GYMNICH

Major McKinney led the 306th as 40 "B" with 38 A/C including 4 Pff, 1 Gee-H and 2 spares. Route was flown approximately as briefed except for the bomb run. Because of buckeye's report that it was 10/10 east of Rhine, Gee-H took over at I.P., preserving group formation. Interference from other A/C coming from the left forced the 306th formation north of course until finally into the Cologne flak area. Gee-H equipment went out at this time, and lead took over for visual run on primary, an airfield at Gymnich, southwest of Cologne. Low followed in trail, but since both lead and deputy in this squadron were hit, no run could be made. 6 A/C from the low brought bombs back. High dropped on lead. Strike photos, available only from the high, show pattern completely obscuring small town of Bliesheim, 6 miles southeast of primary.

Moderate to intense, accurate AAA fire tracked group visually in the Cologne area. Damage: Lead, 1 MIA, 4 landed on continent, 5 severe, 2 slight; Low, 3 severe, 1 slight, 6 2nd A/C damage unknown; High, 1 severe, 4 slight. 2 spare 305th A/C damage unknown.

A/C 076-U, pilot Major McKinney of the 369th, was hit by flak 1 minute before bombs away. Entire electrical system went out, and waist gunner, S/Sgt. N.C. Sulser, was injured seriously in the left ankle. Left formation after target, and landed at Brussels A/D.

A/C 557-Y, pilot Lt. Weinhart of the 369th, was hit in the #2 and 4 engines over Cologne. At the same time the electrical system went out, and bombardier, 1st Lt. A.P. Lambert, was injured seriously in the leg. After leaving formation plane crash landed on a large field 4 miles north east of Lequesnoy, France.

A/C 287-V, pilot 2nd Lt. M.W. Pearce of the 369th, was also hit over Cologne. One large piece of flak inflicted very serious injury to the pilot's head. Crew, therefore, landed in France in order to obtain medical attention. However, Lt. Pearce died a few days later, his condition being beyond saving.

A/C 250-N, pilot Lt. Mathway of the 368th, received damage to electrical system, oxygen, rudder controls, and #3 and 4 engines from a direct burst in the radio room. S/Sgt. M.C. Seaman (RO) was blown clear from the plane and is listed as MIA; S/Sgt. E.F. Danaher (BT) was seriously injured in both legs and an arm, while S/Sgt. H.E. Sohn (TG) received severe frost bite in his feet when the heating unit became inoperational. These men were given efficient first aid by S/Sgt. Feeney, waist gunner. A/C left formation immediately after being hit, and a gas leak forced pilot to land at nearest convenient field, which was Hombeek.

Members of all crews with the exception of those who were injured or MIA returned to base within the following 2 weeks.

A/C 446-A, pilot 2nd Lt. H.C. Mattson of the 369th, was hit in #1 and 2 engines about 2 minutes before bombs away. Plane was last seen with left wing burning furiously but under control 2000' below formation. Other members on the crew include: 2nd Lt. R.J. Kruger (CP), P/O L.C. Shaw (N), 2nd Lt. J.A. Bryan (B), S/Sgt. J.T. Romero (RO), S/Sgt. J.M. Jenkins (E), Sgt. J.T.

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Zymanek (BT), Sgt. V.I. Crowton (WG), Sgt. D.S. Kowbeck (TG), 2nd Lt. W. Mocharnuk (RN).



It can be done. (Left to right). T/Sgts. D.F. Offord, W.A. Lindsay, and C.H. Gillespie, tail gunner, radio operator, and waist gunner, respectively are shown after their fiftieth mission, which completed a second tour for each, in this theater. All flew with Capt. Butterfield today, leading the high squadron.

- 11 Russians launched five-pronged assault on eastern German front from Baltic Sea to Carpathian Mountains.
- 13 Officers of the 423rd held a squadron party in "B" Mess during the evening. Capt. B.H. Pool of S-2, acted as Master of Ceremonies for festivities, which included music by the Esquires, a dance, and selection of a "Squadron Sweetheart" from the young women guests.
A christening of one of the new Squadron B-17s was held on the 16th with the "Sweetheart" doing the honors.

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COLOGNE

306th flew 35 A/C including 3 Pff as 40 "A" led by Lt. Col. LaVier, Lead Gee-H/PPF, pilot Col. Sutton, who was to head the Division, did not take off because of internal engine failure. Clear weather at the target, the Hohenzollern R.R. bridge in the heart of Cologne, confirmed Buckeye's earlier statements. Each squadron made a separate visual run. Lead's bombs hit western approaches very near aiming point. Low fell on a marshalling yard in southwest part of city. Photos from 351st Group show high pattern straddling eastern half of bridge. Bombing for the day was described as very good.

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No E/A. However, moderate and accurate A.A. fire at the target, and meager accurate from the front lines inflicted the following damage: Lead, 1 severe, 9 slight; Low, 3 severe, 6 slight; High, 1 severe, 5 slight.
J.R. Lewis, flight leader, 369th, was promoted to Capt.

15 FREIBURG

306th as 40th "C" flew 36 a/c including 3 PFF led by Capt. Hanson. 10/10 cloud coverage at primary, which fact was reported by Buckeye, caused lead to hit secondary, marshalling yards at Freiburg, on an H2X run. Low dropped on lead, while high made separate drop. Strike photos show bomb hits to northeast of aiming point.

Meager inaccurate flak at target caused no damage. There were no enemy fighters.

17 BIELEFELD

Lt. Col. LaVier led the 306th as 40th "B" with 39 a/c including 1 GeeH-PFF, 2 PFF, and 3 spares. Buckeye reported that the target, a large railway viaduct northeast of Bielefeld, was under a 10/10 coverage. A GeeH run was made in group formation with unobserved results.

A.A. fire and E/A were nil.

18 Mission scrubbed.

20 RHEINE

306th as 40th "B" flew 39 a/c including 4 Micro H-PFF and 3 spares led by Capt. Magee. Because key Micro H beacon stayed in normal navigation code instead of delay, group attacked secondary target, marshalling yard at Rheine. Results were unobserved.

A few scattered bursts from front lines was only A.A. fire encountered. No E/A harassed the formation.

A/c 600-G, pilot Lt. Ernie of the 369th, had internal failure in #3 and 4 engines before getting into enemy territory. Plane landed in France with crew unharmed. Returned to base next day.

A/c 384-L, pilot Lt. McKinney of the 368th, also had internal engine failure. Trouble occurred near I.P., and Lt. McKinney proceeded on to the target with the formation. After bombs away, a/c headed for an emergency landing field. Finally found a spot in the Liege area, but one wheel failed to come down. Because of the overworked engines, pilot was forced to make a crash landing. 1st Lt. W. J. Beck (H) and Sgt. F. E. Newell (TG) were injured seriously and are still on the continent. Rest of crew returned to base a few days later.

21 SCHAFFENBURG

Major Grending led the 306th as 40th "A" with 38 a/c including 3 PFF, 1 GeeH, and 2 spares. The route was flown as briefed. Near I.P. operator indicated that a GeeH run was impossible since he could not get proper ground signals. Because lead bomb bay doors failed to open, deputy took over shortly after I.P. and made a PFF run on marshalling yards at Aschaffenburg. Low and High dropped off lead.

A.A. fire and enemy fighter opposition was nil.

