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Historical Records

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AIR FORCE:

Twelfth Air Force

COMMAND:

SUB-COMMAND:

GROUP:

57th Flt gp

UNIT:

64th Flt 8 gdn

Documents Transmitted:

(Period Covered)

OUTLINE HISTORY:

June 1945

WAR DIARY:

SPECIAL ACCOUNTS:

PHOTOGRAPHS:

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64th FIGHTER SQUADRON
57th FIGHTER SQUADRON
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64th Fighter Squadron
OUTLINE HISTORY
June, 1945

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64th Ftr Sq
4 July, 1945

SUBJECT: Historical Records.

TO: Commanding Officer, 57th Fighter Group

1. Outline History of the 64th Fighter Squadron for the period 1 June to 30th June, 1945.

a. Present designation: 64th Fighter Squadron, 57th Fighter Group, Twelfth Air Force.

b. Changes in organization.

- (1) Changes in designation: None
- (2) Transfer of Units: None
- (3) Change of Commanding Officer: None
- (4) Change of Staff Officers: Capt RAHE O. HORNING, O-245709, appointed squadron adjutant as replacement for Capt ALDEN H. GRIDLEY, O-1633246, who went back to the states; Capt HILLIARD ELITZER, O-568017, appointed squadron intelligence officer in place of Capt EARL D. LOVICK, O-563675; 1st Lt DANIEL V. O'KEEFE, O-859668, appointed assistant engineering officer; 1st Lt RAYMOND J. STEIGERWALD, O-861723, appointed squadron communications officer as a replacement for 1st Lt WINTHROP E. WILSON, O-856857, who went back to the states; 2nd Lt STYRON R. POOL, O-702487, appointed personal equipment officer in place of 1st Lt ROBERT E. HEALY, O-568546.

c. Strength, commissioned and enlisted.

- (1) Month of June, 1945
 - (a) 1 June: Commissioned, 53: Enlisted, 205.
 - (b) Net increase: Commissioned, 6: Enlisted, 140.
 - (c) Net decrease: Commissioned 5: Enlisted, 122.
 - (d) 30 June: Commissioned, 54: Enlisted, 223.

d. Stations:

- (1) Grosseto L. G., Italy.

e. Movement of unit: None

f. Campaigns: None.

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SECRETg. Operations:

(1) The first five days of the month training flights were flown consisting of combat and close formations, simulated dive bombing, rocket and machine gunnery, and mock combat. The rest of the month all pilots were checking out in the L-3, L-4 (their special favorite equipped with pentoons). During an eight day inter-squadron spot landing contest, Lts. GREEN and DORSNER led the entire group. B-25 trips to Alexandria, Egypt were continuing for navigational training purposes.

h. Losses in action: None.i. Personnel who have distinguished themselves in action:

Lt. Colonel ROBERT A. BARNUM, O-416978: Silver star for gallantry in action on 18 April 45: 5th OIC to AM, mission on 14/4/45: 6th OIC to AM, mission on 18/4/45.

Captain PAUL M. HALL, O-745365: 5th OIC to AM for mission on 19/4/45: 6th OIC to AM for mission on 22/4/45.

Sergeant GLENN C. KEEVER, 35538816: Bronze star for 1/5/45 to 2/5/45.

j. Enclosed is Unit Journal of Events, 64th Fighter Squadron, for the period 1 June to 30 June, 1945.

FOR THE SQUADRON COMMANDER:

Paul C. Hornung
 PAUL C. HORNUNG
 Capt, Air Corps
 Adjutant

S E C R E T

Sheet No. 1, Unit Journal of Events, 64th Fighter Squadron, 57th Fighter Group,
Grossetto, Italy

Month of June, 1945

Prepared by Hillard Elitzer, Cpt, AC.

| DAY | EVENTS |
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| 1. to 8. | Training flights were held in formation flying, gunnery and dive bombing. |
| 9. | All ground school and flying suspended in preparation for the forthcoming move. |
| 10. to 25. | The hum of saw hammer and paint brush prevailed with everyone packing for the coming move. Most of our planes are being transferred to the 79th Ftr Gp. The pilots are flying most of the P-47's to the 79th. |
| 26. | Most of the men with 85 points and over came out on orders transferring them to other organizations in Italy who are going home. Those over 85 points who elected to remain in our outfit are listed as "V" men and will go along with the Black Scorpions. |
| 27. | Lt. Col. BARNUM put out an order that there would be at least 48 hours between rest leaves. |
| 28. | Most of the new faces are those under 85 points who transferred into the squadron to replace those transferred out. |
| 29. | The new men like our way of eating out of mess trays in preference to the mess kits they have been using. |
| 30. | The old "Eagle" favored us again with his blessings much to the relief of those who are financially embarrassed. |