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ORGANIZATION HISTORY
 SIXTY-NINTH AIRBORNE DIVISION
 16 January to 28 Feb., 1943

1. a. 16 January to 31 January, 1943:

a. Strength, Commissioned and Enlisted, on 16 January, 1943:

Commissioned: 38 Enlisted: 223

b. Increase in strength for this period:

Commissioned: 1 Enlisted: 1

c. Decrease in strength for this period:

Commissioned: 0 Enlisted: 0

d. Strength, Commissioned and Enlisted, on 31 January, 1943:

Commissioned: 39 Enlisted: 224

b. 1 February to 28 February, 1943:

a. Strength, Commissioned and Enlisted, on 1 February, 1943:

Commissioned: 39 Enlisted: 224

b. Increase in strength for this period:

Commissioned: 0 Enlisted: 2

c. Decrease in strength for this period:

Commissioned: 5 Enlisted: 0

d. Strength, Commissioned and Enlisted, on 28 February, 1943:

Commissioned: 34 Enlisted: 226

2. Stations of unit from 16 January to 28 February, 1943; giving marches necessary to consist changes of station:

Marquet B. Co., Trivolitania, Libya, 16 January, 1943 --
 departed this station by meter transport for Barragh, Libya,

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on 17 January, 1943 and travelled 75 miles that date. 18 January 1943, travelled 79 miles and arrived at Barragh West, L.O., Libya.

Barragh West, L.O., Libya from 18 January, 1943 to 23 February, 1943 to 23 February, 1943. Left Barragh for Zuara on 23 February, 1943, travelled 85 miles that date and camped for the night near L. Ariano. 24 February, 1943, - travelled 135 miles, and arrived at Zuara, Tripolitanic, Libya, next date.

3. 4. The Squadron Commander during the period, 18 January to 21 February, 1943, was:

Major Charles H. Fairbank, O-32983

5. The Squadron Commander during the period, 21 February to 28 February, 1943, was:

Captain William J. Yates, O-417344

4. 1. No officers are missing in action as a result of aerial combat with the enemy during this period.
5. 1. Following are members of this organization who have distinguished themselves in action against the enemy during the period 18 January to 28 February, 1943:
5. As a result of operations against the enemy in this theatre the following named officers have been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross:

1st Lieut. John T. Gilbertson, O-435150

2nd Lieut. Thomas E. Williams, O-443317