Crews observed two B-17s to have collided in group ahead. Both a/c spun in with no chutes seen. Later confirmation showed the planes to be from the 303rd.

26 B. W. Casseday, Squadron Operations Officer, 369th, was promoted to the rank of Major.

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27 Mission scrubbed.
J. A. Murphy, flight leader, 423rd, was promoted to the rank of Capt.

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COLOGNE

306th flew 39 a/c as 40th "C" including 1 GeeH-PFF, 2 PFF, and 3 spares led by Major Halings. Intense haze in the target area and severe frosting on the plexiglass forced formation to make Gee H run on primary, marshalling yards in southeastern Cologne. High and low dropped off lead. Interpretation of strike photos show probable hits to NW of target.

Two predicted concentrations of A.A. fire were encountered over Cologne. Recovery of several casings and one intact pellet indicated that incendiary flak was being used by the enemy. Damage: 4 severe, 7 slight.

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ROBLENZ

306th as 40th "B" sent 36 a/c including 1 GeeH-PFF and 2 PFF led by Capt. Hanson. Early in the mission deputy took over when electrical system went out in lead ship which affected both GeeH and PFF. Because of the malfunction, the secondary, marshalling yards at Roblenz, was attacked in group formation by H2K. Results were unobserved.

E/A opposition and A.A. fire ~~was~~ nil.

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Mission scrubbed.

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Base 34 basketball team chalked up two victories during the month to bring their wins in Division competition to 4. Station 103 was the first victim by a 36-30 count. Cpl. Riggle and Sgt. Feely were high for the locals with 12 points each. The 306th mashed Bassingborn 62-37 in a tilt played on the night of the 26th in the post Opn. Sgt. Feely with 14, Cpl. Zindar with 10, and S/Sgt. Bowers with 8 points each, led the victors.

Officer's casaba outfit did not fare so well. The club took it on the chin 52-39 from Bassingborn on the 26th in the second game of a double-header. Capt. Wallace, former Indiana flash, gave the locals the most trouble by chalking up 15 markers.

List of Officer's promotions (Captain and up) for the month of December, 1944:

- 2 Dec. - J. H. Edeler, Flight Leader 369th, to Capt.
- 2 Dec. - D. E. Currier, Squadron Bombardier 369th, to Capt.
- 5 Dec. - P. V. Osburn, Squadron Navigator 367th, to Capt.
- 10 Dec. - G. A. Spencer, Group PFF Operator attached to 367th Sqdn, to Capt.
- 13 Dec. - R. R. Denny, Flight Leader 368th, to Capt.
- 15 Dec. - H. H. Baker, Squadron Bombardier 423rd, to Capt.
- 15 Dec. - W. W. Wood, Flight Leader 423rd, to Capt.
- 16 Dec. - C. G. Day, Group Ground Executive Officer, to Lt. Col.
- 18 Dec. - J. D. MacPherson, Squadron Navigator 369th, to Capt.

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NAME	ORIGIN	GO NO.	DATE
2nd Lt John M. Coyne	368	GO 646,	1st ED, 22 Dec/44
2nd Lt Robert W. Schroeder	"	"	"
2nd Lt Charles W. Greeninger	369	"	"
1st Lt Walter P. Rozett	"	"	"
2nd Lt Lloyd L. Strode	"	"	"
2nd Lt Roy E. Trask	"	"	"
F/O Earl C. Kuhn	423	"	"
Capt Neill G. Kirby	"	"	"
S/Sgt Jack G. Beach	367	"	"
S/Sgt Martin J. Dempsey	"	"	"
T/Sgt Maxwell Medoff	"	"	"
S/Sgt Darwood Offord	"	"	"
T/Sgt Roger L. Fatos	"	"	"
S/Sgt Victor Pacchioni	"	"	"
T/Sgt Edwin F. Collins	"	"	"
S/Sgt Emil R. Wilke	369	"	"
S/Sgt Thomas W. Parker	"	"	"
S/Sgt Joseph A. Coomer	423	"	"
T/Sgt Henry C. West, Jr.	"	"	"
T/Sgt George Schuster	369	"	"
T/Sgt Sam Keren	"	"	"
T/Sgt George Coker	"	"	"
S/Sgt Jack W. Keheley	"	"	"
S/Sgt Russell H. Sheldon	"	"	"
T/Sgt Joseph Belker	"	"	"
S/Sgt Charles O. Krone	"	"	"
1st Lt Gennaro M. Carranzone	"	GO 655,	1st ED, 26 Dec/44.
1st Lt Paul K. Marshall	"	"	"
2nd Lt Richard H. Claeys	368	"	"
1st Lt Paul Martin	372	"	"
1st Lt Richard Townsend	"	"	"
2nd Lt Burns W. Roper	"	"	"
T/Sgt Charles Belforte	"	"	"
T/Sgt Lawrence E. Edlund	368	"	"
T/Sgt Dennis E. McCarthy	"	"	"
S/Sgt Roy C. Fiddin	"	"	"
S/Sgt Aylett E. Jacobson	"	"	"
S/Sgt Daniel F. Riley	369	"	"
T/Sgt Anthony A. Burns	"	"	"
S/Sgt Norman P. Carlson	"	"	"
S/Sgt Robert D. Cox	423	GO 7,	1st ED, 2 Jan/45.
1st Lt Stanley G. Hull	367	GO 8,	1st AD, 3 Jan/45.
2nd Lt Joseph M. Hess	"	"	"
2nd Lt Fred Fortman	"	"	"
2nd Lt Earl F. Smythe	"	"	"
2nd Lt John Davis	"	"	"
F/O James Wyatt Allen	"	"	"
2d Lt Raymond Allen	"	"	"

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E/C James L. Avitt
 2nd Lt Raymond Allen
 2nd Lt Hillis S. Israel
 1st Lt William Denton
 2nd Lt Robert H. Wood
 2nd Lt Frederick N. Hudson JR
 2nd Lt George Good
 2nd Lt Robert Frank
 2nd Lt Keith E. Lollerup
 2nd Lt Wesley W. Gunkel
 2nd Lt George T. Kerr
 2nd Lt Gene E. Howe
 2nd Lt John H. Christenson
 2nd Lt Harold C. Mattson
 2nd Lt Ned A. Erne
 2nd Lt Herliky Morere
 2nd Lt Harry W. Pearce
 2nd Lt Leo H. Reinhardt
 1st Lt William D. Hallum
 2nd Lt Emmett Sutherland
 2nd Lt Richard Pawelke
 2nd Lt George Purnell
 1st Lt Orlo Trude
 2nd Lt Isidore Dorushkin
 2nd Lt James Martin
 2nd Lt Morris Hursthouse
 2nd Lt Carroll Q. Hills
 Capt Gordon Spencer
 1st Lt Reginald Thayer, Jr.,
 2nd Lt William McCauley
 1st Lt Edwin D. Woellner
 2nd Lt Nathaniel Hemenway
 1st Lt Ward R. Fowler
 2nd Lt Richard W. Jones
 2nd Lt Donald Sandercock
 Capt John H. Jordan
 2nd Lt Richard Greas
 1st Lt Fordie Lucas
 2nd Lt Philip German
 1st Lt Forrest Stewart
 2nd Lt John G. Ruegger
 2nd Lt Maurice Kullen
 2nd Lt Raymond Mounts
 2nd Lt Howard G. Roth
 2nd Lt Kenneth Carakostas
 2nd Lt Carl Hathaway
 2nd Lt Willis C. Holder
 2nd Lt James Fitzsimmons
 2nd Lt Michael Kramer.

