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ORGANIZATION HISTORY
SIXTY-SIXTH FIGHTER SQUADRON (S)
1 August, 1943 thru 31 August

1. A. Strength, Commissioned and Enlisted on 1 August, 1943:
 Commissioned: 42 Enlisted: 232
- B. Increase in strength for month of August, 1943:
 Commissioned: 0 Enlisted: 3
- C. Decrease in strength for month of August, 1943:
 Commissioned: 1 Enlisted: 0
- D. Strength, Commissioned and Enlisted on 31 August, 1943:
 Commissioned: 41 Enlisted: 235

2. Changes of station from 1 August thru 31 August, 1943, giving marches necessary to complete changes of station:
 On 4 August, 1943 "C Party", 2 Commissioned and 53 Enlisted, departed Causway L.G., Tunisia by motor transport and traveled 160 miles that day and arrived at the Red Cross Billet in Tripoli where they remained until 12 August, 1943 while their trucks were being overhauled and painted.
 On 12 August, 1943 "C Party" departed Red Cross Billet and traveled by motor transport to Tripoli harbor where they boarded an "ICT" and sailed that night at about 2000 hrs. On 14 August, 1943 "C Party" arrived at Augusta, Sicily, at about 1400 hrs., disembarked that same day and traveled from Augusta by motor transport to Scordia L.G., Sicily (Near the town of Scordia) where "A" and "B Party" were stationed. The entire squadron remained at Scordia L.G.

3. A. The Squadron Commander during the period 1 August thru 17 August, 1943 was:
 Major James G. Curl.
- B. The Squadron Commander during the period 18 August thru 31 August, 1943 was:
 Major Glenn A. Reich.

4. No pilots are missing as a result of aerial combat against the enemy during the period covered.

5. The following named pilots have been decorated as a result of operations against the enemy in this theatre:
 A. The following named have been awarded the Air Medal for reasons stated:
 Major Glenn A. Reich; for destroying one enemy E boat.
 2nd Lieut. Robert M. Bell; for destroying one enemy landing barge.
 2nd Lieut. L. R. Bigelow; for destroying one enemy E boat.
 2nd Lieut. Joe L. Longenecker; for destroying one enemy landing barge.

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B. The following has been awarded the Silver Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of 5 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters:

Captain Dale R. Deniston.

C. The following have been awarded Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters for reasons stated:

Major James G. Curl; 4 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters for completion of 30 sorties of less than 2 and one half hours and for destroying one enemy vessel.

1st Lieut. William J. Herring; 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster for destroying one enemy landing barge.

2nd Lieut. Herman Goodman; 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster for destroying one enemy fighter.

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