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Historical Records

AIR FORCE: Twelfth Air Force

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

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

GROUP: 57th Fighter Sq

UNIT: 66th Fighter Sq

Documents Transmitted: (Period Covered)

OUTLINE HISTORY: 1-6 Aug 1945

WAR DIARY: 11

\_\_\_\_ SPECIAL ACCOUNTS: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ PHOTOGRAPHS: \_\_\_\_\_

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66TH FIGHTER SQ

OUTLINE HISTORY  
SUPPLEMENTHEADQUARTERS  
66TH FIGHTER SQUADRON  
APO 650S E C R E T  
By Auth CO  
66th Ftr Sq  
Initials: CCF.  
Date: 1 Aug 45

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5 August 1945

SUBJECT: Supplement to Historical Records.

TO: Commanding General  
Twelfth Air Force  
APO 650  
ATTENTION: Historian1. Outline History of the 66th Fighter Squadron, 57th  
Fighter Group for the period 1 August 1945 to 3 August 1945.

- a. Present designation: 66th Fighter Squadron,  
57th Fighter Group, Twelfth Air Force.
- b. Changes in organization: No change.
- c. Strength, Commissioned and Enlisted.
  - (1) Month of August 1945
    - (a) At beginning: 39 Off, 248 EM
    - (b) Net increase: None
    - (c) Net decrease: 1 Off, 3 EM
    - (d) On 3 Aug 45 : 38 Off, 245 EM
- d. Stations of unit.
  - (1) Docks, Port of Naples, Italy.
    - (a) Date of arrival: 5-6 August 1945
    - (b) Present station.
- e. Movements of unit.
  - (1) From Staging Area #3, Bagnoli, Italy, to  
the docks, Port of Naples, Italy.
    - (a) Purpose: embarkation aboard the US  
"Sea Owl" for water movement to Pacific  
Theater of Operations.
    - (b) 5-6 August 1945
    - (c) Motor vehicle
    - (d) Weather: hot; roads: bumpy, bad
- f. Campaigns: None
- g. Operations: None

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- h. Command Officers in important missions:  
No missions flown.
- i. Losses in action: none.
- j. Personnel who have distinguished themselves in  
action: none.

2. Inclosed is Unit Journal of Events, 66th Fighter Squadron, 57th Fighter Group, for the period from 1 August 1945 to 6 August 1945, inclusive.

*Charles C. Lear*  
CHARLES C. LEAR  
Lieutenant Colonel, Air Corps  
Commanding

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Events, 66th  
Ftr Sq, 1 Aug  
45 to 6 Aug 45

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Unit Journal of Events--66th Ftr Sqdn, 57th Ftr Gp. Bagnoli, Italy  
Prepared by A.N. Apostolou, Capt, AC. 1 August 1945 to 3 August 1945

1. Almost complete inactivity reigned in the areatoday, twelve hours after the windup of last evening's stag festivities. Reveille and police-details had been suspended by the first sergeant. Indolent, lethargic, and---for the most part ---oblivious of their surroundings, the officers and men of the squadron passed the day in their bunks.

2. The waiting is over.

The move is at hand. At this morning's roll-call formation, the men were officially alerted---embarkation will take place within the next 48 hours. Passes, of course, were immediately cancelled. In the afternoon the Italian lire belonging to the GIs was turned in for exchange to American bills---in itself an event of not limited proportions. A last physical examination was conducted by Captain Tattersal. Supply issued its final salvage issue. PX rations were put on sale at 1400 hours. As loading details packed the remaining equipment, a rush of letters were written to catch today's twelve-noon deadline at the mail office.

5. The loose ends were being tied together swiftly today while the advance echelon---dock-guards, loading crews---motored to the Naples' docks, where the troopship "SEA OWL" is berthed, waiting to be boarded for the 15,000mile jaunt ahead.

Back in the area, crisp five and ten-dollar American folding money was given to the men who gingerly handled the cash with tender fondness.

Only one more night on Italian land...

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