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F/O Lawrence Shaw	369	GO 8, 1st AD, 3 Jan/45.
2nd Lt Edward Lindsay	423	"
2nd Lt Kenneth D. Blackshaw	"	"
1st Lt James Seymour	"	"
2nd Lt Wendell Larson	"	"
2nd Lt Vernon Schimmel	"	"
2nd Lt Ralph Orenstein	"	"
2nd Lt William J. Davis	367	"
2nd Lt James D. Snood	"	"
2nd Lt Richard L. Breed	"	"
2nd Lt Miron Demorey	"	"
2nd Lt Shelby Hodges	"	"
2nd Lt William Turner	"	"
Col James S. Sutton	Hq	"
F/O Wendell Rodgers	368	"
2nd Lt Carl Smythe	423	GO 10, 1st AD, 4 Jan/45.
2nd Lt Raymond Allen	367	"
2nd Lt Edwin Clark	"	"
2nd Lt Isidore Dorushkin	368	"
2nd Lt Kenneth Eros	"	"
2nd Lt Charles Greeninger	380	"
T/Sgt Roger Fistas	367	"
S/Sgt Charles Paine	"	"
S/Sgt James C. Tynan	"	"
T/Sgt Sam Disko	368	"
S/Sgt Robert Marble	"	"
S/Sgt Pinson Luthis	389	"
T/Sgt Robert F. Roach	"	"
S/Sgt Edward Bell	423	"
T/Sgt Jewel C. Moody	368	"
S/Sgt Carl Brizzi	"	"
S/Sgt D.W. Spraggins	"	"
S/Sgt Walter A. Liles	369	"
T/Sgt Sam Keren	"	"
T/Sgt Richard Mills	368	"
T/Sgt Paul Gallagher	369	"
S/Sgt Robert Holthaus	"	"
S/Sgt Holly A. Davis	"	"
S/Sgt Richard Tennant	368	"
S/Sgt Rufus V. Swindle	"	"
T/Sgt Clyde S. Dunn	423	"
2nd Lt Marvin Hull	369	GO 11, 1st AD, 5 Jan/45.
2nd Lt James Collins	"	"
Sgt Victor Spevak	367	"
S/Sgt Benjamin Brown	369	"
S/Sgt Clifford Duggan	"	"
Sgt James E. Bowman	"	"
Sgt Walter Tulous	"	"

Rank and Name	Number	GO 15, 1st AD, 6 Jan/45.
S/Sgt Lloyd C. Reho	423	"
T/Sgt Joseph Hathaway	"	"
S/Sgt Harry Barber	367	"
S/Sgt Harry Barber	367	"
S/Sgt George E. Fyksen	360	"
T/Sgt Paul Hammond	367	"
S/Sgt Robert J. Boylson	"	"
S/Sgt Louis L. Bagwell	"	"
S/Sgt Robert Burkhardt	423	"
S/Sgt John S. Adams	"	"
S/Sgt Edward L. Finch	"	"
T/Sgt Frank Zoesnik	367	"
S/Sgt Henry Kunnery	"	"
S/Sgt Robert Ursel	"	"
S/Sgt Clarence H. Gillespie	"	"
T/Sgt Leslie Smith	"	"
S/Sgt Tanis Dykstra	"	"
S/Sgt Robert Peatross	368	"
T/Sgt Robert Harrington	"	"
S/Sgt Leonard Davisson	"	"
T/Sgt Charles H. Crane	"	"
S/Sgt Clement White	"	"
T/Sgt Eugene A. Luciani (2)	369	"
S/Sgt Glenn A. Waltersdorff	"	"
T/Sgt Elvie C. Hall	"	"
Sgt Vernon Crowton	"	"
T/Sgt Nicholas DeSeve	423	"
T/Sgt Edward Fevors	"	"
S/Sgt Charles Hayen	"	"
S/Sgt Casimer Odrowaz	"	"
S/Sgt Charles N. Yeager	"	"
S/Sgt Eli Kopcho	"	"
S/Sgt Edmund Linke	"	"
S/Sgt Henry Meszer	368	"
S/Sgt Norman Tanno	"	"
S/Sgt Robert Mac Gillivray	"	"
S/Sgt Stanle Mathes	"	"
S/Sgt Robert Condrey	"	"
S/Sgt Tillman Bare	"	"
T/Sgt J.R. Winborn	"	"
S/Sgt Frederick Geitz	369	"
T/Sgt Roy Patterson	"	"
S/Sgt David S. Koubeck	"	"
S/Sgt James M. Jenkins	"	"
Sgt Joseph Zymnek	"	"
T/Sgt Raymond Goetz	"	"
S/Sgt Howard E. Parks (2)	"	"
T/Sgt Charles Smith	367	"
S/Sgt Alton Rohinsky	"	"
T/Sgt Thomas Mahoney	"	"
S/Sgt Frederick Geitz	369	"

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S/Sgt Josue Martinez	367	GO 15, 1st AD, 6 Jan/45.
S/Sgt James Young	"	"
T/Sgt Gordon Mallock	"	"
T/Sgt Wilson Bearden	"	"
T/Sgt Sidney Davis	"	"
T/Sgt Calvin Owens	"	"
Sgt Everette Nunley	"	"
S/Sgt Elmer Workman	"	"
S/Sgt Newell Russell	"	"
S/Sgt Oscar Gibson	"	"
T/Sgt Robert Grabler	"	"
T/Sgt Joseph A. Mathews	369	"
S/Sgt Victor Keuer	"	"
S/Sgt Rob R. Gattis	"	"
S/Sgt Louis Marchese	"	"
Sgt Stanley Parton	"	"
Sgt Raymond Tiff	"	"
S/Sgt Norman McConnaghey	367	"
S/Sgt Silvio DeZolt	368	"
T/Sgt Karl W. Kraus	368	"
S/Sgt Jack Lawrenz	"	"
S/Sgt Raymond Johnson	"	"
S/Sgt Henry Trimmer	"	"
S/Sgt Franklin Brower	"	"
T/Sgt James Durham	369	"
S/Sgt Welton Shipley	"	"
S/Sgt Erskine Arbeiter	"	"
S/Sgt Richard Ramirez	"	"
T/Sgt Carl Nuessen	"	"
S/Sgt Elmer Wilke	"	"
S/Sgt Russel Schuettpelz	"	"
S/Sgt Harry Kelso	423	"
S/Sgt James L. Harper	"	"
S/Sgt Samuel Counte	"	"
S/Sgt Clifford Wolfhope	"	"
S/Sgt Taylor E. Kinsey	"	"
S/Sgt John Beely	"	"
T/Sgt Joseph Jablonsky	"	"
S/Sgt Lawrence McCormick	"	"
S/Sgt William J. McGonigle	"	"
S/Sgt John Kieffer	"	"
Capt Robert R. Denny	368	GO 16, 1st AD, 6 Jan/45.
2nd Lt Robert M. Frank	423	"
2nd Lt Fred W. Anderson	367	"
1st Lt Robert L. Edwards	368	"
1st Lt Ervin Miller Jr	"	"
1st Lt Dean Townsend	"	"
1st Lt Vincent Triggs	423	"
S/Sgt Ralston E. Mansfield	368	"
S/Sgt James L. Dunn (2)	367	"

