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Historical Records

AIR FORCE: Twelfth Air Force

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

SUB-COMMAND: \_\_\_\_\_

GROUP: 65 57<sup>th</sup> Fighter Sq

UNIT: 65 Fighter Sq

Documents Transmitted: \_\_\_\_\_ (Period Covered)

OUTLINE HISTORY: 31 July 1945

WAR DIARY: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_SPECIAL ACCOUNTS: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_PHOTOGRAPHS: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_

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2, August 1945.

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SUBJECT : Historical Data.

TO : Commanding Officer, 12th Air Force.

1. Outline History of the Sixty-Fifth Fighter Squadron for the period 1, July 1945 to 31 July 1945.
  - a. Present designation: Sixty-Fifth Fighter Squadron, Fifty-Seventh Fighter Group, 12th Air Force.
  - b. No changes in designation.  
No changes in assignment.  
No changes in attachment.

Subordinates unites: None.

Commanding Officer: Major. Edward H. Ellington, 0432189, Changes in Staff Officers: Capt. Herbert H. Brothers, 0719257 is appointed Flight Commander "A" Flight, primary duty. Capt Goston W. Calium, 066789 is appointed Flight Commander "B" Flight, primary duty. 1st Lt. David P. Black, 01292822. is appointed Flight Commander "C" Flight, primary duty. Capt. Eugene S. Rogers, (MC) is appointed Flight surgeon, primary duty. Capt. Joseph W. Pirosh, 0906518, is appointed squadron Executive Officer, primary duty. 1st Lt. Allan S. Klenick, 0860063, is appointed assistant Intelligence Officer, Primary duty.

## c. Strength, Commissioned and enlisted:

1, July 1945	Commissioned-47	enlisted-236
Net increase:	Commissioned- 0	enlisted--12
Net decreased	Commissioned--8	enlisted---0
31, July 1945	Commissioned-39	enlisted-248

## d. Stations:

1, Grosseto, L.G., Italy, Date of arrival -7 May 1945.  
Date of departure 14 July 1945. Arrived at P.B.S.  
staging Area #3 Italy, 15 July 1945.

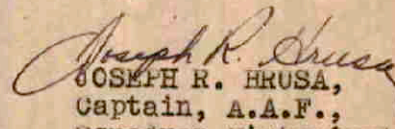
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- e. Movements: Moved from Grossetto, L.G., Italy, to P.B.S. Staging Area #3 L.G., Italy, on 14 July 1945. Arrived At P.B.S. Staging Area #3 on the 15, July 1945.
- f. Campaigns: Italy, September 16, 1943 till May 8, 1945. Finished.
- g. Operations: None.
- H. Losses in action: None.
- l. Awards and decorations: None.

for the Commanding Officer:

1 Incl:  
war Diary

  
JOSEPH R. HRUSA,  
Captain, A.A.F.,  
Squadron Historical Officer.

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Sheet No. 1 War Diary  
Month of July 1945

65th Ftr Sq. 57th Ftr Gp.  
Prepared by  
Joseph R. Hrusa,  
Captain, Air Corps.

<u>DAY</u>	<u>EVENTS</u>
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1. The first of the month finds us with many new men to take up where the old left off. Church services were held for both Protestant and Catholic.
2. Morale is good. A movie was held at the Group theatre this evening; it was fair.
3. No unusual events.
4. Independence Day finds us with out any fire works to help celebrate the day. A movie at the Group theatre this evening was the only activity.
5. Still waiting and wondering when we are going to move! Hope that it is soon.
6. No events.
7. A movie was held at the theatre tonight, It was pretty good.
8. Church services both Catholic and Protestant were held today.
9. No events.
10. Orders came through notifying us that we would move from Grossette, on or about the 14th. We finally will be getting underway and our next job.
11. Preparations are underway for the move. Parties were held in the evening by both the enlisted men and the officers.
12. Preparations for the move are still underway. Naples is our destination!
13. Parties are the rage! All squadrons including this one are having terrific parties. Many headaches are in evidence these mornings.
14. Today is the day we beared the train for Naples. We bearded the train late at night and as expected there were no lights on the train. We stumbled around in the darkness trying to find seats, and after much confusion in the dark, we finally managed to settle down to our seats.
15. Our train pulled out of Grossette at 0030 hours, and our journey to Naples was underway. Everyone was quite comfortable in our wooden compartments. It was apparent to all that there wouldn't be much sleep on the train. After a stop in Rome for breakfast, the train continued on its way, and at approximately 2000 hours we arrived in Bagnoli, Italy and then bearded trucks for our new home—Long live Italian railway systems. Our area at last! A thousand feet up and a thousand feet down. Tomorrow when it is light we shall be able to judge our surroundings.

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DAY	EVENTS
16.	Our new home is in the center of and old and dead, we hope, volcano. What a place! Dust reigns as king and the heat is queen. The combination is hard to beat. Hope our boat comes in soon!
17.	Processing is underway and as soon as it is over we hope that we can leave this place.
18.	Life here is more or less normal, that is if you can stand the dust and heat. Enlisted personnel are getting passes into Naples everyday, and a recreation bus leaves every afternoon for the Italian Coney Island, where swimming and beer are the main sources of recreation.
19.	Dust and heat. We can say one thing for this old volcano, It cools off wonderfully in the evenings and sleeping is a pleasure.
20.	Movies in the dust bowl back of our tents were held this evening.
21.	The usual continues!. Passes to town continues.
22.	Church services were held in the Red Cross building by the Group Chaplain. Movies in the dust bowl at night.
23.	Still no sign of our ship!
24.	Normal routine. Plenty of sack time and fairly good feed.
25.	Movies in the open under the stars and in the dust. A wonderful theatre.
26.	Nothing unusual but the heat!
27.	Three officers promoted to Captain today! A good party was held in town at the expense of the newly promoted.
28.	Still waiting!
29.	Church services were held this morning.
30.	Still no sign of our ship.
31.	We are still no farther to our final destination than Naples. Perhaps the next few days will find us on our way.

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