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AIR FORCE: Twelfth Air Force

COMMAND: \_\_\_\_\_

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GROUP: 57th Fighter Gp

UNIT: 64th Fighter Sq

Documents Transmitted:

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OUTLINE HISTORY: 31 July 1945

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SUBJECT: Historical Records.

TO : Commanding Officer, 57th Fighter Group.

1. Outline History of the 64th Fighter Squadron for the period 1 July to 31 July 1945.

a. Present designation: 64th Fighter Squadron, 57th Fighter Group, Twelfth Air Force.b. Changes of Organization:

(1) No change of Commanding Officer.

(2) Changes in Staff Officers.

- (a) 1st Lt DANIEL V O'KEEFFE, O-859668, appointed Engineering Officer vice Capt JOHN P CLAWS, O-792703. Also appointed Legal Assistance Officer.
- (b) 1st Lt RAYMOND J STEIGERWALD, O-861723, appointed Squadron Communications Officer vice 1st Lt WINTHROP E WILSON, O-856857. Also appointed Squadron Chemical Warfare Officer.
- (c) 2nd Lt STYRON R POOL, O-702487, appointed Squadron Personal Equipment Officer vice 1st Lt ROBERT E. HEALEY, O-568546.
- (d) Capt HILLARD ELITZER, O-568017 AC, appointed Squadron Photographic Officer vice 1st Lt JAMES I. HARP JR, O-771015.
- (e) 1st Lt ROBERT A. COMLER, O-1577028 ORD, appointed Squadron War Bond Officer vice Capt PETER D. MITCHEL, O-433108.
- (f) Major PALMIRO L. MAZZOLENI, O-649090 AC, appointed Executive Officer vice MAJOR JAMES A. LYNCH, O-361414.
- (g) 1st Lt. IZRA E. THOMPSON, O-866524 AC, appointed Armament Officer vice Capt PETER D. MITCHEL, O-433108 AC.

c. Strength, Commissioned and Enlisted.

(1) Month of July

(a) 1 July 1945:	Commissioned 54	Enlisted 228
(b) Net increase:	Commissioned 2	Enlisted 43
(c) Net decrease:	Commissioned 17	Enlisted 22
(d) 31 July 1945	Commissioned 39	Enlisted 249

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S E C R E Td. Stations:

- (1) Grossetto L. G., Italy
- (2) Staging Area #3, Bagnoli, Italy

e. Movements of Units.

- (1) On 14 July 1945 squadron consisting of 39 Officers and and 220 Enlisted men left Grossetto RR Station by train for Bagnoli, Italy at 2300 hours and arrived there on the 15 July 1945 at 2000 hours. Distance traveled 230 miles.

f. Campaigns: None.g. Operations: None.h. Losses in action: Nonei. Personnel who have distinguished themselves in action: None.

- 2. Enclosed is Unit Journal of Events, 64th Fighter Squadron, for the period 1 July 1945 to 31 July 1945.

For the Commanding Officer:

*Palmero L. Mazzolemi*  
 PALMIRO L. MAZZOLEMI  
 Major, AC  
 Executive Officer

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Sheet No. 1, Unit Journal Of Events, 64th Fighter Squadron, 57th Fighter Group, Staging Area #3, Bagnoli, Italy.

Period: 1st of July to 31 July 1945

Prepared by Hillard Elitzer, Capt, AC.

DAY

EVENT

1. The usual aftermath of payday. Training of the new men in engineering on crewing the P-47 continues.
2. Continued training of the ground crews down at the field.
3. Ration day today which is fortunate for a lot of us. Still training the new men on the line.
4. Meeting of all the enlisted men tonight where the CO introduced himself and the Staff Officers to the new men. He gave a brief description of the history of the squadron for the benefit of the new men which consist of 90% of the squadron.
5. Supplementary payroll for the new men in the outfit that were'nt on the June payroll. Presentation ceremony at group with Brig. Gen. Myere handing out the medals. Seven officers of this squadron received medals.
6. Continued training of ground crews.
7. More shots today. Most of the men are caught up with their immunizations but new men are coming in the squadron nearly every day. Continued training of the new crews.
8. All of the medical records of the men in the squadron were brought up to date today which means that the time is drawing near. Sure was a long process sweating that line out. Still training down on the line.
9. Training of the ground crews. A showdown of all clothing and equipment today. A long list of shortages.
10. Training of the ground crews. The carpenters have a detail building boxes again.
11. Supply had all our shortages to hand out tonight so all of us are well equipped but with new men coming into the squadron nearly every day their work is never completed. Training of crews continued.
12. Meeting of all the enlisted men introducing the new Ex. O. who is replacing Maj. Lynch who has been with the outfit since it embarked from the states.
13. Last minute packing as we now have definite orders to move to a staging area now. Classes on the line stopped today.
14. Well now we are leaving Marina Grossetto. Off for Grossetto RR station at 1700 to sit around till the train pulled out about 2300 hours.
15. Breakfast enroute in Rome. Combination breakfast and lunch it seemed. Arrived in Bagnoli station at 1900 hours and then a long wait for transportation to the staging area. What a day.
16. Well this is it. The next is the boats from here. Living in tents and its really warm in this area #3 which is called for want of a better name the "Crater". Another clothing check today.
17. KP started today and the first in a long time for all of us. Supply and the orderly room are the busy ones. For the rest its more or less a rest.

## Sheet No 2, Unit Journal Of Events

18. Meeting of all the EM for attendance at a picture on Security and Articles of War. It was the old one that we all have seen a number of times.
19. Today was the first day passes were given out only 40 men though. Rations came in tonight and the beer ration was given out in the dark.
20. Still getting a few new men into the outfit. Shortages were given out by supply today.
21. Shortages and the last of the rations are being given out. Many of the usual rumors are being circulated around about where and when.
22. The heat is pretty bad here during the middle of the day. About the only way to keep cool is to go to the beach club called "Coney Island" run by the AAF. Nites are cool fortunately. Too cool some say for there is a demand for extra blankets by morning.
23. The service records are being checked over with each man and that should about about finish the processing for the orderly room. Passes and the movies are about the only form of recreation. Good firstrun shows they have here.
24. Today signed the payroll. Due to the lack of a definite day of departure it is a partial payment one. Good USO show tonite and a bunch of the boys took advantage of it. Sick call is getting bigger each day as many of the boys have colds due to the large change in temperature from day to nite and the dust.
25. About all the extra work of the O/R and Supply is about cleaned up now. This indefiniteness and lack of work or something to do makes for dissatisfaction so the rumors are flying around plenty. The heat gets on everyones nerves.
26. The usual crowd went to town today and the rest got plenty of sack time. Ball game tonite and thats about the only time it is cool. Movies every nite help out.
27. Some comforters came into day and they surely dissappeared fast to those fellows that are sleeping on wood bunks and those that were cold at nite. FX rations given out today. There was a gun and mess kit inspection this morning. Some of the fellows have been getting the GIs.
28. Baseball game tonite with group.
29. Two weeks today in this staging area sure seems a long time. Lots of complaints about the mess hall being like a turkish bath at lunch time.
30. Food is pretty good here getting lots of fresh meat and butter so no complaint on that score.
31. Meeting of all EM this morning. Censorship was discussed and Doctor Wall brought the attention of the men to the increase in sick call from colds nearly everyone having them. Suggested that all who have indications get fixed up at the dispensary. Well payday tomorrow fortunately for those of us that are broke and there are a good many in that state.