T/Sgt Robert Ozee	368	GO 16, 1st AD, 6 Jan/45.
S/Sgt Tunis Dykstra	367	"
S/Sgt Edward R. Bell	423	"
S/Sgt Carl Prizzi	368	"
S/Sgt James Tyman	367	"
2nd Lt Walter E. Correll	368	GO 19, 1st AD, 7 Jan/45.
2nd Lt Bruce Swango	"	"
2nd Lt Loren Hubbell	369	"
2nd Lt Benjamin L. Olsen	363	"
Sgt Juan F. Martinez	"	"
Sgt Sheldon Beigel	369	"
2nd Lt Jesse A. Bryen	"	GO 20, 1st AD, 8 Jan/45.
S/Sgt Charles L. Mehler	367	"
F/O Charles H. Gibson	423	"
2nd Lt William A. Guilfoyle	"	"
2nd Lt Harry Quint	"	"
S/Sgt Arthur H. Besser	"	"
Sgt Duane Brunner	"	"
C/Sgt Elvin Courtright	"	"
T/Sgt William Lindsey	367	"
T/Sgt Robert McKay	"	"
T/Sgt Joseph Gromyko	"	"
S/Sgt George Bachmann	"	"
S/Sgt Cleo Ammer	"	"
T/Sgt Oliver Hobbs	423	"
S/Sgt Norman Hall	"	"
S/Sgt Edward Tuton	"	"
S/Sgt Roy E. Nokes	"	"
S/Sgt Forrest Yorgason	"	"
C/Sgt Everett Brooks	"	"
S/Sgt Paul Wehunt	"	"
T/Sgt Harold Loker	"	"
T/Sgt William Starbuck	367	"
S/Sgt Cloyd M. Crosswell	"	"
T/Sgt Gordon Lothian	"	"
T/Sgt Julius Coleman	"	"
Sgt Chester Sosnowski	"	"
T/Sgt Merle K. Geving	"	"
S/Sgt Cleo Ammer	"	"
C/Sgt Vernon Rau (2)	"	"
S/Sgt Robert Mac Galloway	368	"
S/Sgt Raymond L. Goetz	369	"
T/Sgt Edward L. Favors	423	"
T/Sgt Richard A. Hill	"	"
T/Sgt Tony P. Thomas	"	"
T/Sgt Robert Beck	"	"
1st Lt Jerry E. Brian (3)	368	GO 25, 1st AD, 9 Jan/45.
2nd Lt Walter Qwen	367	"
2nd Lt John W. Kidwell	"	"
2nd Lt John Field	"	"
1st Lt Howard Balcom	"	"
2nd Lt George Hatch	"	"

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2nd Lt Wilfred E. Miessler	367	GO 25, 1st AD, 9 Jan/45.
2nd Lt Joseph Strauer (2)	"	"
2nd Lt John Davis	"	"
2nd Lt John M. Coyne	368	"
2nd Lt Paul Becker	367	"
2nd Lt Eugene Skoneiczny	"	"
Capt Harlan Laughlin	369	"
1st Lt Cyril Bush	"	"
2nd Lt John H. Christenson	"	"
2nd Lt James L. Cation	"	"
F/O Robert Garberich	423	"
2nd Lt Howard Hutchinson	"	"
2nd Lt Harold McGahan	368	"
F/O Jerome Urich	"	"
2nd Lt Jerome Wilf	"	"
2nd Lt James Frederick	"	"
2nd Lt Elmer Sandberg	"	"
2nd Lt Arthur H. Miller	"	"
2nd Lt Walter M. Lanus	"	"
T/Sgt Harry Beistline	367	"
T/Sgt Julius Coleman	"	"
T/Sgt Lawrence Hooper	"	"
T/Sgt John Stachowiak	"	"
T/Sgt Russell K. Decker	368	"
S/Sgt Von A. Barnett	368	"
T/Sgt Barney Parker	"	"
T/Sgt Lawrence Jagnow	"	"
T/Sgt Eli Barnett	423	"
T/Sgt James J. Noonan	"	"
T/Sgt Alfred D. Sepe	"	"
S/Sgt Joseph Bonem	"	"
S/Sgt Elmer Bishop	"	"
S/Sgt Raymond Norheim	368	"
T/Sgt James Thwaite	380	"
S/Sgt Edward P. Richards	369	"
T/Sgt James Durham	"	"
Sgt Jack W. Bassel	"	"
S/Sgt Erskine C. Arbeiter	"	"
Sgt Leonard L. Smith	"	"
T/Sgt Walter Hutschek	423	"
T/Sgt Donald Presti	367	"
S/Sgt Freeman Mitchell	"	"
S/Sgt Carl V. Clement	368	"
T/Sgt Charles E. Koegel	"	"
T/Sgt Marion Popivchek	"	"
S/Sgt Lloyd G. Breeden	"	"
S/Sgt Robert A. Prestidge	423	"
S/Sgt William E. Lynch	"	"

P/Sgt Donald G. Floedel	423	GO 25, 1st AD, 9 Jan/45.
T/Sgt John A. Hicklin	"	"
S/Sgt Elmond Richardson	"	"
T/Sgt Jack M. Cullen	"	"
T/Sgt Earl Duncan	367	"
S/Sgt Joseph N. Daniels	"	"
T/Sgt Sebastian Krauss	368	"
S/Sgt Jack L. Gooden	"	"
T/Sgt Darwin Smith	"	"
T/Sgt Russell K. Decker	"	"
Sgt Samuel D. Robinson	367	"
Sgt James Thompson	"	"
S/Sgt George Petrillo	"	"
T/Sgt Ralph Groover	"	"
T/Sgt Lawrence Hooper	"	"
S/Sgt Forrest Menzie	"	"
S/Sgt Guy A. Vicknair	"	"
2nd Lt Robert Woods	369	GO 28, 1st AD, 10 Jan/45.
2nd Lt Roger Haining	368	"
2nd Lt Lyle R. Dorman	"	"
2nd Lt Alban F. Varnado	"	"
2nd Lt Murray F. Hepple	"	"
F/O Warren Becker	369	"
2nd Lt Victor Lisec	"	"
F/O Henry Sopinski	"	"
Capt Paul Horvay	"	"
Sgt Vincent D. Donohoe	367	"
Sgt Wilbert Leopold	369	"
F/O Norman Strand	367	"
Capt Robert W. Cogswell	"	"
2nd Lt Harold Christenson	"	"
1st Lt John H. Norris	368	"
2nd Lt Robert Maulinson	"	"
1st Lt Howard L. Hall	"	"
2nd Lt Berman D. Martin	369	"
2nd Lt Roy J. Kruger	"	"
2nd Lt William Rogers	"	"
2nd Lt William Clark	"	"
2nd Lt William Morgan	423	"
2nd Lt Robert Cheney	"	"
2nd Lt Melvin Lundberg	"	"
2nd Lt Charles R. Toner	"	"
2nd Lt Douglas T. Schrack	"	"
2nd Lt Walter P. Rozett	369	"
2nd Lt Lloyd L. Strode	"	"
2nd Lt Frank C. Carle	"	"
2nd Lt C.L. Seckinger	"	"
1st Lt Robert J. Curran	368	"
2nd Lt [Name]	423	"
2nd Lt Dwight Paisley	423	"
2nd Lt John Wilson	"	"
S/Sgt Robert Dentle	"	"
S/Sgt Robert M. Search	367	"

