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DESIGNATION SHEET  
HISTORICAL RECORDS

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COMMAND : XXII Tactical Air Command

WING : \_\_\_\_\_

GROUP : 57th Fighter Group

SQUADRON: 64th Fighter Squadron

OTHER : \_\_\_\_\_

OUTLINE HISTORY X

WAR DIARY X

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

64th Ftr. Sq.  
Outline History, Nov., 1944

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By Auth. CO  
64th Ftr. Sq.  
5 Nov., 1944

SIXTY-FOURTH FIGHTER SQUADRON  
Office of the Commanding Officer  
APO 650, US Army

9 December, 1944

AG 413.7

SUBJECT: Historical Records.

TO : Commanding General, XXII Tactical Air Force - thru Commanding Officer,  
57th Fighter Group.

1. Outline history of the 64th Fighter Squadron for the period 1 November  
to 30 November, 1944.

a. Present designation: 64th Fighter Squadron, 57th Fighter Group,  
XXII Tactical Air Command.

b. Changes in Organization: None

c. Strength, Commission and Enlisted.

(1) Month of November, 1944.

(a) 1 November, Commissioned 44, Enlisted 257.

(b) Net increase, Commissioned 17, Enlisted None.

(c) Net decrease, Commissioned none, Enlisted 5.

(d) 30 November, Commissioned 63, Enlisted 252.

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d. Stations.

(1) Grossetto Main L.G., Italy

e. Movements: None

f. Campaigns.

(1) Italian

(2) Duration, 9 Sept. 1943. Still in progress.

g. Operations.

(1) Campaign: Italian

(2) Nature of operations: Dive-bombing

(3) Number of missions, 1 November through 30 November, 1944: 64,

Number of sorties: 458.

(4) Results of outstanding missions:

There were no outstanding missions during the month of November  
All missions were more or less routine, the concentration

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of effort being directed toward the strafing of railroad lines, rolling stock, and motor transport. The missions were run off with a good degree of success, many railway cuts being made and a number of railway cars destroyed or damaged. For the first time in almost six months planes of this Squadron were engaged in aerial combat. On 10 November a single Me-109 was encountered and destroyed, the victory being shared by five pilots, Capt.'s P.M. Hall and J.E. Boyd, and Lt.'s L. Grace, J.P. Anderson, and G.W. Anderson.

- h. Commanding Officers in important missions.
- (1) Capt. P.M. Hall led the mission on which the Me-109 was destroyed.
  - (2) All assigned flight leaders led missions during month.
- i. Losses in action.
- (1) 1st Lt. Warren R. Schultz, O-817111, MIA, 10 November, 1944.
  - (2) 1st Lt. Charles R. Neumann, O-817082, MIA, 17 November, 1944.
  - (3) 2nd Lt. Edwin Frierson, O-711983, MIA, 21 November, 1944.
- j. Present and former members of this organization who have distinguished themselves in action during the past month.
- 1st Lt. Ralph S. Lucardi awarded DFC, GO 215, HQ 12th Air Force.  
 Captain Chadwick G. Beade awarded DFC, GO 215, HQ 12th Air Force.  
 Captain Allen G. Sanderson awarded DFC, GO 215, HQ 12th Air Force.  
 1st Lt George W. Anderson awarded Air Medal, GO 79, HQ XXII TAC.  
     awarded 1st OLC to Air Medal, GO 82, XXII TAC.  
 1st Lt John P. Anderson awarded Air Medal, GO 222, HQ 12th Air Force.  
 Captain Frank E. Boyd, Jr. awarded 4th OLC to Air Medal, GO 222, 12th Air Force.  
     Awarded DFC, GO 222, HQ 12th Air Force.  
 1st Lt George T. Bright, awarded Air Medal, GO 222, HQ 12th Air Force.  
 1st Lt Edwin S. Frierson awarded Air Medal, GO 222, HQ 12th Air Force.  
 1st Lt Lawrence G. Grace, Jr. awarded Air Medal, GO 212, 12th Air Force.  
 1st Lt Bruce H. Hale awarded Air Medal, GO 79, XXII TAC.  
 Captain Paul M. Hall awarded 1st OLC to Air Medal, GO 212, 12th Air Force.  
     Awarded 2nd OLC to Air Medal, GO 216, 12th Air Force.  
 Captain Thomas M. Hannon awarded 4th OLC to Air Medal, GO 79, XXII TAC.  
 1st Lt James E. Hoffman awarded Air Medal, GO 212, 12th Air Force.  
 1st Lt. Waldo E. Murrow awarded 1st OLC to Air Medal, GO 79, XXII TAC.  
 1st Lt Charles R. Neumann awarded 4th OLC to Air Medal, GO 79, XXII TAC.  
 1st Lt William M. Fribyl awarded 2nd OLC to Air Medal, GO 212, 12th AF.  
 1st Lt Ralph W. Scheller awarded Air Medal, GO 79, XXII TAC.  
 1st Lt Warren R. Schultz awarded Air Medal, GO 212, 12th Air Force.  
     awarded 1st OLC to Air Medal, GO 82, XXII TAC.  
 1st Lt Ralph B. Williams awarded Air Medal, GO 82, XXII TAC.
2. Enclosed is War Diary, 64th Fighter Squadron, for the period 1 November to 30 November, 1944.