S/Sgt Joseph S. Regalle	367	GO 28, 10 Jan/45.
S/Sgt Martin Lenham	"	"
T/Sgt Paul Fisher	"	"
T/Sgt Donald Smith	"	"
T/Sgt Hardie Gardner	"	"
S/Sgt D.W. Spraggins	"	"
S/Sgt Richard E. Cooper	368	"
S/Sgt Roland J. Socian	"	"
S/Sgt Jack W. Keholey	"	"
T/Sgt Louis Peterson	"	"
S/Sgt Edwin H. Fitterman	"	"
T/Sgt Steven W. Stojkov	"	"
S/Sgt Jacob Galyath	"	"
E/Sgt Robert Peatross	"	GO 30, 1st AD, 10 Jan/45.
2nd Lt Robert W. Schroeder	"	GO 33, 1st AD, 11 Jan/45.
T/Sgt Thomas Mahoney	367	"
T/Sgt William Starbuck	"	"
T/Sgt Hardie M. Gardner	383	"
S/Sgt John E. Buckley (2)	423	"
2nd Lt Stanley J. Megusiak	"	GO 31, 1st AD, 11 Jan/45.
2nd Lt Robert W. Schroeder	"	"
2nd Lt Donald A. Spencer	"	"
2nd Lt Leroy Finnell	"	"
2nd Lt Jesse A. Bryan	369	"
1st Lt Andrew Stefano	367	"
2nd Lt Snelby Hodges	"	"
2nd Lt James D. Snooddy	"	"
2nd Lt William Turner	"	"
2nd Lt Charles Holt	368	"
2nd Lt James B. Martin	"	"
2nd Lt Ned A. Erne	369	"
S/Sgt Thomas L. Smith	367	"
S/Sgt Victor Pacchioni	"	"
T/Sgt Sidney Gomez	368	"
S/Sgt William Carrasco	"	"
T/Sgt Raymond W. Roy	"	"
S/Sgt Alfred R. Dearing	"	"
Sgt Tillman L. Fare	"	"
T/Sgt William Miller	369	"
T/Sgt George Coker	"	"
T/Sgt Dan L. Ewin	423	"
S/Sgt Edward C. Herold	"	"
S/Sgt Maurice Westmoreland	"	"
S/Sgt Joseph A. Coomer	"	"
T/Sgt Henry C. West Jr.	"	"
S/Sgt George Franklin Jr.,	"	"
S/Sgt Wallace W. Friemann	"	"
T/Sgt Joseph R. Jablonski	"	"
S/Sgt Edward D. Craig	"	"
S/Sgt Lawrence McCormick	"	"
S/Sgt William McGonigle	"	"
S/Sgt Frederick Tieck Jr.,	"	"

Sgt Edwin F. Meyer	367	GO 37, 1st AD, 12 Jan/45.
T/Sgt Edward S. Fox (2)	"	"
T/Sgt Herkie M. Gardner	368	"
T/Sgt Donald E. Hawkins	368	"
S/Sgt Clifford O. Rasmussen	"	"
S/Sgt Karl W. Kraus	"	"
S/Sgt Jack A. Lawrence	"	"
2nd Lt Roy A. Atherton	423	GO 41, 1st AD, 13 Jan/45.
2nd Lt John Hrcnciar	"	"
2nd Lt Earle W. Schefer	"	"
F/O Irving J. Sandler	"	"
2nd Lt Oliver Minihane	"	"
2nd Lt Jack S. Henley	"	"
2nd Lt Finley C. Robbins/	367	"
2nd Lt Frank E. Bellish	"	"
2nd Lt Charles T. Sutton	"	"
2nd Lt Randolph A. Lomas	"	"
2nd Lt William J. Johnson	"	"
2nd Lt Raymond Lelachman	368	"
F/O Merton W. LeRoy	368	"
Sgt Albert F. Masters, Jr.,	423	"
S/Sgt Columbus A. Wittener	"	"
Sgt Wren J. Lewis	"	"
Sgt Elwood J. Mammenga	367	"
Sgt Julius L. Minucci	368	"
Sgt Ernest P. Conrod	"	"
Sgt Daniel McCarthy	368	"
Sgt Victor J. Coppe	"	"
Sgt Raymond C. Hanson	"	"
Sgt Herbert R. Whitaker	"	"
2nd Lt Frank C. Corle	369	"
2nd Lt William Davis Jr.	367	"
2nd Lt Emmette P. Sutherland	"	"
T/Sgt Edwin Collins	"	"
S/Sgt Raymond Johnson	"	"
S/Sgt Vernon T. Blucher	367	"
S/Sgt Harry H. Barber	"	"
2nd Lt Chester Britton	367	GO 46, 1st AD, 15 Jan/45.
2nd Lt Richard G. Hillabrand	423	"
F/O Clayton Meyer	"	"
Sgt Okey H. Coplin	367	"
Sgt Louis F. Brown	368	"
Sgt Albert P. Dumenigo, Jr.,	"	"
Sgt Albert Leavell	"	"
Sgt Albert Marcarik	"	"
Sgt Jason C. Hurd, Jr.,	423	"

1st Lt George A. Rawlings	367	GO 46, 1st AD, 15 Jan/45.
F/O Norman Strand	"	"
1st Lt Clarence L. Halliday	368	"
2nd Lt Wesley Gunkel	423	"
F/O David Correll	"	"
1st Lt Howard Roth	"	"
2nd Lt Keith A. Dollerup	"	"
1st Lt Ward Fowler	387	"
F/O James L. Avitt	"	"
2nd Lt Harry Pearce, Jr.,	369	"
Lt Col Eugene C. La Vier	423	"
F/O Lawrence Shaw Jr.	369	"
2nd Lt Leo Reinhart	"	"
F/O Roger Murphy	423	"
2nd Lt Raymond Mounts	"	"
2nd Lt Edward J. Lindsey	"	"
2nd Lt Philip Gorman	"	"
2nd Lt Charles E. Cushing	367	"
2nd Lt John G. Weber	368	"
1st Lt Paul C. Wagner	"	"
2nd Lt Frederick M. Hudson	"	"
2nd Lt Harold Mattson	"	"
2nd Lt Marvin Null	"	"
2nd Lt Kenneth D. Blackshaw	423	"
S/Sgt Russel Schuetz	"	"
S/Sgt Elmond Richardson	"	"
S/Sgt Paul Fisher	367	"
T/Sgt Leslie E. Smith	"	"
T/Sgt Wilbur A. Nelson	"	"
S/Sgt Martin Lanham	"	"
T/Sgt Robert E. Waldron	"	"
T/Sgt Clarence Gillespie	"	"
Sgt Joseph T. Zymnek	369	"
Sgt Davis S. Koubeck	"	"
S/Sgt Lloyd C. Reno	423	"
T/Sgt John L. Garrett	"	"
S/Sgt John H. Neely	"	"
T/Sgt Delor Mondor	"	"
S/Sgt Charles V. Hayen	"	"
S/Sgt Louis Marchese	369	"
Sgt Stanley G. Parton	"	"
Sgt Raymond L. Tiff	"	"
S/Sgt Benjamin M. Brown	"	"
S/Sgt Clifford E. Duggan	"	"
Sgt James E. Bowen	"	"
S/Sgt Richard Ramirez	"	"
S/Sgt James M. Jenkins	"	"