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 Capt., Air Corps  
 Intelligence Officer

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Sheet No. 1 - War Diary

64th Fighter Squadron, 57th Group

Month of November, 1944

Prepared by Earl D. Lovick, Capt. AC

DAYEVENTS

1. Card games and no work this afternoon on account of the weather.
2. Hell of a flood. Every road bridge for miles around is washed out. Grossetto is half under water and the flying field is flooded. We are completely cut off out here on the coast. All the bridges leading into town are under water and the canal is out of its banks.
3. Wonderful sunshine, the like of which we haven't seen in a long while. But we were warned to expect more flood before long. The flood of yesterday has gone down somewhat...Rations arrived...Having nothing to do the men are still beguiling their time at cards, being still flush from payday.
4. "A" party moved out to a new camp today. The move was only temporary and was ordered so that the crews would be close to the line and able to service the planes whenever a mission is scheduled...As soon as the bridge is rebuilt and traffic can be resumed between our present location and the field the men will move back.
5. The men in "A" party are complaining about their new foost. They are quartered in a warehouse which is damp and cold, the mud extends for miles all around, and the place is about as far distant from the field as the present location...The evening meal consisted of hot buns, spaghetti, and chili sauce.
6. Several men who were stranded in Rome on account of the flood have returned... Information was recieved that Marshal Kesselring has been wounded by strafing aircraft. Capt. Boyd and Lt. Williams were strafing in the same area at about the same time of day. Maybe they potted the Marshal, who knows?
7. Today a large delegation repaired out to the canal bridge and went to work repairing it, using rock and rubble which they had scrounged to form the ramps, and hauling logs with which to form the single span across the ditch.
8. We are entitled to a new battle star to signify the Corsican affair which lasted for six months. The present campaign will probably lead to another star and that will make six for the old timers.
9. "A" party which has been living over at the other place moved back today.
10. Lt. Schultz went down behind the lines today. He was seen to make a belly landing, get out of his ship, and surrender to a party of Germans. In the afternoon one flight bagged an Me-109. Five pilots shared in the kill.
11. The men received a new issue of fleece-lined clothing today for wear out on the line. They will be greatly appreciated by all who have to put up with another arctic season in Italy.
12. Our popular Red Cross hostess who was with us in Corsica has been assigned to

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DAY

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- this outfit again. She is out on the line every day, passing out doughnuts, coffee, sweetness and good cheer, and an occasional left-handed remark.
13. Nothing came off today, except that one of our dogs got run over by a jeep.
  14. Capt. Jerry Brandon did not return from a mission today. The flight he was with was turned back by violent snow storms north of the Po River. The planes became separated and one made an emergency landing at Florence. Brandon has not been heard from.
  15. Capt. Brandon turned up today safe and sound. He had made an emergency landing to get out of the storm yesterday. The new type field jackets were issued today.
  16. Beer and cigarettes today. Also Christmas cards which are very attractive. The cards show the Squadron insignia on the outside, and on the inside is the season's greetings with a picture of a P-47.
  17. Lt. Charles Neumann was killed today while flying a photo ship on a dive-bombing mission. He was diving on the target to get pictures when his ship took a direct hit and exploded at very low altitude.
  18. One of our ships nosed over on the runway and turned on its back. Later in the morning a B-24 came limping toward the field with two engines dead. The crew jettisoned the bombs offshore and then bailed out near the field. The ship crashed near the field.
  19. A new batch of pilots arrived from the States. Some of them have over a hundred hours in P-47's
  20. Authority has come down from higher sources that the Squadron will be permitted to send men home on 30-day furloughs. The number of men sent must not lower the efficiency of the Squadron. The men will of course have to return at the end of their furloughs. Duration of the leave, including the 30-day furlough, will probably not exceed four months.
  21. Another pilot, Lt Frierson, was killed today. His plane received a direct hit from ack-ack fire and exploded while in a dive run.
  22. Sgt. Blackwell made another trip to Rome to pick up stranded vacationists.
  23. Excellent dinner on this Thanksgiving day. We had turkey, dressing, cranberry sauce, three kinds of vegetables, fruit, nuts, candy, and a lot of other things. The meal was served at 4:30 p.m. so as not to interfere with work on the line.

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Sheet No. 3 - War Diary

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24. Rumor command now reports that the 30-day furloughs in the States have been cancelled. That rumor was bound to crop up as soon as the excitement about the furloughs has subsided a little.
25. Our Thanksgiving party was postponed until tonight so as not to interfere with work. The party was held at the club house and the usual good time was had by all.
26. Many suffering headaches as a result of last night's orgy.
27. This is going on now and has been in effect for some time: all passes to Rome and Naples have been disapproved - too much VD.
28. We submitted a list of fifteen names for furloughs in the states. The list has been pared to six - six men. This will make competition much keener. Of course this is not the definite limit for this month, but the number is not likely to increase much.
29. Four missions came off today. Very good results were obtained in the dive-bombing attacks on Railway targets.
30. Many motor vehicles and RR rolling stock destroyed today by our aircraft... This is pay day - money like mad.

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