S/Sgt Charles Walters	367	GO 46, 1st AD, 15 Jan/45.
S/Sgt George E. Fyksen	"	"
S/Sgt Josue L. Martinez	"	"
S/Sgt Newell Russell	"	"
S/Sgt Robert Ursel	"	"
S/Sgt Guy A. Vicnsair	"	"
S/Sgt Elmer Workman	"	"
S/Sgt Leon Richards	"	"
S/Sgt Lawrence Joslin	"	"
T/Sgt Joseph Gromyko	"	"
T/Sgt Joseph Regulla	"	"
T/Sgt Charles G. Smith	"	"
S/Sgt James Young	"	"
S/Sgt Freeman R. Mitchell	"	"
T/Sgt Walter Porozinski	"	"
S/Sgt Charles L. Marler	"	"
T/Sgt Howard Leventhal	368	"
T/Sgt Frank T. Develli	"	"
S/Sgt Luel V. Clement	"	"
S/Sgt Frank Hospiech	"	"
S/Sgt Leonard E. Kelly	"	"
Sgt Rob R. Gattis.	369	"
1st Lt George B. Rawlings	367	GO 47, 1st AD, 16 Jan/45.
2nd Lt Charles Cushing	"	"
1st Lt Morris Hursthouse	"	"
1st Lt Roy B. Trask	369	"
T/Sgt Donald L. Presti	367	"
T/Sgt Edward S. Fox	"	"
T/Sgt Joseph Gromyko	"	"
T/Sgt Charles E. Crane	368	"
T/Sgt Joseph Selker	369	"
S/Sgt Charles Krone	"	"
S/Sgt Carl E. Nuessen	"	"
S/Sgt Emil R. Wilke	"	"
S/Sgt Arthur H. Hesser	423	"
2nd Lt Roland A. Lissner	367	GO 51, 1st AD, 17 Jan/45.
2nd Lt William Piekar	"	"
2nd Lt Leslie F. Campbell	368	"
2nd Lt William C. Davenport	"	"
2nd Lt Robert Holscher	"	"
2nd Lt Joseph Jaeger	"	"
2nd Lt Ned W. McKinny	"	"
2nd Lt Robert Huf	369	"
2nd Lt Alfred Doner	"	"
Capt Boylston Lewis	"	"
2nd Lt William Logan	"	"
Sgt Melvin J. Loes	"	"
Sgt Andrew J. Ness	"	"
Sgt Joun W. Stright	"	"
Sgt Kenneth D. Morrison	423	"
Sgt Wilmer E. Strawn	"	"

Sgt George W. Beck	367	GO 51, 1st AD, 17 Jan/45.
Sgt Harold K. Benetz	"	"
Sgt Vera L. Fannerty	"	"
Sgt Lloyd M. Miller	"	"
Sgt Roy L. Stafford	"	"
S/Sgt William J. Schultz	368	"
Sgt William T. Moss	"	"
Sgt Richard Pekofska	"	"
Sgt William Bedsole	369	"
Sgt Renato Lafrate	"	"
1st Lt Ralph Orenstein	423	"
2nd Lt Milton Rosen	368	"
2nd Lt William Carder	"	"
1st Lt Reginald Thayer	"	"
1st Lt Richard H. Claeys	"	"
F/I James W. Johnson	"	"
2nd Lt Edward E. Huelat	"	"
2nd Lt Joseph L. Chancey	369	"
F/O Peter Butucel	"	"
2nd Lt Remond B. Overstreet	367	"
2nd Lt Carroll E. Putt	"	"
2nd Lt Louis J. Krzemien	368	"
2nd Lt Joseph Long	"	"
2nd Lt William McCaulie	"	"
F/O Wendell Rodgers	"	"
2nd Lt Donald C. Scheftz	"	"
Capt William J. Haase	369	"
2nd Lt George D. Good	"	"
2nd Lt Roy J. Kruger	"	"
2nd Lt Robert H. Wood	"	"
1st Lt Richard H. Wesler	423	"
S/Sgt John Ferrari	"	"
T/Sgt Joseph Hathaway	"	"
S/Sgt Joseph Watson	"	"
S/Sgt Eugene J. Feeney	368	"
S/Sgt John J. Callahan	369	"
T/Sgt Leonard N. Gibson	"	"
S/Sgt Edward Danaher	368	"
S/Sgt Howard E. Parks	369	"
S/Sgt Clarence Smith Jr	"	"
S/Sgt Louis L. Bagwell	423	"
T/Sgt Jack M. Cullen	"	"
S/Sgt Oscar Gibson	367	"
S/Sgt Billy J. McCormack	"	"
S/Sgt William T. Gillispie	"	"
Sgt Everette R. Nunley	"	"
T/Sgt Robert W. Search, Jr.,	"	"
Sgt Chester Sosnowski	"	"
S/Sgt Lloyd Breeden	368	"
S/Sgt Leonard B. Davison	"	"

2nd Lt James E. Collins	369	GO 52, 1st AD, 18 Jan/45.
2nd Lt Michael Kramer	"	"
2nd Lt Walter Ianus Jr.,	"	"
2nd Lt C.L. Seckinger	"	"
F/O Earl Kuhn	423	"
2nd Lt Maurice L. Mullen	"	"
1st Lt Richard L. Breed	387	"
2nd Lt Charles C. Holt	368	"
1st Lt George T. Kerr	368	"
S/Sgt Samuel Counte, Jr.,	423	"
S/Sgt Eli Kopcho	"	"
T/Sgt Robert M. Grabler	367	"
T/Sgt Maxwell Medoff	"	"
S/Sgt Lawrence Joslin	"	"
S/Sgt Jack A. Lawrence	"	"
Sgt Elmer H. Wilke	"	"
S/Sgt Marving C. Barker	"	"
T/Sgt Paul A. Hammond	"	"
S/Sgt Rocco Russo	368	"
T/Sgt J.R. Winborn	"	"
S/Sgt Robert Condrey	"	"
T/Sgt Jesse L. Bennett	"	"
S/Sgt Patrick J. Hannum	"	"
S/Sgt Simpson McGilberry, Jr.,	"	"
S/Sgt Arnold Frobaugh	"	"
S/Sgt Clement White	"	"
T/Sgt Raymond Yoder	"	"
S/Sgt Charles E. Alvitre	369	"
T/Sgt Warren Cain	"	"
S/Sgt Frederick Piepenbrink	"	"
S/Sgt Russell Sheldon	"	"
S/Sgt Welton Shipley	"	"
S/Sgt Irwin Fitterman	"	"
S/Sgt Robert E. Burkhardt.	"	"
2nd Lt William S. Denton	"	GO 54, 1st AD, 19 Jan/45.
2nd Lt Joseph N. Hess	367	"
2nd Lt Donald C. Haagenson	"	"
2nd Lt Richard F. Pawelke	"	"
2nd Lt John Kidwell	"	"
2nd Lt Richard W. Jones	368	"
2nd Lt Arthur J. Maenner	"	"
1st Lt Leon A. Risk	368	"
S/Sgt Edward L. Finch	423	"
S/Sgt Charles D. Calengor	367	"
S/Sgt Robert Crede	"	"
S/Sgt Silvio Dezolt	"	"
T/Sgt Reisel Horn	"	"
S/Sgt Norman McConnaughey	"	"
S/Sgt James Revis	"	"
S/Sgt Samuel Robinson	"	"
S/Sgt Richard Roose	"	"
Sgt James N. Thomapson	368	"
T/Sgt Wilbur A. Nelson	"	"

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S/Sgt Robert T. Cincy	363	GO 54, 1st AD, 19 Jan/45.
Sgt Richard G. Atwood	"	"
T/Sgt Robert W. Circle	"	"
S/Sgt Max Houston	"	"
Sgt Stanley Mathes	"	"
1st Lt Ward R. Fowler	367	GO 65, 1st AD, 22 Jan/45.
1st Lt John Bodnaruk	369	"
2nd Lt Arthur J. Maenner	368	"
2nd Lt Berman D. Martin	"	"
2nd Lt William T. McCaulie	"	"
2nd Lt Robert Toulinson	"	"
S/Sgt Robert Boylson	367	"
S/Sgt Joseph Daniels	"	"
T/Sgt Leslie Smith	"	"
T/Sgt Donald B. Hawkins	388	"
T/Sgt Henry C. West, Jr.,	"	"
S/Sgt Edwin Hoyer	367	"
S/Sgt Martin Dempsey	"	"
S/Sgt Victor Spevak	367	"
S/Sgt Leonard T. Anderson	388	"
S/Sgt Jack L. Gooden	"	"
T/Sgt Robert Harrington	"	"
T/Sgt Joseph H. Hoffman	"	"
T/Sgt Raymond W. Roy	"	"
T/Sgt Donald B. Hawkins	---	GO 67, 1st AD, 23 Jan/45.
1st Lt Howard L. Hall	368	GO 80, 1st AD, 27 Jan/45.
S/Sgt Albert J. Stalder	"	"
T/Sgt James Standler	369	"
S/Sgt Curtis Haendler	423	"
S/Sgt Roy E. Nokes	"	"
T/Sgt Donald G. Hoedel	"	"
S/Sgt Charles E. Capaldi	"	"
T/Sgt John A. Hicklin	"	"
T/Sgt James J. Noonan	"	"
2nd Lt Harold W. Trease	423	GO 63, 1st AD, 21 Jan/45.
2nd Lt Charles N. Cannon	"	"
2nd Lt Lemon Smith	"	"
Sgt Lowell N. Goldmen	368	"
Sgt William F. Smolak	"	"
Sgt Leon Nahmias	"	"
2nd Lt Willis C. Holden	"	"
2nd Lt Harold R. McLahan	"	"
2nd Lt Benjamin L. Olsen	"	"
2nd Lt Donald M. Sandercock	"	"
2nd Lt Keith L. Warner	"	"
F/O Warren Becker	369	"
1st Lt William D. Hallum	423	"
2nd Lt Paul A. Becker	367	"
2nd Lt Harold Christenson	"	"
2nd Lt Nathaniel Hemenway	"	"

2nd Lt Donald McDonald	367	GO 63, 1st AD, 21 Jan/45.
2nd Lt Austin J. Parrish	"	"
2nd Lt Frederick Shepard	"	"
2nd Lt William B. Turner	"	"
Capt Neill Kirby	423	"
2nd Lt Fred J. Fortman	367	"
F/O Wendell Rodgers	388	"
1st Lt Hillis Israel	369	"
1st Lt Howard E. Hutchinson	423	"
1st Lt Melvin Lundberg	"	"
1st Lt Wendell C. Larson	"	"
1st Lt Charles K. Toner	"	"
T/Sgt Ralph Groover	367	"
T/Sgt Calvin Owens	"	"
S/Sgt Lloyd G. Breeden	368	"
T/Sgt Eli Barnett	423	"
T/Sgt John W. McCollum	"	"
S/Sgt George E. Franklin, Jr.,	"	"
T/Sgt William L. Hickman	369	"
T/Sgt Joseph A. Homesley	"	"
T/Sgt Barney Parker, Jr.,	"	"
T/Sgt Edward F. Richards	"	"
T/Sgt James E. Thwaitte	"	"
Sgt James L. Harper, Jr.,	"	"
S/Sgt William H. Lynch	"	"
S/Sgt Clifford A. Wolfhope	"	"
2nd Lt Walter W. Brasch	367	GO 75, 1st AD, 25 Jan/45.
2nd Lt William Winslow	"	"
2nd Lt Melvin Brecher	"	"
2nd Lt George W. David	"	"
2nd Lt Edward H. Duran	"	"
F/O Howard LeCompte	"	"
1st Lt Wyatt L. Gillaspie	388	"
1st Lt Cytus Rubenstein	"	"
2nd Lt Charles W. Whitcomb	"	"
F/O Philip Corvo	369	"
2nd Lt Clifford Tinkhen	"	"
2nd Lt William Flanagan	"	"
2nd Lt Eugene C. Gray	"	"
2nd Lt Lowell Niles	"	"
2nd Lt Harvey Ryder	"	"
2nd Lt Donald Hanson	"	"
F/O George Key	423	"
2nd Lt Lloyd Jefferson	"	"
2nd Lt Harlan Wolffe	"	"
2nd Lt Franklin Lord	"	"
2nd Lt Leon McGough	"	"
2nd Lt John Snobble	"	"
2nd Lt Paul Greer	368	"
2nd Lt Jesse L. Patten	367	"
2nd Lt George R. Faulkner	368	"
Sgt Earl Bressler	"	"

Sgt Joseph Madrano	367	GO 75, 1st AD, 25 Jan/45.
Sgt John J. Reilly	368	"
Sgt William Duggard	"	"
Sgt William Jacobson	"	"
Sgt Alfred S. Lubojacky	369	"
Sgt Frank McDonough	"	"
Sgt John W. Mallek	"	"
Sgt Charles Slepicka	"	"
Sgt Robert Weir	"	"
2nd Lt William Bisco	369	"
2nd Lt Vernon Schimmel	423	"
2nd Lt Richard Gregg	368	"
T/Sgt Alton Rohinsky	367	"
T/Sgt Alton Rohinsky	"	"
S/Sgt Robert E. Snow	"	"
Sgt Roland Socien	368	"
T/Sgt Sebastian Krauss	"	"
T/Sgt Charles Koegel	"	"
Sgt Juan Martinez	"	"
S/Sgt Frank Fospiech	"	"
S/Sgt Casimer Odrowaz	423	"
T/Sgt Nathaniel W. Schurman	"	"
2nd Lt William Clark	369	GO 77, 1st AD, 26 Jan/45.
2nd Lt Lester Harrison	"	"
2nd Lt Kenneth Carakostas	"	"
2nd Lt Charles Diuter	423	"
F/O Robert C. Garberich	"	"
F/O Richard W. Sprunger	"	"
2nd Lt Courtney Campbell	"	"
2nd Lt William Morgan	"	"
1st Lt Merle P. Brown (2)	368	"
2nd Lt Murray F. Hepple	"	"
2nd Lt Bruce L. Swango	"	"
F/O Russell Ulrich	"	"
2nd Lt Alban F. Varnado	"	"
1st Lt George Lower	367	"
2nd Lt Vernon F. Daley	"	"
2nd Lt Carroll Hills	"	"
2nd Lt Balah Irvine	"	"
1st Lt Paul E. Kelly	"	"
1st Lt Dale B. Lenn	"	"
2nd Lt Roland Lissner	"	"
2nd Lt James D. Snood	"	"
2nd Lt Miron N. Demorey	"	"
2nd Lt George L. Hatch	"	"
2nd Lt Shelby Hodges	"	"
Capt Edward W. Magee	"	"
Capt Francis McCullagh	"	"
2nd Lt Finley G. Robbins	"	"
F/O James L. Avitt	"	"
Capt Arthur Vann	"	"
S/Sgt Thomas L. Smith	"	"

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T/Sgt Karl W. Kraus	368	GO 77, 1st AD, 26 Jan/45.
T/Sgt Carl R. Chase	367	"
T/Sgt Arthur S. Craff	"	"
T/Sgt Albert Desrochers Jr.,	"	"
S/Sgt J.W. Hall	"	"
T/Sgt Orville J. Graham	"	"
T/Sgt Porforio Marquez	"	"
Sgt Vincen Donohoe	"	"
T/Sgt Merle K. Geving	"	"
1st Lt James E. Martin	368	GO 83, 1st AD, 29 Jan/45.
S/Sgt Wallace W. Priemann	423	"
S/Sgt Gordon R. Lothian	367	"
S/Sgt Tillman L. Bare	368	"
S/Sgt Leonard B. Davisson	368	"
S/Sgt Henry C. Trimmer	"	"
T/Sgt J.R. Winborn	"	"
S/Sgt Henry C. Trimmer	"	"
1st Lt Jerome Wilf	368	GO 89, 1st AD, 30 Jan/45.
1st Lt Philip German	423	"
1st Lt William L. Rogers	369	"
1st Lt Elmer A. Sandberg (2)	"	"
1st Lt William Bisso	368	"
1st Lt Leo Reinhart	369	"
2nd Lt George E. Blahnik	423	"
1st Lt Aram J. Nahabedian	"	"
1st Lt Harry Quint, Jr.,	"	"
1st Lt Donald Spencer	"	"
T/Sgt Walter Butschek	"	"
S/Sgt Paul E. Wehant	"	"
T/Sgt Norman C. Hansen	367	GO 90, 1st AD, 31 Jan/45.
Sgt Robert F. Stetler	"	"
Sgt Albert F. Dulli	"	"
Sgt Millard L. Blakey	388	"
Sgt Louis Dorenbush	"	"
Sgt Francis Dusenberry	"	"
Sgt Raymond F. Dinger	"	"
Sgt Thomas Foley	"	"
Sgt Leon Foster	"	"
Sgt James W. Gerlach	"	"
Sgt Eli E. Nelson	"	"
Sgt Frank W. Ramsey	"	"
Sgt Henry Reppy	"	"
Sgt Gregory M. Ringweld	"	"
Sgt Byron Harkness	369	"
Sgt Richard L. Hesser	"	"
Sgt Lee R. Ferrell	"	"
Sgt James G. Vickroy	"	"
Sgt Joe Wurtemberger	"	"

Sgt Harold F. Anderson	423	GO 90, 1st AD, 31 Jan/45.
Sgt Marvin Brown	"	"
Sgt Joe Dulworth	"	"
Sgt Ned Chestnut	"	"
Sgt Irwin Frank	"	"
Sgt Howard Langston	"	"
Sgt Withrow Lewis	"	"
Sgt Robert L. Raftery	"	"
Sgt Jeremiah J. Scannell	"	"
Sgt Benjamin Scribner	"	"
Sgt Richard C. Seegar	"	"
S/Sgt Walter A. Liles	369	"

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<u>NAME</u>	<u>ORGN</u>	<u>GO NO. & DATE</u>
1st Lt Robert D. Stewart	369	GO 6 1st AD, 2 Jan/45.
1st Lt Genaro M. Carrazzone	"	GO 9 1st AD, 4 Jan/45.
1st Lt Charles W. Smith	368	"
2nd Lt Richard E. Malay-	367	"
2nd Lt David O. Howe	423	GO 14, 1st AD, 5 Jan/45.
T/Sgt Vernon H. De Lair	"	GO 12, 1st AD, 5 Jan/45.
S/Sgt Louis A. Smith	"	"
1st Lt Ralph S. Terrell	"	GO 17, 1st AD, 6 Jan/45.
1st Lt Aram J. Nahabedian	"	"
1st Lt Earl P. Shaplan	"	"
1st Lt Pedraic B. Evans	368	"
2nd Lt Burns W. Cooper	367	"
T/Sgt Louis J. Peterson	369	"
T/Sgt Lawrence E. Edlund	368	"
T/Sgt R.G. Atwood	"	"
S/Sgt Robert E. Prestidge	423	GO 23, 1st AD, 9 Jan/45.
2nd Lt John C. Conlin	367	GO 32, 1st AD, 11 Jan/45.
2nd Lt Joe M. Pavin	368	"
2nd Lt Robert E. Leden	"	"
1st Lt Raymond S. Birdwell	369	GO 38, 1st AD, 12 Jan/45.
1st Lt Jack R. Lewis	"	"
1st Lt Edward G. Peterson, Jr.,	"	"
1st Lt William F. Giglio	"	"
1st Lt Theodore W. Lee	423	"
1st Lt William A. Ruffin	368	"
1st Lt Billy D. Wagoner	"	"
1st Lt Joseph C. Marlovits	"	"
2nd Lt Kenneth N. Eros	"	"
1st Lt James G. Seymour	423	GO 44, 1st AD, 15 Jan/45.

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2nd Lt William J. Davis	367	GO 34, 1st AD, 11 Jan/45.
S/Sgt Carroll L. Meyer	"	"
S/Sgt Harold O. Schrecongost	"	"

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1st Sgt James P. Shephard	367	GO 39, 1st AD, 12 Jan/45.
M/Sgt Charles W. Bone	368	"
T/Sgt Vernon V. Hakee	367	"
T/Sgt Oscar A. Keller	Hq	"

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5 1st Lt Peter J. Hopkins Jr., assigned and joined to organization as Medical Administrative Officer. This is the group's first A.M.O. and all flight surgeons seem very relieved to get the paper work off their hands.

7 Major James S. Cheney, group navigator and the only combat "Old Timer" left on the station has been lured away to Molesworth. We all hate to see "Zoot" Cheney leave. A fine navigator and a swell guy personally, Major Cheney arrived with the original air echelon and was well known on the station and throughout the First Air Division. We all wish him good luck and happy landings.

8 Captain John D. MacPherson, formerley squadron navigator for the "Fitin' Bitin'", assigned and joined to the organization as group navigator in the place of Major Cheney.

16 1st Lt Raymond J. Bruder, assistant Special Service Officer has been transferred to Cheddington as Special Service Officer. We will remember Lt Bruder for his fine work in improving our post theatre and the quality of pictures shown - also the wonderful soft theatre seats to relieve our aching backs.

19 Major Richard E. Walck, formerley ground executive for the "Clay Pigeons", now luckily on DS back in God's country at Staff and Command School, Ft Leavenworth, Kansas, is relieved from assignment with the organization and assigned to the Miami Beach, Florida, Redistribution Station.

24 Major Harold D. Munal Jr., hit the jack-pot by getting a 30 day temporary duty assignment at home. Hope our group surgeon has a nice time and comes back rested up. (Some guys have all the luck)

31 Aside from the usual amount of colds in the organization that about winds up the history for the month.

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